



# State Legislative Briefing

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**Administration Committee**  
October 4, 2022

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# Outline:

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- 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Recap
- Interim Update
- Discussion of Potential DART State Legislative Agenda Items for the 88<sup>th</sup> Session of the Texas Legislature

# 87<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Recap

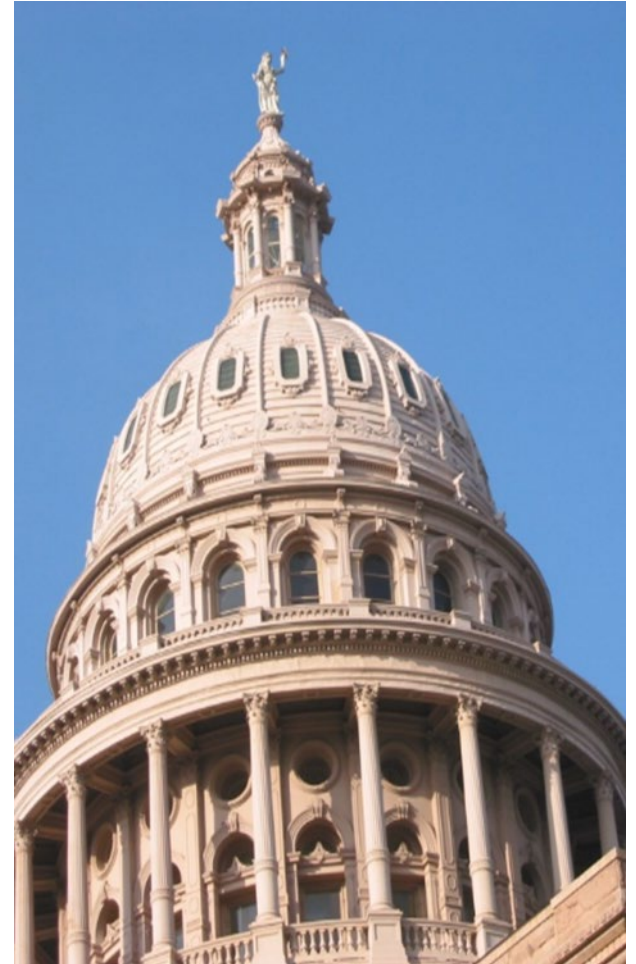
- **SB 858** – DATA PRIVACY, secured Sen. Johnson and Rep. Davis as authors/sponsors for bill that protects DART customer electronic trip data from release under the Texas Open Records Act
- **HB 3867** – DISAGGREGATE EXPENDITURES, worked with DART in preparation of testimony before the House Transportation Committee on HB 3867
- Worked to protect DART's approved sales tax and monitored changes to the tax and transportation code

# Interim Charges Period/87<sup>th</sup> Recap

- **Safety:** Study factors leading to fatal crashes and make recommendations to prevent and reduce traffic fatalities/serious injuries
- **Alternatively Fueled Vehicles:** Review TxDOT's plan for federal funding related to alternatively fueled vehicle infrastructure development
- Met with Chair of the House Committee on Transportation
- Researched issues brought to Government and Community Relations/Executive Leadership

# Key Upcoming Dates – 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature

- **Nov. 8, 2022** – General Election
- **Nov. 14, 2022** – Prefiling Begins
- **Jan. 10, 2023** – 88<sup>th</sup> TX Legislature Convenes
- **Mar. 10, 2023** – Bill Filing Deadline
- **May 29, 2023** – Last Day of Session



# DART State Legislative Agenda Development

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- Call for potential issues with leadership and review bill analysis process

*Monday, Aug. 29*

- DART Board Discussion of Potential DART State Legislative Agenda Items for the 88th TX Legislature

*Tuesday, Oct. 4*

- DART Board Approval of the State Legislative Agenda

*Tuesday, Nov. 15*

# DART Legislative Proposals Checklist

- Clearly state the reason/need for the legislative proposal
- What is the benefit to DART? Financial? Efficiency? Time?
- Has this issue been brought previously to the Texas Legislature?
- Who would be allies of this proposal?
- Who would oppose this change?
- Would the proposal impact DART's enabling statute?

# DART State Legislative Priorities – Proposed Agenda

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- Protect and defend DART’s voter-approved one-cent sales tax funding source
- Monitor closely proposed statutory changes to DART’s enabling statute, Chapter 452, Transportation Code, and Chapter 322, Tax Code - Transit Sales and Use Tax
- Monitor closely and oppose/mitigate legislation that could detrimentally impact DART’s mission, goals and business operations
- Support legislation that is favorable to DART/Texas transit





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