

## AGENDA

### REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL Thursday, June 10, 2021 North Central Texas Council of Governments

The RTC meeting on June 10, 2021, will be conducted as a videoconference meeting via Zoom. Members of the public wishing to speak may do so by calling toll free 1-855-965-2480 and entering meeting ID 894 6087 6104# when prompted. Following conclusion of the Opportunity for the Public to Speak in Agenda Item 1, the audio line will be disconnected. Members of the public may view a livestream of the RTC meeting at [www.nctcog.org/video](http://www.nctcog.org/video) under the "live" tab.

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

- 1:00 – 1:10 1. **Opportunity for the Public to Speak on Today's Agenda: Consistent with HB 2840**  
 Information Minutes: 10  
Item Summary: This item provides an opportunity for the public to comment on today's meeting agenda items. Members of the public wishing to comment on an agenda item may do so during this item by calling toll free 1-855-965-2480 and entering meeting ID 894 6087 6104# when prompted. Speakers should state their name, city of residence, the agenda number they are speaking on, and whether they are speaking on/for/against the item. Members of the public are not permitted to provide comments after the conclusion of this agenda item; therefore, the audio line will be disconnected, and members of the public may view the livestream of the meeting at [www.nctcog.org/video](http://www.nctcog.org/video).  
Background: N/A
- 1:10 – 1:15 2. **Approval of May 13, 2021, Minutes**  
 Action  Possible Action  Information Minutes: 5  
Presenter: Roger Harmon, RTC Chair  
Item Summary: Approval of the May 13, 2021, minutes contained in Electronic Item 2 will be requested.  
Background: N/A
- 1:15 – 1:20 3. **Consent Agenda**  
 Action  Possible Action  Information Minutes: 5
- 3.1. **Federal Transit Administration Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development Planning Grant Application for Dallas Area Rapid Transit Silver Line**  
Presenter: Karla Weaver, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council action on the proposed Dallas Area Rapid Transit Silver Line Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Corridor Plan project to be submitted for the 2021 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Pilot Program for TOD Planning grant opportunity will be requested.

**Background:** In April 2021, the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) announced the 2021 FTA Pilot Program for TOD Planning grant initiative for comprehensive planning that supports economic development, ridership, multimodal connectivity and accessibility, increased transit access for pedestrian and bicycle traffic in new fixed guideway transit corridors. The North Central Texas Council of Governments is partnering with Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, and the cities of Carrollton, Dallas, Grapevine, Plano, Richardson, and the Town of Addison to apply for funding of a Silver Line TOD Corridor Plan that will strategically address various TOD needs at each station area throughout the corridor. Electronic Item 3.1.1 includes slides with an overview of the grant opportunities and the proposed project to submit. Final applications are due to US DOT by June 21, 2021. Additional information is available on the grant notice of funding opportunity included in Electronic Item 3.1.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit, Bike/Ped+

**3.2. Air Quality Funding Recommendations Related to the Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program**

**Presenter:** Jason Brown, NCTCOG

**Item Summary:** Regional Transportation Council approval of funding recommendations for the Clean Fleets North Texas 2020 Call for Projects (CFP) and North Texas Emissions Reduction Project 2020 CFP will be requested.

**Background:** The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) opened three different CFPs under three separate Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program awards; Clean Fleets North Texas 2020 CFP, North Texas Emissions Reduction Project 2020 CFP, and North Texas Freight Terminal Electrification 2020 CFP. These CFPs award grant funds for diesel vehicle or equipment replacement projects and installation of EPA-verified electrified parking spaces and related infrastructure in North Central Texas. The most recent application deadline was April 9, 2021. For those applications received, staff has completed review, quantified emissions, and developed project funding recommendations. This initiative is an extension of clean vehicle efforts listed as Weight-of-Evidence in the current State Implementation Plan. Electronic Item 3.2.1 provides an overview of the CFPs and staff recommendations. Electronic Item 3.2.2 and Electronic Item 3.2.3 provide detailed project listings.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

1:20 – 1:35

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

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

1. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Member Recognition
2. Upcoming RTC Meeting in July
3. Draft FY2022 and FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program (Electronic Item 4.1)
4. IH 35E/LBJ “Y Connector” Revenue Sharing Proposal
5. NCTCOG/NASA’s Advanced Air Mobility Community Planning and Integration Agreement  
(<https://www.nasa.gov/aeroresearch/programs/iasp/aam/nasa-to-help-local-governments-plan-for-advanced-air-mobility>)
6. Demonstration of GoCarma Capability to Assist in the Implementation of Technology Lanes on US 75 (\$10M) (Electronic Item 4.2)
7. Conversations with Texas Transportation Commission: Follow Up to December 8, 2020, Letter (Electronic Item 4.3)
8. D2 Light-Rail Line IH 345 Update (Electronic Item 4.4)
9. Transportation/Stormwater Infrastructure (\$10 Million Partnership) (Electronic Item 4.5)
10. Changing Mobility: Data, Insights, and Delivering Innovative Projects During COVID Recovery (Electronic Item 4.6)  
([www.nctcog.org/pm/covid-19](http://www.nctcog.org/pm/covid-19))
11. Clean Air Action Day, August 4, 2021  
([www.airnorthtexas.org/cleanairactionday](http://www.airnorthtexas.org/cleanairactionday))
12. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events ([www.dfwcleancities.org/dfw-clean-cities-meetings](http://www.dfwcleancities.org/dfw-clean-cities-meetings))
13. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles  
([www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/fundingvehicle](http://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/fundingvehicle))
14. Status Report on Ozone (Electronic Item 4.7)
15. Status of Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program Funding (Electronic Item 4.8)
16. Progress North Texas (<https://nctcog.org/trans/about/publications/2021>)
17. June Online Input Opportunity Notice (Electronic Item 4.9)
18. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.10)
19. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.11)
20. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.12)
21. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.13)

1:35 – 1:45

5. **Regional Single-Occupancy Vehicle Trip Reduction Target Development Resolution**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenter: Sonya J. Landrum, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request approval of a Regional Transportation Council (RTC) resolution that establishes a regional single-occupancy vehicle commute trip reduction target that aims to reduce drive alone commute trips through increased implementation of Travel Demand Management strategies.

Background: As a result of changes in traffic and commute patterns experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic, the North Central Texas region recorded a decrease in traffic congestion and a small improvement in the region’s air quality. In an effort to

sustain the positive impacts of the traffic and commute pattern changes post COVID-19, staff explored opportunities to retain benefits associated with the change in commuter behavior. Trip reduction strategies such as carpooling, vanpooling, biking, walking, taking transit, teleworking, and flexible work schedules reduce the number of vehicles that travel on roadways, assist in improving air quality, and reduce peak-period travel by shifting drive-alone travel to other modes or technologies. Because successful trip reduction programs require strong public support, promotion, and participation, staff is recommending the approval of an RTC resolution that establishes a 20 percent regional single-occupancy vehicle commuter trip reduction target. More information on the proposed resolution is included in Electronic Item 5.1 and Electronic Item 5.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Roadway

1:45 – 1:55

6. **Regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (2021)**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Kevin Kokes, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) action to endorse the Regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) will be requested.

Background: A regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan was completed in early 2021 in response to the steadily increasing number of pedestrian fatalities across North Texas since 2010. Pedestrian fatalities in the North Texas region were well above state and national averages during that same time, leading the Federal Highway Administration to designate Texas as a focus state for pedestrian safety, and Dallas and Fort Worth as focus cities.

The purpose of the PSAP is to serve as a guide for improving pedestrian safety across the 12-county Metropolitan Planning Area. The PSAP was developed as one of the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG's) many efforts to support the safety positions adopted by the RTC and the Texas Transportation Commission. Staff will provide an overview of the PSAP including goals, policy recommendations, and action items, and request the RTC take action to endorse the Plan. Additional details are provided in Electronic Item 6. The PSAP, including appendices, can be viewed at [www.nctcog.org/pedsafetyplan](http://www.nctcog.org/pedsafetyplan).

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Bike/Ped+, Safety

1:55 – 2:05

7. **Legislative Update**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Rebekah Hernandez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on federal and State legislative actions related to transportation and air quality issues affecting

the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Legislative actions to be covered include the following:

- Federal Infrastructure Bill Update
- Final Bill Actions in the Texas Legislature

Background: Transportation issues continue to be a focus for both the United States Congress and the Texas Legislature. The 1<sup>st</sup> session of the 117<sup>th</sup> US Congress convened on January 3, 2021. The 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature convened on January 12, 2021 and concluded on May 31, 2021. This item will allow staff to provide updates on key positions of the Regional Transportation Council.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Air Quality

2:05 – 2:15

8. **2022 Unified Transportation Program and Regional 10-Year Plan Update**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the latest activities being undertaken and the plan going forward for the 2022 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and Regional 10-Year Plan Update.

Background: In December 2016, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved a set of projects in FY2017-2026 funded with Category 2 (MPO selected) and Category 4 (TxDOT District selected), and submitted for Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) consideration with Category 12 (Commission selected) funds. That action was the Dallas-Fort Worth region's response to the House Bill (HB) 20 10-year planning requirement. A series of updates to the 10-Year Plan have been made annually in conjunction with the development of the UTP. Since the last update in 2020, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff has been coordinating regularly with the Texas Department of Transportation Dallas, Paris (Hunt County), and Fort Worth districts regarding updates to previously approved projects, as well as potential additions to the 10-Year Plan to be included in the 2022 UTP. In response to a March 12, 2021, deadline set forth by TxDOT, staff has drafted a list that includes these project updates, potential new candidate projects, and scores for each project.

As part of this update to the 10-Year Plan, a proposal for a Category 2/Category 7 funding exchange is being made. To reduce the region's large carryover balance of Category 7 funds, Category 2 funds would be removed from two corridors that are slated for construction in FY2021 and replaced with Category 7 funds. The freed-up Category 2 funds would then be used to replace Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds on projects across the region or to cover 10-Year Plan project cost overruns.

Electronic Item 8.1 contains the proposed list of projects for the Regional 10-Year Plan. Electronic Item 8.2 includes additional

information about the process. Electronic Item 8.3 contains additional details on the scoring methodology.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:15 – 2:25

9. **Automated Vehicles 2.2/2.3 Program: Proposed Projects**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Thomas Bamonte, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a briefing on projects recommended for funding under the consolidated Automated Vehicles 2.2/2.3 Program.

Background: In October 2018, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved Automated Vehicle Program 2.0, which included \$10 million for assisting local partners in hosting automated vehicle deployments (AV 2.2) and \$20 million for AV deployments to explore use cases that further regional priorities (AV 2.3). In November 2020, with the funding now available, the RTC approved the application process and selection criteria for the consolidated program. In December 2020, staff held an information session for Surface Transportation Technical Committee members. From then until the end of March 2021, staff provided technical assistance to local partners considering applications. Staff will outline projects recommended for funding at this time. More information is provided in Electronic Item 9.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:25 – 2:35

10. **Mobility 2045 Update and Map Your Experience Interactive Online Tool for Public Comments**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Brendon Wheeler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Mobility 2045 was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on June 14, 2018. Staff will provide a report regarding efforts to update Mobility 2045. The Mobility 2045 Update will utilize the new Map Your Experience public involvement tool to gather data during the problem identification stage.

Background: Following RTC adoption of Mobility 2045, staff and partner agencies have been working toward implementing the plan. These efforts include planning and project development tasks, projects in construction, and coordinating with the public and our transportation partners.

Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region to update the region's long-range transportation plan a minimum of every four years. In addition, the Mobility 2045 Update will be required to attain Transportation Conformity. The updated plan will include a new financial plan and necessary refinements to projects in the current Mobility 2045 plan. The new Map Your Experience engagement tool will be used to enhance public engagement during the update process. This tool will provide needed data during the problem identification stage of plan

development and highlight opportunities for improving the region's transportation system.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

**2:35 – 2:45** 11. **2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Discretionary Grant Program**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program dedicated for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. Staff will provide details highlighting grant requirements, evaluation of potential project candidacy elements, and identify potential multimodal projects for submittal consideration.

Background: In April 2021, the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) announced the solicitation of project applications for the 2021 RAISE Discretionary Grant Program regarding strategic capital investments in surface transportation that will have significant local or regional impacts. This program replaces the Better Utilizing Investment to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant program. Electronic Item 11.1 is a copy of the Notice of Funding Opportunity that details the \$1 billion discretionary grant program for FY2021, as well as the application requirements. Electronic Item 11.2 provides an overview of the RAISE Discretionary Grant Program, and outlines proposed candidate projects for submittal. Applications are due to the US DOT by July 12, 2021.

For agencies in the region submitting projects, please be aware that you must complete the [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) registration process before submitting the application and that this process usually takes two-four weeks to complete. In addition, if an agency would like to receive a letter of support from the RTC, requests must be submitted to Kyle Roy by Monday, June 21, 2021, at [kroy@nctcog.org](mailto:kroy@nctcog.org).

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Goods Movement

**2:45 – 2:55** 12. **Congestion Management Process Update**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Work is substantially complete on an update to the region's Congestion Management Process (CMP). Staff will present an overview of the CMP and proposed action going forward. The presentation will review the corridor evaluation process and outcomes.

Background: The CMP is a systemic and regionally coordinated approach for managing congestion that provides up-to-date information on multimodal transportation performance and assesses

alternative strategies for mitigating congestion that meets state and local needs. Federal requirements specify that urbanized areas with populations over 200,000 must implement and maintain a CMP. The current CMP for the North Central Texas region was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council in 2013. Additional information can be found in Electronic Item 12.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Goods Movement

2:55 – 3:00

13. **Election of Regional Transportation Council Officers**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

Presenter: Andy Eads, Nominating Subcommittee Chair

Item Summary: Approval of Regional Transportation Council (RTC) officers for the next 12-month period will be requested.

Background: According to the RTC Bylaws and Operating Procedures, the officers of RTC are elected to serve for a term of one year. The Nominating Subcommittee is charged with providing a slate of officers to the full Council for consideration in June of each year. The Nominating Subcommittee is tasked with confirming that the current Vice Chair should move up to the office of Chair and nominate a new Vice Chair and Secretary. The Nominating Subcommittee, in its deliberations, shall address issues of diversity, including sensitivity to gender, ethnicity, and geography in its recommendations. Officers shall be elected public officials appointed by and from the governing body of the member government. The slate of officers shall reflect leadership in rough proportion to the revenue distribution between the Eastern and Western Subregions. This will not be measured on a year-to-year basis, but will be aggregated over longer periods of time. The new officers will begin their terms at the conclusion of the June meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

14. **Progress Reports**

Action       Possible Action       Information

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

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 14.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 14.2)
- Local Motion (Electronic Item 14.3)

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

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

17. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for **1:00 pm, Thursday, July 8, 2021.**