

### Title VI Program 2019 Update

### North Central Texas Council of Governments

Surface Transportation Technical Committee

April 26, 2019

### **NONDISCRIMINATION AUTHORITIES**

**Title VI:** Prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability (Civil Rights Act of 1964)

**Environmental Justice:** Ensures low-income and minority groups are considered in the planning process (Executive Order 12892, February 1994)

### **NCTCOG NONDISCRIMINATION EFFORTS**

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Environmental Justice Analysis **Public Involvement** Call for Projects Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Title VI Specialist/Staff Training **Compliance Reviews/Audits** Monitor Federal/State Legislation and Regulations



### NCTCOG TITLE VI PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Describe how NCTCOG implements Title VI nondiscrimination efforts and monitors subrecipients

Required for direct and primary recipients of FTA funding

Update every three years

### 2019 TITLE VI PROGRAM UPDATES

Title VI Complaint Procedures\*

List of Transit-Related Title VI Investigations, Complaints, and Lawsuits

**Public Participation Plan** 

Language Assistance Plan

**Demographic Profile** 

Planning for Mobility Needs of Minority Populations (Mobility 2045) Analysis of the Transportation System Investments

Monitoring Subrecipients for Compliance

RTC Bylaws, Executive Board Bylaws

\*To be updated on website, in Public Participation Plan, other documents as needed

### SCHEDULE

February 11: Conducted public meeting, began public comment period\* March 22: STTC Information April 3: Close public comment period April 11: RTC Information April 26: Request STTC Action May 9: Request RTC Approval May 23: Request Executive Board Approval June 1: Submit to FTA

\*45-day public comment period required because Complaint Procedures are included in Public Participation Plan

### ACTION REQUESTED

Recommend RTC Approval of Title VI Program 2019 Update

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# 2020 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND REGIONAL 10-YEAR PLAN UPDATE

Surface Transportation Technical Committee April 26, 2019



North Central Texas Council of Governments Transportation Department

# BACKGROUND

- Includes projects funded with Category 2 (MPO selected), Category 4 (TxDOT District selected), and Category 12 (Texas Transportation Commission selected)
- Regional 10-Year Plan was first approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) in December 2016
- Series of updates were made in August 2017 to ensure that Proposition 1 projects remained fully funded and the LBJ East project could proceed
- An update to the 10-Year Plan was approved in August 2018 in conjunction with the development of the 2019 Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

# ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN SINCE LAST UPDATE

- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) staff have begun developing the 2020 UTP.
- NCTCOG staff have coordinated with the TxDOT Districts regarding project updates (e.g., costs/funding, environmental clearance and let dates) and potential new projects.
- Projects were scored to fulfill a TxDOT requirement for inclusion in the UTP.
- To satisfy a January 31, 2019 deadline set forth by TxDOT, NCTCOG staff drafted a project listing that included project scores, project revisions, and potential new projects.

# **2019 10-YEAR PLAN UPDATE**

- Projects in the proposed 2019 Update fall under one of five groups:
  - Group 1: Projects approved by the RTC that have been approved in the UTP
  - Group 2A: Projects approved by the RTC that have not been approved in the UTP
  - Group 2B: Proposed projects pending RTC approval
  - Group 3: Proposed projects that need funding to advance pre-construction activities like right-of-way acquisition
  - Group 4: Projects proposed to be removed from the 10-Year Plan project list, funded with other sources, or are future candidates for funding

#### Dallas-Fort Worth Regional 10 Year Plan Projects FY 2017 - FY 2029



# **PROJECT SCORING**

- Overall project scores are the result of a combination of selection and prioritization scores
- Selection scoring was comprised of System Selection (i.e., project is part of a larger/regional network) and Technical Selection (i.e., project need)
- Prioritization scoring was included in response to the State's interest in projects that are ready to let within a 10-year window

# **CORRIDOR PRESERVATION PROGRAM**

- TxDOT Districts have expressed the need to advance preconstruction activities (notably right-of-way acquisition) on corridors that may be added to the 10-Year Plan in the future
- Projects require funding in order for TxDOT to be permitted to commence these activities
- Staff has begun developing a list of these projects based on input from the TxDOT Districts
- Staff proposes to change the funding source to Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) based on feedback from TxDOT

## TIMELINE

<b>MEETING/TASK</b>	DATE
STTC Information	March 22, 2019
RTC Information	April 11, 2019
Public Meetings	April 2019
STTC Action	April 26, 2019
RTC Action	May 9, 2019

# **REQUESTED ACTION**

- Recommend RTC approval of:
  - The proposed 2019 Regional 10-Year Plan project listing.
  - Administratively amending the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and amending other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes.
  - Creating partnerships initiated by the TTC on Category 12 projects.

# NEW APPROACH TO FUNDING PARTNERSHIPS



Staff will look for projects where the RTC and the TTC can partner. As funding is moved between projects, county allocations will be reconfirmed.

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# Overview of the 2018 Bicycle and Pedestrian Annual Traffic Count Report

Surface Transportation Technical Committee

April 26, 2019

Daniel Snyder



# Technology

Count Equipment is Used on Both Trails and On-street
Bikeways

Infrared and Inductive Loop Combination













### Mode Share Split by Count Station (2018)

Pedestrians Bicyclists

Dallas: White Rock Creek Trail - Mockingbird Ln.	22%	· · · ·	la se a la seconda de la s	78%
North Richland Hills: Cotton Belt Trail - Holiday Ln.	26%			74%
Dallas: Santa Fe Trail - Hill Ave.	29%			71%
Fort Worth: Trinity Trails - Cowtown Wakepark	30%			70%
Dallas: White Rock Creek Trail - Cottonwood Trail Crossing	32%			68%
Denton: Denton Branch Rail Trail - Morse St.	35%			65%
Dallas: Santa Fe Trail - Beacon St.	37%			63%
Fort Worth: Trinity Trails - Kelly Field	38%			62%
Dallas: White Rock Creek Trail - Park Central Dr.	41%			59%
Fort Worth: Trinity Trails - Clearfork Food Park	44%			56%
Dallas: Cottonwood Trail - Hamilton Park				56%
Fort Worth: Trinity Trails - Henderson Bridge	44%			56%
Dallas: Santa Fe Trail - Glasgow Dr.	45%			55%
Plano: Chisholm Trail - Orlando Dr.	45%			55%
Plano: Oak Point Park & Nature Preserve Trail	48%			52%
Dallas: Santa Fe Trail - Winsted Dr.		1%		49%
Plano: Chisholm Trail - Jack Carter Park		55%		45%
Plano: Legacy Trail		58%		42%
Dallas: White Rock Lake Trail - Wendy Ln.		60%		40%
Dallas: White Rock Lake Trail - Fisher Rd.		60%		40%
Dallas: Katy Trail - Lyte St.			72%	28%
Dallas: Katy Trail - Harvard Ave.			76%	24%
Plano: Rowlett Trail			78%	22%
Dallas: Katy Trail - Routh St.			78%	22%
Dallas: Katy Trail - Fitzhugh Ave.			78%	22%
Plano: Russell Creek			81%	19%
Allen: Cottonwood Trail - Exchange Parkway			82%	18%
Allen: Watters Trail - Boon Elem. School			82%	18%
Plano: Bluebonnet Trail - US 75			88%	12%
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#### Total Traffic by Count Station October

■ 2016 ■ 2017 ■ 2018





Total Daily Traffic During the Week of September 9, 2018



#### Katy Trail - Fitzhugh Avenue Total Monthly Traffic Counts (2018)

Pedestrians
Bicyclists



**Council of Governments** 

### **Texas Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Exchange**





### https://mobility.tamu.edu/bikepeddata/

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# Legislative Update

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# Federal Update

Rep. Collin Allred (D-TX) named Vice Chair of House Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials

Nicole Nason confirmed as new FHWA Administrator

2019 BUILD Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity announced – Applications due July 15

\$900 million in competitive awards for surface transportation projects

More information at May STTC meeting

## 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature – Dates of Interest

May 6 – Last day for House committees to report House bills

May 9 – Last day for House to consider House bills (2nd reading)

May 18 – Last day for House committees to report Senate bills

May 21 – Last day for House to consider Senate bills (2nd reading)

May 27 – Last day of Session

June 16 – Last day Governor can sign or veto bills

## 86<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature – State Budget

HOUSE CSHB 1	SENATE CSHB 1
Total \$251 B	Total \$248 B
TxDOT \$31.1 B	TxDOT \$31.1 B
LIRAP/LIP \$96.6 M	LIRAP/LIP \$0
TERP \$154.7 M	TERP \$154.7 M
No HSR Rider	HSR Rider: Prohibits TxDOT from coordinating right-of-way access until there is a final, unappealable court ruling on eminent domain authority.

## State Budget Conference Committee

### **HOUSE CONFEREES**

John Zerwas, R- Richmond

Greg Bonnen, R- Friendswood

Sarah Davis, R- West University

Oscar Longoria, D- Mission

Armando Walle, D- Houston

### **SENATE CONFEREES**

Jane Nelson, R- Flower Mound Joan Huffman, R- Houston Lois Kolkhorst, R- Brenham Larry Taylor, R- Friendswood Robert Nichols, R- Jacksonville

## House Transportation

### **High-Speed Rail Subcommittee**

Coordinated efforts by Pro-HSR and Anti-HSR groups

- Hours of testimony
- All bills left pending
- High-speed rail bills heard in other committees also left pending

## House Transportation

### **Tolling Subcommittee**

**HB 4398 Raney, John-** Relating to the electronic transmission of an invoice or notice of toll nonpayment by a toll project entity.

A county or toll project entity may provide an invoice to be sent electronically

**HB 1951 Krause, Matt-** Relating to the development, construction, and operation of toll projects.

Would require voter approval of CDA projects

Toll projects would become part of state highway system after bond repayment; TTC can extend tolling by 10 years

Authorizes two CDA projects per year, with limitations

Amends statute related to toll collection, enforcement, and invoicing
## Highlighted Bills

**SB 531 Birdwell, Brian**- Relating to sources of funding for the Texas emissions reduction plan (TERP).

Referred to House Committee on Environmental Regulation

**SB 962 Nichols, Robert**- Relating to the determination of the sufficient balance of the economic stabilization fund for purposes of allocating general revenue to that fund and the state highway fund.

Referred to House Committee on Appropriations

**HB 3745 Bell, Cecil**- Relating to the TERP fund and account. Reported from House Committee on Environmental Regulation

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# METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) MILESTONE POLICY UPDATE

#### Surface Transportation Technical Committee

April 26, 2019



## Background

- The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Milestone Policy was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) in June 2015.
- Staff identified projects that were funded 10 or more years prior to the policy being approved and had not gone to construction.
- New estimated start dates for projects to go to construction by were established by each implementing agency.
- In April 2016, the RTC approved a policy to give agencies one additional fiscal year from their proposed construction start date to advance projects (i.e., A project with an estimated start date of June 2017 (FY 2017) would have until the end of FY 2018 to start construction).
- The policy stipulates that if a project does not go to construction by the established deadline, the project's funding will be removed.

## Fall 2018 Update

- Staff provided an update on all Milestone projects to the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) at the October 2018 meeting.
- Five projects did not meet the letting deadline of FY 2018.
- STTC recommended to the RTC that the projects receive an extension until December 2019 and requested that staff provide a status update on the projects in the future.
- The RTC approved this recommendation at its November 2018 meeting.
- If the projects do not meet the new deadline, funding will be removed.

## **Project Status Update**

Agency	Facility/Limits	Scope	Let Date
Dallas County	Camp Wisdom Road from Carrier Parkway to FM 1382	Widen 2 to 4 lane divided	May 2019 (Estimated)
TxDOT Dallas	Northwest Highway (Spur 244) at Jupiter	Traffic signal and pedestrian improvements	April 2019 (Actual)
TxDOT Dallas	Northwest Highway (Spur 244) at Plano Road	Traffic signal and pedestrian improvements	April 2019 (Actual)
TxDOT Dallas	SH 78 from IH 635 to Forest Lane	Traffic signals and intersection improvements	April 2019 (Actual)
City of Denton	McKinney Street (Old FM 426) from 1.4 miles west of SL 288 to 1.1 miles east of SL 288	Widen 2 lane roadway to 4 lane divided urban	March 2019 (Actual – Partial) <sup>1</sup>

1: Project is being let in phases; Remaining portions of the project to be let in October 2019

## Next Steps

- Continue monitoring the progress of these projects as well as those that must let prior to the end of FY 2019.
- Initiate a review of projects to determine the next group of Milestone projects.

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## DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2021-2024 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP)

Information and Upcoming Schedule

Surface Transportation Technical Committee April 26, 2019



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## TIP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

- 1. Review all existing projects and gather information on additional locally funded projects
- 2. Make needed revisions to existing project scopes, schedules, and/or funding
- 3. Develop revised project listings
- 4. Financially constrain project listings based on estimated revenue
- 5. Conduct Mobility Plan and Air Quality review
- 6. Solicit public review (process, draft listings, final listings)
- 7. Finalize project listings and submit to partners

## **MEETING EXPECTATIONS**

- Meetings to Discuss Individual Projects will be:
  - In-Person or Conference Calls
  - "Clustered"
- Who Needs to Attend?
  - Project managers that can answer questions about the status of projects in question
  - Fiscal managers to answer questions about expenditures, agreements, and invoicing
  - Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) staff will be present to help set realistic expectations regarding timing and process

## **MEETING EXPECTATIONS:**

### **Project Status Update**

#### • Information is Needed by Phase

- Engineering
- Environmental Clearance
- Right-of-Way (ROW)
- Utilities
- Construction/Implementation

#### • Start and End Dates

- Estimated dates if phase has not been started/completed
- Actual dates if phase has been started/completed
- Dates provided must be realistic given the realities of project implementation steps
- Local Match Availability
  - When will the local match be available? (If required)

### **MEETING EXPECTATIONS:** Project Financial Information

#### Status of Agreements

- Local Project Advance Funding Agreements (LPAFA) with TxDOT
- Interlocal agreements with North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)

#### Invoicing

- Timely billings to TxDOT (Federal/State funds)
- Monthly reporting to the Revenue and Project Tracking System (RAPTS) for Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) projects

### **MEETING EXPECTATIONS:** Requests for Project Modifications

- Venue for Requesting:
  - Changes to project scope or limits
  - Funding Changes
    - Advancing or delaying a project (subject to financial constraint)
    - Requests for additional funding will be taken during the meetings, and reviewed against funding availability
    - Cost savings at project completion
    - Certain changes may or may not be possible depending on expenditure levels
  - Changes to Implementing Agency

## **FOCUS AREAS**

- Projects on the MPO Milestone Policy List
- Projects on the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Inactive List
- Projects on the FHWA Preliminary Engineering (PE) Audit List
- Projects in the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)/ Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program
- Requests for projects to be placed in the first year of the new TIP (FY 2021)
- Closing out projects with RTR Funds

## **TIMELINE/ACTION**

Meeting/Task	Date	
Meeting with Implementing Agencies	May-August 2019	
Data Input, Financial Constraint, and Analysis	June 2019-January 2020	
Draft Listings- STTC Information	February 2020	
Draft Listings- RTC Information	March 2020	
Public Meetings- Draft Listings	March 2020	
Final Listings- STTC Action	April 2020	
Final Listings- RTC Action	May 2020	
Submit Final Document to TxDOT	Summer 2020	
Anticipate TxDOT Commission Approval (for STIP)	August 2020	
Anticipate Federal/State Approval (STIP)	October 2020	

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### **National Highway System Review**

#### Surface Transportation Technical Committee

Brian Flood April 26, 2019

North Central Texas Council of Governments



### Introduction

The National Highway System (NHS) is a network of nationally-significant roadways that support the movement of people and goods between population centers, international border crossings, major military installations, and intermodal facilities.

The NHS was originally designated in 1996.

In 2012, as part of Map-21 legislation, the NHS was expanded to include all Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS) Principal Arterials not currently on the system.



### Purpose of the NHS

Brings focus on parts of the transportation system with the largest impact on the movement of people and goods.

National Performance Management Measures calculated for the entire NHS: Pavement Condition Bridge Condition Safety Congestion Travel Time Reliability



### **Components of the NHS**

Mandated by Federal Law:

- The Interstate Highway System
- The Non-Interstate Strategic Highway Network (STRAHNET),
- identified by the Department of Defense
- Congressionally-designated High Priority Corridors

Designated through coordination with local transportation officials:

- Other FFCS Urban and Rural Principal Arterials
- Connectors that link intermodal facilities, such as ports, airports and AMTRAK stations, with the rest of the NHS



#### **National Highway System**







### NHS Review – Why it Matters

The current NHS review is the first effort to rationalize the NHS system since its creation in 1996.

Harmonizes Functional Classification and NHS designations Funding:

States receive funding from various federal apportionment programs. Some require a facility to be on the NHS, while others do not.

Various TxDOT/TIP funding categories are funded with multiple apportionment programs. This allows facilities that are not on the NHS to still be eligible for these categories if they meet other required criteria.

Other factors are more critical for determining eligibility for various <u>federal</u> funding categories:

Inclusion in the FFCS as a Major Collector or higher classification

TxDOT on- or off-system status determines eligibility for some categories



### NHS Review – The Process

Prompted by the Federal Highway Administration in mid 2017, the TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming Division (TxDOT PPD) initiated the NHS review by performing the following tasks:

- Used FHWA guidelines to evaluate all Principal and Minor Arterials in the state
- Used FHWA guidelines to review existing intermodal connectors and intermodal facilities within the state
- Suggested updating NHS designations based on Arterial and Intermodal Connector review findings

Shared findings with TxDOT Districts and MPOs for review and concurrence



### NHS Review – NCTCOG

TxDOT PPD presented a list of preliminary suggested modifications to the NHS to NCTCOG staff in February for evaluation.

Staff is in the process of evaluating the suggested modifications utilizing FHWA & internal criteria.

Staff will provide statements of support, revision, or rejection of suggested modifications to NHS and (if necessary) Functional Classification System to TxDOT PPD. Significant changes to the current system are not expected as part of this review.



### NHS Review – Timeline

#### April

STTC information item (overview of update/process)

#### May/June

**RTC Director's Report** 

Local Government Workshops

Public Meeting Presentation

NCTCOG supported modifications will be sent to FHWA via TxDOT TPP for initial

review of their suitability as official requests to modify the NHS

FHWA provides final feedback; NHS modification requests will be prepared by TxDOT

TPP and provided to NCTCOG

#### July

STTC information item (proposed modifications)

#### August

RTC information item (proposed modifications)

STTC action item

#### September

RTC action item



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#### 8-HOUR OZONE NAAQS HISTORICAL TRENDS

#### Based on ≤70 ppb (As of April 26, 2019)



Exceedance Level indicates daily maximum eight-hour average ozone concentration. Exceedance Levels are based on Air Quality Index (AQI) thresholds established by the EPA for the for the revised ozone standard of 70 ppb. Source: TCEQ, <u>http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/cgi-bin/compliance/monops/8hr\_monthly.pl</u> ppb = parts per billion

#### **8-HOUR OZONE NAAQS HISTORICAL TRENDS**



#### **Consecutive Three-Year Periods**

<sup>1</sup>Attainment Goal - According to the US EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards, attainment is reached when, at each monitor, the *Design Value* (three-year average of the annual fourth-highest daily maximum eight-hour average ozone concentration) is equal to or less than 70 parts per billion (ppb).

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