

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, February 9, 2012
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

- 11:30 am** **Transit Funding Initiative Workshop: Committee of the Whole**
- 1:00 pm** **Full RTC Business Agenda**
- 1:00 – 1:05** 1. **Approval of January 12, 2012, Minutes**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Jungus Jordan, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the January 12, 2012, 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. **Approval of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery IV Applications**
 Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG
 Item Summary: Staff will request approval of applications to be submitted under the fourth round of the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER IV) Discretionary Grant Program.
 Background: RTC has submitted projects in the past as part of the TIGER III application. Projects were not awarded funding. RTC is requested to approve the following projects:
 • US 67 Bypass from SH 174 to Business 67/Spur 102 (Johnson County), \$20 million
 • IH 35E from IH 635 to US 380/TIFIA Loan, \$20 million
 • Beltline Road Depression in downtown Carrollton in conjunction with IH 35E improvements, \$30 million (new)
- 1:05 – 1:15** 3. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG
1. Transit Funding Initiative Subcommittees
 2. Regular Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Subcommittees ([Electronic Item 3.1](#)) and New Member Orientation
 3. Hunt County Public Meeting Minutes ([Electronic Item 3.2](#))
 4. DFW Clean Cities Annual Survey ([Electronic Item 3.3](#))
 5. AirCheckTexas Program Update ([Electronic Item 3.4](#))
 6. Air Quality Funding Update ([Electronic Item 3.5](#))
 7. Natural Gas Transportation Workshop Following the March 8, 2012, RTC Meeting
 8. 2013-2016 Transportation Improvement Program Development
 9. Access North Texas Kickoff: Importance of Transit Choices

- 10. Sam Rayburn Tollway Completion Dedication Event
- 11. Potential Revisions to the December Public Meeting Minutes (Handout)
- 12. Recent Correspondence ([Electronic Item 3.6](#))
- 13. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 3.7](#))
- 14. Transportation Partners Progress Reports (Handout)

1:15 – 1:30

4. **Cotton Belt Innovative Finance Initiative Phase I Report**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Presenter: Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request approval of the Cotton Belt Innovative Finance Initiative (iFi) Phase I Final Report.

Background: At the request of Dallas Area Rapid Transit and the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff and consultants have conducted a thorough investigation of potential innovative funding strategies for the capital and operating funding needs for the regional 62-mile Cotton Belt Corridor. NCTCOG staff recently completed the Final Report for the Cotton Belt iFi Project. The Final Report is available to all RTC members and corridor stakeholders at www.nctcog.org/ifi.

1:30 – 1:40

5. **Proposition 12 Funding Partnership: Update on Advancing Project Construction**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on the latest developments regarding Proposition 12 funds awarded to the region for preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition efforts. Staff will seek RTC approval of the proposed changes for Proposition 12 funding as a result of new information from the State.

Background: Lists of projects proposed for Proposition 12 funding were approved by RTC on September 23, 2011. Through recent developments, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and staff have learned from State elected officials that they prefer not to place Proposition 12 preliminary engineering and right-of-way acquisition funds on public-private partnerships. This new request jeopardizes plans for using Proposition 12 funding for engineering and right-of-way acquisition on SH 183. Staff has coordinated with TxDOT to identify a small set of projects for which funding can be exchanged. Please note that the exchange will not result in any projects losing funding. Information regarding the exchange of funds is attached in [Reference Item 5.1](#). Proposition 12 public meeting minutes are provided in [Electronic Item 5.2](#).

1:40 – 1:50

6. **Legislative Update and Follow up to Transit Workshop**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG, and Jungus Jordan, RTC Chair

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on federal and State legislative issues. On the federal side, surface transportation legislation has finally started to move in both the House and Senate. It is unclear what the end result will be given the numerous differences in the two

bills. On the Texas side, interim committee charges have been released in both the House and the Senate. Finally, an update on the Transit Workshop and the transportation funding initiative subcommittees will be given.

Background: The US Congress has extended the Safe, accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) through March 2012. Both chambers of Congress have proposed their plans for a long-term surface transportation bill. [Reference Item 6](#) provides an initial summary of the federal legislation.

1:50 – 2:00 7. **Quarterly East/West Equity, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and Texas Department of Transportation/Regional Transportation Council Commitments Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a report on the status of TxDOT non-formula commitments with regard to east/west equity in the region, updates on projects selected with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) funds, and TxDOT commitments assumed by RTC.

Background: RTC has taken a position to monitor the equity allocation of TxDOT non-formula commitments. RTC appreciates the receipt of additional money to help the region build transportation projects and will monitor and reallocate funds when available to maintain similar equity levels established by RTC during its own selection process. [Electronic Item 7.1](#) inventories TxDOT non-formula commitments and the impact of these commitments to date. Since enactment in February 2009, over \$890 million in ARRA projects were funded in the region. Staff committed to provide regular updates on the status of these projects. To this end, [Electronic Item 7.2](#) provides an update on projects funded through ARRA. [Electronic Item 7.3](#) provides a report of the TxDOT commitments previously assumed by RTC, and recent projects funded by TxDOT that offset the original reductions in funding.

2:00 – 2:10 8. **Tom Landry Signs**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: NCTCOG and RTC have current “ownership” of the Tom Landry Super Bowl signs. There are 12 signs in total. Staff wishes to auction the signs for temporary use with all proceeds going to the Host Committee sponsored National Education Town (YET) Center. It is also proposed that the signs be returned to TxDOT to be used in conjunction with the next Super Bowl. Staff will request action regarding this item at the March 8, 2012, meeting.

Background: TxDOT fabricated specials signs for IH 30 for the Super Bowl. As planned, the Super Bowl signs were removed following Super Bowl XLV. Staff plans to use the signs when the Super Bowl is held in the region again, but wishes to lease the signs for revenues that could be used for the YET Center.

9. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided as Reference Item 9.

- RTC Attendance ([Reference Item 9.1](#))
- STTC Attendance and Minutes ([Electronic Item 9.2](#))
- Local Motion ([Electronic Item 9.3](#))
- North Texas Transportation Connection ([Reference Item 9.4](#))

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

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

12. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 1:00 pm, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***