

# GDPC

## GREATER DALLAS PLANNING COUNCIL

*To shape, promote, and advocate a creative, sustainable future for the Dallas region*

Looking ahead to the future is what GDPC as a planning organization is all about. It thus seemed appropriate that I fill you in early this year about what the GDPC will be doing in the coming year.

Coming off a record year in 2018 of successful programs and financial success, GDPC is in a strong position to continue that success in 2019. "Engaging the Future Today" will continue to be our theme for 2019 because it describes so well what we do and are about. We all want Dallas to grow and prosper in a sustainable, equitable manner, but that won't happen by accident. We must be thoughtful and creative in planning for the Dallas region's strong continuing growth to achieve those objectives.

You can help bring about a sustainable, equitable future for Dallas by participating in one of our taskforces: Mobility, Natural Resources and Urban Design. Our task forces provide an opportunity for hands-on involvement in cutting-edge developments that will shape our city's future. Contact info for the TF chairs and their meeting times are posted on this website.

We also have some very interesting programs planned for our monthly member meetings. The February program will feature Mo Bur, TxDOT's Dallas District Engineer who will provide an update on the changing face of Dallas' highway system. In March, Molly Carroll, Executive General Manager for High Speed Rail, City of Dallas, will discuss the city's planning efforts for the high-speed rail terminal site near the convention center. Our April meeting will feature a Dallas mayoral candidate forum focused on their visions for Dallas's urban development. Also, you won't want to miss our canoe trip this Spring to explore the site of the new Harold Simmons Park along the Trinity River.

Finally, in order to make our collective voice heard, GDPC needs the support of its members and others interested in participating in our mission to shape, promote and advocate a creative, sustainable future for the Dallas region. If you have not already done so, please renew your membership for 2019 or consider joining GDPC and have a voice in the future!

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