

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, July 11, 2019
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 13, 2019, Minutes**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Andy Eads, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the June 13, 2019, 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 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and other planning/administrative documents with TIP-related changes will be requested.
Background: August 2019 revisions to the 2019-2022 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
- 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 Members Concluding Service on the Regional Transportation Council (RTC): Kathryn Wilemon, Former Councilmember, City of Arlington and Charles Emery, Former Chairman, Denton County Transportation Authority
2. Reminder that the August 8 RTC Meeting is Cancelled and the September 12 Meeting will be held at the Irving Transportation Investment Summit

3. RTC Member Representation at Events:
 - Lee M. Kleinman – Hyperloop Meeting in Washington, DC
 - Clay Lewis Jenkins, Jungus Jordan, Lee M. Kleinman, and B. Adam McGough – Opportunity Zones Roundtables
 - Ron Jensen – Appreciation for Regional Partners During Grand Prairie Remembrance of Officer A.J. Castaneda
4. Hyperloop Tour this Summer in Dallas-Fort Worth
5. Status Update and Public Hearing on Unified Transportation Program Development with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
6. TxDOT Audit
7. Federal Transit Administration Triennial Review
8. Opportunity Zones Roundtables Meeting Hosted on Behalf of the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council and Department of Housing and Urban Development (www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/land-use/economic-development)
9. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles (www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/fundingvehicle)
10. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (www.dfwcleancities.org/dfw-clean-cities-meetings)
11. National Drive Electric Week Event – September 21, 2019 (www.dfwcleancities.org/ndew)
12. Status Report on Ozone (Electronic Item 3.1)
13. Parking Management Symposium (Electronic Item 3.2)
14. Federal Highway Administration Shared Mobility Webinar (<https://collaboration.fhwa.dot.gov/dot/fhwa/WC/Lists/Seminars/DispForm.aspx?ID=2076>) and Publication Featuring the North Central Texas Council of Governments (www.planning.dot.gov/documents/regional_shared_mobility_planning_caseStudies.pdf)
15. June Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 3.3)
16. July Online Input Opportunity Notice (Electronic Item 3.4)
17. Mobility Matters (Handout)
18. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 3.5)
19. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 3.6)
20. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 3.7)
21. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 3.8)
22. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

1:20 – 1:30

4. **Funding Substitution for Buy America Compliance: City of Fort Worth**

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Presenter: Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval will be requested for a funding substitution of federal for local funds in the amount of \$113,373 for City of Fort Worth projects awarded under the 2014 Incident Management Equipment Call for Projects.

Background: On January 8, 2015, the RTC awarded \$160,036 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds to the City of Fort Worth for incident management equipment. The City of Fort Worth purchased \$113,373 in equipment (Ford F350 Super Duty, Robotic Forensic Mapping System, and Portable Dynamic Message

Signs) for which Buy America compliance cannot be documented. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requires 100 percent of all iron and steel on federal-aid projects to be of domestic origin. At the time of the award to the City of Fort Worth, FHWA was processing quarterly Buy America waivers for purchase of vehicles and similar items as no vehicles in the United States met the FHWA Buy America requirements. FHWA discontinued issuing Buy America waivers shortly after 2017 as a result of Executive Order 13788. Staff is requesting to switch out \$113,373 in CMAQ funds with RTC Local funds to eliminate any Buy America compliance issues. Additional information is included in Electronic Item 4.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

- Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
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1:30 – 1:40

5. **AirCheckTexas Program Close Out: Retention of Local Funds**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will seek Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval for Chair Andy Eads to transmit a letter to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Chairman, Jon Niermann, requesting approximately \$3.8 million in innovative AirCheckTexas Program-generated revenues to remain in the region. In addition, staff will highlight compliance with closeout requirements and summarize program accomplishments.

Background: Since 2001, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been administering the AirCheckTexas vehicle repair and replacement assistance program on behalf of nine participating North Central Texas counties. On June 28, 2019, the program officially ended with staff processing 37,843 replacements and 34,993 repairs. While administering the program, NCTCOG utilized innovative fiscal measures to maximize financial return. In addition to collecting account interest while reimbursements spent down the budget balance, a partnership with the program credit card vendor allowed monetary rebates from the large number of repair and replacement transactions. Approximately \$2.3 million and \$1.5 million has been made, respectively. Reference Item 5 is a draft letter from the RTC to the TCEQ requesting that these interest and rebate dollars remain in the region for use towards remaining AirCheckTexas Program obligations (audits, file retention, data management) and additional air quality strategies.

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1:40 – 1:50

6. **Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative Grant Program**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council approval of the regional application for the 2019 Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative Grant Program. The project is similar to the 2018 proposal, less comprehensive and with a smaller request.

Background: In May 2019, the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) issued the announcement for the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Initiative to develop model deployment technologies to improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and infrastructure return on investment. Staff will propose the creation of a cloud-based, regional hub to be used for multiple disciplines. Such a foundation will be critical to utilize advanced techniques and evolving technologies.

Electronic Item 6.1 and Electronic Item 6.2 is a copy of the Notice of Funding Opportunity and Amendment, respectively, that details the \$60 million grant program for Fiscal Year 2019, as well as the application requirements. Applications are due to the US DOT by July 19, 2019. Electronic Item 6.3 provides additional details on the proposed project.

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1:50 – 2:00

7. **FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Vickie Alexander, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council approval of the proposed FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be requested, as well as reaffirmation of the UPWP policies contained in Exhibit I-8 of the Work Program. Direction for staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents, as appropriate, to reflect the approved projects contained in the Work Program will also be sought.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff, in cooperation with local governments and transportation agencies, has developed the draft FY2020 and FY2021 UPWP. The Work Program is a federal requirement for NCTCOG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, in order to receive federal Transportation Planning Funds and identifies NCTCOG staff work activities to be performed between October 1, 2019, and September 30, 2021. Electronic Item 7.1 contains the Work Program policies that

guide the allocation of these federal Transportation Planning Funds. No changes are being proposed to these existing policies.

The draft FY2020 and FY2021 UPWP has been submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for review and comment, and information was presented at public meetings held on May 13, 2019. A copy of the draft document has also been available on NCTCOG's Website for review. Electronic Item 7.2 contains additional information on the draft FY2020 and FY2021 UPWP, and a full copy of the document is located at www.nctcog.org/trans/study/unified-planning-work-program. Copies of the document will also be available at the meeting or by contacting NCTCOG staff. A draft RTC resolution for action is provided in Reference Item 7.3. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee took action at its June 28 meeting to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of the proposed FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program.

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2:00 – 2:10

8. **Fiscal Year 2019 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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grant Program.

Background: In April 2019, the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) announced the solicitation of project applications for the FY2019 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure expected to have a significant mobility and economic benefits at the local or regional level. Applications are due to the USDOT by July 15, 2019. An overview of the FY2019 BUILD Grant Program request is available in Reference Item 8.

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2:10 – 2:20

9. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Dan Lamers, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on results from the third round of the Metropolitan Transportation

Plan (MTP) Policy Bundle funding opportunity, including the plan to distribute available Transportation Development Credits (TDC). The RTC will be asked for approval of a TDC distribution for successful policy bundle applicants.

Background: Recommendations in Mobility 2045 consist of policies, programs, and projects reflecting the region's priorities and supporting Mobility 2045 goals. As construction of infrastructure projects alone cannot achieve the goals of Mobility 2045, a voluntary list of policies available for adoption by local agencies was designed to encourage the development of alternative, strategic solutions. By voluntarily adopting 50 percent of these policies, participating agencies may receive TDCs to offset local funds for federal transportation projects. MTP Policy Bundle applications have been completed and reviewed. Staff will present a recommendation for distributing available TDCs to successful applicants as identified in Reference Item 9.1. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 9.2.

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2:20 – 2:30 10. Fiscal Year 2020-2022 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Update

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 schedule for updating the DBE Participation Goal for FY2020-FY2022.

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, 2019. 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 September 2019. Electronic Item 10 includes additional details.

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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 ***August 8, 2019***, Regional Transportation Council meeting ***has been cancelled***. The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***1:00 pm, Thursday, September 12, 2019, as part of the Irving Transportation Investment Summit***.