

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT  
AND  
THE NORTH EAST TEXAS REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY  
CONCERNING COOPERATION AND COORDINATION IN PLANNING  
FUTURE PASSENGER RAIL SERVICE**

**WHEREAS, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is a regional transportation authority that operates and maintains a multi-modal transit system within the boundaries of its 700-square mile service area in the eastern half of the DFW Metroplex, serving the cities of Addison, Carrollton, Cockrell Hill, Dallas, Farmers Branch, Garland, Glenn Heights, Highland Park, Irving, Richardson, Rowlett, Plano and University Park; and**

**WHEREAS, the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET-RMA) is a regional mobility authority created in October 2004 to accelerate the development of transportation projects in northeast Texas, including the counties of Bowie, Cass, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Panola, Rusk, Smith, Titus, Upshur, Wood, and Van Zandt.; and**

**WHEREAS, DART and the North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority (NET-RMA) agree that expanding passenger rail service in the North East Texas, East Texas and North Central Texas regions will greatly benefit the state by creating mobility options, improving air quality and enhancing the quality of life of its citizens; and**

**WHEREAS, DART and NET-RMA recognize the important role that coordinated transportation advocacy, planning and development will play in advancing state and federal public transportation interests; and**

**WHEREAS, improvements in the statewide passenger rail system will offer opportunities to maximize the safety and regulation of safety oversight of all Texans while providing increased opportunities for economic development and intrastate commerce; and**

**NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of these premises, the parties agree as follows:**


**Section 1. DART and NET-RMA intend to coordinate in state and federal transportation planning necessary to ensure prudent public investments are made in the development of passenger rail service in the North Central Texas, North East Texas and East Texas regions.**

**Section 2. DART and NET-RMA intend to cooperate in identification of potential issues of mutual interest and in the development of plans that will facilitate the safe and reliable passenger rail service between the North Central Texas, North East Texas and East Texas regions.**

Executed on May 24, 2011

  
Gary C. Thomas  
President/Executive Director  
Dallas Area Rapid Transit

Executed on May 27, 2011

  
Jeff Austin, III  
Chairman  
North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority