



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**FROM:** The Office of the City Manager    **DATE:** September 12, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Consider Temporary Construction Right-of-Entry Agreement with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority

**PRESENTER:** Craig Hulse, Economic Development Director

### **SUMMARY:**

The Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA) is requesting temporary access to City of North Richland Hills property in order to commence construction on the Iron Horse commuter rail station and park and ride facility.

### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

TEX Rail is a 27-mile commuter rail project being developed by the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA) connecting downtown Fort Worth to DFW Airport's Terminal B with an estimated 13,000 riders per day. Anticipated to be open for service by the end of year 2018, the route includes two stations within the City near the intersections of Iron Horse Boulevard at Boulder Drive (Iron Horse) and Smithfield Road northeast of Mid Cities Boulevard (Smithfield).

In order for the FWTA to be open for service by the end of 2018, construction of the stations needs to start this year. In order to develop the Iron Horse station, the FWTA needs to access undeveloped City owned land that will ultimately house the station and commuter parking.

In this particular case, the requested access is a Temporary Construction Right of Entry. This allows the FWTA, its employees, contractors and agents to enter the property for the purposes of constructing and modifying the rail bed, station, parking lot, streets, drainage structures and landscaping. It also allows the use of the property for access, ingress to and from the site of construction and public rights-of-way.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Temporary Construction Right-of-Entry Agreement with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority