The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) met on Thursday, November 10, 2011, at 1 pm in the Transportation Council Room of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The following members or representatives were present: Ron Brown, Mike Cantrell, Brian Barth (representing Maribel Chavez), Gary Cumbie, Rudy Durham, Andy Eads, Charles Emery, Mark Enoch, Salvador Espino, Roy Brooks (representing Gary Fickes), Robert Franke, Sandy Greyson, Bill Hale, Roger Harmon, John Horn, Clay Jenkins, Ron Jensen, Jungus Jordan, Pete Kamp, Geralyn Kever, Kimberly Lay, Stephen Lindsey, Matthew Marchant, Ray Smith (representing Mahir Maso), Mike Taylor (representing Bill McLendon), Mike Nowels, Mark Riley, Rick Stopfer, Jere Thompson, William Velasco, Bernice Washington, Duncan Webb, Glen Whitley, and Kathryn Wilemon.


1. **Minutes:** The minutes of the October 13, 2011, RTC meeting were approved as submitted in Reference Item 1. Mike Cantrell (M); Glen Whitley (S). The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Consent Agenda:** The following items were included on the Consent Agenda.

   2.1. **Representative for the Upcoming Public Private Partnerships:** A motion was made to approve the appointment of Michael Morris to represent the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth area on the IH 35E Managed Lanes Project Committee as detailed in Reference Item 2.1.

   2.2. **AirCheckTexas: Indirect Costs:** A motion was made to approve the use of up to $20,000 in previously approved RTC Local funds for air quality initiatives to fund ineligible indirect costs associated with the AirCheckTexas Program. Details were provided in Reference Item 2.2.

      Kathryn Wilemon (M); Rick Stopfer (S). The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report:** Michael Morris welcomed new members and noted that New Member Orientation would be scheduled at a later time. He noted that the next Aviation Summit was scheduled for February 16, 2012, and that Ross Perot Jr. is slated to speak at that event. Additional information was provided as Electronic Item 3.1. Electronic Item 3.2 contained information regarding air quality funding. Mr. Morris introduced Mindy Mize of NCTCOG, who was recently inducted into the Clean Cities Hall of Fame. Additional information was provided as Electronic Item 3.3.

Mindy Mize announced the Air North Texas Partner awards. TxDOT Dallas received the Outstanding Outreach award, University of North Texas received the Outstanding Advertising award, City of Plano received the Outstanding Initiative award, and the City of Grand Prairie received the 2010-2011 Partner of the Year award. Ms. Mize provided awards to each of the recipients and thanked all Air North Texas partners for their efforts in the region. Additional details were provided in Electronic Item 3.4.

Mr. Morris continued the review of the agenda, noting that Electronic Item 3.5 provided a summary of the 2011 ozone season. He also noted that the Innovative Finance Initiative was moving forward. Phase 1 efforts have been completed and staff will be providing additional details of Phase 2 in the future. Reference Item 3.6 contained the 2012 RTC meeting schedule. Mr. Morris noted that the best way to contact him is by speaking with his assistant at the office phone number. Recent correspondence was provided as Electronic Item 3.7, recent new articles were provided as Electronic Item 3.8, and partner progress reports were provided at the meeting.

4. **Transit Partners Presentation:** Jungus Jordan discussed the importance of mobility in the region and asked that members review principles regarding a seamless mode of transportation, seamless customer service experience, and interoperability provided in Electronic Item 4. Mr. Jordan noted that a committee of the whole would meet on December 8, 2011, prior to the RTC meeting, to discuss the details of transit in the region. He then introduced Dick Ruddell with the Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T), Jim Cline with the Denton Country Transportation Authority (DCTA), and Tim McKay with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART). The transit providers were asked to present regional cooperation efforts between the agencies and the success of mobility in the region. The presentation included discussion on cooperative efforts between the agencies, service areas, and ridership. Each agency highlighted cooperative efforts such as the Trinity Railway Express, the regional rail pass for Super Bowl transit services, seamless regional fare, joint operations and maintenance, leasing of vehicles for interim service, collaborative design, and compatible facilities and infrastructure. Innovative partnerships with agencies such as the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport were also highlighted, as well as joint efforts on Alternative Compliant Vehicles. Interoperability between the agencies, as well as freight traffic was also discussed. Mr. Jordan thanked the presenters and noted that discussion would continue at the workshop scheduled prior to the December RTC meeting.

5. **Clean Construction Equipment Call for Projects:** Chris Klaus presented information regarding staff funding recommendations for the Clean Construction Equipment Call for Projects. Approximately $600,000 in funds was made available through two grants from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Call opened in January 2011 for construction equipment replacements, repowers, and verified retrofits/engine upgrades. After the Call for Projects closed, funds remained available and the Call was reopened until September 30, 2011. During the most recent Call in September, applications from two private sector...
entities where received for a total funding request of approximately $500,000 for seven replacement projects. Five of the activities were determined to be eligible for approximately $340,000 and therefore, approximately $270,000 remains in funding. As funds are still available, staff has reopened the Call for Projects and applications are being accepted on the first Friday of each month until January 6, 2012, or until all funds are exhausted. A motion was made to approve funding recommendations for the Clean Construction Equipment Call for Projects as contained in Reference Item 5. Mike Cantrell (M); Mike Taylor (S). The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Kaufman County Bond Program Loan**: Ken Kirkpatrick provided information regarding a request from Kaufman County for RTC to provide a loan for consultant assistance to develop a bond program, similar to the request by Parker County a few years ago. Kaufman County has requested that RTC provide similar assistance to prepare a bond program to fund transportation improvements and has requested $100,000 to procure a consultant. Bond program elections are anticipated in Kaufman County for the 2012 elections. NCTCOG staff has evaluated the request and determined that it is consistent with RTC policy. Staff recommended that $100,000 from interest on RTC Local funds be provided to the county as a loan, with the funds to be repaid by Kaufman County with a 1 percent premium from bond proceeds or other county funds. If the bond program is unsuccessful, the county would remain responsible for repayment. Andy Eads asked about the term of the loan. Mr. Kirkpatrick noted that repayment would be required in two years, regardless of the success of the bond program. A motion was made to approve a loan of up to $100,000 from interest on RTC Local funds with the condition that the funds were repaid from the bond proceeds and/or other county funds plus a 1 percent premium. Bernice Washington (M); Ron Brown (S). The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Regional Transportation Council Video Recordings**: Natalie Bettger provided an update on the six-month pilot study for video recording RTC meetings. In April 2011, RTC chose to move forward with in-house video recording of RTC meetings as a six-month pilot study. Since that time, staff has been recording RTC meetings and distributing DVD copies to persons who requested copies via an online request form either on a month-by-month basis or as a subscription to receive DVD copies monthly. Staff proposed to continue recording RTC meetings, and also to move forward with additional outreach to the public to notify them of the option to receive DVD recordings. It was clarified that no additional funds will be necessary to continue this effort. Geralyn Kever asked if video streaming of the recordings were available to citizens. Ms. Bettger noted that streaming of the video is not available at this time. RTC chose not to implement this option until interest in the recordings was determined to avoid unnecessary costs. Mike Taylor noted that videoing meetings takes away the misconceptions of citizens and that the cost relative to the benefit of providing video streaming is outweighed by the need for transparency. Clay Jenkins agreed and asked if making the videos available to be downloaded was an option in the short term. A motion was made to approve staff to move forward with additional outreach to the public to notify them of the option to receive RTC DVD recordings by mail. Bernice Washington (M); Kathryn Wilemon (S). Bernice Washington and Kathryn Wilemon agreed to amend the motion to allow staff 60 days to review options and costs for providing video streaming and/or downloading of future RTC meetings.

8. **Regional Freight Advisory Committee Update**: Kevin Feldt provided an update on the Regional Freight Advisory. The purpose of this Committee is to provide freight expertise to RTC, the RTC Multimodal/Intermodal/High Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee, STTC, NCTCOG staff, as well as regional stakeholders and partners. Primary committee
responsibilities will include review and input on Freight North Texas products, review and recommendation on freight project funding, review of freight-related publications, and review and contribution to freight forecasting efforts. The initial Regional Freight Advisory Committee meeting was held September 27, 2011, and staff has moved forward to schedule the first regular meeting on December 13, 2011. Topics will include the role of freight in the region, committee vision and mission, role of the committee, and future meeting topics. Mark Enoch requested that the Trinity Railway Express staff be included in the meetings.

9. **Executive Session:** The Regional Transportation Council went into Executive Session at the beginning of Agenda Item 9, pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, to discuss 1) commercial or financial information received from a business prospect to locate in the region and/or 2) discuss the offer of a financial or other incentive to a business prospects to locate in the region under Section 551.087 of the Act. All members of the public and non-essential staff were requested to leave the meeting room at 2:08 pm. The Metroplex Conference Room and first floor common areas were available to those wishing to remain until RTC reconvened in open session following Agenda Item 9. Consistent with the Open Meetings Act, a certified agenda was created as a record of the proceedings.

10. **Consideration of Items Discussed during Executive Session:** RTC Chair Jungus Jordan reconvened the RTC meeting in open session at 3:19 pm. There was no discussion on this item.

11. **Progress Reports:** RTC attendance was provided as Reference Item 11.1, STTC attendance and minutes were provided at Electronic Item 11.2, the Local Motion was provided as Electronic Item 11.3, and the North Texas Transportation Connection was provided as Reference Item 11.4.

12. **Other Business (Old or New):** There was no discussion on this item.

13. **Future Agenda Items:** There was no discussion on this item.

14. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2011, 1 pm, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 pm.