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AGENDA

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
- II. Approval of Minutes of October 2, 2009 Meeting**
- III. Treasurers' Report and Approval of October's Expenditures**
- IV. Focus Topic: Presentation- TxDOT's Strategic Plan**
- V. Committee Reports-**
 - A. Governance Committee*
 - B. Finance Committee*
- VI. Agency Reports**
 - A. DCTA*
 - B. DART*
 - C. RTC*
 - D. TxDot*
 - E. NTTA*
- VII. Other Business-**
 - A. Equity Issue meetings status*
 - B. TML Reception Report- any suggested additional event ideas*
 - C. Approval of resolutions for Senator Carona and Representative Truitt*
 - D. Executive search contract*
- VIII. Adjournment**

MEETING NOTES



**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-

Discussed the equity issue between transit and non-transit cities. Jayne Peters and Kathy Ward are working on a general agenda with some prominent speakers. They are looking at beginning the meetings with the history of DART, 4A, 4B cities and work up to the present situation. Once everything is current start addressing the policy issues.

Jayne Peters stated that they are working on a small planning group to make sure that everything is covered. Collin County will host the meeting.

John Carpenter stated that the objective is to find a resolution for this issue that would address the issue to everyone's satisfaction.

Rob Franke suggested to try and have a planning meeting to create an agenda and layout the schedule for the Equity Issue's meetings.

John Carpenter suggested making it a regional effort and invite TRTC to join in the discussions.

Rob Frake informed everyone that DRMC had planned on having 3 of the 4 candidates running for County Judge come and speak on their views of transportation. It was not to be a debate. However, because the DRMC meetings are held in a county building and the presentations were deemed to be political, the County Judge's office advised that we would be unable to host that meeting. If the DRMC meeting switched venues, this program may be able to be held.

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

HANDOUTS

Rescission Timeline

	Sept. 23, 2009	Sept. 25, 2009	Sept. 29, 2009	Sept. 30, 2009	Oct. 1, 2009
House	<p>Passes 3-month SAFETEA-LU extension</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not repeal rescission due to \$490 million impact to the deficit – this violates “pay as you go” rules of the House House feels that by passing a new long-term transportation bill soon, the effect of the rescission would be negated 	<p>Appropriations conferees try to repeal the rescission through the continuing resolution – effort fails</p> <p>Passes 1-month appropriations continuing resolution to continue funding at last year’s level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lower than last year’s appropriated amount because it is net after the rescission 			<p>In Texas: \$742 million rescission (out of \$8.7 billion nationwide) takes effect</p> <p>TxDOT is working with MPOs to identify any projects to be impacted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects now under construction tentatively thought to be able to proceed Impact to 12-month letting schedule still unknown Future year projects may be delayed <p>Air quality funds were rescinded (due to requirement to rescind funds proportionally across categories), so MPOs must make sure SIP commitment projects keep moving forward</p>
Senate	<p>Environment & Public Works Committee working on 18-month SAFETEA-LU extension that would also repeal the rescission</p>		<p>Continuing work to find \$490 million in budget offsets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unspent stimulus or TARP funds considered <p>EPW Committee agrees with House to a 3-month SAFETEA-LU extension</p>	<p>Takes no action to extend SAFETEA-LU</p> <p>Takes no action to repeal rescission</p> <p>Passes 1-month continuing resolution</p>	

Rescissions Summary

SAFETEA-LU, the current surface transportation authorization bill, expired on September 30, 2009. A new authorization bill has not been passed. The House of Representatives passed a 3-month extension, but the Senate has not passed an extension at this time.

Transportation programs continue to have authority under a continuing resolution of appropriations. This bill allows for a 1-month extension of appropriations for all branches of government, including transportation, at FY 2009 levels. In reality, the continuing resolution provides less funding for transportation than was originally appropriated in FY 2009 because the \$8.7 billion rescission is subtracted from the original appropriated amount to achieve a net FY 2009 funding amount.

Finally, an \$8.7 billion nationwide rescission went into effect on October 1, 2009. This rescission is a result of SAFETEA-LU authorizing more money to be spent on transportation than the Highway Trust Fund could support. This is a final balancing of the books at the end of the bill. Texas' share of this rescission is \$742 million, which must be allocated proportionally across the funding programs per a 2007 Energy bill. In Texas, some funding programs did not have enough unobligated balances to accommodate this rescission, so there was a second round of allocations among programs. Because of this, final totals from each of the programs are still being calculated.

The Texas Department of Transportation is working closely with MPOs to determine any impact on projects. In the Dallas-Fort Worth region, it is important to note that air quality funding was reduced by the rescission. Being in nonattainment for ozone, certain transportation projects are commitments in the State Implementation Plan, and before any list of impacted projects is developed, funding may have to be shifted to ensure that air quality commitment projects move forward.

In Congress, the next steps are to pass a FY 2010 transportation appropriations bill to fund transportation programs through September 30, 2010. In addition, Congress will need to either pass a new transportation authorization bill to replace SAFETEA-LU or extend SAFETEA-LU to allow time to pass the next transportation bill.



A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF TEXAS STATE SENATOR JOHN CARONA

WHEREAS, the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition and Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition are leading advocates for critical transportation solutions in the North Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, during the 81st Texas Legislative Session, as well as throughout his distinguished career, Texas State Senator John Carona has served as a vocal, effective and passionate advocate for transportation solutions, and since 2006 has served a vital role as chairman of the Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee; and,

WHEREAS, during the 81st Texas Legislative Session, Senator Carona tirelessly and diligently advocated for transportation funding mechanisms to ensure that the North Texas region would be able to meet the transportation and mobility needs of its residents and businesses over the coming decades, including his sponsorship and strong support of the Texas Local Option Transportation Act; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Carona continues to work on identifying and mobilizing support for transportation solutions that will ease traffic congestion, improve air quality and maintain the quality of life of North Texas residents; and,

WHEREAS, these solutions are of critical importance to North Texas in order to serve the needs of a rapidly growing population, to sustain the region's thriving regional economy and to address the increasing scarcity of infrastructure funding resources at both the state and federal level.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition and the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition, that we commend Texas State Senator John Carona for his service to the region and leadership on statewide transportation issues, and we pledge our continued support for transportation solutions that will benefit the entire North Texas region.

THIS RESOLUTION TO BE OFFICIALLY ADOPTED BY THE DALLAS REGIONAL MOBILITY COALITION AND TARRANT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COALITION AT THEIR RESPECTIVE MONTHLY MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER 2009.

Rob Franke, DRMC Chair

Kathryn Wilemon, TRTC Chair



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WHEREAS, the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition and Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition are leading advocates for critical transportation solutions in the North Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, during the 81st Texas Legislative Session, as well as throughout her distinguished career, Texas State Representative Vicki Truitt has served as a vocal, effective and passionate advocate for the North Texas region and her constituents; and,

WHEREAS, during the 81st Texas Legislative Session, Representative Truitt tirelessly and diligently advocated for transportation funding mechanisms to ensure that the North Texas region would be able to meet the transportation and mobility needs of its residents and businesses over the coming decades, including her sponsorship and strong support of the Texas Local Option Transportation Act; and,

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