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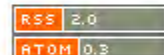
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- Aid in Oak Cliff's economic redevelopment

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## Dreaming of the day the streetcars return

Oak Cliff: Group sees opportunity in growing cultural areas

02:28 AM CDT on Sunday, May 14, 2006

By **FRANK TREJO** / The Dallas Morning News

Oak Cliff's future could very well be tied to a trip into its past.

That's what Jason Roberts and other members of the recently formed Oak Cliff Transit Authority are hoping. The group wants to bring back streetcars, which used to travel throughout the area, to at least one portion of Oak Cliff. The residents say it probably will be a difficult haul, but the journey has to start somewhere.

"With all that's happening in Oak Cliff these days, a group of us interested in arts and culture just started talking, and we noticed that many of these things that are being developed just fit into an almost perfect square," Mr. Roberts said.

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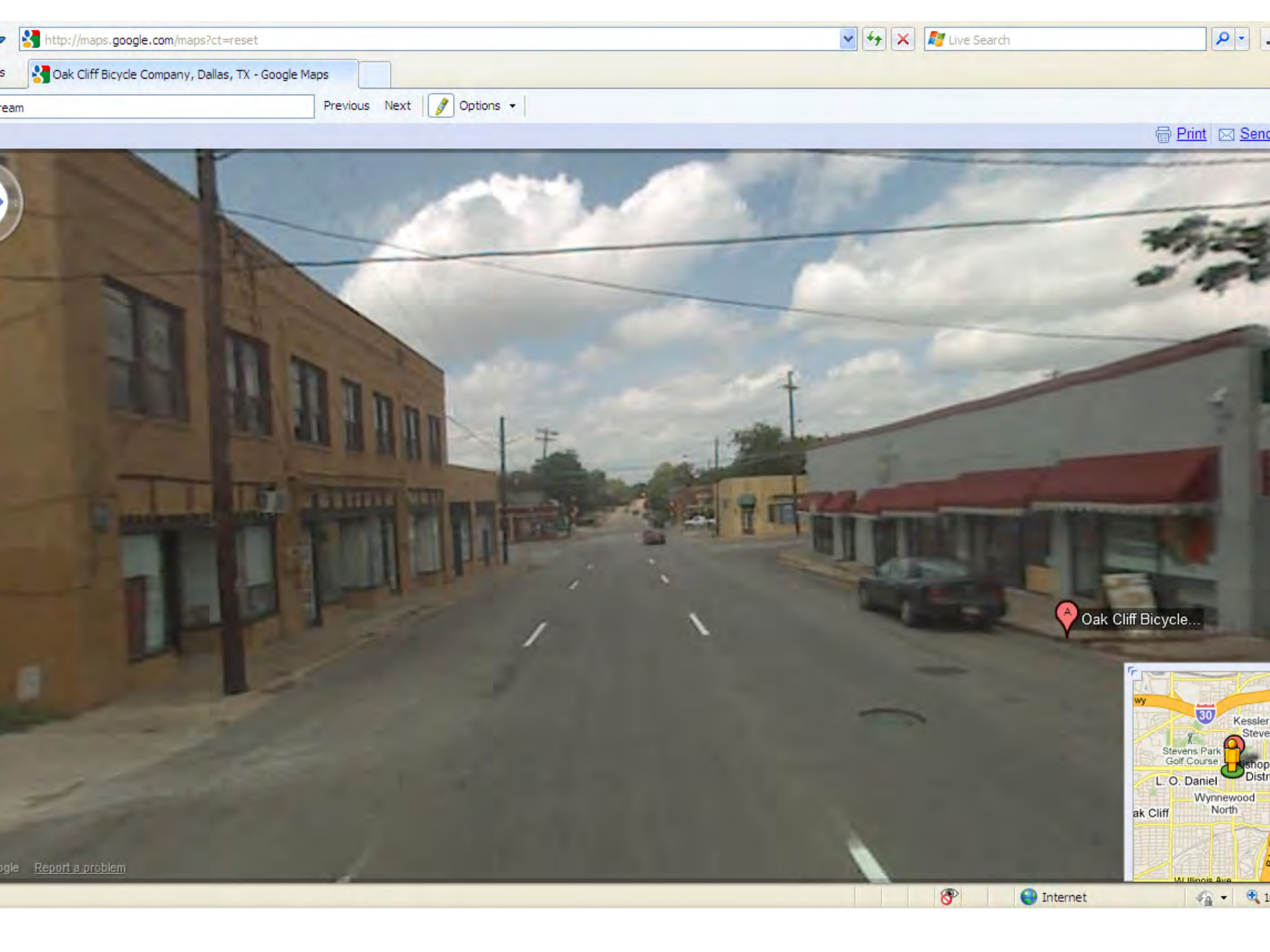
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(1) Fee for use of public right-of-way, including but not limited to sidewalk cafes:  $\text{area} \times \text{market value} \times 85\% \times 12\%$ .

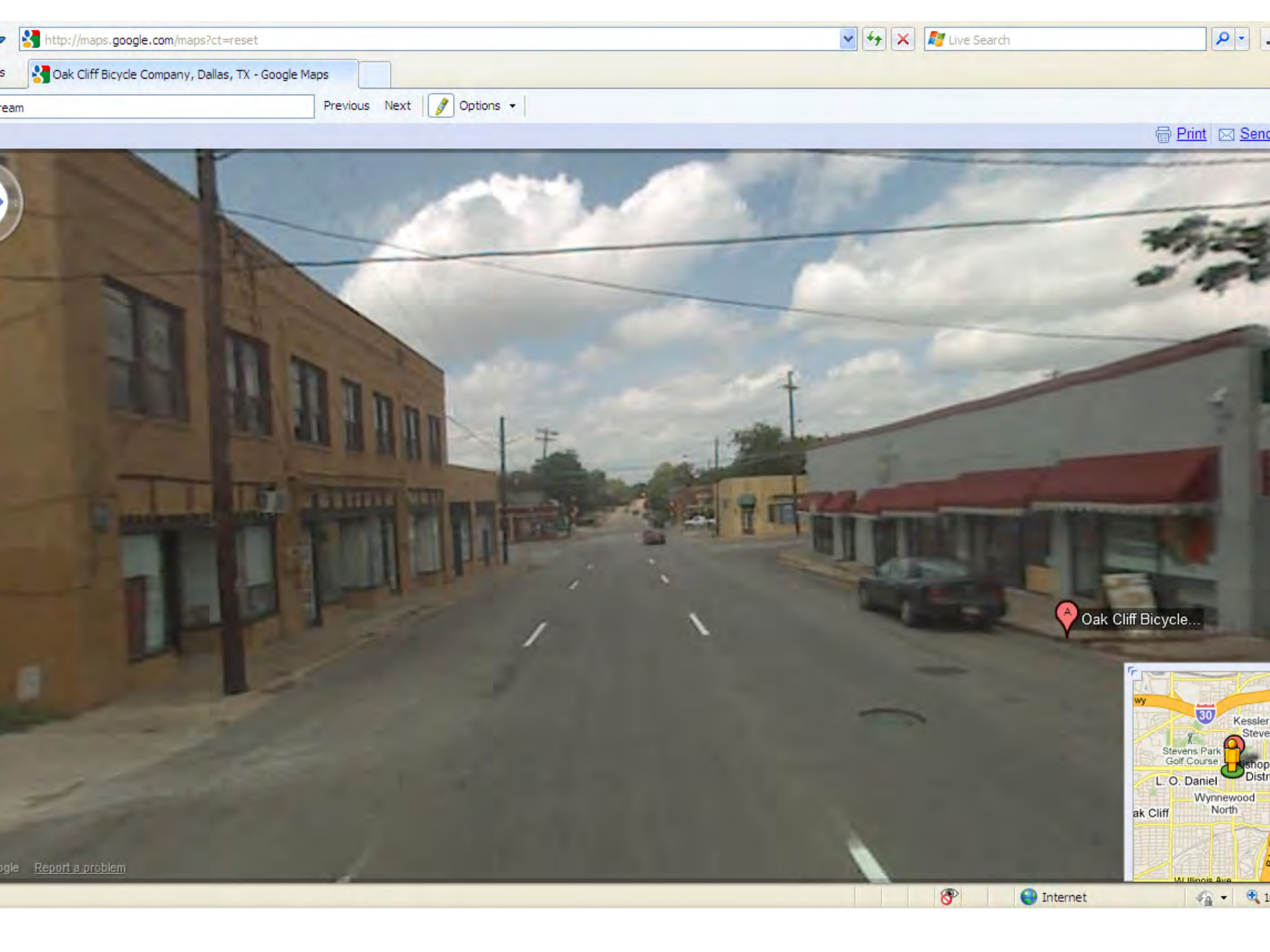
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No person shall occupy any space on the sidewalk or any space near the sidewalk where the same attracts any crowd or causes any crowd to congregate on the sidewalk or where the patrons or customers must remain on the sidewalk, for the purpose of carrying on any kind of business whether for amusement or profit.  
(Code 1941, Art. 143-8)















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# Dallas council approves rezoning along Davis Street in Oak Cliff

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The Dallas City Council unanimously approved a plan to [rezone a large section of Oak Cliff along Davis Street](#) in effort to spur new development and encourage density.

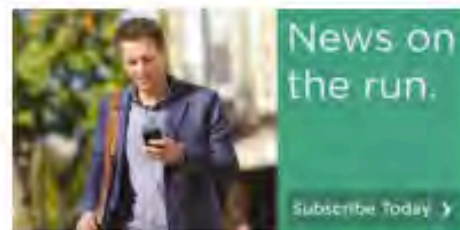
The plan has been in the works for more than 2 years and has drawn significant support as well as opposition from area residents and business owners.

People on both sides turned out at the City Council meeting.

Opponents warned that the new zoning could change the character of one of Dallas' most unique areas.

The zoning is intended to encourage an increase in retail and mixed-use development along Davis.

Many of the opponents said they favor those goals but think the plan actually will cause increased traffic and parking problems.



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# Dallas council lowers fees for sidewalk cafés


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More sidewalk cafes in Dallas? City leaders hope reducing fees will help lead to more spaces like this in West Village. (Mona Reeder/The Dallas Morning News)

Dallas City Council members were thinking of drink-sipping under street awnings Wednesday as they approved changes to city sidewalk café requirements.

"My wife and I went on a short vacation and we were outside in a location where they had outdoor restaurants, they had a musician outside," council member Casey Thomas said. "I sent some of my colleagues a picture to say 'Wouldn't it be great to have more opportunities in Dallas for something like this?'"

The new rules add specific fees for cafés encroaching on sidewalks that are less than

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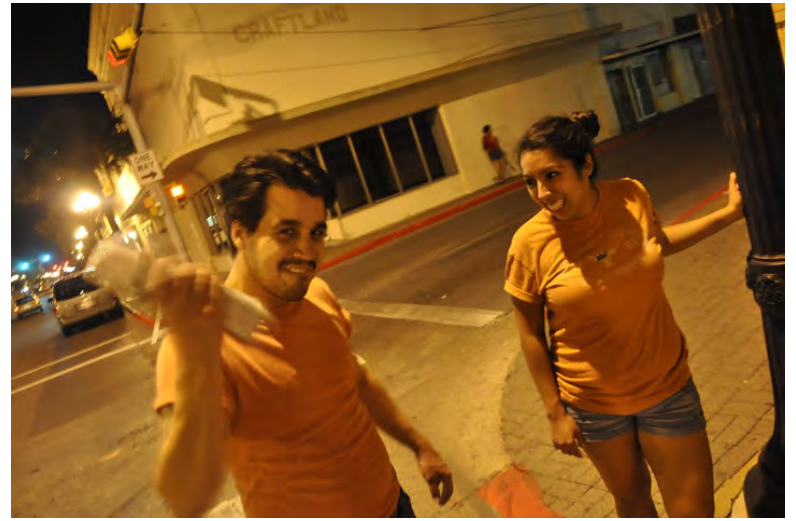


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# Age Dramatically Increases Our Fear Of Everything, Study Reveals

By NoCamels Team | June 04, 2015 | [Comments](#)

Young people's brains cope with stress and fear in a completely different way to adults, challenging the assumption that brains of humans of all ages react similarly to fear. Whether it's hesitancy to ride a roller coaster or the tendency to drive in the slow lane, the study's findings may finally explain why people tend to become more cautious as they age.

A University of Haifa study conducted on rats found that young rats were able to eliminate fear in the brain more rapidly than adult rats. Adults, on the other hand, continue to feel fear, even after the fearful event has passed.

Until now, conventional wisdom in the field has been that these mechanisms operate in a similar way in young people and adults. However, Prof. Maroun, Prof. Mouna Maroun, head of the Sagol Department of Neurobiology, who conducted the study, explains that she instinctively felt that this assumption was problematic.

## More people 'fear losing independence in old age than death', survey says

More people are afraid of losing their independence in old age and being forced to move into a nursing home than they are of dying, a survey has found.



People still wanted to remain independent in old age rather than be

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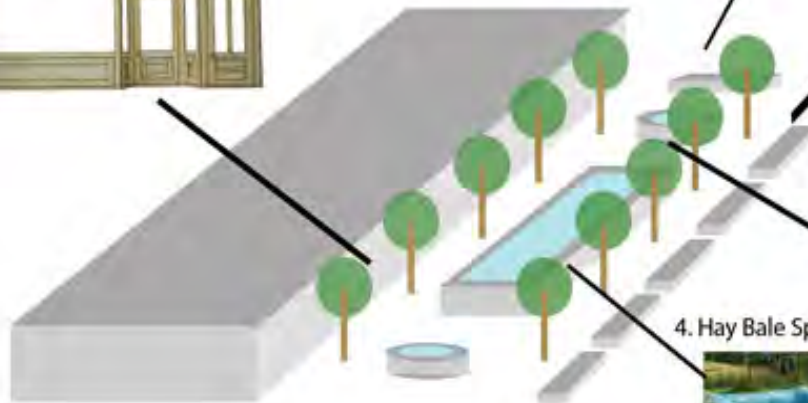








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# Better Block Concept

Team Better Block plans to narrow the roadway to one lane of traffic in each direction. The extra space freed up from the narrowing will be dedicated to cycle lanes and extended sidewalks. The narrowing of the street will slow traffic speeds and make the area safer for all users. Several techniques will be employed to bring increased safety and vibrancy to Temple Square.



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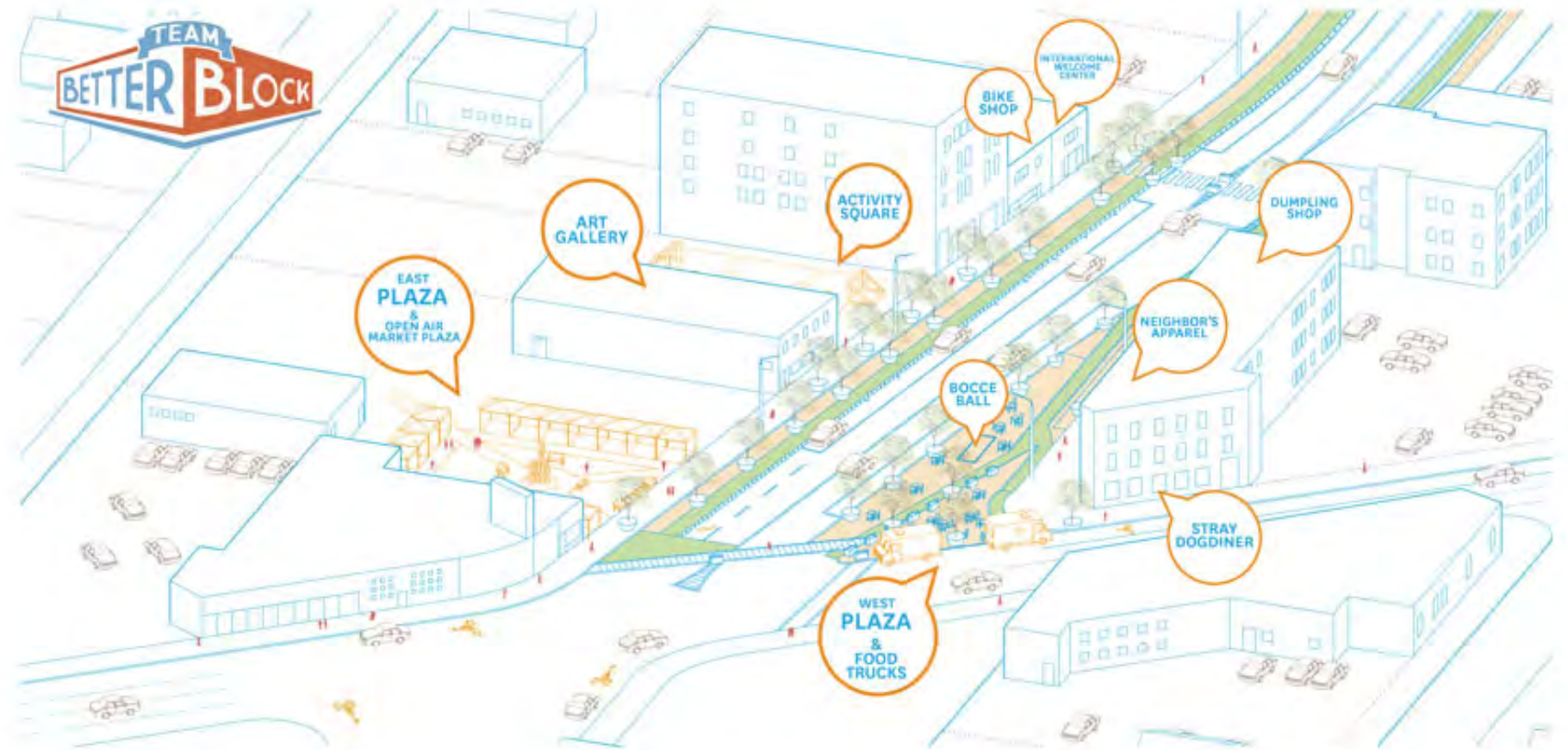
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# GREEN BIKE LANE



## 1

### MEASUREMENT OBSERVATION

- Obtain ROW Widths
- Review traffic accident history
- Assess existing bike facilities

## 2

### DESIGN

- Street mix cross-section
- Sketchup model
- Traffic control plan

## 3

### IMPLEMENTATION

- Traffic Control: Rental

#### Materials per 180'

- (3) Tempera Paint: \$10 /unit
- (1) White Spray Paint: \$5/can
- (4) Tape: \$15 / Roll
- (1) Stencil



#### Tempera Paint

Sargent Art 22-7166 1-Pound Art Time Powder Tempera, Green. 1 unit produces 1 gallon. 1 gallon covers approximately 300sf applied through sprayer.



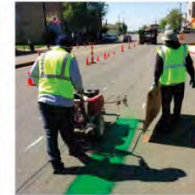
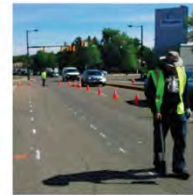
#### Tape

ProTapes Pro Duct 110 PE-Coated Cloth General Purpose Duct Tape, 60 yds Length x 4" Width, White

## 4 INSTALL

Item	Number of People	Instructions
<b>CLEAN SURFACE</b>	2 people	Use push brooms, collect & dispose of debris
<b>MEASURE &amp; GUIDE MARKS</b>	3 people	Use marking spray, measuring tape & pull string. Measure dimensions off the existing road center line
<b>PAINT SPRAYER</b>	3 people	Apply spray with a brisk walk, 1 person pushes machine, one person guides path, one person tapers edges w cardboard
<b>APPLY TAPE STRIPPING</b>	At least 2 people	Person 1 holds end on ground, second person walks ~ 6' in advance ensuring tape is pulled straight. Person 1 walks along tape securing it to the road
<b>BIKE STENCIL</b>	2 people	Person 1 holds stencil in place. Person 2 sprays white paint using hand sprayer or spray cans

Total Price for 180' (5' painted bike lane including striping & 2' buffer) : **95\$**, labor and traffic control not included

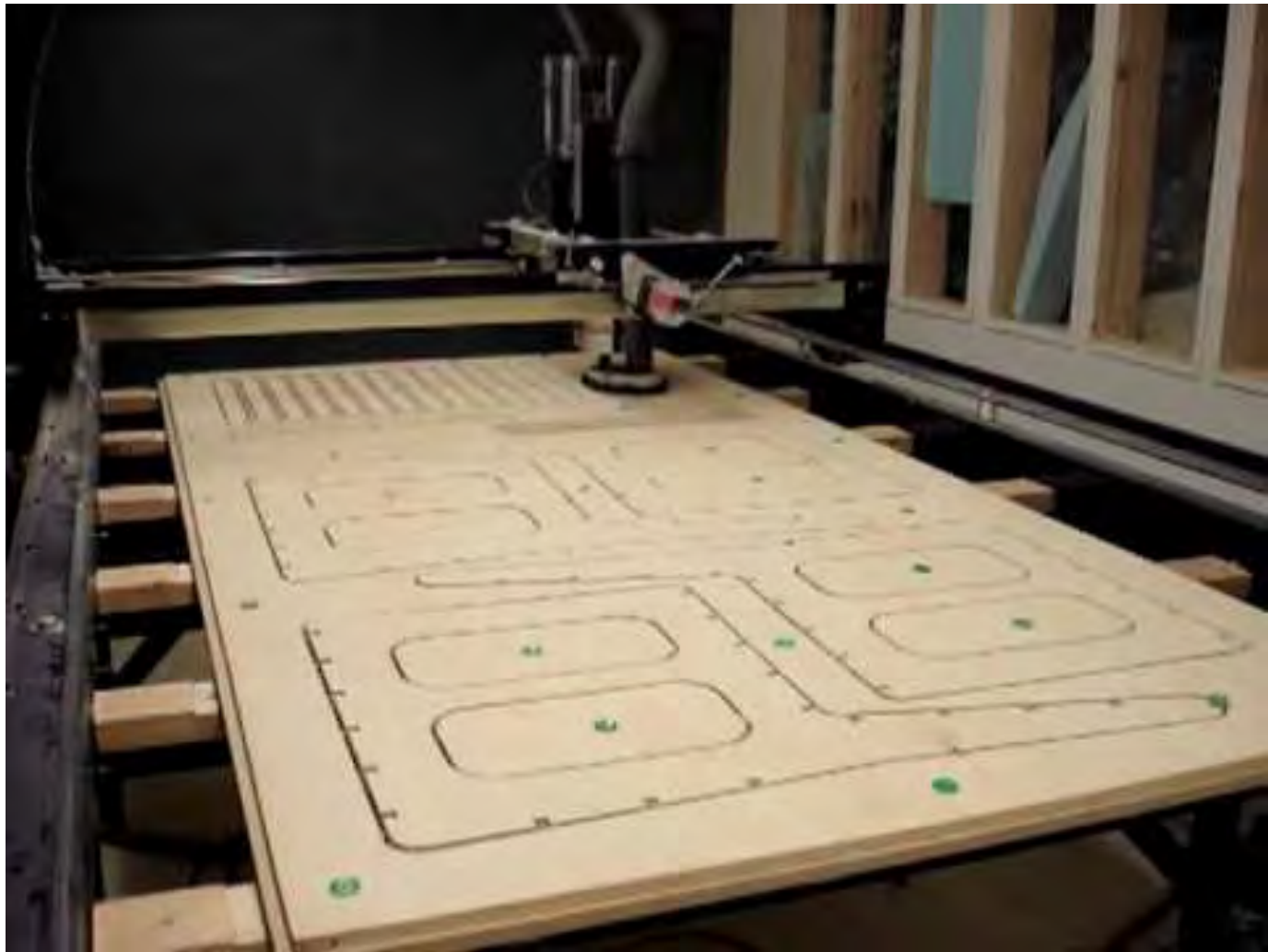


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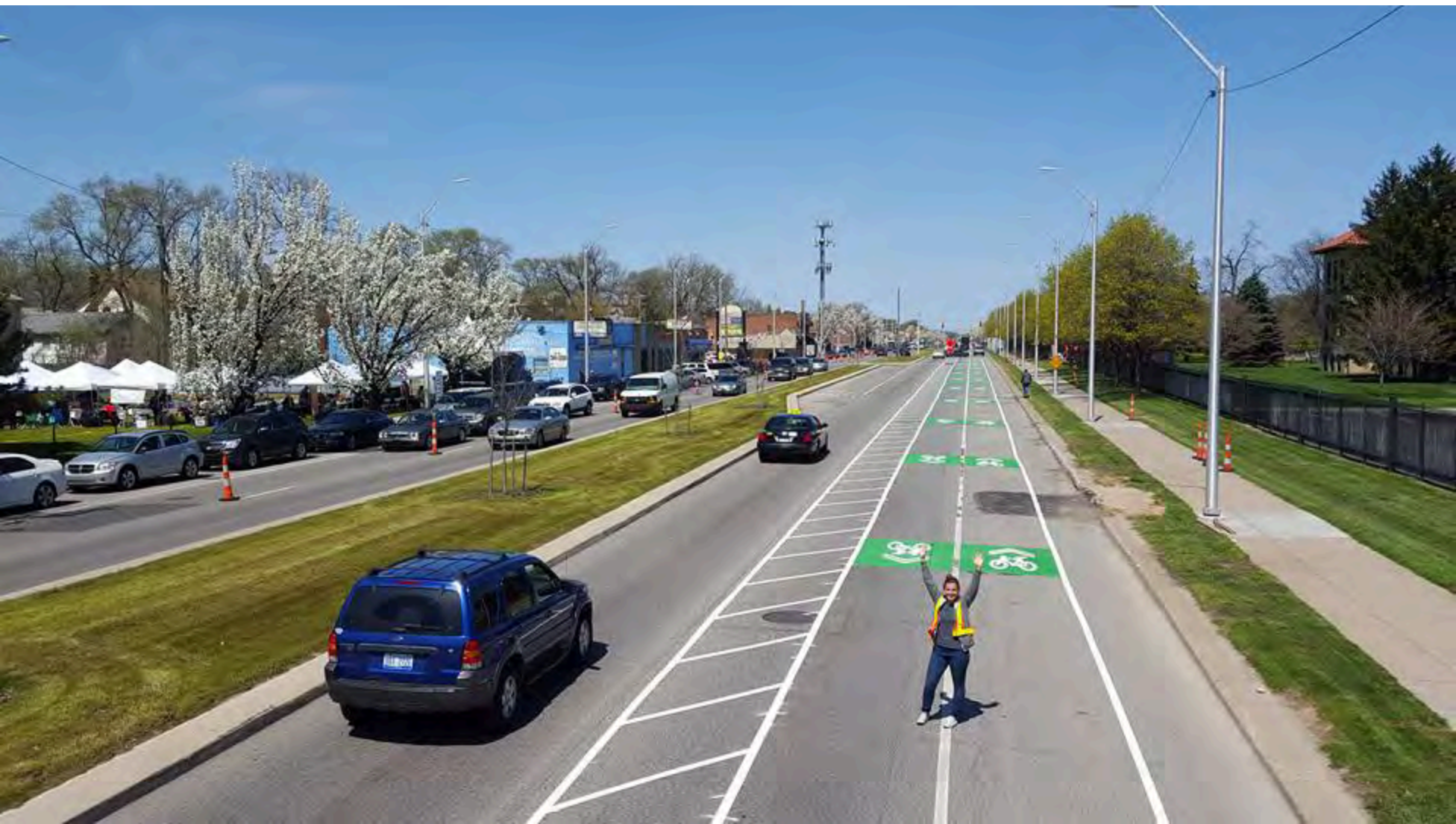


































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## Dallas awarded \$43M in federal grants for roads, streetcars

07:29 AM CST on Thursday, February 18, 2010

By **MICHAEL LINDENBERGER** and **ROY APPLETON** / The Dallas Morning News  
mlindenberger@dallasnews.com; rappleton@dallasnews.com

Dallas pedestrians, including tourists and daytime workers alike, will have a new way to get from downtown to Oak Cliff, thanks to surprise federal funding announced Wednesday for a starter streetcar line.

The \$23 million federal grant, which had seemed a long shot to regional leaders as recently as this week, is only about half what

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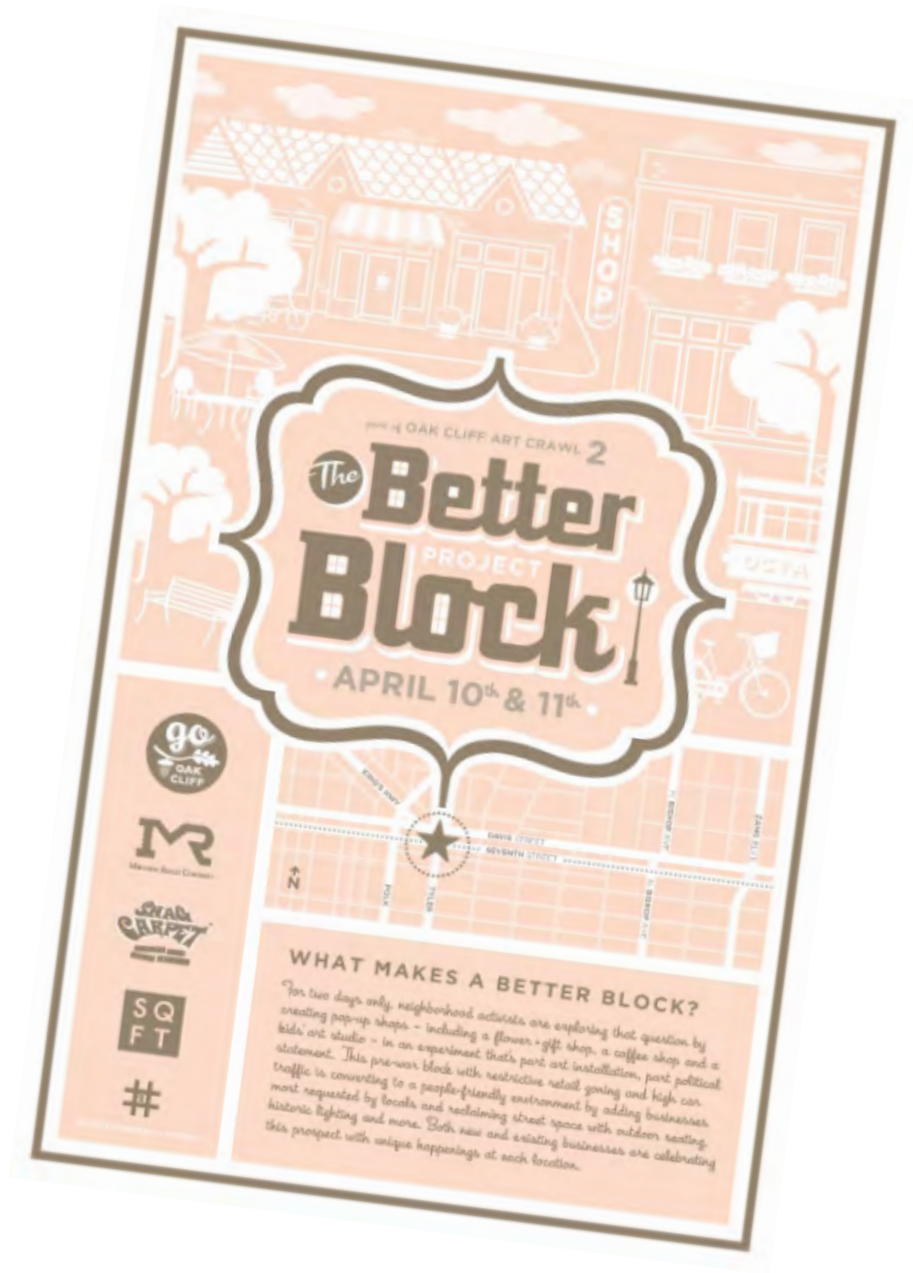


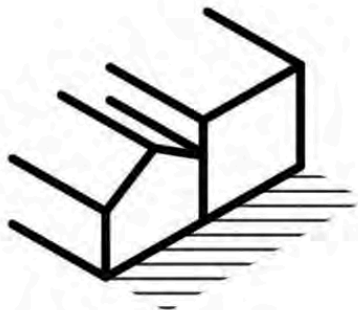
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