

## AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council  
Thursday, February 14, 2013  
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**1:00 pm**

**Full RTC Business Agenda**

**1:00 – 1:05**

1. **Approval of January 10, 2013, Minutes**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5  
Presenter: Pete Kamp, RTC Chair  
Item Summary: Approval of the January 10, 2013, 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. **Michael Morris Reappointment to the Senate Bill 1420 Committee**

Presenter: Pete Kamp, RTC Chair  
Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council will be requested to approve the reappointment of Michael Morris to the Senate Bill (SB) 1420 Committee.  
Background: At a meeting held on February 24, 2012, the Texas Department of Transportation requested that a representative be appointed to facilitate the implementation of the SH 183 project. At its March 8, 2012, meeting, RTC approved the appointment of Michael Morris to the SB 1420 Committee for the SH 183 corridor from SH 161 to the North Trinity Interchange at SH 183. In January 2013, TxDOT again provided correspondence requesting appointment to the SB 1420 Committee for a longer section of SH 183. The letter is provided as [Reference Item 2.1.1](#). A draft resolution reappointing Michael Morris to the SB 1420 Committee for the SH 183 corridor is provided as [Reference Item 2.1.2](#).

**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 Jeff Fegan, Chief Executive Officer, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport
2. December Public Meeting Minutes ([Electronic Item 3.1](#)) and February Public Meeting Flyer ([Electronic Item 3.2](#))
3. Congestion Levels in the Dallas-Fort Worth Region
4. Air Quality Funding Update ([Electronic Item 3.3](#))
5. AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Resumes Replacement Component of Program
6. Federal Highway Administration Solicitation for Climate Change and Extreme Weather Vulnerability Assessment

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<http://www.nctcog.org/trans/committees/rtc/2013/02Feb/web.packet.rtc021413.pdf>

- 7. Congressional Earmark Update ([Electronic Item 3.4](#))
- 8. Recent Correspondence ([Electronic Item 3.5](#))
- 9. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 3.6](#))
- 10. Transportation Partners Progress Reports (Handout)

1:20 – 1:30

4. **Hunt 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 Hunt County project prioritization list, as well as the addition of project(s) to the Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS) and 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 Hunt 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 (TxDOT) Paris District and Hunt County began discussions to prioritize transportation needs across the county. Details of the process and important discussion points are highlighted in [Electronic Item 4.1](#). A list of projects proposed for funding is highlighted in [Reference Item 4.2](#).

While inclusion in the FFCS is based on a roadway's purpose and functioning capabilities, it is also often used to determine eligibility for federal funding. TxDOT is requesting FM 1570 (from SH 66 to US 380) be added to the FFCS as a Rural Major Collector. Details of the project and the criteria used in the FFCS amendment are available in [Reference Item 4.3](#).

1:30 – 1:40

5. **Legislative Update**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will receive an update on State and federal legislative actions. The Texas Legislature convened on January 8, 2013. The US Congress convened January 3, 2013. Transportation issues will be a focus for both the Texas Legislature and US Congress.

Background: The Texas Legislature and US Congress will be in session at the time of the February RTC meeting. This item will allow staff to provide updates on key positions of the RTC and allow any additional positions to be taken, if necessary.

1:40 – 1:50

6. **Job Access/Reverse Commute and New Freedom Programs Recommendations**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jessie Huddleston, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present a summary of draft recommendations for projects submitted through the 2012 Job Access/Reverse Commute (JA/RC) and New Freedom Programs Call for Projects.

Background: On August 31, 2012, the North Central Texas Council of Governments issued the 2012 Job Access/Reverse Commute (JA/RC) and New Freedom Programs Call for Projects to competitively award approximately \$5.6 million in Federal Transit Administration funds. The JA/RC and New Freedom Programs provide funding to support the development and implementation of transportation projects that address the transportation needs of low-income individuals and individuals with disabilities. The submittal deadline was October 5, 2012. Staff received a total of 19 projects requesting federal funding of approximately \$12.6 million. [Electronic Item 6](#) provides a summary of projects received and draft funding recommendations.

**1:50 – 2:00**    7.    **Joint North Texas Tollway Authority/Regional Transportation Council Resolution Supporting Texas Department of Transportation Comprehensive Development Agreement Authority**

Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on a joint resolution with the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) supporting additional comprehensive development agreement authority for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

Background: Currently, TxDOT has authority to enter into concession-type comprehensive development agreements (CDAs) for the following projects: IH 35E Managed Lanes from US 380 to IH 635, North Tarrant Express, and SH 183 Managed Lanes from SH 161 to IH 35E. TxDOT's authority to execute a CDA for these projects expires August 31, 2015. There is a need to extend TxDOT CDA authority for the North Tarrant Express beyond this timeframe. In addition, there is a need to include portions of SH 114 and Loop 12 to the SH 183 Managed Lanes CDA authority. Also, there is a need to provide TxDOT CDA authority for two additional projects: IH 35E/US 67 from downtown Dallas to IH 820 and Loop 9 from US 67 to IH 45. Staff will provide additional information at the meeting.

**2:00 – 2:10**    8.    **Mobility 2035 – 2013 Amendment and 2013 Transportation Conformity**

Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes: 10

Presenter: Chad Edwards, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The purpose and schedule for the Mobility 2035 – 2013 Amendment will be presented along with an updated list of project recommendations and impacts to the financial plan. The presentation information is provided in [Electronic Item 8](#).

Background: Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas (MTP) was approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) in March 2011. Since that time, transportation partners have continued to develop and refine projects recommended in the MTP. As projects are refined and move closer to implementation, they must be reflected accurately in both the MTP and the Transportation Improvement Program to receive funds. The amendment process allows RTC to modify

the MTP with the most current project level assumptions. Additionally, an air quality conformity analysis will be conducted to measure the effects of project changes to the emissions budgets identified for North Central Texas.

**2:10 – 2:20 9. Proposal to Change the Transportation Improvement Program Modification Policy**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will discuss proposed changes to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) modification policy.

Background: The TIP is the four-year transportation funding document that outlines all federal, State, and local funding on regional projects in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. It is updated on a quarterly basis as projects move through the implementation process. The number of modifications to projects in the TIP has increased dramatically over the last 10 years, largely due to requirements set forth in the last transportation bill, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which required significantly more information for each project. These changes were carried through in the new transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21).

The expanded amount of information required for each project has multiplied the number of modifications needed throughout a project's lifecycle under the current TIP modification policy. Staff proposes updates to the policy in an effort to reduce the number of modifications needed and the number of changes that require RTC action, while continuing to maintain RTC's authority to approve major changes to a project's scope of work, limits, and funding. [Electronic Item 9.1](#) contains staff's proposed TIP modification policy changes. [Electronic Item 9.2](#) contains additional details.

**2:20 – 2:30 10. Freight North Texas**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the recent progress and recommendations within the Freight North Texas initiative that inventories opportunities to improve the movement of freight throughout the North Central Texas region.

Background: As the nation's largest metropolitan area without direct access to a seaport, the efficient and safe movement of freight by trucks, rail, pipeline, and air to, through, and within the region is a vital component to the regional economy and to residents' quality of life. To complement freight elements in Mobility 2035, North Central Texas Council of Governments staff, with input from the Regional Freight Advisory Committee, developed a comprehensive freight inventory, [Freight North Texas](#), which analyzes current operations and facilities and outlines recommendations for moving forward.

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](#))

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, March 14, 2013, at 1:00 pm, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***