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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL ONLINE INPUT OPPORTUNITY

2020-2022 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goals

Upcoming Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

US Army Corps of Engineers Stormwater Project

Online Public Input Opportunity Dates


Purpose and Topics

The online public input opportunity was provided 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 posted information regarding:

1. 2020-2022 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goals
2. Upcoming Unified Transportation Program (UTP)
3. US Army Corps of Engineers Stormwater Project

The NCTCOG online public input opportunity was provided to inform and seek comments from the public. Comments and questions were submitted by email at transinfo@nctcog.org, online at www.nctcog.org/input, by mail at PO Box 5888, Arlington, TX 76005 and by fax at 817-640-3028. Printed copies of the online materials were also made available by calling 817-608-2365 or emailing cbaylor@nctcog.org.

Summary of Presentations


The DBE Program ensures non-discrimination, creates a level playing field, helps remove barriers to DBE participation and ensures DBE firms meet required eligibility standards.

To be classified as a DBE, at least 51 percent of an entity must be owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. Socially and economically disadvantaged individuals must be US citizens or lawful permanent residents. These individuals can be women, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Indian Americans and others as determined by the Small Business Administration.

The following funding recipients are required to have a DBE Program:
• Federal Transit Administration recipients receiving planning, capital and/or operating assistance who will award prime contracts exceeding $250,000 in funding in a federal fiscal year
• Federal Aviation Administration recipients receiving grants for airport planning and development who will award prime contracts exceeding $250,000 in funding in a federal fiscal year
• All Federal Highway Administration recipients

Proposed goals for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2022 were posted online at www.nctcog.org/input for public review and comment. The Regional Transportation Council will take action on these goals in September 2019. DBE goals for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2022 will become effective on October 1, 2019.

Upcoming Unified Transportation Program (UTP) presentation: https://www.nctcog.org/nctcg/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Involve/InputMeetings/2019/07/UTP.pdf

Proposed projects included in the UTP update fall into five different groups:

• Group 1: Projects approved by the RTC that have been approved in the UTP
• Group 2A: Projects approved by the RTC that have not been approved in the UTP
• Group 2B: Proposed projects pending RTC approval
• Group 3: Proposed projects that need funding to advance pre-construction activities like right-of-way acquisition
• Group 4: Projects proposed to be removed from the UTP project list, funded with other sources or are future candidates for funding

Proposed projects to receive funding in the 2020 UTP include the Southeast Connector, SH 170, IH 30 in Canyon, IH 30 in Rockwall County, IH 35E North of LBJ, IH 35E in Denton and IH 35 north of Denton. Projects are selected by several entities, including the Texas Department of Transportation and Texas Transportation Commission.


Efforts are underway to develop a new program aimed at preventing the impacts of stormwater in flood prone areas in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Federal, State, regional and local organizations are working together on how the region could become a national leader in reducing loss of life and financial impacts of major flooding events.

The project will provide communities with data, tools and analysis, including modeling, emergency response tools, emergency preparedness tools and flood risk data for developing infrastructure and planning neighborhoods. Additionally the project will look at planning environmental areas, environmental mitigation areas, groundwater recharge, open space and open space connectivity.

Partners are critical to move forward with this project and include entities such as the US Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Tarrant Regional Water District, the Texas Water Development
Board, the Trinity River Authority, the Regional Transportation Council and many others. The funding goal for this project is $10 million.

WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY WEBSITE, MAIL, EMAIL and SOCIAL MEDIA

Upcoming Unified Transportation Program (UTP)

Email

George W Jenista


For UTP, Intercity passenger rail, focused on Ft. Worth Central Station as prime hub -reopen Caprock Xpress project, service to Denver Colorado via Weatherford, Abilene, Sweetwater, Lubbock, Canyon, Amarillo, Pueblo, Colorado Springs, Denver. 2. Intercity passenger rail -reopen Meridian Star project, service to Amtrak connection at Meridian MS via Shreveport, Monroe LA; Vicksburg, Jackson MS, Meridian. Research Brightline-style service with private-sector provider(s).

US Army Corps of Engineers Stormwater Project

Email

Edith Marvin, NCTCOG Environment & Development Department

Michael,

In drilling down into the item below called “U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Stormwater Project”, I believe that we may be creating a problem within the USACE as a partner. Jerry has made me aware of leadership concerns at the USACE of this project needing to be portrayed as a NCTCOG project with the USACE serving as a technical partner, rather than as a USACE initiated project.

Within this Online Public Input Opportunity posting, the title sheet now reflects a USACE project: https://www.nctcog.org/nctcq/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Involve/InputMeetings/2019/07/S

Would you be opposed to the presentation title sheet being restored to its prior version for this public input posting?

Summary of Response by Michael Morris, NCTCOG Transportation Department

All,
The title of the agenda item went out with that title from our public involvement staff. They like the USCOE and so do I. The title of the presentation on the power point has to match the title that went out.

The upcoming public meeting is only electronic via the internet. We have issued a comment to our own public record to revise the title to the original title. Please see the presentation, it is not changed.

The title that we always use will be revised with the public record comment that we issued. It is the only way I know to fix this.