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## **DRMC MEMBERS SUPPORT STATEWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS, INCLUDING PROPOSITION 6 ON NOV. 5 BALLOT**

**DALLAS – November 1, 2013** – The Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition (DRMC) through its member cities and counties wants to express its strong support for investing in Texas infrastructure to strengthen the state’s economy and create jobs. The first step is to vote “yes” on Proposition 6, to invest in the state’s water funding proposal on the Nov. 5, 2013 ballot.

“In keeping with our consistent advocacy for critical funding to advance badly needed state infrastructure improvements, we are urging Texans to support Proposition 6,” said Lissa Smith, DRMC co-chair and mayor pro tem for the City of Plano. “Citizens can contribute to our continued economic prosperity and quality of life now by casting their votes in favor of this proposition. They can do so again in November 2014 by voting for the Legislative proposal to allocate a portion of the Rainy Day Fund to transportation projects such as vital road maintenance and capacity enhancements.”

Proposition 6, one of nine proposed constitutional amendments up for consideration this November, would authorize a revolving loan program to fund local water projects through a one-time investment of \$2 billion from the Economic Stabilization Fund (a.k.a., the Rainy Day Fund). The revolving loan program will ultimately finance \$27 billion in water conservation and infrastructure projects in the State Water Plan, helping to address Texas' water needs today and 50 years into the future, without raising taxes or creating new taxes on citizens and businesses.

For more information on Proposition 6, visit [www.txwaterprop6yes.org](http://www.txwaterprop6yes.org), or to see the State Water Plan, visit <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/waterplanning/swp/>.

On a related note, DRMC members played a critical role in helping state legislators devise a creative solution to the state’s transportation infrastructure needs during the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session. The resulting legislation, Senate Joint Resolution 1 (SJR 1), goes to voters for approval on the November 2014 ballot. It is the largest single, non-debt transportation funding vehicle passed by the Texas Legislature in over two decades and would generate an estimated \$1.2 billion in new transportation revenue for the state annually.

“DRMC members have repeatedly stressed the importance of local support for statewide infrastructure investments and long-term, sustainable transportation funding,” said Rob Franke, co-chair of the DRMC and mayor of Cedar Hill. “First with water this November, and then with

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transportation next November, we need Texans to stand with us and communicate through their votes that investment in infrastructure to support our economy and job creation is a top priority.”

DRMC’s membership includes the following city and county representatives:

Tim Campbell, Councilmember, Garland  
Rudy Durham, Mayor Pro Tem, Lewisville  
Rob Franke, Mayor, Cedar Hill  
Sandy Greyson, Councilmember, Dallas  
Vonciel Jones Hill, Councilmember, Dallas  
Mary Horn, County Judge, Denton County  
Karen Hunt, Mayor, Coppell  
Clay Jenkins, County Judge, Dallas County  
Sheffie Kadane, Councilmember, Dallas  
Pete Kamp, Councilmember, Denton  
John Keating, Councilmember, Frisco  
Geraldyn Kever, Councilmember, McKinney  
Brad LaMorgese, Councilmember, Irving  
David Magness, County Commissioner, Rockwall  
County

Matthew Marchant, Mayor, Carrollton  
Steve Mitchell, Councilmember, Richardson  
Martin Molloy, Senior Vice President, Half Associates  
Stan Pickett, Councilmember, Mesquite  
Carl Sherman, Mayor, DeSoto  
Lissa Smith, Mayor Pro Tem, Plano  
Grady Smithey, Dallas County Community Leader  
Steve Terrell, Mayor, Allen  
Paul Wageman, Dallas Community Leader  
Duncan Webb, County Commissioner, Collin County

### **About the DRMC**

The **Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition** (DRMC) is an organization of cities, counties and public transportation agencies in a five-county region (Dallas, Denton, Collin, Rockwall and Ellis) that advocates for transportation policy, funding and solutions on a local, state and federal level.

The DRMC supports policies and initiatives that:

1. Invest in infrastructure to keep our region competitive with other state and foreign markets
2. Achieve more efficient movement of people and goods
3. Improve our air quality by reducing congestion
4. Recognize that our quality of life depends on adequate and efficient transportation

For more information about the DRMC and a full calendar of upcoming transportation meetings and events in North Texas, visit [www.dallasmobility.org](http://www.dallasmobility.org).

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