

TO: Regional Transportation Council  
Interested Parties

DATE: April 5, 2018

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

SUBJECT: Notice of Meeting – April 12, 2018

The next business meeting of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will convene at **1:00 pm on Thursday, April 12, 2018**, in the Transportation Council Room, First Floor at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), 616 Six Flags Dr., Arlington, TX, 76011.

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

**If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting; please contact Carli Baylor at NCTCOG 72 hours in advance of the meeting at 817/695-9240. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.**

## AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council  
Thursday, April 12, 2018  
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

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

- 1:00 – 1:05** 1. **Approval of March 8, 2018, Minutes**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5  
Presenter: Rob Franke, RTC Chair  
Item Summary: Approval of the March 8, 2018, minutes contained in [Reference Item 1](#) will be requested.  
Background: N/A
- 1:05 – 1:10** 2. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5  
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG
1. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Subcommittees (RTC Chair Rob Franke)
    - Legislation and Finance Subcommittee – Committee of the Whole
    - Bylaws Revision Subcommittee
  2. Format for Today's RTC Meeting
  3. RTC Member Representation at Events
    - B. Adam McGough, Councilmember, City of Dallas-Texas Transportation Commission Workshop, March 28, 2018
  4. April Public Meeting Notice ([Electronic Item 2.1](#))
  5. March Online Input Opportunity Minutes ([Electronic Item 2.2](#))
  6. Mobility Matters (Handout)
  7. Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course, May 3, 2018 ([Electronic Item 2.3.](#))
  8. Mobility 2045
    - Draft Mobility 2045 Plan Available for Review at [www.nctcog.org/Mobility2045](http://www.nctcog.org/Mobility2045)
    - Upcoming Public Meetings Schedule Available at [www.nctcog.org/trans/outreach/involve/input.asp](http://www.nctcog.org/trans/outreach/involve/input.asp)
  9. Public Comments Report ([Electronic Item 2.4](#))
  10. Recent Correspondence ([Electronic Item 2.5](#))
  11. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 2.6](#))
  12. Recent Press Releases ([Electronic Item 2.7](#))
  13. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

1:10 – 1:10

3. **Consent Agenda**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 0

3.1. **2017-2018 CMAQ/STBG Funding Program: Safety, Innovative Construction, and Emergency Projects**

Presenter: Adam Beckom, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff seeks Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the proposed projects to be funded under the Safety, Innovative Construction, and Emergency Projects 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 addressing safety issues, utilize innovative construction methods, or emergency projects that will improve system resilience. The list of projects that staff is proposing to fund can be found in [Electronic Item 3.1.1](#). Additional details on the overall funding program can be found in [Electronic Item 3.1.2](#).

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

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

3.2. **Regional Traffic Signal Retiming Program and Minor Improvement Program Call for Projects**

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff seeks approval for projects recommended for funding in the Regional Traffic Signal Retiming Program and Minor Improvement Program Calls for Projects.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) opened a Call for Projects on September 15, 2017. Applications were due on October 13, 2017. Approximately \$2 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, was available to fund Regional Traffic Signal Retiming Program and Minor Improvement Program projects within the 10-county air quality nonattainment area. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) previously approved the eligible and ineligible project types and a methodology for project evaluation and scoring criteria. Projects are now provided to the RTC for approval. [Electronic Item 3.2.1](#) and [Electronic Item 3.2.2](#) reflect NCTCOG

staff project recommendations. Further information is provided as [Electronic Item 3.2.3](#).

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

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

**3.3. Next Steps on High-Speed Rail**

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG  
 Item Summary: Staff seeks Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval on advancing high-speed rail from:

- Houston to Dallas (previously approved)
- Dallas/Arlington/Fort Worth
- Fort Worth/Waco/Temple-Killeen/Austin/San Antonio/Laredo

Background: Houston to Dallas high-speed rail is in the environmental process. The RTC requests that this project advance to construction. The RTC reaffirms that North Central Texas Council of Governments staff take the lead on advancing the three-station concept and environmentally clearing high-speed rail between Dallas/Arlington/Fort Worth. RTC approval is also sought for \$300,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds to be matched with \$200,000 in non-Dallas-Fort Worth funding for the conceptual evaluation of high-speed rail between Fort Worth and Laredo. High-speed rail west of Dallas will include the evaluation of next generation magnetic levitation.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

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

1:10 – 2:30

**4. IH 635 East Phase 3: Proposed Partnership Tolling Certain Hours of the Day**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 80  
 Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present potential options to close the funding gap on IH 635 East Phase 3 as requested by the Chair of the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) in January 2018. Action will be requested on a proposal to the TTC that the IH 635 East project proceed to procurement from US 75 to and including the IH 30 Interchange.

Background: Funding for IH 635 East has been discussed regularly over the past several months. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) 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. The following items lay out the recommendation to advance IH 635 East as soon as possible:

- [Electronic Item 4.1](#) contains proposed correspondence and an RTC resolution outlining the RTC's action
- [Electronic Item 4.2](#) contains potential options to close the funding gap for the project
- [Electronic Item 4.3](#) identifies the legal/risk assessment for each option
- [Electronic Item 4.4](#) contains a graphic representation of the options
- [Electronic Item 4.5](#) contains a copy of RTC Policy P17-01
- [Electronic Item 4.6](#) provides additional details and the

specific recommendations  
This level of detail provides transparency into the process resulting in the recommendation contained in [Electronic Item 4.1](#) and [Electronic Item 4.6](#).

Performance Measure(s) Addressed:

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 Transit Asset                 System Performance/Freight/CMAQ

5. **Progress Reports**

- Action                       Possible Action     Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.

- RTC Attendance ([Electronic Item 5.1](#))
- STTC Attendance and Minutes ([Electronic Item 5.2](#))
- Local Motion ([Electronic Item 5.3](#))

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

7. **Future Agenda Items:** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.

8. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for **1:00 pm, Thursday, May 10, 2018, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.**