

## AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council  
Thursday, July 15, 2010  
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**11:00 a.m. Mobility Plan/Legislation and Finance Partnership Subcommittees**

**1:00 p.m. Full RTC Business Agenda**

- 1:00 – 1:05**
1. **Approval of June 3, 2010, Minutes**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5  
Presenter: Ron Natinsky, RTC Chair  
Item Summary: Approval of the June 3, 2010, 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. **2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Corrections**  
Presenter: Christie Jestis, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: Staff will present some updates/changes to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) final project listings that were approved at the June 3, 2010, RTC meeting.  
Background: The TIP is a staged, multi-year listing of transportation projects with committed funding from federal, State, and local sources within the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved a final set of funded transportation project listings at its June 2010 meeting. Since that time, several partners have identified updates, changes, and/or corrections to the project listings. In order to avoid potential project delays, staff made the updates in the document submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for review and approval on June 30, 2010, and is asking for RTC endorsement of the changes. [Reference Item 2.1](#) contains a list of changes being requested for approval in the final 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program.
- 1:05 – 1:20**
3. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15  
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG
    1. Richland Hills Potential Withdrawal from the Fort Worth Transportation Authority ([Electronic Item 3.1](#))
    2. New Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) Standard ([Electronic Item 3.2](#))
    3. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Event: August 11, 2010 ([Electronic Item 3.3](#))
    4. Ozone Season Update ([Electronic Item 3.4](#))
    5. Clean Vehicle Funding Update ([Electronic Item 3.5](#))

6. Public Meetings: July 19-21, 2010 ([Reference Item 3.6](#))
7. Future Task Regarding RTC Request to Review Potential Costs to Meet the Proposed Air Quality Standard
8. FY2010 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Discretionary Livability Funding Opportunity ([Electronic Item 3.7](#))
9. Regional Rideshare Software
10. FTA Triennial Review
11. Section 408 Permit Funding
12. Transportation Research Board: Critical Issues in Transportation (Handout)
13. Cotton Belt Update
14. SH 161: Status Report
  - \$2 Million for Utilities
  - Executive Board Action on \$200 Million
15. Future Task Regarding Rail Investment in Downtown Dallas
16. Correspondence to Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson ([Reference Item 3.8](#))
17. Recent Correspondence ([Reference Item 3.9](#))
18. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 3.10](#))
19. Transportation Partners Progress Reports (Handout)
20. STTC Officers for the 2010-2011 Term
21. North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board Recognition
  - William J. Pitstick Regional Excellence Award – Mayor Oscar Trevino
  - Regional Cooperation Award – City of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville and Lancaster
22. Recognition of the Leadership from Former RTC Chair Glen Whitley

1:20 – 1:30

4. **Naval Air Station Fort Worth, Joint Reserve Base Regional Coordination Committee**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenters: Paul Paine, Chair, Regional Coordination Committee and Captain T.D. Smyers, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Fort Worth, Joint Reserve Base

Item Summary: The accomplishments and future efforts of the Naval Air Station (NAS) Fort Worth, Joint Reserve Base (JRB) Regional Coordination Committee will be highlighted.

Background: In 2008, local governments surrounding the NAS Fort Worth, JRB and NCTCOG voluntarily formed the Regional Coordination Committee to promote and preserve the military mission at the installation. The Committee is responsible for encouraging compatible land use planning, conducting community outreach, and participating in military affairs surrounding NAS Fort Worth, JRB. [Electronic Item 4](#) provides background information about this subject.

1:30 – 1:40

5. **Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery II**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Jestis, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request approval of the projects to be submitted under the Transportation Investment Generating Economic

Recovery II (TIGER II) Discretionary Grants Program and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Challenge Grant funds.

Background: In May/June 2010, the United States Department of Transportation and HUD announced the TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program (which includes planning and capital projects) and the HUD Community Challenge Grant Program (which includes planning projects). Staff has been working with regional partners to develop a strategic list of projects to be submitted for the upcoming TIGER II Discretionary Grants Program/HUD Community Challenge Grant application. [Reference Item 5](#) contains the proposed list of projects to be submitted, along with an inventory of other projects proposed by local entities and transportation agencies. For reference, a comprehensive Recovery Program website with information about programs being managed or monitored by NCTCOG is located at [www.nctcog.org/recovery](http://www.nctcog.org/recovery).

- 1:40 – 1:50**    6.    **Recent Progress on Transportation Planning for the Super Bowl**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes: 10  
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council will be briefed on recent progress regarding transportation initiatives being implemented for Super Bowl week. This item is being presented since the Super Bowl creates an opportunity to initiate transportation programs for the region, as well as for this special event.  
Background: The Regional Transportation Council will be briefed on progress towards one-stop shopping for taxi, limousine, and shuttle vehicles services. A pilot program for limousine licenses is being proposed as an early deliverable. In addition, the RTC will be briefed on the new Super Bowl Highway signs on IH 30, light rail services for the National Football League (NFL) experience, and Trinity Railway Express service for Super Bowl Sunday.
- 1:50 – 2:10**    7.    **Dallas North Tollway 4B Alignment**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes: 20  
Presenter: Gerry Carrigan, NTTA  
Item Summary: This item is being presented by the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) to receive input from RTC members regarding extending the Dallas North Tollway. This is scheduled as an information item where NTTA representatives can assemble opinions and recommendations proposed by RTC members.  
Background: NTTA has requested an opportunity for RTC members to weigh in regarding an element contained on the Mobility 2030 Plan. [Electronic Item 7.1](#) highlights the location of this particular corridor. Please note that the map states, “new facility locations indicate transportation needs and do not represent specific alignments.” [Electronic Item 7.2](#) contains background information provided by NTTA. A summary of this material will be presented to RTC members to determine if there are any comments that local elected officials wish to communicate to NTTA.

- 2:10 – 2:25**    8.    **Mobility 2035**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes: 15  
 Presenter: Dan Lamers, NCTCOG  
 Item Summary: NCTCOG staff will present modified policy language for Mobility 2035 on Financial Planning and Public Transportation, which includes language for Transit Planning and Transit Operations. This language can be seen in [Reference Item 8](#). The RTC may wish to take action to conditionally approve this language.  
 Background: At the June 3, 2010, RTC meeting, the RTC selected a policy language review process to better understand the policy language contained in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. This process provides the RTC an opportunity to discuss and make modifications to the staff-proposed language. Although formal adoption of all policy language will occur through the adoption of Mobility 2035, the RTC may wish to conditionally adopt the policy language monthly, pending a more comprehensive review which will be conducted in December 2010 and formal adoption of all policy language as part of Mobility 2035 in March 2011.
- 2:25 – 2:35**    9.    **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes: 10  
 Presenter: Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG  
 Item Summary: The RTC will be briefed on the 2011 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program update for contracting opportunities through NCTCOG with federal transportation funds.  
 Background: Federal regulations, under 49 CFR Part 26, require recipients of federal transportation funds to update its DBE Program every three years and submit to federal funding agencies for review and approval. NCTCOG's current DBE goal for contracts funded with federal transportation funds is 13 percent. Actual DBE participation based on contract expenditures is approximately 24 percent. Staff will brief the RTC on the status of the DBE Program Update for FY2011.
- 2:35 – 2:50**    10.    **Draft Ideas for the RTC Texas Legislative Position**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes: 15  
 Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG  
 Item Summary: Staff will present early ideas of issues requiring legislative attention during the 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislature. The legislative program is being proposed as a two-part program. [Reference Item 10.1](#) contains draft issues to actively pursue, which will likely be the top issues of the session to be addressed. [Reference Item 10.2](#) contains draft issues to support and monitor. Early coordination with partner agencies is critical and feedback will be sought for several months on this draft program.  
 Background: The 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislature will begin on January 11, 2011. During the last legislative session, the Regional Transportation Council had a legislative program consisting of a short list of issues to actively pursue and a longer list of items to support and monitor. Very few of these issues made it into law, as reflected by the scorecard attached as [Electronic Item 10.3](#).

2:50 – 3:00 11.

**Review of East/West Equity from TxDOT-Selected Projects and Proposed Action to Assist with Equity Allocation**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council has taken a position to monitor the equity allocation from TxDOT-selected projects. The RTC very much endorses the receipt of additional money to help our region and will monitor and reallocate funds when available to maintain similar equity levels established by the RTC during their selection process. Staff will request non-local funds recently replaced with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds from TxDOT on the SH 26 project in Tarrant County to be shifted to the eastern subregion. [Reference Item 11](#) contains the minute order that TxDOT followed in identifying the SH 26 project as the candidate for ARRA funding.

Background: Staff will regularly bring reports on this policy subject. Accounting for the east/west distribution will be reported regularly. Staff will also discuss annual TxDOT construction financial reports and highlight appropriate interpretation of this information.

12. **Progress Reports**

Action       Possible Action       Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided as Reference Item 12.

- RTC Attendance ([Reference Item 12.1](#))
- STTC Attendance and Minutes ([Electronic Item 12.2](#))
- North Texas Transportation Connection ([Reference Item 12.3](#))
- Local Motion ([Electronic Item 12.4](#))

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, August 12, 2010, at 1:00 p.m., at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***