

CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** December 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Discussion of TxDOT's proposal for raised medians on Boulevard 26

(SH 26) south of Loop 820

PRESENTER: Caroline Waggoner, Assistant City Manager

Summary:

City staff will update Council on TxDOT's proposal to install raised medians on Boulevard 26 from Rodger Line Road to Flory Street.

General Description:

In 2022, TxDOT notified city staff that they plan to retrofit State Highway 26 with raised medians as a safety measure. The project impacts both North Richland Hills and Richland Hills, and both cities have been provided with preliminary plans showing the location and geometry of median openings. City staff representing Engineering, Planning, Fire, Police and Economic Development have reviewed the plans and subsequently discussed with staff from Richland Hills to determine how such a project would be best configured to accommodate access for both communities.

Tonight staff is seeking direction from Council on whether to support the installation of medians on State Highway 26.