MINUTES
Regional Transportation Council
PUBLIC MEETING

FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program
Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Call for Projects
National Highway System Review

Meeting Date and Location
The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) held a public meeting Monday, May 13, 2019, at 6:00 pm at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (Arlington); Karla Weaver, Senior Program Manager, moderated the meeting, attended by 15 people.

Public Meeting Purpose and Topics
The public meeting was held in accordance with the NCTCOG Transportation Department Public Participation Plan, which became effective June 1, 1994, as approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), the transportation policy board for the metropolitan planning organization (MPO), and amended on November 8, 2018. Staff presented information about:

1. FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program – presented by Vickie Alexander
2. Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Call for Projects – presented by Daniel Snyder
3. National Highway System Review – presented by Brian Flood

The NCTCOG public meeting was held to educate, inform and seek comments from the public. Comments were solicited from those present who wished to speak for the record. The presentations made at the meeting are available at www.nctcog.org/input, and a video recording was posted at www.nctcog.org/video.

Each person who attended the public meeting received a packet with a meeting agenda, a sheet on which to submit written comments and copies of the presentations.

Summary of Presentations

FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program presentation:

The Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) summarizes transportation activities for NCTCOG’s metropolitan planning area, which covers the 12-county region. The UPWP is divided into five major task areas:

- Administration and Management
- Transportation Data Development and Maintenance
- Short-Range Planning and Programming and Air Quality and Transit Operations
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan
• Special Studies and System Operations.

The UPWP for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021 will focus on several planning initiatives, including the monitoring of Mobility 2045, the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), automated vehicle technology, high-speed rail, bicycle/pedestrian plans, regional transit planning assistance, travel model enhancement and a Harry Hines Boulevard corridor study.

The RTC will take action on the recommended FY2020 and FY2021 UPWP in July 2019.


The Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program is funded under the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act, the current transportation funding and authorization bill. Project activities eligible to receive funding from the program include shared-use paths, on-street bikeways, bicycle/pedestrian signalization, sidewalks and crosswalks, traffic controls and signage.

Approximately $2.7 million in set-aside funds is available for the western part of the region and approximately $5.2 million is available for the eastern portion. Funding allocations for each project must not exceed $5 million, and the minimum allocation is $150,000.

NCTCOG staff received 29 applications. Evaluation and scoring criteria for this program include mobility, safety, congestion reduction, air quality benefits, regional and local network connectivity, project innovation and project readiness.

Staff is recommending awarding funding to Cotton Belt Trail segments in Grapevine, Plano, Richardson, Dallas and Coppell as well as to the Harry Hines Multimodal Connection in Dallas County.

The RTC will take action on the selected projects in June 2019.


Originally designated in 1996, the National Highway System (NHS) is a network of nationally significant roadways that support the movement of people and goods between population centers, international border crossings and major military installations. The System focuses on parts of the transportation system with the largest impact on the movement of people and goods. It is used to calculate federally recognized performance measures, including pavement condition, bridge condition, safety, congestion and travel time reliability.

Local TxDOT districts, NCTCOG staff and local governments are evaluating suggested modifications and identifying potential new roadways to include in the NHS.

The RTC will take action on final modifications to the NHS in late summer 2019.
ORAL COMMENTS RECEIVED AT MEETING

Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Call for Projects

Gary Hennessey, Citizen

A. Project implementation evaluation

**Question:** Do you all evaluate projects after they’ve been implemented?

**Summary of response by Karla Weaver:** Whether or not we conduct an evaluation depends on the type of project and the funding associated with it. Sometimes we’ll evaluate a project before and after inception. We’ve also looked at speed and safety data after projects have been completed.

**Question:** Do you publish evaluations?

**Summary of response by Karla Weaver:** Yes, we do publish some of them. Let us know if there’s a specific area you’re interested in, and we’ll look into it for you. We can make it available to you.

Other

Gary Hennessey, Citizen

A. Traffic tickets along roads near SH 360

**Comment:** For a while, the police never gave out traffic tickets for running red lights along roads near SH 360.

**Summary of response by Karla Weaver:** There is an ongoing SH 360 coordination group, and it actually met last week. This might be something they are aware of. If you provide us with your email and phone number, we can provide you with logistical information.

Jason Sekhon, Citizen

**Comment:** I looked at rail expansion in Mobility 2045, but I didn’t see anything included along the Dallas North Tollway. It’s pretty congested, and I can’t imagine doing a regular commute. Why is there no rail line there?

**Summary of response by Karla Weaver:** The mobility plan is financially constrained, and there are a lot of different moving parts and pieces. We work with the general public, elected officials, etc. to prioritize the different modes of transportation. Rail expansions are also divided into phases.

WRITTEN COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC MEETING

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Instructions:
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2. Please fill in your name and affiliation as well as the date and location of meeting.
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Please provide written comments below:

1) How does John Q. Citizen become more involved in this process to be more informed? 661360 Coordination Group

2) For Students: Is it typical for only fund 2 projects in Fort Worth District? Where can we find historical funding allocations & projects still in progress?

3) Was there a 3rd place project in the District with CMAA funds that could have been awarded?

To submit comments or questions by mail, fax, or e-mail, please send to:
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Email

Terry Musar

I went to this meeting in Arlington but did not get to leave my comment--so here it is: Thanks for moving ahead with the Cottonbelt bike/ped trail improvements-especially the 2 segments in Grapevine. This will make it so much safer for all ages and skill sets to get around Grapevine and beyond. Thank you very much!!!

Other

Email

Matt & Catherine Butschek

We have come to these meetings for years now, have skipped the last year or more. You were supposed to make a decision in december, 2012 or 2013........ no decisions have been made and we are tired of coming to these meetings.

When you make a decision, please let us know.