

AGENDA

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
Friday, May 24, 2019
North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda

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1:30 – 1:35

1. Approval of April 26, 2019, Minutes

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Brian Moen, STTC Secretary

Item Summary: Approval of the April 26, 2019, meeting minutes contained in Reference Item 1 will be requested.

Background: N/A

1:35 – 1:35

2. Consent Agenda

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 0

2.1. FY2018 and FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program Modifications

Presenter: Vickie Alexander, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of modifications to the FY2018 and FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be requested. Direction for staff to also amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents, as appropriate, to reflect the approved modifications will also be sought.

Background: The Unified Planning Work Program is required by federal and State transportation planning regulations and provides a summary of the transportation and related air quality planning tasks to be conducted by Metropolitan Planning Organization staff. The FY2018 and FY2019 UPWP identifies the activities to be carried out between October 1, 2017, and September 30, 2019. Amendments to this document are being proposed to reflect project updates and funding adjustments. The proposed amendments have been posted on the North Central Texas Council of Governments website for public review and comment, and are also included as Electronic Item 2.1.1. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 2.1.2. Comments received as a result of the public outreach process, if any, will be provided as a handout at the meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

- Safety Pavement and Bridge Condition
 Transit Asset System Performance/Freight/CMAQ

1:35 – 1:45

3. **Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Project Selection**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Daniel Snyder, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information regarding the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA Set-Aside) applications received and evaluation process. A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of projects to select for funding will also be provided and action requested.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) opened a Call for Projects on December 17, 2018, with the option of additional funds to be added. Applications were due on March 1, 2019.

Projects eligible for funding included active transportation that will substantially improve safety and provide opportunities to walk and bicycle. Project scoring is based on project eligibility and a methodology for project evaluation as previously approved by the RTC. Electronic Item 3.1 provides additional information on project scoring. Reference Item 3.2 reflects NCTCOG staff project recommendations.

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1:45 – 1:55

4. **Clean Fleets North Texas 2019 Call for Projects**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Nancy Luong, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval to open a new, competitive call for projects to subaward funds through the Clean Fleets North Texas 2019 Call for Projects.

Background: In June 2018, the North Central Texas Council of Governments submitted a grant proposal to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program authorized by the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act. EPA has awarded this proposal, which provides federal funds to replace older, high-emitting diesel-powered vehicles and equipment owned by public or private fleets contracted to local governments, in the ten-county ozone nonattainment area. A schedule and project selection criteria will be presented. Reference Item 4 provides additional details.

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1:55 – 2:05

5. **United States Army Corps of Engineers Stormwater Project**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of a partnership approach with federal agencies to incorporate stormwater infrastructure planning as a component of regional transportation planning.

Background: Recent workshops have been held on a project to incorporate a new approach to planning for stormwater infrastructure in order to prevent the flooding that occurs with continued population growth due to increased stormwater runoff volumes and to avoid the comparative high cost of flood recovery due to lack of proper advance planning. The project area would include the undeveloped portion of the upper Trinity River basin in Wise County and portions of Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Parker, and Tarrant counties as shown in Electronic Item 5. As the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) technical partner, the United States Army Corps of Engineers would develop a full suite of products and tools that can be used by communities and transportation/infrastructure planners including stream modeling and water surfaces; large-scale stormwater features, such as detention storage; and regional environmental mitigation features which can also serve to offer opportunities for ecotourism, education and nature-based recreation. NCTCOG staff have begun briefing members of the congressional delegation and regional federal administrators and have been encouraged by their support.

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2:05 – 2:15

6. **Legislative Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Nicholas Allen, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on federal and State legislative actions related to transportation and air quality issues affecting the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Background: Transportation issues continue to be a focus for both the United States (US) Congress and the Texas Legislature. The 1st session of the 116th US Congress convened on January 3, 2019. The 86th Texas Legislature convened on January 8, 2019.

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2:15 – 2:25

7. **Congestion Management Process Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Mike Galizio, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Work is underway on an update to the region's Congestion Management Process (CMP) documentation. Staff provided an overview of the CMP in February 2019 and will now give a brief update on CMP data-collection efforts. Staff will also present the schedule of upcoming meetings for this CMP update. In addition, efforts cataloging all construction projects to review roadway system impacts will be presented.

Background: The CMP is a regionally accepted approach for managing congestion that provides up-to-date information on multimodal transportation performance and assesses alternative strategies for mitigating congestion that meets State and local needs. Federal requirements specify that urbanized areas with populations over 200,000 must implement and maintain a CMP. The current CMP for the North Central Texas region was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council in 2013. The current CMP and other related resources can be viewed on the North Central Texas Council of Governments' website at www.nctcog.org/cmp.

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2:25 – 2:35

8. **Draft FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Vickie Alexander, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present a summary on the development of the proposed FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Regional Transportation Planning.

Background: North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff, in cooperation with local governments and transportation agencies, is developing the draft FY2020 and FY2021 UPWP. This document identifies NCTCOG staff work activities to be performed between October 1, 2019, and September 30, 2021. A summary of staff recommendations on local government and transportation agency project submittals received for consideration of inclusion in the UPWP will be provided at the meeting. The draft UPWP document must be submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation for review by June 1, 2019, and the final document submitted by August 1. A copy of the draft FY2018 and FY2019 UPWP will be provided to STTC concurrent with the submittal of the draft document to TxDOT. STTC action on the UPWP will be sought at the June meeting.

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9. **Fiscal Year 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Discretionary Grant Program**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jeff Hathcock, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Committee on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Discretionary Grant Program for surface transportation projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. Staff will provide details highlighting grant requirements, evaluation of potential project candidacy elements, and will recommend both passenger/freight rail and major roadway projects to submit as part of this effort.

Background: In April 2019, the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) announced the solicitation of project applications for the FY2019 BUILD Discretionary Grant Program for capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure expected to have a significant mobility and economic benefits at the local or regional level. A copy of the Notice of Funding Opportunity that details the \$900 million discretionary grant program for FY2019, as well as the application requirements are available at www.transportation.gov/sites/dot.gov/files/docs/policy-initiatives/build/114796/fy-2019-nofo-final-signed.pdf. Applications are due to the US DOT by July 15, 2019.

For agencies in the region expecting to submit projects, please be aware that you must complete the www.grants.gov registration process before submitting an application, and that this process usually takes two to four weeks to complete. In addition, if an agency would like to receive a letter of support from the Regional Transportation Council, requests must be submitted to Rebekah Hernandez by Friday, June 28, 2019, at rhernandez@nctcog.org.

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10. **Travel Demand Management Performance Report**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Caryn Sanders, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on items included in the 2018 Travel Demand Management (TDM) Performance Report.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Travel Demand Management Program focuses on implementing alternative forms of transportation that assist in the reduction of demand for single-occupant vehicle travel on regional roadways in the North Central Texas region. The performance report highlights information from the Try Parking It Program, the Regional Vanpool Program, and other TDM-

related activities in the region. The 2018 NCTCOG Travel Demand Management Performance Report is included as Electronic Item 10.

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11. **Fast Facts**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15
Item Summary: Brief presentations will be made on the following topics:

1. *Jackson Enberg* – Status Report on Ozone (Electronic Item 11.1)
2. *Nancy Luong* – Status Report on Volkswagen Settlement
(www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/volkswagen-settlement)
3. *Nancy Luong* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles
(www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources/fundingvehicle)
4. *Nancy Luong* – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
(www.dfwcleancities.org/dfw-clean-cities-meetings)
5. *Jessica Scott* – Governor’s Highway Safety Association Report on Pedestrian Traffic Fatalities (www.ghsa.org/sites/default/files/2019-02/FINAL_Pedestrians19.pdf)
6. *Jessica Scott* – Regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan (www.nctcog.org/pedsafetyplan) and Opinion Survey (<https://dfest2.metroquest.com/>)
7. *David Garcia* – Transit Studies Stakeholder Meetings
(www.nctcog.org/transitstudies)
8. *Kimberlin To* – Clean Air Action Day, June 21, 2019 (Handout)
9. *Carli Baylor* – April Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 11.2)
10. *Carli Baylor* – June Public Meeting Notice (Handout)
11. *Victor Henderson* – Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 11.3)
12. Written Progress Report:
 - Local Motion (Electronic Item 11.4)
 - Transportation Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 11.5)

12. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

13. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on June 28, 2019, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.**