

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY
COMPETE FOR TOLL COLLECTION SERVICES ON TxDOT-RELATED TOLL ROADS AND
MANAGED LANES IN NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS
R05-01**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area has a population greater than 200,000 and has, therefore, been designated as a Transportation Management Area; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council, comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with the North Central Texas Council of Governments and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century assigns the Metropolitan Planning Organization the responsibility for carrying out the metropolitan planning process in cooperation with the State, toll road authority, and operators of publicly owned transit services; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council's adopted metropolitan transportation plan, Mobility 2025 – 2004 Update, contains recommendations for the implementation of additional toll facilities, including the imposition of tolls or value pricing concepts on managed facilities; and,

WHEREAS, the North Texas Tollway Authority is a political subdivision of the State of Texas, authorized to develop, construct, operate, and enforce toll collection on toll facilities in the North Central Texas area; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation is authorized to develop, construct, and operate managed and toll facilities in the State of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, and the Denton County Transportation Authority are authorized to develop, construct, operate, and enforce HOV facilities, including managed lanes in corridors through the application of value pricing, in their respective service areas and in other areas of North Central Texas by local agreement; and,

WHEREAS, the North Texas Tollway Authority processes 92,000 transactions per week for interoperable toll and parking services at the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council realizes that if the customer service of toll users was to deteriorate, that it creates the potential to lose public support for toll roads and managed lanes in the region; and,

WHEREAS, this resolution does not address which entity should issue the bonds for a potential toll road or managed facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

Section 1.

That the Regional Transportation Council supports the development and construction of HOV, toll, and managed lane facilities and supports such efforts by the North Texas Tollway Authority, the Texas Department of Transportation (using private sector Comprehensive Development Agreements or through their toll

division), Dallas Area Rapid Transit, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, and the Denton County Transportation Authority in the construction, financing, operation, enforcement, and maintenance of said facilities.

Section 2.

That it is in the best interest of the region to coordinate the development of toll and managed facilities to ensure efficient and seamless operation and management.

Section 3.

That the North Texas Tollway Authority's history and expertise make them a logical choice to perform toll collection and toll enforcement functions on toll roads and managed lanes in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. The Regional Transportation Council supports the North Texas Tollway Authority's ability to compete for toll collection services on TxDOT-related toll roads.

Section 4.

That the Regional Transportation Council hereby encourages that all toll road owners and/or operators, public or private, approach the North Texas Tollway Authority to discuss the means by which North Texas Tollway Authority's services could be engaged, so that North Texas toll road customers could receive one-stop, consistent customer service. This preference does not require any such toll road owner or operator to use the North Texas Tollway Authority to provide these services. It is requested that the North Texas Tollway Authority provide a written explanation to the Regional Transportation Council on why the North Texas Tollway Authority is not being used to perform said service.

Section 5.

That the Regional Transportation Council intends that the North Texas Tollway Authority will strive to be the most competitive option for providing tolling services, so that the North Texas region can gain the maximum financial benefits from the toll road projects.

Section 6.

That this resolution will be transmitted to North Texas Tollway Authority, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Texas Department of Transportation, Fort Worth Transportation Authority, and Denton County Transportation Authority.

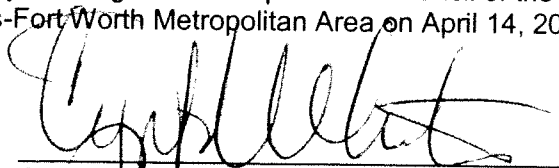
Section 7.

That this resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.



Jack Hatchell, P.E., Chair
Regional Transportation Council
Commissioner, Collin County

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area on April 14, 2005.



Cynthia White, Secretary
Regional Transportation Council
Commissioner, Denton County