



MEMORANDUM

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August 27, 2014

TO: DRMC Executive Committee

FROM: Drew Campbell, Executive Director

SUBJECT: September 5, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting

In our first month, as your Executive Director and staff team, we have had the opportunity to get involved in a number of issues on behalf of DRMC and begin implementing our approach to carrying out DRMC's mission.

DRMC Member Outreach: We have reached out to every member of the Executive Committee in this first month to begin setting up individual meetings to understand each member's views on the value of DRMC, the vision for the organization going forward and individual project priorities. We have really enjoyed the meetings that have taken place to date and look forward to meeting with each and every one of you.

Communications: My team has officially taken over all communications functions and begun sending the bi-weekly news clips, updating the website and preparing all newsletters.

Strategic Planning Session: Staff is working to identify potential dates in September for a Strategic Planning session with the DRMC Executive Committee and you will be hearing from us soon to check your availability. We look forward to visiting with each of you regarding your vision for DRMC, strategic priorities for the region and a corresponding work plan for the staff team.

Texas Transportation Commission Meeting in Dallas: The Texas Transportation Commission meeting took place in Dallas this week and as you know, DRMC sponsored, along with Halff Associates, the meeting rooms for the Commission meetings throughout the two days. Commissioner Duncan Webb represented DRMC during the opening remarks of the workshop and my team and I attended all of the events, as well as many DRMC members. It was an excellent opportunity to highlight all of the partnership projects that TxDOT and RTC have been able to deliver in the last several years and the region received high praises from the Commission for the level of local investment in these partnerships.

TxDOT Commission on High Speed Rail in DFW: The Commission on High Speed Rail in DFW, chaired by Bill Meadows, conducted its second meeting on Wednesday of this week. The presentation given at the meeting is included in the packet and staff will give a further briefing on this item at our next DRMC meeting.

TxDOT Legislative Appropriations Request: TxDOT staff presented the agency's Legislative appropriations request for the upcoming legislative session at this week's Commission meeting. This is TxDOT's funding request that they submit to the



Legislative Budget Board and gives us great insight into what TxDOT hopes to achieve in new funding in the next session. Staff will give a more detailed briefing on this item at the meeting.

House Transportation Committee hearing: The House Transportation Committee under the leadership of Chairman Larry Phillips conducted an interim hearing this week, including a discussion on transportation reinvestment zones and TIF financing.

Meeting with Senator John Cornyn's Staff: Staff met with Senator Cornyn's transportation legislative assistant and discussed a number of issues that concern local transit authorities. Legislative items such as Positive Train Control, Rail I Liability were brought to their attention as immediate problems facing transit in North Texas.

Proposition 1 Stakeholder Committee: TxDOT has formed a Stakeholder Committee to make recommendations on how the Proposition 1 funds should be allocated, should the constitutional amendment pass. The current Comptroller's estimate for the amount of the deposit into Fund 006 is \$1.7 B in 2014. As you can see below, there are three members from North Texas that will serve on the committee.

Proposition 1 Stakeholder Committee Members:

- Johnny Johnson – Chair of Committee
- Judge Mike Bradford – Midland County
- Judge Carlos Cascos – Cameron County
- Judge Ed Emmett – Harris County
- Mr. John Esparza – Texas Trucking Association
- Judge Woody Gossom – Wichita County
- Commissioner Judy Hawley – 1-69/Port of Corpus Christi
- Councilmember Jungus Jordan – Fort Worth
- Mr. Michael Morris – NCTCOG
- Judge Keith Self – Collin County

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DALLAS REGIONAL MOBILITY COALITION
AGENDA
FRIDAY, September 5, 2014
11:00 AM

NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY HEADQUARTERS
5900 W. Plano Pkwy., Plano, TX 75093
Board Room

- I. Call to Order / Introductions
- II. Approval of Minutes from August 1 Executive Committee Meeting - Page 4
- III. DRMC Update
 - a. Member Outreach
 - b. Communication
- IV. Keynote Discussion – State Representative Yvonne Davis – Page 12
- V. Treasurer’s Financial Report and Approval of Expenditures for July/August 2014 - Page 6
 - Date for Annual DRMC/TRTC Meeting – Thursday, February 5, 2015 10 AM?
- VI. Project Monitoring – Page 1
 - a. Current Project Issues
 - i. IH 635 East of US 75 Improvements
 - ii. US Hwy 75 from LBJ North
 - iii. Central Dallas Issues / I 345 and Trinity Tollway
 - iv. Dallas District portion of SH 183
 - v. IH 35E Dallas and Denton Counties
- VII. TxDOT District Discussion
- VIII. Legislative Update – Page 1
 - Status Update – Proposition 1 on November Ballot
 - State Legislative Items
 - Interim Committee Updates
 - Federal Issues
 - Congressional Actions
 - Meeting with Senator Cornyn Staff
- VII. Agency Reports
 - Regional Transportation Council (RTC)
 - Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)
 - Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
 - North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA)
 - Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA)
- VIII. Other Business / Items for Future Agenda (s)
- IX. **Adjourn**



**Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 1, 2014**

The DRMC meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m. Friday, August 1, 2014 at the NTTA offices, 5900 West Plano Parkway, Plano, Texas. Co-Chair Smith acknowledged several guests, including newly elected Councilman Oscar Ward of Irving, Irving Councilman John Danish, and DCTA VP of Marketing and Communications Kristina Brevard.

Executive Committee Member Present included Lissa Smith, Steve Mitchell, Karen Hunt, Tim Campbell, Rudy Durham, Sheffie Kadane, Martin Molloy, Oscar Ward, and Duncan Webb. Ex-Officio attending included Kristina Brevard for Charles Emery, William Hale, Michael Morris, Carrie Rogers, and Michael Miles for Gary Thomas. James McCarley in attendance as Interim Executive Director

The minutes of the June 6, 2014 meeting were approved.

McCarley opened Agenda Item III, the Keynote Discussion, with an introduction of Republican State Senate Candidate Don Huffines. Don defeated Sen John Carona for the Republican nominee slot and will start the 84th Texas Legislature Session next January representing District 18 which includes much of the DRMC area. Don indicated several of his key issues stressed in his campaign, including transportation and other infrastructure issues for the Region and State. Discussing the overall funding issues for transportation, he indicated little possibility for any fuel tax increase or additional fees, rather an approach to end diversions from the Highway Fund and shifting of the current motor vehicle sales tax to the Highway Fund. These measures could provide an additional four or five billion along with approximately 1.4 billion if Proposition 1 is successful on the November ballot. He also discussed other issues facing the next Legislature, noting the House and Senate will have a significant number of newly elected Members with a shift in some of the philosophy on State Government responsibilities. After his discussion and overview he responded to a number of questions and comments from the group. At the conclusion, he stressed his desire to listen to input from DRMC and other groups, along with individual contact on issues. He also introduced Matt Langston, his campaign manager, and noted his availability to meet with other groups. Co-Chair Smith expressed appreciation on behalf of DRMC for his willingness to discuss transportation issues and attending the DRMC meeting. A break from the Agenda was then provided to allow the group to visit with Don Huffines.

The Executive Committee voting members recessed into an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. The group reconvened after the Executive Session.

Under Agenda Item IV, Treasurer Hunt reported financial information for the month and referenced the report from the City of Irving for current status of receipts and disbursements. Karen noted early dues notices have been provided to DRMC Member Agencies to allow adequate budget planning. She also noted the reduction in dues for next fiscal year and that several cities have reacted favorably to that change. The financial report was accepted by the Executive Committee.

Co-Chairs Smith and Mitchell then reported on formal action to appoint Drew Campbell as the new permanent Executive Director for DRMC. Drew will be joined by his Capital-Insights group in providing services to DRMC under the agreement. Drew then introduced his team for the engagement, including Byron Campbell, Brandi Bird, and Marisa Vantrease. He provided an overview of his and the team's background and work in various association and legislative areas. His appointment is effective immediately with James McCarley continuing through August to assist in the transition. Drew will be in contact with DRMC Members and start immediate efforts regarding a legislative program working with Committee Chair Steve Mitchell. A Strategic Planning meeting will also be conducted for the Executive Committee within the next few months.

Also under Agenda Item IV, James McCarley discussed a request from TRTC to move the annual joint meeting to Thursday, February 5, 2015. Discussion on a variety of alternative then ensued, including the possibility of a joint meeting in Austin since the Legislature will convene in mid-January of 2015. No final decision was reached and Drew Campbell will work with Vic Suhm and the two groups to determine the joint meeting date, time, and location.

Item V, Project Monitoring, was introduced by McCarley with background on the major project areas in the Dallas TxDOT District. Noting discussion in the Region over the last two months on these projects, TxDOT Dallas DE Bill Hale presented an overview and status update on 1) IH 635 east of US 75, 2) US Hwy 75 from LBJ North, 3) Central Dallas Issues and I 345 and Trinity Tollway, 4) Dallas District portion of SH 183, and 5) IH35E in Dallas and Denton counties. Bill stressed the continuing issue of congestion and trying to stay ahead of increased traffic demand while

TxDOT is short on available dollars to address the problem. The group discussed several of the updates and an indication the Dallas area is now starting to see some 'toll fatigue' due to the number of tollroads and/or managed lanes under implementation.

During the discussion, Bill Hale's recent promotion and change in assignment was acknowledged. Bill was complimented on his efforts while DE in the Dallas area along with his years of service while DE in Abilene and prior to that service in the Dallas District as an area engineer. Bill explained his new role as engineer overseeing the Urban TxDOT Districts in Texas and thus will still be working on Dallas District issues from a different level. The group applauded Bill's service and indicated a desire for a more formal acknowledgement at a later date.

Under Agenda Item VI, Legislative Update, a brief overview of recent federal/State activities was provided by McCarley. He referred the group to a handout noting activity by Congress as of late Thursday to pass and send to the President a transportation funding authorization that will carry existing obligations of federal highway funds through May of 2015. While this provides immediate relief to the States, there is still no long-term authorization to allow adequate planning for mobility projects. It is hoped Congress will address the issue prior to May of 2015 as a new Congress starts work in January. McCarley updated the group on recent State Senate and House Committee work during the interim, including Special Committees in the House and Senate to address State transportation funding issues and mobility policies. Efforts also continue across the State, with DRMC assistance, to promote passage of Proposition 1 on the November ballot.

McCarley also noted the recent (June) reception co-hosted by DRMC, TRTC, and the City of Irving for new TxDOT ED Retired General Joe Weber. Acknowledge was also provided to sponsors of the event, including Austin Industries, Burns and McDonald, Drew and Byron Campbell from Capitol Insights, Cintra US, Dannenbaum (Mr. Dannenbaum present in the audience), Freese and Nichols, and HNTB. The reception was well attended by regional leaders.

The group was also reminded DRMC will be hosting the facilities for the TTC meeting at Union Station in Dallas on August 27-28. Halff and Associate, thru DRMC Member Martin Molloy, are also sponsoring the facilities on both days with DRMC.

Item VII, Agency Reports, included handouts to the group from each Agency. Michael Morris reported for the RTC, Michael Miles for DART, Bill Hale for TxDOT Dallas District, Carrie Rogers for NTTA, and Kristina Brevard for DCTA.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1 PM.



Save the Date for the DRMC's
September 5 Executive Committee Meeting,
Featuring

State Representative Yvonne Davis

Please save the date for our September 5 DRMC meeting, which will feature remarks by **State Representative Yvonne Davis** (D - Dallas), the longest serving member on the House Transportation Committee. Representative Davis will offer her perspectives on the state's transportation priorities as well as the outlook for the upcoming Texas Legislative Session.

Representative Davis is a small-business owner first elected to represent HD 111 in 1992. She currently serves as the chairwoman of the House Urban Affairs Committee and as a member of the Transportation Committee. She previously served on the House Land and Resource Management and Ways and Means committees and is a graduate of the University of Houston.

Friday, September 5, 2014

10:30 a.m. Networking

11 a.m. Meeting Begins

North Texas Tollway Authority Boardroom

[5900 West Plano Parkway](#)

Plano, Texas 75093

DRMC members and guests are encouraged to arrive at 10:30 a.m. for valuable networking time in the Boardroom prior to the commencement of the meeting.

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