

## AGENDA

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, September 26, 2025

North Central Texas Council of Governments

**1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda**

**1:30 – 1:35**

**1. Approval of August 22, 2025, Meeting Summary**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

Presenter: Brian Shewski, STTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the August 22, 2025, meeting summary contained in Electronic Item 1 will be requested.

Background: N/A

**1:35 – 1:40**

**2. Consent Agenda**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

**2.1. November 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions**

Presenter: Ken Bunkley, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested, along with the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes.

Background: November 2025 revisions to the 2025-2028 TIP are provided as Electronic Item 2.1 for the Committee's consideration. These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the mobility plan, the air quality conformity determination, and financial constraint of the TIP.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

**2.2. Endorsement of GoCarma Integration with Managed Lane Toll System Upgrades**

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Endorsement of the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) approval of \$250,000 in RTC Local funds to cover the one-time cost of the initial setup, and \$1,000,000 in Regional Toll Revenue waterfall funding to pay for the annual Software as a Service fee for gantry support will be requested. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is upgrading the toll collection software on the

managed lanes that are not part of the P3 agreements. Staff will seek approval for integration improvements needed to continue to support the High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) discount on the managed lanes and funding to support system updates.

**Background:** The RTC has adopted a Managed Lane policy to provide a 50 percent discount during peak-travel periods for HOV users on the managed lane system. Since February 2020, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has had a partnership with TxDOT, the North Texas Tollway Authority and Lyndon B. Johnson/North Tarrant Express to provide the HOV discount. This requires multiple systems to be integrated and as system improvements are implemented, software updates are required by partner agencies. TxDOT is planning to update the Interstate Highway 35 East tolling software over the next several months with a plan to update all TxDOT operated managed lane tolling system through 2027. This update requires adjustments to the GoCarma system, and the system verifies the number of occupants in the vehicles to provide the 50 percent discount. This change will require GoCarma to operate on two systems simultaneously. GoCarma has provided an estimated cost of \$1,250,000 to set up the new system, continue to operate the existing system, and maintain the existing and new system through 2030.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

### **2.3. Endorsement of Federal Transit Administration Grant for the Trinity Railway Express Transit-Oriented Development Plan Funding Match Update**

**Presenter:** Michael Morris, NCTCOG

**Item Summary:** The Surface Transportation Technical Committee is being requested to endorse the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) approval for the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to accept increased funding and provide local match for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant award for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) planning for the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) corridor. This action includes directing staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other

administrative/planning documents to implement this project.

Background: NCTCOG won an FTA Fiscal Year 2024 Pilot Program for TOD Planning grant. The original grant application requested \$800,000 in federal funding matched with \$200,000 in RTC Local funds. This request was approved by the RTC in July of 2024. The FTA awarded \$1 million in federal funds, requiring a \$250,000 match. The \$50,000 increase in the local match is requested to leverage an additional \$200,000 federal funds for a project total of \$1.25 million. More information is available in Electronic Item 2.3.

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

1:40 – 1:50

3. **Endorsement of Funding for Transportation Improvements in Cleburne Near an Amazon Facility**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Endorsement of the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) approval of up to \$3 million in RTC Local funding will be requested for roadway improvements to provide safe access to a new Amazon facility at United States (US) 67 and Chisholm Trail Parkway. The request includes \$362,000 in grant funding and up to \$2,638,000 in funds to be loaned to the City of Cleburne. This action includes directing staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other administrative/planning documents to implement this project.

Background: A new Amazon facility is under construction at US 67 and Chisholm Trail Parkway. Johnson County and later Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) requested that the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) review safer options than the originally proposed/planned signal, which would be located too close to the highway intersection thereby causing significant truck/car conflicts. As a result, Johnson County, the City of Cleburne, Texas Department of Transportation, North Texas Tollway Authority, NCTCOG, and Amazon developed a more permanent expedited access for anticipated truck traffic. NCTCOG staff recommend that the RTC contribute the cost of the temporary connection as a regional commitment (\$362,000) to the project and loan the City of Cleburne the balance of funding needed (\$2,638,000) to enable the City and Amazon to build

the permanent improvement from the beginning. Electronic Item 3 contains additional details on the proposed improvements and funding.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

1:50 – 2:00

4. **Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: November 2024 Cycle Project Selection**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Dora Kelly, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request a Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to provide funding for the Handitran Community Access and Ridership Enhancement for Safety (CARES) project, selected for the November 2024 Cycle of Transit Strategic Partnerships Program funding in an amount not to exceed \$311,000 total for the selected project, with the City of Arlington providing Transportation Development Credits for local match.

Background: From the November 2024 Cycle of applicants, one project has been selected for funding: Handitran Community Access and Ridership Enhancement for Safety, City of Arlington. The selected project aligns with the goals set forth in Access North Texas, the regional public transportation coordination plan for the 16-county North Central Texas area, which documents the transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, and individuals with lower incomes across the region. CARES is a new role created specifically to enhance outreach, education, and service promotion among transit dependent populations, particularly seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income residents who qualify for the Handitran demand response service. As part of the Transit Strategic Partnerships Program, staff is recommending this project for Federal Transit Administration funding under Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. Please see Electronic Item 4 for more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:00 – 2:10

5. **North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety Local Match Partnership**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenters: Michael Morris and Brian Dell, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of a partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Denton County, and Dallas County. Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) accounts will be requested in order to offset the local match no longer available for the western section of the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) federal discretionary grant.

Background: The North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety (NT MOVES) Program was awarded \$25 million in Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) federal discretionary grant funding in 2020. The NT MOVES project is a collaborative effort between the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Trinity Metro, and the TRE to increase regional freight and passenger mobility on the TRE corridor. The RTC previously approved federal funds for cost overruns, but since then Trinity Metro indicated they did not have the financial capacity to cover the \$25 million local match commitment for this project. In order to avoid losing the federal funds, NCTCOG requested a partnership with TxDOT to identify non-federal funds. TxDOT has agreed to provide \$15 million in Texas Mobility Funds, which are 100 percent state and will count as a non-federal share. In return, TxDOT is requesting that the RTC replace \$15 million in Category 2 funds with Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds on another project in return (CSJ 2921-01-010, State Spur 394 from Interstate Highway 35 East to Farm-to-Market 877 in Waxahachie). That leaves a \$10 million local match shortfall. NCTCOG proposes to exchange federal funds with RTR funds in both the Denton County and Dallas County RTR accounts to make up this difference and create a balance in the West Set-Aside RTR account. Additional details about this partnership proposal are contained in Electronic Item 5.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Goods Movement, Transit

2:10 – 2:20

6. **North Texas Zero Emission Vehicle Program Call for Projects**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Savana Nance, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will give an overview of the North Texas Zero Emission Vehicle (NTxZEV) Project and request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to open the NTxZEV Call for Projects.

Background: In 2025, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) was awarded \$60 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles grant program. This program aims to accelerate the replacement of existing diesel, gasoline, natural gas, and propane heavy-duty vocational vehicles (e.g., box trucks, step vans, septic/bucket trucks, street sweepers, transit buses, refuse haulers, etc.) with zero-emission vehicles and install supporting infrastructure, as needed. NCTCOG will implement this by awarding approximately \$58.6 million in rebate funding to eligible fleets. Remaining funds will be used for training and workforce development activities related to zero-emission vehicles. RTC and the NCTCOG Executive Board authorized submission of the application to the EPA in July 2024. Electronic Item 6 provides additional details on the proposed Call for Projects. Additional details can be found at [www.nctcog.org/NTxZEV](http://www.nctcog.org/NTxZEV).

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:20 – 2:30

7. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

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. Regional Transportation Council Member Orientation in October (10:30 am, October 9, 2025)
2. Summary of Regional Transportation Council Transit Vision Subcommittee Meeting in September
3. Resurgence of P3s
4. Anticipation of Focus on Texas Department of Transportation Funding
5. AMTRAK President Harris – Meeting Within the Region

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:30 – 2:40

8. **Fédération Internationale de Football Association 2026 World Cup Transportation Plan Overview**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present an overview of the Transportation Mobility Plan for the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) 2026 World Cup.

Background: The North Texas FIFA 2026 World Cup Local Organizing Committee (LOC) partnered with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to lead the efforts associated with the Transportation Mobility Plan for this event. NCTCOG staff worked with partner agencies as well as hired contract services to develop the first draft of the Transportation Mobility Plan that was due March 2025 that focuses on the stadium in Arlington, Fan Fest in Dallas, and the International Broadcast Center in Dallas. The next version of the plan is due in October of 2025. This plan identifies each location, constituent group, mode, service level and strategy that will be employed to plan and deliver all mobility requirements to successfully meet or exceed the FIFA expectations and LOC/Host City contractual obligations. Staff will provide an overview of the plan as well as a schedule of next steps.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:40 – 2:50

9. **February, May, and August 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ken Bunkley, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The deadline for the February 2026 revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are due by close of business on September 26, 2025. This will be the last revision cycle for the 2025-2028 TIP. Due to the submittal of the 2027-2030 TIP/Statewide TIP (STIP), there will not be a May 2026 or August 2026 cycle.

Background: In order to align with Texas Department of Transportation's updated schedule requiring the new 2027-2030 TIP to be submitted in April 2026, there will not be a May 2026 or August 2026 TIP cycle. Any changes needed prior to approval of the 2027-2030 TIP/STIP (estimated July 2026) must be submitted in the February 2026 cycle. The limited list of projects that might need changes would mostly include projects in Fiscal Year 2026 that require changes in order to receive environmental clearance or to go to letting prior to August

2026. Please plan ahead to ensure all necessary changes occurring between now and August 2026 are submitted for the February 2026 cycle.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:50 – 3:00

10. **2024 Regional Safety Performance Measures Report**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Misantonis, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on items included in the 2024 Regional Safety Program Performance Measures Report.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Regional Safety Performance Measures Report provides an annual report on the performance of various NCTCOG safety programs, projects, and statistics including regional crash and fatality data, top 10 contributing factors for regional crashes, county-level crash rates, attendance statistics for Traffic Incident Management courses, Roadside Assistance Program statistics, and analysis relating to the Regional Roadway Safety Plan emphasis areas. The 2024 NCTCOG Safety Program Performance Measures Report and Regional Crash Fact Sheet are included as Electronic Item 10.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

3:00 – 3:10

11. **Fast Facts**

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Item Summary: Brief staff presentations will be provided. Please reference the material provided for each of the following topics.

1. *Camille Fountain* – Texas Department of Transportation 2026 Highway Safety Improvement Program Call for Projects Announcement
2. *Camille Fountain* – Fall 2025 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement – November 6, 2025 (Electronic Item 11.1)
3. *Daniela Tower* – 2025 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 11.2)
4. *Carolyn Burns* – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight (Electronic Item 11.3)
5. *Carolyn Burns* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities ([www.nctcog.org/AQfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/AQfunding))
6. *Carolyn Burns* – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
7. Written Progress Reports:
  - Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 11.4)
  - August Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 11.5)
  - July–August Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 11.6)



- October Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 11.7)
12. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
  13. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on October 24, 2025**.