

The Texas Transit Association (TTA) was organized in 1986. Our members are Texas metropolitan, small urban, and rural transit agencies and private and public entities from across the United States.

TTA is governed by a Board of Directors elected from the general membership to include five members from each of the metros, small urban, and rural transit agencies. In addition, five business or associate member representatives are appointed by the TTA Board of Directors.

## Texas Transit Association Legislative Priorities

### 1. Support TxDOT's Legislative Appropriation Request (LAR) for Public Transportation

Endorse TxDOT's LAR to secure critical funding for public transportation infrastructure and operations, ensuring sustainable growth and service reliability for all transit districts.

### 2. Support TxDOT's Exceptional Item Request for Census Impact Funding

Champion TxDOT requests additional funding to address the impacts of census-driven population shifts. This funding is essential to maintain current per capita funding levels for rural, small urban, and large urban transit districts, as recommended by the Public Transportation Advisory Committee (PTAC).

### 3. Increase Local and State Funding for Public Transportation

Support innovative methods to enhance local or state funding mechanisms for public transportation to align with the Lieutenant Governor's Interim Charges. Strengthening investment in public transit ensures economic growth, accessibility, and mobility across Texas communities.

### 4. Oppose any efforts to reduce or eliminate Transit Authority Revenue Streams

Strongly oppose any proposals to diminish or eliminate transit authority revenue streams from voter-approved local option sales taxes, which are critical for maintaining and expanding transit services.

### 5. Passage of the Passenger Protection Act

Advocate for the passage of legislation to safeguard transit users and employees, promoting safety measures that enhance trust and reliability in public transportation systems.

### 6. Address Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation (NEMT) Challenges

Collaborate with legislators and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHS) to address ongoing challenges within the NEMT program, ensuring reliable, efficient, and equitable transportation access for Medicaid recipients across the state.

The Texas Transit Association (TTA) works with the legislature to increase state funding for public transportation programs and to educate legislators on the benefits of transit in the Lone Star State.

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Trinity Metro's commuter rail system, called TEXRail, runs between downtown Fort Worth and DFW Airport, providing 37 trips per day.



**The mission of the Texas Transit Association is to support the needs of Texas public transportation systems through statewide advocacy and education.**

### **Public Transit in Texas: Meeting Needs and Working to Overcome Challenges**

Public transit agencies in Texas play a vital role in connecting communities, supporting economic growth, and improving the quality of life for millions of residents. From the vast rural regions of our State to urban areas, transit agencies deliver essential services, including access to jobs, healthcare, education, social services, and critical daily necessities. Public transportation is a lifeline for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and Texans without personal vehicles, helping to foster independence and mobility. These services include bus and rail, as well as non-emergency medical transportation.

Despite their critical importance, public transit systems continue to face significant challenges. Rapid population growth, shifts in census data, and increasing service demands have strained existing resources. Additionally, transit systems must navigate funding uncertainties, workforce shortages, and the rising costs of operations and infrastructure. These challenges underscore the need for sustainable investment and legislative support to ensure Texas public transit systems continue to meet the evolving needs of our diverse and dynamic State.



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## **Current TTA Transit Agency Members**

### **Metro Transit Agencies**

Capital Metropolitan Transit Authority (CapMetro)  
Dallas Rapid Area Transit (DART)  
Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA)  
Fort Worth Transportation Authority (Trinity Metro)  
Corpus Christi Region Transit Authority (CCRTA)  
Houston Metro (MTA Harris County)  
VIA (San Antonio)  
Sun Metro (El Paso)

### **Urbanized Transit Agencies**

Abilene CityLink  
Brownsville Metro  
Brazos Transit District (Bryan-College Station)  
City of Conroe  
City of New Braunfels  
Hill Country Transit District (Killeen)  
El Metro Transit (Laredo)  
Longview Transit  
Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (Weslaco)  
Citibus (Lubbock )  
McAllen Metro  
Tyler Transit  
Waco Transit System

### **Rural Transit Agencies**

CARR (Central Texas RTD)  
Colorado Valley Transit  
Concho Valley Transit District  
City of Del Rio  
East Texas Council of Governments  
Fort Bend County  
Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission  
McLennan County Rural Transit District  
Panhandle Community Services  
R.E.A.L. Inc. Local Share Services  
R.E.A.L. Inc. Transportation  
Public Transit Services (Mineral Wells)  
Rolling Plains Management  
South Padre Island (Island Metro)  
Southwest Area Regional Transit District (SWART)  
West Texas Opportunities