

## AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council  
Thursday, May 9, 2013  
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**11:15 am to 12:00 pm Multimodal/Intermodal/High Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee**

**12:00 pm to 12:45 pm Workshop on the Streamline Delivery of Transit Projects Impacting Dallas Area Rapid Transit (Invitation to All RTC Members)**

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

**1:00 – 1:05 1. Approval of April 11, 2013, Minutes**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

Presenter: Pete Kamp, RTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the April 11, 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. Modification to Air Quality Funding Recommendation: Diesel Idling Reduction Program**

Presenter: Shannon Stevenson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of a recommended change in the location of an on-site idle reduction project awarded through the Diesel Idling Reduction Program 2010 Call for Projects will be requested. Details are provided in [Reference Item 2.1](#).

Background: RTC approved staff funding recommendations under the Diesel Idling Reduction Program 2010 Call for Projects in December 2010. Since that time, feasibility issues have arisen in regard to one approved on-site idle reduction project and the subrecipient has proposed a substitute location.

**1:05 – 1:25 3. Panama Canal Expansion: Part Three**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 20

Presenters: Representatives from Regional Intermodal Operations and Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Chair Pete Kamp has requested a focus on the Panama Canal expansion. This item is the third in a series focused on implications to Texas and the region.

Background: In March, 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. Last month, Part Two

focused on implications to Texas. This month, Part Three will focus on implications to 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 Beth Van Duyne for Service on the Regional Transportation Council (RTC)
2. Introduction of New NCTCOG Environment and Development Department Director Edith Marvin
3. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Nominating Subcommittee Appointments – RTC Chair Pete Kamp
4. Ozone Season Update ([Electronic Item 4.1](#))
5. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles ([Electronic Item 4.2](#))
6. Clean Air Action Day Save the Date, June 21, 2013 ([Electronic Item 4.3](#))
7. Freight Efficiency Outreach Center ([Electronic Item 4.4](#))
8. Solar Powering Your Community Workshop, May 20, 2013 ([Electronic Item 4.5](#))
9. Environmental Protection Agency SmartWay Affiliate Honoree ([Electronic Item 4.6](#))
10. April Public Meeting Minutes ([Electronic Item 4.7](#))
11. Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update and 2013 Transportation Conformity Status Report
12. Future Workshop to Discuss Local Option to Opt-In to the Regional Vehicle-for-Hire Program
13. Texas Department of Transportation Truck Lane Restrictions Public Hearing, May 16, 2013 ([Electronic Item 4.8](#))
14. Status of SH 183 Tolloed Managed Lanes
15. Men's Final Four, 2014
16. Mobility Matters (Handout)
17. Recent Correspondence ([Electronic Item 4.9](#)) (Legislative Correspondence Contained in [Electronic Item 9](#))
18. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 4.10](#))
19. Transportation Partners Progress Reports (Handout)

1:40 – 1:50

5. **Federal Functional Classification System**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenter: Dan Lamers, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be asked to approve the process utilized in the official update of the Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS).

Background: Staff has completed the process of updating the Federal Functional Classification System. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has worked through a collaborative process with the Texas Department of Transportation, the Texas Transportation Institute, the Federal Highway Administration, and local governments to update the FFCS based on the new 2010 urban area and small urban area boundary definition. In addition to the review and update of roadway functional class, staff also smoothed the census-

designated urban area boundary as needed. With the exception of minor amendments, this is the first major update to the system since 2005. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee took action at its April meeting to recommend RTC approval of the FFCS update process. The proposed FFCS maps may be reviewed on NCTCOG's Web site at:

[www.nctcog.org/trans/thoroughfare/ffcs](http://www.nctcog.org/trans/thoroughfare/ffcs). Additional details and information on how to review the maps is contained in [Reference Item 5](#).

1:50 – 2:00

6. **Transportation Enhancements**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Weaver, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information regarding applications received and evaluation methodology for the Transportation Enhancement Call for Projects. In addition, staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of projects to select for funding.

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 the 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 of funds to select eligible projects. RTC approved the eligible and ineligible project types and a methodology for project evaluation screens and scoring. A detailed list of projects is provided as [Reference Item 6.1](#). Additional details regarding the process are provided in [Electronic Item 6.2](#).

2:00 – 2:10

7. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Title VI Program Approval**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) Title VI Program submission to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

Background: Every three years, FTA requires all funding recipients to submit a Title VI Program to ensure compliance with nondiscrimination requirements. An update to NCTCOG's Title VI Program is due to FTA in June 2013 and requires approval by Executive Board and RTC. A summary of NCTCOG's Title VI Program and FTA requirements are included in [Electronic Item 7.1](#). The proposed program submission is provided as [Reference Item 7.2](#) and the complete submission with attachments is included as [Electronic Item 7.3](#). A draft resolution approving the Title VI Program is included as [Reference Item 7.4](#) for RTC consideration.

- 2:10 – 2:20**    8.    **Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery V**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenters: Christie Gotti and Michael Morris, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of projects that will be submitted for funding through the fifth round of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER V) Discretionary Grant Program recently announced by the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT).  
Background: In April 2013, USDOT announced the TIGER V Discretionary Grant Program for surface transportation projects that have a significant impact on the nation, a region, or metropolitan area. [Electronic Item 8.1](#) is a copy of the Federal Register announcement that details the availability of \$474 million in discretionary funds, as well as the application requirements. Applications for the TIGER V Discretionary Grant Program are due to USDOT on June 3, 2013. This year, project readiness will be a very important factor in the project-selection process, as all funding from this round must be obligated by September 30, 2014. [Reference Item 8.2](#) contains an overview of the TIGER V process, the projects recommended to be submitted on behalf of RTC, and selected other projects to be submitted by other agencies.
- 2:20 – 2:30**    9.    **Legislative Update, Including Cotton Belt Innovative Finance Initiative Update**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenters: Amanda Wilson and Tom Shelton, 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, and will adjourn on May 27, 2013. Action on transportation-related bills is expected in the final days of the session, including RTC priority positions. This item will also include an update on the Cotton Belt Innovative Finance Initiative. The US Congress convened January 3, 2013, and will be considering transportation-related legislation.  
Background: The Texas Legislature and US Congress will be in session at the time of the May 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. Additional information is included in [Electronic Item 9](#).
- 2:30 – 2:40**    10.    **Dallas Integrated Corridor Management Project Update**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenter: Koorosh Olyai, DART  
Item Summary: Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) staff will provide an overview of the Dallas Integrated Corridor Management (ICM) project, outlining the components of the project and providing an update on implementation.

Background: In 2006, the US Department of Transportation committed to the Integrated Corridor Management initiative to improve the management of congestion by optimizing the use of existing infrastructure assets and leveraging unused capacity along urban corridors. In response to the national ICM initiative, DART, with participation from partner agencies, lead an effort to propose a project on the US 75 corridor from downtown Dallas to Plano. The Dallas ICM project is one of two ICM projects that the Federal Highway Administration has funded. The goal is to integrate transportation networks (arterials, freeways, and transit services) to operate and maintain them as a system. Over the last seven years, DART has been working with partner agencies to develop and implement components of the Dallas ICM project. An overview of the project will be presented, as well as an update on the implementation schedule.

**2:40 – 2:50 11. Transportation Improvement Program Quarterly Update: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Status and East/West Equity**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will report on the status of projects selected with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds and on new developments regarding east/west equity in the region.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) has taken a position to monitor the equity allocation of Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) non-formula commitments. RTC appreciates the receipt of additional money to help the region build transportation projects and will monitor and reallocate funds when necessary to maintain similar equity levels established by RTC during its own selection process. [Electronic Item 11.1](#) inventories TxDOT non-formula commitments under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and the impact of those commitments to date. [Electronic Item 11.2](#) inventories TxDOT non-formula commitments under the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and the impact of these commitments to date.

Since enactment in February 2009, over \$895 million in ARRA projects were funded in the region. Staff committed to provide regular updates on the status of these projects. Most ARRA funding has to be expended by the federal government's September 30, 2013, deadline. Staff has compiled a report detailing expenditures and outstanding balances which is shown in [Electronic Item 11.3](#). To date, approximately 95 percent of ARRA funds have been expended. The remaining balance of \$46.45 million will need to be invoiced and reimbursed by the September 30, 2013, deadline.

[Electronic Item 11.4](#) includes additional details.

2:50 – 3:00

12. **Transportation Development Credits**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present information regarding the concept of transportation development credits. These credits have value in their ability to match federal projects. Ideas will be presented to advance the use of these credits.

Background: There are three forms of local match for federal projects. The first is cash, the second is in-kind, and the third is transportation development credits. These credits are assigned to states by the Federal Highway Administration to present “value” from tolling federal transportation facilities. This “value” can be used to offset cash commitments when meeting federal project funding requirements.

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, June 13, 2013, at 1:00 pm, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***