

**Capital Area RTCC Annual Work Program
September 2008-August 2009**

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The focus areas identified below are intended to represent emphasis areas for regional transit coordination in the Capital Area over the upcoming year; however, various agencies may undertake other work related to implementation of the Regional Transportation Coordination Plan during this time period. Throughout the year, the RTCC will be provided with status reports on work occurring under the focus areas, as well as work occurring under other action items.

Focus Area # 1: Involve stakeholders and the public in public transportation coordination.

Relationship to Plan: Plan calls for continued involvement by stakeholders and the public in all implementation and coordination activities.

Methods:

- Quarterly RTCC Meetings
- RTCC Website
- E-Notification to Stakeholders Database
- Press Releases
- Speakers Bureau
- Articles in Newsletters
- Contact information through RTCC website

Point of Contact: Stevie Greathouse, CAMPO; Meredith Highsmith, Capital Metro

Focus Area # 2: Consider and Recommend Mechanisms to Overcome Jurisdictional and Boundary issues.

Relationship to Plan: Plan identifies this as Action Item #1

Methods:

- Additional Research as Needed
- Identify possible solutions based on existing conditions
- Develop a final report for endorsement by RTCC
- Identify strategies for follow-up/implementation
- Develop existing conditions at a glance pamphlet

Points of Contact: *Stevie Greathouse, CAMPO (primary)*; Sean Moran, CAPCOG; Meredith Highsmith, Capital Metro; Dave Marsh, CARTS

Focus Area # 3: Implement Single Point Consumer Access

Relationship to Plan: Plan identifies this as Action Item #2

Methods:

- Inventory existing transportation services
- Work toward inclusion of regional transit data in Google Transit
- Establish a Regional Mobility Manager
- Continue to Collaborate with River City Ride Share and others on sharing schedule information, etc.

Points of Contact: *Edna Johnson, CARTS (primary)*; Meredith Highsmith, Capital Metro; Chris Ramser, CAPCOG;

Focus Area # 4: Continue to Expand Network of Shared Stops, Transfer Points, and Park and Ride Opportunities

Relationship to Plan: Plan identifies this as Action Item #3.

- As transit expands in the region, Capital Metro will coordinate ongoing and future planning processes with CARTS, Texas State, and other transit providers.
- Identify opportunities for shared stops as they arise.
- Utilize quarterly RTCC meetings for identifying additional prospects for coordination.
- Explore opportunities to offer access to future facilities for transit providers
- Develop a regular status report on the establishment of shared stops
- Collaborate across provider boundaries to provide shared information about systems (i.e. Capital Metro information provided by BobCat Tram; CARTS schedules provided by Capital Metro, etc.)

Point of Contact: *Meredith Highsmith, Capital Metro (primary)*; *Paul Hamilton, Texas State University (primary)*; Edna Johnson, CARTS;

Focus Area # 5: Coordinate Formal Rural Transit and Intercity Bus Interline Relationships

Relationship to Plan: Plan identifies this as Action Item #5.

Methods:

- Plan for launch of CARTS second intercity bus route along the IH 35 corridor from CARTS Georgetown Station to CARTS San Marcos Station with intermediate service to Capital Metro's Tech Ridge facility, CARTS Round Rock Station, the Austin Greyhound Station, and Kyle-Buda. This route will connect to CARTS first intercity bus route at the CARTS Round Rock Station from Marble Falls, Burnet, Liberty Hill, Leander, Cedar Park. Passengers riding these routes, or shipping freight or packages, would be able to purchase one ticket from points on the route to anywhere in the United States the national intercity network travels.

Point of Contact: Dave Marsh, CARTS

<p>Focus Area # 6: Select projects to be funded with Job Access Reverse Commute/ New Freedom funding available to urbanized area</p>

Relationship to Plan: SAFETEA-LU (Federal Transportation Authorization) requires that projects for these programs be "derived from" the regional transportation coordination plan.

Methods:

- Revise competitive selection process, grant application, and instructional materials with input from RTCC as appropriate
- Provide special information and outreach to potential applicants through RTCC, Speakers Bureau, and events such as a CAN-sponsored forum
- Develop a ranked list of projects based on scoring
- RTCC develops a recommendation
- Present ranked project list and RTCC recommendation to CAMPO Transportation Policy Board

Point of Contact: Stevie Greathouse, CAMPO

<p>Focus Area # 7: Identify Additional Issues For Legislative Consideration</p>
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Relationship to Plan: Several action items called for under the plan relate to constraints that may require action at the state level.

Methods:

- Check status of issues identified prior to 2007 legislative session
- Identify barriers and constraints that require state level action
- Compile list of barriers and constraints for submission to TxDOT
- Collaborate with other regions
- Utilize CAMPO leadership where appropriate

Point of Contact: Bill Hamilton, RTCC Chair; Stevie Greathouse, CAMPO; Dave Marsh, CARTS

Focus Area # 8: Identify Strategies to Improve Transportation Services for Elderly Individuals and Individuals with Disabilities, including Special Transit Services, Medical Transportation Services, and other Regional Paratransit Services

Relationship to Plan: Relates to multiple action Items including Items #4, 7, 10, 14, 15, and 16.

Methods:

- Analyze Existing Conditions, including opportunities and constraints
- Convene Forums and focus groups including service providers and/or transportation users
- Develop a report with recommendations to providers and elected officials

Point of Contact: *Vanessa Sarria, Community Action Network (primary); Edna Johnson, CARTS (primary);* Meredith Highsmith, Capital Metro; Stevie Greathouse, CAMPO; Joe Holland, TXDOT