



North Central Texas  
Council of Governments



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Residents Asked for Input on Funding Refinements, Related Impact to Proposition 12 Projects**

Public meeting Jan. 19 will focus on proposed changes to strategically fund, expedite projects

**Jan. 17, 2012** (Arlington, Texas) – Planners, elected officials and transportation partners continually coordinate to ensure important mobility projects move forward as planned, and keeping residents informed and involved throughout is important.

North Texans are invited to a public meeting Jan. 19 to learn about refinement of funding sources and the impact on Proposition 12 projects.

The 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislature approved a bill to allow the Texas Department of Transportation to issue the remaining \$3 billion voter-approved Proposition 12 bonds for transportation projects across the state, and this resulted in a much-needed infusion of funds in North Texas.

In partnership with the public, cities, counties and TxDOT, and following public meetings in August, the Regional Transportation Council in September approved a list of congested corridors to be improved as a result of the funding.

Since that time, staff from NCTCOG, TxDOT and local agencies have coordinated extensively and determined changes to the list are needed to strategically fund and expedite projects. Proposed changes to the list of Proposition 12 funded projects will be presented for public input.

Public comments are due by 5 p.m. Feb. 8, 2012, to meet funding requirements and ensure projects move forward as planned without delay.

More information about the public meeting is available at [www.nctcog.org/meetings](http://www.nctcog.org/meetings).

**Public Meeting Details**

**Thursday, Jan. 19**  
**4:30 p.m.**  
North Central Texas  
Council of Governments  
616 Six Flags Drive  
Arlington, TX 76011



CentrePort/DFW Airport Station  
Arrival Options\*

Eastbound Train	3:38 pm
Westbound Train	3:48 pm

\* For anyone wanting to ride transit to the public meeting, NCTCOG will offer a free connection to the meeting via an NCTCOG-marked vehicle **upon request** on a first-come, first-served basis. To request a free roundtrip ride between NCTCOG and the Trinity Railway Express CentrePort/DFW Airport Station, contact Jahnae Stout at least 72 hours prior to the meeting at [jstout@nctcog.org](mailto:jstout@nctcog.org) or 817-608-2335.

**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 43 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](http://www.nctcog.org).

**About the Texas Department of Transportation:**

The Texas Department of Transportation is responsible for maintaining 80,000 miles of road and for supporting aviation, rail and public transportation across the state. TxDOT and its approximately 12,000 employees strive to empower local leaders to solve local transportation problems, and to use new financial tools, including tolling and public-private partnerships, to reduce congestion and pave the way for future economic growth while enhancing safety, improving air quality and preserving the value of the state's transportation assets. Find out more at [www.txdot.gov](http://www.txdot.gov). Fan us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/txdot](https://www.facebook.com/txdot). Follow us on Twitter [www.twitter.com/txdot](https://www.twitter.com/txdot).

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