Quick Take

What: Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas

RTC Adopted: March 10, 2011

Significance: Mobility 2035 outlines $101.1 billion in multimodal transportation solutions for the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area. This long-range plan is financially constrained, which means there is expected to be enough money to fund its projects and programs.

By the Numbers:

- Infrastructure Maintenance: $27.3 billion
- Management and Operations Strategies: $4.8 billion
- Growth, Development and Land-Use Strategies: $3.9 billion
- Rail and Bus Improvements: $18.9 billion
- HOV/Managed, Freeway, Tollway, and Arterial Improvements: $46.2 billion

Mobility 2035 has a benefit-cost ratio of 1.30. Every dollar spent yields a $1.30 benefit.

Moving People with Strategic Investments

Mobility 2035: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas is the defining vision for the region’s multimodal transportation system. Approved by the Regional Transportation Council in March 2011, it identifies $101.1 billion in transportation improvements between now and 2035. These improvements seek to reduce congestion and improve air quality, which is important because the region has been designated as a nonattainment area for the pollutant ozone.

Federal regulations require metropolitan transportation plans to be financially constrained. This means Mobility 2035 is not a wish list of improvements, but instead an inventory of affordable projects and programs. To meet financial constraint, Mobility 2035 defers nearly $45 billion worth of improvements over the life of the plan.

Never before has the region experienced such a significant gap between regional mobility needs – which are estimated to be $395.3 billion through 2035 – and funding for improvements. This has ushered in a new era in the way the region plans for and implements transportation improvements. Mobility 2035 focuses on maximizing the existing transportation system, influencing travel behaviors and making strategic infrastructure investments.

The adoption of Mobility 2035 allows crucial programs and projects that seek to meet the region’s transportation goals to move forward to implementation.

Mobility 2035 is the product of a comprehensive, cooperative and continuous planning effort. It will increase mobility, manage congestion, improve air quality and enhance quality of life for the region’s residents.

Mobility 2035 Goals

Mobility
- Improve the availability of transportation options for people and goods
- Support travel efficiency measures and system enhancements targeted at congestion reduction and management
- Assure all communities are provided access to the regional transportation system and planning process

Quality of Life
- Preserve and enhance the natural environment, improve air quality and promote active lifestyles
- Encourage livable communities which support sustainability and economic vitality

System Sustainability
- Ensure adequate maintenance and enhance the safety and reliability of the existing transportation system
- Pursue long-term sustainable revenue sources to address regional transportation system needs

Implementation
- Provide for timely project planning and implementation
- Develop cost-effective projects and programs aimed at reducing the costs associated with constructing, operating and maintaining the regional transportation system
Regional Performance Measures | 2012 | 2035 | % Change
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Population | 6,651,887 | 9,833,378 | 48%
Employment | 4,210,178 | 6,177,016 | 47%
Vehicle Miles of Travel | 176,461,914 | 279,426,796 | 58%
Hourly Capacity (Miles) | 42,331,524 | 50,525,839 | 19%
Vehicle Hours Spent in Delay (Daily) | 1,112,877 | 2,490,143 | 124%
Increase in Travel Time Due to Congestion | 31.5% | 44.8% | 42%
Annual Cost of Congestion (Billions) | $4.5 | $10.1 | 124%

2012 Congestion
Cost of Congestion $4.5 Billion Annually

2035 Future Congestion
Cost of Congestion $10.1 Billion Annually

Congestion Index*
- No Congestion
- Light Congestion
- Moderate Congestion
- Severe Congestion

*Based on a percent increase in travel time

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