

MINUTES

Regional Transportation Council Thursday, June 11, 2026

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) met on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 1:00 pm at the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The following RTC members or representatives were present: Daniel Alemán, Bruce Arfsten, Steve Babick, Rick Bailey, Elizabeth Beck, Curtis Berghold, Lorie Blair, Ceason Clemens, Jorga Clemson (representing Ron Jensen), Michael Crain, Theresa Daniel, Jeff Davis, Pat Deen, Andy Eads, Michael Evans, Carlos Flores, T.J. Gilmore, Raul Gonzalez, Mojoy Haddad, Darrell Hale, Clay Lewis Jenkins, Jill Jester, Matt Krause, Stephen Mason, Cara Mendelsohn, Cesar Molina, John Muns, Matthew Porter, Manny Ramirez, Paul Ridley, Jim Ross, David Salazar, Kathy Stewart, Randy Stinson, Bobby Stovall, Burt Thakur, Jeremy Tompkins, William Tsao, and Dennis Webb.

Others present at the meeting were: Gail Abbad, Gavin Adkins, Vickie Alexander, Susan Alvarez, Jake Anderson, Rich Andreski, Melissa Baker, Jay Barksdale, Carli Baylor, Emily Beckham, Natalie Bettger, Bhavya, Alberta Blair, Stephanie Boardingham, Blake Brawner, Keith Britton, Farhan Butt, Daniel Byrd, Todd Carlson, Angie Carson, Aaron Cedar, Mandy Crash, Paul Cristina, Kevin Curtis, Dawn Dalrymple, Clarence Daugherty, Brian Dell, Noa Dowl, Jon Edmonds, Chad Edwards, Teresa Epps, Kevin Felt, Tom Flaherty, Chris Fletcher, Andrew Fortune, Lavra Freeland, Louis Frisbie, Eric Gallt, Eric Garcia, Brianne Goetz, Rebekah Gongora, Kenneth Govan, Stacey Graves, Quinn Greene, Shala Greer-Smith, Jeff Gurley, Tony Hartzel, Millie Hayes, Carlos Hebert, Kristina Holcomb, Chris Huff, Ernest Huffman, Joel James, Amy Johnson, Mike Johnson, Victoria Johnson, Jennifer Justice, Travis Kelly, Dan Kessler, Daphne King, Ken Kirkpatrick, Chris Klaus, Dan Lamers, Eron Linn, Aaron Long, Dee Long, Stanford Lynch, Chad Marbut, Dillon Maroney, Doc Marxen, Opal Mauldin-Jones, Nathan May, Jeremy McGraham, Kenna Mitchell, Eric Morris, Michael Morris, Will Murphy, Christopher Nelson, Mark Nelson, Dylan Niles, Jackie Nolasco, Deborah North, James Novack, Damarcus Oftoy, Amir Omar, Donald Parker, David Parnell, Michael Peters, Crystal Pollard, James Powell, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Jacob Reinig, Jackson Rose, Shawna Russell Jones, Walter Shumac III, Gary Slagel, Whitney Smith-Yancy, Brandon Sparkman, Claude Spivey, Toni Stehling, Ruben Tanda, Lauren Trimble, Shane Tully, Melissa Valadez, Caroline Vandergriff, Victor Vandergriff, Elisa Villnave, Cydney Walker, Rob Walters, Whitney Warren, Duncan Webb, Ashtin Whisenant, Marxen Whisenant, Adreinne Williams, Erica Williams, Lucious Williams, Paulin Williams, Brian Wilson, Karla Windsor, Frank Wise, Hua Yang, and William Zote.

1. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Today's Agenda:** Rick Bailey, Regional Transportation Council Chair and Johnson County Commissioner, asked if there were any public comments. Quinn Greene spoke on agenda item 9, Marxen Whisenant spoke on agenda item 9, Noa Dowl spoke in support of Mayor Stephen Mason, Glen Whitley spoke on agenda item 4, and Duncan Webb spoke on agenda items 5, 8, and 9. Written comments were provided and can be found in the Public Comments Report under the Director's Report agenda item.
2. **Approval of May 14, 2026, Minutes:** Approval of the May 14, 2026, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Items 2 was requested.

A motion was made to approve the May 14, 2026, meeting minutes as submitted in Electronic Item 2. Cara Mendelsohn (M); Steve Babick (S). The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Consent Agenda**

- 3.1. **2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Technical Modifications:** Regional Transportation Council approval of technical modifications to the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program was requested.
- 3.2. **Correspondence to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Addressing Ozone Challenges in North Texas:** Regional Transportation Council approval for Chair Bailey to provide correspondence to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regarding regional ozone trends, data and modeling concerns, and the need for clearer, actionable strategies to address increasing ozone levels in the Dallas-Fort Worth region was requested.
- 3.3. **North Texas Advanced Air Mobility Airport Charging Infrastructure Call for Projects:** An overview of the Texas Department of Transportation Electric Vehicle Takeoff and Landing Integration Pilot Program selection was provided and a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of an Advanced Air Mobility Airport Charging Infrastructure Call for Projects was requested.
- 3.4. **Request to Use Regional Transportation Council Local Funds for In-House Air Quality Modeling Infrastructure and Training:** Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of \$180,000 in RTC Local funds was requested to establish and support in-house air quality modeling infrastructure and related technical training. Approval was also requested to amend the Transportation Improvement Program and update any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the funds.
- 3.5. **Authorization for Fédération Internationale de Football Association Costs for Transportation Operations:** The Dallas-Fort Worth region hosted nine Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup Matches. No additional funds were being requested. The Regional Transportation Council was requested to approve up to \$25,000 to pay for food and beverages for staff providing service in the operation center for nine FIFA events.

A motion was made to approve Items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, and 3.5 on the Consent Agenda. Cesar Molina (M); Bruce Arfsten (S). The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report:** Michael Morris briefly highlighted items 1 through 17.
 1. Recognition of North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board President Chair – Victoria Johnson, Councilmember, City of Burleson, by Regional Transportation Council Chair Bailey
 2. North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board Vice President – Jennifer Justice, Councilmember, City of Richardson – Presentation Affirming Continued Regional Transportation Council – Executive Board Partnership by Vice Chair Stephen Mason
 3. Update on Metropolitan Planning Organization Status: Legal – Rob Walters

4. Fédération Internationale de Football Association – 3 Days Out (Media Event – June 8, 2026, Selected Photos)
5. Status of Federal Transit Administration 2026 Triennial Review
6. Regional Transportation Council Item 12 from May: Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Trinity Metro (June Item #7), Denton County Transit Authority (June Item #9)
7. Legislative Update – The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development America 250 Act
8. Progress North Texas (Handout)
9. High Occupancy Vehicle/GoCarma Quarterly Report
10. Regional Transportation Council Group Seat Membership Designations – June 30, 2026, Response Deadline
11. Bylaws Subcommittee Meetings
12. Bylaws Revision Subcommittee
13. Cancellation of Regional Transportation Council Meeting in July 2026
14. Surface Transportation Technical Committee Officers
15. High-Speed Rail Follow Up
16. Bankhead Highway East Connection
17. Technology Project Identification Call for Projects –Submitted Ideas and Scoring Updates – to be Approved in August
18. 2026 Ozone Season Update
19. Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcoq.org/aqfunding)
20. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
21. April - May Public Comments Report
22. June Public Meeting Notice
23. Recent News Articles
24. Recent Correspondence
25. Recent Press Releases

5. **Approval of Signature to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement and Request for Executive Board to Sign as Fiscal Agent:** Michael Morris requested the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to approve the responsibilities of the RTC being the Metropolitan Planning Organization as outlined in the new Texas Department of Transportation Agreement.

A motion was made to approve the responsibilities of the Regional Transportation Council being the Metropolitan Planning Organization as outlined in the new Texas Department of Transportation Agreement. Andy Eads (M); Manny Ramirez (S). Darrell Hale, Cara Mendelsohn, Paul Ridley, and William Tsao opposed. The motion passed.

6. **Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program:** Michael Johnson requested Regional Transportation Council approval of the submittal of candidate projects for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program. Applications were due to the Federal Railroad Administration by June 22, 2026.

A motion was made to approve the submittal of the Bonds Ranch Road Segment #2 Project by Tarrant County and the Avondale Haslet Road/Haslet Parkway “Long Bridge” Project by North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program; affirmation of \$9 million in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) and \$30 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds for the Bonds Ranch Road Segment #2 Project; affirmation of \$5.203 million in RTR funds for the Avondale Haslet

Road/Haslet Parkway “Long Bridge” Project; and administratively amending NCTCOG’s Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the State TIP, as well as other planning and administrative documents, to include the proposed projects if selected for FY2025-2026 CRISI Grant awards. Manny Ramirez (M); Matt Krause (S). The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Follow Up on Regional Transportation Council Action on \$40 Million Funding Request for Trinity Metro**: Christie Gotti and Michael Morris updated the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on the follow-up activities and discussions with Trinity Metro after the RTC’s \$40 million funding decision in February 2026.

A motion was made to approve the reallocation of funding as follows: \$12,938,544 from the High Intensity Bus project (deferral), \$250,000 from the Transit Preventive Maintenance project (cancellation), \$3,407,579 cost savings from the Trinity Lakes Station (closeout), and \$2,820,000 from the Mossier Valley Trinity Railway Express Double Tracking project (deferral) for a total reallocation of \$19,416,123 in funds already in Trinity Metro grants and to allocate \$20,583,877 in new Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funding; propose that the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to cover first \$13.88 million in contingencies, but take cost savings if they occur; direct staff to provide a letter to Federal Transit Administration confirming RTC approved funding and the timeline in which it will be added to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide TIP; and direct staff to administratively amend the TIP/STIP and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate the above changes. Steve Babick (M); Michael Crain (S). The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Reapproval of the Plano–McKinney Transit Study**: Michael Morris requested the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) reaffirm their support for this study, which was approved by the RTC in March but referred back to the RTC for further consideration at the May 28, 2026, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board meeting with a request to clarify local government support. The Executive Board did not approve the selections of the consultants and requested NCTCOG staff to request the RTC to obtain resolutions supporting the Transit Study from the Cities of Fairview, Allen, and McKinney.

A motion was made to approve the request for Executive Board to approve execution of consultant contract with WSP USA, Inc., to complete the McKinney Corridor Passenger Rail Study and included direction to staff to also include broader alternatives including roadway and managed lanes in the United States 75 corridor as well as the transit corridor. Burt Thaker (M); Elizabeth Beck (S). Cara Mendelsohn opposed. The motion passed.

9. **Regional Transportation Council Transit Vision Subcommittee Proposed Legislative Pilot**: Karla Windsor provided an update on recent discussions of the Regional Transportation Council Transit Vision Subcommittee.
10. **2027 Unified Transportation Program and Regional 10-Year Plan Update**: Christie Gotti briefed the Council on anticipated revenues and proposed changes for the Regional 10-Year Plan Update.
11. **Election of Regional Transportation Council Officers**: Elizabeth Beck, Chair, Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Nominating Subcommittee, announced the following slate of officers recommended by the Subcommittee for the 2026-2027 term: Stephen Mason,

Mayor, City of Cedar Hill (Chair); Jill Jester, Councilmember, Denton County (Vice Chair); and Manny Ramirez, Commissioner, Tarrant County (Secretary). RTC officers serve a term of one year.

A motion was made to approve the slate of officers as recommended by the Nominating Subcommittee for the 2026-2027 term. Jim Ross (M); Raul Gonzalez (S). The motion passed unanimously.

12. **Appointments of the Regional Transportation Council Bylaws Revision Committee:**

Stephen Mason, Chair, Regional Transportation Council (RTC), announced the following appointments to the RTC Bylaws Revision Subcommittee: Steve Babick, Mayor, City of Carrollton (Chair); Elizabeth Beck, Councilmember, City of Fort Worth (Vice Chair); Rick Bailey, Commissioner, Johnson County; Lorie Blair, Councilmember, City of Dallas; Bill Cox, Mayor, City of McKinney; Theresa Daniel, Commissioner, Dallas County; Jeff Davis, Chair, Trinity Metro; Michael Evans, Mayor, City of Mansfield; Matthew Porter, Mayor, City of Wylie; Kathy Stewart, Councilmember, City of Dallas; and Jeremy Tompkins, Councilmember, City of Euless. In addition, Chair Mason invited Duncan Webb, Commissioner, Collin County to attend subcommittee meetings as a special guest.

13. **Progress Reports:** Regional Transportation Council attendance was provided in Electronic Item 13.1. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee attendance and meeting summary were provided in Electronic Item 13.2.

14. **Other Business (Old or New):** There was no discussion on this item.

15. **Future Agenda Items:** There was no discussion on this item.

16. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for 1:00 pm, Thursday, August 13, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.