



## **City of Dallas Wins Five CLIDE Awards Presented by North Central Texas Council of Governments**

Congratulations to the City of Dallas for receiving five prestigious awards from the North Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) at their general assembly held on June 18. Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) awards was created in 2003 to encourage innovative development projects and practices to assist in accommodating the 4.1 million new residents anticipated in North Texas between today and 2040.

### **Continental Avenue Bridge and West Dallas Gateway**

The Continental Avenue Bridge and West Dallas Gateway is near a unique neighborhood. It is a scenic destination for recreation, family and corporate activities, events, movie and television industry filming, photography, or a place for contemplation. Alongside the Margaret Hunt Hill Bridge, this free public space, showcases beautiful views of the Dallas Skyline and the Trinity River. The area has already been visited by 55,000 people in 2015.

The City of Dallas and its partners were awarded both of the CLIDE Awards under the Redevelopment Award category for development on previously developed sites that successfully exemplify the Principles of Development Excellence. According to one of the CLIDE Award Jury members, "The Continental Bridge and West Dallas Gateway is a good example of reuse of obsolete infrastructure. It utilizes the bridge structure as an adaptable platform on which things can evolve and change."



Photo caption: Dallas City Councilmember Vonciel Jones Hill (center) accepts the CLIDE award at the General Assembly of the North Central Texas Council of Governments for Continental Avenue Bridge and West Dallas Gateway.

### **The Belmont Hotel Development**

The Belmont Hotel Development was included in this award category receiving a CLIDE in the Redevelopment Award category, the same as awarded to Continental Avenue Bridge and West Dallas Gateway. The Belmont Hotel located at 901 Fort Worth Avenue is a historic motor court hotel with sixty-four hotel rooms. The award was accepted by Monte Anderson.



Photo Caption: Monte Anderson (center) recent owner of the Belmont Hotel, accepts the CLIDE award at the June 18 General Assemble of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

### **TOD/TIF Reinvestment Zone 17**

The City of Dallas and the Prescott Group were awarded a CLIDE Award under the Public Planning and Policy Award category for implementing a program or policy that facilitates and promotes various aspects of the Principles of Development Excellence. According to one of the CLIDE Award Jury members, “The TIF approach demonstrates how financing strategies can unify and rejuvenate urban cores, in this case connecting four sub-districts in Dallas and including more than 1,000 acres and nine light rail stations.”

### **Lancaster Urban Village**

The City of Dallas and its partners were awarded a CLIDE Award under the New Development category for development on a previously undeveloped site that successfully exemplifies many of the Principles of Development Excellence. According to one of the CLIDE Award Jury members, “[Lancaster Urban Village] is a bold initiative to revive an urban area and promote a quality pedestrian experience.”

## **Ebola Crisis**

Dallas County and the City of Dallas received special recognition for their collaboration, coordination and response to the first Ebola patient diagnosed in the United States, Special Leadership – Time of Crisis Recognition. While there were many heroes around the region assisting in this event, the City of Dallas and Dallas County were recognized for service and cooperation over and above for the public good, highlighting the DFW region to the nation.



Photo caption: On behalf of Dallas County and the City of Dallas, Dallas City Councilmember Jennifer Gates and Dallas County Commissioner Mike Cantrell accepted the recognition.