



North Central Texas
Council of Governments

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Input Requested on Work Program Modifications, List of Funded Projects

North Texans can review, give input on recommendations online

Dec. 12, 2016 (Arlington, Texas) – North Texans are encouraged to review and comment on proposed modifications to the Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) online at www.nctcog.org/input. These efforts are important to improving air quality and advancing transportation plans in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The UPWP is a federally required document prepared every two years by NCTCOG in cooperation with transportation providers and local governments. It provides a summary of transportation and related air quality planning tasks conducted by the metropolitan planning organization. Proposed modifications to the Fiscal Year 2016 and Fiscal Year 2017 UPWP are available for public review and comment.

Additionally, staff maintains a comprehensive list of funded transportation projects known as the TIP. Projects with committed funds from federal, state and local sources are included in the document. To maintain an accurate project listing, it is updated on a regular basis and modifications to the TIP are also available for public review and comment.

Lastly, Governor Greg Abbott has submitted Texas' recommended ozone nonattainment area under the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standard of 70 parts per billion. The previous standard was 75 ppb. The nonattainment recommendation for North Central Texas, which will be available as an information item, includes the existing 10-county nonattainment area, with the addition of Hood County. The Environmental Protection Agency will review all state submissions and anticipates announcing the final designations in October 2017.

Regional Transportation Input Opportunity Details

Information will be available online at www.nctcog.org/input for public review and comment Dec. 13, 2016 - Jan. 11, 2017. To request printed copies of the information, call (817) 608-2365 or email cbaylor@nctcog.org.

Submit comments and questions through one of the following methods:

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Website: www.nctcog.org/input

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About the North Central Texas Council of Governments:

NCTCOG is a voluntary association of local governments established in 1966 to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. NCTCOG's purpose is to strengthen both the individual and collective power of local governments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication and make joint decisions.

NCTCOG serves a 16-county region of North Central Texas, which is centered on the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth. Currently, NCTCOG has 238 member governments including 16 counties, 169 cities, 22 school districts and 31 special districts. For more information on the NCTCOG Transportation Department, visit www.nctcog.org/trans.

About the Regional Transportation Council:

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Central Texas Council of Governments has served as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for regional transportation planning in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since 1974. The MPO works in cooperation with the region's transportation providers to address the complex transportation needs of the rapidly growing metropolitan area. The Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise counties. The RTC's 44 members include local elected or appointed officials from the metropolitan area and representatives from each of the area's transportation providers. More information can be found at www.nctcog.org.

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