

CONTINGENCY EMERGENCY
SUPPLEMENT TRANSIT OPTIONS
FOR TEXOMA AREA PARATRANSIT
SYSTEM (TAPS) SERVICE

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

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Background

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Texoma Area Paratransit System (TAPS) Service

Provides public transit services in 2 counties in our region: Wise County and the portions of Collin County outside of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) service area

Operates bus services, including job access trips for low-income workers and service for people with disabilities

Recent Updates: Timeline

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Summer 2015: Federal Transit Administration review and financial issues

Fall 2015: Significant service reductions begin. Cities begin to look for alternatives and cancel contracts.

December 8, 2015: All services in Collin County are cancelled indefinitely. Limited Wise County service continues.

Recent Updates: RTC Action Items

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1) Secure financial consulting services for TAPS to prepare billings and rebuild records to access grant funds

Consultants went onsite 11/16/15

2) Provide a financial backstop for a local TAPS loan for \$250K

On hold

Next Steps: Interim Service Provider Options

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Provider	Services
Metropolitan Transportation Authorities (e.g., DART and DCTA)	Fixed-route and demand-response services in urban areas
Rural/small urban providers (e.g., STAR Transit, SPAN Inc., Public Transit Services)	Feeder routes and demand-response in rural areas
Private taxi companies	Specialized/limited services in any geography

Next Steps: 90-120 Day Contingency

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Location	Entity Responsible	Amount	Source	Type of Transaction/Action
South Collin County Area (Metro)	RTC	< \$500,000	RTR for Transit Sustainability	Fund transit operations
McKinney Urban Area	TAPS/FTA	< \$100,000	RTR for Transit Sustainability or FTA funds	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist McKinney with Direct Recipient Status 2. Work with FTA to access federal funds 3. Fund operations
North/Rural Collin County	TxDOT	\$45,000	RTR for Transit Sustainability	TxDOT/NCTCOG Partnership: Loan TxDOT or provider funding
Wise County	TxDOT	\$30,000	RTR for Transit Sustainability	TxDOT/NCTCOG Partnership: Loan TxDOT or provider funding

Requested Action

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Approval of up to \$675,000 in existing Regional Toll Revenue funding allocated for Transit Sustainability to support interim transit services in Collin and Wise Counties as outlined in Reference Item 7.

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