

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, December 8, 2016
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

11:00 am Multimodal/Intermodal/High-Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee

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

1:00 – 1:05 1. Approval of November 10, 2016, Minutes
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Ron Jensen, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the November 10, 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. FASTLANE Grant Applications
Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will brief the Regional Transportation Council on the
FY2017 Fostering Advancements in Shipping and
Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National
Efficiencies (FASTLANE) Grant Program recently
announced by the United States Department of
Transportation (US DOT), and request action enabling
two projects to be submitted for consideration.
Background: In October 2016, the US DOT announced the FY2017
FASTLANE Grant Program for freight projects with
national or regional significance. The program is designed
to address congestion on the nation's freight corridors
and to support anticipated freight growth on the
multimodal transportation system. The Notice of Funding
Opportunity indicates availability of \$850 million for the
FASTLANE Grant Program in FY2017, and final
applications are due to the US DOT by December 15,
2016. Additional information is available online at
[https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/FASTLANE
grants](https://www.transportation.gov/buildamerica/FASTLANE_grants). For agencies in the region submitting projects,
please be aware that you must complete the Grants.gov
registration process before submitting the application, and
this process usually takes two to four weeks to complete.
In addition, if an agency would like to receive a letter of
support from the Regional Transportation Council (RTC),
requests must be submitted to Rebekah Hernandez by
Friday, December 2, 2016, at rhernandez@nctcog.org.
NCTCOG proposes to re-submit applications for the two
projects originally approved by the RTC in April 2016 for

the previous fiscal year's FASTLANE Grant Program. The projects are the DFW Connector North Airport Interchange (western subregion) and the Interstate Highway 35E/35W Merge Interchange (eastern subregion) in Denton, and are proposed with no changes.

2.2. Approval to Pursue Transportation Data-Sharing Partnerships on a Common Regional Platform

Presenter: Tom Bamonte, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council approval will be requested for issuance of a Request for Partners to identify parties interested in sharing transportation-related data with the region on a common platform (e.g., the 511DFW data portal) and to enter into private sector data-sharing partnerships.

Background: This item was presented on an informational basis at last month's meeting. The Waze Connected Citizens Program (CCP), [Electronic Item 2.2.1](#), is an example of a transportation data-sharing partnership between a public entity and a private sector travel navigation system. Such partnerships can help improve travel navigation services used by travelers and give public road operators more information about the condition and operation of their roadways. The open data portal already built into 511DFW can be used for such data exchanges in the region. Staff seeks approval to issue a Request for Partners to explore entering into similar data-sharing partnerships with the private sector to improve safety, traffic flow, and transportation planning and proceed with the CCP. This does not impact the North Central Texas Council of Governments' and the Regional Transportation Council's ability to continue to enter into data-sharing arrangements, as appropriate, with other public sector entities. Additional information is provided in [Reference Item 2.2.2](#).

1:05 – 1:20

3. Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report

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

1. 2017 Regional Transportation Council Meeting Schedule ([Reference Item 3.1](#))
2. Summary of the Texas Mobility Summit
3. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles ([Electronic Item 3.2](#))
4. Statewide Texas Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Grant Program: Deadline for Submission, January 9, 2017
5. November Public Meeting Minutes (Comment Period Open Until December 6, 2016) (Handout)
6. December Online Input Opportunity Notice (Handout)
7. Recent Correspondence ([Electronic Item 3.3](#))
8. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 3.4](#))

- 9. Recent Press Releases ([Electronic Item 3.5](#))
- 10. Job Growth in the Dallas-Fort Worth Region ([Electronic Item 3.6](#))
- 11. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

1:20 – 1:50

4. **Regional 10-Year Plan and Next Decade of Projects: Draft Final List**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 30

Presenters: Michael Morris and Adam Beckom, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the proposed regional projects covering FY2017-FY2026, as the Dallas-Fort Worth region's response to the House Bill (HB) 20 10-year planning requirement and the funding request from the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC).

Background: In August 2016, the TTC approved the allocation of Category 2 (MPO selected), Category 4 (TxDOT district selected), and Category 12 (Commission selected) funding for FY2017-FY2026. In order to allocate the new funding to projects, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff is coordinating with the TxDOT Dallas, Paris (Hunt County), and Fort Worth 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. Additionally, with the availability of new Category 2 funding, staff proposes to take this opportunity to address the east/west equity shares within the region. For reference, [Electronic Item 4.1](#) contains the latest east/west equity shares for the region.

Over the past month, staff has been incorporating comments and input received from the public, as well as from members of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee and the RTC. A complete listing of the proposed projects to be included in the 10-Year Plan are contained in [Reference Item 4.2](#). Additional information regarding the project selection process is available in [Electronic Item 4.3](#). A transmittal letter to the TTC is available in [Electronic Item 4.4](#). The City of Mesquite has requested [Electronic Item 4.5](#) be included in this mail out. The Collin County letter is also included. [Electronic Item 4.4](#) refers to the Collin County letter.

1:50 – 2:00

5. **Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Call for Projects: Process and Scoring Criteria**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Weaver, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present recommended eligible project categories, process, scoring criteria, and schedule for the 2017 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA Set-Aside) Program Call for Projects for the North Central Texas region. Staff will also request approval of the final recommended funding

categories, proposed eligible and ineligible project types, evaluation criteria, and schedule for the Call for Projects.

Background: Approximately \$23 million is anticipated to be available to fund TA Set-Aside Program projects in the 12-county North Central Texas Council of Governments Metropolitan Planning Area. Projects eligible under this program are proposed to include on-road and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, multimodal connections to public transportation, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure associated with Safe Routes to School projects that will substantially improve safety and the ability for students to walk and bicycle to school. A meeting to obtain comments and feedback from the public occurred at the November meeting of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee will be asked to approve this methodology on December 2, 2016. Additional details are provided in [Reference Item 5](#).

2:00 – 2:10

6. **High-Occupancy Vehicle/Managed Lane Report and Status of Technology Procurement**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Dan Lamers, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on the latest managed lane high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) subsidy and performance status.

Background: As part of the adoption of the Toll Managed Lane and High-Occupancy Vehicle/Express Managed Lane policies, the RTC requires regular reports provided by the Texas Department of Transportation regarding performance of the managed lane facilities and the North Texas Tollway Authority regarding customer service demands. Staff will present an overview of the performance of the operational managed lanes in the region. In addition, an overview of the technology procurement will be highlighted.

2:10 – 2:20

7. **Multimodal/Intermodal/High-Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee Follow Up**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG

Rob Franke, Multimodal/Intermodal/High-Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee Chair and Mayor, City of Cedar Hill

Item Summary: An overview of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Multimodal/Intermodal/High-Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee meeting held prior to the RTC meeting will be presented.

Background: [Electronic Item 7](#) is the Subcommittee's meeting agenda.

8. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

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

- RTC Attendance ([Reference Item 8.1](#))
- Local Motion ([Electronic Item 8.2](#))

9. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
10. **Future Agenda Items**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.
11. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***1:00 pm, Thursday, January 12, 2017, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***