

## AGENDA

### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, March 25, 2022 North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda (Videoconference)**

**1:30 – 1:35 1. Approval of February 25, 2022, Minutes**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5  
Presenter: Tanya Brooks, STTC Chair  
Item Summary: Approval of the February 25, 2022, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 1 will be requested.  
Background: N/A

**1:35 – 1:40 2. Consent Agenda**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes : 5

2.1. **Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program**  
Presenter: Vickie Alexander, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of modifications to the FY2022 and FY2023 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be requested. Direction for staff to also administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents, as appropriate, to reflect the approved modifications will also be sought.  
Background: The Unified Planning Work Program is required by federal and State transportation planning regulations and provides a summary of the transportation and related air quality planning tasks to be conducted by Metropolitan Planning Organization staff. The FY2022 and FY2023 UPWP was approved by the Regional Transportation Council and (NCTCOG) Executive Board in July 2021 and identifies the activities to be carried out between October 1, 2021, and September 30, 2023. Amendments to this document are being proposed to reflect new initiatives, project updates, and funding adjustments. The proposed amendments have been posted on the NCTCOG website for public review and comment as part of the March public outreach opportunity and are also included as Electronic Item 2.1.1. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 2.1.2. Comments received as a result of the public outreach process, if any, will be provided.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2.2. **May 2022 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions**

Presenter: Rylea Rodrick, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) 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.

Background: May 2022 revisions to the 2021-2024 TIP are provided as Electronic Item 2.2 for the Committee'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

1:40 – 1:50

3. **Fiscal Year 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure With Sustainability and Equity Discretionary Grant Program**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of projects to be submitted for consideration of funding through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure With Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program.

Background: In January 2022, the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) announced the solicitation of project applications for the FY2022 RAISE Discretionary Grant Program, with \$1.5 billion in available funds dedicated to strategic capital investments in surface transportation projects that will have significant local or regional impacts. The RAISE Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is published at <https://www.transportation.gov/RAISEgrants/raise-nofo>, and Electronic Item 3 presented at last month's meeting provides additional program details, application requirements, and information regarding potential candidate projects. Applications are due to the US DOT by April 14, 2022. For agencies in the region submitting projects, please be aware you must complete the [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) registration process, usually requiring two-four weeks for completion, prior to submitting applications. Assuming the projected timing for application development, agency requests to receive a letter of support from the RTC should be submitted to Kyle Roy by Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at [kroy@nctcog.org](mailto:kroy@nctcog.org). At last month's meeting, staff outlined an intent to develop a comprehensive strategic matrix to help assess project compatibility, maximize regional competitiveness, and optimize resource management with respect to the quantity and characteristics of existing/pending discretionary grant programs resulting from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Staff seeks additional feedback and collaboration from the Committee and its members, enabling

future solicitations of RAISE and other upcoming programs the full benefit of a more informative, effective, efficient, and proactive tool/process for advanced project screening and selection.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Goods Movement

1:50 – 2:00

4. **Fair Park Trail Loop**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Daniel Snyder, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of funding for the southern portion of a shared-use path loop at Fair Park, including improved access to the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Fair Park station, will be requested.

Background: Fair Park, the most visited attraction in Texas, is home to five museums and ten performance and sporting venues. On September 10, 2020, the Regional Transportation Council awarded \$1,603,876 of Transportation Alternatives Program funding to Dallas County for Phase 1 of the Fair Park/East Dallas Trail which will connect to the existing Santa Fe Trail and extend around the northern perimeter of Fair Park generally along Washington St. and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) right-of-way from the intersection of S. Haskell Ave./Parry Ave. to the intersection of S. Fitzhugh Ave./Lagow St. With the recent development of the Fair Park Master Plan, it was determined the Phase 1 northern trail alignment may have conflicts with vehicular parking areas for large events such as the State Fair and thus require the trail to be closed periodically. Therefore, the awarded federal Transportation Alternatives program funds would not be a good fit for the northern trail alignment. As such, a partnership of Dallas County, City of Dallas, and the Fair Park First 501(c)3 non-profit organization agreed to design and construct the northern trail alignment entirely with local funding. In partnership with the local governments and Fair Park stakeholders, federal funding is requested to complete the remainder of the trail loop alignment around the west, south, and eastern sides of Fair Park within public rights-of-way of Parry Ave, Highway 352/Robert B. Cullum Blvd, and S. Fitzhugh Ave. This “southern loop” will improve bicycle access to the DART Fair Park Station and crossings of the Green Line light rail tracks. It will provide bicycle and pedestrian circulation along streets around the perimeter of Fair Park, improve safety at roadway crossings and access points to Fair Park, and connect with the surrounding community. Electronic Item 4 provides an overview of staff recommendations and the funding requested for implementation by the City of Dallas.

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

2:00 – 2:10

5. **Avondale-Haslet/BNSF Railway Grade Separation Funding Partnership**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of a proposed partnership which would fund a grade separation at Avondale-Haslet Road and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway line in the City of Haslet.

Background: The RTC, City of Haslet, Texas Department of Transportation, and Tarrant County have partnered to implement the Alliance Texas/Haslet Accessibility Improvement Project in the City of Haslet. This funding partnership includes a federal Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant of \$20 million that was awarded to the project in 2018. The project is part of a series of improvements to a critical east-west corridor that includes SH 170, Haslet Parkway, and Avondale-Haslet Road. With the recent selection of Avondale-Haslet Road in the City of Fort Worth as a Tarrant County Bond Program Project, the next component of this system requires funding: a grade separation at the intersection of Avondale-Haslet Road and the BNSF line. Staff proposes that the RTC fund this grade separation to advance this system and provide crucial safety improvements to the grade separation. More information on the proposed funding partnership can be found in Electronic Item 5.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:10 – 2:20

6. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of current transportation items.

Background: Efforts continue to advance transportation in the region. Staff will highlight the following:

- State safety efforts
- Congress approved Fiscal Year 2022 Omnibus Appropriations Bill consistent with (IIJA) funding levels
- Regional Transportation Council Executive Session follow-up (Electronic Item 6)

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Roadway

2:20 – 2:30

7. **Mobility 2045 Update and Nondiscrimination Analysis**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amy Johnson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of efforts to update Mobility 2045, along with the results of the regionwide Nondiscrimination Analysis for the plan update. Staff will also include a brief introduction to the air quality considerations for the plan update as a part of the conformity determination following plan adoption.

Background: Mobility 2045 was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council on June 14, 2018. Air quality conformity determination

was achieved on November 21, 2018. Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region to update the long-range transportation plan a minimum of every four years. Development of the Mobility 2045 Update is currently underway, which will include a new financial plan, updated demographic forecasts, updated travel demand modeling tool, and necessary refinements to policies, programs, and projects in the current Mobility 2045 plan. The Nondiscrimination Analysis for Mobility 2045 reviewed various metrics for protected classes compared to non-protected classes to ensure equity in regional long-range transportation planning; this analysis is updated for the Mobility 2045 Update, taking into account the new demographic forecast. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 7.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:30 – 2:40

8. **Start of 2022 Ozone Season and Spring 2022 Car Care Awareness**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Nick Van Haasen and Anthony Moffa, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on a variety of air quality topics pertaining to North Central Texas as the 2022 ozone season begins and the spring 2022 Car Care Awareness campaign.

Background: The 2022 ozone season began on March 1 for the North Central Texas nonattainment areas. The region continues to monitor and work towards compliance with ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). As a reminder, the region has been preparing to be reclassified to a stricter standard for both the 2015 and 2008 NAAQS. Local governments, businesses, and the general public are encouraged to do what they can to assist in improving air quality both during ozone season and throughout the year. To aid in community outreach, the North Central Texas Council of Governments will continue to promote air quality awareness through advertising, partnering with local agencies, and community events. The Car Care Awareness campaign provides education and outreach to vehicle owners and the public about proper vehicle maintenance practices. Properly maintained vehicles will pollute less and allows the public to take an active role in the regional air quality solution. As events become available within the ozone nonattainment region through partnering organizations, vehicle owners are invited to join and become more aware of how to properly maintain their vehicles, prevent potentially costly repairs in a timely manner, and feel better prepared to pass the State's vehicle inspection program. NCTCOG maintains the North Texas Car Care website at [www.ntxcarcare.org](http://www.ntxcarcare.org) and offers car care tips, other vehicle information, and will post upcoming event locations. More details can be found in Electronic Item 8.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Transit

2:40 – 2:50

9. **Fiscal Year 2023-2025 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Updates**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Emily Beckham, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a summary of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program requirements and schedule for updating the DBE Participation Goal for FY2023-FY2025.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is required by the Federal Transit Administration to revise its DBE Participation Goal every three years. The current DBE Participation Goal is valid until September 30, 2022. Staff has developed a schedule to meet this deadline that also encourages and provides opportunity for public participation and comment. Electronic Item 9 includes additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:50 – 3:00

10. **Title VI Program Update**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Kate Zielke, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will describe updates to the Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan. Both documents are necessary for compliance with federal civil rights requirements.

Background: The Federal Transit Administration requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations update their Title VI Programs every three years. Title VI is a component of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Title VI Program identifies actions NCTCOG takes to ensure nondiscrimination based on race, color, and national origin, including limited English proficiency. The Title VI Program includes information on how NCTCOG monitors its transit subrecipients for Title VI compliance. The Language Assistance Plan describes how NCTCOG addresses the needs of residents whose native language is not English and who have a limited ability to communicate in English. It is part of the Public Participation Plan. Both the Title VI Program update and the Language Assistance Plan update have undergone a public comment period. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 10.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

3:00 – 3:00

11. **Fast Facts**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 0

Item Summary: Staff presentations will not be made. Please reference the material provided for each of the following topics.

1. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles  
(<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources>)
2. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events  
(<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
3. Status Report on Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program Funding (Electronic Item 11.1)

4. Status Report on Vehicle Temporary Paper Tag Fraud (Electronic Item 11.2)
5. Spring 2022 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement (Electronic Item 11.3)
6. Designing Pedestrian Facilities for Accessibility Workshop (Electronic Item 11.4)
7. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 11.5)
8. February Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 11.6)
9. April Public Meeting Notice (Handout)
10. Comments to EPA on Proposed Clean School Bus Program and to TERP AFFP (Electronic Item 11.7) and (Electronic Item 11.8) - Rebekah Gongora
11. Written Progress Reports:
  - Local Motion (<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/about/publications/locmo/local-motion-march-2022>)
  - Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 11.9)
12. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
13. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for ***1:30 pm on April 22, 2022.***