

# REGIONAL FREIGHT ADVISORY COMMITTEE



## PURPOSE

Established to enhance the regional freight system through information, knowledge and technology sharing between public and private freight interests, the Regional Freight Advisory Committee is integral to preserving the economic vitality of the region as a result of the safe, efficient movement of goods to, from and within North Texas.

The Committee:

- Advises NCTCOG staff and the Regional Transportation Council.
- Promotes the region's intermodal capabilities and capacity.
- Develops and implements a regional freight strategy.

## PERSPECTIVE

North Texas is the nation's largest inland port based on area, and more freight is processed in the region than in 27 states. Freight tonnage is projected to increase by 61 percent by 2040.

The expansive, congested freight network presents opportunities and challenges. The Regional Freight Advisory Committee will help identify solutions and improvements related to multimodal freight issues:

- Tower 55 freight rail bottleneck
- IH 35W truck bottleneck
- Lack of public awareness of freight needs
- Deteriorating infrastructure
- Safety, mobility, accessibility

Freight is vital to the Dallas-Fort Worth area's economy, as well as the Texas economy. In 2008, the region accounted for 32 percent of the Texas Gross Domestic Product. Trade, transportation and utilities account for approximately 23 percent of regional jobs. Also, from North Texas 98 percent of the US population can be reached within 48 hours by truck.

## BY THE NUMBERS

**4** Intermodal hubs for processing shipments

Approximately **80%** of all goods processed in the region are delivered by **trucks**

**2** airports with significant **air cargo** operations

**16,000** miles of **pipeLine** network

**4** foreign trade zones

**3** Class I **railroads** and multiple short-line railroads operating on more than 2,000 miles of rail in the region to serve all 48 contiguous states, Alaska, Canada and Mexico

### About the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG):

NCTCOG is a voluntary association of local governments established in 1966 to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. NCTCOG's purpose is to strengthen both the individual and collective power of local governments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication and make joint decisions.

### About the Metropolitan Planning Organization:

The NCTCOG Transportation Department and Regional Transportation Council form the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for regional transportation planning in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Federally designated as the MPO in 1974, the MPO works in cooperation with the region's transportation providers to address the complex transportation needs of the rapidly growing region.

