

## AGENDA

### REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL Thursday, June 11, 2020 North Central Texas Council of Governments

The RTC meeting on June 11, 2020, will be conducted as a teleconference meeting via Zoom. Members of the public wishing to speak may do so by calling toll free 1-855-965-2480 and entering meeting ID 986 3052 6723# when prompted. Following conclusion of the Opportunity for the Public to Speak in Agenda Item 1, the audio line will be disconnected. Members of the public may view a livestream of the RTC meeting at [www.nctcog.org/video](http://www.nctcog.org/video) under the "live" tab.

#### 1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda

- 1:00 – 1:10      1. **Opportunity for the Public to Speak on Today's Agenda: Consistent with HB 2840**  
 Information      Minutes: 10  
Item Summary: This item provides an opportunity for the public to comment on today's meeting agenda items. Members of the public wishing to comment on an agenda item may do so during this item by calling toll free 1-855-965-2480 and entering meeting ID 986 3052 6723# when prompted. Speakers should state their name, city of residence, the agenda number they are speaking on, and whether they are speaking on/for/against the item. Members of the public are not permitted to provide comments after the conclusion of this agenda item; therefore, the audio line will be disconnected and members of the public may view the livestream of the meeting at [www.nctcog.org/video](http://www.nctcog.org/video).  
Background: N/A
- 1:10 – 1:15      2. **Approval of May 14, 2020, Minutes**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5  
Presenter: Andy Eads, RTC Chair  
Item Summary: Approval of the May 14, 2020, minutes contained in Electronic Item 2 will be requested.  
Background: N/A
- 1:15 – 1:20      3. **Consent Agenda**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5
- 3.1. **Federal Functional Classification System Amendments**  
Presenter: Berrien Barks, 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 (TxDOT) on four proposed FFCS amendments within the Dallas and Fort Worth TxDOT districts. Three amendments involve the construction of new roadways which are included in the current Transportation Improvement Program. The fourth amendment involves a locally supported reclassification of a roadway to indicate its function more accurately. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee recommended approval of these changes at its May 22, 2020, meeting. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 3.1.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

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

1:20 – 1:35

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

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

1. Moment of Silence in Memory of George Floyd
2. Presentations on COVID-19 RTC4U and Infrastructure Program
3. Proposed House Transportation Legislation: Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation
4. Trail of the Month Video (Postponed at the March 12, 2020, Meeting and will Remain Postponed)
5. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles  
([www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/fundingvehicle](http://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/fundingvehicle))
6. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events ([www.dfwcleancities.org/dfw-clean-cities-meetings](http://www.dfwcleancities.org/dfw-clean-cities-meetings))
7. Status Report on Ozone (Electronic Item 4.1)
8. Recent Podcasts in Collaboration with the North Texas Commission – Air Quality and Volkswagen Funding  
(<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/topic-north-texas/id1485003695#episodeGuid=9db98ebf-23a0-4365-aa17-1e2b3750609b>)
9. East/West Equity Update (Electronic Item 4.2)
10. May Online Input Opportunity Minutes (Electronic Item 4.3)
11. June Online Input Opportunity Notice (Electronic Item 4.4)
12. Progress North Texas  
(<https://www.nctcog.org/nctcg/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/About/Publications/Progress%20North%20Texas/PNT2020.pdf>)
13. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.5)
14. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.6)
15. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.7)
16. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.8)

1:35 – 1:45

5. **2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Draft Listings**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) project listings and the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program and other planning/administrative documents with TIP-related changes.

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 (TxDOT), 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 Area.

Electronic Item 5.1 contains an overview of the TIP development process, scope of programming, and schedule. The financially constrained project listings can be found at [https://www.nctcog.org/nctcog/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Fund/TIP/21-24TIP/RTC\\_Action\\_21\\_24DraftProjectListings.pdf](https://www.nctcog.org/nctcog/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Fund/TIP/21-24TIP/RTC_Action_21_24DraftProjectListings.pdf). Projects in fiscal years (FY) 2021-2024 will be included in the 2021-2024 TIP, and projects in FY2025 and later will be placed in the environmental clearance appendix of the TIP. The resolution contained in Electronic 5.2 affirms the RTC's approval of the 2021-2024 TIP listings and will be used to transmit the document to TxDOT. On May 22, 2020, the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) recommended the 2021-2024 TIP for RTC approval. Since that approval, staff has continued to make revisions from the public, local agencies, and the TxDOT districts. As such, there may be changes to the individual project listings since STTC made its recommendation to approve the listings.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

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

1:45 – 1:55

6. **Southeast Dallas County Funding Partnership**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of funding partnerships with three cities in southeast Dallas County, and the ability to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other administrative/planning documents, as needed, to incorporate these changes.

Background: Funding requests for various roadway projects have been received from the Cities of Balch Springs, Sunnyvale, and Hutchins. North Central Texas Council of Governments staff

has been working with these cities and the Texas Department of Transportation on partnerships to fund these projects. Details on the proposed partnerships can be found in Electronic Item 6. COVID-19 #00X Program numbers are included in this item.

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1:55 – 2:05

7. **2021 Unified Transportation Program and Regional 10-Year Plan Update**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the latest activities being undertaken and the plan going forward for the Regional 10-Year Plan Update and 2021 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the project listings will be requested.

Background: In December 2016, the RTC approved a set of projects for fiscal years 2017-2026 funded with Category 2 (MPO selection) and Category 4 (Texas Department of Transportation (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 20 10-year planning requirement. A series of updates to the 10-Year Plan were made in August 2017, August 2018, and September 2019 in conjunction with the development of TxDOT's UTPs. Since the last update in 2019, North Central Texas Council of Governments staff has been coordinating regularly with the TxDOT Dallas, Paris (Hunt County), and Fort Worth districts regarding updates to previously approved projects as well as potential additions to the 10-Year Plan to be included in the 2021 UTP. Staff has drafted a list that includes these project updates, potential new candidate projects, and scores for each project. In addition, the list of projects proposed for initial funding to allow TxDOT to continue advancing pre-construction activities has been updated. The listings will be brought back to the RTC if further refinements are negotiated with TxDOT.

Electronic Item 7.1 contains the proposed list of projects. Electronic Item 7.2 includes additional information about this process, the update to the 2020 UTP and the proposed next steps related to the 10-Year Plan. Electronic Item 7.3 contains additional details on the scoring methodology used by staff.

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2:05 – 2:15

8. **Effect of COVID-19 Restrictions on Transportation and Economic Opportunities**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update regarding progress on the RTC4U information system. In addition, possible action may be requested to advance SH 183 (Section 2E Project).

Background: North Central Texas Council of Governments staff is continuing efforts to develop an information system of COVID-19 impacts on transportation. Electronic Item 8.1 provides recent performance measures from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. In addition, staff continues to work with Cintra and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to advance the next phase of the North Tarrant Express (NTE)/SH 183 project in Tarrant and Dallas counties. To continue advancing this project, staff proposes a \$3 million financial backstop on the design to expedite implementation. It is anticipated that the Regional Transportation Council will be released of this requirement within six months when TxDOT formally requests Cintra to begin the design of this already approved Section 2E. More information is contained in Electronic Item 8.2 and Electronic Item 8.3. Electronic Item 8.4 contains a list of candidate projects and includes an initiative that aggregates smaller projects entitled the COVID-19 #00X Program.

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2:15 – 2:25

9. **Mobility 2045 Update (High-Speed Rail Recommendations) and Metropolitan Transportation Plan Schedule (Postponed at the March 12, 2020, Meeting)**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a discussion regarding the Mobility 2045 high-speed rail recommendations. Dallas County Commissioner Theresa Daniel requested information identifying various high-speed transportation technologies. In addition, staff will provide a report regarding efforts to update Mobility 2045.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) adopted Mobility 2045 on June 14, 2018. Mobility 2045 includes recommendations regarding various high-speed rail technologies and corridors. Previous discussions included the following topics:

- Mobility 2045 recommendations
- Defining various high-speed transportation technologies
- Current high-speed transportation efforts
- Future high-speed transportation opportunities

Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region to update the region's long-range transportation plan a minimum of every four years. In addition, the Mobility 2045 update will be required to attain Transportation Conformity. The updated plan will include a new financial plan and necessary refinements to projects in the current Mobility 2045 plan.

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2:25 – 2:30

10. **Election of Regional Transportation Council Officers**

Action                       Possible Action                       Information                      Minutes:                      5

Presenter:                      Duncan Webb, Nominating Subcommittee Chair

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. The new officers will begin their terms at the conclusion of the June meeting.

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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, July 9, 2020.***