

CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP (CTRTAG)

Thursday, May 19, 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
Michael Boyd, CITY OF KILLEEN-CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE-MUNICIPALITIES
Thomas Wilson-AREA AGENCY ON AGING REP.-HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Walter Murphy, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY CENTRAL TX — EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES
REP.

Terry Mustapher, BRINGING EVERYONE IN ZONE- MILITARY AND VETERANS ORG.
Darrell Burtner, HCTD-TRANSIT DISTRICT
Ben Lopez, WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS OF CENTRAL TEXAS-WORKFORCE AGENCIES
Janell Frazier, CENTRAL TEXAS 4C HEADSTART- CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP
Phillip Hohle, DRIVING HOPE OF TEXAS-PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION PROVIDER
Ebony Jackson, BELL COUNTY INDIGENT HEALTH SERVICES-COUNTIES
Tim Hancock, ARROW TRAILWAYS
Melissa Ingriola, HOCTIL
Jesse Hennage, CTCOG HOMELAND SECURITY
Janice Taylor, TRANSIT USER
Connie Quinto, KILLEEN-TEMPLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION
Kara Escajeda, MILITARY AND VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS

Non-Voting Members Present

James McGill -KTMPO
Hope Geiger-CTCOG
Dominic Elizondo-CTCOG
Anna Barge-CTCOG
Uryan Nelson-CTCOG
RaShawn Smith, SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR, CITY OF KILLEEN
Roque Aguon, AIRPORT BUSINESS MANAGER, KILLEEN-FT. HOOD REGIONAL AIRPORT

Terry Mustapher opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions: Terry Mustapher called the meeting to order, and quorum was met. Introductions of Board members were made.

- 2. Public Comments: No comments were made by the public.
- **3. Staff Update:** Dominic Elizondo announced that CTCOG was awarded the FY 2022-23 RCTP continuation funding grant for \$52,500, split in to two PGAs of \$17,500 for Mar.1-Aug.31, 2022, and \$35,000 for Aug.31,2022-Aug.31,2023. Staff had also uploaded the Workplan and Quarterly Progress Index into the grant portal to begin requesting reimbursements from TxDOT and monitor progress on the implementation of the 2022-26 RCTP.
- 4. Action Item: Approve minutes from the Feb.10, 2022 CTRTAG meeting

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

5. Action Item: Regarding Approval of New Board Members

Connie Quinto, the Assistant Director of Planning and Regional Services for the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization, requested approval by the Board to join CTRTAG as a part of the MPO stakeholder group. Thomas Wilson made a motion to approve Connie's application to the Board, seconded by Ben Lopez. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. Discussion 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 recommendations for CTCOG to improve coordination with local leaders and elected officials, establishing regular communication with regional stakeholders increasing activity on websites, and plans for a Transportation Summit in late 2022. Staff created a Central Texas Transportation Newsletter and Facebook page for communicating Federal and State legislation pertaining to transportation, as well as grants, resources, and RCTP implementation updates. Darrell Burtner discussed the HOP's work on several high priority items, including the implementation of the Token Transit app for onboarding passengers, Route 550- a flex route for seniors, the acquisition of two of three new lightweight four wheel drive buses for their fleet, exploring new transportation services between major towns and Counties by potentially hiring a Mobility Manager to interface with the public, working with Killeen Airport to determine if shuttle services were feasible (it was decided that the potential usage of the shuttles would not outweigh the cost of operation), and Temple's work on a new Master Mobility Plan which may lead to future work on accessible multi-modal connections to transit stops.

7. Discussion Item: Regarding Local Agency Update-City of Killeen

Roque Aguon was unable to provide a presentation for Killeen's Local Agency Update, so this agenda item will be rescheduled for next meeting.

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

Darrell Burtner provided the quarterly report for Q2 of 2022, including fixed route ridership for Killeen and Temple, which was lower than the target of 10 passengers per service hour. Paratransit ridership met the goal of 2 passengers per service hour. The percentage of trips missed was significantly lower than 1%, thus meeting HCTD's goals of keeping them under 2%. Customer complaints and traffic accidents also met their target rates. However, they slightly missed their goal of having less than 10 road calls per 100,000 miles due to HCTD's aging fleet.

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 the TxDOT 2022 Coordinated Call for Projects applications closing, and the Bus and Bus Facilities grant closing May.31 to modernize and and electrify bus fleets.

10. Discussion Item: Regarding Federal Updates

Dominic Elizondo gave an update on the USDOT Multimodal Discretionary Grant Program, which provided three different grants for transportation infrastructure projects of national or regional significance. He also discussed the FTA Section 5310 program, which provides funding to Cities, Counties, and non-profits for increasing ADA services in transportation programs.

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, Aug.11, 2022 at 9:30 AM
- 13. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM

Terry Mustapher, CRTAG Chair

Uryan Nelson, CTCOG Planning Director