

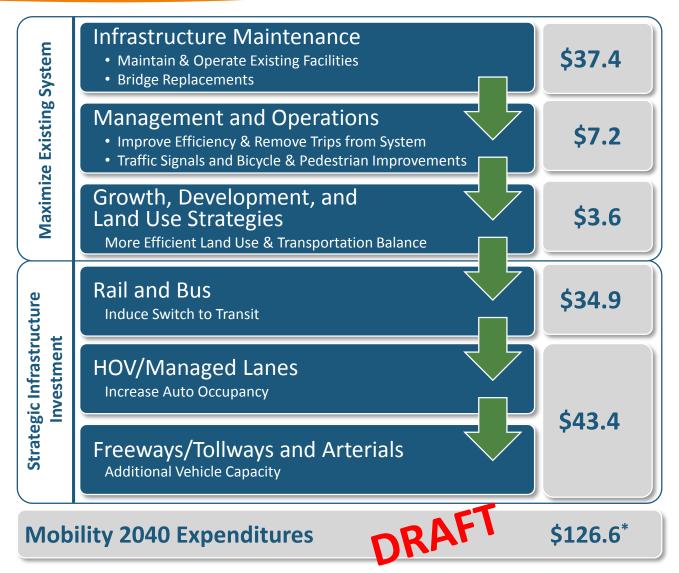
The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas

Regional Transportation Council Chad McKeown, AICP January 14, 2016

Mobility 2040 Guiding Principles

- Conduct comprehensive corridor evaluations
- Reevaluate toll facility recommendations
- Review needed arterial improvements
- Reassess regional rail recommendations
- Update the Regional Veloweb
- Maintain and enhance existing infrastructure
- Consider the role of new technology

Mobility 2040 Prioritization and Expenditures



*Actual dollars, in billions. Values may not sum due to independent rounding.

Regional Veloweb

Facility Status

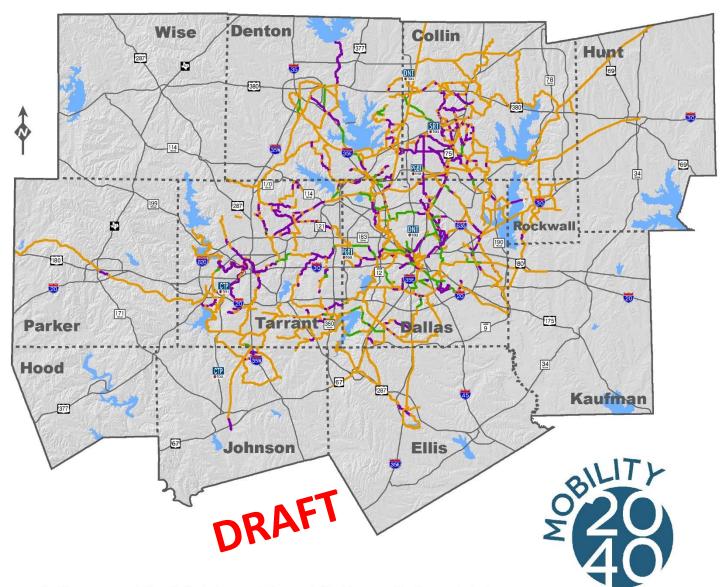






Fort Worth CBD







Facility recommendations indicate transportation need. Corridors specific alignment, design, and operational characteristics for the Regional Veloweb system will be determined through ongoing project development.

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December 2015

Major Transit Corridor Recommendations

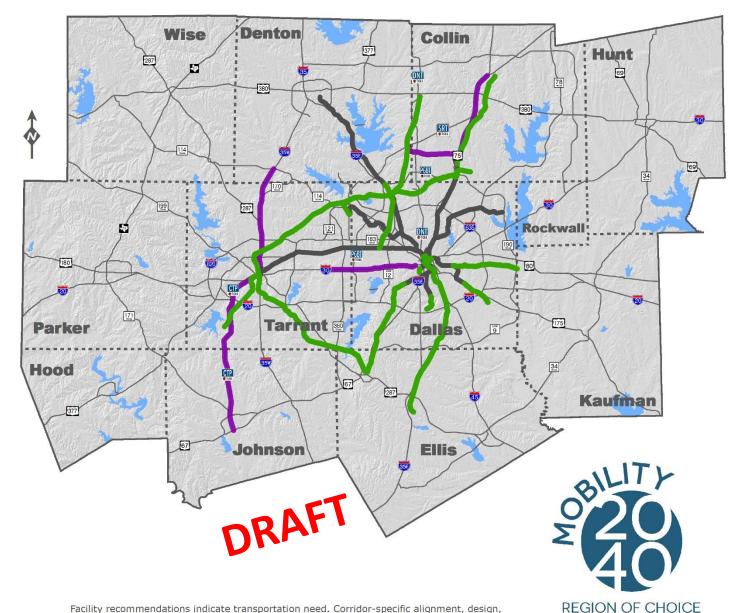
Recommended Rail
Recommended
High-Intensity Bus
Existing Rail
Major Roadways

Dallas CBD



Fort Worth CBD







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January 2016

At the December 10 meeting, the RTC requested that NCTCOG staff solicit public input regarding bus or rail options on the Cotton Belt corridor east of DFW Airport.

The RTC requested public input on:

Bus or rail options on the Cotton Belt corridor including interim or long-term implementation

The need for seamless connections (e.g. one-seat ride) between TEX Rail west of the airport and the Cotton Belt corridor east of the airport Public feedback to date from December public meetings is provided as Electronic Item 3.4.

Support was expressed for seamless connections policy.

Comments showed local support for pursuing a rail solution in the Cotton Belt Corridor. Feedback in support of rail included:

- Attracting more riders than bus service
- Reducing emissions
- Strengthening economic development potential
- Improving DFW Airport's international competitiveness
- Enhancing ridership on TEX Rail

Mobility 2040 will include the "RTC Policy Position on Transit Implementation in the Cotton Belt Corridor (P16-01)"

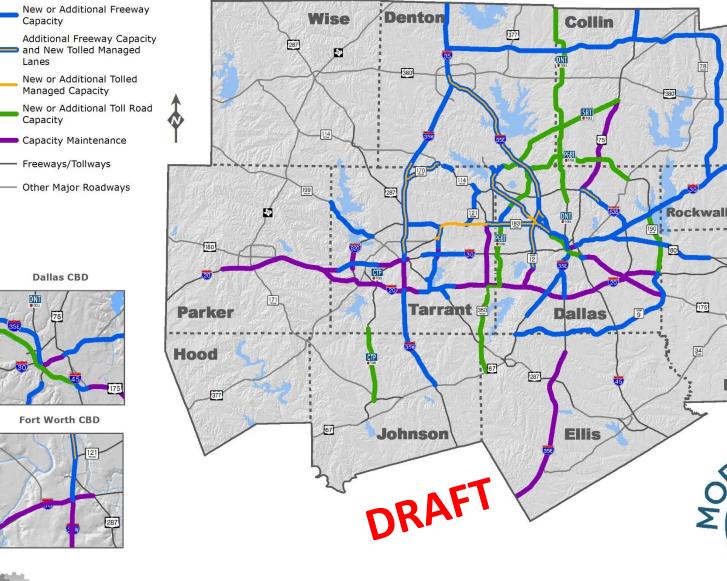
Regional Rail line from DFW Airport to Plano with one-seat ride connectivity with TEX Rail

Expedite project delivery to include in "Ten-Year Plan"

If rail service cannot be expedited, review potential for High Intensity Bus service as an early implementation phase



Major Roadway Recommendations



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Southern Gateway General Consensus (Near Term)

- Make improvements on US 67 to aid Southwest Center redevelopment
- Need for a 5-2Reversible-5 lane configuration north of US 67
- Reconfigure and widen US 67 north of IH 20 to 3-1Reversible-3
- Widen US 67 south of IH 20 to 3-3
- No toll components
- Stage construct at \$650 million
- Build pedestrian cap north of Dallas Zoo
- Importance of connectivity to Lowest Stemmons

LBJ East General Consensus

- Build tolled managed lanes west of Royal/Miller
- Expedite committed noise wall construction (January 2016 RTC)
- Advance Skillman/Audelia construction (2016 ROW, 2017 construction)
- Need for a 5-2-2-5 lane configuration
- The elevated managed lanes section should not be evaluated further
- The depressed section east of Royal/Miller Road should only be evaluated to save right-of-way (ROW) in small section
- Continue to investigate opportunities to reduce ROW impacts, particularly east of Royal/Miller
- The design will include continuous frontage roads and improved interchanges throughout the corridor
- Phase IH 30 interchange if Prop. 7 allocations are less than expected

US 75 General Consensus

- Complete construction in Allen area
- Complete bottleneck improvement at PGBT/15th Street and remove pylons to allow for general traffic to use the HOV lane as part of immediate construction project

Phase 1

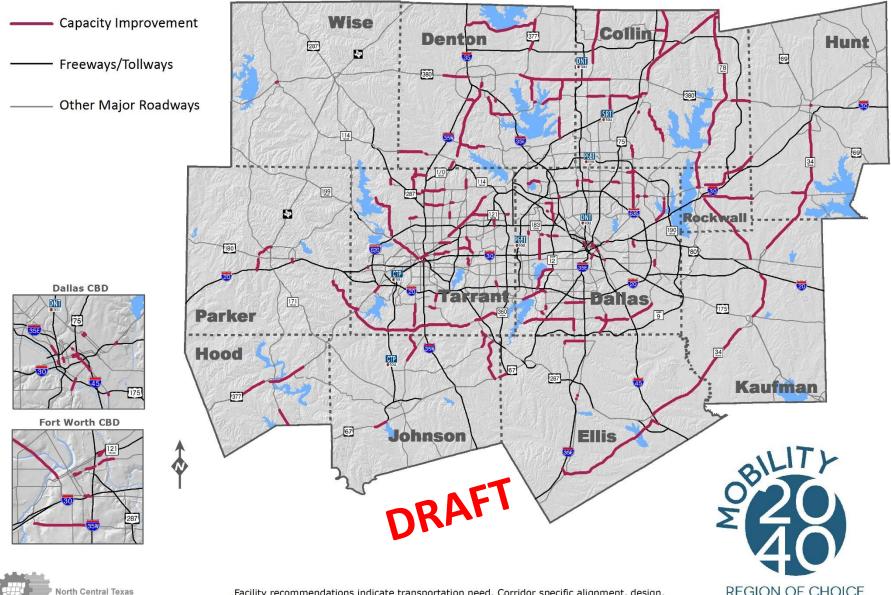
- Close current HOV lane and remove pylons to convert back to shoulder
- Implement peak period shoulder use similar to SH 161
- Utilize shoulder for off-peak non-recurring congestion events managed through multi-agency task force including first responders

Phase 2

Continue to review options for ultimate US 75 improvements

Kelly Selman, P.E., TxDOT-Dallas and Michael Morris, P.E., NCTCOG – December 4, 2015

Funded Major Arterial Improvements



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Illustrative Major Roadway Corridors for Future Evaluation

Future Evaluation Mobility 2040 Corridor Recommendation Freeways/Tollways

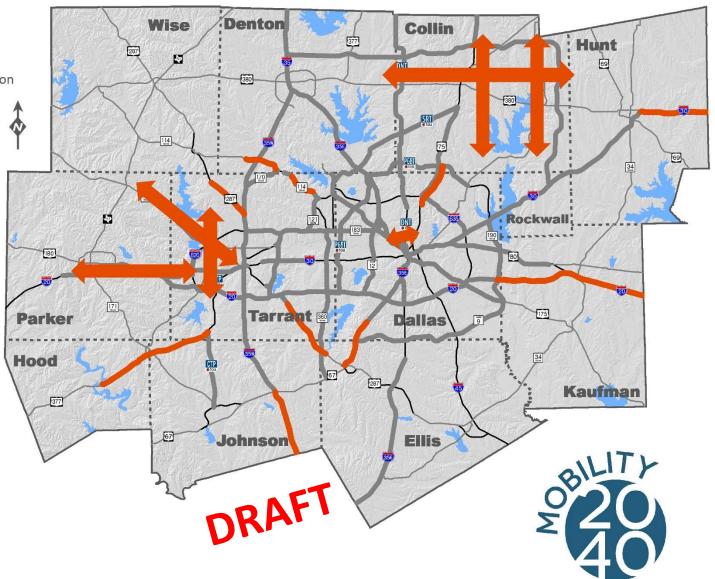
Corridors for

Other Major Roadways





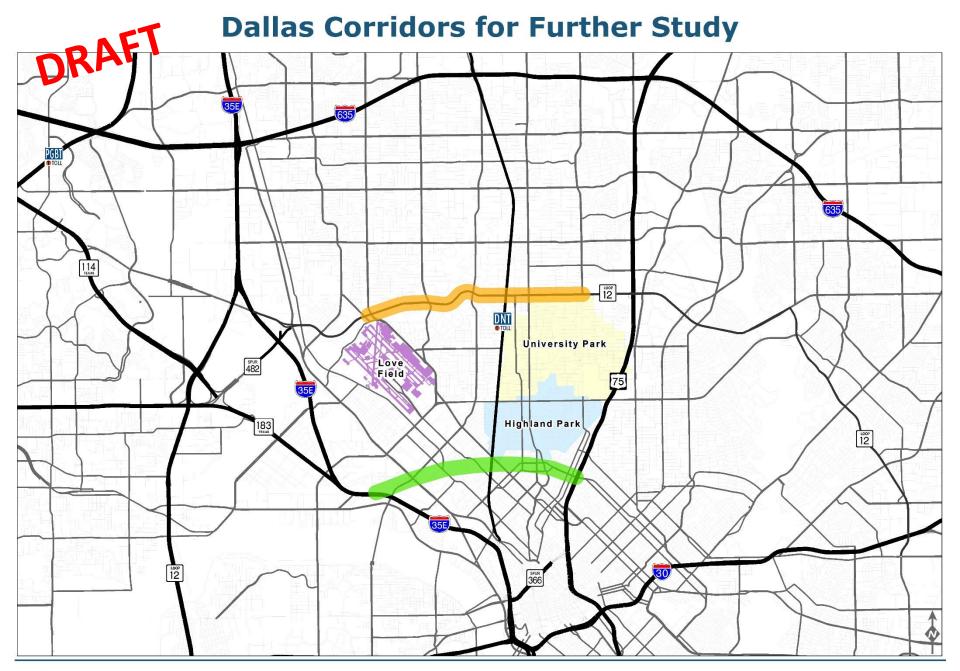






Illustrative roadway corridors indicate an identified transportation need and do not represent recommendations or specific alignments. Recommendations may be developed for future MTPs through feasibility analyses, thoroughfare plans, and environmental studies.

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2016 Transportation Conformity

Purpose: Federal requirement in nonattainment areas to conduct air quality analysis on projects, programs, and policies identified in transportation plans, transportation improvement programs, federally funded projects, or projects required for federal approval

Analysis Area: Ten-County Ozone Nonattainment Area

Latest Planning Assumptions

Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets*:

Nitrogen Oxides $(NO_x) = 148.36 \text{ tons/day}$

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) = 77.18 tons/day

Analysis Years: 2017, 2027, 2037, and 2040

Preliminary Results for 2017:

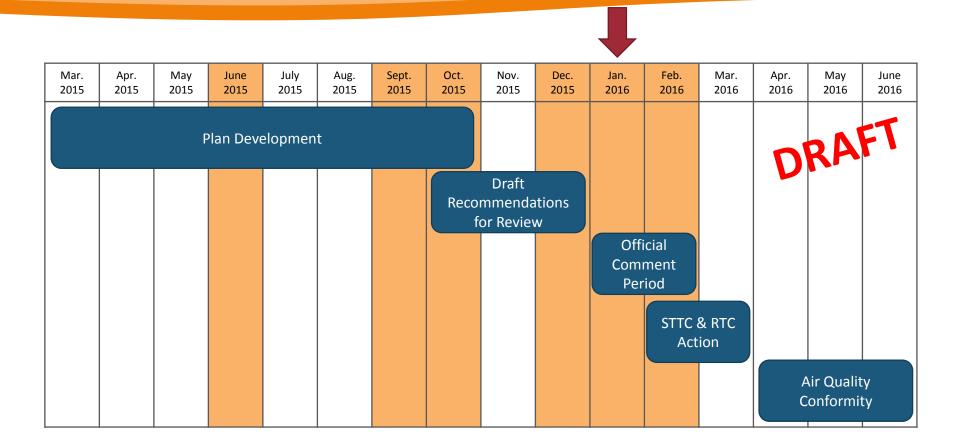
NO_x: 122.02 tons/day

VOC: 62.38 tons/day

Results not including RTC initiatives

* Contained in the Dallas-Fort Worth 2008 8-Hour Ozone Reasonable Further Progress State Implementation Plan. Adequacy of the MVEBs for Transportation Conformity anticipated in coming months.

Schedule



Public meetings held during highlighted months.

Regional Transportation Council plan adoption scheduled for March, 2016.

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