

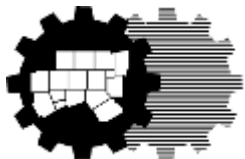
Transportation Sustainability in North Central Texas:

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Regional Perspective

Population

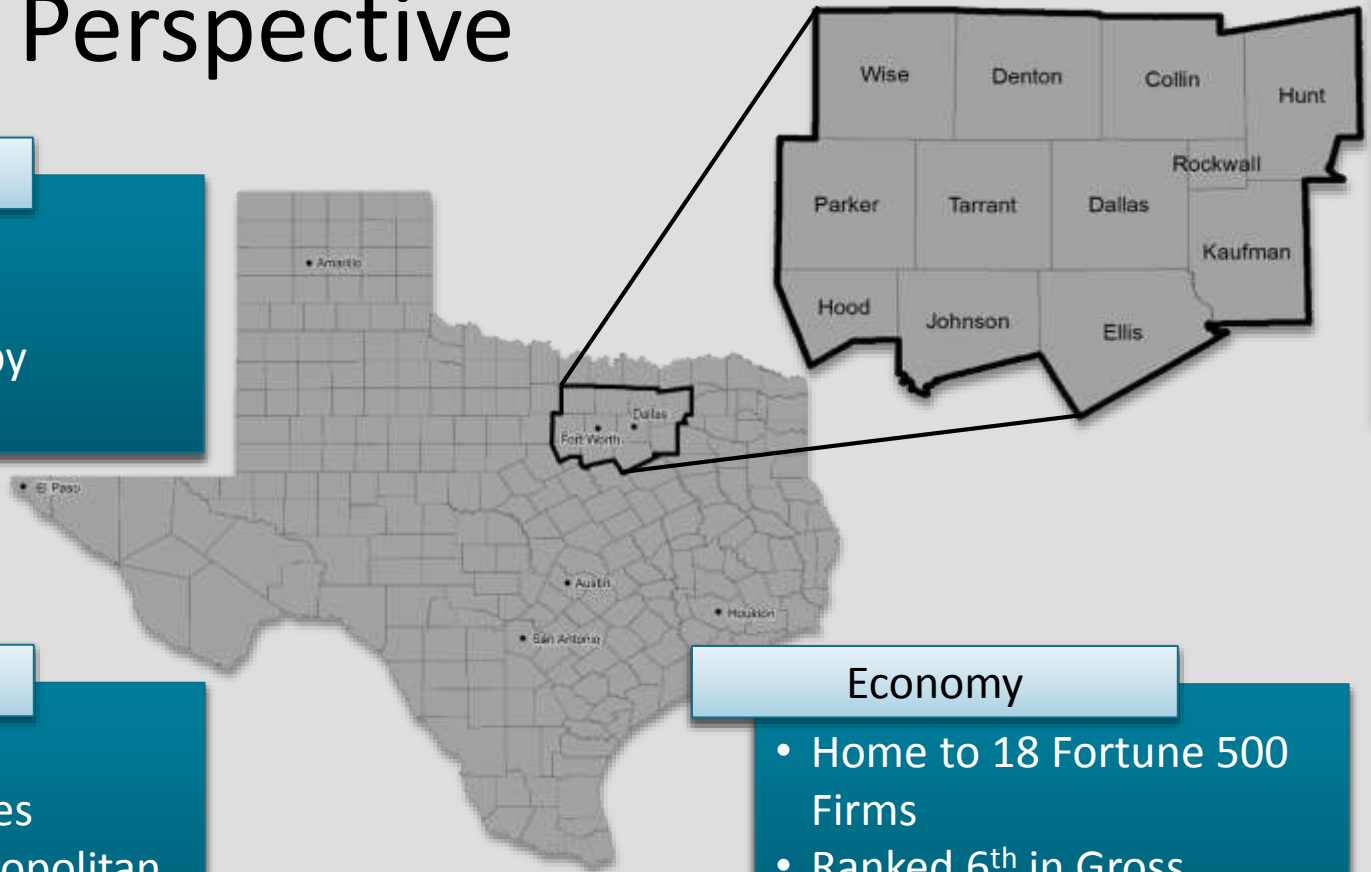
- 2012: 6.7 million
- 2035: 9.8 million
- 4th Largest MSA by Population

Area

- 12 counties
- 9,441 square miles
- 2nd Largest Metropolitan Planning Area

Economy

- Home to 18 Fortune 500 Firms
- Ranked 6th in Gross Metropolitan Product





DFW Long-Range Planning Context

Needs Exceed Available
Revenue

Can't Build Our Way Out
of Congestion

Use Sustainable
Development to Reduce
System Demand &
Provide Multimodal
Options

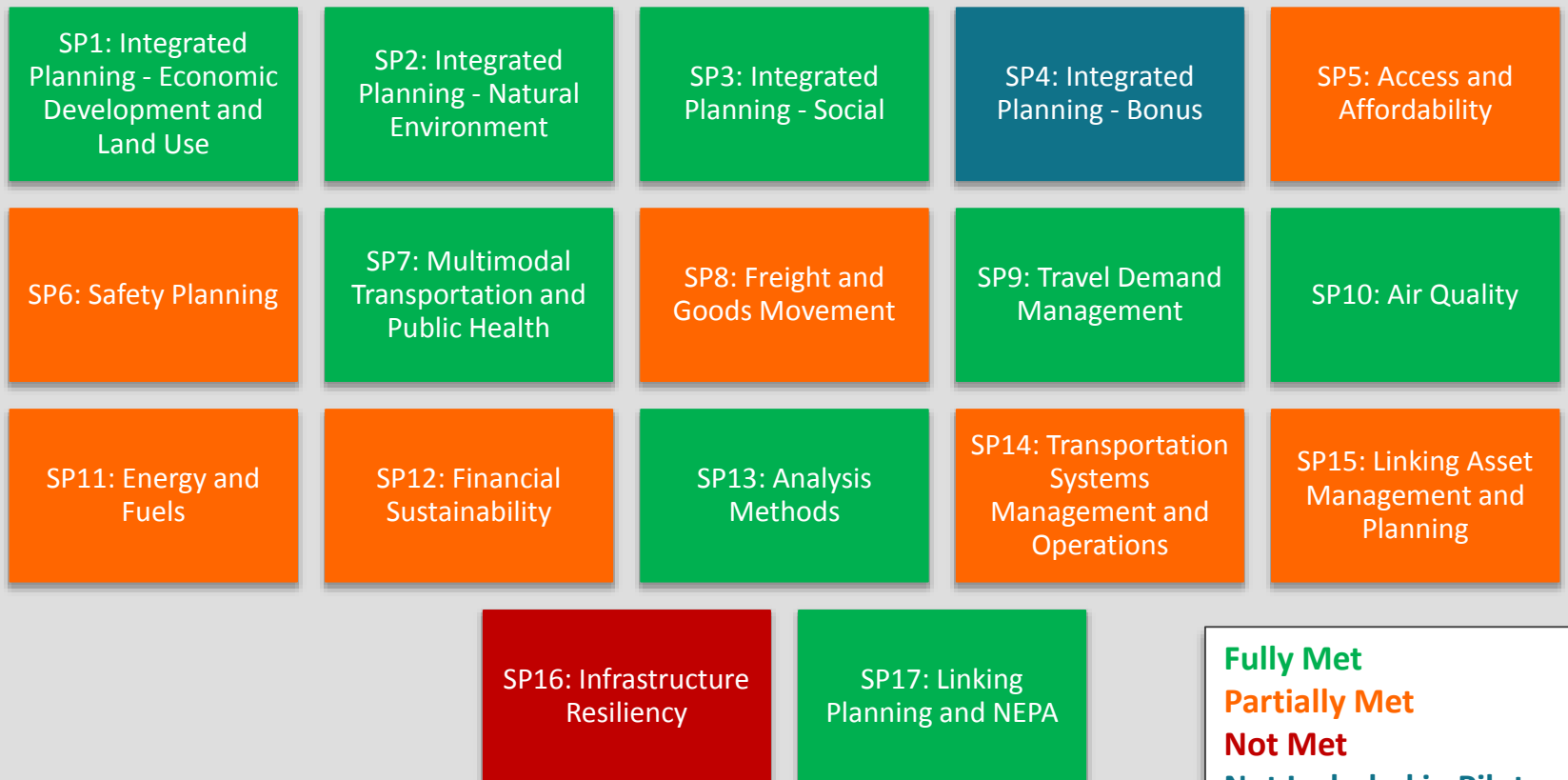
Emphasis on
Environmental and
Quality of Life Issues

Maximize Existing
System

Invest Strategically in
Infrastructure



INVEST System Planning Pilot Test





Where Are We? Where Do We Want To Go?

- Scored better than anticipated, but still had room for improvement
- Current efforts focus on localized/project level implementation
- Future efforts aim to address sustainability throughout the region at the system level



Project ✓



Corridor ✓



System
Planning



Mobility 2040 Development

- Next iteration of the MTP
- Planning context presents challenges
 - Continued growth
 - Funding shortfalls
 - Air quality nonattainment
- Incorporation of new planning requirements
- Incremental advancement of sustainability



Mobility 2035 - Adopted March 2011



Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update - Adopted June 2013



Implementation Activities with INVEST





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