

## AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council  
Thursday, April 9, 2015  
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

- 11:00 am**      **Legislative Workshop (Transportation Council Room)**
- 1:00 pm**      **Full RTC Business Agenda  
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)**
- 1:00 – 1:05**    1.    **Approval of March 12, 2015, Minutes**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes:      5  
Presenter:      Mike Cantrell, RTC Chair  
Item Summary: Approval of the March 12, 2015, 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.    **2015 – 2018 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications**  
Presenter:      Christie Gotti, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of March 2015 out-of-cycle and May 2015 revisions to the 2015-2018 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested.  
Background:      March 2015 out-of-cycle revisions to the 2015-2018 TIP are provided as [Reference Item 2.1.1](#) for RTC ratification. May 2015 revisions to the 2015-2018 TIP are provided as [Reference Item 2.1.2](#) for RTC consideration. Comments received through the public involvement process are provided as [Electronic Item 2.1.3](#) for RTC review. These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, air quality conformity determination, and financial constraint of the TIP.
- 1:05 – 1:15**    3.    **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes:      10  
Presenter:      Michael Morris, NCTCOG
1. State Maintenance Fund Allocation Method: Action Supporting Judge Glen Whitley's Request
  2. 2014 Transportation Conformity Update: The Importance of April 6, 2015 ([Electronic Item 3.1](#))
  3. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles ([Electronic Item 3.2](#))
  4. 2015 Ozone Season Update ([Electronic Item 3.3](#))
  5. Comments from the Online Public Input Opportunity, March 9 – April 7, 2015 (Handout)
  6. This Is It – Passenger Transit: Response to Legislative Comments

- 7. Freeway Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement, May 13, 2015
- 8. Regional Transportation Council East/West Equity ([Electronic Item 3.4.1](#) and [Electronic Item 3.4.2](#)) and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Update ([Electronic Item 3.4.3](#) and [Electronic Item 3.4.4](#))
- 9. Passenger Rail Options
- 10. Recent Correspondence ([Electronic Item 3.5](#))
- 11. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 3.6](#))
- 12. Recent Press Releases ([Electronic Item 3.7](#))
- 13. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

1:15 – 1:35

4. **State/Federal Legislative Update and Proposed Action from the Regional Transportation Council Legislative Workshop**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 20

Presenters: Michael Morris and Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will receive an update on State and federal legislative actions. The Texas Legislature convened on January 13, 2015. The United States (US) Congress convened January 6, 2015. Transportation issues will be a focus for both the Texas Legislature and US Congress. In addition, action will be proposed from the RTC Legislative Workshop scheduled earlier in the day.

Background: The Texas Legislature and US Congress will be in session at the time of the April RTC meeting. This item will allow staff to provide updates on key positions of the RTC and allow any additional positions to be taken.

1:35 – 1:50

5. **Mobility 2040**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15

Presenter: Dan Lamers, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Work is underway on the region's next long-range transportation plan. Staff will present a brief overview of the purpose, schedule, and new initiatives being considered for Mobility 2040. Staff will also highlight several policy considerations related to Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) recommendations to be reviewed in the development of the new plan.

Background: One of the primary responsibilities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization is the development and maintenance of a metropolitan transportation plan. 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. Development will continue over the next 12 months with draft recommendations expected later this year. The Regional Transportation Council is expected to take action on Mobility 2040 in March of 2016.

- 1:50 – 2:00**    6.    **Innovative Revenues/Financial Backstop Update**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes:    10  
 Presenter:            Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG  
 Item Summary:        The Council will be briefed on the status of Regional Transportation Council (RTC) financial backstop commitments and associated risks, including an inventory of projects with innovative revenue streams.  
 Background:            The RTC has a history of supporting and developing innovative funding strategies to advance critical transportation projects in the region. One such recent example is the RTC financial backstop for the SH 360 toll project, which ensures that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) construction advance will be repaid and operations and maintenance costs will be paid in the event of revenue shortfalls.
- 2:00 – 2:10**    7.    **Roadway Leverage and System Development**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes:    10  
 Presenter:            Michael Morris, NCTCOG  
 Item Summary:        Staff will highlight information requested by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) that may be helpful as the Legislature debates tools, tolls, and revenues.  
 Background:            Jungus Jordan requested an information summary similar to the one developed for transit to highlight RTC/Texas Department of Transportation success, leveraging, and the creation of a roadway system. [Electronic Item 7](#) highlights the system, leverage, and benefits of a connected roadway system. This item bookends the previous work presented at the March 12, 2015, RTC meeting regarding the importance of transit investments.
- 2:10 – 2:20**    8.    **"Characteristics of Premium Transit Services": An Application for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes:    10  
 Presenter:            Michael Morris, NCTCOG  
 Item Summary:        The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be briefed on a concept for advanced public transportation to take advantage of the growing network of tolled managed lanes.  
 Background:            Staff will present a concept to pilot test a new transit investment on the IH 30 corridor from Arlington to Downtown Dallas that takes advantage of three park-and-ride lots, the soon-to-open tolled managed lane, and the Federal Highway Administration/RTC carpool app. The integration of these components may have application regionwide, especially with the connection of the region's tolled managed lanes. "Characteristics of Premium Transit Services" is a concept that staff participated in as part of a national research study.

9. **Progress Reports**

Action       Possible Action     Information

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

- RTC Attendance ([Reference Item 9.1](#))
- STTC Attendance and Minutes ([Electronic Item 9.2](#))
- Local Motion ([Electronic Item 9.3](#))

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

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

12. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) is scheduled for ***1:00 pm, Thursday, May 14, 2015, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***