

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, March 8, 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 February 8, 2018, Minutes
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Gary Fickes, RTC Vice Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the February 8, 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. Transportation Improvement Program Modifications

Presenter: Ken Bunkley, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of revisions to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested.

Background: May 2018 revisions to the 2017-2020 TIP are provided as [Electronic Item 2.1](#) for the Council's consideration. 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 Pavement and Bridge Condition
 Transit Asset System Performance/Freight/CMAQ

2.2. FY2018 and FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program Modifications

Presenter: Vickie Alexander, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of modifications to the FY2018 and FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be requested. Direction for staff to also amend other administrative/planning documents, as appropriate, to reflect the approved modifications will also be sought.

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 FY2018 and FY2019 UPWP identifies the activities to be carried out between October 1, 2017, and September 30, 2019. Amendments to this document are being proposed to reflect new initiatives,

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<http://www.nctcog.org/trans/committees/rtc/2018/03Mar/web.packet.rtc030818.pdf>

project updates and funding adjustments. The proposed amendments were presented to the public through the February 5, 7, and 13, 2018, public meetings and are also included as [Electronic Item 2.2.1](#). Additional information is provided in [Electronic Item 2.2.2](#). Comments received as a result of the public outreach process, if any, will be provided as a handout at the meeting. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee took action at its February meeting to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of the modifications.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

- Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
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2.3. Waze/Traffic Signal Grants: Approval to Advance Second Round

Presenter: Thomas J. Bamonte, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval for the second round of Waze/511DFW and Traffic Signal Data Sharing grants will be requested.

Background: In 2017, the RTC approved \$250,000 each for grant programs designed to encourage sharing: 1) roadway incident information and 2) traffic signal data with the developer community such as the Waze travel navigation service. Grants of up to \$25,000 were awarded after RTC approval and the programs wrapped up on March 2, 2018. Some of the approved amounts were not awarded initially for lack of interest and some recipients will not take down the full amount of their grant. In light of renewed interest in both programs, staff proposes a second round of grants using substantially the same approach followed in the first round.

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- 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. New Agenda Format
2. Victor Vandergriff Reception
3. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Member Representation at Events
 - IH 635 Community Meeting, February 15, 2018; B. Adam McGough, Lee M. Kleinman, Douglas Athas, and Michael Morris
4. Status Report on "Big Projects:" IH 35W 3C and IH 635 East Phase 3
5. RTC New Member Orientation, April 12, 2018, 10:30 am
6. Agenda Items 4-5 Postponed from the February 8, 2018, RTC Meeting on the Agenda for Action

7. April Car Care Clinics ([Electronic Item 3.1](#))
8. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles ([Electronic Item 3.2](#))
9. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events ([Electronic Item 3.3](#))
10. Volkswagen Settlement Update ([Electronic Item 3.4](#))
11. AirCheckTexas Outreach Assistance Request ([Electronic Item 3.5](#))
12. SolSmart Recognition ([Electronic Item 3.6](#))
13. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Update and Development of a Regional Tire Recycling Program ([Electronic Item 3.7](#))
14. Bicycle Share Update
15. Eno Transportation Weekly Article on the RTC ([Electronic Item 3.8](#))
16. High-Occupancy Vehicle Subsidy Report ([Electronic Item 3.9](#))
17. March Online Comment Opportunity Notice ([Electronic Item 3.10](#))
18. February Public Meeting Minutes ([Electronic Item 3.11](#))
19. Public Comments Report ([Electronic Item 3.12](#))
20. Recent Correspondence ([Electronic Item 3.13](#))
21. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 3.14](#))
22. Recent Press Releases ([Electronic Item 3.15](#))
23. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

1:20 – 1:30

4. **Access North Texas**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Sarah Chadderdon, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request RTC approval of Access North Texas.

Access North Texas outlines strategies to address the needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and others with transportation challenges. It serves as a guide for agencies that will implement these strategies to improve access to work, medical appointments, education, and the community.

Background: Access North Texas is the public transportation coordination plan for North Central Texas and was last updated in 2013. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requires that this plan be developed and Chapter 461 of the Texas Transportation Code requires coordination among public transportation providers. The North Central Texas Council of Governments is the lead agency in developing this plan for the 16-county region. Projects funded through the Federal Transit Administration's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program must be included in this plan. A summary presentation is included as [Electronic Item 4.1](#), and the plan document is available in [Electronic Item 4.2](#). Please note, this item was on the February 8, 2018, RTC meeting agenda for information. However, due to time constraints, this item was not presented and will proceed this month as an action item.

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1:30 – 1:40

5. **2017-2018 CMAQ/STBG Funding Program: Sustainable Development Phase 4**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Adam Beckom, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the proposed projects to be funded under the Sustainable Development Phase 4 Program in the 2017-2018 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Funding Program.

Background: In April 2017, staff introduced the process to select projects using CMAQ and STBG funding through several funding programs. Staff has received requests from local agencies that have projects containing Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Turnback, transit-oriented development (TOD), and/or other context-sensitive elements. The proposed list of projects that staff is proposing to fund can be found in [Electronic Item 5.1](#). Additional details on the overall funding program can be found in [Electronic Item 5.2](#). Please note, this item was on the February 8, 2018, RTC meeting agenda for information. However, due to time constraints, this item was not presented and will proceed this month as an action item.

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1:40 – 1:55

6. **Mobility 2045 Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Presenter: Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Work is nearing completion on the region's next long-range transportation plan, Mobility 2045. Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to open the official comment period and to conduct public meetings. In addition, staff will present information regarding:

- Draft financial plan
- Draft roadway project recommendations
- Public meeting comments
- Public meeting schedule
- Schedule for completion

Draft roadway and arterial recommendations identified graphically and in tabular format are available at www.nctcoq.org/trans/mtp/2045.asp.

Background: The last comprehensive update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) occurred in 2016 with the adoption of Mobility 2040. Staff has continued MTP development with a variety of efforts. Final work efforts will continue over the next few months. Mobility 2045 will reassess existing recommendations and include new demographics, financial forecasts, and planning initiatives. North Central Texas Council of Government (NCTCOG) staff will seek RTC action

to permit staff to open the official public comment period as outlined in the NCTCOG Public Participation Plan. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee is expected to take final action on Mobility 2045 in May 2018. The Regional Transportation Council is expected to take final action on Mobility 2045 in June 2018.

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1:55 – 2:05

7. **Next Steps on High-Speed Rail**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will propose the next steps on advancing high-speed rail from:

- Houston to Dallas
- Dallas/Arlington/Fort Worth
- Fort Worth/Waco/Temple-Killeen/Austin/
San Antonio/Laredo

Background: Houston to Dallas high-speed rail is in the environmental process. Comments are being received for the environmental clearance. Staff will propose the best way to advance the Dallas/Arlington/Fort Worth project. Action will be sought at the April 12, 2018, RTC meeting. Staff will also present information on recent meetings for high-speed rail between Fort Worth and Laredo. Action will also be sought at the April 12, 2018, RTC meeting. High-speed rail west of Dallas will include the evaluation of next generation magnetic levitation.

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2:05 – 2:15

8. **2017-2018 CMAQ/STBG Funding Program: Safety, Innovative Construction, and Emergency Projects**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Adam Beckom, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the proposed projects to be funded under the Safety, Innovative Construction, and Emergency Projects Program in the 2017-2018 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Funding Program.

Background: In April 2017, staff introduced the process to select projects using CMAQ and STBG funding through several funding programs. Staff has received requests from local agencies that have projects addressing safety issues, utilize innovative construction methods, or emergency projects that will improve system resilience. Details on the projects that staff is

proposing to fund can be found in [Electronic Item 8.1](#).
Additional details on the overall funding program can be found
in [Electronic Item 8.2](#).

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2:15 – 2:25

9. **2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Draft Listings**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process and present a draft listing of current Regional Transportation Council commitments.

Background: A new TIP is developed every two years through a cooperative effort among the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Texas Department of Transportation, local governments, and transportation authorities. The TIP is a staged, multi-year listing of transportation projects with committed funding from federal, State, and local sources within the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Planning Area. [Electronic Item 9.1](#) contains an overview of the TIP development process, focus areas, and schedule. The financially constrained draft project listings to be included in the 2019-2022 TIP for council review and comment are provided at [Electronic Item 9.2](#). Local agency comments on the draft listings must be provided by March 16, 2018, in order to be included in the final listings.

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10. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

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

- RTC Attendance ([Electronic Item 10.1](#))
- STTC Attendance and Minutes ([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, April 12, 2018, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.**