



**CENTRAL TEXAS  
Regional Mobility Authority**

## AGENDA ITEM #12 SUMMARY

Update on the Central Corridor High-Capacity Transit Study – Kyle Keahey.

Strategic Plan Relevance: Regional Mobility

Department: Executive

Associated Costs: N/A

Funding Source: N/A

Board Action Required: No

Description of Matter:

Update on the Central Corridor High-Capacity Transit Study – Kyle Keahey

Reference documentation: Kyle Keahey Bio

Contact for further information: Mike Heiligenstein, Executive Director

## Kyle Keahey, AICP



**Firm:**  
HNTB Corporation

**Education:**  
MS, Regional and City Planning,  
University of Oklahoma, 1983  
BA, Environmental Sciences,  
University of Denver, 1981

**Professional Registration:**  
American Institute of Certified  
Planners (AICP) #004408

**Professional Affiliation:**  
American Planning Association  
American Public Transit  
Association

Mr. Keahey is a vice president and transit sector market leader for HNTB's Central Division. He has more than 30 years of experience in managing the planning, environmental and preliminary engineering efforts for some of the most challenging transit projects in the country. He is one of the country's most successful transit project managers, having managed 10 significant fixed guideway projects through the project development process, leading to nearly \$6 billion in capital infrastructure investment. His work spans the transit project spectrum, from bus and rail stations to exclusive bus guideway and light rail/commuter rail projects.

He is currently serving as the project lead for the Project Connect: Central Corridor High Capacity Transit Project in Austin, Texas. This project - under the oversight and guidance of the City of Austin, Capital Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and the Lone Star Rail District - is envisioned as an opportunity to develop an urban rail project that will connect Austin's core (Downtown, Capitol Complex, and UT Campus) with nearby residential and business centers.

He has significant agency experience, having served as a key manager for Houston METRO and Dallas Area Rapid Transit during the formative years of Light Rail Transit implementation. He has worked on behalf of various transit agencies with the FTA for more than two decades implementing projects across the country, including the advancement of projects through the FTA New Starts Program. Three of the five projects that FTA recommended to Congress in 2006 for Full Funding Grant Agreements were projects where Kyle served as the project manager and/or EIS task manager. Kyle was the EIS project manager for the DART Northwest Corridor to Irving/DFW project which was awarded the FTA Administrator's Outstanding Achievement Award for Excellence in Environmental Document Preparation in October 2009.

His project experience includes the following projects:

- DART LRT Starter Line (South Oak Cliff, West Oak Cliff, and North Central to Park Lane lines) Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Impact Statement, Dallas, TX - in operation.
- DART North Central Extension from Park Lane to Plano Preliminary Engineering and EIS, Dallas, TX - in operation.
- DART Northeast Corridor to Garland Preliminary Engineering and Local Environmental Assessment, TX - in operation.
- RTD West Corridor LRT Preliminary Engineering and EIS, Denver, CO - scheduled to open in April 2013.
- Weber County to Salt Lake City Commuter Rail Preliminary Engineering and EIS, Salt Lake City, UT - in operation.
- DART Northwest Corridor to Farmers Branch and Carrollton Preliminary Engineering and EIS, Dallas, Texas - in operation.
- UTA Mid-Jordan Light Rail Project Preliminary Engineering and EIS, Salt Lake City, UT - in operation.
- DART Northwest Corridor to Irving and DFW Airport Preliminary Engineering and EIS, Dallas, Texas - in operation.
- Roaring Fork Transportation Authority BRT Project Program Manager, Aspen/Glenwood Springs, CO - under construction and scheduled to open in September 2013.
- San Antonio VIA High Capacity Transit Program Project Manager, including a proposed streetcar project and other transit facility projects - in design.