

**JOINT RESOLUTION ADOPTING
MOBILITY 2035: THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR NORTH
CENTRAL TEXAS – 2014 AMENDMENT, AND THE
2014 TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE
DALLAS-FORT WORTH TEN-COUNTY NONATTAINMENT AREA
(R14-09)**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with the NCTCOG and continues to be the regional forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) assigns the MPO the responsibility for developing and maintaining the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program and their periodic updates; and,

WHEREAS, MAP-21 requires the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program include a financial plan to demonstrate the consistency of proposed transportation investments with available and projected sources of revenue; and,

WHEREAS, guidelines used to develop the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program came from the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) as a transition to MAP-21; and,

WHEREAS, Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2014 Amendment was developed in cooperation with local governments, the Texas Department of Transportation, North Texas Tollway Authority, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Denton County Transportation Authority, and other transportation agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Executive Order 12898 mandate nondiscrimination and analysis of impacts to protected populations for all federally funded projects; and,

WHEREAS, the RTC's policy is to evaluate the benefits and burdens of transportation policies, programs, and plans to prevent disparate impacts and improve the decision-making process, resulting in a more equitable systems; and,

WHEREAS, MAP-21 assigns the MPO the responsibility for carrying out the transportation conformity process, in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly owned transit services; and,

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has designated the ten-county area of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise Counties as moderate nonattainment under the 2008 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the pollutant ozone, effective July 20, 2012; and,

WHEREAS, the current RTC metropolitan planning area includes all of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise Counties; and,

WHEREAS, MAP-21 and the Clean Air Act regulations require information regarding the development of the Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2014 Amendment and the 2014 Transportation Conformity analysis be available for public comment according to the adopted MPO public participation plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council approved Transportation Improvement Program-related project modifications created by Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2014 Amendment on October 9, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2014 Amendment and the 2014 Transportation Conformity has been recommended for adoption to the RTC by the NCTCOG Surface Transportation Technical Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Regional Transportation Council as the transportation policy body for the Metropolitan Planning Organization adopts the policies, programs and projects identified in Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2014 Amendment.

Section 2. The Regional Transportation Council as the transportation policy body for the Metropolitan Planning Organization approves the results of the 2014 Transportation Conformity demonstrating successful passing of the motor vehicle emissions budgets test as required by MAP-21 and the Clean Air Act.

Section 3. The development of Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2014 Amendment utilized the most recent regional demographic projections as adopted by the NCTCOG Executive Board on February 24, 2011, and 2014 Transportation Conformity utilized latest planning assumptions and emissions model.

Section 4. Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2014 Amendment provide for timely implementation of Transportation Control Measures (TCM).

Section 5. The recommendations included in Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2014 Amendment meet financial constraint requirements and all federal nondiscrimination and Environmental Justice requirements and have no disproportionate impacts on protected populations.

Section 6. This resolution reaffirms action taken on October 9, 2014, by the Regional Transportation Council on Transportation Improvement Program-related changes created by the Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2014 Amendment.


Section 7 The Regional Transportation Council directs staff to appropriately amend other planning documents such as the Transportation Improvement Program and Unified Planning Work Program as needed.

Section 8. The development of Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2014 Amendment and the 2014 Transportation Conformity was conducted in accordance with NCTCOG's approved public participation plan, including presentation of draft recommendations and analysis results prior to Regional Transportation Council adoption.

Section 9. The latest public involvement information for the 2014 Transportation Conformity, including Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2014 Amendment will be transmitted to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Department of Transportation, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

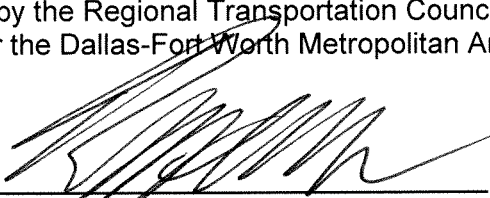
Section 10. This resolution will be transmitted to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Denton County Transportation Authority, North Texas Tollway Authority, Collin County Toll Road Authority, and all impacted local governments.

Section 11. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.



Mike Cantrell, Chair
Regional Transportation Council
Commissioner, Dallas County

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area on November 13, 2014.



Ron Jensen, Secretary
Regional Transportation Council
Mayor, City of Grand Prairie