



Budget and Finance
Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 3:15 P.M.
DART Board Room – 1st Floor
1401 Pacific Ave., Dallas, Texas 75202
(Estimated Meeting Time: 45 minutes)

1. Approval of Minutes: December 14, 2021
2. *Discussion of K-12 Student Pass Program
(Jon-Bertrell Killen/Nicole Fontayne-Bárdowell) *[45 minutes]*
3. Identification of Future Agenda Items
4. Adjournment

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Chair – Jon-Bertrell Killen
Vice-Chair – Gary Slagel
Members – Flora M. Hernandez, Michele Wong Krause,
and Paul N. Wageman
Staff Liaison – Nicole Fontayne-Bárdowell

**MINUTES
DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
December 14, 2021**

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit **Budget and Finance Committee** meeting came to order at 12:18 p.m., Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at DART Headquarters, 1401 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas, with Chair Enoch presiding.

The following Committee members were present: Jon-Bertrell Killen, Gary Slagel, Flora M. Hernandez, and Michele Wong Krause.

Other Board Members present: Rick Stopfer, Lee Ruiz, Patrick J. Kennedy, Robert C. Dye, and Jonathan R. Kelly.

Others present: Nadine S. Lee, Gene Gamez, Carol Wise, Dwight D. Burns, James Duff, Nery Armubster, Senanu Adadevoh, Donna Henry, Nancy Johnson, and Josefina Chavira.

1. Approval of Minutes: October 26, 2021

Hearing no objection, Chair Killen stated that the October 26, 2021 Budget and Finance Committee Minutes were entered into record, as written.

2. *Discussion of Federal Infrastructure Bill Funding

Mr. Dwight D. Burns, Treasurer, briefed the Committee (slides on file with the Office of Board Support) as follows:

- Presentation Outline (slide 1)
- The Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (slides 2-3)

Mr. Ruiz stepped out of the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Chair Killen noted the reason he requested a briefing on this topic now was due to some new information had become available, but also because this will be an important part of the financing DART has available as they look towards the 20-year financial plan and decide how they are going to invest some of these funds in addition to the remaining relief funds. After further deliberation, Chair Killen inquired if there were any outstanding items, or items that need to be accelerated, in the State of Good Repair list and were not in the 20-year financial plan.

Mr. Kennedy entered the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Ms. Lee responded that there is a full program of State of Good Repair needs that DART needs to implement. She noted that she has begun conversations with staff to look at what those priorities are going to be in anticipation of the federal dollars. Ms. Lee noted that she would have staff bring back a fuller detailed report.

In reference to the Federal Infrastructure Bill Funding, Mr. Slagel noted that the money would go through Regional Transportation Council (RTC) first, and then the funds would be allocated to DART. He inquired if they must earmark the programs or will this funding have the freedom to allow the agency to choose the programs.

Mr. Dye entered the meeting at 12:28 p.m.

Mr. Burns responded that decision would depend on the federal administration if they decided to earmark the programs or not.

Chair Killen requested staff to identify which programs are earmarked and which have no restrictions.

Mr. Stopfer stepped out of the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Ms. Wong Krause reiterated Mr. Slagel's comment that the infrastructure funds will be going to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and DART will need to come up with programs that will be analyzed at the RTC for possible allocation.

Ms. Wong Krause stepped out of the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

After much deliberation, Mr. Slagel inquired if staff has had conversations with the service-area cities to see what their needs are or would that be something that DART Board members should do with the towns/cities that they represent. Ms. Lee acknowledged that while there is not a process in place at the moment, she has heard from NCTCOG that they are interested in organizations partnering together to try to benefit from the money that will be available. She further noted there is a focus on trying to improve transit as well as, access to transit. Ms. Lee remarked, at this time, it would be ideal to conceptualise what that will look like in regard to their priorities and vet those priorities in the near future.

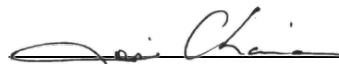
Mr. Ruiz reentered and Mr. Kelly entered the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

3. Identification of Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items identified for this committee.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.



Josefina Chavira, CAP
Board Committee Secretary

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+Same Night Item

*Briefing Item



Agenda Report

DATE: January 11, 2022

SUBJECT: Discussion of K-12 Student Pass Program

RECOMMENDATION

This is a briefing item. No action is required at this time.

BUSINESS PURPOSE

- The purpose of this item is for staff to brief the Budget and Finance Committee on DART's Student Pass program. This briefing will include industry benchmarking information on student fares.
- This briefing will help achieve Board Strategic Priority 5: Enhance DART's role as a recognized local, regional, and national transportation leader.