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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
July 21, 2026
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 March 17, 2026 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. Scoping Discussion Regarding Streetlight Damage and Insurance Recovery**

This item was referred on July 6, 2026, by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dutton with a second by Councilmember Lucht.

- b. Scoping Discussion Regarding a Traffic Study for Stop Sign Installation on Callejo Drive**

This item was referred on July 6, 2026, by Councilmember Thomas Jr. with a second from Councilmember Lucht.

- c. Scoping Discussion Regarding Parking Evaluation on Range Drive Between First Street and Fowler Street**

This item was referred on July 6, 2026, by Mayor Pro Tem Ott with a second from Councilmember Lucht.

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.



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MINUTES

The Transportation Infrastructure & Mobility Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 5:00 PM on March 17, 2026, in the Work Session Room at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Councilmember Joe Thomas, Jr., Chair
Councilmember Ed Moore
Councilmember Kris Beard
Councilmember BJ Williams

Staff Present: Mike Betz, City Manager
Paul Luedtke, Transportation Director
Scott Bollinger, Neighborhood Resources Director
Darci Pickel, Public Information Coordinator

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the January 20, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting. Councilmember Beard seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The motion carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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There were no speakers for this item.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Evaluate Limiting Parking in the Industrial Zone on One or Two Sides of Wood Drive and Marquis Drive from Jupiter Road to Shiloh Road

This item was referred on October 6, 2025, by Mayor Pro Tem Lucht with a second from Councilmember Dutton.

Mr. Luedtke presented an overview of proposed parking restrictions in the industrial area.

Key discussion points included:

- City policy generally avoids restricting parking in front of properties unless requested by property owners.
- Existing ordinances prohibit overnight parking of commercial vehicles and allow targeted restrictions where necessary.
- Wood Drive survey showed:
 - 12 businesses in favor, 5 no response (primarily vacant properties), none opposed.
- Marquis Drive survey showed:
 - 11 businesses in favor, 3 no response, none opposed.
- Many property/business owners requested additional restrictions due to visibility and safety concerns caused by parked tractor trailers.
- Committee Members emphasized the importance of business owner input before implementing

restrictions.

- Restricting parking to one side of the street was viewed as a balanced approach to maintain access for loading/unloading.

The Committee reached consensus to refer the item to the full City Council for consideration.

b. Discussion Regarding Railroad Crossing Conditions, Planned Improvements, and Grant Opportunities

This item was referred on October 6, 2025, by Councilmember Thomas Jr. with a second by Councilmember Beard.

Mr. Luedtke provided an overview of railroad crossings and funding opportunities.

Key discussion points included:

- The City has approximately 40+ at-grade railroad crossings across multiple rail lines.
- Current funding sources include:
 - Capital Improvement Program (CIP)
 - Federal Section 130 program (approx. \$245M statewide annually)
- A recent COG/RTC grant program (\$10M) has already been fully allocated.
- Federal funding opportunities may be available but:
 - Require significant staff time and resources
 - Typically takes several years to implement
- Mr. Betz noted:
 - Grants under ~\$1 million may not justify the administrative effort
 - Pursuing additional grants would require increased staff time and resources, with no assurance of success
 - TxDOT administration of funds could reduce local burden
- Committee discussion highlighted:
 - Balancing staff resources vs. potential funding benefits
 - Importance of targeting high-value, feasible grant opportunities

The Committee directed staff to further evaluate Section 130 funding opportunities and return with findings and recommendations.

4. ADJOURN

Chair Thomas Jr. adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

Submitted By:

Councilmember Joe Thomas, Jr., Chair

Darci Pickel, Public Information Coordinator