

Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup.

Background: In October 2023 and March 2025, the Regional Transportation Council approved \$11.8 million for activities related to the 2026 World Cup. Some costs have come in lower, some costs have been reallocated, and most costs have been adjusted. Changes are being made since the region received an additional \$10,033,037 in transit operational funding. The details of the adjustments are contained in Electronic Item 3.1 and additional contingency funds will be retained until FIFA is complete.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

3.2. Revision to Regional Transportation Council Local Funds to Support the Regional Energy Management Assistance Program

Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to revise details of Transportation Department participation in the Regional Energy Management Assistance Program.

Background: Since 2018, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Transportation and Environment and Development Departments have received Department of Energy (DOE) funding through the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) to implement the Regional Energy Management Assistance Program. This initiative helps improve air quality and enables NCTCOG to develop a relationship with the state agency as a valued resource on energy-related topics, which may facilitate future partnerships and opportunities. In June 2025, RTC approved Transportation Department participation for fiscal years (FY) 2026-2028. The Transportation Department was expected to receive approximately \$125,000 in federal funding and provide approximately \$25,000 in non-federal match for each fiscal year for a total of \$75,000 RTC Local Funds across three years. When the funding solicitation was released, it included a new DOE limit on the amount of indirect and

direct fringe expenses that may be reimbursed. This resulted in NCTCOG needing additional federal funds to participate in the program. In November 2025, RTC approved an additional \$62,500 in RTC Local funds, for a total of \$137,500, to support NCTCOG work for FY26. In January 2026, the DOE rescinded the policy limiting eligible indirect and fringe expenses. As such, the additional \$62,500 in RTC Local funds is no longer needed. Staff proposes returning these funds to the RTC Local fund. Staff also requests to reaffirm the original approval to use \$75,000 RTC Local funds as local match for the Transportation Department to participate in the program for three years, through FY28. More information is available in Electronic Item 3.2.

Performance Measure(s): Air Quality

1:20 – 1:35

4. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Appointment of Regional Transportation Council Nominating Subcommittee (Chair Bailey)
2. Senator Tan Parker Named Texas Senate Transportation Committee Chair (Electronic Item 4.1)
3. Fédération Internationale de Football Association – 60 Days Out
4. Cancellation of Regional Transportation Council Meeting in July 2026
5. Regional Transportation Council Correspondence Sent to and from the Texas Department of Transportation (Electronic Item 4.2)
6. Correspondence from the City of Plano – Dallas Area Rapid Transit (Electronic Item 4.3)
7. Changing Mobility: Data, Insights, and Delivering Innovative Projects During COVID Recovery – Transit Data Updates (Electronic Item 4.4)
8. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local Grant Management and RTC Initiatives Fund Status (Electronic Item 4.5)
9. Illumination Maintenance (Electronic Item 4.6)
10. Annual Recognition Awardees (Electronic Item 4.7)

11. Texas Conformity Process/Dallas-Fort Worth Conformity Status Update, and the Federal Highway Administration (Electronic Item 4.8)
12. Local Clean Air Project Spotlight (Electronic Item 4.9)
13. Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
14. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
15. February-March Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.10)
16. March Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.11)
17. April Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.12)
18. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.13)
19. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.14)
20. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.15)

1:35 – 1:50 5. Status Report on Commercial Vehicle Compliance with Officer Vinson

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Presenters: Jason Brown, NCTCOG and Officer Chris Vinson, Midlothian Police Department, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement

Item Summary: An update will be provided on Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) efforts in the region, including observations from recently attended CVE events and future activities.

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 has been attending coordinated multi-jurisdiction CVE events in the Dallas-Fort Worth region and will share observations and next steps. CVE Officer Vinson will be available to assist with questions. Electronic Item 5 contains more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Safety

1:50 – 2:05 6.

Hiring Temporary Outside Legal Counsel

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Presenters: Rick Bailey, RTC Chair and Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Chair Bailey will request approval for temporary legal assistance in areas that can no longer be served by North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) legal counsel. This item does not approve joining other legal action contemplated in the region. In fact, that item will not be discussed in this item or elsewhere on this agenda. It is anticipated that Judge Andy Eads of Denton County may not be able to attend the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting in April.

Background: Current NCTCOG legal staff cannot assist the Transportation Department and the RTC with some legal services. Electronic Item 6.1 is correspondence sent to you by Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG General Counsel. Electronic Item 6.2 further clarifies RTC-related items Ken can no longer assist with and NCTCOG Executive Board items that he can. We have also lost access to James Powell because of their joint legal responsibility. As a result, legal services are immediately needed in three areas:

Account One: Legal services to assist on RTC/Executive Board governance agreements, interpretations of responsibilities, authority in federal law, and overall institutional questions. NCTCOG attorneys cannot perform this function.

Account Two: Legal services related to routine RTC and Transportation staff requests. These steps would be steps related to legal questions during RTC meetings, legal assistance on questions on RTC-related business and RTC-related agreements. More information is contained in Electronic Item 6.2. NCTCOG attorneys cannot perform this function.

Account Three: Legal services that are more temporary since funding for Account Two has not been approved by the RTC. We may need legal assistance to conduct the RTC meeting in April.

We no longer have access to legal staff to conduct RTC-only business and must seek legal services. It is planned that these services will be paid for with RTC

Local funds. Monthly reports will be presented on costs related to each account. Chair Bailey hopes this will be temporary as the RTC and Executive Board attempt to resolve their differences.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:05 – 2:15 7.

Rockwall County Outer Loop Partnership Memorandum of Understanding

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: If an agreement can be reached by April 9, 2026, Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval will be requested for a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the RTC and Rockwall County regarding the Regional Outer Loop through Rockwall County.

Background: In April 2021, RTC approved a Regional Outer Loop Partnership with both Rockwall and Kaufman Counties in which the counties were to fund preliminary engineering and environmental work for a portion of the Regional Outer Loop (from Farm-to-Market [FM] 1138 to State Highway 276 in Rockwall County) with local dollars in order to expedite the project and the RTC would fund a project (in return) to be determined at a later time. The Kaufman County partnership was finalized when the RTC funded FM 741 from United States 175 to Spring Creek Blvd (Transportation Improvement Program 21097.1/Control Section Job Number 1092-01-026) previously. The RTC funds have been committed to multiple projects in Rockwall County, but the county needed to work through Outer Loop alignment concerns before proceeding with the preliminary engineering and environmental work. To this end, Rockwall County has identified a path forward, which is outlined in the draft MOU provided as Electronic Item 7. Action may be requested to enable the RTC Chair to sign the MOU.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway

2:15 – 2:20 8.

North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles Call for Projects Funding Recommendations

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles (NTxZEV) Call for Projects (CFP) including applications received to date, scoring results, and activities recommended for funding. Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of funding recommendations and a revised NTxZEV CFP schedule.

Background: In 2025, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) was awarded \$60 million from the Environmental Protection Agency through the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program to replace heavy-duty internal combustion vehicles with zero-emission vehicles, install supporting infrastructure, and conduct workforce development/training related to zero-emissions vehicles. A CFP providing \$58.6 million for vehicle replacement activities was opened on October 24, 2025, and the first deadline for competitive review of applications was February 13, 2026. Staff has completed review and scoring of completed applications and developed funding recommendations. Additional details are available in Electronic Item 8.1. Electronic Item 8.2 provides additional details on scoring and funding recommendations. This is the first in a series of approvals staff will request as applications are accepted for this program through rolling deadlines. Staff is actively working to support applicants for the next funding round and is organizing a workshop to provide additional information on the program and available zero emissions vehicles on April 21, 2026. Information on the workshop is available in Electronic Item 8.3. Additional details can be found at www.nctcog.org/NTxZEV.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:20 – 2:25 9.

Bike and Roll to School Day

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Shawn Conrad, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of efforts to increase school and city participation for Bike and Roll to School Day 2026 and request local government assistance.

Background: Bike and Roll to School Day is an annual event where students and families from across the country bike, walk

or roll to school together. More students and families using active transportation can reduce car congestion, increase pedestrian presence and safety, and improve air quality. This event highlights the benefits of active transportation and the importance of pedestrian and bicyclist safety. For the fourth year, the North Central Texas Council of Governments will provide safety-related incentives to schools hosting Bike and Roll to School Day events to generate excitement and increase participation. Staff will request assistance from local governments to promote this opportunity with local schools and independent school districts and will identify how local staff can collaborate with schools to hold events. Details provided in Electronic Item 9.

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

2:25 – 2:35 10.

Air Quality Status Update

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an air quality update focusing on ozone and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}).

Background: The 2026 ozone season began March 1, 2026, for the North Central Texas 9-and 10-county non-attainment areas and continues through the end of November. The region remains in nonattainment for both the 2008 and 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), with 2026 representing the third and final year of data that will determine whether attainment is achieved in 2027. Staff will monitor ozone levels throughout the year and report monthly on compliance with the NAAQS. Daily ozone conditions and forecasts are available at:

<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/ozone>.

Nonattainment designations for revised PM_{2.5} NAAQS that were scheduled for earlier this year have stalled due to pending court decisions. Staff will continue to watch for designation process updates and monitor PM_{2.5} regional levels. More details can be found in Electronic Item 10.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

11. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 11.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 11.2)

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

13. **Future Agenda Items**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.

14. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council will be held at **1:00 pm, Thursday, May 14, 2026.**