



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

Thursday, November 17, 2022
9:30 a.m.

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

Voting Members Present

Leslie Hinkle, CITY OF KILLEEN-MUNICIPALITIES
Thomas Wilson, AREA AGENCY ON AGING REP.-HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Terry Mustapher, BRINGING EVERYONE IN ZONE- MILITARY AND VETERANS ORG.
Connie Quinto, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Les Winkler, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DRIVING HOPE OF TEXAS-PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER
Jesse Hennage, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF PLANNING/PUBLIC SAFETY-EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE
Tim Hancock, DIRECTOR, ARROW TRAILWAYS
Janell Frazier, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL TEXAS 4C HEADSTART
Walter Murphy- Office of Research, Texas A&M-Central Texas

Non-Voting Members Present

Dominic Elizondo-Economic Development Planner, CTCOG
Anita Janke-Regional Planner, Public Engagement, CTCOG
Alisha Alvarez-Public Transportation Coordinator, TxDOT
Rafael Aldrete-Senior Research Scientist, Texas Transportation Institute
Edwin Revell-Director of Department of Development Services
Roque Aguon- Airport Business Manager, Department of Aviation, City of Killeen

Terry Mustapher opened the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** Terry Mustapher called the meeting to order, and quorum was met.
- 2. Public Comments:** No comments were made by the public.
- 3. Staff Update:** Dominic Elizondo announced that CTCOG was provided an ILA for the FY 2023 portion of the RPTCP continuation funding grant for the remaining \$35,000; the total grant was \$52,500, split in to two PGAs of \$17,500 for Mar.1-Aug.31, 2022, and \$35,000 for Sep.1,2022-Aug.31,2023 for the coordination of the implementation of the 2022-26 RCTP. The grant was now ready to request

reimbursements.

4. Discussion and Action Item: Approve minutes from the August 11, 2022 CTRTAG meeting

Thomas Wilson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes, seconded by Darrell Burtner; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Item: Regarding Transportation Reinvestment Zones Presentation

Rafael Aldrete provided an overview of Transportation Reinvestment Zones (TRZs) culminated from the Texas Transportation Institute's work with TxDOT and USDOT over several years under the "Every Day Counts" initiative sharing best transportation practices across states. Mr. Aldrete explained how TRZs were established by the Texas legislature, and how they allow governments to invest in transportation infrastructure and leverage a portion of increased property tax revenue to reinvest in more transportation projects. Mr. Aldrete also explained how TRZs have simple oversight and management structures, and how they can be used to supplement federal and state funding as well as multiple projects within the zone. As of 2020 there were 16 active TRZs in Texas. The process for establishing a TRZ involves a six month process of creating zone boundaries and public hearings. TRZ funding can be used for local transportation projects, including roads, freight facilities, pedestrian or bike facilities, intermodal facilities, and more. TRZs can be initially funded only by tax revenue as it operates, or by initial debt obligations.

6. Discussion Item: Regarding Local Agency Update: City of Killeen

Edwin Revell provided the CTRTAG's first local agency update on transportation projects in Killeen. Mr. Revell provided an outline of current thoroughfares in the City, and current roadway infrastructure projects. Challenges to transportation include 1/3 residents having a travel time to work longer than 30 minutes, 81% driving alone in vehicles, rather than utilizing public transportation. The Killeen Thoroughfare Plan looks at the availability of trails and pedestrian walkways to reduce car usage. The Killeen Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan found a deficiency of parks and trails in Killeen, which the City will work to expand.

Anita Janke noted that on December 14th KTMPO's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is having a presentation by the Great Springs Trail Project in San Antonio and that it might be something Edwin Revell is interested in participating in.

7. Discussion and Action Item: Regarding Updates on Coordination and Implementation of FY 22-26 Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan

Dominic Elizondo gave an update on the progress of the implementation and coordination of the 2022-26 RCTP high priority recommendations; He discussed the recommendation for CTCOG to host "Local Agency Updates" from cities and entities such as Killeen, and plans for a Transportation Summit in early 2023. Staff has continued publishing a Central Texas Transportation Newsletter and updating the Facebook page for communicating Federal and State legislation pertaining to transportation, as well as

grants, resources, and RCTP implementation updates. Dominic provided an overview of what the agenda for the Central Texas Transportation Summit would look like, including group activities discussing what is working in regional public transportation and what can be added. Darrell Burtner provided an update on HOP activities that worked on RCTP strategies, including the return of Route 5 in Killeen on January 1, the establishment of the Route 550 Silver Line flex route March 1, and the establishment of a dial-a-ride service in Killeen where seniors can reserve a ride 24-48 hours ahead of time for any location within Killeen city limits. The HOP is also looking to replace three previously procured ADA-compliant buses and receive a reimbursement to purchase new ones. Dominic Elizondo mentioned that CTCOG would begin working on brochures and other advertising materials in multiple languages for the HOP.

8. Discussion Item: Regarding Quarterly Report, Urban and Rural Committees, and Service Study Update from the Hill Country Transit District

Steven Beck provided the quarterly report for Q4 of 2022, including fixed route ridership for Killeen and Temple, which was 7.6, lower than the target of 10 passengers per service hour. Paratransit ridership met the goal of 2 passengers per service hour in both Killeen and Temple. The percentage of trips missed was significantly lower than 2%, thus meeting HCTD's goals of keeping them under 2%. Customer complaints and traffic accidents also met their target rates. However, they missed their goal of having less than 10 road calls per 100,000 miles due to HCTD's aging fleet, air conditioning issues, and supply chain issues. Customer complaints, safety performance, road calls, travel training, and advertising all met their metric goals, with the HOP posting on social media, paying for radio ads, and paying for TV ads in mid September.

9. Discussion Item: Regarding TxDOT's Public Transportation Division (PTN) Director's Report to the Public Transportation Advisory Committee on Public Transportation Matters

Dominic Elizondo discussed the PTN Director's report to the State PTAC, which included an update on TxDOT's distribution of formula funding and discretionary grant programs such as the Intercity Bus Program and Urban Fleet Replacement, the usage of CARES and ARPA funding to rural transit districts, and their appropriations request for FY 2024-25.

10. Discussion Item: Regarding Federal Updates

Dominic Elizondo gave an update on the TIFIA Program, which allows an increase in the portion of transportation projects that can be funded by loans through the Program, as well as the USDOT Thriving Communities Program which provides technical assistance consultants for determining feasible transportation projects.

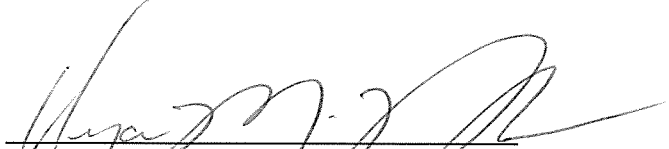
11. Discussion Item: Regarding Discussion of Any New Unmet Transportation Needs, Gaps and Inefficiencies for Special Populations and Strategies for Implementing the FY22-26 RCTP

Dominic Elizondo asked that members email new updates from the region as far as transportation needs, gaps, or inefficiencies to his email address.

12. **Other Business:** Next meeting date Thursday, February 16th, 2023 at 9:30 AM

13. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:44 AM


Terry Mustapher, CRTAG Chair


Uryan Nelson, CTCOG Planning Director