1:00 pm  Full RTC Business Agenda

1:00 – 1:05  1. Approval of December 9, 2010, Minutes
☑ Action  □ Possible Action  □ Information  Minutes:  5
Presenter:  Ron Natinsky, RTC Chair
Item Summary:  Approval of the December 9, 2010, 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. 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications and Resolution for Regional Toll Revenue Projects Modifications
Presenter:  Christie Jestis, NCTCOG
Item Summary:  Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of revisions to the 2011-2014 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested, along with a resolution outlining desired Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) action on Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funded projects.
Background:  Revisions to the 2011-2014 TIP are provided as Reference Item 2.1.1 for RTC consideration.  Administrative amendments are provided for information in Reference Item 2.1.2.  These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the air quality conformity determination and financial constraint of the TIP.  The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) reviewed and recommended RTC approval of the revisions at its December 17, 2010, meeting.  In addition, Reference Item 2.1.3 is an RTC resolution that transmits desired TTC action for RTR funded projects.

2.2. North Central Texas Clean Construction Equipment: 2011 Call for Projects
Presenter:  Carrie Reese, NCTCOG
Item Summary:  Staff will request RTC approval to administer the proposed North Central Texas Clean Construction Equipment: 2011 Call for Projects.
Background:  The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been awarded grant funding by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program to provide financial assistance for projects which reduce emissions from construction equipment by replacing, repowering, or retrofitting older equipment.  This Call for
Projects will result in reductions of nitrogen oxides (NO\textsubscript{x}) emissions which will support efforts to attain the federal ozone standard. Staff is requesting approval to open the Call for Projects to seek applications from interested public and private sector fleets. Details are provided in Reference Item 2.2. Further information is posted online at [www.nctcog.org/aqfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding), where NCTCOG maintains a comprehensive list of clean vehicle-related funding programs.

### 2.3. Value Pricing Funding Opportunity

**Presenter:** Dan Lamers, NCTCOG  
**Item Summary:** RTC approval will be requested on two proposals that staff desires to submit under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Value Pricing Pilot Program.  
**Background:** FHWA recently issued a solicitation for participation in the Value Pricing Pilot Program (VPPP). NCTCOG staff submitted a concept to utilize "smart card" technology to manage congestion in managed lane corridors through peak-period pricing. The proposal contains components influencing travel behavior, being sensitive to environmental justice issues, and using innovative technology. Reference Item 2.3 contains the submitted expression of interest. Formal applications are due to FHWA on January 18, 2011, and staff will work with local partners to develop the application. The concept will be tested first in the IH 30 (Tom Landry Freeway) corridor from Arlington to Dallas. This corridor has been awarded two previous grants to study and implemented the managed lanes as part of the VPPP. This application will serve to further the concept. In addition, staff also held a request for proposals (RFP) to solicit interest for companies to partner with NCTCOG on additional VPPP proposals that would advance the availability of Pay-As-You-Drive (PAYD) automobile insurance in the North Central Texas region. One proposal was received through this RFP which would advance PAYD by utilizing in-vehicle technology to assist motorists in reducing travel time and improving air quality by avoiding congested routes and areas and modifying driver behavior. Staff is currently reviewing this proposal and working with the applicant to incorporate regional interests into the final proposal, which will be submitted to FHWA through the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

### Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report

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1. Remembrance of Mayor, Congressman, and Judge Tom Vandergriff  
2. Air Quality Vehicle Funding Update ([Electronic Item 3.1](#))  
3. Nonattainment Area Reclassification Status ([Electronic Item 3.2](#))
1:25 – 1:30  4. **Clean School Bus Program Call for Projects Recommendations and Next Steps**

- **Action:** ☑
- **Possible Action:** ☐
- **Information Minutes:** 5

**Presenter:** Carrie Reese, NCTCOG

**Item Summary:** Staff will request RTC approval of project recommendations for the North Central Texas Clean School Bus Program 2010 Call for Projects. As funds are still available for this program, staff will seek RTC approval to begin seeking additional applications in early 2011.

**Background:** NCTCOG received $500,000 from the US EPA through the National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program and has approximately $16,575 remaining from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Program, as well as $189,739 remaining from the EPA American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) On-Road Heavy-Duty Diesel Grant. NCTCOG administered the 2010 North Central Texas Clean School Bus Program Call for Projects between September 13 and November 19, 2010. Eligibility extended to public and private schools, school districts, and school bus operators that provide service within the 16-county NCTCOG region. Public entities were required to have adopted the RTC’s Clean Fleet Vehicle Policy by the proposal deadline and private entities were strongly encouraged to adopt a similar type policy. Staff will provide a summary of applications received, funding recommendations, and suggested next steps. **Reference Item 4** provides an overview of the 2010 Call for Projects. This program is included as a Voluntary Mobile Emissions Reduction Program (VMEP) commitment in the Dallas-Fort Worth 8-hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration State Implementation Plan (SIP).
SH 161 Regional Toll Revenue Funding and Strategic Partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation: Draft Project Listings

☑ Action  □ Possible Action □ Information  Minutes: 15

Presenter: Christie Jestis, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the proposed updates to the process and timeline associated with the SH 161 RTR Funding/Strategic Partnership with TxDOT, as well as present draft project listings. As outlined below, some projects necessitated a December RTC action, and some project needs can be satisfied using the original January 2011 RTC action timeframe. Due to uncertainty associated with the LBJ remaining funding balance, some project approvals must be considered in a later month, such as February 2011.

Background: As noted previously, the region is scheduled to receive an up-front concession payment from the SH 161 project being built by NTTA. These RTR funds can be used for roadway, transit, and air quality projects in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. This summer, staff initiated a discussion with the Dallas County RTR Task Force about how to program the SH 161 RTR funds, along with other funds available in Dallas County. In addition, staff has identified a possible partnership opportunity with TxDOT that will leverage regional funds against State funding to construct critical on-system projects that currently lack necessary funding. In December 2010, the Council approved a request by NTTA to extend the deadline for financial close on the SH 161 project. This delay has altered the project selection timeline to accommodate the availability of funding. Staff has also worked closely with agencies in Dallas County that are implementing RTC commitments to identify potential cost savings that can be utilized through this effort. This project review also highlighted the need for cost overruns on existing projects. The reference items below provide background information and a recommendation for how to proceed with each of these issues.

- Reference Item 5.1 – SH 161 RTR Funding Distribution by County (RTC action in January)
- Reference Item 5.2 – Cost Savings on Existing Projects (RTC action in January)
- Reference Item 5.3 – Requests for Cost Increases on Existing Projects (RTC action in January)
- Reference Item 5.4 – Requests to Defederalize or Advance Projects to Earlier Year (RTC action in January)
- Reference Item 5.5 – Project and Revenue Matrix (RTC action in January for project highlighted in bold type)
- Reference Item 5.6 – Project Recommendation Listing (RTC action in January for project highlighted in bold type)
6. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement in Mega Region**  
   Action: ☑  Possible Action: ☐  Information: ☐  Minutes: 10  
   Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG  
   Item Summary: Action will be requested to develop 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 Plan.  
   Background: Michael Morris conducted an RTC Regionalism Workshop in November 2010. Reference Item 6 highlights this needed coordination and an existing status report on where we do and do not have Memorandum of Agreements with our neighboring communities.

7. **SH 161 Update**  
   Action: ☐  Possible Action: ☑  Information: ☐  Minutes: 10  
   Presenter: Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG  
   Item Summary: NTTA and NCTCOG staff will present the latest information regarding the financial closure of SH 161.  
   Background: The RTC has been briefed each month through 2010 on the importance of SH 161. At the time of the mail out, no additional RTC action is necessary. This item is listed for possible action in order to address any needs coming from NTTA over the next week. Communication on SH 161 is included in Electronic Item 7.

8. **TxDOT Fiber Sharing Agreement**  
   Action: ☐  Possible Action: ☑  Information: ☑  Minutes: 5  
   Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG  
   Item Summary: Staff will brief the RTC on the progress to establish a regional Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) fiber network in partnership with TxDOT and other regional partners and how we envision the use and sharing of this regional resource in the future.  
   Background: In 2000, a communication analysis was completed with regional partners agreeing to contribute two strands of every fiber link to be part of a regional ITS fiber network. This included TxDOT, toll authorities, cities, counties and transit agencies. Since that time, a high-level design has been completed and the region has engaged Emergency Operations Centers in this regional partnership. With recent Super Bowl-related activities and the need to coordinate and communicate during this regionally significant event, the fiber network has become a high priority. Based on this, NCTCOG and TxDOT are working on an agreement to utilize this fiber for the Super Bowl-related activities and continue the connections after the Super Bowl.

9. **Mobility 2035**  
   Action: ☐  Possible Action: ☐  Information: ☑  Minutes: 10  
   Presenter: Dan Lamers, NCTCOG  
   Item Summary: Staff will summarize Mobility 2035 draft recommendations and adoption schedule.  
   Background: Since December 2009, staff has been in the process of
developing a new Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Mobility 2035. This effort has included many public meetings and discussions with the RTC and the Surface Transportation Technical Committee. The development effort has resulted in modified policies, an understanding of the financial situation, and project recommendations. The official public involvement effort will start in January 2011 with RTC approval of Mobility 2035 anticipated in March 2011.

2:20 – 2:30  10. **US Army Corps of Engineers Section 404 Agreement Update**

☐ Action  ☐ Possible Action  ☑ Information  Minutes: 10

Presenter: Dan Lamers, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information related to the continuation and funding of an agreement with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to expedite Section 404 permits for regional transportation projects. Staff will provide highlights of the program, the participating partners, project status, and a proposed funding partnership necessary to continue permit work on regional projects.

Background: In March 2008, the RTC approved up to $500,000 to fund USACE positions to provide expedited review of 404 permits associated with regional transportation priority projects. RTC recently issued the last installment of an approved $500,000 to the USACE. In December 2010, Congress extended the authority to enter into such agreements with the USACE for an additional six years. NCTCOG’s existing agreement, due to expire in October 2011, has enhanced communication and coordination between transportation partners and USACE which has led to cost savings and improved environmental stewardship for transportation projects.

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](#))
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Attendance ([Electronic Item 11.3](#))
- Local Motion ([Electronic Item 11.4](#))
- North Texas Transportation Connection ([Reference Item 11.5](#))

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, February 10, 2011, at 1:00 pm, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.*