

February 11, 2026

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas is the largest DART member city, contributing the most in sales tax revenue and accounting for more than half of the service area's population; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas recognizes that effective governance and continued investment in DART are critical to maintaining and expanding service, improving infrastructure, and meeting the growing transportation needs of the City and the greater North Texas region;

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas is committed to fostering a connected, accessible, and sustainable community, and DART provides essential transit services that connect Dallas residents to employment, education, healthcare, and recreational opportunities while supporting regional access to opportunities within the City of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, since September 2025, City leadership has participated in a multi-city working group with other DART member cities to collaboratively identify sustainable solutions to the most acute challenges facing DART, and the City of Dallas intends to continue as a constructive and collaborative partner in those discussions; and

WHEREAS, since November 2025, six DART member cities have initiated May 2026 elections to consider withdrawal from the system; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2026, the City of Dallas Transportation and Infrastructure Committee received a briefing regarding the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) system, including governance, funding, and service considerations; and

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2026, the Committee voted to recommend that the Dallas City Council authorize a resolution expressing the City's support for advancing three guiding principles related to DART, including governance, funding, and service, and directed City staff to negotiate a weighted vote for the City of Dallas between forty and fifty percent (40–50%) based on information presented to the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas continues to negotiate in good faith with DART member cities to agree to governance reforms; and

WHEREAS, implementation of these changes would require legislative action to amend the applicable state law;

Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Dallas supports the principle stating each DART member city should have representation through at least one seat on the DART Board of Directors.

SECTION 2. That the City of Dallas hereby expresses its position that no single member city should possess a majority vote share on the DART Board of Directors, and that the City of Dallas should hold a minimum of seven seats on the board with no less than 45% of the total voting power, reflective of its population, financial contribution, and service demands.

SECTION 3. That this governance structure is subject to further evaluation in the event of successful withdrawal elections by other DART member cities.

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SECTION 4. That the City of Dallas acknowledges the need to continue developing good governance practices, which include evaluating committee structures (including executive committees), board member qualifications, and other transit industry best practices.

SECTION 5. That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the DART Board of Directors, all DART Member Cities, members of the state legislature, and other relevant stakeholders.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so resolved.