



DRMC

**Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
Executive Committee Meeting**

**Friday, April 2, 2010
11:00 a.m.**

**NTTA Offices
5900 Plano Parkway
Plano, Texas 75093**

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April 2, 2010
11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order/Introductions

II. Approval of Minutes of March 5, 2010 DRMC Meeting

III. Treasurer's Report and Approval of March Expenditures

IV. Executive Director's Report

V. Update on the Statewide Legislative Initiative

VI. Keynote Remarks – Work of the House Select Committee on Transportation Funding

State Representative Larry Phillips, Chairman of the House Select Committee on Transportation Funding

Discussion will include the scope of the Committee's work, innovative approaches to the development of critical transportation infrastructure, the feasibility of alternative funding options at the state and local level, and specific areas of focus for North Texas.

VII. Agency Reports

- A. NTTA
- B. TxDOT
- C. RTC
- D. DCTA
- E. DART

VIII. Other Business

- A. Next DRMC meeting – Friday, May 7, 2010
- B. House Select Committee on Transportation Funding – Wednesday, April 7, 2010, 10 a.m., Austin, Room E2.036
- C. RTC – Thursday, April 8, 2010, 1 p.m., NCTCOG
- D. House Transportation Committee – Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 10 a.m., Austin, Room E1.030
- E. Senate Committee on Transportation & Homeland Security – Monday, May 3, 2010, 9 a.m., Houston, George R. Brown Convention Center
- F. Senate Finance Committee – Joint Hearing with Senate Transportation & Homeland Security Committee – Wednesday, May 26, 2010, 9 a.m., Austin, Room E1.030

IX. Adjournment



**Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
Executive Committee Minutes
March 5, 2010**

Executive Committee Members Attending:

Doug Athas, Garland
Mike Cantrell (Dallas County)
Maureen Dickey (Dallas County)
Rudy Durham (Lewisville)
Rob Franke (Cedar Hill)
John Harper (Rowlett)
Mary Horn (Denton County)
Linda Koop (Dallas)
Barbara Leftwich (for Carol Bush, Ellis County)
Steve Mitchell (Richardson)
Jayne Peters (Coppell)
Stan Pickett (Mesquite)
David Prince (Frisco)
Carl Sherman (Lancaster, DeSoto, Glenn Heights & Hutchins)
Grady Smithey (Dallas County Comm.)
Rick Stopfer (Irving)
Paul Wageman (Dallas County Cornm.)

Ex-Officio Members Attending:

Allen Clemson (NTTA)
Charles Emery (DCTA)
Bill Hale (TxDOT) (Cynthia White)
Michael Moms (RTC)
Gary Thomas (DART)

DART Chairman, Bill Vasquez, and Dallas County Commissioner Mauriine Dickey also attended this month's meeting

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING

Chairman Rob Franke called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTE JANUARY 15, 2010 MEETING AND JOINT DRMC/TRTC MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2010

Mary Horn offered a correction to the January 15, 2010, minutes (second page, "help" was corrected to "held"). Judge Horn moved to approve the minutes as corrected and the minutes from the joint meeting; seconded by Mike Cantrell. The minutes of the January 15, 2010 and February 4, 2010 meetings were approved unanimously.

TREASURERS' REPORT AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY'S EXPENDITURES

Treasurer Rick Stopfer reported that the financials for January and February were in order, and moved for approval. Seconded by Grady Smithey and approved unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION

Rob Franke announced that the DRMC Governance Committee, consisting of Rob Franke, Linda Koop, Rick Stopfer, John Harper, Kathy Ward, Grady Smithey, Steve Mitchell, and Jayne Peters, unanimously recommended that the new DRMC Executive Director position should be offered to Rider Scott.

John Harper moved approval of authorizing the DRMC Governance Committee to negotiate and execute a personal services contract with the sole finalist selected for the position of DRMC Executive Director, Mr. Rider Scott. The motion was seconded by several, and it was approved unanimously.

UPDATE ON THE DRMC CONTRACT WITH FOCUSED ADVOCACY

Rob Franke reported that the contract with Focused Advocacy was completed, and that the DRMC has copies of the deliverables. No further action was necessary.

UPDATE ON THE STATEWIDE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE

Rob Franke reported on the effort to develop a statewide transportation legislative agenda, including the statewide meetings that have been held. Linda Koop reported that the city of Dallas will be monitoring these meetings. Grady

Smithey reported that he was in attendance at the February meeting, and that there were approximately 60 people in attendance. No action was necessary.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATION - TRANSIT PROJECTS OF REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Gary Thomas, President & CEO of Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)

Charles Emery, Chairman of the Denton County Transit Authority (DCTA)

Mr. Thomas and Mr. Emery gave presentations about DART and DCTA key transit projects.



DALLAS REGIONAL MOBILITY COALITION

Leading the Way in Metroplex Transportation Advocacy

Governance Committee

March 24, 2010

Co-Chairs

Hon. Rob Franke
Cedar Hill Mayor

The Honorable John Cornyn
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Hon. Jayne Peters
Coppell Mayor

The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison
284 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510-4304

Vice Chair

Hon. Linda Koop
Dallas City Council

Treasurer

Hon. Rick Stopfer
Irving City Council

Dear Senators Cornyn and Hutchison:

Secretary

Hon. Grady Smithey
Duncanville Mayor
Pro Tem

We are writing to you on behalf of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition, the leading voice for mobility solutions in the eastern portion of the DFW Metroplex, to urge your support of H.R. 4853, which includes the Surface Transportation Modification Act of 2010. This bill, which the House recently approved, is very important to provide additional surface transportation funding to Texas, at a time when transportation resources are increasingly scarce.

Chair, Legislative Committee

Hon. Steve Mitchell
Richardson City
Council

H.R. 4853 primarily reauthorizes the FAA's aviation programs, but it also contains two very important surface transportation provisions. Those provisions in Section 9 of the bill would amend the recently passed HIRE Act (H.R. 2847) to resolve concerns with the distribution of certain discretionary highway funding in the HIRE Act. The proposed amendatory language uses the regular highway funding formula for all states and would result in approximately **\$76.9 million more in surface transportation funding to Texas.**

Chair, Finance Committee

Hon. John Harper
Rowlett Mayor

Chair, Communications Committee

Hon. Kathy Ward
Collin County
Commissioner

H.R. 4853 would achieve this in two ways: (1) by distributing the Projects of National and Regional Significance (PNRS) and National Corridor Infrastructure Improvement (Corridor) program funding among all states based on each state's share of FY 2009 highway apportioned funds, rather than just distributing funding to only the 29 states that had PNRS and Corridor projects under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU); and (2) by distributing "additional" highway formula funds (which the bill makes available in lieu of additional Congressionally delegated projects) among all of the highway formula programs, rather than just among six formula programs.

Executive Director
Rider Scott

The Honorable John Cornyn
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The previous, less equitable distribution of funds provided for under the HIRE Act resulted when the urgent need to pass that legislation did not allow sufficient time to reconcile major differences between the surface transportation extension title of the HIRE Act and the surface transportation extension previously passed by the House as part of H.R. 2847, the Jobs for Main Street Act. The provisions of the HIRE Act, as passed, skew the highway funding formula to certain states – resulting in four states receiving 58 percent of the PNRS and Corridor funding, while 22 states received nothing.

The corrective provisions of H.R. 4853 would result in 37 states receiving more surface transportation funding (of which Texas is one), without changing the total amount of funds distributed under the HIRE Act.

Because H.R. 4853 would correct the unintended, inequitable funding distribution included in the HIRE Act and benefit Texas, as well as the vast majority of states, the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition strongly urges you to vote in favor of the bill when it comes before the Senate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Rob Franke
DRMC Co-Chair

Jayne Peters
DRMC Co-Chair

Rider Scott
DRMC Executive Director

Cc: The Honorable Joe Barton
The Honorable Michael Burgess
The Honorable Chet Edwards
The Honorable Kay Granger
The Honorable Ralph Hall
The Honorable Jeb Hensarling
The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
The Honorable Sam Johnson
The Honorable Kenny Marchant
The Honorable John Mica
The Honorable Jim Oberstar
The Honorable Pete Sessions



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEWLY APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION FUNDING TO SPEAK AT APRIL 2 DRMC MEETING

DALLAS – March 24, 2010 – State Representative Larry Phillips, recently appointed by House Speaker Joe Straus as chair of the House Select Committee on Transportation Funding, will speak at the upcoming Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition (DRMC) monthly meeting. The meeting will be held on Friday, April 2, 11 a.m., at the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) offices at 5900 Plano Parkway in Plano.

Phillips was named by the House Speaker to lead the committee's efforts, which include exploring innovative approaches to transportation infrastructure, examining the feasibility of alternative funding options, as well as addressing transparency and accountability in the state's transportation system. In addition to his leadership of this interim committee, Rep. Phillips is the vice chair of the House Committee on Transportation.

"We are excited to have Chairman Phillips at our meeting and eager to hear his thoughts on transportation funding," said Rob Franke, DRMC co-chair and mayor of Cedar Hill. "The DRMC looks forward to working closely with the special interim committee on the development of funding proposals for the next legislative session. We believe this will open the much needed discussion on mobility solutions to sustain our region's growth and economic development."

The Dallas-Fort Worth region is the fourth largest metropolitan area in the country and the fifth most congested. According to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), the region's population is expected to reach 8.5 million by 2030. With this continued growth, by 2030, Dallas-Fort Worth drivers can anticipate spending collectively more than 1.6 million hours in traffic delay at an annual congestion cost of \$6.5 billion. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will have no funding for new transportation projects starting in 2012, and many critical North Texas transportation projects will be shelved, absent funding solutions.

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DRMC members – elected officials at the city and county level as well as transportation agency representatives – are committed to the continued exploration of, and support for, solutions to the region’s mobility needs. Phillips’ presentation at the April 2nd meeting will further the dialogue between lawmakers and regional leaders on finding a funding solution that is sustainable and flexible. The special interim committee will submit recommendations to the 82nd Session of the Texas Legislature, which convenes in January 2011.

About the DRMC

The Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition (DRMC) is an organization of cities, counties and public transportation agencies in a five-county region on the eastern side of the DFW Metroplex that advocates for transportation policy, funding and solutions on a local, state and federal level. The DRMC has four critical objectives:

1. Improve mobility and safety;
2. Improve air quality;
3. Enhance quality of life through reduced commuting and travel times; and
4. Support economic vitality.

The DRMC meets on the first Friday of every month at the headquarters of the North Texas Tollway Authority, 5900 Plano Parkway, Plano. For more information about the DRMC and a full calendar of upcoming transportation meetings and events in North Texas, visit www.dallasmobility.org.

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Dear North Texas City Leaders,

As part of the DRMC's continuing effort to engage key stakeholders from the eastern part of the Metroplex and to take a leadership role in seeking funding solutions for critical transportation priorities, I'd like to invite and encourage you - or another city representative - to attend the next monthly meeting of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition (DRMC). This very important DRMC meeting will take place on **Friday, April 2, at 11:00 a.m.**, in the Board Room at the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) Offices, 5900 Plano Parkway in Plano.



The featured speaker at the meeting will be **State Representative Larry Phillips**, who was just appointed **Chairman of the House Select Committee on Transportation Funding** by Speaker Joe Straus.

During the meeting, not only will you hear insights from Representative Phillips about the work of this Committee, but also you will have the opportunity to participate in a meaningful conversation on transportation funding, to impact the scope of the Committee's work and to provide your thoughts on specific areas of focus or attention.

Last month, House Speaker Joe Straus announced the appointments for this special interim committee, whose charges include exploring innovative approaches to the development of critical transportation infrastructure, examining the feasibility of alternative funding options at the state and local level. The formation of the committee is significant because it opens up the much needed discussion on transportation funding.

If the Legislature does not find a way to invest in mobility, numerous crucial transportation projects face being pulled off the drawing board in the eastern portion of the Metroplex. Our current transportation infrastructure and current funding sources simply cannot keep pace with the region's population growth and economic development.

Following this email is a full list of members serving on the House Select Committee on Transportation Funding and a list of all the charges given the Committee by the Speaker.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting, and hope your city will also consider becoming a member of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition.

Sincerely,



Rider Scott
Executive Director, Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition

The following members serve on the **House Select Committee on Transportation Funding:**

The Honorable Larry Phillips, Chair
The Honorable Eddie Rodriguez, Vice Chair
The Honorable Roberto Alonzo
The Honorable Bill Callegari
The Honorable Drew Darby
The Honorable Ryan Guillen
The Honorable Patricia Harless
The Honorable Todd Hunter
The Honorable Edmund Kuempel
The Honorable Armando "Mando" Martinez
The Honorable Ruth McClendon
The Honorable Joe Pickett
The Honorable Wayne Smith
The Honorable Senfronia Thompson
The Honorable Vicki Truitt

Subcommittee on Funding:

The Honorable Drew Darby, Chair
The Honorable Patricia Harless
The Honorable Todd Hunter
The Honorable Ruth McClendon
The Honorable Joe Pickett
The Honorable Eddie Rodriguez
The Honorable Vicki Truitt

Subcommittee on Planning & Accountability:

The Honorable Ryan Guillen, Chair
The Honorable Roberto Alonzo
The Honorable Bill Callegari
The Honorable Edmund Kuempel
The Honorable Armando "Mando" Martinez
The Honorable Wayne Smith
The Honorable Senfronia Thompson

Charges to the Committee:

1. focus on the need for increased transparency and accountability in all facets of transportation planning, development and implementation;
2. review the current funding options being utilized to determine their effectiveness at meeting future funding demands;
3. analyze the amount of funding needed to meet future transportation infrastructure and maintenance needs;
4. assess the dollars per mile spent in construction (considering the state's varying geographic, environmental and climate conditions) to determine whether our state is making efficient use of current transportation funding resources;
5. explore innovative approaches to encourage local government entities to participate in the development of critically needed transportation projects; and
6. consider the feasibility of using alternative funding options at the state and local levels to meet the expected growth and demand for transportation infrastructure, rail relocation and high-speed rail.

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