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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, January 14, 2016, 1 pm**

**IN THE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL ROOM (1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR)**

**NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

**616 Six Flags Dr, Arlington, TX 76011**

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## AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council  
Thursday, January 14, 2016  
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

- 11:00 am**      **Communication and Marketing of Tolled/Managed Lanes Workshop**
- 1:00 pm**      **Full RTC Business Agenda**  
**(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)**
- 1:00 – 1:05**    1.    **Approval of December 10, 2015, Minutes**  
          Action       Possible Action     Information      Minutes:      5  
         Presenter:      Mark Riley, RTC Chair  
         Item Summary: Approval of the December 10, 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.    **Transportation Improvement Program Modifications**  
                 Presenter:      Christie Gotti, NCTCOG  
                 Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of revisions to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested.  
                 Background:    February 2016 revisions to the 2015-2018 TIP are provided as Reference Item 2.1.1 for the Council's consideration. Administrative amendments from the November 2015 cycle are provided for information in Electronic Item 2.1.2. These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the Mobility Plan, the air quality conformity determination, and financial constraint of the TIP.
- 1:05 – 1:20**    3.    **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**  
          Action       Possible Action     Information      Minutes:      15  
         Presenter:      Michael Morris, NCTCOG
1. Specially Called Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Meeting:  
                      January 20, 2016, 2:00 pm  
                 2. New Executive Director of the Texas Department of Transportation  
                      (TxDOT): James Bass  
                 3. Highlights of the TxDOT Transportation Forum  
                 4. Smart City Challenge Funding Opportunity (Electronic Item 3.1)  
                 5. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles (Electronic Item 3.2)  
                 6. City Efficiency Leadership Council Meeting, February 3, 2016 (Electronic  
                      Item 3.3)  
                 7. December Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 3.4)  
                 8. January Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 3.5)  
                 9. AirCheckTexas Fact Sheet (Electronic Item 3.6)

- 10. Texoma Area Paratransit System Update
- 11. Federal Legislative Update Moved to February 11, 2016, RTC Meeting
- 12. Communication and Marketing of Tolloed/Managed Lanes Workshop Update  
Moved to February 11, 2016, RTC Meeting
- 13. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 3.7)
- 14. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 3.8)
- 15. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 3.9)
- 16. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

1:20 – 1:45

4. **New Texas Department of Transportation Congestion Relief Program**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 25

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will introduce a proposed partnership between the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)/Texas Transportation Commission and the Regional Transportation Council (RTC). Action will be requested to present these projects to TxDOT Commissioner Bugg at the specially called RTC meeting on January 20, 2016.

Background: Recently, TxDOT identified approximately \$1 billion-\$1.3 billion in potential funding for a partnership with metropolitan areas of the State for congestion projects. The Dallas-Fort Worth region's share of the total funding is estimated up to \$163.8 million for the western subregion and \$364 million for the eastern subregion. General principles of the partnership include: 1) all projects must move forward as a package, 2) performance measures should be provided for proposed projects, 3) the partnership will involve funding from both TxDOT and the region, and 4) projects need to be constructed quickly. TxDOT's final approval timeframe is February 2016. The Texas Transportation Commission will meet on January 28, 2016, to advance the region's projects. Reference Item 4 provides additional details about the partnership and the proposed projects.

1:45 – 2:05

5. **Mobility 2040**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 20

Presenter: Chad McKeown, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on the development of Mobility 2040, the next long-range transportation plan for the region. Draft recommendations will be presented, including major roadway and transit corridors. Staff will report on Regional Transportation Council (RTC)-requested public input received during the December public meetings on the recommendations in the Cotton Belt Corridor. The proposed policy bundle initiative will also be highlighted.

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. Work

has been completed throughout 2015 on the development of a new MTP, Mobility 2040. This Plan reassesses existing recommendations and includes new demographics, financial forecasts, and planning initiatives. Staff has initiated the formal public involvement process on the draft recommendations of Mobility 2040. At its December 10, 2015, meeting, the RTC requested public input on recommendations in the Cotton Belt Corridor. The December public meeting minutes in Electronic Item 3.4 detail this feedback. The draft MTP recommendations are summarized in Electronic Item 5.1 and the draft Mobility 2040 document is available for review at the link provided in Electronic Item 5.2. Staff will request RTC approval of Mobility 2040 in March 2016. Electronic Item 5.3 contains a draft policy regarding transit service in the Cotton Belt Corridor.

2:05 – 2:15

6. **Eastern Subregion Supplemental Projects**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council approval to put into motion the ability to proceed with IH 635 east of US 75 and US 75 north of IH 635 will be requested.

Background: With the advancement of the new congestion relief program, it is important for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to realize that the other two priorities, specifically LBJ and US 75, remain committed. Reference Item 6 contains a summary of the financial commitments for these two projects. Proposed RTC action would put into motion the advanced construction of noise walls and the Skillman/Audelia interchange on the LBJ E project. In addition, with RTC action, the region would pursue the second technology-based freeway managed corridor on US 75. This will trigger conversations with the Federal Highway Administration in modernizing the congestion management philosophy of traffic on US 75.

2:15 – 2:30

7. **Proposed Policy for Possible Employer Location and Announcement of Specific Request in Irving**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will introduce and request action on a proposed policy regarding how the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) may wish to consider requests for infrastructure assistance associated with the location of new employers to the Dallas-Fort Worth region. In addition, the City of Irving's recent request for consideration of funding for infrastructure requests associated with a potential large regional employer in Las Colinas will be discussed.

Background: In October 2015, the RTC was asked to approve a funding request for infrastructure needed to attract/retain a potential major employer in a specific location in the region. At the meeting, RTC members expressed a desire to develop a policy for handling such requests fairly in the future to ensure that all

interested localities have an equitable chance to participate. To this end, staff proposes a two-step process. Initially, after a request is received, an agenda item is posted on the RTC agenda declaring that an employer is considering a relocation to Dallas-Fort Worth and that infrastructure has been requested by the potentially affected entity. This notification is intended to level the playing field and allow other entities to participate in the process. Then, the actual funding request will be brought back to the RTC for action. In most cases, the provision of funding for transportation improvements will be contingent upon the location being chosen (i.e., if the location is not chosen, the funding would not be needed for transportation improvements). Reference Item 7 contains an RTC policy that assists local governments in attracting large employers.

Recently, the City of Irving requested consideration of funding for a rail station and roadway improvements for land near SH 114 and MacArthur Boulevard along Hidden Ridge Road in Las Colinas. As noted in local news articles this summer, Verizon is a potential large regional employer that is looking to locate in Irving at this location, and has requested the addition of a Dallas Area Rapid Transit station and roadway improvements on Hidden Ridge Road. This notification serves the purpose of informing the RTC.

**2:30 – 2:40    8.    Managed Lane Auto-Occupancy Detection Equipment Procurement Process**

Action                       Possible Action     Information                      Minutes:    10

Presenter:                      Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG

Item Summary:                Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Regional Transportation Council (RTC) staffs have been working to procure technology to automatically detect vehicle occupancy in managed-lane corridors. TxDOT has cancelled the procurement initiated in the spring and has requested the RTC to lead the reissuance of the procurement with TxDOT support.

Background:                    The RTC's Tolloed Managed Lane Policies provide for a discount for high-occupancy vehicles (HOVs) of 50 percent during the peak periods. The occupancy requirement for the discount is two or more occupants (2+) and may go to three or more occupants (3+) on or after June 1, 2016, as determined by the RTC. The policy is currently enforced manually with technology support, but provides that over time more advanced technology verification will be used as it becomes available.

- 2:40 – 2:50
9. **Multimodal/Intermodal/High-Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee Follow-Up: Postponed from the December 10, 2015, Meeting**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenters: Rob Franke, Chair, Multimodal/Intermodal/High-Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee and Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: An overview of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Multimodal/Intermodal/High-Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee meeting will be presented.  
Background: An RTC Multimodal/Intermodal/High-Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee meeting was held prior to the December 10 RTC meeting. Updates regarding the three high-speed rail projects within the Dallas-Fort Worth region were provided to the Subcommittee.
10. **Progress Reports**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information  
Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.
- RTC Attendance (Reference Item 10.1)
  - STTC Minutes and Attendance (Electronic Item 10.2)
  - Local Motion (Electronic Item 10.3)
11. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
12. **Future Agenda Items:** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.
13. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***1:00 pm, Thursday, February 11, 2016, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***