



**Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition &
Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition**

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4501 Highway 360 South
Fort Worth, TX 76155

From Dallas Ft. Worth International Airport:

Take the South Exit out of the airport through the tollbooths.
To Highway 360 South towards Arlington (stay in right hand lane)
IMMEDIATELY Exit FAA Road.
Continue to the three way stop. Go straight through intersection.
Proceed 100 yards; turn right through Main Gate.
Follow signs to The Lodge/Lobby.

From Downtown Dallas:

Take Interstate 30 West to Highway 360.
Go North on Highway 360 to the Trinity Blvd/FAA Road exit.
Go through the traffic light at Trinity to FAA Road.
Turn left at the stop sign and go back over the highway.
At the three-way stop make left; proceed 100 yards.
Turn right through Main Gate and follow signs to The Lodge/Lobby.

From Love Field Airport (Dallas):

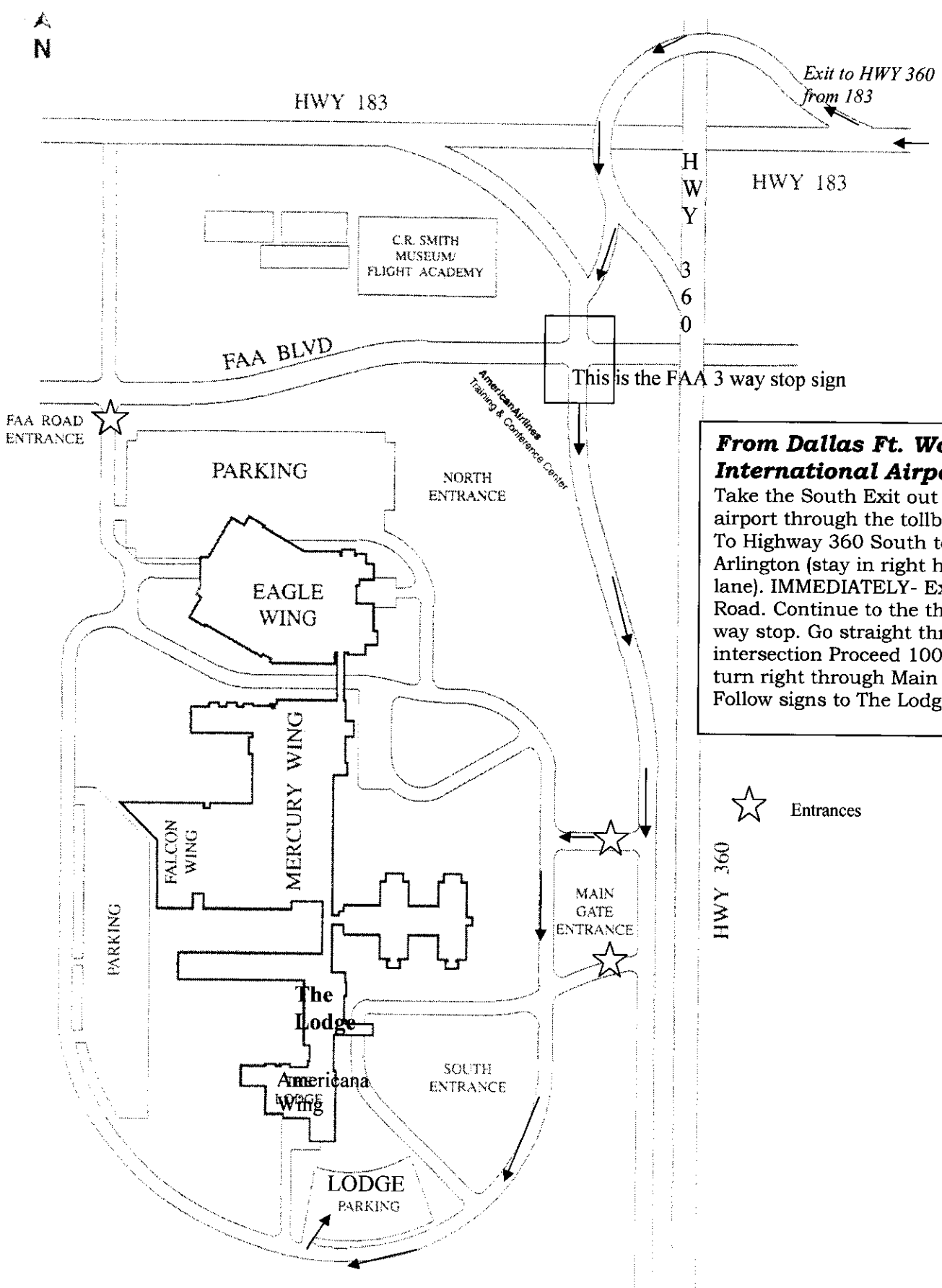
Take main exit road out of the airport.
At the stoplight at Mockingbird Lane, turn right.
Go West on 183 towards D/FW Airport
Exit Highway 360 South towards Arlington (stay in right hand lane)
IMMEDIATELY Exit FAA Road.
Continue to the three-way stop, go straight and proceed 100 yards.
Turn right through Main Gate and follow signs to The Lodge/Lobby.

From Arlington:

Go North on Highway 360 to the Trinity Blvd/FAA Road exit.
Go through the traffic light at Trinity Blvd to FAA Road.
At the stop sign turn left, go back over the highway.
At the three-way stop, turn left and proceed 100 yards.
Turn right through Main Gate and follow signs to The Lodge/Lobby.

From Fort Worth on I-20 or I-30:

Take I-20 East or I-30 East towards Dallas.
To Highway 360 North
Exit Trinity Blvd/FAA Road.
Go through the traffic light at Trinity Blvd to FAA Road.
At the stop sign turn left, go back over the highway.
At the three-way stop turn left again, proceed 100 yards .
Turn right through the Main Gate and follow the signs to The Lodge/Lobby.



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★ Entrances
 HWY 360

Annual Joint Meeting of DRMC and TRTC

American Airlines Training and Conference Center, Eagle Wing

4501 Highway 360 South

January 8, 2009

10:00 – 11:45am

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. DRMC December 5
 - b. TRTC December 3
3. DRMC Treasurer's Report and Approval of December Expenditures
4. Focus Topic: Rail North Texas Advocacy
5. Agency Reports
 - a. DART
 - b. DCTA
 - c. Fort Worth T
 - d. MPO
 - e. NTTA
 - f. TxDOT – Dallas
 - g. TxDOT – Fort Worth
6. Member Questions / Comments
7. Adjourn

MEETING NOTES

**Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
Executive Committee Minutes
December 5, 2008**

Executive Committee Members Attending:

Chad Adams (Ellis County)
John Beaumgartner (Allen)
Mike Cantrell (Dallas County)
Rudy Durham (Lewisville)
Rob Franke (Cedar Hill & Duncanville)
John Harper (Rowlett)
Mary Horn (Denton County)
Joe Jaynes (Collin County)
Linda Koop (Dallas)
Steve Mitchell (Richardson)
Ron Natinsky (Dallas)
Jayne Peters (Coppell)
Stan Pickett (Mesquite)
Carl Sherman (Lancaster, DeSoto, Glenn Heights & Hutchins)
Grady Smithey (Dallas County)
Rick Stopfer (Irving)

Ex-Officio Members Attending:

Charles Emery (DCTA)
Jorge Figueredo (NTTA) (Lori Shelton)
Bill Hale (TxDot)
John Hedrick (DCTA)
Michael Morris (COG/RTC)
Koorosh Olyai (DART)
Gary Thomas (DART)

Staff:

John Carpenter
Christene Wheeler

OPENING

Chairman Mike Cantrell called the meeting to order.

MINUTES- The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the November 7th, 2008 DRMC Executive Committee meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Rick Stopfer presented monthly report for November and moved for approval. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

AGENCY REPORTS

-RTC

Report given by Michael Morris.

- Mayor Trevino is the new National Chairman for the National League of Cities.
- Taking the Rail North Texas Initiative statewide.
- RTC will review the changes to the resolution in the handout.
- Progress continues to be made on the ozone issues.
- The environmental on the Cotton Belt Corridor is proceeding to the comment stage.
- The public meetings are listed in the handout on page three.
- The third round of sustainable development is being initiated.
- Communication and Transparency is the theme for RTC this year.
- The new software has been developed to track all of the 121 funds by project and by county.
- Also being developed is an internet based tool to alert people of changes in their area.
- There should be a signed agreement from Amadeo Saenz on the \$700 million portion.
- Southwest Parkway is moving ahead.
- RTC trying to get the Trinity fully engineered.

Commissioner Cantrell asked for questions and there were none.

-TxDOT

Report given by Bill Hale.

- From the Economic Stimulus Package
 - Dallas district has 137 projects worth about \$595 million (does not include Projects like LBJ that are already on the books).
 - Fort Worth has 24 worth about \$124 million.
- Transportation Forum is coming up in January in Austin.
- US 75 310 project will be open on the middle of December.

Commissioner Cantrell asked for questions and there were none.

-NTTA

Report given by Lori Shelton.

- The renovations of the Dallas North Tollway are nearly complete and on budget.
- In regards to the Trinity Parkway Project, NTTA is expected to take the design contract to the board of directors on December 18.
- Section 30 is now under construction on the Eastern Extension. The entire project is expected to be completed in 2011.

Commissioner Cantrell asked for questions and there were none.

-DCTA

Report given by John Hedrick.

- Have a series of public meetings scheduled all week in regards to the Rail charter.
 - Looking at construction in January.
 - Bids for rail cars are due on December 15th.
- Bus ridership reports for the year are out. Up 10% overall.
- Doing some modifications in January on the commuter express and adding a mid-day trip from Denton and Carrollton.

Commissioner Cantrell asked for questions and there were none.

-DART

Report given by Gary Thomas.

- There is a "How to Use the HOV Lane" guide as a handout.
- HOV ridership is doing fine.
- Will be talking with TxDOT about the opportunities on US 75.
- Ridership is still high.
- Several new parking lots are under construction to address the ridership.
- The Green Line is on schedule and on budget. The first phase will open in September 2009 with the balance opening in 2010.
- The first two thirds of the Orange Line is looking to be approved by the board at the next meeting in December.
- The Blue Line extension to Rowlett will go before the board for approval in January.
- Looking at buying more buses.

Linda Koop asked if they were still considering the procurement in total or will they break it up.

Gary Thomas stated that they have looked at doing a couple of lots at first.

Commissioner Cantrell asked for questions and there were none.

OTHER BUSINESS- Commissioner Cantrell stated that according to the bylaws a quorum has been established.

-Nominating Committee

Linda Koop has nominated the following for office for the 2009 year:

Chair-	Chad Adams
Co-Chair-	Rob Franke
Vice-Chair-	Linda Koop
Treasurer-	Rick Stopfer
Secretary-	Grady Smithey

Commissioner Cantrell opened up any nominations from the floor and there were none. A motion was made and second. The nominations passed unanimously.

FOCUS TOPIC-RAIL NORTH TEXAS

Report given by Michael Morris.

-RTC came to the meeting last month and promised to give more information. Amanda Wilson worked hard at getting the information together and ready.

-Judge Mary Horn stated that there seemed to be a disconnect between the two page legislative piece and the RTC resolution and policy piece. RTC can not participate in meetings with lobbyists.

-The RTC updated resolution is a handout at the seats. This version has the cross-outs for deletions and the underscores for additions.

Charles Emery commented that the 3 chairs of the Transportation Authorities gave the nod to the flow chart with a general agreement. He noted that neither he nor the other chairs had seen the update legislative proposal. He requested that a conference call be made with Michael Morris, himself and the other chairs so that Mr. Morris may explain it to them.

Questions and Answers:

There was much discussion on the updated RTC proposal and the theme of the discussion was that the details of the proposal while not yet available would require careful examination. Several changes were suggested to clarify the intent of the proposal.

Commissioner Cantrell asked for a motion.

Ron Natinsky moved that the RTC proposal be approved provided that RTC include the changes that were discussed.

The motion was seconded by Rob Franke.

A vote was taken with a show of hands:

11 for and 5 against (Against were Steve Mitchell, Grady Smithey, Joe Jaynes, Chad Adams and Stan Pickett).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Cantrell needed to leave, however, he wanted it noted that he supports the additional \$60,000 and giving John Carpenter the authority to execute the contract when it is ready. Chad Adams took over in Commissioner Cantrell's absence.

-Finance Committee

Report given by John Harper

- Reviewed the financials and the approved budget.
- Presented the budget for an amendment to the line item titled "Lobbyist".
 - The line reads \$40,000 (This is set aside for a lobbyist. Must be voted on when the decision is made to spend the money.)
 - Requesting to increase that amount to \$100,000 and note that it not be exceeded.
 - This amount would exceed the income for DRMC this year by \$117,000. However, there is plenty of surplus in the account to absorb the expense if need be.
- The finance committee supports the increase with the understanding that it is not to exceed the \$100,000.

Must discussion ensued. The general theme of the discussion was that it is premature for the DRMC to enter into any lobbying contract as part of the Rail North Texas effort at this time.

John Harper recommended that a motion be made to approve the line item for a lobbying contract to increase to \$100,000 and not to exceed that amount.

A motion was made and second. Passed 13 for to 1 against with Judge Horn opposing.

Grady Smithey moved to increase the budget by \$60,000 for lobbying and to not enter into any contract at this time.

Carl Sherman seconded the motion.

Ron Natinsky made a substitute motion to table the discussion of any lobbying contract.

Linda Koop seconded the substitute motion.

Chad Adams asked for a vote on the substitute motion by show of hands.

Substitute motion failed on a tie vote of 7 for and 7 against

Chad Adams called for a vote on the original motion and it passed 13 for and 1 against with Judge Horn opposing.

-792 Update

Report given by Grady Smithey.

- The 792 draft report is out. Copies have been sent to some members.
- Final conclusion is that we use a private sector comparator instead of a market evaluation system.

-Joint DRMC-TRTC

The joint meeting with TRTC will be held on January 8th at the American Airlines Training Center at 10:00 am. Directions will be sent out.

ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

Grady Smithey
Secretary, DRMC

Date