

**Meeting Summary**  
**Tower 55 Technical Advisory Group**  
**April 17, 2009**

**Attendees**

Chris Anderson, NCTCOG	Joe Lileikis, HNTB
Nate Asplund, BNSF Railway	Eric Lyman, MainLine Management
Lonnie Blaydes, Blaydes Consulting	Mike Marler, Jacobs
Numa Bulot, DART	Jeff Neal, NCTCOG
Darwin Desen, Jacobs	Tim Oster, City of Fort Worth
Donna Eldridge, Fort Worth PD	Roy Pavilch, TxDOT
Steve George, FWWR	David Pratt, UPRR
Dave Guido, FWWR	Clint Schelbitzki, UPRR
Vence Haggard, FRA	Dick Schiefelbein, The T
Curvie Hawkins, The T	Tom Shelton, NCTCOG
Randall Heye, NCTCOG	Randy Skinner, Tarrant County
Grant Janke, UPRR	Paulette VanderKamp, URS
David Jodray, City of Fort Worth	Cinde Weatherby, City of Fort Worth
Dave Kaitale, BNSF Railway	Carl Weckenmann, The T
Kim Kendrick, NCTCOG	Mark Werner, TxDOT
Brian Large, BNSF Railway	Sandy Wesch, NCTCOG
Peter LeCody, Texas Rail Advocates	Sonja Whitehead, TxDOT
Curtis Loftis, TxDOT	Russ Wiles, City of Fort Worth
Greg Likness, FRA	Alicia Winkelblech, City of Arlington

- 1. Welcome and Introductions:** At approximately 10:05 a.m. Jeff Neal of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) began the meeting by welcoming those in attendance, reviewing the agenda for the morning and asking persons in attendance to introduce themselves.
- 2. Approval of the February 13, 2009, Meeting Minutes:** Jeff Neal requested the approval of the meeting minutes from the February 13, 2009, Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting. Steve George of FWWR motioned for approval. The motion was seconded and approved without opposition.
- 3. Results of February 18, 2009 Public Meetings:** Jeff Neal reported on the results from the Tower 55 public meetings held on February 18, 2009. He summarized comments received from those in attendance including current residents, property owners and elected officials. Furthermore, NCTCOG staff provided a brief update of presentations/meetings held with interested parties and alluded to recent meetings with stakeholders.
- 4. Report on Recent Property Owner Interviews and Local Government Meetings:** Chris Anderson with NCTCOG briefed the group on recent meetings held with nine local government organizations and property owners regarding Tower 55. Staff documented the interviewee's comments and concerns about the proposed alternatives and impacts any improvement would have on their operations or business. Staff is continuing outreach efforts with private citizens.

- 5. Review of Draft Locally Preferred Alternative (LPA) and Project Partner Comments:** Tom Shelton with NCTCOG presented the draft locally preferred alternative to members of the TAG. Due to the fact that the standing March TAG meeting was cancelled, in light of recent discussions with the primary stakeholders, staff briefed the entire group on those particular conversations. The stakeholders included the City of Fort Worth, Union Pacific Railroad and BNSF Railway. Staff then identified the concerns from each meeting regarding the LPA and other proposed alternatives. Staff asked each stakeholder if the summarization of their concerns were correct and then proceeded to identify NCTCOG/consultant team's response to the stakeholder's concerns. Staff detailed the next steps needed in order to determine an approved LPA and complete the environmental assessment document.
- 6. Presentation on Resolution of Vickery Boulevard Closure:** David Jodray with the City of Fort Worth and Tom Shelton briefed the group on the City's recommendation of Vickery Boulevard regarding Tower 55. The City has agreed to the closure of Vickery Boulevard due to low vehicular traffic and requested a bike/pedestrian bridge constructed over the railroad at Vickery. Furthermore, the City has also requested improvements to the Hattie Street bridge in order to accommodate additional bike/pedestrian traffic.
- 7. Presentation on Recommended Project Logo, Brand, and Tag Line:** Wei Cham and Mindy Mize of NCTCOG presented a proposed project logo for the Tower 55 Rail Reliever Study. Staff explained their design process, showed previous work efforts, three proposed logos and a final recommended logo. Staff only requested feedback. No action was taken.
- 8. Next Steps & Questions:** The meeting was concluded at approximately 12:00 p.m. following a reminder that the next TAG meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 9, 2009.

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned.