

## ***Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority***

### ***DRAFT Board Meeting Minutes***

May 1, 2026

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- **Call to Order**

A board meeting of the Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority (BCRMA) was held in the Brazos County Commissioner’s Courtroom, 200 South Texas Avenue, Bryan, Texas, beginning at 10:06 a.m. on Friday, May 1, 2026, with the following Board members present: Karl Mooney, Chair, Presiding; Veronica Morgan, Member; and Alan Munger, Member. The attached sheet contains the names of additional citizens/officials that were in attendance.

- **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

- **Approval of Minutes from the February 6, 2026, RMA Board Meeting**

Minutes from the February 6, 2026, Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority Board Meeting were considered for adoption. **A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ms. Morgan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Munger. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

- **Adoption of the FY 2027 RMA Operating Budget**

The FY 2027 Operating Budget was presented for approval. The only item in the budget is \$5,000 for auditing services. **A motion to approve the FY 2027 budget was made by Mr. Munger. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morgan. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

- **Presentation from the Highway 36A Coalition**

Jim Russ of the Highway 36A Coalition introduced the proposed alternate north-south corridor running from the Brazosport area through the west side of Fort Bend and Waller Counties to Hempstead and beyond. He explained that the project originated decades ago as the Prairie Parkway in Waller County and was later expanded by the Highway 36A Coalition, formed around 2010–2011, to provide better access and mobility for Port Freeport. The route would cross I-10 east of Katy and connect to US 290 near James Mews Parkway, offering an alternative to the congested Highway 36 and SH 288. Key drivers include safety improvements, hurricane evacuation, congestion relief, and economic development tied to Port Freeport’s growth as a deep-water port handling post-Panamax container ships. Mr. Russ noted that the coalition has worked closely with TxDOT, local counties, and elected officials,

and that the project gained major momentum in 2023 after meetings with Texas Transportation Commissioners Alvin New and Steve Alvis, leading to its inclusion on the statewide corridors of interest list. The original study area was bifurcated into north and south segments, now under contract with Jacobs Engineering (south) and AIG (north) for route studies and environmental reviews. Public hearings are underway or planned for summer, with final completion expected in 2028–2029. Mr. Russ also highlighted the broader vision of extending the corridor northward via Highway 6 to create a “Texas Triangle Parkway” linking to Dallas-Fort Worth, while stressing the need for sustainable TxDOT funding amid Texas’s rapid population growth.

Mr. Rudge reported the Bryan/College Station MPO along with Curtis Morgan previously conducted a study examining the corridor from Freeport all the way to the Alliance Rail Yard in Fort Worth. Mr. Rudge thanked Jim Russ for his presentation and noted their ongoing collaboration to align the Highway 36A effort with the MPO study. He credited Russ’s work with Caroline Mays for advancing the project with TxDOT and praised Carolyn Mays as a key contributor and advisor.

Dr. Mooney expressed strong support for the initiative and offered to help encourage local governments to back it, emphasizing the importance of continued coordination to move the project forward.

- **Board Member Reports/Comments**

There were no Board Member reports or comments.

- **Chairman’s Report**

The next RMA meeting will be held on August 7 at 10 a.m. There will be a presentation by Debbie Lawler, Associate Vice President for Transportation Services at Texas A&M, on the growing challenge of micro-mobility devices on campus. Dr. Mooney noted that students are modifying electric bikes and scooters to exceed their designed 22 mph limit, often reaching over 30 mph—speeds that make them effectively unlicensed vehicles—while frequently ignoring stop signs and designated paths. This has created safety concerns as these devices move faster than many drivers on campus and increasingly conflict with pedestrians. The chairman invited anyone with suggested future topics to contact the MPO or himself.

- **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.



**ATTEST:**

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RMA Board Chair or Vice-Chair  
Brazos County Regional Mobility Authority

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RMA Board Secretary

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Date