

Bundle 9 – Regional Transportation

Policies and Actions with Detailed Information

The Plano Tomorrow Policies and Actions were developed through meetings with the Planning & Zoning Commission, City Council, and extensive public outreach. Information on this process can be found here:

- [Public Outreach Process](#)
- [Advisory Committee Workshops](#)
- [Adoption Process](#)

Regionalism – Regional Transportation*

POLICY - Plano will evaluate regional transportation options with consideration of the impact on existing residential and business development and emphasis on the expansion of transportation choices, traffic demand management, and trip reduction strategies to improve regional mobility.

RT2) Complete all proposed bicycle trail connections with neighboring cities.

Status:

- Recurring and on track
- This is a high priority item dependent on bond funding. The Parks and Recreation Department regularly applies for grant funding for regional trail connections.
- The city continues to coordinate with neighboring cities on any trail projects currently being planned or designed. The [Cotton Belt Regional Trail](#) is in the planning and design phase and will connect the cities of Richardson and Plano along the future Silver Line rail corridor.
- Regional trail connections are to be evaluated under the next Parks Master Plan update.

Background:

Almost every neighboring community has planned or existing trails that the City of Plano can connect to, with some cities being further along than others with trail system implementation. Providing these connections allows for trail users to travel beyond the limits of Plano to expand their recreation or commuting. The North Central Council of Governments (NCTCOG) maintains a [Regional Veloweb](#) plan to promote these intercity trail connections. Some of the existing neighboring trails that Plano does not currently have a connection to include the Preston Ridge Trail in Dallas, the Renner and Spring Creek trails in Richardson, and the Cottonwood Creek/Mustang Creek trails in Allen. The NCTCOG [2020 Highlighted Regional Trails of North Texas](#) identifies over 300 miles of regional trails including new connections in progress over the next few years.

RT3) Advocate with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) member cities for a second tier membership status for nonmember cities.

Status:

- Pending

Background:

Regarding service agreements with cities outside of the DART service area, [DART's Policy III.07](#) enables the agency to develop service agreements with cities outside of the DART service area for rail, bus, or paratransit services. A key element of the policy is that within the first 36 months of service, DART and the city shall jointly fund and prepare a transit system plan and a supporting financial plan for the municipality or county that includes projected costs and revenues and includes a plan for becoming a DART member. Currently DART does not have a policy to provide "second tier membership," however DART is continuing to discuss additional opportunities for service outside the DART service area boundary, including the Collin County Transit Plan referenced in action PT3.

RT5) Advocate and support development of the Cotton Belt commuter rail corridor from Plano to the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

Status:

- In Progress
- The Silver Line Regional Rail project (in the Cotton Belt corridor) is in the design-build phase and is expected to open by December 2022. The Silver Line will provide east-west service through seven cities along a 26-mile corridor from Plano to DFW International Airport.
- DART is continuing to work with the City and local stakeholders regarding the Silver Line residential betterments program and the station art and design program.
- An interlocal agreement for the Silver Line was approved by Plano's City Council and the DART Board of Directors in August of 2018.

Background:

This action corresponds to action PT6. The latest project information can be found on DART's [Silver Line Project website](#).

***NOTE: POLICY ALSO LISTED UNDER THE ROADWAY AND TRAFFIC THEME**