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**Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
Executive Committee Meeting**

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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. Approval of Minutes of October 2, 2009 and November 6, 2009 Meetings**
(see attached)
- III. Treasurer's Report and Approval of October, November and December Expenditures**
- IV. DRMC Nominating Committee – Chair, Linda Koop**
Presentation of the Slate of Officers for 2010
- V. Consider Approval of Contract Renewal with Cooksey Communications**
- VI. DRMC/TRTC Legislative Issues (DRAFT) *(see attached)***
- VII. Consider Approval of Contract with Curtis Seidlits of Focused Advocacy for Consulting and Planning Services**
- VIII. Keynote Presentation – Michael Morris and Bill Hale**

*"Highway Projects of Regional Significance -
an Update on the Top 10 Priority Projects for the East"*
- IX. Committee Reports**
 - A. Governance Committee
- X. Agency Reports**
 - A. DCTA
 - B. DART
 - C. RTC
 - D. TxDOT
 - E. NTTA

XI. Other Business-

A. Executive Search Update

B. Upcoming Meetings of Interest

1. Texas Transportation Commission
Wednesday, January 27, 1:30 p.m., Austin – Workshop
Thursday, January 28, 9:00 a.m., Austin – TTC Meeting
2. Sixth Annual Southwestern Rail Conference
January 28 & 29, Dallas, Magnolia Hotel
www.SWRailConf.org
3. RTC
Friday, January 29, 2:30 p.m., NCTCOG, Arlington
4. Joint Meeting of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security
Committee and the House Transportation Committee
Monday, February 1, 8:00 a.m., Austin
5. Annual Joint DRMC-TRTC Meeting
Thursday, February 4, 10:00 a.m.
Cowboys Stadium, Arlington

XII. Adjournment



**Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
Executive Committee Minutes
October 2, 2009**

Executive Committee Members Attending:

Mike Baggett (Area Chambers)
Carol Bush (Ellis County)
Mike Cantrell (Dallas County)
Rudy Durham (Lewisville)
Rob Franke (Cedar Hill)
Mary Horn (Denton County)
Steve Mitchell (Richardson)
David Prince (Frisco)
Jayne Peters (Coppell)
Stan Pickett (Mesquite)
Carl Sherman (Lancaster, DeSoto, Glenn Heights & Hutchins)
Grady Smithey (Dallas County Comm.)
Paul Wageman (Dallas County Comm.)
Kathy Ward (Collin County)

Ex-Officio Members Attending:

Charles Emery (DCTA)
Allen Clemson (NTTA)
Bill Hale (TxDot) (Cynthia White)
Michael Morris (COG/RTC) (Kurt Kilpatrick)
Gary Thomas (DART) (Koorosh Olyai)

Staff:

John Carpenter
Christene Wheeler

OPENING

Chairman Rob Franke called the meeting to order.

There was a discussion new meeting places. Some suggestions were Dallas Library, Fair Park and the Dallas Greater Chamber of Commerce meeting place. Parking at Fair Park is free. Other places have a charge. The Executive Committee is still looking into other places.

Carl Sherman suggested that if the meeting moves around that it should be held at one location for at least 3 months. After that, move to another location for 3 months. This would give some stability for the meetings.

Reviewed the minutes from October's meeting.
Reviewed the treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORT

-Governance Committee

Report given by Robert Franke

Equity Issue-

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AGENCY REPORTS

-NTTA

Report given by Allen Clemson.

- Touched on the highlights of accomplishments in handout.
- Having a meeting on October 8th at 7:00 pm in Rowlett on the George Bush Turnpike extension.
- Will be having stakeholder meetings on Dallas North Tollway.
- Having meetings with elected officials and engineers.
- Rick Herrington has resigned from NTTA. He has taken a position with a major consulting group and will be holding a national level position with them.

-DCTA

Report given by Charles Emery.

- Referred to handout for general information.
- Stated that the Equity Issues meetings are a good foresight. If DRMC uses what was learned from the past, they should be very beneficial.

-DART

Report given by Koorash Olyai.

- DART continues having enforcement issues on HOV occupancy requirements.

- Discussed maintaining and changing of pylon types on I75 and LBJ.
- Park and Ride project at Park Road and George Bush Turnpike were completed. Each now has over 200 parking spaces.
- Noted that other highlights and information is in the handouts.

-RTC

Report given by Kirk Kilpatrick.

- Two important items have happened administratively.
 - RTC, as and MPO for the region, has obtained its certification from FTA and Federal Highways.
 - Air Quality Conformity was received.
- MPA Boundary Expansion will be on the RTC agenda for this month.
- Has received a grant to replace or to retrofit heavy construction equipment and vehicles. If a city is in need for replacement of or retrofitting of heavy construction equipment, please apply.

Amanda Wilson provided a presentation on rescissions. The report will be put into text and emailed to DRMC. (This will be added to the next month's packet.)

Grady Smithey asked if RTC will be addressing the issue of a county having enough population and not receiving a seat on the MPO Board.

Kirk Kilpatrick stated that RTC looked into that issue before and how to address it. RTC will be looking into it again.

Rob Franke asked for a update report on RTR projects at the next DRMC meeting.

-TxDOT

Report given by Cynthia White.

- Estimating that maybe 10% of the stimulus funds will come to our region.
- Looking into how those funds will impact projects.
- Reference highlights from handout.
- Working on making the TxDOT website more user friendly. There is a wealth of information on it.

MINUTES- The next order of business was the approval of the minutes of September 2009 DRMC Executive Committee meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Treasurer's Report for September 2009 was passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

TML Reception update was given by Rob Franke. Senator Carona is unable to attend. His Chief-of-Staff has agreed to accept the award in his place. There was some discussion on changing the date to accommodate Senator Carona's schedule. However, the reception was based around the TML and drawing people who would typically not involve themselves in transportation. Reception will move forward as planned.

John Carpenter mentioned that a joint resolution with TRTC will be created honoring Senator Carona and Representative Truitt. A draft will be sent out electronically for approval.

ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

Grady Smithey
Secretary, DRMC

Date



**Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition
Executive Committee Minutes
November 6, 2009**

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Carol Bush (Ellis County) (Barbara Leftwich)
Rudy Durham (Lewisville)
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Chairman Rob Franke called the meeting to order.

Mayor Franke thanked Mr. Allen Clemson for hosting the meeting at the NTTA Headquarters. Mr. Clemson welcomed everyone and gave a brief update on the facility. He also offered the facility for future DRMC meetings.

FOCUS TOPIC- TxDOT

-Bill Hale

Mr. Hale provided a presentation that reviewed TxDOT's mission, vision and goals. He also presented the Prop 12 overview -- history to present day. (See slides copies at end of notes.)

After a brief discussion on the presentation provided by TxDOT, it was decided that everything is not ready to approach legislation. Jayne Peters asked if Rob Franke would create a letter for Judge Mary Horn to take to a public hearing in Austin on Monday and let her represent DRMC.

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AGENCY REPORTS

-DCTA

Report given by Jim Witt.

- Referenced handout
- Stated that DCTA is currently looking for a new president

-DART

Report given by Koorash Olyai.

- Citizens reporting system available in January
- Repeat violators will be reported to official
- May remove "Hero Number" from signs due to dangers with cell phone usage while driving
- Have completed the review of HOV lanes time extensions
May be opened no more than 15 minutes longer
- Asked for all to read the hand-out for information on the Integrated Corridor Project

Steve Mitchell mentioned that the pylons were working well.

Grady Smithey inquired about the extended times on I-35.

Koorosh Olyai stated that there is a two hour time need to reverse lane traffic. The studies show that there is no need to be open later than 7:00 pm.

-RTC

Report given by Michael Morris.

- Randall Hyde is working with Amanda Wilson on Transportation
- If anyone has projects close to letting and is environmentally cleared, suggests getting them started. See RTC if there is a small match needed to start those projects
- Asked that everyone review their handouts
- There are rescission concerns
- Issues: concern for politicians needing to commit to the Tier 1 projects, then Tier 2 projects, then look at Tier 3 projects. If Tier 3 projects go before Tier 1 projects, confidence in the system is lost
- Reviewed RTR cash balance report. Reminded all that information is on the RTC website
- RTC Agenda
 - Teams in the region are working on 121 and 161. Work should be done in December.
 - Need for policy officials to focus on Proposition 12 and 14
 - TxDOT will select a Board on high speed rail
 - RTC has to proceed -- Joe Pickett will be it for RTC
 - 3 items may hurt RTC at the meeting in Austin
 - December adjustments will be made to see construction begins
 - Change in policy showing TxDOT owes \$57 million in overage. RTC may give TxDOT the funds that projects may proceed
 - NTTA owes \$156 million for the George Bush Turnpike. RTC was asked to pick up the loan. This would assist in advancing the project.
 - RTC will discuss \$17 million underage. Will find projects to apply the funds toward
 - TxDOT enhancement projects call is on the website

- RTC may ask Texas Transportation Commission to postpone some topics for the November agenda to provide more time for preparation
- Fund 6 needs funds out by January or they are at risk of being taken by the government

-TxDOT

Report given by Bill Hale.

- Reviewed projects being let in handout “Progress Report”
- Corridor TTC- 35
 - Tier 1 is being closed out with no action. If it happens, information from that will assist in Tier 2.
 - Greg Hirsch is working on information for segments in the region that need improvements. Please contact him if you have any information
- 635 project is waiting on financial close. Once done progress will occur quickly
- Woodall Rodgers Bridge has no safety issues or immigration issues.

Grady Smithey asked if RTC had preserved the right-of-way to South Loop 9. Could some funds be deferred to this project?

Bill Hale responded that they will need to work with Michael Morris to find out. It needs to be environmentally cleared and preserve right away to lock it in.

Michael Morris stated that NTTA and TxDOT are beginning conversations and the environmental issues are working. May be worked out in the next few months.

-NTTA

Report given by Allen Clemson.

- Meeting on Monday in Austin on 161
- Looking at issue notice to proceed on Grand Prairie project
- Reviewed projects in handout

- Having a meeting on administrative fees for billing process on toll violations. 92% of people pay. Continuing to work on issues and making it clear.

MINUTES- Because a quorum was not met, minutes to be approved at next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Because a quorum was not met, the treasurer's report to be approved at next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Mayor Franke stated that DRMC is pursuing a federal representative to speak at the December meeting. If this does not happen, the December meeting will be cancelled.
- TML Reception bill was reviewed for payment by Rob Franke.
- Mayor Franke acknowledged the new DRMC lapel pins.
- New meeting locations are still being pursued. Will discuss with holding meetings at NTTA headquarters with NTTA staff.
- Equity Issue meeting in the works. Getting the correct names to Christene and John to get meeting set-up
- Resolution for Truitt and Carona will be drafted for approval
- John Carpenter has given his resignation. He will continue until the end of the year.
 - Recommend looking into search firms to find a new executive to meet the profile of the committee. The firm will suggest 1-3 candidates. They will be brought to the Board for consideration.
 - Could have a firm under contract by next week. Interviews with the committee by the firm will be conducted to create the profile for the new executive.
 - Looking at beginning next year to have candidates. Recommends Chris Hartung for the search firm
- John Carpenter mentioned that there will be a more formal statement later.

ADJOURNED

Respectfully submitted,

Grady Smithey
Secretary, DRMC

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*Tarrant Regional
Transportation Coalition*



82nd Texas Legislature DRAFT Transportation Agenda

Goal: Increase resources available to fund identified transportation maintenance, rehabilitation and capacity needs.

* One bill to...

- Stop the diversion of transportation resources over time
- Index the state tax on gasoline and diesel fuel to stop the erosion of purchasing power
- Increase the rate of the state tax on gasoline and diesel fuel by ten cents per gallon and allocate the revenue to the TxDOT districts by formula to fund needed road, rail and transit projects
- Authorize counties in metropolitan planning areas to hold local option elections so that their citizens can vote to decide if they want to pay to fund specific transportation projects with a mobility improvement fee and/or a county motor fuel tax...much like a local bond election.

* One joint resolution to...

- Amend the Texas Constitution to permit the Comptroller to adjust the rate of the state tax on motor fuel annually (indexing), to phase out DPS funding with gas tax and vehicle registration fee revenues (diversions), to authorize a voter-approved county motor fuel tax and vehicle registration fee to fund road, rail and transit projects, and to allow revenue from the new ten cent state motor fuel tax to fund rail and transit as well as roads.

One bill to...

- Restore authority to use public private partnerships and comprehensive development agreements to fund transportation projects.

One bill to...

- Expand the ability to use reinvestment zones to fund transportation.

* NOTE: The DRAFT Transportation Investment Act is available at www.ntc-dfw.org/transportation