



The Transportation Policy Body for the North Central Texas Council of Governments
(Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region)

NOTICE OF MEETING

THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

WILL MEET

Thursday, November 12, 2015, 1 pm

IN THE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL ROOM (1ST FLOOR)

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

616 Six Flags Dr, Arlington, TX 76011

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AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, November 12, 2015
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

11:00 am Mobility Plan Workshop

12:30 pm Presentation by Texoma Area Paratransit System

**1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)**

1:00 – 1:05 1. Approval of October 8, 2015, Minutes
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Mark Riley, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the October 8, 2015, minutes contained in
Reference Item 1 will be requested.
Background: N/A

1:05 – 1:05 2. Consent Agenda
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 0

2.1. Unified Planning Work Program Modifications

Presenter: Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of
modifications to the FY2016 and FY2017 Unified Planning
Work Program (UPWP) will be requested.

Background: The Unified Planning Work Program is required by federal
and State transportation planning regulations and
provides a summary of the transportation and
transportation-related air quality planning tasks to be
conducted by Metropolitan Planning Organization staff.
The FY2016 and FY2017 UPWP identifies the activities to
be carried out between October 1, 2015, and
September 30, 2017. Amendments to this document are
being proposed to reflect new initiatives, project
modifications, and funding adjustments. The proposed
amendments were presented to the public during the
October 12, 14, and 15, 2015, public meetings and are
posted on the North Central Texas Council of
Governments' Web site. The proposed modifications are
also included as Reference Item 2.1.1. A presentation
summarizing the modifications is provided in Electronic
Item 2.1.2. The Surface Transportation Technical
Committee has recommended RTC approval.

1:05 – 1:20 3. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Regional Transportation Council Subcommittee Appointments (Handout)
2. Air North Texas Partner Award Recognition: Mindy Mize, NCTCOG
3. Texoma Area Paratransit System Follow Up
4. Transportation Department Continuity of Operations Plan Pilot Test
5. Revised Proposition 1 Allocations
 FY2015-\$368 M
 FY2016-\$268 M (old), \$250 M (new)
 FY2017-\$264 M (old), \$131 M (new)
6. Proposition 7 Approved by Voters
7. Positive Train Control Time Extension
8. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles (Electronic Item 3.1)
9. October Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 3.2)
10. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 3.3)
11. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 3.4)
12. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 3.5)
13. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

1:20 – 1:40 4. **Mobility 2040: Mobility Plan Workshop Follow Up**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 20
Presenter: Dan Lamers, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Work continues to progress on the region's next long-range transportation plan. Staff will provide a summary of the Mobility Plan Workshop held prior to the full Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting. Updated information on the financial forecast for Mobility 2040 and preliminary roadway and transit recommendations will also be presented. Staff will seek RTC input on future revenue assumptions and the preliminary project selections in refining draft Mobility 2040 recommendations for public review in December.

Background: One of the primary responsibilities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization is the development and maintenance of a Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). The last comprehensive update of the MTP occurred in 2011 with the adoption of Mobility 2035. Since then, Mobility 2035 has gone through two revisions: an update in 2013 and an amendment in 2014. Staff is currently in the process of developing a new MTP, Mobility 2040. This Plan will reassess existing recommendations and include new demographics, financial forecasts, planning initiatives, and projects.

1:40 – 1:50 5. **Proposed Regional Transportation Council Policies for Mobility 2040: Doing More than Projects**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will seek feedback from the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on proposed policies and bundling of policies to include in the development of Mobility 2040.

Background: Staff has initiated the development of the new MTP, Mobility 2040. As part of this effort, staff has identified new policies to be considered for inclusion in Mobility 2040. Staff will discuss these new policy ideas with the RTC, as well as the possibility of bundling the policies to allow agencies to select a subset of policies that have an opportunity to impact the overall transportation system performance and air quality. Electronic Item 5 contains a table of the proposed policies.

1:50 – 2:00

6. **HB 20 Requirement for the Development of 10-Year Plan**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council will be briefed on work of the HB 20 Planning Organization Stakeholder Committee, made up of Texas Department of Transportation district engineers and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs).

Background: The HB 20 Planning Organization Stakeholder Committee contributed to a report that was provided to a legislative oversight committee, which is included as Electronic Item 6.1. The Committee will continue working through the fall and winter on developing performance measures, distributions to funding categories and formulas within categories, as well as the new MPO 10-year plan. The 84th session of the Texas Legislature adjourned on June 1, 2015, during which HB 20 was approved. HB 20 requires the Texas Department of Transportation and MPOs to use a performance-based planning process to prioritize projects. In addition, MPOs will need to add a 10-year plan, as a required document. HB 20 also created a legislative oversight committee, ended diversions, and amended design-build terms. It is anticipated that Mobility 2040 will have staged 2017, 2027, 2037, and 2040 networks. In addition, the “10-year plan” is anticipated to align with the 2027 transportation network. More information is provided in Electronic Item 6.2.

2:00 – 2:10

7. **Environmental Protection Agency's New Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard and End of Ozone Season Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will update the Council on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone, 70 parts per billion (ppb), and provide a summary of the 2015 ozone season activity for the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) region.

Background: On October 1, 2015, the EPA Administrator signed the final rule strengthening the NAAQS for ground-level ozone from 75 ppb to 70 ppb. The final rule extends the end of ozone season for DFW from October to November. Final designations for nonattainment counties are anticipated early in 2018.

The end of October concluded another ozone season for the DFW region. Staff has been tracking the exceedance days at

each monitor and will provide a summary of the 2015 ozone season data and how it compares to both the current 2008 8-hour ozone standard of 75 ppb, and the revised ozone standard of 70 ppb. The DFW region is classified as “moderate” nonattainment under the current standard, and has a 2018 attainment deadline. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 7.

2:10 – 2:20

8. **Look Out Texans!**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Weaver, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present information about the recently launched “Look Out Texans!” Bike-Walk-Drive regional safety campaign. The campaign encourages North Texans to watch out for one another and offers specific tips to bike, walk, and drive safely together.

Background: The State of Texas and the Dallas-Fort Worth region are designated by the Federal Highway Administration as focus areas for pedestrian and bicycle safety due to the high number of reported crashes and fatalities. Between 2010 and 2014, there were more than 8,200 reported bicycle and pedestrian crashes in North Texas involving motor vehicles that resulted in more than 500 fatalities, highlighting the need for outreach.

“Look Out Texans!” is an integrated outreach and advertising campaign that includes billboards, transit ads, print and online ads, social media, local government and transportation agency coordination, and school outreach.

9. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.

- RTC Attendance (Reference Item 9.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 9.2)
- Local Motion (Electronic Item 9.3)

10. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

11. **Future Agenda Items:** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.

12. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***1:00 pm, Thursday, December 10, 2015, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***

Posted on official bulletin board on **Friday, November 06, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.**

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