### Rules for Public Comments at Regional Transportation Council Meetings (HB 2840)

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE FEBRUARY 28, 2020

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### Overview of HB 2840

Members of the public must be allowed to make comments to a governmental body before or during the body's consideration of an item

A governmental body may adopt reasonable rules regarding public comments, including rules that limit the amount of time for each public comment

If no simultaneous translation equipment is used, a member of the public using a translator must be given double the amount of time to comment

A governmental body may not prohibit public criticism of the body

Bill took effect on September 1, 2019

### Draft Rules

Single public comment period, following the pledges, before any action items

Public comments will be taken on any agenda item

Establishes a 3-minute time limit; 6-minute time limit if using a translator

Large delegations may be encouraged to have one spokesperson speak for the group; in this case a 5-minute time limit is provided (10 minutes if using a translator)

Translation will be provided by RTC, if requested, 72 hours in advance

Provisions for warning speakers if time exhausted or removal, if necessary

### Draft Rules, continued

Speaker Request Card must be completed prior to the start of the RTC meeting Speakers must provide the following information:

- Name
- City of Residence
- Zip Code
- Agenda item(s) on which the speaker plans to speak
- Indication if speaking on/for/against the agenda item(s)
- Any other information requested by RTC staff

Opportunity to provide written comments rather than speak at the meeting

### Additional Items

Benchmarked local governments on a number of topics

RTC Rules will be added to Public Participation Plan as an appendix when adopted; will be added to RTC Bylaws when next updated (2022)

Considered room layout, personnel and technology needs to effectively implement the public comments

Information will be provided on the RTC website regarding the public comment opportunity, as well as ability to request translation

Comments received will be documented in RTC minutes

Written comments will be provided to RTC prior to item consideration; individuals may state only for/against an item and that will be provided to the RTC at the end of the comment period

### Schedule

Milestone	Date
Draft Rules Presented to RTC for Information (Action to Take to Public Input Opportunity)	January 9, 2020
Public Input Opportunity (45-Day Comment Period)	January 13-February 26, 2020
STTC Information Item	January 24, 2020
STTC Action Item	February 28, 2020
RTC Action Item	March 12, 2020

### Action Requested

Recommend approval to the Regional Transportation Council of Rules for Public Comments at Regional Transportation Council Meetings (Electronic Item 3.1).

### Questions/Comments

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### Background

The Panther Island Central City Flood Project is the planned construction of a 1.5 mile bypass channel of the Trinity River to control flooding north of downtown Fort Worth. The project will create two islands, collectively known as Panther Island.

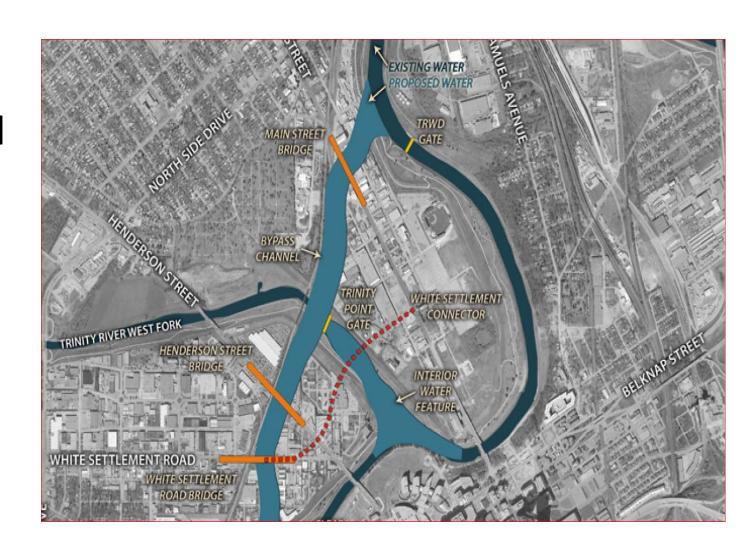
One of the key features of the project are the signature bridges on Henderson

Street, N. Main Street, and White Settlement Road.

The RTC was originally involved in funding three bridges with a Congressional Earmark, Surface Transportation Block Grant, Regional Toll Revenue, Transportation Alternative, and local funding.

### Project Location

- While the original bid came in under the funded amount, constructability issues the resulting project delays have created a cost overrun
- The RTC has been asked to help pay for the increase.



### TRV Bridge Project Financial Status

Original Funding	\$69.9 million
Projected Cost	\$89.3 million
Current Project Overrun	\$19.4 million

Source: TxDOT - 2/13/2020

### Action Requested

### Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to:

- Provide an additional \$20 million to cover the cost overrun
  - \$15 million is a grant
  - City of Fort Worth and other local partners will pay back \$5 million over 10 years
- Administrative amend the TIP/STIP and other planning documents as needed

# UPDATE ON RTC ACTION FOR THE VIRGIN HYPERLOOP ONE CERTIFICATION CENTER PROPOSAL RESPONSE

Surface Transportation Technical Committee February 28, 2020

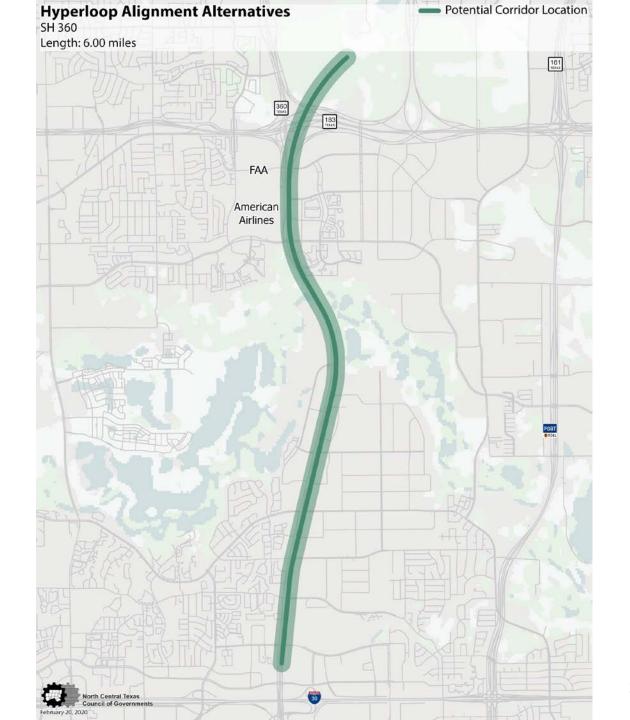
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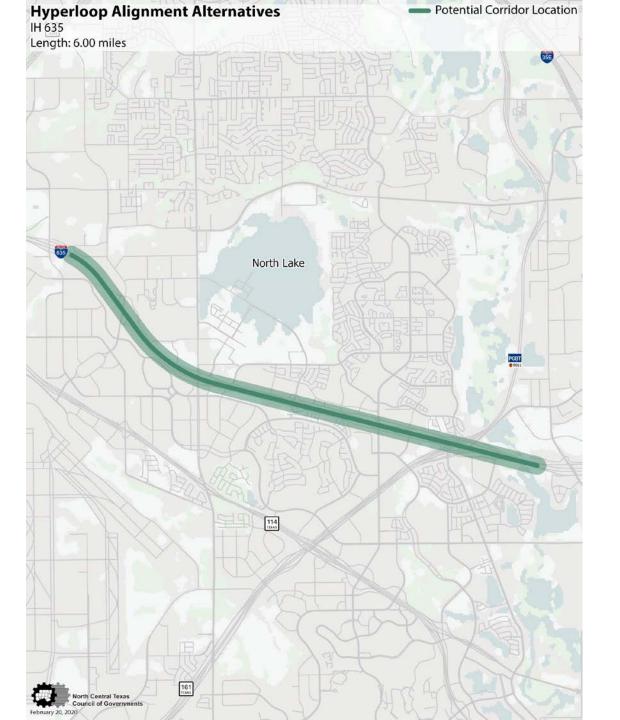
North Central Texas Council of Governments

### Proposed Corridor: SH 360 and DFWIA

Combined Corridors 7 and 8 Alignment Option 6B



## Contingency Corridor: IH 635 Corridor 3



### Revenues (Target \$200M)

FUNDING REQUEST	Corridor (6 Miles)	
State TERP Air Quality Funds	\$50M - \$100M	
TxDOT Commission/Governor's Office 1		
Federal Request (California HSR)	\$50M - \$100M	
Federal INFRA	\$30M	
EPA/DOE		
Aircheck (RTC)	\$10M - \$30M	
City/County (RTC)		
Private Sector (RTC)		
STBG (RTC)	\$40M	
RTC Local	\$10M (includes \$2.5M for University Partnership)	
RTC Transportation Development Credits	Yes	
RTC Carbon Credits	Yes	
	\$190M - \$310M $\sqrt{}$	

 $<sup>\</sup>sqrt{}$  = Round Three

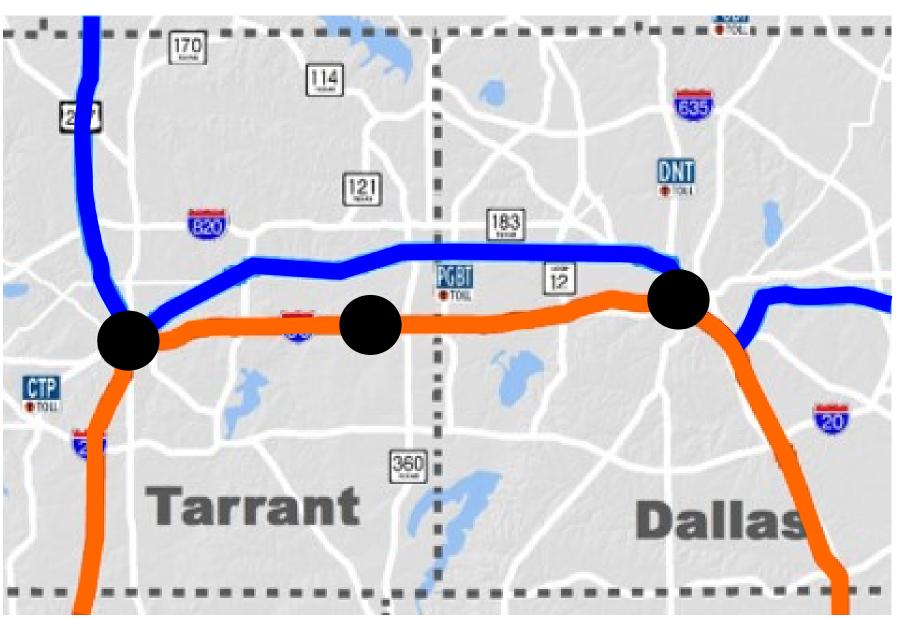
 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Enterprise Fund Request Pending Being Short Listed  $\sqrt{\phantom{a}}$ 

### Mobility 2045 High-Speed Recommendations

At-Grade

Grade Separated

Station Location

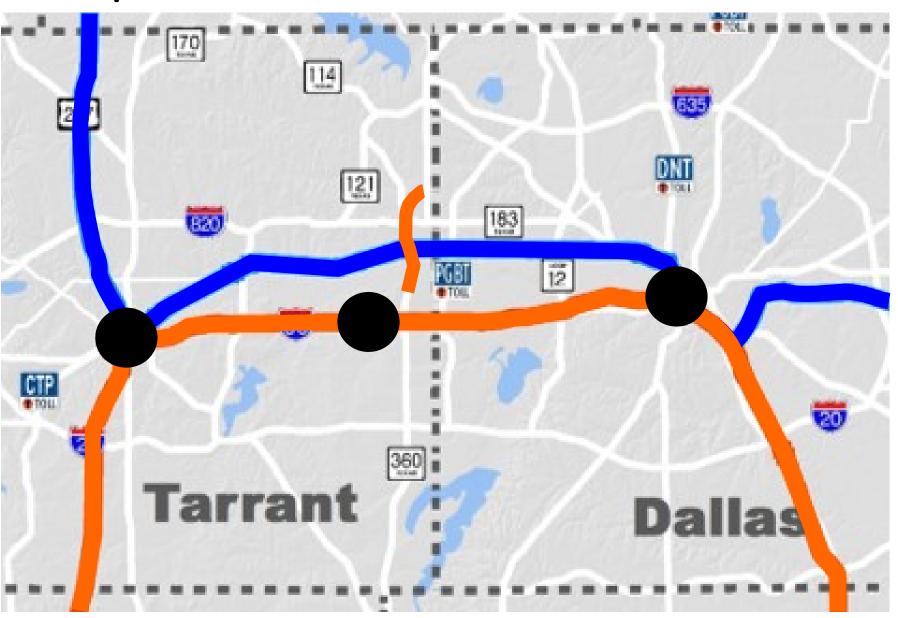


### **Proposed Certification Center Location**

At-Grade

Grade Separated

Station Location

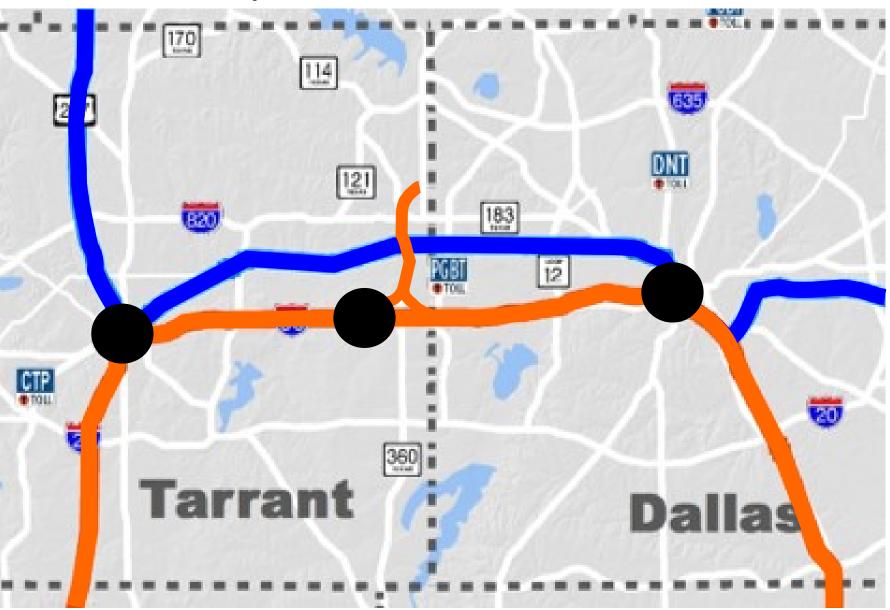


### **System Connection**

At-Grade

Grade Separated

Station Location



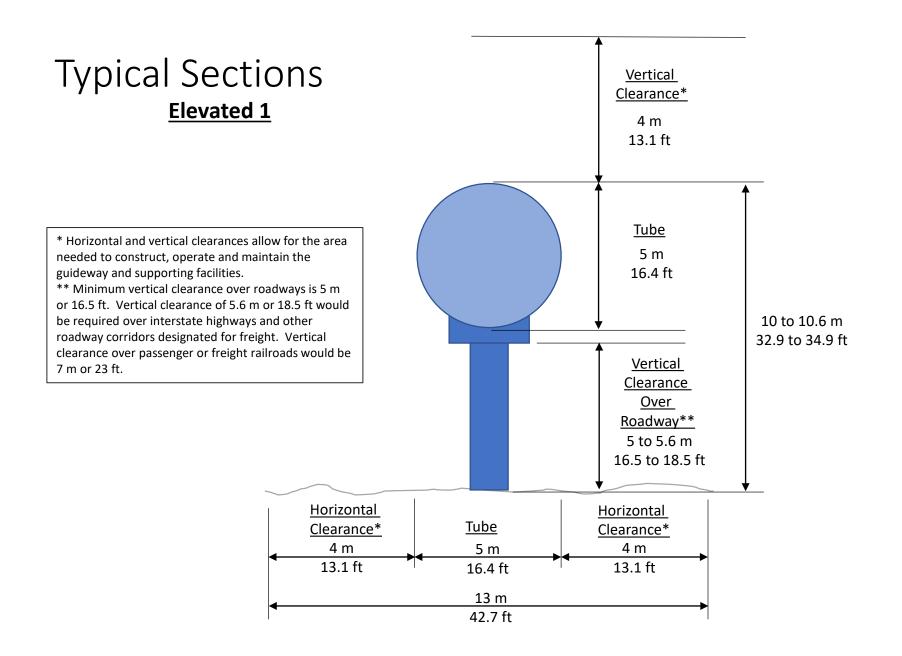
## Travel Time to DFW Airport

### **Downtown Fort Worth to DFW Airport**

- Regional Rail: 49 minutes
- Auto Peak Period:
   31-39 minutes
- Hyperloop: 7 minutes

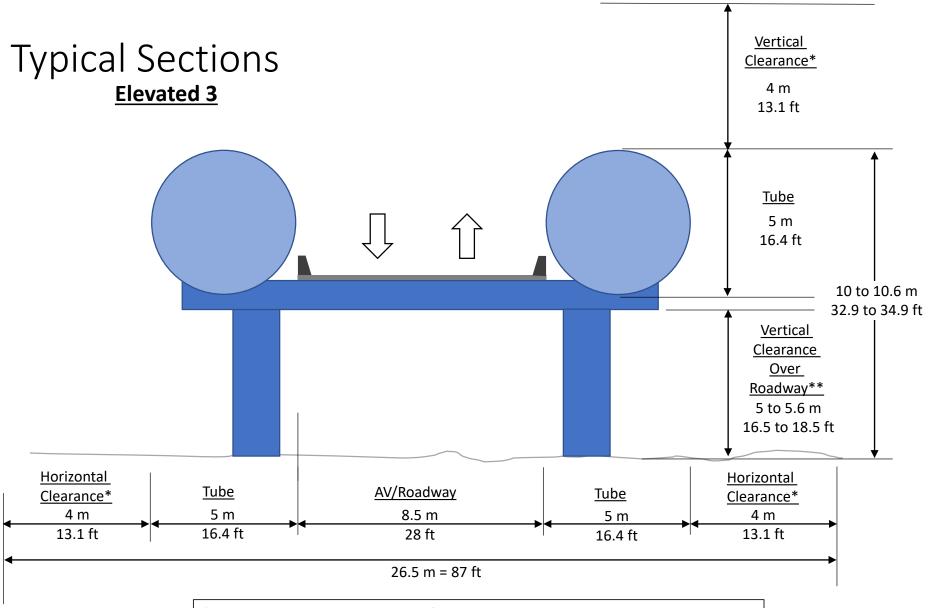
### **Downtown Dallas to DFW Airport**

- Light Rail: 50 minutes
- Auto Peak Period:
   35-40 minutes
- Hyperloop: 7 minutes



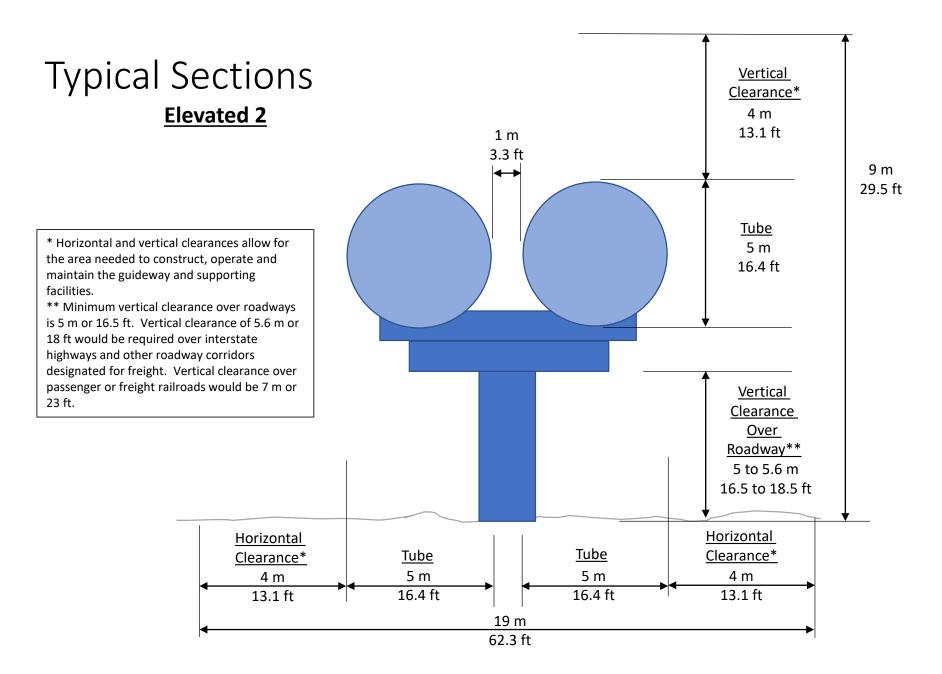
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<sup>\*</sup> Horizontal and vertical clearances allow for the area needed to construct, operate and maintain the guideway and supporting facilities.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Minimum vertical clearance over roadways is 5 m or 16.5 ft. Vertical clearance of 5.6 m or 18 ft would be required over interstate highways and other roadway corridors designated for freight. Vertical clearance over passenger or freight railroads would be 7 m or 23 ft.



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## NEXT STEPS WITH TXDOT AND 2021 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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### **NEED FOR COMMISSION/RTC DISCUSSION**

#### **Texas Transportation Commission**

- State Funds
- Maximum Flexibility to Commission in Category 12 for Statewide Needs
- No Tolled Projects

2021 UTP?

### RTC as Metropolitan Planning Organization

- Federal Responsibility
- Air Quality Requirements
- Maximize Modal Diversity
- Leverage Funds
- Maintain Equity

### Legislature

- Permit Tolled Projects
- Restrict Magnitude of Commission Funds in Category 12

### RTC COMMUNICATION TO TXDOT: EMERGENCY/GRANDFATHERED/PHASED TOLLED MANAGED LANE SYSTEM

### **Tarrant County**

IH 30: IH 35W to FM 157/Collins

### **Tarrant/Dallas County**

SH 183: SH 121 to SH 161

### **Dallas County**

IH 30 East: IH 45 to US 80 +

### **Collin County (Contingency)**

US 75 Technology Lanes

### INCOMING PRIVATE SECTOR REVENUE FOR NORTH TARRANT EXPRESS (NTE)/SH 183

Per prior RTC direction, staff continues to work with TxDOT and private sector partners to complete additional phases of the NTE and other public/private partnership projects.

Recent projections indicate that general purpose and managed lane capacity improvements are anticipated to be triggered in mid-2022 with an open to traffic date of June 2024.

The private sector is currently coordinating with TxDOT to advance these improvements.

The private sector partner (NTEMP) will be paying for these improvements in the amounts noted below:

Capacity Improvements	\$ in Millions	Notes
SH 183/NTE Segment 1 & 2W	\$162	Add 1 general purpose lane in NTE Segment 1 and
Widening		1 managed lane in NTE Segment 2W
Build 2+2 managed lanes from	\$860	This section of 5.3 miles would be built and
Reliance Parkway to SH 161		operated by private sector as an extension of the
(former Segment 2E)		current facility
Build 2+2 managed lane from	\$270	Funding Cintra would pay to TxDOT to lane
SH 161 to Story Rd		balance east of SH 161 (2 miles)

### PROPOSED I.H.35 RECOMMENDATION IN AUSTIN

### **Measured Outrage:**

Plan A: DOA

Plan B: Win-Win

### **PLAN A**

IH 35 Austin

Non-Toll Environment

\$3.7B Category 12 Strategic Priority Additional Funds

\$7.5B Total Cost

### PLAN B (RTC APPROVAL IN MARCH)

Impact of \$1B to our Region

**Contradicts Current Agreements** 

Answer is Clear: Exists in Real World

60 Day Blitz: Build All

#### Communicate to:

**Texas Transportation Commission** 

**Governor Office** 

Lt. Governor Office

**Private Sector** 

Legislative Delegation

**Attorney General Office** 

**Austin MPO** 

#### Focus:

**Equity** 

Law

**Project** 

**Lost Opportunity Costs** 





### High-Speed Technology Terminology

FRA Terminology	Speed	Shared Track with Freight?	Grade Separation Required?	NCTCOG Mobility Plan Terminology	Common Terminology Equivalent
Conventional Passenger Rail (local rail and Amtrak)	<79 MPH	Yes	No	Regional Rail Intercity Rail	Low
Higher-Speed Rail	79–110 MPH	Yes (primarily shared track)	No (advanced protection required)	At-Grade	Medium
High-Speed Rail – Regional	110–150 MPH	Minimal	Yes	Grade Separated	Medium-High
High-Speed Rail – Express	>150 MPH	No	Yes	Grade Separated	High

Source: Federal Railroad Administration and NCTCOG

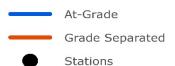
### Two Primary DFW High-Speed Technologies

Characteristic	High-Speed Rail	Hyperloop
Top Speed	~220 MPH	~700 MPH
Headway	30 minutes	~2 minutes
Person Capacity	2,400/hour/direction <sup>1</sup>	16,000/hour/direction <sup>2</sup>
Operating Style	Passenger Train	Single Lane Freeway
Cargo	No	Yes

Notes: <sup>1</sup> Estimate based on NCTCOG calculations combining stated headway and train set capacity from TCR <sup>2</sup> Estimate from Virgin Hyperloop One



### **DFW High-Transportation Projects**





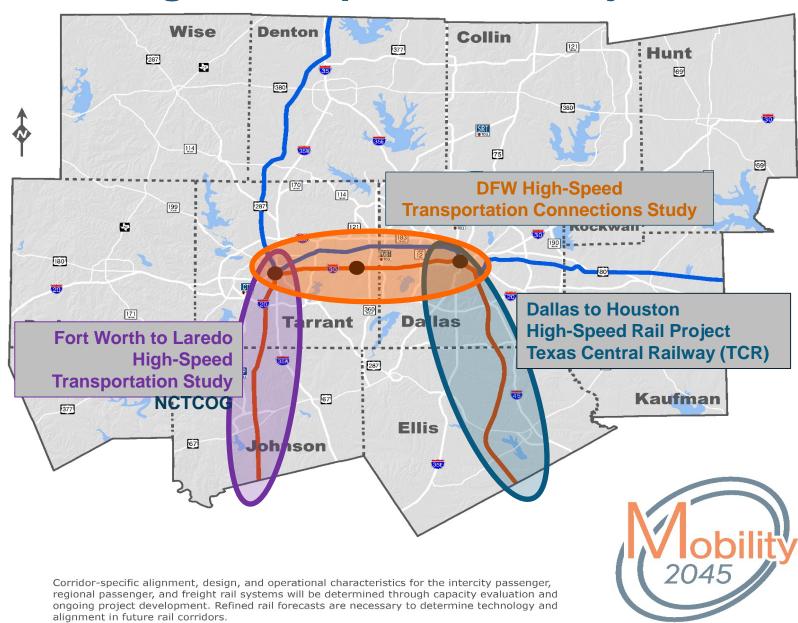


**Fort Worth CBD** 





June 2018





### Fort Worth to Laredo

"Bridge" to Future Study

**Review Tier I Recommendations** 

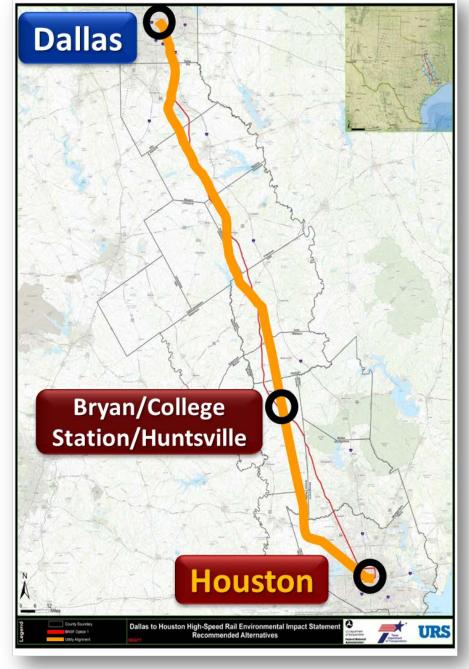
Corridors

**Technology** 

**Modes of Travel** 

Final Report Expected March 2020





# Dallas to Houston

Building the Project Every Day

Working with Design/Build Partner

**Preparation for Construction Activity** 

Petition for Rulemaking Granted by FRA

Rule of Particular Applicability

Final Rule Expected in 2020

**Environmental Impact Statement** 

Record of Decision Expected 3Q 2020





# Fort Worth to Dallas

**Procurement Process Underway** 

Alternatives Analysis

**Environmental Document** 

Connections

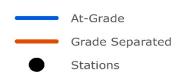
High-Speed Projects

**Transportation Access** 

Coordination with FRA and FTA



### **High-Speed Transportation Recommendations**





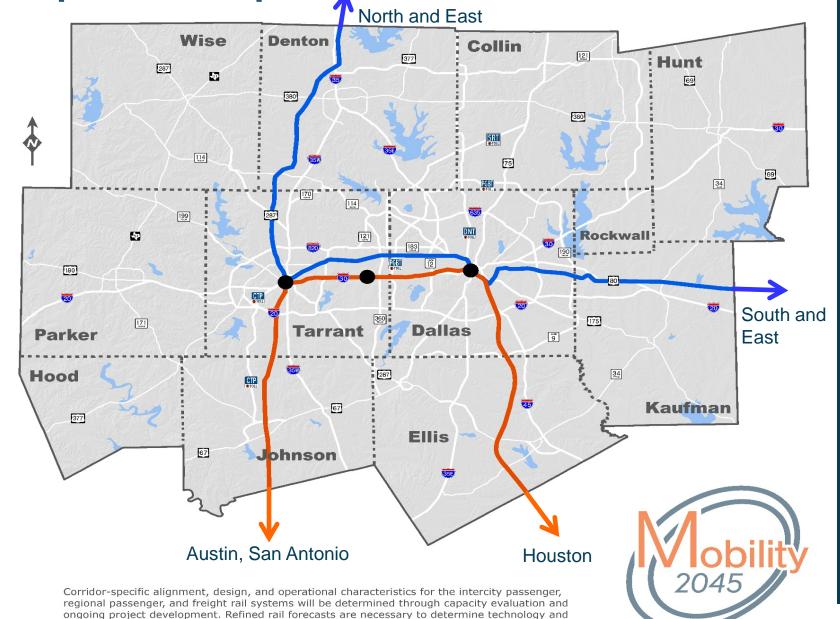


**Fort Worth CBD** 

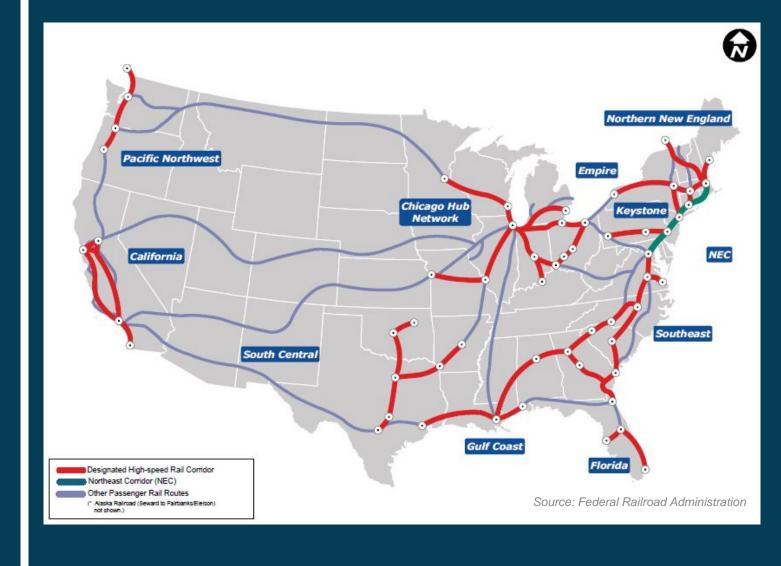




alignment in future rail corridors.



# U.S. Intercity Passenger Rail Network Vision











# **Mobility 2045**

RTC Adopted on June 14, 2018

Must Adopt Updated Plan Within Four Years

Transportation Conformity Achieved November 21, 2018

Expires November 21, 2022



# Mobility 2045: 2022 Update

Mobility Plan Update, Not Amendment

Will Incorporate New TIP

Partner Coordination Begins in March

**Project Refinements** 



# Mobility 2045: 2022 Update

**Horizon Year: 2045** 

Base Year: 2020

Revised 2045 Demographics

**Revised 2045 Revenue Forecast** 



# Mobility Plan Foundation





# Mobility Plan Construction

### **Performance Measures**

**Measure the Objectives Based on Targets** 

### **Project Selection**

**Informs Prioritization** 

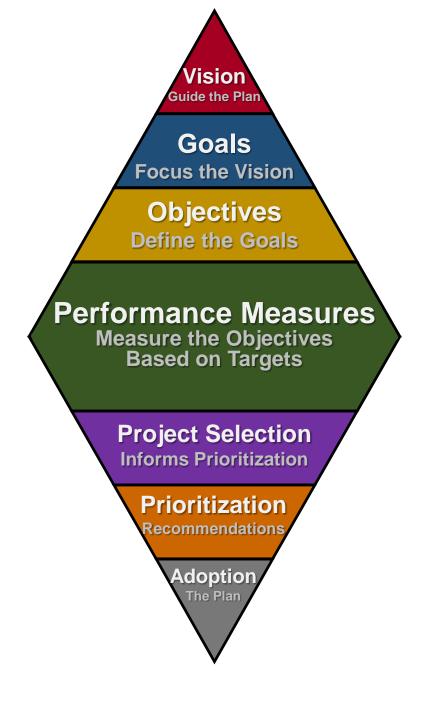
### **Prioritization**

Recommendations

Adoption
The Plan



# Mobility Plan Development



## Vision Statement

To improve the region's mobility today and tomorrow by embracing technology and innovation.



# Goals Four Categories Nine Goals

#### **Mobility**

- Improve Transportation Options
- Support Travel Efficiency Strategies
- Ensure Community Access to System and Process

#### **Quality of Life**

- Enhance Environment and Lifestyles
- **Encourage Sustainable Development**

### **System Sustainability**

- Ensure Adequate Maintenance, Safety, and Reliability
- Pursue Long-Term, Sustainable Financial Resources

#### **Implementation**

- Provide Timely Planning and Implementation
- Develop Cost Effective Projects and Programs

# 2022 Update Status

Completed

**Vision** 

Goals

**Current Efforts** 

**Identifying Objectives** 

**Developing Performance Measures** 

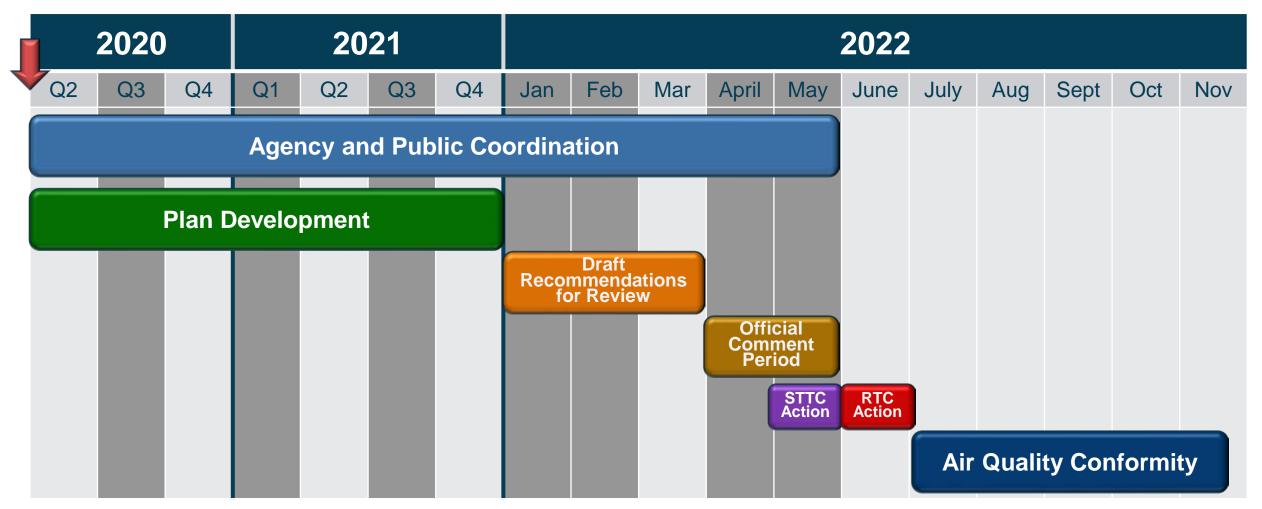
**Setting Targets** 

Initiating Coordination Efforts





# Mobility 2045: 2022 Update



#### Notes

- Public meetings held during highlighted months.
- Regional Transportation Council action on Mobility 2045 scheduled for June 9, 2022.



# 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM DRAFT LISTINGS

Surface Transportation Technical Committee

February 28, 2020

## A COOPERATIVE EFFORT

Local Governments

- Cities
- Counties

Texas
Department of
Transportation

- Dallas District
- •Fort Worth District
- Paris District

Transit Agencies

- •DART
- Trinity Metro
- •DCTA

Transportation Agencies

- North Texas Tollway Authority
- •DFW Airport



2021-2024
Transportation
Improvement
Program
for North Central Texas







## **DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

- Review existing projects and gather information on additional locally funded projects
- Make needed revisions to existing project schedules, funding, and/or scope
- Develop revised project listings
- Financially constrain project programming based on estimated future revenues
- Conduct Mobility Plan and Air Quality conformity review
- Solicit public and Committee/Council input
- Finalize project listings and submit to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

### **FOCUS AREAS**

### Draft Project Information

- Reflects updates to projects provided by agencies, as well as updates from recent/pending TIP Modifications where applicable
- Financially constrained to the 2020 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) allocations
- Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Surveys
  - Surveys have been sent to agencies that have a project or phase in FY 2021, the first year of the new TIP.
  - Responses provide more clarity on project schedules to help NCTCOG staff determine which projects phases will <u>truly</u> be ready to commence in FY 2021.
  - Failure to provide a survey response will lead to your project being pushed to a later year.
  - Doing this work now can help prevent the need for additional TIP Modifications in the future.

### **SCOPE OF PROGRAMMING**

- \$13.32 Billion in the 2021-2024 TIP (Roadway and Transit)
  - \$7.62 Billion in Federal Commitments
  - \$2.10 Billion in State Commitments
  - \$0.13 Billion in Regional Commitments
  - \$2.62 Billion in Local Commitments
  - \$0.85 Billion in Transit Commitments
- 945 Active Projects (Roadway and Transit)
- 66 Implementing Agencies (Roadway and Transit)

### REQUEST FOR REVIEW

- Please review the listings for projects being implemented by your agency and within your jurisdiction to verify:
  - Start and end dates of each phase
  - Fiscal years of each phase
  - Scope
  - Limits
  - Funding amounts
- If a project does not have funding in FY 2021, 2022, 2023, or 2024, it will not be in the new TIP.
  - FY 2020 projects will not automatically carry over. We must determine now if projects should be "double-listed" in FY 2021 if they could be delayed.
  - Projects in FY 2025 and later will be in the environmental clearance appendix of the TIP (Appendix D).

### **TIMELINE**

May – November 2019 Conducted meetings with implementing agencies

August 2019 – February 2020 Data entry, develop listing, and financial constraint

February 2020 Present draft listings to STTC for Information

March 2020 Present draft listings to RTC for Information

March 2020 Conduct public meetings

April 9, 2020 Deadline for providing comments on draft listings

April 2020 Present final listings to STTC for Action

May 2020 Present final listings to RTC for Action

June 2020 Transmit final document to TxDOT

**Executive Board endorsement** 

August 2020 Anticipated approval of the STIP by Texas

Transportation Commission

October/November 2020 Anticipated federal approval of the STIP

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**CLEAN CITIES** 

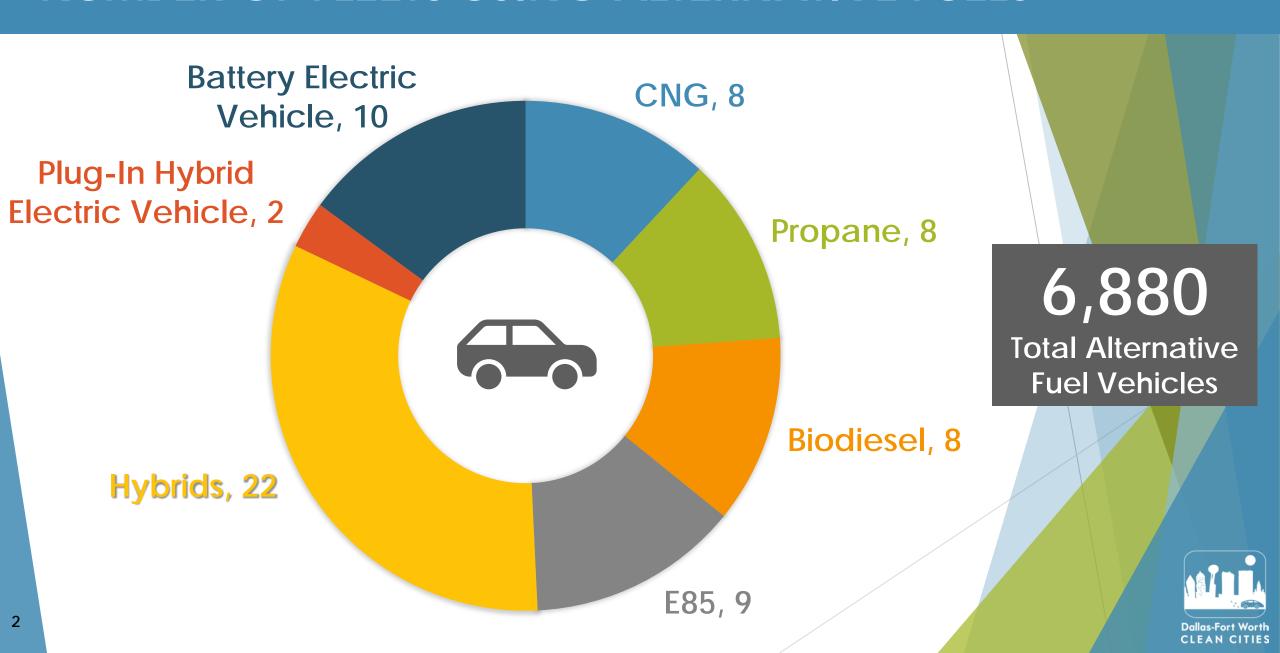
# Clean Cities Annual Survey Results and Coalition Update

Surface Transportation Technical Committee

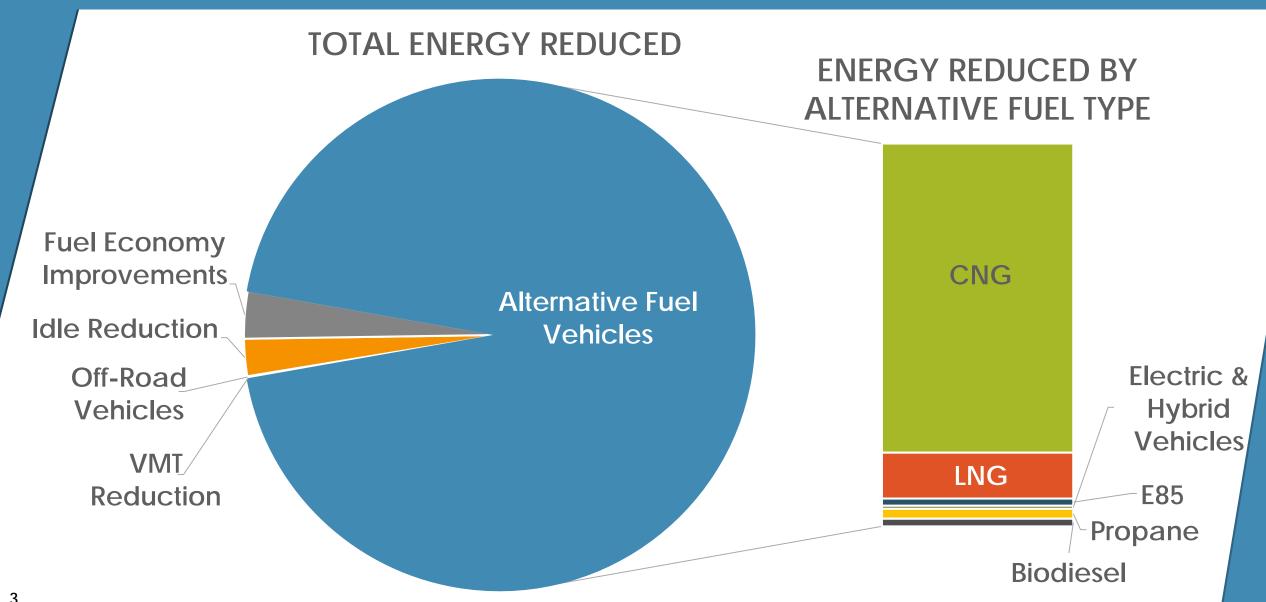
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Bailey Muller, Senior Air Quality Planner

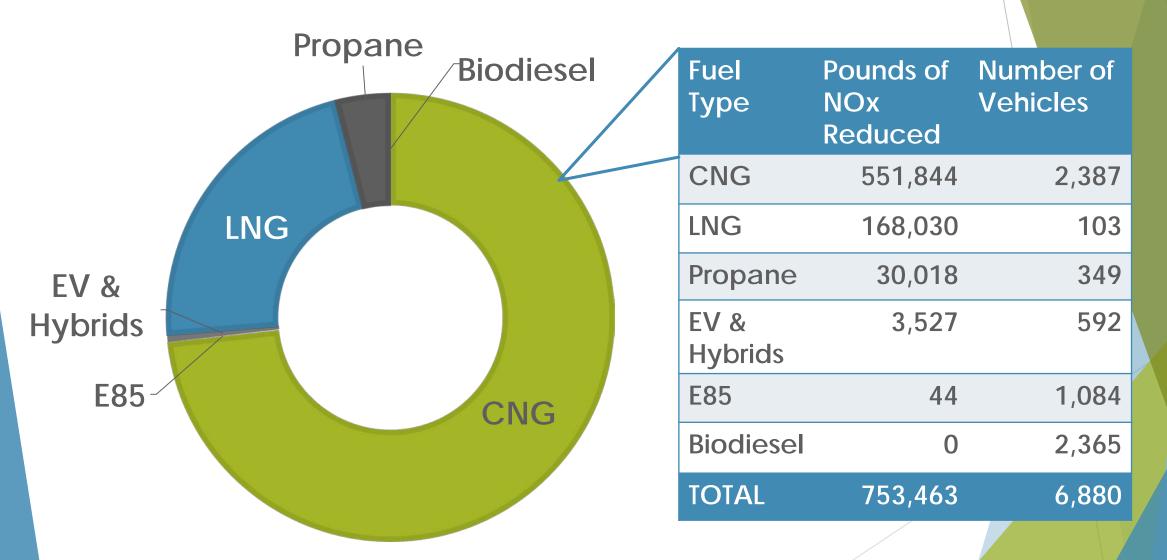
### NUMBER OF FLEETS USING ALTERNATIVE FUELS



### 2018 ANNUAL ENERGY USE IMPACT



## NITROGEN OXIDE (NO<sub>x</sub>) REDUCTIONS BY FUEL TYPE





### 2018 DFW CLEAN CITES ANNUAL REPORT

### **Energy Use Impact**



23,243,022

Gallons of Gasoline Equivalents Reduced

Ozone Impact



~1 Ton per Day

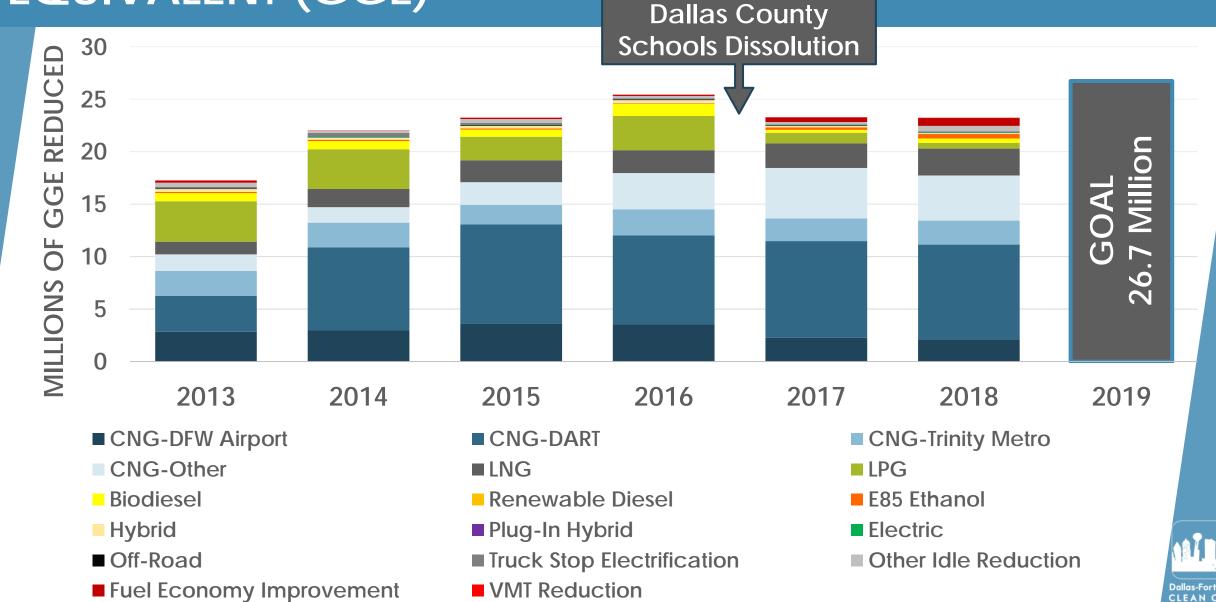
Ozone Forming Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>X</sub>) Reduced

Comparison:
RTC Initiatives
Credited in
Conformity =
2.12 Tons per
Day NO<sub>X</sub>
Reduced

**40 REPORTING FLEETS** 



ANNUAL ENERGY USE IMPACT IN GASOLINE GALLON EQUIVALENT (GGE)



# 2019 FLEET RECOGNITION AWARD WINNERS

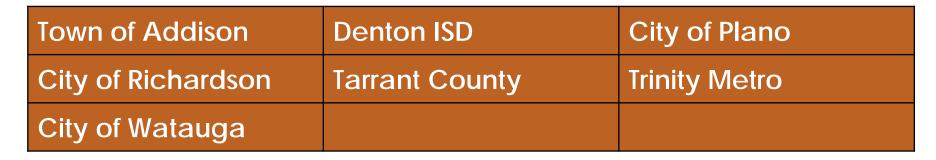


TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR RECOGNITION, FLEETS MUST:

- 1. SUBMIT AN ANNUAL SURVEY
- 2. ADOPT CLEAN FLEET POLICY









City of Carrolton	City of Coppell
City of Dallas	City of Denton
Denton County	DFW International Airport
Town of Flower Mound	City of Irving
City of Lewisville	City of Mesquite
City of North Richland Hills	



City of Euless	City of Southlake	Dallas Area Rapid Transit
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### COMING TO DFW CLEAN CITIES IN 2020...

Coalition 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**DFW Clean Cities Advisory Committee** 

Membership Profile

**Recommendations from Department of Energy** 

New Fleet Recognition Awards - "Shining Stars"

2020 Fleet Challenge



### 2019 FLEET SURVEYS RECEIVED (AS OF 02.28.2020)

Town of Addison	City of Arlington	Arlington ISD
City of Bedford	City of Benbrook	City of Carrollton
City of Cedar Hill	City of Dallas	Dallas County
City of Denton	Denton County Transportation Authority	DFW Airport
City of Farmers Branch	Town of Flower Mound	City of Garland
City of Lancaster	City of Lewisville	City of McKinney
City of Mesquite	City of Plano	Prosper ISD
Town of Prosper	City of Richardson	City of Southlake
Tarrant County	Trinity Metro	City of Watauga

Don't See Your Entity Listed? You Still Have Time to Submit-Final Deadline March 14, 2020

Download the Survey and See the Latest List of Reports Received Here: <a href="https://www.dfwcleancities.org/annualreport">https://www.dfwcleancities.org/annualreport</a>

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