

## **Bundle 3/9 – Regional Transportation**

Context, Policies, and Actions

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### ***Regionalism – Regional Transportation***

**WEBSITE CONTEXT** – Currently, the average DFW commuter spends approximately 365 hours a year commuting – or 2 weeks per year in their car annually. By 2035, regional commute times are expected to increase without major investment in the roadway and public transit networks. Regional transportation improvements in Plano should focus on expansion of existing transportation choices, reduction of traffic demand, and improving safety.

**POLICY** – Plano will evaluate regional transportation initiatives with consideration of the impacts on existing residential and business development and emphasis on expanding transportation options, traffic demand management, and other traffic efficiency strategies to improve regional mobility.

- RT1)** Create criteria to evaluate regional transportation projects to determine the impact upon the city and develop solutions to mitigate negative effects.
- RT2)** Complete all proposed bicycle trail connections with neighboring cities as identified on the City’s adopted plans.
- RT3)** Advocate with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) member cities for a financially equitable means for nonmember cities to enter service agreements that benefit the overall transportation system.
- RT4)** Annually review city and regional transportation plans to identify any inconsistencies between the plans. Where inconsistencies are noted, advocate for changes that balance the safety, needs, and priorities of the traveling public with deference to Plano residents, businesses, and institutions.
- RT5)** <<Deleted>>
- RT6<sup>+</sup>)** Share opportunities for citizen input on proposed regional transportation projects and priorities being funded by county and regional governments.

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*Changes Tracked from Original Ordinance*

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- RT1)** Create criteria to evaluate regional transportation projects to determine the impact upon the city and develop solutions to mitigate negative effects.
- RT2)** Complete all proposed bicycle trail connections with neighboring cities as identified on the City's adopted plans.
- RT3)** Advocate with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) member cities for a ~~second tier membership status~~financially equitable means for nonmember cities to enter service agreements that benefit the overall transportation system.
- RT4)** Annually review ~~the city's transportation plan to ensure consistency with city and regional transportation agencies' plans~~ to identify any inconsistencies between the plans. Where inconsistencies are noted, advocate for changes that balance the safety, needs, and priorities of the traveling public with deference to Plano residents, businesses, and institutions.
- RT5)** ~~Advocate and support development of the Cotton Belt commuter rail corridor from Plano to the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.~~
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