

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Friday, September 11, 2026
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

Thursday, September 10, 2026

11:00 am - RTC Transit Vision Subcommittee Meeting

12:30 pm

3:00 pm RTC Bylaws Revision Subcommittee Meeting – (Thursday)

2:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda

(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)

Invocation by Daniel Alemán, Mayor, City of Mesquite

Pledge to the United States and Texas Flags

2:00 – 2:10

1. Opportunity for Public Comment on Today's Agenda

☒ Information

Minutes: 10

Item Summary: Members of the public may comment on any item(s) on today's agenda at this time. If speaking, please complete a Speaker Request Card available at the meeting and provide it to the North Central Texas Council of Governments designated staff person. A maximum of three (3) minutes is permitted per speaker. At the conclusion of this item, no further opportunities for public comment will be provided for the duration of the meeting.

Background: N/A

2:10 – 2:15

2. Approval of August 13, 2026, Minutes

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Minutes: 5

Presenter: Stephen Mason, RTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the August 13, 2026, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 2 will be requested.

Background: N/A

2:15 – 2:20

3. Consent Agenda

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Minutes: 5

3.1. Fourth Quarter 2026 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions

Presenter: Ken Bunkley, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2027-2030 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: Fourth Quarter 2026 revisions to the 2027-2030 TIP are provided in Electronic Item 3.1.1 for the Council's consideration. Electronic Item 3.1.2, also for Council's consideration, lists the individual locations awarded by the Texas Department of Transportation on July 30, 2026, through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program – Phase II. Due to the significant number of locations awarded in our region (97), they are provided as a list for clarity. Each location will be submitted individually as modifications for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. 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

3.2. **Federal Functional Classification System Amendments**

Presenter: Brian Flood, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of six amendments to the currently approved Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS).

Background: While inclusion in the FFCS is based on a roadway's purpose and functioning capabilities, it is also used to determine eligibility for federal funding. Amendments to the FFCS occur as the function of existing roadway changes, or as roadways need to be added due to construction, new developments, and shifts in demographic trends. Staff is currently working with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on six proposed FFCS amendments within the Dallas and Fort Worth TxDOT districts. These amendments involve the construction of new roadways and improvement of existing roadways

resulting from a project development process involving RTC staff, local governments, and external partners. Maps and tables detailing the proposed functional class changes are included in Electronic Item 3.2. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee recommended approval of these changes at its last meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

3.3. Transportation Paid Education Campaigns for Fiscal Year 2027

Presenter: Whitney Vandiver, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will seek Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) support of a recommendation to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board for the approval of funding up to \$1,246,250 for Transportation Paid Education Campaigns that will initiate in Fiscal Year 2027.

Background: Since 2014, the NCTCOG Executive Board has been authorizing annual large-scale paid education purchase and placement initiatives for the Transportation Department. The education campaigns are for public involvement for multiple projects: safety campaigns of Drive Aware North Texas, Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety (Look Out Texans), and Unmanned Aircraft Safety; and air quality campaigns of Car Care Awareness and Ozone Season Emissions Reduction (Air North Texas). Flexible Funding for Public Involvement/Notifications is for possible unanticipated costs that may arise, such as a specialized public meeting series that may need notifications posted. Efforts will be funded in a combination of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds, Transportation Planning Funds, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds, Environmental Protection Agency funds, Regional Toll Revenue, RTC Local Funds, Private Funds, Federal Highway Administration funds, Federal Transit Administration Funds, and RTC Transportation Development Credits in lieu of cash match.

Education campaigns will be in multiple languages and may be presented through out-of-home advertising, print, social media, digital, and audio platforms. Electronic Item 3.3 provides more detail.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administration, Safety

3.4. Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning

Presenter: Vickie Alexander, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of modifications to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be 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 will also be sought.

Background: The UPWP is required by federal and State transportation planning regulations and provides a summary of the transportation and related air quality planning tasks to be conducted by Metropolitan Planning Organization staff. The FY2026 and FY2027 UPWP was approved by the RTC and North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board in July 2025 and identifies the activities to be carried out between October 1, 2025, and September 30, 2027. Amendments to this document are being proposed to reflect a new initiative, project updates, and funding adjustments. The proposed amendments are provided in Electronic Item 3.4.1, and additional information is provided in Electronic Item 3.4.2. A draft resolution approving the modifications is included in Electronic Item 3.4.3. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee took action at its August 28, 2026, meeting to recommend RTC approval.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

3.5. Collin County Rides Funding Update

Presenter: Gypsy Gavia, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to utilize up to \$98,887 in remaining previously approved RTC Local funds to extend the Collin County Rides program through Spring 2027, to ensure Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) can continue transit service for seniors and individuals with disabilities for residents in Allen and Fairview.

Background: The Collin County Rides program provides transit service to seniors and individuals with disabilities to residents in Allen and Fairview. On July 13, 2023, the RTC approved up to \$300,000 in RTC Local funds to support the first year of service under DCTA, the current provider, with subsequent operations to be funded through the Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program and local match from the participating cities. Only a portion of the first year RTC Local funding was expended. DCTA has coordinated service agreements with Allen and Fairview, and Federal Section 5310 funding is now being programmed directly to DCTA to support ongoing service. However, due to timing of federal funding availability, a funding gap is expected in early 2027. Staff will request RTC approval to utilize the remaining \$98,887 as needed in previously approved RTC Local funds to extend the project to a Phase III until Spring 2027. No new funding is being requested. More details can be found in Electron Item 3.5.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:20 – 2:35

4. Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 15

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Dismissal Papers Filed to the District and Appellate Courts

2. Status of Texas Department of Transportation Signature on Three Party Agreement
3. New Regional Transportation Council Member Orientation and Partnership on Responsibilities – October (Electronic Item 4.1)
4. November 12, 2026, Regional Transportation Council Meeting Conflicts with the 2026 Texas Municipal League Annual Conference (November 11–13)
5. Changing Mobility: Data, Insights, and Delivering Innovative Projects During COVID Recovery (Electronic Item 4.2)
6. Fall 2026 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement – November 5, 2026 (Electronic Item 4.3)
7. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Bylaws Revision Subcommittee and Next Steps for RTC Metropolitan Planning Organization Director
8. Irving Summit – August 31 and September 1, 2026 (Electronic Item 4.4)
9. High-Speed Rail Follow Up – August 20, 2026
10. AMTRAK Heartland Flyer (Proposed Three-Year Program by Texas Department of Transportation) (Electronic Item 4.5)
11. Three Additional Railroad Grade Separations: Grant Award \$189,840,698; Total Project Cost - \$237,300,873
 - Dallas – Westmoreland Road @ Union Pacific Railroad/Dallas, Garland, Northeastern Railroad - Grant Award - \$89,828,698
 - Fort Worth – NE 23rd Street/Decatur Avenue @ Union Pacific Railroad/Burlington Northern and Santa Fe/Fort Worth & Western Railroad/TEXRail - Grant Award - \$75,821,000
 - Terrell – Las Lomas Parkway @ US 80/ Union Pacific Railroad - \$24,191,000
12. Texas Transportation Commission Approval of the Unified Transportation Program
13. Walk & Roll to School Day (October 7) (Electronic Item 4.6)
14. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee Information (Electronic Item 4.7)
15. Recent Correspondence to the Environmental Protection Agency (Electronic Item 4.8)
16. Resilient Electric Vehicle Charging Plan Stakeholder Invitation (Electronic Item 4.9)
17. Texas Department of Transportation Texas Electric Vehicle Plan North Central Texas Council of

Governments Region Results ([Texas electric vehicle planning](#))

18. High Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Report (Electronic Item 4.10)
19. Local Clean Air Spotlight (Electronic Item 4.11)
20. 2026 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 4.12)
21. Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
22. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
23. July – August Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.13)
24. August Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.14)
25. August Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.15)
26. September Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.16)
27. Recent News Articles August (Electronic Item 4.17)
28. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.18)
29. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.19)

2:35 – 2:45

5. **Federal Performance Measures: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Performance and Transit Asset Management Targets**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff is requesting approval of draft targets for certain federally required performance measures, specifically Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (i.e. PM3) and Transit Asset Management (TAM).

Background: Federal transportation performance management requirements include several categories of specific performance measures. Last month, information was provided on progress related to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program measures, commonly referred to as PM3, and TAM. Staff will request adoption of the draft PM3 and TAM targets. This schedule coincides with target setting deadlines in October, which transitions efforts from a second performance period, ending in 2026, to a third performance period from 2026 through 2030. Federal performance measures were originally established through the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and continued through the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These laws, along with subsequent federal rulemaking, require

certain performance measures to be incorporated into the metropolitan transportation planning process. These measures were established by a series of five rulemakings: Highway Safety (PM1), Infrastructure Condition (PM2), System Performance/Freight/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (PM3), TAM, and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans. More details can be found in Electronic Item 5.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Transit

2:45 – 2:55

6. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Round 6

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amy Johnson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of Transportation Development Credit (TDC) allocations for successful applicants from the sixth round of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Program.

Background: Recommendations in Mobility 2050 include policies, programs, and projects that support the region's transportation priorities and goals. Because infrastructure investments alone cannot achieve these goals, the Policy Bundle Program recognizes and encourages complementary local policy actions that advance regional transportation, air quality, and quality-of-life objectives. By voluntarily implementing these policies, participating entities will receive TDCs to offset local funds as matching funds for new federal transportation projects. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee recommended RTC approval of the awards at their August 28, 2026, meeting. The proposed allocations are included in Electronic Item 6.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

2:55 – 3:05

7. Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Kevin Kokes, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide 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 recommended action items. A recommendation to adopt the Plan will also be provided and action requested.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council approved a safety position in 2017 to eliminate serious injuries and fatalities across all modes of travel. However, in recent years the number of bicyclist serious injuries and fatalities has trended upward in North Central Texas, consistent with State and national trends. The purpose of the Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan is to provide a framework for reducing the number of bicyclist crashes and fatalities in the North Central Texas metropolitan planning area. This Plan, in conjunction with the 2021 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and the 2023 Roadway Safety Action Plan, is intended to improve safety for all road users. Additional details are provided in Electronic Item 7. The draft Plan, including appendices, is available online for public review at www.nctcog.org/bikesafety.

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

3:05 – 3:15

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

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Bobby Gomez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of applications to the Federal Transit Administration Bus and Bus Facilities and Low or No Emission Grant programs.

Background: Staff have prepared three grant applications for these two programs. The first application includes the acquisition of expansion vehicles to support Johnson County Connect's (JC Connect) rapid growth in Johnson County and canopies, awnings, or other coverings to support and protect existing North Central Texas Council of Governments fleets for small area providers from inclement weather. The second application includes the acquisition of hybrid vehicles to support ongoing services by STAR Transit, and vehicle chargers for STAR Transit's upcoming facility in Mesquite. Details are provided in Electronic Item 8.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

3:15 – 3:25

9. **North Texas Advanced Air Mobility Readiness Call for Projects Update**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ernest Huffman, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present the recommended projects and funding allocations resulting from the North Texas Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Readiness Call for Projects. Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the recommended projects and associated funding allocations for electric aircraft charging infrastructure at Fort Worth Meacham International Airport, Denton Enterprise Airport, Granbury Regional Airport, and Greenville Municipal Airport.

Background: In May 2026, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) opened the North Texas AAM Readiness Call for Projects to support regional airport preparation for emerging AAM operations. Approximately \$1.0 million in RTC Local funds was made available to advance airport readiness, including electric charging infrastructure for electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft. Following the closure of the Call for Projects, NCTCOG staff reviewed and evaluated the submitted applications using the established program criteria. Staff is recommending funding for electric aircraft charging infrastructure at Fort Worth Meacham International Airport, Denton Enterprise Airport, Granbury Regional Airport, and Greenville Municipal Airport. These investments will expand the regional network of electric aircraft charging infrastructure and improve the ability of participating airports to support future eVTOL and other AAM operations. A recommended listing of projects and funding allocations is provided in Electronic Item 9.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

3:25 – 3:35

10. **Fiscal Year 2026 Public Transportation Funding Programs of Projects**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council action on the Fiscal Year 2026 Public Transportation Funding Programs of Projects will be requested.

Background: Programs of Projects have been developed to suballocate approximately \$222.3 million of Federal Transit Administration Sections 5307, 5310, 5337, and 5339 federal funding to public transit providers in the region. Approximately \$10.7 million in remaining funding will be programmed in the future. Electronic Item 10.1 includes additional information. Electronic Item 10.2 contains the proposed Programs of Projects.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

3:35 – 3:45

11. **Regional Rail Crossing Inventory Database**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jeff Hathcock, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide 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.

Background: In the May 2026 Regional Transportation Council meeting, staff were asked to provide an overview of the Regional Rail Crossing Database. The inventory database has been completed and includes information about the over 1,500 public at-grade crossings in the Metropolitan Planning Area. Information listed in the database comes directly from the Federal Railroad Administration and includes both quantitative and qualitative data. Quantitative data listed in the database includes information such as Speed, Daily Train Count, Incidents after 2015, Fatalities after 2015, Average Annual Daily Traffic, Railroad, and Subdivision. Qualitative data listed in the database includes safety information such as Pavement Markings, Quiet Zones, Crossbucks, Active Warning Devices, Number of Lanes, and Medians/Supplemental Safety Measures. Electronic Item 11 provides more information on the rail crossing inventory.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Goods Movement, Transit

3:45 – 3:55 12. Draft 2027 Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program for the 90th Texas Legislature

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Rebekah Gongora, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a federal and State legislative update and present the draft Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Legislative Program for the 90th Texas Legislature.

Background: Transportation and air quality issues are a focus for both the United States Congress and the Texas Legislature. The 90th Session of the Texas Legislature will convene on January 12, 2027. In advance of the legislative session, RTC members will be provided with the draft RTC Legislative Program for review and comment in Electronic Item 12.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

13. Progress Reports

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information

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

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 13.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 13.2)

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

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

16. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council will be held at **1:00 pm, Thursday, October 8, 2026.**

Adjournment