



**Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2026 | 10:00 a.m.**

The Board of Directors of the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) convened a Regular Board of Directors Meeting with Vice Chair Gilmore presiding on Thursday, January 22, 2026, at 10:00am, located at the DCTA Administrative Offices, 1955 Lakeway Drive, Suite 260, Lewisville, Texas 75057.

**Voting Members**

Chair Andy Eads, Denton County  
Vice Chair TJ Gilmore, City of Lewisville  
Secretary Dan Jaworski, Highland Village  
Board Member Cesar Molina, Denton County  
Board Member Suzi Rumohr, 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**

Vice Chair Gilmore called the meeting to order at 10:00am. All Board Members were present with the exception of Chair Eads and Board Members Smith and Christo. Vice Chair Gilmore departed the meeting at 12:25pm at which time Secretary Jaworski stepped in and led the remainder of the meeting.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was led by Board Member Gonzalez.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board recited the United States and Texas pledges.



## INTRODUCTIONS

CEO Cristina introduced the following individuals in the gallery:

Jim Coffey, UNT  
Alex Parker, UNT

CEO Cristina also introduced the new DCTA Vice President of Finance, Derick Sibley.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this time.

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consider Approval of Monthly Financial Statement for November 30, 2025
2. Consider Approval of a Contract Amendment with Tyler Technologies for the Elimination of Services Related to Phase II of the Enterprise Resource Program
3. Consider Approval of a Resolution to Approve Budget Transfer 2026-01 to Reallocate \$125,000 from the Enterprise Resource Program Capital Fund Project to Human Resources for the Work with UKG and RCM for Payroll and Human Resource Software Upgrades
4. Consider Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with RCM in the Amount of \$74,999 for the Implementation of UKG Upgrades and Optimizations
5. Consider Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with UKG in the Amount of \$3,000 for the Implementation of UKG Upgrades and Optimizations
6. Consider Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute an Amendment Contract Renewal with UKG for Payroll, Human Resources Software and Support Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$75,000 for a Period of One (1) Year
7. Consider Approval of Contract Amendment with Spare in the Amount of \$19,420 for a Period of Three (3) Years for the Maintenance and Inventory Asset Management System
8. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 10, 2025

***Motion by Board Member Gonzalez with a second by Secretary Jaworski to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion passes 5-0.***

## REGULAR AGENDA

The Regular Agenda was taken out of order for this meeting with items RA01, RA02, and RA07 first, followed by Executive Session and then RA03-RA06, RA08, and RA09.

1. **Discuss and Consider Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Reinvestment Program (TRiP) Annual Report and Authorize a Budgeted Amount for the Fiscal Year 2026 TRiP Program**
2. **Discuss and Consider Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 Transportation Reinvestment Program (TRiP) Annual Call for Projects**

Karina Maldonado, Planning Manager, presented to the Board Regular Agenda Items 1 and 2 together; however, with a separate vote on each.

Ms. Maldonado highlighted the following:

- FY26 TRiP Budget
- TRiP Program Spending
- FY25 TRiP Annual Report
- FY21-25 Funding Levels and Rollover Amounts
- TRiP – FY26 Funding
- FY26 Available Funding
- Annual TRiP Call for Projects Process
- FY26 Call for Projects Key Milestones

Board discussion regarding the flexibility of funding allocations each year based on the agency's capital needs. Emphasis was placed on the importance of setting aside capital funds for planning purposes and maintaining a priority on moving people. It was noted that this policy gives the flexibility to consider the allocation percentage annually and adjust if the Board decides that is in the best interest of the agency.

***Motion by Secretary Jaworski with a second by Board Member Rumohr to approve Regular Agenda Item 1 leaving the allocation at 15% for FY26. Motion passes 5-0.***

***Motion by Secretary Jaworski with a second by Board Member Rumohr to approve Regular Agenda Item 2 as presented. Motion passes 5-0.***

3. **Discuss and Consider Approval of a Resolution Approving Budget Revision 2026-02 in the Amount of \$225,000 to be allocated for the Purchase of Two (2) Cutaway Buses**
4. **Discuss Update on the DCTA Fleet Plan and Consider Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute Necessary Documents for the Purchase of Two (2) Cutaway Buses Not to Exceed \$450,000**
5. **Discuss and Consider Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to Negotiate and Execute Necessary Documents to Refurbish One (1) Gillig Bus in an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000**

**6. Discuss the Purchase of Three (3) 2020 Gillig Buses from Dallas Area Rapid Transit**

Lisa Taylor, Vice President of Operations, presented to the Board Regular Agenda Items RA03 through RA06 together; however, with a separate vote on each action item (RA03, RA04, and RA05). RA06 was a discussion item with no action to be taken.

Ms. Taylor highlighted the following:

- Revenue Fleet Plan Update – 35 Foot Transit Bus
- Bus Refurbishment – ELP
- Cosmetic / Rider Refresh Program
- DART 2020 Gillig Buses
- Improved Efficiency
- Cutaway Purchase

Staff addressed a question regarding the elimination of 2 Access routes, explaining that those routes were consolidated into the remaining routes. This change did not have any effect on service coverage or On Time Performance.

***Motion by Board Member Molina with a second by Secretary Jaworski to approve Regular Agenda Item 3 as presented. Motion passes 5-0.***

***Motion by Secretary Jaworski with a second by Board Member Molina to approve Regular Agenda Item 4 as presented. Motion passes 5-0.***

***Motion by Board Member Molina with a second by Secretary Jaworski to approve Regular Agenda Item 5 as presented. Motion passes 5-0.***

***No action required on Regular Agenda Item 6***

**7. Discuss Update on the A-train Enhancement Program and Consider Authorizing Matching Funds in the Amount of \$6.25M for Federal Discretionary Grant Application for Construction of the Downtown Carrollton Extension and Platform**

Austin Frith, Vice President of Planning & Development, presented to the Board Regular Agenda Item 7, highlighting the following:

- Program Vision and Objectives
- A-train Program Update
- Linking Project Scope to Local, Regional, and Federal Funding
- Task Order 2 Progress (Preliminary Engineering DT Carrollton)
- Design Alternative Solution Exploration – DT Carrollton
- Alternative Alignment Comparison
- Cost Estimate Evolution Areas – Downtown Carrollton Extension

- Funding Opportunities
- Coordination Update
- Funding Opportunity Timeline
- Upcoming Discussions Timeline

The Board discussed the potential for the City of Carrollton to withdraw from DART and the possible impacts on this project. Staff explained the importance of continuing current planning and preliminary design work to gain complete scope definition and more accurate cost estimates, after which the overall A-train program could be paused, if necessary, prior to construction procurement to assess the situation. Regarding the federal BUILD grant, staff noted that DCTA could withdraw its application if significant project changes occur and the authorized funds would not be spent unless the grant was awarded and the project was brought to construction.

Staff also addressed the project cost range, noting that the \$125M estimate is from the NCTCOG Mobility 2050 Plan, while the \$76.6M estimate is based on a prior LAN study. Staff stated that if regional funding is not available to cover the gap, funds would need to be reallocated within the Long-Range Financial Plan.

***Motion by Board Member Molina with a second by Board Member Gonzalez to approve Regular Agenda Item 7 as presented. Motion passes 5-0.***

#### 8. Discuss Update on the Intermediate Service Plan Phase III

Austin Frith, Vice President of Planning and Development and Karina Maldonado, Planning Manager, presented to the Board Regular Agenda Item 8, highlighting the following:

- ISP Phase III Context & Objective
- Fixed Route Expansion and GZ Reallocation/KPIs
- Current Operation
- Scenarios 1 through 5
- Scenario Comparison Elements
- Cost Curve Assumptions
- Passenger Per Hour Assumptions
- Cost Curve Insights
  - Scenarios 2 through 4 Cost Curve
- Cost Per Passenger Summary
- Scenario Performance: What the Data Says
  - GoZone Scenario 1: Expand Denton Service
  - GoZone Scenario 2: Reallocate Hours to KPIs
  - GoZone Scenario 3: HV/Lewisville Expansion

Staff addressed a question regarding how we plan to re-distribute captured trips. Staff stated that a scenario-by-scenario view that will aid the Board in deciding on how to re-allocate resources will be provided at the next update. Staff is preparing a menu of options.

Board is not opposed to any scenarios presented thus far.

#### 9. Discuss Local and Regional Updates and Legislative Updates

CEO Cristina noted that there is a significant amount of transit-related activity occurring across the region. He remains engaged as an observer in the Transit 2.0 subcommittee discussions to better understand the region's direction. These developments have important implications for DCTA, particularly regarding connectivity and the A-train. He emphasized the importance of staying informed and contributing constructive ideas where possible to help ensure the continued effectiveness of the regional rail network.

#### INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

1. Safety, Service, and Ridership Reports – November/December 2025
2. Update on Denton Antique Trolley Opportunity
3. Update on Roofing Assessment Task Order with Kimley-Horn in an Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000
4. Update on Purchasing Card (P-Card) Program
5. Update on the Regional Transit Fare

#### FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS

None at this time.

**Next Regular Board Meeting Date:** February 26, 2026

#### REPORT ON ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Pursuant to Texas Government Section 551.0415 the Board of Directors may report on the following items: (1) expression of thanks, congratulations, or condolences; (2) information about holiday schedules; (3) recognition of individuals; (4) reminders about upcoming DCTA and Member City events; (5) information about community events; and (6) announcements involving imminent threat to public health and safety.

There were no reports on items of community interest.



## CONVENE EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. The Board of Directors will convene into Closed Executive Session Pursuant to Section 551.076(1) of the Texas Government Code, Seeking Legal Advice from Legal Counsel Regarding a University of North Texas (UNT) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.
2. The Board of Directors will convene into Closed Executive Session Pursuant to Section 551.076(1) of the Texas Government Code, Seeking Legal Advice from Legal Counsel Regarding a Dallas Area Rapid Transit Transportation Access Agreement and Easement.
3. The Board of Directors will convene into Closed Executive Session Pursuant to Section 551.076(1) of the Texas Government Code, Seeking Legal Advice from Legal Counsel Regarding a City of Frisco Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.

**The Board convened into Closed Executive Session at 10:52am.**

## RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

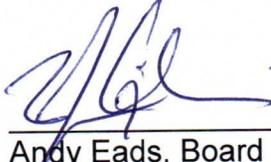
Reconvene and Take Necessary Action on Items Discussed during Executive Session (if applicable).

**The Board reconvened into Open Session at 11:59am with no action taken.**

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00pm and reconvened at 12:15pm.

## ADJOURN

This meeting was adjourned at 12:59pm.

  
TJ Gilmore  
from Joseph Eads  
Andy Eads, Board Chair

  
Daniel Jaworski, Board Secretary