

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail Workshop
Thursday, July 11, 2024
11:00 am**

(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)

- 11:00 – 11:05 1. Introductions/Context**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG
Item Summary: North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff will provide the Council with an overview of the agenda and the workshop's purpose.
- 11:05 – 11:25 2. Response to the City of Dallas Resolution and Presentation of Alternative High-Speed Rail Route Avoiding Downtown**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 20
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Following a presentation to Dallas City Council on March 6, 2024 where staff presented high-speed rail alignment alternatives traversing through the southwest corner of downtown Dallas to connect with the planned Dallas High-Speed Rail Station, City Council presented questions/concerns related to the alternatives and the purpose and need of the project. Subsequent meetings with City Councilmembers, staff, and other stakeholders have prompted the project team to re-review any and all alternatives that address City concerns. City of Dallas Resolution, passed June 12, 2024, stating "...Council does not support construction of new aboveground passenger rail lines through Downtown..." and that "Council commits to revisit...after it receives and considers the economic impact study requested by City Council..." prompted the immediate need to hold this workshop. Staff will present a new alignment that intends to meet the objectives of both the Regional Transportation Council and the City of Dallas.

- 11:25 – 11:30 3. Review of Public Engagement Throughout Study**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Rebekah Gongora, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council members will be provided with a brief background of public engagement activities from the beginning of this study in 2020, including how and where information was shared, as well as an overview of public comments received to date. For a detailed background of public engagement activities, additional resources are provided on the project website at www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs.
- 11:30 – 11:40 4. Study Context and Review of Purpose and Need**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenters: Dan Lamers and Brendon Wheeler, NCTCOG
Item Summary: A brief overview of the study process, including the Phase 1 alignment screening and follow-on urban connection refinement process, will be presented. Additional background information will include previous Regional Transportation Council (RTC) resolutions/policies and agreements that founded the “one-seat ride” and “three-station concept” within the Dallas-Fort Worth region, establishing the purpose and need for this study. RTC members will also be provided with the next steps in the Federal Transit Administration’s NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process and the Federal Railroad Administration’s Corridor Identification and Development program. RTC Resolution R16-06 approving a Memorandum of Understanding with Texas Central Partners is included as Reference Item 4.1, and RTC Policy P21-01 reaffirming support for the “one-seat ride” and three high-speed rail stations within the region is included as Reference Item 4.2.
- 11:40 – 12:40 5. Open Discussion and Lunch:** This item provides an opportunity for members to have lunch and discuss the items presented and confirm next steps for a future Regional Transportation Council meeting.