

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, January 13, 2022
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

The RTC meeting on January 22, 2022, 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 810 0646 5864# when prompted or in person at the NCTCOG Office. 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 under the "live" tab.

**1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)**

- 1:00 – 1:10** 1. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Today's Agenda**
 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 810 0646 5864# when prompted or in person at the NCTCOG Office. 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.
Background: N/A
- 1:10 – 1:15** 2. **Approval of December 9, 2021, Minutes**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Theresa Daniel, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the December 9, 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. **FY2022 and FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program Modifications**
Presenter: Vickie Alexander, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of modifications to the FY2022 and FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be requested. Direction for staff to also administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents, as appropriate, to reflect the approved modifications will also be sought.

Background: The Unified Planning Work Program is required by federal and State transportation planning regulations and provides a summary of the transportation and related air quality planning tasks to be conducted by Metropolitan Planning Organization staff. The FY2022 and FY2023 UPWP was approved by the Regional Transportation Council and North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board in July 2021 and identifies the activities to be carried out between October 1, 2021, and September 30, 2023. Amendments to this document are being proposed to reflect new initiatives, project updates, and funding adjustments. The proposed amendments have been posted on the NCTCOG website for public review and comment, and are also included as Electronic Item 3.1.1. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 3.1.2. Public comments received as a result of the public outreach process, if any, will be provided prior to requesting RTC approval. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee took action at its December 3, 2021, meeting to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

3.2. Transportation Improvement Program Modifications

Presenter: Ken Bunkley, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested, along with the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes.

Background: February 2022 revisions to the 2021-2024 TIP are provided as Electronic Item 3.2 for the Council's consideration. These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the Mobility Plan, the air quality conformity determination and financial constraint of the TIP.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

1:20 – 1:30

4. Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Focus for 2022: “The Year of Doing”
2. Director’s Recommendation to Continue with All Electronic RTC Meeting Materials
3. Discussion About Location of Next RTC Meeting
4. Future Role of Hyperloop Technology: Future Policy Position
5. Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition Presentation, January 5, 2022

6. Dallas-Arlington-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail Status Report
7. Good News on Transportation Performance Metrics Entering 2022 (Agenda Item 7)
8. 2022 Transportation Research Board Meeting, Washington, DC
9. Connected Street Network and Subdivision Design, a Safe Routes to School Webinar – January 28, 2022, 10:00-11:30 am (Virtual) (Electronic Item 4.1) (www.nctcog.org/saferoutestoschool)
10. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
11. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Annual Survey (Electronic Item 4.2)
12. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles (<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources>)
13. Status Report on Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program Funding (Electronic Item 4.3)
14. Local Governments Energy Reporting (Electronic Item 4.4)
15. Status Report on Vehicle Temporary Paper Tags (Electronic Item 4.5)
16. Opportunity to Provide Input on New Federal Funding Program for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure (Electronic Item 4.6)
17. December Online Input Opportunity Minutes (Electronic Item 4.7)
18. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.8)
19. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.9)
20. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.10)
21. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.11)

1:30 – 1:40

5. **2023-2026 Management and Operations, Regional/Air Quality, and Safety Funding Program-Fiscal Year 2023 Request**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Approximately every four years, staff aggregates transportation items related to management and operations and regional air quality projects. This item is an interim request covering only projects that need funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. Staff will bring back a separate funding proposal in 2022 to fund projects for FY2024-2026. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the proposed funding will be requested.

Background: The Transportation Department is frequently asked to conduct management and operations, air quality, and regional projects and programs. The existing funding is available through FY2022, and a continuation of existing and new initiatives need to be in place prior to October 1, 2022. A small group of projects and programs are being proposed for funding initially to ensure that they can continue without interruption through 2023 (given the length of time needed to complete administrative and agreement processes). The remaining projects, as well as any new project/program requests, including safety, will be brought back for review and approval later this year. Electronic Item 5.1 contains the proposed list of projects for FY2023 of the Management and Operations program. Electronic Item 5.2 contains additional details on the funding program.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Air Quality

1:40 – 1:50

6. **2021 Incident Management Freeway Blocking Equipment Call for Projects- Recommendations**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Sonya Landrum, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request approval of the project recommendations from the 2021 Incident Management Freeway Blocking Equipment Call for Projects (CFP) and recommend the allocation of an additional \$411,979 in Regional Toll Revenue funding for a total of \$1,411,979 to fund the recommended projects.

Background: In August 2021, the Regional Transportation Council approved the use of \$1 million dollars in Regional Toll Revenue funding to support the 2021 Incident Management Freeway Blocking Equipment Call for Projects, which opened on September 3, 2021. In support of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Traffic Incident Management (TIM) Training Program, the funding was made available for the purchase of scene management blocking equipment (e.g., crash barriers, attenuators, etc.) to provide protection to incident responders responding to traffic crashes in the 12-county North Central Texas metropolitan planning area. The goal of the NCTCOG TIM Training Program is to initiate a common, coordinated response to traffic incidents that will build partnerships, enhance safety for emergency personnel, reduce secondary traffic crashes, improve the efficiency of the transportation system, and improve air quality in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Non-recurring traffic incidents are responsible for about 50 percent of all congestion. Additionally, the secondary crashes caused by these incidents kill or injure hundreds annually in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The 2021 Incident Management Freeway Blocking Equipment CFP recommendations and scoring methodology are included as Electronic Item 6.1, as well as the presentation as Electronic Item 6.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety

1:50 – 2:00

7. **Changing Mobility: Data, Insights, and Delivering Innovative Projects During COVID Recovery**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a summary of current performance metrics related to the impacts of COVID-19 to the transportation system and highlight how those metrics have changed over time.

Background: Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and recovery process, staff developed and tracked performance metrics related to: 1) travel behavior response to COVID-19, 2) financial implications to traditional revenue sources, 3) benefits of travel behavior responses to areas of Regional Transportation

Council responsibility, and 4) prioritization of infrastructure improvements that offset unemployment increases. A summary of those performance metrics is provided in Electronic Item 7.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:00 – 2:10

8. **2045 Demographic Forecast and Mobility 2045 Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Dan Kessler and Brendon Wheeler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a brief summary on the completion of the 2045 Demographic Forecast. In addition, an overview of efforts to update Mobility 2045, including the updated draft financial forecast, will be provided.

Background: Efforts are coming to a close on the development of the 2045 Demographic Forecasts as the local government review and comment period has ended. Based on input received, the demographic forecasts are being finalized and transitioned for use by the Mobility 2045 Plan Update Team. Mobility 2045 was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council on June 14, 2018. Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region to update the long-range transportation plan a minimum of every four years. Development of the Mobility 2045 Update is currently underway which will include a new financial plan and necessary refinements to projects in the current Mobility 2045 plan.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:10 – 2:25

9. **Transit Studies Recommendations**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Presenters: Shannon Stevenson and Brendon Wheeler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of study recommendations resulting from recent transit studies for Southern Dallas, Tarrant, and Collin counties. Accompanying the Collin County Study update, staff will provide an overview of the Irving to Frisco Passenger Rail Corridor Study and its recommendations.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments led three transit studies for Collin, Southern Dallas, and Tarrant counties, funded by the Regional Transportation Council, with each county conducting its own independent study. All three studies conducted an independent transit needs assessment and developed a comprehensive approach to planning and implementing transit services in each county, focusing on areas outside of transit authority service areas. The Collin County Study also included a more detailed look at the Irving to Frisco passenger rail corridor.

The first phase of each study consisted of evaluating existing conditions, as well as transit needs and demand, followed by developing potential transit service options based on existing conditions identified in the first phase. Service cost estimates

and service delivery options associated with the recommended services were also developed. Additionally, implementation strategies that support recommended service options were developed and serve as a roadmap for nonmember municipalities and partners to collaboratively work towards service implementation. Staff will provide an overview of the studies' recommendations for all three transit studies. More details can be found in Electronic Item 9.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

10. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

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

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 10.1)
- Local Motion (Electronic Item 10.2)

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, February 10, 2022.***