

Interagency Transportation Report

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Regional Transportation Council (RTC)

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) was designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area in July 1974. The Regional Transportation Council is the independent transportation policy body of the MPO, and the NCTCOG's Transportation Department serves as staff to support the policy decisions made by the RTC.

The RTC meets the second Thursday of each month at the offices of the NCTCOG in Arlington. Its forty-four members include local elected or appointed officials from the metropolitan area and representatives from each of the area's transportation providers. The RTC oversees the metropolitan transportation planning process for a twelve county area, and controls the programming of most federal and state transportation funding that comes to the region.

Primary activities:

- Guiding the development of multimodal transportation plans and programs.
- Determining the allocation of federal, state and regional transportation funds.
- Selecting transportation projects in some programs and recommending projects to the Texas Transportation Commission for other programs.
- Ensuring transportation providers coordinate services.
- Ensuring the metropolitan area complies with state and federal laws and regulations regarding transportation and air quality.
- Coordinating a public involvement process.

Major Plan Approvals:

- Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – often called the “Regional Mobility Plan”
- Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
- Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- Air Quality Conformity

The City of Dallas is grouped with Highland Park and University Park for the purpose of allocating representation on the RTC. Since Dallas is far bigger than the Park Cities, Dallas' Mayor controls the appointment of the six representatives assigned to the group – elected officials and up to two citizen representatives. Additional elected officials can also be designated as alternates, and University Park and Highland Park are asked to appoint alternates. Fort Worth (3) and Arlington (2) are the only other cities in the region with more than one representative on the RTC.

City of Dallas RTC Representatives: Monica Alonzo, Sandy Greyson, Lee Kleinman, Erik Wilson,

William Velasco (Citizen), Amir Rupani (Citizen)
City of University Park: Taylor Armstrong (Alternate)

Director of Transportation: Michael Morris, P.E.
Website: nctcog.org

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

The Texas Department of Transportation is a multi-modal transportation agency, but more than 97 percent of its resources are dedicated to highway-related planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance. TxDOT's mission is to maintain a safe and reliable transportation system, partner with local officials to develop and implement congestion mitigation plans that consider all modes of transportation, connect Texas communities regarding the movement of people and commerce, and become a best-in-class state agency.

TxDOT is headquartered in Austin and is governed by the five-member Texas Transportation Commission and an executive director selected by the commission. Commission members serve overlapping six-year terms and are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the Texas Senate. The current members are:

Tryon D. Lewis, Chair (Midland-Odessa)
Jeff Austin III (Tyler)
J. Bruce Bugg, Jr. (San Antonio)
Jeff Moseley (Houston)
Victor Vandergriff (Dallas-Fort Worth)

Most of the projects and programs are delivered through the agency's twenty-five geographical districts. Two districts serve the Dallas-Fort Worth Region – a Dallas District and a Fort Worth District. The Dallas District manages projects in the following seven counties: Dallas, Collin, Denton, Ellis, Kaufman, Navarro and Rockwall. The district engineers are designated representatives on the Regional Transportation Council and work closely with the local agencies.

Executive Director: LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Retired)
Dallas District Engineer: Kelly Selman, P.E.
Website: txdot.gov

North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA)

The North Texas Tollway Authority is a regional tollway authority created under Chapter 366 of the Texas Transportation Code and authorized to acquire, construct, maintain, repair and operate turnpike projects in the North Texas region. Its mission is to provide a safe and reliable toll road system, increase value and mobility options for customers, operate in a businesslike manner, protect bondholders, partner to meet the region's growing need for transportation infrastructure.

The NTTA serves its member counties of Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant and is responsible for the NTTA System which consists of the Dallas North Tollway, President George Bush Turnpike, Sam Rayburn Tollway, Addison Airport Toll Tunnel, Lewisville Lake Toll Bridge, and Mountain Creek Lake Bridge. The NTTA Special Projects System is an enterprise fund of the agency, consisting of the President George Bush Turnpike – Western Extension and the Chisholm Trail Parkway.

The NTTA is governed by a nine-member board of directors. Each of the four counties within the service area of the NTTA appoints two members. The governor of Texas appoints one member from a county adjacent to the NTTA's four-county service area. The members of the board of directors serve staggered two-year terms, and no member may be an elected official. From their membership, the directors elect a chair and vice chair.

Dallas County: Matrice Ellis-Kirk, George “Tex” Quesada
Tarrant County: Kenneth Barr (Chair), Mohy Haddad
Collin County: Bill Moore (Vice Chair), Jane Willard
Denton County: Gary Kloepper, Michael Nowels
Governor’s Appointee: William D. Elliott

CEO/Executive Director: Gerry Carrigan
Website: ntta.org

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)

Dallas Area Rapid Transit is a regional transit agency authorized under Chapter 452 of the Texas Transportation Code and was created by voters and funded with a one-cent local sales tax on August 13, 1983. The service area consists of 13 cities: Addison, Carrollton, Cockrell Hill, Dallas, Farmers Branch, Garland, Glenn Heights, Highland Park, Irving, Plano, Richardson, Rowlett, and University Park. The mission of Dallas Area Rapid Transit is to build, establish and operate a safe, efficient and effective transportation system that, within the DART Service Area, provides mobility, improves the quality of life, and stimulates economic development through the implementation of the DART Service Plan originally adopted by the voters on August 13, 1983.

DART provides a variety of public transportation services including 90 miles with 62 stations of light rail transit, local, on-call and express bus service, paratransit services, vanpools, and carpool matching. The Trinity Railway Express is a commuter rail service connecting downtown Dallas and Fort Worth that is operated cooperatively by DART and The T (Fort Worth’s regional transit agency). DART also partners to provide bus shuttle service to specific areas such as SMU and the Medical District, and provide funding assistance for the McKinney Avenue Trolley (M-Line). They also operate the Dallas Streetcar between Union Station and Methodist Hospital on behalf of the City.

DART is governed by a fifteen member Board appointed by member cities and serve staggered two-year terms. The City of Dallas controls the appointment of seven board

members and shares one appointment with the City of Cockrell Hill. The Board generally meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. They have a series of committee meetings in the afternoon, and then their Board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

City of Dallas: Jim Adams, Richard Carrizales, Jerry Christian (Secretary), Amanda Moreno

Cross, Pamela Dunlop Gates, Michele Wong Krause, Robert W. Strauss (Chair)

City of Dallas and Cockrell Hill: William Velasco

City of Garland: Michael T. Cheney

City of Irving: Rick Stopfer

City of Plano: Paul N. Wageman

Cities of Richardson and University Park, Towns of Addison and Highland Park: Gary Slagel

Cities of Carrollton and Irving: Timothy A. Hayden

Cities of Plano and Farmers Branch: Faye Moses-Wilkins (Vice Chair)

Cities of Garland, Rowlett and Glenn Heights: Mark C. Enoch

The relationship between the City of Dallas and DART is managed through a master interlocal agreement and a series of supplemental agreements that address specific projects or programs.

President/Executive Director: Gary Thomas

Website: dart.org

Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition (DRMC)

The Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition is a voluntary 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:

Invest in infrastructure to keep our region competitive with other state and foreign markets.

Achieve more efficient movement of people and goods.

Improve our air quality by reducing congestion.

Recognize that our quality of life depends on adequate and efficient transportation.

The DRMC generally meets on the first Friday of each month in the Board Room at NTTA Headquarters. The Executive Board meets from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. for networking among members; the regular meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. and is typically highlighted by a guest speaker, often a state legislator, and transportation agency reports.

The Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition (TRTC) is a sister organization that advocates for transportation in the western part of the region. The DRMC and TRTC hold one joint meeting each year, usually in February.

The City appoints four of the twenty-six members on the Executive Committee. Representatives from TxDOT, NCTCOG/RTC, NTTA, DART and the DCTA serve as ex-officio members. Private sector firms, such as transportation consulting companies, are allowed to join as associate members.

City of Dallas Representatives: Sandy Greyson, Lee Kleinman, Adam McGough, Erik Wilson

Executive Director: Drew Campbell
Website: dallasmobility.org

Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW Airport)

Located halfway between the cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) is the world's third busiest, hosting 1,850 flights a day and serving more than 62 million customers a year. DFW Airport provides nonstop service to 149 domestic and 55 international destinations. A major economic driver for the Dallas/Fort Worth region, DFW Airport generates more than \$31 billion in economic impact each year.

The 12 member Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Board is composed of 7 appointees from the City of Dallas (including the Mayor of Dallas) and 4 appointees from the City of Fort Worth (Including the Mayor of Fort Worth). The Board members serve on various committees, such as Retirement, Executive Compensation, Operations, Finance, and Concessions. The DFW Airport Board meets the first Thursday of each month and Committees meet the Tuesday prior to the Board meeting.

City of Dallas Board Members: Mayor Mike Rawlings, Sam Coats, Bernice J. Washington, Regina T. Montoya, William Tsao, Curtis E. Ransom, Bridget Moreno Lopez

CEO: Sean Donahue
Website: dfwairport.com