

## AGENDA

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, August 23, 2013

North Central Texas Council of Governments

#### 1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda

- 1:30 – 1:35**      1.    **Approval of July 26, 2013, Minutes**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes:      5  
Presenter:        Lori Shelton, STTC Chair  
Item Summary:    Approval of the July 26, 2013, minutes contained in [Reference Item 1](#) will be requested.  
Background:      N/A
- 1:35 – 1:35**      2.    **Consent Agenda (There are no items on the Consent Agenda)**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes:      0
- 1:35 – 1:45**      3.    **Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: East/West Funding Distribution**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes:     10  
Presenter:        Adam Beckom, NCTCOG  
Item Summary:    Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of results from the latest effort to reassess the funding distribution between the eastern (Dallas & Paris Districts) and western (Fort Worth District) subregions as a result of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (MAP-21) passage.  
Background:      RTC selects projects to be funded with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and Surface Transportation Program - Metropolitan Mobility funds. These funds are distributed to the region by the Texas Department of Transportation using formulas established by the Federal Highway Administration. To ensure equity within the region, RTC then distributes funding to the eastern and western subregions in proportion to each area's demographics and activity.
- During the July 2013 RTC meeting, Council members had questions regarding the process and methodology for the current funding distribution, as well as past funding distributions. [Electronic Item 3.1](#) contains documentation for the last three federal funding bills for informational purposes. [Reference Item 3.2](#) provides the additional details and analysis requested by RTC in July 2013. [Reference Item 3.3](#) summarizes the results of the additional analysis requested by RTC.
- [Electronic Item 3.4](#) will be presented at the meeting for approval.

1:45 – 1:55

4. **Access North Texas**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Sarah Chadderdon, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of Access North Texas, the region's locally developed, coordinated public transit and human services transportation plan.

Background: A regional public transportation coordination plan is required by federal surface transportation legislation. Coordination is required among public transportation services that assist older adults, individuals with disabilities, low-income individuals, and others with transportation challenges. The Texas Department of Transportation designated the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) as the lead agency in developing this plan for the 16-county North Central Texas region. Over the past 18 months, NCTCOG staff and a wide variety of stakeholders including transportation providers, local government representatives, transit customers, social service agencies, and health and human service organizations have collaborated in this planning process. Access North Texas identifies strategies to increase efficiencies in public transit and human service transportation over the next four years. Projects funded through Federal Transit Administration programs including Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities, New Freedom, and Job Access and Reverse Commute must be included in this plan. A copy of the draft document is provided in [Electronic Item 4.1](#). Staff sought stakeholder and public comments on the plan during public meetings in August. [Reference Item 4.2](#) contains a summary of staff efforts and the requested action.

1:55 – 2:05

5. **Texas Department of Transportation Analysis Developed to Identify Roadways for Environmental Speed Limit Changes**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Melanie Young, P.E., TxDOT Dallas District and Theresa Lopez, P.E., TxDOT Fort Worth District

Item Summary: As requested by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), members will be briefed on the analysis used to identify roadways warranting speed limit changes.

Background: Recently, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff presented efforts underway to change speed limits on certain limited-access roadways throughout the region. It was explained that since these speed limits were previously established as environmental speed limits for their emission reduction benefits to support the State Implementation Plan, an interagency consultation process is necessary to ensure emission benefits are maintained. This month, Texas Department of Transportation staff will highlight their analysis used to identify roadways warranting speed limit changes within the nonattainment area.

2:05 – 2:15

6. **North Central Texas Public Works Mutual Aid Agreement**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Marian Thompson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Surface Transportation Technical Committee will receive an overview of the Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT) and the corresponding Mutual Aid Agreement (MAA).

Background: The North Central Texas PWERT was created to provide public works assistance when an emergency or disaster overwhelms local resources. The response team was created by and for local governments and operates on a voluntary basis. PWERT first deployed in answer to calls for assistance during the April 3, 2012, tornado outbreak and continues to grow to meet regional needs. The PWERT group is composed of public works representatives from numerous jurisdictions in the region. PWERT developed an MAA to facilitate mutual aid when requested by a jurisdiction in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. This agreement establishes criteria, strategies, policies, and procedures in advance of an incident which requires mutual aid. Over twenty jurisdictions have signed the agreement and others are evaluating it. This presentation will provide an overview of PWERT and information on the benefits it provides.

2:15 – 2:25

7. **Freight Congestion and Delay Report**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Becky Karasko, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Committee on the early progress of the Freight Congestion and Delay Report, the first of five follow-up studies from Freight North Texas.

Background: As the nation's largest metropolitan area without direct access to a seaport, the efficient and safe movement of freight by trucks, rail, pipeline, and air to and through the region is a vital component to the regional economy and to the quality of life of residents. As a follow-up study to the recently published Freight North Texas: The Regional Freight System Inventory, North Central Texas Council of Governments staff, with input from the Regional Freight Advisory Committee (R-FAC), has begun working on the Freight Congestion and Delay Report. This initiative inventories and studies recurrent and non-recurrent transportation-related delays as well as non-transportation-related delays to freight traffic. As a part of this study, a survey was developed to obtain input from the freight sector on where conditions are the worst and where opportunities to improve the movement of freight throughout the North Central Texas region exist.

2:25 – 2:35

8. **Clean Fleet Vehicle Policy**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Shawn Dintino, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present information about efforts to update the current Clean Fleet Vehicle Policy (CFVP).

Background: In October 2005, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved a resolution in support of a CFVP and Model Ordinance to ensure that public-sector fleets in the ozone nonattainment area are as low emitting as possible. A copy of the resolution is provided in [Electronic Item 8.1](#). This policy is one of the RTC strategies to improve air quality and attain the federal ozone standard. As new regulations and vehicle technologies have become available in recent years, staff is evaluating possible revisions to ensure that the CFVP remains relevant and effective. Possible revisions may involve expansion to include private fleets, inclusion of multi-pollutant benefits, and promotion of petroleum reduction. More information, including a proposed schedule, is available in [Electronic Item 8.2](#), and additional details are posted at [www.nctcog.org/fleetpolicy](http://www.nctcog.org/fleetpolicy).

2:35 – 2:45

9. **Legislative Update**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Surface Transportation Technical Committee will receive an update on State and federal legislative actions.

Background: The Regular Session of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Texas Legislature concluded on May 27, 2013. Transportation funding was added to the agenda of the first- and second-called Special Sessions, but concluded without an approved funding measure. The Governor once again added transportation funding to the agenda of the third-called Special Session. A funding measure was approved on August 5, 2013, and the Legislature has adjourned. The US Congress convened January 3, 2013, and may also address transportation issues.

2:45 – 2:55

10. **Travel Demand Management Performance Report**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ralph Zaragoza, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on items included in the 2013 Travel Demand Management Program Performance Measures document.

Background: The Travel Demand Management Performance Measures document was first introduced to the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) in January 2009. The document displays information on performance measures for the Try Parking It Program, Regional Vanpool Program, and the Regional Trip Reduction Program. This report provides the most recent data statistics and is updated bi-annually. [Electronic Item 10](#) references program activities for the

months of January through June 2013. In addition, the document displays any news and highlights related to the Travel Demand Management program area.

2:55 – 3:15

11. **Fast Facts**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 20

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

1. *Ken Kirkpatrick* – SH 161 (SH 183 to Belt Line Road) Bottleneck Improvement
  2. *April Leger* – Regional Transportation Council Policy Supporting School Districts ([Electronic Item 11.1](#))
  3. *Sandy Wesch* – Historical Bankhead Highway ([Electronic Item 11.2](#))
  4. *Kevin Kokes* – Update on Transportation Enhancements ([Electronic Item 11.3](#))
  5. *Jody Loza* – Ozone Season Update ([Electronic Item 11.4](#))
  6. *Pamela Burns* – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Receives Three-Year Redesignation from US Department of Energy
  7. *Marissa Fewell* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles ([Electronic Item 11.5](#))
  8. *Shawn Dintino* – National Plug-in Day, September 28, 2013 ([Electronic Item 11.6](#))
  9. *Amanda Brimmer* – State Idling Rule Webinar (Date to be Determined) ([Electronic Item 11.7](#))
  10. *Amanda Brimmer* – North Central Texas Environmental Stewardship Forum Annual Conference, October 30, 2013 ([Electronic Item 11.8](#))
  11. *Chris Klaus* – Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's State Implementation Plan Public Information Meeting, September 5, 2013
  12. *Jahnae Stout* – Blacklands Public Meeting Minutes (Handout) and August Public Meeting Minutes (Handout)
  13. Written Progress Reports:
    - Local Motion ([Electronic Item 11.9](#))
    - Transportation Partners Progress Reports ([Electronic Item 11.10](#))
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 September 27, 2013, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.**