

MINUTES

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) met on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 1:00 pm in the Transportation Council Room of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The following members or representatives were present: Douglas Athas, Sara Bagheri, Sue S. Bauman, Loyl C. Bussell, David L. Cook, Rudy Durham, Andy Eads, Charles Emery, Kevin Falconer, Gary Fickes, Sandy Greyson, Mojoy Haddad, Clay Lewis Jenkins, Ron Jensen, Jungus Jordan, Harry LaRosiliere, David Magness, Scott Mahaffey, Steve Mitchell, Stan Pickett, Mark Riley, Mohamed Bur (representing Kelly Selman), Ray Smith (representing Will Sowell), Mike Taylor, Stephen Terrell, T. Oscar Trevino Jr., William Tsao, Oscar Ward, Duncan Webb, B. Glen Whitley, Kathryn Wilemon, W. Jeff Williams, and Ann Zadeh.

Others present at the meeting were: Vickie Alexander, David S. Arbukle, Melissa Baker, Tom Bamonte, Berrien Barks, Michael D. Barnhart, Carli Baylor, Adam Beckom, Natalie Bettger, Brandi Bird, Jonathan Blackman, Alberta Blair, Debby Bobbitt, Tanya Brooks, Bob Brown, Ron Brown, John Brunk, John Cabrales Jr., David Cain, Marrk Callier, Byron Campbell, Drew Campbell, Jack Carr, Angie Carson, Dave Carter, Maribel Chavez, Ceason Clemens, Kevin Cleveland, Michael Copeland, Hal Cranor, Brian Crooks, Mike Curtis, Clarence Daugherty, Nicholas Davis, Inga Dedow, Pat Deen, Brian Dell, Kim Diederich, Steven Duong, Chad Edwards, Kevin Feldt, Brian Flood, Mike Galizio, Ryan Garcia, Matt Gauntt, Enrique Gonzalez, Christie Gotti, Jim Griffin, Wade Haffey, Clifton Hall, Laura Hanna, Tony Hartzel, Sharon Hayes, Victor Henderson, Rebekah Hernandez, Matthew Hines, Jodi Hodges, Jennifer Holub, Matthew Holzappel, James Hotopp, Ivan Hughes, Terry Hughes, Amy Johnson, Tom Johnson, Abisai Juan, Dan Kessler, Tony Kimmey, Daphne King, Ken Kirkpatrick, Dan Lamers, April Leger, Ray Leszchkey, Eron Linn, Ramiro Lopez, Paul Luedtke, Megan Mahan, Barbara Maley, Alysha Mason, Matt McCombs, Curtistene McCowan, Steve McCullough, Keith Melton, Laura Melton, Michael Miles, Mindy Mize, Cesar Molina, Erin Moore, Michael Morris, Ron Natinsky, Jeff Neal, Cody Nelson, Mark Nelson, Evan Newton, Andy Nguyen, Mickey D. Nowell, John Parajohn, Brinton Payne, Shawn Poe, Scott Polikov, John Polster, Greg Porter, James Powell, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Dean Radeloff, Bob Ratto, Chris Reed, Bill Riley, Christina Roach, Tito Rodriguez, Michael Rogers, Greg Royster, John Ryan, Steve Salin, Russell Schaffner, Kelli Schlicher, Andy Shaw, Lori Shelton, Devin Shields, Randy Skinner, Jerry Smiley, Imelda Speck, Shannon Stevenson, Dean Stuller, Gerald Sturdivant, Vic Suhm, Gary Thomas, Jonathan Toffer, Christopher T. Tolar, Lauren Trimble, Mitzi Ward, Karla Weaver, Amanda Wilson, Alicia Winkelblech, Bruce Wood, Ed Wueste, Jing Xu, and Brandi Youngkin.

1. **Approval of February 8, 2018, Minutes:** The minutes of the February 8, 2018, meeting were approved as submitted in Reference Item 1. Jungus Jordan (M); Charles Emery (S). The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Consent Agenda:** The following items were included on the Consent Agenda.
 - 2.1. **Transportation Improvement Program Modifications:** Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), provided in Electronic item 2.1, was requested. The modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the Mobility Plan, the air quality conformity determination, and financial constraint of the TIP.

2.2. FY2018 and FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program Modifications: Regional Transportation Council approval of modifications to the FY2018 and FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program, provided in Electronic Item 2.2.1, was requested. Action to direct staff to also amend other administrative/planning documents, as appropriate, to reflect the approved modifications was also sought. Additional information was provided in Electronic Item 2.2.2.

2.3. Waze/Traffic Signal Grants: Approval to Advance Second Round: Regional Transportation Council approval for the second round of Waze/511 DFW and Traffic Signal Data Sharing grants was requested. In 2017, the RTC approved \$250,000 each for the two programs. Some of the approved funding was not awarded initially or full amounts were not needed. In light of renewed interest, staff proposed a second round of grants using substantially the same approach as in the first round.

A motion was made to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Kathryn Wilemon (M); Jungus Jordan (S). The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**: Michael Morris provided an overview of items on the Director of Transportation Report. He flagged to members the new agenda format to help track the federal performance measures addressed by agenda items. In addition, he noted that a reception for Victor Vandergriff will be scheduled and that staff will email details to Regional Transportation Council (RTC) members. Members representing the RTC at the recent IH 635 Community Meeting on February 15, 2018, were noted and included B. Adam McGough, Lee M. Kleinman, and Douglas Athas. Mr. Morris noted that RTC New Member Orientation will be held at 10:30 am on April 12, 2018. Interested RTC primary and alternate members were encouraged to attend. He also noted that Agenda Items 4 and 5 were postponed from the February 8, 2018, RTC meeting due to extended IH 635 East discussion and were proposed for action at this meeting. Regarding bicycle share, cities that have bicycle shares are meeting on best ways to address associated issues. Information on Car Care Clinics was provided in Electronic Item 3.1, and air quality funding opportunities for vehicles were provided in Electronic Item 3.2. Details on Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities events were provided in Electronic Item 3.3. Volkswagen settlement information was available in Electronic Item 3.4. Electronic Item 3.5 contained information on an AirCheckTexas outreach assistance request, and SolSmart recognition details were provided in Electronic Item 3.6. He highlighted the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle, provided in Electronic Item 3.7, and noted that staff will potentially be adding a new policy on the development of a regional tire recycling program. An *Eno Transportation Weekly* article that noted the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as one of the top MPOs in the country was provided in Electronic Item 3.8. The high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) subsidy report was provided in Electronic Item 3.9. The report provides details on the discount paid for HOV users to help reduce vehicle miles of travel in a nonattainment region. He added that staff is working on a related technology and will provide an update to members in the future. The March online comment opportunity notice was provided in Electronic Item 3.10. February public meeting minutes were provided in Electronic Item 3.11, and the public comments report was provided in Electronic Item 3.12. Recent correspondence was provided in Electronic Item 3.13, recent news articles in Electronic Item 3.14, and recent press releases in Electronic Item 3.15. Transportation partner progress reports were distributed at the meeting.

Mr. Morris provided a status report on "Big Projects." IH 35W 3C is moving ahead to consensus. Regarding IH 635 East Phase 3, he noted that focus should be on the outcome

which is implementation of the project. Details of recent correspondence was distributed at the meeting in Reference Item 3.16. Included is March 1 correspondence from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), RTC staff's response on March 2, TxDOT correspondence on March 6, and RTC Chair Rob Franke's response. He noted recent conversations between RTC members and State and federal elected officials and suggested that RTC members continue those conversations. RTC staff will work to develop several funding options to close the funding gap for consideration by the RTC on a schedule determined by Chair Rob Franke. Several communities have weighed in regarding the desire not to use the funding from other projects to close the funding gap, and the RTC will take this into consideration when moving forward. In addition, answers have been requested to the questions in Reference Item 3.16. Staff is going through a risk assessment regarding cost inflation, construction delay, legal risk, and others. Staff will have answers to the questions when the RTC is ready to move forward with RTC action. Sara Bagheri discussed the letter sent by TTC Chair Bruce Bugg and asked exactly what authority was TxDOT operating under in terms of a policy directive. She noted she was not aware of any related legislative action. Ms. Bagheri requested that staff provide, for the next related RTC vote, a legal memo that can identify under what authority TxDOT is acting. Mr. Morris encouraged members to read Reference Item 3.16 that contained a list of questions to TxDOT that laid out the responsibilities of each organization. He added that internal legal counsel is reviewing the legal risk associated with the TTC's proposal in Reference Item 3.16. Sandy Greyson noted that Dallas City Councilmember Adam McGough requested she note that the City of Dallas is opposed to moving forward with IH 635, the procurement or construction, without the inclusion of tolled managed lanes. Mr. Morris noted that members will see related questions being asked. The region is in a nonattainment area and under federal rule cannot build without an aggressive travel demand management strategy in a corridor, especially in a corridor where that type of strategy already exists. RTC Secretary Andy Eads noted concern that he cannot recall a time when the RTC has had a project ready to proceed, with funding options, that was then held and other projects placed at risk. He added this was discouraging and that he hopes there is positive movement in the near future. B. Glen Whitley noted that Tarrant County has made requests to its representatives and senators to reconsider the decision not to allow tolled managed lanes or toll lanes in the state, and at a minimum to honor those commitments made previous to the current position, especially in light of the President's proposal to leverage projects through a national infrastructure plan.

4. **Access North Texas:** Sarah Chadderdon presented Access North Texas, the regional public transportation coordination plan covering the 16-county region that focuses on the transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes and others with transportation challenges. The plan outlines specific strategies that will address needs that were identified during the planning process. In addition, the plan supports the efficient operation of public transportation by avoiding duplicated transit service and eliminating gaps in service in the region. Access North Texas was first adopted in 2013. Since that time, regional partners have implemented many of the strategies from the plan. Examples of strategies recommended in the 2013 plan were highlighted, as well as the programs implemented to address the recommendations. Details were provided in Electronic Item 4.1. Even with all of the successful projects since 2013, challenges remain. Staff began outreach in 2016 in an effort to update Access North Texas. Since that time, staff has reached out directly to over 2,000 individuals. This outreach also included elected officials and local government staff, transit riders, health and human service agencies, educational institutions, and businesses. Over 600 people attended 14 outreach meetings. Staff conducted numerous conference calls, sent follow-up emails and had one-on-one

conversations. A transportation poll for individuals and agencies to provide their personal and professional feedback on public transportation needs was also available online and in paper format. In total, 1,000 responses were received. Staff supplemented outreach activities with data collection and technical analysis. The Transit Accessibility Improvement Tool was updated. Staff also collected and analyzed demographic information about population growth, Limited English Proficiency status, and commute statistics and worked with existing transportation providers to identify possible gaps in service. After review, staff identified four areas to be addressed region wide: availability, affordability, complexity, and advocacy. As in the previous plan, citizens were concerned with geography where there is no public transportation service. In addition, there was interest in opportunities to implement non-traditional transit, including public-private partnerships or even transit service that does not require a traditional bus. Regarding affordability, Ms. Chadderdon thanked the RTC for its recent action approving \$1 million to create a program that addresses the affordability of fares for those most in need. Because the region is large, staff focused on the importance of reducing the complexity of the user's experience and champions who will advocate for improved transit service. In addition to the regional strategies outlined, members were encouraged to review the draft strategies contained in the document, available at Electronic Item 4.2. Next steps were outlined. Upon RTC approval, staff will request Executive Board endorsement and provide the finalized document to the Texas Department of Transportation. Regional transit partners, nonprofits and private agencies will then begin to implement strategies identified in the plan. Ms. Chadderdon noted projects that seek funds through the RTC's transit Call for Projects must be included in this plan, specifically those that seek funding under the Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. The schedule for the effort was reviewed. Additional details were provided in Electronic Item 4.1. A motion to approve Access North Texas, the region's locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan provided at Electronic Item 4.2. Oscar Ward (M); B. Glen Whitley (S). The motion passed unanimously.

5. **2017-2018 CMAQ/STBG Funding Program: Sustainable Development Phase 4:** Adam Beckom presented proposed projects for funding through the Sustainable Development Phase 4 of the 2017-2018 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Funding Program. The status of the 11 related funding programs were highlighted. The goal of this program is to support sustainable development initiatives by providing funds for Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Turnback partnerships, context sensitive design, and transit oriented development projects. Selection criteria for projects includes partnership in TxDOT's Turnback program, opportunities for redevelopment, payback mechanisms such as a tax increment finance district or public improvement district, inclusion of context-sensitive design elements, inclusion of transit-oriented development elements, and inclusion of pedestrian-friendly streetscape elements. The proposed list of projects that staff proposed to fund was provided in Electronic Item 5.1. Additional details on the overall funding program were provided in Electronic Item 5.2. Proposed projects included: 1) \$12 million for SH 356/Irving Boulevard in partnership with the City of Irving, 2) \$11.552 million for US 180 (Northern Loop) in partnership with the City of Weatherford, 3) \$11.301 million for a DCTA Intermodal Transit Center in partnership with DCTA, 4) \$10 million for Business 287/Ennis Avenue at UP Railroad in partnership with the City of Ennis, 5) \$4.5 million for Main Street in partnership with the City of Crowley, and \$3 million for the redevelopment of College Street in partnership with the City of Lewisville. Proposed RTC funding for projects totals approximately \$52.35 million. A motion was made to approve the proposed list of projects to fund through the 2017-2018 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program/Surface Transportation Block Grant Program: Sustainable Development Phase 4

Program provided Electronic Item 5.1. Action also included approval for staff to administratively amend the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program /Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate the associated changes. David L. Cook (M); B. Glen Whitley (S). The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Mobility 2045 Update:** Kevin Feldt provided an overview of current development efforts for the region's next long-range transportation plan, Mobility 2045. Currently, staff has identified approximately \$135.4 billion that is reasonably expected to be available between 2018 and 2045. He noted major roadway recommendations have not changed substantially since last presented at the February 8, 2018, Mobility 2045 Plan Workshop. As in the past, staff looks at asset optimization projects and facilities before any major reconstruction or new construction projects are recommended. Asset optimization projects were highlighted, as well as proposed arterial capacity improvements in the region. Mr. Feldt also noted the priced facility recommendations which include both new and additional managed lanes and toll road capacity, and also noted the non-priced freeway facility recommendations. Each of these aspects of the document together create the major roadway recommendations. He noted project recommendation maps and associated tables, with details of each project were available for review at www.nctcog.org/mobility2045. In addition to project recommendations, the roadway corridors for future evaluation were also highlighted. He noted an additional area of study near Downtown Fort Worth where a future connection between the Butler Housing Area may be a consideration for future development. Mr. Feldt also reviewed financial elements of the plan. Currently, estimates indicate approximately \$52 million of roadway projects that include toll and tolled managed lane projects. Regional needs total approximately \$389 billion, leaving a \$337 billion shortfall for Mobility 2045. Transit corridor recommendations were also presented and were unchanged since presented in February 2018. Additional Mobility 2045 components include sustainable development, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, people mover projects, freight, aviation, Transportation Demand Management, Transportation System Management, and transportation system safety and security. Other components include environmental considerations, high-speed rail, social considerations, technology, policies, programs, and others. Selected proposed policy additions include support for the ability to modify the Mobility Plan for emergency operational improvements such as technology lanes, managed lanes, access ramps, and auxiliary lanes. An additional policy recommended is support for the implementation of managed toll lanes within a tolled managed lane policy area. The proposed boundary encompasses 13 percent of the land area in the region and includes 67 percent of the congested roadway facilities. The goal is to focus these types of facilities in areas where congestion management is needed the most. Comments received in recent public meetings were highlighted and include comments on eminent domain, the Lake Corridor Project in Collin County, funding, the Hyperloop and bullet train, availability of the draft Plan, alternate roads, and no expansion of other non-roadway transportation modes. At the latest public meetings, comments were received on the policy foundation for Mobility 2045, transportation assistance for south Dallas County, and transit funding. Regarding the availability of the full draft Mobility 2045 document, Mr. Feldt noted the draft will be available April 2. The schedule for the effort was reviewed. The official 60-day public comment period will begin in April 2018, with Regional Transportation Council (RTC) action requested in June 2018. The schedule for upcoming public meetings was reviewed. A motion was made to approve staff presentation of the draft Mobility 2045 draft recommendations at upcoming public meetings. B. Glen Whitley (M); T. Oscar Trevino Jr. (S). Discussion continued.

Mark Riley noted concerns regarding the expansion of FM 730 from Wise County to IH 20 and the proposed arterial just north of Lake Weatherford. Due to the impact to Parker County and potentially the lake area, he requested that staff schedule a public meeting in Parker County to give citizens an opportunity to be more informed and gain consensus. Michael Morris suggested that staff meet with those interested in receiving additional information prior to April 2 to resolve any issues in advance of the official 60-day public comment period. Mike Taylor asked if Mobility 2045 will reflect new tolling capacity. Mr. Morris noted there is no change to what has been requested in the past. Mr. Taylor noted the City of Dallas' opposition to IH 635 East proceeding with no tolled managed lanes. He added that Texas is too large and diverse for a one-size fits all, the importance of local control, and that he was concerned staff was developing a Mobility Plan that would be totally at the discretion of the State government. Mr. Morris noted staff is implementing elements the RTC and citizens have directed and are not removing tolled managed lanes. Duncan Webb referenced the illustrative map of projects for future study and noted the Collin County Commissioners' Court would like for the arrow that is currently shown to the east side of Lake Lavon to be moved over the lake. Mr. Morris noted that the map indicated discussions are underway regarding planning for a north/south controlled access route within the proximity of Lake Lavon. Mr. Webb noted he would like to see the arrow placed down the center of the lake and then an east/west arrow placed between the two lakes. He clarified that the arrow is currently over the outer loop that is another corridor and some are viewing this as a position that the outer loop is the only area of study. Mr. Morris discussed the areas where consensus is needed and suggested that the request be included in the motion. Sandy Greyson asked about the small area for study in Dallas County. Mr. Feldt noted that both arrows in Dallas County represent additional study for capacity needs between IH 35E and US 75 north of Downtown Dallas. Ms. Greyson also asked if the measuring of alternative modes of transportation requested several months ago has been included. Mr. Feldt noted that staff has included the information.

Mark Riley asked that the motion be amended to request that staff hold a meeting in Parker County prior to April 2 to provide citizens in that area with more information about the expansion of FM 730 and a proposed arterial just north of Lake Weatherford. Duncan Webb also requested that the motion be amended to request that staff move the north/south arrow on the map of projects for future considerations/studies over Lake Lavon and add a second arrow east/west between the lakes. B. Glen Whitley and T. Oscar Trevino Jr. accepted the amendments made by both Mark Riley and Duncan Webb. The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Next Steps on High-Speed Rail:** Michael Morris provided an update on efforts related to high-speed rail. He noted the latest correspondence from the City of Arlington was distributed at the meeting in Reference Item 7. For the Houston to Dallas section, he discussed the environmental clearance and the March 16 deadline for public comment. He noted the project is included in the draft Mobility 2045 Plan and that there is an interagency agreement with the implementers of the corridor. For the Dallas/Arlington/Fort Worth section of high-speed rail, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) took the lead on the environmental clearance, which was not completed. Staff will likely suggest to the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) that the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) reinstate the environmental clearance of high-speed rail between Dallas, Arlington, and Fort Worth. Staff has met with the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) and William Meadows (Chair of the DFW Commission for High Speed Rail) about the proposal and are planning to meet with TxDOT. The proposal is for NCTCOG to take the lead on the environmental clearance. Funding has been allocated for some time, but an additional

amount may be needed. Staff is trying to determine in which phase of the current environmental review that work must begin. Due to the interest in the Hyperloop, staff will suggest that the environmental clearance for the Dallas/Arlington/Fort Worth section include next generation magnetic levitation technology, as well as traditional high-speed rail. This type of technology is believed to have a significant benefit when it comes to potentially funding the project. Mr. Morris noted there is interest by those producing the magnetic levitation technology to have a 30 mile test track, which is also the distance between Fort Worth and Dallas. If the environmental clearance includes this technology, there is potential for the test track becoming the permanent implementation of the technology similar to the General Motors test track becoming the permanent connection to load vehicles directly at the rail head. Mr. Morris discussed plans to meet with the engineers designing the Hyperloop and to visit the full test track. A group is being put together to develop a final recommendation on the technologies to the RTC. He also discussed high-speed rail from Fort Worth to Laredo. Metropolitan Planning Organization directors from Laredo, San Antonio, Austin, Temple-Killeen, and Waco met with NCTCOG staff on a strategy to explore Hyperloop and high-speed rail technologies between Laredo and Fort Worth. A \$500,000 study is proposed to evaluate the interest of the impacted communities in high-speed rail and next generation magnetic levitation technology. The recommendation will then be provided to TxDOT. The high-speed rail map proposed in the draft Mobility 2045 plan was highlighted. If the region is supportive of the three high-speed rail elements identified on the map, Mr. Morris noted he believes the RTC should take action to help the three elements proceed. Elements include supporting the environmental documentation for the Dallas to Houston project, supporting NCTCOG staff take the lead (with the assistance of a consultant) on the environmental clearance of the Dallas/Arlington/Fort Worth high-speed rail section, and leading the strategic conceptual effort with NCTCOG paying a portion of the cost to advance efforts from Fort Worth to Laredo. Kathryn Wilemon asked when staff anticipated completion of the environmental clearance for the Dallas/Arlington/Fort Worth section of high-speed rail if NCTCOG were to take the lead. Mr. Morris noted that staff would not expect environmental clearance completion to be less than two years. Gary Fickes asked the status of the \$15 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds that were allocated for environmental clearance. Mr. Morris noted that of the \$15 million in ARRA funds, FRA used approximately \$7 million. The ARRA deadline has passed and funds are no longer available. In addition, the RTC approved approximately \$5 million which remains available. If the RTC were to approve NCTCOG to take the lead, there may be some additional cost. Staff will be working on a cost estimate to environmentally clear two types of technologies for the Dallas/Arlington/Fort Worth portion of high-speed rail. Action is anticipated at the April 12, 2018, RTC meeting. Sandy Greyson noted, in response to the City of Arlington's letter in Reference Item 7, the City of Dallas' position is that no city would be a member of the Local Government Corporation unless it is currently a member of a transit authority. She added this item was brought before the City of Dallas Transportation Committee and was a unanimous position. Mr. Morris noted that NCTCOG would seek some clarification on the position following the meeting.

8. **2017-2018 CMAQ/STBG Funding Program: Safety, Innovative Construction, and Emergency Projects:** Adam Beckom presented proposed projects to be funded through the Safety, Innovative Construction, and Emergency Projects Program of the 2017-2018 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Funding Program. The status of the 11 CMAQ/STBG funding programs were highlighted. The purpose of this effort is to support operations, safety, innovative construction, and emergency improvements throughout the region. When evaluating projects, staff reviewed to determine if a project: addresses a

safety issue, involves an innovative construction element, addresses an emergency situation, includes incident management/first responders safety benefits, and/or implements recommendations from the Regional Safety Program. Details on the projects staff proposed for funding were provided in Electronic Item 8.1. Projects include: 1) North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Safety Program 50/50 partnership for \$15 million to address wrong way driving and intersection safety improvements, 2) South Shady Shores Road for \$10 million for flood improvements in partnership with Denton County, City of Lake Dallas, and Town of Shady Shores, 3) Wycliff Avenue for \$5 million for drainage issues in partnership with the Town of Highland Park, 4) IH 30 managed lanes access gates for \$1.2 million for emergency vehicle and first responder access in partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation Dallas District, and 5) Meacham Airport area intersection improvements for \$380,800 in partnership with the City of Fort Worth. The proposed Regional Transportation Council (RTC) funding for the projects total approximately \$31.58 million. Additional details on the overall funding program were provided in Electronic Item 8.2. Surface Transportation Technical Committee action is proposed at the March 23 meeting and RTC action at the April 12 meeting.

9. **2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program Draft Listings:** Christie Gotti provided the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) with an update on the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process and presented a draft listing of current RTC commitments that would be included within the TIP. Staff has met with local agencies on active projects and made revisions to the existing project listings. The revised project listings were provided to the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) in late February and to RTC members at Electronic Item 9.2. Staff has financially constrained project programming based on estimated future revenue and will continue to revise the listings as comments are received and projects go through the traditional review for Mobility Plan consistency, as well as public review. Ms. Gotti highlighted TIP development focus areas. In April 2016, the RTC approved the Metropolitan Planning Organization Milestone Policy. Through this process, staff asked agencies to look at projects that were ten years old or older that were not proceeding to implementation. At the time of the meeting, staff did not believe any projects were at risk for deletion through TIP Development and will continue to monitor. Typical updates to projects include changes to scopes, funding years, cost overruns, and cost savings. TIP listings are constrained to the FY2018 Unified Transportation Plan funding levels. If those funding levels are updated by the Texas Transportation Commission, staff will revisit project constraints. Agencies have also been asked to complete surveys for projects proposed for FY2019, the first year of the new TIP. Many times the first year of the TIP is over-programmed, so the survey asked questions about project readiness. If there is doubt about the proposed project schedule, staff will coordinate with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and work with the implementing agencies to ensure that agencies have an accurate expectation for projects. Staff is also reviewing Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funded projects, and adjustments are being made as projects are closed out and cost savings are identified. In addition, Mobility 2045 is being developed concurrently and staff is working closely to ensure that projects in the TIP are consistent with the new Mobility Plan. Staff is also continuing to track and update projects approved by the RTC as part of the Regional 10-Year Plan initiative. Currently, approximately \$5.3 billion is included in roadway and transit improvements in the draft 2019-2022 TIP, which includes over 1,000 active projects. The timeline for this effort was reviewed. Ms. Gotti noted that STTC members were asked to provide comments on the draft listings to staff by March 16 in order that the comments are able to be included in the public meeting material for April public meetings. Action on the final listings will be requested at the April 27, 2018, STTC meeting and the May 10, 2018, RTC meeting. Staff anticipates

transmitting the final document to TxDOT in June, with approval anticipated by the Texas Transportation Commission in August and federal approval possibly in the October/November timeframe. Staff encouraged agencies to review listings and to communicate with North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff to ensure projects are listed correctly. Sandy Greyson noted two instances in the draft listings that refer to the Trinity Parkway, on pages 113 and 134. She requested that NCTCOG staff clarify the references with City of Dallas staff because all references to the Trinity Parkway are requested to be removed. Ms. Gotti noted the two references to the Trinity Parkway project. One is to the engineering phase and the other is the construction phase. The engineering project cannot be canceled because funds have been spent. Staff will reduce the funding to match the final expenditures once known. For the construction project, staff plans to cancel the project through the TIP development process.

10. **Progress Reports:** Regional Transportation Council attendance was provided in Electronic Item 10.1, Surface Transportation Technical Committee attendance and minutes in Electronic Item 10.2, and the current Local Motion in Electronic Item 10.3.
11. **Other Business (Old or New):** There was no discussion on this item.
12. **Future Agenda Items:** There was no discussion on this item.
13. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2018, 1:00 pm, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.