

AGENDA

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, February 22, 2013

North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda

1:30 – 1:35

1. Approval of January 25, 2013, Minutes

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Nancy Cline, STTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the January 25, 2013, 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. Unified Planning Work Program Modifications

Presenter: Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of modifications to the FY2012 and FY2013 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be requested.

Background: The Unified Planning Work Program is required by federal and State transportation planning regulations and provides a summary of the transportation and transportation-related air quality planning tasks to be conducted by Metropolitan Planning Organization staff. The FY2012 and FY2013 UPWP identifies the activities to be carried out between October 1, 2011, and September 30, 2013. Amendments to this document are being proposed to reflect new initiatives, project modifications, and funding adjustments. The proposed amendments were presented to the public during the February 11, 12, and 13, 2013, public meetings and are included as [Reference Item 2.1](#). The presentation is provided in [Electronic Item 2.2](#)

1:35 – 1:45

3. Job Access/Reverse Commute and New Freedom Program Recommendations

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jamie Patel, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of staff funding recommendations under the 2012 Job Access/Reverse Commute and New Freedom Call for Projects will be requested.

Background: Last month, staff presented the projects received through the 2012 Job Access/ Reverse Commute (JA/RC) and New Freedom Call for Projects, which closed on October 5, 2012. The projects were presented at three public meetings held February 11-13, 2013. Approximately \$4.4 million in federal Job Access/Reverse Commute and New Freedom funding is

recommended for award. [Reference Item 3](#) provides a summary of the projects received for consideration and the funding recommendations.

1:45 – 1:55

4. **Proposal to Change the Transportation Improvement Program Modification Policy**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation to the RTC for approval of changes to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) policy.

Background: The TIP is the four-year transportation funding document that outlines all federal, State, and local funding on regional projects in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. It is updated on a quarterly basis as projects move through the implementation process. The number of modifications to projects in the TIP has increased dramatically over the last 10 years, largely due to requirements set forth in the last transportation bill, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient, Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which required significantly more information for each project. These changes were carried through in the new transportation bill, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21).

The expanded amount of information required for each project has multiplied the number of modifications needed throughout a project's lifecycle under the current TIP modification policy. Staff proposes updates to the modification policy in an effort to reduce the number of modifications needed and the number of changes that require STTC and RTC action, while continuing to maintain RTC's authority to approve major changes to a project's scope of work, limits, and funding. [Reference Item 4.1](#) contains staff's proposed TIP modification policy changes. [Electronic Item 4.2](#) is the presentation anticipated to be shown at the STTC meeting.

1:55 – 2:05

5. **Legislative Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Rebekah Hernandez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: An update on State and federal legislative actions will be presented.

Background: Both the Texas Legislature and the US Congress are currently in session and are expected to consider major pieces of transportation legislation.

- 2:05 – 2:15**
6. **Mobility 2035 – 2013 Amendment and 2013 Transportation Conformity**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
 Presenter: Chad Edwards and Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG
 Item Summary: Staff will present the Mobility 2035 – 2013 Amendment recommendations, financial results, and schedule. The presentation is provided as [Electronic Item 6](#), which highlights staff's recommendations. The latest Transportation Conformity results will also be provided.
 Background: Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas (MTP) was approved by the RTC in March 2011. Since that time transportation partners have continued to develop and refine projects recommended in the MTP. As projects are refined and move closer to implementation, they must be reflected accurately in both the MTP and TIP to receive funds. The amendment process allows the RTC to modify the MTP with the most current project level assumptions. Additionally, an air quality conformity analysis will be conducted to measure the effects of project changes to the emissions budgets identified for North Central Texas.
- 2:15 – 2:25**
7. **Local Option to Opt-In to the Regional Vehicle-for-Hire Program**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
 Presenters: Michael Morris and Jessie Huddleston, NCTCOG
 Item Summary: This item will review the current status of the Regional Vehicle-for-Hire Program for limousines, taxicabs, and shuttles. Options for local governments to opt-in to the regional program will be highlighted.
 Background: With the success of Super Bowl XLV, one of the legacy projects was the establishment of a Regional Vehicle-for-Hire Program. Work has progressed with preliminary technical and policy support to advance the program. This included extensive conversations between NCTCOG, the Cities of Dallas and Fort Worth, and Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. The purpose of this item is to outline opportunities for local governments to participate in this initiative.
- 2:25 – 2:35**
8. **Transportation Enhancements**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
 Presenter: Karla Weaver, NCTCOG
 Item Summary: Staff will provide information regarding the Transportation Enhancement applications received and evaluation methodology. A draft recommendation of projects to select for funding will also be provided.
 Background: The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) issued a \$70 million Transportation Enhancement Call for Projects on September 14, 2012, utilizing remaining SAFETEA-LU funding. Applications were due to TxDOT District offices on November 16, 2012.
 Due to program rule making changes, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth region qualifies

to be awarded approximately \$13 million of funds to select eligible projects. The RTC approved the eligible and ineligible project types and a methodology for project evaluation screens and scoring. Projects will now be provided for review.

2:35 – 2:45

9. **New Federal Transit Administration Program – 5310 Designated Recipient**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Nick Vail, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present a brief overview of the newly created Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Section 5310) and outline the process the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) plans to follow to become the designated recipient for the program in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington and Denton-Lewisville Urbanized Areas.

Background: The recently enacted Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) reauthorized surface transportation programs through fiscal year 2014. A new program was created under MAP-21 called the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. In large urbanized areas, including Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington and Denton-Lewisville, a designated recipient must be selected to administer the program.

2:45 – 3:00

10. **Fast Facts**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Item Summary: Brief presentations will be made on the following topics:

1. *Roxann Nayar* – Air Quality Funding Update ([Electronic Item 10.1](#))
2. *Whitney Vandiver* – [Air North Texas Update](#)
3. *James Powell* – Joint Procurement Guidelines for the Cotton Belt Corridor
4. *Brian Wilson* – Managed Lane Fact Sheet (Handout)
5. *Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins* – FY2012 Annual Report on Performance and Expenditures
6. *Jahnae Stout* – February Public Meeting Minutes (Handout)
7. *Christopher Williams* – Hurst-Euless-Bedford (HEB) Transit Year Six Report ([Electronic Item 10.2](#))
8. *Camille Fountain* – Freeway Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement – April 4, 2013 (Handout)
9. *Ken Kirkpatrick* – Joint NTTA/RTC Resolution Regarding TxDOT Comprehensive Development Agreement Authority
10. Written Progress Reports:
 - Local Motion ([Electronic Item 10.3](#))
 - Transportation Partners Progress Reports ([Electronic Item 10.4](#))

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

12. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on March 22, 2013, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.**