



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
September 15, 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. Consider Approval of the July 21, 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. Railroad Crossing Conditions, Planned Improvement, and Grant Opportunities**

This item was referred to the Transportation Infrastructure & Mobility Committee during the October 6, 2025 Work Session by Councilmember Joe Thomas Jr. and seconded by Councilmember Kris Beard. This item is a follow-up to the Committee's discussion at its March 17, 2026 meeting.

Presenter: Paul Luedtke, Director of Transportation

- b. Evaluate Parking on Range Street between First Street and Fowler Street for "No Parking" Signs**

This item was referred to the Transportation Infrastructure & Mobility Committee during the July 6, 2026 Work Session by Mayor Pro Tem Chris Ott and seconded by Councilmember Margaret Lucht. This item is a follow-up to the Committee's discussion at its July 21, 2026 meeting.

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.



MINUTES

The Transportation Infrastructure & Mobility Committee of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 5:09 PM on July 21, 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 Jimmy Tran
Mayor Pro Tem Chris Ott

Absent: Councilmember Justin Caraway

Staff Present: Mike Betz, City Manager
Crystal Owens, Assistant City Manager
Paul Luedtke, Transportation Director
Darci Pickel, Public Information Coordinator

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of the March 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Tran made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2026 meeting. Chair Thomas, Jr. seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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 on this item.

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.

Staff shared Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Dutton's request for information from Garland Power & Light regarding streetlight damage and insurance recovery, including the number of light poles knocked down during the past several years, the number of insurance claims filed and paid, and the average replacement timeline.

The Committee discussed obtaining the requested information from Garland Power & Light before determining whether additional action is necessary. Staff will coordinate with Garland Power & Light and return the item to the Committee once the information is available.

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.

Staff provided an update on the Callejo Drive reconstruction project and recommended delaying a traffic study

until construction has been completed, and traffic patterns have stabilized.

Key discussion points included:

- The roadway remains under construction
- Conducting a traffic study immediately after completion would not accurately reflect typical traffic volumes
- Staff recommended waiting approximately six months after the project is complete before conducting a traffic study

The Committee concurred with staff's recommendation and agreed to close the item for the time being, with the understanding that it may be brought back approximately six months after completion of the roadway improvements.

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.

Staff presented an overview of parking conditions along Range Drive and discussed concerns regarding overflow parking associated with nearby industrial businesses.

Key discussion points included:

- Existing ordinances related to overnight parking
- Challenges associated with enforcing "No Overnight Parking" restrictions
- Consideration of time-specific parking restrictions as a more enforceable alternative
- Maintaining adequate roadway width for emergency vehicle access
- Evaluating whether parking restrictions should apply to one side or both sides of the street

Mr. Betz explained that "No Overnight Parking" restrictions can be difficult to enforce because they require verifying a vehicle remained parked overnight.

- Time-specific parking restrictions (e.g., no parking during designated nighttime hours) would be easier to enforce
- A general "No Parking" restriction would also be more enforceable than an overnight restriction
- Limited overnight enforcement staffing should be considered when evaluating parking restrictions

The Committee discussed several potential parking restriction options and requested staff continue evaluating alternatives and return with recommendations if additional Committee action is needed.

4. ADJOURN

Chair Thomas Jr. adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Submitted By:

/s/ Councilmember Joe Thomas Jr., Chair
/s/ Darci Pickel, Public Information Coordinator