EXECUTIVE ORDER
BY THE
Governor of the State of Texas

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ESTABLISHING THE TASK FORCE ON
METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITIES

WHEREAS, the Legislature has provided for the establishment of rapid transit authorities in the state's metropolitan areas; and,

WHEREAS, such local authorities are funded by local sales and use taxes as provided by state law; and,

WHEREAS, several such metropolitan transit authorities have been established in the state of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that local transit authorities are fairly representative insofar as possible of the populations they represent; and,

WHEREAS, it is essential that the citizens of each metropolitan area wherein a transit authority exists receive the maximum benefit and efficiency possible for the least amount of tax dollars collected; and,

WHEREAS, local transit authorities are one part of the solution to area mobility and must work in cooperation with state, county, local and tollroad authorities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me do hereby create and establish the Task Force on Metropolitan Transit Authorities, hereinafter referred to as the Task Force.
The Task Force will consist of three appointees of the Governor, three members of the Senate appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and three members of the House appointed by the Speaker, with the Chairman to be designated by the Governor. These persons shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing official, and the designation of the Chairman shall be at the pleasure of the Governor.

The Task Force is charged with a complete review of the state's metropolitan transit authorities currently existing or proposed, considering the following: a) the tax structure of the transit authorities including the amount of tax and distribution of the tax scheme; b) the overall efficiency in use of funding for metropolitan transit facilities; c) the representativeness of the governing bodies of local transit authorities and the selection process for such authorities; and, d) the overall adequacy of current state law to ensure achievement of legislative intent and the foregoing considerations.

On or before January 1, 1991, the Task Force shall make a complete written report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the Speaker.

The Task Force shall meet regularly at the call of the Chairman. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum. The Chairman shall, in consultation with the other members of the Task Force, establish the agenda for the Task Force meetings. The Chairman shall have authority to establish such subcommittees as he deems necessary and appropriate and may appoint such members of the Task Force or others from the public or private sector to such subcommittees and may establish the subcommittee directives and agenda.

All state agencies and institutions are directed to cooperate with and provide information and assistance to the Task Force as may be necessary.

Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation. Expenses of the Task Force will be paid by the agency, firm or organization represented by each member or by the member himself.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended or rescinded by me.

Given under my hand this 26th day of September, 1990.

[Signature]

William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor

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George S. Bayoud, Jr.
Secretary of State

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APPOINTEES TO TASK FORCE ON METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITIES

AUSTIN -- Governor Bill Clements, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby and Speaker of the House Gib Lewis today announced the formation of a special task force whose aim will be to study Texas' metropolitan transit authorities, including their taxing and organizational structures.

Each of the state leaders also announced the appointment of three members to serve on the Task Force on Metropolitan Transit Authorities, a panel created by executive order of the governor.

The task force is to report back to the governor, lieutenant governor and speaker by Jan. 1, 1991.

"Texans are concerned about getting the maximum benefit from their tax dollars," Clements said. "This task force will work to ensure that these transit authorities are operating efficiently and producing effective transportation systems."

The governor also said the task force will concern itself with governance of the authorities, specifically that cities, counties and smaller cities in their territories are adequately represented.

The governor's appointees to the task force are David G. Fox and Carl Sewell, both of Dallas, and C. Harold Wallace of Houston.

Fox is owner of David G. Fox Investments and is a former Dallas County judge.

Sewell is chairman of Sewell Village Cadillac and is past chairman of Goals for Dallas.

Wallace is vice chairman emeritus of Mortgage and Trust, Inc. He has served as chairman of the Harris County Flood Control Task Force and is a member of the Urban Land Institute.
The lieutenant governor's appointees are state Sens. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston; Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Dallas; and John Whitmire, D-Houston.

Ellis and Whitmire serve on the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee and Johnson is a former member of the panel. She now serves on the Senate Finance Committee.

The speaker's appointees are state Reps. David Cain, D-Dallas; Sam Russell, D-Mt. Pleasant; and Ron Wilson, D-Houston.

Cain is chairman of the House Transportation Committee and Russell is vice chairman. Cain is also a member of the State Affairs Committee and Russell serves on the Redistricting and Energy Committees of the House.

Wilson is chairman of the Liquor Regulation Committee and is a member of the House Ways and Means Committee.

All will serve at the pleasure of their appointing officers.