

NCTCOG FACT SHEET

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QUICK TAKE

What:

Freight North Texas provides guidance for freight planning throughout the North Central Texas region.

Significance:

The North Central Texas region is a national leader and innovator in transportation policies, programs, and projects.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) oversees freight system planning in the NCTCOG 12-county Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA). This 12-county region covers approximately 9,500 square miles and more than 170 municipalities.

Freight North Texas Guides Regional Freight Planning

The North Central Texas Council of Governments developed the Freight North Texas Program to oversee the Goods, Services, and People Movement Planning to enhance the safety, mobility, efficiency, and air quality associated with freight and passenger movements within the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

Freight North Texas is an ongoing program led by NCTCOG. The guiding document for this program is *Freight North Texas: A Regional Freight Mobility Plan*. This document, updated in 2022, highlights policies, programs, and projects needed to improve freight planning and operations in North Central Texas.

Follow-Up Studies

- Land-Use Compatibility Analysis
- Fort Worth Rail Crossing Analysis
- Dallas Rail Crossing Analysis
- Truck Bottleneck Study

Completing these studies will provide a more comprehensive and accurate representation of regional freight movements and will help to identify and prioritize effective initiatives. In addition to these studies, the Freight North Texas Program incorporates various initiatives to help regional goods movement planning including:

- Hosting the Regional Freight Advisory Committee
- Establishing Freight Projects and Funding Sources
- Continuing Data Collection
- Conducting Rail Safety Initiatives
- Creating a Reliable Truck Model
- Updating the Regional Freight Mobility Plan, Freight North Texas

The Freight North Texas Program positions freight and goods movement as an integral element of future transportation planning.

Please learn more at <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/plan/freight>.



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