Status Report on
RTC Partnership Programs

Surface Transportation Technical Committee

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Upcoming Discussions/Tasks

- Review all commitments; Began October 2004
- Review the TIP modification policy
- Review reserve accounts
- Establish general approach to funding initiative (i.e., rules of engagement)
- Determine amount of funding available through TEA-21 reauthorization (FY 2004 - FY 2011)
- Determine proportion of funding allocated to Partnership Program 2 and 3
- Approve evaluation criteria and selection methodology
## Partnership Program Funding

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Current RTC Partnership Programs

Partnership Program 1 - Freeways, Tollways, Permanent HOV, and Managed Lanes

Partnership Program 2 - Transit and Interim HOV

Partnership Program 3 - Local Government/Air Quality
Partnership Program 1

• Phase 1 – Freeways, Permanent HOV, Regional Projects
  – Approved by RTC; October 9, 2003
  – Projects being implemented

• Phase 2 – Freeways, Tollways, Permanent HOV/Managed Lanes, “Near Neighbor” Projects
  – Approved by RTC on September 9, 2004 and October 14, 2004
  – Seek TTC approval; November 2004

• Complete until input is needed for 2006 Unified Transportation Program
Partnership Program 2

• Phase 1 – Immediate Need Transit Projects
  – Approved by RTC; October 9, 2003
  – Approval sought in conjunction with Partnership Program 1 (Phase 1)

• Phase 2 – Transit and Interim HOV Projects¹
  – Initiate selection and funding process once Partnership Program 1 is finalized; Begin January 2005
  – Finalize process within approximately six months; July 2005 (after TEA-21 Reauthorization)

• Phase 3 – Future Transit Projects
  – Reserve funds for a future transit funding initiative

¹Some projects may need to be approved ahead of schedule
Partnership Program 3

• Phase 1 – Local Government/Air Quality Projects
  – Approved by RTC; October 9, 2003
  – Projects being implemented

• Phase 2 – Local Government/Air Quality Projects¹
  – Establish program areas and distribute funds to program areas; Begin January 2005
  – Establish rules, policies, and procedures; Begin March 2005
  – Initiate selection and funding process once Partnership Program 2 is finalized; Begin August 2005
  – Finalize process within approximately six months; February 2006 (after TEA-21 Reauthorization)

• Phase 3 – Local Government/Air Quality Projects
  – Reserve funds for a future funding initiative

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Next Steps

- Initiate committee and council level discussions
- Identify eligible programs or “buckets” – Examples:
  - Transit
  - Roadway Improvements
  - Bottleneck Improvements
  - Management & Operations/
    Air Quality Initiatives
  - Goods Movement
  - Intelligent Transportation Systems
  - Safety Improvements
  - Traffic Signal Improvements
  - Sustainable Development/
    Bicycle/Pedestrian
- Distribute funds to individual program areas and to the strategic funding program
- Initiate 2005 Strategic Funding Program for remaining project types (new roadways, addition of lanes, intersection improvements); Begin August 2005
- Establish rules, policies, and procedures (cost overruns, eligibility criteria, timelines for programmatic calls)
- Solicit public comments
- Request committee and council action
Questions?