



Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes July 24, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) convened a Regular Board of Directors Meeting with Chair TJ Gilmore presiding on Thursday, July 24, 2025 at 10:00am, located at the DCTA Administrative Offices, 1955 Lakeway Drive, Suite 260, Lewisville, Texas 75057.

Voting Members

Chair TJ Gilmore, City of Lewisville
Vice-Chair Cesar Molina, Denton County
Secretary Andy Eads, Denton County
Board Member Daniel Jaworski, City of Highland Village
Board Member Alison Maguire, City of Denton

Alternates

Board Member Jody Gonzalez, Denton County
Board Member Kristin Green, City of Lewisville
Board Member Pat Smith, City of Denton
Board Member Paul Stevens, City of Highland Village

Non-Voting Members

Board Member Dennie Franklin, City of Frisco
Board Member Jeremie Maurina, City of The Colony
Board Member Stephen Christo, Alternate - City of The Colony
Board Member Jared Eutsler, City of Corinth

Legal Counsel

Joe Gorfida, Nichols Jackson

DCTA CEO

Paul A. Cristina

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gilmore called the meeting at 10:01am. All Board Members were present with the exception of Board Member Stevens who arrived at 10:02am.

INVOCATION

The invocation was led by Secretary Eads.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board recited the pledges to the United States and Texas flags.

INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions during this time.



PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments during this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider Approval of Monthly Financial Statement for May 31, 2025
2. Consider Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Network Switches and Implementation Services for the Electronic Security Program from United Data Technologies in the amount of \$84,573.30
3. Consider Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to Execute a Contract with Texas Health Benefits (TXHB) for Medical, Dental and Vision Benefits beginning October 1, 2025 in the amount of \$2,208,114
4. Consider Approval of a Resolution and Adoption of the Denton County Transportation Authority Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP)
5. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes Dated June 26, 2025

Motion by Vice-Chair Molina with a second by Board Member Jaworski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passes 5-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Discuss and Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Reinvestment Program (TRiP) Project Submissions

Karina Maldonado, Planning Manager, presented to the Board highlighting the following:

- Overview of the Transportation Reinvestment Program (TRiP)
- Reserve Fund Policies, Financial Policies, Unrestricted Fund Balance, Capital Replacement
- FY25 TRiP Process (Steps 1-4)
- Current TRiP Spending (FY21-24)
- FY25 Available Funding
- FY25 TRiP Application Requests Received
- Request A: Colorado Boulevard Multimodal Improvements (TRiP 2025 Funding Request - \$1,000,000)
- Request B: Fry Street Multimodal Improvements (TRiP 2025 Funding Request - \$257,902.54)
- Request C: Denton A-train Rail Trail Extension (TRiP 2025 Funding Request - \$2,500,000)

- Request D: UPRR Quiet Zone (Additional Funding - \$483,949)

Board discussion regarding clarification on Request A – staff indicated its understanding from the City that funding would be used for south side gaps in the sidewalk; specifically incomplete connections in sidewalk sections, retaining wall and concrete work with contingencies.

Motion by Board Member Maguire and a second by Vice-Chair Molina to approve Regular Agenda 1 as presented. Motion passes 5-0.

2. Discuss the Updates to the Proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Operating & Capital Budget and Reserve Policies, and the Long-Range Financial Plan

Jane Filarowicz, Senior Manager of Budget & Grants, presented to the Board highlighting the following:

- Proposed Revised Budget Workshop
- DCTA Budget Summary
- FY2026 Budget Updates (net Depreciation) – Since June Board Meeting
- Change in Net Position – DCTA (Net Depreciation/includes Depreciation)
- Capital Budget Summary
- Proposed FY2026 ELP Follow-up: Ticket Vending Machines and Contactless Fare Payment Systems Pilot
- Additional Considerations
 - FY2026 Budget includes planning funds to enable creation of DCTA Fare Policy, which could address fare structure, collection (i.e. sales outlets) and enforcement
 - Capital budget line item for ticket vending machines purchase will be removed.
 - Regional Transportation Council (RTC) policy TR3-003 calls for “coordinated fare structure” and “standardization of assets, technologies and service characteristics that promote interoperability”
 - DCTA is in coordination with NCTCOG, DART and Trinity Metro on “Regional Transit 2.0” findings that could impact local fare collection
 - Convene a working group to ensure TA schedules, modal specific long-range plans and fare policies
 - Create regional fare policy and end-to-end payment system that considers loyalty, rewards and incentive programs
- Potential Path Forward
- TRiP (TRiP FY2026) and Member Cities Allocation
- Long-Range Financial Plan
 - Revenues and Expenses
 - Capital Expenses and Revenue
 - Debt and Fund Balance

- Next Steps
 - July 25 - August 15, 2025: Update FY2026 Budget (if applicable)
 - August 28, 2025: FY2026 Public Hearing to Adopt Budget
 - August 29 - September 30, 2025: Prepare FY2026 Budget for Use
 - October 1, 2025: First Day of FY2026

Board discussion regarding ticket vending machine challenges/issues, conversations with DART on premium alignment, TRiP calculations and reassessments due to unknown blocks of projects, concerns with the estimated \$3.8 million to set aside and the inability to predict the costs of the 15-minute headway, budgeting capital expenses (i.e., technology), discretionary grants, and the industry standard (Government Finance Officers Association - GFOA) regarding long-range financial plans (i.e., 10 or 20 year plans). In addition, the Board requested staff to present information regarding the costs on cutaways and 15-minute headways. The Board agreed that the budget process was a seamless process with good information presented and appreciates the flexibility with discussions.

No Board action required at this time.

3. Discuss Update on the A-train Enhancement Program

Austin Frith, Vice President of Planning and Development, presented to the Board highlighting the following:

- Briefing Objectives
- Curve & Speed Improvements: Construction & Coordination (Rio Grande Pacific and Lochner)
- A-train Enhancement – Curve and Speed Design
- Curve and Speed Improvements – Capital Cost
- Curve and Speed Improvements – Train Operations Alternatives
 - Options 1-3
- Next Steps for Program and Upcoming Task Orders
 - Rio Grande Pacific Authorization Letter Approval – Board Action in August
 - Lochner Task Order 3 - Approval for Curve and Speed Improvement Project Support – Board action in August 2025
 - Lochner Task Order 2 - Approval for Downtown Carrollton and 15 Minute Headway Infrastructure – Board discussion in August 2025 and Board action in August/September 2025
 - Lochner Task Order 4 - Approval to Extend Service Hours Modeling and PTC Recommendation – Board discussion in August 2025 and Board approval in August/September 2025

Board discussion regarding capital costs for curve and speed improvements. In addition, regarding Train Operations Alternatives, Option 1 was the consensus of the Board.

No Board action required at this time.

4. Discuss Update on the Intermediate Service Plan Phases II and III

Austin Frith, VP of Planning and Development, presented to the Board highlighting the following:

- Overview – Phases 1-3
- Connect Performance Data
- GoZone Performance Data
- ISP Phase II Overview (GoZone A-train Integration and UNT Route Implementation Timeline)
- GoZone Virtual Stop Review
- GoZone Virtual Stop Review – Overall
- GoZone Virtual Stop Review – Examples
- Transit App GoZone Integration
- ISP Phase III – Objective
- ISP Phase III – Approach
- ISP Phase III - Concept
- ISP Phase III – Areas of Opportunity – Route 2
- ISP Phase III – Areas of Opportunity – Route 3
- ISP Phase III – Areas of Opportunity – Route 4
- ISP Phase III – Network Integration
- Other ISP Phase III Considerations
 - UNT Partnership
 - Optimization of UNT Service Delivery
 - Transit bus fleet availability and delivery timeline for new equipment
 - Deployment/capital revenue alternatives for freed GoZone capacity
 - Bus stop infrastructure construction
 - Advance consideration first mile/last mile GoZone Integration (with Phase III or new Phase IV)

The Board commended staff for their responsiveness to community concerns and for the successful re-implementation of Route 2 and Route 4, which have received positive feedback from the public. Additionally, the Board discussed the ongoing growth in both commercial and residential sectors, emphasizing the importance of accurate and comprehensive data to effectively assess and address future transportation needs.



5. Discuss Local and Regional Updates and Legislative Updates

Regional Transit 2.0 Collaboration: DCTA continues active engagement with NCTCOG staff, DART, and Trinity Metro to advance recommendations from Regional Transit 2.0, with the goal of enhancing regional integration. Updates will be provided to the Board as progress is made.

FTA Triennial Review: DCTA successfully completed the FTA Triennial Review, which encompassed 20 categories and 174 sub-sections. The agency submitted over 300 documents and received zero findings. Special thanks to staff for their outstanding work and dedication.

The Board expressed appreciation to CEO Paul Cristina and his team for their leadership and efforts, noting that DCTA is well-positioned within the Regional Transit 2.0 framework.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

1. Safety, Service, and Ridership Reports – June 2025
2. Update on Marketing and Communications Program

These items are for informational purposes only. No Board action required.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS

None at this time.

REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

- DCTA celebrates End of Summer Back to School BBQ – August 13, 2025
- North Texas State Fair & Rodeo – August 15-24, 2025 – Denton
- Denton Arts & Jazz Fest – October 3-5, 2025

CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

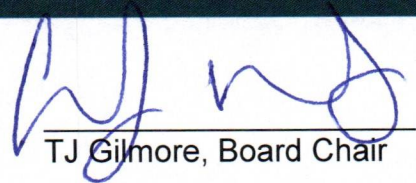
No Executive Session Scheduled.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Not applicable.

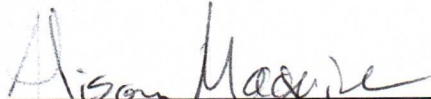
ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:41am.

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TJ Gilmore, Board Chair

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Andy Eads, Board Secretary