

RTC to submit projects for extra stimulus funds; dead-man's curve in Dallas likely to be included



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The Regional Transportation Council will vote later this morning on a list of project to submit to the feds as part of request for additional stimulus money.

The original stimulus package included \$1.5 billion that would be set aside for a competition among states for innovative projects. North Texas is seeking funds for a handful of projects - including money to complete the conversion of the newly opening IH 30 HOV lanes to managed lanes.

But probably the highest priority for Dallas officials is the request for funds to remake the interchange between Interstate 45 and U.S. 175 in south Dallas.

The grant money won't go far, given how many hundreds, or even thousands of requests for the \$1.5 billion are likely to pour in. But colleague Rudy Bush at City Hall told me earlier this week that optimism there is high for this project, which if approved will be decoupled from the Trinity River toll road proposal.

The RTC meeting is at 9 a.m. in Arlington. Also on the agenda is an item include divvying up responsibility for \$3 million the RTC staff says it had promised back in 2007 to reimburse Cintra, for costs incurred by the Spanish company in seeking the SH 121 contract.