

6. Draft Updated Rules for Public Comments at Regional Transportation Council Meetings (Electronic Item 4.4)
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1:45 – 1:55

5. **2023 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and Regional 10-Year Plan Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the proposed changes for the Regional 10-Year Plan Update, including two funding exchanges related to the Southeast Connector project. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the proposed project listings and funding exchanges will be requested.

Background: Since December 2016, the RTC has annually approved a set of projects funded with Category 2 (MPO-selected) and Category 4 (TxDOT District-selected) funds and submitted for Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) consideration with Category 12 (TTC-selected) funds that cover 10 years of highway projects. This action is the Dallas-Fort Worth region's response to the House Bill (HB) 20 10-year planning requirement. Since the last update in 2021, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff has coordinated with the TxDOT Dallas, Paris (Hunt County), and Fort Worth districts regarding updates to previously approved projects, as well as potential additions to the 10-Year Plan to be included in the 2023 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). In response to a March 1, 2022, deadline set forth by TxDOT, staff worked with TxDOT to draft a list that includes these project updates and potential new candidate projects. The draft 2023 UTP has since been published and revealed which projects are proposed for inclusion. As part of this update to the 10-Year Plan, proposals for a Category 2/Category 7 and a Category 2/Category 12 funding exchange are being made. To reduce the region's carryover balance of

Category 7 funds and help the State access additional federal apportionment, Category 7 funds are proposed to be removed from several projects and replaced with Category 2 funds. The freed-up Category 7 funds would then be used to replace Category 2 funds on a section of the Southeast Connector that is obligating in FY2022. In addition, to address a funding gap on the Southeast Connector project, staff is proposing that Category 2 funds be removed from several out-year projects and be replaced with Category 12 funds in the 2023 UTP in a partnership with the TTC. The freed-up Category 2 funds would then be used on a section of the Southeast Connector to advance it by February 2023. Electronic Item 5.1 includes additional information about the process. Electronic Item 5.2 contains the proposed list of planned projects for the Regional 10-Year Plan. Electronic Item 5.3 contains the 10-Year Plan projects that have let or been completed.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

1:55 – 2:05

6. **Regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for the Regional Transportation Council to approve the regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan-2022 Update will be requested.

Background: The regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (PSAP) was endorsed by the Regional Transportation Council on June 10, 2021, and was adopted by reference as part of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Mobility 2045 Update, on June 9, 2022. NCTCOG staff conducted the first annual review of the PSAP. Proposed updates to the PSAP include an Environmental Justice analysis and a section related to annual monitoring and outcomes. Additionally, minor edits were made to Appendix B to delete duplicative tables and to add Environmental Justice information to the Safety Corridor and county maps. The purpose of the PSAP is to serve as a guide for improving pedestrian safety across the 12-county Metropolitan Planning Area. The PSAP was developed as one of the North Central Texas Council of Governments' many efforts to support the safety positions adopted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and the Texas Transportation Commission. Staff will provide an overview of the Annual Implementation Summary Report, an overview of the PSAP 2022 Update changes and request the RTC to take action to approve the PSAP 2022 Update. The Annual Implementation Summary Report is included as Electronic Item 6.1. The PSAP 2022 Update is included as Electronic Item 6.2. Additional details are provided in Electronic Item 6.3. The PSAP, including appendices, can be viewed at www.nctcog.org/pedsafetyplan.

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

2:05 – 2:15

7. **Regional Parking Garage Policy**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council requested additional detail in the Regional Parking Garage Policy. Proposed changes will be presented.

Background: North Central Texas Council of Governments staff has received several parking-related funding requests from local governments that support strategic land use developments. Mobility 2045 includes parking management and technology coordination in the land use-transportation connections program. To continue strategic investment in regional developments, staff recommends a regional parking facility funding policy be adopted by the Regional Transportation Council. The policy would direct support to a limited number of publicly owned surface and structured parking for strategic purposes that generally meet criteria such as safety, enhanced technology, development of special event/regional locations, denser land use, transit, and environmental, air quality, and/or equity benefits. Electronic Item 7 contains revised language for the garage policy.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:15 – 2:25

8. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Milestone Policy Round 2: Status Update and Fiscal Year 2022 Project Tracking**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes : 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) with a status report on the Milestone Policy Round 2 and FY2022 Project Tracking projects. RTC approval of the proposed Riverfront Blvd. project changes and updated deadline will be requested.

Background: The Milestone Policy was adopted by the RTC to focus on projects that have been funded for more than 10 years and have not gone to construction. By highlighting these projects, the Policy creates agency accountability to implement projects in a timely manner. Staff coordinates with implementing agencies to assess project risk until they go to construction. Similarly, the annual project tracking effort focuses on projects that are slated for implementation in the current fiscal year (FY2022). Projects are monitored early, allowing staff to highlight potential problems that could lead to delays, which enables the RTC to take corrective actions to avoid building up carryover balances in federal funding categories. Milestone Policy status updates, along with the latest risk ratings, can be found in Electronic Item 8.1. FY2022 Project Tracking status updates can be found in Electronic Item 8.2. Details on the project status report can be found in Electronic Item 8.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:25 – 2:30

9. **Ratification of Emergency Action for North Texas MOVES BUILD Grant Local Match Contingency**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be requested to ratify an emergency action to allocate \$2 million in RTC Local funds as a local match contingency related to the North Texas MOVES BUILD Grant.

Background: Pursuant to Policy P20-02 (Policy Position Establishing Guidelines for Ratification Actions) attached as Electronic Item 9.1, the Transportation Director approved, as an emergency action, \$2 million in RTC Local funds as a contingency for the funds committed by BNSF Railway for the North Texas MOVES Build Grant (\$25 million in federal funds). The policy requires RTC ratification of staff emergency actions at the next scheduled meeting. The original BNSF local match commitment (\$2 million) was contingent on additional freight movement through the TRE Corridor, which is owned by Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and Trinity Metro. An amended Trackage Rights Agreement between the transit authorities and BNSF was not going to be effectuated in sufficient time, thus placing the \$25 million in BUILD Grant funds in jeopardy. The Build Grant must be fully executed by September 26, 2022, or the funds will be lost to the region. The path forward is to allocate RTC Local funds as a contingency. BNSF will replace any RTC Local funds used upon execution of an amendment Trackage Rights Agreement between BNSF, DART and Trinity Metro. Additional information is included in Electronic Item 9.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit, Goods Movement

2:30 – 2:40

10. **Fiscal Year 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP)**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes : 10

Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide the Council additional information on the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Bridge Investment Program (BIP), and request action to apply for a candidate project under the Bridge Projects funding category (eligible costs equal to/less than \$100 million). Applications are due to US DOT by September 8, 2022.

Background: In June 2022, the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to solicit applications for FY22 BIP funding. This \$2.36 billion program includes three categories of BIP funding opportunities: (1) Planning; (2) Bridge Projects; and (3) Large Bridge Projects (eligible costs greater than \$100 million). Planning applications were due to US DOT by July 25, 2022, but NCTCOG did not submit applications under that category this year. NCTCOG also did not pursue applications this year under the Large Bridge Projects category, and those applications were due to US DOT on August 9, 2022. Just

over \$1 billion of the overall FY22 BIP funds are available for the Bridge Projects funding category. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection projects that: (1) improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of people/goods movement over bridges; and (2) improve the condition of U.S. bridges by reducing (a) the number of bridges (and total person-miles traveled over bridges) in poor condition, or at risk of falling into poor condition, within the next three years, or (b) the number of bridges not meeting current geometric design standards or load/traffic requirements typical of the regional transportation network. Available at <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/bip/index.cfm>, the FY22 BIP NOFO describes the application requirements, selection and evaluation criteria, applicable program and Federal requirements, and available technical assistance during the grant solicitation period. Electronic Item 10 lists the 92 regional bridges currently rated in poor condition according to 2022 National Bridge Inventory (NBI) data, organized by TxDOT district and county location. Listings shown in green indicate bridges where treatment projects to address condition are either completed, under construction, or funded and scheduled for near-term construction. Listings shown in blue indicate bridges where the scope of potential treatment projects is pending further study. Listings shown in yellow are bridges which were evaluated by NCTCOG, TxDOT, and other partners as potential FY22 BIP candidate projects. Staff will provide information supporting selection of the listing shown in red (Sylvania Avenue @ SH 121 – Fort Worth) and request RTC action to submit a BIP application for this critical project.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:40 – 2:50

11. **Federal Performance Measure Update**

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consists of several specific performance measures. The first performance period for all federal performance measures ended in 2021. The second performance period has begun and ends in 2025. An update will be provided on progress for the System Performance, Freight, and CMAQ measures (commonly known as PM3), Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan, and Transit Asset Management (TAM). Draft targets for the PM3 and TAM measures will be included for future adoption by the RTC on September 8, 2022, to meet the required federal due date of October 1, 2022. Electronic Item 11 provides further details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Goods Movement

2:50 – 3:00

12. Safe Streets and Roads For All Grant

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant program, and a proposed regional SS4A implementation grant application.

Background: The U.S. Department of Transportation has announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the solicitation of applications for FY22 SS4A funding. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law established the new SS4A discretionary program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over the next five years. In FY22, up to \$1 billion is available. The SS4A program funds regional, local, and Tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway deaths and serious injuries. This program solicits applications for two types of grants: (1) Develop or update a comprehensive safety action plan, and (2) Implementation Grants. Eligible agencies that may apply include metropolitan planning organizations; counties, cities, towns, and transit agencies or other special districts that are subdivisions of a state; federally recognized Tribal governments; and Multijurisdictional groups comprised of the above entities. A maximum of one grant application may be submitted per agency. Staff will provide an overview of a proposed regional implementation project by the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the City of Dallas for Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, which will include a complete street retrofit and reconstruction that will improve the safety of all modes of transportation including motor vehicles, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd is identified as a Primary Pedestrian Safety Corridor by the Regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and is one of the highest-density pedestrian crash locations in the region. The Federal Highway Administration facilitated a Road Safety Audit for the roadway corridor with the City of Dallas in 2021. In addition to the roadway reconstruction, the regional application will include for a request for supplemental planning activities to enhance the existing Action Plan and to conduct additional

roadway safety audits on identified prioritized safety corridors in Collin, Denton, Tarrant, and Dallas counties.

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

13. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

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

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 13.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 13.2)

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

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

16. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***1:00 pm on September 8, 2022.***