



DRMC Executive Committee
Regular Business Meeting

November 7, 2014

11:00 a.m.



MEMORANDUM

Executive Committee

Lissa Smith, Co-Chair
Steve Mitchell, Co-Chair
Vonciel Hill Jones, Vice-Chair
Carl Sherman, Secretary
Karen Hunt, Treasurer
Tim Campbell
Rudy Durham
Rob Franke
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Brad LaMorgese
David Magness
Matthew Marchant
Martin Malloy
Stan Pickett
Kevin Roden
Grady Smithey
Steve Terrell
Paul Wageman
Duncan Webb

Ex-Officio Members

Charles Emery
William Hale
Michael Morris
Carrie Rogers
Gary Thomas

Executive Staff

Drew Campbell, Exec Director
Brandi Bird
Byron Campbell
Marisa Vantrease

October 31, 2014

TO: DRMC Executive Committee
FROM: Drew Campbell, Executive Director
SUBJECT: November 7, 2014 Executive Committee Meeting

DRMC Member Outreach: My staff and I have continued meeting with the members on a one-on-one basis and have met with almost seventy percent of you to date. We are still scheduling meetings and plan to have met with each member by the end of the year. The feedback has been very positive and we want to continue the open dialogue as we move the DRMC forward.

Strategic Planning Session: On October 24, the Executive Committee held a Strategic Planning Session to discuss goals for the year, the proposed legislative agenda and a project prioritization process for DRMC to solicit project priorities from each of our members. The committee reviewed the proposed legislative agenda for the upcoming Texas Legislative Session starting in January and the group had a lively, thoughtful discussion during the session. A revised draft legislative agenda is included in the packet and will be discussed at Friday's meeting.

DRMC/ TRTC Lobby Day and Reception: A date for the DRMC/TRTC Lobby Day in Austin has been agreed upon. It is scheduled for February 25th at 4:30 pm at the Stephen F Austin hotel. We are looking forward to having a large group of members attend the reception that evening.

House Select Committee on Transportation Funding: Rep. Joe Pickett's Select Committee on Transportation Funding met this month to discuss a list of potential transportation funding options that could be considered in this upcoming legislative session. Attached is a list of the items that were discussed and staff will present the items that currently have the most support from the Committee.

Combining of TxDOT Districts: The hotly debated combination of the Fort Worth and Dallas TxDOT districts was put to bed last month when TxDOT released the job posting for the Dallas District Engineer position. For those of us that have been around the block a time or two, this action was not much of a surprise as the logistics of combining two large regions would cause more strife than many expected.

Look forward to seeing each of you on Friday.



**DALLAS REGIONAL MOBILITY COALITION
AGENDA
FRIDAY, November 7, 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 September 5 Executive Committee Meeting and October 24 Strategic Planning Meeting (*Page 4*)
- III. 2014 Election Update
- IV. Keynote Discussion – State Representative Ron Simmons
- V. Treasurer’s Financial Report and Approval of Expenditures for September & October 2014 (*Page 7*)
- VI. Project Monitoring
 - a. DRMC Project Prioritization Process (*Page 18*)
 - b. Central Dallas Issues / I 345 and Trinity Tollway
- VII. Legislative Update
 - Status Update – Proposition 1 on November Ballot
 - House Select Committee on Transportation Funding update (*Page 24*)
- 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. Adjourn



**Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 5, 2014**

The DRMC meeting was called to order at 11:11 a.m. Friday, September 5, 2014 at the NTTA offices, 5900 West Plano Parkway, Plano, Texas. Co-Chair Smith welcomed all members and acknowledged newly appointed Executive Director Drew Campbell.

Executive Committee Member Present included Lissa Smith, Steve Mitchell, Karen Hunt, Vonciel Jones Hill, Carl Sherman, Grady Smithey, Kadane Sheffie, Oscar Ward, John Keating, Duncan Webb, Tim Campbell, Rudy Durham, Sheffie Kadane, Martin Molloy, Oscar Ward, and Duncan Webb. Ex-Officio attending included Kelly Selmar, Charles Emory, Michael Morris, Carrie Rogers, and Gary Thomas. Drew Campbell in attendance as Executive Director and staff members Byron Campbell, Brandi Bird and Marisa Vantrease.

Drew Campbell opened Agenda Item IV, the Keynote Discussion, with an introduction of House Representative Yvonne Davis. Rep. Yvonne Davis is in her 11th term as Texas State Representative for District 111. She currently serves as Vice-chair of the Redistricting committee, is the most senior member on the House Committee of Transportation, and is a member of the House Economic and Small Business Development committee. This session (83rd Legislature) her colleagues elected her House Democratic Leader. Representative Davis indicated several important points for this legislative session. She stated that "as Texans we need to decide what kind of state do we want to be and how do we get there", we need to focus on policy and let go of politics and we need to focus on all the things that make our state great, like transportation, education and DPS & safety. She mentioned the talks on diversions from Fund 6 and stated that we can't leave holes, funding needs to be spread throughout. Rep. Davis also mentioned that on the Nov 1 ballot will be the Constitutional amendment. She stated that we need to educate our communities and support that initiative. This will generate \$1.4Billion for infrastructure in Texas. Rep. Davis stressed that we as citizens have to have a broad picture on all the issues in Texas in the 2015 Legislative session. Co-Chair Mitchell thanked Rep. Davis for her insight and he noted that she made many great points.

The minutes of the August 1, 2014 meeting were approved. Motioned by Carl Sherman and seconded by Steve Mitchell.

Under Agenda Item III, Drew Campbell updated the committee on items that the consultant team has been working on. The team has visited 60% of the DRMC members and have had discussions on their needs and wants for the association. Drew stated that there will be some changes to the meetings in the next 60 days.

Under Agenda Item V, 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 and we are starting to receive those funds. The financial report was accepted by the Executive Committee. Drew mentioned that the joint meeting with TRTC has been confirmed for February 5, 2014 in Irving, TX.

Item VI, Project Monitoring, was introduced by Drew with background on the major project areas in the Dallas TxDOT District. NCTOG Amanda Wilson and Drew Campbell presented a 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. Amanda updated the group on RTC's outlook on projects 1 & 2 for this session. Let's see this session what the legislature does in regards to funding these projects. RTC's suggestion is to separate these projects, we don't want to delay the 635 project but on the US 75 project suggested take no action. The group discussed several of the updates and how DRMC wants to support these projects and issues.

Under Agenda Item VIII, Legislative Update, a brief overview of recent federal/State activities was provided by Drew Campbell. He stated that everything looks good with Proposition One, there is no organized statewide opposition. As for the budget, Drew stated that the budget will grow by 3-3 1/2% with change to the Rainy Day fund. In regards to Federal and Congress Issues there is no news to report. Drew updated the group on polling, giving updates on current standings. He also updated the Executive committee on his visit with Senator Cornyn stating that the Senator is very supportive and very interested in transportation. He wants to take a bigger role on transportation issues.

Item IX, Agency Reports, included handouts to the group from each Agency. Amanda Wilson reported for the RTC, Gary Thomas for DART, Kelly Selmar for TxDOT Dallas District, Carrie Rogers for NTTA, and Charles Emery for DCTA.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:47 PM.



**Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
Executive Committee Strategic Planning Session Minutes
October 24, 2014**

The DRMC Strategic Planning Session was called to order at 11:42 a.m. Friday, October 24, 2014 at the NTTA offices, 5900 West Plano Parkway, Plano, Texas. Co-Chair Smith welcomed all members.

Executive Committee Members present included Lissa Smith, Steve Mitchell, Sandy Grayson, Martin Malloy, John Keating, Rudy Durham, Mary Horn, Geralyn Keaver, Lee Kleinman, Duncan Webb, Rob Franke, Sheffie Kadane and Tim Campbell. Drew Campbell in attendance as Executive Director and staff members Byron Campbell, Brandi Bird and Marisa Vantrease.

Drew Campbell opened Agenda Item II, the Executive Director Update, with an update on the one-on-one meetings with DRMC members which are now 60% complete. He also gave an update on Prop 1 which he said has no organized opposition.

Under Agenda Item III, Drew Campbell reviewed with the committee the draft 2015 Legislative Agenda handout. Drew read Item 1. Support Senator Nichols' effort to transfer Motor Vehicle Sales tax revenues to Fund 6 (Sb 287 in the last session). Steve Mitchell questioned that there was discussion to eliminate the trade difference tax and that any excess would go to Fund 006. Drew stated there were variations that discussed eliminating the trade difference and rolling that difference in. Drew moved to Item 2. Support the effort, through the appropriations process, to end the diversion of tax revenues collected for mobility projects, which are currently used for other purposes. Item 3. Oppose legislation that would limit local financing options for transportation initiatives. Item 4. Support Regional Transportation Council legislative initiatives, including any specific projects as adopted by the RTC and DRMC. The Committee suggested staff bring back a revised version of the Legislative Agenda, based on the comments given, at the next Executive Committee meeting for final approval.

Under Agenda Item IV, Drew asked the group what are the top regional priority projects for the individual DRMC members. Geralyn Keaver mentioned that McKinney has compiled a list for their community and Collin County has gone through a similar process as well. Steve Mitchell advised that each member needs to analyze which projects are needed in their community and get that to staff so we can compile a master list. Lissa Smith stated that the exercise will be very beneficial for each DRMC member because by gathering everyone's list we can see what is important to other members as well. Drew stated that the staff will send out an email to ask for this information from all members and discuss at our next Executive Committee meeting.

Item V, 2015 Proposed Meeting Schedule, was reviewed with the group. There were no objections or conflicts presented in regards to next year's dates.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:17 PM.