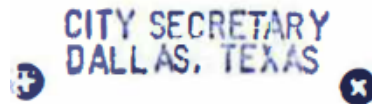


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## Memorandum

DATE May 17, 2024

TO **Dr. Ghassan Khankarli, Director of Transportation**

SUBJECT **Request for installation of traffic demonstration in downtown Elmwood**

Dr. Khankarli,

Earlier this month, I hosted a Neighborhood Summit in Downtown Elmwood. Your team did a wonderful job presenting ideas for traffic calming and a redesigned grid. Please pass along my compliments.

**SHORT TERM:** As a follow up to the Summit, I request that the Department of Transportation install a traffic demonstration in Downtown Elmwood, specifically along S. Edgefield between Tennessee Ave. and Balboa Dr. by July 1, 2024. The traffic demonstration should include, at a minimum, water barriers to narrow the street. While I appreciate the Department's work on a medium term calming solution using 2024 Bond funds by 2026 and a broader plan for the following years, this corridor requires immediate traffic calming solutions to help to slow down cars and enhance public safety for students at the nearby school, customers at the local businesses, and residents moving through the corridor.

**LONG TERM:** Further, Elmwood neighbors and I understand budget and funding constraints. We are hopeful that additional sources of funding can be secured to enhance the downtown area. I ask that the design consultant, when hired, build a cost model that includes staff's recommendations as presented to neighbors, plus **street trees** and **brick sidewalk and crosswalk pavers** throughout Elmwood.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chad West".

Chad West  
Councilmember  
District 1

cc: Honorable Mayor Johnson  
Honorable City Council  
Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Interim City Manager  
Robert Perez, Assistant City Manager