

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, October 11, 2012
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

11:30 am Multimodal/Intermodal/High Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee

1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda

1:00 – 1:05 1. Approval of September 13, 2012, Minutes
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Pete Kamp, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the September 13, 2012, 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: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of
revisions to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement
Program (TIP) will be requested.
Background: Revisions to the 2013-2016 TIP are provided as [Reference
Item 2.1.1](#) for RTC consideration. Administrative
Amendments from the July 2012 modification cycle are
provided for information in [Electronic Item 2.1.2](#). These
modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the
air quality conformity determination and financial constraint
of the TIP. The Surface Transportation Technical
Committee (STTC) reviewed and recommended RTC
approval of the revisions at its September 28, 2012,
meeting.

2.2. Unified Planning Work Program Modifications

Presenter: Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of
modifications to the FY2012 and FY2013 Unified Planning
Work Program (UPWP) will be requested.
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 FY2012 and FY2013
UPWP identifies the activities to be carried out between
October 1, 2011, and September 30, 2013. Amendments
to this document are being proposed to reflect new
initiatives, project modifications and funding adjustments.
Also, contained in the modifications are text updates to

address the passage of new surface transportation legislation, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century; the addition of Wise County in the nonattainment area; and the availability of video recordings of the monthly Regional Transportation Council meetings. The proposed amendments were presented to the public during the September 11, 12, and 17, 2012, public meetings and are provided as [Reference Item 2.2.1](#). A presentation, containing additional information, is provided in [Electronic Item 2.2.2](#). The minutes of the public meetings are included in [Electronic Item 3.6](#). The Surface Transportation Technical Committee recommended RTC approval at its September 28 meeting.

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 Senator Florence Shapiro
2. Texas Department of Transportation Distracted Driving Campaign
3. Cotton Belt Update (Handout)
4. Transportation Enhancement Funding ([Electronic Item 3.1](#))
5. Federal Highway Administration Investment Pilot
6. Evolution of High Occupancy Vehicle Oversight ([Electronic Item 3.2](#))
7. Tarrant County Needs Assessment for Transit
8. 2012 Annual Update on the Regional Outer Loop ([Electronic Item 3.3](#))
9. Aviation System Plan Executive Summary (Handout)
10. Freeway Incident Management Executive Level Course ([Electronic Item 3.4](#) and [Electronic Item 3.5](#))
11. September Public Meeting Minutes ([Electronic Item 3.6](#))
12. October Public Meeting Flyer (Handout)
13. Ozone Season Update ([Electronic Item 3.7](#))
14. Air Quality Funding Update ([Electronic Item 3.8](#))
15. AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Anniversary ([Electronic Item 3.9](#))
16. Clean Air Odyssey Day, Natural Gas Road Trip, and Texas AltCar Clean Cities Events ([Electronic Item 3.10](#))
17. Recent News Story on the Regional Transportation Council: Feedback ([Electronic Item 3.11](#))
18. Recent Correspondence ([Electronic Item 3.12](#))
19. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 3.13](#))
20. Transportation Partners Progress Reports (Handout)

1:20 – 1:30

4. **Collin County Regional Toll Revenue Priorities**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
 Presenters: Michael Morris and Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the latest updates to the Collin County Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) prioritization effort and request action on the recommended project list. Several developments have arisen that impact the effort and are discussed below.

Background: In April 2012, the Collin County RTR Taskforce, led by Collin

County leaders, in coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), began a project ranking and prioritization effort to identify the next subset of projects to fund in Collin County. At the same time, RTC also identified Collin County as one of the counties to focus on in the next wave of funding efforts. [Electronic Item 4.1](#) references the past, present and future funding efforts by county.

NCTCOG staff, in coordination with Collin County and TxDOT, began looking at available funding for projects in Collin County. This effort resulted in the following revenue streams: unprogrammed Collin County RTR funds, interest from RTR funds, cost savings from existing RTR projects, and a limited amount of federal funds. Collin County may bring additional bond funds forward to fund additional improvements. [Electronic Item 4.2](#) shows the full list of projects ranked by the Taskforce and includes the criteria and weights used to evaluate the projects. [Electronic Item 4.3](#) is the draft recommendation, which contains a detailed list of projects proposed for funding in Collin County with the revenues identified in this effort, as well as any cost savings and project phase changes. [Reference Item 4.4](#) summarizes [Electronic Item 4.3](#). Several developments will affect Collin County's RTR program and will be discussed at the meeting, including the need to determine Collin County's participation in the TxDOT/NTTA loan opportunity and determine if TxDOT's direct State costs will be removed from Collin County projects. RTC is partnering with Collin County to advance this commitment level. [Electronic Item 4.5](#) is the draft presentation planned to be shown at the RTC meeting.

1:30 – 1:40 5. Draft Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program for the 83rd Texas Legislature

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present the Transportation Funding Initiative Subcommittee results and seek approval of the draft Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Legislative Program. Details are provided in the following items.

- [Electronic Item 5.1](#) - Overview Presentation
- [Reference Item 5.2](#) - Subcommittee 1 Action: Transit Funding Initiative Equity Principles
- [Reference Item 5.3](#) - Subcommittee 2 Action: Regional Rail Partnership Resolution
- [Reference Item 5.4](#) - Subcommittee 3 Action: Funding Source Matrix
- [Reference Item 5.5](#) - Subcommittee 4 Action: Communications Plan
- [Reference Item 5.6](#) - Draft Legislative Strategy

- [Reference Item 5.7](#) - Draft RTC Legislative Program – Legislation to Actively Pursue
- [Reference Item 5.8](#) - Draft RTC Legislative Program – Legislation to Support and Monitor

Background: Over several subcommittee meetings, members of RTC have been working on a transportation funding initiative to present to the Texas Legislature. The 83rd Texas Legislature will begin on January 8, 2013. Funding will once again be limited, but key regional transportation issues must be addressed.

- 1:40 – 1:50** 6. **Texas Department of Transportation Opportunity 3: North Texas Tollway Authority Loan**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
 Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG
 Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval will be requested for the purchase of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)/North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) loan.
 Background: [Reference Item 6.1](#) highlights deal points regarding the purchase of the loan. [Reference Item 6.2](#) contains a resolution for RTC approval. [Reference Item 6.3](#) contains a new project tracking policy permitting TxDOT revenue to remain in the region.
- 1:50 – 2:00** 7. **Action Supporting Metropolitan Planning Organization Commitment to the Texas Department of Transportation on High-Speed Rail**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
 Presenter: Tom Shelton, NCTCOG
 Item Summary: This item will formalize commitments to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Rail Division on assisting with Texas high-speed rail. Action will be requested to approve a resolution and authorize staff to execute an Interlocal Agreement with the TxDOT Rail Division identifying roles and responsibilities of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). Details are provided in [Reference Item 7](#).
 Background: The TxDOT Rail Division has received two federal grants for purposes of evaluating opportunities for at-grade and grade-separated high-speed rail within the Dallas-Fort Worth region.
- 2:00 – 2:10** 8. **Coordination of Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Applications and Upcoming Public-Private Partnerships Requiring Legislative Support**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
 Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG
 Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval will be requested to transmit the next proposed list of public-private partnership projects to the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition, the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition, and the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA). Details of this partnership are provided in [Reference Item 8.1](#). In addition, staff will update the Council on regional Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation

Act (TIFIA) applications. [Reference Item 8.2](#) contains a strategy on advancing these projects.

Background: At its August meeting, RTC instructed staff to coordinate TIFIA applications from implementation agencies from within the Dallas-Fort Worth region. In addition, RTC instructed staff to work with regional partners to identify the next group of public-private partnerships for the next legislative session.

2:10 – 2:20 9. Texas Department of Transportation Opportunity 5: Transit Funds, Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Vehicle Procurement, and Regional Transportation Council Transit Partnership Program

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Progress is being made on the transit partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The status of this initiative will be presented.

Background: On October 3, 2012, representatives met with TxDOT in Austin to continue progress on this important partnership. Staff will highlight recent events.

The following items will be presented if time permits.

2:20 – 2:30 10. Managed Lane Policies

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Dan Lamers, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present information regarding proposed modifications to the Regional Managed Lane Policies.

Background: In 2006, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) adopted policies for managed lanes. Through the development of managed lanes on LBJ, North Tarrant Express, and the DFW Connector, which will begin opening next year, there is a need to modify some aspects of the policies. There is also a need to develop policies for the transition of the current High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) facilities to managed operation concurrent with the opening of the new managed lanes. RTC discussed several of these items at a work session on September 13. They were also addressed at public meetings in early September, as well as at the Surface Transportation Technical Committee in September. In order to meet schedules for the opening of the managed lanes next fall, RTC is anticipated to take action in November 2012. A copy of the current managed lane policies is provided in [Electronic Item 10.1](#), and a copy of presentation material for the upcoming RTC meeting is provided in [Electronic Item 10.2](#).

11. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided as Reference Item 11.

- RTC Attendance ([Reference Item 11.1](#))
- STTC Attendance and Minutes ([Electronic Item 11.2](#))
- Local Motion ([Electronic Item 11.3](#))
- North Texas Transportation Connection (Handout)

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 ***Thursday, November 8, 2012, at 1:00 pm, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***