Appendix B – Letters of Support

Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group Voting Members Stakeholders			
Interest	**Entity**	**Name**	**Letter of Support**
Transit District	HOP	Darrell Burnter Vice Chairperson (1/6/2026)	Mar-25
Transit District	CARR	J.R. Salazar	Mar-25
Workforce Agency	Workforce Solutions	Ben Lopez Chairperson (1/6/2026)	Mar-25
Health & Human Services	Hill Country Community Action	Stephanie Dozier	Mar-25
Aging & Disability	Heart of Central Texas Independent Living	Melissa Ingriola	Mar-25
Military & Veteran Organization	Bring Everyone in the Zone	Terry Mustapher	
Youth & Family Organization	Central Texas 4C Head Start	Janell Frazier	Mar-25
Medical Facility	Seton Medical Center	Christopher Egizio	Mar-25
County Government	Bell County Indigent Health Services	Ebony Jackson	
Transit User	Representing individual w/disability	Felicia Holland	Mar-25
Nonemergency Medical Transportation	Ride N Safe	Cliff Montemayor	Mar-25
Educational Facility	Temple College	Clarissa Martinez	Mar-25
Educational Facility	Texas A&M	Walter Murphy	Mar-25
Medical Facility	VACANT	VACANT	N/A
Fort Hood	VACANT	VACANT	N/A
Other Rep (Potentially complementing or overlapping interests)	VACANT	VACANT	N/A
County Government	VACANT	VACANT	N/A
Municipality	VACANT	VACANT	N/A
Municipality	VACANT	VACANT	N/A
Nonemergency Medical Transportation	VACANT	VACANT	N/A
Transit User from Priority Population	VACANT	VACANT	N/A
Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group Non-Voting Members & Ex-Officio			
Aging	CTCOG - Area Agency on Aging	George Loyosa	Mar-25
Public Safety	CTCOG - Public Safety	Jesse Hennage	Mar-25
Regional Planning Organization	Killeen-Temple MPO	Uryan Nelson	Mar-25
Municipality	City of Killeen	Michael Boyd	Mar-25

CARR
CITY AND RURAL RIDES

Public Transportation
Counties: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Hamilton, Mills, Nolan, Runnels, San Saba, Shackelford, Stephens, and Rural Taylor

March 18, 2025

Anita Janke, PMP
Regional Planner/Public Engagement
Central Texas Council of Governments
Regional Transportation Advisory Group
2180 North Main St.
Belton, Texas 76513

Dear Ms. Janke:

We are writing this letter to show our support of Central Texas Council of Governments and the Regional Transportation Advisory Group (CTRTAG).

Central Texas Rural Transit District – City And Rural Rides was established in 1998, as a standalone rural transit district serving the needs of an eleven county service area including: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Nolan, Runnels, Shackelford, Stephens, Rural Taylor counties. Effective March 1, 2025, three additional counties joined the district including Mills, Hamilton, and San Saba counties bringing the districts service area to 13,473 square miles. During the period of September 1, 2023, to August 31. 2024, CTRTD provided 106,683 one-way trips to passengers and our vehicles traveled 1,301,582 revenue miles.

CTRTD fully supports and commits to participating in the development of the Regional Public Transportation Coordination 5-year plan (FY 2027 – 2031). CTRTD will ensure staff participation and attendance in meetings to discuss transportation needs for the clients served and further agrees to assist in projects addressing public transportation needs within CTRTAG's region.

We are excited to work with and coordinate with the Central Texas Council of Governments and the Regional Transportation Advisory Group (CTRTAG). If we may be of any further assistance don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

J.R. Salazar, CEO/General Manager

JS/jfg

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Central Texas 4C, Inc.
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Head Start Program
Early Head Start Program

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To: Central Texas Council of Governments and the Regional Transportation Advisory Group (RTAG)

Re: Support for the Five Year Plan

Date: March 19, 2025

Dear Colleagues,

Please be assured that Central Texas 4C, Inc. will continue to support and will commit to participating in the development of the Regional Public Transportation Coordination's Five Year Plan (FY 2027 – 2031).

This commitment means that 4C will participate in meetings to discuss transportation needs for the clients we serve through our Head Start program as well as assisting with projects that address public transportation needs in our region (especially those that deal with very young children and persons with disabilities).

Sincerely,

Janell J. Frazier
Executive Director

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United Way Agency

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Letter of Support

March 20, 2025

To Whom It May Concern

The Area Agency on Aging of Central Texas will support and commit to participate in the continuation of the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan (5 Year FY2027-2031) .

This commitment includes our agency's participation to attend meetings to discuss transportation needs for those the clients we serve through the Area Agency on Aging as well as assisting in projects addressing public transportation needs in our region.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 254-770-2344 or George.Losoya@ctcog.com .

Sincerely,

George Losoya, Director
Central Texas Council of Governments/ Area Agency on Aging
PO Box 729
2180 North Main Street
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254-770-2344

March 19, 2025

Reference: Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group (CTRTAG)

ATTN: Anita Janke

- The Central Texas Council of Governments Public Safety Department will support and commit to participating in the development of the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan 5 Year Plan (FY 2027 – 2031).
- This commitment includes our agency's participation in meetings to discuss transportation needs for the clients we serve through the Central Texas Council of Governments Public Safety Department, as well as assisting with projects that address public transportation needs in our region.

The point of contact for this agreement is Jesse Hennage and can be reached at jesse.hennage@ctcog.org or (254) 770-2365.

Jesse Hennage

Assistant Director of Planning/Public Safety
Central Texas Council of Governments

Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group (CTRTAG)

March 13, 2025

I Felicia C. Holland am a current member serving in the role of Transit User/Citizen Representative for the CTRTAG. And I also represent the Fort Cavazos Community Habitat for Humanity serving Central Texas. This letter serves as an official notice of my continued commitment to support in the development of the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan 5 Year Plan (FY 2027-2031). This commitment includes my participation in meetings to discuss the transportation needs of the communities. Assisting with projects that address public transportation needs in our region. Therefore, I look forward to serving without hesitation making a difference and changing the lives of our residents. I again applaud the committee for its year-to-date successful accomplishments.

Once Again, it has been my pleasure and an Honor to serve in this capacity.

Thank You.

Felicia Holland, MPA

The Fort Cavazos Community
Habitat for Humanity®

Felicia Holland

Family Services Liaison

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Case Management, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Aging Services, Senior Nutrition, RSVP, Head Start

March 13, 2025

Central Texas Council of Governments and the Regional Transportation Advisory Group
2180 N Main Street
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Re: Letter of Support for the Development of the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan 5-Year Plan (FY 2027 – 2031).

Dear Central Texas Council of Governments and the Regional Transportation Advisory Group (RTAG),

On behalf of Hill Country Community Action, I am writing to express our support and commitment to participating in the development of the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan 5-Year Plan (FY 2027 – 2031).

Hill Country Community Action Association offers a wide range of services, including Case Management, Energy Assistance, Weatherization, Aging Services, Senior Nutrition, RSVP, and Head Start. We serve children, families, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and those in poverty through our help centers in Killeen and Temple, as well as our ten Senior Centers across nine core counties: Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Llano, Mason, Milam, Mills, and San Saba. Most of our programs and services are impacted by public transportation and HCCAA wants to accurately represent those impacts.

We will fully participate in and represent the interests of our Aging and Disability clients, Health and Human Service clients, and all the populations impacted by childcare in all CTRTAG Advisory Group meetings, and related events.

We look forward to continuing to make progress and reshape our community to reflect the significant growth and changes in technology while balancing the needs of our communities and the need to consistently reflect on the impacts of change within the individual communities.

Sincerely,

Stephanie M. Dozier

Signed: Stephanie Dozier

Title: Director of Data Analytics

March 20, 2025
Anita Janke, Regional Planner / Public Engagement
CTCOG – Planning & Regional Services
2180 N. Main Street,
P.O. Box 729
Belton, TX 76513

Dear Ms. Janke,

This letter is to express Hill Country Transit District's (HCTD's) support and Commitment for the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG's) application for the FY 2027-2031 Regional Public Transportation Coordination (5 year) Plan (RPTCP) continuation funding for our ongoing public transportation efforts. HCTD will support and commit to participating in the development of the 5-year plan. This commitment includes our agencies participation in meetings to discuss transportation needs for the clients we serve through HCTD, as well as assisting with projects that address public transportation needs in our region.

I would also like to take this opportunity to compliment the COG for the excellent job it does in serving the public at large as well as all the stakeholders (cities, counties, and HCTD) in the region. We are very thankful for the quality, thoroughness, and timely nature of the job the GOG and the Killeen Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPO) does in its service to the communities in which we all live and work.

Sincerely,

Darrell W. Burtner

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March 19, 2025

Anita Janke
Economic Development Planner
CTCOG – Planning & Regional Services
2180 N. Main Street
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Belton, TX 76513

Dear Ms. Janke,

It is our pleasure to write in support of the Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan (RPTCP) 5 year plan FY 2027 – 2031 continuation of funding for ongoing public transportation efforts in the Central Texas area.

Heart of Central Texas Independent Living Center, Inc. (HOCTIL), is committed to services in our community for individuals with disabilities, chronic illness, and aging to maintain and obtain a quality of life living in their community. We, as a community-based partner, understand our significant responsibility to our Hill Country Transit District (HCTD) and are committed to continuing our comprehensive relationship. HOCTIL has a commitment to collaborating with the Central Texas Council of Government (CTCOG) through the advisory group.

Persons with disabilities and/or chronic illnesses that live in our rural communities depend on the connection to jobs and other opportunities provided by the transportation services your agency makes available. We believe helping solve the transportation issues people with disabilities and/or chronic illnesses face daily is a major step in providing the basic necessity of transportation to all our citizens including that very specific demographic population.

Our partnership between HOCTIL, HCTD, and the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) is HOCTIL's commitment to the advisory group we coordinate together throughout the year on the Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory (CTRTAG) Board to identify and address transportation needs of the entire region. We are continually working alongside each other trying to determine the best solution for our region's transportation needs and solutions.

Heart of Central Texas Independent Living Center will support and commit to participating in the development of the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan 5 Year Plan (FY 2027 – 2031). This commitment includes our agency's participation in meetings to discuss transportation needs for the clients we serve through HOCTIL, as well as assisting with projects that address public transportation needs in our region.

Thank you,

Melissa Ingriola
Executive Director, HOCTIL

Funded by a grant from the U. S. Department Health and Human Services Administration for Community Living

CITY OF KILLEEN

OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER BOYD

March 24, 2025

Michael Boyd
City Council Member
District 4
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Killeen, TX 76541
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(254) 925-7837

Re: Support for the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan 5 Year Plan (FY2027-2031)

Central Texas Council of Governments
Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization
2180 N. Main Street
PO Box 729
Belton, TX 76513

To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Killeen will support and commit to participating in the development of the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan 5 Year Plan (FY 2027 – 2031).

This commitment includes our agency's participation in meetings to discuss transportation needs for the clients we serve through the City of Killeen as well as assisting with projects that address public transportation needs in our region.

As part of the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) Regional Transportation Advisory Group (RTAG), the City of Killeen lends it support and efforts to improving the transportation needs in the area to best serve our citizens.

Sincerely,

Michael Boyd
City Council Member
District 4
City of Killeen

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metropolitan planning organization

March 17, 2025

Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group
Central Texas Council of Governments
2180 N. Main Street
Belton, Tx 76513

Re: 5-Year Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan (FYs 2027-2031)

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter of commitment is provided in support of the Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) application for funding to update the 5-Year Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan (RPTCP) for FYs 2027-2031.

The Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPO) boundary lies within the area that is covered by the RPTCP. The use of public transportation helps alleviate congestion on our region's roadways and is an important strategy in transportation planning. Federal legislation encourages MPO's to conduct activities promoting regional coordination, so all residents have access to a safe and reliable transportation network. Reduced congestion, regional coordination, and safe and reliable transportation networks are MPO goals that correlate with those of the RPTCP.

In support of CTCOG's proposed activities under this grant, KTMPO will support and commit to participating in the development of the RPTCP. This commitment includes our agency's participation in meetings to discuss transportation needs for the clients we serve through KTMPO, assisting with projects that address public transportation needs in our region, and promoting information about CTRTAG meetings, activities, and RPTCP development. Staff members will support coordination efforts to ensure consistency between KTMPO planning and implementation documents and the RPTCP.

KTMPO is pleased to be a partner with CTCOG in this endeavor and support a favorable review of CTCOG's funding application.

Respectfully,

Uryan Nelson
KTMPO Director

March 20, 2025
Anita Janke, Regional Planner / Public Engagement
CTCOG – Planning & Regional Services
2180 N. Main Street,
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March 20, 2025

Subject: Letter of Continued Support

Dear Ms. Janke

On behalf of Ride N' Safe, I am pleased to confirm our continued support and commitment to participating in the development of the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan for the five-year period of FY 2027 – 2031.

As part of this commitment, Ride N' Safe will actively participate in meetings and discussions to assess and address the transportation needs of the clients we serve.

We look forward to collaborating with regional stakeholders and contributing to the success of this vital initiative.

Sincerely,

Cliff Montemayor
CEO
Ride N' Safe LLC

Seton
Medical Center
Harker Heights

A partner of the
Seton Healthcare Family

3/13/25

To Whom it May Concern,

Please consider this letter as an expression of Seton Medical Center Harker Heights' support and commitment to the Central Texas Council of Governments and Regional Transportation Advisory Group. We wish to continue our participation in the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan 5 Year Plan. We commit that Chris Egizio, Vice President of Operations (or his designee), will continue to engage in membership on this important group.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this worthy cause in service of our fellow Central Texans.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Egizio, PT, MPT, MBA

Chris Egizio, PT, MPT, MBA | Vice President, Operations
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March 20, 2025

Anita Janke
Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group
2180 N. Main Street
Belton, Texas 76513

Dear Anita,

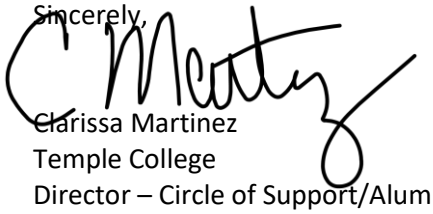
I am writing to express Temple College's full support of the Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group (CTRAG) and to offer our commitment to serve as a representative for Temple College, specifically within the Educational Facilities stakeholder group. We are excited about the opportunity to contribute to the regional transportation planning process and ensure that the needs and concerns of educational institutions, including Temple College, are fully represented and addressed.

Temple College is committed to offering accessible, high-quality education to a varied student body, and we recognize that reliable, efficient, and sustainable transportation options are essential to supporting the success of our educational mission. In alignment with this commitment, Temple College will actively support and participate in the development of the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan 5-Year Plan (FY 2027 – 2031).

This support includes our agency's active participation in meetings to discuss transportation needs for the clients we serve through Temple College, as well as our commitment to assisting with projects that address public transportation needs in the region. We are eager to collaborate with other stakeholders to develop innovative solutions that will improve mobility and contribute to the overall vitality and growth of Central Texas.

Thank you for considering Temple College's participation in CTRAG. We look forward to working together to create a more accessible and sustainable transportation system for the region.

Sincerely,



Clarissa Martinez
Temple College
Director – Circle of Support/Alumni Relations

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Anita Janke
Regional Planner/Public Engagement
Central Texas Council of Governments
2180 N. Main Street
Belton, Texas 76513

March 16, 2025

This letter is to confirm the commitment from myself to the Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group (CTRTAG) as a representative for regional educational institutions (including my own -- Texas AM University - Central Texas) to support and commit to participating in the development of the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan 5 Year Plan (FY 2027 – 2031). This commitment includes our agency's participation in meetings to discuss transportation needs for the clients we serve through educational institutions, as well as assisting with projects that address public transportation needs in our region.

Walter Murphy, AVP for Research and Innovation

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WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Re: Regional Public Transportation 5 Year Plan (FY 2027-2031)

Workforce Solutions of Central Texas will continue to support and commit to participating in the development of the Regional Public Transportation 5 Year Plan for fiscal years 2027-2031. This commitment includes our agency's participation in meetings to discuss transportation needs for the customers we serve through Workforce as well as assisting projects that address public transportation needs in our seven-county region.

Transportation needs continue to be a considerable barrier to employment for many of our customers in our urban areas but more so in the rural areas. Coordination with the Central Texas Regional Transit Advisory Group is essential to identify and address these issues utilizing as many resources as possible.

Along with barriers to employment, many of our customers in our region remain food insecure and not near sources of food such as grocery stores or food banks. Having access to reliable transportation resources will alleviate some of this food insecurity.

Thank you for your consideration for the funding application.

Sincerely,

Ben Lopez, Jr.
Workforce Center Director
Temple, Texas