

## AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council  
Thursday, April 11, 2013  
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

- 11:00 am**                    **Multimodal/Intermodal/High Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee**
- 1:00 pm**                    **Full RTC Business Agenda**
- 1:00 – 1:05**    1.    **Approval of March 14, 2013, Minutes**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes:    5  
Presenter:        Pete Kamp, RTC Chair  
Item Summary: Approval of the March 14, 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.    **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 February 2013 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 March 22, 2013, meeting.
- 1:05 – 1:25**    3.    **Panama Canal Expansion: Part Two**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes:    20  
Presenters:        Bill Hale and Maribel Chavez, TxDOT  
                         Katie Turnbull, Texas A&M Transportation Institute  
Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Chair Pete Kamp has requested a focus on the Panama Canal expansion. This item is the second in a series focused on implications to Texas.  
Background:      Last month, RTC Chair Pete Kamp initiated a three-part series on the Panama Canal expansion. Part One focused on the Panama Canal itself, implications to international goods movement, and changes in goods movement logistics. This item, Part Two, focuses on implications to Texas. Next month, Part Three will focus on the implications for the region.

1:25 – 1:40

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

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

1. Recognition of Ron Jensen for Service on the Regional Transportation Council (RTC)
2. Recognition of Ron Jones for Service on RTC
3. RTC Bylaws: Chair Pete Kamp
4. Irving Transportation Summit: Regularly Scheduled August 8, 2013, RTC Meeting
5. RTC Multimodal/Intermodal/High Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee Meeting Next Two Months, Summary at Future Meeting
6. Panama Canal Part Three: Impact on Intermodal Hubs
7. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Commissioners and Future Events
8. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles ([Electronic Item 4.1](#))
9. March Public Meeting Minutes ([Electronic Item 4.2](#)) and April Public Meeting Flyer ([Electronic Item 4.3](#))
10. Transportation Development Credits: TxDOT Opportunity Four
11. Regional NCAA Basketball Transportation Special Event Plan
12. Local Option to Opt-In to the Regional Vehicle-for-Hire Program
13. Final Transportation Improvement Program Modification Policy Update ([Reference Item 4.4](#))
14. Title VI/Environmental Justice TxDOT Compliance Review
15. Air North Texas and Ozone Season Update ([Electronic Item 4.5](#))
16. Federal Functional Classification System Update, Approval to be Requested at the May 9, 2013, RTC Meeting ([Electronic Item 4.6](#))
17. Federal Certification, Public Meetings, and Listening Sessions: June 18-20
18. Recent Correspondence ([Electronic Item 4.7](#))
19. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 4.8](#))
20. Transportation Partners Progress Reports (Handout)

1:40 – 1:50

5. **2012 Job Access/Reverse Commute and New Freedom Programs Recommendations and Dallas Area Rapid Transit Member City Policy**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenter: Mark Enoch, DART and Jessie Huddleston, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the 2012 Job Access/Reverse Commute and New Freedom Call for Projects funding recommendations.

Background: This item was postponed last month to allow staff ample time to determine impacts of the new Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board Policy (III.07 – Fixed Route Service Beyond Service Area Boundary) on the projects. Staff presented information on Job Access/Reverse Commute and New Freedom projects potentially affected by the DART Board Policy. On March 20, 2013, the North Central Texas Council of Governments and DART staffs met to discuss the policy impacts. The results of that meeting are included in [Reference Item 5.1](#). [Reference Item 5.2](#) contains a letter from John Monaco. Staff is requesting approval to award approximately \$4.4 million in Job Access/Reverse Commute and New Freedom funding from the 2012 Call for Projects. The

Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) has recommended RTC approval of the project recommendations. [Reference Item 5.3](#) contains funding recommendations, and [Electronic Item 5.4](#) contains additional details.

1:50 – 2:00

6. **Approval of Joint North Texas Tollway Authority/Regional Transportation Council Resolution Supporting Additional Comprehensive Development Agreement Authority for the Texas Department of Transportation**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Approval will be requested of a joint resolution of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) that supports additional comprehensive development agreement (CDA) authority for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The NTTA Board approved the proposed resolution on March 20, 2013.

Background: Currently, TxDOT has authority to enter into concession-type 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 in 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 FM 1382 and IH 20 and Loop 9 from US 67 to IH 45. [Reference Item 6](#) is a proposed resolution for RTC approval.

2:00 – 2:10

7. **Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program and Designated Recipient Status**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jessie Huddleston, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request that the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) take action to endorse the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) as the designated recipient for the newly created Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310) in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington and Denton-Lewisville Urbanized Areas.

Background: A new program was created under Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) called the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310). In large urbanized areas, including Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington and Denton-Lewisville, a designated recipient must be selected to administer the program. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee recommended RTC approval of the designated recipient status on March 22, 2013. [Electronic Item 7.1](#) contains documentation of support for NCTCOG to serve as the designated recipient. [Reference Item 7.2](#) contains additional details.

- 2:10 – 2:20**    8.    **Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update and 2013 Transportation Conformity Status Report**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes: 10  
Presenters: Chad Edwards and Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: Staff will provide updates on the Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update and 2013 transportation conformity. In addition, staff will request approval to provide both documents to the interagency consultation partners for concurrent review at the onset of the final public-review process beginning April 15, 2013. Staff will request Council action on both documents in June 2013.  
Background: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and its transportation partners have continued to pursue and develop transportation projects across the region since Mobility 2035 was approved by RTC in March 2011. To include the latest project-level assumptions, the long-range transportation plan must be periodically updated to account for this work. As updates are made to the long-range transportation plan, they must be tested for air quality impacts. The 2013 transportation conformity analysis will be conducted to ensure the region meets its clean-air guidelines. Details are provided in [Reference Item 8](#). Due to the number of copies needed and time constraints, this was copied in black and white. A color copy is available at: [www.nctcog.org/trans/committees/rtc/2013/04Apr/Ref.Itm\\_8.rtc041113.pdf](http://www.nctcog.org/trans/committees/rtc/2013/04Apr/Ref.Itm_8.rtc041113.pdf)
- 2:20 – 2:30**    9.    **Air Quality Particulate Matter Standard and Regional Nitrogen Dioxide Monitoring**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes: 10  
Presenter: Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: Staff will provide the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) with recent developments regarding the first near-road nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) monitor for the region and will request RTC approval of its recommended location and appropriate involvement for placement of the second near-road NO<sub>2</sub> monitor. Staff will also provide an update on changes to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>).  
Background: In March 2013, the Environmental Protection Agency revised the deadline for installation of the near-road NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring network. Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) is required to have two near-road monitors operational by January 2015. Recently, North Central Texas Council of Governments staff reviewed the top three sites identified by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality as viable options for the first near-road NO<sub>2</sub> monitor. Staff will provide a visual analysis of the three sites with a recommendation for the location of the first monitor. As the region's Metropolitan Planning Organization, staff will also request the position to be involved up front in the site selection process for future air quality monitors in the DFW region. The second NO<sub>2</sub> monitor will also measure PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and staff will continue to provide updates on the NAAQS for this pollutant. Details are provided in [Reference Item 9](#).

- 2:30 – 2:40** 10. **Legislative Update, Including Information from Dallas Area Rapid Transit**  
 Action     Possible Action     Information    Minutes: 10  
 Presenter: Mark Enoch, DART and 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 April 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.
- 2:40 – 2:50** 11. **Cotton Belt Innovative Finance Initiative Update**  
 Action     Possible Action     Information    Minutes: 10  
 Presenter: Tom Shelton, NCTCOG  
 Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on recent progress on the Cotton Belt private-sector initiative, including actions by corridor member jurisdictions and recent legislative activity.  
 Background: North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff continues to coordinate with a private-sector consortium with intent to submit an unsolicited proposal to develop the full 62-mile Cotton Belt Corridor passenger-rail project. NCTCOG will serve as the responsible governmental entity on behalf of cities under Senate Bill 1048 for purposes of procurement and seeking competitive proposals. This private sector unsolicited proposal effort supplements, not replaces, the Fort Worth Transportation Authority's efforts for its TEX Rail New Starts application.
- 2:50 – 3:00** 12. **Transportation Safety Performance Measures and Intersection Safety Implementation Plan in Partnership with the Federal Highway Administration**  
 Action     Possible Action     Information    Minutes: 10  
 Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG  
 Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on items included in the 2012 Safety Program Performance Measures document.  
 Background: The Safety Program Performance Measures document is an annual report on various safety programs and projects including crash and fatality data, HazMat incidents, top 10 contributing factors for crashes that occurred in 2012, Freeway Incident Management and Photogrammetry training statistics, and the Mobility Assistance Patrol Program. In addition, the document provides an update on the Wrong Way Driving (WWD) Pilot Project. The purpose of the WWD Pilot Project is to implement improved pavement markings, signage, and other countermeasures that will assist in reducing wrong-way driving incidents within the project area of Dallas County. Also included is an update on the regional Intersection Safety Implementation Plan (ISIP). ISIP is a project completed in partnership with the Federal Highway Administration that analyzed high-crash locations throughout the region and identified low cost, systemic

intersection safety countermeasures to aid in reducing the occurrence of crashes. The 2012 Safety Performance Measures document is included in [Electronic Item 12](#).

13. **Progress Reports**

Action     Possible Action     Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in Items 13.

- RTC Attendance ([Reference Item 13.1](#))
- STTC Attendance and Minutes ([Electronic Item 13.2](#))
- Local Motion ([Electronic Item 13.3](#))

14. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

15. **Future Agenda Items**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.

16. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***Thursday, May 9, 2013, at 1:00 pm, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***