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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, June 16, 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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1:05 – 1:20

3. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15  
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. China Academy of Transportation Sciences/Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Partnership in Support of the United States Department of Transportation
2. Upcoming High-Speed Rail Industry Forum, June 20, 2016 (Agenda Item 9)
3. Recognition of Chris Burkett, Assistant City Manager, City of Mansfield
4. Updated Audio/Visual Technology in the Transportation Council Room
5. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles (Electronic Item 3.1)
6. Ozone Season Update and Clean Air Action Day, June 24, 2016 (Electronic Item 3.2)
7. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Annual Report Results (Electronic Item 3.3)
8. National Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Conference in Fort Worth, October 25-28, 2016 (Electronic Item 3.4)
9. McKinney's Request for the RTC to be a Direct Recipient (Electronic Item 3.5)
10. June Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 3.6)
11. Progress North Texas (Handout)
12. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 3.7)
13. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 3.8)
14. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 3.9)
15. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

1:20 – 1:30

4. **2016 Transportation Conformity Reconfirmation**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenter: Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) reconfirm approval of the 2016 Transportation Conformity results, including incorporation of the recent transportation control measure (TCM) substitution.

Background: In March, the RTC approved the 2016 Transportation Conformity with the request that staff conduct a TCM substitution concurrently during the conformity interagency consultation review.

Concurrence on the TCM substitution process, adopted by the RTC on May 12, 2016, is complete. The Environmental Protection Agency and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality have submitted final concurrence on the TCM substitution provided in Electronic Item 4.1 and Electronic Item 4.2, respectively. A reconfirmation of the previous conformity approval will allow for a United States Department of Transportation conformity determination to be granted. Upon the determination, initiatives in Mobility 2040 may proceed. Additional details are provided in Reference Item 4.3.

- 1:30 – 1:40**    5.    **High-Speed Rail Texas Central Partners Memorandum of Understanding**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes:    10  
Presenters:        Kevin Feldt and Michael Morris, NCTCOG  
                          Rob Franke, Multimodal/Intermodal/High-Speed Rail/Freight  
                          Subcommittee Chair and Mayor, City of Cedar Hill  
Item Summary:    Staff will provide an overview for a proposed Memorandum of  
Understanding (MOU) between Texas Central Partners (TCP)  
and various local government entities, including the Regional  
Transportation Council (RTC). The discussion will include  
recommendations from the Multimodal/Intermodal/High-Speed  
Rail/Freight Subcommittee.  
Background:        The proposed resolution and MOU between TCP and the RTC  
is provided as Reference Item 5 for the Council's consideration.  
North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff  
continues to coordinate with project partners to ensure the  
efforts are consistent with all adopted RTC high-speed rail  
policies and with all transportation partners, consultants, and the  
public to ensure successful high-speed rail service  
implementation. The proposed MOU would allow NCTCOG and  
TCP staffs to continue supporting all high-speed rail projects in  
North Texas. The proposed MOU will adhere to the descriptive  
core messages of each entity: verbal and written support for  
each project, support for planning an interconnected high-speed  
rail system, and support for separate but complimentary  
projects. NCTCOG staff will continue to serve as the RTC  
liaison for regional high-speed rail efforts.
- 1:40 – 1:50**    6.    **City of Colleyville Request for Regional Transportation Council  
Reconsideration and Public Referendum Request**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes:    10  
Presenter:        Michael Morris, NCTCOG  
Item Summary:    The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) took action last  
month to implement a short-term loan to maintain the  
construction schedule of the passenger rail line from downtown  
Fort Worth to the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. The  
City of Colleyville passed a resolution for RTC reconsideration  
and/or request for a public referendum. This item, for possible  
action, is for the RTC to consider Colleyville's request.  
Background:        Reference Item 6.1 contains a copy of the Colleyville City  
Council resolution from May 17, 2016. Electronic Item 6.2 is a  
white paper developed by the North Central Texas Council of  
Governments in 2015. This white paper on rail transit will be  
updated for the upcoming legislative session. Electronic Item 6.3  
is a 50-year history within the Dallas-Fort Worth region on how  
the private and public sectors have requested passenger rail to  
be part of broader policy questions. Section 5 of the Colleyville  
resolution requests that "RTC reconsider the TEX Rail project  
and/or put the project up for a public referendum in the  
November 2016 general election." The City of Colleyville  
requested and received a quiet zone for the rail facility in  
question.

- 1:50 – 2:00    7.    **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Updates**  
 Action     Possible Action     Information    Minutes:    10  
 Presenter:    Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG  
 Item Summary:    Staff will provide a summary of the current Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program and proposed DBE Participation Goal for FY2017-FY2019.  
 Background:    The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is required by the Federal Transit Administration to revisit its DBE Participation Goal every three years. The current DBE Participation Goal is valid until September 30, 2016. Staff has developed a schedule to meet this deadline that also encourages and provides opportunity for public participation and comment. The updated DBE goals are anticipated to be presented to the Regional Transportation Council and NCTCOG Executive Board for approval in August 2016. Electronic Item 7 includes additional details.
- 2:00 – 2:10    8.    **Status of the Current Comprehensive Development Agreement Managed Lanes: Preliminary Performance of the LBJ and NTE Tolled Managed Lanes**  
 Action     Possible Action     Information    Minutes:    10  
 Presenter:    Michael Morris, NCTCOG  
 Item Summary:    Staff will brief the Council on recent performance measures on the two comprehensive development agreement (CDA) tolled managed lanes, the North Tarrant Express and LBJ Express, and outline outreach education efforts underway regarding the overall tolling needs.  
 Background:    Currently, there are three tolled managed lanes open and operating (North Tarrant Express, LBJ Express, and DFW Connector), another opening later this summer (IH 30), and others under construction or in advanced project development (IH 35W, IH 35E, and Midtown Express). Real world performance data is becoming available that will help elected officials and technical staff understand the impact the tolled managed lanes have on the transportation system and individual users. This data will allow staff to finalize development and to operate what will soon be an extensive system of managed lanes. In addition, it will help staff tailor outreach efforts to continue to allow for the use of managed lanes as an important tool in dealing with urban congestion and reliability issues. Electronic Item 8 outlines the phases of the outreach efforts planned.
- 2:10 – 2:20    9.    **Upcoming High-Speed Rail Industry Forum, June 20, 2016**  
 Action     Possible Action     Information    Minutes:    10  
 Presenter:    Michael Morris, NCTCOG  
 Item Summary:    An industry forum will be held on Monday, June 20, 2016, from 1:30-3:30 pm with firms potentially interested in proposing a high-speed rail project in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. This meeting is in response to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and United States Department of Transportation

(US DOT) through a request for proposals. Information on regional plans and policies, status of environmental documents, and data available will be presented at the forum. Electronic Item 9 is an invitation letter to the industry forum.

Background: On March 16, 2016, the FRA and the US DOT issued a notice of request for proposals for projects for the financing, design, construction, operation, and maintenance of a high-speed passenger rail system operating within a high-speed rail corridor. The Dallas-Fort Worth region has been working for several years to bring high-speed rail to, from, and within the region. The Federal Register notice presents an opportunity for the private sector to bring innovation and experience from across the globe to advance high-speed rail in this region or others throughout the country.

**2:20 – 2:30 10. Regional Safety Program Performance Measures Report**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on items included in the 2015 Safety Program Performance Measures report.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Safety Program Performance Measures report provides an annual report on the performance of various NCTCOG safety programs, projects, and statistics such as regional crash and fatality data, top 10 contributing factors for regional crashes, county-level crash rates, Freeway Incident Management (FIM) and Photogrammetry training statistics, and Mobility Assistance Patrol Program statistics that occurred in 2015. Also Included in the performance report are updates on the Wrong-Way Driving (WWD) Mitigation Pilot Project, and bicycle and pedestrian safety efforts throughout the region. The 2015 NCTCOG Safety Performance Measures report is included in Electronic Item 10.

**2:30 – 2:35 11. Election of Regional Transportation Council Officers**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

Presenter: Mike Cantrell, Nominating Subcommittee Chair and Commissioner, Dallas County

Item Summary: Approval of Regional Transportation Council (RTC) officers for the next 12-month period will be requested.

Background: According to the RTC Bylaws and Operating Procedures, the officers of RTC are elected to serve for a term of one year. The Nominating Subcommittee is charged with providing a slate of officers to the full Council for consideration in June of each year. The Nominating Subcommittee is tasked with confirming that the current Vice Chair and Secretary should move up to the office of Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, and nominate a new Secretary. The Nominating Subcommittee, in its deliberations, shall address issues of diversity, including sensitivity to gender, ethnicity, and geography in its recommendations. Officers shall be elected public officials appointed by and from the governing body of the member government. The slate of officers shall

reflect leadership in rough proportion to the revenue distribution between the Eastern and Western Subregions. This will not be measured on a year-to-year basis, but will be aggregated over longer periods of time.

**If time permits**

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- 2:35 – 2:45 12. **North Central Texas Council of Governments 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Video**  
 Action       Possible Action     Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is 50 years old this year. An in-house video has been developed highlighting the Transportation Department of NCTCOG.  
Background: May was selected as Transportation Department month at the May 26, 2016, Executive Board meeting in celebration of NCTCOG's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A presentation and video was presented to the Board. The presentation will be highlighted for the benefit of the Regional Transportation Council.
13. **Progress Reports**  
 Action       Possible Action     Information  
Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.
- RTC Attendance (Reference Item 13.1)
  - STTC Minutes and Attendance (Electronic Item 13.2)
  - Local Motion (Electronic Item 13.3)
14. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
15. **Future Agenda Items**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.
16. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for **1:00 pm, Thursday, July 14, 2016, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.**