



## **CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP (CTRTAG)**

Thursday, August 27, 2020  
9:30 a.m.

Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG)  
2180 North Main Street  
Belton, TX

### **Voting Members Present**

Chair Vickie Gideon, WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS-WORKFORCE AGENCIES REP.  
George Losoya, DIRECTOR OF AREA AGENCY ON AGENCY-HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES REP.  
Aly McMillan, UNITED WAY CENTRAL TEXAS-CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP REP.  
Darrell Burtner, HCTD -TRANSIT DISTRICT REP.  
Ebony Jackson INDIGENT HS- BELL COUNTY REP.  
Kendra Coufal, KTMPO-METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REP.  
Walter Murphy TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CENTRAL TX – EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REP.  
Terry Mustapher, BRING EVERYONE IN ZONE-MILITARY AND VETERAN ORGANIZATION REP.  
Nancie Etzel, TRANSIT USER  
Deanna De Graaff, TRANSIT USER  
Thomas Wilson, AREA AGENCY ON AGENCY-HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES REP.  
Michael Boyd, CAPITAL IMPORVEMENTS COMMITTEE-CITY OF KILLEEN REP.

### **Non-Voting Members Present**

Helen Owens- CTCOG	Ryan Haverlah- CITY OF COPPERAS COVE
James McGill- CTCOG	Terry Reeves- HCTD
Debbie Tahiri- TXDOT WACO DISTICT	
Keith Sledd- HOTDA	

Chair Vickie Gideon opened the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Vickie Gideon called the meeting to order and quorum was met.
- 2. Public Comments:** No comments were made by the public.
- 3. Staff Update:** Ms. Owens stated that CTCOG staff had no current updates.
- 4. Action Item:** Approve minutes from the May 20, 2020 CTRTAG meeting.

Ebony Jackson made a motion to approve the May 20, 2020 meeting minutes; seconded by Thomas Wilson, the motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion Item:** TxDOT's Public Transportation Division (PTN) Director's report to the Public Transportation Advisory Committee regarding public transportation matters.

Ms. Owens announced the takeaways from the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) presentation on the ridership aspect of the Rural Transit Program. Rural ridership has been decreasing since 2014, but there is not one thing causing the decrease. The largest number of trips fall into four programs: Medical Transportation, General Public, 5310, and JARC funding.

Terry Reeves discussed the SMP revisions and its effects on HCTD. Supplemental information was included in the packet.

**6. Discussion Item:** Reduction in Transit due to COVID-19.

Ms. Owens summarized a report from The State Smart Transportation Initiative, on decreased ridership, due to COVID-19 and the major financial woes transit cities in the U.S. are facing.

**7. Discussion Item:** Update from the Hill Country Transit District.

Darrell Burtner provided the committee with an update regarding the Hill Country Transit District's quarterly reports; and included COVID-19 ridership reports.

**8. Discussion Item:** COVID-19 Funding Opportunities Regarding Public Transportation.

Ms. Owens gave an overview of the CARES ACT Funding and supplemental information was included.

**9. Discussion Item:** Discussion of any new unmet transportation needs, gaps and inefficiencies for special populations and strategies for implementing the FY17-21 RCTP.

Ms. Owens asked that members email new updates from the region.

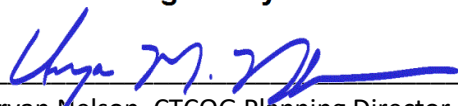
**10. Discussion Item:** Board updates.

George Losoya asked if funding from 5310 would be available to help vendors access equipment for special needs populations. Aly McMilian asked that members explore avenues to help the most affected special needs populations.

**11. Other Business;** Next meeting date November 19, 2020 at 9:30am.

**12. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

 Vickie Gideon  
Vickie Gideon, CTRTAG Chair

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