

## AGENDA

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, October 26, 2007 North Central Texas Council of Governments

#### 1:30 Full STTC Business Agenda

- 1:30 – 1:35**    1.    **Approval of September 28, 2007, Minutes**  
 Action         Possible Action     Information        Minutes:    5  
Presenter:        Jill House, STTC Chair  
Item Summary:    Approval of the September 28, 2007, minutes contained in [Reference Item 1](#) will be requested.  
Background:        N/A
- 1:35 – 1:35**    2.    **Consent Agenda (No items this month)**  
 Action         Possible Action     Information        Minutes:    0
- 1:35 – 1:45**    3.    **Parker County Bond Program**  
 Action         Possible Action     Information        Minutes:    10  
Presenter:        Michael Morris, NCTCOG  
Item Summary:    Staff will seek the Committee's recommendation to the Regional Transportation Council for approval to leverage up to \$200,000 in interest on RTC Local Funds to support a Parker County Bond Program.  
Background:        Parker County is moving forward on a bond program to place on the ballot for the May 2008 elections. The bond program is anticipated to fund \$40 to \$60 million for transportation improvements. Parker County has requested RTC assistance to advance the funding to secure a consultant to develop the details of the bond program for consideration by Parker County residents. Staff is recommending to fund up to \$200,000 from interest on RTC Local Funds with the condition that the funds be repaid from the bond proceeds and/or other county funds. [Reference Item 3](#) contains additional information.
- 1:45 – 1:50**    4.    **STTC/RTC Fall and Winter Schedule**  
 Action         Possible Action     Information        Minutes:    5  
Presenter:        Michael Morris, NCTCOG  
Item Summary:    Staff will brief the Committee on the meeting schedules for STTC and RTC during the months of November-December 2007 and January 2008.  
Background:        The meeting schedules for November, December, and January have been revised due to the upcoming holidays and the approval of final project recommendations using proceeds from the S.H. 121 toll road.

1:50 – 2:00

5. **Regional Transit Action Plan**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Committee on a Draft Interim Action Plan for the Regional Transit Initiative, which is included as [Electronic Item 5](#). Staff will also seek input from the Committee on additional ideas to be included in the plan.

Background: Regional leaders have been working on securing additional funding for a seamless regional rail system since 2002. Past efforts to pass legislation exempting the transit sales tax from the local sales tax cap have been unsuccessful. In order to better prepare for the 81<sup>st</sup> Texas Legislature, a Draft Interim Action Plan has been developed to guide staff and the Regional Transportation Council on actions and partnerships necessary to get legislation passed.

2:00 – 2:10

6. **Milestone and Defederalization Policy**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Jestis, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Committee on the draft Milestone and Defederalization Policies, which are designed to ensure that projects are implemented in a timely manner.

Background: In October 2005 the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved a new Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Modification Policy, which did not include the Milestone and Defederalization Policy components. At that time staff committed to bring these two policies back to the Council as independent policies. The Milestone Policy, provided as [Electronic Item 6.1](#), is designed to track and monitor project implementation and ensure that projects are completed in a timely manner. [Electronic Item 6.2](#), the Defederalization Policy, will allow projects to be removed from the federal program and funded with 100 percent local funds. This policy creates opportunities to expedite projects.

2:10 – 2:20

7. **2007 Ozone Season Summary**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Brimmer, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will update the Committee on air quality activities recently occurring in North Central Texas.

Background: October 31, 2007, ends another ozone season for the Dallas-Fort Worth nonattainment area. Staff will present on ozone activity during the 2007 season and on historical perspectives with regard to individual monitor exceedances and trends for the 8-Hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard. Detailed information is provided as [Electronic Item 7.1](#). [Electronic Item 7.2](#) contains NCTCOG comments regarding the proposed revisions to the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

2:20 – 2:35

8. **Overview of NCTCOG's Transportation Website**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15

Presenter: Mark Sattler and Robert Hall, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present information related to the transportation section of the NCTCOG website, including capabilities, administration, usage statistics, and future plans.

Background: The NCTCOG Transportation Internet home page is located at <http://www.nctcog.org/trans>. The site includes a variety of pages providing information on many aspects of regional transportation planning. It also includes interactive features such as database queries, form submission, and online mapping. The site is developed, maintained, and managed through the collaborative efforts of numerous departmental staff, including information analysts, planners, and administrative assistants. Usage of the site is monitored with a package called Google Analytics, which provides detailed statistics on various aspects of the site. Staff recently performed a comparative evaluation of the NCTCOG website with those of other large MPOs across the country, and the results of this survey are being used to prioritize future enhancements to the NCTCOG website.

2:35 – 2:50

9. **Fast Facts**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15

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

- *Pamela Burns* – Marketing and Outreach Update ([Electronic Item 9.1](#))
- *Pamela Burns* – North Texas Clean Air Coalition Update
- *Wei Wei Cham* – Air North Texas Update
- *Lori Pampell* – SmartWay Affiliate Award
- *Fletcher Clark* – Demonstration Encroachment Analysis Surrounding Lancaster Airport
- *Michael Mallonee* – Aviation Technologies and Industry Trends Report
- *Amanda Brimmer* – North Central Texas Clean School Bus Program Update
- *Sonya Jackson* – Engineering Tools Table ([Electronic Item 9.2](#))
- *Michael Morris* – S.H. 121 Environmental Clearance ([Electronic Item 9.3](#))
- *Jahnae Stout* – Public Comment Regarding F.M. 2499 Section 4 and RTC Response ([Electronic Item 9.4](#))
- Written Progress Reports:
  - Local Motion ([Electronic Item 9.5](#))

10. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
11. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for ***1:30 p.m. on December 7, 2007, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***