

MEETING SUMMARY

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, December 5, 2025

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, December 5, 2025, 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: Ahmed Alqaisi, Marah Aqqad, Joe Atwood, Melissa Baker, James Bell, Nathan Benditz, David Boski, Tanya Brooks, Daniel Burnham, Jeff Bush, Farhan Butt, Brenda Callaway, Travis Campbell, Aaron Ceder, John Cordary, Taylor Derden, Phil Dupler, Eric Fladager, Chris Flanigan, Ann Foss, Austin Frith, Gary Graham, Michael Haithcock, Namoo Han, Craig Hancock, Chris Harris, Barry Heard, Duane Hengst, Matthew Hotelling, Jeremy Hutt, Joseph Jackson, Joel James, Major L. Jones, Wilson Kakembo, Gus Khankarli, Lauren LaNeave, Eron Linn, Clay Lipscomb, Stanford Lynch, Brian McNulty (representing Ron Hartline), Auro Majumdar, Chad Marbut, Alberto Mares, John Mears, Brian Moen, Mark Nelson, Alfredo Ortiz, Autumn Permenter (representing Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize), Martin Phillips, John Polster, Kelly Porter, Greg Royster, John Ryan (representing Thuan Huynh), David Salmon, Brian Shewski, Ray Silva-Reyes, Chelsea St. Louis, Aaron Tainter, Errick Thompson, Jennifer VanderLaan, Jana Wentzel, Robert Woodbury, and Larry Wright.

Others present at the meeting were: Vickie Alexander, Valerie Alvarado, Berrien Barks, Braulio Bessa, Natalie Bettger, Joslyn Billings, Scott Booth, Savannah Briscoe, Carolyn Burns, Katherine Cadena, Lori Clark, Dina Colarossi, Shawn Conrad, Matt Craig, Alyssa Cunningham, Brian Dell, Cody Derrick, Rebekah Gongora, Ricardo Gonzalez, Christie Gotti, Millie Hayes, John Hudspeth, Ernest Huffman, Amy Johnson, Mike Johnson, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, Chris Klaus, Dan Lamers, April Leger, Charles Marsh, Malcolm Mayhew, Jeremy McGraham, James McLane, Arash Mirzaei, Michael Morris, Chandler Muruganandtham, Jenny Narvaez, Jeff Neal, Jackie Nolasco, Donald Parker, Christopher Poe, Caleb Polster, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Jacob Reinig, Brian Rentsch, Teale Robison, Jasmine Rodriguez, Jackson Rose, John Ryan, Sidney Sonch, Toni Stehling, Robert Tantiado, Daniella Tower, Noah Walker, Brendon Wheeler, Jeff Whitick, Amanda Wilson, Robert Woodbury, Jared Wright, Hua Yang, and Alexander Young.

1. **Approval of the October 24, 2025, Meeting Summary:** Approval of the October 24, 2025, meeting summary contained in Electronic Item 1 was requested.

The Meeting Summary of the October 24, 2025, meeting was approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. John Polster (M); Mark Nelson (S).

2. **Consent Agenda:**

- 2.1. **Endorsement of Trinity Railway Express Fédération Internationale de Football Association World Cup Funding Trade:** Endorsement of the Regional Transportation Council's approval to repurpose \$3.5 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funding previously approved for improvements to the Trinity Railway Express in preparation for the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association World Cup was requested.
- 2.2. **Ratification of Emergency Funding: North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety Cost Increase for Eastern Segment:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council ratification of emergency funding

of \$3.82 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds with a local match of \$955,000 committed by Dallas Area Rapid Transit was requested as the last funding piece for the eastern section of the Trinity Railway Express federal discretionary grant and amending the Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents to enable the project to proceed to construction.

- 2.3. **February 2026 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was requested, along with the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes.

The Committee approved staff's recommendations in Items 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 on the Consent Agenda. Mark Nelson (M); Daniel Burnham (S).

3. **Fiscal Year 2024–2025 National Railroad Partnership Grant Program Submittals:** Valerie Alvarado requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval to submit two projects in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 National Railroad Partnership Program. North Central Texas Council of Governments submitted an application for both the Prairie Creek Road Grade Separation Project and the East Trinity Railway Express Corridor Improvement Projects for the National Railroad Partnership Program. Applications were due to the United States Department of Transportation by January 7, 2026.

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

Requested Action – National Railroad Partnership Program Submittal Applications

Recommendation for RTC approval of:

- Submittal of the *East TRE Corridor Improvements* and *Prairie Creek Road Grade Separation* projects for funding consideration through the FY2024-2025 National Railroad Partnership Grant Program
- Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the proposed project if selected for a FY2024-2025 National Railroad Partnership Grant award

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4. **2027–2029 Management, Operations, and Air Quality Program:** Brian Dell requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to extend existing RTC Management, Operations, and Air Quality projects and programs for Fiscal Year 2027-2029.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. John Polster (M); Chad Marbut (S).

REQUESTED ACTION – FUNDING FOR 2027-2029 MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS, AND AIR QUALITY PROGRAM

- Recommend RTC approval of:
 - Proposed projects and programs listed in Electronic Item 4.2
 - 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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5. **North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects Funding Recommendations:** Joslyn Billings provided an overview of the North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects including applications received, scoring results, and sites recommended for funding. Staff requested recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval for funding recommendations.


The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Melissa Baker (M); Tanya Brooks (S).

Requested Action – North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects (CFP)

STTC recommendation of RTC approval of:

- Proposed funding recommendations for the North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects, in ranked order, as outlined in Electronic Item 5.2
 - Sites on the “waitlist” to be funded in order as adequate funds become available
- Use of \$65,600 in RTC Local funds to award request in Erath County
 - Will replace RTC Local with FHWA Funds if obligated
- Reopening the CFP for 3 rural western counties upon FHWA obligation of funds
- Reallocating \$310,400 from Navarro County to the MPA, pending communication with County officials
- Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate funding recommendations

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6. **Technology Project Identification Framework:** Braulio Bessa presented the proposed Technology Project Identification Framework and requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Farhan Butt (M); Brian Moen (S).

REQUESTED ACTION – TECHNOLOGY PROJECT IDENTIFICATION (TPI) FRAMEWORK

Recommendation for RTC approval of:

- Implementation of the **Technology Project Identification (TPI) Framework** as the new process for identifying and advancing Technology & Innovation projects.
- Adoption of the **evaluation criteria and eligibility requirements** established under the framework to guide project selection.
- Utilization of up to **\$8.7 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds**, with **Transportation Development Credits** as local match, for eligible projects identified through this process.
- Administrative amendments to the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) / Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate this new framework.

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7. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Round 6:** Amy Johnson requested a recommendation of Regional Transportation Council approval of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Round 6.


The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Mark Nelson (M); John Polster (S).

REQUESTED ACTION – Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Round 6

Recommendation for RTC approval of:

- Proposed MTP Policy Bundle Round 6 policy list and scoring framework.
- Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the program.

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8. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items**: Michael Morris provided an overview of current transportation items:
 1. Summary of Regional Transportation Council Transit Vision Subcommittee Meeting in November
 2. Regional Transportation Council Correspondence
 3. Advancing Fort Worth to Houston High-Speed Rail Corridor Identification and Development Program and Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail National Environmental Policy Act study
 4. Status Report on McKinney Passenger Rail Corridor Study
 5. Status Report on Major Regional Transportation Council Initiatives; Path Forward for 2027-2029 Management Operations Program
 6. Status Update on 2025 Transportation Conformity
 7. 2025 Federal Certification Review Report for the Dallas-Fort Worth/Arlington, Denton-Lewisville, and McKinney-Frisco Transportation Management Areas
 8. Succession Plan for the Transportation Director

9. **North Texas Electric Vehicle Takeoff and Landing and Advanced Air Mobility Aircraft Integration Pilot Program Proposal**: Ernest Huffman provided an overview of the North Central Texas Council of Governments planned competitive application to the Federal Aviation Administration's Electric Vertical Takeoff and Landing Aircraft Integration Pilot Program to demonstrate near-term, real-world Advanced Air Mobility operations in the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

10. **2027 - 2030 Transportation Improvement Program Development – Draft Listings**: Brian Dell briefed the Committee on the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program development process, and the draft listing of current Regional Transportation Council commitments was provided for review and comment.

11. **End of 2025 Ozone Season**: Daniela Tower provided information regarding the region's 2025 ozone season.

12. **Fast Facts**: These items were not presented due to time constraints:
 1. Toni Stehling – 2026 Schedule of Meetings for Regional Transportation Council and Surface Transportation Technical Committee
 2. Jackie Nolasco – 2025 Regional Transportation Council Federal Surface Transportation Authorization Priorities
 3. Jeff Neal – Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Study Overview and Flood Management Model Codes Workshop
 4. Lori Clark – Attendance Report: Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee
 5. Carolyn Burns – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight
 6. Alyssa Cunningham – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
 7. Alyssa Cunningham – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
 8. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports
 - October Public Meeting Minutes
 - September - October Public Comments Report
 - December Public Meeting Notice

13. **Other Business (Old or New)**: Mark Nelson, Surface Transportation Technical Committee Secretary, congratulated Jeffrey Bush, Texas Department of Transportation Deputy District Engineer, on receiving the Texas A&M Transportation Institute's Luther Deberry Award.
14. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for ***1:30 pm on January 23, 2026, in the NCTCOG offices.***

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.