



MEETING NOTICE

TO: North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority Board Members
FROM: Gary Halbrooks
DATE: Tuesday, November 4, 2025
SUBJECT: **November Board Meeting; Public Meeting on SWMP Implementation***

The next meeting of the NET RMA is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, November 4, 2025
TIME: 1:30 PM
PLACE: NET RMA Offices
1011 Pruitt Place
Tyler, Texas 75703

Enclosed please find the agenda and other pertinent information for your review prior to the meeting. Should you have any questions, please call Megan Page at 903.630.7894.

*The November Board Meeting will include a public discussion on the implementation of the NET RMA's Storm Water Management Program.

NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY (NET RMA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 1:30 PM
NET RMA Offices
1011 Pruitt Place
Tyler, Texas 75703

1. CALL TO ORDER AND DECLARATION OF QUORUM.

Notice of this meeting was posted with the Secretary of State's Office and on the NET RMA website and office on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

Call Meeting to Order at 1:30

2. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM/COMMENT PERIOD.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS.

In Person – Gary Halbrooks, Dave Spurrier, Chet Clayton, Mac Abney, Alejandro Guana, Hudson Old, Larry Morse, Matthew Watts, John Ray

Zoom – Dan Droege, Matthew Nelson, John Cloutier, Keith Honey, Andrea Williams McCoy, Rush Harris, Robert Messer

4. PUBLIC MEETING FOR INPUT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NET RMA STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (SWMP).

Deanne Simmons – This is the opportunity for the public to give public comment and is a requirement. A Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, or MS4, refers to the drainage system that collects and conveys storm water runoff from urbanized areas, including roadways and residential, commercial and/or industrial development, and discharges storm water from the drainage system to streams, rivers and other water bodies. The North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET RMA) is the operator of the drainage system for Toll 49. A total of 6.41 miles of Toll 49 that cross the Tyler urban area are regulated as a Small MS4. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regulates Small MS4 operators in Texas under a General Stormwater Permit that requires the NET RMA to implement a Stormwater Management Program. A hard copy is available at the NET RMA Office and also available on our website with a place where you can make a comment. There is no one here that would like to make a comment.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT.

Gary Halbrooks

Gary Halbrooks – If you have not received a chair as our board gift for Christmas, please let staff know. Also, in the lobby there are Apple Girl apples that were purchased as just a thank you for being here. Also, thank you to everyone who contributed to the committee survey. We will announce that as soon as possible. Lastly, Alejandro was sworn in today. Happy to have him.

6. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

1st – Matthew Watts, 2nd – Chet Clayton, Motion Approved.

7. BOND REFUNDING UPDATE.

Colby Eckols

Colby Eckols (Summarized) – Refinance outstanding 2016 debt and fund \$20M in improvements.

- Market Performance: The bond sales were highly successful due to strong market timing.
 - Demand: 7.3x oversubscribed.

- Pricing: Achieved spreads 5 bps tighter than planned, with a 20 bps improvement on the long end.
- Financial Outcome:
 - Total Savings: \$17.0M (5.36% NPV) over the bond's life.
 - Annual Savings: ~\$850k in debt service.
 - New Money Impact: The \$20M new money issuance increased annual debt service by only ~\$660k.
- Call Feature: The bonds have a 9-year call option (2034) with high-coupon back-end bonds (5-5.25%), creating a strong opportunity for future refunding.

Glenn Green – Colby, Richard, and Mitch were all incredibly helpful during this process. They made it very easy for us.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Dave Spurrier – ETHG Committee – We had a good committee meeting not long ago. We just met with the engineers and staff, and the timeline is on the screen. We believe that this is a good timeline. We will have another meeting with the public in Mid-2026. In Mid-2028 we will present the route to the public. If we are able to shorten the time line, we will do so. We just want this to be done well. Deanne, will you go over the website? I was unaware the this was here, and thought that the board would find it interesting.

Deanne Simmons – To view the segment 6 information, please go to the following link:
<https://www.netrma.org/projects/segment-6/>.

Matthew Nelson – Who handled the 115 Comments?

Deanne Simmons – All of those comments have been reviewed by our consultants. We are now moving forward trying to figure out the best way to move forward with Segment 6.

John Cloutier – Rail Committee – We had an event in Rusk County. Please play the video that Hahn put together. So, awesome video. It shows what we have done together. The next rail item is NETEX. Most of you are aware that we have been trying to work with some northern counties including Titus. Glenn and Gary have gone up there to try and help them to create an estimate. Hopefully, we can close this soon. Lastly, there is a primary in Cherokee county that will effect rail.

9. REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF NET RMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

Dianne Johnston – Please be aware that these are unaudited results for budget purposes, and the final adjustments are pending. The total revenue is \$18.9M (+\$1.6M vs. budget). The Pay-by-Mail Revenue is \$5.9M (+\$3.7M vs. budget). The Total Operating Revenue is \$24.8M (+\$1.8M vs. budget). The Operating Expenses are \$2.9M (-\$140k vs. budget). The 49 Operating Expenses are \$4.5M (-\$180k vs. budget). Finally the Net Income is \$485k actual vs. -\$1.8M budgeted → +\$2.3M positive variance.

1st – Matthew Watts, 2nd - Alejandro Guana, Motion Approved.

10. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 11 WITH H.W. LOCHNER, INC. FOR PREPARATION OF THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ESTIMATES (PS&E) FOR THE OVERLAY PROJECT ON SEGMENT 3B. (RESOLUTION 25-37)

Action Item

Glenn Green – This is for Lochner to develop a plan for the 3B South piece. We just finished 3B North. Staff recommends.

1st Chet Clayton – 2nd – Mac Abney, Motion Approved.

**11. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 12 WITH H.W. LOCHNER, INC. FOR PREPARATION OF A COST ESTIMATE FOR THE UPDATE OF NETEX RAIL FACILITIES.
(RESOLUTION 25-38)** **Action Item**

Glenn Green – This is the item that Mr. Cloutier mentioned earlier. This will provide a study to determine the cost to update the NETEX Rail Facilities. This would provide an olive branch to build a relationship with them. The cost would be approximately \$75,000. I am not sure if this will be the exact final amount. I have asked NETEX for a formal request to do the work, and we will need agreements with each county prior to doing work. Gary and I have been asked to appear on Thursday at their board meeting. Nate Priefert has been helping us coordinate and introduce ourselves and show how we can help.

Gary Halbrooks – The real simple part of this is that the NET RMA has been trying to engage with NETEX for several years. We are asking for this resolution to build this relationship.

1st – Dave Spurrier, 2nd – Dr. John Ray, Motion Approved.

**12. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATION NO. 11 WITH CDM SMITH FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE TRAFFIC AND TOLL REVENUE STUDY FOR SEGMENT 6.
(RESOLUTION 25-39)** **Action Item**

Deanne Simmons – this is our next need from CDM smith to develop the traffic study for Segment 6. We will run this by the East Texas Hourglass Committee once it is completed.

1st – Mac Abney, 2nd – Andrea Williams McCoy, Motion Approved.

**13. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES.
(RESOLUTION 25-40)** **Action Item**

Glenn Green – We are nearing the end of our contract with Hilltop. This resolution allows us to proceed with RFPs.

1st – Mac Abney, 2nd – Matt Watts, Motion Approved.

**14. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AN EXTENSION TO THE AGREEMENT WITH DCC CONSTRUCTION FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES.
(RESOLUTION 25-41)** **Action Item**

Glenn Green – We are at the end of our contract with DCC, and the contract allows us to extend the contract. Staff requests approval. Budget is also determined by what comes up for maintenance during the year.

1st – Robert Messer, 2nd – John Cloutier, Motion Approved.

**15. DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR MULTI-STATE FUTURE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY FORMULA FUNDING PROGRAM.
(RESOLUTION 25-42)** **Action Item**

Deanne Simmons – We were asked by the I-69 Alliance to pass this as a letter of support. This would set a funding pot to specifically fund these interstates.

Discussion Ensued.

1st – Larry Morse, 2nd – Mac Abney, Motion Approved.

16. OVERVIEW OF THE 89TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

Brian O'Reilly (Summarized) - Transportation was not a top legislative priority.

- TxDOT Budget (SB 1): \$39.9B total funding → +\$2.7B (+7%) over the prior biennium.
 - Key Funding Sources (~45% of budget):
 - Prop 1 (2013): ~\$8B (oil/gas severance tax)
 - Prop 7 (2015): \$7.43B (sales/vehicle tax)
- New Programs:
 - SB 1555 (Nichols): Created a \$250M grant program for rail grade separations.
 - SB 2366 (Hughes): Created a grant program for rural rail districts (unfunded, but legislators pledged future support).

17. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

18. ADJOURNMENT.

Chet Clayton – Adjourned at 2:20

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, SUBCHAPTER D, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, IF ANY

- **At any time during the meeting of the NET RMA Board of Directors, the Board may meet in executive session for consultation concerning matters under Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, including:**
 - A. Section 551.071. Consultation with Attorney—Consultation with and advice from legal counsel concerning pending/contemplated litigation, settlement offers and negotiations, ongoing disputes and potential disputes, and other legal issues.**
 - B. Section 551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property—Discussion of real property purchase, exchange, lease, license, gift, donation, and/or negotiated settlement, including property to be acquired for right-of-way.**
 - C. Section 551.074. Personnel Matters—Deliberation concerning the appointment, employment, reassignment, evaluation, duties, discipline, and/or dismissal of personnel.**

PARTICIPATION BY TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL:

One or more members of the Board may participate in this meeting through a telephone conference call, as authorized by Section 370.262, Texas Transportation Code. Under that law, each part of the telephone conference call meeting that by law must be open to the public shall be audible to the public at the meeting location. During the meeting, the identification of each party shall be clearly stated prior to speaking, and the meeting shall be documented by written minutes. On conclusion of the meeting, the written minutes of the meeting will be made available to the public.

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

The Board will allow an open comment period, **not to exceed one hour**, to receive public comment on any other matter that is under the jurisdiction of the Board, including an item listed on the agenda. Public comment must be made during the open comment period. You must be recognized by the presiding officer.

Each speaker will be allowed a **maximum of three (3) minutes**. For subjects that are not otherwise part of the agenda for the meeting, Board members may neither comment nor question speakers during the open comment period, but may request the presiding officer, or a recognized committee, to investigate the subject further. No action will be taken on matters that are not part of the agenda for the meeting.

NOTE

Enumerated agenda items are assigned for ease of reference only and will not necessarily be considered by the Board in that particular order. The presiding officer may rearrange the order in which agenda items are considered.

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