

TO: Regional Transportation Council  
Interested Parties

DATE: February 1, 2018

FROM: Michael Morris, P.E.  
Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Notice of Meeting – February 8, 2018

The next business meeting of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will convene at **1 pm on Thursday, February 8, 2018**, in the Transportation Council Room, First Floor at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), 616 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX, 76011.

RTC Chair Rob Franke has scheduled a Mobility 2045 Plan Workshop, including Technology Elements Related to Vehicle Occupancy Technology, for **11 am on Thursday, February 8, 2018**, in the Transportation Council Room. The workshop will focus on the development of a new Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), Mobility 2045. The information presented at the workshop, as well as the resulting RTC discussion, will form the basis for development of the new MTP which is expected to be considered by the RTC in June 2018. In addition, staff will provide a project status report regarding new vehicle occupancy technology to be incorporated into the North Texas tolled managed lane system. Staff will seek RTC funding approval to implement the new vehicle occupancy technology at the March RTC meeting.

Enclosed with this memorandum is a summary agenda containing links to material supporting items to be addressed at the meeting. The meeting agenda and all items can be accessed through the Internet at NCTCOG's Transportation Department RTC home page. The address is [www.nctcog.org/trans/committees/rtc](http://www.nctcog.org/trans/committees/rtc).

Should you have any questions about this material, please feel free to call me, or I will be happy to meet at your convenience. I hope that each of you will be able to attend the meeting.

Michael Morris, P.E.

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Enclosures

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## AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council  
Thursday, February 8, 2018  
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**11:00 am      Mobility 2045 Plan Workshop Including Technology Elements Related to Vehicle Occupancy Technology**

**1:00 pm      Full RTC Business Agenda  
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)**

- 1:00 – 1:05      1.    Approval of January 11, 2018, Minutes**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes:      5  
Presenter:      Rob Franke, RTC Chair  
Item Summary: Approval of the January 11, 2018, minutes contained in [Reference Item 1](#) will be requested.  
Background:      N/A
- 1:05 – 1:05      2.    Consent Agenda**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes:      0
- 2.1.    **FY2018 and FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program Modifications**  
Presenter:      Dan Kessler, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: 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 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 transportation-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 were presented to the public through the January 9, 10, and 16, 2018, public meetings 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. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee took action at its January meeting to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of the modifications.
- 2.2.    **Video Web Hosting Services and Equipment Upgrade in the Transportation Council Room**  
Presenter:      Sandy Wesch, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: Staff is currently procuring a new contract for video web hosting services to continue live streaming of

Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meetings. Additionally, staff is requesting RTC approval for \$50,000 in RTC Local funding to support the upgrade of video displays in the Transportation Council Room. Approval will also be sought to include this additional funding in the FY2018 and FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program, 2017-2020 Transportation Improvement Program, and other administrative/planning documents as necessary.

Background: In 2016, the Texas Legislature adopted Senate Bill 1237, which requires a metropolitan planning organization that serves one or more counties with a population of 350,000 or more to broadcast over the Internet live video and audio of each open meeting held by the policy board. Subsequently, the videos must be archived and made available through a web site. The North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) current contract for this service expires in April 2018. Staff is procuring a new contract for these services. Additionally, NCTCOG staff recommends the replacement of the front projector and screen in the Transportation Council Room and the addition of two monitors at the back of the room. Funding currently exists for the web hosting services, but additional funding is needed to purchase the upgraded equipment.

1:05 – 1:20

3. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15  
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Eco-Logical Recognition
2. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Member Representation at Events
  - January 25, 2018, Texas Transportation Commission Meeting (RTC Chair Rob Franke, RTC Vice Chair Gary Fickes, Clay Lewis Jenkins, Jungus Jordan, Lee M. Kleinman, B. Adam McGough, Mike Taylor, Oscar Ward, and Kathryn Wilemon)
3. Communication Method for RTC Items/Presentations
4. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles ([Electronic Item 3.1](#))
5. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events ([Electronic Item 3.2](#))
6. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Annual Survey Due February 15 ([Electronic Item 3.3](#))
7. Clean Construction Contract Language Incorporated into the North Central Texas Council of Governments Public Works Construction Standards ([Electronic Item 3.4](#))
8. 2017 Transportation Development Credits Annual Report ([Electronic Item 3.5](#))
9. East/West Equity Update ([Electronic Item 3.6](#))
10. January Public Meeting Minutes ([Electronic Item 3.7](#))
11. February Public Meeting Notice ([Electronic Item 3.8](#))
12. Testimony at the High-Speed Rail Public Hearing ([Electronic Item 3.9](#))
13. Senior Staffing Changes
14. Status Report on the Margaret McDermott Bridge
15. Recent Transportation Events
16. Public Comments Report ([Electronic Item 3.10](#))

- 17. Recent Correspondence ([Electronic Item 3.11](#))
- 18. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 3.12](#))
- 19. Recent Press Releases ([Electronic Item 3.13](#))
- 20. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

1:20 – 1:30

4. **Blue-Green-Grey Awards**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Emily Beckham, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information regarding the Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas funding opportunity, proposals received, and evaluation process. A recommendation of projects to select for funding will also be provided and Regional Transportation Council action requested.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) issued the Blue-Green-Grey funding opportunity on October 4, 2017. Applications were due on November 3, 2017. Eligible projects were to be in the 12-county Metropolitan Planning Area and address innovative outcomes focused on three elements – Blue (water), Green (environment), and Grey (transportation infrastructure). Eligible applicants could include teams of individuals, private firms, and governmental agencies and could receive a maximum award of \$50,000. NCTCOG will seek approval to proceed with awards for implementation of projects awarded through the 2017-2018 Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas. [Electronic Item 4.1](#) provides additional information on application scoring. [Electronic Item 4.2](#) reflects NCTCOG staff recommendations.

1:30 – 1:40

5. **Follow Up to the Texas Transportation Commission Meeting**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the January 25, 2018, Texas Transportation Commission meeting. In addition, staff will seek additional financial commitment on IH 635 East Phase 3 in order for the Texas Transportation Commission to advance the procurement of the design-build contract.

Background: Funding for IH 635 East and "Big Projects" in the State of Texas have been discussed regularly over the past several months. Regional Transportation Council members and staff attended the January 25, 2018, Texas Transportation Commission meeting to present the importance of the IH 635 East project proceeding to procurement. [Electronic Item 5](#) contains a summary and proposed action on IH 635 East Phase 3.

1:40 – 1:55

6. **Mobility 2045 Update and Follow Up to Workshop**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15

Presenter: Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Work continues on the region's next long-range transportation plan, Mobility 2045. Staff will present an overview of the progress to date, including special initiatives. In addition, staff will present information regarding:

- Regional Transportation Council workshop summary
- Schedule for completion

Background: The last comprehensive update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) occurred in 2016 with the adoption

of Mobility 2040. Staff has continued MTP development with a variety of efforts. Development will continue over the next several months. The Regional Transportation Council is expected to take action on Mobility 2045 in June 2018. Mobility 2045 will reassess existing recommendations and include new demographics, financial forecasts, and planning initiatives.

- 1:55 – 2:05**    7.    **2017-2018 CMAQ/STBG Funding Program: Sustainable Development Phase 4**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes:    10  
Presenter:        Adam Beckom, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the proposed projects to be funded under the Sustainable Development Phase 4 Program in the 2017-2018 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) Funding Program.  
Background: In April 2017, staff introduced the process to select projects using CMAQ and STBG funding through several funding programs. Staff has received requests from local agencies that have projects containing Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Turnback, transit-oriented development (TOD), and/or other context-sensitive elements proposed for funding through the Sustainable Development Phase 4 Program. Details on the projects that staff is recommending to fund can be found in [Electronic Item 7](#).
- 2:05 – 2:15**    8.    **High-Occupancy Vehicle Subsidy/Technology Update**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes:    10  
Presenter:        Dan Lamers, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: Staff will brief the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on the managed lane performance report and the status of the automated auto occupancy verification initiative for managed lanes.  
Background: As part of the adoption of the Tolled Managed Lane and High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/Express Managed Lane policies, the RTC requires regular reports provided by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) regarding performance of the managed lane facilities and the North Texas Tollway Authority regarding customer service demands. The RTC's Tolled Managed Lane Policy provides for a 50 percent peak period HOV discount, paid for with Regional Toll Revenue dollars. Currently, HOV users wishing to receive the discount must register their trip as an HOV trip in advance of taking that trip. Staff will brief the RTC on the discussion regarding a new technology based process for HOV verification that was discussed at the earlier RTC workshop. The new technology is being considered within the region and eventually statewide.
- 2:15 – 2:25**    9.    **Access North Texas**  
 Action             Possible Action     Information            Minutes:    10  
Presenter:        Sarah Chadderdon, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: Staff will provide information on an update to Access North Texas. Since August 2016, staff has coordinated with a wide range of stakeholders, transit customers, and the public to document the transportation needs of older adults, individuals

with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and others with transportation challenges. Access North Texas outlines strategies to address these needs and serves as a guide for agencies that will implement these strategies to improve access to work, medical appointments, education, and the community. RTC's action at the January 11, 2018, meeting approving \$1 million for equitable, affordable transit fares will allow early implementation of one of the plan's strategies. Public meetings are scheduled in February. More information, as well as the draft plan, is available in [Electronic Item 9](#).

Background:

Access North Texas is the public transportation coordination plan for North Central Texas and was last updated in 2013. The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act requires that this plan be developed and Chapter 461 of the Texas Transportation Code requires coordination among public transportation providers. The North Central Texas Council of Governments is the lead agency in developing this plan for the 16-county region. The plan identifies the transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and others with transportation challenges and focuses on strategies to address these needs over the next four years. Projects funded through the Federal Transit Administration's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program must be included in this plan.

- 2:25 – 2:35 10. **Regional Traffic Signal Retiming Program and Minor Improvement Program Call for Projects**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: Staff will present, for information, the recommended projects to be funded under the Regional Traffic Signal Retiming Program and Minor Improvement Program Call for Projects.  
Background: Approximately \$2 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, is anticipated to be available to fund Regional Traffic Signal Retiming Program and Minor Improvement Program projects within the 10-county air quality nonattainment area. North Central Texas Council of Governments staff evaluated the eligibility, and scored and ranked projects submitted for funding. [Electronic Item 10.1](#) and [Electronic Item 10.2](#) provide a summary of the recommended projects and the funding amount.
11. **Progress Reports**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information  
Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.
- RTC Attendance ([Electronic Item 11.1](#))
  - STTC Attendance and Minutes ([Electronic Item 11.2](#))
  - Local Motion ([Electronic Item 11.3](#))
12. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
13. **Future Agenda Items**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.
14. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***1:00 pm, Thursday, March 8, 2018, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***