

DART/RTC TRANSIT RELATED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TRIP) FUNDING PARTNERSHIP

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

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BACKGROUND

- ❖ In December 2016, DART staff requested assistance from NCTCOG to develop a partnership to help assist in their Transit Related Improvement Program (TRIP).
- ❖ The TRIP program is designed to help DART respond to concerns from member cities without rail service or rail service in the approved financial plan.
- ❖ Through this partnership, staff proposes to increase the Regional Transportation Council (RTC)/Local pool through an innovative funding exchange.

RTC/DART PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP DEAL POINTS

- ❖ DART and the RTC each contribute half the funds to the TRIP program in 2 phases.
- ❖ In addition, the RTC will send another \$10M for DART in each phase (\$20M total).
- ❖ In return, DART will send the same amount of local funds back to the RTC.
- ❖ The local funds will repopulate the RTC/Local pool.

RTC Commitments	Phase 1 FY 2018-2020	Phase 2 FY 2021-2025
RTC to DART (50%)	\$7,025,000	\$9,000,000
RTC/DART swap	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000
TOTAL	\$17,025,000	\$19,000,000

RTC/LOCAL FUNDS

- ❖ RTC/Local Pool was established in 2005 with funds from several funding exchanges.
 - ❖ e.g., \$57M with Denton County, \$21M with Dallas.
- ❖ RTC funded local air quality, sustainable development projects, and other regionally significant projects with the funds.
- ❖ RTC/Local funds will be used for air quality projects, innovative finance, leveraging, cash flow, and other regional transportation projects.
- ❖ As the existing RTC/Local balance is spent down, NCTCOG staff has been seeking opportunities and potential partnerships to “re-populate” the account.
 - ❖ e.g., DFW Airport (Glade Road), Others?

PROPOSED PROJECT TYPES

- ❖ DART will utilize TRIP funds to build for the following types of projects with the affected cities:

Agency	Project Types
Cockrell Hill	Street repair and signal upgrades
Glenn Heights	Street repair, signal upgrades and transportation studies
University Park	Signal upgrades, radio system upgrades, road repair, road reconstruction, and intersection improvement
Highland Park	Signal upgrades, radio system upgrades, road repair, road reconstruction, and intersection improvement

- ❖ DART will use local funds for the above improvements
 - ❖ The RTC's federal funds will be used on DART projects to offset their local expenditures on TRIP.
 - ❖ This strategy concentrates federal money on a few bigger projects versus several small projects.

PROJECT PROPOSED FOR FEDERAL FUNDS

Cotton Belt Rail Line:

Funding Phase	Fiscal Year	Funding Amount	Work Phase
1	2018	\$17,025,000	Environmental and Preliminary Engineering
2	2021	\$19,000,000	Construction

TIMELINE

December 2016

DART request for partnership

January 2017

Initial DART Action on TRIP

February 2017

STTC Action

March 2017

RTC Action

Executive Board Action

April 2017

DART Agreement Action

ACTION REQUESTED

- ❖ Recommendation for RTC approval of the DART/RTC Transit Related Improvement Program Partnership with an exchange of:
 - ❖ \$17M in federal funds for \$10M local in 2018 (Phase 1)
 - ❖ \$19M in federal funds for \$10M local in 2021 (Phase 2)
- ❖ Approval to administratively amend the 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate the new projects.

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