

## AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council  
Thursday, March 14, 2019  
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda  
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**1:00 – 1:05 1. Approval of February 14, 2019, Minutes**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5  
Presenter: Gary Fickes, RTC Chair  
Item Summary: Approval of the February 14, 2019, minutes contained in Reference Item 1 will be requested.  
Background: N/A

**1:05 – 1:05 2. Consent Agenda**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 0

**2.1. Clean Fleets North Texas 2018 Funding Recommendations**  
Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: Staff will request approval of funding recommendations for additional applications received under the Clean Fleets North Texas 2018 Call for Projects (CFP).  
Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) opened the Clean Fleets North Texas 2018 CFP to award grant funds for diesel vehicle or equipment replacement projects in North Central Texas. Applications have been accepted on a modified first-come, first-served basis with monthly application deadlines. The last application deadline was January 25, 2019. Staff completed review and emissions quantification of two additional applications received since the last Council approval and recommends funding for these projects. This CFP was funded through the Environmental Protection Agency's National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program and Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Supplemental Environmental Project. This initiative is an extension of clean vehicle efforts listed as weight-of-evidence in the Dallas-Fort Worth 2016 Eight-Hour Attainment Demonstration State Implementation Plan. Electronic Item 2.1.1 provides an overview of the call for projects. Electronic Item 2.1.2 provides additional detail on recommended projects.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

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

**2.2. Policy Position on Communication with Tribal Nations**

Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) adoption of the draft RTC Policy Position P19-01, which supports communication with tribal nations.

Background: Tribal nations have interests in North Central Texas. Infrastructure projects may alter or damage the integrity of sites with historical or current cultural importance. Disturbance of human remains is of particular concern for tribal nations. Infrastructure projects also could damage, destroy, or limit access to culturally significant natural resources. Tribal nations are interested in raising the Texas public's awareness of Native history and current issues and interests. Tribal nations are also interested in the welfare of their members who are living outside of currently recognized tribal territories. A substantial number of Native people have moved to Dallas-Fort Worth since the 1970s. Electronic Item 2.2.1 contains a presentation with background information. Reference Item 2.2.2 contains the draft RTC Policy Position to Support Communication with Tribal Nations.

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**2.3. Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair Program Grant**

Presenter: Shannon Stevenson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council approval to submit an application to the Federal-State Partnership for State of Good Repair Program. Funding from this grant opportunity will help the region meet overall freight/passenger rail integration.

Background: In November 2018, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announced the funding opportunity for the State of Good Repair dedicated for capital projects across the United States to repair, replace, or rehabilitate qualified railroad assets to reduce the state of good repair backlog and improve intercity passenger rail performance. Staff will request authorization to submit a grant application in partnership with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and Trinity Metro that will help the region meet overall freight/passenger integration. BNSF Railway, DART, and Trinity Metro will provide the required local match.

Electronic Item 2.3.1 is a copy of the Notice of Funding Opportunity that details the \$272.25 million in federal funds available, as well as project application

requirements. Applications are due to the FRA by March 18, 2019. A program overview and possible project candidates were discussed at the February 14, 2019, Council meeting. The \$53 million proposed project to replace/rehabilitate four bridges that are past their useful life or in poor condition, as well as double track the railways where the bridges are located is consistent with the programs and policies in Mobility 2045, and stasha coordinated with local governments impacted by the project. More detailed information can be found in Electronic Item 2.3.2

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3. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**

Action                       Possible Action             Information                      Minutes: 15  
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Unified Transportation Program and Focus on Congestion in Agenda Items 5, 6, and 11
2. North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety (MOVES) Program Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Grant Application Follow Up:
  - BNSF Committing \$2 Million to Program
  - All Local Governments Have Confirmed Approval
  - Due to Updated Costs, Seven Projects Were Reduced to Five Projects
3. US 75 Technology Lanes: Thank You to Collin County Commissioner Duncan Webb and Legislative Delegation
4. North Tarrant Express 3C Status Update: Approval of Private Activity Bonds
5. Latest Regional Congestion Data
6. Development of Gentrification Report: Agenda Item 10
7. FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program Development
8. Texas Federal Land Access Program Grant Funding Opportunity
9. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles  
([www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/fundingvehicle](http://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/fundingvehicle))
10. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events ([www.dfwcleancities.org/dfw-clean-cities-meetings](http://www.dfwcleancities.org/dfw-clean-cities-meetings))
11. US 380: Many Public Comments Received
12. March Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 3.1)
13. February Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 3.2)
14. Recent Magazine Article ([www.dmagazine.com/publications/d-magazine/2019/march/meet-the-kings-of-sprawl/](http://www.dmagazine.com/publications/d-magazine/2019/march/meet-the-kings-of-sprawl/))
15. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 3.3)
16. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 3.4)
17. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 3.5)
18. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 3.6)
19. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

1:20 – 1:30

4. **Legislative Update**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Rebekah Hernandez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on federal and State legislative actions related to transportation and air quality issues affecting the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Background: Transportation issues continue to be a focus for both the United States (US) Congress and the Texas Legislature. The 1st session of the 116th US Congress convened on January 3, 2019. The 86th Texas Legislature convened on January 8, 2019. This item will allow staff to provide updates on key positions of the Regional Transportation Council and allow any additional positions to be taken, if necessary.

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5. **Congestion Management Process Update**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Mike Galizio, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Work is underway on an update to the region's Congestion Management Process (CMP) documentation. Staff will present a brief overview of federal CMP requirements, the history and role of the CMP in the metropolitan planning process, and the elements and topics that will be considered in the CMP update. Staff will also present the schedule of upcoming meetings for the CMP update.

Background: The CMP is a systematic and regionally coordinated approach for measuring transportation congestion levels and prioritizing strategies for managing that congestion. Federal requirements define the elements of a CMP and specify that urbanized areas with populations over 200,000 must implement and maintain a CMP. The current CMP for the North Central Texas region was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) in 2013. The RTC is expected to take action on this CMP update by the end of this calendar year. The current CMP and other related resources can be viewed on the North Central Texas Council of Governments website at [www.nctcog.org/cmp](http://www.nctcog.org/cmp).

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6. **2017-2018 CMAQ/STBG Funding Program: Management and Operations, NCTCOG-Implemented, and Regional/Air Quality Programs**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the latest efforts to extend existing and fund new Regional Transportation Council (RTC)

Air Quality and Management and Operations programs and projects.

Background: Staff is reviewing the region's ongoing Air Quality and Management and Operations projects and programs. A determination is needed regarding which projects should be continued, which ones can be discontinued, and any new projects/programs of this nature that should be considered. To this end, North Central Texas Council of Governments staff has evaluated the list of existing Air Quality and Management and Operations projects and programs and is recommending the extension of many of these programs into the fiscal year 2020-2022 timeframe, along with the discontinuation of a few projects/programs, and creation of a few new ones.

Electronic Item 6.1 contains a recommended project list for consideration. Additional details on the funding program can be found in Electronic Item 6.2.

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7. **Community College Partnership**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Shannon Stevenson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on two new pilot projects related to students at Tarrant County College (TCC), the Arlington Independent School District (AISD), and the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA). Details of the program are being resolved between the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and Trinity Metro.

Background: NCTCOG staff met with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development and the Chancellor of Tarrant County College in 2018 to discuss how transportation is an important factor in the success of students from disadvantaged populations. The collaboration resulted in a commitment to taking a more holistic approach to assist those in poverty on numerous fronts including housing, health and wellness, transportation, and education.

Two possible pilot transit projects emerged from the discussions: 1) Project A-provide Trinity Metro transit passes for all Tarrant County College students and 2) Project B-provide transit for students between Arlington Independent School District campuses, TCC, the University of Texas at Arlington, and nearby park and ride lots. Project A is currently funded by Tarrant County College, but by providing alternate funding for this effort, TCC's funds could be utilized to offer more scholarships to underrepresented students. Project B is part of an integrated approach to ensuring student success in transitioning from high school to TCC then onto UTA to finish

out their undergraduate degree. Both projects are consistent with the programs and policies in Mobility 2045, as well as Access North Texas. More detailed information can be found in Electronic Item 7. NCTCOG staff would be happy to explore this opportunity with other community colleges.

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**2:00 – 2:10**

**8. Start of 2019 Ozone Season**

Action                       Possible Action     Information                Minutes:    10

Presenter:                Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on a variety of air quality topics pertaining to North Central Texas as the 2019 ozone season begins.

Background: The 2019 ozone season began on March 1 for the North Central Texas 9- and 10-county nonattainment areas. The region continues to monitor and work towards compliance for ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). As a reminder, the region remains in nonattainment for both the 2015 and 2008 NAAQS.

The Regional Transportation Council continues to support air quality projects and programs to assist the region in meeting federal attainment. Local governments, businesses, and the general public are encouraged to do what they can to assist in improving air quality both during the ozone season and throughout the year. To aid in community outreach, the North Central Texas Council of Governments will continue to promote air quality awareness through advertising, partnering with local agencies, and community events.

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**2:10 – 2:20**

**9. 2017-2018 CMAQ/STBG Funding Program: Assessment Policy**

Action                       Possible Action     Information                Minutes:    10

Presenter:                Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the proposed projects to be funded through the Assessment Policy Program in the 2017-2018 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Funding Program.

Background: In March 2017, staff introduced the process to select projects using CMAQ and STBG funding through several funding programs. Staff has been working with several agencies to develop partnerships that will fund high-priority projects. The Assessment Policy program is designed to take advantage of

value capture mechanisms so as development occurs along the project area, the Regional Transportation Council is repaid (in part or in full) for improvements funded along the corridor. Details on the projects which staff are proposing to fund can be found in Electronic Item 9.1. Additional information on the funding program is included in Electronic Item 9.2.

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**2:20 – 2:30** 10.

**Gentrification Study**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenter: Karla Weaver, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information on a report that reviews public policy and research on addressing gentrification relevant to major infrastructure projects.

Background: Rapid growth of the region and renewed interest in urban neighborhoods has led many to question what can be done to mitigate gentrification. The definition, the causes (including the role of infrastructure), and the indicators of gentrification are briefly explored in this document, along with general and specific approaches for addressing it at various levels of government. Staff will provide a brief overview of the report contents and key recommendations. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 10.

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**2:30 – 2:40** 11.

**Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle-Round 3**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenter: Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Policy Bundle and Round 3 application process.

Background: The MTP Policy Bundle Program was created to encourage entities such as local governments, school districts, and transportation agencies to voluntarily adopt at least a minimum of 50 percent of the list of policies identified in the Mobility 2045 Policy Bundle. By voluntarily adopting these policies, participating entities will receive Transportation Development Credits (TDC) to offset local funds as matching funds for federal transportation projects.

MTP Policy Bundle Program-Round 3 funding assistance is now accepting applications. To be considered for an award, all requestors must reapply by submitting a new application with the early deadline for applications March 15, 2019. Applications received will be reviewed for completeness by

North Central Texas Council of Governments staff. Applicants will be notified by March 29, 2019, regarding any additional documentation required. Final, complete applications are due April 15, 2019. Formal notice of awards will be announced to successful applicants in June 2019.

Previous award winners should contact a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) team representative to ensure projects and TDC funding are programmed in the TIP. Additional details regarding the MTP Policy Bundle Program can be found in Electronic Item 11.

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12. **Progress Reports**

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Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 12.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 12.2)
- Local Motion (Electronic Item 12.3)

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

14. **Future Agenda Items:** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.

15. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***1:00 pm, Thursday, April 11, 2019, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***