

# PUBLIC MEETINGS

**Monday, Oct. 22, 2012**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Bedford Public Library**  
**2424 Forest Ridge**  
**Bedford, TX 76021**

**Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012**  
**6:30 pm**  
**Addison Conference**  
**Centre**  
**15650 Addison Road**  
**Addison, TX 75001**

**Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2012**  
**2:30 pm**  
**North Central Texas**  
**Council of Governments**  
**616 Six Flags Drive**  
**Arlington, TX 76011**



**\*\*CentrePort/DFW**  
**Airport Station**  
**Arrival Options Oct. 24**

**Eastbound**      **2:10 pm**  
**Train**

**Westbound**      **2:20 pm**  
**Train**

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## Draft Policies Integrating High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes with New Managed Lanes

In 2006 the Regional Transportation Council adopted a set of policies to establish operational characteristics of permanent managed lane facilities such as those opening in about a year in the DFW Connector, LBJ Express and North Tarrant Express corridors. Each of these corridors includes improvements to the existing lanes, and in some cases, additional capacity, which will continue to not be tolled. Permanent managed toll express lanes offer new choices for travelers and will operate as follows:

- Toll rates in the managed toll express lanes will change depending on traffic conditions to keep traffic moving at least 50 mph.
- Single-occupant and two-person vehicles will always pay the prevailing toll rate. During peak periods, vehicles with three or more people will receive a 50 percent discount on the toll rate.
- Because travelers will pay for the reduced-congestion and reliability of these lanes, there will be a minimum speed guarantee with provisions for “rebates” if the guaranteed speed is not achieved.

Some of these new permanent managed lanes will intersect with existing high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes. Therefore, the Regional Transportation Council is evaluating the operational characteristics of HOV lanes that have been in place since the 1990s. The council will determine how to integrate the existing HOV system with the new managed lanes. During this evaluation, the RTC is considering how to minimize operational inconsistencies, maximize roadway capacity and leverage limited transportation funding. The RTC is seeking input from the public, especially on potential scenarios under consideration:

- Maintaining HOV lane operations without change despite resulting inconsistencies with new permanent managed lane operational characteristics.
- Transitioning the existing HOV lanes to managed lanes with HOV users traveling for free and non-HOV users paying a toll with an aggressive monitoring and management program.

## Proposed Updates to the Policy for Modifying the List of Funded Projects

A comprehensive, multi-year list of funded transportation projects is maintained in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Projects with committed funds from federal, state and local sources are included in the TIP. To maintain an accurate project listing, the TIP is updated on a regular basis according to the TIP Modification Policy. The TIP policy defines what level of approval and public comment is needed for each type of project change. Staff will outline proposed changes aimed at streamlining the process, timeline and policy for modifying the list of funded projects maintained in the TIP. The TIP Modification Policy is an attachment to the Public Participation Plan that outlines how the public is informed and involved in transportation decisions. Therefore, the attachment to the Public Participation Plan will be updated concurrently.

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Other information to be highlighted at public meetings:

- Ellis County Project Priorities
- Name the Lanes contest at [www.namethelanes.com](http://www.namethelanes.com)

Audio from the public meetings and video from the Oct. 24 meeting will be posted at [www.nctcog.org/meetings](http://www.nctcog.org/meetings). To receive future public meeting notices click on “stay informed.”