

AGENDA

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, August 22, 2025

North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda (Meeting Will be Held as a Videoconference)

1:30 – 1:35

1. Approval of July 25, 2025, Meeting Summary

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Brian Shewski, STTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the July 25, 2025, meeting summary contained in Electronic Item 1 will be requested.

Background: N/A

1:35 – 1:40

2. Consent Agenda

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2.1. Transportation Paid Education Campaigns for Fiscal Year 2026

Presenter: Whitney Vandiver, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will seek the Committee's support for the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) recommendation to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board for the approval of funding up to \$1,849,500 for Transportation Paid Campaigns that will initiate in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

Background: Since 2014, the NCTCOG Executive Board has been authorizing annual large-scale advertising purchase and placement initiatives for the Transportation Department. The education campaigns are for Public Involvement for multiple projects; safety campaigns of Drive Aware North Texas, Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety (Look Out Texans), Unmanned Aircraft Safety; the Congestion Management Program (Try Parking It and 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association [FIFA] World Cup Partnership); and air quality campaigns of Car Care Awareness and Ozone Season Emissions Reduction (Air North Texas). Flexible Funding for Public Involvement/Notifications is for possible unanticipated costs that may arise, such as a specialized public meeting series that may need notifications posted. Efforts will be funded with a combination of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), Transportation Planning Funds (TPFs), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Regional Toll Revenue (RTR), RTC Local,

private, and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds, and RTC Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of cash match. Education campaigns will be in multiple languages and may be presented through out-of-home advertising, print, screen, social media, digital, and audio platforms. Electronic Item 2.1 provides more detail.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Safety

1:40 – 1:50

3. New Regional Transit Safety Performance Measure Targets

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ezra Pratt, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval will be requested for updated federally required Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) regional performance measure targets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2029.

Background: In 2021, the RTC adopted targets to cover FY 2022-2025 for the federally required performance measures under PTASP. PTASP includes measures related to transit safety for passengers, transit workers, and those who share the road with transit vehicles. The North Central Texas Council of Governments now has an opportunity to adjust or reaffirm the previously adopted targets, and adopt several new targets required by the Federal Transit Administration. More information is provided in Electronic Item 3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

1:50 – 2:00

4. 2025 Public Participation Plan Update

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Carli Baylor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present an overview of the Public Participation Plan and outline proposed revisions, which are necessary to reflect federal policies and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requirements.

Background: The current Public Participation Plan in Electronic Item 4.1 was approved by the Regional Transportation Council in November 2018 and amendments were made in November 2022. In accordance with federal law, the Public Participation Plan defines public involvement procedures and comment periods, outlines strategies to inform the public and describes measures to include the many different voices in the transportation and air quality planning process. Other updates will address IIJA stakeholder requirements and the increasing role of technology in public input opportunities. A 45-day

comment period on an updated Public Participation Plan began with public meetings in July. The updated draft Public Participation Plan is provided in Electronic Item 4.2. A presentation containing additional information on the proposed revisions is included as Electronic Item 4.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:00 – 2:10

5. Fiscal Year 2025 Public Transportation Funding: Programs of Projects

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Shawn Dintino, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) action on the Fiscal Year 2025 Public Transportation Funding Programs of Projects will be requested.

Background: As the designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration funds in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Denton-Lewisville, and McKinney-Frisco Urbanized Areas, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has developed Programs of Projects to suballocate approximately \$211.4 million in Sections 5307, 5310, 5337, and 5339 federal funding to public transit providers in the region. Approximately \$15.2 million in funding remains to be programmed in the future. Electronic Item 5.1 includes additional information. Electronic Item 5.2 contains the proposed Programs of Projects.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

2:10 – 2:20

6. Rail Crossing Improvement Program

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Savannah Briscoe, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Surface Transportation Technical Committee on the Rail Crossing Improvement Program and request recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval for funding of the program. The Rail Crossing Improvement Program is to improve crossing safety near at-grade rail crossings.

Background: As part of the RTC's 2024 Strategic Transportation Funding Program, approved in February 2024, \$12.5 million (\$10 million Regional Toll Revenue funds plus \$2.5 million in local match) was approved for railroad crossing safety program projects. Using data collected from railroad crossing site visits and other available information provided by cities, railroads, and Texas Department of Transportation, two corridors are recommended – one in southeast Fort Worth and one in west Dallas. These corridors were identified by reviewing annual average daily traffic (AADT), crossing incidents, number of

trains per day, and site-specific safety equipment (gates, lights, pavement markings, etc.). The Fort Worth project coincides with a city-led project for a quiet zone from Kellis Street to Jessamine Street. The completion of this project will improve safety and quality of life by upgrading the corridor and installing a quiet zone. The second project, located in West Dallas, will provide safety and quality of life improvements at Manila Road and East Jefferson Street and will eliminate an at-grade crossing at Vilbig Street. In addition, staff will request approval to administratively amend the North Central Texas Council of Governments and State Transportation Improvement Programs, as well as other planning and administrative documents. Electronic Item 6 includes more information, as well as the proposed action requested.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

2:20 – 2:30

7. Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: An overview of current transportation items will be provided.

Background: Efforts continue to advance transportation in the region. Staff will highlight the following:

1. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Member Orientation in October and RTC Subcommittee Meeting in September
2. Changing Mobility: Data, Insights, and Delivering Innovative Projects During COVID Recovery (Electronic Item 7.1)
3. Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail Update and Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 House Appropriation Bill (Electronic Item 7.2) (Electronic Item 7.3)
4. The Importance of Getting Your Projects to Construction

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:30 – 2:40

8. 2025 Texas Department of Transportation Travel Surveys in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Planning Area

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Arash Mirzaei, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information on the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) travel surveys being conducted in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Planning Area beginning in August 2025.

Background: For over three decades, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has conducted periodic travel surveys to monitor changing travel patterns in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. In partnership with TxDOT, NCTCOG will conduct Household, Workplace, and Commercial Vehicle surveys across the 12-county metropolitan planning area beginning in August 2025. The two-year data collection will support updates to the regional travel model and help guide transportation planning.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Goods Movement, Roadway

2:40 – 2:50

9. **Fast Facts**

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Item Summary: Brief staff presentations will be provided. Please reference the material provided for each of the following topics.

1. *Brian Dell* – West/East Equity Update (Electronic Item 9.1) (Electronic Item 9.2)
2. *Sydney Mangini* – Coordinated Land Use and Transportation Planning Task Force – September 24, 2025, Meeting Announcement (Electronic Item 9.3) (www.nctcog.org/luttf)
3. *Trey Pope* – Local Clean Air Spotlight (Electronic Item 9.4)
4. *Daniela Tower* – 2025 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 9.5)
5. *Carolyn Burns* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
6. Carolyn Burns – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
7. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 9.6)
 - July Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 9.7)
 - June–July Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 9.8)

10. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

11. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on September 26, 2025**.