



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

Wednesday, October 24, 2018

1:00 p.m.

Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG)

2180 North Main Street

Belton, TX

### **Voting Members Present**

Chair Carole Warlick, Hill Country Transit District (HCTD)—TRANSIT DISTRICT Rep.

Vice Chair Vickie Gideon, Workforce Solutions—WORKFORCE AGENCIES Rep.

Kathi Wagner, CTCOG Housing Assistance—HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES Rep.

Janell Frazier, Central TX 4C Head Start—CHILD ADVOCACY GROUP Rep.

Leslie Hinkle, City of Killeen—MUNICIPALITIES Rep.

Dolores Klein, Texas A&M University Central Texas—EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES Rep.

Deanna DeGraff – Transit User

Nancie Etzel – Transit User

Peggy Cosner, Heart of Central Texas Independent Living—AGING & DISABILITY Rep.

Kevin Francis—Baylor Scott & White Health

Darrell Burtner—HCTD

Terry Mustapher – Bring Everyone in Zone – MILITARY AND VETERANS Rep.

Rita Kelley – Bell County Indigent Health – COUNTIES Rep.

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

Greg Davis –Texas Dept. of Transportation Waco District

John Weber—CTCOG

Kendra Coufal—CTCOG

Sydnee Steelman – CTCOG

### **Others Present**

Michael Boyd – U.S. Census Bureau

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Chair Carole Warlick opened the meeting at 1:07 p.m.

**1. Welcome and Introductions:** Chair Carole Warlick called the meeting to order and stated that a quorum was present.

**2. Public Comments:** No comments were made by the public.

**3. Staff Update:** John Weber provided an update on KTMPPO meetings and air quality through the end of September 2018. Sydnee Steelman informed members that the RCTP grant was increased from \$25,000 to \$35,000 for FY19.

**4. Action Item:** Approve minutes from the July 18, 2018 CTRTAG minutes.

Vicki Gideon made a motion to approve July 18, 2018 CTRTAG minutes, seconded by Kevin Francis; the motion passed unanimously.

**5. Discussion Item:** Identify and discuss strategies for implementing the 2017 Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan.

The RTAG committee discussed various ways to implement the 2017 RCTP including possibly hosting a public transportation education workshop for our regional elected officials. The committee suggested the workshop focusing on a general overview of the regional transportation system for newly elected city and county officials. Ms. Klein stated that hosting such a workshop would enable a conversation about issues seen from the elected official's perspectives regarding transportation within the region. Other strategies mentioned included researching other transportation programs for ideas and creating education materials for public use and distribution.

**6. Discussion Item:** Hill Country Transit District Update.

Darrell Burtner informed the group that the HCTD made the designated route changes and cuts discussed in September.

**7. Discussion Item:** Identify new unmet transportation needs, gaps, and inefficiencies since July meeting. RTAG members went through each individual special population identified in the 2017 RCTP and updated the group on new needs of the populations or previous needs that had been met. Needs are listed below:

- Individuals 65 and Older: Area Agency on Aging is no longer contracting with the HOP, causing a gap in availability to seniors. The population is also continuing to grow.
- Individuals with Disabilities: The relocation of the Workforce Center has closed a gap for this population because there is a HOP stop at the new location.
- Individuals with Low Incomes: The relocation of the Workforce Center has closed a gap for this population because there is a HOP stop at the new location.
- Individuals Seeking Employment: The relocation of the Workforce Center has closed a gap for this population because there is a HOP stop at the new location.
- Children: None.
- Veterans: None.

**8. Discussion Item:** Topics for Future Meetings.

Sydnee Steelman asked the committee what they would like to discuss at future meetings. Kevin Francis suggested more communication between meetings to keep everyone updated.

**9. Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



Carole Warlick, CTRTAG Chair



Sydnee Steelman, Regional Planner, CTCOG