



Approval of an Interlocal Agreement with North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for the Funding of the Vanpool Services Program

Planning & Capital Projects Committee
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Today's Action

- Approval of a resolution authorizing the President/Chief Executive Officer or his designee to execute an Interlocal Agreement with North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for the funding of the vanpool services program, substantially in the form shown as Exhibit 1 to the Resolution

Background

- The Vanpool Program allows DART to receive federal funds available through the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to support non-traditional transit programs (vanpools)
- Vanpool routes generally cover trips that cannot be made using other DART services
 - 60% of the cost is covered by user fees
 - 35% of the cost is reimbursed to DART by the NCTCOG
 - 5% of the program costs are provided through in kind services from DART staff involved in the program
 - \$12,200 is paid to NCTCOG as an administrative fee
 - 11 vans in operation with 52 riders (pre-pandemic – 170 vans / 1,142 riders)
 - 7 to 15 passenger vans
 - Subsidy per passenger for FY2020 – \$2.33

Regional Vanpool Program

- DART in collaboration with NCTCOG, DCTA, and Trinity Metro are developing a regional vanpool program to eliminate competition by enacting clearly defined service areas and increased subsidies for common vehicles

| | DART | DCTA | Trinity Metro |
|------------------------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| Operational Vanpools | 11 | 67 | 53 |
| Shift to DART | | -24 | -7 |
| Shift to DCTA | | | -1 |
| Shift to Trinity Metro | -2 | | |
| Non-Funded Vanpools | | -5 | |
| Overall Loss | -2 | -29 | -8 |
| Overall Gain | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| Final Vanpool # | 40 | 39 | 47 |

- 44 DART vanpools are currently suspended due to the pandemic
- 61 vanpools were shifted from the DART program by Enterprise (previous vendor)

Financial Arrangements

- The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) approved funding for the vanpool program under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Surface Transportation Program Block Grant Funds

| FY21 Budget | DART | PAX Contribution | Federal Share | Total |
|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Program Costs | \$122,028.00* | \$1,596,160.50 | \$991,762.10 | \$2,709,950.60 |
| Admin | \$12,200.00 | - | - | \$12,200.00 |
| Total | \$134,228.00 | \$1,596,160.50 | \$991,762.10 | \$2,722,150.60 |

*DART In-Kind match from planning, finance, and marketing staff salaries

Recommendation

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