

MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Friday, November 1, 2024

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

Legislative Committee

Administration & Finance Committee (No Meeting), Operations & Capital Projects Committee (No meeting), and Rural and Small Cities Committee (No Meeting)

LOCATION: Staples Street Center – 2ND Floor Boardroom (602 North Staples St., Corpus Christi, TX)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Lynn Allison, Committee Chair

Gabi Canales Jeremy Coleman Aaron Muñoz Amanda Torres

	TOPIC	SPEAKER	EST.TIME	REFERENCE
1.	Roll Call	M. Montiel	2 min.	-----
2.	Safety Briefing	M. Rendón	3 min.	-----
3.	Confirm Posting of Meeting's Public Notice in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551	L. Allison	1 min.	-----
4.	Receipt of Conflict of Interest Affidavits	L. Allison	2 min.	-----
5.	Opportunity for Public Comment 3 min. limit – no discussion	L. Allison	3 min.	-----
Public Comment may be provided in writing, limited to 1,000 characters, by using the Public Comment Form online at www.ccrta.org/news-opportunities/agenda or by regular mail or hand-delivery to the CCRTA at 602 N. Staples St., Corpus Christi, TX 78401, and MUST be submitted no later than 5 minutes after the start of a meeting in order to be provided for consideration and review at the meeting. All Public Comments submitted shall be placed into the record of the meeting.				
6.	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2024	L. Allison	3 min.	Pages 1-2
7.	Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Amend the Approved Legislative Program for the 89 th Legislature	D. Majchszak	5 min.	Pages 3-7
8.	Committee Chair Report	L. Allison	3 min.	-----
9.	Adjournment	L. Allison	1 min.	-----

Total Estimated Time: 23 min.

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Beatriz Charo, Committee Chair

David Berlanga Gabi Canales Armando Gonzalez Anna Jimenez

NO MEETING

OPERATIONS & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Aaron Muñoz, Committee Chair

Lynn Allison Jeremy Coleman Eloy Salazar Amanda Torres

NO MEETING

RURAL AND SMALL CITIES COMMITTEE

Armando Gonzalez, Committee Chair

David Berlanga Beatriz Charo Anna Jimenez Eloy Salazar

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On **Tuesday, October 29, 2024** this Notice was posted by **Marisa Montiel** at the CCRTA Staples Street Center, 602 N. Staples Street, Corpus Christi, Texas; and sent to the Nueces County and the San Patricio County Clerks for posting at their locations.

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Board may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss matters listed on the agenda, when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. In the event the Board elects to go into executive session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the executive session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer.

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Mission Statement

To provide our riders with safe, accessible, convenient, and sustainable transportation solutions that unites communities and promotes local economic growth.

Vision Statement

Provide an integrated system of innovative accessible and efficient public transportation services that increase access to opportunities and contribute to a healthy environment for the people in our service area.

**CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, May 22, 2024**

Summary of Actions

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Heard Safety Briefing**
- 3. Confirmed Posting of Meeting's Public Notice in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551**
- 4. Receipt of Conflict of Interest Affidavits – None Received**
- 5. Opportunity for Public Comment – No Public Comments**
- 6. Approved Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2024**
- 7. Heard Legislative Priorities Update**
- 8. Heard Committee Chair Report**
- 9. Adjournment**

The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors met at 8:30 a.m. in the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority Staples Street Center facility located at 602 N. Staples Street, 2nd Floor Board Room Corpus Christi, Texas.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Lynn Allison; Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Marisa Montiel called roll and stated a quorum was present.

Board Members Present

Lynn Allison, Jeremy Coleman and Aaron Muñoz.

Board Members Absent

Gabi Canales.

Staff Present

David Chapa, Angelina Gaitan, John Esparza, Derrick Majchszak, Sharon Montez, Marisa Montiel, Rita Patrick, Gordon Robinson, Miguel Rendón and Robert Saldaña.

Public Present

None.

Safety Briefing

Mr. Mike Rendón, Deputy CEO, presented the safety briefing to the Board and audience. He provided exit instructions in the event of an emergency. Ms. Montiel would account for all Board Members and he would be the last out to ensure everyone exits safely.

Confirmed Posting of Meeting's Public Notice in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551

Ms. Montiel confirmed proper posting of the meeting.

Receipt of Conflict of Interest Affidavits

None received

Opportunity for Public Comment

None received

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Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of April 24, 2024

DIRECTOR AARON MUNOZ MADE A MOTION RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2024. DIRECTOR JEREMY COLEMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. ALLISON, COLEMAN, AND MUNOZ. VOTING IN FAVOR. ABSENT CANALES.

Legislative Update

Mr. Derrick Majchszak, Chief Executive Officer, provided background noting the Legislative Committee and staff have been working with the Legislative Delegation and the Legislative Consultants in the development of a legislative agenda for 2023-2024. The following recommendations were given by members of delegation: Present the items to Senator Hinojosa to review drafts of the Bills and run through Legislative Council, begin outreach to local delegation, after November elections, CCRTA to host a meeting with delegation to discuss legislative priorities and no bill is to be filed until after January 2025. The Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed legislative initiatives. Primary initiative includes: CNG Motor Fuel Exemption Bill, Fare Approval Committee Bill, Term Limit Bill, Broker of Record Bill, Combination Bill, Clear Air and Grant Funds. Secretary Allison noted the elections are being watched closely to see how the potential speakers race unfolds and to also be diligent with meetings with delegation in the upcoming months.

Heard Committee Chair Report

Committee Chair Charo thanked staff for detailed information on agenda items.

Adjournment

There being no further review of items, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Submitted by: Marisa Montiel

Subject: Amend the Approved Legislative Program for the 89th Legislature**Background:**

Over the past year, the Legislative Committee and staff have been working with the Legislative Delegation and our Legislative Consultants in the development of a legislative agenda for 2023-24. At the June 12, 2024, Board of Directors Meeting, the Board reviewed and approved the proposed legislative initiatives. On July 10th, the Board of Directors Amended the Approved Legislative Program, which consisted of minor edits.

On October 23, 2024, Executive Staff met with Senator Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa to discuss CCRTA’s Legislative Program. The Board Chair, Legislative Committee Chair and Executive Staff have are recommending the Board of Directors add the following priority to the Legislative Program:

“A Bill providing a new chapter to the Texas Transportation Code comprised of the various bracketed provisions from Chapter 451 only applicable to CCRTA and incorporating the above revisions to the fare approval process and the term limitations for board members.”

Formal adoption of the different measures will aid in consistency of presentations made to the delegation and requests submitted for proposed legislation.

Identified Needs:

The various needs are outlined in the attached Legislative Program.

Analysis:

Each of the items has been previously discussed and analyzed by the Legislative Committee and the Board at various times. Formal approval in this format will serve not only for the current Regular Session of the Legislature but any Special Sessions that might be called in the future.

Relevance to Board Priorities:

The various items of the Legislative Program relate to the Board Priorities of Facilities, Public Image & Transparency, Innovations and Fare Recovery.



Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Legislative Committee Recommend the Board of Directors Amend the Approved Legislative Program for the 89th Legislature

Respectfully Submitted,

Submitted by: Marisa Montiel
Executive Administrative Assistant

Approval: 
Derrick Majchszak
Chief Executive Officer

CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
FOR THE 89TH LEGISLATURE

SECTION 01: PRIMARY INITIATIVES

1. Modifications to the Fare Approval Committee process under 451.061, Transportation Code, to move the CCRTA from the fare approval committee provisions in a population bracket with San Antonio to the provisions for fare review utilizing the MPO in a population bracket with Austin.
2. Legislation to permit all transit authorities to maintain the CNG fuel tax exemption and use their refueling facilities to provide natural gas fueling to municipal, county, and other political subdivisions exempt under other provisions of the Texas Tax Code during emergencies or other exigent circumstances pursuant to interlocal agreements.
3. Modernizing unexpired terms for Board appointment. One bill would be of general applicability to the Corpus Christi, Austin and Houston transit authorities and the second version is a bracket bill only applicable to Corpus Christi. The bill would exclude from counting against the 8-year limit based upon four 2-year terms: (1) an initial appointment to an unexpired term, and (2) a shortened term due to being appointed as board chair.
4. Authorize the selection of a broker of record by the CCRTA in the same manner as Texas Counties, who only would receive compensation on a fee basis from CCRTA and from no other source (no commissions on insurance policies procured). The broker would solicit proposals for coverages for all areas of risks, including liability, casualty, workers' compensation and stop-loss coverage for self-funded health care.
5. A combination bill will cover all proposals structured as a local bill only applicable to a transit authority such as Corpus Christi.

SECTION 02: SECONDARY INITIATIVES

1. Increase the criminal penalty for certain offenses committed on the premises of a public transportation system.

SECTION 03: DEFENSIVE MEASURES

1. Protect, preserve, and seek additional appropriations for air quality planning funds (Clean Air Account 151), which benefits Corpus Christi as a near non-attainment community in meeting SIP requirements.
2. Preserve and ensure CCRTA's eligibility for TERP and vehicle infrastructure grant funds.
3. Protect all local and state funding sources for metropolitan and regional public transportation agencies, so that no portion of that funding approved by voters is diverted from public transportation purposes in the area where funding is collected, including:
 - o being subject to a road or street maintenance contribution referendum.
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4. Preserve the MTA appointed governance structure from requiring members to be elected.
 5. Preserve the right for political subdivisions, including the MTA's, to utilize their funds for state legislative and regulatory advocacy.
 6. Protect against state legislative changes to the governing body of metropolitan rapid transit authorities, including size and make up, unless locally supported.
 7. Protect against legislation authorizing the withdrawal by political subdivisions from the territory of a metropolitan rapid transit authority.
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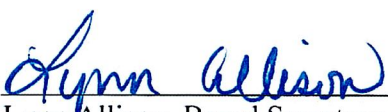
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The foregoing Legislative Program was duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority at its Board meeting on July 10, 2024.

ATTEST:

CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL
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By: 
Lynn Allison, Board Secretary

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