

## **AGENDA**

**Regional Transportation Council  
Thursday, January 8, 2026  
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**11:00 am - 12:00 pm      RTC Transit Vision Subcommittee Meeting**

**1:00 pm              Full RTC Business Agenda  
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)**

**Pledge to the United States and Texas Flags**

- 1:00 – 1:10      1.      Opportunity for Public Comment on Today's Agenda**  
☒ Information Minutes: 10  
Item Summary: Members of the public may comment on any item(s) on today's agenda at this time. If speaking, please complete a Speaker Request Card available at the meeting and provide it to the North Central Texas Council of Governments designated staff person. A maximum of 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.  
Background:      N/A
- 1:10 – 1:15      2.      Approval of December 11, 2025, Minutes**  
☒ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☐ Information Minutes: 5  
Presenter:      Rick Bailey, RTC Chair  
Item Summary: Approval of the December 11, 2025, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 2 will be requested.  
Background:      N/A
- 1:15 – 1:20      3.      Consent Agenda**  
☒ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☐ Information Minutes: 5
- 3.1.      February 2026 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions**  
Presenter:      Ken Bunkley, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested, along with the ability to amend the Unified

Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes.

Background: February 2026 revisions to the 2025-2028 TIP are provided as Electronic Item 3.1 for the Council's consideration. These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the mobility plan, the air quality conformity determination, and financial constraint of the TIP.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

1:20 – 1:35

4. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**

☐ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☒ Information      Minutes: 15

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Three Dallas District Texas Department of Transportation Award Winners – Director of Construction, Brenan Honey; Deputy District Engineer, Jeff Bush; and Northeast Texas Communications Director, Tony Hartzel (Electronic Item 4.1)
2. North Central Texas Council of Governments Senior Program Manager, Brendon Wheeler, is Leaving to Become the New Metropolitan Planning Organization Director for the San Antonio Region
3. Texas Transportation Commission Awarded \$25 Million for Cotton Belt Trail Corridor
4. Awarded Safe Streets for All Fiscal Year 2024 North Central Texas Council of Governments Crossing Students Safety Grant Agreement
5. Invest IN HER Awards – Lori Clark Nominated for the Game Changer Award (Award Recipients Announced January 22, 2026)
6. American Security Drone Act of 2023 and Office of Management and Budget Memorandum M-26-02 (Electronic Item 4.2)
7. President's Executive Order on Fast Tracking Electric Vehicle Take Off and Landing  
(<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/06/unleashing-american-drone-dominance/>) and Executive Summary (Electronic Item 4.3)
8. Mobility Assistance Patrol Program (Electronic Item 4.4)
9. Dallas Area Rapid Transit and Early State Coordination (Electronic Item 4.5)

10. Triennial Federal Transit Administration Review Will Be Conducted in 2026
11. High-Speed Rail Corridor Identification and Development Program
12. State Off-System Grade Separation
13. Additional Correspondence from Hunt-Related Entities on High-Speed Rail (Electronic Item 4.6)
14. Air Quality Funding Opportunities  
([www.nctcog.org/aqfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding))
15. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events  
([www.dfwcleancities.org/events](http://www.dfwcleancities.org/events))
16. November - December Public Comment Report  
(Electronic Item 4.7)
17. December Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.8)
18. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.9)
19. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.10)

1:35 – 1:45

5. **Approval of Partnership Letter to the Executive Board**

☒ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☐ Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Selected Regional Transportation Council (RTC) members suggested a letter be sent to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board reestablishing a greater partnership position. Several examples over the last few months underscore the need to clarify the two bodies' roles and responsibilities related to the Metropolitan Planning Organization as well as the Director of Transportation position. A draft letter is included as Electronic Item 5 and staff will ask for approval for the RTC Chair to send the letter to the NCTCOG Executive Board President.

Background: During the December 11, 2025, RTC meeting, the Director of Transportation shared a succession plan that was submitted to the NCTCOG Executive Director. Significant discussion occurred during that meeting on the need for additional communication and partnership with the NCTCOG Executive Board.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:45 – 1:55 6.

**Regional Transportation Council Approval to Hire External Legal Assistance for Regional Transportation Council Agreements**

☒ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☐ Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: External legal counsel is being requested to review numerous agreements and laws impacting responsibilities of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC). This item will request \$50,000 in RTC local to be approved to prepare the RTC for upcoming agreement deadlines.

Background: Internal legal counsel is more than qualified for this particular task but has a conflict under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 1.06 as they represent both the RTC and Executive Board. As such, this review would need to be done independent of internal counsel. The key statutory, regulatory, and agreements related to RTC responsibilities that need review include, but are not limited to the following:

- Title 23 United States Code – Highways  
Section 134, Metropolitan Planning  
23 CFR Part 450 – Joint FHWA/FTA Implementing Regulations related to Metropolitan Planning
- Title 49 United States Code – Transportation (Transit)  
Section 5303, Metropolitan Planning  
Texas Transportation Code and Texas Administrative Code provisions related to the metropolitan transportation planning and programing functions
- MPO Planning Agreement (Texas Department of Transportation, RTC, North Central Texas Council of Governments [NCTCOG]) – expires September 30, 2027
- Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Planning MOU (RTC, NCTCOG, Public Transportation Operators, and Other Transportation Entities) – perpetual
- Original MPO Designation for the Dallas-Fort Worth-Metropolitan Area– Governor Dolph Briscoe, April 12, 1974

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

**1:55 – 2:05      7.      North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects Funding Recommendations**

☒ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☐ Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter:      Lori Clark, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects including applications received, scoring results, and sites recommended for funding. Regional Transportation Council approval of funding recommendations will be requested.

Background: In 2024, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) was awarded \$15 million through the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Community Program to deploy up to 100 electric vehicle (EV) charging ports on public-sector properties in the region and to hire a consultant to streamline implementation. This project aims to fill gaps in the existing charging station network and achieve more equal access to charging stations across the region. The Regional Transportation Council approved the North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects, including scoring criteria, in July 2025. The Call for Projects opened on July 25, 2025, and applications were accepted through October 31, 2025. Electronic Item 7.1 provides additional details on the Call for Projects and Electronic Item 7.2 provides details on scoring and funding recommendations for each proposed site. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee recommended approval of the funding recommendations at its December 5, 2025, meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

**2:05 – 2:15      8.      Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Round 6**

☒ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☐ Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter:      Amy Johnson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request approval of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) Policy Bundle Round 6 policy list and scoring framework.

Background: The MTP Policy Bundle Program encourages local governments and transit authorities to voluntarily implement policies from Mobility 2050. Participating entities receive Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) to offset local matching funds for federal

transportation projects. The Transit 2.0 Study identified the Policy Bundle as an opportunity to better incentivize transit-supportive actions, concluding that prior program rounds did not adequately reward cities investing local resources in transit. Round 6 proposes structural changes to address this finding, including expanded policy options for transit authorities and integrating transit funding participation into the scoring methodology for all applicants. Electronic Item 8 provides additional information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Safety

- 2:15 – 2:25**      9.      **Progress Report from the RTC Transit Vision Subcommittee Chair**  
☐ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☒ Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenters:      Jill Jester, Subcommittee Chair, with Assistance from Karla Windsor, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Transit Vision Subcommittee has been meeting twice a month since September 2025. The purpose of the subcommittee is to create a transit vision that meets the needs of the region before 2050, when it is anticipated the population will exceed 12 million people.  
Background: The subcommittee members have put together a preliminary vision impacting the delivery of transit in the region for the next 25 years. The purpose of the subcommittee is not to fix the Dallas Area Rapid Transit issue, but to create an institutional approach that meets both the regional and neighborhood transit needs of the future. A working draft vision statement will be presented to the RTC for information. Electronic Item 9 contains the list of committee members. No action is requested at this time; however, the subcommittee would appreciate any direction that the full RTC wishes to communicate.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

- 2:25 – 2:35**      10.      **2027 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program Development – Draft Listings**  
☐ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☒ Information      Minutes: 10  
Presenter:      Brian Dell, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be briefed on the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process. The draft listing of

current RTC commitments will be provided for review and comment.

Background: A new TIP is developed every two years through a cooperative effort between the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), local governments, and transportation authorities. The TIP is a staged, multi-year listing of transportation projects with committed funding from federal, state, and local sources within the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area. Electronic Item 10 contains an overview of the TIP development process, focus areas, and schedule. The draft listing of all active projects in the region is available at the following weblink for review:  
<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/funds/tip/transportation-improvement-program-docs/2027-2030-transportation-improvement-program>.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

**2:35 – 2:45      11. Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Study/Overview**

☐ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☒ Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Shawn Conrad, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a brief overview of the Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) Study and announce a Model Development Code/Floodplain Ordinance Workshop scheduled for January 29, 2026. This project is led by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Environment and Development Department.

Background: Initiated in 2023, the \$10 million TSI Study is a proactive and comprehensive planning effort to identify projects that reduce future flood risk, along with other complementary and voluntary measures for averting flood impacts on community health, safety, and growth. Staff will briefly outline the study purpose, progress, and explain how policy recommendations related to development and floodplain management are essential components to the study's potential success. Next month's Model Development Code/Floodplain Ordinance Workshop, to be conducted at the NCTCOG campus, will be an opportunity to provide and obtain critical feedback on how/what policies in both infrastructure-and nature-

based stormwater solutions can be incorporated into effective regulations for flood prevention and mitigation. Electronic Item 11 provides additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

12. **Progress Reports**

☐ Action    ☐ Possible Action    ☒ Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 12.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 12.2)

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

14. **Future Agenda Items**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.

15. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council will be held at **1:00 pm, Thursday, February 12, 2026.**