2018 Transportation Conformity

Appendix 12.1: Endorsements and/or Resolutions
RESOLUTION ADOPTING MOBILITY 2045: THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS, AND THE 2018 TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH NONATTAINMENT AREA (R18-03)

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and continues to be the regional forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act assigns the MPO the responsibility for developing and maintaining the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program and their periodic updates; and,

WHEREAS, the FAST Act requires the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program to include a financial plan to demonstrate the consistency of proposed transportation investments with available and projected sources of revenue; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and the Transportation Improvement Program were developed using the most recent federal guidance and applicable regulations; and,

WHEREAS, Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas was developed in cooperation with local governments, the Texas Department of Transportation, North Texas Tollway Authority, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Denton County Transportation Authority, and other transportation agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order 12898 mandate nondiscrimination and analysis of impacts to protected populations for all federally funded projects; and,

WHEREAS, the RTC’s policy is to evaluate the benefits and burdens of transportation policies, programs, and plans to prevent disparate impacts and improve the decision-making process, resulting in a more equitable system; and,

WHEREAS, the FAST Act assigns the MPO the responsibility for carrying out the transportation conformity process, in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly owned transit services; and,

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated the 10-county area of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise counties as moderate nonattainment under the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) effective July 20, 2012; and designated the nine-county area of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Tarrant, and Wise counties as marginal nonattainment under the 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS effective August 3, 2018; and,
WHEREAS, the current RTC metropolitan planning area includes all of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise counties; and,

WHEREAS, the FAST Act and the Clean Air Act regulations require information regarding the development of Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas and the 2018 Transportation Conformity analysis be available for public comment according to the adopted MPO public participation plan; and,

WHEREAS, Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas and the 2018 Transportation Conformity were recommended for adoption to the RTC by the Surface Transportation Technical Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Regional Transportation Council adopts Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas.

Section 2. The Regional Transportation Council approves the results of the 2018 Transportation Conformity, which demonstrates that implementation of Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas and the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program will not cause any new violations of the 2008 and 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS, increase the frequency or severity of violations of the standards, or delay timely attainment of the standards. This analysis uses the latest available information and the latest EPA-approved emissions estimation model. In addition, these results meet the requirement of current and previous motor vehicle emissions budget tests, and demonstrate Transportation Control Measures in approved State Implementation Plans are implemented in a timely fashion.

Section 3. The development of Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas utilized the most recent regional demographic projections as adopted by the NCTCOG Executive Board October 26, 2017, and 2018 Transportation Conformity utilized latest planning assumptions.

Section 4. The recommendations included in Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas meet financial constraint requirements and all federal nondiscrimination and environmental justice requirements and have no disproportionate impacts on protected populations.

Section 5. The Regional Transportation Council directs staff to appropriately amend other planning documents such as the Transportation Improvement Program and Unified Planning Work Program as needed to implement the policies, programs, and projects contained in Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas.

Section 6. The development of Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas and the 2018 Transportation Conformity was conducted in accordance with NCTCOG's approved public participation plan, including presentation of draft recommendations and analysis results prior to Regional Transportation Council adoption.
Section 7. The latest public involvement information for the 2018 Transportation Conformity, including Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas, will be transmitted to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Department of Transportation, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Section 8. This resolution will be transmitted to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Denton County Transportation Authority, North Texas Tollway Authority, Collin County Toll Road Authority, and all impacted local governments.

Section 9. This Resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Rob Franke, P.E., Chair
Regional Transportation Council
Mayor, City of Cedar Hill

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area on June 14, 2018.

Andy Eads, Secretary
Regional Transportation Council
Commissioner, Denton County
RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE
2019-2022 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
FOR NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS
(R18-02)

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and has been and continues to be the regional forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the federal law, Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) assigns the MPO the responsibility for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process, in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly owned transit services; and,

WHEREAS, the FAST Act assigns the MPO the responsibility for developing and approving the metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and its periodic updates; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth area is a federally designated nonattainment area for the pollutant ozone, and air quality conformity of the TIP shall be determined by the MPO; and,

WHEREAS, all regionally significant ground transportation improvements, regardless of funding source, within the Dallas-Fort Worth ozone nonattainment area must be inventoried and included in the TIP and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the conformity analysis requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and,

WHEREAS, the TIP was developed in cooperation with the local governments, Texas Department of Transportation, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Denton County Transportation Authority, Fort Worth Transportation Authority (known as Trinity Metro), North Texas Tollway Authority, and other transportation agencies; and,

WHEREAS, all projects in the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas were developed in conjunction with Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas in a manner consistent with the federal regulations found in 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 450 and 49 CFR 613; and,

WHEREAS, the planning process used in development of the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas was conducted in accordance with NCTCOG’s approved public involvement procedures and is consistent with the FAST Act Public Participation Plan requirements, including presentation at public meetings and the allowance of a 30-day comment period prior to Regional Transportation Council approval of the TIP; and,

WHEREAS, the air quality conformity review has indicated that the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas meets the transportation conformity-related requirements of the State Implementation Plan, the Clean Air Act as amended on November 15, 1990, and the conformity rule as specified in the US Environmental Protection Agency’s Transportation Conformity Rule Amendments; and,
WHEREAS, NCTCOG’s Surface Transportation Technical Committee has recommended Regional Transportation Council approval of the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas project listings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Regional Transportation Council affirms that the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas has been developed and found to be in compliance with the FAST Act and Clean Air Act requirements.

Section 2. The Regional Transportation Council affirms that the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas is consistent with the recommendations of Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas and the air quality conformity results.

Section 3. The Regional Transportation Council adopts the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas.

Section 4. The 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas will be submitted for inclusion in the 2019-2022 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program.

Section 5. The Regional Transportation Council hereby amends the FY 2018 and FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and any other planning/administrative documents, to the extent necessary to incorporate changes associated with the adoption of the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program.

Section 6. This resolution will be transmitted to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Texas Department of Transportation, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Fort Worth Transportation Authority/Trinity Metro, Denton County Transportation Authority, North Texas Tollway Authority, and all impacted local governments.

Section 7. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Rob Franke, P.E., Chair
Regional Transportation Council
Mayor, City of Cedar Hill

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area on May 10, 2018.

Gary Fickes, Vice Chair
Regional Transportation Council
Commissioner, Tarrant County