



North Central Texas Council of
Governments

Freight Program Update

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Freight Program Update

Goals:

- Improve freight traffic to, from, and within the region
- Promote safety, mobility, and accessibility
- Reduce the air quality impacts of freight
- Seek freight community participation
- Incorporate freight considerations in transportation projects

Topics:

- Freight North Texas
- NT MOVES
- Regional Rail Information Systems
- Education and Outreach
- Grant Efforts
- Fair Park Links
- Corridor Studies
- Long-term Studies



Freight North Texas

Purpose:

The freight mobility plan for the North Central Texas region and outlines the goods movement planning efforts in the region.

Key Takeaways:

- Demonstrate the importance of freight
- Highlight the elements of the freight system in the region
- Recommendations for both policies and project implementation

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Regional Freight System Plan



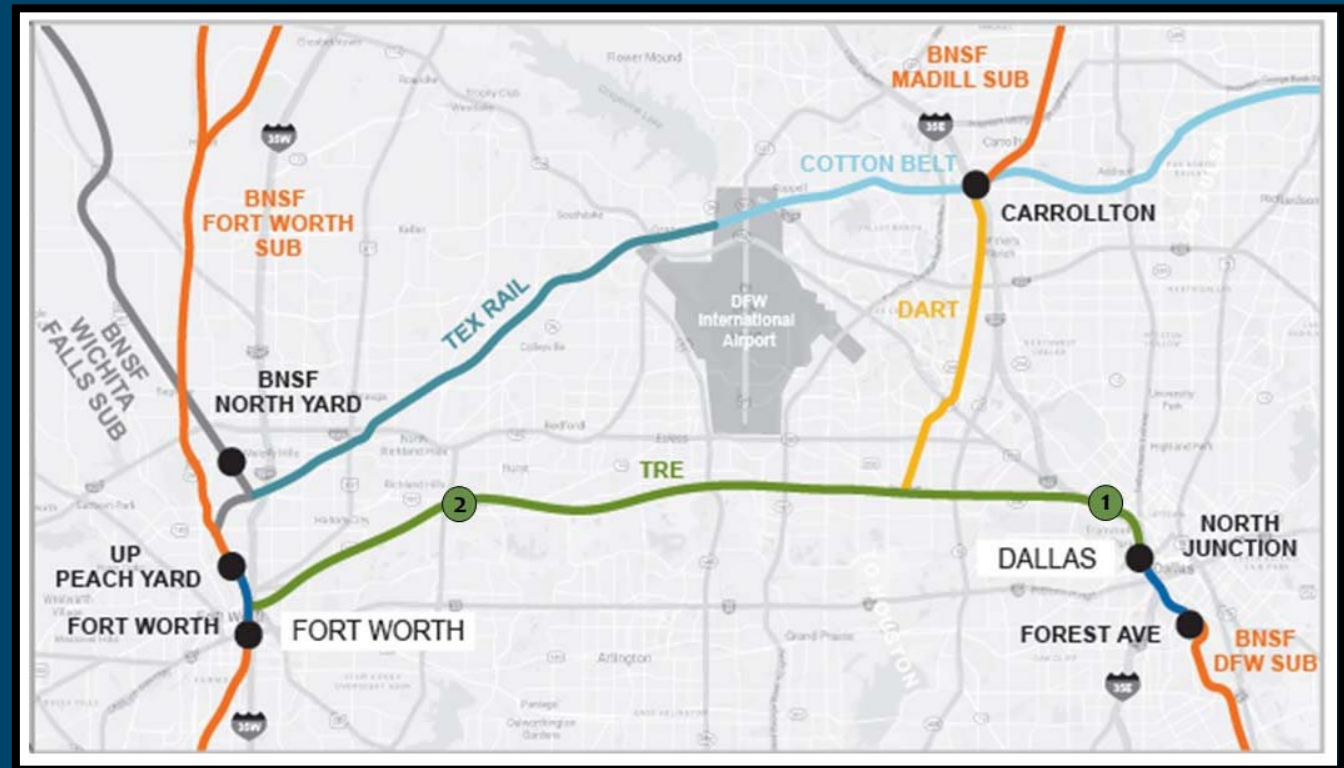
NT MOVES – Double Track Projects

Project Overview

Collaborative effort between NCTCOG, DART, TM, and TRE to increase regional freight and passenger mobility. Partially funded by a BUILD grant.

Projects

- Double Track Medical Market Center to Stemmons Freeway
- Double Track Handley Ederville Road to Precinct Line Road



Regional Rail Information System (RRIS)

Purpose:

To *maximize efficiency on freight and passenger rail networks* by enabling participating rail agencies to exchange timely, accurate, and actionable info on train movements in the region.

How it helps:

- Addresses constraints
- Improve freight rail mobility and reliability
- Finds opportunities to add new freight and passenger rail service
- Improve rail forecast modeling



Education and Outreach

Freight Safety Initiative 2023:

To create a safer environment for freight and passenger movements through physical improvements and safety awareness initiatives

Recent Outreach Events:

- Women in Trucking Accelerate Panel
- TEX-21 Panel
- Peterbilt Motors Open House
- Fair Park Links Public Meeting



Grant Efforts

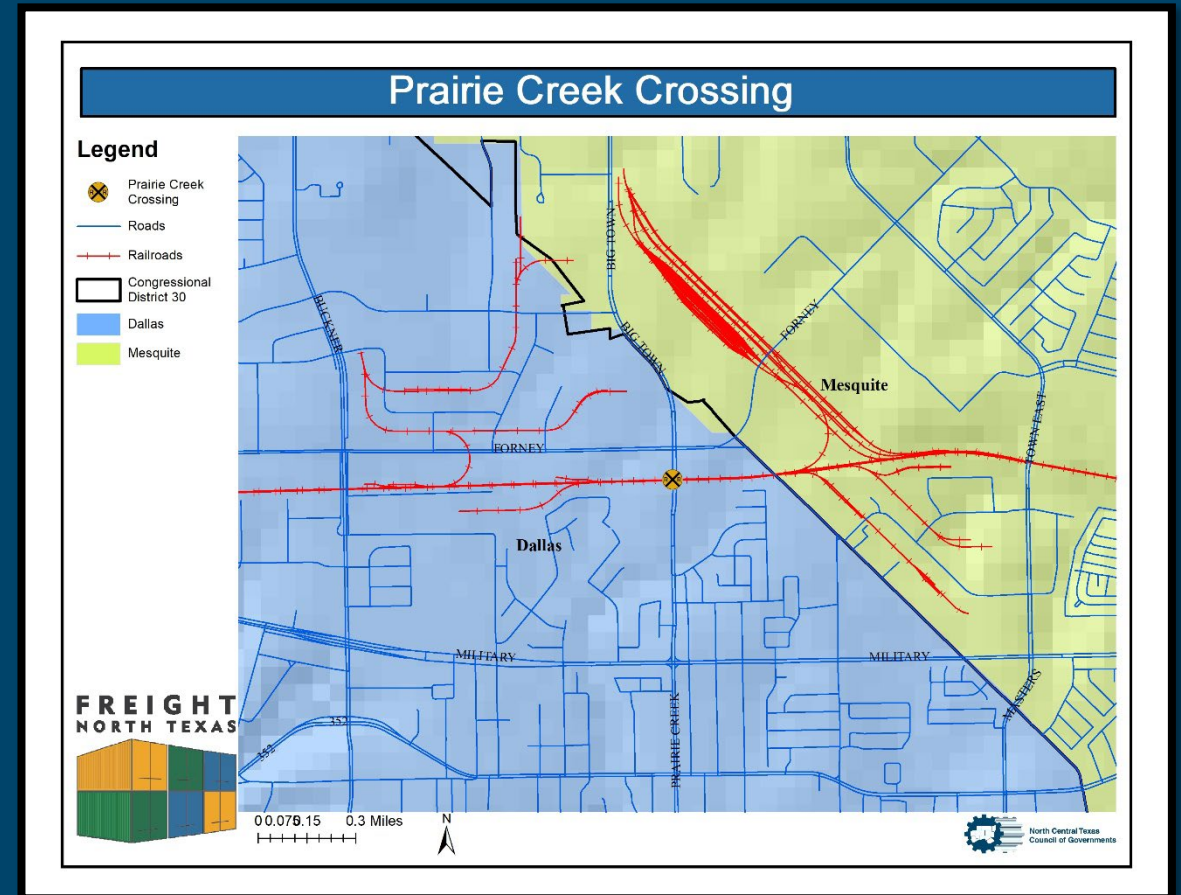
Overview:

Assisting with various grants including the INFRA Grant and Railroad Crossing Elimination Grants (RCEP).

Upcoming Grants:

Potential RCEP Projects

- Prairie Creek Road
- Bonds Ranch Road
- Ennis Avenue



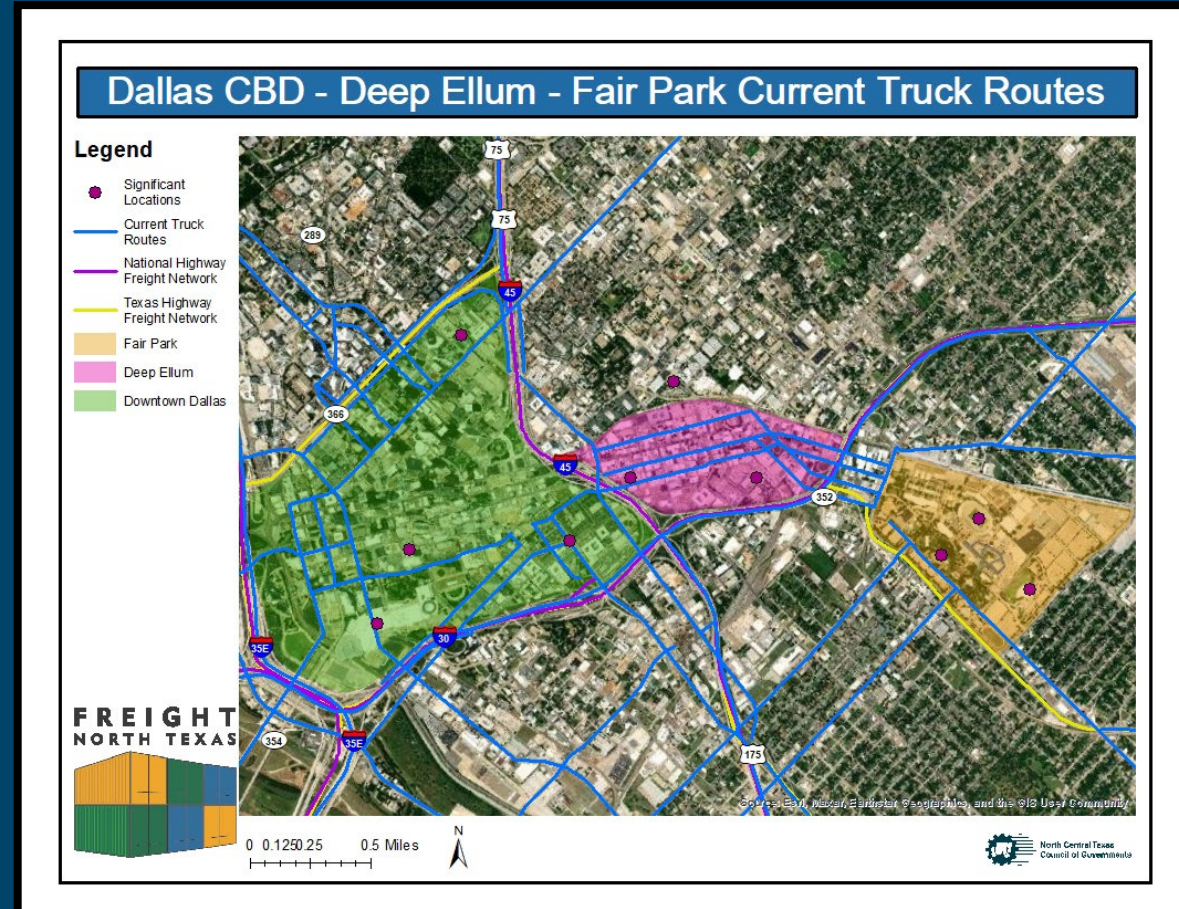
Fair Park Links

Overview:

NCTCOG is conducting a multimodal study which looks to improve connections between Downtown Dallas, Deep Ellum, and Fair Park in conjunction with the depression of IH 345.

Freight Goal:

Maintain critical truck and commercial delivery connections throughout the area as the built environment changes.



Corridor Studies

Overview:

To analyze or review a specific freight related issue at a corridor, neighborhood or city level

Recent studies:

- Camp Wisdom Rail Crossing Analysis
- Jennings-May St. Louis Crossing Analysis
- Justin Rail and Roadway Analysis
- Richardson Truck Route Study
- Lancaster Truck Route Study
- Aledo Rail Crossing Analysis



Long-term Studies

Overview:

Per recommendations listed in Freight North Texas, several long-term studies have been conducted over the last year. These studies aim to aid regional planning efforts and provide planning recommendations.

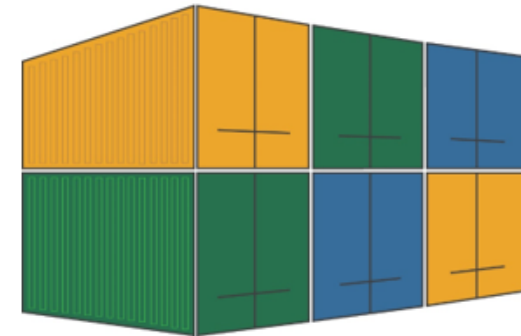
Recent studies:

- Rail Crossing Analysis (Completed)
- Truck Route Study (Completed)
- Truck Parking Study (Under review)
- Truck Bottleneck Study (In-progress)

FORT WORTH RAIL CROSSING ANALYSIS A FREIGHT NORTH TEXAS STUDY

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