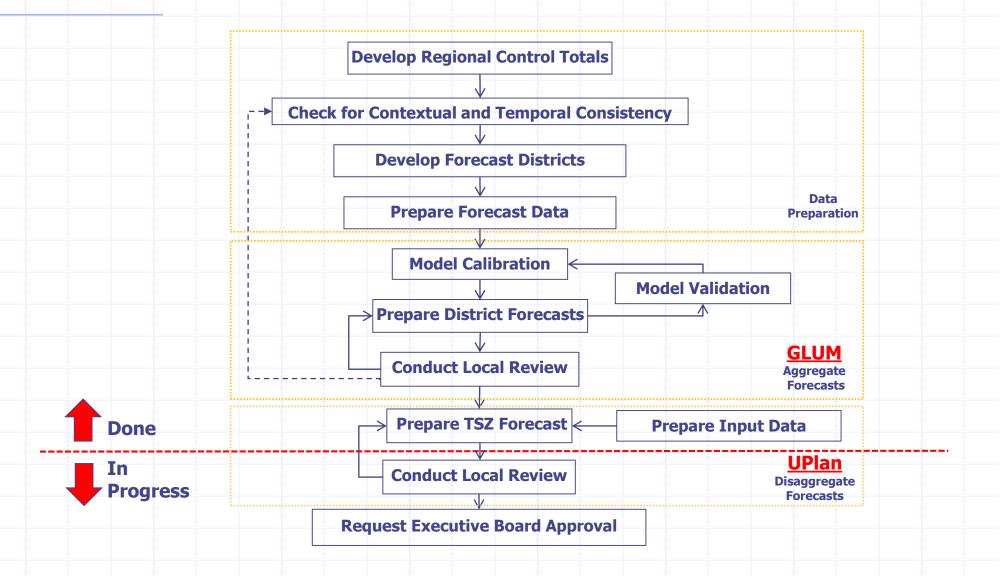
#### Forecast 2040 Process











#### NCTCOG INCIDENT MANAGEMENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASE 2014 CALL FOR PROJECTS

**Regional Transportation Council** 

January 8, 2015

North Central Texas Council of Governments







#### NCTCOG Incident Management Equipment Purchase Call for Projects



Purpose: To Assist Partner Agencies in Purchasing Equipment and Technology that Aid in Quick Incident Clearance and Mitigation



Supports Current Incident Management Training Recommendation to Use Best Practice Equipment and Technology



Emphasizes Importance of Implementing Incident Management Strategies and Training



# Funding Availability and Submitted Projects

\$2 Million Available



Funding Split: 66% Eastern Sub-Region = \$1,320,000 34% Western Sub-Region = \$ 680,000

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Total Applications Received: 19 (61 projects\*)
Applications Received (Eastern): 10 - (30 projects)
Applications Received (Western): 9 - (31 projects)



**Total Funding Requested:** \$1,845,016 Funding Requested (Eastern): \$1,036,221 Funding Requested (Western): \$808,795









#### **Eligible Recipients and Activities**

#### **Eligible Recipients**

- Public Sector Partner Agencies within the NCTCOG 10-County Nonattainment Area Actively Involved in Incident Management
  - Police, Fire/EMS, Courtesy Patrol, Etc.

#### **Eligible Activities**

- Purchase of Equipment and Technology Used in Mitigating Crashes
  - Examples include: traffic barriers, cones, flares, protective clothing, signs, cameras, lighting, crash reconstruction technology, etc.

#### **Ineligible Activities**

Personnel and Staffing Charges



#### **Scoring Criteria**









Scoring Component	Available Points
FIM Training Attendance - NCTCOG or In-house	15
Completion of Incident Management Commitment Level Survey	10
Crash Data in Jurisdiction	10
Adoption of Incident Management Resolution	10
Incident Management Goals/Targets in Place	5
Equipment Description and Explanation of How Equipment will be Used to Mitigate Crashes	50
Total Score	100



#### Recommendations





### **Projects Not Recommended for Funding in Western Sub-Region**



Fort Worth Police Department: Mobile Cooling Safety

Trailer: \$24,000 - No direct regional benefit to traffic mitigation.

Fort Worth Police Department Road Safety Flares: \$16,625 FWP requested to retract this project after submittal.

City of Euless: Uninterrupted Power Supply for Traffic Signals: \$40,000 - Recommend submitting as part of Traffic Signal Retiming Program.









## Recommended Project Types Eastern Sub-Region

	Project Type	# of Projects Submitted	Funding Requested	
1	Incident Detection and Notification Equipment (Dynamic Message Boards, Radios, TMC Equipment, Thermal Imager)	8	\$275,654	
Traffic Control and Scene Management Equipment (Cones, Flares, Signs, Lighting, Safety Gear, Vehicles, Opticom Emitters, Accident Investigation/Reconstruction Technology)		22	\$760,567	
	Total	30	\$1,036,221	









#### Recommended Agency Submittal Summary - Eastern Sub-Region

	Agency	Project Types	# of Projects Submitted	Funding Requested
1	Anna Police and Fire Departments	Traffic Control Equipment, Responder Safety Gear, and Dynamic Message Boards	3	\$57,303
2	City of Dallas	Traffic Control Equipment, Dynamic Message Boards, Responder Radios and Accident Investigation Technology	5	\$144,739
3	City of Frisco	Traffic Control Equipment, TMC Equipment, Thermal Imager and Incident Dispatching Software	4	\$372,526
4	Denton Police Department	Traffic Control Equipment, Responder Safety Gear, Scene Lighting, and Dynamic Message Signs	7	\$52,512
5	Farmers Branch Police Department	Traffic Control Equipment, Responder Radios, Accident Investigation Technology	3	\$67,208
6	Flower Mound Police Department	Responder Opticom Emitters	1	\$4,905
7	Grand Prairie Police Department	Traffic Control Equipment and Dynamic Message Signs	3	\$33,606
8	Richardson Police Department	Accident Investigation Technology	1	\$10,248
9	Dallas County Sheriff's Office	Crash Attenuator Trucks Equipped with Traffic Control and Scene Management Equipment (Arrowboards, Lighting)	2	\$233,174
10	DART Police Department	Accident Investigation Technology	1	\$60,000
		Total	30	\$1,036,221



## Recommended Project Types Western Sub-Region







	Project Type	# of Project Requests	Funding Requested
1	Incident Detection and Notification Equipment (Dynamic Message Boards, Radios)	2	\$69,118
2	Traffic Control and Scene Management Equipment (Cones, Flares, Signs, Lighting, Safety Gear, Crash Attenuators, Arrowboards, Vehicles, Push Bumpers, and Transit Clusters, Accident Investigation/ Reconstruction Technology)	27	\$607,307
	Total	29	\$676,425









#### Recommended Agency Submittal Summary - Western Sub-Region

		Agency	Project Types	# of Project Requests	Funding Requested
	1	Arlington Fire Department	Traffic Control Equipment, Crash Attenuators, Arrowboards, Push Bumpers/Transit Clusters	6	\$100,811
	2	Arlington Police Department	Traffic Control Equipment and Accident Investigation Technology	2	\$243,138
	3	Euless Police and Fire Departments	Traffic Control Equipment, Responder Safety Gear, and Scene Lighting	4	\$12,978
Ī	4	City of Euless	Dynamic Message Boards	1	\$21,619
	5	Fort Worth Police Department	Heavy Duty Response Truck Equipped with Traffic Control Equipment, Responder Safety Gear, Portable Message Boards, and Accident Investigation Technology	7	\$160,036
	6	Grapevine Police Department	Accident Investigation Technology	1	\$32,262
	7	Hurst Police Department	Traffic Control Equipment and Scene Lighting	3	\$5,617
	8	North Richland Hills Police Department	Heavy Duty Response Truck Equipped with Traffic Control Equipment	1	\$78,028
	9	Weatherford Police Department	Traffic Control Equipment, Scene Lighting and Accident Investigation Technology	4	\$21,937
			Total	29	\$676,425









#### **Schedule**

DATE	ACTION
March 28, 2014	STTC (Information Item) – Introduced IM Equipment Purchase Call for Projects Idea
April 25, 2014	STTC (Action Item) – Request Approval to Conduct CFP and Use Transportation Development Credits
May 8, 2014	RTC (Action Item) – Request Approval to Conduct CFP and Use Transportation Development Credits
June 16, 2014	Open Call for Projects (60 days)
August 15, 2014	Close Call for Projects
August/September 2014	Evaluate Submitted Proposals (30 days)
September 26, 2014	Regional Safety Advisory Committee Meeting
December 5, 2014	STTC (Action) – Approval of Selected Projects Pending Comments from Public Meetings
December 8 - 10, 2014	Public Meetings
January 8, 2015	RTC (Action) – Approval of Selected Projects
January 22, 2015	Executive Board Meeting









#### Requested Action

## Request Regional Transportation Council Approval of:

Incident Management Equipment Purchase 2014 Call for Projects Recommendations as Provided in Reference Item 5.1 which Includes the Use of Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Funds and Transportation Development Credit's

Ability to Administratively Amend the TIP/STIP to Include All Incident Management Call for Project Recommendations in the Region









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# Support for NCTCOG Comments on the DFW SIP Revision and Other Air Quality Updates

**Regional Transportation Council** 

Chris Klaus, Senior Program Manager January 8, 2015





#### **DFW SIP REVISION**

#### 2008 8-Hour Ozone State Implementation Plan Schedule

**November 21, 2014** 

SIP Package Filed with the TCEQ Chief Clerk's Office

**December 10, 2014** 

TCEQ Commissioners'
Approved Proposed SIP
Revisions<sup>1</sup>

**December 26, 2014 thru January 30, 2015** 

**Public Comment Period<sup>2</sup>** 

January 15, 2015 and January 22, 2015

Public Hearing, Arlington, TX Public Hearing, Austin, TX

July 20, 2015

**SIP Package Due to EPA** 

December 2018

**Attainment Date** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>Proposed Attainment Demonstration SIP Revision</u> <u>Proposed Reasonable Further Progress SIP Revision</u>

http://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/dfw/dfw-latest-ozone

#### **DFW SIP REVISION**

#### **Utilize Updated Year 2018 On-Road Emission Inventories**

#### Currently Incorporated<sup>1</sup>

 $NO_X = 113.36 \text{ tons/day}$ 

VOC = 55.63 tons/day

#### **Recommended Update**

 $NO_X = 131.95 \text{ tons/day}$ 

VOC = 63.79 tons/day

New Inventories Have Higher tons/day for Both NO<sub>x</sub> and VOC

**Updated Estimates Incorporate Latest Planning Assumptions** 

**Numbers will Establish Future Transportation Conformity Budgets** 

Concurrence with the TCEQ's Recommendation

#### **DFW SIP REVISION**

#### **Retain Reference to NCTCOG Local Initiatives**

**Regionwide Collaborative Effort** 

Transmitted to the TCEQ on August 8, 2014

Included as Additional Qualitative Measures (as requested)

Assortment of Projects, Programs, Partnerships, & Policies

**Strategies Consisting of** 

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Projects** 

**Grade Separations** 

**Managed Lanes** 

**Intersection/Signal Improvements** 

**Vehicle Technology Improvements** 

**Public Education & Communication** 

#### DFW AD SIP REVISION

#### **Request for Action**

Concur with the TCEQ's Recommendation, Support NCTCOG to Comment to the TCEQ to Replace Older On-Road Emission Inventories with the Newer NCTCOG-Prepared On-Road Emission Inventories

And

Retain Incorporation of NCTCOG's Qualitative List of Local Initiatives that Will Provide Additional Air Quality Benefits and Will Further Reduce Precursors to Ground Level Ozone Formation

#### **2014 Transportation Conformity**

**November 13, 2014** 

**RTC Approval** 

**Interagency Consultation Review Wrapping Up** 

**December 23, 2014** 

The D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals Vacated the Attainment Deadline of December 31

**EPA & FHWA Currently Reviewing Court Decision** 

**Current Planning Based on End of Year Attainment Deadline** 

**NCTCOG Staff Transmitting Questions to EPA & FHWA** 

#### 8-Hour Ozone Standard Revision

November 26, 2014 - Proposed Rule Released by EPA<sup>1</sup>

65 – 70 ppb to Protect Public Health and Environment

**EPA Accepting Comments on ≤60 ppb** 

Ozone Season Extended to March – November<sup>2</sup>

New EPA Air Quality Index to be Developed Based on new Standard

**Additional Counties added to Nonattainment Area** 

December 17, 2014 – Proposed Rule Published in the *Federal Register*<sup>3</sup> 90-day Public Comment Period (Closes March 17, 2015)

**January 2015 Public Hearings To Be Announced** 

#### 8-Hour Ozone Standard Revision Timeline

Final Rule **By October 1, 2015** 

Effective Date for Revised **December 1, 2015** 

Standard<sup>1</sup>

**By October 1, 2016** States to Submit Nonattainment

**Designation Recommendations<sup>2</sup>** 

**By October 1, 2017 EPA Nonattainment Area** 

Designations<sup>3</sup>

2020 - 2037Potential Attainment Dates for

Revised Standard, Based on

Region's Classification

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Approximate - Effective date is 60 days after publication of Final Rule in the Federal Register.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>States have one year from "Final Rule" to recommend areas to be designated as nonattainment under the revised 8-hour ozone standard.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>EPA has two years from "Final Rule" to designate areas as nonattainment under the revised 8-hour ozone standard.

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# RTC CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROCEDURE

Regional Transportation Council January 8, 2015

Ken Kirkpatrick Counsel for Transportation

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

#### **Legal Requirements:**

RTC Bylaws (Sec. 3(D)) – Standards of Conduct (Ethics Policy) establishes RTC Ethics Policy in accordance with Section 472.034 of the Texas Transportation Code and requires that RTC members adhere to Chapter 171 of the Local Government Code and to the Code of Ethics from their respective local governments and public agencies.

<u>Local Gov't Code §171</u> – Regulation of Conflicts of Interest defines "substantial interest" for purposes of determining conflicts, establishes rules governing abstention from voting on matters, <u>and requires filing</u> an affidavit with the agency's official record keeper.

<u>Tex. Trans. Code §472.034</u> – Standards of Conduct (Ethics Policy) applies to policy board members and employees of metropolitan planning organizations.

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#### CONFLICT OF INTEREST (cont'd)

#### Test to determine whether a conflict exists:

- I and/or person(s) related to me;
- 2. have a substantial interest\* in a business entity or real property;
- 3. that may receive a special economic effect by a vote or decision of the RTC; and
- 4. the economic effect on my business entity or real property is distinguishable from its effect on the general public.

#### \*Substantial interest defined as:

- an ownership interest of 10 percent or more of the voting stock or shares of the business entity;
- an ownership interest of 10 percent or \$15,000 or more of the fair market value of the business entity;
- funds received from the business entity exceed 10 percent of (my/their) gross income for the previous twelve months; or
- an equitable or legal ownership interest in real property with a fair market value of at least \$2,500.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROCEDURE**

If a conflict of interest, as defined by Local Gov't Code Chapter 171, exists:

- Complete Conflict of Interest Affidavit\* (notarized);
- 2. File with RTC record keeper prior to meeting:

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<sup>\*</sup>Members are encouraged to consult with RTC Legal Counsel concerning potential conflict of interest questions prior to completing affidavit.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST PROCEDURE**

(cont'd)

- 3. RTC Legal Counsel will notify RTC Chair of filing of affidavit and abstention;
- 4. Member must abstain from any discussion, vote, or decision on the item;
- 5. Member must leave the meeting room prior to discussion and vote on the item;
- 6. Minutes of the RTC meeting will reflect the filing of the affidavit, abstention, and time member left and returned to the meeting.

#### REQUESTED ACTION

- 1. Approve the Conflict of Interest Procedure
- 2. Approve the use of Conflict of Interest Affidavit



# PROPOSITION 1 FUNDING PROGRAM

Regional Transportation Council January 8, 2015





#### **OVERVIEW**

Proposition 1 will provide \$1.75 billion to the State Highway Fund from the Rainy Day Fund in the first year

The DFW region anticipated to receive ≈\$367.6 M in year one

Allocations in future years will be dependent on oil prices



# PROPOSITION 1 – SIX GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1. Use formula allocation.
- 2. Bottom-up approach to project development.
- 3. Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) have broad-based, collaborative public involvement procedures that involve TxDOT.
- 4. Project selection should come from the regions.
- 5. Legislature should give greater flexibility to TxDOT to get projects ready.
- 6. Greater focus on transportation system versus projects, creating opportunities for statewide benefits.



#### **FOCUS AREAS**

Projects on the Interstate Highway System or the State Highway System

Traditional roadway projects (transit, bicycle/pedestrian, and toll roads are ineligible)

Projects should be ready to let by December 2015 for the first round of funding

Additional projects to be identified in years two, three, and four

No supplanting of project funds

All counties may receive a project by year four



#### **COORDINATION WITH TXDOT**

TxDOT and NCTCOG staffs have inventoried potential projects over the last several months in anticipation of a successful election

Coordination efforts to continue – development of a draft project list

Congestion is a focus for MPO, connectivity is a focus for the TxDOT Districts

Lead the State in development of statewide connectivity projects (e.g., IH 20 Corridor Improvements)

May involve a two-phased approval process to accommodate early lettings vs. projects letting later in the year



#### PROJECT SELECTION

Projects selected in the first year must be environmentally cleared

Projects must be consistent with the Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Sensitivity to existing projects with funding shortfalls

Greater focus on capacity rather than maintenance

#### **EQUITY PRINCIPLES**

Equity by county

Review/maintain east-west equity for the region

Ensure equitable distribution between counties across the four-year period



## ANTICIPATED NEAR-TERM PARTNERSHIPS

SH 360 at IH 30 interchange Southern Gateway (IH 35E and US 67) Proposition 1 Funding Program



#### **TIMELINE**

November 2014 Voter approval

December 2014 TTC likely to approve funding distribution

STTC information

Public meetings

RTC information

November 2014 – January 2015 MPO/TxDOT Districts develop preliminary list of projects for public discussion

January 2015

RTC information

STTC action

February 2015

Public meetings

RTC action for approval and endorsement\*

TTC action

<sup>\*</sup>Early TIP action may be needed to implement projects in early FY 2015.



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## Public Participation Plan Revisions



Regional Transportation Council Amanda Wilson, AICP January 8, 2015

#### Public Participation Plan

Meets basic public involvement requirements established in laws and legislation

Defines public involvement procedures and comment periods

Provides the public mechanisms for input into the planning process

Includes relevant policies as attachments

Draft online at www.nctcog.org/meetings

## Developing Draft Revisions

**Changing communications trends** 

New, more effective ways to reach, engage North Texans at convenient times, places

Increasing number of public meetings potentially contributing to declining attendance

Greater emphasis on aligning outreach, public input opportunity to significance of decision

Consistent with public input through survey and public meetings in June and September

## **Public Participation Goals**



## Reaching Audiences

Public meetings
Media outreach
Publications
Videos
Community events
Surveys

















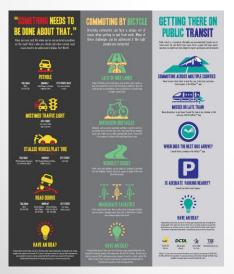


## **Enhancing Efforts**









Schedule of Meetings



# Revising the Public Participation Plan

- Shifting to online public review and comment periods for routine items
- Reserving public meetings for development of plans, programs and policies and significant changes
- Continuing to announce all public input opportunities
- Continuing to allow 30 days for public review and comment

# Revising the Public Participation Plan, cont'd

Administrative revision policy for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan

More extensive public involvement, including public meetings, will continue for development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan as well as Amendments and Updates

# Revising the Public Participation Plan, cont'd

- Documenting public involvement for the annual listing of obligated projects
- Documenting that Federal Transit Administration Programs of Projects will continue to be discussed at public meetings
- Revising the Language Assistance Plan to incorporate updated demographic information
- Defining evaluation criteria for public involvement efforts

# **Public Comments**

#### **Timeline**

2014

June

Public meetings – preliminary recommendations

June - July

Public comment period

Summer

Refine potential revisions

August

STTC information item

September

Public meetings – final recommendations

RTC information item

**September - October** 

Public comment period

**December** 

Public meetings – update on schedule

**December - February** 

Additional public comment period

2015

January

RTC information item

STTC action item

**February** R

RTC action item

## Today

Comments on the draft Public Participation Plan or outline of revisions

Most shareable content for your agency, groups and preferred delivery of this information

Ideas for further enhancing outreach and communications

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