

Regional Transportation Council Transportation Calls for Projects



Transportation and Environment Committee

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Purpose

- Brief the TEC on the current Regional Transportation Council (RTC) strategic funding programs under its Partnership Program 3
- Present a staff recommendation for developing projects for submittal and a schedule for Council action on these projects

RTC Partnership Program Call for Projects

Program	Eastern Allocation	Submittal Deadline
Freeway Interchange and Bottleneck Program	\$30.06 M	October 7, 2005
Arterial Street Program	\$15.95 M	November 4, 2005
Arterial Intersection/Bottleneck Program	\$14.97 M	November 4, 2005
Intelligent Transportation Systems	\$22.62 M	November 4, 2005
Sustainable Development Projects and Programs	\$29.02 M	January 20, 2006
Total	\$112.62 M	



Partnership Program Workshops

- NCTCOG is holding workshops to explain:
 - Selection and funding process
 - Project implementation process
 - Timeframe required for implementation
- Workshop Schedule:
 - NCTCOG Offices, Arlington on 9/22/05
 - Richardson Civic Center on 10/4/05



Freeway Interchange and Bottleneck Program

- **Emphasis Areas**
 - Auxiliary lanes added to a highway
 - New interchange between highway and arterial street
 - Improvement to an interchange
 - Improvement to an existing highway/arterial crossing
 - Locations identified in the 2005 Regional Mobility Plan or the 2003 DFW Commuter Traffic Study
 - Corridors that did not receive funding through Partnership Program 1
 - Projects that create permanent improvements
 - Projects that are ready for construction
- **Funding Shares**
 - 1/3 local and 1/3 RTC and 1/3 TxDOT



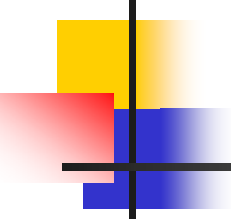
Arterial Street Program

- Emphasis Areas
 - Widening or extension of an existing arterial roadway
 - Construction of a new arterial roadway
 - Projects that improve mobility and safety
 - Projects that target most congested areas
 - Projects that are identified in the metropolitan transportation plan and transportation conformity
 - Projects that involve multiple transportation modes
 - Project that create permanent improvements
 - Projects that are ready for construction
- Funding Shares
 - 80% RTC and 20% local



Arterial Intersection and Bottleneck Program

- **Emphasis Areas**
 - Low cost improvements that reduce travel time, delay and/or accidents
 - Projects that improve mobility, safety and air quality at arterial intersections or along arterials
 - Projects that are identified in the metropolitan transportation plan, transportation conformity and/or major investment studies
 - Projects that involve multiple transportation modes
 - Projects that create permanent improvements
 - Projects that are ready for construction
- **Funding Shares**
 - 80% RTC and 20% local



Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS)

- **Emphasis Areas**
 - Projects that fill gaps in the existing ITS infrastructure by completing critical systems
 - Projects that enhance interagency cooperation
 - Projects that increase the reliability of the existing transportation system
 - Projects that promote multimodal usage
- **Funding Shares**
 - 80% RTC and 20% local



Identification of Highway, Arterial and ITS Projects

- Projects that address Council priorities such as the NAFTA and Trinity
- Projects identified on the Needs Inventory
- Projects identified in previous transportation studies



Identification of Highway, Arterial and ITS Projects

10/7/05	Draft list of highway projects submitted to NCTCOG to meet deadline
10/14/05	Draft list of projects distributed to Council for review and comment
10/24/05	TEC briefing on recommended project submissions
10/26/05	Council action to endorse project submissions
11/4/05	Arterial and ITS projects submitted to NCTCOG



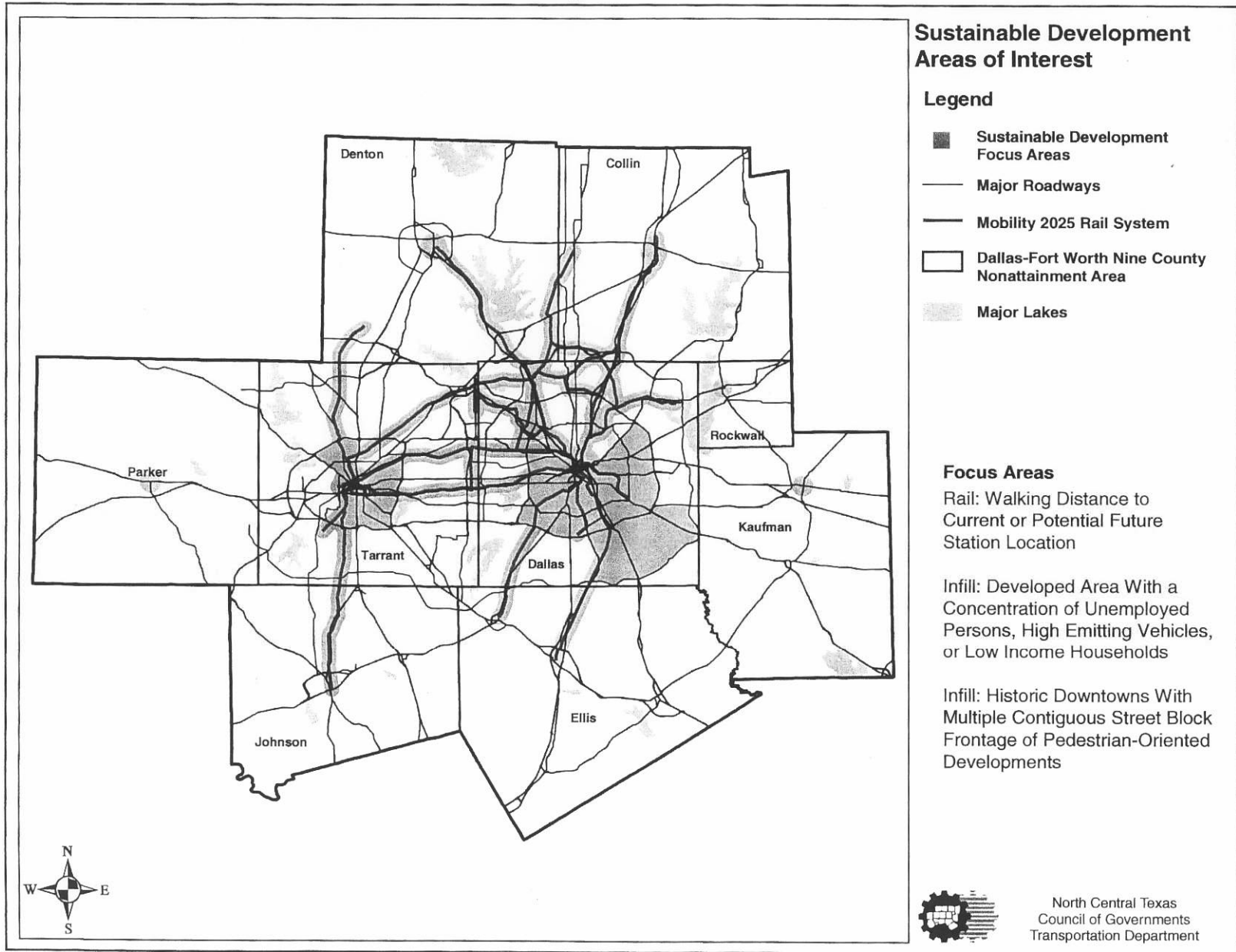
Sustainable Development Projects and Programs

- Land Use/Transportation Joint Venture Program – City acts as sponsor for private sector partnership with RTC
 - RTC provides funding and planning
 - Private sector provides mixed use, infill and transit oriented development
 - City provides planning, zoning, development incentives, public infrastructure maintenance and code enforcement



Sustainable Development Projects and Programs

- Two step process...
 - Step 1: Identify sustainable development “focus areas” to narrow the range of project submissions – NCTCOG released information on this step on 9/12/05 and wants comments by 10/12/05
 - Step 2: Issue a call for sustainable development projects on 10/17/05 – deadline for submission is 1/20/06



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Sustainable Development Projects and Programs

- Proposed focus areas:
 - Rail: walking distance to current or potential future station location
 - Infill: developed area with a concentration of unemployed persons, high emitting vehicles, or low income households
 - Infill: historic downtowns with multiple contiguous street block frontage of pedestrian-oriented developments
- Staff recommends forwarding a letter to NCTCOG supporting these focus areas



Sustainable Development Projects and Programs

- Funding provided for:
 - Transportation Infrastructure
 - Land Banking
 - Local Sustainable Development Planning Programs
- Funding Shares
 - 80% RTC and 20% local



Sustainable Development Projects and Programs

- Project Selection Criteria
 - Expanded rail service accessibility
 - Support for transit-oriented development
 - Support for local infill development
 - Consistent with focus areas
 - Correct zoning in place
 - Public/private partnership



Identification of Sustainable Development Projects

- Interdepartmental team set up to guide project development process
- RFP developed and issued to solicit proposals from the private sector
- Proposals reviewed and ranked according to established criteria
- Recommendation forwarded to TEC and full Council for review and approval before 1/20/06 submission deadline