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Hello:

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board members last week approved a

resolution establishing a program to transfer millions of dollars in sales tax revenues back to seven service area cities to address equity concerns.

The resolution is the latest in a series of actions taken by DART, in coordination with regional officials, in response to concerns from some service area cities about how dedicated tax revenues are allocated. Implementation of the actions outlined in the resolution is contingent upon DART maintaining the full voter-approved 1% sales tax that funds our transportation agency. That means proposed state legislation to reduce the tax by 25% cannot pass in order for these reforms to be enacted.

Among other approved reforms in the resolution:

- Establishment of parameters for DART's participation in Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones to help cities with economic development.
- Commitment to advance cities' service area requests to the Board in FY 26 budget development.
- Cap on DART's sales tax growth to an average of 3.8% over a 20-year period.
- Starting in year four, DART commits to providing a percentage equity adjustment to cities whose sales tax collections exceed costs allocated per an updated methodology.

The action represents DART's commitment to finding a local resolution of city requests, as our agency leadership and Board Chair Gary Slagel have long pledged to do. With this resolution, DART officials have addressed cities' concerns, including those that were raised during a recent mediation process, moving us toward solving our challenges locally.

We are committed to continued transparency and collaboration in this critical work to meet our service area cities' needs.

[Read The Approved Resolution](#)

Key Bills We Are Tracking

Senate Bill 2118 (Parker) and House Bill 5049 (Shaheen): Relating to the composition and authority of the DART Board.

Senate Bill 1557 (Paxton, Hagenbuch, Parker) and House Bill 3187 (Shaheen): Relating to powers of DART and creating a general mobility fund program. [Learn more about these bills and the potential impacts.](#)

Bills By The Numbers

- House Filed: 5,876
- Senate Filed: 3,252
- Total Filed: 9,128

Dates To Know

- 89th Legislative Session Ends: June 2, 2025
 - Last Day Governor Can Veto Bills: June 22, 2025
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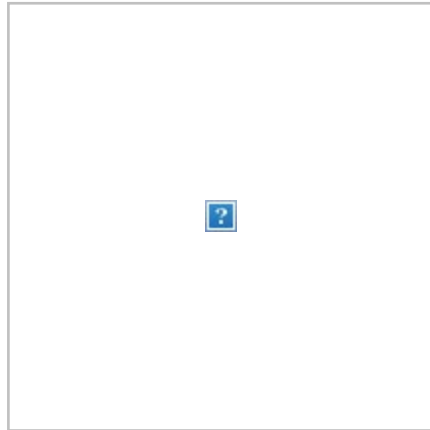
DART Drives Investment

The DART Board of Directors last year approved the agency's [2025 Legislative Agenda](#). The agenda includes a focus on critical issues with the potential to impact our riders and partners.

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- [DART advocates speak out against proposed funding cuts](#) (*KERA News*)
- [DART and its member cities head to mediation to resolve funding, equity issues](#) (*KERA News*)
- [The Last Word: DRC's State of the Region Event Addresses High-Speed Rail and More](#) (*Dallas Innovates*)
- [North Texas regional rail authority suggested answer to bills targeting transit funding](#) (*Fort Worth Report*)
- [Plano appoints interim DART rep after longtime board member resigns](#) (*KERA News*)
- [As bills threaten DART funding, Dallas, Rowlett officials pass resolutions supporting fully funding it](#) (*WFAA*)



You never know who you might run into around our Texas Capitol in Austin. Here I am pictured with Plano State Rep. Jeff Leach and his dog, Franklin Leach, a very good boy.

Thank you for reading. We look forward to working with you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us at any time.

Best,



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