1:30 p.m.  Full STTC Business Agenda

1:30 – 1:35  1.  Approval of May 22, 2009, Minutes
☑ Action  ☐ Possible Action  ☐ Information  Minutes:  5
Presenter:  Brian Barth, STTC Chair
Item Summary:  Approval of the May 22, 2009, minutes contained in Reference Item 1 will be requested.
Background:  N/A

1:35 – 1:35  2.  Consent Agenda
☑ Action  ☐ Possible Action  ☐ Information  Minutes:  0

2.1.  FY2010 and FY2011 Unified Planning Work Program
Presenter:  Vickie Alexander, NCTCOG
Item Summary:  A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the FY2010 and FY2011 Unified Planning Work Program will be requested.
Background:  North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff, in cooperation with local governments and transportation agencies, has developed the FY2010 and FY2011 Unified Planning Work Program.  This document identifies NCTCOG staff work activities to be performed between October 1, 2009, and September 30, 2011.  The draft document has been submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation for review, and information on the draft was presented at the public meetings held on June 8 and 9, 2009, with a copy of the document available on NCTCOG’s website at http://www.nctcog.org/trans/admin/upwp/index.asp.  A copy of the proposed FY2010 and FY2011 Unified Planning Work Program is included as Reference Item 2.1.

2.2.  2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications
Presenter:  Adam Beckom, NCTCOG
Item Summary:  A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested.
Background:  Revisions to the 2008-2011 TIP are provided as Reference Item 2.2.1 for the Committee’s consideration.  This item will be e-mailed to members.  Administrative amendments are provided for information in Reference Item 2.2.2.  These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the air quality conformity determination and financial constraint of the TIP.
2.3. **Clean School Bus Program Call for Projects Recommendations**

**Presenter:** Amanda Brimmer, NCTCOG  
**Item Summary:** Staff will request a recommendation for RTC approval of funding under the North Central Texas Clean School Bus 2009 Call for Projects.

**Background:** NCTCOG received $200,000 from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through the Blue Skyways Collaborative and $577,766 from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) through the Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) Program. NCTCOG administered a Call for Projects through the North Central Texas Clean School Bus Program. The 2009 Call was issued on February 16, 2009, with a proposal deadline of 5 p.m. on April 17, 2009. 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 as an ordinance by the proposal deadline and private entities were strongly encouraged to adopt a similar type policy. Staff recommends funding for eight school districts to replace a total of 21 high-emitting school buses with lower-emissions buses. Reference Item 2.3.1 provides an overview of the 2009 Call for Projects. Reference Item 2.3.2 provides a summary of recommended funding. 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).

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2.4. **Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Equipment Grant Program Call for Projects**

**Presenter:** Amanda Brimmer, NCTCOG  
**Item Summary:** Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval to administer the Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Equipment Grant Program Call for Projects.

**Background:** NCTCOG was awarded $10 million from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) through the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP). Staff recommends that this funding be combined with $666,000 of EPA funding remaining from the NCTCOG Diesel Idle Reduction Program Call for Projects to administer a single call for projects. This Call, referred to as the Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Equipment Grant Program, will focus on three main areas: local government, construction equipment, and idle reduction projects. The program will dedicate $5 million to local government projects, with a minimum of $666,000 reserved for long-haul, idle-reduction projects. Funding will be awarded on a modified first-come-first-served basis. The Call is proposed to commence on July 20, 2009, and remain open until funding has been fully awarded. Reference Item 2.4 provides an overview of the grant program 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).
Approval to Proceed with the Sell of Carbon Dioxide Emission Credits from Revenue from Non-Transportation Revenue Sources

Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation for RTC approval to proceed with a proposal to sell carbon dioxide credits for unfunded traffic signal retiming projects within the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

Background: NCTCOG staff has been looking into an opportunity to bring more funding to the region for traffic signal retiming by selling carbon dioxide credits to a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote climate change solutions by financing high-quality greenhouse gas offset projects. Currently, the life expectancy for traffic signal retiming projects within the region is estimated to be three years. By accepting credits for these traffic signal retiming projects the region would only be committing to this for a three-year time period in return for funding to improve traffic signal retiming. NCTCOG staff would like to discuss this proposal with the Committee and request a recommendation for RTC approval to proceed with the submission of this proposal.

Approval of Financial Approach for Southwest Parkway/Union Pacific Rail Road Agreement

Item Summary: RTC has approved the financial approach to address the $95 million commitment by the City of Fort Worth and the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) under the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) agreement. The RTC has previously approved the general approach to this item at its March 5, 2009, meeting.

Background: In January 2009, the City of Fort Worth, NTTA, TxDOT, and UPRR entered into an agreement regarding the parties’ respective responsibilities related to Southwest Parkway and the UPRR Davidson Yard. The City of Fort Worth and NTTA have a $95 million...
commitment to pay certain UPRR costs primarily on a cost reimbursement basis. The City and NTTA need to demonstrate their ability to fund this commitment by June 17, 2009, or UPRR could exercise its termination rights. NTTA, TxDOT, the City of Fort Worth, and RTC staff have developed a financial approach to meet these commitments by the necessary timeframe. Reference Item 4.1 is a resolution approving this approach. It includes additional information for clarification. Electronic Item 4.2 contains detailed information regarding the TxDOT cash flow analysis.

1:55 – 2:10  5. Texas Legislature Update
☐ Action  ☐ Possible Action  ☑ Information  Minutes: 15
Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will provide a summary of action taken by the 81st Texas Legislature related to transportation legislation. In addition, information related to the RTC’s legislative program, as well as other bills of interest will also be presented.
Background: The 81st Texas Legislature adjourned on June 1, 2009. Procedural maneuvers during the last week of the session meant that several transportation-related bills did not pass through the Legislature, including the Texas Local Option Transportation Act, the RTC’s top legislative priority.

☐ Action  ☑ Possible Action  ☐ Information  Minutes: 15
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff would like to introduce a revised concept for the Surface Transportation Technical Committee. With the increase in the number of items and the range or type of items being presented, a different committee structure may be necessary.
Background: The Regional Transportation Council wishes to conduct more business at the subcommittee level and there may be an opportunity to create a committee structure at the technical committee that aligns with the new subcommittee structure proposed for RTC. The need for this initiative has been discussed previously and this initiative has no immediate priority for resolution. Committee member feedback is essential.

2:25 – 2:40  7. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Update and $1.5B Discretionary Project Submittal
☑ Action  ☐ Possible Action  ☐ Information  Minutes: 15
Presenters: Christie Jestis, Carrie Reese, Michael Morris NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will request recommendation of RTC approval on selected projects to be awarded with partial funding received from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and discuss the status of economic recovery funds.
Background: Since enactment in February 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) programs and projects have proceeded quickly. EPA has announced funding recommendations related to proposals submitted by NCTCOG under the EPA ARRA. Reference Item 7.1 is a summary of the 12 proposals submitted.
Reference Item 7.2 is a letter announcing NCTCOG was awarded partial funds for two of the twelve proposals, totaling approximately $3.7 million, and Reference Item 7.3 and Reference Item 7.4 provide details on staff’s recommendation of project selection.

In addition, staff will brief the Committee on the status projects selected with funding from ARRA. Information on roadway, transit, goods movement, federal discretionary, Department of Energy clean vehicle and infrastructure funding (Electronic Item 7.5 and Electronic Item 7.6) and high speed rail funding (Electronic Item 7.7) will be discussed as applicable. Electronic Item 7.8 is a master list of transportation projects and programs of which NCTCOG has a role. A comprehensive ARRA Web site with information about programs being managed or monitored by NCTCOG is located at: www.nctcog.org/recovery.

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8. **Fast Facts**

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Item Summary: Brief presentations will be made on the following topics:

- **Jahnae Stout** – July Public Meeting Flyer (Handout)
- **Ralph Zaragoza** – Travel Demand Management Performance Measures (Electronic Item 8.1)
- **Becky Karasko** – Truck Lane Restriction Expansion Status Report (Electronic Item 8.2)
- **D.J. Hale** – AirCheckTexas Program Status (Electronic Item 8.3)
- **Whitney Buehrle** – 2009 Ozone Season (Electronic Item 8.4)
- **James Powell** – Hurst-Euless-Bedford (HEB) Transit Year 2 Report (Electronic Item 8.5)

Written Progress Reports:

- Local Motion (Electronic Item 8.6)
- NTTA Monthly Corridor Status Report (Electronic Item 8.7)
- Mobility Matters (Handout)

9. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

10. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 p.m. on July 24, 2009, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.**