

AGENDA

Regional Transportation Council Thursday, October 8, 2015 North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda

- 1:00 – 1:05** 1. **Approval of September 10, 2015, Minutes**
 J Action ♦ Possible Action ♦ Information Minutes: 5
 Presenter: Mark Riley, RTC Chair
 Item Summary: Approval of the September 10, 2015, minutes contained in Reference Item 1 will be requested.
 Background: N/A
- 1:05 – 1:05** 2. **Consent Agenda**
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- 2.1. **Transportation Improvement Program Modifications**
 Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG
 Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of revisions to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested.
 Background: September 2015 out-of-cycle and November 2015 revisions to the 2015-2018 TIP are provided as Reference Item 2.1 for RTC consideration. These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the mobility plan, the air quality conformity determination, and financial constraint of the TIP.
- 2.2. **CentrePort Regional Trail Connection for Possible Employer Location**
 Presenter: Karla Weaver, NCTCOG
 Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of \$2,080,000 of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds to the City of Fort Worth for a regional trail connection to the CentrePort Trinity Railway Express (TRE) station and a contingency connection to a potential large regional employer site.
 Background: Staff is requesting approval to award \$2,080,000 of CMAQ funds to the City of Fort Worth to implement a regional trail connection to the CentrePort TRE station. The trail connection will improve bicycle/pedestrian access to the TRE rail station for

major employers and residents in the area, and implement a portion of the Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Veloweb Trail Corridor. Details are provided in Reference Item 2.2.

In addition to the regional trail connection to the station, there is a potential large regional employer that is looking to locate in Fort Worth and has requested a connection to the Regional Trail. There will be a strategic economic spur connection made from their potential location to the trail, contingent on the site selection occurring. The City of Fort Worth will contribute a local match of \$520,000 for a project total of \$2,600,000.

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

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Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Recognition of Vonciel Jones Hill for Service on the Regional Transportation Council (RTC)
2. RTC Subcommittees (RTC Chair Mark Riley)
 - Mobility Plan Committee of the Whole through RTC Workshops
 - Partnership with Schools will be done through Workshops Entitled Community Schools and Transportation
 - Subcommittee 1: Multimodal/Intermodal/High-Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee, Chair Rob Franke
 - Subcommittee 2: Legislation and Finance Partnership Subcommittee, Chair
3. Citizen Guide Wins Silver Quill Award from International Association of Business Communicators
4. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Recognition from US Department of Energy for Most Media and Outreach Activities (Electronic Item 3.1)
5. October Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 3.2)
6. September Public Meeting Minutes: Including Comments for Agenda Item 4 and Item 8 (Electronic Item 3.3)
7. Freeway Incident Management Executive Level Course (Electronic Item 3.4)
8. Rail~Volution Regional Day Conference Flyer (Handout)
9. SH 161 Pilot Project Opening
10. IH 635 Opening
11. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles (Electronic Item 3.5)
12. Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 3.6)
13. Anticipated National Ambient Air Quality Standard Ozone Final Rule
14. East/West Equity Update (Electronic Item 3.7.1. and Electronic Item 3.7.2)

- 15. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Update (Electronic Item 3.8.1. and Electronic Item 3.8.2)
- 16. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 3.9)
- 17. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 3.10)
- 18. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 3.11)
- 19. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

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4. **Proposition 1 – Phase 2 Draft Listings (Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017)**
 J Action ♦ Possible Action ♦ Information Minutes: 10
 Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG
 Item Summary: Staff will seek Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the Proposition 1 – Phase 2 projects in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 and FY2017.
 Background: In November 2014, Texas voters approved Proposition 1, which provided \$1.74 billion to the State Highway Fund in the first year. The Dallas-Fort Worth region received approximately \$367.6 million funds in year one, and is anticipated to receive \$268.1 million in year two and \$263.91 million in year three.
 The RTC and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) selected year one projects in February 2015. Since that time, TxDOT and North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staffs have collaborated to develop a draft list of proposed Proposition 1 projects for FY2016-FY2019. Eligible projects include engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and construction of traditional roadways, excluding toll roads. NCTCOG staff presented a draft list of proposed Proposition 1 – Phase 2 projects at public meetings in September 2015. Reference Item 4.1 is the inventory of proposed Proposition 1 projects with recommended projects in FY2016 and FY2017. Details of the Proposition 1 – Phase 2 effort are available in Electronic Item 4.2.

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5. **Proposition 7 Allocations and Federal Legislative Update**
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 Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG
 Item Summary: Last month the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) took a position to support Proposition 7, the proposed constitutional amendment for transportation funding that will appear on the November 3, 2015, ballot for voter approval. If the measure is successful, funding would be made available for non-tolled roadway projects beginning in FY 2018. The RTC will be asked to approve sending a letter to the Texas Transportation Commission indicating a continued need for transportation funding in metropolitan regions, provided in Reference Item 5.1.

Related to federal items, the US Congress is working on long-term surface transportation legislation that includes passenger rail provisions, as well as annual funding for the US Department of Transportation. The RTC will be asked to approve sending a letter to the Congressional delegation related to passenger rail provisions in upcoming legislation, provided in Reference Item 5.2. More information can be found in a presentation, Reference Item 5.3.

Background: The 84th session of the Texas Legislature adjourned on June 1, 2015, during which SJR 5 was approved. SJR 5 proposes a constitutional amendment that could result in \$2.5 billion per year for the State Highway Fund beginning in September 2017, as well as direct a portion of the motor vehicle sales tax to go toward transportation beginning in September 2019. In addition, the US Congress is in session and discussing transportation legislation of interest to the RTC, including provisions related to passenger rail.

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6. **Mobility 2040**

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Presenters: Dan Lamers and Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Work is underway on the region's next long-range transportation plan. Staff will provide an update on the development of Mobility 2040 including roadway projects submitted by partner agencies for consideration in the plan, project prioritization, preliminary financial forecasts, and public involvement results and feedback. Staff will seek policy direction from the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on the determination of best approaches to address the needs of 10.7 million people.

Background: One of the primary responsibilities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization is the development and maintenance of a metropolitan transportation plan (MTP). The last comprehensive update of the MTP occurred in 2011 with the adoption of Mobility 2035. Since then, Mobility 2035 has gone through two revisions, an update in 2013 and an amendment in 2014. Staff has initiated the development of a new MTP, Mobility 2040. This plan will reassess existing recommendations and include new demographics, financial forecasts, and planning initiatives.

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7. **Dallas-Fort Worth Region High Speed Rail Initiatives Update**

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Presenter: Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update of recent progress regarding High-Speed Rail initiatives for the Dallas-Fort Worth region, including staff efforts to advance the initiatives.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) has adopted a regional policy guiding the development of High-Speed Rail implementation within the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Currently, three separate projects designed to serve the region are on-going. NCTCOG staff continues to coordinate with project partners to ensure the efforts are consistent with the adopted RTC High-Speed Rail Policy and with all transportation partners, consultants, and the public to ensure successful High-Speed Rail service implementation. NCTCOG staff will continue to serve as the RTC liaison for regional High-Speed Rail efforts.

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8. **Emergency Assistance to Texoma Area Paratransit System**

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Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

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9. **HB 20/Development of 10-Year Plan**

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Presenters: Michael Morris and Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council will be briefed on work of the HB 20 Planning Organization Stakeholder Committee, which is made up of Texas Department of Transportation district engineers and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs). The committee contributed to a report that was provided to a legislative oversight committee, which is included as Electronic Item 9. The committee will continue working through the fall on developing performance measures, distributions to funding categories and formulas within categories, as well as the new MPO 10-year plan.

Background: The 84th session of the Texas Legislature adjourned on June 1, 2015, during which HB 20 was approved. HB 20 requires the Texas Department of Transportation and MPOs to use a performance-based planning process to prioritize projects. In addition, MPOs will need to add a 10-year plan, as a required document. HB 20 also created a legislative oversight committee, ended diversions, and amended design-build terms. It is anticipated that Mobility 2040 will have staged 2017, 2027, 2037, and 2040 networks. In addition, the "10-year plan" is anticipated to align with the 2027 transportation network.

10. **Progress Reports**

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Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.

- RTC Attendance (Reference Item 10.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 10.2)
- Local Motion (Electronic Item 10.3)

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

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

13. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***1:00 pm, Thursday, November 12, 2015, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***