

AGENDA

Regional Transportation Council Thursday, September 12, 2013

1:00 pm

Full RTC Business Agenda

1:00 – 1:05

1. **Approval of August 8, 2013, Minutes**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Kathryn Wilemon, RTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the August 8, 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. **2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications**

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of revisions to the 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested.

Background: Revisions to the 2013-2016 TIP are provided as [Reference Item 2.1](#) for RTC consideration. These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, air quality conformity determination, and financial constraint of the TIP.

1:05 – 1:20

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

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Congratulations to Maribel Chavez, P.E., on Her Recent Retirement
2. Naval Air Station Fort Worth, Joint Reserve Base Presentation to the Regional Transportation Council Commemorating Regional Support of the Base and Welcome to Captain Gil Miller
3. Presentation Regarding the Beginning of Transit Services in Arlington: Metro ArlingtonXpress
4. North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Sends Condolences to New York City Metropolitan Planning Organization for Losses Suffered on September 11, 2001
5. National Plug In Day, September 28, 2013 ([Electronic Item 3.1](#))
6. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles ([Electronic Item 3.2](#))
7. North Central Texas Environmental Stewardship Forum Annual Conference, October 30, 2013 ([Electronic Item 3.3](#))
8. Ozone Season Update ([Electronic Item 3.4](#))
9. Anti-Idling Webinars: For Schools-September 12, 2013 ([Electronic Item 3.5](#)) and for Local Governments-September 19, 2013 ([Electronic Item 3.6](#))
10. Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) V Results

- 11. Travel Demand Management Performance Report ([Electronic Item 3.7](#))
- 12. August Public Meeting Minutes ([Electronic Item 3.8](#)) and Blacklands Corridor Public Meeting Minutes ([Electronic Item 3.9](#))
- 13. September Public Meeting Flyer ([Electronic Item 3.10](#))
- 14. Recent Correspondence ([Electronic Item 3.11](#))
- 15. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 3.12](#))
- 16. Transportation Partners Progress Reports (Handout)

1:20 – 1:30

4. **Access North Texas**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Sarah Chadderdon, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of Access North Texas, the region’s locally developed, coordinated, public transit-human services transportation plan.

Background: Access North Texas identifies strategies to increase efficiencies in public transit and human service transportation over the next four years. This plan is required by federal surface transportation legislation and coordination is required among public transportation services that serve transit-dependent populations. The Texas Department of Transportation designated the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) as the lead agency in developing this plan for the 16-county North Central Texas region. Projects funded through federal transit programs that serve transit-dependent populations must be included in this plan. Over the past 18 months, NCTCOG staff and a wide variety of stakeholders including transportation providers, local government representatives, transit customers, social service agencies, and health and human service organizations have collaborated in this planning process. Staff also sought stakeholder and public comments on the plan during public meetings in August and the Surface Transportation Technical Committee recommended RTC approval of Access North Texas at its August 23, 2013, meeting. A copy of the plan document is provided in [Electronic Item 4.1](#). [Reference Item 4.2](#) contains a summary of staff efforts and the requested action.

1:30 – 1:40

5. **Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century: East/West Funding Distribution**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request action on the reassessed funding distribution between the eastern (Dallas & Paris Districts) and western (Fort Worth District) subregions as a result of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) passage.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) selects projects to be funded with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility funds. The Texas Department of Transportation distributes these funds to the region using formulas established by the Federal Highway Administration.

To ensure equity within the region, RTC then distributes funding to the eastern and western subregions in proportion to each area's demographics and activity. [Electronic Item 5.1](#) contains historical documentation of the last three federal transportation funding bills. [Electronic Item 5.2](#) provides the additional details and analysis requested by RTC in July 2013 for the MAP-21 distribution. [Electronic Item 5.3](#) summarizes the questions and responses provided at the August 2013 RTC meeting. [Reference Item 5.4](#) summarizes the action that will be requested at the meeting.

- 1:40 – 1:50** 6. **Texas Department of Transportation Analysis Developed to Identify Roadways for Environmental Speed Limit Changes**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenters: Chris Klaus, P.E., NCTCOG; Melanie Young, P.E., TxDOT Dallas; and Theresa Lopez, P.E., TxDOT Fort Worth
Item Summary: As requested during the August Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting, members will be briefed on the analysis used to identify roadways warranting speed limit changes.
Background: Last month, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff presented efforts underway to change speed limits on certain limited-access roadways throughout the region. It was explained that since these speed limits were previously established as environmental speed limits for their emission reduction benefits to support the State Implementation Plan, an interagency consultation process is necessary to ensure emission benefits are maintained. This month, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) staff will highlight their analysis used to identify roadways warranting speed limit changes within the nonattainment area. Additional details are provided in [Electronic Item 6](#).
- 1:50 – 2:00** 7. **Status Report on Recent Developments Regarding Project Delivery: A Strategic Review**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG
Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be briefed on recent discussions to advance high-priority projects in the region, including recent Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) actions, permanent/interim Tolled Managed Lanes, North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA)/TxDOT Tolling Services Agreement progress, and upcoming priority corridors. A Tolled Managed Lane Workshop is slated for the October RTC meeting.
Background: At RTC's direction, there have been numerous meetings to advance high-priority projects of interest to RTC. First, TxDOT has taken action to advance several projects, including SH 161 Bottleneck Improvements between SH 183 and Belt Line Road, exercised the Options for the IH 35E project, and authorized the issuance of a request for proposals for the SH 183 Managed Lanes Project. Second, related to the permanent and interim

Tolled Managed Lanes, TxDOT had a ribbon cutting for the DFW Connector Project of which the managed-lane section is anticipated to open in the Spring of 2014, and a portion of the LBJ Managed Lanes will open in December 2013. Third, NTTA and TxDOT have come to agreement on the Tolling Services Agreement for the IH 35W Project (Segments 3A/3B of the North Tarrant Express). Discussions are occurring to advance the next round of tolling service agreements. Fourth, discussions are occurring regarding advancing SH 360, with a loan, south of IH 20. Trinity Parkway is the next corridor slotted for development of a funding strategy. Additional information will be provided at the meeting.

2:00 – 2:10

8. **Status Report on Transportation Policy: Recent Initiatives**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on several policy-related discussions that are occurring with the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC), local governments, and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART).

Background: Policy discussions are occurring with TTC and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) in four areas: 1) the impact of advances in vehicle technology, 2) TxDOT's proposed approach for the return of off-system roadways to local governments, 3) public outreach related to the 2014 Constitutional Amendment for transportation funding, and 4) public outreach and education related to the operation of the Managed Lane system. In addition, policy discussions are occurring with the City of Dallas, City of Fort Worth, and Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, and other stakeholders to implement the Regional Vehicle-for-Hire Program. Also, RTC will be briefed on progress related to the Job Access/Reverse Commute Program (City of McKinney and City of Allen) projects with DART. Additional information will be provided at the meeting.

2:10 – 2:20

9. **Clean Fleet Vehicle Policy**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Shannon Stevenson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present information about efforts to update the current Clean Fleet Vehicle Policy (CFVP).

Background: In October 2005, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved a resolution in support of a CFVP and Model Ordinance to ensure that public-sector fleets in the ozone nonattainment area are as low-emitting as possible. A copy of the resolution is provided in [Electronic Item 9.1](#). This policy is one of RTC's strategies to improve air quality and attain the federal ozone standard. As new regulations and vehicle technologies have become available in recent years, staff is evaluating possible revisions to ensure that the CFVP remains relevant and effective. Possible revisions may involve

expansion to include private fleets, inclusion of multi-pollutant benefits, and promotion of petroleum reduction. More information, including a proposed schedule, is available in [Electronic Item 9.2](#), and additional details are posted at www.nctcog.org/fleetpolicy.

- 2:20 – 2:30** 10. **Freight Congestion and Delay Report**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the early progress and status of the Freight Congestion and Delay Report, the first of five follow-up studies from Freight North Texas.
Background: As the nation’s largest metropolitan area without direct access to a seaport, the efficient and safe movement of freight by trucks, rail, pipeline, and air to and through the region is a vital component to the regional economy and to the region’s quality of life. As a follow-up study to the recently published [Freight North Texas: The Regional Freight System Inventory](#), North Central Texas Council of Governments staff, with input from the Regional Freight Advisory Committee (R-FAC), has begun working on the Freight Congestion and Delay Report. This initiative inventories and studies recurrent and non-recurrent transportation-related delays, as well as non-transportation-related delays to freight traffic. As a part of this study, a survey was developed to obtain input from the freight sector on where conditions are the worst and where opportunities exist to improve the movement of freight throughout the North Central Texas region.
- 2:30 – 2:40** 11. **Compatible Land Use Surrounding Aviation Facilities in North Texas**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Michael Mallonee, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will update the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on activities associated with compatible land use surrounding regional aviation facilities to include the importance of encroachment prevention.
Background: On April 12, 2012, RTC approved the Regional General Aviation and Heliport System Plan, a multi-year assessment of aviation facility assets for the 16-county region, as well as three additional surrounding counties. Results of this effort included identification of compatible land-use measures and planning tools to ensure the aviation system’s sustainability through 2035. In June of 2013, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board approved a resolution to enhance communication of potential incompatible development near aviation facilities. A copy of the resolution is provided in [Electronic Item 11.1](#). A recent letter from NCTCOG staff highlighting appropriate measures to mitigate encroachment pressures surrounding Mid-Way Regional Airport is also provided in [Electronic Item 11.2](#).

12. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in Items 12.

- RTC Attendance ([Reference Item 12.1](#))
- STTC Attendance and Minutes ([Electronic Item 12.2](#))
- Local Motion ([Electronic Item 12.3](#))

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

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

15. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***Thursday, October 10, 2013, at 1:00 pm, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***