



The Transportation Policy Body for the North Central Texas Council of Governments
(Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region)

September 22, 2017

Mr. Gary Thomas, P.E.
Executive Director
Dallas Area Rapid Transit
1401 Pacific Avenue
Dallas, TX, 75202

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Over the last several years the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) has made several strategic funding decisions to secure over \$140 million to ensure the implementation of passenger rail in the Cotton Belt corridor (see Attachment 1). In July 2017, The RTC approved the final award of \$100 million in federal funds to assist in the implementation of passenger rail in the Cotton Belt corridor. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has also finalized discussions to secure funding commitments from non-Dallas Area Rapid Transit member agencies such as the City of Coppell and the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. The enclosed information details the funding commitments by agency. This information also includes previously funded right-of-way acquisition efforts in the cities of Plano and Richardson that will aid in the construction of the Cotton Belt corridor (see Attachment 2).

Since the final RTC commitment has been met, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and NCTCOG staff have been working to place these funds in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), so that funds are available for reimbursement as soon as DART is ready to use them. As a stipulation of receiving the federal funds, DART will need to document the innovative funding/procurement components of the project delivery process.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Christie Gotti, Senior Program Manager at cgotti@nctcog.org or (817) 608-2338.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Morris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

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Enclosures

cc: David Leininger, Chief Financial Officer, Dallas Area Rapid Transit
John Terrell, Vice President of Commercial Development, Dallas Fort Worth International Airport
Bruce Glasscock, City Manager, City of Plano
Dan Johnson, City Manager, City of Richardson
Mike Land, City Manager, City of Coppell
Wes Pierson, City Manager, City of Addison

Project	FY	Phase	Revenue					Total	Comments
			RTC	DART	City of Coppell	DFW International Airport	City of Plano		
Cotton Belt #1 (Transit Section 5307 Funds)	2018	Construction	\$3,300,000	\$825,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,125,000	
Cotton Belt #2 (RTC/DART TRIP Partnership Phase 1)	2018	Environmental/Engineering	\$17,025,000	\$4,256,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,281,250	•Local Match to be paid with sales tax dollars
Cotton Belt #3 (RTC/DART TRIP Partnership Phase 2)	2021	Construction	\$19,000,000	\$4,750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$23,750,000	•Local Match to be paid with sales tax dollars
Cotton Belt #4	2019-2022	Construction	\$100,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000,000	•\$10M of the RTC's \$100M is to be contributed by City of Coppell
Plano Land Banking (Shiloh Station Road and 14th Street)	2013	ROW	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000,000	•The 2016 value of this property is \$1,172,757
Plano Land Banking (12th Street Station)	2015	ROW	\$916,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$916,000	•The 2016 value of this property is \$929,082
Easement at US 75 near Cityline projects in Richardson	2013	ROW	\$191,329	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$191,329	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The 2016 value of the Caruth easement is \$191,329 • In October 2012, the RTC approved over \$15M of RTR funds for projects in this area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. East Infocom Drive from Plano Road to Wyndham (\$5,577,000) ii. Infocom Drive from US 75 to Plano Road/DART Rail Line (\$6,339,950) iii. Routh Creek Parkway from Renner Road to Infocom Drive (\$3,140,000)
Total			\$141,432,329	\$9,831,250	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$151,263,579	

Source: NCTCOG

September 2017

City of Coppell

The City of Coppell is willing to dedicate property for track, station, and park & ride lot as needed and where the City has ownership or authority, and pay for quiet zones that exceed those required by DART policy and as determined by the Coppell City Council. In addition, the City of Coppell is also willing to pay for sound attenuation solutions, including sound walls, that exceed DART's responsibility as determined during the environmental process and as determined by the Coppell City Council. Regarding bicycle/pedestrian facilities, the City of Coppell will contribute property, design, construction and ongoing maintenance costs associated with the bicycle/pedestrian trail along the Cotton Belt rail line located within the city limits of the City of Coppell. Specific contributions associated with the trail will be finalized at a later date.

Private Developer at Cypress Waters

The Billingsley Company, developer of the Cypress Waters area of Dallas, will donate right-of-way where it may be necessary for the rail line alignment through property owned by the Billingsley Company. The developer will coordinate with the Coppell Independent School District (CISD) to facilitate passage of the Cotton Belt rail line and dedication of right-of-way as necessary through the CISD property while maintaining adequate land for future use by CISD. The Billingsley Company will also provide various easements associated with bicycle/pedestrian facilities along the Cotton Belt rail line and areas connecting to the rail station, including direct trail connections to employment, schools, and residential areas within the development.

City of Plano

In partnership with NCTCOG, the City of Plano purchased land for two rail stations on the Cotton Belt: Shiloh Station and 12th Street Station.

City of Richardson

In partnership with NCTCOG, the City of Richardson obtained a donation of right of way dedicated for the Cotton Belt Corridor at US 75 and the President George Bush Turnpike.

DFW Airport

The DFW Airport Board has designed and is constructing the Terminal B station in association with TEX Rail service. This station will also serve the Cotton Belt rail line. DFW Airport has also designed and is constructing the walkway connection between the Terminal B station and DART's Terminal A light rail station.

TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC MEETINGS

Mobility 2045: The Long-Range Transportation Plan for North Central Texas

Mobility 2045 will define a long-term vision for the region's multimodal transportation system and guide spending of federal and state transportation funds. This includes funding for highways, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and other programs aimed at reducing congestion and improving air quality and quality of life. Staff will present an overview and timeline for the plan, and draft recommendations are expected to be available in spring 2018. RTC action is expected in summer 2018. For more information, visit www.nctcog.org/mobility2045.

Funding Opportunities for Vehicle and Fueling Infrastructure Projects

The legislature recently approved changes to several different funding programs that provide opportunities for fleets and interested parties to upgrade higher-polluting machines and install alternative fuel infrastructure. Other funding opportunities are also on the horizon, including money through the Volkswagen Settlement. Staff will present how to maximize these opportunities to get financial assistance for newer, cleaner vehicles. For more information, visit www.nctcog.org/aqfunding.

High-Occupancy Vehicle Technology Update

The RTC's Toll Managed Lane Policy provides a 50 percent peak period HOV discount. HOV users wishing to receive the discount must register their trip as an HOV trip in advance. A police officer then verifies a declared HOV vehicle has at least two occupants. This is a dangerous situation for officers as well as a disruption to traffic flow when potential violators are pulled over on the side of the road. The RTC policy includes a provision to explore a technology solution for the verification of auto occupancy rather than relying on manual enforcement. If successful, the technology solution could be implemented on all toll managed lanes within the region. An update on this initiative will be presented.

Regional Traffic Signal Retiming Program

On September 15, 2017, NCTCOG issued a Call for Projects to competitively award Federal Highway Administration Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funding for two programs that improve traffic operations through signal retiming and low-cost operational improvements. Approximately \$2 million for the Regional Traffic Signal Retiming Program and \$2.9 million for the Minor Improvement Program is available to award in communities located in the DFW Nonattainment Area, including Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise counties. Staff will present an overview of the CFP.

For special accommodations due to a disability or language translation, contact Carli Baylor at 817-608-2365 or cbaylor@nctcog.org at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made. Para ajustes especiales por discapacidad o para interpretación de idiomas, llame al 817-608-2365 o por email: cbaylor@nctcog.org con 72 horas (mínimo) previas a la junta. Se harán las adaptaciones razonables.



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North Central Texas
Council of Governments

TUESDAY, OCT. 10, 2017

6:00 PM

Ella Mae Shamblee Library
1062 Evans Ave
Fort Worth, TX 76104

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11, 2017

2:30 PM

North Central Texas
Council of Governments
616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011

(Live stream available and video recording online at www.nctcog.org/input.)

MONDAY, OCT. 16, 2017

6:00 PM

Garland Central Library
625 Austin St.
Garland, TX 75040

ACT NOW!

You could be eligible for up to \$3,500 for your older vehicle! North Texans whose vehicles have failed the emissions portion of the state inspection in the past 30 days or are at least 10 years old are encouraged to apply for assistance through the **AirCheckTexas** Program. Staff will be on hand at October public meetings to process applications on-site for people interested in applying for vehicle repair or replacement assistance. Applicants must provide proof of current registration, failed inspection report and annual household income. For more information about **AirCheckTexas**, visit www.nctcog.org/airchecktexas or call 1-800-898-9103.



CentrePort/DFW Airport Station
Arrival Options Oct. 11

Eastbound Train 2:10 pm

Westbound Train 2:20 pm

For anyone wanting to ride transit to the Oct. 11 public meeting, NCTCOG will offer a free connection to the meeting upon request on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Carli Baylor at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.



Road-To-Work Opportunity Program

19-Sep-17

FACT SHEET

6/1/2014 Thru 8/31/2017

905

Program Participants

- ✓ 82.9% Have prior construction experience
- ✓ 182 Active Participants

134

Job Placements

- ✓ 38.8% exceeded 90 days
- ✓ 30 currently working
- ✓ 11.2% on the job over a year

\$2,052,024

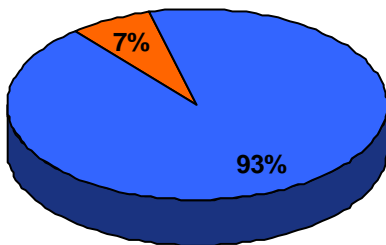
Estimated Cumulative Earnings

- ✓ Wages range from \$9.00-\$35.00/hour
- ✓ 44 participating contractors

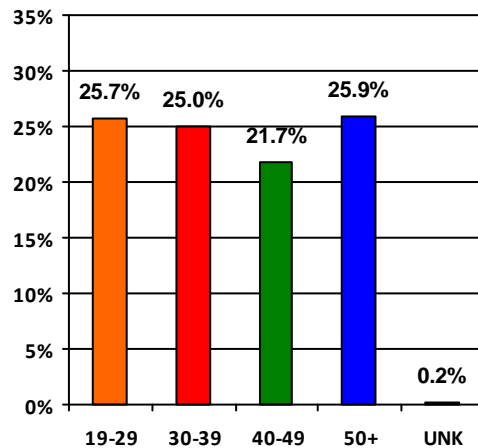
Demographics for Participants

Gender

Female Male

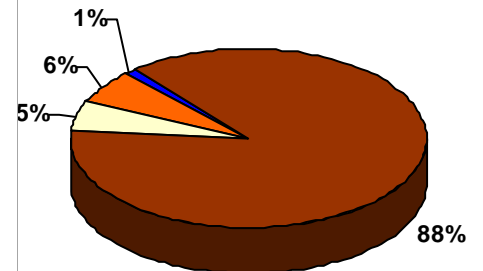


Age



Ethnicity

African American Caucasian
Hispanic Other



Geographic Distribution

- 120 Different Zip Codes
- 73.7% (667 participants) live in U.S. Congressional District 30
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