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## **AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order/Introductions**
  
- II. Approval of Minutes of May 1, 2009 Meeting**
  
- III. Treasurers' Report and Approval of May Expenditure**
  
- V. Legislative Update- John Carpenter – DRMC – DRMC Legislative Agenda**
  
- VI. Committee Reports**
  - A. By-Laws Committee-** Seeking approval of presented By-Laws.
  
- VII. Agency Reports**
  - A. DART**
  - B. RTC**
  - C. TxDOT**
  - D. NTTA**
  - E. DCTA**
  
- VIII. Other Business**
  
- IX. Adjournment**

# **MEETING NOTES**

**Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition  
Executive Committee Minutes  
May 1, 2009**

**Executive Committee Members Attending:**

Douglas Athas (Garland)  
Mike Baggett (Area Chambers)  
Rudy Durham (Lewisville)  
Rob Franke (Cedar Hill & Duncanville)  
John Harper (Rowlett)  
Mary Horn (Denton County)  
Joe Jaynes (Collin County) (Kathy Ward)  
Ron Natinsky (Dallas)  
Jayne Peters (Coppell)  
Stan Pickett (Mesquite)  
Carl Sherman (Lancaster, DeSoto, Glenn Heights & Hutchins)  
Rick Stopfer (Irving)

**Ex-Officio Members Attending:**

Charles Emery (DCTA)  
Janice Davis (NTTA)  
Bill Hale (TxDot)  
Michael Morris (COG/RTC)  
Koorosh Olyai (DART)

**Staff:**

John Carpenter  
Christene Wheeler

## **OPENING**

Chairman Rob Franke called the meeting to order.

**SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION-** Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson spoke on the transportation issues in Washington and in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

**MINUTES-** The next order of business was the approval of the minutes of the April 3, 2009 DRMC Executive Committee meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT-** Rick Stopfer presented monthly report for April and a move for approval was made. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

## **FOCUS TOPICS-**

### **-NTTA Update**

Report given by Rick Herrington.

Provided a presentation on NTTA's conversion to an All-Electronic Toll Collection process. The board was provide with a handout of the presentation.

### **-Legislative Update**

Report given by John Carpenter.

Informed the board that updates will be provided weekly in the DRMC electronic newsletter that is sent out on Fridays. An e-update will be sent out as items and issues progress or action is required. The e-update will assist in keeping everyone updated with the latest information.

Briefly touched on certain bills and mentioned that more detailed information will follow in the newsletter.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **-By-Laws Committee**

Report given by Douglas Athas.

Reviewed the red-line draft of the by-laws. These changes will be made and a final draft will be provided at June's meeting for a final approval and vote.

A suggestion to number the pages for easy reference was noted and will be added.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

### **-DCTA**

Report given by Charles Emery

-Reviewed highlights of handout.

## **-DART**

Report given by Koorosh Olyai.

- Reviewed highlights of handout and graphs.
- Provided latest ridership numbers.

## **-RTC**

Report given by Michael Morris.

- Discussed some projects in the House of Representatives in Austin.
- Made note that projects in the region will be tracked and updated on the North Central Texas Council of Governments website, [www.nctcog.org/trans/RTR/tracking.asp](http://www.nctcog.org/trans/RTR/tracking.asp). This will provide additional transparency for tracking revenue and projects.
- Reviewed chart handout of the Bills that are in the Senate.
  - The first 6 projects on the chart should be exempt in the Senate Bill 17.
- Discussed adding additional projects to Senate Bill 17.
- Reviewed Senate Bill 1353.

## **-TxDOT**

Report given by Bill Hale.

- Stated that there are articles questioning the US75 projects safety. The US 75 project is very safe and is in no way substandard.
- Reviewed handout in regards to projects and lettings.
- Read a letter from Commissioner Delisi in regards to TxDOT.

## **-NTTA**

Report given by Janice Davis .

- Reviewed handouts.
- Working with TxDOT to get ratings on the 161 Toll Equity Loan Agreement.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Rob Franke discussed alternative meeting locations. He and John Carpenter will be visiting some suggested locations and reporting back to the board at the next meeting.

## **ADJOURNED**

Respectfully submitted,

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Grady Smithey  
Secretary, DRMC

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Date

# **HANDOUTS**

**To:** Rep. Yvonne Davis<[claude.spivey@house.state.tx.us](mailto:claude.spivey@house.state.tx.us)>; Rep. Mallory Caraway<[bmallorycaraway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bmallorycaraway@sbcglobal.net)>

**Subject:** Red Light Cameras

Honorable Ladies,

Please let me take this opportunity to relate to you why I support the use of red light cameras in my city and others in Texas. Duncanville is located in southwest Dallas County in a position to be passed through by many more people than live in it. In the last six months period 86.5% of the tickets issued have been to nonresidents of Duncanville and only 13.5% to our residents. Why would I as a serving City Councilman want to encourage nonresidents of my town to endanger their lives and the lives of our residents who elected me to look out for their best interests by making it easier for them to run red lights in contravention of the state laws passed by our Legislature? To do so would be a flagrant dereliction of my duties to the citizens who have elected me ten times to serve on their City Council!

Furthermore, we have not had a single fatality caused by a red light runner since we instituted the camera surveillance. I personally was badly injured by a stake bed truck which ran a red light in Dallas in 1978. My son has been run into by red light runners twice here in Duncanville. His permanent back problems were caused directly by those crashes. He is 40 and I am 66, but I'm the one who is able to do any heavy lifting around our place.

Red light cameras are not the financial goldmine their vocal opponents assume them to be. Further they do not discriminate by race, color, creed or gender--they just take pictures of the car, not the occupants. The State of Texas receives 50% of the net after operating expenses from the cameras. It was supposed to be used for trauma centers but I believe y'all put into the general fund.

Finally, there is a thoroughly fair appeals process if you are issued a ticket by the policeman who view all the pictures taken by the cameras. I have experienced this first hand since I went through the appeals process after my wife was issued two tickets for running the light at US-67 and Daniieldale Road. Just as many red light runners do, she felt she had stopped, but the camera showed she had slowed, almost stopped but her wheels never came to a complete stop. Those violations cost us \$75 each. Like many of our citizens, she now comes to a complete stop. If this changed behavior on her part prevents her from hurting herself or others for the rest of her life it will be the best money I ever spent.

Grady Smithey,  
Duncanville City Council District Four  
Secretary, Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition