

AGENDA

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, October 23, 2026

North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda (Meeting Will be Held as a Videoconference)

1:30 – 1:35

1. Approval of September 25, 2026, Meeting Summary

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Presenter: Kelly Porter, STTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the September 25, 2026, meeting summary contained in Electronic Item 1 will be requested.

Background: N/A

1:35 – 1:40

2. Consent Agenda

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2.1. Endorsement of North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles Call for Projects Update

Presenter: Juliana VandenBorn, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) endorsement of an update to the North Texas Zero Emission Vehicles Call for Projects (NTxZEV CFP) requirements, and to enter into an agreement to provide first responder training on zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) incidents.

Background: In 2025, the North Central Texas Council of Governments was awarded \$60 million by the Environmental Protection Agency through the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program. \$58.6 million of these funds was allocated for the replacement of heavy-duty internal combustion vehicles with ZEV and the installation of supporting infrastructure through the NTxZEV CFP. The remaining \$1.4 million was allocated for workforce development and training related to ZEV. The NTxZEV CFP opened on October 24, 2025, and staff continues to accept applications for the CFP on a monthly basis. Few eligible applications have been received to date. To encourage additional applications, staff proposed an update to eligibility requirements. Staff also proposed moving forward with an agreement with a training provider who can provide first responder training about ZEV incidents. These updates were approved by the Regional Transportation Council on

October 8, 2026. Additional details are provided in Electronic Item 2.1.1. A flyer promoting the NTxZEV CFP is available in Electronic Item 2.1.2. Staff requests distribution of this flyer to help promote the program to local fleets and encourages submission of innovative outreach ideas to staff. Additional details on the NTxZEV CFP can be found at www.nctcog.org/NTxZEV.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2.2. Endorsement of Fiscal Years 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation Competitive Grant Program

Presenter: Bobby Gomez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff requests the Committee's endorsement of an extra candidate project submitted for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Competitive Grant Program. Applications were due to the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) by October 9, 2026.

Background: In August 2026, USDOT announced the FY2024-2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity to solicit applications for the \$787 million PROTECT Competitive Grant Program, which provides funding to plan for and make surface transportation more resilient to current and future weather events, natural disasters, and changing environmental conditions. In addition to a PROTECT Planning Grant application for the Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Study – South/East Region Expansion, on October 8, 2026, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved submittal of a PROTECT Resilience Improvement Grant application for Sustaining Fleets for Small Area Transit Providers. As this latter project did not receive prior action from the Committee last month, endorsement is requested this month to support RTC approval. A presentation specifying key PROTECT details, along with information supporting both project applications, is included in Electronic Item 2.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2.3. Air Quality Funding Recommendations Related to the Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program

Presenter: Jason Brown, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff requests the Surface Transportation Technical Committee's recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of the funding for Estes Electric Inc., through the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 Call for Projects (CFP) utilizing Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funds.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments opened the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 CFP through an EPA National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program award. The CFP award grants fund replacements of on-road diesel vehicles and engines, nonroad diesel equipment, diesel transport refrigeration unit trailers, diesel drayage trucks, locomotive engines, and locomotive shore power installation in North Central Texas. Estes Electric's application for one nonroad trencher was received before the CFP deadline of September 11, 2026. Electronic Item 2.3.1 provides an overview of the call for projects and staff recommendation. Electronic Item 2.3.2 provides detailed project listings. This initiative is an extension of clean vehicle efforts listed as Weight-of-Evidence in the current State Implementation Plan.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2.4. Decision Focused Assessment and High-Resolution Mapping of PM2.5 in North Central Texas

Presenter: Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff requests a recommendation to the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to approve entering into an agreement with the University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) to conduct a decision-focused assessment and high-resolution mapping of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in North Central Texas. Results will support in-house development of a regional PM2.5 conceptual model under the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Rider 7 Local Air Quality Planning Grant – PM2.5.

Background: Existing monitoring provides valuable information on PM2.5 concentrations in North Central Texas, but its spatial coverage is limited. Additional analysis is needed

to characterize conditions across the region and better understand where and when concentrations are elevated. Conceptual models are commonly used in air quality planning to characterize pollutant sources, atmospheric processes, transport mechanisms, and observed concentrations. North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is developing a regional PM2.5 conceptual model to evaluate current conditions, identify contributing factors, and inform future air quality planning. TCEQ administers funding under Rider 7 of its legislative appropriation and contracts with NCTCOG for local air quality planning activities. The proposed UTA assessment and high-resolution mapping will complement NCTCOG's in-house PM2.5 modeling and analysis by extending spatial coverage and providing additional information on regional concentration patterns. Staff proposes using Rider 7 grant funds for UTA's technical work. More details can be found in Electronic Item 2.4.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

1:40 – 1:50

3. Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items

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Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: An overview of current transportation items will be provided.

Background: Efforts continue to advance transportation in the region. Staff will highlight the following:

1. Status Report on Metropolitan Planning Organization Revolver Funds and Regional Transportation Council Local Pool (Electronic Item 3)
2. Regional Transportation Council Meeting Rescheduled to November 5, 2026
3. Regional Transportation Council Member Orientation/Funding Workshop – Three Virtual Optional Meeting Dates:
 - November 6, 2026, 3:00-4:00 pm
 - November 20, 2026, 10:00-11:00 am
 - December 3, 2026, 10:30-11:30 am
 - There will also be a funding workshop prior to the December Surface Transportation Technical Committee meeting
4. Tri-Party Agreement, Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Bylaws Revision Subcommittee and Next Steps for RTC Metropolitan Planning Organization Director

5. Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base – Wings Over Cowtown
– April 2027 - Dan Kessler
6. Interstate Highway 820/State Highway 183 P3 Freeway and
Managed Lanes \$450 Million
7. The Importance of Independent Air Quality Analysis

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

1:50 – 2:10

4. Project Status Report: Metropolitan Planning Organization Milestone Policy Round 2, Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Project Tracking Updates

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Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) with a status report on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and FY2027 Project Tracking and Milestone Policy Round 2 projects.

Background: The Milestone Policy was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to focus on projects that have been funded for more than 10 years and have not gone to construction. By highlighting these projects, the policy creates agency accountability to implement projects in a timely manner. Staff coordinates with implementing agencies to assess project risk until they go to construction. Similarly, the annual project tracking effort focuses on projects slated for implementation in the current fiscal year. Projects are monitored early, allowing staff to highlight potential problems that could lead to delays, which enables the RTC to take corrective action to avoid building up carryover balances in federal funding categories. Milestone Policy status updates can be found in Electronic Item 4.1. FY2026 Project Tracking status updates can be found in Electronic Item 4.2. FY2027 Project Tracking status updates can be found in Electronic Item 4.3. A summary of the status reports can be found in Electronic Item 4.4. Entities with projects delayed four or more years from their originally proposed start dates will be highlighted at the meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:10 – 2:20

5. Organization Identity and Naming Convention

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information on the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) selection of an organization identity and naming convention for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board and MPO Staff in light of the Tri-Party Agreement, the Operational Agreement, and the Settlement Agreement.

Background: The 2026 MPO Agreement identifies the RTC as the MPO for the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Under this agreement, once fully executed, the MPO Director will report directly to the RTC, and the MPO Staff will report to the MPO Director. This creates a new organization and there is an opportunity to bring the naming convention of the MPO Policy Board and the MPO Staff in closer alignment. Staff have benchmarked MPO naming conventions across the country and the RTC took action at its October 2026 meeting to select a name. Information is included in Electronic Item 5.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:20 – 2:30

6. North Texas Regional Transit-Oriented Development Progress Report

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Travis Liska, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information on the new North Texas Regional Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Progress Report including its key findings and recommendations for local governments and transit agency partners implementing TOD.

Background: Since the start of North Texas' modern regional passenger rail transit, transit agencies and member cities have been pursuing TOD near the rail stations. The North Texas Regional TOD Progress Report is a data driven review of the progress the region has made implementing TOD and the needs still to be addressed framed around measures recommended in Transit 2.0 Task 6. The report includes findings from new and existing sources on TOD performance, informative context, and local government actions. Data in the report allows partner governments and agencies to identify individual station areas most in need of additional support to further advance TOD implementation. Staff will present key findings and general recommendations that local governments and transit agencies may use for furthering TOD. The report

will be available online by early November at
www.NCTCOG.org/TOD.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Bike/Ped+, Transit

2:30 – 2:40

7. Dallas Rail Crossing Analysis

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Savannah Briscoe, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the Dallas Rail Crossing Analysis which includes an evaluation of all public at-grade crossings within the city of Dallas. Staff will also discuss both quantitative and qualitative information that was collected for the Dallas crossings.

Background: The Dallas Rail Crossing Analysis includes an evaluation of all 211 public at-grade crossings in the city of Dallas. The evaluation includes a breakdown of crossings that are high, medium, and low priority and recommendations on safety improvements at certain crossings based on data collected. Quantitative data collected on the Dallas crossings include information such as speed, daily train count, incidents after 2015, fatalities after 2015, average annual daily traffic, railroad, and subdivision; this information comes directly from the Federal Railroad Administration. Qualitative data collected on Dallas crossings includes safety information such as pavement markings, quiet zones, crossbucks, active warning devices, number of lanes, and medians/supplemental safety measures; this information comes directly from firsthand observations via site visits. Electronic Item 7 provides more information on the Dallas Rail Crossing Analysis.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

2:40 – 2:50

8. New Status Report on Commercial Vehicle Compliance

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jason Brown, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information on regional Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) efforts, including regional CVE data and CVE operations coverage.

Background: The Texas Department of Public Safety has joint responsibility with local law enforcement for the operation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement service. This joint service takes place throughout the region so that compliance with statutory provisions of law regulating weight, motor carrier safety, registration, transportation of people, hazardous materials,

and other property can be obtained. North Central Texas Council of Governments staff have been attending coordinated multi-jurisdiction CVE events in the Dallas-Fort Worth region and will share data and operations coverage. Electronic Item 8 contains more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Safety

2:50 – 3:00

9. Fast Facts

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Item Summary: Brief staff presentations will be provided. Please reference the material as provided.

1. *Jackson Rose* – West/East Equity Update (Electronic Item 9.1)
2. *Daniel Snyder* – Transportation Alternatives Program Call for Project Virtual Informational Webinar (www.nctcog.org/TAP27)
3. *Daniela Tower* – 2026 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 9.2)
4. *Elizabeth Sin* – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight (Electronic Item 9.3)
5. *Elizabeth Sin* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
6. *Elizabeth Sin* – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
7. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 9.4)
 - August - September Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 9.5)
 - September Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 9.6)
 - November Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 9.7)

10. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

11. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on December 4, 2026**.