



MEETING SUMMARY

Regional Freight Advisory Committee North Central Texas Council of Governments April 24, 2018 12:30 pm-2:00 pm

The Regional Freight Advisory Committee (RFAC) convened at 12:30 p.m. on April 24, 2018, at NCTCOG Offices.

Attendees

Jason Brown, NCTCOG
Huong Duong, NCTCOG
Jose Grimaldo, University of North Texas
Jeff Hathcock, NCTCOG
Mike Johnson, NCTCOG
Georgi Ann Jasenovec, Federal Highway Administration
Lisa Key, NCTCOG
Sharareh Kermanshachi, University of Texas Arlington
Gus Khankarli, University of Texas Arlington
Dan Lamers, NCTCOG
Tiffany Melvin, NASCO
Mike Rader, Prime Logistics
Allan Rutter, Texas Transportation Institute
Amer Tabesh, University of Texas Arlington
Linda Pavlik, Pavlik and Associates
Students from the University of North Texas Logistics Competition
- Carlos Castro, Joshua Intondi, Chelsea Jones, and Woodrow Weaver

Meeting Summary Outline

1. Welcome/Previous Meeting Recap
2. UNT Case Study
3. Mobility 2045 Update
4. Hazardous Materials Routing Update
5. General Discussion/Announcement

1. Welcome/Previous Meeting Recap, Jeff Hathcock, NCTCOG

Jeff Hathcock opened the meeting with a brief recap of the February 13 meeting highlighting the Port of Houston Clean Technologies presentation and multiple air quality funding opportunities.

2. UNT Case Study Presentation, Jose Grimaldo and UNT Logistics Students

The University of North Texas (UNT) logistics and supply chain management students recently won first place at Operation Stimulus, a highly competitive student case study competition in Denver, Co. Their role in this case study was as consultants hired to grow a business by leveraging the supply chain. They developed a model to identify the most time efficient and profitable routes to transport a product from international locations to the United States, evaluating risks and challenges, creating the optimal solution. Students presented this case

study to the Committee and demonstrated that their solution, although fictional, validated increased savings, better expertise, focused management, a larger resource network and increased flexibility. The UNT logistics team also won first place in 2016 and has an excellent track record in competitive case study. The Center for Logistics and Supply Chain Management at UNT collaborates with private partners to help fuel the logistics talent pipeline and meet the regional workforce demands for logistics and supply chain management.

3. Mobility 2045, Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG

Kevin Feldt update the Committee on Mobility 2045, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas. The Mobility Plan is required by law and covers at least a 20-year timeframe. The Mobility Plan identifies Policies, Programs, and Projects for continued development and guides the expenditure of Federal and State funds. Infrastructure maintenance is high on the list of Mobility 2045 recommendations, along with improved efficiency and asset optimization. High speed rail continues through ongoing project development. The Mobility Plan calls for major roadway improvements although there is a \$327 Billion funding shortfall. Additional plan components include aviation, environmental considerations, public transportation, social considerations, advanced technologies such as autonomous vehicles, and other programs. The Mobility Plan is expected to be approved by the Regional Transportation Council in July of this year.

3. Hazardous Materials Routing Update, Michael Johnson

Michael Johnson briefed the Committee on the Hazardous Material (HAZMAT) Routing Study. He noted that an initial review of relevant data sets is being conducted to determine if a larger study needs to be completed. The last Hazardous Materials Study was completed in 1985. Data being collected for the Study includes a literature review, population expansion by corridor, major HAZMAT facilities inventory, and a review of current HAZMAT route highways compared to traffic numbers on other routes in the region. In addition, staff is performing an inventory of rail yards where HAZMAT could be stored, reviewing the regional HAZMAT incidents on limited access facilities, and identifying public and private stakeholders.

This effort crosses multiple NCTCOG departments including the Safety Team, Emergency Preparedness, the Corridor Planning Team, and Senior Staff. When the initial review is complete, staff will seek approval to initiate the full study.

4. General Discussion/Announcements

Jeff encouraged the Committee to share any topics they would like to discuss at future meetings and expressed special appreciation to the UNT logistics team for their presentation.

More information is available at www.nctcog.org/rfac.

Next meeting: October 2, 2018