

RESOLUTION NO. 015-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK DECLARING SUPPORT FOR EACH MEMBER OF THE DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT (DART) TO HAVE A MEMBER ON THE DART BOARD OF DIRECTORS ENTITLED TO A FULL OR WEIGHTED VOTE; EXPRESSING AGREEMENT AND CONSENT TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT APPORTIONMENT OF THE DART BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHILE DART MEMBER CITIES DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION CODE CHAPTER 452 TO AMEND THE GOVERNAMCE FOR THE DART BOARD OF DIRECTORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the DART Board of Directors is apportioned based on the population of the cities represented which currently consists of eight (8) Dallas representatives and seven (7) representatives from the surrounding cities which apportionment is redetermined each fifth year as of September 1, after consideration of latest population estimates; and

WHEREAS, several cities share a seat on the DART Board of the Directors, reflecting the population distribution among the member cities with Dallas with a larger population holding multiple seats on the DART Board and some smaller Member Cities sharing a single seat on the DART Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richardson and University Park and the Towns of Addison and, Highland Park share a seat on the DART Board, the Cities of Plano and Farmers Branch share a seat on the DART Board, City of Dallas and Cockrell Hill share a seat on the DART Board, the Cities of Garlnd, Rowlett and Glenn Heights share a seat on the DART Board, and Carrolton and Irving share a seat on the DART Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Highland Park desires that each member of DART have a member on the DART Board entitled to full or weighted vote, such vote to be determined at a future date; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Highland Park desires to continue the current apportionment of the DART Board while the Member Cities explore and discuss legislative changes which would allow each member to have a member on the DART Board with a full or weighted vote; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Highland Park agrees to work cooperatively with the other Member Cities and with the Texas Legislature during the next legislative session to amend Texas Transportation Code Chapter 452 governance for the DART Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK;

SECTION 1. That the recitals to this resolution are incorporated herein and true and correct.

SECTION 2. That the Town of Highland Park desires that each member city have a member on the DART Board entitled to a full or weighted vote, such weighted vote to be determined at a future date and may range from each member city having one vote to a proportionate vote based on a to be determined metric; and

SECTION 3. That the Town of Highland Park desires to continue the current apportionment of the DART Board while the Member Cities explore and discuss legislative changes which would allow each Member City to have a member on the Board with a weighted vote.

SECTION 4. The Town of Highland Park agrees to work cooperatively with the other Member Cities and with the Texas Legislature during the next legislative session to amend Texas Transportation Code Chapter 452 governance for the DART Board; and

SECTION 5. That this Resolution shall become effective immediately from and after its passage.

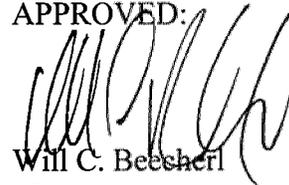
PASSED AND APPROVED on this 21st day of October 2025.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Susan Thomas
Town Attorney

APPROVED:



Will C. Beecher
Mayor

ATTEST:



Joanna Mekeal
Town Secretary