

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, December 9, 2021
Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas
Exhibit Hall B, 1st Floor, 500 W. Las Colinas Blvd., Irving, TX 75039**

Members of the public may view a livestream of the RTC meeting at
www.nctcog.org/video under the "live" tab.

10:30 am – 11:30 am **RTC Member Orientation Meeting**

11:30 am – 12:30 pm **RTC Member Lunch**

1:00 pm **Full RTC Business Agenda**

- 1:00 – 1:10** 1. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Today's Agenda**
 Information Minutes: 10
Item Summary: This item provides an opportunity for the public to comment on today's meeting agenda items. Please provide a Speaker Request Card, available at the meeting, to the North Central Texas Council of Governments designated staff person. For today's meeting, public comments will be heard on all items.
Background: N/A
- 1:10 – 1:15** 2. **Approval of November 11, 2021, Minutes**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Theresa Daniel, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the November 11, 2021, minutes contained in Electronic Item 2 will be requested.
Background: N/A
- 1:15 – 1:20** 3. **Consent Agenda**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
- 3.1. **Air Quality Funding Recommendations Related to the Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program**
Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council approval of funding recommendations for the Clean Fleets North Texas 2020 Call for Projects (CFP).
Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) opened three different calls for projects in October 2020 under three separate Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program awards: 1) the Clean Fleets North Texas 2020 CFP, 2) the North Texas Emissions Reduction Project 2020 CFP, and 3) the North Texas Freight Terminal Electrification 2020 CFP. These CFPs

award funds for diesel vehicle or equipment replacement projects and installation of EPA-verified electrified parking spaces and related infrastructure in North Central Texas. NCTCOG opened a fourth CFP, the North Texas Clean Diesel Projects 2021, in October 2021 to provide rebates to replace older, high-emitting diesel-powered vehicles, engines, and equipment, in addition to locomotive engine idle reduction technology. Funds for the North Texas Emissions Reduction Project have been exhausted, while Clean Fleets North Texas 2020 and North Texas Freight Terminal Electrification 2020 continued until the most recent application deadline of October 8, 2021. One application was received by this deadline for Clean Fleets North Texas 2020. Staff has completed review, quantified emissions, and developed project funding recommendations. This initiative is an extension of clean vehicle efforts listed as Weight-of-Evidence in the current State Implementation Plan. Electronic Item 3.1.1 provides an overview of the call for projects and staff recommendations. Electronic Item 3.1.2 provides detailed project listings.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

1:20 – 1:35

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

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

1. Welcome and Introduction of Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Members
2. 2022 RTC Business Meeting Schedule (Electronic Item 4.1)
3. Summary of RTC Member Orientation Meeting
4. Importance of Balanced Media Interviews
5. Progress North Texas and Other RTC Material (Handout)
6. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Awards
7. Southeast Connector Project Approved by the Texas Transportation Commission (Four Phases)
8. Update on North Tarrant Express Segment 2E
9. Update on Texas Central Partners: Loan Collateral
10. Statewide Safety Task Force: Results of Second Meeting
11. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>
12. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles
<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources>
13. Status Report on Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program Funding (Electronic Item 4.2)
14. Status Report on Vehicle Temporary Paper Tags (Electronic Item 4.3)
15. Monthly Know Before You Fly Your Drone Workshops
<https://www.northtexasuas.com/UAS-Taskforce#Workshops>

- 16. October Public Meeting Minutes-Additional Comments (Electronic Item 4.4)
- 17. December Online Input Opportunity Notice (Electronic Item 4.5)
- 18. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.6)
- 19. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.7)
- 20. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.8)
- 21. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.9)

1:35 – 1:45

5. **Mobility 2045 Update and Demographic Assumptions**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Dan Kessler and Brendon Wheeler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of efforts to update Mobility 2045, as well as on ongoing efforts to develop revised 2045 Population and Employment forecasts for the Metropolitan Area.

Background: Mobility 2045 was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on June 14, 2018. Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region to update the long-range transportation plan a minimum of every four years. Development of the Mobility 2045 Update is currently underway which will include a new financial plan and necessary refinements to projects in the current Mobility 2045 plan. In addition, the North Central Texas Council of Governments is currently developing new forecasts of demographic activity out to the year 2045, which will be used to support the ongoing update of Mobility 2045.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

1:45 – 1:55

6. **Freight Safety Campaign**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jeff Hathcock, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update to the Council on the 2021 Freight Safety Initiative and its performance measures. The Initiative took place in May 2021 and ended in September 2021.

Background: North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff designed the Freight Safety Initiative to create a safer environment for commuters, commercial motor vehicle operators, and anyone else traveling on North Texas roadways. The goal of the initiative is to create awareness and focus on the importance of safe practices around freight movement. NCTCOG collaborated with partners such as Operation Lifesaver to help promote rail safety. As part of the safety initiative, advertisements were purchased and created across multiple platforms, including billboards, podcasts, social media, and radio. More information can be found in Electronic Item 6.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety

1:55 – 2:05

7. **Southern Dallas County and Tarrant County Transit Studies Recommendations**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Shannon Stevenson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of study recommendations resulting from the Southern Dallas County and Tarrant County Transit Studies.

Background: In 2018, the Regional Transportation Council approved funding for staff to conduct an independent transit needs assessment and develop a comprehensive approach to planning and implementing transit services in Collin, Southern Dallas, and Tarrant counties focusing on areas outside of transit authority service areas. Consultant assistance was utilized for each transit study.

The first phase of each study consisted of evaluating existing conditions as well as transit needs and demand. The second phase consisted of developing potential transit service options based on transit needs/demand and existing conditions identified in the first phase. Service cost estimates and service delivery options associated with the recommended services were also developed. Additionally, implementation strategies that support recommended service options were developed and serve as a roadmap for affected municipalities and partners to collaboratively work towards service implementation. Staff will provide an overview of the studies' recommendations for the Southern Dallas County and Tarrant County transit studies. More details can be found in Electronic Item 7.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

2:05 – 2:15

8. **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Overview**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Rebekah Gongora, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the new federal infrastructure bill, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, as it relates to transportation and air quality issues affecting the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Background: This item will allow staff to provide updates on key positions of the Regional Transportation Council. The 117th US Congress convened on January 3, 2021, and approved the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act on November 5, 2021. President Biden signed the bill into law on November 15, 2021. The new law includes a five-year surface transportation reauthorization, as well as additional funding and programs for other infrastructure.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Air Quality

2:15 – 2:25

9. **End of 2021 Ozone Season: Focus on Flat Progress**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a summary of the 2021 ozone season activity and other air quality updates for the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) region. The ozone season is from March 1 to November 30.

Background: The end of November concluded another ozone season for the DFW region. The region continues to work towards compliance for ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Staff has been tracking the exceedance days at each monitor and will provide a summary of the 2021 ozone season data for the North Central Texas 9- and 10-county nonattainment areas.

As a reminder, the region remains in nonattainment for both the 2015 and 2008 NAAQS for ozone. Staff will present an update on current air quality standings, compare current standings against previous ozone seasons, and highlight potential implications facing the region for not meeting federal attainment requirements. For further information see Electronic Item 9.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

10. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

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

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 10.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 10.2)
- Local Motion (<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/about/publications/locmo/local-motion-december-2021>)

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

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

13. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for **1:00 pm, Thursday, January 13, 2022.**