

Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents as needed. It is estimated this exchange will not exceed \$450,000 .

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Congestion

2.2. Endorsement of Regional Transportation Council Action on Klyde Warren Park Extension Cost Increase

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: At its October 14, 2021, meeting, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved funding the federal share of an \$8.5 million cost overrun (\$6.8 million federal and \$1.7 million local) for the previously funded Klyde Warren Park Expansion project. The Committee is asked to endorse this action. The City of Dallas will cover the local match for the cost increase. This action includes approval for North Central Texas Council of Governments staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes.

Background: In December 2016, the RTC approved funding for the Klyde Warren Park Expansion. A total of \$30 million in federal funds, along with the corresponding \$7.5 million local match were approved, of which \$10 million of the federal funding is to be repaid by the City of Dallas, along with the City's private-sector partners. The project has an additional \$60 million in non-transportation-related investments that will fund park amenities. Final design plans have indicated a \$8.5 million cost overrun on the transportation components, which increases the cost from \$37.5 million to \$46 million. The City and Texas Department of Transportation have asked the RTC to cover the federal share with the City providing the local match for the increase. Electronic Item 2.2 provides a summary of existing and proposed funding.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Bike/Ped+

1:40 – 1:50

3. Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas Round 3 – Project Funding Recommendations

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Shawn Conrad, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information regarding the Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas Round 3 funding opportunity, proposals received, and evaluation process. A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC)

approval to award funding for implementation of selected projects will be requested.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) issued the Round 3 Blue-Green-Grey funding opportunity on July 19, 2021. Applications were due on August 13, 2021. Eligible projects are within the 12-county Metropolitan Planning Area and incorporate three elements – Blue (water), Green (environment), and Grey (transportation infrastructure). The goal of the Blue-Green-Grey program is to support innovative pilot projects that provide resources for cities and organizations to replicate these ideas throughout the metroplex. Eligible applicants include teams of individuals, private firms, educational facilities, and governmental agencies. The maximum award is \$75,000. A project evaluation committee reviewed the nine applications received and has selected three projects for funding recommendation.

Staff will seek a recommendation for RTC approval to proceed with awards for implementation of projects awarded through the 2021 Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas Round 3. Electronic Item 3.1 provides additional information on application scoring. Electronic Item 3.2 reflects NCTCOG staff award recommendations.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:50 – 2:00

4. **2023-2026 Management, Operations and Safety Program**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Approximately every four years, staff aggregates transportation items related to management and operations. This item will present the process to identify those projects for 2023-2026 and reasons for the inclusion of a safety program.

Background: The Transportation Department is frequently asked to conduct a series of transportation initiatives that include management and operations. The initiatives are best aggregated into an overall program conducted over several years. The existing program is being completed in 2022 and a continuation of existing and new initiatives need to be in place to begin October 1, 2023. In addition, increased focused on transportation safety for all modes is proposed as part of a statewide partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation. It is anticipated that the 2023-2026 program will be for management, operations, and safety. Typically, 50 percent or more of these funds are passed through to cities, counties, and transportation agencies for implementation. Electronic Item 4 contains additional details on the funding program.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Congestion, Safety

2:00 – 2:10

5. **North Central Texas Council of Governments Demographic Forecast Status Report**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on ongoing efforts to develop revised 2045 Population and Employment for the Metropolitan Area.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments is currently developing new forecasts of demographic activity out to the year 2045, which will be used to support the ongoing update of Mobility 2045: the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas. An update on the status of demographic forecast estimates will be provided.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:10 – 2:20

6. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amy Johnson, 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, highlighting notable policy/program updates.

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

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

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:20 – 2:30

7. **Fiscal Year 2021/Fiscal Year 2022 Project Tracking Initiative**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide the Committee with a final report on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Project Tracking Initiative and introduce the FY2022 project list. This effort is being conducted in order to maintain appropriate federal obligation of funds and expedite project delivery.

Background: Almost every year, Regional Transportation Council (RTC)-selected projects being implemented by local governments experience delays. While a one-year delay is of less consequence, projects tend to be delayed year after year. Over time, these delays led to the need to implement the

Metropolitan Planning Organization Milestone Policy, which identifies projects that have not advanced to construction after being funded for at least ten years. However, a ten-year project review does not create an action plan soon enough to maintain the region's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, and Transportation Alternatives Set Aside obligation balances. As a secondary line of offense, staff has implemented a project tracking initiative that will highlight project schedule commitments to the Surface Transportation Technical Committee and the RTC on a regular basis and report local agency progress toward the committed project development schedules. A list of projects that were scheduled to begin in FY2021 and their current status can be found in Electronic Item 7.1. A list of projects that are scheduled to begin in FY2022 and their current status can be found in Electronic Item 7.2. Additional details on both initiatives can be found in Electronic Item 7.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Air Quality

2:30 – 2:40

8. **Status Report on Local Government Energy Reporting**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Dorothy Gilliam, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the state-mandated local government energy reporting requirements and the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG's) efforts to increase the rate of local government energy reports submitted to the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO). A summary of energy management resources will also be presented.

Background: Texas' demand for power continues to grow as a result of increased population and employment creating potential increase in emissions and impact to air quality. To mitigate emissions impacts and demand on the grid, Texas passed legislation in 2001 mandating local governments in and near nonattainment areas set a goal to reduce their electricity consumption by 5 percent every year. This requirement is detailed in the Texas Health and Safety Code §388.005(c) available at <https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/HS/htm/HS.388.htm#388.005>. Legislation passed in the 2019 session updated this requirement, resetting the baseline at September 1, 2019, and extending the requirements to 2026. To increase awareness of this reporting requirement, NCTCOG staff has developed resources, offered informational webinars, and provided technical assistance to increase compliance to required reporting. Additional details are available in Electronic Item 8.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:40 – 2:40

9. **Fast Facts**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 0

Item Summary: Staff presentations will not be made. Please reference the material provided for each of the following topics.

1. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles
(<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources>)
 2. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
(<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
 3. Status Report on Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program Funding (Electronic Item 9.1)
 4. Status Report on Ozone Season (Electronic Item 9.2)
 5. Know Before You Fly Your Drone Workshops
(www.northtexasuas.com/UAS-Taskforce#Workshops)
 6. Deadline to Submit Requests for Transportation Improvement Program Modifications through the February 2022 Cycle – October 22, 2021
(<https://rtrinternal.nctcog.org/login>)
 7. Auto Occupancy/High-Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Subsidy Report (Electronic Item 9.3)
 8. 2021 Texas Department of Transportation Highway Safety Improvement Program Call for Projects Submittal Deadline for Applications Due to District Offices November 17, 2021 (<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/forms-publications/publications/highway-safety.html>)
 9. 2021 Fall Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement (Electronic Item 9.4)
 10. Immediate Action Freeway Projects-State Contingency (Electronic Item 9.5)
 11. Economic Development Administration Grant Opportunities: Four Projects (Electronic Item 9.6)
 12. September Online Input Opportunity Minutes (Electronic Item 9.7)
 13. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 9.8)
 14. Written Progress Reports:
 - Local Motion (Electronic Item 9.9)
 - Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 9.10)
10. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
11. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on December 3, 2021.**