

North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: NCTCOG Executive Board

DATE: August 21, 2025

FROM: Todd Little
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Board Meeting

The next meeting of the **NCTCOG Executive Board** and the **NCTCOG Foundation, Inc.** will be:

DATE: August 28, 2025

Please RSVP to the Executive Director's office as soon as possible by email or call (817) 695-9100.

11:00 AM: **FINANCE COMMITTEE** – (*Six Flags Conference Room*)

Members: Cara Mendelsohn, Chair; David Bristol, TJ Gilmore, Chris Hill, Bowie Hogg, Rick Horne, Kameron Raburn

- Presentation of FY2026 Proposed Annual Fiscal Program

12:00 NOON: LUNCH

1:00 PM: **EXECUTIVE BOARD – REGULAR SESSION**

PHYSICAL

LOCATION: NCTCOG Offices
Centerpoint II Conference Center
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011
Transportation Council Room

Presiding officer will be physically present at this location, which shall be open to the public during open portions of the meeting.

METHOD: Via Videoconference

President Johnson hopes each of you will plan to attend this important meeting. I look forward to seeing you there!

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North Central Texas Council of Governments

EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA

August 28, 2025 | 1:00 pm

Physical Location of Meeting: NCTCOG Offices, Centerpoint II Conference Center
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011, Transportation Council Room

Method of Meeting: Via Videoconference

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting is posted as a videoconference meeting. The presiding officer shall be present at the physical location, which shall be open to the public during open portions of the meeting. Members of the public may attend in person or view the livestream via <http://nctcog.swagit.com/live>. The meeting will be recorded and posted later on NCTCOG's website <http://nctcog.swagit.com/executive-board/>

Executive Board

1. _____ Victoria Johnson – President
2. _____ Jennifer Justice – Vice President
3. _____ Brandon J. Huckabee – Secretary/Treasurer
4. _____ Chris Hill – Past President
5. _____ Christopher Boedeker
6. _____ David Bristol
7. _____ Carlos Flores
8. _____ T.J. Gilmore
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10. _____ Rick Horne
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13. _____ Cara Mendelsohn
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15. _____ Tim O'Hare
16. _____ Kameron Raburn
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- _____ Todd Little
- _____ Monte Mercer
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- _____ Tim Barbee
- _____ Doni Green
- _____ Maribel Martinez
- _____ Michael Morris
- _____ Phedra Redifer
- _____ Randy Richardson
- _____ Christy Williams
- _____ Jerri Watson

FINANCE COMMITTEE: 11:00 AM

The Finance Committee will meet to discuss the FY2026 Proposed Annual Fiscal Program

REGULAR SESSION: 1:00 pm

Call to order time: _____

Pledge to the United States and Texas Flags

Public Comment on Agenda Items (Must be physically present)

Members of the public may comment on any item(s) on today's agenda at this time. If speaking, please announce your name, city of residence and the agenda item(s) on which you are commenting. A maximum three (3) minutes is permitted per speaker. At the conclusion of this item, no further opportunities for public comment will be provided for the duration of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion/Second Item # Name of Item

_____/_____ 1 **Approval of Minutes – July 24, 2025**

_____/_____ 2 **Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Public Hazard Alerting Systems - Randy Richardson**

_____/_____ 3 **Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Nearmap to Provide Recurring Aerial and Oblique Imagery Services - Tim Barbee**

- ____/____ 4 Resolution Authorizing Agreements with Additional Rebate Recipients for the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project - Michael Morris
- ____/____ 5 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Feonix Mobility Rising for a Transportation Assistance Hub through the Transit Strategic Partnership Program - Michael Morris
- ____/____ 6 Appointment to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD) - Prit Patel

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

- ____/____ 7 Resolution Endorsing the 2024 International Fire Code and Regional Code Amendments - Susan Alvarez
- ____/____ 8 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Phase 2 of the UAS Airspace Awareness Pilot Program - Michael Morris
- ____/____ 9 Resolution Approving the FY2026-FY2028 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Update for US Department of Transportation Contracting Opportunities - Michael Morris
- ____/____ 10 Resolution Authorizing the Procurement of a Consultant for the NCTCOG Strategic Vision Plan - Todd Little

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 11 Status Report on Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Annual Fiscal Program - Randy Richardson
- 12 Status Report on Metropolitan Planning Organization Revolver Funds and Regional Transportation Council Local Pool - Michael Morris
- 13 Executive Director's Report
 - Bylaws Committee Review Update
 - New Agenda Posting Requirements: (Effective September 1, 2025)

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 14 Future Calendar and Attendance

Adjournment: _____

A closed executive session may be held on any of the above agenda items when legally justified pursuant to Subchapter D of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 551).

APPROVED FOR POSTING:



Todd Little, Executive Director

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 Hulse |
| 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 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.

- 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 Hulsey 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 Hulseby 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.

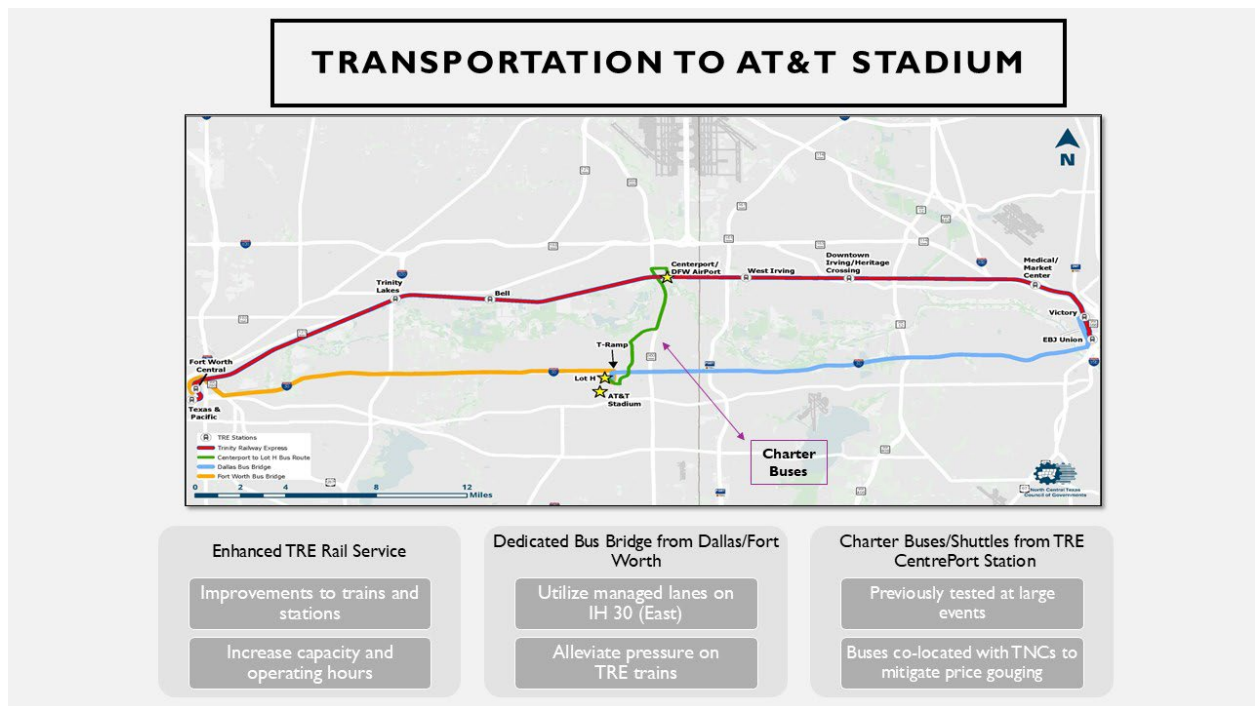


Exhibit: 2025-07-16-TR

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:

Checked by:

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

Todd Little, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments



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Item 2

Exhibit: 2025-08-02-AA

Meeting Date: August 28, 2025

Submitted By: Randy Richardson
Director of Administration

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Public Hazard Alerting Systems

This is a request to award contracts for Public Hazard Alerting Systems through the North Central Texas Council of Governments TXShare cooperative purchasing program.

The purpose of the contract(s) is to retain the services of one or more firms that offer any or all the below listed Service Categories:

- Service Category 1: Wireless Emergency Alert Systems
- Service Category 2: Outdoor Warning Sirens
- Service Category 3: Digital Type Warning Signage
- Service Category 4: Other Related Systems
- Service Category 5: Other Ancillary Goods or Services

NCTCOG prepared and issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) 2025-086 for Public Hazard Alerting Systems with the proposals due on July 2, 2025. Five (5) proposals were received, publicly opened, and deemed responsive. The proposals were evaluated by a committee comprised of representatives from the cities of Cleburne, Euless, Kennedale, and Seguin. Following evaluation, the Evaluation Committee is recommending contracts be awarded to:

- Federal Signal Corporation for Service Category 2
- LAWS Systems for Service Categories 1 & 2
- BlackBerry Corporation for Service Categories 1, 2, 3 & 4

A draft resolution authorizing contracts with the aforementioned vendors and the Service Categories listed herein for Public Hazard Alerting Systems for maximum five (5) year terms is attached for Executive Board consideration. If approved, these contracts will be available through the TXShare cooperative purchasing program to agencies throughout the United States for services in the geographic regions served by the awarded vendors.

I will be available at the Executive Board meeting should you have any questions.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC HAZARD ALERTING SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (RFP) 2025-086 Public Hazard Alerting Systems was advertised and proposals received on July 2, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, proposals were evaluated by a committee comprised of individuals from member or participating agencies; and,

WHEREAS, following evaluation, it is recommended that contracts be awarded to Federal Signal Corporation, LAWS Systems, and BlackBerry Corporation; and,

WHEREAS, these contracts are intended to be utilized by NCTCOG member governments and other participating entities as part of NCTCOG's TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has complied with federal and State regulations regarding contract and procurement proceedings for this procurement 2025-086.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Contracts between NCTCOG and Federal Signal Corporation, LAWS Systems, and BlackBerry Corporation for Public Hazard Alerting Systems, for maximum five (5) year terms, be and are hereby approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements to carry out this program, including agreements with member governments and other entities wishing to participate in NCTCOG's TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on August 28, 2025.

Brandon Huckabee, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Erath County



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Item 3

Exhibit: 2025-08-03-RIS

Meeting Date: August 28, 2025

Submitted By: Tim Barbee
Director of Research and Information Services/CIO

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Nearmap to Provide Recurring Aerial and Oblique Imagery Services

Since 2001, NCTCOG has facilitated the purchase of high-quality, color, digital aerial photography and derivative products for North Central Texas as a cost-sharing objective for public and private entities under its Spatial Data Cooperative Program. In 2020, NCTCOG began offering a service for subscription-based orthophotography and oblique data.

Specifically, this service includes imagery captured 2 to 3 times a year at six-inch or higher resolution for those entities who sign on to participate. The data delivers within 30 days of the flight, which is ideal for participants who need the imagery quickly. The current contract for this service will expire on November 30, 2025, and participating entities have requested a continuation of the project. Funding for the project will be provided entirely by regional participants.

NCTCOG conducted Request for Proposals (RFP) #2025-073, which closed on August 4, 2025, and, following evaluation, is recommending Nearmap, again, to perform these services. Nearmap is a leading provider of cloud-based geospatial information services with offices in the US and Australia and is ranked one of the ten largest aerial survey companies in the world for annual data collection volumes. If awarded, the project is anticipated to begin in December 2025.

A draft resolution authorizing a contract with Nearmap for orthophotography and oblique imagery services for a maximum five (5) year term and in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 is attached for Executive Board consideration.

I will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH NEARMAP TO PROVIDE RECURRING AERIAL
AND OBLIQUE IMAGERY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, through its Spatial Data Cooperative Program, has experience and expertise in facilitation of collaborative acquisition of digital orthophotography and related products; and,

WHEREAS, participating entities requested subscription-based , recurring aerial and oblique imagery services; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG conducted Request for Proposals (RFP) #2025-073 for these services and, following evaluation, is recommending Nearmap as the selected vendor; and,

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments has complied with federal and State regulations regarding contracting and procurement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. A contract between NCTCOG and Nearmap for aerial and oblique imagery services, for a maximum five (5) year term and in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, be and is hereby approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements to carry out the initiatives described herein, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

I hereby certify that the resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on August 28, 2025.

Brandon Huckabee, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Erath County



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Item 4

Exhibit: 2025-08-04-TR

Meeting Date: August 28, 2025

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing Agreements with Additional Rebate Recipients for the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) opened the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project (NTDER) Call for Projects (CFP) on December 16, 2024. This initiative is funded from approximately \$1.6 million previously awarded from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program to reduce emissions of ozone-forming nitrogen oxides from diesel-powered heavy-duty vehicles or equipment in the Dallas-Fort Worth 10-county ozone nonattainment area by replacing older, high-emitting vehicles, engines, or equipment with new, low-emitting vehicles, engines, or equipment, as well as installing locomotive idle-reduction technology and related infrastructure.

Eligible applicants of NTDER include private companies and public entities such as local governments who own heavy-duty diesel vehicles or equipment operating in the nonattainment area and who have adopted the RTC Clean Fleet Policy. Nearly 100 entities have adopted the RTC policy. A list of entities who have adopted the RTC Clean Fleet Policy is available at www.nctcog.org/fleetpolicy.

Based on two applications and available NTDER funding, one eligible project was received from Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and one eligible project was received by Delta Air Lines. Staff recommends rebate awards to Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport not to exceed a total of \$335,250 in EPA funds to replace one diesel vehicle with a newer, zero-emission vehicle and to Delta Air Lines not to exceed a total of \$379,426 in EPA funds to replace ten diesel nonroad equipment with newer, zero-emission nonroad equipment. As required by the EPA for replacement projects, Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Delta Air Lines will provide a local contribution of at least 55 percent of the project cost. The proposed project will benefit residents because it reduces diesel engine emissions that create ground-level ozone and reduces noise. The RTC approved funding for this CFP recommendation at its August 7, 2025, meeting. After funding the recommendation, a balance of approximately \$560,000 remains for the NTCDP and will be made available through continuing funding opportunities. In its role as RTC's fiscal agent, Executive Board approval will be requested to enter into agreements with Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Delta Air Lines to carry out this RTC initiative.

The following table details the anticipated funding recipient, source and amount:

Agreement Recipient Name	CFP Source	EPA Funds		Local Contribution	
		Percent (No more than)	Amount (Not to exceed)	Percent (At least)	Amount (Approximately)
Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport	NTDER	45%	\$335,250	55%	\$409,750
Delta Air Lines	NTDER	45%	\$379,426	55%	\$463,744

A draft resolution authorizing the agreement is attached for Executive Board consideration. I will be available to answer any questions the Board may have on this item.

JB:js
Attachment

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH ADDITIONAL REBATE RECIPIENTS
FOR THE NORTH TEXAS DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and nonprofit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by, and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) serves as the MPO Policy Committee, comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth region is in nonattainment of the federal air quality standard for ozone and NCTCOG is actively involved in the development and implementation of the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and,

WHEREAS, the RTC is committed to the development and implementation of policies, projects, and programs to improve air quality and reduce emissions that create ground-level ozone; and,

WHEREAS, Subtask 3.03 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning includes implementation of air quality initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project Call for Projects (CFP) is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program; and,

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2024, the RTC approved the opening of this CFP in the 10-county ozone nonattainment area for the implementation of projects that reduce nitrogen oxide emissions; and,

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2025, the RTC approved funding for these project under the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project CFP; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has complied with RTC procedures for Calls for Projects/Funding Initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- Section 1.** An agreement between NCTCOG and Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport for an amount not to exceed \$335,250 in Environmental Protection Agency funds (no more than 45 percent of project costs) and approximately \$409,750 in local contributions (at least 55 percent of project costs) be and is hereby approved.
- Section 2.** An agreement between NCTCOG and Delta Air Lines for an amount not to exceed \$379,426 in Environmental Protection Agency funds (no more than 45 percent of project costs) and approximately \$463,744 in local contributions (at least 55 percent of project costs) be and is hereby approved.
- Section 3.** The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out the initiatives described herein.
- Section 4.** This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on August 28, 2025.

Brandon Huckabee, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Erath County



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Item 5

Exhibit: 2025-08-05-TR

Meeting Date: August 28, 2025

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Feonix Mobility Rising for a Transportation Assistance Hub through the Transit Strategic Partnership Program

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program funds in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Urbanized Area. These funds are allocated to NCTCOG by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC). As a designated recipient, NCTCOG reserves a portion of the funding and awards it for eligible transit projects serving transit-dependent individuals through the Transit Strategic Partnerships Program, ensuring they address service gaps in the region and fulfill eligibility requirements of the federal funding programs.

Staff reviewed projects submitted in the May 2024 Cycle of the Transit Strategic Partnerships Program and one project was selected and recommended for funding, Feonix Mobility Rising. Through a Transportation Assistance Hub, Feonix Mobility Rising will offer mobility navigators to connect riders with existing public and private transportation services and create sustainable mobility plans to meet their needs. For those riders in Southern Dallas County and Northern Ellis County, Feonix Mobility Rising would offer volunteer drivers to fill gaps in service to mobility impaired residents and senior citizens where no other service is available or accessible. The RTC approved funding for this project on October 17, 2024, and is requesting implementation through NCTCOG. Executive Board, in its role as RTC's fiscal agent, is requested to authorize an agreement with Feonix Mobility Rising for an amount not to exceed \$705,851 (\$454,648 Federal and \$251,203 Local). Local match will be provided by Feonix Mobility Rising to support transit services for seniors and individuals with disabilities in Southern Dallas and Northern Ellis Counties.

A draft resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Feonix Mobility Rising to carry out this RTC initiative is attached for Executive Board consideration. I will be available to answer any questions the Board may have on this item.

DEK:bw
Attachment

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH FEONIX MOBILITY RISING FOR A
TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE HUB THROUGH THE TRANSIT STRATEGIC
PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) serves as the MPO Policy Committee, comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a Designated Recipient for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program funds for Job Access/Reverse Commute (JA/RC) projects and Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program funds in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Denton-Lewisville, and McKinney-Frisco Urbanized Areas, as delegated by the Governor of the State of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, Subtask 3.05 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program supports the coordination with strategic partners to develop transit projects that meet the transit needs of seniors, individuals with disabilities; and low-income populations for job access; and,

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2024, the RTC approved \$705,851 in Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program funds from the Transit Strategic Partnerships Program to Feonix Mobility Rising.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. NCTCOG is authorized to execute an agreement with Feonix Mobility Rising for an amount not to exceed \$705,851 (\$454,648 Federal and \$251,203 Local) in Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program funds for mobility management services in Southern Dallas and Northern Ellis Counties.

Section 2. The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out the initiatives described herein.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

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Brandon J. Huckabee, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Erath County



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Item 6

Exhibit: 2025-08-06-EDO

Meeting Date: August 28, 2025

Submitted By: Prit Patel
Senior Economic Development Manager

Item Title: Appointment to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD)

The North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) Board functions as an advisory board to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board. The NCTEDD Board guides the work of the region's Economic Development District, which is managed and staffed by NCTCOG. The region was designated as a District by the U. S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) in December 2016.

The NCTCOG Executive Board is being asked to make an appointment for a vacant seat on the NCTEDD Board. This appointment will provide an opportunity to strengthen and diversify economic development representation on the NCTEDD Board.

Three-Year Term Appointment Request	Board Category
Alex Phillips, Economic Development Director, City of Burleson	Johnson County

This District Board is organized in accordance with Federal Regulations, and its membership includes officials and/or employees of general-purpose local governments, educational institutions, private sector representatives, and other economic development stakeholders who must be residents of and/or work in State Planning Region 4 – the North Central Texas Region

As set forth in the bylaws of the District, approved by the NCTCOG Executive Board, the NCTCOG Executive Board will appoint up to 53 NCTEDD Board members, including:

- representatives from each of the 16 counties;
- 20 representatives from cities;
- 3 representatives from Workforce Solutions;
- 5 representatives from the Educational Sector; and
- 9 representatives from Principal Economic Interests (Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Corporations, Labor Groups, Private Sector, and any other Principal Economic Interests organizations)

Each Board member serves a term of three years and may not serve more than three consecutive three-year terms, so long as they continue to meet qualifications for the category they represent.

I will be available at the Board meeting to answer questions, or Board members can contact me at 817-704-5666.

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF BOARD

The North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (EDD Board) is the primary policy advisory board to the NCTCOG Executive Board in fulfilling the responsibilities as the North Central Texas' Regional Economic Development District (the District) in state planning Region IV (NCTCOG's 16-county area). The EDD Board is responsible for ensuring:

- a) the performance of any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, or by the District Bylaws;
- b) the development of plans, as well as an oversight and evaluation system for all Economic Development District programs;
- c) the attainment of effective outcomes consistent with Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) goals, objectives and performance standards approved by EDA;
- d) the effective administration of the EDA EDD required programs; and
- e) meetings take place at such times and places as required by the District Bylaws

NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Up to 53 Member

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: NCTCOG Executive Board

TERMS OF OFFICE: Three-year terms

Each EDD Board member shall serve terms of three years. Upon expiration of their term, each member shall hold his/her term until they are reappointed or replaced by the NCTCOG Executive Board as established in the District Bylaws. EDD Board members may not serve more than three consecutive three-year terms, and only so long as they continue to meet qualifications for the category they represent.

STANDARD MEETING TIME, DATE, LOCATION: Quarterly (Meetings can be called more or less frequently as needed) 10:00 A.M. at NCTCOG/virtual.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

EDD Board membership shall include officials and/or employees of general-purpose local governments, educational institutions and private sector representatives, and they must be residents of and/or work in State Planning Region 4 – the North Central Texas 16-County Region.

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

OFFICERS	NAME AND ORGANIZATION
Chair	Kassandra Carroll, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Waxahachie
Vice Chair	Jim Wehmeier, Chief Executive Officer, City of Princeton Economic Development Corporation/Community Development Corporation
Secretary-Treasurer	Chris Strayer, Executive Director, Parker County Economic Development Corporation

COUNTIES - 16 COUNTIES (1 SEAT EACH COUNTY)

1. **COLLIN:** Honorable Ron Simmons, Chairman of the Board for the Texas Mutual Insurance Company
2. **DALLAS:** Luis Tamayo, Director of Economic Development, Dallas County
3. **DENTON:** Rina Maloney, Grants and Economic Development Program Manager, Economic Development, Denton County
4. **ERATH:** Jeff Sandford, Executive Director, Stephenville Economic Development Authority
5. **KAUFMAN:** Stewart McGregor, Executive Director, Kaufman Economic Development Corporation
6. **NAVARRO:** John Boswell, Economic Development Director, Navarro County and City of Corsicana
7. **ROCKWALL:** Phil Wagner, President, Rockwall Economic Development Corporation
8. **TARRANT:** Maegan South, Economic Development Manager, Tarrant County
9. **WISE:** J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County
10. **PALO PINTO:** Nate Dyhre, Director of Economic Development, City of Mineral Wells
11. **PARKER:** Chris Strayer, Executive Director, Parker County Economic Development Corporation
12. **ELLIS:** VACANT
13. **HOOD:** VACANT
14. **HUNT:** VACANT
15. **JOHNSON:** VACANT
16. **SOMERVELL:** VACANT

CITIES - TOTAL OF 22 SEATS – SIX POPULATION CATEGORIES

>500,000 (2 SEATS) *2 cities, includes Dallas, Fort Worth*

17. Gaby Castillo, Business Development Coordinator, City of Dallas
18. VACANT

BETWEEN 250,000 - 500,000 (2 SEATS) *3 cities, includes Arlington, Irving, Plano*

19. Bryan Haywood, Economic Development Project Manager, City of Irving
20. Gus Garcia, Economic Development Director, City of Arlington

BETWEEN 100,000 - 250,000 (2 SEATS) *10 cities, includes Carrollton, Denton, Frisco, Grand Prairie, McKinney, Mesquite, Garland, Lewisville, Richardson, Allen*

21. Erica Sullivan, Economic Development Program Administrator, City of Denton
22. Michael Talley, Senior Vice President, City of McKinney Economic Development Corporation

BETWEEN 30,000 - 100,000 (6 SEATS) *28 cities, includes Euless, Flower Mound, Mansfield, North Richland Hills, Rowlett, Bedford, Burleson, Cedar Hill, Cleburne, Coppell, DeSoto, Duncanville, Farmers Branch, Grapevine, Greenville, Haltom City, Hurst, Keller, Lancaster, Little Elm, Midlothian, Rockwall, Southlake, The Colony, Waxahachie, Weatherford, Wylie, Prosper*

23. Craig Hulse, Director of Economic Development, City of North Richland Hills
24. Mary Ann Moon, Executive Director of Prosper Economic Development Corporation
25. Kassandra Carroll, CECD, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Waxahachie
26. Jennette Espinosa, Executive Director, Little Elm Economic Development Cooperation
27. Shane Shepard, Economic Development Director, City of Lancaster
28. Chris Fuller, Deputy City Manager, City of Cleburne

<30,000 (8 SEATS) 122 cities

Collin County (Anna, Blue Ridge, Celina, Fairview, Josephine, Lavon, Lowry Crossing, Lucas, Melissa, Murphy, Nevada, Parker, Princeton, Sachse, St. Paul)

Dallas County (Addison, Balch Springs, Cockrell Hill, Glenn Heights, Highland park, Hutchins, Seagoville, Sunnyvale, University Park Wilmer)

Denton County (Argyle, Aubrey, Bartonville, Copper Canyon, Corinth, Cross Roads, Double Oak, Hickory Creek, Highland Village, Justin, Krugerville, Krum, Lake Dallas, Northlake, Oak Point, Pilot Point, Ponder, Providence, Roanoke, Sanger, Shady Shores, Trophy Club)

Ellis County (Ennis, Ferris, Italy, Oak Leaf, Ovilla, Palmer, Red Oak)

Erath County (Dublin, Stephenville)

Hood County (Cresson, DeCordova, Granbury)

Hunt County (Caddo Mills, Commerce, Quinlan, West Tawakoni, Wolfe City)

Johnson County (Alvarado, Godley, Grandview, Joshua, Keene, Rio Vista, Venus)

Kaufman County (Combine, Crandall, Forney, Kaufman, Kemp, Maybank, Talty, Terrell)

Navarro County (Corsicana, Kerns, Rice)

Palo Pinto County (Mineral Wells)

Parker County (Aledo, Annetta, Hudson Oaks, Reno, Springtown, Willow Park)

Rockwall County (Fate, Heath, McLendon-Chisolm, Royse City)

Somervell County (Glen Rose)

Tarrant County (Azle, Benbrook, Blue Mound, Colleyville, Crowley, Dalworthington Gardens, Edgecliff Village, Everman, Forest Hill, Haslet, Kennedale, Lake Worth, Lakeside, Pantego, Pelican Bay, Richland Hills, River Oaks, Sansom Park, Watauga, Westlake, Westworth Village, White Settlement)

Wise County (Alvord, Aurora, Boyd, Bridgeport, Chico, Decatur, New Fairview, Newark, Rhome, Runaway Bay)

29. Chris Dyser, Community Development Director, City of Balch Springs
30. John M. Smith, Town Administrator, Town of Hickory Creek
31. Kevin Holzbog, Executive Director, Decatur Economic Development Corporation
32. Jim Wehmeier, Chief Executive Officer, City of Princeton Economic Development Corporation/Community Development Corporation
33. John Knight, Assistant Director of Economic Development, City of Red Oak
34. Julie Pierce, President, Ennis Economic Development Corporation
35. Shea Hopkins, Director of Economic Development, City of Granbury
36. VACANT

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS (3 SEATS) includes 1 seat for each of the three regional Workforce Solutions

37. Robert Sturns, Executive Director of Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County
38. Richard Perez, Senior Research and Data Manager, Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas
39. Phedra Redifer, Executive Director, Workforce Solutions North Central Texas

EDUCATION SECTOR (5 SEATS) *includes Community Colleges, 4-Year Universities, Independent School Districts, Education Service Centers, Trade Schools, and other Educational Organizations*

40. Ben Magill, Associate Vice Chancellor of Economic Opportunity, Dallas College
41. Dr. Suku Nair, Vice Provost for Research and Chief Innovation Officer, Southern Methodist University
42. Dr. Rupa Iyer, Vice President of Research Innovation & Economic Development, Tarleton State University
43. Jenny Mizutowicz, Director of Economic Development and Sustainability Liaison, University of Texas at Dallas
44. Dr. Jana Melsheimer, Executive Director, Region 10 Education Service Center

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS (9 SEATS) *includes staff from Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Corporations, Labor Groups, Private Sector, and any other Principal Economic Interests organizations.*

45. Janie Havel, Economic Development and Tourism, Office of the Governor
46. Kevin Shatley, Director of Economic Development, Dallas Regional Chamber
47. Nika Reinecke, Principal at Envision Planning Group LLC
48. Leah Clark, Executive Director, Bridgeport Economic Development Corporation
49. Mickey Hillock, President, Hillock Foods, Inc.
50. Pamela Mundo, Founder and President of Mundo and Associates Consulting Firm
51. Taylor Shead, Chief Executive Officer, STEMuli Studios
52. Michael Grace, City of Duncanville Resident
53. Aaron BenComo - MD, Chief Medical Officer, Phronetik

Exhibit: 2025-08-06-EDO

**APPOINTMENT TO THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BOARD
(NCTEDD)**



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Item 7

Exhibit: 2025-08-07-ED

Meeting Date: August 28, 2025

Submitted By: Susan Alvarez, P.E. CFM
Director of Environment and Development

Item Title: Resolution Endorsing the 2024 International Fire Code and Regional Code Amendments

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has actively promoted the standardization of model construction codes since 1967 when the Regional Codes Strategy Committee first documented the wide disparity in codes used by cities in the region. NCTCOG has continued to serve as a facilitator in the recommendation of model codes, code standards, and regional amendments to the model codes. The goal of the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC), NCTCOG's codes advisory committee, is to standardize the model codes used throughout North Central Texas. Composed of public and private sector code professionals, the RCCC and its five advisory boards encourage the adoption of the latest codes and NCTCOG regional amendments to reduce the variation of local construction codes in the region.

By encouraging cities to adopt standardized codes and regional amendments, NCTCOG has helped North Central Texas municipalities reduce the cost of training codes personnel. These efforts have also made it easier for contractors, builders, and developers to do work from city to city throughout the region, thereby reducing overall construction costs.

To continue these code uniformity initiatives, the RCCC's Advisory Boards conducted several open review meetings to review and develop regional amendments to the 2024 Editions of the: International Building Code, International Residential Code, International Existing Building Code, International Swimming Pool and Spa Code, International Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fuel Gas Code, and the International Energy Conservation Code.

The RCCC reviewed and approved the regional amendments to the aforementioned codes on February 27, 2025, and at their recommendation, the NCTCOG Executive Board endorsed these regional amendments at the March 27, 2025 meeting.

The 2024 Edition of the International Fire Code required additional review time and received the RCCC final approval on July 15, 2025. The amendment package can be viewed at <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/regional-building-codes/amendments>.

The RCCC is seeking NCTCOG Executive Board action and endorsement of the recommended regional amendments to the 2024 Editions of the International Fire Code. Additionally, in an effort to achieve regional code uniformity, the RCCC is seeking the Executive Board's recommendation that all cities in the North Central Texas region adopt the 2024 International Fire Code and corresponding regional amendments. I will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE AND REGIONAL CODE
AMENDMENTS**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been active in promoting construction code uniformity in the region for over five decades; and,

WHEREAS, code uniformity has been documented to lead to a decrease in confusion and delays for builders, developers, and architects; a decrease in costs to municipalities in the development of codes; and, ultimately a decrease in construction and insurance costs to consumers; and,

WHEREAS, the 2024 International Codes are the most current nationally recognized industry standard for buildings and construction; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC), through its respective code advisory boards, has reviewed the 2024 International Fire Code; and

WHEREAS, RCCC Advisory Boards have developed regional amendments to the aforementioned code; and,

WHEREAS, the RCCC has reviewed and approved the recommended regional amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The NCTCOG Executive Board supports the current activities in promoting building code uniformity in the North Central Texas region.

Section 2. The NCTCOG Executive Board recommends adoption of the 2024 International Fire Code by all cities and counties in the North Central Texas region.

Section 3. The Executive Board endorses the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee recommended regional amendments to the 2024 International Fire Code and recommends these amendments be adopted by all cities and counties in the North Central Texas region.

Section 4. Staff are directed to transmit the code amendments to all local governments within the 16-county region.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

I hereby certify that the resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on August 28, 2025.

Brandon Huckabee, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Erath County



NCTCOG Regional Building Codes Amendments

2024 International Fire Code Amendments



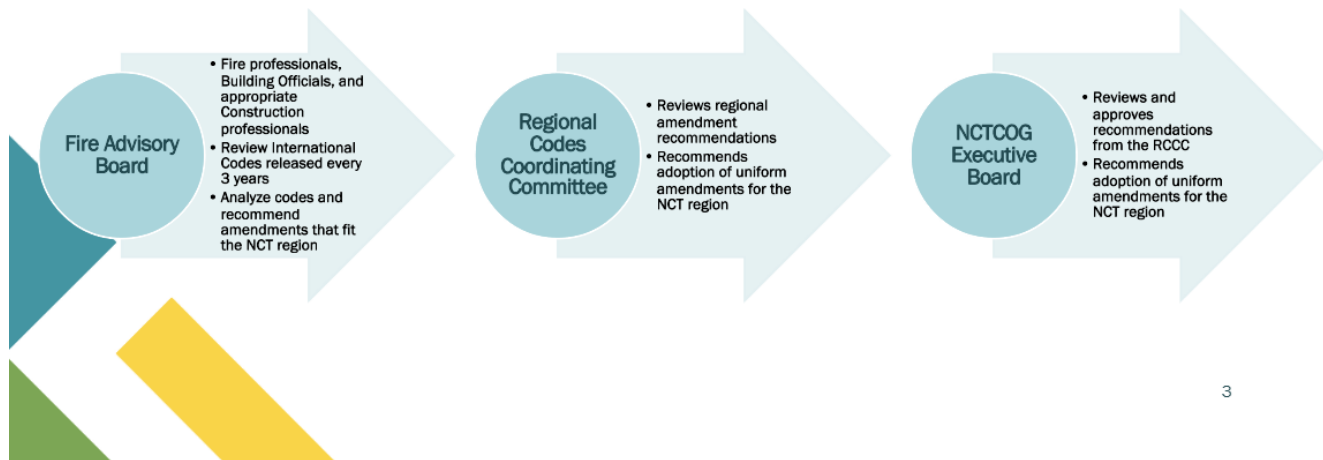
Purpose of Regional Building Codes & Previous Approvals

Originated in 1967 with the Regional Codes Strategy Committee of NCTCOG, to address documented disparity in codes and the advantages of regional code standardization:

- Reduces local amendments by municipalities and supports consistent interpretation by public and private design/construction personnel;
- Reduces cost in training municipal codes personnel;
- Makes it easier for contractors, builders, and developers to do work from city-to-city throughout the region, reducing overall construction costs;
- **August 2023:** 2023 National Electrical Code Regional Amendments*
- **March 2025:** 2024 International Building, Existing Building, Residential, Swimming Pool & Spa, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fuel Gas, and Energy Conservation Code Regional Amendments

*National Electrical Codes are released every three years, but on a different schedule than the International Codes

Regional Building Code Amendments Workflow



2024 International Fire Code (IFC) Amendments

- Originally slated for approval at the March 2025 Executive Board meeting
- Was requested to undergo further review relating to Appendix L of the 2024 IFC, due to lack of consensus on what amendments should be included for Firefighter Air Replenishment Systems (FARS)
- Sent back to the Fire Advisory Board (FAB) on May 20, 2025, for further discussion and review.
- New recommendations from the FAB then forwarded to the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC) on July 15, 2025, for consideration and ultimate approval.
- Now seeking NCTCOG Executive Board approval on the 2024 International Fire Code (IFC) amendments.
- Local City governments may consider and adopt code as appropriate for their community.

Thank you

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North Central Texas Council of Governments

Item 8

Exhibit: 2025-08-08-TR

Meeting Date: August 28, 2025

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Phase 2 of the UAS Airspace Awareness Pilot Program

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) issued a procurement for Phase 2 of the UAS Airspace Awareness Pilot Program on May 9, 2025. Phase One sought firms to provide a tool that will keep residents and businesses informed on local drone operations by providing live data. Phase Two is necessary to continue activities of Phase One while also working to develop a process that will enable the sharing of data across all platforms. Consistent with the NCTCOG pilot program effort, eligibility for Phase 2 was limited to the vendors that participated in Phase 1. Phase 1 participants were not required to participate in Phase 2. Phase 2 advances the region's capability to monitor and manage low-altitude UAS activity, centralizes municipal drone advisory entry under NCTCOG to improve workflow, expands participating cities, and enhances interoperability across platforms via a unified operating dashboard. The program aligns with the FAA's UTM Key Site initiative by facilitating safe, standards-based data sharing among regional partners.

Two proposals were received in response to the Request for Proposals. The Selection Committee recommends both firms, AirDEX, Inc. (dba ATAA Aviation) and Airspace Link, Inc. for this initiative. Efforts will focus on data integration, advisory interoperability, and regional stakeholder support. Executive Board, in its role as RTC's fiscal agent, is requested to authorize contracts with ATAA Aviation and Airspace Link, Inc. for Phase 2 of the UAS Airspace Awareness Pilot Program. Each entity will receive an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for a total of \$300,000. Funding for this effort is RTC Local funds.

A draft resolution authorizing contracts with ATAA Aviation and Airspace Link, Inc. for Phase 2 of the UAS Airspace Awareness Pilot Program is attached for Executive Board consideration. I will provide a brief presentation on this item and will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

EH:bw
Attachment

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR PHASE 2 OF THE UAS AIRSPACE
AWARENESS PILOT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) serves as the MPO Policy Committee, comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the transportation policy body for the MPO and continues to be a forum for cooperative regional decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG, through its Transportation Department, is advancing efforts to safely integrate Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) and Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) operations into the regional transportation system to improve safety, efficiency, and emergency response; and,

WHEREAS, during Phase 1 of the UAS Airspace Awareness Pilot Program, NCTCOG partnered with AirDEX, Inc. (dba ATAA Aviation) and Airspace Link, Inc., and Aloft to deploy airspace awareness platforms, train participating cities, and establish foundational data-sharing practices; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Phase 2 of the UAS Airspace Awareness Pilot Program inviting Phase 1 vendors to submit proposals, with participation voluntary; and,

WHEREAS, AirDEX, Inc. (dba ATAA Aviation) and Airspace Link, Inc. have been recommended by the Selection Committee to continue Phase 2 activities, including platform interoperability, a unified operating dashboard, centralized municipal drone advisory entry by NCTCOG, expanded municipal participation, and alignment with the FAA's UTM Key Site initiative; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has complied with federal and State regulations regarding contract and procurement proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Contracts between NCTCOG and AirDEX, Inc. (dba ATAA Aviation) and Airspace Link, Inc. to implement Phase 2 of the UAS Airspace Awareness Pilot Program, each in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 over two years (total not to exceed \$300,000), be and are hereby approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director or his designee is authorized to execute the necessary agreements in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out the initiatives herein.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on August 28, 2025.

Brandon Huckabee, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Erath County



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Item 9

Exhibit: 2025-08-09-TR

Meeting Date: August 28, 2025

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Resolution Approving the FY2026-FY2028 Disadvantaged Business
Enterprise Goal Update for US Department of Transportation Contracting
Opportunities

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is required by the Federal Transit Administration to update its Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal every three years. The DBE Goal applies to US Department of Transportation-assisted contracting opportunities. The current DBE Participation Goal is valid until September 30, 2025. Staff has developed a proposed goal for the next three years and has concluded the public participation process. Staff is also monitoring the latest developments at the federal level, including the Mid-America Milling Company Case in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. The draft DBE Goal for Fiscal Years (FY) 2026-FY2028 has been developed based on current federal requirements. The Regional Transportation Council approved the proposed goal at its August 7, 2025 meeting. Additional information is included in the attached presentation. No substantive changes have been made since the presentation of this item at the July Executive Board meeting.

A draft resolution approving the FY2026-FY2028 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal Update is attached for Executive Board consideration, in its role as the RTC's fiscal agent. Ken Kirkpatrick will present this item and will be available to answer any questions the Board may have.

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Attachment

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY2026-FY2028 DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS
ENTERPRISE GOAL UPDATE FOR US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
CONTRACTING OPPORTUNITIES**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) serves as the MPO Policy Committee, comprised primarily of local elected officials, and is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be the regional forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the current Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Goal for United States Department of Transportation (US DOT)-assisted contracts is 17 percent, and it has become necessary to update the DBE Goal for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-FY2028; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG underwent an analysis, consistent with federal guidance, to update the DBE Goal for FY2026-FY2028, including review of anticipated contracting opportunities for subrecipient activities; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG published the proposed goal and supporting materials for review and comment from July 12, 2025, through August 12, 2025, to meet federal requirements; and,

WHEREAS, based on the analysis conducted and comments from the public and contractor community, staff recommends an overall DBE Goal of 8.6 percent for US DOT-assisted contracts through NCTCOG's Transportation Department; and,

WHEREAS, although developed specifically to meet federal transportation requirements, staff recommends applying the DBE Goal of 8.6 percent to any procurements initiated through NCTCOG's Transportation Department regardless of funding source; and,

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2025, RTC approved the proposed FY2026-FY2028 DBE Goal of 8.6 percent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The FY2026-FY2028 DBE Participation Goal of 8.6 percent for United States Department of Transportation-assisted contracts is hereby approved.

Section 2. The FY2026-FY2028 DBE Participation Goal shall be submitted to necessary federal funding agencies for review and approval.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on August 28, 2025.

Brandon Huckabee, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
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DBE Program Authority

What is current statutory/regulatory authority for DBE Program?

Statutory: Reauthorized in 2021 through Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

Regulatory: 49 Code of Federal Regulations Part 26

Federal Transit Administration Master "Grant" Agreement 33, Amended April 25, 2025

Who is required to have a DBE Program?

Certain Recipients of Federal Funds (FTA, FHWA, FAA)

When is the DBE Goal updated?

Updated DBE goal every three years (new goal due August 1, 2025)

What is the current DBE Goal?

Current Goal of 17% active through September 30, 2025, covered FY 2023-2025

How are DBE Firms Certified?

Firms are Certified through the Texas Unified Certification Program



DBE Program – Fiscal Year 2026-2028 Goal Update

Context of DBE Goal Update Mid-America Milling Company vs. USDOT

Mid-America filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Eastern District of Kentucky in 2023 challenging the constitutionality of the DBE program.

Challenge is based on the use of race- and sex-based presumptions under the equal protection component of the Due Process Clause of the 5th Amendment.

Proposed Joint Consent Order filed with the Court (May 28, 2025)

Defendants (USDOT) are stipulating the DBE Program's use of race- and sex-based presumptions are unconstitutional.

USDOT re-evaluated prior position based on Supreme Court's decision in *Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President & Fellows of Harvard College*

Various Minority Contracting Associations have been granted authority to intervene and are opposing the Entry of the Joint Consent Order



FY26-28 Potential Awards NCTCOG and Subrecipients

Procurement Type	Potential Awards (in \$1,000s) FTA	Potential Awards (in \$1,000s) FHWA	Potential Awards (in \$1,000s) Other	Potential Awards (in \$1,000s) TOTAL
Construction	\$1,621	\$0	\$957	\$2,578
Marketing, Advertising, and Public Relations	\$126	\$390	\$0	\$516
Office Supplies & Equipment (Rental & Purchase)	\$758	\$0	\$0	\$758
Operational Administrative, Communications, Support Services	\$8,101	\$0	\$460	\$8,561
Planning/Engineering	\$975	\$4,618	\$595	\$6,188
Software and Ancillary Information Technology Professional Services	\$990	\$2,050	\$150	\$3,190
Transportation Equipment	\$0	\$19,592	\$3,225	\$22,817
Vehicle Maintenance and Operations Support	\$7,093	\$0	\$0	\$7,093
TOTAL	\$19,664	\$26,650	\$5,387	\$51,701



Preliminary DBE Availability Analysis NCTCOG and Subrecipients

Procurement Type	Potential Awards (in \$1,000s)	DBE Firms	Total Firms	DBE Goal
Construction	\$2,578	3,947	1,2692	31.1%
Marketing, Advertising, and Public Relations	\$516	351	1,503	23.4%
Office Supplies & Equipment (Rental & Purchase)	\$758	13	870	1.5%
Operational Administrative, Communications, Support Services	\$8,561	973	13,968	7.0%
Planning/Engineering	\$6,188	1,520	4,920	30.9%
Software and Ancillary Information Technology Professional Services	\$3,190	472	5,235	9.0%
Transportation Equipment	\$22,817	103	4,910	2.1%
Vehicle Maintenance and Operations Support	\$7,093	74	2,416	3.1%
TOTAL	\$51,701	7,453	46,514	16%
Total Weighted Summary				8.6%



DBE Program – Fiscal Year 2026-2028 Goal Update

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FY2026-2028 DBE Goal Update Proposed Goal NCTCOG and Subrecipients (FTA, FHWA Funds)

CONTRACTING ENTITY	FTA	FHWA	TOTAL
NCTCOG	16.8%	8.4%	9.1%
SUBRECIPIENTS	7.5%	2.1%	8.5%
TOTAL WEIGHTED GOAL*	8.7%	7.4%	8.6%

*Weighted by Contract Service Type, Contract Award Amount, and Market Area

DBE participation achieved through race neutral means is expected to be 49% of goal, race conscious participation is anticipated to be 51% of goal.



DBE Program – Fiscal Year 2026-2028 Goal Update

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Schedule

TASK	DATE	STATUS
Consultation Meeting with DBE Stakeholders	June 20	✓
STTC Meeting: Information Item on Proposed Goal	June 27	✓
RTC Meeting: Information Item on Proposed Goal	July 10	✓
Public Meeting on DBE Goal Update Process & Opening of Public Comment Period	July 14	✓
Procurement/DBE Networking Open House	July 22	✓
Executive Board Meeting: Information on Proposed Goal	July 24	✓
STTC Action: Approval of DBE Goal	July 25	✓
Submit Draft Electronically to FTA	August 1	✓
RTC: Action Item on DBE Goal	August 7	✓
End of Public Comment Period	August 12	✓
Executive Board: Action Item on DBE Goal	August 28	✓
Submit Final Approved DBE Goal to FTA	August 30	
DBE Program Update and Goal Effective	October 1	



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Item 10

Exhibit: 2025-08-10-EDO

Meeting Date: August 28, 2025

Submitted By: Todd Little
Executive Director

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing the Procurement of a Consultant for the NCTCOG Strategic Vision Plan

The population in the North Central Texas region grew by over 234,000 in 2024. The region is projected to grow from a current population of 8.7 million to 12.6 million by 2050. This continued growth will create opportunities and challenges for local governments across all facets of life in North Central Texas including economic development, water and solid waste resources, transportation infrastructure and services, workforce training and development, emergency communications, planning and response, and needs of a growing population of older adults, among other critical issues faced by local governments across the region.

Staff is proposing to initiate a long-term visioning process to develop the North Central Texas Council of Government's (NCTCOG) Strategic Vision Plan through 2050 to best position the organization to be responsive to member governments in meeting these opportunities and challenges to improve the quality of life in North Central Texas. This strategic direction will ensure NCTCOG continues to evolve and adapt in carrying out its mission to assist in regional planning, strengthen the individual and collective power of local governments, help local governments recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication and make joint decisions for the benefit of all citizens in North Central Texas. To that end, staff is requesting the Executive Board authorize the initiation of a formal procurement process for a consultant to assist in developing the NCTCOG Strategic Vision Plan.

The proposed visioning process is intended to be a forward-looking and stakeholder-informed initiative that complements, but remains distinct from, our recurring five-year strategic plan. The five-year strategic plan is primarily shaped by state and federal grant requirements, which account for approximately 80% of our agency's funding. As the majority of NCTCOG staff focus on delivering these federal and state initiatives, at times in alignment with related local funding initiatives, this visioning process will consider how these grant-driven priorities continue to be delivered effectively, how they fit within broader regional needs, and how we can address the full range of regional needs and opportunities, including identifying funding sources for those that extend beyond our traditional grant funding opportunities.

Key foundational questions to be answered through this process include examples such as:

- Who does the NCTCOG want to be as an agency?
- How should NCTCOG best position itself to serve its local government members?
- What are the key regional challenges of which the NCTCOG plans to lead the development of the response?
- How should our structure, capabilities, and partnerships evolve to position the NCTCOG for a strategic future impact?
- How does the NCTCOG align our internal capabilities and external partnerships to get there?

Through this procurement, NCTCOG seeks to procure a consultant who will:

- Facilitate a multi-phase visioning effort that includes agency leadership, the Executive Board, and regional stakeholders
- Conduct organizational assessments and peer benchmarking
- Help articulate a long-term vision for NCTCOG that is aspirational, actionable, and regionally relevant
- Deliver a strategic implementation roadmap to guide agency priorities over time

Key deliverables from this procurement and awarded consultant include:

- Executive summary of the visioning process and outcomes
- A stakeholder-informed vision narrative for the agency's future
- Insightful analysis of emerging opportunities, challenges, and internal capabilities
- Strategic pathways and organizational recommendations
- Presentation-ready materials that can be shared across leadership and stakeholders

A draft resolution authorizing the procurement of a consultant for the NCTCOG Strategic Vision Plan is attached for Executive Board consideration. While the exact project cost will be determined through the competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process, preliminary estimates place the anticipated budget in the range of \$150,000 to \$250,000. If approved, procurement will commence through a competitive RFP process. Upon completion of a thorough evaluation, staff will bring back a recommended consultant and budget for approval by the Executive Board.

I will provide a brief presentation on this item and be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

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**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PROCUREMENT OF A CONSULTANT FOR THE NCTCOG
STRATEGIC VISION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG's purpose is to assist in regional planning, strengthen the individual and collective power of local governments, help local governments recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication and make joint decisions for the benefit of all citizens in North Central Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas region is one of the fastest growing regions in the country, adding over 234,000 to the population in 2024 and is projected to grow to approximately 12.6 million by 2050; and,

WHEREAS, this continued growth will create opportunities and challenges for local governments across all facets of life in North Central Texas including economic development, water and solid waste resources, transportation infrastructure and services, workforce training and development, emergency communications, planning and response, and needs of a growing population of older adults, among other critical issues faced by local governments across the region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG desires to develop a Strategic Vision Plan through 2050 to best position the organization to be responsive to member governments in meeting these opportunities and challenges to improve the quality of life in North Central Texas; and,

WHEREAS, this strategic direction is intended to ensure NCTCOG continues to evolve and adapt in carrying out its mission to assist in regional planning, strengthen the individual and collective power of local governments, help local governments recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication and make joint decisions for the benefit of all citizens in North Central Texas; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG seeks to procure a consultant through a formal procurement process to guide the agency in developing the NCTCOG Strategic Vision Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Staff is directed to initiate a formal procurement process to secure a consultant to assist in developing the NCTCOG Strategic Vision Plan and bring back a recommended consultant for Executive Board consideration.

Section 2. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on August 28, 2025.

Brandon Huckabee, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Erath County



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Item 11

Exhibit: 2025-08-11-AA

Meeting Date: August 28, 2025

Submitted By: Randy Richardson
Director of Administration

Item Title: Status Report on Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Annual Fiscal Program

An overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Fiscal Program will be presented. A detailed briefing will be given to the Finance Committee prior to the regular Executive Board meeting.

I will be available at the Executive Board meeting should you have any questions.

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STATUS REPORT ON FISCAL YEAR 2026 PROPOSED ANNUAL FISCAL PROGRAM

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**North Central Texas
Council Of Governments
FY 2026 Proposed Budget**

Executive Board Meeting
August 28, 2025

NCTCOG FY 2026 Proposed Budget

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- Characteristics of NCTCOG budgeting and contrasts with typical local government budgeting.
 - Funding is comprised primarily of grants and local contracts for services.
 - Each grant is a separate contract with its own grant period and funding amount. Grants can encompass more than one fiscal year.
 - Continuously evolving as program needs change and funding opportunities become available. Additional awarded funding approved during the budget year.
 - Scope of work, funding, and expenditure limitations are regulated by the individual grant or contract, rather than the planned program summary.
 - Majority of grants operate on a cost reimbursement basis.
 - Grant applications are pre-approved by the NCTCOG Executive Board.
 - There are three (3) primary sources of funding:
 - State and Federal Grants
 - Local Revenue
 - In-Kind Match Funds
- High inter-departmental dependency and cooperation.
 - Common objectives (i.e., environmental, air quality and transportation programs).
 - Multi-disciplinary approach (i.e., operating departments, computer services, finance and accounting teams).

NCTCOG FY 2026 Proposed Budget

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Orientation to the Budget Highlights

- Funding Source Changes of Note:
 - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – (\$14.0 million increase)
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – (\$10.1 million increase)
 - Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) – (\$6.1 million increase)
 - Federal Highway Administration (FHA) – (\$5.3 million increase)
 - United States Department of Defense (US DOD) – (\$3.2 million increase)
 - Texas Health & Human Services (HHS) – (\$1.4 million decrease)
 - Local Revenue – (\$20.3 million increase)
 - In-Kind Match Funds – (\$19.2 million increase)
- Separate Entity:
 - NCT9-1-1 – (\$5.1 million decrease)

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NCTCOG FY 2026 Proposed Budget

Funding Sources	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Change</u>
State and Federal Grants	\$ 299,864,843	77.3%	\$ 263,554,307	83.0%	\$ 36,310,536
Local Revenue ⁽¹⁾	36,484,319	9.4%	16,128,620	5.1%	20,355,699
In-Kind Match Funds	35,036,304	9.0%	15,865,730	5.0%	19,170,574
Separate Entities:					
NCT9-1-1	15,085,490	3.9%	20,149,028	6.3%	(5,063,538)
PEBC ⁽²⁾	1,648,486	0.4%	1,805,346	0.6%	(156,860)
Total	<u>\$ 388,119,442</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 317,503,031</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$ 70,616,411</u>

⁽¹⁾ Local Revenue	<u>FY 2026</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Change</u>
Local Contracts	\$ 34,406,512	8.9%	\$ 14,298,623	4.5%	\$ 20,107,889
Membership Dues	854,423	0.2%	831,697	0.3%	22,726
Training Revenues	1,223,384	0.3%	998,300	0.3%	225,084
Total	<u>\$ 36,484,319</u>	<u>9.4%</u>	<u>\$ 16,128,620</u>	<u>5.1%</u>	<u>\$ 20,355,699</u>

⁽²⁾ Public Employee Benefits Cooperative

State and Federal Grants

STATE	FY 2026	% of Total Funding	FY 2025	Change
Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)	\$ 148,242,266	38.19%	\$ 142,177,416	\$ 6,064,850
Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)	63,069,854	16.25%	63,713,264	(643,410)
Texas Health & Human Services (HHS)	10,297,901	2.65%	11,692,148	(1,394,247)
Governor's Office (OOG)	3,214,061	0.83%	2,908,345	305,716
Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	1,299,633	0.33%	1,506,658	(207,025)
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)	1,523,944	0.39%	1,927,340	(403,396)
General Land Office (GLO)	1,796,245	0.46%	1,967,935	(171,690)
Department of State Health Services (DSHS)	149,999	0.04%	0	149,999
Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)	24,478	0.01%	22,172	2,306
State Energy Conservation Office (SECO)	-	0.00%	0	-
TOTAL STATE	\$ 229,618,381	59.14%	\$ 225,915,278	\$ 3,703,103
FEDERAL				
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	\$ 35,656,988	9.18%	\$ 21,684,898	\$ 13,972,090
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	11,120,642	2.86%	1,051,875	10,068,767
Federal Highway Administration (FHA)	18,521,196	4.77%	13,226,501	5,294,695
United States Department of Defense (US DOD)	3,202,174	0.82%	0	3,202,174
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	481,729	0.12%	92,433	389,296
United States Department of Health and Human Services (US HHS)	165,000	0.04%	400,000	(235,000)
United States Department of Commerce (US DOC)	62,817	0.02%	70,000	(7,183)
United States Department of Energy (US DOE)	896,845	0.23%	892,564	4,281
United States Department of Transportation (US DOT)	139,071	0.04%	220,758	(81,687)
TOTAL FEDERAL	\$ 70,246,462	18.09%	\$ 37,639,029	\$ 32,607,433
TOTAL NCTCOG STATE AND FEDERAL	\$ 299,864,843	77.24%	\$ 263,554,307	\$ 36,310,536
SEPARATE ENTITIES				
Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC)	\$ 795,100	0.25%	\$ 1,840,000	\$ (1,044,900)
TOTAL SEPARATE ENTITIES STATE	\$ 795,100	0.25%	\$ 1,840,000	\$ (1,044,900)

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State and Federal Grant Changes – \$36.3 million net increase, primarily comprised of:

- **Transportation – \$31.9 million net increase, primarily comprised of:**
 - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – (\$14.0 million increase)
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – (\$10.1 million increase)
 - Federal Highway Administration (FHA) – (\$5.3 million increase)
 - United States Department of Defense (US DOD) – (\$3.2 million increase)
 - Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – (\$643 thousand decrease)
- **Workforce – \$6.1 million net increase comprised of:**
 - Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) – (\$6.1 million increase)
- **Area Agency on Aging – \$1.5 million net decrease comprised of:**
 - Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) – (\$1.4 million decrease)
 - United States Department of Health and Human Services (US HHS) – (\$235 thousand decrease)
 - Department of State Health Services (DSHS) – (\$150 thousand increase)

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State and Federal Grant Changes – \$36.3 million net increase (continued)

- **Environment & Development – \$1.0 million net decrease, primarily comprised of:**
 - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) – (\$472 thousand decrease)
 - Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) – (\$284 thousand decrease)
 - General Land Office (GLO) – (\$172 thousand decrease)
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – (\$81 thousand decrease)
- **Emergency Preparedness – \$659 thousand net increase, primarily comprised of:**
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – (\$470 thousand increase)
 - Governor's Office (OOG) – (\$185 thousand increase)
- **Community \ Program Services - \$120 thousand net increase, primarily comprised of:**
 - Governor's Office (OOG) – (\$120 thousand increase) - RPA Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

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Local Revenue – \$20.3 million net increase, primarily due to:

- **Transportation – (\$19.5 million increase)**
 - Federation International Football Association (FIFA) World Cup – (\$16.2 million increase)
 - County Pilot Maintenance Programs: Denton & Johnson – (\$1.5 million increase)
 - Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Community Grant: North Texas Equitable Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project – (\$1.3 million increase)
- **Area Agency on Aging - (\$954 thousand increase)**
 - Department of Veteran Affairs – (\$592 thousand increase)
 - Relocation Program - (\$173,000 thousand increase)
- **Environment and Development – (\$147 thousand increase)**
 - Public Works – (\$69 thousand increase)
 - Common Vision Corridor Development Certificate (CDC) Permit – (\$44 thousand increase)

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Local Revenue – \$20.3 million net increase, primarily due to: (continued)

- **RIS - (\$752 thousand decrease)**
 - Local funding related to the aerial photography (cyclical).
- **Community \ Program Services – (\$368 thousand increase)**
 - Regional Police Academy (RPA) – (\$170 thousand increase) Projected increase in tuition rates for police academy cadets.
 - Training and Development Institute (TDI) – (\$55 thousand increase) Increase primarily due to additional class certification offerings as well as increases in enrollment in existing courses.
 - TXShare – (\$143 thousand increase) Projected increase in revenue sharing agreement with Sourcewell.

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In-Kind Match Funds – \$19.2 million net increase, primarily due to:

- **Transportation – (\$19.3 million increase)**
 - North Texas Moves: Regional Rail Information System and DART, Trinity Metro, Double Track – (\$11.6 million increase)
 - Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Program – (\$5.8 million increase)
 - EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) – (2.1 million increase)
- **Area Agency on Aging – (\$209 thousand decrease)**
 - Aging funds require a match of 10% - 25% and derives most of its match from nutrition provider's in-kind contributions. Due to the anticipated decrease in nutrition funding pass-through, it's projected that in-kind contributions will also decrease.

Separate Entities (NCT9-1-1) – \$5.1 million net decrease, primarily due to:

- CSEC Grant (non-recurring) – (\$1.0 million decrease) Grant program is winding down. Remaining funding is anticipated to be expended prior to December 2026.
- CSEC Proposition 8 Contract (non-recurring) – (\$5.3 million decrease) Contract projected to be fully expended in FY 2025.
- Local Revenue – (\$1.3 million increase) Increase is primarily due to a projected 9% or \$960,000 increase in wireless revenue.

Total Change to Funding – \$70.6 million net increase

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Total Expenditures	FY 2026	FY 2025	Change
Workforce Development	\$ 146,498,736	\$ 140,432,211	\$ 6,066,525
Transportation	189,812,080	117,442,102	72,369,978
Area Agency on Aging	14,001,250	14,734,998	(733,748)
Agency Administration	13,062,873	12,810,398	252,475
Research & Information Services	10,472,393	11,732,556	(1,260,163)
Environment & Development	6,149,592	6,982,868	(833,276)
Emergency Preparedness	3,567,071	3,215,094	351,977
Community/Program Services ⁽¹⁾	3,039,468	2,590,964	448,504
Agency Management ⁽²⁾	2,006,393	1,884,156	122,237
Separate Entities			
NCT 9-1-1	14,652,222	19,715,177	(5,062,955)
Public Employee Benefits			
Cooperative	1,354,018	1,512,358	(158,340)
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$ 404,616,096	\$ 333,052,882	\$ 71,563,214
Less: Interdepartmental Charges ⁽³⁾	(16,496,654)	(15,549,851)	(946,803)
Net Expenditures	\$ 388,119,442	\$ 317,503,031	\$ 70,616,411

⁽¹⁾ Includes TDI, RPA, CJD, and TXShare

⁽²⁾ Includes Public Affairs

⁽³⁾ Includes Direct Service Charges and Indirect Overhead

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Total Expenditures

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Transportation - Total expenditures net increase of \$72.4 million, primarily comprised of:

- **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – (\$14.0 million increase)**
 - North Texas Moves: Regional Rail Information System and DART, Trinity Metro, Double Track – (\$18.4 million increase)
 - Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE): Enhanced Mobility Within the Southern Dallas Inland Port – (\$3.8 million decrease)
 - Cooperative Vehicle Procurement: FY2024 (non-electric vehicles) – (\$2.9 million decrease)
 - Transit Projects – (\$1.4 million increase)
- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – (\$10.1 million increase)**
 - Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Program – (\$9.0 million increase)
 - DERA: includes DERA 2020 & 2023 – (\$1.1 million increase)
- **Federal Highway Administration (FHA) – (\$5.3 million increase)**
 - CFI Community Grant: North Texas Equitable Electric Vehicle Infrastructure – (\$4.1 million increase)
 - US DOT FY2023 Safe Streets and Roads Grants: Advancing Regional Safety in DFW Region (SS4A) & US DOT Safe Streets and Roads: SS4A Crossing Students Safely in the Dallas-Fort Worth Region – (\$1.7 million increase)
- **United States Department of Defense (US DOD) – (\$3.2 million increase)**
 - Community Noise Mitigation Program – (\$3.2 million increase)

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Total Expenditures

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Transportation – Total expenditures net increase of \$72.4 million, primarily comprised of continued:

- **Local – (\$19.5 million increase)**
 - FIFA World Cup – (\$16.2 million increase)
 - County Pilot Maintenance Program: Denton & Johnson – (\$1.5 million increase)
 - CFI Community Grant: North Texas Equitable Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project – (\$1.3 million increase)
- **In-Kind – (\$19.3 million increase)**
 - North Texas Moves: Regional Rail Information System and DART, Trinity Metro, Double Track – (\$11.6 million increase)
 - Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicle Program – (\$5.8 million increase)
 - EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act: includes DERA 2020 & 2023 – (\$2.1 million increase)

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Total Expenditures

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Workforce Development – Total expenditures net increase of \$6.1 million, primarily comprised of:

- Cost of Operations – (\$991 thousand decrease)
 - Personnel – (\$774 thousand decrease) Primarily due to transition of six (6) staff to the Workforce subrecipient.
- Pass-Through – (\$7.0 million increase)
 - Childcare – (\$8.8 million increase) Additional direct care funding primarily for childcare centers due to increase in funding of approximately \$8.6 million.
 - Workforce Programs – (\$1.7 million decrease) Decrease in funding for the Workforce subrecipient to deliver the various Workforce Center services due to an approximate \$2.6 million decrease in related grants.

Research & Information Services – Total expenditures net decrease of \$1.3 million, primarily comprised of:

- Fee for Service (Aerial Photography, Cyclical) – (\$1.7 million decrease)
- Software - (\$123 thousand increase) Primarily due to the transition of the budgeting for certain platforms (Zoom, Smartsheet, Adobe) from the various departments to RIS as a centralized function.
- Contracted Services - (\$163 thousand increase) Increase in consultant services primarily related to network security.

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Total Expenditures

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Area Agency on Aging – Total expenditures net decrease of \$734 thousand, primarily comprised of:

- Cost of Operations – (\$108 thousand increase)
 - Personnel – (\$167 thousand decrease) Primarily related to the one (1) FTE reduction in FTEs.
 - Contract Services – (\$292 thousand increase) Primarily due to the growth in the Veterans Directed Care (VDC) program.
- In-Kind/Pass-through – (\$842 thousand decrease)
 - Carry over funds are not anticipated to be available for FY 2026.

Environment & Development – Total expenditures net decrease of \$833 thousand, primarily comprised of:

- Cost of Operations – (\$327 thousand decrease)
 - Contract Services – (\$435 thousand decrease) Funding for the Transportation Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI)-West project is coming to an end resulting in the decrease of the related consultant expenditures projected for FY 2026.
- Pass-Through – (\$506 thousand decrease)
 - Solid Waste Management – (\$322 thousand decrease) This is the first year of a two (2) year award. Implementation typically occurs in the second year along with increased costs.

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Total Expenditures

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Emergency Preparedness – Total expenditures net increase of \$352 thousand, primarily comprised of:

- Cost of Operations – (\$390 thousand increase)
 - Contract Services – (\$690 thousand increase) Primarily due to additional temporary employees assisting with the implementation of a new Regional Catastrophic Grant and a contractor to conduct after action review for the FIFA world cup.
 - Other – (\$390 thousand decrease) Primarily due to the rephasing of the budgeted funds, from one (1) year to three (3) years, from the Transportation Department for a Department of Energy related project (Develop Resilient Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan).

Community \ Program Services – Total expenditures net increase of \$448 thousand, primarily comprised of:

- Cost of Operations – (\$448 thousand increase)
 - Personnel – (\$294 thousand increase) Includes the addition of one (1) RPA staff (JAG Grant).

Agency Administration – Total expenditures net increase of \$252 thousand, primarily comprised of:

- Agency Support – (\$59 thousand increase)
- Facilities Management – (\$193 thousand increase) Primarily due to 2% annual rent increase (\$63 thousand) plus operating cost increases (\$130 thousand).

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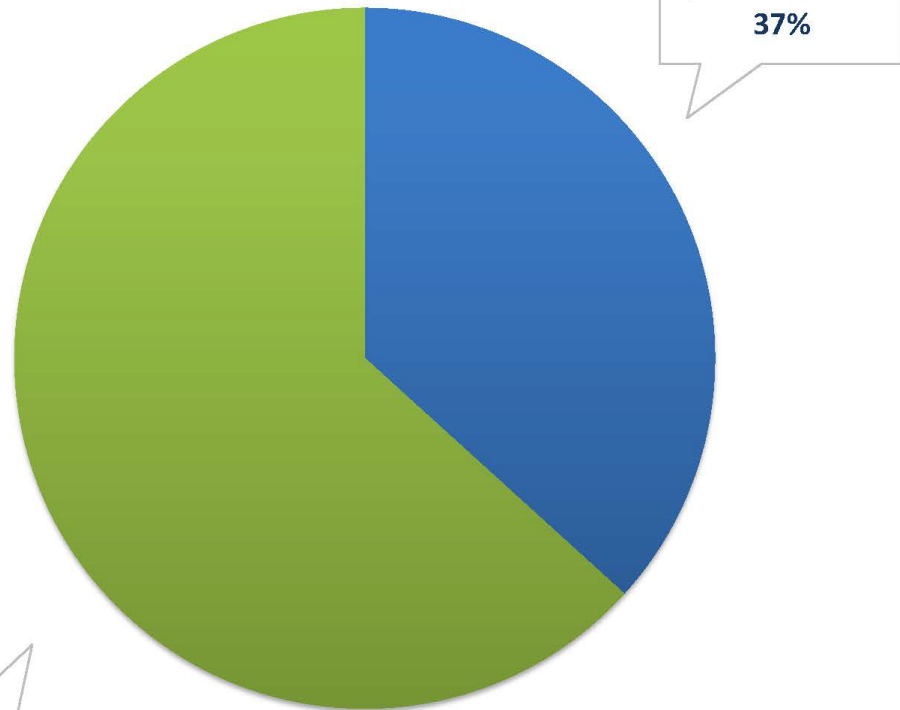
Separate Entities:

NCT9-1-1 District – Total expenditures net decrease of \$5.1 million, primarily comprised of:

- Cost of Operations – (\$4.9 million decrease)
 - Capital Outlay – (\$4.1 million decrease) Non-recurring funding was received by the CSEC state agency (Proposition 8 funding) that was utilized to purchase 9-1-1 Next Generation equipment and related costs. Proposition 8 funding is projected to be fully utilized in FY 2025.
 - Other - (\$974 thousand decrease) Primarily do the completion of the non-recurring 9-1-1 Next Generation costs during FY 2025.

Total Change to Expenditures – \$71.6 million increase

Operations/Pass-through *



Pass-through *
\$255.9 Million
63%

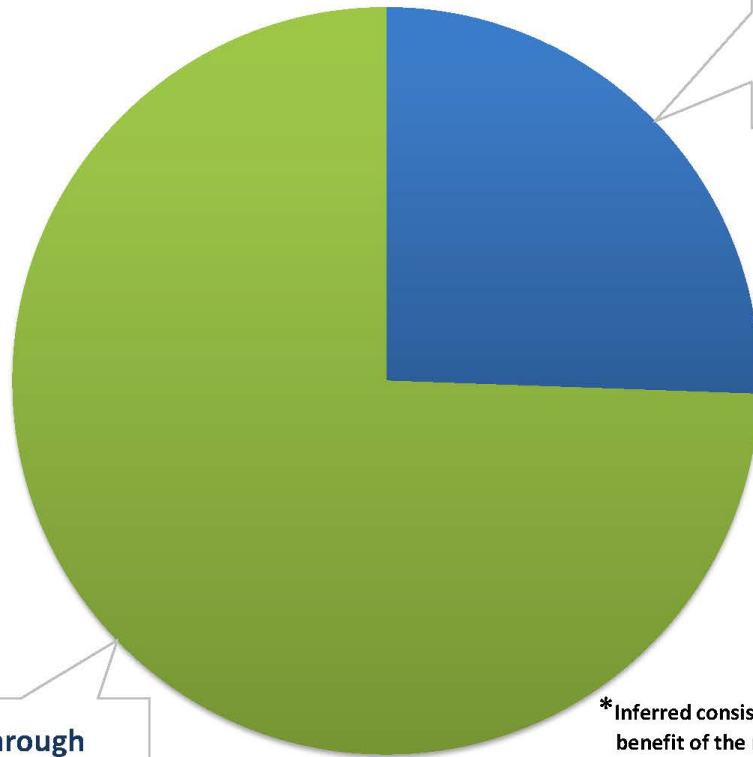
Operations
\$148.6 Million
37%

* Funds allocated to a subrecipient via a subaward.
Examples such as Workforce subrecipients Equus and Curantis; Transportation Transit Agencies; Aging congregate/home delivered meals.

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NCTCOG FY 2026 Proposed Budget Operations/Pass-through

Operations/Pass-through (including inferred*)



Operations (less
inferred Pass-
through)
\$103.4 Million
26%

Pass-through
(Including inferred
Pass-through) *
\$301.2 Million
74%

*Inferred consists of costs incurred for the benefit of the region. Examples such as Transportation consultants for Traffic Signals, Managed Lane System, Freight Movement; Workforce Center Infrastructure Cost; Aging Services

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NCTCOG FY 2026 Proposed Budget Operations/Pass-through (including inferred)

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Personnel and Fringe Benefits

- 443 full-time positions and 64 temporary/part-time positions
 - Net Decrease of 6 full-time positions
- Healthcare 4% increase
- 3.0% merit pool

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Full-time Positions	FY 2026 <u>Budget</u>	FY 2025 <u>Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>
Transportation	204	204	0
Workforce Development	52	58	-6
Agency Administration	45	45	0
Research & Information Services	35	35	0
Area Agency on Aging	28	29	-1
Environment & Development	16	16	0
Emergency Preparedness	7	7	0
Community\Program Services ⁽¹⁾	11	10	1
Agency Management ⁽²⁾	6	6	0
PEBC	6	6	0
NCT9-1-1	33	33	0
Total	<u>443</u>	<u>449</u>	<u>-6</u>

(1) TDI, RPA, CJD, and TXShare

(2) Includes Public Affairs

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Full-Time Staffing Update

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Workforce Development (-6)

- Senior Early Childhood Specialist (-2)
- Industry and Workforce Engagement Specialist (-4)

Area Agency on Aging (-1)

- Administrative Assistant (-1)

Community\Program Services (1)

- Police Training Coordinator (JAG Grant) (1)

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Executive Director Authorization for Contract Execution:

- Current budget resolution language reflects:
 - The Executive Director and designees are authorized to execute contracts for goods and services up to **\$100,000** and to equip and provide facilities as allowed by applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and grant requirements.
- Proposed new budget resolution language:
 - The Executive Director and designees are authorized to execute contracts for goods and services up to **\$200,000** and to equip and provide facilities as allowed by applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and grant requirements.

Remaining Steps In Budget Process:

- Answer any questions today.
- Provide for public hearing and budget adoption resolution at September's Board meeting.
- Prepare budget document for filing with the Board and State agencies in September.
- Monitor FY 2025 budget year close out.
- Implement FY 2026 budget beginning October 1.
- Present status of programs and need for budget amendments throughout the year as new programs and funding become available.



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Item 12

Exhibit: 2025-08-12-TR

Meeting Date: August 28, 2025

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Status Report on Metropolitan Planning Organization Revolver Funds and
Regional Transportation Council Local Pool

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is required to pay for expenses associated with projects and programs it implements before federal reimbursement can be requested. To do this, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Revolver Fund was created to hold local funds that pay these invoices. In September and December 2015, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved the programming of projects to establish the MPO Revolver Fund. The MPO Revolver Fund is reimbursed as federal/State reimbursements are received. This memo refers to this fund as the “Permanent MPO Revolver Fund.”

The Executive Board also authorized the Transportation Director to move interest between the Permanent MPO Revolver Fund, the Temporary MPO Revolver Fund, and the RTC Local Fund Pool based on need. This action also requires staff provide a semi-annual report to the Executive Board on the status of the MPO Revolver Funds and RTC Local Pool including interest transferred, if any, between funds. The Director has not moved any interest funds between accounts. Each account continues to accrue its own interest.

Attached is a summary of the status of the Permanent MPO Revolver, the Temporary MPO Revolver, and the RTC Local Fund Pool. At the last Executive Board presentation, Judge Hill requested a performance measure be added indicating the number of times the revolver has rotated. With the success of the Transportation Department competitive grants, the revolver has rotated nearly 20 times using the \$15 million cap number. I will provide a brief presentation on this item and be available to answer questions from the Board.

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Attachment

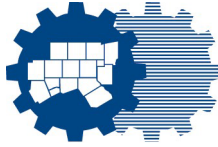
RTC LOCAL Accounts (August 8, 2025)

Permanent MPO Revolver Balance (as of 8/8/2025)	\$	7,153,650
Permanent MPO Revolver	\$	15,000,000
Permanent MPO Revolver Interest	\$	508,633
Permanent MPO Revolver Utilization	\$	8,354,983
Number of times Permanent Revolver has rotated at a \$15 million cap		19.57
Temporary MPO Revolver Balance (as of 8/8/2025)	\$	10,788,733
Temporary MPO Revolver Receipts	\$	10,000,000
Temporary MPO Revolver Interest	\$	788,733
Temporary MPO Revolver Utilization	\$	-
RTC Local Fund Pool Balance (as of 8/8/2025)	\$	101,306,069
RTC Local Fund Receipts	\$	95,000,000
RTC Local Fund Interest	\$	17,333,041
Committed Funds	\$	11,026,972
Historical RTC Local Fund Pool Balance (as of 8/8/2025)	Fully Committed	

NCTCOG EXECUTIVE BOARD ATTENDANCE

June 2025 - May 2026

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Calendar

North Central Texas Council of Governments

2025 NCTCOG Executive Board Calendar

Regular Meetings start at **1:00 pm** unless otherwise posted
Meeting Location: CenterPoint II, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas

September 25, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
October 23, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
November 20, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
December 18, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices