

## AGENDA

### Regional Transportation Council Thursday, April 9, 2009 North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:30 p.m. **Full RTC Business Agenda**

1:30 p.m. **Pledge of Allegiance**

1:30 – 1:35

1. **Approval of March 5, 2009, Minutes**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

Presenter: Linda Koop, RTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the March 5, 2009, minutes contained in [Reference Item 1](#) will be requested.

Background: N/A

1:35 – 1:35

2. **Consent Agenda**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 0

2.1 **Diesel Idling Reduction Program Recommendations**

Presenter: Carrie Reese, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of Diesel Idling Reduction Program Call for Projects funding recommendations.

Background: The Diesel Idling Reduction Program Call for Projects will award funding for the purchase and installation of eligible idle-reduction technologies to projects that reduce idling from heavy-duty diesel vehicles. A total of \$1.95 million is available, including \$1.2 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds and \$750,000 from the Environmental Protection Agency. The Diesel Idling Reduction Program was included as a Voluntary Mobile Emission Reduction Program (VMEP) in the 8-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration State Implementation Plan. Staff is requesting RTC approval of proposed project awards. [Reference Item 2.1](#) provides additional details on applications received.

2.2 **2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications and Regional Transportation Council Resolution for Regional Toll Revenue Projects**

Presenter: Christie Jestis, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program contained in [Reference Item 2.2.1](#) will be requested.

Background: Revisions to the 2008-2011 TIP are provided as [Reference Item 2.2.1](#) for the Council's consideration. Administrative Amendments are provided for information in [Reference Item 2.2.2](#). These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the air quality conformity determination and financial constraint of the TIP. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee reviewed and recommended RTC

approval of the revisions at its March 2009 meeting. [Reference Item 2.2.3](#) is an RTC resolution that will be used to transmit RTR-related project changes to the Texas Transportation Commission.

**2.3 Modification to FY2008 and FY2009 Unified Planning Work Program**

Presenter: Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council approval of modifications to the FY2008 and FY2009 Unified Planning Work Program 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 FY2008 and FY2009 UPWP identifies the activities to be carried out between October 1, 2007 and September 30, 2009. Amendments to this document are being proposed to reflect project additions, project modifications and funding adjustments. These proposed amendments were presented to the public during the March 4 and 5 public meetings and are outlined in [Reference Item 2.3](#). In addition, at its March 27 meeting, the Surface Transportation Technical Committee took action to recommend RTC approval of the proposed modifications.

1:35 – 1:45

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

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Job Access/Reverse Commute and New Freedom Cooperative Vehicle Procurement
2. Pass Through Project Announcement ([Electronic Item 3.1](#))
3. State of Texas 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard Designation Recommendation ([Electronic Item 3.2](#))
4. Clean School Bus Program Call for Projects
5. Tower 55 Public Meeting Minutes ([Reference Item 3.3](#)) and Current Status ([Electronic Item 3.4](#))
6. March 4-5 Public Meeting Minutes (Handout)
7. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 3.5](#))
8. Recent TxDOT Correspondence ([Electronic Item 3.6](#))
9. East Texas Passenger Rail Summit – May 9, 2009
10. Transportation Performance Data Related to Gas Price ([www.nctcog.org/trans/data/gasprices](http://www.nctcog.org/trans/data/gasprices))
11. Recognition of:
  - Linda Koop, Woman of the Year, WTS
  - Michelle Bloomer/James Powell/Secretary of State: Hope Andrade, United We Ride National Leadership Award ([Electronic Item 3.7](#))
  - More to Come
12. Metropolitan Planning Organization Certification
13. State of the Region (Handout)
14. NTTA Monthly Corridor Status Report (Handout)

- 15. Governor Signing Ceremony
- 16. Partners In Mobility ([Electronic Item 3.8](#))
- 17. Regional Transportation Council Subcommittees
- 18. Letter to Senator Averitt on Air Quality ([Electronic Item 3.9](#))

1:45 – 1:55

4. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and Air Quality Conformity Amendment Process**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenters: Dan Lamers, Christie Jestis, and Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request approval of the Metropolitan Mobility 2030 – 2009 Amendments, the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program list of project modifications, and the Air Quality Conformity Analysis.

Background: At the March RTC meeting, staff briefed the Council on the draft amendments to Mobility 2030: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, changes to project listing for the 2008-2011 TIP, and corresponding air quality conformity results. [Reference Item 4.1](#) contains maps and listings of only the changes to the current plan, maps and listings of all proposed plan recommendations for Mobility 2030 – 2009 Amendment, and a copy of the RTC resolution. Changes to the 2008-2011 TIP will be necessary to accommodate the Plan amendments and other changes due to local government request or financial constraint. These project changes will occur through the May 2009 TIP modification cycle and are provided in [Reference Item 4.2](#). Any changes made to Reference Item 4.2 since STTC approval are bolded. The recommendations in Mobility 2030 – 2009 Amendment and the TIP meet regional air quality goals in order for projects to proceed. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee has reviewed this information and recommended RTC approval. The proposed recommendations can also be viewed on the NCTCOG website at:

<http://www.nctcog.org/trans/mtp/2030/2009Amendment.asp>.

1:55 – 2:05

5. **State and Federal Legislative Update**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council will hear an update on important federal and state legislative initiatives. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee has requested that the RTC specifically be provided information on Senate Bill 882 by Senator Carona. [Reference Item 5.1](#) is a summary provided by the Senate Research Center and [Reference Item 5.2](#) is a summary provided by the North Texas Tollway Authority. The RTC may be asked to take a position on this legislation pending before a Senate Committee. [Electronic Item 5.3](#) contains correspondence sent on behalf of the RTC on legislation related to the RTC legislative program.

Background: Both the Texas Legislature and the United States Congress are currently in session and are expected to consider major pieces of transportation legislation.

2:05 – 2:15

6. **Status Report on Off-System Projects**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: The Council will be briefed on the latest developments on the process to proceed with off-system projects funded with Regional Toll Revenue funds.  
Background: Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and NCTCOG staffs have developed a template agreement to be used for all off-system projects funded with RTR funds. Local governments will contract directly with TxDOT for these projects. Staff will lay out the necessary steps for local governments to execute agreements with TxDOT.

2:15 – 2:20

7. **Progress on Regional Transportation Council Transportation Priorities**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will summarize progress on regional transportation projects.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council has been eager to get major transportation projects under construction. Several initiatives by multiple transportation partners are being completed. An overview on progress to date and potential next steps will be discussed. This includes a discussion on the next steps for implementing the DFW Connector. [Reference Item 7](#) contains a summary of funding used to expedite projects.

2:20 – 2:30

8. **Economic Recovery: Status of Project Selection**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will discuss the status of economic recovery funds in seven areas: roadway, transit, enhancements, aviation, goods movement, clean vehicle/infrastructure, and high speed rail.

Background: The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 requires comprehensive review and partnership development to expedite needed projects and programs assisting our ailing economy. Major efforts are complete in roadway and transit programs and beginning in several others. [Electronic Item 8.1](#) includes a comprehensive list of all projects selected by the Texas Transportation Commission and by the RTC through the DFW ARRA Partnership Program. [Electronic Item 8.2](#) includes information regarding efforts to secure clean vehicle/infrastructure funding. Note that the region must still apply for goods movement, clean vehicle/infrastructure, and high speed rail funding.

2:30 – 2:40

9. **Regional Mobility Authorities, County Toll Authorities, and Additional Transit Service Providers**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: This item will introduce the subject of Regional Mobility Authorities, additional transportation authorities, and county toll authorities (i.e., see Item 5 on this agenda). No RTC action is requested in this item.

Background: This item will review a historical perspective of the Regional Transportation Council with regard to the addition of transportation

implementation institutions within the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Hunt County is part of a northeast Texas Regional Mobility Authority and wishes to engage in a discussion on how best to move forward. Local option legislation has recently had some discussion with regard to additional transportation authorities. Previously discussed Item 5 highlighted the county toll authorities.

10. **Progress Reports**

Action       Possible Action       Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided as Reference Item 10.

- RTC Attendance ([Reference Item 10.1](#))
- STTC January Attendance ([Electronic Item 10.2](#)) and STTC February Attendance ([Electronic Item 10.3](#))
- March Local Motion ([Electronic Item 10.4](#)) and April Local Motion ([Electronic Item 10.5](#))

11. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the Council.
12. **Future Agenda Items**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.
13. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 1:00 p.m., at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***