

MINUTES

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, June 27, 2025

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) held a meeting on Friday, June 27, 2025, at 1:30 pm by videoconference. The Regional Transportation Council Bylaws and Operating Procedures establish that the Technical Committee approved membership in attendance at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for action to be taken, therefore individual attendance was not taken for committee members or other attendees.

1. **Approval of the May 23, 2025, Minutes:** Approval of May 23, 2025, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 1 was requested.

A motion was made to approve the May 23, 2025, meeting Minutes as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Kelly Porter (M); Jana Wentzel (S). The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Consent Agenda:**

- 2.1. **Endorsement of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program Submittal:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) endorsement of the Hemphill Street Community Based Safe Street Project submitted for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – Implementation Grant, prepared in partnership with the City of Fort Worth was requested.

This Consent Agenda item was pulled and presented by Natalie Bettger. A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council endorsement of the North Central Texas Council of Governments' submittal of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – Implementation Grant application for the Hemphill Street Community Based Safe Street Project, in partnership with the City of Fort Worth. Action also included direction for staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide TIP and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate the project and funding, if selected for the FY 2025 SS4A award. Farhan Butt (M); Kelly Porter (S). The motion passed unanimously.

- 2.2. **Colleyville Traffic Signal Maintenance:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of up to \$150,000 in RTC Local funds was requested to fund the City of Colleyville maintenance of ten traffic signals along State Highway (SH) 26 as it transitions off the state highway system.
- 2.3. **August 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), along with the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes was requested.
- 2.4. **Endorsement of Backstop Funding for Regional Air Quality Initiatives Program:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) endorsement of \$300,000 in RTC Local transitional funding for the Regional Air Quality Initiatives Program was requested.
- 2.5. **Heartland Flyer Funding for One Year:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of \$3.5 million in Regional Toll Revenue funds

to secure the continued service of the Heartland Flyer for one year was requested. Staff will seek reimbursement from the State of Texas and initiate a ridership campaign reducing the need for a subsidy.

- 2.6. **Action Supporting Backstop Funding for Diesel Emissions Reduction Act:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of \$175,000 in RTC Local funding for the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Program was requested. Funding will be returned to the RTC Local program.

A motion was made to approve Items 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.5, and 2.6 on the Consent Agenda. Farhan Butt (M); Kelly Porter (S). The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program:** Vickie Alexander presented a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). A recommendation was also sought for the RTC to direct staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents, as appropriate, to reflect the projects and programs contained in the Work Program.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of the Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and direct staff to also administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents, as appropriate, to reflect the projects and programs contained in the Work Program. Clarence Daugherty (M); Mark Nelson (S). The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Community Electric Vehicle Charging Grant – Site Selection Criteria and Call for Projects:** Jared Wright presented a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to open the North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects to select electric vehicle (EV) charging sites to be built using funds awarded under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI) Community Award.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of authorization to open the Call for Projects, including eligibility requirements, screening criteria, scoring criteria, and schedule (Call for Projects estimated to open: July 25, 2025, and estimated to close October 31, 2025), along with direction for staff to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and update any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the project funding. Freddie Ortiz (M); Clarence Daugherty (S). The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** Michael Morris briefed the Committee on the following topics listed on the agenda:

1. Federal Certification Review – June 4–6, 2025
2. Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail (Economic Impact Studies)
3. Unified Transportation Program Funding/Upcoming Texas Department of Transportation Project Sequencing
4. Transit 2.0 Next Steps and Policy (P25-01)
5. 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region
6. Progress on Federal Competitive Grants
7. Interstate Highway 345 Bridge Investment Program Large Project Grant

6. **Federal and State Legislative Update**: Jackie Nolasco provided an update on federal and State legislative actions related to transportation and air quality issues affecting the Dallas-Fort Worth area.
7. **2025 Public Participation Plan Update**: Carli Baylor presented an overview of the Public Participation Plan and outlined proposed revisions, which are necessary to reflect federal policies and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requirements.
8. **Proposed Traffic Signal Program Funding Process**: Gregory Masota presented a proposed funding process for the traffic signal program. The process outlined the agency eligibility requirements, evaluation criteria for funding requests, and the categorization of traffic signal improvements. It also included recommendations for cost-sharing between agencies and the North Central Texas Council of Governments.
9. **Update on Regional Air Quality and the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan**: Savana Nance and Daniela Tower provided an update on current air quality initiatives, including development of the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan (DFW AQIP), a comprehensive plan to improve air quality, and latest trends regarding ground level ozone.
10. **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program – Fiscal Year 2026–2028 Goal Update**: Emily Beckham provided an overview of the proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation goal for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2028 for United States Department of Transportation contracting opportunities.
11. **Surface Transportation Technical Committee and Regional Transportation Council Officers**: Dan Kessler briefed the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) on its officers and the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) officers for the 2025-2026 term. New STTC officers are Brian Shewski, P.E., PTOE, Chair, Transportation Manager, Transportation Engineering, City of Plano; Kelly Porter, Vice Chair, Assistant Director of Transportation and Public Works, City of Fort Worth; and Mark Nelson, Secretary, Director of Transportation and Mobility, City of Richardson. In addition, the new Regional Transportation Council officers are Rick Bailey, Chair, Commissioner, Johnson County; Stephen Mason, Vice Chair, Mayor, City of Cedar Hill; and Jill Jester, Secretary, Councilmember, City of Denton.
10. **Fast Facts**: Staff provided a brief presentation on each item below:
 1. *Kate Zielke* – Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure County Government Workshop
 2. *Brian Wilson* – Progress North Texas 2025
 3. *Gypsy Gavia* – Transportation Tabletop Exercise Planning for World Cup 2026
 4. *Lori Clark* – Nominations for Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee ([NCTCOG - Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee](#))
 5. *Savana Nance* – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight – Multimodal Delivery Project
 6. *Carolyn Burns* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
 7. *Carolyn Burns* – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
 8. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports
 - May Public Meeting Minutes
 - April–May Public Comments Report

- July Public Meeting Notice

11. **Other Business (Old or New)**: No items were provided.

12. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for ***1:30 pm on July 25, 2025.***

Meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.