

MINUTES

Regional Transportation Council Thursday, October 9, 2025

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) met on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at 1:00 pm at the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The following RTC members or representatives were present: Daniel Alemán, Bruce Arfsten, Steve Babick, Rick Bailey, Curtis Bergthold, Lorie Blair, Alan Blaylock, Jeff Bush (representing Ceason Clemens), Jorga Clemson (representing Ron Jenson), Bill Cox, Michael Crain, Theresa Daniel, Pat Deen, Michael Evans, Vernon Evans, Carlos Flores, T.J. Gilmore, Raul Gonzalez, Moji Haddad, Clay Lewis Jenkins, Stephen Mason, Cara Mendelsohn, Cesar Molina, Ed Moore, John Muns, Matthew Porter, Manny Ramirez, Paul Ridley, Jim Ross, William Roth (representing Kathy Stewart), David Salazar, Gary Slagel, Bobby Stovall, Burt Thakur, Jeremy Tompkins, William Tsao, Dennis Webb, and Duncan Webb.

Others present at the meeting were: Vickie Alexander, Susan Alvarez, Davis Arthur, Melissa Baker, Micah Baker, Jay Barksdale, Emily Beckham, Natalie Bettger, Alberta Blair, Randall Bryant, Ken Bunkley, Daniel Byrd, Katherine Cadena, Angie Carson, Lori Clark, Dina Colarossi, Liam Crowley, Chad Edwards, Tom Flaherty, Andrew Fortune, Austin Frith, Eric Gault, Rebekah Gongora, Christie Gotti, Rick Grady, Major Greene, Michael Haithcok, Tony Hartzel, Harris Hassan, Millie Hayes, Joel James, Jim Jarratt, Matt Johnson, Wilson Kakembo, Travis Kelly, Dan Kessler, Gus Khankarli, Tony Kimmey, Ken Kirkpatrick, Chris Klaus, Garry Kraus, Dan Lamers, Anette Landers, Travis Liska, Aaron Long, Paul Luedtke, Terry Lynne, Cam Maddox, Dillon Maroney, Rob Matwick, Rich Matyiku, Malcolm Mayhew, Jessica Mendera, Monte Mercer, Kate Milner, Brian Moen, Joaquin Moreno, Michael Morris, Faith Morse, Jeff Neal, Mark Nelson, Jackie Nolasco, Amir Omar, David Parnell, Michael Peters, James Powell, Nicholas Powell, Ezra Pratt, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Marcus E. Ray, T. Reynolds, Rickey Rodriguez, Jackson Rose, Claude Spivey, Toni Stehling, Steve Templer, Lauren Trimble, Dan Vedral, Elisa Villnave, Brendon Wheeler, Amanda Wilson, Brian Wilson, Karla Windsor, and Marcus Wood.

1. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Today's Agenda:** Rick Bailey, Regional Transportation Council Chair and Johnson County Commissioner, asked if there were any public comments. Chair Bailey noted that no members of the public chose to speak at the meeting or provide written comments.
2. **Approval of September 11, 2025, Minutes:** Approval of the September 11, 2025, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 2 was requested.

A motion was made to approve the September 11, 2025, meeting minutes as submitted in Electronic Item 2. Paul Ridley (M); Duncan Webb (S). The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1. **November 2025 Transportation Improvement Program:** Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was requested, along with the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes.

- 3.2. **Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: November 2024 Cycle Project Selection:** Regional Transportation Council approval was requested to award funding for the Handitran Community Access and Ridership Enhancement for Safety project selected for the November 2024 Cycle of Transit Strategic Partnerships Program. The project will utilize existing Transit Strategic Partnerships Program funding in an amount not to exceed \$311,000 total for the selected project, with the City of Arlington providing 62,200 Transportation Development Credits as the local match.
- 3.3. **2025 Public Participation Plan Update:** The 2025 Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been updated to incorporate additional federal guidance received after Regional Transportation Council approval on September 11, 2025. Staff requested approval on the updated 2025 PPP and appendices, which include the new revisions.
- 3.4. **Ratification of Emergency Funding: Additional Local Match for the Federal Transit Administration Grant for the Trinity Railway Express Transit-Oriented Development Plan:** Staff requested ratification of emergency funding authorization to support the Federal Transit Administration grant award for Transit-Oriented Development planning for the Trinity Railway Express corridor, increasing the project budget by \$250,000 (\$200,000 federal and \$50,000 local match) for a total project budget of \$1,250,000. An additional \$50,000 of the Regional Transportation Council Local funds was requested to satisfy match requirements. This action included directing staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents to implement this project.

A motion was made to approve Items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 on the Consent Agenda. Jim Ross (M); Michael Crain (S). The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report:** Michael Morris briefly highlighted items 1 through 4, and item 7.
1. Implications from the Federal Government Shutdown
 2. Follow up on Regional Transportation Council Member Orientation
 3. AMTRAK President Harris – Meeting within the Region – October 2, 2025
 4. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Transit Vision Subcommittee: Next Three Meetings: 1) After the October 9, 2025, RTC meeting at 2:30 p.m.; 2) Week of October 20; 3) Prior to the November 13, 2025, RTC meeting
 5. Anticipation of Focus on Texas Department of Transportation Funding
 6. Regional Public Transit Agency Safety Plan Transit Safety Performance Measures - Crime Data Request Has Been Made
 7. Fall 2025 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement – November 6, 2025
 8. Additional Correspondence from Hunt-Related Entities on High-Speed Rail
 9. Local Clean Air Project Spotlight
 10. 2025 Ozone Season Update
 11. Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
 12. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
 13. August – September Public Comment Report
 14. October Public Meeting Notice
 15. Recent News Articles
 16. Recent Correspondence
 17. Recent Press Releases

5. **2025 Regional Transportation Council Priorities for Federal Surface Transportation:** Rebekah Gongora presented and requested action on the draft 2025 Regional Transportation Council Federal Surface Transportation Authorization Priorities.

A motion was made to approve the proposed 2025 Regional Transportation Council Priorities and Principles for Federal Surface Transportation Reauthorization. Jim Ross (M); Ed Moore (S). Cara Mendelsohn opposed. The motion passed.

6. **North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety Local Match Partnership:** Christie Gotti requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of a partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation and the Denton County and Dallas County Regional Toll Revenue accounts in order to offset the local match no longer available for the western section of the North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development federal competitive grant.

A motion was made to approve the partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation to receive \$15 million in Texas Mobility Funds (TMF) funds; release \$15 million in Category 2 funds from State Spur (SS) 394 (CSJ 2921-01-010); program \$15 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds on SS 394; and utilize resulting TMF to cover \$15 million in non-federal match for North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety (NT MOVES) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant. The motion also included approval of a partnership with Denton County and Dallas County Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) accounts to add \$37,675,733 in STBG funds to Farm-to-Market 407 project (CSJ 1310-01-050) [includes 20 percent state match]; reclassify \$27 million in Denton County RTR funds from the Denton County account to the Regional RTR Accounts (\$17 million Western, \$10 million Eastern); reclassify \$10 million in Dallas County RTR funds from the Dallas County account to the Western Regional RTR Accounts; and utilize \$9.6 million in RTR funds to cover non-federal match for NT MOVES BUILD grant. Lastly, the motion included direction for staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and update any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the program/policy/project/change. Clay Lewis Jenkins (M); Jeremy Tompkins (S). The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Approval to Open North Texas Zero Emission Vehicle Call for Projects:** Lori Clark requested Regional Transportation Council approval to open a Call for Projects to fund the replacement of existing heavy-duty vehicles with zero emission vehicles through the North Texas Zero Emission Vehicle Project.

A motion was made to approve opening the North Texas Zero-Emission Vehicle Call for Projects, including eligibility requirements, scoring criteria, funding allocation, schedule, and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the North Texas Zero Emission Vehicle Call for Projects. Paul Ridley (M); Theresa Daniel (S). The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Fédération Internationale de Football Association 2026 World Cup Transportation Plan:** Natalie Bettger presented an overview of the Transportation Mobility Plan for the Fédération Internationale de Football Association 2026 World Cup.

9. **Progress Reports**: Regional Transportation Council attendance was provided in Electronic Item 9.1, and Surface Transportation Technical Committee attendance and minutes were provided in Electronic Item 9.2.
10. **Other Business (Old or New)**: There was no discussion on this item.
11. **Future Agenda Items**: There was no discussion on this item.
12. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for **1:00 pm, Thursday, November 13, 2025.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:27pm.