

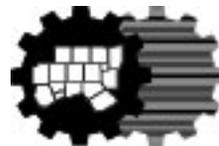


Improving Management and Oversight of: **METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS**

Senate Transportation and
Homeland Security Committee



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2008 Population Served

	Current MPO	Proposed MPO
Population 2008	6,015,000	6,412,000
Dallas	✓	✓
Tarrant	✓	✓
Collin	✓	✓
Denton	✓	✓
Rockwall	✓	✓
Parker	Partial	✓
Johnson	Partial	✓
Ellis	Partial	✓
Kaufman	Partial	✓
Wise	-	✓
Hood	-	✓
Hunt	-	✓



Dallas-Fort Worth MPO Governance

MPO For Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, McKinney and Denton-Lewisville

Transportation Decisions:

Regional Transportation Council (created 1974)

City Elected Officials (25): “One Person – One Vote” (Each member represents 200,000 persons)

County Elected Officials (8)

Transportation Providers (7): Voting Rights

Fiduciary Agent:

NCTCOG Executive Board (created 1966)



RTC – EXECUTIVE BOARD OVERLAP

MEMBER	RTC	EXECUTIVE BOARD
Linda Koop	Chair	✓
B. Glen Whitley	Vice Chair	Secretary-Treasurer
John Murphy	✓	President
Mike Cantrell	✓	✓
Sheri Capehart	✓	✓



INGREDIENTS OF SUCCESS: HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

**Federal Regulation/Governor Consensus for
Metropolitan Planning Organizations**

**Regional Transportation Council and
Executive Board with Strong Leadership**

State with Delegated Project Authority

Focus on Programs and Project Delivery

Strong Analytical Foundation



OVERSIGHT



	FEDERAL	STATE¹
Transportation	23 CFR 450, 220	State Contract, Chapter 391 (C06) 43 Tex Admin. Code 15.2, 15.3
Air Quality	42 U.S.C., 7504, 7506	Conformity Review
Environmental Justice	Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964	Project-specific Environmental Approval
Anti-Discrimination	49 U.S.C. 5332	
Disadvantaged Business Access	49 CFR part 26	
Equal Opportunity Contracting	23 CFR part 230	
ADA Compliance	42 U.S.C. 1401	
Older Americans Act Compliance	42 U.S.C. 6101	
Gender Compliance	23 U.S.C. 324	
Disability Compliance	29 U.S.C 794	

¹Pre-approve work program, travel and purchases of fixed assets

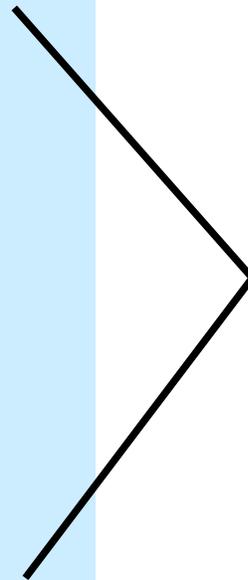
ROLE AS MPO (6 P's)

METHODS

Plans
Programs
Policies
Projects
Performance
Partnerships

OUTCOMES

Planning
Management and
Operations
Project Delivery (Off-
System)
Financial Partnership



SELECTIVE PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Executive Board Strategic Plan

Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Congestion Management Program

Transportation Improvement Program/Project Selection

Unified Planning Work Program

Air Quality Conformity

Annual “State of the Region”

Technical Tools (Models, Safety, Security, Finance)





MPO REVENUE CENTERS

Executive Board Serves as Fiscal Agent

Revenue Center 1 - Transportation Planning Formula Funds
Funding Sources: FHWA, FTA, TxDOT

Revenue Center 2 - Transportation Planning Non-Formula Funds
Funding Sources: USDOD, USDOT, TxDOT, TCEQ, NTTA, FAA, STP-MM, Private Firms, Various Local, NCTCOG

Revenue Center 3 - Implementation Federal/State/Other Funds
Funding Sources: FTA, EPA, TCEQ, SECO, DART, STP-MM, CMAQ, Sue Pope, Private Firms, Various Local

Revenue Center 4 - Implementation RTC Local Funds
Funding Sources: RTC Local, Various Local

Revenue Center 5 – Implementation Regional Toll Revenue Funds
Funding Sources: Public/Private Toll Provider Payments

MPO DECISION-MAKING ABILITY (TxDOT, Others)

TxDOT

Project Selection Authority for Air Quality
Projects

Project Selection Authority from Concession
Payments and Surplus Revenue

Joint Selection Authority on Gas Tax Projects

Air Quality Conformity Outside MPO

Regulated Toll Policies on Private Sector
Projects

Off-System Project Delivery

TCEQ

Emission Inventory Development

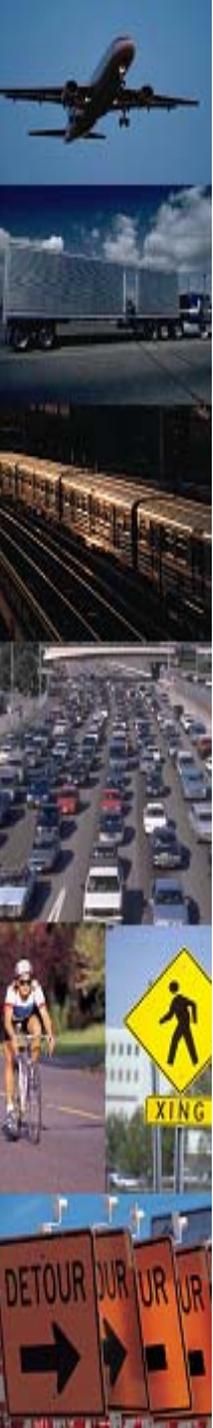
AirCheck Implementation (through Counties)



Texas MPOs: Variations of Structures

Fiduciary Agents

Council of Governments	6
Local Government	11
Independent Organization	<u>8</u>
	25



NEXT STEPS

Maintain 20% Funding Match with MPOs

Press For Larger Geographies

Focus on Outcome, Not Process (Texas Metropolitan Mobility Plan)

Permit Flexibility in Fiduciary Agent Structures

Reward Innovation (Alliance Runway Example)

What Replaces Trans Texas Corridor?

Role of MPOs

