



Discussion of City Requests

DART Board Board of Directors
Special Called Meeting of the
Committee-of-the-Whole

January 8, 2025



Discussion Items

- Shuttle/Circulator Services
- General Mobility Fund
- Transit 2.0 Updates
- Economic Development
- Governance
- Upcoming City Meetings
- Future Agenda Items

Shuttle/Circulator Services

- Concepts
 - Activity center connectors (Addison, Plano Legacy, etc.)
 - Citywide GoLink concept
- Considerations
 - Funding availability (grants, MAIF, etc.)
 - Contract modifications
 - Performance metrics
- Other considerations?

General Mobility Fund

- Plano requested \$27.5M each year in FY 2025 and FY 2026 for a total of \$55M
 - Is this a request the Board would like to support?
- Does the Board want to provide funding directly to the cities to be used for purposes allowable under Chapter 452?
 - Similar to the PTI funds disbursed

Transit 2.0 Updates

- NCTCOG updates on progress, observations, recommendations

Economic Development

- Tax increment reinvestment zone (TIRZ)
 - Clarify Board position on DART participation in TIRZ
- Considerations
 - Enabling framework: LGC vs. Tax Code Chapter 311
 - Automatic participation vs. case-by-case – parity with other taxing authorities
 - Parameters for DART participation
 - Governance of/decision-making for DART participation
 - Bond obligations and impact on DART participation in TIRZs (e.g., debt obligations take priority, etc.)
 - Existing vs. new TIRZs
 - Mechanism for establishing each development deal (e.g., ILA, etc.)

Governance

Two problems to solve:

- Desire for representation/voice (Farmers Branch, Highland Park, University Park)
- Concern about single-city control of Board (Carrollton, Farmers Branch, Highland Park, Irving, Plano, Rowlett)

Governance (cont.)

Feedback on potential options to solve single-city control:

- All DART cities represented with equal votes (12 suburbs/3 Dallas)
- Geographical election of 7 at-large Board members
- Weighted Board member vote (population)
- Weighted Board member vote (sales tax)
- Current method (no change)
- Current method with supermajority vote to add service

Upcoming City Meetings

- Provide updates from January 8 and 10 meeting discussions
 - Relate to earlier requests/discussions and leveraging DART as asset
 - Plan and timeline for establishing new shuttle/circulator pilots
 - Outcome of discussion around General Mobility Fund
- Ask cities to support DART Board's governance proposal, as determined on January 8 or 10
- Ask cities to write letter or pass resolution in support of DART's full funding
- Board participants the same as in first round of meetings

Upcoming Agenda Items

- What agenda items and/or Board actions are necessary and when?
 - Shuttle/circulator services
 - General mobility fund
 - Economic development
 - Governance
- What items, if any, require legislative action?
 - What is needed this session vs. next session?



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let's go.



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