



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

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NOTICE OF MEETING

THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

WILL MEET

Thursday, July 12, 2018, 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, July 12, 2018
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

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

1:00 – 1:05 1. Approval of June 14, 2018, Minutes
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Gary Fickes, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the June 14, 2018, 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. Federal Functional Classification System Amendments**
Presenter: Brian Flood, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of four amendments to the currently approved Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS) will be requested.
Background: While inclusion in the FFCS is based on a roadway's purpose and functioning capabilities, it is also used to determine eligibility for federal funding. Amendments to the FFCS occur as the function of an existing roadway changes, or as roadways need to be added due to construction, new developments, and shifts in demographic trends. Staff is currently working with the Texas Department of Transportation on four proposed FFCS amendments within the Dallas and Fort Worth Texas Department of Transportation Districts. All amendments involve the construction of new roadways which are included in the current Transportation Improvement Program. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee approved these changes at its last meeting. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 2.1.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

- Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
 Transit Asset System Performance/Freight/CMAQ

- 2.2. Transportation Improvement Program Modifications**
Presenter: Ken Bunkley, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of revisions to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested.

Background: Since approval by the RTC on May 10, 2018, staff has identified changes needed to the 2019-2022 TIP listings. To avoid delaying projects to a future TIP modification quarterly cycle, staff requests RTC approval of proposed changes as provided in Electronic Item 2.2. This includes implementation of RTC action on IH 635. These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the mobility plan, the air quality conformity determination, and financial constraint of the TIP.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

- Safety
- Transit Asset
- Pavement and Bridge Condition
- System Performance/Freight/CMAQ

2.3. Transportation Development Credits for Clean Air Action Day

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council approval of Transportation Development Credits for award to up to three entities who participated in the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) Clean Air Action Day challenge will be requested.

Background: North Texans were encouraged to participate in Clean Air Action Day on Friday, June 22, 2018, by doing at least one thing to help improve air quality. STTC member organizations were encouraged to support this effort by facilitating Clean Air Action Day challenges through their organizations. As an incentive, 300,000 (100,000 each) Transportation Development Credits were available for up to three organizations with top participation in the challenge.

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2.4. Endorsement of Hyperloop and High-Speed Rail Next Steps

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council approval for consideration of hyperloop technology in the high-speed rail environmental document on the corridor between Fort Worth and Dallas will be requested. In addition, Texas Central Partners has requested an update to the Memorandum of Understanding to consider high-speed rail technology extending over to Arlington and Fort Worth. Approval for consideration of this technology in the corridor from Fort Worth to Laredo will also be requested.

Background: With approval of Mobility 2045, staff would like to proceed with a Tier 2 environmental document for high-speed rail between Fort Worth, Arlington, and Dallas. It

is proposed that vehicle technology, including hyperloop and high-speed rail, be included in the environmental evaluation. It is also proposed that both of these technologies be included in the conceptual feasibility study on the corridor between Fort Worth and Laredo.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

- Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
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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. Recognition of Representative Judge Larry Phillips and Friends
2. New Website Launch (Electronic Item 3.1)
3. Status Report on SH 360 Revenues
4. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles (Electronic Item 3.2)
5. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (Electronic Item 3.3)
6. Nonattainment Designations and Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 3.4)
7. Regional Smoking Vehicle Program Update (Electronic Item 3.5)
8. Travel Demand Management Performance Report (Electronic Item 3.6)
9. July Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 3.7)
10. Vital Link Students
11. Texas Motor Vehicle Safety Inspection Program Survey:
<http://bit.ly/SafetyInspection>
12. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 3.8)
13. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 3.9)
14. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 3.10)
15. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 3.11)
16. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

1:20 – 1:30

4. **Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Discretionary Grant Program**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of projects to be submitted in the 2018 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grant Program.

Background: In April 2018, the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) announced the replacement of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Discretionary Grant Program. As specified in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018, the BUILD Discretionary Grant Program will be dedicated for surface transportation projects expected to have a significant local or regional impact. Electronic Item 4.1 is a copy of the Notice of Funding Opportunity that details the \$1.5 billion in federal funds

available for fiscal year 2018, as well as the project application requirements. Applications are due to the US DOT by July 19, 2018. A review of the previous BUILD Grant Program presentation from last month is provided in Electronic Item 4.2. An overview of the 2018 BUILD Grant Program request is available in Electronic Item 4.3.

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1:30 – 1:40

5. **Emissions Inventory Development Associated with Transportation Conformity**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to take action on the development of emissions inventories associated with transportation conformity and to communicate the action to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Background: Section 176(c)(4) of the Clean Air Act Amendments require Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) for areas designated as nonattainment for ozone to conduct air quality conformity analyses ensuring transportation outcomes are consistent with the region's air quality goals. To protect consistency between emission inventories and subsequent air quality conformity, the RTC has relied on MPO staff to develop emissions inventories which go into the creation of motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEB) and then conduct future air quality conformity analysis using the same methodologies as was utilized in developing MVEB's. Quality assurance and quality control is embedded within emission inventory development for the State Implementation Plan. A thorough interagency consultation process, consisting of both Federal and State partners, is required prior to obtaining a United States Department of Transportation air quality conformity determination. Back in May 2018, absent discussions with MPO staff, the TCEQ notified North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff it had independently established a new approach to create needed emissions inventories utilizing a third party. Correspondence was sent to the State air quality agency advising to not alter the historical approach emphasizing possible liabilities and potential risks (Electronic Item 5.1). The State responded to this letter presenting two potential options that still diverge from historical practice (Electronic Item 5.2). Staff replied with objection to the options, requesting to meet with various State agencies involved, including the Texas Department of Transportation, in an effort to highlight risks associated with

this direction. This latest correspondence is provided in Electronic Item 5.3. Electronic Item 5.4 contains additional details.

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1:40 – 1:50

6. **US 75 Technology Lanes**

- Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) has approved funding for technology lanes on US 75 north of IH 635 to McKinney. Details are amended in order to continue a partnership with the Federal Highway Administration Division Office and explore policy, operational, and legislative relief to advance these improvements in the corridor. Action is requested to permit "Rewards" for high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) users in the US 75 corridor.

Background: The RTC has funded improvements to US 75 that will modernize early interim, temporary HOV improvements on US 75. These new technology improvements are modeled after similar improvements on SH 161 in Irving. Focus is on additional capacity during the peak periods. The US 75 improvements will include the use of shoulder lanes in the off-peak period, as well, to mitigate non-recurring, incident-related congestion. The introduction of a rewards program for HOV users may satisfy the Federal Highway Administration legal staff.

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1:50 – 2:00

7. **2019 Unified Transportation Program and Updates to the Regional 10-Year Plan, Including Expediting Projects with Unobligated Balances from Other State Departments of Transportation**

- Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the status of project changes associated with the region's 10-Year Plan that is being updated through development of the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) 2019 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). A list of project changes is provided for review and comment, and possible action. In addition, action will be requested to work with the Texas Department of Transportation to expedite projects with unobligated balances from other state departments of transportation projects.

Background: In December 2016, the Regional Transportation Council approved a set of projects for fiscal years 2017-2026 funded with Category 2 (MPO selection) and Category 4 (TxDOT

district selection), and submitted for Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) consideration with Category 12 (Commission selection) funds. That action was the Dallas-Fort Worth region's response to the House Bill (HB) 20 10-year planning requirement. Since that time, the Texas Department of Transportation has included some of the region's projects into the UTP, but not all of them. It is anticipated that the region will submit largely the same subset of projects this year, but will make year of expenditure (i.e., inflationary) adjustments to project funding and coordinate with TxDOT Austin regarding the Category 12 projects of interest to the TTC. Staff will also coordinate with TxDOT Austin to assure inclusion of all the region's Category 2 and 4 projects in the UTP. North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff has been coordinating regularly with the Texas Department of Transportation Dallas, Paris (Hunt County), and Fort Worth districts regarding needed project updates. IH 635 East Phase 3 information has been updated. NCTCOG staff is using performance measures consistent with those used to develop Mobility 2045 in reviewing any new projects, though few are anticipated. The main effort has involved a review of project timing, project status, and estimated construction costs in order to make the necessary funding updates. Action will be requested to allow the Director to make last minute funding updates to the 10-Year Plan based on conversations with TxDOT and seek RTC endorsement at the next meeting. Electronic Item 7.1 includes the proposed project listing with changes since the original December 2016 RTC action highlighted in red and strikethrough text. Electronic Item 7.2 includes additional information about this effort. Action will also be requested to permit negotiating opportunities to expedite already approved RTC projects using unobligated balances from others states.

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2:00 – 2:10

8. **Regional Transportation Council Bylaws – First Reading**

- Action
- Possible Action
- Information
- Minutes: 10
- Presenter: David L. Cook, Vice Chair, RTC Bylaws Revision Subcommittee

Item Summary: Recommendations for revision of the Regional Transportation Council's Bylaws and Operating Procedures will be presented for a first reading.

Background: The RTC Bylaws Revision Subcommittee met over the last few months to review and discuss possible revisions to the Bylaws and Operating Procedures. Proposed policy changes to the Bylaws include two adjustments to group representation, the addition of language related to county/city group alternate member appointments, modification of the

month for appointment terms to begin for group representatives, a deadline for primary member notification of alternate member attendance at meetings, and recommended language that directs the Council to establish a policy for receipt of calls for project/funding initiative proposals to accommodate changes in technology over time. Electronic Item 8.1 contains these proposed revisions as well as administrative recommendations. Electronic Item 8.2 contains additional information. It is anticipated that action on the proposed Bylaws revisions will be requested in August. The Subcommittee unanimously approved the proposed Bylaws revisions and recommends Regional Transportation Council approval in August.

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2:10 – 2:20

9. **Transit Implementation in Three Areas of the Region**

- Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information about three sub-region transit requests received from stakeholders in Collin County, Dallas County, and Tarrant County.

Background: Over the past few months, elected officials and other interested parties have asked for assistance with a comprehensive approach to planning and implementing transit services outside of transit authority service areas. Electronic Item 9 contains additional information from the three jurisdictions, as well as a proposed course of action for approval at the August 9, 2018, Regional Transportation Council meeting.

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2:20 – 2:30

10. **Airport Transit Access**

- Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Shannon Stevenson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on transit accessibility between the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW Airport) and the Trinity Railway Express Centreport station.

Background: In August 2015, the Regional Transportation Council awarded Federal Transit Administration formula funds through the transit call for projects to the DFW Airport to provide shuttle service between the Trinity Railway Express Centreport Station and the Remote South Parking Lot at the airport. This project is a continuation of an existing shuttle service, operated through a partnership with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority. The

DFW Airport notified the North Central Texas Council of Governments in March 2018 that it will discontinue this service once TEXRail service is fully operational. In coordination with DART and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, staff is working to ensure this critical last-mile connection continues once DFW Airport no longer provides this service. Correspondence related to the discontinuation of the shuttle service is provided in Electronic Item 10.

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11. **Progress Reports**

- Action Possible Action Information

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

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 11.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 11.2)
- Local Motion (Electronic Item 11.3)

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

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

14. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***1:00 pm, Thursday, August 9, 2018, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***