

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — July 24, 2025

Transportation Council Room | 616 Six Flags Drive | Arlington, Texas

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting was conducted as a videoconference meeting that was live broadcast at <https://nctcog.swagit.com/live>. The presiding officer, President Johnson, was present at the physical location, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas, which was open to the public during all open portions of the meeting.

President Johnson called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 1:01 pm on July 24, 2025. Todd Little took attendance and determined that a quorum was physically present.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Victoria Johnson | 9. Rick Horne |
| 2. Jennifer Justice | 10. Gary Hulsey |
| 3. Brandon J. Huckabee | 11. Clay Jenkins |
| 4. Chris Hill | 12. Cara Mendelsohn |
| 5. Christopher Boedeker | 13. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 6. David Bristol | 14. Tim O'Hare |
| 7. T.J. Gilmore | 15. Kameron Raburn |
| 8. Bowie Hogg | |

Members of the Board Absent:

1. Carlos Flores
2. Mitch Little

Members of the Staff Present:

Todd Little, Monte Mercer, Susan Alvarez, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Maribel Martinez, Phedra Redifer, Randy Richardson, Christy Williams, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Tom McLain, Chris Klaus, Richard Michael, Jon Blackman, Jennifer Oliver, Vickie Alexander, Maggie Lira, Jessie Shadowens-James, Kelly Schmidt, Lori Clark, April Greenhill, Lauren Trimble

Visitors Present:

Rob Barthen | GrantWorks; Debrah North, Councilmember | DeSoto

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

President Johnson opened the meeting for public comment and asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak. There being no one, she proceeded with the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Items 1 - 11 were posted on the agenda as Consent Items.

- Item 1 **Approval of Minutes**
- Item 2 **Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Animal Care Supplies**
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Councilmember Justice.
- Item 3 **Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Technical Skills Training**
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Councilmember Justice.
- Item 4 **Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Deltek, Inc. for Enterprise Resource Planning Software**
Board authorization was requested to enter into a contract with Deltek, Inc. for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software licensing, maintenance, and support services. The proposed agreement is for a maximum term of thirty-eight (38) months and in an amount not to exceed \$655,000. NCTCOG has relied on Deltek's integrated ERP platform for over twenty-nine (29) years to support essential functions including financial management, budgeting, procurement, payroll, human resources, and reporting. Due to the proprietary nature of the system and the significant investment required to transition to a new provider—including time, training, data migration, and reimplementation—staff recommended proceeding with an exemption from competitive procurement.
- Item 5 **Resolution Endorsing Submittal of a Grant Application to the OOG for the Criminal Justice Program - Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)**
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Councilmember Mendelsohn.
- Item 6 **Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Plug & Play, LLC for the Implementation of the Innovation Ecosystem Pilot Program**
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Councilmember Johnson.
- Item 7 **Resolution Endorsing Fiscal Year 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All Implementation Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation**
Board endorsement was requested for the submittal of a \$12 million application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) under the FY 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Implementation Grant Program. The proposed funding will support the Hemphill Street Community Based Safe Street Project in Fort Worth, aimed at significantly reducing roadway fatalities and serious injuries through targeted safety improvements for all users. The total project cost is estimated at \$15 million, with a \$3 million local match provided by the City of Fort Worth. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) endorsed the application on July 10, 2025. As the RTC's fiscal agent, NCTCOG will coordinate with USDOT to facilitate the transfer of awarded funds to the City of Fort Worth.
- Item 8 **Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Personal Services Agreement with Ahmad Sadeqh to Expedite the Development and Implementation of Regional Multimodal Transportation Data Hub**
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Councilmember Mendelsohn.

Item 9 **Resolution Authorizing Contract with MediaValet USA, Inc. to Provide a Digital Asset Management System**
Board authorization was requested to enter a contract with MediaValet USA, Inc. to provide a web-based, digital asset management system in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 over five years. The contract includes an initial one-year term with four optional one-year renewals. MediaValet is the current provider of these services, which support the Transportation Department's management of digital images and video assets. The system integrates with Adobe and Microsoft applications, offers auto-tagging, and enhances departmental efficiency. The procurement process was initiated on March 5, 2025, and two proposals were received. Following evaluation by the Consultant Selection Committee in May 2025, MediaValet was recommended for continued service. This subscription purchase is funded through the Transportation Management and Administration Allocation under Task 1 of the Unified Planning Work Program and does not include subcontracting opportunities.

Item 10 **Resolution Authorizing Regional Transportation Council Local Funds to Backstop Local Match Commitments for Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Projects**
Board authorization was requested for the use of \$175,000 in Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funds to support implementation of a Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant awarded to NCTCOG by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The grant requires a local match, which will be fulfilled through expenditures by rebate participants. To demonstrate project progress, EPA has requested NCTCOG begin drawing down federal funds prior to rebate activity and match collection. While reimbursement could proceed without match, the Transportation Department will follow its standard practice of seeking reimbursement only for the federal share of expenses to mitigate financial risk. The Regional Transportation Council authorized this use of RTC Local funds on July 10, 2025. These funds will be reimbursed upon collection of local match, leveraging \$5.5 million in federal funding.

Item 11 **Resolution Authorizing Agreement with City of Colleyville for SH 26 Traffic Signal Maintenance**
Board authorization was requested to enter an agreement with the City of Colleyville for the maintenance of ten (10) traffic signals along SH 26 corridor, utilizing up to \$150,000 in Regional Transportation Council (RTC) local funds. The corridor is being removed from the state highway system, and the City has requested funding support for signal maintenance at a rate of \$3,000 per signal annually, totaling \$30,000 per year over five years. The Regional Transportation Council approved this funding on July 10, 2025. Staff noted that the RTC is developing a broader program to address congestion and establish minimum standards for traffic signal reliability and performance, with future updates to be presented to the Executive Board.

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Mitchell (seconded by Mayor Bristol), the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda Items as posted with the exception of Items 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

Item 2 **Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Animal Care Supplies**

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Councilmember Justice.

Board approval was requested to enter a contractual agreement with Unipak Corp., for Animal Care Supplies, for a maximum five (5) year term. The contract will be available through the TXShare cooperative purchasing program.

Mr. Little mentioned that Item 2 had an amended resolution to retain the services of firms that offer Animal Care Supplies and that the amended resolution was located at each Board member's seat for reference.

Exhibit: 2025-07-02-AA

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Mitchell (seconded by Mayor Bristol), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the amended resolution as presented.

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Technical Skills Training

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Councilmember Justice.

Board authorization was requested to enter contracts with Coherent Cyber Education LLC, Cengage Learning DBA Infosec, and Mother Daughter ISH, for Online Technical Skills Training, for maximum five (5) year terms.

Additionally, authorization was requested to enter contracts with Earth Forward Group LLC, Kevin Mitch Group Inc., and Telemedia, LLC DBA TPC Training, for Online and On Customer Site Technical Skills Training, for maximum five (5) year terms. All contracts will be made available through the North Central Texas Council of Governments TXShare cooperative purchasing program.

Mr. Little mentioned that Item 3 had an amended resolution to retain the services of firms that offer Online Technical Skills Training and On Customer Site Training Services and that the amended resolution was located at each Board member's seat for reference.

Exhibit: 2025-07-03-AA

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Mitchell (seconded by Mayor Bristol), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the amended resolution as presented.

Item 5 Resolution Endorsing Submittal of a Grant Application to the OOG for the Criminal Justice Program - Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Councilmember Mendelsohn.

Christy Martinez, Director of Regional Police Academy, requested Board endorsement for the submittal of a Criminal Justice Program – Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application to the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office, in an amount up to \$143,740. The proposed funding would support the expansion of NCTCOG's Regional Police Academy (RPA) Law Enforcement Training Program by funding an additional Police Training Coordinator position. This role would enable the RPA to add two Basic Peace Officer Courses (BPOCs) to its annual training calendar. Each BPOC consists of 880 hours of instruction and prepares recruits for peace officer licensing in Texas. The expansion is expected to significantly increase police recruit enrollment, helping to meet regional workforce demands and enhance the hiring capacity of local law enforcement agencies with qualified, professionally trained officers.

Councilmember Mendelsohn commended the initiative to seek additional support for training efforts and inquired about the adequacy of current training space. Ms. Martinez acknowledged that space limitations remain an ongoing challenge. She noted that the Law Enforcement Training Advisory Committee (LETAC) is actively exploring the possibility of establishing satellite campuses to address the issue. While no specific location has been finalized, there are contingency options available on COG's premises should a satellite site not be secured.

Exhibit: 2025-07-05-RPA

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Mendelsohn (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 6 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Plug & Play, LLC for the Implementation of the Innovation Ecosystem Pilot Program

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Councilmember Johnson.

Phedra Redifer, Executive Director for Workforce Development, requested Board authorization to enter a contract with Plug & Play, LLC for the implementation of the Innovation Ecosystem Pilot at Tarleton State University's (TSU) Stephenville campus. The contract will span up to 18 months and will not exceed \$170,000. This initiative is part of the Workforce Innovation Fund Grant, for which North Central Texas was one of five workforce boards selected statewide. In collaboration with Plug & Play, TSU, and Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas, the pilot aims to stimulate innovation, entrepreneurship, job creation, and economic development in rural areas. Plug & Play will

lead the development and execution of key program components, including entrepreneurship workshops, campus innovation events, networking opportunities, business pitch sessions, access to venture capital, internships, a founder's toolkit, and student engagement activities with Stephenville ISD. Plug & Play and TSU were named as critical partners in the grant application and are essential to the pilot's success.

Councilmember Johnson pulled this item from the Consent Agenda to highlight its significance, and Judge Boedeker expressed appreciation for the staff's efforts.

Exhibit: 2025-07-06-WD

Upon a Motion by Judge Huckabee (seconded by Councilmember Hogg), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 8 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Personal Services Agreement with Ahmad Sadegh to Expedite the Development and Implementation of Regional Multimodal Transportation Data Hub

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Councilmember Mendelsohn.

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to amend the Personal Services Agreement with Ahmad Sadegh by adding an amount not to exceed \$250,000 in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds. Mr. Sadegh provides technical support for the development and implementation of the Regional Multimodal Transportation Data Hub and other initiatives, including wrong-way driver alert systems and connected/autonomous vehicle projects. The original agreement, approved by the Board on July 27, 2023, was for an amount not to exceed \$200,000. NCTCOG seeks to continue retaining Mr. Sadegh's services under the exemption from competitive bidding provided by Texas Local Government Code §252.022(a)(4). No local match is required for this amendment.

Exhibit: 2025-07-08-TR

Judge Jenkins made a motion to approve an amended resolution with the condition that only initiatives approved by the Regional Transportation Council would be performed under the personal services agreement (seconded by Councilmember Mendelsohn). By unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as amended.

Item 12 Resolution to Accept and Approve the Quarterly Investment Report

Randy Richardson, Director of Administration, provided the Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2025, and requested Board acceptance and approval. This report is required by the Investment Policy and Public Funds Investment Act and shows an average rate of return, cumulative transactions and beginning and ending balances for the quarter.

Exhibit: 2025-07-12-AA

Upon a Motion by Judge O'Hare (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 13 Resolution Endorsing the 2025 Update to the North Central Texas Water Quality Management Plan

Susan Alvarez, Director of Environment and Development, requested Board endorsement for the *2025 Update to the North Central Texas Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP)* and authorization to transmit relevant materials to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for certification and subsequent transmission to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval. The WQMP is updated annually to support regional planning efforts related to water quality, wastewater infrastructure, and watershed management. Developed with input from the Water Resources Council, and presented as an online Story Map Journal, the 2025 Update was endorsed by the Water Resources Council on July 9, 2025. Funding for the plan is provided by TCEQ. The full *2025 Update to the North Central Texas Water Quality Management Plan* is available at:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/3f2e3d10cdd44dec8db41fc187a95a81/>

Mayor Bristol asked about several sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) marked on the regional map within his community, noting that he was unaware of any incidents occurring in 2024. Ms. Alvarez clarified that the utility responsible for the system is charged with both identifying and correcting SSOs, and that as part of their annual reporting to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), they estimate the volume discharged and document the resolution of each event. It was noted that SSOs are a widespread issue and not unique to any one community. Judge Boedeker asked whether the increasing number of municipal utility districts (MUDs) and privately operated wastewater disposal facilities has impacted the regional wastewater quality plan. Ms. Alvarez responded that no direct impact has been observed at this time, though they actively track the formation of new MUDs and share that information with the Water Resources Council. MUDs are considered a useful mechanism for extending sanitary sewer service to rural or developing areas, but they present ongoing challenges related to operations and maintenance.

Exhibit: 2025-07-13-ED

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Horne (seconded by Councilmember Justice), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 14 Comprehensive Resolution Authorizing Fiscal Years 2026-2027 Funding Initiatives Supporting Sustainable Environmental Excellence

Susan Alvarez, Director of Environment and Development, requested Board authorization for the following FY 2026-2027 funding initiatives supporting Sustainable Environmental Excellence:

- NCTCOG is authorized to execute necessary agreements with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for funding in an amount of approximately \$290,000 in federal/state funds per annum through FY2027 to allow NCTCOG to carry out its responsibilities as the designated area-wide water quality management planning agency, consistent with the work program initiatives endorsed by NCTCOG's Water Resources Council and approved by the TCEQ.
- NCTCOG is authorized to execute necessary agreements with TCEQ and associated program recipients for Watershed Nonpoint Source Pollutant funding in an amount of approximately \$150,000 in federal/state funds per annum through FY2027 to allow NCTCOG to conduct a nonpoint source management initiative in water quality impaired watersheds in the Greater Trinity River basin.
- NCTCOG is authorized to seek and accept fee-for-service funding from local governments and regional agencies in an amount of approximately \$800,000 per annum through FY2027 for stormwater management initiatives and monitoring contract services consistent with the work programs endorsed by NCTCOG's Regional Stormwater Management Coordinating Council.
- NCTCOG is authorized to seek and accept fee-for-service funding from cities and counties, and also funding from state or federal agencies for flood risk reduction efforts along the Trinity River corridor in an amount of approximately \$300,000 per annum through FY2027 for the Trinity River COMMON VISION program, consistent with the work program initiatives endorsed by the Trinity River COMMON VISION Steering Committee.
- NCTCOG is authorized to seek and accept fee-for-service funding from local governments and regional agencies in an amount of approximately \$600,000 per annum through FY2027 for public works initiatives consistent with the work programs endorsed by NCTCOG's Public Works Council.
- NCTCOG is authorized to seek and accept fee-for-service funding from local governments and regional agencies in an amount of approximately \$150,000 per annum through FY2027 for wastewater and treatment initiatives consistent with the work programs endorsed by NCTCOG's Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable.
- NCTCOG is authorized to execute necessary agreements with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and/or the Texas Water Development Board for funding in an amount of approximately \$100,000 per annum through FY2027 to build on the Cooperating Technical Partners for flood risk reduction, consistent with the work program initiatives endorsed by NCTCOG's Public Works Council.
- NCTCOG is authorized to execute necessary agreements with the Texas Department of Agriculture to support the Texas Community Development Block Grant program in an amount of approximately \$25,000 in

federal/state funds per annum through FY2026 for providing administrative services and technical assistance through Community and Economic Development Assistance funding.

- NCTCOG is authorized to seek and accept fee-for-service funding from local governments and regional agencies in an amount of approximately \$100,000 per annum through FY2027 for building codes coordination initiatives consistent with the work programs endorsed by NCTCOG's Regional Codes Coordinating Committee.
- NCTCOG is authorized to execute necessary agreements with the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) for funding in an amount of approximately \$650,000 in federal/state funds through FY2027 to build upon efforts towards reductions in energy consumption and resulting improvements to air quality, consistent with the Principles of Development Excellence and recommendations within Vision North Texas.
- NCTCOG is authorized to seek and accept fee-for-service funding from local governments and regional agencies in an amount of approximately \$100,000 per annum through FY2027 for engaging interested local governments in peer-exchange opportunities to support sustainability and environmental initiatives consistent with the work program requested by NCTCOG's Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition.
- NCTCOG is authorized to continue to conduct Center of Development Excellence and Vision North Texas outreach to member local governments, the development community, and other interested parties.
- NCTCOG is authorized to pursue other opportunities for cooperation or funding to implement the Sustainable Environmental Excellence visions, strategic plan, and objectives through FY2027, including but not limited to, cooperative activities and drafting of memoranda of agreements with state and federal partners, extension of interagency agreements to other local governments, identification of additional funding sources, and participation in and support of initiatives by other agencies.

Councilmember Johnson inquired about a circulating rumor regarding the potential end of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding and asked what types of projects might be affected if the funds were discontinued. Ms. Alvarez responded that CDBG funds are primarily used to support rural development initiatives. While current funding levels are about half of what was previously available, they still exceed initial expectations. She noted that the program may be nearing the end of its funding cycle. Potential uses of remaining funds could include updating codes, developing policies, and establishing programs to increase public awareness and understanding. Mayor Hulse asked for clarification on Item 8, which pertains to CDBGs. Ms. Alvarez explained that these grants are typically small and locally focused, aimed at encouraging economic development in rural communities. They are sometimes used to support policy development and public outreach efforts, but their primary purpose is to provide local support for economic growth.

Exhibit: 2025-07-14-ED

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Horne (seconded by Councilmember Justice), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 15 Resolution Approving Scoring Criteria for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Community Electric Vehicle Charging Grant Call for Projects

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board approval for the scoring criteria associated with the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Community Electric Vehicle Charging Grant Call for Projects. This initiative, supported by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), aims to strategically deploy electric vehicle (EV) charging stations across the North Central Texas region. Screening criteria are based on FHWA program requirements and elements included in NCTCOG's original grant proposal. Eligible projects will be evaluated and prioritized based on scoring criteria detailed in the following table:

Proposed Scoring Criteria for Eligible Sites

Areas with Insufficient Charging	Areas with Potential Demand	Public Engagement	Feasibility and Risk
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Up to 60 points	Up to 20 points	Up to 10 points	Up to 10 points	0 Points - Fatal flaw analysis
Distance from existing or planned charging stations Existing chargers do not adequately support area needs (ratio of vehicles to chargers; community/economic development)	Location could serve multi-modal hubs or fleet shared use areas (e.g. first- or last-mile driver connection, rideshare drivers) Location could serve community fleets	Near locations recommended by the general public Facility type recommended by the general public (e.g. parks, rec centers, schools)	Demonstrated project readiness (implementation plan, strategies to drive utilization) Measures to mitigate station damage or inoperability (e.g. site security, grid integration)	"Deployment Dream Team" location risk assessment (e.g. electrical capacity, flood risk)

This information was presented at the June Board meeting as part of a status update. The Regional Transportation Council approved the Call for Projects, including eligibility, screening and scoring criteria, and the schedule, at its July 10 meeting. Recommendations for final site selection and EV charging station vendor(s) will be brought for Board approval at a future date.

Councilmember Horne raised a question regarding areas with insufficient electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and the regional population of EVs, referencing a "barbell approach" to deployment. Mr. Morris acknowledged the concern and noted that current forecasts reflect short-term trends. He explained that while an initial score may be assigned to a location, that score can decrease as more charging stations are added to the system, which currently applies only to public land. A method is in place to update mobile software applications with real-time information on charging station availability. Mr. Morris confirmed that there is a commitment requirement: each station must remain operational for at least five years, with a portion of the revenue generated allocated to cover ongoing operations and maintenance. Judge Hill inquired whether stations on public property would be accessible only to government entities or also to the private sector. Mr. Morris clarified that the stations are open to everyone.

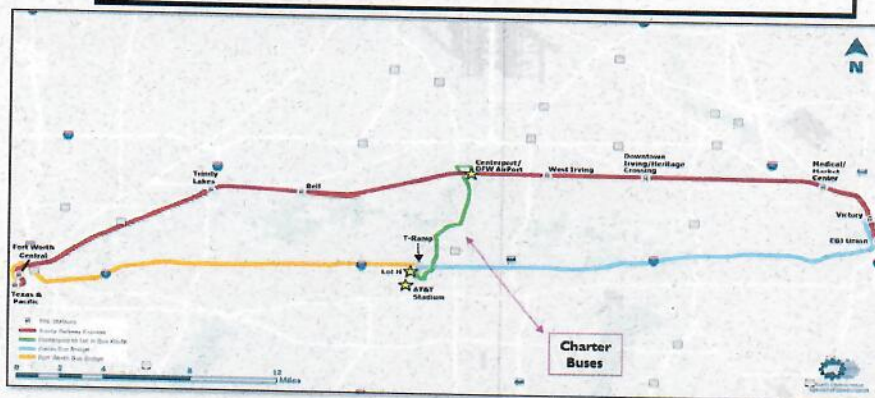
Exhibit: 2025-07-15-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge Jenkins (seconded by Councilmember Justice), the Board approved the resolution as presented. Judge Hill and Mayor Hulseley voted no.

Item 16 Resolution Authorizing Agreement with the North Texas FWC Organizing Committee for the Operation of Bus Shuttles and Direct Services During 2026 World Cup Events

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with the North Texas FWC Organizing Committee to provide charter bus services for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The agreement will support direct transportation from the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) Centreport Station to Lot H in Arlington on nine designated event days. On March 13, 2025, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved up to \$3,600,000 in RTC Local funds for this purpose. The funding will cover bus operations and related services and is structured as a loan to be reimbursed by the Dallas Sports Commission upon completion of the tournament. Transportation Department staff have been actively coordinating with regional stakeholders to ensure mobility needs are met in preparation for hosting the World Cup. A map showing the charter bus route is included for reference.

TRANSPORTATION TO AT&T STADIUM



Enhanced TRE Rail Service

- Improvements to trains and stations
- Increase capacity and operating hours

Dedicated Bus Bridge from Dallas/Fort Worth

- Utilize managed lanes on I-430 (East)
- Alleviate pressure on TRE trains

Charter Buses/Shuttles from TRE CentrePort Station

- Previously tested at large events
- Buses co-located with THCs to mitigate price gouging

Exhibit: 2025-07-16-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge O'Hare (seconded by Councilmember Hogg), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 17 **Resolution Approving the FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning**

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board approval for the FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning (UPWP). The UPWP outlines transportation and related air quality planning activities to be conducted from October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027, and identifies the funding sources that support the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). These activities carried out by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff, are primarily funded through Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) PL 112 funds and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5303 funds, both allocated to NCTCOG through formula distribution. The UPWP ensures compliance with federal planning requirements and supports regional mobility, air quality improvements, and long-range transportation goals. The UPWP has been approved by the Surface Transportation Technical Committee and the Regional Transportation Council. A copy of the FY2026 and FY2027 UPWP may be viewed at www.nctcog.org/trans/study/unified-planning-work-program.

Exhibit: 2025-07-17-TR

Judge O'Hare left the meeting and did not return.

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Mendelsohn (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Item 18 Status Report on Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Update for US Department of Transportation Contracting Opportunities

Ken Kirkpatrick, General Counsel, provided a status report on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal, which is required to be updated every three years by the Federal Transit Administration. The DBE goal applies to U.S. Department of Transportation-assisted contracting opportunities and is designed to ensure fair competition and remove barriers for small businesses owned by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. The current DBE Participation Goal of 17% remains in effect through September 30, 2025. Staff have developed draft DBE goals for Fiscal Years 2026–2028 based on federal regulations and have initiated a public comment process. The update also considers recent legal developments, including the Mid-America Milling Company case in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, which challenges the constitutionality of race- and sex-based presumptions in the DBE program. Approval of the DBE goal is scheduled for the August 28, 2025, Executive Board meeting following the conclusion of the public input period.

Exhibit: 2025-07-18-TR

This was an informational item and did not require a vote.

Item 19 Status Report on Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Agreement Two Year Extension

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, provided a status report on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the recent extension of the MPO Planning Agreement. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has unilaterally extended the agreement by two years, now valid through September 30, 2027. This extension does not require approval from the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) or the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board.

NCTCOG and the RTC jointly serve as the MPO for the Dallas–Fort Worth metropolitan area. RTC functions as the MPO Policy Committee, responsible for setting transportation policy and adopting key planning documents such as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and Unified Planning Work Program. The NCTCOG Executive Board acts as the Fiscal Agent, overseeing fiscal, personnel, and staff support services, including administration of federal transportation planning funds. A copy of the current MPO Planning Agreement is available <https://www.nctcog.org/getmedia/60bdabbf-58e2-4496-a57d-9507c7bafa12/2018-MPO-Planning-Agreement.pdf>.

Exhibit: 2025-07-19-TR

This was an informational item and did not require a vote.

Item 20 Status Report on Flooding and Disaster Preparedness

A joint presentation was delivered by the Directors of Environment and Development, Emergency Preparedness, and Transportation to provide a comprehensive status report on current flooding and disaster preparedness efforts across the North Central Texas region. In light of the devastating July 4th floods in the Texas Hill Country, which claimed over 130 lives and overwhelmed local infrastructure, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has intensified its regional coordination to mitigate future disaster impacts. The presentation highlighted ongoing initiatives across departments, including policy development, regional planning, deployment of flood warning technologies, and practical training programs. These efforts aim to strengthen community resilience across NCTCOG's 16-county service area. Notably, the Environment and Development Department continues to support floodplain management through programs like the Community Rating System and the Regional Flood Warning Software Program.

Exhibit: 2025-07-20-ED

Mayor Raburn, Councilmember Hogg, and Commissioner Mitchell left the meeting and did not return.

This was an informational item and did not require a vote.

Item 21 Executive Director's Report

Mr. Little presented the Executive Director's Report, announcing that new member orientation was held earlier that morning. He provided an update on emergency flooding response efforts in the Texas Hill Country, noting potential future opportunities for regional collaboration on the recovery side. Mr. Little also shared developments from the Regional Police Academy, including discussions about expanding capacity to meet growing demand. The academy currently trains approximately 300 recruits annually, with projections to reach 370 recruits in the next fiscal year. He concluded by highlighting upcoming committee meetings, including the Bylaws Committee scheduled for August 21st, the Finance Committee on August 28th, the Audit Committee planned for February, and the Long Range Planning Committee set for October.

This was an informational item and did not require a vote.

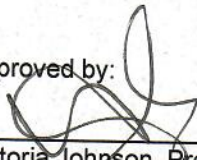
MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 22 Attendance and Calendar

The Board was provided with a Calendar of meeting and a record of Attendance.

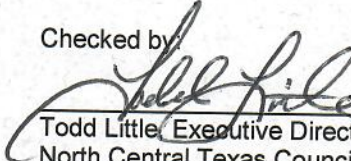
President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:25 pm.

Approved by:



Victoria Johnson, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

Checked by:



Todd Little, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments