

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, May 22, 2026**

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, May 22, 2026, at 1:30 pm by videoconference. The Regional Transportation Council Bylaws and Operating Procedures establish that the Technical Committee approved membership in attendance at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for action to be taken, therefore individual attendance was not taken for committee members or other attendees.

1. **Approval of the April 24, 2026, Meeting Summary:** Approval of the April 24, 2026, meeting summary contained in Electronic Item 1 was requested.

The Meeting Summary of the April 24, 2026, meeting was approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. James Gaertner (M); Paul Luedtke (S).

2. **Consent Agenda:**

- 2.1. **Endorsement of Projects for Federal Transit Administration 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association World Cup Funding Allocations:**

Endorsement of the Regional Transportation Council's approval was requested for the activities approved by the RTC on May 14, 2026, for the \$10,033,037 in United States Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration funding to prepare transit agencies for the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association World Cup.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation in Item 2.1 on the Consent Agenda. Chad Marbut (M); Mark Nelson (S). The motion passed.

3. **Endorsement of Resolution Approving the Regional Transportation Council as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, Support for the Proposed Texas Department of Transportation Agreement and Negotiation with North Central Texas Council of Governments as Fiscal Agent:** Michael Morris and Dan Kessler requested endorsement of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) agreement that contains the responsibilities of the RTC being the Metropolitan Planning Organization. On April 30, 2026, the RTC took action to negotiate with the North Central Texas Council of Governments as the fiscal agent. This Resolution reaffirms moving forward with these negotiations in order to complete the agreement with TxDOT.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. John Polster (M); Eron Linn (S). Chris Flanigan abstained. The motion passed.

## REQUESTED ACTION – MPO Planning Agreement

RTC approval of:

- RTC's responsibilities consistent with the Agreement in its role as the Metropolitan Planning Organization Designating the North Central Texas Council of Governments to be the Fiscal Agent for the RTC, consistent with the Agreement, and RTC directs such intent be communicated in the next 30 days
- Establishing an Operational Agreement between the Fiscal Agent and RTC that details business terms

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4. **Endorsement of Approval to Begin a Negotiation Agreement for Michael Morris to be Appointed by the Regional Transportation Council Consistent with the New Texas Department of Transportation Agreement:** Michael Morris presented the proposed Texas Department of Transportation Agreement that contains in Article 5H and 5J that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Director is appointed by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC). Endorsement of the RTC approval of this item approves the Chair to begin negotiations with the current MPO Director Michael Morris.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation. Chad Davis (M); John Polster (S). The motion passed.

5. **Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program:** Valerie Alvarado requested Surface Transportation Technical Committee endorsement of the Regional Transportation Council approval of the submittal of candidate projects for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program on May 14, 2026. Applications are due to the Federal Railroad Administration by June 8, 2026.

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

## Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCEP) – Requested Action

### Request STTC Endorsement for:

The May 14, 2026 RTC approval of the submittal of the **Bonds Ranch Road Segment #2 Project** by Tarrant County and the **Prairie Creek Road/UPRR Project** by the City of Dallas for funding consideration through the **FY2025-2026 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCEP)**.

Reaffirmation of \$9 million in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) and \$30 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds for the **Bonds Ranch Road Segment #2 Project** contingent on previously unawarded applications to the FY2023 -2024 RCEP and Texas Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Program.

Administratively amending NCTCOG's Transportation Improvement Program (*TIP*) and the State Transportation Improvement Program (*STIP*), as well as other planning and administrative documents, to include the proposed projects if selected for **FY2025-2026 RCEP Grant** awards.



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6. **Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program:** Valerie Alvarado requested the Committee's recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of candidate projects to be submitted for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program. Applications are due to the Federal Railroad Administration by June 22, 2026.

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

**FY2025-2026 CRISI Projects – Requested Action**

**Recommend RTC approval for:**

Submittal of the **Bonds Ranch Road Segment #2 Project** by Tarrant County and the **Avondale Haslet Road/Haslet Parkway "Long Bridge" Project** by NCTCOG for the **FY2025-2026 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program**.

Affirming \$9 million in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) and \$30 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds for the **Bonds Ranch Road Segment #2 Project**.

Affirming \$5,203 million in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds for the **Avondale Haslet Road/Haslet Parkway "Long Bridge" Project**.

Administratively amending NCTCOG's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as well as other planning and administrative documents, to include the proposed projects if selected for **FY2025-2026 CRISI Grant** awards.

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7. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** Michael Morris provided an overview of current transportation items.
1. Texas Conformity Progress/Correspondence from the United States Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration (Electronic Item 7)
  2. Cancellation of Surface Transportation Technical Committee in June 2026 and Regional Transportation Council in July 2026
  3. New Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) Officers (Dan Kessler)  
The Surface Transportation Technical Committee officers for the 2026-2027 term are Kelly Porter, Chair, Assistant Director of Transportation and Public Works, City of Fort Worth; Mark Nelson, Vice Chair, Director of Transportation and Mobility, City of Richardson; and Daniel Burnham, Secretary, Director of Transportation and Mobility, City of Richardson.
  4. Status of Rockwall County Agreement
8. **2027 Unified Transportation Program and Regional 10-Year Plan Update:** Brian Dell briefed the Committee on anticipated revenues and proposed changes for the Regional 10-Year Plan Update.
9. **Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan:** Catherine Richardson provided an overview of the development of the Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan including the purpose, goals, crash data analysis, public opinion survey results, priority emphasis areas and corridors to target for future study and implementation of safety countermeasures, and recommended action items.
10. **Technology Project Identification Submitted Ideas and Evaluation Update:** Braulio Bessa provided an overview of submitted project ideas received through the 2026

Technology Project Identification Call for Projects and outlined next steps in the review and evaluation process.

11. **Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail: Update and Next Steps**: Ezra Pratt provided information as a follow-up from the November 2025 Regional Transportation Council (RTC) action that requested staff to move forward with the “Western Alignment” in central Dallas and that the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board approve the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Corridor Identification and Development (CID) Step 1 consultant contract. Staff provided a brief status update on project progress for both the Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail (DFWHSR) Study and FRA CID Step 1. The item also covered the Fort Worth-Arlington High-Speed Rail Economic Impact Analysis, as well as recent city of Dallas and Executive Board actions that affect the CID project and may impact the DFWHSR Study National Environmental Policy Act process. Particularly the January 2026 Dallas City Council resolution on high-speed rail (Dallas Resolution 26-0265). Staff requested RTC action at the May 14, 2026, meeting to provide guidance on next steps for the study and coordination with the City of Dallas and other major stakeholders in central Dallas. The RTC approved specific guidance for staff to facilitate a meeting between RTC members from the Cities of Dallas, Arlington, and Fort Worth, as well as Dallas County and Dallas Area Rapid Transit to discuss a path forward for high-speed rail in the region.
12. **Fast Facts**: Staff provided brief presentations on Items 1 through 9 below:
  1. Charles Marsh – Submittal Deadline for Transportation Improvement Program Modification Requests for the Fourth-Quarter Cycle
  2. Denise Koon – High-Occupancy Vehicle/GoCarma Quarterly Report
  3. Benjamin Whisnant – Draft North Texas Transit-Oriented Development Progress Report Ready for Local Review ([www.nctcog.org/TOD](http://www.nctcog.org/TOD))
  4. Jeron Capps presented for Skylar Staffaroni – Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Round Six – Final Deadline
  5. Catherine Richardson – Training Course: American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials Guide for the Development of Bicycle Facilities, 5th Edition ([www.nctcog.org/AASHTObike26](http://www.nctcog.org/AASHTObike26))
  6. Daniela Tower – 2026 Ozone Season Update
  7. Quinnton DeBolt – Air Quality Funding Opportunities ([www.nctcog.org/AQfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/AQfunding))
  8. Quinnton DeBolt – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
  9. Written Progress Reports:
    - Partner Progress Reports
    - March – April Public Comments Report
    - April Public Meeting Minutes
    - June Public Meeting Flyer
13. **Other Business (Old or New)**: No items were provided.
14. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on July 24, 2026**.

Meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.