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- Approved a motion to submit correspondence to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality identifying options to incorporate the latest emission estimation model into the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

- Approved the movement of Surface Transportation Program metropolitan mobility funds to the eastern subregion. The RTC monitors and reallocates funds to maintain similar equity levels between the eastern and western regions.

- Approved projects for funding through the 2011 Pass-Through Financing Program. Through this program, local or regional agencies can pay for improvements on the state highway system upfront and be paid back over 10-15 years.

- Approved a joint resolution with the North Texas Tollway Authority supporting TxDOT delivery of IH 35E, SH 183 and portions of the North Tarrant Express through public-private partnerships.

- Approved an extension of the SH 161 upfront payment deadline to April 15 to allow NTTA to complete the remaining steps for financial close. TxDOT, US DOT and NTTA have agreed on terms for the $400 million Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act loan for SH 161.

- Approved authorization to provide comments to TxDOT regarding the proposed allocation of revenue for the 2012 Unified Transportation Plan (UTP). TxDOT is holding public meetings across the state to receive input on the development of the UTP.

Pass-Through Financing

NCTCOG to Seek Pass-Through Financing on US Highway 75

The North Central Texas Council of Governments has submitted expansion of a portion of US Highway 75 in Collin County to the state as a potential pass-through financing project. If approved, the $99 million project from Telephone Road to Melissa Road would be paid for upfront by the region, with the state repaying 80 percent to 90 percent of construction costs over time. Much of this 2.7-mile portion of US 75 would be expanded from four to six lanes, with eight lanes in some places. Two frontage lanes would also be built.

The region would initially fund the project with Regional Toll Revenue proceeds it received for the State Highway 121 agreement with the North Texas Tollway Authority.

Pass-through financing allows local governments to build projects faster than through traditional funding mechanisms and be repaid by the state based on traffic volumes.

The Texas Department of Transportation has $250 million available for this round, and projects must be on the state highway system. TxDOT is scheduled to select the projects this summer.
RTC, NTTA Support Managed Lanes Projects

**Legislative Change Supported for TxDOT Delivery of Projects**

At their February meetings, the Regional Transportation Council and North Texas Tollway Authority expressed support for legislative change to permit the Texas Department of Transportation to continue to develop managed-lane facilities through public-private partnerships. TxDOT’s current authority to enter into comprehensive development agreements (i.e., CDAs or public-private partnerships) expires August 31.

The RTC and NTTA identified the following strategic list of projects to be implemented by TxDOT if granted an extension of CDA authority: IH 35E in Denton and Dallas counties, SH 183 in Dallas County and the North Tarrant Express (Segments 2, 3 and 4) in Tarrant County. TxDOT already has portions of the North Tarrant Express under CDA contract. All three projects are key elements of the proposed Mobility 2035 Plan, the long-range transportation plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth region, which is scheduled to be considered by the RTC in March.

**NCTCOG Public Meetings**

**Work Plan, Changes to Funded Projects, Transit Recommendations to be Discussed**

At public meetings in Fort Worth, Mesquite and Denton, planners will ask for residents’ input on work plan and project recommendations. Planners will outline proposed changes to the fiscal year 2010 and 2011 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which provides a summary of the transportation and related air quality planning tasks conducted by the metropolitan planning organization. Staff will also announce the timeline for developing the fiscal year 2012 and 2013 UPWP.

The Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is a comprehensive list of funded transportation projects through 2013. Projects with committed funds from federal, state and local sources are included in the TIP. To maintain an accurate project listing, this document is updated on a regular basis. The current set of proposed project modifications will be presented for public review and comment.

Finally, transit agency representatives and NCTCOG staff will outline how much Federal Transit Administration federal funding is available to each of the public transportation providers listed below. Recommendations for how each transit agency proposes to spend the funds will be discussed.

- City of Arlington/Handitran
- City of Grand Prairie/Grand Connection
- City of Mesquite/MTED
- Cletran - Johnson County/City Transportation
- Collin County Area Regional Transit (CCART)
- Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)
- Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA)
- Fort Worth Transportation Authority (The T)
- Kaufman Area Rural Transportation (KART/STAR Transit)
- Public Transit Services (PTS) - Parker, Palo Pinto and Jack Counties
- Northeast Transportation Service (NETS) - Northeastern Tarrant County
- Service Program for Aging Needs (SPAN) - Denton County

**Public Meeting Details**

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North Texas Growth

North Texas Continues Rapid Growth, Adding 1.2 M in 10 Years

The 16-county Dallas-Fort Worth region grew by more than 1.2 million (23.2 percent) to more than 6.5 million, according to the latest US Census figures, released last month. Fort Worth’s population surged 38.6 percent over the past 10 years to 741,206, according to the US Census Bureau. Dallas saw a modest gain of 0.8 percent to 1,197,816. The Census Bureau in February delivered detailed population and demographic data to Texas that will be used to help state lawmakers redraw boundaries for Congress and the Legislature. Texas is expected to gain four House seats after growing 20.6 percent to 25.1 million over 10 years. The nation’s population increased 9.7 percent.

Rockwall County was the biggest percentage gainer (81.8) among counties, and Tarrant County welcomed the most new residents (362,815). Collin and Denton counties also posted big gains, growing 59.1 percent and 53 percent, respectively. Frisco saw its population soar by 83,275 to 116,989, a 247 percent increase. The population of Allen, another Collin County city, grew 93.4 percent to 84,246.

For a comparison of county and city growth over the past 40 years, visit http://www.nctcog.org/ris/census/2010/index.asp.

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