

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, January 10, 2019
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)**

1:00 – 1:05 1. Approval of December 13, 2018, Minutes
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Gary Fickes, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the December 13, 2018, minutes contained in Reference Item 1 will be requested.
Background: N/A

1:05 – 1:05 2. Consent Agenda
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 0

2.1. Project to Ensure Compliance with Required Energy Reporting

Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is launching a new Regional Energy Manager project that seeks to increase local government knowledge related to energy management and increase the number of local governments complying with required energy-related reporting. Staff requests approval of up to \$12,500 in Regional Transportation Council Local funds as a backstop for required local match.

Background: In 2011, the 82nd Legislature passed Senate Bill 898, which requires all local governments in ozone nonattainment areas to: 1) set goals to reduce electricity consumption by at least 5 percent annually, and 2) submit an annual report on progress and efforts to meet this goal. These requirements are intended to reduce overall energy consumption, which in turn helps reduce ozone-forming emissions from electricity generation. However, many local governments in the ozone nonattainment area are unaware of these requirements and/or are not compliant with annual reporting requirements. The State Energy Conservation Office has provided NCTCOG \$125,000 in Department of Energy funds for a Regional Energy Manager project. Through this project, staff will provide education and training to local governments on energy management topics to develop case studies and other resources, and to assist local governments with compiling and

submitting the data needed to comply with State reporting requirements. Electronic Item 2.1 provides an overview of the project.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

- Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
 Transit Asset System Performance/Freight/CMAQ

2.2. Transportation Improvement Program Modifications

Presenter: Ken Bunkley, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of revisions to the 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and other planning/administrative documents with TIP-related changes will be requested.

Background: February 2019 revisions to the 2019-2022 TIP are provided as Electronic Item 2.2 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:

- Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
 Transit Asset System Performance/Freight/CMAQ

1:05 – 1:20

3. Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Regional Transportation Council Member Representation at Events
 - TEXRail Inaugural Service: RTC Chair Gary Fickes, Jungus Jordan, Scott Mahaffey, T. Oscar Trevino Jr., B. Glen Whitley, and Ann Zadeh
2. Monitoring the Government Shutdown: Need for Flexibility
3. Recent Trip to Brownsville
4. Status Report on US 75 Technology Lanes
5. Notice of Funding Opportunity for Automated Driving System Demonstration Grants
6. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles
(www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/fundingvehicle)
7. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (www.dfwcleancities.org/dfw-clean-cities-meetings)
8. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Annual Survey Underway
(www.dfwcleancities.org/annualreport)
9. Correspondence from City of Fort Worth to Federal Aviation Administration (Electronic Item 3.1)
10. Irving Home Energy Fair, February 9, 2019, 1:00-3:00 pm in the Former Irving Central Library Lobby
11. December Online Input Opportunity Minutes (Electronic Item 3.2)
12. January Online Input Notice (Electronic Item 3.3)
13. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 3.4)

- 14. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 3.5)
- 15. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 3.6)
- 16. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 3.7)
- 17. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

1:20 – 1:30

4. **Emergency Funds for Span**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval for emergency funding for the transit provider Span, Inc. (Span) to continue providing critical transit services for residents in Denton County.

Background: During 2018, the North Central Texas Council of Governments coordinated with Span to improve management of federally funded urban service, including implementing processes to ensure greater accuracy in reconciliation of urban and rural transit service expenses. Urban transit service in Span’s provider area has increased. However, annually allocated federal funds are reflective of service levels from the former two years. Due to this gap, Span has introduced new funding and service adjustments but is facing reductions in urban service until additional federal funds become available from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and additional local funds are secured.

Staff will request authorization to utilize existing Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds previously authorized by the RTC for transit projects in an amount not to exceed \$160,000 to ensure the continuation of urban transit services for seniors and people with disabilities by Span. All expenses paid with RTR funds will follow FTA requirements. Additional details can be found in Electronic Item 4.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

- Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
- Transit Asset System Performance/Freight/CMAQ

1:30 – 1:40

5. **Alliance Link Funding to Trinity Metro**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Shannon Stevenson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council approval for funding to Trinity Metro to continue enhanced connectivity between the Fort Worth Alliance area and potential employee pools in Fort Worth, Denton, and surrounding areas.

Background: In 2018, Toyota Motor North Texas funded the Alliance Link, a pilot project implemented to increase public transit ridership and transportation access in the Fort Worth Alliance area. The pilot, scheduled to conclude January 31, 2019, demonstrated the importance of connecting employees with existing nearby bus routes and final destinations. As the Alliance area continues to grow at an accelerated rate, transportation will be a critical component for lasting success. Trinity Metro reached out to the North Central Texas Council of Governments

(NCTCOG) seeking support for the continuation of this critical first/last mile connection. Trinity Metro is coordinating the service with the Denton County Transportation Authority and plans to integrate the Alliance Link into the High-Intensity Bus project, or guaranteed transit, taking shape along the IH 35W corridor that was previously funded by the Regional Transportation Council. Electronic Item 5.1 contains a copy of Trinity Metro's request along with NCTCOG's response, and Electronic Item 5.2 provides additional details on this project.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

- Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
 Transit Asset System Performance/Freight/CMAQ

1:40 – 1:50

6. **Legislative Update**

- Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Wilson, 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.

Background: Transportation issues continue to be a focus for both the United States (US) Congress and the Texas Legislature. The 1st session of the 116th US Congress convened on January 3, 2019. The 86th Texas Legislature convened on January 8, 2019. 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:

- Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
 Transit Asset System Performance/Freight/CMAQ

1:50 – 2:00

7. **Performance Measures Target Setting: Roadway Safety and Transit Asset Management**

- Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Sonya Landrum and Shannon Stevenson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will update the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on proposed 2019 Roadway Safety and Transit Asset Management regional targets for federally required performance measures. Roadway Safety targets are focused on reducing serious injuries and fatalities for motorized and non-motorized travelers. Regional Transit Asset Management targets are focused on ensuring that public transportation vehicles, rail lines, and other capital assets for all transit providers in the urbanized area are in a state of good repair.

Background: In December 2015, the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act was signed into law. The FAST Act requires certain performance measures be included in the long-range metropolitan transportation planning process. These measures were established by a series of four rulemakings: Safety, Infrastructure Condition, System Performance/Freight/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality, and Transit Asset Management. In December 2017, the RTC

adopted 2018 targets for the Transit Asset Management and Safety performance measures. In November 2018, the RTC adopted the targets for Infrastructure Condition and System Performance/Freight/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality required measures.

As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the North Central Texas region, the RTC is required to set targets annually for Roadway Safety and annually evaluate and adjust, if necessary, regional Transit Asset Management targets. These targets will be used to track and report on the region's performance through existing documents such as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the State of the Region report. Additional performance measures representative of the region's long-range transportation planning goals as outlined in the recently adopted Mobility 2045 plan will be proposed for RTC consideration at a later date.

The proposed 2019 targets for Roadway Safety and Transit Asset Management will be discussed, and final targets will be proposed for RTC action at its February 14, 2019, meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

- Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
 Transit Asset System Performance/Freight/CMAQ

2:00 – 2:10

8. **Tolled Managed Lanes Success: Recent Trip to Chicago**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a summary of the presentation provided to transportation entities in the Chicago Metropolitan Area and Illinois Department of Transportation.

Background: Electronic Item 8 contains slides presented during a recent trip to Chicago. Michael Morris was requested to present as a result of a peer exchange conducted by the Illinois Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration. Elements of the Dallas-Fort Worth success story regarding tolled managed lanes will be summarized.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

- Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
 Transit Asset System Performance/Freight/CMAQ

2:10 – 2:20

9. **Candidate Top Five Regional Transportation Council Policy Initiatives for 2019**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an initial list of 2019 non-legislative policy priorities for the Regional Transportation Council to consider in 2019.

Background: Concentrated initiatives for 2019 include, but are not limited to:

1. **High-Speed Rail Engineering and Planning** work links the Dallas-Fort Worth region to the rest of the state with a system of improvements that connects Houston-Dallas-Arlington-Fort Worth-Waco-Temple/Killeen-Austin-San Antonio-Laredo.
2. Advances in **Public Transit Engineering and Planning** outcomes are occurring on:
 - a. Collin County transit
 - b. Southern Dallas County transit
 - c. Tarrant County transit
 - d. Social service transit pass program
 - e. First mile/last mile nodes
 - f. Passenger rail/freeway interface
3. Next steps will begin on **Tolled Facilities** with completion of Mobility 2045. Work will continue on the role of toll roads and tolled managed lanes in the delivery of reliable mobility options for residents.
4. The future of **Technology Advances** in people mover systems, technology-based transit, technology-based carpooling, and autonomous vehicles will expand.
5. Groundwork for the **next Amazon** will occur through the review of the appropriate institutional partnerships necessary to increase the region's abilities to attract the appropriate mix of employers and employees within the region.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

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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 14, 2019, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.**