



Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. Approval of Minutes of the January 8, 2009 Joint DRMC-TRTC Meeting**
- III. Treasurers' Report and Approval of January Expenditures**
- IV. Agency Reports**
 - A. TxDOT
 - B. NTTA
 - C. DCTA
 - D. DART
 - E. RTC
- V. Regional Rail Update-
Resolution**
- VI. Adjournment**

MEETING NOTES

Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
Annual Joint Meeting of DRMC and TRTC
American Airlines Training and Conference Center, Eagle Wing
4501 Highway South 360 South
Minutes
January 8, 2009

DRMC Executive Committee Members Attending:

Chad Adams (Ellis County)
Mike Baggett (Area Chambers)
Rudy Durham (Lewisville)
Chris Florance (Rockwall County)
Rob Franke (Cedar Hill & Duncanville)
John Harper (Rowlett)
Mary Horn (Denton County)
Joe Jaynes (Collin County)
Pete Kamp (Denton)
Linda Koop (Dallas)
Ron Natinsky (Dallas)
Jayne Peters (Coppell)
Carl Sherman (Lancaster, DeSoto, Glenn Heights & Hutchins)
Grady Smithy (Dallas County)
Rick Stopfer (Irving)

Ex-Officio Members Attending:

Charles Emery (DCTA)
Jorge Figueredo (NTTA)(Janis Davis)
Bill Hale (TxDot) (Bob Brown)
John Hedrick (DCTA)
Michael Morris (COG/RTC)
Koorosh Olyai (DART)
Gary Thomas (DART)

Staff:

John Carpenter
Christene Wheeler

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ken Shetter, Chair of the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The sign-in sheets will be used for attendance purposes.

III. INTRODUCTION OF FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS

Those representatives of federal and state officials' offices, as well as elected officials in attendance were recognized.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES, DRMC TREASURER'S REPORT AND DECEMBER EXPENDITURES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the December 5, 2008, DRMC, and December 3, 2008 TRTC minutes. The minutes were approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the DRMC Treasurer's report and December expenditures. Unanimous approval was given.

V. FOCUS TOPIC – Rail North Texas Advocacy with Linda Koop, Jungus Jordan, Michael Morris and HillCo Partners

Presentations were given on the advocacy plan for passing a bill authorizing local option elections to impose fees to raise revenue to fund regional rail expansion and other transportation improvements.

The TRTC Legislative priorities for the 81st Legislature include:

- Increase resources available for transportation investment
- Authorize local option transportation fees/taxes with voter approval
- Stop diverting transportation funds to non-transportation uses
- Index the motor fuel tax and increase the rate
- Fund Prop 12 general obligation bonds [\$5 billion]
- Recapitalize the Texas Mobility Fund [~\$300 million]
- Capitalize the Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund [~\$200 million]
- Support clean air measures
- Extend the TERP program through 2019
- Appropriate all funds collected from TERP and LIRAP fees and any unexpended fund balances
- Modify LIRAP to expand participation and strengthen the I & M program to deter fraudulent emissions inspections

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – KEN SHETTER

Appreciation was expressed to American Airlines for allowing the joint DRMC/TRTC meeting to be held at their facility. The attendance shows just how important regional cooperation is and can be. All are encouraged to continue support of these important issues.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

From the Dec 17 Texas Transportation Commission meeting:

2030 Committee Releases Findings

12/19/2008



An independent panel of Texas business and transportation experts has concluded that an estimated \$313 billion will be needed to meet the state's road, bridge, rail and port needs through 2030.

The 2030 Committee reported that the most pressing needs over the next 22 years include: \$171 billion for urban transportation projects; \$89 billion to repair and maintain existing roads; \$36 billion to repair and replace structurally deficient bridges; and \$17 billion to improve safety on rural roads.

The committee, appointed earlier in the year by Texas Transportation Chair Deirdre Delisi to assess the state's transportation challenges, held public hearings throughout the state to gather input from Texans. Members worked with researchers from the Center for Transportation Research at the University of Texas at Austin and the Texas Transportation Institute at A&M University to compile the report.

"I appreciate the time and energy members of the 2030 Committee put into developing their independent report on Texas transportation needs. It is my hope that, once finalized, this report can serve as a continuation of our discussion with state and local leaders. We clearly face a tough challenge in providing the transportation system Texans deserve and expect over the coming decades," Delisi said. "By fostering open, communicative and collaborative relationships with leaders across the state, TxDOT can work with local and state governments to identify, finance and implement the innovative solutions required to meet such challenges head-on."

Committee members presented the report to the Texas Transportation Commission on Dec. 17, just in time for the start of the state legislative session on Jan. 13.

VIII. AGENCY REPORTS

▶ DART

In the interest of time, information was provided by handout.

▶ DCTA – Charles Emery

In the interest of time, information was provided by handout.

▶ The T – Dick Ruddell

In the interest of time, information was provided by handout.

▶ MPO – Dan Kessler

In the interest of time, information was provided by handout.

▶ NTTA – Janice Davis

In the interest of time, information was provided by handout.

▶ TxDOT – Dallas – Bob Brown

In the interest of time, information was provided by handout.

▶ TxDOT – Fort Worth

There is no report at this time.

IX. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting is February 6, 2009.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Grady Smithey
Secretary

Date

RESOLUTIONS



RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCAL OPTION
FEES AND TAXES TO FUND TRANSPORTATION
INCLUDING RAIL NORTH TEXAS

WHEREAS, the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition supports regional efforts to address the mobility and air quality needs of the citizens of North Texas; and

WHEREAS, implementing the passenger rail service component of the Metropolitan Mobility Plan of the Regional Transportation Council is essential in addressing the mobility and air quality needs of the citizens of North Texas; and

WHEREAS, local elected officials, business leaders and transportation professionals in North Texas have studied revenue options to fund transportation and regional rail expansion; and

WHEREAS, seeking legislative authority for local option transportation fees and taxes to fund transportation including regional rail expansion appears to be the best solution to address North Texas mobility and air quality challenges.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition Executive Committee that the 81st Texas Legislature be and hereby is urged to authorize metropolitan area counties to levy, subject to voter approval, fees and taxes – vehicle registration fee, motor fuels excise tax, mileage fee, driver’s license fee and new resident impact fee – to raise revenue to fund passenger rail, transit, roadways and freight rail improvements, services, maintenance, operations and debt service.

Passed this 6th day of February 2009.

Chad Adams, Chairman

Grady Smithey, Secretary