TO: Interested Parties  DATE: April 24, 2020

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SUBJECT: Industry Web Forum: Automated Vehicle Planning Assistance for the North Texas (DFW) Region

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is requesting industry participation in a forum for urban and transportation planning and engineering consultants and firms. The purpose of this forum is to inform the urban and transportation planning industry of NCTCOG’s plans to access private sector planning expertise concerning automated transportation technology and seek industry input on how to structure the planning process. The forum will be Web only; no in-person attendance will be required or accepted.

Anticipating innovation and adoption of automated transportation technology, NCTCOG has adopted a funding package aiming to (i) level the playing field across the region in such a way that planning and cost support are made available to any interested stakeholders, and (ii) provide key resources for cities and other transportation agencies as they prepare for the future of mobility within their jurisdictions. The program, entitled Automated Vehicles 2.0 (AV2.0), has three projects:

- AV2.1: Support for planning ($1.5m);
- AV2.2: Support for deployment costs ($10m);
- AV2.3: Implementing regional-strategic investments ($20m).

The focus of this industry forum is to help NCTCOG structure AV2.1. Industry forums for AV2.2 and AV2.3 will be held later as their development process continues.

There will be time for short (5 minutes or less) presentations by up to five parties on a first come first served basis. **Please advise Emily Beckham (TransRFPs@nctcog.org) if you would like to make a presentation by Friday, May 1, 2020.** Presentations should focus on answering the basic question of how can private sector planning entities most effectively help NCTCOG and its regional partners prepare for future mobility scenarios as the transportation system becomes more highly automated? More information about the Industry Forum is available on our website at [www.nctcog.org/rfp](http://www.nctcog.org/rfp) including submittal of questions and agenda topics in advance as well as instructions on accessing the Webex.

**An Online Industry Forum for Planning Expertise for Future Mobility in the North Texas (DFW) Region will be held at 1:30 p.m., Central Time, on Thursday, May 7, 2020.** Any amendments or updates to the forum, as well as all questions and responses will be posted on NCTCOG’s website. We appreciate consideration of this request.

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