

## North Texas 2050 Action Package

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Transportation</b>	
Action Tool Title	Sustainable Development Funding Program - Planning	
<b>Description of the tool:</b>	Transportation funding to plan for transit oriented, infill, mixed use, context sensitive design, and Smartcode projects.	
How Well Does It Work?		
<b>How valuable is this tool? How important is its contribution to achieving North Texas' vision for the future?</b>		
<p>Sustainable development is a specific objective of the <u>Mobility 2030: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth Area, 2009 Amendment</u> because of the direct link between land use, transportation, and air quality. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) has taken a proactive approach to improving regional traffic congestion and air quality through its Sustainable Development Policy adopted in 2001. Focusing on the responsibilities of the Metropolitan Planning Organization, the RTC has established the following basic policy directions which serve as strategies to meet financial constraints, diversify mobility, and improve air quality. Overall, the objectives of these practices are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Respond to local initiatives for town centers, mixed-use growth centers, transit-oriented developments, infill/brownfield developments, and pedestrian-oriented projects.</li> <li>• Complement rail investments with coordinated investments in park-and-ride, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities.</li> <li>• Reduce the growth in VMT per person.</li> </ul>		
<b>How does it actually work?</b>		
<p>Over One million in RTC Local funds were allocated to 8 planning projects that will have positive impacts on transportation choices in the region under the NCTCOG's 2005-06 Sustainable Development Call for Projects. Funding was also programmed for NCTCOG planning assistance to 52 transit-oriented development projects and support for the Center of Development Excellence. Funding allocated to the TOD Implementation Group is intended to support a regional effort to analyze, market, and implement TOD. Many of the 2005 sustainable development projects will be completed by May 2010. Additionally one million dollars of funding will be awarded to local governments under the 2009 Sustainable Development Call for Projects by the NCTCOG for planning studies. The NCTCOG partnered with the University of Texas at Arlington on two research projects related to sustainable development impact and TOD guide. The sustainable development impact research project focuses on developing a standardized methodology to analyze the impacts of sustainable development projects funded by NCTCOG.</p>		
<b>What are the costs and who will they affect?</b>	<b>What are the benefits and who will they help?</b>	
Local Government Funds	Local Governments in developing MU projects	
NCTCOG Funds	Improve air quality of the North Texas Region	

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<b>What are the biggest stumbling blocks?</b>	<b>How can they be addressed?</b>		
Finding local funding	Innovative public-private partnerships		
Who Would be Responsible?			
<b>Primary (lead) responsibility</b>	Regional Transportation Council (RTC)		
<b>Secondary responsibility</b>	Local Governments		
<b>Need for coordination</b>	Developers and Private sector Partners		
How Should it be Funded?			
<b>Primary (lead) responsibility</b>	RTC Local Funds		
<b>Secondary responsibility</b>	Local Government Funds and Private Investment/Interest Groups		
How Does It Connect?			
<b>What other VNT issues are helped by this tool?</b>	Return on Investment and Connected Centers through funding transit oriented, infill, mixed use, historic downtown, and Main Street projects		
<b>What other VNT issues could be hurt by this tool?</b>	list or briefly describe the linkage		
How Should It Be Implemented?			
<b>What will be done?</b>	<b>When will it happen?</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First step for action</li> <li>• Following steps for action</li> </ul> add additional steps as appropriate	Under Implementation		
What Examples Can We Follow?			
North Texas Case Studies	<a href="http://www.nctcog.org/trans/sustdev/landuse/funding/planning.asp">http://www.nctcog.org/trans/sustdev/landuse/funding/planning.asp</a>		
Other Texas Case Studies			
Other U.S. Case Studies			
Supporting Research			
Related Information			
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