

MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, August 26, 2026

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

Administration & Finance Committee, Operations & Capital Projects Committee,
Legislative Committee, and Rural & Small Cities Committee *(No Meeting)*

LOCATION: Staples Street Center – Pat Eisenhower Boardroom (602 North Staples St.)

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Aaron Muñoz, Committee Chair

David Berlanga Gabi Canales Jahvid Motaghi Susie Sullivan

	TOPIC	SPEAKER	EST.TIME	REFERENCE
1.	Roll Call	M. Montiel	2 min.	-----
2.	Safety Briefing	J. Esparza	3 min.	-----
3.	Confirm Posting of Meeting's Public Notice in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551	A. Muñoz	1 min.	-----
4.	Receipt of Conflict of Interest Affidavits	A. Muñoz	2 min.	-----
5.	Opportunity for Public Comment 3 min. limit – no discussion	A. Muñoz	3 min.	-----
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6.	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Administration & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2026	A. Muñoz	3 min.	Pages 1-4
7.	Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Approve TxDOT Certification of Signature Authority for FY2027-2031	C. Perez	5 min.	Pages 5-8 Attachment PPT
8.	Committee Chair Report	A. Muñoz	3 min.	-----
9.	Adjournment	A. Muñoz	1 min.	-----

Total Estimated Time: 23 mins

OPERATIONS & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Eloy Salazar, Committee Chair

Lynn Allison Beatriz Charo Beth Owens Susie Luna Saldaña

	TOPIC	SPEAKER	EST.TIME	REFERENCE
1.	Roll Call	M. Montiel	2 min.	-----
2.	Safety Briefing	G. Casas	3 min.	-----
3.	Confirm Posting of Meeting's Public Notice in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551	E. Salazar	1 min.	-----
4.	Receipt of Conflict of Interest Affidavits	E. Salazar	2 min.	-----
5.	Opportunity for Public Comment 3 min. limit – no discussion	E. Salazar	3 min.	-----

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6.	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Operations & Capital Projects Committee Meeting Minutes of July 22, 2026	E. Salazar	3 min.	Pages 1-6
7.	Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee to Award a Three (3) Year Contract to Spare Labs Inc. for Paratransit Software Services not to exceed \$1,121,842.50	D. Chapa	5 min.	Pages 7-8 <i>PPT</i>
8.	Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee to Award a Two (2) Year Contract to Cummins Inc. for Heavy-Duty Vehicle Filters in an Amount Not to Exceed \$184,653.92	G. Robinson	5 min.	Pages 9-10 <i>PPT</i>
9.	Committee Chair Report	E. Salazar	3 min.	-----
10.	Adjournment	E. Salazar	1 min.	-----

Total Estimated Time: 28 mins

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Lynn Allison, Committee Chair

Gabi Canales Jahvid Motaghi Aaron Muñoz Susie Sullivan

	TOPIC	SPEAKER	EST.TIME	REFERENCE
1.	Roll Call	M. Montiel	2 min.	-----
2.	Safety Briefing	J. Esparza	3 min.	-----
3.	Confirm Posting of Meeting's Public Notice in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551	L. Allison	1 min.	-----
4.	Receipt of Conflict of Interest Affidavits	L. Allison	2 min.	-----
5.	Opportunity for Public Comment 3 min. limit – no discussion	L. Allison	3 min.	-----
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6.	Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2026	L. Allison	5 min.	Pages 1-2
7.	Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Approve the Legislative Program for the 90 th Legislature	M. Rendón/ T. Castañeda, Longbow & Assoc.	15 min.	Pages 3-10 <i>PPT</i>
8.	Committee Chair Report	L. Allison	3 min.	-----
9.	Adjournment	L. Allison	1 min.	-----

Total Estimated Time: 35 mins

RURAL AND SMALL CITIES COMMITTEE

Beatriz Charo, Committee Chair

David Berlanga Beth Owens Eloy Salazar Susie Luna Saldaña

NO MEETING

On **Thursday, August 20, 2026** this Notice was posted by **Marisa Montiel** at the CCRTA Staples Street Center, 602 N. Staples Street, Corpus Christi, Texas; and sent to the Nueces County and the San Patricio County Clerks for posting at their locations.

PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Board may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss matters listed on the agenda, when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. In the event the Board elects to go into executive session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the executive session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer.

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Mission Statement

To provide our riders with safe, accessible, convenient, and sustainable transportation solutions that unites communities and promotes local economic growth.

Vision Statement

Provide an integrated system of innovative accessible and efficient public transportation services that increase access to opportunities and contribute to a healthy environment for the people in our service area.

**CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, July 22, 2026**

Summary of Actions

1. Roll Call
2. Heard Safety Briefing
3. Confirmed Posting of Meeting's Public Notice in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551
4. Receipt of Conflict of Interest Affidavits – None Received
5. Opportunity for Public Comment – No Public Comments
6. Approved the Administration & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2026
7. Approved to Recommend the Board of Directors Adopt the 2026 Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority Agency Safety Plan, Version 5
8. Approved to Recommend the Board of Directors Approve FY2026 Operating and Capital Budget – Amendment #1
9. Approved to Recommend the Board of Directors to Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee to Award a Three-Year Contract to Alliance Health Resources for Occupational Medical Services not to exceed \$290,145.00
10. Heard Committee Chair Report
11. Adjournment

The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors met at 8:30 a.m. in the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority Staples Street Center facility located at 602 N. Staples Street, 2nd Floor Board Room Corpus Christi, Texas.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Aaron Muñoz; Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m. Marisa Montiel called roll and stated that a quorum was present.

Board Members Present

David Berlanga, Jahvid Motaghi, and Aaron Muñoz.

Board Members Absent

Gabi Canales and Susie Sullivan.

Staff Present

Gilbert Casas, David Chapa, Angelina Gaitan, John Esparza, Derrick Majchszak, Sharon Montez, Marisa Montiel, Rita Patrick, Gordon Robinson, Miguel Rendón, Robert Saldaña, and Fred Worthen. Tom Wieland, MV Transportation. John Bell, Legal Counsel.

Public Present

Ann Marie Sevenstar and Amy Strahan, Alliance Health Resources.

Safety Briefing

Mr. John Esparza, Safety Administrator, gave a safety briefing to the Board and audience. He provided exit instructions in the event of an emergency. Ms. Montiel would account for all Board Members and he would be the last out to ensure everyone exits safely.

Confirmed Posting of Meeting's Public Notice in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551

Ms. Montiel confirmed proper posting of the meeting.

Receipt of Conflict of Interest Affidavits

None received.

Opportunity for Public Comment

None received.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Administration & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2026

DIRECTOR JAHVID MOTAGHI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2026. DIRECTOR JAHVID MOTAGHI SECONDED THE MOTION. BERLANGA, MOTAGHI, AND MUÑOZ VOTING IN FAVOR. OPPOSED NONE. ABSENT CANALES AND SULLIVAN.

Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Adopt the 2026 Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority Agency Safety Plan, Version 5

Mr. John Esparza, Safety Administrator, presented the item noting the Board Priority is Safety & Security. He provided background stating that on July 19, 2019, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) implemented a requirement that public transit agencies receiving federal funding create, approve and implement a Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) to control risk better, detect and correct safety problems earlier, share and analyze safety data more effectively, and measure safety performance more precisely. He adds that on July 2, 2025, the CCRTA Board of Directors approved the current CCRTA's PTASP, Version 4. Mr. Esparza discussed the Safety Committee which is composed of eight members who review and approve the Agency Safety Plan before submitting to the Board for final approval. He displayed the CCRTA organizational chart and a chart of key staff changes. He discussed steps the safety committee are taking for continues improvement.

DIRECTOR DAVID BERLANGA MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE 2025 CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AGENCY SAFETY PLAN, VERSION 4. DIRECTOR JAHVID MOTAGHI SECONDED THE MOTION. *BERLANGA, MOTAGHI, AND MUÑOZ VOTING IN FAVOR. ABSENT CANALES AND SULLIVAN.*

Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Approve FY2026 Operating and Capital Budget – Amendment #1

Mr. Robert Saldaña, Managing Director of Administration, presented the item. He noted on November 5, 2025, the CCRTA Board of Directors adopted the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating and Capital Budget. The Board of Directors adopted a balance budget, which included revenues and expenses both totaling \$52,571,008. He added there are increased operating expenses that include the pension plan, tires and lubes, purchased fixed route fuel, B-Line fuel, paratransit IT equipment, fire suppression system, bus farebox and money vault replacement, workforce development projects under 5339(c) Low or No Emission Grant, and New Maintenance Facility. Mr. Saldaña discussed the financial impact and added \$46,280,000 in grant revenues from Low and No Emission Grant Program, provided by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), \$1,943,000 from Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026 (THUD), \$304,396 from other grants and \$14,217,047 through local funds. He recommended Amendment #1 to increase the operating budget by \$2,327,605 and Capital budget by \$60,416,838. Director Berlanga asked if the revenue of \$10,619,850 was coming from sales tax. Mr. Saldaña replied, yes, around 75% and the remaining would come from revenues such as fares.

DIRECTOR DAVID BERLANGA MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE FY2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET – AMENDMENT #1. DIRECTOR JAHVID MOTAGHI SECONDED THE MOTION. *BERLANGA, MOTAGHI, AND MUÑOZ VOTING IN FAVOR. OPPOSED NONE. ABSENT CANALES AND COLEMAN.*

Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee to Award a Three-Year Contract to Alliance Health Resources for Occupational Medical Services not to exceed \$290,145.00

Ms. Angelina Gaitan, Director of Human Resources, presented the item. Ms. Gaitan noted CCRTA provides occupational health services for all employees for pre-employment needs and annual processes for DOT medical card clearances, monthly random drug and alcohol testing. Alliance Health Resources has been providing these services for the agency since July 2025. A total of four proposals were received, one of which was deemed non-responsive. Ms. Gaitan discussed the evaluation criteria and displayed the evaluation scores. Alliance Health Resources Mobile Division, Ltd. Scored the highest at 82.00, with an estimated annual cost totaling \$290,145.00 for the three-year contract.

DIRECTOR JAHVID MOTAGHI MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) OR DESIGNEE TO AWARD A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT TO ALLIANCE HEALTH RESOURCES FOR OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL SERVICES NOT TO EXCEED \$290,145.00. DIRECTOR DAVID BERLANGA SECONDED THE MOTION. *BERLANGA, MOTAGHI, AND MUÑOZ VOTING IN FAVOR. OPPOSED NONE. ABSENT CANALES AND COLEMAN.*

Heard Committee Chair Report

Chair Muñoz had no report.

Adjournment

There being no further review of items, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Submitted by: Marisa Montiel

Subject: Approval of TxDOT Certification of Signature Authority for FY2027-2031

Background

The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) administers federal and state grant activities through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Public Transportation Division (PTN), including Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) associated with projects funded through CCRTA's Section 5310 Program.

TxDOT has implemented a new grant management platform, TGEMS, for the administration of applicable public transportation grant activities. As part of establishing CCRTA's authority within TGEMS, TxDOT requires CCRTA to complete a Certification of Signature Authority for FY2027–FY2031 identifying the individuals authorized to execute specified grant-related documents on behalf of CCRTA.

CCRTA requires the Chief Executive Officer and individuals designated to exercise signature authority on behalf of the agency to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Identified Need

The TxDOT Certification of Signature Authority identifies the Chief Executive Officer, Derrick Majchszak, and the Director of Procurement, Christina Perez, as authorized representatives of CCRTA for the grant-related documents specified on the certification.

The certification is made by the Chair of CCRTA's Board of Directors. By signing the certification, the Board Chair confirms to TxDOT that the individuals identified on the form have been granted the applicable signature authority and that their authorized signatures are binding on CCRTA.

Board approval of the designated signature authority and execution of the Certification of Signature Authority by the Board Chair are therefore necessary for CCRTA to submit the required certification to TxDOT and obtain the appropriate access and authority within the TGEMS grant platform.

Financial Impact

There is no direct financial impact associated with approval of the Certification of Signature Authority.

Board Priority

This Board Priority aligns with Public Image & Transparency.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the Administration and Finance Committee recommend that the Board of Directors approve:

- 1) Approve Derrick Majchszak, Chief Executive Officer, and Christina Perez, Director of Procurement, as authorized signatories for the TxDOT grant-related documents identified in the Certification of Signature Authority for FY2027–FY2031; and
- 2) Authorize the Chair of the Board of Directors to execute the Certification of Signature Authority on behalf of CCRTA for submission to the Texas Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division.

Respectfully Submitted,

Submitted by: Christina A. Perez, CIPM, CPP
Director of Procurement

Reviewed by: Robert M. Saldaña
Managing Director of Administration

Final Approval by: 
Miguel Rendón
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Certification of Signature Authority

To: Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Public Transportation Division (PTN)

From: Governing Body Chair

Agency Name: Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority

Effective Date: September 2, 2026

I certify that the individuals listed below have signature authority for the specified documents. The signature of each authorized individual listed below is binding on the agency.

Name of Chair and Title: Aruthur Granado, Board Chair

Signature of Chair (Handwritten Signature) and Date: _____

**CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
OPERATIONS & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, July 22, 2026**

Summary of Actions

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Heard Safety Briefing**
3. **Confirmed Posting of Meeting's Public Notice in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551**
4. **Receipt of Conflict of Interest Affidavits – None Received**
5. **Provided Opportunity for Public Comment – None Received**
6. **Approved the Operations & Capital Projects Committee Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2026**
7. **Approved to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee to e Award of a 5-year Firm Price Contract to Evergreen Landscaping in the amount not to exceed \$2,555,138.74 to begin in October of 2026**
8. **Approved to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee to Award a Contract to Fulton Coastcon for the Construction of the new Bear Lane Maintenance Facility not to exceed \$50,383,391**
9. **Approved to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee to Award a (5) Five-Year Contract to Hendrickson Transportation Group, LLC for Paratransit Services and Small Bus Operations in an Amount Not to Exceed \$44,222,547.76**
10. **Heard Committee Chair Report**
11. **Adjournment**

The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors met at 8:30 a.m. in the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority Staples Street Center facility located at 602 N. Staples Street, 2nd Floor Board Room Corpus Christi, Texas.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair Eloy Salazar called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. Ms. Marisa Montiel called roll and stated a quorum was present.

Board Members Present

Lynn Allison, Beatriz Charo, Beth Owens, Eloy Salazar, and Susie Luna Saldaña.

Board Members Absent

None.

Staff Present

Gilbert Casas, David Chapa, Angelina Gaitan, John Esparza, Derrick Majchszak, Sharon Montez, Marisa Montiel, Rita Patrick, Gordon Robinson, Miguel Rendón, Robert Saldaña, and Fred Worthen. John Bell, Legal Counsel.

Public Present

Ben Bonilla, Evergreen. David Rick, Laura Bailey, Myron Watkins, Harry Wilson, and Tom Wieland, MV Transportation. Frank Benavidez, Ardurra. John Hendrickson, Joseph Dvorsky, and Raymond Suarez, HTG. Philip Skrobarczyk, Chad Skrobarczyk, Michael Skrobarczyk, Roger Mellado, and Tim Dollar, Fulton.

Safety Briefing

Mr. Gilbert Casas, Security Administrator, gave a safety briefing to the Board and audience. He provided exit instructions in the event of an emergency. Ms. Montiel would account for all Board Members and he would be the last out to ensure everyone exits safely.

Confirmed Posting of Meeting's Public Notice in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551

Ms. Montiel confirmed proper posting of the meeting.

Receive Conflict of Interest Affidavits

None Received.

Opportunity for Public Comment

1. Tom Wieland – General Manager, MV Transportation. He said that as his time as GM with MV Transportation has improved on-time performance above 95% while concurrently reducing late-trips over 30 minutes by 74%, reduced average monthly customer complaints by 40%, supported launch of Spare IVR, and improved productivity to more than 2.5 passenger-per-hour. He said all in all, these improvements have saved CCRTA a lot of money. He added they are proud and would like to continue service with the agency.
2. Laura Bailey – VP of Business Development, MV Transportation. She highlighted MV's regional and corporate support through the years. She discussed their best practices in transit with 51 years of experience in transit. She discussed how going with the wrong vendor can cause bigger problems down the road. For example, service declines could lead to missed medical appointments, more complaints, and unhappy passengers. She added that you can't build proper relationships and plans overnight and reaching their level of service would be difficult.
3. Myron Watkins – VP of Customer Success, MV Transportation. He discussed how Hendrickson had the lowest technical scoring in the initial evaluation round and how it is not possible to deliver the appropriate service at their cost and they should be deemed non-responsive. He discussed how much of a gap there was between their bid and the others and discussed individual cost items.

4. Harry Wilson – Chairman & CEO, MV Transportation. He noted how the prior team members discussed different aspects of the proposed contract. Tom discussed service results, Laura discussed regional and corporate support, and Myron addressed the clear pricing realities of the business which are irrefutable. He noted they are strong on their performance, and the results were not delivered by accident. He added the numbers must make sense and Hendrickson's numbers do not make sense. He noted Hendrickson should provide line-item details on where they are going to cut costs and that the stakes are merely too high to take that chance. He added they want to continue the service and it is important to them.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Operations & Capital Projects Committee Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2026

DIRECTOR BEATRIZ CHARO MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE OPERATIONS & CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2026. VICE CHAIR LYNN ALLISON SECONDED THE MOTION. *ALLISON, CHARO, OWENS, SALAZAR AND SALDAÑA VOTING IN FAVOR. OPPOSED NONE. ABSENT NONE.*

Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee to Award a 5-year Firm Price Contract to Evergreen Landscaping in the amount not to exceed \$2,555,138.74

Mr. Robert Saldaña, Managing Director of Administration, presented the item and discussed how during the current Bus Stop Maintenance Contract, CCRTA has made significant additions to the service area amenities. Mr. Saldaña pointed out the Mr. Bonilla with Evergreen was present in the audience and thanked him for being present. CCRTA received over a million dollars in federal funds to improve amenities and this resulted in significant increase in the number of trash receptacles and other amenities located throughout the service area. In addition, the Shelter and trash receptacle count has increased since the last time the Bus Stop Maintenance Services contract was awarded. Mr. Saldaña said that over the last five years, it has come to light that approximately ninety bus stops required more frequent cleaning due to increased pedestrian traffic and will now be visited more than once a week. The current Bus Stop Maintenance contract is structured as a five-year firm price for a five-year fixed contract at \$2,118,845.13. After reviewing the three responsive bids the CCRTA staff is recommending a five-year firm price contract not to exceed \$2,555,138.74, with an estimated annual cost for each year of \$511,027.75. He displayed a chart of the four proposals received along with their pricing.

At this time, questions from the Board were answered. Director Berlanga asked why this contract is being reviewed now since it does not expire until February of 2027. Mr. Saldaña explained that the expenses from the fixed contract price of \$2.1 million dollars will run out by October. Staff had to make the decision to go back to the Board in October to ask for additional funds for the contract or put it out for bid. Mr. Majchszak, CEO,

explained further that when the current contract went out for bid four and a half years ago, staff miscalculated the monthly payment calculations. The payments were made correctly, however, the total contract amount will only last through mid-October. Director Saldaña expressed concerns with putting money into a contract before it expires and if it would happen again. Mr. Saldaña stated extra funds were not put into this; the original contract would have been more should it have been calculated correctly. Director Berlanga recommended ending payments in October and beginning this contract in February. Mr. Bell stated the contract provided for a fixed amount every two weeks, with a cap on the total amount. If payments stop in October, there will be no services until February. Mr. Majchszak clarified it was an internal mistake, and the original RFP should have been calculated with the correct number of weeks, which would have led to a higher contract amount that would have been taken to the Board at that time. The decision was made to try to get more bids to see what is out there per prior Board concerns of wanting to see several bids for RPFs.

Vice-Chair Allison said a mistake was made and they just need to move forward. She added that they have done a good job, especially given that several shelters and amenities have been added, along with all the additional “hot spot” cleanings that have been added since the contract has begun. She said they still have the best value proposal of those submitted and competitive pricing. Director Charo just asked that staff communicate so this does not happen again in the future. Mr. Majchszak said there have been several changes throughout these past few years, which has improved communication tremendously. Director Berlanga asked to see a cost proposal to see these services done in-house. Mr. Majchszak said many things would be considered including the purchase of extra vehicles, mowers, and hiring extra employees. The additional employees would add to the pension and health insurance benefits. Director Owens said it is extremely difficult to hire landscapers, and this would be a good topic to discuss at the next Board Retreat.

VICE CHAIR LYNN ALLISON MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) OR DESIGNEE TO AWARD OF A 5-YEAR FIRM PRICE CONTRACT TO EVERGREEN LANDSCAPING IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,555,138.74 TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER OF 2026. DIRECTOR BEATRIZ CHARO SECONDED THE MOTION. ALLISON, CHARO, OWENS, SALAZAR AND SALDAÑA VOTING IN FAVOR. OPPOSED NONE. ABSENT NONE.

Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee to Award a Contract to Fulton Coastcon for the Construction of the new Bear Lane Maintenance Facility not to exceed \$50,383,391

Ms. Sharon Montez, Managing Director of Capital Programs and Customer Services, presented the item. She announced and introduced the leadership team from Fulton

Construction who were present. Ms. Montez provided the history leading up to the award of the contract for the construction of the New Maintenance Facility. The Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued on May 12, 2026. An evaluation committee consisting of five CCRTA executive staff members evaluated the six responsive proposals using the technical and cost evaluation criteria established in the RFP. Based on the initial evaluation, the three highest-ranked proposers were invited to submit Best and Final Offers (BAFOs). She continued, because the BAFO process was limited to revisions of the cost proposals, the technical scores remained unchanged, and the cost scores were recalculated using each firm's final offer. She displayed an analysis chart of all six received proposals along with their scoring and pricing. Fulton Coastcon achieved the highest final score (90.20) and confirmed its original proposal as its BAFO, which remained the lowest evaluated cost, at \$50,383,391. Ms. Montez discussed their background and reported a positive experience with Fulton during construction of the Staples Street Center. The amount of the contract is \$50,383,391 and is budgeted in the 2026 Capital Projects budget. The amount of the 5339 (c) competitive grant award, for the construction portion, is \$53,400,000. This project is funded with 80% federal funds (\$42,720,000) and 20% local funds (\$10,680,000).

Ms. Montez thanked the Board for their support and answered any questions. Director Salazar said staff did an incredible job with the proposals and Fulton is well respected in the community. He added that Mr. Philip Skrobarczyk also served on the RTA Board. Director Charo asked if they delivered prior projects on time and Ms. Montez replied yes. Director Saldaña stated she was pleased with the proposal. Vice-Chair Allison thanked Ms. Montez, the Ad-Hoc committee, and Director Salazar for heading this project and for their research.

DIRECTOR SUSIE SALDAÑA MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) OR DESIGNEE TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO FULTON COASTCON FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BEAR LANE MAINTENANCE FACILITY NOT TO EXCEED \$50,383,391. VICE CHAIR LYNN ALLISON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALLISON, CHARO, OWENS, SALAZAR AND SALDAÑA VOTING IN FAVOR. OPPOSED NONE. ABSENT NONE.

Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or Designee to Award a (5) Five-Year Contract to Hendrickson Transportation Group, LLC for Paratransit Services and Small Bus Operations in an Amount Not to Exceed \$44,222,547.76

Mr. Gordon Robinson, Managing Director of Operations, presented the item and introduced the leadership team of Hendrickson who were present. Next, he provided background on the current paratransit services and small bus operations contract with MV Transportation, which expires December 31, 2026. The new five-year contract includes operations and maintenance items within the current contract, in addition to several enhancements: CCRTA providing majority of technology infrastructure, state-of-

the-art scheduling software platform, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications. He noted that an evaluation committee of five CCRTA staff members evaluated eight responsive proposals. Seven proposers remained eligible for final scoring. He displayed a chart with all proposers including their scoring and pricing. The four highest-ranked proposers shortlisted from competitive range and were invited to in-person interviews on July 9, 2026. Following the interviews, evaluation committee completed a second-round technical evaluation to score the four proposers. He displayed the financial impact of the final four proposers. Hendrickson Transportation Group LLC achieved highest final score (85.80) and lowest evaluated proposed price of \$44,222,547.76.

At this time, Mr. Robinson addressed any questions from the Board. Director Berlanga reported the ad-hoc committee met all day with the proposers and staff did a good job with the questions and evaluating the proposers. Director Charo asked if the current employees would stay on. Mr. Robinson said Hendrickson would likely interview management and would make hiring decisions from there. Mr. Majchszak noted far as the frontline, they would likely stay on, but that is a personal decision for them. He added there is a collective bargaining agreement included as far as their pay goes. Director Charo asked what their experience is with an agency of this size. Mr. John Hendrickson, VP, stated they service Laredo, four other agencies in Texas, and 100 counties across the U.S. He added they have managed systems this size and although they are small, they are quickly growing and provide good value. Director Salazar added that small companies still deserve a chance. Director Muñoz wanted to ensure the riders would be taken care of and there is a proper transition plan in place to avoid any issues.

DIRECTOR SUSIE SALDAÑA MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) OR DESIGNEE TO AWARD A (5) FIVE-YEAR CONTRACT TO HENDRICKSON TRANSPORTATION GROUP, LLC FOR PARATRANSIT SERVICES AND SMALL BUS OPERATIONS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$44,222,547.76. DIRECTOR BETH OWENS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALLISON, CHARO, OWENS, SALAZAR AND SALDAÑA VOTING IN FAVOR. OPPOSED NONE. ABSENT NONE.

Heard Committee Chair Report

Director Salazar said staff and the ad-hoc committee members did a great job on these major items.

Adjournment

Adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

Submitted by: Marisa Montiel

Subject: Award a Three (3) Year Contract to Spare Labs Inc. for Paratransit Software Services not to exceed \$1,121,842.50.

Background

In March 2025, the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority (CCRTA) agreed to modify its contract for Paratransit and Small Bus Operations. As part of this modification, MV replaced the existing Trapeze software with Spare Labs software to support enhanced efficiency, improved system integration, and modernized paratransit services. CCRTA retains ownership of all data housed within the Spare platform; however, the agency is not currently licensed to use the software.

Identified Need

CCRTA has initiated a series of technology modernization efforts within its paratransit service infrastructure. As part of these improvements, the Authority is proposing a transition to Spare's Paratransit Cloud Software. This state-of-the-art platform is designed to enhance operational efficiency, data integration, and system reliability across CCRTA's paratransit services.

By adopting Spare's cloud-based scheduling solution, the CCRTA aims to streamline trip management, reduce manual processes, and improve overall service coordination, creating a more connected and responsive operational environment that aligns with the agency's long-term mobility modernization goals.

This contract will provide a fully hosted and maintained software platform designed to support CCRTA's paratransit service operations in Corpus Christi. The solution will deliver a secure and integrated suite of tools, including:

- **Public-facing rider application** that is ADA-compliant
- **Spare AI** for voice scheduling
- **Driver application** for real-time trip execution
- **Dispatch system** for active service oversight
- **Account management system** for user profiles and service eligibility
- **Operations and monitoring tools** for fleet, trips, and performance
- **Administrative and reporting functions** to support compliance, analytics, and decision-making

These components form a modern, end-to-end mobility management ecosystem, ensuring accessible, reliable, and efficient service delivery for CCRTA's paratransit operations in Corpus Christi and the surrounding areas. This integrated platform strengthens trip scheduling, dispatch coordination, real-time monitoring, and rider engagement—supporting CCRTA's ongoing commitment to delivering high-quality, ADA-compliant mobility services across the region.

Financial Impact

The CCRTA will procure these services through the 791 Purchasing Cooperative, which leverages pooled purchasing power from participating local government agencies to secure favorable pricing on products, equipment, and IT services. The estimated cost for a three-year contract with Spare Labs Inc. is \$1,121,842.50. Funding for the paratransit software has been identified in the Purchase Transportation Operating Budget, utilizing local funds.

Board Priority

The Board Priority is Innovation.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the Operations and Capital Projects Committee recommend the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee to Award a Three (3) Year Contract to Spare Labs Inc. for Paratransit Software Services not to exceed \$1,121,842.50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Submitted by: David Chapa, Director of MIS and Capital Projects
Reviewed by: Gordon Robinson, Managing Director of Operations

Final Approval by: 
Miguel Redón
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Subject: Award a Two (2) Year Contract to Cummins Inc. for Heavy-Duty Vehicle Filters in an Amount Not to Exceed \$184,653.92

Background

CCRTA purchases many filters needed to maintain the fixed route buses utilizing an Invitation for Bid (IFB) process. The heavy-duty vehicle filters bid represents 13 different filters. The vendors were asked to submit bids for individual filters based on expected usage during a twelve-month period at our current service levels.

Heavy-duty vehicle filters were specified to meet the minimum requirements outlined in the Cummins vehicle service manuals. CCRTA's fixed-route buses operate with Cummins Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and diesel engines, and approximately half of these engines remain under manufacturer warranty. Using filters that do not meet Cummins' specifications could jeopardize warranty coverage, resulting in potential denial of warranty services and claims.

Identified Need

The CCRTA utilizes Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) filters to ensure the state of good repair for the fleet. In addition, following this process clearly demonstrates to the original OEM manufacturers that the CCRTA is performing preventive maintenance of the fleet according to their specifications. This process keeps the fleet in compliance with all warranty protocols meeting the OEM's standards for maintaining assets.

The current two (2) year contract with Cummins Inc. for heavy-duty vehicle filters expires on October 16, 2026. To ensure Vehicle Maintenance Technicians have a reliable supply of filters to maintain the fleet in a state of good repair, a new contract is required. An IFB was issued on July 9, 2026, and six bids were received on August 13, 2026. Two bids were deemed non-responsive. Since FS Holdings, Inc., was the lowest bid but deemed non-responsive, Cummins Inc., with the second-lowest bid is recommended for the contract award.

The heavy-duty vehicle filter contract is structured as a two (2) year contract following Board of Directors approval.

Financial Impact

This is a fixed-price supply contract for heavy-duty vehicle filters. The projected cost for the two-year contract with Cummins Inc. is \$184,653.92; however, expenditures will be determined by actual usage. Funding for this contract is included in the Vehicle Maintenance Department's annual operating budgets and will be supported by local funds.

Heavy-Duty Vehicle Filters Bid Summary			
Bidder	Bid Amount	Bid on all items	Responsive
FS Holdings, Inc.	\$136,939.00	No	No
Cummins Inc.	\$184,653.92	Yes	Yes
C.C. Freightliner	\$192,644.04	Yes	No
Vehicle Maintenance Program	\$220,947.32	Yes	Yes
Muncie Transit Supply	\$225,624.04	Yes	Yes
One Nation Distribution LLC	\$493,208.88	Yes	Yes

Board Priority

This item aligns with the Board Priority – Ridership.

Recommendation

Staff requests that the Operations & Capital Projects Committee recommend the Board of Directors authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or designee to award a two (2) year contract to Cummins Inc. for heavy-duty vehicle filters in an amount not to exceed \$184,653.92.

Respectfully Submitted,

Submitted by: Mario Vega
Director of Maintenance

Reviewed by: Gordon Robinson
Managing Director of Operations

Final Approval by: 
Miguel Rendón
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

Summary of Actions

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Heard Safety Briefing**
- 3. Confirmed Posting of Meeting's Public Notice in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551**
- 4. Receipt of Conflict of Interest Affidavits – None Received**
- 5. Opportunity for Public Comment – No Public Comments**
- 6. Approved Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2025**
- 7. Heard Presentation on State Legislative Update**
- 8. Approved to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his Designee to Approve A Two-Year Contract for State Legislative Consulting Services with Longbow Partners, LLP, not to Exceed \$169,500**
- 9. Heard Committee Chair Report**
- 10. Adjournment**

The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority Board of Directors met at 8:30 a.m. in the Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority Staples Street Center facility located at 602 N. Staples Street, 2nd Floor Board Room Corpus Christi, Texas.

Call to Order & Roll Call

Lynn Allison; Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Marisa Montiel called roll and stated a quorum was present.

Board Members Present

Lynn Allison, Gabi Canales (virtual), Jeremy Coleman, Jahvid Motaghi, and Aaron Muñoz.

Board Members Absent

None.

Staff Present

David Chapa, Angelina Gaitan, John Esparza, Derrick Majchszak, Sharon Montez, Marisa Montiel, Rita Patrick, Gordon Robinson, Miguel Rendón and Robert Saldaña.

Public Present

Tris Castañeda, Longbow and Associates (virtual).

Safety Briefing

Mr. John Esparza, Safety Administrator, presented the safety briefing to the Board and audience. He provided exit instructions in the event of an emergency. Ms. Montiel would account for all Board Members and he would be the last out to ensure everyone exits safely.

Confirmed Posting of Meeting's Public Notice in Accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551

Ms. Montiel confirmed proper posting of the meeting.

Receipt of Conflict of Interest Affidavits

None received

Opportunity for Public Comment

None received

Public Comment may be provided in writing, limited to 1,000 characters, by using the [Public Comment Form](http://www.ccrta.org/news-opportunities/agenda) online at www.ccrta.org/news-opportunities/agenda or by regular mail or hand-delivery to the CCRTA at 602 N. Staples St., Corpus Christi, TX 78401, and **MUST** be submitted no later than 5 minutes after the start of a meeting in order to be provided for consideration and review at the meeting. All Public Comments submitted shall be placed into the record of the meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes of May 28, 2025

DIRECTOR AARON MUNOZ MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2025. VICE CHAIR ALLISON SECONDED THE MOTION. ALLISON, COLEMAN JAHVID, AND MUNOZ VOTING IN FAVOR. ABSENT CANALES.

Presentation on State Legislative Update

Mr. Miguel Rendón, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, introduced Mr. Tris Castañeda with Longbow and Associates, who would be presenting to the Board. Mr. Castañeda discussed CCRTA's interim strategy and government relations plan for 2025-2026. He discussed where CCRTA stands after the 89th Legislature. He said that during the 89th session over 200 bills were tracked and no legislation adverse to CCRTA passed. Passage of SB 1371 modernized operational and governance parameters, enabling CNG refueling via interlocal contract during emergencies without loss of the fuel tax exemption, board term clarification, and fare box reform. He discussed why the agency was successful due to the deliberate governance and strategic engagement by the legislative team and staff. He added that support from the delegation was paramount including Senators Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa & Adam Hinojosa, Representatives Todd Hunter & Denise Villalobos. He discussed what is changing in the interim including DART withdrawal elections, property tax vs. sales tax, and TxDOT's multimodal shift. Director Muñoz and Vice-Chair Allison both mentioned focusing on the broker of authority as one of the main priorities for the next session. The property tax vs. sales tax item was also discussed further. Vice-Chair gave thanks to Chair Granado for all his contributions to the success on both the state and federal levels. Mr. Castañeda stated he looks forward to working on clear priorities for the next session.

Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend the Board of Directors Authorize the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or his Designee to Approve A Two-Year Contract for State Legislative Consulting Services with Longbow Partners, LLP, not to Exceed \$169,500

Mr. Miguel Rendón, provided background stating CCRTA contracts for state consulting services to assist with state legislative initiatives, the legislative process, access, and identification of discretionary funding opportunities. CCRTA currently contracts with Longbow Partners, LLP, (Longbow Partners) to provide state legislative consulting services, which expires on March 31, 2026. Mr. Rendón reported services provided by Longbow Partners have been excellent and staff recommends continuance of these services. The current contract is a three-year agreement for a total of \$225,000. The proposed contract is a two-year contract at \$78,750 annually, with the option to expense CCRTA for pre-approved business and travel expenses not to exceed \$6,000 annually, for a total of \$169,500.

DIRECTOR JEREMY COLEMAN MADE A MOTION TO RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A TWO-YEAR CONTRACT FOR STATE LEGISLATIVE CONSULTING SERVICES WITH LONGBOW PARTNERS, LLP, NOT TO EXCEED \$169,500. DIRECTOR JAHVID MOTAGHI SECONDED THE MOTION. *ALLISON, COLEMAN JAHVID, AND MUNOZ VOTING IN FAVOR. ABSENT CANALES.*

Heard Committee Chair Report

Committee Chair Allison thanked staff and said she is looking forward to working with the legislative committee and on the interim work that needs to be done.

Adjournment

There being no further review of items, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Submitted by: Marisa Montiel

Subject: Approve the Legislative Program for the 90th Legislature**Background:**

Over the past year, the Legislative Committee and staff have been working with the Legislative delegation and our legislative consultants in the development of a legislative agenda for 2026-2027.

Formal adoption of the different measures will aid in consistency of presentations made to the delegation and requests submitted for proposed legislation.

Identified Needs:

The various needs are outlined in the attached Legislative Program.

Analysis:

Each of the items has been previously discussed and analyzed by members of the Legislative Committee, staff and Legislative Consultant. Formal approval in this format will serve not only for the current Regular Session of the Legislature but any Special Sessions that might be called in the future.

Relevance to Board Priorities:

The various items of the Legislative Program relate to the Board Priorities of Facilities, Public Image & Transparency, Innovations and Fare Recovery.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend the Legislative Committee Recommend the Board of Directors approve the Legislative Program for the 90th Legislature.

Respectfully Submitted,

Submitted by: Marisa Montiel
Executive Administrative Assistant

Reviewed by: Rita Patrick
Managing Director of Public Relations

Approval: 
Miguel Rendón
Deputy Chief Executive Officer

CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

90th Texas Legislature (2027)

Legislative Principles & Government Relations Framework

The Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority's government relations program is designed to protect and advance the Authority's mission through proactive engagement with the Texas Legislature, state agencies, regional stakeholders, and the Coastal Bend legislative delegation.

The Authority's experience during the 89th Legislature demonstrated the value of a sustained, Board-directed government relations program. Guided by clearly established legislative priorities, CCRTA successfully monitored more than 200 bills, including numerous proposals affecting Chapters 451 and 452 of the Texas Transportation Code, advanced Board-approved initiatives, secured enactment of meaningful statutory improvements through the passage of SB 1371, and successfully protected the Authority from legislation that would have adversely affected its governance, funding, or operations. These accomplishments reflected the active leadership of the Board of Directors, the engagement of executive management, staff, and legal counsel, the continued support and accessibility of the Coastal Bend legislative delegation, and the collaborative relationships CCRTA has built with local governments, community leaders, regional stakeholders, and transportation partners throughout the Coastal Bend.

Successful advocacy does not begin when legislation is filed but is built throughout the legislative interim by establishing trusted relationships, providing timely information, educating policymakers, and participating constructively in the development of public policy affecting public transportation and regional mobility. As the Legislature increasingly addresses issues involving transit governance, local revenue, tax policy, regional mobility, and infrastructure investment, early engagement has become as important as advocacy during the legislative session itself.

While the Authority's primary mission remains the delivery of safe, reliable, and efficient public transportation services, the CCRTA is an integral part of the Coastal Bend community and the broader network of public institutions that support the region's economic vitality and quality of life. The Authority's Board of Directors is appointed by the City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, and the surrounding member cities it serves, bringing together local leaders whose perspectives extend beyond transportation alone. As a result, effective governance requires not only an understanding of mobility and transit policy, but also awareness of broader state initiatives that may directly or indirectly affect the communities served by the Authority.

Accordingly, CCRTA's government relations program will monitor and provide periodic informational updates regarding significant public policy developments—including state tax policy, sales and property tax initiatives, the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA), water infrastructure and supply, disaster resilience, economic development, workforce issues, human trafficking initiatives, and other statewide programs or legislative developments of regional significance, whenever those matters materially affect the Coastal Bend, intersect with the Authority's mission, or provide important context

for Board policy discussions and strategic planning. Maintaining this broader situational awareness enables the Board to better understand the legislative and policy environment in which CCRTA operates while reinforcing the Authority's role as an engaged and responsible regional partner. Throughout the legislative interim and regular session, the Authority will:

- Maintain regular communications with members of the Coastal Bend legislative delegation, legislative leadership, and jurisdictional committee members.
- Provide legislative and regulatory reports to the Legislative Committee, the Board and executive leadership.
- Monitor legislation, appropriations, administrative rulemaking, and emerging public policy issues affecting public transportation.
- Assist in coordinating educational briefings, legislative forums, agency meetings, and stakeholder outreach.
- Work collaboratively with peer transit authorities, the Texas Transit Association, TxDOT, regional partners, and other organizations on matters of shared interest.
- Support implementation of the Board's legislative priorities through strategic planning, legislative drafting, policy paper development, coalition development, testimony, and ongoing policy engagement.

The Authority recognizes that effective government relations is measured not only by legislation enacted, but also by established relationships, early identification of emerging issues, state funding opportunities, and the detection of adverse proposals before they affect the Authority or the communities it serves. The momentum established during the 89th Legislature provides a strong foundation for continued engagement throughout the 2026–2027 interim and the 90th Legislature.

Recognizing that legislative priorities require different levels of engagement, CCRTA's Legislative Program is organized into three distinct, but mutually reinforcing, components of a comprehensive government relations strategy:

- 1) **Primary Legislative Initiatives** — issues in which CCRTA will serve as the principal advocate and actively pursue legislative or regulatory action.
- 2) **Endorsement Issues** — initiatives advanced by governmental, regional, or industry partners that are consistent with the Authority's mission and strategic objectives.
- 3) **Defensive or Preservation Matters** — legislative, regulatory, fiscal, or administrative proposals requiring active monitoring or advocacy to preserve CCRTA's statutory authority, financial stability, governance, operational flexibility, and ability to deliver safe, reliable public transportation services.

Collectively, these three components provide the framework through which the Board of Directors establishes policy priorities, measures legislative success, and ensures that CCRTA remains an informed, credible, and respected participant in the public policy process.

CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
FOR THE 90th TEXAS LEGISLATURE (2027)

SECTION 01: PRIMARY LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

1. Legislative Cleanup and Chapter 451 Modernization

Building upon the successful legislative framework established through Senate Bill 1371 (89th Legislature), the Authority will evaluate additional CCRTA-specific statutory improvements that enhance service delivery while preserving local governance and accountability. Potential components of this initiative may include:

- **Broker of Record Authorization** permitting CCRTA to procure insurance through a Broker of Record under a fee-based compensation model similar to that authorized for Texas counties, thereby promoting transparency, competition, and cost-effective risk management.
- **Pilot Program Authority** authorizing CCRTA to participate in or establish pilot programs that evaluate emerging transit technologies, innovative service delivery models, mobility solutions, workforce initiatives, or other operational improvements without requiring separate legislation for each initiative.
- **Other CCRTA-Specific Statutory Improvements** determined during the interim to enhance the Authority's ability to efficiently deliver safe, reliable, and fiscally responsible public transportation services.

2. Commercial Driver License Workforce Modernization

Support legislation that provides additional flexibility, where consistent with federal law and public safety, to assist transit authorities in recruiting, training, and retaining commercial drivers to address statewide workforce shortages. Explore linkages with Del Mar and Workforce Boards.

3. Contractor Liability / Insurance Modernization

Evaluate legislation extending to Chapter 451 transit authorities contractor liability protections or comparable insurance flexibility currently available under other provisions of Texas law to reduce unnecessary insurance costs ultimately borne by public transit agencies through procurement contracts. *(Research continues regarding the optimal statutory vehicle and relationship to HB 3353 (89R) and existing Chapter 452 authority.)*

4. Air Quality and Emissions Programs

Protect and support continued funding for the Clean Air Account No. 151, the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP), State Implementation Plan (SIP) planning activities, and other state or federal air quality initiatives that benefit the Coastal Bend through emissions reduction, alternative fuel deployment, fleet modernization, and regional air quality planning.

SECTION 02: SECONDARY INITIATIVES

1. Anti-Human Trafficking

Support grant opportunities, state appropriations, and statutory authority that strengthen public transportation's role in combatting human trafficking through employee training, public awareness, law enforcement coordination, and technology.

2. Regional Multimodal Mobility and Funding

Support legislation, appropriations, and policy initiatives that advance regional multimodal planning and investment consistent with the TXDOT's Statewide Multimodal Transit Plan. Promote opportunities for the Coastal Bend to leverage state and federal mobility initiatives, evaluate future transit investments, and pursue funding strategies that strengthen regional connectivity, workforce mobility, economic development, and port access. The RTA will also monitor and evaluate legislative proposals affecting local transportation finance, including potential modifications to local sales tax limitations or other funding mechanisms that enhance the ability of communities to invest in both public transportation and other locally determined infrastructure priorities.

SECTION 03: DEFENSIVE MEASURES

1. Preserve Chapter 451 Authority

Protect the statutory authority, governance structure, operational flexibility, and local control of Chapter 451 metropolitan transit authorities.

2. Regional Transit Governance and Local Control

Preserve the statutory governance structure, operational independence, and local decision-making authority of Chapter 451 metropolitan transit authorities. Oppose legislation that would materially alter the governance, territorial integrity, funding structure, board composition, appointment authority, or long-term regional stability of metropolitan transit authorities without the support of the affected local authority and its constituent communities.

3. Maintain Local Transit Funding

Protect all voter-approved local funding dedicated to public transportation, including:

- Local sales tax authority
- Existing allocation methodology
- Federal transit funding
- Formula funding
- Competitive grant programs
- State transit appropriations

4. Property Tax / Sales Tax Policy

Monitor state property tax relief proposals, sales tax modernization, exemption reform, and local sales tax allocation proposals to ensure unintended fiscal consequences do not adversely affect transit authorities dependent upon voter-approved local sales tax revenues.

5. Preserve Local Advocacy Authority

Protect the ability of regional transportation authorities to participate in legislative, regulatory, and governmental affairs activities consistent with state law.

6. Alternative Fuel Programs

Preserve incentives, tax treatment, and operational flexibility supporting alternative fuel transit fleets, including CNG and other low-emission technologies.

7. Emerging Mobility Technologies

Monitor legislation affecting autonomous vehicles, zero-emission technologies, alternative fuels, intelligent transportation systems, and other emerging mobility innovations impacting public transportation.

SECTION 04: ENDORSEMENT ISSUES

1. Coastal Bend Priorities

Support legislation and appropriations benefiting the Coastal Bend region, including resiliency, economic development, public safety, and transportation infrastructure.

2. Intergovernmental Partnerships

Support legislative and regulatory initiatives facilitating collaboration among transit authorities, municipalities, counties, MPOs, TxDOT, and other governmental entities.

3. Transit Industry Initiatives

Support reasonable statewide initiatives advanced by the Texas Transit Association, APTA, peer transit authorities, and other transportation stakeholders that improve safety, operational efficiency, workforce development, customer service, or funding opportunities.

4. Other Issues

Support additional legislation determined by the Board to be consistent with CCRTA's mission, strategic plan, and regional transportation objectives.

CORPUS CHRISTI REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

90th Texas Legislature (2027)

Legislative Principles & Government Relations Framework

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The Authority's success during the 89th Legislature demonstrated the value of a Board-directed legislative strategy. Guided by established priorities, CCRTA monitored more than 200 bills, including proposals affecting Chapters 451 and 452 of the Texas Transportation Code, advanced Board-approved initiatives, secured statutory improvements through passage of SB 1371, and successfully opposed legislation that could have negatively affected its governance, funding, or operations. These efforts were made possible through the leadership of the Board, executive management, staff, legal counsel, legislative delegation, and regional partners.

Effective advocacy begins well before legislative sessions through relationship-building, policymaker education, stakeholder engagement, and participation in public policy discussions. As state policymakers increasingly address issues involving transit governance, local revenue, regional mobility, and infrastructure investment, continuous engagement during the legislative interim is essential.

Although CCRTA's primary responsibility is delivering safe, reliable, and efficient public transportation, it also serves as a key regional institution supporting economic vitality and quality of life in the Coastal Bend. Because its Board is appointed by local governments throughout the service area, the Authority maintains awareness of broader public policy issues that may affect the communities it serves.

Accordingly, CCRTA will monitor and provide informational updates on significant legislative and policy developments that affect the Coastal Bend, intersect with the Authority's mission, or inform Board policy discussions. These may include tax policy, sales and property tax issues, the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association (TWIA), water infrastructure and supply, disaster resilience, economic development, workforce development, human trafficking initiatives, and other matters of regional significance. This broader awareness strengthens the Board's understanding of the environment in which CCRTA operates and reinforces the Authority's role as an engaged regional partner.

Throughout the legislative interim and regular session, CCRTA will:

- Maintain regular communication with the Coastal Bend legislative delegation, legislative leadership, and relevant committee members.
- Provide legislative and regulatory updates to the Board, Legislative Committee, and executive leadership.
- Monitor legislation, appropriations, administrative rulemaking, and emerging public policy issues affecting public transportation.

- Coordinate educational briefings, legislative forums, agency meetings, and stakeholder outreach.
- Collaborate with transit authorities, the Texas Transit Association, TxDOT, regional partners, and other organizations on shared priorities.
- Support Board legislative priorities through strategic planning, legislative drafting, policy analysis, coalition-building, testimony, and ongoing advocacy.

CCRTA recognizes that successful government relations are measured not only by legislation enacted, but also by strong relationships, early identification of emerging issues, access to funding opportunities, and timely response to proposals that could affect the Authority or the communities it serves. The momentum established during the 89th Legislature provides a strong foundation for continued engagement during the 2026-2027 interim and the 90th Legislature.

To guide these efforts, CCRTA's Legislative Program is organized into three complementary components:

1. **Primary Legislative Initiatives** – Issues for which CCRTA serves as the principal advocate and actively seeks legislative or regulatory action.
2. **Endorsement Issues** – Initiatives advanced by governmental, regional, or industry partners that align with CCRTA's mission and strategic objectives.
3. **Defensive or Preservation Matters** – Legislative, regulatory, fiscal, or administrative proposals requiring monitoring or advocacy to protect CCRTA's statutory authority, financial stability, governance structure, operational flexibility, and ability to provide safe and reliable transportation services.

Collectively, these three components establish the framework by which the Board of Directors sets legislative priorities, evaluates success, and ensures CCRTA remains an informed, credible, and effective participant in the public policy process.