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Dallas-Fort Worth Bicycle-Pedestrian Projects Awarded \$38 million

25 cities and 7 counties across region benefit from funding

Oct. 13, 2014 (Arlington, Texas) – Bicycle and pedestrian projects across 25 cities and seven counties in the Dallas-Fort Worth area received a \$38.2 million boost from the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on Thursday.

The RTC allocated the funding to 33 projects as part of its Transportation Alternatives Program project selection. With local entities contributing more than \$40 million toward the projects, over \$78 million will be invested in active transportation enhancements as a result of the funding awards, improving bicycle and pedestrian facilities in Collin, Dallas, Denton, Hunt, Parker, Tarrant and Wise counties.

More than 46 miles of sidewalks, trails and on-street bikeways will be constructed, as well as several projects to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety near schools. The projects also include significant regional trails providing connections between cities and access to transit stations and major employment centers.

The following projects are among the improvements funded on the eastern side of the region:

- 4.7-mile extension of the Dallas Trinity Skyline Trail to connect with the Champion Trail in Irving
- 4-mile extension of the Northaven Trail in Dallas to the Walnut Hill/Denton Dallas Area Rapid Transit rail station
- 4.2-mile network of trails, on-street bike lanes and sidewalks in Lewisville leading to the Highland Village/Lewisville Lake Denton County Transportation Authority A-train rail station
- 2.25-mile trail connection along Delaware Creek in Irving
- 2.1-mile extension of the Dudley Branch Trail in Carrollton linking to the North Carrollton/Frankford DART rail station
- 1.9-mile extension of the Cottonwood Creek bicycle trail in Plano

On the western side of the region, the following projects are among those benefiting from the RTC's decision:

- 3.1-mile extension of Trinity Trails in east Fort Worth
- 1.7-mile extension of the Lynn Creek Trail in Arlington
- 1.9-mile extension of the West Fork Trinity River Trail in Westworth Village
- 1-mile extension of the Town Creek Trail in Weatherford

A full list of projects, the funding they were awarded and a map of their locations are available at www.nctcog.org/tap.

The money for these projects comes from funds that were allocated to the region from the current federal transportation bill, Moving Ahead of Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21).

About the North Central Texas Council of Governments:

NCTCOG is a voluntary association of local governments established in 1966 to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. NCTCOG's purpose is to strengthen both the individual and collective power of local governments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication, and make joint decisions.

NCTCOG serves a 16-county region of North Central Texas, which is centered on the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth. Currently, NCTCOG has 240 member governments including 16 counties, 170 cities, 24 school districts and 30 special districts.

About the Regional Transportation Council:

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Central Texas Council of Governments has served as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for regional transportation planning in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since 1974. The MPO works in cooperation with the region's transportation providers to address the complex transportation needs of the rapidly growing metropolitan area. The Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise counties. The RTC's 44 members include local elected or appointed officials from the metropolitan area and representatives from each of the area's transportation providers. More information can be found at www.nctcog.org.

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