

MEETING SUMMARY

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, July 24, 2026

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, July 24, 2026, at 1:30 pm in the Transportation Council Room of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The following STTC members or representatives were present: Rifat Alam, Ahmed Alqaisi, Marah Aqqad, Joe Atwood, James Bell, Nathan Benditz, David Boski, Daniel Burnham, Jeffrey Bush, Farhan Butt, Bryan Cabrera, Brenda Callaway, Travis Campbell, Aaron Cedar, John Cordary Jr., Clarence Daugherty, Chad Davis, Pritam Deshmukh, Matthew DuBois, Phil Dupler, Chris Flanigan, James Gaertner, Gary Graham, Ricardo Gonzalez (representing Stanford Lynch), Rajnish Gupta, Michael Haithcok, Tom Hammons, Namoo Han, Craig Hancock, Chris Harris, Allen Harts (representing Major L. Jones), Matthew Hotelling, Jeremy Hutt, Thuan Huynh, Joseph Jackson, Joel James, Gus Khankarli, Matt Leppla (representing Chad Marbut), Eron Linn, Clay Lipscomb, Brian McNulty (representing Ron Hartline), Alberto Mares, Dillon Maroney, Brian Moen, Mark Nelson, Alfredo Ortiz, Tim Palermo (representing Tanya Brooks), Joyce Palmer, Caleb Polster (representing Erika Bridges), John Polster, Kelly Porter, Minesha Reese, Greg Royster, Robert Saucedo, Sirwan Shahooei (representing Brett Bourgeois), Brian Shewski, Chelsea St. Louis, Eric Steitle (representing Sophia Harvey), Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize, Stephanie Wagner (representing Melissa Baker), Todd Weinheimer (representing Becky Diviney), Jana Wentzel, Robert Woodbury, and Larry Wright.

Others present at the meeting were: Vickie Alexander, Cole Baker, Braulio Bessa, Natalie Bettger, Scott Booth, Shelley Broyles, Bryan Cabrera, Katherine Cadena, Thomas Cochill, Dina Colarossi, Shawn Conrad, Brian Dell, Cody Derrick, Camille Fountain, Christie Gotti, Millie Hayes, Chris Hoff, John Hudspeth, Raj Jandhyam, Jim Jarratt, Amy Johnson, Dan Kessler, Chris Klaus, Dan Lamers, Amanda Maloch, James McLane, Alejandra Morales Arnold, Joaquin Moreno, Michael Morris, Chandra Muruhanandham, Savana Nance, Dylan Niles, Evan Paret, Donald Parker, Christopher Poe, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Brian Renisch, Britnee Rosales, Jackson Rose, Sidney Sonch, Brandon Sparkman, Toni Stehling, Vivek Thimmavajjhala, Daniela Tower, Shane Tully, Juliana VandenBorn, Shashider Velugati, Chris Wartke, Amanda Wilson, Brian Wilson, and Alexander Young.

Dan Kessler introduced the following STTC officers for the 2026-2027 term: Kelly Porter, Chair, Assistant Director of Regional Planning and Innovation, City of Fort Worth; Mark Nelson, Vice Chair, Director of Transportation and Mobility, City of Richardson; and Daniel Burnham, Secretary, Assistant Director of Public Works/City Engineer, City of Arlington.

1. **Approval of the May 22, 2026, Meeting Summary:** Approval of the May 22, 2026, meeting summary contained in Electronic Item 1 was requested.

The Meeting Summary of the May 22, 2026, meeting was approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Mark Nelson (M); Brian Moen (S). The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Consent Agenda:**

- 2.2. **Approval of North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles Call for Projects Funding Recommendations:** Item 2.2 was pulled from the Consent Agenda and presented by staff. Juliana VandenBorn provided an overview of the North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles Call for Projects including applications received to date, scoring results, and activities recommended for funding. A recommendation of Regional Transportation

Council approval of proposed changes to previously approved funding recommendations and approval of additional funding recommendations was requested. This Consent Agenda item was pulled to present a correction to the schedule outlined in red in the slide below. The Committee approved staff's recommendations. John Polster (M); Daniel Burnham (S). The motion passed unanimously.

Schedule	
Milestone	Date
NTxZEV Call for Projects Opened	October 24, 2025
Round 2 Call for Projects Deadline	Friday, May 15, 2026
Round 3 Call for Projects Deadline	Friday, June 19, 2026
STTC Recommendation of Round 2 & 3 Awards	July 24, 2026
RTC Approval of Round 2 & 3 Awards	July 23, 2026 August 13, 2026
Executive Board Approval of Round 2 & 3 Awards	July 24, 2026 August 27, 2026
Ongoing Rolling Application Deadlines to Fully Award Funds	3 rd Friday of every month by 5 PM CT; Applications must be received "in-hand" by the deadline
Recommended Final Deadline	Friday, December 18, 2026
Deadline for Project Completion	October 29, 2027


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Requested Action – North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles Call for Projects	
RTC approval of: - Proposed changes to previously approved Round 1 funding recommendations for City of Dallas and United Parcel Service, Inc. as outlined in Electronic Item 2.2.2 - Proposed Round 2 & 3 funding recommendations for the North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles Call for Projects as outlined in Electronic Item 2.2.2 - Administratively amending and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate funding recommendations	
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2.1. **Endorsement of 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Technical Modifications:** Surface Transportation Technical Committee endorsement of the Regional Transportation Council's approval of technical modifications to the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program was requested.

2.3. **US 67 at Chisholm Trail Parkway:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of a funding partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation was requested.

The Committee approved staff's recommendations in Items 2.1 and 2.3 on the Consent Agenda. Brian Shewski (M); John Polster (S). The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Technology Project Selection:** Braulio Bessa presented the recommended projects from the 2026 Technology Project Identification Call for Projects, including proposed funding sources, and requested the Committee's recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Ahmed Alqaisi (M); Farhan Butt (S). The motion passed.

REQUESTED ACTION – TECHNOLOGY PROJECT IDENTIFICATION (TPI) FRAMEWORK RECOMMENDED PROJECTS

Recommendation for RTC approval of:

- **Recommended projects and associated funding amounts** based on the evaluation and scoring results.
- **Utilization of \$11.2 million** in Surface Transportation Block Grant funds with Category 2 Transportation Development Credits as local match to support the recommended projects.
- Administrative amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) / Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed.

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4. **Updates to the Southern Dallas Inland Port Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Project and Regional Transportation Council Local Contingency for Pre-Award Activities:** Bobby Gomez requested the Committee's recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval for a Local backstop for Surplus Electric Vehicles (\$1,004,000) to be repurposed and increased by \$239,247 (total \$1,243,247) to meet contractual obligations, for staff direction to identify entities to purchase or receive these vehicles and offset the costs to RTC, and \$30,000 for insurance costs due to the vehicles being titled to the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Gus Khankarli (M); Daniel Burnham (S). The motion passed.

REQUESTED ACTION – Updates to the Southern Dallas Inland Port RAISE Grant Projects and EV Contract Obligations

- Recommendation for RTC approval of:
 - Repurpose \$1,004,000 RTC Local temporary backstop and increase by \$239,247 for a total of \$1,243,247 RTC Local Funds to support contract obligations and expenditures for the purchase of electric buses and associated in-plant inspection services
 - \$30,000 RTC Local Funds for insurance costs pending transfer of the vehicles
 - Direct staff to identify entities to receive or purchase electric vehicles and return proceeds to RTC to offset impacts to RTC Local
 - Confirm support for project changes for FY21 RAISE Grant as submitted to FTA
 - Amend the NCTCOG's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as well as other planning and administrative documents to revise and include the proposed projects.

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5. **2027 Unified Transportation Program and Regional 10-Year Plan Update:** Brian Dell briefed the Committee on the Category 12 funds proposed for approval by the Texas Transportation Commission, and a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council action on the proposed changes for the Regional 10-Year Plan Update was requested.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. John Polster (M); Farhan Butt (S). The motion passed.

REQUESTED ACTION – 2027 UTP/ REGIONAL 10-YEAR PLAN UPDATE

Recommend RTC approval of:

- The Regional 10-Year Plan project listings, including the proposed changes on the “Let and Completed Projects” listing.
- Staff drafting a letter to TxDOT as part of the UTP Public Involvement period addressing reductions to Category 2, CMAQ, and STBG allocations and lack of funding for MAPP
- Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate these changes.

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6. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** Michael Morris provided an overview of current transportation items.
1. Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) 2026 FIFA World Cup
 2. Status of Federal Transit Administration 2026 Triennial Review
 3. Status of Rockwall County Agreement
 4. Legislative Update – The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development America 250 Act
 5. Three-Party Agreement
 6. Settlement Agreement
 7. Two-Party Agreement
 8. City of Irving Environmental Career Symposium – Friday, September 11, 2026, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

In addition, Michael noted that information on the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Round 6 Proposed Awards Breakdown was distributed to all members. He also mentioned that the Federal Transit Administration released a Notice of Funding for the Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program to help connect non-emergency health care services to transportation services/trips with \$12 million available nationwide. Staff will be applying for \$750,000 federal (average award around \$600,000) and will be requesting \$500,000 Regional Transportation Council Local for the match.

7. **2025 Regional Safety Performance Measures Report:** Camille Fountain provided an update on items included in the 2025 Regional Safety Program Performance Measures Report.
8. **North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council Landbanking Program Overview:** Shawn Conrad provided an overview of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Landbanking Program, including its history, goals, and previously funded projects. Shawn will also brief the RTC on an upcoming potential landbanking project at its next meeting.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Dillon Maroney (M); Alberto Mares (S). The motion passed.

POSSIBLE ACTION – Appraisal Activities

- Recommendation for RTC approval of:
 - Appraisals to be an eligible activity in the Landbanking Program
 - Appraisal cost to be reimbursed into the overall Landbanking Program in the future
 - Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the change (initial inclusion of \$2,000)

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9. **Spatial Data Cooperative Program Overview:** Shelley Broyles and James McLane presented information on the Spatial Data Cooperative Program, an annual North Central Texas Council of Governments program through which local governments and other entities can cooperatively purchase aerial photography and related data products at cost-effective prices. Planning is underway for the 2027 cycle, and the program is currently seeking commitments from interested partners.
10. **Federal Performance Measures Update: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Performance and Transit Asset Management:** Jenny Narvaez and Evan Paret updated the Surface Transportation Technical Committee on federally required performance measures. Observed progress for the measures were provided as well as proposed targets for the next reporting period. The targets are set in cooperation and coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation and transit providers for Transit Asset Management measures.
11. **Fast Facts:** Staff provided brief presentations on Items 1 through 9 below:
 1. Brian Wilson – Progress North Texas (Handout)
 2. Brian Dell – Upcoming Project Selection Opportunity
 3. Braulio Bessa – Smart and Resilient Urban Mobility and Energy Integration Framework
 4. Daniel Snyder – Training Course: Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines www.nctcog.org/PROWAG26
 5. Daniela Tower – Correspondence to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Addressing Ozone Challenges in North Texas
 6. Daniela Tower – 2026 Ozone Season Update
 7. Juliana VandenBorn – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
 8. Juliana VandenBorn – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
 9. Written Progress Reports:
 - April–May Public Comments Report
 - July Public Meeting Flyer
12. **Other Business (Old or New):** No items were provided.
13. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on August 28, 2026.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.