AGENDA
Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, November 10, 2011
North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda

1:00 – 1:05 1. Approval of October 13, 2011, Minutes
☑ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Jungus Jordan, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the October 13, 2011, 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. Representative for the Upcoming Public Private Partnerships
Presenter: Jungus Jordan, RTC Chair
Item Summary: On October 19, 2011, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) requested that a representative be appointed to facilitate the implementation of the IH 35E Managed Lane project.
Background: On October 27, 2011, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Chair appointed Michael Morris to staff this request. Please see Reference Item 2.1.1 for additional details. This is consistent with the requirements of SB 1420. This committee will recommend to TxDOT the best approach to finance the implementation of the IH 35E corridor from IH 635 to US 380. Reference Item 2.1.2 contains the proposed resolution.

2.2. AirCheckTexas: Indirect Costs
Presenter: Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG
Item Summary: RTC will be requested to approve the use of previously approved RTC Local funds for air quality initiatives to fund ineligible indirect costs associated with the AirCheckTexas Program.
Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) administers the AirCheckTexas Program for the Dallas-Fort Worth region. For the past few years, the program has received approximately $25 million per year to provide assistance to low-income persons to repair vehicles that have failed emissions tests and vouchers for up to $3,500 to replace qualifying vehicles. The program receives the funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the cost of repairs, replacements, and administration and management of the program. TCEQ imposes a cap on indirect costs associated with the program. NCTCOG’s indirect rate,

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which has been approved by its cognizant agency, exceeds the indirect rate permitted by TCEQ to administer this program. Last year, following RTC approval, approximately $65,000 of RTC Local funds were used to cover the ineligible indirect expenses for FY2009 and FY2010. The total indirect expenses for the AirCheckTexas Program for FY2011 were $184,834. Staff anticipates $17,831 of this expense is ineligible for reimbursement by TCEQ. Staff is proposing to use up to $20,000 of funds previously approved by RTC for air quality initiatives to cover these expenses for FY2011. NCTCOG is continuing coordination with TCEQ to change the indirect rate restrictions for FY2012, a time of significant budget cuts. Additional program details are provided in Reference Item 2.2.

1:05 – 1:20  3. Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report
   □ Action  □ Possible Action  ☑ Information  Minutes: 15
   Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG
   1. Aviation Summit, February 16, 2012 (Electronic Item 3.1)
   2. Air Quality Funding Update (Electronic Item 3.2)
   3. Mindy Mize, NCTCOG, Inducted into Clean Cities Hall of Fame (Electronic Item 3.3)
   4. Air North Texas Partner of the Year Awards (Electronic Item 3.4) (Presented by Mindy Mize, NCTCOG)
   5. Next Steps on Ozone (Electronic Item 3.5)
   6. Innovative Finance Initiative
   7. 2012 RTC Meeting Schedule (Reference Item 3.6)
   8. Best Contact for Michael Morris, 817-695-9241 (Kim Diederich)
   9. Congratulations to Christie Jestis, now Christie Gotti
   10. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 3.7)
   11. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 3.8)
   12. Transportation Partners Progress Reports (Handout)

1:20 – 1:50  4. Transit Partners Presentation
   □ Action  □ Possible Action  ☑ Information  Minutes: 30
   Presenter: Jungus Jordan, RTC Chair, and Transportation Authorities
   Item Summary: RTC Chair Jordan has invited the transportation authorities to present a status report on their coordination of efforts.
   Background: Mobility 2035 has passenger rail projects that extend outside transportation authorities’ boundaries and into each other’s transportation systems. Electronic Item 4 is a copy of a presentation Chair Jordan and Michael Morris gave on November 2, 2011, and it contains draft principles that Chair Jordan is developing to assist in seamless implementation of these services.
5. **Clean Construction Equipment Call for Projects**

- **Action**: □ Possible Action □ Information
- **Minutes**: 5
- **Presenter**: Shannon Stevenson, NCTCOG
- **Item Summary**: RTC members will be asked to approve staff funding recommendations under the Clean Construction Equipment Call for Projects (CFP).
- **Background**: NCTCOG opened the Clean Construction Equipment 2011 CFP on January 17, 2011. Funding recommendations were endorsed by the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) in June and August and approved by RTC in July and September. As funding was not fully exhausted, the program continued to accept applications through September 30, 2011. Staff will provide a summary of applications received, staff evaluations, and funding recommendations. These recommendations were endorsed by STTC on October 28, 2011. As funds are still available, staff has reopened the CFP and continues to accept applications on a competitive basis in monthly intervals. Details are provided in Reference Item 5 and further information is available at www.nctcog.org/construction. Staff will be available to provide additional information or answer any questions.

6. **Kaufman County Bond Program Loan**

- **Action**: □ Possible Action □ Information
- **Minutes**: 10
- **Presenter**: Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG
- **Item Summary**: Staff will seek RTC approval to loan up to $100,000 in interest on RTC Local funds to support a Kaufman County Bond Program.
- **Background**: In 2007, RTC approved use of interest on RTC Local funds to assist Parker County in development of a bond program. Recently, Kaufman County has also expressed interest in coordinating a similar effort. Kaufman County is preparing a bond program to fund transportation improvements and anticipates securing a consultant to develop the details of the bond program for consideration by Kaufman County residents. Staff is recommending to fund up to $100,000 from interest on RTC Local funds with the condition that the funds are repaid from bond proceeds and/or other county funds. Reference Item 6 contains additional information.

7. **Regional Transportation Council Video Recordings**

- **Action**: □ Possible Action □ Information
- **Minutes**: 5
- **Presenter**: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG
- **Item Summary**: Staff will provide an update on the six-month pilot study for video recordings for RTC meetings and request RTC action to continue recording RTC meetings and make recordings available to requesting individuals.
- **Background**: In April 2011, RTC instructed NCTCOG staff to implement a six-month pilot study for in-house video recordings of RTC meetings. This included the production of DVD video copies of the RTC meetings made available upon request and the ability to subscribe to the DVD service to receive DVDs each month. NCTCOG staff
began video recording RTC meetings in May 2011. As of October 2011, the six-moth pilot period is completed.

2:10 – 2:15  8. **Regional Freight Advisory Committee Update**

- **Action**
- **Possible Action**
- **Information**
- **Minutes**: 5
- **Presenter**: Kevin Feldt, NCTCOG
- **Item Summary**: Staff will brief the Council on the formation of the Regional Freight Advisory Committee.
- **Background**: In conjunction with Freight North Texas, the regional freight system plan, NCTCOG staff convened the Regional Freight Advisory Committee (R-FAC), a committee of regional freight professionals, on September 27, 2011. R-FAC will provide guidance to NCTCOG staff regarding freight activities, as well as strategic product and project review. R-FAC will assist and advise RTC, the Multimodal/Intermodal/High Speed Rail/Freight Subcommittee to RTC, and NCTCOG staff in prioritizing and improving freight planning within the region.

2:15 – 3:00  9. **Executive Session**

- **Action**
- **Possible Action**
- **Information**
- **Minutes**: 45
- **Presenter**: Jungus Jordan, RTC Chair
- **Item Summary**: Executive session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.
- **Background**: Under the authority granted under the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.087, the RTC will be convened in Executive Session 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 prospect to locate in the region.

3:00 – 3:05  10. **Consideration of Items Discussed during Executive Session**

- **Action**
- **Possible Action**
- **Information**
- **Minutes**: 5
- **Presenter**: Jungus Jordan, RTC Chair
- **Item Summary**: RTC will consider whether to take any action related to items pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Open Meetings Act discussed during Executive Session.

11. **Progress Reports**

- **Action**
- **Possible Action**
- **Information**
- **Item Summary**: Progress Reports are provided as Reference Item 11.

- RTC Attendance ([Reference Item 11.1](#))
- STTC Attendance and Minutes ([Electronic Item 11.2](#))
- Local Motion ([Electronic Item 11.3](#))
- North Texas Transportation Connection ([Reference Item 11.4](#))
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 **Thursday, December 8, 2011, at 1:00 pm, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.**