

AGENDA

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL Thursday, January 14, 2021 North Central Texas Council of Governments

The RTC meeting on January 14, 2021, will be conducted as a videoconference meeting via Zoom. Members of the public wishing to speak may do so by calling toll free 1-855-965-2480 and entering meeting ID 895 2588 0458# when prompted. Following conclusion of the Opportunity for the Public to Speak in Agenda Item 1, the audio line will be disconnected. Members of the public may view a livestream of the RTC meeting at www.nctcog.org/video under the "live" tab.

1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda

- 1:00 – 1:10 1. **Opportunity for the Public to Speak on Today's Agenda: Consistent with HB 2840**
 Information Minutes: 10
Item Summary: This item provides an opportunity for the public to comment on today's meeting agenda items. Members of the public wishing to comment on an agenda item may do so during this item by calling toll free 1-855-965-2480 and entering meeting ID 895 2588 0458# when prompted. Speakers should state their name, city of residence, the agenda number they are speaking on, and whether they are speaking on/for/against the item. Members of the public are not permitted to provide comments after the conclusion of this agenda item; therefore, the audio line will be disconnected, and members of the public may view the livestream of the meeting at www.nctcog.org/video.
Background: N/A
- 1:10 – 1:15 2. **Approval of December 10, 2020, Minutes**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Roger Harmon, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the December 10, 2020, minutes contained in Electronic Item 2 will be requested.
Background: N/A
- 1:15 – 1:20 3. **Consent Agenda**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
- 3.1. **Transportation Improvement Program Modifications**
Presenter: Ken Bunkley, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested, along with the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes.
Background: February 2021 revisions to the 2021-2024 TIP are provided as Electronic Item 3.1 for the Council's

consideration. These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the mobility plan, the air quality conformity determination and financial constraint of the TIP.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

3.2 Regional Transportation Council Local Contingency for Fiscal Year 2021 Regional Aerial Photography Program

Presenter: Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of a \$1.8 million cash flow contingency for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Regional Aerial Photography Program will be requested.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has a cooperative Regional Aerial Photography Program whereby orthophotography and ancillary products are developed on a periodic basis at the request of local governments and other public entities. The primary flights for the region are conducted every two years. The FY2021 Program includes aerials requested by the Dallas and Fort Worth Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Districts for transportation-related purposes. The total cost of the FY2021 Program is approximately \$2.4 million, with TxDOT's share being \$1.8 million. The flights need to proceed in January to obtain aerials without leaves on the trees, which is a critical element for TxDOT and local governments. The RTC previously approved federal funds to cover the TxDOT share of these costs. Federal funds are anticipated to be available in the March timeframe (but could be later) to cover TxDOT's share, which will be due in April. Staff requests a cash flow contingency in RTC Local funds of \$1.8 million to cover costs in the event federal funds are not available by the end of March. It is unlikely that this contingency will be needed; however, if used, the RTC Local funds would be replenished upon the availability of the federal funds.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:20 – 1:35

4. Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Celebration of Transportation Service by Gary Thomas, President/Executive Director, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) (Michael Morris and DART Board Chair Paul N. Wageman)
2. \$4 Million Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ACTMTD) Grant from the United States Department of Transportation Received for City of Dallas SM Wright

Smart Corridor Project in Partnership with the Regional Transportation Council

3. NCTCOG Staff Member Ernest Huffman Recipient of Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International Lone Star's Excellence Award for Work on Integrating Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) into North Texas and Advocating for Advancement of UAS Technologies
4. United States Department of Transportation Issues Two, Much-Anticipated Drone Rules to Advance Safety and Innovation in the United States (Electronic Item 4.1)
5. Federal Railroad Administration Announces Full Implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC) and Certifies TEXRail PTC System (Electronic Item 4.2)
6. Changing Mobility: Data, Insights, and Delivering Innovative Projects During COVID Recovery (Electronic Item 4.3)
(www.nctcog.org/pm/covid-19)
7. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Upcoming Events
(<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/dfw-clean-cities-meetings>)
8. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles
(<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/fundingvehicle>)
9. Status of Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program Funding Programs (Electronic Item 4.4)
10. Upcoming Transit Studies Meetings
 - Tarrant County Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting: January 28, 2021, 2:00 PM
 - South Dallas County Public Meeting: February 4, 2021, 6:00 PM
 - Denton County Initial Stakeholders Meeting: February 5, 2021, 10:30 AM
 - East Dallas, Kaufman, and Rockwall Counties Initial Stakeholders Meeting: February 12, 2021, 10:00 AM
11. December Online Input Opportunity Minutes (Electronic Item 4.5)
12. January Online Input Opportunity Notice (Electronic Item 4.6)
13. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.7)
14. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.8)
15. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.9)
16. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.10)

1:35 – 1:45

5. **Legislative Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Rebekah Hernandez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on federal and State legislative actions related to transportation and air quality issues affecting the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Legislative actions to be covered include the following:

- Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations
- Federal Supplemental COVID Stimulus
- Texas Comptroller Certification Revenue Estimate
- Actions in the Texas Legislature

Background: Transportation issues continue to be a focus for both the United States (US) Congress and the Texas Legislature. The

1st session of the 117th US Congress convened on January 3, 2021. The 87th Texas Legislature convened on January 12, 2021. This item will allow staff to provide updates on key positions of the Regional Transportation Council and allow any additional positions to be taken, if necessary.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

1:45 – 1:55 6. **2021 Top 10 Transportation Technology Initiatives: Recent Presentations**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) has requested continued emphasis on transportation technology initiatives. Staff will update the RTC on recent presentations.

Background: The Transportation Director has given several presentations recently on transportation technologies to interest groups within the region. Electronic Item 6 highlights the top 10 transportation technologies initiatives currently being pursued within the region. In addition, staff will present four major programs areas and their relationship with our State legislative delegation.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

1:55 – 2:05 7. **Transit-Oriented Development Survey Results (This item was postponed from the December 10, 2020, RTC Meeting)**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Weaver, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present results of the completed Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Red and Blue Lines Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Survey produced by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) as part of a Federal Transit Administration Planning Pilot for TOD grant.

Background: Transit-oriented development encourages greater transit ridership through a higher density mix of uses and pedestrian-friendly design within walking distance of high frequency transit. The NCTCOG DART Red and Blue Lines TOD Survey was conducted to get a general sense of travel behavior, demographics, and location choice preferences of residents, businesses, and employees occupying TOD around DART stations. The data collected will assist NCTCOG and its partner cities and transit agencies in evaluating and improving TOD policy and projects.

The survey includes 28 DART stations with responses from over 1,500 residents, 1,000 businesses, and 550 employees collected from September 2019 to February 2020. A full report and data table are available online at www.nctcog.org/TOD.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Bike/Ped+, Transit

2:05 – 2:15

8. **Update on Transit Ridership Related to COVID-19**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Changing Mobility performance measures have indicated the need to focus and create a partnership with transit authorities. Meetings have occurred over the last several months regarding this partnership.

Background: Due to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak, transit ridership in the United States, Texas, and Dallas-Fort Worth region has suffered declines and stagnation. There is an urgency to support transit agencies and coordinate efforts to address ridership concerns. Through the COVID-19 #00X Infrastructure Program, \$25,000,000 was previously approved to make investments in various transit initiatives to address impacts due to COVID-19 and advance transit in the region. Over the past several weeks, North Central Texas Council of Governments staff has been working with the transit agencies to develop a phased plan and identify projects that prioritize rider safety and focus on increasing new transit riders while restoring previous transit users. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 8.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:15 – 2:25

9. **Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Fleet Recognition and Annual Survey Results**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present an overview of results from the 2019 Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities (DFWCC) Coalition Annual Survey and highlight Fleet Recognition recipients.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments has been the host organization for DFWCC, a United States Department of Energy (DOE) initiative to reduce total energy impacts in the transportation sector, since 1994. Clean Cities coalitions are required to complete annual reporting to DOE every March. The Coalition has a goal of increasing energy use impacts by 15 percent year-over-year. In order to complete this report and meet these goals, DFWCC seeks information from local fleets about alternative fuel use and other fuel-saving activities. DFWCC also began a recognition program based on this data to highlight fleets that demonstrate excellence in their fleet reporting. Electronic Item 9 provides more information, and additional detail is at www.dfwcleancities.org/annualreport.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

10. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 10.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 10.2)
- Local Motion (Electronic Item 10.3)

11. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

12. **Future Agenda Items:** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.

13. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***1:00 pm, Thursday, February 11, 2021.***