



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** October 2, 2017
SUBJECT: Discussion of TxDOT's proposal for raised medians on Davis Boulevard
PRESENTER: Caroline Waggoner, City Engineer

Summary:

Public Works staff will make a presentation of the proposed raised median projects currently being considered by TxDOT.

General Description:

TxDOT recently notified City staff that they have received grant funding for two raised median projects in the City of North Richland Hills on Davis Boulevard (FM 1938), which is their jurisdictional roadway. The two projects combine to stretch from Harwood Road in NRH, approximately 7 miles north to FM 1709 in Southlake.

TxDOT has indicated that the grant that they received is a highway safety improvement grant and Davis Boulevard met the qualifications. TxDOT has also changed their opinion about certain roadway sections having a continuous left turn lane. If Davis Boulevard were constructed today TxDOT would have raised medians instead of the continuous left turn lane. Of course, constructing raised medians where none previously existed creates some challenges that didn't exist. Staff will present TxDOT's raised median plan and discuss the positives and negatives.

TxDOT wants to move forward with this project and is open to suggestions from the city, but they want the city's support. Staff is seeking direction from Council on whether to support the installation of medians on Davis Boulevard.