

Appendix A

MPO Designation Agreement

NCTCOG was designated by the Governor as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area on July 2, 1974. The contract for the Metropolitan Planning Organization involves the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Regional Transportation Council, and the State of Texas. The latest designation (which was approved by the NCTCOG Executive Board on July 28, 1988, and by the Regional Transportation Council on July 8, 1988) will continuously be in effect until rescinded. A copy of this agreement is provided as Appendix A.



T h i s p a g e i s i n t e n t i o n a l l y b l a n k

AGREEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

THIS AGREEMENT Made this 26th day of AUGUST, A.D., 1988, by and between the Office of the Governor, State of Texas, acting by and through the Office of Budget and Planning, Party of the First Part, and the
NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
_____, Party of the Second Part:

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 in Section 112 allocates planning funds to Metropolitan Planning Organizations to support the urban transportation planning process; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration (in accordance with Section 112 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973) and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (in accordance with Section 8 of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration Act of 1964, as amended) intend to fund the same designated metropolitan planning organization in each metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Aviation Administration intends to consider this agency for the receipt of airport system planning funds under Section 13 of the Airport and Airway Development Act of 1970 as amended; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the parties that urban transportation planning be integrated to the maximum extent possible with other areawide planning in the metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, the successful implementation of urban transportation planning requires the assistance and concurrence of all local governments in the metropolitan area.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed that the use of funds made available under Section 112 of the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1973 shall be governed by the organization and responsibilities as set out in the following paragraphs:

I. Organization

The NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
shall be the Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation
planning in the DALLAS-FORT WORTH
urbanized area.

The Metropolitan Planning Organization shall:

- A. Develop or assist in the development of a multi-modal transportation planning process. Prepare a Unified Work Program which would specify the use of Section 112 funds or in those regions where a Unified Work Program is not required, prepare a plan for the use of these monies, and submit the Unified Work Program or plan for approval to the Committee established pursuant to Section 134 of Chapter 1 of Title 23 United States Code.
- B. Insure that transportation planning in the urbanized area is successful, coordinated, and integrated with other comprehensive planning in the State Planning Region.
- C. Use the Committee structure established pursuant to Section 134 of Chapter 1 of Title 23 U. S. C. as the group responsible for giving the Metropolitan Planning Organization overall transportation policy guidance.

II. Section 112 of the 1973 Federal-Aid Highway Act authorizes additional funds for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of Section 134 of Chapter 1, of Title 23 U. S. C. Therefore, first consideration for the distribution of Section 112 funds will be given to planning efforts being conducted by cities, counties, and regional councils of governments who are assigned responsibility for basic elements of the urban Transportation Study Agreements established by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation pursuant to Section 134 of Chapter 1 of Title 23 U. S. C.

III. This agreement shall in no way establish any activity or process that would infringe upon or interfere with the statutory obligation of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

IV. The Metropolitan Planning Organization will contract with the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation for Section 112 Planning Funds. The expense involved in urban transportation planning will be assumed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization or agencies with which the Metropolitan Planning Organization has subcontracted to accomplish work identified in the approved Unified Work Program or plan for the use of Section 112 funds. Vouchers for completed work under the annual Unified Work Program or plan utilizing Section 112 funds will be audited and approved by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation according to federal and state requirements. Reimbursement will be made on a periodic basis.

V. This agreement may be renegotiated as necessary to meet changing conditions or terminated by either party upon 30 days notice.

VI. This agreement will remain in full force and effect until such time as the NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS is no longer the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization or unless terminated as provided in Item V above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have hereunto affixed their signatures on the dates indicated.

Party of the First Part
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF TEXAS

BY: H.P. Clements

Date: August 26, 1988

Party of the Second Part

BY: William J. Pistick
William J. Pistick
Executive Director, NCTCOG

Date: August 8, 1988

RECOMMENDATION FOR EXECUTION:

Title: Gordon A. Shunk
Gordon A. Shunk
Director of Transportation
and Energy, NCTCOG

**RESOLUTION APPROVING
EXPANSION OF THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH
METROPOLITAN PLANNING AREA
(R09-08)**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and has been and continues to be the regional forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, federal law, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), assigns the MPO the responsibility for carrying out the metropolitan planning process, in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly owned transit service; and,

WHEREAS, federal law requires, at a minimum, that the Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) boundary shall encompass the entire existing urbanized area as defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census, plus the contiguous area expected to become urbanized within a 20-year forecast period for the Metropolitan Transportation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG staff conducted a technical evaluation of current and future population and travel patterns supporting the need for expansion of the Metropolitan Planning Area to include 12 counties in North Central Texas; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG staff conducted a comprehensive public outreach process, including local elected officials, to receive comment on the proposed expansion, culminating in letters and resolutions of support from cities and counties that would be included in the expanded area; and,

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) uses demographic and travel data regarding the Metropolitan Planning Area for the allocation of National Highway System (Category 2) funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council has previously partnered with Kaufman, Parker, and Wise Counties to fund needed transportation projects; and,

WHEREAS, at its meeting on August 28, 2009, the Surface Transportation Technical Committee recommended Regional Transportation Council approval of expanding the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Planning Area to include the full 12 counties of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise in North Central Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1.

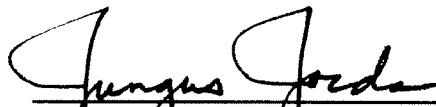
The Regional Transportation Council approves the expansion of the Metropolitan Planning Area to include the full 12 counties of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise as shown in Attachment 1 to this resolution.

- Section 2.** The Regional Transportation Council requests the Texas Department of Transportation to update all funding formulas and funding allocations to be consistent with the geography, population, vehicle miles of travel and other measures for defining activity in the 12-county Metropolitan Planning Area.
- Section 3.** The Regional Transportation Council reaffirms its intent to retain the flexibility to partner with the counties in the expanded area to fund warranted transportation projects by leveraging federal, State, and local funds.
- Section 4.** The Regional Transportation Council continues to advocate the advancement and implementation of projects and programs in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan in the most efficient and cost-effective manner to maximize revenues and has established the policy position contained in P09-03.
- Section 5.** This resolution will be transmitted to the Texas Department of Transportation for consideration by the Texas Transportation Commission.
- Section 6.** This resolution will be transmitted to the North Texas Tollway Authority, the transportation authorities, the 12 counties, and the cities of over 5,000 persons within the 12-county Metropolitan Planning Area.
- Section 7.** This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.



Ron Natinsky, Vice Chair
Regional Transportation Council
Councilmember, City of Dallas

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area on October 8, 2009.

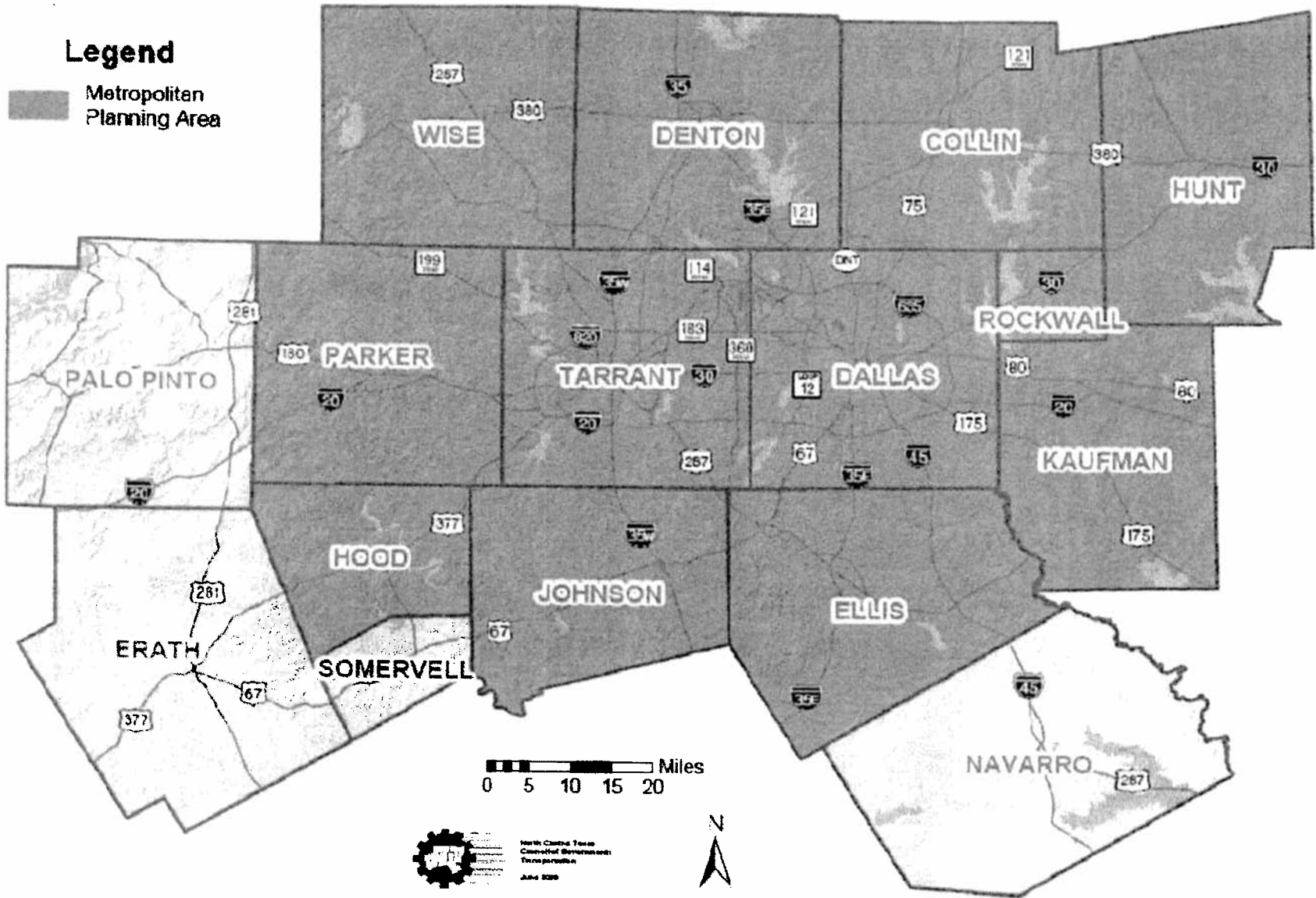


Jungus Jordan, Secretary
Regional Transportation Council
Councilmember, City of Fort Worth

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