AGENDA

RTC Multimodal / Intermodal / High Speed Rail / Freight Subcommittee
Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, February 10, 2011
North Central Texas Council of Governments

11:30 – 11:40 1. Administration’s 6-Year $53 Billion High Speed Rail Plan
☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☑ Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Tom Shelton, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will provide initial thoughts regarding the Administration’s announcement this week of additional $53B for national high speed rail network.

11:40 – 11:50 2. Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement in Mega Region
☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☑ Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will provide update on status of agreements with major metropolitan regions surrounding the Dallas – Fort Worth region in order to coordinate passenger rail investments that are integrated into the new Mobility 2035.

11:50 – 12:00 3. Mobility 2035 Recommendations – Higher Speed Rail and High Speed Rail
☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☑ Information Minutes: 10
Presenters: Dan Lamers and Chad Edwards, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will present recommendations for implementation of higher speed rail and high speed rail and their considerations for inclusion in Mobility 2035 Long Range Transportation Plan.

12:00 – 12:10 4. Freight Efficiency Outreach Center
☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☑ Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Carrie Reese, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will brief the committee on a new initiative to establish a Freight Efficiency Outreach Center in the North Central Texas Area. Staff has explored the possibility of establishing a facility which could provide comprehensive outreach, education, and financial assistance to the industry. NCTCOG has received a $486,767 grant award from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Showcase Communities program to establish a Freight Efficiency Outreach Center, contingent upon fulfillment of certain EPA requirements.

12:10 – 12:30 5. Consideration for Creation of Regional Freight Advisory Committee (RFAC)
☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☑ Information Minutes: 20
Presenter: Kevin Feldt and Becky Karasko, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will present the concept for creation of a new Regional Freight Advisory Committee (RFAC) to enhance partnerships and improve understanding of needs and issues of rail freight industry providers.

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