

MEETING SUMMARY

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, August 28, 2026

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, August 28, 2026, 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, Joe Atwood, Melissa Baker, James Bell, Nathan Benditz, Erika Bridges, Tanya Brooks, Daniel Burnham, Jeffrey Bush, Farhan Butt, Bryan Cabrera, Brenda Callaway, Travis Campbell, Tara Crawford, Clarence Daugherty, Taylor Derden, Pritam Deshmukh, Becky Diviney, Phil Dupler, Eric Fladager, Chris Flanigan, Austin Frith, Gary Graham, Rajnish Gupta, Michael Haithcok, Tom Hammons, Craig Hancock, Chris Harris, Alan Hendrix (representing Stanford Lynch), Daniel Herrig, Matthew Hotelling, Jeremy Hutt, Thuan Huynh, Joel James, Major L. Jones, Gus Khankarli, Eron Linn, Aaron Long (representing David Boski), Paul Luedtke, Auro Majumdar, Chad Marbut, Alberto Mares, Brian McNulty (representing Ron Hartline), Brian Moen, Alfredo Ortiz, Cody Owen (representing Daniel Vedral), Joyce Palmer, Angela Pflanz (representing Caleb Thornhill), John Polster, Kelly Porter, Greg Royster, Robert Saucedo, Sirwan Shahooei (representing Brett Bourgeois), Brian Shewski, Chelsea St. Louis, Errick Thompson, Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize, Tommy Weir, Jana Wentzel, Robert Woodbury, and Larry Wright.

Others present at the meeting were: Abhishek Achaya, Vickie Alexander, Susan Alvarez, Berrien Barks, Natalie Bettger, Savannah Briscoe, Jesse Brown, Carolyn Burns, Daniel Byrd, Katherine Cadena, Tom Chochill, Lori Clark, Dina Colarossi, Shawn Conrad, Jaron Copps, Dawn Dalrymple, Quinnton DeBolt, Shawn Dintino, Elijah Dorminy, Brian Flood, Bobby Gomez, Rebekah Gongora, Christie Gotti, Millie Hayes, John Hudspeth, Ernest Huffman, Sarah Jackson, Raj Jandhyam, Yon Jeong, Amy Johnson, Mike Johnson, Dan Kessler, Chris Klaus, Kevin Kokes, Denise Koon, Kurt Lehan, Malcolm Mayhew, James McLane, Sierra Medlock, Michael Morris, Chandra Muruhansandham, Jeff Neal, Dylan Niles, Jackie Nolasco, Christiana Nosan, Tim Palermo, Christopher Poe, Nathaniel Potz, Bill Prieto, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Jacob Reinig, Teale Robison, Jasmine Rodriguez, Britnee Rosales, Samuel Simmons, Daniel Snyder, Skylar Staffaroni, Toni Stehling, Sheyda Taffakouri, Daniela Tower, Whitney Vandiver, Jeff Whitlock, Anna Willits, Amanda Wilson, Jared Wright, and Alexander Young.

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

The Meeting Summary of the July 24, 2026, meeting was approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. John Polster (M); Chad Marbut (S). The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Consent Agenda:**

- 2.1. **Fourth Quarter 2026 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2027-2030 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.

- 2.2. **Federal Performance Measures: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Performance and Transit Asset Management Targets**: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of draft targets was requested for certain federally required performance measures, specifically Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (i.e., PM3) and Transit Asset Management.
- 2.3. **Federal Functional Classification System Amendments**: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of six amendments to the currently approved Federal Functional Classification System was requested.
- 2.4. **Transportation Paid Education Campaigns for Fiscal Year 2027**: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of funding up to \$1,246,250 for Transportation Paid Campaigns that will initiate in Fiscal Year 2027 was requested.
- 2.5. **Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning**: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of modifications to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was requested. Direction for staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and update administrative and/or planning documents, as needed, to incorporate the programs, projects, and funding contained in the UPWP modifications was also sought.

The Committee approved staff's recommendations in Items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5 on the Consent Agenda. John Polster (M); Daniel Burnham (S). The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Round 6**: Skylar Staffaroni reviewed the proposed allocation of Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) to be awarded in this round of the Policy Bundle and requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of a total allocation of 34.9 million TDCs, compared to the original allocation of 30 million TDCs, which was previously approved by the RTC for this purpose.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Brian Shewski (M); Melissa Baker (S). The motion passed unanimously.

REQUESTED ACTION - Distribution of Recommended TDC Amounts

Recommendation for RTC approval of:

- 34,900,000 Transportation Development Credits distributed to successful Policy Bundle applicants for Round 6, which includes an increase of 4,900,000 in TDCs over the original 30,000,000.
- 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 awards.

4. **Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan**: Daniel Snyder provided an overview of the development of the Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan including the purpose and goals, crash data analysis, public opinion survey results, priority emphasis areas and corridors to target for future study and implementation of safety countermeasures, and example action items. A recommendation to adopt the Plan was provided and action requested.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Tom Hammons (M); Tanya Brooks (S). The motion passed unanimously.

**REQUESTED ACTION:
Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan**

Recommendation for STTC to:

- Adopt the Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan.
- Direct staff to implement the recommendations of the Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan as consistent with the programs and policies of the existing Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Mobility 2050) and incorporate the recommendations of the Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan into future metropolitan transportation plans.

STTC Action Item: August 28, 202618

5. **Endorsement of Submittal of Grant Application for the Federal Transit Administration 2026 Access and Mobility Partnership Grants**: Gypsy Gavia requested Surface Transportation Technical Committee endorsement of the Regional Transportation Council's approval to submit an application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Fiscal Year 2026 Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program not to exceed \$1,250,000 (\$750,000 Federal, \$500,000 RTC Local) to implement a mobility management program with an interactive software-as-a-service platform with conversational Artificial Intelligence to improve coordination between healthcare providers and transportation services for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Alfred Ortiz (M); Gus Khankarli (S). The motion passed unanimously.

**REQUESTED ACTION – Endorsement of
Submittal of Grant Application for the FTA for the
2026 Access And Mobility Partnership Grant**

• STTC approval of:

- Submission of application for FTA's Access and Mobility Partnership Grant for Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program not to exceed \$1,250,000 (\$750,000 Federal, \$500,000 RTC Local) to improve access to public transportation by building partnerships among health, transportation and other service providers.
- 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 if selected.

STTC Action Item – August 28, 2026

 FTA Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program FY20265

6. **Approval of 2026 Bus and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emissions Grant**

Applications: Bobby Gomez requested the Committee's recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of applications to the Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Grant programs.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Clarence Daugherty (M); Chad Marbut (S). The motion passed unanimously.

REQUESTED ACTION – Approval of 2026 Bus and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emissions Grant Applications

- Recommendation for RTC approval of:
 - 2026 Bus and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emissions Grant Applications as presented
 - If awarded, 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 projects.

STTC Action Item – August 28, 2026



NCTCOG Presentation

7

7. **North Texas Advanced Air Mobility Readiness Call for Projects Update:** Ernest Huffman presented the recommended projects including the funding allocations and sought the Surface Transportation Technical Committee's recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Farhan Butt (M); Gus Khankarli (S). The motion passed unanimously.

REQUESTED ACTION – ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY AIRPORT CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE CALL FOR PROJECTS

Surface Transportation Technical Committee's recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval:

- Recommended Advanced Air Mobility Airport Charging Infrastructure Projects based on Evaluation and Scoring Results
- Utilizing existing \$477,500 in Regional Transportation Council local funds, for eligible projects identified through this process. The remaining RTC approved funding allocation will be used for a future Advanced Air Mobility program.
- 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.

STTC Action Item – August 28, 2026



8. **Fiscal Year 2026 Public Transportation Funding Programs of Projects**: Shawn Dintino requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council action on the Fiscal Year 2026 Public Transportation Funding Programs of Projects.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Brian Moen (M); Gus Khankarli (S). The motion passed unanimously.

REQUESTED ACTION – FY 2026 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRAMS OF PROJECTS

- Recommend RTC approval of:
 - The proposed funding for the FY 2026 Programs of Projects for 5307, 5310, 5337, and 5339
 - Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate this funding on these projects

STTC Action Item – August 28, 2026

FY 2026 Public Transportation Funding: Programs of Projects 9

9. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items**: Michael Morris provided an overview of current transportation items.

1. Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) 2026 FIFA World Cup
2. Three-Party Agreement
3. Settlement Agreement
4. Two-Party Agreement
5. Letter to the Governor
6. High-Speed Rail Follow Up – August 20, 2026
7. Proposed Oak Farms Dallas County Convention Center Resolution
8. AMTRAK Heartland Flyer (Proposed Three-Year Program by Texas Department of Transportation)
9. Irving Infrastructure Summit – August 31 and September 1, 2026
10. Three Additional Railroad Grade Separations

Michael expressed appreciation for all parties that contributed to the implementation of activities to make FIFA a successful regional operation. He requested that agencies that received monetary and/or physical assets for FIFA that are permanent, those agencies should work with Regional Transportation Council staff to determine how best to showcase those legacy items in the region. Also, Michael noted that he is writing a Statewide editorial applauding the Transportation Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on the importance of leveraging with partners in times of limited dollars. Finally, Michael added that the Regional Transportation Council would be sending correspondence to TxDOT headquarters to thank them for the AMTRAK decision and the approval of three additional railroad grade separations.

10. **Regional Rail Crossing Inventory Database**: Savannah Briscoe provided an overview of the Regional Rail Crossing Inventory Database which includes information on all public

at-grade railroad crossings in the Metropolitan Planning Area, including the counties of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise.

11. **Integrated Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Study – Progress Update and Initial Recommendations**: Susan Alvarez and Jeff Neal provided a progress update on the Integrated Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Study, covering portions of Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant, and Wise counties.
12. **Walk & Roll to School Day**: Shawn Conrad provided an overview of activities planned for the 2026 Walk & Roll to School Day promotion and information for participation.
13. **Fast Facts**: Staff provided brief presentations on Items 1 through 9 below:
 1. Bobby Gomez – Rebranding of Public Transportation Service in Johnson County and Updates on Ridership
 2. Denise Koon – High-Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Report
 3. Daniel Snyder – 2027 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region
 4. Quinnton DeBolt – Texas Department of Transportation Texas Electric Vehicle Plan North Central Texas Council of Governments Region Results ([Texas electric vehicle planning](#))
 5. Daniela Tower – 2026 Ozone Season Update
 6. Carolyn Burns – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight
 7. Carolyn Burns – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
 8. Carolyn Burns – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
 9. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports
 - May–June Public Comments Report
 - June–July Public Comments Report
 - June Public Meeting Minutes
 - July Public Meeting Minutes
 - August Public Meeting Notice
 - September Public Meeting Notice
14. **Other Business (Old or New)**: No items were provided.
15. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on September 25, 2026.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.