

## AGENDA

### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**Friday, January 23, 2026**

**North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda**

<b>1:30 – 1:35</b>	<b>1. Approval of December 5, 2025, Meeting Summary</b>			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Information	Minutes: 5
	Presenter: Brian Shewski, STTC Chair			
	Item Summary: Approval of the December 5, 2025, meeting summary contained in Electronic Item 1 will be requested.			
	Background: N/A			
<b>1:35 – 1:40</b>	<b>2. Consent Agenda (There are no items on the Consent Agenda)</b>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Information	Minutes: 5
<b>1:40 – 1:50</b>	<b>3. Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items</b>			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Action	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible Action	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information	Minutes: 10
	Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG			
	Item Summary: An overview of current transportation items will be provided.			
	Background: Efforts continue to advance transportation in the region. Staff will highlight the following:			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Partnership Program to Reduce the Possibility of Roadway Sanctions</li><li>2. North Central Texas Council of Governments Senior Program Manager, Brendon Wheeler, is Leaving to Become the New Metropolitan Planning Organization Director for the San Antonio Region</li><li>3. Texas Transportation Commission Awarded \$25 Million for Cotton Belt Trail Corridor</li><li>4. Awarded Safe Streets for All Fiscal Year 2024 North Central Texas Council of Governments Crossing Students Safety Grant Agreement</li><li>5. Regional Transportation Council Transit Vision Subcommittee Presentation – Karla Windsor (Electronic Item 3.1)</li><li>6. Need Feedback on Transportation Improvement Program Listings</li><li>7. Mobility Assistance Patrol Program (Electronic Item 3.2)</li></ul>			

8. Triennial Federal Transit Administration Review Will Be Conducted in 2026

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:50 – 2:00

**4. Endorsement to Receive Rider 7 Fine Particulate Matter Planning Funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Daniela Tower, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the Rider 7 Local Air Quality Planning Grant – fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) program administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) available for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 biennium. Staff will request endorsement of the receipt of funds for local air quality planning under this program and authorization to enter into agreements with subrecipients to assist with work to be conducted.

Background: The TCEQ administers funds for local air quality planning activities under Rider 7 of the agency's legislative appropriation for affected counties that are not designated "nonattainment" for federal particulate matter standards. This funding can be used to inventory PM<sub>2.5</sub>-related emissions, monitor PM<sub>2.5</sub>-related pollution levels, PM<sub>2.5</sub>-related air quality modeling, regional air quality planning activities, and to cover administrative costs to assist with remaining in attainment of these standards. Eligible counties in the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) area include 13 counties, namely Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise Counties. Of the regulatory PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring sites in North Central Texas, those around the City of Fort Worth and City of Dallas downtowns are recording elevated PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels. Thus, during the FY 2024-2025 biennium, additional monitoring work was initiated in Dallas, Ellis, and Tarrant Counties to understand the occurrence of elevated PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels in the downtown areas. Anticipated activities to be conducted during FY 2026-2027 include continuation of existing air quality monitoring, extension of monitoring activities in the northern part of the region and modeling of emissions. Staff will seek approval to enter into contracts with Kevin Overton and the Texas A&M Transportation Institute to assist in carrying out this work, and request approval to initiate a competitive request for proposals (RFP) to conduct PM<sub>2.5</sub>-emissions modeling in eligible counties of the NCTCOG area.

Following results of the RFP, Committee approval to subaward will be requested at a future date. More details can be found in Electronic Item 4.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:00 – 2:10

**5. Approval to Receive Rider 7 Ozone Planning Funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Daniela Tower, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the Rider 7 Local Air Quality Planning Grant - Ozone program administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) available for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 biennium. Staff will request approval of the receipt of funds for local air quality planning under this program and enter into agreements with the City of Granbury to assist with work to be conducted.

Background: The TCEQ administers funds for local air quality planning activities under Rider 7 of the agency's legislative appropriation for affected counties that are not designated "nonattainment" for federal ozone standards. This funding can be used to inventory ozone-related emissions, monitor ozone-related pollution levels, ozone related air quality modeling, regional air quality planning activities, and to cover administrative costs to assist with remaining in attainment of these standards. In previous bienniums, work was conducted in Hood and Hunt counties which currently have design values of 75 and 67 parts per billion, respectively. Anticipated activities to be conducted during FY 2026-2027 include continuation of air quality monitoring and update of an existing 2015 conceptual model in Hood County. More details can be found in Electronic Item 5.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:10 – 2:20

**6. Fiscal Year 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Grant and Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Programs**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request the Committee's recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to submit projects in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Program, dedicated for surface transportation infrastructure

projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. Applications are due to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) by February 24, 2026. A recommendation for RTC approval will also be requested for \$30 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funding to leverage State, local, and private funds on the Bonds Ranch Railroad Grade Separation near the Business 287 intersection.

**Background:** In November 2025, USDOT announced the solicitation of project applications for the \$1.5 billion FY2026 BUILD Grant Program. The North Central Texas Council of Governments will submit FY2026 BUILD Grant applications for the United States 287/Prairie Ridge Project, State Highway 183/Pumphrey Drive Bettering Access, Safety, and Efficiency Project, and the Farm-to-Market 917/Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Grade Separation Project. Additional details and application requirements for the FY2026 BUILD Grant Program can be accessed via the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) at: <https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/NOFO>. For regional agencies submitting projects, please be aware the agency must complete the [SAM.gov](#) registration process to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number, usually requiring up to 30 days for completion, prior to submitting applications. Additionally, applicants will submit grant applications this year via Valid Eval, a third-party web-based platform used by USDOT and other federal programs to support application submissions and evaluation. Applicants must register with Valid Eval prior to submitting FY2026 BUILD Grant applications via separate portals for capital and planning grant projects. Assuming the projected timing for application development, agency requests to receive a letter of support from the RTC should be submitted to Jackie Nolasco by Monday, February 9, 2026, at [jnolasco@nctcog.org](mailto:jnolasco@nctcog.org). In addition, Tarrant County is submitting the Bonds Ranch Railroad Grade Separation project over Business 287, the BNSF Railroad, and the Union Pacific Railroads for the State's Off-System Rail Grade Separation Program. As part of this application, Tarrant County is requesting that the RTC reconfirm previously approved \$20 million in federal funding that was contingent on receipt of a grant application to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), which was ultimately not awarded by FRA. Tarrant County is requesting an

additional \$10 million for a total RTC commitment of \$30 million in federal funding, along with \$9 million of Regional Toll Revenue funds and the other leveraging funds. Additional details are provided in Electronic Item 6.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:20 – 2:30

**7. Status Report on Commercial Vehicle Compliance**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Anthony Moffa, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) efforts in the region and highlight observations from recently attended CVE events and other relevant information.

Background: The Texas Department of Public Safety has joint responsibility with local law enforcement for the operation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement service. This joint service takes place on and along public state highways so that compliance with statutory provisions of law regulating weight, motor carrier safety, registration, transportation of people, hazardous materials, and other property can be obtained. North Central Texas Council of Governments staff have been attending CVE events in the Dallas-Fort Worth region and will share observations and next steps with committee members. Electronic Item 7 contains more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Safety

2:30 – 2:40

**8. Proposed Traffic Signal Program Funding**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Gregory Masota, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present the proposed traffic signal funding program based on the recently approved Regional Transportation Council (RTC) traffic signal improvement types and associated funding categories.

Background: RTC approved the traffic signal improvement types and associated funding categories in November 2025. There continues to be a need to implement, operate, and maintain traffic signals within the region and this program will set aside funding to support the ongoing requests from local agencies. This effort will seek input from Surface Transportation Technical Committee and RTC to support the identified funding allocation by categories through 2030. The presentation will describe the funding categories, outline

estimated funding need, and propose funding allocation by category based on previous action. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 8.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:40 – 2:50

**9. Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Study Overview**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a brief overview of the Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) Study and announce a Model Development Code/Floodplain Ordinance Workshop scheduled for January 29, 2026.

Background: Initiated in 2023, the \$10 million TSI Study is a proactive and comprehensive planning effort to identify projects that reduce future flood risk, along with other complementary and voluntary measures for averting flood impacts on community health, safety, and growth. Staff will briefly outline the study purpose, progress, and explain how policy recommendations related to development and floodplain management are essential components to the study's potential success. The upcoming Model Development Code/Floodplain Ordinance Workshop, scheduled for January 29, 2026, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments campus, will be an opportunity to provide and obtain critical feedback on how/what policies in both infrastructure- and nature-based stormwater solutions can be incorporated into effective regulations for flood prevention and mitigation. More details are provided in Electronic Item 9.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:50 – 3:00

**10. Fast Facts**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Item Summary: Brief staff presentations will be provided. Please reference the material provided for each of the following topics.

1. *Dylan Niles* – Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Development Credit Annual Report (Electronic Item 10.1)
2. *Braulio Bessa* – Technology Project Identification Call for Ideas Workshop on February 2, 2026, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm, North Central Texas Council of Governments Transportation Council Room
3. *Jason Brown* – Engine Off North Texas Status Report (Electronic Item 10.2)

4. *Jesse Brown* – Quarterly High Occupancy Vehicle Carma Subsidy Report (Electronic Item 10.3)
5. *Hannah Thesing* – Multimodal Delivery Project Update (Electronic Item 10.4)
6. *Hannah Thesing* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities ([www.nctcog.org/AQfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/AQfunding))
7. *Hannah Thesing* – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
8. Written Progress Reports:
  - Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 10.5)
  - November Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 10.6)
  - December Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 10.7)
  - October-November Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 10.8)
  - November-December Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 10.9)
  - February Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 10.10)
11. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
12. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on February 27, 2026**.