

MINUTES

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL ONLINE INPUT OPPORTUNITY

10-Year Plan Update

Mobility 2045 Update: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas

2020 Ozone Season and Transportation Trends

EV and NG Data Collection Project

Online Public Input Opportunity Dates

Monday, May 11, 2020 - Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) posted information at www.nctcog.org/input for public review and comment.

Purpose and Topics

The online public input opportunity was provided in accordance with the NCTCOG Transportation Department Public Participation Plan, which became effective June 1, 1994, as approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), the transportation policy board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), and amended on November 8, 2018. Staff posted information regarding:

1. 10-Year Plan Update
2. Mobility 2045 Update: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas
3. 2020 Ozone Season and Transportation Trends
4. EV and NG Data Collection Project

The NCTCOG online public input opportunity was provided to inform and seek comments from the public. Comments and questions were submitted by email at transinfo@nctcog.org, online at www.nctcog.org/input, by mail at PO Box 5888, Arlington, TX 76005 and by fax at 817-640-3028. Printed copies of the online materials were also made available by calling 817-608-2365 or emailing cbaylor@nctcog.org.

Summary of Presentations

10-Year Plan Update presentation:

<https://www.nctcog.org/nctcg/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Involve/InputMeetings/2020/05/2020-10-Year-Plan.pdf>

Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) are required by law to develop 10-year plans using performance-based planning and project selection methods. A regional 10-Year Plan was approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) in December 2016 and includes projects selected by NCTCOG, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC). A series of updates were made to the Plan in August 2017, August 2018 and September 2019 in conjunction with the development of TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program (UTP).

The same project scoring process used for the 2019 10-Year Plan update was used for the 2020 update. Additional projects were submitted by TxDOT for inclusion in the Corridor Preservation Program. This program consists of projects that may be added to the 10-Year Plan in the future and need a preliminary commitment in order to commence pre-construction activities like right-of-way acquisition. Some projects that were previously part of this program are being proposed for construction funding through this latest update.

TxDO has also been developing the 2021 UTP and has coordinated with NCTCOG staff to draft a project listing that includes project scores, project revisions and potential new projects. The list was refined in February and March 2020 as a result of funding targets being received after the January 31 deadline.

An update to the 2020 UTP, which included funding for the IH 35 project in Austin, was approved by the TTC on April 30, 2020. In order to fully fund the project, the TTC opted to utilize Category 12 funds that would have otherwise been used for projects in other parts of the State, including Dallas-Fort Worth. This action, combined with lower than anticipated revenues, has led to a sharp decline in the amount of UTP funding coming to the region.

The RTC will take action on the 10-Year Plan update on June 11, 2020. The TTC is expected to take action on the 2021 UTP on August 27, 2020.

Mobility 2045 Update: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas presentation:

<https://www.nctcog.org/nctcog/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Involve/InputMeetings/2020/05/Mobility-Plan-A.pdf>

Mobility 2045 is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) that defines a long-term vision for the region's transportation system and guides spending of federal and State transportation funds. This includes funding for highways, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities and other programs that reduce congestion and improve air quality.

The Plan was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on June 14, 2018, and Transportation Conformity was achieved on November 21, 2018. Mobility 2045 has nine goals and its vision is to improve the region's mobility today and tomorrow by embracing technology and innovation. NCTCOG staff is currently working on an update to Mobility 2045 and focused on refining objectives, developing performance measures, setting targets and initiating coordination efforts.

The official comment period for the Mobility 2045 update will take place in April and May of 2022. The RTC will take action on the update in June 2022.

2020 Ozone Season and Transportation Trends presentation:

<https://www.nctcog.org/nctcog/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Involve/InputMeetings/2020/05/Effects-of-COVID.pdf>

In coordination with regional partners, the NCTCOG Transportation Department has collected data related to the effects of COVID-19 on the transportation system. The data has been divided into six categories: Roadway, Transit, Air Quality, Non-motorized Trips, Airport and Crash Data.

The data shows a decrease in traffic, toll road usage and transit ridership from the beginning to the end of March 2020. Air quality maps also show a decrease in nitrogen dioxides from February to March 2020.

Additionally, there was a large increase in use of regional bicycle and pedestrian trails from the beginning to the end of March 2020. There was a 52 percent decrease in passenger enplanements and deplanements at Dallas Love Field when comparing activity in March 2019 and March 2020. Data also shows a decrease in crash occurrences in every Dallas-Fort Worth county from the beginning to the end of March 2020.

EV and NG Data Collection Projects presentation:

https://www.nctcog.org/nctcog/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Involve/InputMeetings/2020/05/EV_NG_Data.pdf

Led by Energetics, the Electric Vehicle Widescale Analysis for Tomorrow's Transportation Solutions (EV WATTS) project will collect data from 1,600 plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs) and 10,000 charging stations nationwide. The goal is to gather and secure regional data partner commitments from organizations, fleets and projects representing a variety of applications.

The Department of Energy (DOE) has allocated \$4 million for the initiative and the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition is one of 10 participating Clean Cities partners nationwide. Aggregated data and public summaries will be shared throughout the project with DOE and national laboratories. The data is being collected from all-electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and various charging infrastructure sites.

If interested in becoming a data partner, you must have a PEV that tracks trip levels and longitudinal data or be willing to install free data loggers on your vehicle. Participating charging stations must be able to track session level or interval level data. For more information, interested parties should email cleancities@nctcog.org.

Led by Clean Fuels Ohio, the Natural Gas Vehicle Updated Performance Tracking Integrating Maintenance Expenses (U.P.-T.I.M.E.) Analysis will quantify differences in maintenance costs between diesel and natural gas vehicles (NGVs), determine maintenance cost changes and improvements of newer generation NGVs compared to older generation NGVs and capture impacts of different technology solutions and best practices that impact and reduce maintenance costs. The goals of the project are to recruit fleet data partners, facilitate execution of data sharing agreements and disseminate study results and individual fleet analysis reports

The DOE has allocated \$500,000 for the initiative, and the DFWCC is one of five participating Clean Cities partners nationwide. For more information, interested parties should email cleancities@nctcog.org.

WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY WEBSITE, MAIL, EMAIL and SOCIAL MEDIA

10-Year Plan Update

Mail

Please see attachment for comment submitted via mail.

Other

Email

Karen Speitel

Regarding transportation issues in Tarrant County, I am unable to attend public meetings. However, I wanted to ask that you please consider my opinion.

I am not in favor whatsoever in having public buses within Tarrant County. Bus services bring crime, pollution and impede traffic flow. Please do not add any bus services whatsoever.

Thank you very much for your time.

Response by Carli Baylor, NCTCOG

Hi, Karen

Thank you for contacting the NCTCOG Transportation Department. We appreciate you taking the time to provide us with your thoughts and feedback.

If you are not able to physically attend, we live stream all of our in-person meetings so people can still participate in real time. The stream can be found at www.nctcog.org/video (just click on the live tab).

Additionally, we post presentation materials and information for all of our public input opportunities at www.nctcog.org/input. We're also happy to mail hard copies of presentations to you upon request.

Due to the current pandemic, all of our public input opportunities are currently being conducted online, but we will return to hosting in-person meetings when it is safe to do so. Again, thank you for providing your input and please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any further questions.

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Dear Carlis:

Thank you for the information that you sent me at my request. Your letter indicates that comments are to be submitted by June 9, 2020.

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and Regional 10-Year Plan Update
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I am particularly in favor of the following principles for the development of the Regional 10-Year Plan:

- Fully fund existing projects before funding new projects
- Ensure equity of County allocations

Page 6. Draft map - Dallas-Fortworth Regional

10 Year Plan Projects FY 2017 FY 2030

Regarding the use of dark blue for previously approved projects and dark green for newly proposed projects -

I recommend two colors with greater contrast, as it is difficult to differentiate these two colors (dark green and dark blue) on the map.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Silver

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