



**AGENDA**

**Executive Committee Meeting  
Friday, September 9, 2011 - 11:00 a.m.  
NTTA Offices  
5900 West Plano Parkway  
Plano, Texas 75093**

- 1. Call to Order**
  
- 2. Approval of June 2011, July 2011 and August 2011, Treasurer’s Reports**  
 Action    Possible Action    Information
  
- 3. Chair’s Report**  
 Action    Possible Action    Information
  - 1) Discuss DRMC Membership and Welcome New Members (K. Lay)
  - 2) Recognize John Harper for His Outstanding Service to DRMC (L.Koop)
  
- 4. Keynote Presentation:**  
 Action    Possible Action    Information

**John Barton, TxDOT Executive Director, Interim**

Mr. Barton will brief North Texas city and county elected officials about the new process for overseeing and implementing Comprehensive Development Agreements (CDAs). TxDOT has established an organizational structure to manage and implement these regional projects. Mr. Barton will outline how state and local oversight will be coordinated.

- 5. Surface Transportation Reauthorization**  
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