



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP (CTRTAG)

Thursday, August 26, 2021
9:30 a.m.

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

Voting Members Present

- George Losoya, DIRECTOR OF AREA AGENCY ON AGENCY-HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES REP.
- Kendra Coufal, KTMPO-METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION REP.
- Walter Murphy, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CENTRAL TX – EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES REP.
- Jesse Hennage, CTCOG HOMELAND SECURITY-EMERGENCY ASSIST./MGMT AG.
- Phillip Hohle, DRIVING HOPE- PRIVATE TRANSIT PROVIDER
- Leslie Hinkle, CITY OF KILLEEN-MUNICIPALITIES
- Holly Doggett, CEDAR CREST HOSPITAL- MEDICAL FACILITIES
- Terry Mustapher, BRINGING EVERYONE IN ZONE- MILITARY AND VETERANS ORG.
- Janice Taylor, TRANSIT USER
- Janell Frazier, CENTRAL TX 4C HEADSTART- CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP
- Darrell Burtner, HCTD- Transit District
- Alicia Dunn, UNITED WAY CENTRAL TX- CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP
- Melissa Ingriola, HOCTIL-, AGING AND DISABILITY ORG.

Non-Voting Members Present

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| Helen Owens- CTCOG | Patricia Longoria-United Healthcare |
| Uryan Nelson-CTCOG | Dan Malsom- Kimley-Horn |
| Hope Geiger-CTCOG | Nathan Chadwick- Kimley-Horn |
| Debbie Tahiri- TxDOT | Keith Sledd- HOTDA |
| Ben Lopez-Workforce Solutions of Central Texas | David Williams- City of Kempner |

Helen Owens opened the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Helen Owens called the meeting to order, and quorum was met.
2. **Public Comments:** No comments were made by the public.
3. **Staff Update:** Ms. Owens announced the grant was fiscally on track along with its deliverables being met and staff is seeking transit users to join the board.
4. **Action Item:** Approve minutes from the May 27, 2021, CTRTAG meeting.

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

5. **Action Item:** Regarding approval of new board members.

Ben Lopez Jr., Center Administrator for Workforce Solutions of Central Texas; requested to sit on the CTRTAG board. The motion was made by George Losoya and seconded by Leslie Hinkle; the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Transit Stakeholder Highlight: Workforce Solutions of Central Texas.

Ben Lopez, Jr., with Workforce Solutions of Central Texas, gave an overview on how his entity promotes transit and any specific actions they use to assist the region as it pertains to transportation needs.

7. **Discussion and Action Item:** Regarding revisions and approval of CTRTAG Bylaws.

Ms. Owens presented changes to the bylaws approved on May 27, 2021. The language changes were suggested by Jennie Hoelscher with the Attorney General's Office, to allow for exempt and non-exempt bylaw provisions. Leslie Hinkle made a motion to approve the bylaws; seconded by Darrell Burtner, the motion passed unanimously.

8. **Discussion Item:** Regarding the FY22-26 Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan RCTP Update by Kimley-Horn.

Dan Malsom, from Kimley-Horn gave a brief update on the RCTP Plan and a report on the comprehensive needs assessment aimed to assess the needs of special populations and utilize for the grant reporting and to stakeholders.

9. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Top Transit Needs Subcommittee Updates.

Ms. Owens and Dan Malsom went over funding and engagement ideas for the subcommittee to discuss.

10. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Hill Country District (HCTD) Smart App Partnership with Dallas Area Rural Transit (DART).

Darrell Burtner discussed the new mobile app GoPass Tap transit card. It is a simple way to pay and ride without the hassle of carrying cash.

11. **Discussion Item:** Regarding How Public-Private Partnerships can increase Fixed Route Services, thereby increasing ADA Services.

Darrell Burtner discussed the opportunities that private sector can engage in the public transportation industry, ranging from private operators participating in the planning and transportation improvement program process to a public-private partnership.

12. **Discussion Item:** Regarding HCTD's Quarterly Report, Urban and Rural Committees, and Service Study Update.

Darrell Burtner provided the committee with an update and presentation regarding the Hill Country Transit District's quarterly report, Urban and Rural committees, and service study.

13. **Discussion Item:** Regarding TxDOT's Public Transportation Division (PTN) Director's report to the Public Transportation Advisory Committee on Public transportation Matters.

Ms. Owens presented the new funding available for public transit needs. The Texas Transportation Commission approved \$89,394,290 in transit funding, at its June 2021 meeting. This is the largest amount of funding at one time for transit agencies across the state. This funding supports equitable, reliable transit services that are an essential part of life for many people across Texas. These funds support rural and urban transit services in over 96% of the state's land area, serving 41% of the state's population.

Ms. Owens reviewed the America Rescue Plan Act again and gave summaries on the FTA Report Data- Rural Transit Program, State and Federal Grant Programs, and the Intercity Bus Program. Links were provided for each item.

14. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Federal Updates.

Ms. Owens gave updates on the Federal transit Administration, the American Public Transportation Association, and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act's available grants and opportunities.


15. Regarding 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.

16. **Discussion Item:** Regarding Board updates.

17. Other Business; Next meeting date November 18, 2021, at 9:30am

18. **Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.



Terry Mustapher, CRTAG Vice-Chair



Uryan Nelson, CTCOG Planning Director