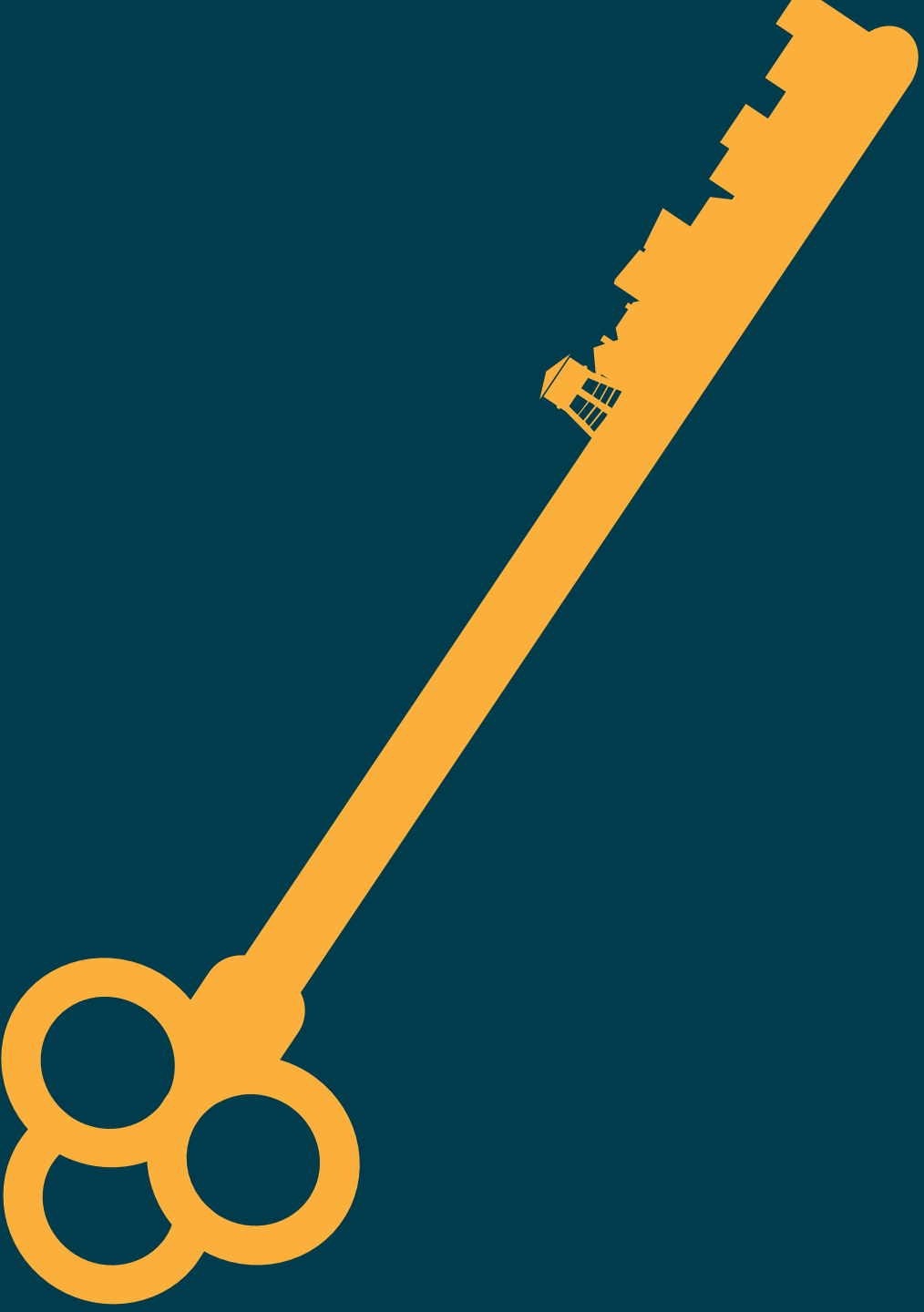


AGENDA
TRANSIT PROVIDERS MEETING
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Transportation Council Room
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011
Thursday, April 16, 2026 9am-12pm

1. Welcome, Introductions & Safety Briefing.....Bobby Gomez
2. NTD Reporting Angela Cruz
3. Disposition process Nancy Luong
4. Document-Sharing SystemBobby Gomez
Discussion question: What other areas of engagement with NCTCOG could benefit from this system?
5. Triennial Review RIR DebriefBobby Gomez
6. Subrecipient Oversight Next Steps Maya Govindarajan
7. PTASP Oversight FY27..... Angela Cruz
Discussion question: What technical assistance tools would you like?
8. Regional POP Process Nathaniel Potz
9. “Fair Share”, TDCs, RTC Policy Nathaniel Potz
10. Current Grant Status Updates Michael Linsenman
Discussion question: What projects should be prioritized for grant applications?
11. Procurement Threshold Updates..... Alonda Massey
12. NCTCOG Internal Budget Process & Timeline Luis Rosas
13. FY26 POP Bobby Gomez
14. Invoice Timeline and Items to Remember Luis Rosas
Discussion question: what financial tools would support your agency’s needs?
15. Workforce Training Project Maya Govindarajan
16. DFW Small Transit Provider Coordination Calls Anna Willits
17. Overview of Access North Texas and the 2026 Update Evan Paret

Discussion question: What kind of planning needs are there for your agency in the next year?

18. Fast Facts Various
- a. Invoice documentation update Bobby Gomez
 - b. Visioning for Future Vehicle Procurements Anna Willits
 - c. World Cup 2026 Things to Remember..... Nicholas Powell
 - d. Transit 2.0/Vision Update..... Nicholas Powell
19. Closing/Final Discussion Bobby Gomez



ACCESS NORTH TEXAS

Evan Paret | Transportation Planner

2026 Annual Transit Provider Meeting

April 16, 2026

ACCESS NORTH TEXAS

- Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan to:
 - ✓ Identify the public transportation needs of older adults, people with disabilities, individuals with lower income, and others experiencing transportation challenges.
- Updated every four years
- Meets Federal and State Requirements for transit coordination within our region



Source: Getty Images

WHY IS THIS PLAN IMPORTANT?

1. Targets transit-dependent populations.
2. Public transportation providers who receive Section 5307 and Section 5311 funding are required to participate in the coordinated planning process.
3. Transportation providers that apply for Section 5310 grant funding must align proposed projects for funding with the Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan's (RPTCP) regional goals and county-specific prioritized strategies.

THE 2022 PLAN

- The most recent update was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council in 2022.
- The Plan Includes:
 - ✓ Executive Summary
 - ✓ Regional Goals
 - ✓ County-Specific Chapters
 - ✓ County-Specific Prioritized Strategies
 - ✓ Get-A-Ride Guide
- Previous versions of the plan can be found on the Access North Texas webpage.

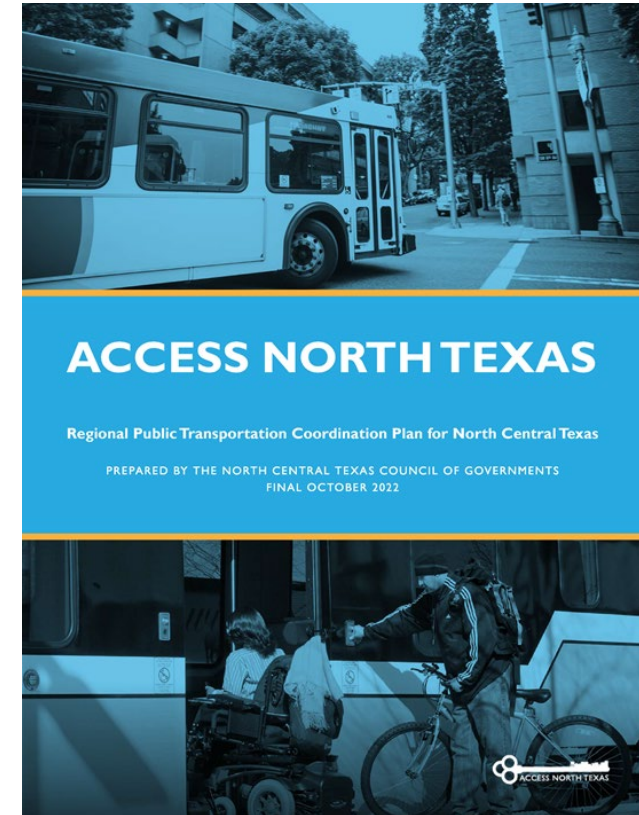
2026 UPDATE TIMELINE



*Identified season per phase is when phase activity is anticipated to begin

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Task	Anticipated Date
Share Regional Goals & Prioritized Strategies w/ Providers	April 30, 2026
Share County-Specific Plan Chapters w/ Providers	July 17, 2026
Host Two Public Meetings (Virtual)	By August 14, 2026



QUESTIONS?

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Procurement Threshold Changes

Annual Transit Provider Meeting
April 16, 2026

Procurement Methods

- Micro-purchases – May be awarded without soliciting competitive quotes if price is considered reasonable
- Simplified Acquisition – Small, informal purchases for securing services, supplies, or other items that do not cost more than the acquisition threshold
- Sealed Bids – Elements: 1) realistic specifications; 2) two or more responsible bidders; 3) firm fixed-price; 4) selection based on price
- Competitive Proposals – Fixed-price or cost-reimbursement; award is based on more than price alone

*Honorable Mention

Micro-purchase

Federal Level – 2 CFR 200.1 Definitions

- Aggregate dollar amount does not exceed the current micro-purchase threshold
- As of October 1, 2025, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) increased the threshold from \$10,000 to \$15,000

Agency Level – FTA Circular 4220.1G.VI.a(2)

- References 2 CFR 200.320(a)(1)(iv) – May self-certify up to \$50,000 and above \$50,000

Subrecipient – Procurement Policy

Micro-purchase Threshold Increase

2 CFR 200.320(a)(1)(iv) – UP TO \$50,000

- Self-certification must include: 1) a justification; 2) clear identification of the threshold; and 3) supporting documentation of:
 - A low-risk auditee for the most recent audit; and
 - An annual internal institutional risk assessment

- 2 CFR 200(a)(v) – OVER \$50,000
- Must be approved by the cognizant agency for indirect costs
- The request must include the requirements of “Up to \$50,000”
- The increased threshold is valid until any factor that was relied on in the establishment and rationale of threshold changes.

Simplified Acquisition

Federal Level – 2 CFR 200.320(a)(2)

- The aggregate dollar amount of the procurement transaction is higher than the micro-purchase threshold but does not exceed the “established” simplified acquisition threshold.
- As of October 1, 2025, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) increased the threshold from \$250,000 to \$350,000

Agency Level – FTA C4220 IV.3.b(1)

- When the aggregate dollar amount of the procurement transaction is higher than the micro-purchase threshold but does not exceed the simplified threshold.

Subrecipient – Procurement Policy

Cheat Sheet

Current Micro-purchase Threshold	\$15,000	As of October 1, 2025
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Current Simplified Acquisition Threshold	\$350,000	As of October 1, 2025
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Can increase Micro-purchase Threshold	Up to \$50,000
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- Annually
 - Justification
 - Clear identification of the “New” threshold
 - Documentation of qualification as a low-risk auditee (2 CFR 200.520)
 - Annual internal institutional risk assessment

Can increase Micro-purchase Threshold	Over \$50,000
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- Include requirements of “Up to \$50,00”
- Must be approved by the recipient’s cognizant agency (FTA) for indirect costs
- Valid until any factor that was relied on in the establishment and rationale of the threshold changes

Questions

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Outstanding NCTCOG Sub-Awards

Award Totals

- Three Section 5307 Awards (FYs 21, 22, & 24)
 - \$5,280,919
 - \$4,584,053 already w/ FTA
- One Section 5310 Award (FY23)
 - \$2,811,368
- One Section 5339 Award (FYs 23, 24, & 25)
 - \$1,790,649 (already w/ FTA)
 - Vehicle Procurement
- Total: \$9,882,936

Brief Reminder: FTA Capacity

- Our community planner is the pre-award manager and community planner for our Region as well as all of Louisiana.
- Although communication has improved, turnaround time has not yet improved due to lower capacity within FTA.



Regional Programs of Projects (POP) Process

Annual Transit Providers Meeting
April 16, 2026

Regional POP Process

- Apportionment released
- Suballocation performed (create fair shares as appropriate)
- Coordinate with small providers and city direct recipients to obtain their lists of projects
- Coordinate with transit authorities to obtain their lists of projects
- Present POPs at Public Meeting
- Seek committee approvals from Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) and Regional Transportation Council (RTC)
- Enter POPs into Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Issue FTA Split Letter
- State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) inclusion

POP Process Timeline

Date Completed	Action Item
March 31	Apportionment released
April 17	Perform suballocation
April 20	Request POPs from small providers/city direct recipients/DCTA
May 1	POPs due from small providers/city direct recipients/DCTA
May 11	Request POPs from DART/Trinity Metro
May 22	POPs due from Transit Authorities
August 10	POPs presented at Public Meeting
August 28	STTC Action requested
September 10	RTC Action requested
October 9	Split Letter sent
Early 2027	TIP Mods reflected in the STIP and ready for grant approval

Fair Shares

- **5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program**
 - Fair shares generated for small providers/cities are a starting point
 - More (or less) funding can be requested, based on need and the ability to provide local match
- **5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program**
 - 5310 projects must explicitly target either of those two populations to qualify, but the public is allowed to use those services; projects must be classified as Traditional or Non-Traditional, with a 35% cap on the latter
 - Shares will now be generated due to increased demand
 - Shares determined based on the populations of elderly and individuals with disabilities in each entity's service area
 - These amounts are capped unless another entity does not take its full share

Transportation Development Credits

- Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) are non-cash credits that can be used to satisfy local match requirements for **capital** projects only
- TDCs are earned by states and metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) when toll revenues are used to fund capital projects on public highways within their boundaries
- Small providers are granted TDCs as needed during the POP process
- City direct recipients and transit authorities may utilize TDCs earned through the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle process

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