

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, January 23, 2026**

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) held a meeting on Friday, January 23, 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 December 5, 2025, Meeting Summary:** Approval of the December 5, 2025, meeting summary contained in Electronic Item 1 was requested.

The Meeting Summary of the December 5, 2025, meeting was approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Mark Nelson (M); Chad Marbut (S).

2. **Consent Agenda:** There were no items on the Consent Agenda
3. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** Michael Morris provided an overview of current transportation items.
  1. Partnership Program to Reduce the Possibility of Roadway Sanctions
  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
  3. Texas Transportation Commission Awarded \$25 Million for Cotton Belt Trail Corridor
  4. Awarded Safe Streets for All Fiscal Year 2024 North Central Texas Council of Governments Crossing Students Safety Grant Agreement
  5. Regional Transportation Council Transit Vision Subcommittee Presentation – Karla Windsor
  6. Need Feedback on Transportation Improvement Program Listings
  7. Mobility Assistance Patrol Program
  8. Triennial Federal Transit Administration Review Will Be Conducted in 2026
4. **Endorsement to Receive Rider 7 Fine Particulate Matter Planning Funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality:** Daniela Tower provided an overview of the Rider 7 Local Air Quality Planning Grant – fine particulate matter program administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality available for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 biennium and requested 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.

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

## Requested Action: Receiving and Using Rider 7 Funds for Regional Air Quality Activities

Endorsement to receive an additional \$660,933.27 in the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 biennium for a new total of \$1,149,928.27.

Approval for an agreement between NCTCOG and Kevin Overton for an amount not to exceed \$80,000 in TCEQ Rider 7 PM<sub>2.5</sub> funds to assist with new monitor site evaluations and selection, as well as data interpretation and analysis for both existing and new monitor locations.

Approval for an agreement between NCTCOG and TTI for an amount not to exceed \$400,000 in TCEQ Rider 7 PM<sub>2.5</sub> funds to maintain the currently installed six PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitors, install and maintain up to four additional monitoring stations, and quality control collected data.

Approval to initiate a competitive request for proposals (RFP) for an amount not to exceed \$250,000 in TCEQ Rider 7 PM<sub>2.5</sub> funds to conduct PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions modeling. Following results of the RFP, Committee approval to subaward will be requested at a future date.

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5. **Approval to Receive Rider 7 Ozone Planning Funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality:** Daniela Tower provided an overview of the Rider 7 Local Air Quality Planning Grant - Ozone program administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality available for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 biennium and requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of the receipt of funds for local air quality planning under this program and to enter into agreements with the City of Granbury to assist with work to be conducted.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Kelly Porter (M); Joe Atwood (S).

## Requested Action: Receiving and Using Rider 7 Ozone Funds for Local Air Quality Activities

STTC approval of:

Approval for an agreement between NCTCOG and the TCEQ and receiving \$281,250 in the Fiscal Years 2026-2027 biennium for local air quality planning activities benefiting the SIP

Approval for an agreement between NCTCOG and the City of Granbury for an amount not to exceed \$255,000 to:

- maintain the currently installed five ozone monitors and meteorological stations as well as five NO<sub>2</sub> reference monitors in Hood and Somervell Counties,
- store and quality control collected data, interpret and analyze the results of these collected data, and
- conduct ozone modeling in Hood County

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6. **Fiscal Year 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Grant and Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Programs:** Jeff Neal requested the Committee's recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to submit projects in the Fiscal Year 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development 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 by February 24, 2026. A recommendation for RTC approval was also requested for \$30 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program/ 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, which was submitted by Tarrant County for the Texas Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Program.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Robert Woodbury (M); Alberto Mares (S).

**Requested Action –  
FY2026 BUILD Grant & Off-System Rail Grade Separation Programs**

**Recommendation for RTC approval of:**

- Submitting the following projects for BUILD Grant funding consideration:
  - 1) **US 287/Prairie Ridge Project** *(including proposed 50% Category 2/50% Category 4 funding and state match)*
  - 2) **SH 183/Pumphrey Dr BASE Project**
  - 3) **FM 917/BNSF Grade Separation**
- \$20M in Federal STBG/CMAQ funds and \$9M in RTR funds for Tarrant County's **Bonds Ranch Road Segment #2 Project** application to the Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund 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 projects if selected

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7. **Status Report on Commercial Vehicle Compliance:** Anthony Moffa provided an update on Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) efforts in the region and highlighted observations from recently attended CVE events along with other relevant information.
8. **Proposed Traffic Signal Program Funding:** Gregory Masota presented the proposed traffic signal funding program based on the recently approved Regional Transportation Council traffic signal improvement types and associated funding categories.
9. **Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Study Overview:** Jeff Neal provided a brief overview of the Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Study and announced a Model Development Code/Floodplain Ordinance Workshop scheduled for January 29, 2026, in the North Central Texas Council of Governments offices.

**Fast Facts:** These items were not presented due to time constraints:

1. Dylan Niles – Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Development Credit Annual Report
2. Braulio Bessa – Technology Project Identification Call for Ideas Workshop (February 2, 2026)
3. Jason Brown – Engine Off North Texas Status Report
4. Jesse Brown – Quarterly High Occupancy Vehicle Carma Subsidy Report
5. Hannah Thesing – Multimodal Delivery Project Update
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
  - November Public Meeting Minutes
  - December Public Meeting Minutes
  - October-November Public Comments Report
  - November-December Public Comments Report
  - February Public Meeting Notice

10. **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 February 27, 2026, in the NCTCOG offices.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.