



TRE Advisory Committee Monthly Briefing Report

Tuesday June 2, 2026

Agenda Packet

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4. FIFA World Cup Games Update [10 Minutes]
5. TRE Operations Report Update [10 Minutes]
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8. TRE Capital Projects (DART Engineering) Update [10 Minutes]
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10. Operating Budget Update [10 Minutes]
11. Marketing Update [10 Minutes]
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13. Adjournment

Announcements:

The next TRE Management Committee Meeting will be on July 22, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the EBJ Conference Room.

The next TRE Advisory Committee Meeting will be on August 21, 2026 at 2:00 PM at the DART Board Room 1C.

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**Trinity Railway Express Advisory Committee Meeting
Tuesday June 2, 2026
2:00 PM
Trinity Metro Board Room
801 Grove Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102**

The Trinity Railway Express Advisory Committee meeting will be held in person at Trinity Metro Board Room. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting in person. The following video conference link will be available to the public to listen and view the meeting:
<https://www.dart.org/about/board/boardvideo.asp>

DART Committee Members

Rick H. Stopfer
Maureen Milligan
Gary Slagel

Trinity Metro Committee Members

Chair Ben Robertson
Jeff Davis
Isaac Manning

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Next meeting date of the TRE Advisory Committee: August 21, 2026, at 2:00 PM

The Trinity Railway Express Advisory Committee may go into Closed Session under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Tex. Gov't Code Section 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) for advice about pending or contemplated litigation or a settlement offer; Section 551.072 (Real Property) to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property; or Section 551.074 (Personnel Matters) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint or charge against an officer or employee.

TRINITY RAILWAY EXPRESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES March 11, 2026

The Trinity Railway Express Advisory Committee convened at 2:15 PM on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, with Chair Ben Robertson presiding. The meeting took place at DART Headquarters, Board Room 1401 Pacific Ave Dallas, Texas 75202. The meeting was audio recorded and is available at <https://www.dart.org/about/board/boardvideo.asp>. The following Committee members were present: Chair-Ben Robertson, Mayor Rick H. Stopfer, Maureen Milligan, Isaac Manning, and Gary Slagel.

The meeting reviewed the TRE operations and capital projects. Claude Smith reported no incidents from October to December, with ridership at 360,000. Julia highlighted ongoing capital projects, including the purchase of five (5) Siemens charger locomotives, deliveries completed by December 2026. Claude discussed operational adjustments for the FIFA World Cup, including increased train frequencies and extended service hours. James Boggess and Vanoy Harris updated on maintenance and expansion projects, with budget challenges for some. The marketing team reported successful ridership campaigns and plans for the World Cup. The board approved the previous meeting minutes and discussed potential support for the IndyCar race in Arlington.

Action Items

- Submit the Dallas County side double-track project bids (bids due March 26), pursue May board approval, and aim to issue Notice to Proceed (NTP) in June
- Request additional FY27 budget funding for the TRE Irving yard relocation project and the Irving Yard Fueling Project to cover current cost estimates exceeding available funding
- Take the contract modification for the west-side signal portion of the double-track project to the March board for approval (Trinity Metro contract modification)
- Complete the Central Station track fencing installation before the FIFA World Cup to improve passenger safety between tracks
- Upgrade back-office and onboard PTC software to version 6.5, complete field testing, and ensure interoperability and failover readiness (target completion between now and May 2026)

Outline

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes and Introduction to Meeting Agenda

- Ben Robertson calls the meeting to order and asks if everyone has reviewed the meeting minutes from November 19, 2025.

The motion carries.

Operations Report

- Claude Smith reports no injuries or incidents reported in any disciplines on the TRE from October through December
- Ridership for October, November, and December was above previous years, and above the goal with approximately 360,000 ridership in those three months.
- Ben Robertson asks if there are any questions from the board, and no questions are raised.

Capital Projects Overview

- Julia presents a snapshot of high-profile capital projects, including the purchase of two (2) F40 locomotives and the Bi-level overhaul and side sill repair project.
- The new Siemens charger locomotives will be delivered between September and the end of the year.
- Julia mentions ongoing projects like the Fuel System replacement and Wayside Power installation, both necessary for support of the new charger locomotives.
- The TRE Security and Access Control project will install a security gate and access control on all doors within the facility.

World Cup Projects and Operational Impact

- Julia and Claude discussed projects impacting the World Cup, including the lease of two (2), four-car trainsets from North Star and the rust repair and repainting of five locomotives.
- The vinyl seat cushion replacement on passenger cars and new speakers on the cars are ongoing.

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- Claude outlines the operational impact of the World Cup, including increased headways to 30 minutes and extended service hours for game days until all the people have left the Centreport Station.

Board Support and Planning for World Cup

- Ben Robertson asks the board for support and where they can lean in to help.
- Trenise Winters mentions additional test runs and planning for Victory Station and other stations.
- Nadine Lee emphasizes the importance of backup plans and service restoration when things go wrong.
- Ben Robertson, Nadine Lee, and Reed Lanham discuss emergency preparedness drills and tabletop exercises to ensure smooth operations.

Maintenance of Way and Maintenance of Signal Projects Update

- James Boggess presents Maintenance of Way and Maintenance of Signal Projects, which are shared costs between agencies.
- The projects are on track to be completed within the fiscal year and on budget.
- Externally funded projects like the safety enhancement Fencing Project and the Tarrant County Double Track project are also mentioned.

Capital Projects in Dallas County

- Vanoy Harris discussed the Double Track Project from I-35 to Medical Market, currently out for bid with bids due on March 26.
- The TRE Irving Yard Relocation project is in a holding phase, to relocate utilities and for additional funding prior to going to for Bid.
- The Irving Yard Fueling Project is also waiting for additional funding.

Positive Train Control (PTC) Update

- Claude Smith provides an update on PTC accomplishments for the first quarter, including contract updates with Wabtec and HTSI.
- All normal inspections and FRA required quarterly reports were completed.

Operating and Capital Budget Overview

- Julia Casarez presents the operating budget, noting a slight over budget position due to purchase transportation and claims and insurance.
- The drivers for the over budget position include commuter rail contract services, fuel, and train hours.
- The capital projects introduced in FY 2016 are highlighted, focusing on state of good repair projects.

Marketing and Advertising Efforts

- Glen Miller and Eliu Paredes discuss current marketing efforts, including the regional fair update and aggressive campaigns for game trains.
- The recruitment campaign for attracting TRE riders from Dallas County to Fort Worth is also mentioned.
- The importance of advanced knowledge of scheduling for game days versus non-game days is emphasized.

Other Business and Closing Remarks

- Gary Slagel inquires about participation in the Indy Car race in Arlington, and the team confirms no special transportation requests have been made.
- Nadine Lee highlights the difference between regular Rangers games and the World Cup in terms of parking and transit incentives.
- Nadine Lee mentions the \$10 million from the federal government to support transportation during the World Cup, to be split between the two agencies.
- The meeting is adjourned at 2:47 PM.