

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, October 13, 2016
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)**

1:00 – 1:05 1. Approval of September 8, 2016, Minutes
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Ron Jensen, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the September 8, 2016, 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. Transportation Improvement Program Modifications

Presenter: Ken Bunkley, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of revisions to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested.

Background: November 2016 revisions to the 2017-2020 TIP are provided as [Reference Item 2.1](#) for the Council's consideration. These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the Mobility Plan, the air quality conformity determination, and financial constraint of the TIP.

2.2. Unified Planning Work Program Modifications

Presenter: Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of modifications to the FY2016 and FY2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be requested.

Background: The Unified Planning Work Program is required by federal and State transportation planning regulations and provides a summary of the transportation and transportation-related air quality planning tasks to be conducted by Metropolitan Planning Organization staff. The FY2016 and FY2017 UPWP identifies the activities to be carried out between October 1, 2015, and September 30, 2017. Amendments to this document are being proposed to reflect new projects, project modifications, and funding adjustments. The proposed amendments have been presented to the public during the September 12, 14, and 20, 2016, public meetings and are posted on the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Website. The proposed modifications are also included as [Reference Item 2.2.1](#). A presentation

To access the agenda and linked reference/electronic items as one file, please use the following link:

<http://www.nctcog.org/trans/committees/rtc/2016/10Oct/web.packet.rtc101316.pdf>

summarizing the modifications is provided in [Electronic Item 2.2.2](#). The Surface Transportation Technical Committee has recommended RTC approval.

1:05 – 1:20

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

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Member Representation at Events
 - Councilmember Mike Taylor-Participation in National Drive Electric Week ([Electronic Item 3.1](#))
 - Councilmember Lee M. Kleinman, David Laney, Gary Thomas, and Michael Morris-Kansas City Transportation Forum in Dallas
 - Councilmember Lee M. Kleinman-Dallas Streetcar
 - RTC Chair Mayor Ron Jensen-Texas Department of Transportation IH 35E Lowest Stemmons Event on October 18
2. North Central Texas Council of Governments 50th Anniversary Chocolates
3. AirCheckTexas Communication Materials
4. National Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations Conference in Fort Worth, October 25-28, 2016, Reception on October 27 from 6-8 pm (See Amanda Wilson)
5. Federal Highway Administration Inactive Project List ([Electronic Item 3.2](#)) and 10-Year Preliminary Engineering Audit ([Electronic Item 3.3](#))
6. Transportation Department Testimony at Texas Legislative Subcommittee Meeting ([Electronic Item 3.4](#))
7. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles ([Electronic Item 3.5](#))
8. North Central Texas Energy Forum, October 26 ([Electronic Item 3.6](#))
9. Ozone Season Update ([Electronic Item 3.7](#))
10. September Public Meeting Minutes ([Electronic Item 3.8](#))
11. Automated Vehicles Fact Sheet ([Electronic Item 3.9](#))
12. Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement ([Electronic Item 3.10](#))
13. Hemphill/Lamar Funding Swap with Tarrant County: Proposed Action in November
14. Recent Correspondence ([Electronic Item 3.11](#))
15. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 3.12](#))
16. Recent Press Releases ([Electronic Item 3.13](#))
17. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

1:20 – 1:30

4. **BigX Events**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenters: Molly McFadden, NCTCOG and Lissa Smith, NCTCOG
Executive Board President, and Mayor Pro Tem, City of Plano
Item Summary: Molly McFadden, Director, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Emergency Preparedness Department, will present information about the upcoming BigX events.
Background: BigX 2016 is a 16-county regional training exercise sponsored by the NCTCOG. The multi-day, full-scale training exercise will take place November 11-13, 2016, at more than 40 different

venues and emergency operations centers throughout the region with the goal of helping the region's first responders, emergency managers, public health personnel, hospitals, and volunteer organizations better prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of natural and man-made emergencies and disasters. Transportation for elected officials will be provided to events on Friday, November 11 and Saturday, November 12. The event on Friday, November 11 will be in Fort Worth. The events on Saturday, November 12 will be in Dallas, Grand Prairie, Fort Worth, and Plano. NCTCOG Executive Board President Lissa Smith, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Plano is raising private funds. Regional Transportation Council funding will be used as a contingency.

1:30 – 1:40

5. **Traffic Signal Data Sharing Agreements**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Tom Bamonte, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request approval to work with partner agencies that operate traffic signals on agreements to share traffic signal information with third-party technology companies.

Background: Traffic signal data (e.g., signal phase and timing) is being used for emerging vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) applications such as Audi's Traffic Light program, [Electronic Item 5.1](#). Such programs tell drivers and vehicles when and for how long stoplights will be green. This allows for smoother travel, improved roadway efficiency, and air quality benefits. Partner agencies that want to offer such V2I applications to residents and travelers in their communities will enter into agreements with third-party technology companies. Partner agencies will keep control of their traffic signal data and can share such data with other parties. Via a Master Agreement with technology companies, the North Central Texas Council of Governments will have access to traffic signal performance reports generated by third-party entities for the partner agencies at no cost. If approved, a Master Agreement and participation by partner agencies in the region via their traffic signal data sharing agreements will position North Texas as one of the early adopters of V2I technology. This will aid in the region attracting the interest of developers, auto companies, and research institutions as a place to test and deploy new transportation technologies. [Reference Item 5.2](#) provides additional information.

1:40 – 1:50

6. **Collin County Funding Partnership and Roadway Action Plan Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council approval to continue a funding partnership with Collin County and provide an update on the Roadway Action Plan.

Background: Collin County took measures to opt out of the Low-Income Repair and Replacement Assistance Program/Local Initiative Projects (LIRAP/LIP) when program funding was severely

restricted. The County suspended those efforts when full funding was restored and the Council entered into a funding partnership with the County last year to exchange LIRAP/LIP funds for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds so the nonattainment area was able to fully utilize all available revenue to the region. Collin County used the CMAQ funds for various air quality projects and the LIRAP/LIP funds was shared among other participating counties for eligible air quality initiatives. Staff will brief the Council on the progress of that partnership and recommend a continuation of the funding partnership. In addition to the funding partnership, staff will also brief the Council on recent updates to the Roadway Action Plan for Collin County. [Reference Item 6.1](#) is a copy of recent correspondence related to the action being requested. [Electronic Item 6.2](#) provides an insight into upcoming work activities in Collin County.

1:50 – 2:00

7. Development of Regional 10-Year Plan Project Map

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Adam Beckom and Dan Lamers, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will update the Council regarding regional priorities covering FY2017-FY2026, as the Dallas-Fort Worth region's response to the House Bill (HB) 20 10-year planning requirement.

Background: In August 2016, the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) approved the allocation of Category 2 (MPO selection), Category 4 (TxDOT district selection), and Category 12 (Commission selection) funding for FY2017 to FY2026. In order to allocate the new funding to projects, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff is coordinating with the Dallas, Hunt, and Fort Worth Texas Department of Transportation districts in assessing the region's priorities over the next 10 years. NCTCOG staff is using performance measures consistent with those used to develop Mobility 2040 along with a review of project timing, environmental status, and estimated construction costs. This effort will also fulfill the legislative HB 20 10-year planning requirement.

With the availability of new Category 2 funding, staff proposes to take this opportunity to address the east/west equity within the region. Additional details regarding the performance measures, overall process, and timeline will be presented and are also provided in [Electronic Item 7](#).

2:00 – 2:10

8. Draft Legislative Program

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will receive a federal and State legislative update.

Background: Transportation issues continue to be a focus for both the United States Congress and the Texas Legislature. Congress

recently approved a continuing resolution to keep the federal government open through December 9, 2016, and stands adjourned until after the November elections. The Texas Legislature continues to hold interim committee hearings as it prepares for the legislative session beginning January 10, 2017. Efforts to develop the RTC Legislative Program for the 85th Texas Legislature are underway. The RTC Legislative and Funding Subcommittee met in May 2016 and discussed topics and draft language to include on the RTC Legislative Program for the 85th Texas Legislature. A draft RTC Legislative Program can be found in [Electronic Item 8](#).

2:10 – 2:20

9. **High-Speed Rail Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Michael Morris, NCTCOG, and Rob Franke, RTC
Multimodal/Intermodal/High-Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee
Chair, and Mayor, City of Cedar Hill

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on recent progress regarding high-speed rail initiatives for the Dallas-Fort Worth region, including staff efforts to advance the initiatives. Staff will discuss the recently issued Requests for Proposals and the Request for Information regarding the Dallas-Fort Worth Core Express Service project.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) has adopted regional policies guiding the development of high-speed rail implementation within the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Currently, three separate projects designed to serve the region are ongoing. North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff continues to coordinate with project partners to ensure the efforts are consistent with the adopted RTC high-speed rail policies and with all transportation partners, consultants, and the public to ensure successful high-speed rail service implementation. [Electronic Item 9](#) contains an inventory of high-speed rail tasks led by NCTCOG this fall. The status of discussions with Irving will be also be presented.

2:20 – 2:30

10. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Voluntary Measures**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Dan Lamers, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Policy Bundle voluntary measures survey and schedule.

Background: Mobility 2040, the region's current Metropolitan Transportation Plan, recommendations consist of policies, programs, and projects that reflect regional priorities and support Mobility 2040 goals. However, the construction of infrastructure projects alone cannot achieve the goals of Mobility 2040. To encourage the development of alternative, strategic solutions, Mobility 2040 includes a voluntary list of policies that local governments and transportation agencies can choose to adopt. These policies aim to address issues that affect transportation in the region and

cover a wide range of topics. By voluntarily adopting 50 percent of these policies, participating agencies will receive an offset of local funds for federal transportation projects in the form of Transportation Development Credits. Additional information is provided in [Electronic Item 10](#).

11. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

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

- RTC Attendance ([Reference Item 11.1](#))
- STTC Minutes and Attendance ([Electronic Item 11.2](#))
- Local Motion ([Electronic Item 11.3](#))

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

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

14. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***1:00 pm, Thursday, November 10, 2016, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***