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Regional Transportation Council PUBLIC MEETING

Transportation Improvement Program: Fiscal Years 2021-2024

Proposals on Two Major Projects

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle: Round 4

Start of 2020 Ozone Season

Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Recognition and Annual Survey Results

Meeting Date and Location

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) held a public meeting Monday, March 9, 2020, at 6:00 pm at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (Arlington); Dan Lamers, Senior Program Manager, moderated the meeting, attended by 5 people.

Public Meeting Purpose and Topics

The public meeting was held 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, and amended on November 8, 2018. Staff presented information about:

1. Transportation Improvement Program: Fiscal Years 2021-2024 – presented by Brian Dell
2. Proposals on Two Major Projects – presented by Michael Morris
3. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle: Round 4 – presented by Amy Johnson
4. Start of 2020 Ozone Season – presented by Nicholas Vanhaasen
5. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Recognition and Annual Survey Results – presented by Dorothy Gilliam

The public meeting was held to educate, inform and seek comments from the public. Comments were solicited from those present who wished to speak for the record. The presentations made at the meeting are available at www.nctcog.org/input, and a video recording was posted at www.nctcog.org/video.

Each person who attended the public meeting received a packet with a meeting agenda, a sheet on which to submit written comments and copies of the presentations.

Summary of Presentations

Transportation Improvement Program: Fiscal Years 2021-2024 presentation:

https://www.nctcog.org/nctcg/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Involve/InputMeetings/2020/03/2021-2024-TIP-Draft-Listings_1.pdf

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a funding document and inventory of transportation projects within the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan planning boundary. It is mandated by the federal and state governments and contains funding from federal, state and local sources. A new TIP is developed every two years and updated on a quarterly basis.

NCTCOG staff are currently reviewing existing projects, gathering information on additional locally funded projects, making needed revisions to existing project schedules and funding, and developing revised project listings for Fiscal Years 2021 through 2024.

The draft 2021-2024 TIP roadway and transit listing includes approximately \$13.53 billion in funding and 938 roadway and transit projects. Members of the public can provide feedback on the draft through April 8, 2020.

The Regional Transportation Council will take action on the 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program in May 2020.

Proposals on Two Major Projects presentation:

<https://www.nctcog.org/nctcog/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Involve/InputMeetings/2020/03/TV-and-Collin-Creek.pdf>

The Panther Island Central City Flood Project is the planned construction of a 1.5 mile bypass channel of the Trinity River to control flooding north of downtown Fort Worth. The project will create two islands, collectively known as Panther Island. Key features of the project are the signature bridges on Henderson Street, North Main Street and White Settlement Road. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) was originally involved in funding three bridges with a variety of federal, state, regional and local funding sources. However, due to constructability issues, project delays have created a cost overrun. On March 12, 2020, the RTC approved an additional \$20 million to cover the overrun.

The region continues to receive infrastructure funding requests for assistance in redeveloping major retail and economic centers. Requests come from entities looking to relocate to our region and from local partners seeking new opportunities to revitalize existing areas. On February 27, the RTC approved funding for a garage included in the Collin Creek Mall mixed-use redevelopment project. The garage must be owned by the public sector and include park and ride spaces as well as electric vehicle charging infrastructure. The RTC funds will be used for construction only.

Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle: Round 4 presentation:

<https://www.nctcog.org/nctcog/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Involve/InputMeetings/2020/03/MT-TP-Policy-Bundle.pdf>

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) represents a blueprint for the region's multimodal transportation system. The Plan covers a 20-year timeframe and guides the expenditure of federal and state funds. The goals of the current MTP, Mobility 2045, include improving transportation options, providing timely planning and implementation and developing cost effective projects and programs.

Construction of infrastructure alone cannot achieve the goals of Mobility 2045. Local agencies voluntarily adopt policies from the Mobility Plan to help achieve goals like improving air quality and sustainable development. Agencies who apply may receive Transportation Development

Credits (TDCs) to help fund projects. Policy examples include employee trip reduction, parking management, safe access to schools and railroad safety, among others.

Agencies were eligible to apply for round 4 of the policy bundle beginning February 3, and the submittal deadline is April 27. The Regional Transportation Council will take action on the MTP Policy Bundle on July 9. Formal award notices will be sent to agencies in July 2020.

Start of 2020 Ozone Season presentation:

<https://www.nctcog.org/nctcg/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Involve/InputMeetings/2020/03/Start-of-Ozone-Season.pdf>

Ozone is a gas composed of three atoms of oxygen and occurs both in the Earth's upper atmosphere and at ground level. Ground-level ozone is commonly referred to as "bad ozone" and forms when emission sources emit nitrogen oxides and/or volatile organic compounds that react in the presence of sunlight. Ozone can make it more difficult to breathe, aggravate lung diseases and inflame and damage the airway.

North Texas is currently under two ozone standards, one for 2008 and one for 2015. The attainment deadline for the 2008 standard was July 20, 2018. The region did not meet the standard, and therefore, its air quality status was reclassified as serious. It must achieve attainment by July 20, 2021. The nonattainment deadline for the 2015 standard is August 3, 2021.

Everyone in the region can help improve air quality by working from home, using mass transit, avoiding unnecessary trips, carpooling, etc. More information on air quality and ozone alerts is available at <https://www.airnorthtexas.org>.

Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Recognition and Annual Survey Results presentation:

<https://www.nctcog.org/nctcg/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Involve/InputMeetings/2020/03/DWCC-Annual-Report.pdf>

Handout:

https://www.nctcog.org/nctcg/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Involve/InputMeetings/2020/03/Eligible_Funding_Summary_Handout.pdf

The Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition was created by the Department of Energy to address the requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. It is part of a national network of nearly 100 coalitions and seeks to advance the nation's economic, environmental and energy security by working locally to advance affordable, domestic transportation fuels and technologies.

The 2018 DFW Annual Fleet Survey results reported that 6,880 alternative fuel vehicles reduced 753,463 pounds of nitrogen oxides in the region. NCTCOG staff incentivize participation in the annual survey through fleet recognition awards. To be eligible for recognition, fleets must submit an annual survey as well as adopt a clean fleet policy. In 2019 there were 21 winners and three gold awards were given to the City of Euless, the City of Southlake and Dallas Area Rapid Transit.

ORAL COMMENTS RECEIVED AT MEETING

No oral comments received at the meeting.

COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY WEBSITE, EMAIL & SOCIAL MEDIA

No comments received via website, email or social media.