

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Briefing for Proposed 2015 Legislative Agenda

Public Affairs

July 16, 2014

Overview

- NTTA staff and legislative consultants recommend that NTTA's legislative goals for the 2015 legislative session be:
 - Support and enhance toll enforcement
 - Further enhance customer experience
 - Defend NTTA against adverse legislation
 - Find opportunities to serve as a cooperative partner in addressing the transportation needs of Texas.
- The Board was briefed on these proposed goals at its June 18 board meeting.

Key Dates of Interest

- September 17, 2014 - Interim Hearing on Toll Enforcement Remedies law, S.B. 1792
- November 4, 2014 - General Election
- November 10, 2014 - Pre-filing of bills begins
- January 13, 2015 - 84th Texas Legislature convenes
- June 1, 2015 - Last day of 84th Legislature regular session

Process

- NTTA staff, consultants and inside and outside legal counsels have been actively engaged in the process of developing the proposed goals.
- All business units were asked to participate and present any business unit needs for statutory changes.
- The vetting and review process for priorities has included internal review and discussion by internal stakeholders, as well as significant outreach to the North Texas legislative delegation and other key lawmakers.
- Twenty-three legislative offices have provided feedback on the proposed legislative goals at this time.

Goals

- **Continue to support enhanced toll enforcement remedies to aid the effective and equitable collection of tolls**—With the passage of S.B. 1792 in the 83rd legislative session and the Senate issuing an interim charge tasking the Senate Transportation Committee with studying the implementation progress of S.B. 1792, it will be important to review opportunities to improve the effective and equitable collection of tolls.
- **Seek opportunities to further enhance NTTA customer experience**—NTTA has implemented many initiatives to improve the customer experience. Finding legislative opportunities to provide customers a further enhanced experience is good for all parties.
- **Support policies to protect NTTA employee safety**—In the 83rd legislative session, TxDOT vehicles were added to the list of emergency vehicles receiving protections under the "Move Over and Slow Down" law, which requires drivers to move over and away from the lane nearest an accident or construction site or slow to 20 miles below posted speeds when passing the site. NTTA inclusion in the "Move Over and Slow Down" law provides customers and staff with added safety protections while traveling on NTTA roads.
- **Preserve existing authority for the effective operation of NTTA**—Protecting NTTA's current business tools is vital for day-to-day operations.

- **Partner with stakeholders throughout region and state to address transportation needs**—Where possible, it is important for NTTA to serve as a partner and ally in helping address the transportation needs of North Texas and throughout the state.

Recommendation

Staff recommends Board approval of the proposed NTTA legislative goals for the 84th Texas Legislature.

NTTA 2015 Legislative Goals

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Strategic Goal: Respected Leader

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- Key dates
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84th Texas Legislature: Key Dates of Interest

Pre-Session

- **September 17, 2014**
Interim Hearing on S.B. 1792
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Session

- **January 13, 2015**
84th Legislature convenes
- **March 13, 2015 (60th day)**
Bill filing deadline
- **June 1, 2015**
Sine Die (adjournment)

Post-Session

- **June 21, 2015**
Last day governor can sign or veto bills passed during the regular legislative session
- **September 1, 2015 -**
Date that bills without specific effective date become law

84th Texas Legislature: NTTA Legislative Goals

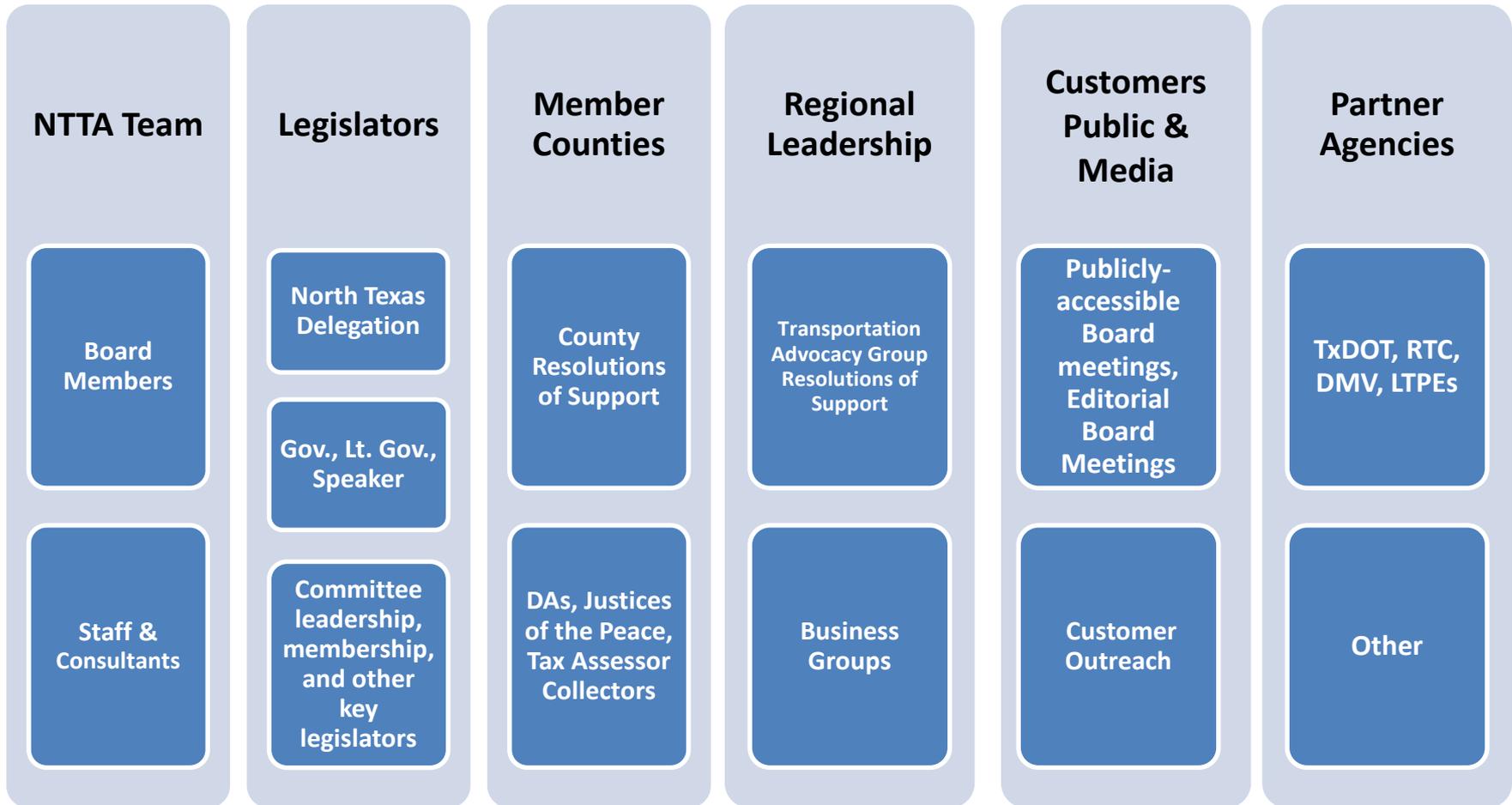
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Legislative Considerations

- Adjust ZipCash payment periods to allow for true monthly billing
- Create paperless, electronic-only billing notification option for ZipCash customers
- Establish regional toll enforcement approach to include TSAs
- Protect customer and trip data from public disclosure
- Add NTTA emergency vehicles to “Move Over and Slow Down” law
- Justice of the Peace judicial discretion fix
- Align annual report due date with availability of audited financials
- Johnson County – and all contiguous counties – solution

Stakeholder Outreach



Recommendation

- NTTA Board approval of the proposed NTTA legislative goals for the 84th Texas Legislature

- provide a safe and reliable toll road system
- increase value and mobility options for our customers
- operate the Authority in a businesslike manner
- protect our bondholders
- partner to meet our region's growing need for transportation infrastructure