



GARLAND
NOTICE OF MEETING
CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

Transportation Infrastructure & Mobility Committee
Work Session Room of City Hall
William E. Dollar Municipal Building
200 N. Fifth Street
Garland, Texas
November 18, 2025
5:00 PM

A meeting of the Transportation Infrastructure & Mobility Committee of the City of Garland, Texas will be held at the aforementioned location, date, and time to discuss and consider the following agenda items.

NOTICE: The committee may recess from the open session and convene in a closed executive session if the discussion of any of the listed agenda items concerns attorney/client communication, including pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offer(s), and matters concerning privileged and unprivileged client information deemed confidential by Rule 1.05 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. Sec. 551.071, Tex. Gov't Code.

AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **Approval of the October 21, 2025, Meeting Minutes.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a. **Evaluate Parking in Industrial Zones – Two Sides of the Street vs. One Specifically around Curves**

Presenter: Paul Luedtke, Director of Transportation

4. ADJOURN

NOTE: A quorum of the City Council may be in attendance and may or may not participate in the discussions of the Committee or board.



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MINUTES

The Transportation Infrastructure & Mobility Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 5:00 PM on October 21, 2025, in the Work Session Room at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Joe Thomas, Jr., Chair
Kris Beard, Council Member
Ed Moore, Council Member
B.J. Williams, Council Member

Staff Present: Crystal Owens, Assistant City Manager
Tony Irvin, Street Director
Carma Potter, Recording Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the March 18, 2025, Meeting Minutes.

Motion was made by Council Member Moore and seconded by Council Member Beard to approve the March 18, 2025, meeting minutes; the motion was approved unanimously.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

There were no speakers for public comments.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Evaluate Parking in the Industrial Zones – Two Sides of the Street vs. One Specifically around Curves - Scoping Discussion

This item was referred to the committee by Mayor Pro Tem Lucht and seconded by Council Member Dutton at the October 6, 2025, Work Session.

Assistant City Manager (ACM) Crystal Owens led the discussion on this item:

Concerns were raised regarding commercial truck parking on both sides of Wood Street and surrounding industrial areas, particularly near curves where visibility is reduced.

Council Member Ed Moore stated that the issue appears to stem either from a lack of enforcement of existing regulations or from the absence of clear ordinances.

There was committee discussion on whether the trucks are parked for federally required breaks or in queue for loading/unloading at nearby industrial businesses.

Next steps:

- Staff will review existing ordinances and enforcement procedures for industrial zone parking.
- Conduct field observations to assess whether trucks are parked for rest breaks or waiting for loading/unloading (ACM Owens clarified that no direct engagement with truck drivers will occur; observations will focus on business activity patterns).
- Report back during the next TIM Committee Meeting in November with findings, including any gaps in enforcement or regulation, proposed policy changes or recommendations tailored to Wood Street and similar industrial areas.
- Consider possible solutions such as designated truck parking, adjusted signage or enforcement mechanisms.

b. Discuss Railroad Crossing Conditions, Planned Improvements, and Potential Grant Opportunities — Scoping Discussion

This item was requested for referral to the TIMS Committee by Council Member Joe Thomas and seconded by Council Member Kris Beard on October 8, 2025.

ACM Owens led the discussion and asked for clarification on defining the scope of this item.

Chair Thomas initiated this discussion after receiving a federal notice on new rail-related funding programs, including the Grade Crossing Elimination Program (\$5.5B over 5 years).

The committee acknowledged the city has many crossings—some recently improved, others in poor condition. There is committee interest in understanding:

- The number and condition of current crossings.
- What has been done in recent years?
- Eligibility for federal and regional transportation grants.

Council Member BJ Williams suggested reviewing previous funding and project history.

ACM Owens asked for timeline flexibility due to upcoming holidays and proposed returning with findings at the January 2026 TIM Committee meeting.

Next Steps:

- ACM Owens and staff to conduct an inventory and condition assessment of all railroad crossings in Garland.
- Compile a summary of railroad improvement projects completed in the past 2–3 years, including cost-sharing details with rail companies.
- Assess accident and safety data at railroad crossings to aid in prioritization.
- Evaluate federal funding opportunities, including:
 - Grade Crossing Elimination Program
 - Other relevant programs outlined in the federal funding document
 - Coordinate with the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) to identify additional data and review existing grant opportunities.
 - Chair Thomas to forward the original grant-related email and any contact information to staff.
 - Staff will present a comprehensive report at the January 2026 meeting, covering the condition and safety of railroad crossings, past project funding and status, grant opportunities and recommendations for next steps.

4. ADJOURN

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Submitted By:

Council Member Joe Thomas, Jr., Chair

Carma Potter, Recording Secretary