REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

North Central Texas Regional Transit 2.0: Planning for Year 2050

Pre-Proposal Conference

November 17, 2023

Agenda

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Request for Proposals (RFP) Administrative Requirements

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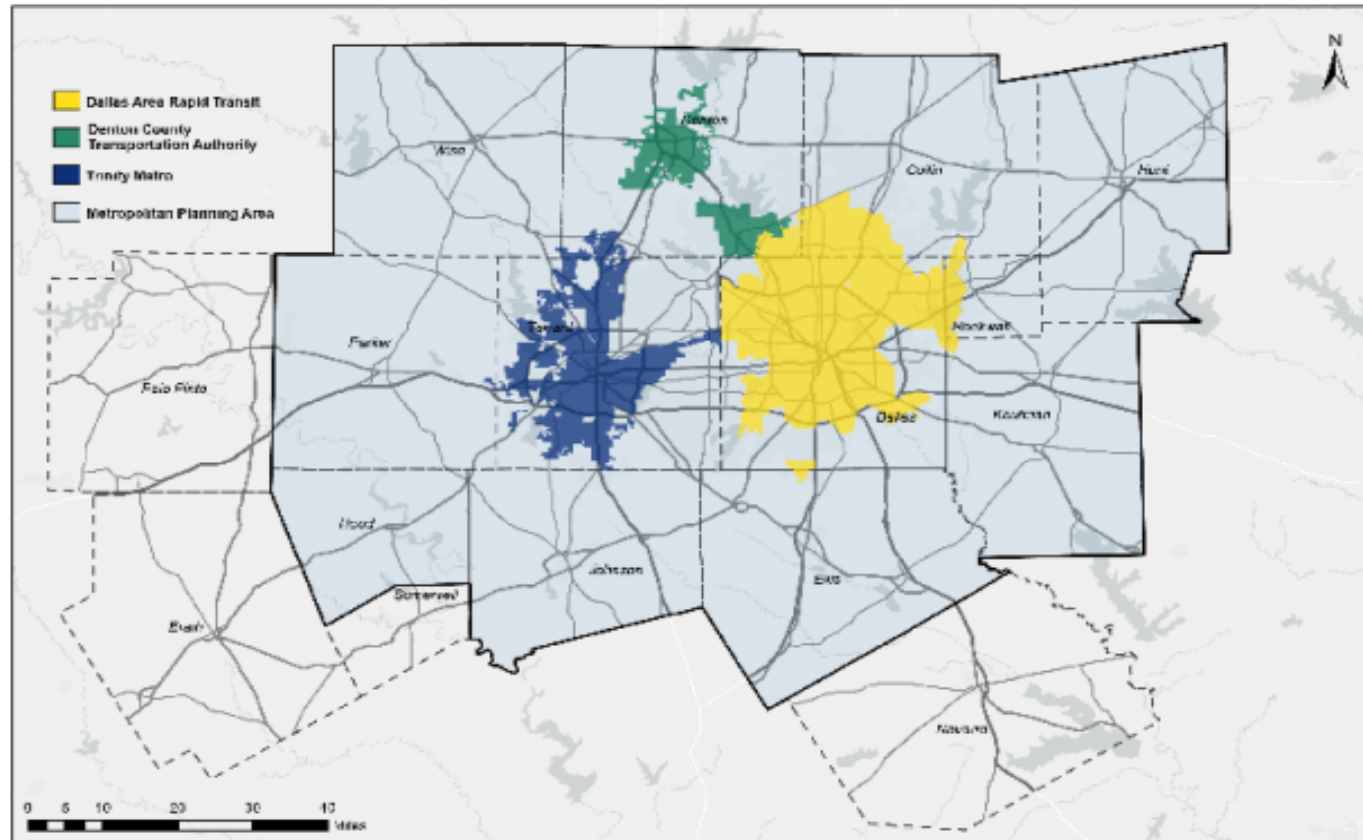
Regional Transit 2.0 Project Background

Future Demographic Growth and Location Requires Focus

Solve Misunderstanding at Home

New Partnerships Based on New Information and Collaboration (i.e., 2.0)

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Background

Transit Authorities: Dallas-Fort Worth
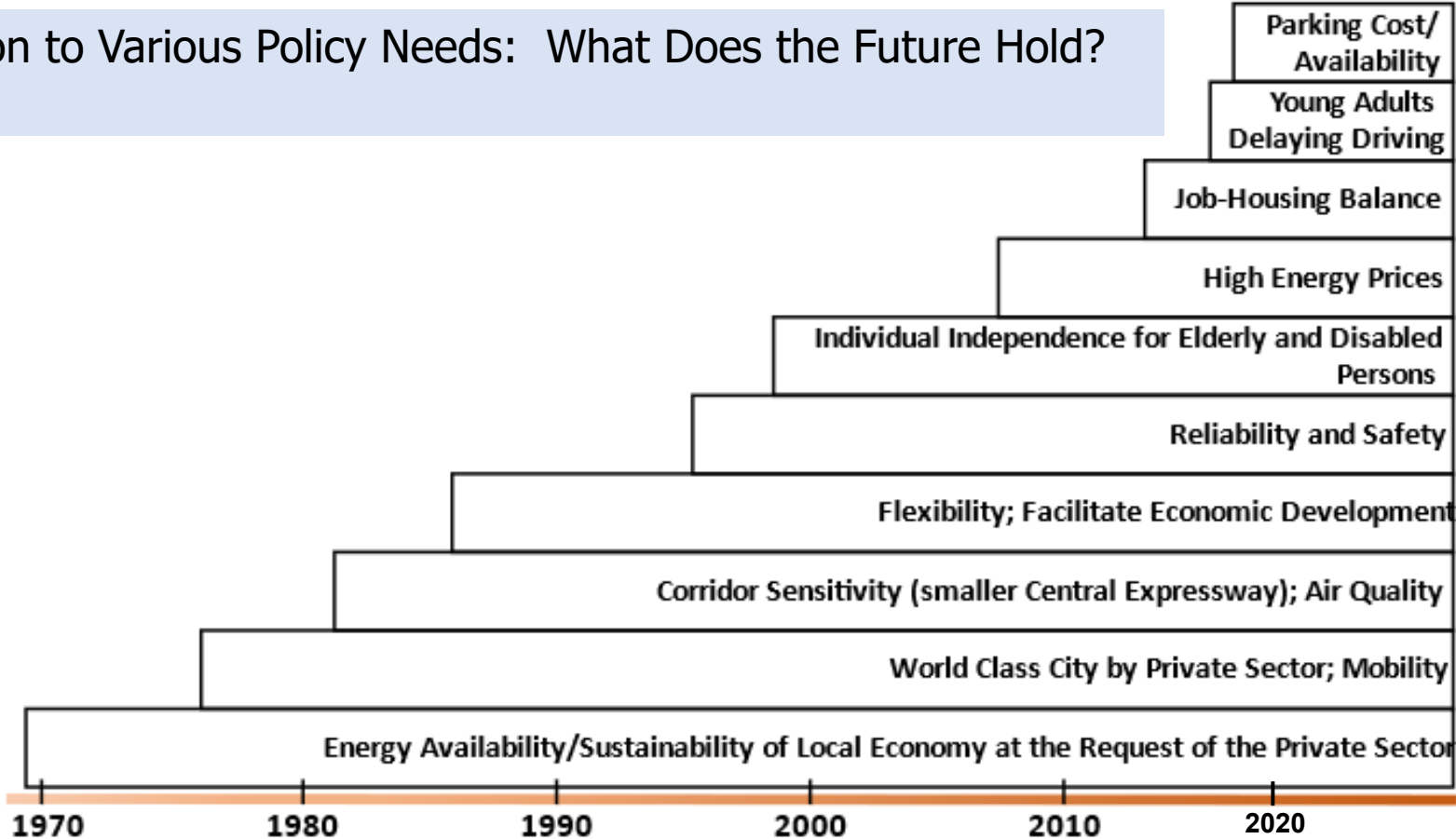
North Central Texas
Council of Governments

12-County North Central Texas Population

2023-8.2 Million
2045-11.2 Million

Passenger Rail: 50-Year Policy Development Within the Dallas-Fort Worth Region

Transit is the Solution to Various Policy Needs: What Does the Future Hold?

	Parking Cost/ Availability
	Young Adults Delaying Driving
	Job-Housing Balance
	High Energy Prices
	Individual Independence for Elderly and Disabled Persons
	Reliability and Safety
	Flexibility; Facilitate Economic Development
	Corridor Sensitivity (smaller Central Expressway); Air Quality
	World Class City by Private Sector; Mobility
	Energy Availability/Sustainability of Local Economy at the Request of the Private Sector

1970   1980   1990   2000   2010   **2020**

Source: NCTCOG

Background-Regional Transit Previous Planning Studies

Completed Studies

     Regional Transit Coordination – 2002 (Prepared for Dallas Area Rapid Transit by LKC Consulting Services, Inc.)

     Regional Transit Initiative – 2004 (RTC)

     Rail Transit System Review – 2006 (RTC)

     Rail North Texas/Texas Local Option Transportation Act – 2008 (RTC)

     Recent Regional Rail Options by DART

     Eastern Dallas, Kaufman and Rockwall Counties (ongoing) (RTC)

     Denton County Transit Study - 2023 (RTC)

     Collin County Transit Study - 2021 (RTC)

     Tarrant County Transit Study - 2021 (RTC)

     Southern Dallas County Transit Study - 2021 (RTC)

Ongoing Studies

     Dallas Area Rapid Transit Strategic Plan (Early 2024)

     Dallas Area Rapid Transit Fare Study (Spring 2024)

     Dallas Area Rapid Transit Asset Inventory Analysis (Spring 2024)

     Denton County Transportation Authority Fare Study (Late Summer 2024)

Previous studies to be provided to the selected firm in order to lower costs

Seven Proposed Work Tasks

1. More Aggressive Transit Legislative Program — RTC

2. Increased Membership — Transportation Authorities (TA)

3. Three Agency Collaboration Between Systems — TA

4. Transit Board Teamwork — TA – Cities

5. Creating In-Fill Development — Cities

6. Transit Fare Rewards Program — TA

7. Budget Understanding (Paradox) — TA – Cities

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Task Overview/Level of Effort

	Consult Tasks	Lead Local Entity	Level of Effort	Engineering Services	DBE* Opportunities	Completion/ Duration
Task 2	Develop a More Aggressive Transit Legislative Program	RTC	15%	No	Yes Expertise: 3,4,8	6 Months
Task 3	Develop Strategies to Increase Transit Authority Membership	Transportation Authorities (TA)	15%	No	Yes Expertise: 3,4,8	12 Months
Task 4	Develop Collaborations between Three Existing Transit Authorities	TA	10%	Yes	Yes Expertise: 3,4,8	12 Months
Task 5	Develop Strategies to Foster Transit Authority Board Partnerships and Teamwork	TA - Cities	10%	No	Yes Expertise: 3,4,8	12 Months
Task 6	Develop Strategies for In-Fill Development	Cities	15%	No	Yes Expertise: 1,2,7,8	12 Months
Task 7	Review of Fare Collection Strategies to Increase Ridership Without Lowering Revenue	TA	<10%	No	Yes Expertise: 2,6,7,8	12 Months
Task 8	Develop Recommendations to Address the Transit Authority – Member City Paradox	TA - Cities	>25%	Yes	Yes Expertise: 2,3,4,7,8	12 Months, Near End

*See Next Page for Areas of Expertise/Core Competencies

RFP Administrative Requirements: DBE Participation

Goal for Transit 2.0 RFP: 17 percent

Areas of Expertise/Core Competencies
1. Demographic/Economic Analysis/Land Use Studies
2. Financial Planning
3. Public Accounting and Management
4. Public/Governmental Affairs
5. Rail Transit Planning
6. Transit Fare and Revenue Studies
7. Transit Finance
8. Transportation Policy Assessment

NCTCOG Project Management Committee/RTC Project Review Committee

NCTCOG Project Management Committee

- Led by NCTCOG staff

- Minimum of three, in-person meetings during the contract period

- Other in person meetings will be required to brief RTC and scheduled with staff briefings

RTC Project Review Committee

- Provides overall policy guidance

- Serves as Principal Review Committee

- Composed of RTC members as follows:

  - Transit Authority members (elected officials serving on the RTC representing transit authority member cities)

  - Appointed representatives of DART, DCTA, and Trinity metro

  - Non-Transit Authority RTC representatives (city or county-level representatives)

Project Review Committee may be further subdivided and organized specific to the seven substantive work tasks.

Consultant Selection Criteria

Project Understanding	30%
Scope of Services	25%
Qualification of Project Manager and Staff	20%
Knowledge of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area	10%
Firm Qualifications/Consultant References	10%
Schedule	5%

The RFP was issued as a qualifications-based procurement. The most qualified firm will be selected, and then a fair and reasonable price will be negotiated. A price proposal will only be required from the firm determined to be the most qualified.

Submittal Requirements

One hard copy or one flash drive submitted in-hand by 5:00 pm on Friday, December 1, 2023.

In-hand submittal will count as the official submittal. Requesting electronic submission of proposal documents to TransRFPs@nctcog.org. Electronic submissions only will not be evaluated.

Pages limited to 12 double-sided (total of 24 pages)

Supplemental materials limited to five double-sided (total of 10 pages)

Cover letter and compliance requirements/required forms do not count towards page limits

RFP Schedule

RFP Published	November 3, 2023
Written Questions Due	November 10, 2023
Pre-Proposal Meeting	November 17, 2023
Response to All Questions	November 20, 2023
Proposals Due	December 1, 2023
Interviews (Mandatory In-Person)	December 15, 2023
Contract Negotiations	December 18, 2023
Executive Board (Contract Award)	January 25, 2024
Contract Execution (Anticipated)	January 29, 2024

Questions?

Responses to all questions as of the end of the Pre-Proposal
Conference will be posted on
November 20, 2023, at www.nctcog.org/rfp