



CENTRAL TEXAS REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY GROUP (CTRTAG)

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

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.
Walter Murphy, 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.
Darrell Burtner—HCTD
Terry Mustapher – Bring Everyone in Zone – MILITARY AND VETERANS Rep.
Michael Boyd – City of Killeen—MUNICIPALITIES Rep.

Non-Voting Members Present

John Weber—CTCOG
Kendra Coufal—CTCOG
Sydnee Steelman – CTCOG
Uryan Nelson – CTCOG

Others Present

Michael Boyd – U.S. Census Bureau

Chair Carole Warlick opened the meeting at 1:00 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 KTMPO meetings and air quality through the end of December 2018. Sydnee Steelman informed members that the Transportation Planning Policy Board

approved the allocation of 10% of Category 7 funds to the Hill Country Transit District for bus replacement projects. The KTMPO has allocated a total of \$2,788,000 from FY18-22 to HCTD.

4. Action Item: Approve minutes from the October 24, 2019CTRTRAG minutes.

Janell Frazier made a motion to approve October 24, 2019 CTRTRAG minutes, seconded by Terry Mustapher; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Action Item: Approval of new voting members.

Thomas Wilson made a motion to approve Michael Boyd as a voting member to the committee on behalf of the City of Killeen. Vicki Gideon seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

6. Discussion Item: Hill Country Transit District Update.

Darrell Burtner provided the committee with an update regarding the Hill Country Transit District's quarterly report. Mr. Burtner also informed the group that thought the Area Agency on Agency had previously suspended its 2019 contract with HCTD, both organizations are working to continue their partnership again soon.

7. Discussion Item: Central Counties Services.

Brandon Waters of Central Counties Services' Mobile Outreach Team & Intake Supervisor informed the group of the various gaps in transportation for groups represented by the organization. Mr. Waters stated that patients located in rural areas of the CCS region have trouble accessing transportation. CCS is currently working to integrate with primary care providers to fill in transportation gaps through a public-private partnership.

8. 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, but HCTD and CTAAA are looking to correct this issue soon.
- Individuals with Disabilities: The need for accessible transportation increasing. Transportation may be available for those with disabilities, but actually accessing it has been a challenge.
- Individuals with Low Incomes: Industrial areas in Temple have many jobs, but some cannot get to the area because of a lack of public transportation.
- Individuals Seeking Employment: Industrial areas in Temple have many jobs, but some cannot get to the area because of a lack of public transportation. The possibility of public-private partnerships could be a solution to this issue.
- Children: Some parents struggle to get multiple children to school and getting to work on time. HOP passes are bought for those who are unable to efficiently get their children to school.
- Veterans: None.

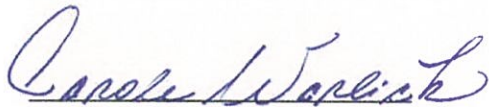
9. Discussion Item: Regional Transportation Workshop for Elected Officials.

At the October 24th CTRTAG meeting, members were asked to discuss ways to implement the 2017 Regionally Coordinated Transportation Plan. The idea of hosting a transportation-based workshop for elected officials was proposed, with the idea of promoting regional transportation by showing the need for it through data and statistics. At the January 16th meeting, members discussed this idea further by providing Ms. Steelman with specific ideas, such as having citizens from each special population discuss their personal experience and need for transportation as a part of the workshop. Members then asked Ms. Steelman to create an outline for the workshop to develop the overall structure, then members will specify the type of content and presenters they would like to see at the workshop.

10. Discussion Item: Other Business; Next Meeting on April 3, 2019.

Sydnee Steelman announced that the next CTRTAG meeting will take place on April 3rd because it will be the last meeting before the reporting period for the planning grant.

11. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.



Carole Warlick, CTRTAG Chair



Sydnee Steelman, Regional Planner, CTCOG