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Monthly RTC Update

November RTC Action Summary

- Approved a resolution appointing Michael Morris, director of transportation at NCTCOG, to represent the metropolitan planning organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth area on the Interstate Highway 35E Managed Lanes Project Committee, per the requirements of Senate Bill 1420. This committee will recommend to TxDOT the best approach to finance the implementation of the IH 35E corridor from IH 635 in Dallas County to US Highway 380 in Denton County.

- Approved the use of RTC local funds for indirect costs associated with the AirCheckTexas Program. NCTCOG administers the program for the region but receives funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). TCEQ imposes a cap on indirect costs associated with the program.

- Approved funding recommendations for the Clean Construction Equipment Program Call for Projects. NCTCOG opened the call for projects in January 2011, and applications are being collected until funds are exhausted.

- Approved loaning up to $100,000 in interest on RTC local funds to support a Kaufman County bond program with the condition that the funds are repaid from bond proceeds and/or other county funds. Kaufman County is preparing a bond program to fund transportation improvements.

- Approved the continuation of recording RTC meetings and making recordings available to members of the public requesting DVD copies of the meetings. The six-month pilot study for in-house video recordings of RTC meetings concluded in October.

All meeting information can be found at [www.nctcog.org/trans/committees/rtc/previous.asp](http://www.nctcog.org/trans/committees/rtc/previous.asp).

Super Bowl XLV

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Super Bowl XLV was an opportunity to showcase the region’s assets to the world. And despite the bitter cold, visitors took notice, flocking to more than 240 events, including the NFL Experience. The transportation system was in the spotlight during the weeklong celebration last February, as the North Central Texas Council of Governments worked with the Texas Department of Transportation and many regional partners to make sure guests were able to move around the region to experience the festivities.

NCTCOG has published a report detailing how the roads, rails — and people — performed during the region’s first Super Bowl. “A Transportation Response to Super Bowl XLV” was published to aid future host cities and chronicle all the accomplishments of North Texas. The Super Bowl presented the region with an opportunity to make many improvements to the transportation system that will be felt for years to come.

To read the report, visit [www.nctcog.org/trans/superbowl](http://www.nctcog.org/trans/superbowl).
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The city of Grand Prairie was announced as the Air North Texas Partner of the Year and honored for their work educating students, teachers and residents about clean air choices through publications, web content, events and an “air pollution” art contest that highlighted Air North Texas.

The University of Texas at Arlington was recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Advertising. Staff in the Office of Sustainability encouraged environmental stewardship among faculty, staff and students. Information about Air North Texas was included in campus communications and used in the classroom as students wrote, filmed and produced 30-second public service announcements about air quality.

The Texas Department of Transportation Dallas District was also recognized. Staff in the TxDOT Dallas District made sure the more than 900 employees working in the seven-county district knew about air pollution watches and warnings and clean air choices. Also, students and residents who toured DalTrans, the Dallas Traffic Management Center, received Air North Texas educational items. For these efforts, the TxDOT Dallas District was recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Outreach.

Finally, one of the strengths of the Air North Texas campaign is integrated, consistent messaging across mediums. City of Plano staff was recognized for Outstanding Achievement in Initiative for effectively using social media to generate excitement and support for 7.7.7.7., the second annual Clean Air Action Day.

Air North Texas includes 20 partners committed to educating the public about air quality and motivating them to do something for clean air, and is coordinated through the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The award committee, composed of NCTCOG staff and previous Air North Texas award recipients, chose the Partner of the Year and outstanding work to recognize based on criteria in the Air North Texas Partner Agreement and information provided by each partner who submitted an annual progress report.

To learn more about this year’s winners, visit www.airnorthtexas.org/Partners2011.asp.

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For more information, visit www.netcog.org/trans/committees/rtc/recordings.asp.
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December RTC Meeting

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Public Meetings

About this time last year, North Tarrant Express construction was just beginning, the entire Dallas Area Rapid Transit Green Line was opening and the region was making final preparations to host Super Bowl XLV. What a year 2011 has been for the region – especially related to transportation.

The Denton County Transportation Authority A-train opened, reconstruction of IH 635 in north Dallas started and a long-term plan for transportation through 2035 was approved.

At public meetings Dec. 12 - 13 and Dec. 15 in Richardson, Fort Worth and Irving, planners will highlight recent progress on several transportation and air quality initiatives and ask for input from residents.

- Cotton Belt Innovative Finance Initiative Update
- Electric Vehicles North Texas Update
- Ozone Season Summary
- Proposed Modifications to the List of Funded Projects

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More information about the public meetings is available at www.nctcog.org/trans/outreach/meetings.

Fifth Annual Aviation Summit

NCTCOG will detail outcomes from a general aviation planning effort five years in the making during the fifth annual Aviation Summit at 9 am on February 16 at the Irving Convention Center. The North Central Texas Regional General Aviation and Heliport System Plan has been in development since 2006 in an effort to set a strategic vision for advancing general aviation and heliport resources in and around the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

If you are interested in attending the summit, register at www.nctcog.org/aviationsummit.