

INTERAGENCY TRANSPORTATION REPORT - JANUARY 2020

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CITY OF DALLAS RTC REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor Johnson appointed the following Dallas' representatives to serve on the Regional Transportation Council:

- **Councilmember Lee Kleinman (Delegation Lead)**
 - The Mayor also appointed Mr. Kleinman to **represent the City of Dallas on the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Executive Board.**
- **Councilmember David Blewett**
- **Councilmember Chad West**
- **Councilmember Tennell Atkins**
- **Councilmember Adam Bazaldua**
- **William Tsao (Citizen Representative)**
- **Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano (Alternate)**
- **Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam McGough (Alternate)**

HYPERLOOP CERTIFICATION FACILITY

In November, Virgin Hyperloop (VHL) issued a nationwide Request for Proposals (RFP) seeking responses from regions across the United States interested in hosting their development and operations certification track, a welcome center, a pod final assembly center, operations and safety training center, and production development test center.

The RFP process has three phases:

1. Phase I required a submittal of a Conceptual Proposal.

- These proposals were evaluated by Virgin Hyperloop to identify proposals to advance to Phase II.
- **NCTCOG staff was notified in early January that the North Texas region was selected to move to Phase II.**
- The Phase I RFP sought alignments for the Hyperloop six-mile test track. **The City of Dallas submitted two alignments for consideration.** Very generally, the first alignment starts at the former Naval Air Station, goes south along Patriots Parkway to I-20, east to 67, then north along 67 to the Executive Airport. The second alignment starts at Executive Airport, goes south along 67 to I-20 and east to I-45.

2. The Phase II proposal is a detailed proposal and is due February 28th.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is leading the response for the region.

RFP ISSUED FOR HIGH-SPEED TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN DALLAS & FORT WORTH

The NCTCOG issued an RFP for consulting services for high-speed transportation service between Dallas and Fort Worth. Proposals were due on December 13, 2019 and are currently under review.

The work to be performed by the selected consultant consists of providing technical support for the analysis of potential alternatives, operations/service planning, and the development of preliminary engineering documents and environmental documents/studies for high-speed passenger service between Dallas and Fort Worth.

Molly Carroll, the City's Executive General Manager for High-Speed Rail, will serve as the Dallas representative on the evaluation committee.

CLEAN FLEETS NORTH TEXAS 2019 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

At the November RTC meeting, **the City of Dallas was awarded \$929,608** based on the City's response to a June 2019 NCTCOG Call for Projects. This money will help fund replacement of six vehicles and four pieces of heavy equipment.

DALLAS NAMED SILVER AWARD WINNER BY DALLAS-FORT WORTH CLEAN CITIES COALITION

In December, the City of Dallas was recognized as a "Silver Award" winner by the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition for efforts to reduce emissions and improve the fuel efficiency of its fleet.

MICHAEL MORRIS INTERVIEW WITH THE DALLAS REAL ESTATE COUNCIL (TREC)

In November, TREC interviewed Michael Morris, Director of Transportation for the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The audio of the interview can be found at: [TREC interview of Michael Morris](#).

Mr. Morris discusses multiple items of interest to Dallas including D2, I-345, the Southern Gateway project, the I-30 Canyon and other I-30 projects, and High Speed Rail between Dallas and Houston and between Dallas and Fort Worth.

UPCOMING RTC MEETINGS

RTC New Member Orientation

- There will be an orientation for new RTC members at **11:00 AM on Thursday, February 13th**.
- Although this orientation is designed for new RTC members, **anyone interested can attend** including current RTC members and staff.
- **If you plan on attending** the new member orientation, **please RSVP to NCTCOG staff no later than January 24th** (April Leger – aleger@nctcog.org).

February RTC Meeting Rescheduled

- The February RTC meeting has been rescheduled to February 27th at 10:00 AM.

Date	Time	Location
February 13, 2020 (New Member Orientation)	11:00 AM (New Time)	North Central Texas Council of Governments
February 27, 2020 (February Meeting – Rescheduled)	10:00 AM (New Time)	North Central Texas Council of Governments
March 12, 2020	1:00 PM	North Central Texas Council of Governments



TxDOT PUBLIC MEETINGS ON I-345

In early December, TxDOT held three public meetings on the feasibility study for proposed improvements to I-345 from I-30 to Woodall Rodgers Freeway.

The public meeting included presentations on the feasibility study and provided an opportunity for the public to provide feedback on the study.

The purpose of the feasibility study is to develop and analyze conceptual alternatives for I-345 and will include a variety of items for consideration including engineering analysis, traffic analysis, right-of-way requirements, and cost and economic impacts.

This study is the beginning of a process to help TxDOT determine the best way to address the needs of the roadway and the traveling public.

After they have completed the feasibility study, TxDOT will hold another series of public meetings to present preliminary traffic analysis, conceptual alternatives based on stakeholder feedback, traffic data, and existing land use and economic development studies and plans.

TxDOT LETTING PROJECT FOR REPAIR OF I-35 MAIN LANES

In January, TxDOT let a project for full depth repair, mill and inlay on the main lanes of I-35 from Oak Lawn to Northwest Highway.



BUS SERVICE NETWORK REDESIGN

DART is moving forward on the redesign of its bus network, the "DARTzoom Bus Network Redesign."

The goal of the bus network redesign is to arrive at an appropriate mix between two competing goals: 1) a "ridership goal" that emphasizes maximum ridership, and 2) a "coverage goal" that emphasizes some service for everyone.

DART's current bus network addresses about 55% of a ridership goal. Other transit systems have completed network redesigns and moved towards more ridership.

Comparison to Other Transit Systems



Metro Area	Original Split			After Redesign		
	Ridership	Coverage	Duplication	Ridership	Coverage	Duplication
Houston	55%	30%	15%	80%	20%	0%
Columbus	70%	20%	10%	70%	30%	0%
Fresno	85%	15%	0%	90%	10%	0%
San Jose	70%	30%	0%	90%	10%	0%
Dallas	55%	45%	0%	???	???	???

It is anticipated that changes to the network will be implemented in January 2022, at the earliest.

SILVER LINE MEETINGS

DART is hosting a series of community meetings on the Silver Line project starting January 21st.

At the meetings, staff will provide updates on the project schedule, the betterments program, station art and design programs, vehicles, and construction.

The meeting in Dallas will be on Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 PM at The Sound at Cypress Waters – Town Hall Room (2nd Floor), 3111 Olympus Boulevard, Dallas, TX 75019.

Additional meetings will be held in Addison (Thursday, January 30th, 6:30 PM and Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30 PM) and in Richardson (Thursday, February 6th, 6:30 PM).

Additional information on the project and meeting information can be found at the [DART Silver Line Project Website](#).

DCCCD STUDENT PASSES

DART and the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) entered into a three-year student pass contract. Under this agreement, all eligible DCCCD students (those enrolled in six or more hours in the Fall/Spring semesters or 3 or more hours in the Summer semester) can ride DART for free.

This agreement extends a pilot project that began in 2017, after transportation was identified as one of the top enrollment barriers.



The next NTTA Board Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am on Wednesday, January 22nd at the North Texas Tollway Authority headquarters at 5900 West Plano Parkway, Plano, Texas 75093.



CITY OF DALLAS DRMC REPRESENTATIVES

Mayor Johnson appointed the following Dallas' representatives to serve on the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition.

- **Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Adam McGough (Delegation Lead)**
- **Councilmember David Blewett**
- **Councilmember Tennell Atkins**

DRMC MEETING

At January's DRMC meeting, Brian Barth, TxDOT's Director of Project Planning and Development, and Mo Bur, the TxDOT District Engineer, provided a comprehensive briefing on TxDOT's Texas Clear Lanes and Congestion Relief Task Force.

Texas Clear Lanes began in 2015 to address the state's largest chokepoints. Although Texas Clear Lanes received \$26.6B in funding and \$8.5B remains available for allocation, there are still substantial funding gaps for congestion relief projects.

There is consensus that getting funding directed to projects in the Metroplex is contingent on early planning, regional cooperation, and leveraging other funding streams to close funding gaps.

If you would like a copy of the briefing presented to the DRMC board, please email Molly Carroll at molly.carroll@dallascityhall.com.

The next meeting is scheduled for **February 7, 2020**. Meetings are held at the North Texas Tollway Authority headquarters at 5900 West Plano Parkway, Plano, Texas 75093.

2019 Airport of the Year



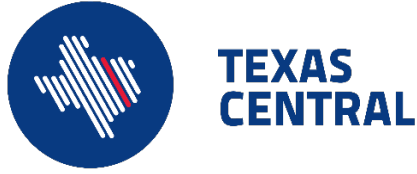
QATAR AIRWAYS CARGO LAUNCHES NEW ROUTE TO DFW

Qatar Airways Cargo is starting new freighter service between South America and Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, operating two Boeing 777F flights per week. The all-cargo service will transport up to 100 tons of perishable cargo to DFW Airport's central U.S. location, facilitating quick and easy distribution throughout the rapidly growing region and offering convenient trans operations on DFW Airport's extensive Asian freighter network.

Fresh produce and seafood will make up the majority of goods flown from South America. Other types of cargo expected on the route include live animals, pharmaceuticals, and high-value items such as telecommunication equipment and electronics. The route will originate in Campinas, Brazil and make stops in Santiago, Lima, DFW Airport, and Luxembourg before finishing in Doha, Qatar.

DFW BOARD ADOPTS FINDINGS OF DISPARITY STUDY

The DFW Airport Board adopted the findings of the 2019 Disparity study and changes to the Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Policy at DFW Airport. DFW completes a disparity study every seven years. The results of the study are the basis for the M/WBE Policy and programs at DFW Airport. Following the 2019 Study, DFW will be making a few changes to its policy. It will be raising the goals for its M/WBE program and expanding programs to increase capacity of women and minority owned businesses. Over the next several weeks, DFW will be engaging with the minority chambers and advocacy groups to develop procedures based on the adopted policies.



PARTNERSHIP WITH MASS. ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION CO.

Texas Central has entered into an agreement with Mass. Electric Construction Co., a subsidiary of Kiewit Corporation. Mass. Electric's work focuses on installing the core system, critical safety elements including all necessary power, signaling and communications equipment.

PROJECT PROGRESSES

Soil sampling along the alignment and further engineering and design are all continuing as well as other early work. This is being done in order to be prepared for construction once Federal approvals are in place, estimated later this year.