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11. **Demographics Forecast 2050 and Mobility 2050 Key Updates**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15

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Item Summary: Work has now been completed on the development of population and employment forecasts for the year 2050 to support the upcoming development of *Mobility 2050: the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas*. The North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) Executive Board approved these forecasts on November 21, 2024. A summary of this forecast will be presented along with a status report on the development of the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Mobility 2050.

Background: NCTCOG has been responsible for preparing demographic forecasts to support metropolitan transportation planning activities overseen by the Regional Transportation Council as part of the metropolitan planning process since the designation of NCTCOG as the Metropolitan Planning Organization in 1974.

The forecasts are developed by NCTCOG's Research and Information Services Department in cooperation with the Transportation Department and local governments and are used to support the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, as well as a wide variety of transportation and infrastructure studies being carried out by NCTCOG, our state and local planning agency partners, and local governments throughout the region. Development of these forecasts occurs every four years in keeping with the federal requirement of updating the Metropolitan Transportation Plan. The population and employment forecasts are prepared at a detailed level for the 12-county metropolitan area.

Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region update the long-range transportation plan a minimum of every 4 years and forecast at least 20 years into the future. *Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas*, currently under development, must demonstrate federal Transportation Conformity and be financially constrained. The updated plan will include a new financial plan, updated demographics and technical analysis, updated project recommendation listings, and robust public involvement. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 11.1.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit