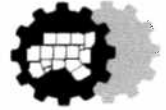


Regional Transportation Council

The Transportation Policy Body for the North Central Texas Council of Governments
(Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region)



July 15, 2010

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Mr. William Meadows
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Dear Chair Delisi and Commissioners Houghton, Underwood, Holmes and Meadows:

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC), the policy body for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, is dedicated to innovatively and equitably addressing the complex transportation issues facing the region.

Leadership of local elected officials, partnerships and innovative thinking are advancing transportation projects in North Texas. The RTC recognizes collaboration, trust and transparency have been and will be essential to the region's success in funding projects as the State and nation face a significant funding shortfall. The RTC adheres to a policy of equitably distributing funds among Texas Department of Transportation districts. A comprehensive record of allocations, expenditures and performance measures is maintained to ensure all parts of the region benefit equally from transportation funding and improvements over time.

Not only are MPO-selected projects accounted for in the record, but projects selected by the Texas Transportation Commission are also incorporated to ensure all funds are equitably distributed. Due to varying implementation schedules, at any given time the distribution among the Texas Department of Transportation districts may differ from the regional policy. We have maintained a very close tolerance of 31 percent west and 69 percent east fair-share allocation in our region, and Attachment 1 summarizes this information. The Regional Transportation Council re-emphasized the importance of maintaining the funding balance in a resolution passed in February 2010 (Attachment 2).

The RTC will continue to ensure North Texas transportation investments are balanced. The RTC looks forward to continuing to partner with cities, counties and the Texas Transportation Commission to address the mobility challenges facing the rapidly growing Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area.

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If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact us or Michael Morris, P.E., Director of Transportation for the North Central Texas Council of Governments, at (817) 695-9241.

Sincerely,



Ron Natinsky
Chair, Regional Transportation Council
Councilmember, City of Dallas



Jungus Jordan
Vice Chair, Regional Transportation Council
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Pete Kamp
Secretary, Regional Transportation Council
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Denton

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Attachments

**District and County Statistic (DISCOS) Analysis
1999-2009**

Year	Western Subregion		Eastern Subregion		Cumulative Total		Cumulative Percentage	
	Total Expenditures	Percentage	Total Expenditures	Percentage	Western	Eastern	Western	Eastern
1999	\$269,615,138	36.54	\$468,308,714	63.46	\$269,615,138	\$468,308,714	36.54	63.46
2000	\$287,803,016	32.10	\$608,892,002	67.90	\$557,418,154	\$1,077,200,716	34.10	65.90
2001	\$283,419,930	34.00	\$550,106,353	66.00	\$840,838,084	\$1,627,307,070	34.07	65.93
2002	\$296,003,348	34.73	\$556,351,029	65.27	\$1,136,841,433	\$2,183,658,099	34.24	65.76
2003	\$246,483,711	28.20	\$627,548,270	71.80	\$1,383,325,144	\$2,811,206,368	32.98	67.02
2004	\$259,651,558	27.01	\$701,827,013	72.99	\$1,642,976,701	\$3,513,033,381	31.87	68.13
2005	\$327,934,051	30.24	\$756,508,520	69.76	\$1,970,910,752	\$4,269,541,901	31.58	68.42
2006	\$312,589,548	29.62	\$742,575,037	70.38	\$2,283,500,300	\$5,012,116,939	31.30	68.70
2007	\$384,416,787	30.55	\$873,707,797	69.45	\$2,667,917,087	\$5,885,824,736	31.19	68.81
2008	\$418,538,649	28.23	\$1,063,988,628	71.77	\$3,086,455,736	\$6,949,813,364	30.75	69.25
2009	\$402,159,919	22.62	\$1,375,617,066	77.38	\$3,488,615,655	\$8,325,430,429	29.53	70.47

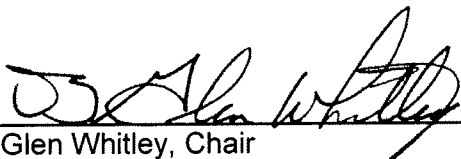
Fair Share Allocation

Years	Western Subregion	Eastern Subregion
1999-2003	32%	68%
2004-Present	31%	69%

**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL POLICY POSITION ON
TXDOT NON-FORMULA ACCOUNTING SYSTEM
WITH REGARD TO EAST/WEST EQUITY
(P10-03)**

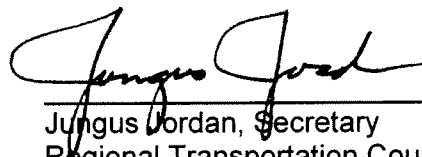
The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) prefers formula allocations to the region and has requested several times that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) be sensitive to the long-standing east/west equity positions within the Dallas-Fort Worth region in its allocation of funds to North Central Texas. This policy applies to TxDOT programs that do not follow current formula allocations. They include, for example, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act I, possible American Recovery and Reinvestment Act II, Proposition 12 (Phase 1 and Phase 2), and the Proposition 14 Project Advance Programs.

The Regional Transportation Council directs staff to inventory TxDOT project commitments, starting January 1, 2010, that are not formula allocated in order to maintain east/west equity over time. Staff shall monitor these allocations, considering the RTC's east/west funding distribution position, and report back to the Regional Transportation Council regularly. Therefore, this RTC policy prefers formula allocation; however, in its absence, this policy directs staff to inventory the equity of TxDOT project selections over time.



B. Glen Whitley, Chair
Regional Transportation Council
County Judge, Tarrant County

I hereby certify that this policy position was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area on February 11, 2010.



Jungus Jordan, Secretary
Regional Transportation Council
Councilmember, City of Fort Worth