

AGENDA

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
Thursday, March 12, 2020
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

- 1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)**
- 1:00 – 1:10** 1. **Opportunity for the Public to Speak on Today's Agenda: Consistent with HB 2840**
 Information Minutes: 10
Item Summary: This item provides an opportunity for the public to speak on meeting agenda items. A Speaker Request Card is available at the side table. Please provide a Speaker Request Card to the North Central Texas Council of Governments designated staff person. For today's meeting, public comments will be heard on all items.
Background: N/A
- 1:10 – 1:15** 2. **Approval of February 27, 2020, Minutes**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Andy Eads, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the February 27, 2020, minutes contained in Reference Item 2 will be requested.
Background: N/A
- 1:15 – 1:15** 3. **Consent Agenda (There are no items on the Consent Agenda)**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 0
- 1:15 – 1:30** 4. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG
1. Federal Register Comments on Proposed Rules for Federal Communications Commission's Use of the 5.850–5.925 GHz Band (Handout)
 2. Fiscal Year 2020 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grant Program
 3. GoCarma App Update
 4. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles (www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/fundingvehicle)
 5. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (www.dfwcleancities.org/dfw-clean-cities-meetings)
 6. East/West Equity Update (Electronic Item 4.1)
 7. Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement (Electronic Item 4.2)
 8. Mobility Matters (Handout)
 9. January Online Input Opportunity Minutes (Electronic Item 4.3)
 10. March Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.4)
 11. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.5)
 12. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.6)
 13. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.7)

- 14. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.8)
- 15. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

1:30 – 1:40 5. **Public Comments at Regional Transportation Council Meetings (HB 2840) Rules**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request approval by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of Rules for Public Comments at RTC meetings.

Background: HB 2840 requires governmental bodies to allow each member of the public to give input on agenda items during open meetings. Input must be given before or during the consideration of the agenda item and not after. HB 2840 also permits governmental bodies to adopt reasonable rules regarding the public’s right to address the body, including rules regarding time limits. Non-English speakers, with a translator, must be given double time during open meetings to address and communicate with the body. A governmental body may not prohibit public criticism of the body. This bill took effect on September 1, 2019. Staff will request approval on rules for the RTC to accept public comments as detailed in Electronic Item 5.1. An example Speaker Request Card is included as Electronic Item 5.2. Once approved, the rules will be included as an Appendix to the Public Participation Plan. Electronic Item 5.3 is a presentation that provides more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

- Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
- Transit Asset System Performance/Freight/CMAQ

1:40 – 1:50 6. **Trinity River Vision Bridge Funding Increase**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of a funding increase of \$20 million for the Trinity River Vision (TRV) Bridge project will be requested.

Background: The TRV Bridge project includes the construction of three bridges over the redirected Trinity River in Downtown Fort Worth. The bridges were originally funded in 2011 with a total of \$69.9 million of federal, State, city, and private partner funding. Due to constructability issues and resulting delays, the most recent projected costs are \$89.3 million creating a projected overrun of \$19.4 million. The North Central Texas Council of Governments is proposing to add \$20 million, of which \$15 million would be a grant and \$5 million would be paid back by the City of Fort Worth and other local partners over the next ten years. Details are provided in Electronic Item 6.

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1:50 – 2:05

7. **Next Steps with the Texas Department of Transportation: Comments for the 2020 and 2021 Unified Transportation Program**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: As previously stated, staff will present a Plan B on how to advance IH 35 in Austin for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) consideration. Action will be requested for official comments to be approved and transmitted to the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC).

Background: Discussions continue with the Texas Department of Transportation districts on the schedule to develop new projects for the 2021 UTP. In the meantime, the TTC is proposing to modify the current UTP in April 2020. At the February 27, 2020, RTC meeting, members were provided information about the TTC's proposal to fund IH 35 in Austin. A North Central Texas Council of Governments staff visual presentation on the RTC's proposed Plan B is available at: www.youtube.com/nctcogtrans. Scroll to RTC Resolution 2020, 2021 Unified Transportation Program. Reference Item 7 contains the RTC draft resolution. Attachment 1 contains a copy of the PowerPoint slides.

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2:05 – 2:15

8. **2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program Draft Listings**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process and provide a draft listing of current Regional Transportation Council commitments.

Background: A new TIP is developed every two years through a cooperative effort among the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Texas Department of Transportation, local governments, and transportation authorities. The TIP is a staged, multi-year listing of transportation projects with committed funding from federal, State, and local sources within the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area. Electronic Item 8 contains an overview of the TIP development process, focus areas, and schedule. The financially constrained draft project listings for the 2021-2024 TIP can be found at: https://www.nctcog.org/nctcog/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Fund/TIP/21-24TIP/RTC_Info_21_24DraftProjectListings.pdf. Local agency comments on the draft listings must be provided by April 9, 2020, in order to be included in the final listings.

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2:15 – 2:25

9. **Mobility 2045 Update (High-Speed Rail Recommendations)**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a discussion regarding the Mobility 2045 High-Speed Rail recommendations. The discussion will include information identifying various high-speed transportation technologies.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) adopted Mobility 2045 on June 14, 2018. Mobility 2045 includes recommendations regarding various high-speed rail technologies and corridors. During the January 9, 2020, RTC meeting, members requested a discussion and clarification regarding future high-speed transportation opportunities. The discussion will include the following topics:

- Mobility 2045 recommendations
- Defining various high-speed transportation technologies
- Current high-speed transportation efforts
- Future high-speed transportation opportunities

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2:25 – 2:35

10. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Schedule**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Mobility 2045 was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on June 14, 2018. Staff will provide a report regarding efforts to update Mobility 2045.

Background: Following RTC adoption of Mobility 2045, staff and partner agencies have been working toward implementing the plan. These efforts include planning and project development tasks, projects in construction, and coordinating with the public and our transportation partners.

Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region to update the region's long-range transportation plan a minimum of every four years. In addition, the Mobility 2045 Update will be required to attain Transportation Conformity. The updated plan will include a new financial plan and necessary refinements to projects in the current Mobility 2045 plan.

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2:35 – 2:40

11. **Trail of the Month Video**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Karla Weaver, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will highlight the series of "Trail of the Month" videos.

Background: Over a twelve-month period, the Sustainable Development team is highlighting various regionally significant shared-use trails within the Dallas-Fort Worth region through a series of

“Trail of the Month” videos. These videos detail benefits of the trail facilities including economic development, regional connectivity, increased mode share for active users, and improved quality of life within the community. Staff will provide a brief description of the videos developed to date and present a two-minute video from the series. The videos are posted to the North Central Texas Council of Governments website on the first Friday of each month, and the public is notified of their availability through several social media platforms. Electronic Item 11 reflects the video staff will display at the meeting.

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12. **Progress Reports**

- Action Possible Action Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 12.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 12.2)
- Local Motion (Electronic Item 12.3)

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

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

15. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for **1:00 pm, Thursday, April 9, 2020**, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.