

Approval of DART Legislative Priorities for the 90th Session of Texas Legislature

Board of Directors

Administration Subsection

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Today's Consideration

- Approval of a resolution adopting the Legislative Priorities for the 90th Legislative Session, as shown in Exhibit 1 to the Resolution.

Discussion Items

- Recap of 89th Legislative Session
- General Mobility Program (GMP) Agreement Legislative Activities Language
- North Texas Commission (NTC) Legislative Working Group
  - Governance language
  - City support request
- Proposed DART Legislative Priorities for 90th Session

Recap of 89th Legislative Session

- HB 3187 (Shaheen)/SB 1557 (Paxton, Hagenbuch, Parker)
- CSHB 3187 (Shaheen, Meyer, Patterson, Canales)
- SB 2118 (Parker)/HB 5049 (Shaheen) related to governance
- HB 255 (Shaheen) filed in 1st special session
  - Same as CSHB 3187; did not advance

General Mobility Program (GMP) Interlocal Agreement

Section VII. Legislative Activities

7.1 Parties agree to abstain from legislative action seeking to amend Section 452 of the Act to reduce or impair the one cent sales tax levy during the period of this Agreement.

7.2 This section does not apply to mutually acceptable legislative activities that are undertaken in collaboration with DART, consistent with approved legislative priorities of the DART Board and all service area cities.

7.3 If the CITY or its authorized agent violates this provision, any GMP Funds previously disbursed by DART and unencumbered by CITY under this Agreement shall promptly be reimbursed to DART and all future annual payments will be forfeited; provided, however, DART must notify CITY of any violation of this provision in writing and CITY may cure the deficiency within 30 days of DART's notice. If the deficiency is cured, GMP Funds shall not be required to be reimbursed, and annual payments will not be forfeited.

NTC Working Group

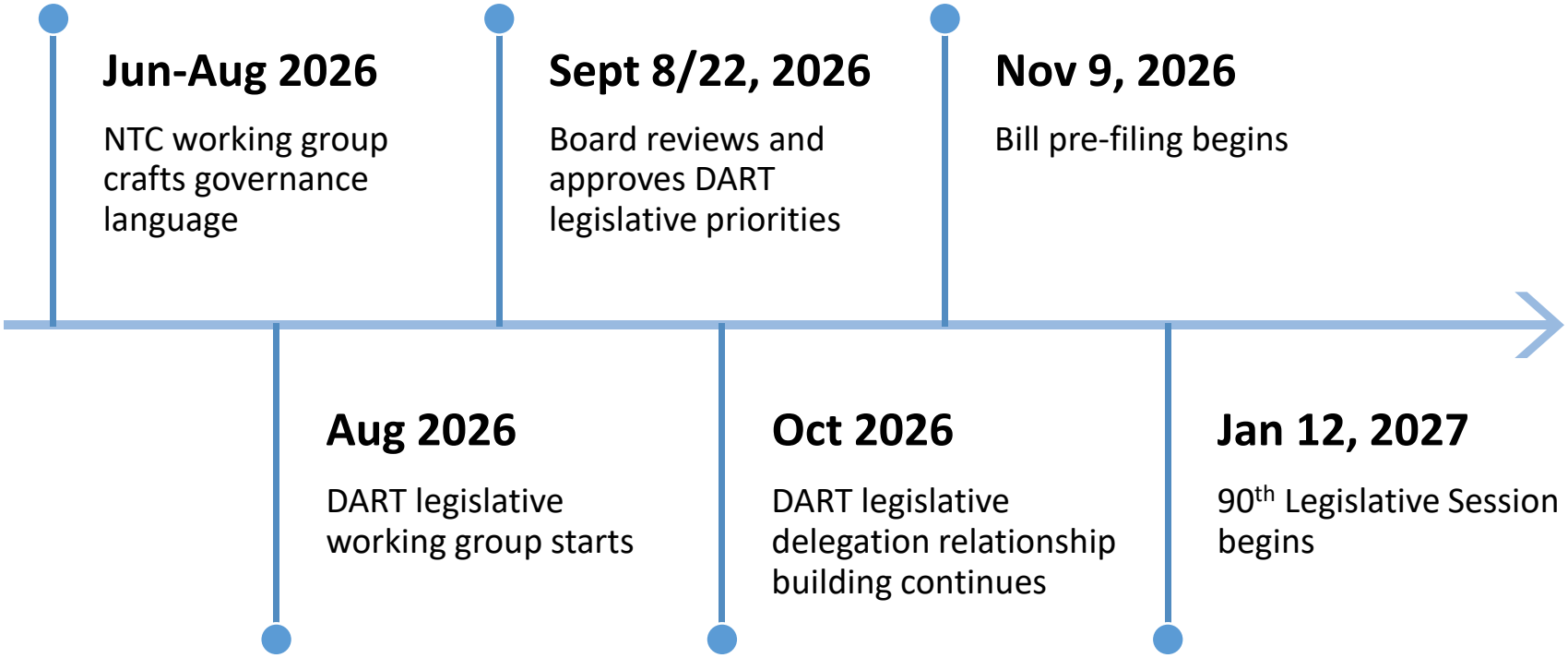
- North Texas Commission established a Legislative Working Group in May 2026 to develop and agree upon language to amend DART governance structure in Chapter 452
- Monthly meetings held in May, June, July, August
- Concurrence among cities and DART staff on language
  - Consistent with Board Resolution No. 260025
  - Copy of proposed language provided to Board on August 28, 2026
- NTC has requested all cities consider action to support as they develop their legislative agenda

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Proposed Governance Structure

POPULATION BRACKET	CITY	POPULATION	CITY % VOTING ALLOCATION	NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS
1	Dallas	1,385,989	45	7
2	Plano	299,262	9.5	2
	Irving	266,162	9.5	2
	Garland	251,932	9.5	2
3	Carrollton	136,543	6.26	1
	Richardson	122,745	6.26	1
4	Rowlett	67,519	2.33	1
	Farmers Branch	40,246	2.33	1
	University Park	25,574	2.33	1
	Glenn Heights	19,883	2.33	1
	Addison	17,837	2.33	1
	Cockrell Hill	3,855	2.33	1
		2,637,547	**100%**	**21**

90th Legislative Session Timeline



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Proposed DART Legislative Priorities

Support:

- Legislation amending DART's enabling statute, Chapter 452, for a modified Board governance structure as supported by service area cities.
- Enhanced criminal penalties for certain offenses committed in a vehicle operated by a public transportation system.

Oppose:

- Legislation that could substantially impact DART's voter-approved one cent sales tax, debt obligations, bonds, or that involves expansion of allowable uses under Chapter 452.

Proposed DART Legislative Priorities

Closely Monitor:

- Legislation that supports DART's strategic plan to be an economic and mobility asset to the region.
- Legislation amending DART's enabling statute, Chapter 452, Transportation Code.
- Legislation amending Chapter 322, Tax Code – Transit Sales and Use Tax.
- Legislation pursuing the goals of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council Regional Transit 2.0 study.
- Legislation amending Chapter 551 and 552, Government Code – Open Meetings/Open Records.
- Legislation amending Chapter 101, Civil Practice and Remedies Code – Tort Claims.
- Legislation providing guidance on Artificial Intelligence (AI).
- Legislation related to regulation of autonomous vehicles.

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Recommendation

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