

## MINUTES

### **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL ONLINE PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY**

#### **US 380 Federal/Local Partnership with Collin County**

#### **Modifications to the FY2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)**

#### **Online Public Input Opportunity Dates**

Monday, Nov. 13 - Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2023 – The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) posted information at [www.publicinput.com/nctcogNov23](http://www.publicinput.com/nctcogNov23) for public review and comment.

#### **Purpose and Topics**

The online public input opportunity was provided in accordance with the NCTCOG Transportation Department Public Participation Plan, which became effective June 1, 1994, as approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), the transportation policy board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and amended on November 8, 2018. Staff posted information regarding:

1. US 380 Federal/Local Partnership with Collin County
2. Modifications to the FY2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The NCTCOG online public input opportunity was provided to inform and seek comments from the public. Comments and questions were submitted by email at [nctcogNov23@publicinput.com](mailto:nctcogNov23@publicinput.com), online at [www.publicinput.com/nctcogNov23](http://www.publicinput.com/nctcogNov23), by mail at PO Box 5888, Arlington, TX 76005 and by fax at 817-640-3028. Printed copies of the online materials were also made available by calling 817-695-9255 or emailing [jcastillo@nctcog.org](mailto:jcastillo@nctcog.org).

#### **Summary of Presentations**

##### ***US 380 Federal/Local Partnership with Collin County presentation:***

<https://www.nctcog.org/getmedia/d569510d-fba5-4386-b792-103dd0f60c61/US-380-Federal-Local-Partnership-with-Collin-County.pdf>

NCTCOG is seeking to enhance the use of RTC Local funds to expedite transportation project implementation without relying on a lengthier federal process. The RTC Local funding pool, previously expanded through federal and local exchanges, saw success with the City of Dallas partnership back in June 2023. NCTCOG staff is now proposing to build on a 2020 partnership with Collin County to further increase non-federal funding for the RTC.

In November 2020, the RTC funded two projects (Panther Creek Parkway in Frisco and McKinney National Airport Runway Extension) using RTC-selected Category 2 funds, replacing \$60 million of Collin County bond funds initially allocated to the US 380 project.

The current proposal involves Collin County committing \$60 million from its local bond program funds to fulfill the existing US 380 partnership. In exchange, Collin County is requesting the RTC

to redirect an equivalent amount of new Category 2 funds to US 380. This transaction would add \$60 million to the RTC Local pool.

The RTC approved the US 380 Federal/Local Partnership with Collin County on Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023.

***Modifications to the FY2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)***

***handout:*** <https://www.nctcog.org/getmedia/f96f78fa-486b-4f68-b79d-61e79d562ae2/FY2024-and-FY2025-UPWP-Modifications.pdf>

The UPWP summarizes transportation activities for NCTCOG's metropolitan planning area, which covers a 12-county region. It is divided into five major task areas:

- Administration and Management
- Transportation Data Development and Maintenance
- Short-Range Planning and Programming and Air Quality and Transit Operations
- Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- Special Studies and System Operations

The proposed modifications to the Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025 UPWP address project updates and funding adjustments. The RTC will take action on the FY2024 and FY2025 UPWP modifications on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2023.

**COMMENTS SUBMITTED DURING THE COMMENT PERIOD VIA WEBSITE,  
EMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA, PHONE, AND MAIL**

**Website**

**John Cheney, Citizen**

We need more trains. They need to cross not hub downtown like in Dallas. Include Will Rodgers Col. stop and the Auto Racetrack on IH 35 at SH 114. The Bay Area Rapid Transit trains in California are a very good example!!

**Email**

**Joel Altsman, Citizen**

The congestion on this road, especially during the afternoon rush hour, is unacceptable! At a minimum, the traffic light timing at SH 205 needs to be improved (both directions). There needs to be another road over Lavon Lake. Fix the existing one so it can be reopened.

**John Donaghey, Citizen**

We need traffic lights as soon as possible at the intersections of CR 546/FM 982, and E. Lucas Branch Rd./FM 546/FM 437. Thank you for anything you can do.

**Alan Scott, Citizen**

In regard to the transportation study of SH 78 from US 190/George Bush to Lavon or Nevada, consider an upper deck highway (not a tollway or TEXpress Lanes) with three lanes on each

side starting at US 190/George Bush with only a few exits along the way. One exit and entrance for Sachse, Wylie, Lavon, and Nevada. Not express lanes where it would cost extravagant amounts to dig under like they did on IH 635. A great example of this would be in Austin on SH 183 from IH 35 to Leander or Cedar Hill. This project was around 1990. It quadrupled traffic flow to the rural areas in less of the time.

State Highway 78 in Lavon is already a huge mess, mainly in the Lavon area. Traffic is backing up for 30 to 45 minutes or 2 to 3 miles coming from Wylie to the intersection of SH 78 and SH 205 during rush hours. There needs to be a very long right turn lane from SH 78 North onto SH 205 and from Hwy 78 South onto SH 205. The lights need to be set up differently and for longer times during rush hours. The lights also need to be changed on the sensor times coming from SH 205 to SH 78. There is a railroad truck/18-wheeler depot in Wylie and a new truck/18-wheeler distribution center coming. Not to mention the four cement plants constantly having gravel truck delivering nonstop from the north all day long. Every time an 18-wheeler tries to go through the light from SH 205 onto SH 78, it turns red for all the people behind them due to the sensor not registering because of the distance between the cab and the trailer and the time it takes for an 18-wheeler to go through the light. This needs to be changed!

State Highway 205 from SH 78 to Rockwall is already under construction. Additions are already needed to this, as from what I can tell, there are no right turn lanes being put in coming from Rockwall allowing safe turns on CR 483 and CR 485, which looks like they are both going to be major thoroughfares for future traffic.

Please route all 18-wheeler traffic onto John King instead of allowing them to go through Downtown Rockwall. This will help with some of the traffic flow on SH 205. The times need to be changed/increased on SH 205 at the intersection of SH 205/E Quail Run and North Lakeshore to help with traffic flow during heavier traffic times. Toll road or freeway from US 190/George Bush to SH 205. I do believe a freeway would help with traffic flow tremendously between these two locations going across Lake Ray Hubbard. I do not think it needs to continue anywhere past that point. However, I believe a freeway coming across from Allen or Parker coming from IH 75 across Lake Lavon and continuing Copeville then between Nevada and Josephine on to Royse City IH 30 area would be a better alternative, as it would give better access to both major interstate freeways, similar to the angle of US 190/George Bush just not as far out as the Outer Loop. This coupled with an upper deck on SH 78 would eliminate the need for a freeway from George Bush to SH 205. The upper deck could expand all the way to Farmersville for faster access to these areas.

November 2023 Online Input Opportunity

Federal/Local Funding Partnership with Collin County  
On US 380

Question: Are the local (non-federal) funds drawn upon only temporarily? In other words, are Federal funds still obtained later on to reimburse the local funds? Another way of asking the question would be - are the local funds instead of the Federal funds?

Administrative Revisions to Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas 2022 Update

Question: Why are some fields highlighted in yellow? Some dollar figures in the Total Project Cost column are highlighted in yellow. Also, on some charts additional fields are highlighted in yellow. What is the significance of the yellow highlighting?

Question:  
The last pages of the charts (with the column headings highlighted in blue) have a final column of "FFCS Status". What is FFCS status and FFCS Amendment Request?

Thank you.



Phyllis Silver  
11/27/2023