

Description of Council Liaison Assignments  
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Addison Airport/ATTAC/Cavanaugh Flight Museum

Tracks and researches issues related to Addison Airport. Also keeps tabs on the Air Transportation Technical Advisory Committee. This is a committee based out of the North Central Texas Council of Governments which is charged with looking at looking at regional and multi-jurisdictional aviation issues. Addison Airport Director Joel Jenkinson is currently chair of this committee. The Cavanaugh Flight Museum (located at 4572 Claire Chennault) is a non-profit educational organization devoted to promoting the study and cultural heritage of aviation.

Aviation Issues

Tracks broader aviation issues on a regional, state, and federal level. Potentially includes issues related to Love Field, D/FW Airport, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Addison Arbor Foundation

The Addison Arbor Foundation is a non-profit organization which promotes sustainable natural environments within Addison and enhances public spaces with plantings and public art.

Addison Business Association

The ABA is a membership organization that includes active executives from retail, financial, manufacturing, construction professional, hospitality and the numerous other industries in the area. The ABA has represented the business community and its concerns in Addison since its creation in 1975.

Addison CARES

An ad-hoc committee charged with developing policy recommendations for the naming of municipal facilities, parks, and so forth.

Addison Legacy Foundation

A non-profit entity which was created in order to allow citizens to donate money towards specific ends, such as a dog park or the restoration of a historical fire truck.

Belt Line Infrastructure

Tracks infrastructure improvements along Belt Line Road, including utility undergrounding, bus stops, and the reconstruction/repair of the road itself.

Community Partners Bureau

An ad-hoc committee charged with engaging the various non-profit groups with which the Town contracts for social services or community enrichment.

## DART

DART is the mass transit authority for the greater Dallas area. Addison was a charter member of DART when it was created in 1983, and has since allocated a 1% sales tax for the provision of transit services. The Cotton Belt Railway, extending 52 miles from Wylie all the way to Fort Worth, crosses Addison just south of Addison Circle Park and parallels Arapaho Road to the City limits. This rail corridor is under the purview of DART and construction of a cross-town railway on those tracks is currently on their 2030 Transit Plan.

## ED/Business Growth and Retention

Tracks various Economic Development initiatives and assists with outreach to both current and prospective businesses.

## Education

Tracks education related initiatives and activities at the town's private and public schools. Private schools in Addison include Trinity Christian Academy and Greenhill School. Public schools include Dallas ISD's Bush Elementary, and Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD's McLaughlin-Strickland and Janie Stark Elementary Schools.

## Employee Benefits

Tracks issues related to health care benefits enjoyed by Town employees. Also tracks issues related to the Texas Municipal Retirement System. TMRS is the designated retirement program for Town employees. Established in 1947, it is a hybrid "cash-balance defined benefit" retirement plan, rather than the traditional defined benefit plan, which is participated in by more than 850 Texas cities.

## Finance Committee

A special subcommittee of Council members tasked with review of Town financial policy.

## Franchise Utilities (Atmos, Oncor)

Tracks issues related to certain Franchised Utilities, including Atmos Energy (natural gas) and Oncor (electricity).

## Greater Dallas Regional Chamber

The Dallas Regional Chamber's goal is to ensure the prosperity of Dallas area businesses. They list as their goals 1) Leading Economic Development; 2) Driving Improvements in Public Education; 3) Influencing Public Policy; 4) Catalyzing and advocating for regional partnership; and 5) Providing value to their members. The organization publishes the Dallas Economic Development Guide, a thorough, comprehensive, and easy-to-read guide on the regional economy.

## Intergovernmental Relations

Tracks and reports on issues, developments, and opportunities that are being addressed by two or more government jurisdictions. Included in this assignment is advising regarding shared service opportunities, such as the recent Joint Dispatch agreement.

### Metrocrest Chamber of Commerce

A chamber of commerce focusing on the four Metrocrest Cities (Addison, Carrollton, Coppell, and Farmers Branch). The Metrocrest Chamber's offices are located in Suite 430 of the Town's Visit Addison building.

### Metroplex Mayors

A gathering of D/FW mayors which takes place at 7:30 am on the second Tuesday of the month at the Marriott Quorum. Guest speakers are brought in from various sectors to discuss issues of relevance to local jurisdictions. The Town handles administrative and treasury functions for this program.

### NCTCOG

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is a voluntary association of, by, and for local governments, established to assist them in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development.

### North Dallas Chamber

A chamber of commerce which focuses specifically on the North Dallas Area. The NDC fields several committees (Aviation, Education, Governmental Affairs, Power and Energy, and Transportation), each of which focuses on a specific area of attention.

### North Texas Commission

A non-profit, membership-supported organization whose stated goal is to unify the North Texas region to maximize the visibility of the area as an excellent place to live and do business. The NTC was created in the 1970s as a means of leveraging the brand new D/FW Airport in promoting the North Texas as a business destination. Today, they have a particular focus on public-private partnerships and innovative approaches to regional problems.

### RTC

The Regional Transportation Council is an independent transportation policy body operated administratively by NCTCOG personnel. The Dallas Metropolitan Planning Organization (or MPO) is a federally mandated organization through which funding for transportation projects and programs are channeled. It is comprised of 44 member representatives from local government and governmental transportation authorities.

### Redevelopment & Repositioning / Retail Initiatives

Tracks issues related to redevelopment of Town real estate, businesses, and community assets. Also examines various opportunities to enhance retail offerings in Addison to both residents and businesses.

### Public Safety the Addison Way

A community initiative aimed at providing support for Addison's Public Safety departments. This includes technology, equipment, or other items that directly impact safety needs. Activities related to

the purchase or granting of these items are communicated to and coordinated with Addison Police and Fire Department Officials.

### Special Studies

These are ad-hoc committees comprised of council members, staff, residents, and local business people, charged with the development review of key areas of the town. The goal is to engage all stakeholders in a given area to promote and realize its potential. Ideally, the end result would be the area attaining an innovative, highest, and best use.

### State and Federal Legislation

Tracks legislation affecting local governments at the state and federal level. This assignment is currently performed by Town Staff.

### Sustainability / Recycling

Tracks and researches sustainability issues affecting Addison, the most notable of which is multifamily recycling.

### TEX-21

An organization committed to finding comprehensive solutions to transportation challenges. The organization's title is somewhat misleading: TEX-21 is an extended acronym for "Transportation Excellence for the 21<sup>st</sup> century." It does not just look at these issues from a Texas perspective. Rather, it has a national and even international focus, such as how increased shipping traffic through the Panama Canal leads to a greater volume of freight traveling along Texas rail corridors.

### TML

A membership organization which serves the needs and advocates the interests of cities and elected officials. TML puts on an annual conference, usually in the fall, at which elected officials from around the state attend educational seminars and networking events. TML also houses the Intergovernmental Risk Pool (IRP) which provides workers compensation, liability, and property coverage for local governments in Texas.

### Vision North Texas

Vision North Texas is a public-private partnership headed by the Urban Land Institute, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and the University of Texas at Arlington. Its mission is to increase public awareness about important regional land use issues that affect mobility, air quality, water supply, and other economic and environmental resources.

### WaterTower Theatre

A non-profit professional theatre company, housed in a theater venue of the same name, directly adjacent to the Addison Conference Centre. Founded in 1996, it produces five main stage show each season in a flexible, "black box" style performing arts space. The Town owns the facility itself, and has been a principal sponsor (with Hotel Fund dollars) of the company since its inception in 1996.

### World Affairs Council

A non-profit, non-partisan organization aimed at promoting awareness of international business, politics, culture, and foreign policy. Addison currently engages with the World Affairs Council on our Spotlight Series, which is a year-long program comprised of several events geared towards a single country. Currently, the spotlighted country is Mexico, and China was featured last year.

### Zip Code Project

Addison currently has two zip codes. For the majority of the Town, the code is 75001. However, there is a part of Town, which extends roughly from just west of the Tollway to the eastern and southeastern city limits, which has a Dallas zipcode (75254). This is a recent initiative to consolidate all Addison addresses to 75001 for general consistency, as well as to curb any potential misallocations of sales and property tax revenue.