

## AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council  
Thursday, December 13, 2012  
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**11:30 am                    Managed Lane Workshop**

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

**1:00 – 1:05    1.    Approval of November 8, 2012, Minutes**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes:    5  
Presenter:        Pete Kamp, RTC Chair  
Item Summary: Approval of the November 8, 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.    Air Quality Funding Recommendations**

Presenter:        Shannon Stevenson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of staff funding recommendations under the Regional Idling Reduction Program 2012 Call for Projects (CFP) will be requested. In addition, staff is requesting RTC approval of recommendations for the reallocation of funds which have been made available under the North Central Texas Alternative Fuel and Advanced Technology Investment Project.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) opened the Regional Idling Reduction Program 2012 CFP on June 18, 2012. The CFP closed on August 31, 2012. Applications have been evaluated and recommended for funding based upon several criteria. In addition, funds previously awarded under the North Central Texas Alternative Fuel and Advanced Technology Investments Project have been released from subgrantees who have withdrawn from the program and/or have completed projects under budget. Staff solicited interest in additional grant activities from remaining partners under contract in this program. Detailed information regarding staff evaluation and project rankings for both funding initiatives are included in [Reference Item 2.1.1](#) and [Reference Item 2.1.2](#). Further information is posted online at [www.nctcog.org/aqfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding), where NCTCOG maintains a comprehensive list of clean vehicle-related funding programs.

2.2. **North Central Texas Council of Governments Transportation Enhancement Submittal**

Presenter: Karla Weaver, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) support of matching funds for the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Transportation Enhancement Application for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety and Education Materials will be requested.

Background: NCTCOG staff submitted an application under the “Provision of Safety and Education Activities and Materials for Pedestrians and Bicycles” enhancement-funding category. Items may include videos, training for local government staff and elected officials, publications in English and Spanish, coordination with school districts, and other marketing to facility users and motorists. Action will be requested regarding a resolution for the local-match commitment not to exceed \$138,000 for the project. [Reference Item 2.2.1](#) provides additional information. A copy of the proposed draft RTC resolution is included in [Reference Item 2.2.2](#).

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 Chris Harris
2. Name the Lanes Contest Winner (North Tarrant Express/LBJ Express)
3. November Texas Transportation Commission Presentation ([Electronic Item 3.1](#))
4. Texas Transportation Commission Reception Boards
5. Federal Functional Classification System Updates ([Electronic Item 3.2](#))
6. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Legislative Mapping (Handout)
7. November Public Meeting Minutes ([Electronic Item 3.3](#))
8. December Public Meeting Flyer ([Electronic Item 3.4](#))
9. Mobility 2035, 2013 Amendment
10. Air Quality Funding Update ([Electronic Item 3.5](#))
11. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Stakeholder Recognition ([Electronic Item 3.6](#))
12. Last Call for RTC Subcommittee Membership: Deadline for Submittal of Selection is Friday, December 21 ([Electronic Item 3.7](#))
13. 2013 RTC Meeting Schedule ([Reference Item 3.8](#))
14. Revenue and Project Tracking System Update ([Electronic Item 3.9](#), [Electronic Item 3.10](#), and [Electronic Item 3.11](#))
15. Recent Correspondence ([Electronic Item 3.12](#))
16. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 3.13](#))
17. Transportation Partners Progress Reports (Handout)

1:20 – 1:25

4. **End of Ozone Season**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5  
Presenter: Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on the 2012 ozone season for the Dallas-Fort Worth region, as well as provide information on

recent developments with regard to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone.

Background: The end of October concluded another ozone season for the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Staff has been tracking the exceedance days at each monitor and will provide a summary of the 2012 ozone season data. On May 1, 2012, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published final designations and classifications for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard of 75 ppb. The Dallas-Fort Worth region was classified as “moderate” nonattainment under this new standard and Wise County was added to the existing nine counties in the nonattainment region. This new designation requires a transportation conformity by July 2013 and a revised State Implementation Plan by 2015 to the EPA. Additional information is provided in [Electronic Item 4](#).

**1:25 – 1:35 5. Transportation Enhancements Call for Projects Evaluation Methodology**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenters: Karla Weaver, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the evaluation methodology for project ranking.

Background: The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) issued a \$70 million Transportation Enhancement Call for Projects on September 14, 2012, utilizing remaining Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) funding. Applications were due to TxDOT district offices on November 16, 2012.

Due to program rule-making changes, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth region qualifies to be awarded approximately \$13 million in funds to select eligible projects. Last month, RTC approved the eligible and ineligible project types. This month, action will be requested regarding project evaluation screens and scoring. An updated schedule will be provided. Projects will be evaluated in the December/January timeframe and brought back in February for review. [Reference Item 5](#) provides additional information.

**1:35 – 1:45 6. Ellis County Project Prioritization**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the Ellis County project prioritization list. The Council will also be briefed on the process and timeline for Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) and RTC consideration of project changes, including subsequent inclusion in the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (TIP/STIP).

Background: Earlier this year, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) identified Ellis County as a focus area

for the next round of funding efforts in the region. As such, NCTCOG in coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation Dallas District and Ellis County began discussions to prioritize transportation needs across the county. Details of the process and important discussion points are highlighted in [Electronic Item 6.1](#). A list of projects proposed for funding are highlighted in [Reference Item 6.2](#).

1:45 – 2:00

7. **Managed Lane Policies**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15

Presenters: Michael Morris and Dan Lamers, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) action adopting the modified Tolloed Managed Lane Policies and the new Express Lane/High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Policies.

Background: In 2006, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) adopted a set of policies to establish operational characteristics of permanent toll managed lane facilities such as those opening in about a year in the DFW Connector, LBJ Express and North Tarrant Express corridors. Some of these new permanent managed lanes will intersect with existing HOV lanes. RTC has been reviewing potential changes to this policy for several months. A Managed Lane Workshop will be held prior to the RTC meeting and a summary of the Workshop results will be highlighted at the meeting, as will the proposed managed lane policies. Anticipated changes being recommended since the last RTC meeting include phasing in the HOV3+ occupancy requirements for both the toll managed lanes and the express/HOV lanes, and the speed guarantee rebate on the toll managed lanes pending the collection of actual managed lane performance data. [Reference Item 7.1](#) contains the draft Tolloed Managed Lane Policies and [Reference Item 7.2](#) contains the new draft Express Lane/HOV Lane Policies.

2:00 – 2:10

8. **Regional Transportation Council/Transit Project Partnership, Texas Department of Transportation Participation, and Project Reprogramming to Expand the Dallas Street Car Project**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Action will be requested to program funds to advance the regional manufacturing facility, positive train control in the region, and the Cotton Belt Corridor. Other ancillary items are included in the reference materials.

Background: Earlier this year, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) identified transit as a focus area for the next round of funding efforts in the region. [Reference Item 8.1](#) highlights these priorities. [Reference Item 8.2](#) details this action item request. RTC has instructed staff to advance a manufacturing facility in North Central Texas. This item will highlight progress on this process and will request action needed to fund the effort. Staff will review elements of an RTC

partnership with TxDOT to advance the purchase of street cars and regional-rail vehicles in the region, finalize a procurement process with the transportation authorities to advance vehicle procurement potentially with local (non-federal) funds, and initiate an RTC/transportation authority partnership program.

2:10 – 2:20

9. **Status of Cotton Belt Passenger Rail Private Sector Initiative**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Tom Shelton, NCTCOG

Item Summary: As previously approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), staff is identifying an implementation strategy for the Cotton Belt Corridor passenger-rail project. Staff has recently lead efforts with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T), Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA), and a private-sector consortium to develop an implementation process for the corridor. An update regarding recent and expected upcoming efforts, including recent discussions and actions taken by member jurisdictions along the corridor will be provided.

Background: North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff has received a letter of interest from a private-sector consortium indicating interest in submitting an unsolicited proposal to develop the full 62-mile Cotton Belt Corridor passenger-rail project. DART, The T, and NCTCOG have recently reached agreement on a Joint Procurement Process which involves NCTCOG serving as the Responsible Governmental Entity on behalf of cities under Senate Bill 1048. In order for NCTCOG to carry out this responsibility, an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with one or more member governments along the corridor is necessary. This effort supplements, not replaces, Fort Worth Transportation Authority's efforts for its New Starts application.

2:20 – 2:30

10. **Hunt County Project Prioritization**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will summarize the latest project prioritization efforts in Hunt County and brief the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on the process and timeline for Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) and RTC consideration of project changes, including subsequent inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (TIP/STIP).

Background: Earlier this year, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) identified Hunt County as a focus area for the next round of funding efforts in the region. As such, NCTCOG in coordination with TxDOT Paris District and Hunt County began discussions to prioritize transportation needs across the county. Details of the process, a location map of proposed projects, and important discussion points are highlighted in [Electronic Item 10.1](#). A list of projects proposed for funding is highlighted 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](#))
- Local Motion ([Electronic Item 11.2](#))

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, January 10, 2013, at 1:00 pm, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***