

AGENDA

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, October 4, 2019 North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda

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1:30 – 1:35

1. Approval of August 23, 2019, Minutes and Recognition of Members

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Bryan Beck, STTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the August 23, 2019, meeting minutes contained in Reference Item 1 will be requested, and members concluding their service on the Surface Transportation Technical Committee will be recognized.

Background: N/A

1:35 – 1:40

2. Consent Agenda

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

2.1. Transportation Improvement Program Modifications

Presenter: Rylea Roderick, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of revisions to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested, along with the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes.

Background: November 2019 revisions to the 2019-2022 TIP are provided as Electronic Item 2.1 for the Committee's consideration. These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the Mobility Plan, the air quality conformity determination, and financial constraint of the TIP.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

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

2.2. FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program Modifications

Presenter: Vickie Alexander, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of modifications to the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be requested. Direction for staff to also amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents, as appropriate, to reflect the approved modifications will also be sought.

Background: The Unified Planning Work Program is required by federal and State transportation planning regulations and provides a summary of the transportation and related air quality planning tasks to be conducted by Metropolitan Planning Organization staff. The FY2020 and FY2021 UPWP identifies the activities to be carried out between October 1, 2019, and September 30, 2021. Amendments to this document are being proposed to reflect project updates and funding adjustments. The proposed amendments have been posted on the North Central Texas Council of Governments website for public review and comment, and are also included as Electronic Item 2.2.1. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 2.2.2. Comments received as a result of the public outreach process, if any, will be provided as a handout at the meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

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

1:40 – 1:50

3. **AirCheckTexas Funding**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: In response to comments at last month's Committee meeting regarding funds generated from the AirCheckTexas Program, staff will highlight further communication recommended to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

Background: Last month, staff provided an AirCheckTexas Program overview including accomplishments, statistics, and efforts to retain locally generated interest and rebates. On August 14, 2019, the TCEQ provided response, included in Electronic Item 3.1, to the Regional Transportation Council's request that these funds remain in the region for further emission reductions. As specified in intergovernmental contracts between the TCEQ and the participating counties, funds generated through use of grant funding are treated as grant funds. Unexpended grant funding goes back into Clean Air Account 151.

Per Committee request, Electronic Item 3.2 is a draft letter to the TCEQ asking for its continued review of all options. Feedback from the Committee is requested no later than October 18. Electronic Item 3.3 provides additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

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

1:50 – 2:00

4. **Air Quality Update: 2008 Ozone Air Quality Standard, Current Ozone Season, and Status Report on Volkswagen**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Jenny Narvaez and Nancy Luong, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present an update on the 2008 ozone standard reclassification. Information on the progress of funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program (TxVEMP) will also be provided.

Background: The Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) region did not meet the July 20, 2018, attainment date for the 2008 ozone standard. As a result, the Environmental Protection Agency recently took final action (Electronic Item 4.1) to reclassify the DFW area from “moderate” nonattainment to “serious” nonattainment.

Additionally, the TCEQ published the proposed State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision, available at www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/implementation/air/sip/dfw/dfw_ad_sip_2019/DFWAD_19078SIP_pro_backup.pdf, as required for the region’s reclassification. TCEQ approved the SIP revision on September 11, 2019, with a comment period of September 13 to October 28, 2019. Staff is preparing comments for the October 25, 2019, Committee meeting.

Lastly, approximately \$33.4 million was available to the DFW area for eligible mitigation actions under the TxVEMP, which was created as part of the Volkswagen Clean Air Act Civil Settlements. Funding will be made available for specific types of projects through different funding cycles. Thus far, \$11,684,806 has been made available for buses, and \$8,346,290 will be made available for refuse haulers in October. More information is available in Electronic Item 4.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
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2:00 – 2:10

5. **Public Comment Availability at Regional Transportation Council Meetings (HB 2840)**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of HB 2840 requirements from the 86th Texas Legislative Session.

Background: HB 2840 requires governmental bodies to allow a 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.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

- Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
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2:10 – 2:20

6. Transportation 101

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of a public education campaign requested by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Chairman.

Background: The RTC Chairman has requested North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff develop a Transportation 101 public education campaign. Previously, education campaigns have been developed on TEXpress Lanes and Funding 101. Elements of these prior efforts will be used. Additional presentation materials, brochures, and videos may be developed. An ongoing effort to develop an enhanced community engagement program that pairs education with seeking public comments earlier in the planning process, as outlined in the Public Participation Plan, will be expedited as part of the Transportation 101 campaign. Elements will be available to RTC and Committee members to use within their communities, as well as NCTCOG staff.

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2:20 – 2:30

7. Hyperloop Certification Facility

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present a status report on how the Dallas-Fort Worth region will respond to the anticipated Request for Proposals for a hyperloop certification facility.

Background: It is anticipated that Virgin Hyperloop One will request a partnership with a local entity to build a certification facility for the new hyperloop technology. Staff will engage the Greater Dallas Chamber to address non-certification requirements and the Regional Transportation Council will retain the presentation of potential certification track locations. Staff will also transmit a call for candidate locations to governmental entities within the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

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2:30 – 2:40

8. **High-Speed Rail Work Plan: Dallas/Arlington/Fort Worth**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Michael Morris and Sandy Wesch, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present a draft work plan for advancing high-speed rail technology between Dallas, Arlington, and Fort Worth.

Background: The Tier 2 environmental document Request for Proposal is anticipated to be sent out for consultant assistance this fall. Staff would like to present the major work tasks to update the environmental work previously conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation.

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2:40 – 2:50

9. **Regional 10-Year Plan Commitments**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Committee on the status of funding commitments on several projects in the Regional 10-Year Plan.

Background: In the spring of 2019, the Committee and the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved a series of updates to the Regional 10-Year Plan. Among the changes were removal of funding from several projects in the region. Some of this funding was moved to other projects temporarily in order to help leverage additional Category 12 funding from the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC), while other funding was removed permanently. Staff will discuss which projects will be refunded in the next Regional 10-Year Plan update and which will remain unfunded.

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2:50 – 3:00

10. **Next Steps with the Texas Department of Transportation**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to reengage with the Texas Transportation Commission on innovative transportation funding policies.

Background: With the completion of this year's Unified Transportation Program (UTP) in August 2019, staff would like to reinstate previously successful policies that led to an aggressive combination of projects in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Efforts are underway to develop these policy elements in order to influence project programming for next year's UTP. Such policy items as the importance of partnership, innovative funding,

and formula allocation, as well as good government principles to advance tolled managed lanes will be discussed.

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3:00 – 3:10

11. Safety Program Performance Measures Report

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Camille Fountain, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on items included in the 2018 Safety Program Performance Measures Report.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Safety Program Performance Measures Report provides an annual report on the performance of various NCTCOG safety programs, projects, and statistics such as regional crash and fatality data, regional bicycle and pedestrian data, top 10 contributing factors for regional crashes, county-level crash rates, attendance statistics for Traffic Incident Management and Photogrammetry training courses, and Mobility Assistance Patrol Program statistics. Also included in the performance report are updates to the Safety Performance Targets and the Wrong-Way Driving Mitigation Pilot Project. The 2018 NCTCOG Safety Program Performance Measures Report is included as Electronic Item 11.

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3:10 – 3:30

12. Fast Facts

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 20

Item Summary: Brief presentations will be made on the following topics:

1. *Nancy Luong* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles (www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/fundingvehicle)
2. *Nancy Luong* – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (www.dfwcleancities.org/dfw-clean-cities-meetings)
3. *Anthony Moffa* – Car Care Clinics 2019 (www.ntxcare.org/)
4. *Huong Duong* – Environmental Protection Agency Recognition of SmartWay Affiliation (www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/for-fleets/smartway#EarthDay2019)
5. *Brian Wilson* – 511DFW Fact Sheet (Electronic Item 12.1)
6. *Nicholas Allen* – 86th Texas Legislature Bill Summary (Electronic Item 12.2)
7. *Whitney Vandiver* – Air North Texas Clean Air Action Day 2019 Results (Electronic Item 12.3)
8. *Brian Wilson* – July Online Input Opportunity Minutes (Electronic Item 12.4)
9. *Brian Wilson* – October Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 12.5)

10. *Victor Henderson* – Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 12.6)

11. *Evan Newton* – East/West Equity Update (Electronic Item 12.7)

12. Written Progress Report:

- Local Motion (Electronic Item 12.8)
- Transportation Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 12.9)

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

14. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for ***1:30 pm on October 25, 2019, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***