



North Central Texas Council Of Governments

TO: Mayors and County Judges
City Managers and County Administrators
North Texas Tollway Authority
Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport
Public Transportation Authorities

DATE: August 12, 2005

FROM: Michael Morris, P.E.
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North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUBJECT: Partnership Program Workshops

Recently, you received the first of several announcements regarding new programs being funded under Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Partnership Program 3. A member of each agency and/or department that plans to submit project proposals through these funding initiatives is strongly recommended to attend one of the three Partnership Program Workshops being sponsored by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The purpose of these workshops is to help agencies understand the selection and funding process, the project implementation process, and the timeframe that should be expected for projects being implemented with federal and State funds. Specific items to be discussed include: estimating project costs, understanding environmental review procedures, and following the TxDOT review process. New transportation programming policies will also be discussed. It is suggested that the individual(s) attending these workshops be directly involved in the project(s) being proposed. For this reason, multiple staff members from each agency are welcome to attend.

Workshops will be held in three different locations around the Dallas-Fort Worth area on three separate dates. These dates and locations include:

September 16, 2005: Texas Department of Transportation –
Fort Worth District, Training Center, 2501 Southwest Loop 820
Fort Worth, TX 76115

September 22, 2005: North Central Texas Council of
Governments Offices, Transportation Board Room, Third Floor
616 Six Flags Drive, Suite 200, Arlington, TX 76011

October 4, 2005: Richardson Civic Center, Richardson Room,
411 West Arapaho Road, Suite 102, Richardson, TX 75080

August 12, 2005

Workshops will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will last until 5:00 p.m. Participants are on their own for lunch, but a map of local restaurants will be provided on the day of the workshop. Individuals interested in participating in these workshops should RSVP at least one week prior to the workshop that they plan to attend. **Please RSVP to Erin Jones of NCTCOG staff at 817/608-2344 or ejones@nctcog.org.**

For reference, a list of the programs being funded through Partnership Program 3 is enclosed. In addition, a workshop flyer is also enclosed. Should you have any questions regarding the workshops or require additional information please contact Christie Jestis at (817) 608-2338.



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Enclosures

cc: Regional Transportation Council
Surface Transportation Technical Committee
2004-2005 UPWP Element 3.01 Project File

FINAL FUNDING DISTRIBUTION BY CATEGORY AND SUBREGION¹ FY 2005-2009

Programs	STP-MM	CMAQ	RTC/Local	Total	Western Allocation	Eastern Allocation
Arterial Street Program ²	\$29.86			\$29.86	\$13.91	\$15.95
Local Air Quality Program ^{3,7}		+7.34	35.32	42.66	13.22	29.44
Freeway Interchange and Bottleneck Program (1/3 federal, 1/3 State, 1/3 local)	37.72			\$37.72	7.66	30.06
Arterial Intersection/Bottleneck Program ^{4,7}	9.06	21.57		\$30.63	15.66	14.97
High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes		18.87		\$18.87	0.00	18.87
Intelligent Transportation Systems ⁵		29.19		\$29.19	6.57	22.62
Transit (Partnership Program 2)		109.49		\$109.49	33.94	75.55
Sustainable Development Projects/Programs	+3.61	+5.21	31.79	40.61	12.59	28.02
Cost Overrun/Emergency/New Projects ⁶	7.06	19.73	3.53	30.32	10.95	19.37
Notes:	\$87.31	\$211.40	\$70.64	\$369.35	\$114.50	\$254.85

- 1 All funds are reflected in millions of dollars.
- 2 Includes addition of lanes projects and new roadway projects.
- 3 Includes **new 8-hour improvements**, alternative fuel vehicle technology, bicycle/pedestrian regional connections, special studies/other, traffic signal improvements, travel demand management/park-and-ride, **intermodal/freight projects**, and local match for other federal projects.
- 4 Includes safety projects, grade separations, intersection improvements, and bottleneck removals.
- 5 Includes mobility assistance crews.
- 6 New projects may include quiet zones, other air quality projects, etc .
- 7 Local governments and transportation entities within the nine county ozone nonattainment area are eligible for funding under this program.

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS 2 AND 3 TIMEFRAME FOR RTC ACTION

Programs	Submittal Deadline Project Proposals Due by 5:00 P.M.	Implementation Timeline								
		May/Jun 2005	Jul/Aug 2005	Aug/Sep 2005	Sep/Oct 2005	Nov/Dec 2005	Jan/Feb 2006	Mar/Apr 2006	May/Jun 2006	
Arterial Street Program ²	November 4, 2005								▲	
Local Air Quality Program ^{3,7}		Under Review								
Freeway Interchange and Bottleneck Program (1/3 federal, 1/3 State, 1/3 local)	October 7, 2005							▲		
Arterial Intersection/Bottleneck Program ^{4,7}	November 4, 2005								▲	
High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes	--	HOV Commitments Being Monitored								
Intelligent Transportation Systems ⁵	November 4, 2005								▲	
Transit (Partnership Program 2)	August 12, 2005				▲					
Sustainable Development Projects/Programs	January 20, 2006								▲	
Cost Overrun/Emergency/New Projects ⁶		On Hold								

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▲ = Draft Recommendations
Presented to STTC

Partnership Program Workshops

The North Central Texas Council of Governments and the Texas Department of Transportation invite you to a transportation funding workshop. If your agency plans to submit projects through the RTC Partnership Program 3, we strongly encourage you to attend.

This workshop will include an overview of:

- Partnership Program 3,
- Funding eligibility,
- Public/private partnerships,
- Project selection,
- Preparing cost estimates,
- Contracting with TxDOT,
- Environmental review process,
- Accurate project scheduling,
- Project modification procedures, and
- Question and answer session.

It is highly recommended that project managers and others directly working on projects attend this workshop. Please mark your calendars for one of the following dates.

Friday, September 16, 2005 :

TxDOT Fort Worth District Offices
Training Center
2501 Southwest Loop 820
Fort Worth, TX 76115
RSVP date: 09/09/05

Thursday, September 22, 2005 :

North Central Texas Council of Governments
Transportation Board Room
616 Six Flags Drive, Suite 200
Centerpoint Two
Arlington, TX 76011
RSVP date: 09/15/05

Tuesday, October 4, 2005:

Richardson Civic Center
Richardson Room
411 West Arapaho Road
Suite 102
Richardson, TX 75080
RSVP date: 09/27/05

All workshops will cover the same information, so it is only necessary to attend one.

The workshops are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a break for lunch.

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