

AGENDA

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, August 28, 2026

North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connections Password: rangers!)

- 1:30 – 1:35**
1. **Approval of July 24, 2026, Meeting Summary**
☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Kelly Porter, STTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the July 24, 2026, 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. **Fourth Quarter 2026 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions**
Presenter: Sierra Medlock, NCTCOG
Item Summary: A recommendation for 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 as Electronic Item 2.1.1 for the Committee's consideration. Electronic Item 2.1.2, also for Committee consideration, lists the individual locations awarded on July 30, 2026, through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program (NEVI) – 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

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

Presenter: Jenny Narvaez, 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, staff provided information on progress related to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program measures, commonly referred to as PM3, and TAM. Staff will request approval of the draft PM3 and TAM targets for future adoption by the Regional Transportation Council on September 10, 2026. 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 2.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Transit

2.3. Federal Functional Classification System Amendments

Presenter: Brian Flood, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation for 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 an existing roadway changes, or as roadways need to be added due to construction, new developments, and shifts in demographic trends. Staff are 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 North Central Texas Council of Governments staff, local governments, and external partners. Maps and tables detailing the proposed functional class changes are included in Electronic Item 2.3. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee will be asked to recommend these amendments for RTC consideration at its September 2026 meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2.4. Transportation Paid Education Campaigns for Fiscal Year 2027

Presenter: Whitney Vandiver, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will seek the Committee's support for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) 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 Campaigns that will initiate in Fiscal Year (FY) 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 funds, 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 2.4 provides more detail.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Safety

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

Presenter: Vickie Alexander, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for 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 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 2.5.1, and additional information is provided in Electronic Item 2.5.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:40 – 1:50

3. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Round 6

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Skylar Staffaroni, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will review the proposed allocation of Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) to be awarded in this round of

the Policy Bundle. Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of a total allocation of 34.9 million TDCs, compared to the original allocation of 30 million TDCs, which was previously approved by the RTC for this purpose.

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. Draft TDC allocation recommendations were presented to the Surface Transportation Technical Committee in July for information while quality control review was still underway. As a result of this review, adjustments are being proposed to the draft TDC allocations. The Transportation Improvement Program team has confirmed that sufficient TDCs are available to address the allocation corrections. The proposed allocation is included in Electronic Item 3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Safety

1:50 – 2:00

4. **Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Daniel Snyder, 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 4. The draft Plan, including appendices, is available online for public review at www.nctcog.org/bikesafety.

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

2:00 – 2:10

5. **Endorsement of Submittal of Grant Application for the Federal Transit Administration 2026 Access and Mobility Partnership Grants**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Gypsy Gavis, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Surface Transportation Technical Committee endorsement of the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) approval to submit an application to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Fiscal Year 2026 Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program to implement a mobility management program with an interactive software-as-a-service platform with conversational Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve coordination between healthcare providers and transportation services for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Background: In July 2026, the Federal Transit Administration announced the 2026 Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program (ICAM) Grant Program. The Notice of Funding Opportunity indicated availability of nearly \$12 million in competitive grant funding to support innovative projects for older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals/households with limited financial resources that will improve the coordination of transportation and non-emergency medical transportation services. Staff requests endorsement to submit a grant application to develop an interactive online regional transportation resource to enhance the existing Regional Get-A-Ride Guide with innovative software-as-a-service technology, including conversational AI. Through dedicated staff support, outreach, and partnerships with healthcare and transportation providers, the project will coordinate with transit partners to launch in Dallas, Tarrant, Collin, and Denton counties and expand across North Texas if successful. Staff also intends to partner with the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging on outreach and implementation. Applications are due September 9, 2026. The RTC approved on August 13, 2026, a total grant budget not to exceed \$1,250,000 including

\$500,000 in local match to be provided using RTC Local funds. More information can be found in Electronic Item 5.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:10 – 2:20

6. 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 the Committee's recommendation for Regional Transportation Council 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 from weather for small area providers. The second application includes the acquisition of hybrid electric vehicles to support ongoing services by STAR Transit, and electric vehicle chargers for STAR Transit's upcoming facility in Mesquite. Details are provided in Electronic Item 6.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

2:20 – 2:30

7. 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 including the funding allocations and seek the Surface Transportation Technical Committee's recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval.

Background: In May 2026, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) opened the North Texas Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Readiness Call for Projects to support regional airport preparation for emerging AAM operations. Approximately \$1 million in RTC Local funds was made available for eligible projects, including electric charging infrastructure for electric vertical takeoff and landing (eVTOL) aircraft. The initiative is intended to advance airport readiness and position North Texas to support future AAM operations, demonstrations, and related regional initiatives. Following the close of the Call for Projects, NCTCOG staff reviewed and evaluated the submitted applications based on the established

program criteria. A recommended listing of projects and funding allocations is provided in Electronic Item 7.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety

2:30 – 2:40

8. Fiscal Year 2026 Public Transportation Funding Programs of Projects

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Shawn Dintino, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) 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 8.1 includes additional information. Electronic Item 8.2 contains the proposed Programs of Projects.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

2:40 – 2:50

9. 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. Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) 2026 FIFA World Cup (Electronic Item 9)
2. Three-Party Agreement
3. Settlement Agreement
4. Two-Party Agreement
5. Letter to the Governor
6. High-Speed Rail Follow Up – August 20, 2026
7. Proposed Oak Farms Dallas County Convention Center Resolution
8. AMTRAK Heartland Flyer (Proposed Three-Year Program by Texas Department of Transportation)
9. Irving Infrastructure Summit – August 31 and September 1, 2026
10. Three Additional Railroad Grade Separations

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:50 – 3:00

10. Regional Rail Crossing Inventory Database

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Savannah Briscoe, 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: During the May 2026 RTC meeting, staff was 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. Quantitative 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 10 provides more information on the rail-crossing inventory.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Goods Movement, Transit

3:00 – 3:15

11. Integrated Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Study – Progress Update and Initial Recommendations

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 15

Presenters: Susan Alvarez and Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a progress update on the Integrated Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) Study, covering portions of Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant, and Wise counties.

Background: Initiated in 2023, the \$10 million TSI Study is a proactive and comprehensive planning effort to mitigate flood risk as typical patterns of urbanization in growing areas upstream of Dallas and Fort Worth may exacerbate runoff due to greater impervious surface coverage and reduced valley storage. With the TSI Study set to conclude this fall, staff from the Transportation and Environment and Development departments will provide a brief overview, highlight some initial project/strategy recommendations, describe the importance of

funding and policy considerations in improving flood mitigation, and note the next steps toward implementation and expansion. More details are given in Electronic Item 11.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

3:15 – 3:25

12. Walk & Roll to School Day

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Shawn Conrad, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of activities planned for the 2026 Walk & Roll to School Day promotion and information for participation.

Background: Walk & Roll to School Day is a national event where students from across the country bike, walk or roll to school on the same day. More students using active transportation to school reduces the car congestion around schools, increases pedestrian safety and improves air quality. This event highlights the benefits of using active transportation to school and the importance of safety on our roadways for our communities. To encourage schools in the region to hold Walk & Roll to School Day events, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) will provide participating schools with the opportunity to enter drawings for safety-themed giveaways and kids' scooters with helmets. In 2024, NCTCOG supported 28 schools with Walk & Roll to School Day events and the Dallas-Fort Worth region accounted for over half of the registered Walk & Roll to School Day events in the State of Texas. Staff will request assistance from local governments to promote this opportunity with local schools and independent school districts.

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

3:25 – 3:35

13. 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. *Bobby Gomez* – Rebranding of Public Transportation Service in Johnson County and Updates on Ridership
2. *Denise Koon* – High-Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Report (Electronic Item 13.1)
3. *Daniel Snyder* – 2027 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region

4. *Quinnton DeBolt* – Texas Department of Transportation Texas Electric Vehicle Plan North Central Texas Council of Governments Region Results ([Texas electric vehicle planning](#))
5. *Daniela Tower* – 2026 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 13.2)
6. *Carolyn Burns* – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight (Electronic Item 13.3)
7. *Carolyn Burns* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
8. Carolyn Burns – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
9. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 13.4)
 - May–June Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 13.5)
 - June–July Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 13.6)
 - June Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 13.7)
 - July Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 13.8)
 - August Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 13.9)
 - September Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 13.10)
14. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
15. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on September 25, 2026.**