Quick Take

What: 
**Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2013 Update**

RTC Adopted: 
June 13, 2013

Significance: 
Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update outlines $98.7 billion in multimodal transportation solutions for the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area. This long-range plan is financially constrained, which means there is expected to be enough money to fund its projects and programs.

By the Numbers:

Infrastructure Maintenance: 
$28.9 billion

Management and Operations Strategies: 
$4.8 billion

Growth, Development and Land-Use Strategies: 
$3.9 billion

Rail and Bus Improvements: 
$15.6 billion

HOV/Managed, Freeway, Tollway, and Arterial Improvements: 
$46.5 billion

Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update has a benefit-cost ratio of 1.30. Every dollar spent yields a $1.30 benefit.

Moving People with Strategic Investments

Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2013 Update is the defining vision for the region’s multimodal transportation system. Approved by the Regional Transportation Council in June 2013, it identifies $98.7 billion in transportation improvements between now and 2035. These improvements seek to reduce congestion and improve air quality, which is important because the region has been designated as a nonattainment area for the pollutant ozone.

Federal regulations require metropolitan transportation plans to be financially constrained. This means the Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update is not a wish list of improvements, but instead an inventory of affordable projects and programs. To meet financial constraint, Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update continues to defer more than $40 billion worth of improvements over the life of the plan.

Never before has the region experienced such a significant gap between regional mobility needs – which are estimated to be $395.3 billion through 2035 – and funding for improvements. This has ushered in a new era in the way the region plans for and implements transportation improvements. Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update focuses on maximizing the existing transportation system, influencing travel behaviors and making strategic infrastructure investments.

The adoption of Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update allows crucial programs and projects that seek to meet the region’s transportation goals to move forward to implementation.

Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update is the product of a comprehensive, cooperative and continuous planning effort. It will increase mobility, manage congestion, improve air quality and enhance quality of life for the region’s residents.

### Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update Goals

**Mobility**
- Improve the availability of transportation options for people and goods
- Support travel efficiency measures and system enhancements targeted at congestion reduction and management
- Ensure all communities are provided access to the regional transportation system and planning process

**Quality of Life**
- Preserve and enhance the natural environment, improve air quality and promote active lifestyles
- Encourage livable communities which support sustainability and economic vitality

**System Sustainability**
- Ensure adequate maintenance and enhance the safety and reliability of the existing transportation system
- Pursue long-term sustainable revenue sources to address regional transportation system needs

**Implementation**
- Provide for timely project planning and implementation
- Develop cost-effective projects and programs aimed at reducing the costs associated with constructing, operating and maintaining the regional transportation system
Regional Performance Measures | 2013 | 2035 | % Change
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Population | 6,778,201 | 9,833,378 | 45%
Employment | 4,292,516 | 6,177,016 | 44%
Vehicle Miles of Travel | 181,516,746 | 281,580,581 | 55%
Hourly Capacity (Miles) | 42,593,607 | 51,288,092 | 20%
Vehicle Hours Spent in Delay (Daily) | 1,165,512 | 2,489,440 | 114%
Increase in Travel Time Due to Congestion | 32.1% | 44.9% | 40%
Annual Cost of Congestion (Billions) | $4.7 | $10.1 | 114%