

MEETING SUMMARY

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, September 26, 2025

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 1:30 pm in the Transportation Council Room of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The following STTC members or representatives were present: Niraj Acharya (representing Joe Atwood), Rifat Alam, Marah Aqqad, Cole Baker (representing Aaron Tainter), Melissa Baker, James Bell, Nathan Benditz (representing Jim O'Connor), David Boski, Shon Brooks, Tanya Brooks, Daniel Burnham, Jeff Bush, Farhan Butt, Brenda Callaway, Travis Campbell, Aaron Ceder, Kent Conner (representing Jeremy Hutt), Clarence Daugherty, Taylor Derden, Pritam Deshmukh, Becky Diviney, Phil Dupler, Eric Fladager, Chris Flanigan, Gary Graham, Michael Haithcock (representing John Cordary, Jr.), Namoo Han, Craig Hancock, Chris Harris, Allen Harts (representing Major L. Jones), Sophia Harvey, Duane Hengst, Thuan Huynh, Joseph Jackson, Jeff Kelly (representing David Salmon), Gus Khankarli, Eron Linn, Clay Lipscomb, Stanford Lynch, Auro Majumdar, Chad Marbut, Alberto Mares, Mark Nelson, Thank Nguyen (representing Ray Silva-Reyes), Alfredo Ortiz, Chad Ostrander (representing Brian Shewski), John Polster, Minesha Reese, Elizabeth Reynolds, Greg Royster, Joe Schweitzer, Chelsea St. Louis, Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize, Daniel Vedral, Jana Wentzel, Robert Woodbury, and Larry Wright.

Others present at the meeting were: Vickie Alexander, Natalie Bettger, Ken Bunkley, Carolyn Burns, Daniel Byrd, Lori Clark, Dina Colarossi, Alyssa Cunningham, Dawn Dalrymple, Brian Dell, Gypsy Gavia, Naeem Ghani, Rebekah Gongora, Ricardo Gonzalez, Eric Greenman, Millie Hayes, Chris Hoff, Caroline Horner, John Hudspeth, Amy Johnson, Teja Karra, Dora Kelly, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, Chris Klaus, Dan Lamers, Sonya Landrum, Dee Long, Rob Matwick, Jeremy McGahan, James McLane, Michael Misantonis, Michael Morris, Savana Nance, Jenny Narvaez, Alondra Nunez, Andrew Pagano, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Jacob Reiner, Jasmine Rodriguez, Toni Stehling, Robert Tantiado, Vivek Thimmavajhala, Daniela Tower, Jill Van Hoewyk, Amanda Wilson, Brian Wilson, and Hannah Witcher.

1. **Approval of the August 22, 2025, Meeting Summary:** Approval of the August 22, 2025, meeting summary contained in Electronic Item 1 was requested.

The Meeting Summary of the August 22, 2025, meeting were approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. John Polster (M); Daniel Vedral (S).

2. **Consent Agenda:**

- 2.1. **November 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was requested, along with the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes.
- 2.2. **Endorsement of GoCarma Integration with Managed Lane Toll System Upgrades:** Endorsement of the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) approval of \$250,000 in RTC Local funds to cover the one-time cost of the initial setup, and \$1,000,000 in Regional Toll Revenue waterfall funding to pay for the annual Software as a Service fee for Gantry support was requested. The Texas Department of Transportation is upgrading the toll collection software on the managed lanes that are not part of the P3 agreements. Staff sought approval for integration improvements needed to continue to

support the High-Occupancy Vehicle discount on the managed lanes and funding to support system updates.

- 2.3. **Endorsement of Federal Transit Administration Grant for the Trinity Railway Express Transit-Oriented Development Plan Funding Match Update:** The Surface Transportation Technical Committee was requested to endorse the Regional Transportation Council's approval for the North Central Texas Council of Governments to accept increased funding and provide local match for the Federal Transit Administration grant award for Transit-Oriented Development planning for the Trinity Railway Express corridor. This action included directing staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other administrative/planning documents to implement this project.

The Committee approved staff's recommendations in Item 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 on the Consent Agenda. Chad Marbut (M); Gus Khankarli (S).

3. **Endorsement of Funding for Transportation Improvements in Cleburne Near an Amazon Facility:** Michael Morris requested an endorsement of the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) approval of up to \$3 million in RTC Local funding for roadway improvements to provide safe access to a new Amazon facility at United States 67 and Chisholm Trail Parkway. The request included \$362,000 in grant funding and up to \$2,638,000 in funds to be loaned to the City of Cleburne. This action also included directing staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents to implement this project.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Chad Marbut (M); Farhan Butt (S).

**REQUESTED ACTION – FUNDING FOR
TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS IN
CLEBURNE NEAR AMAZON FACILITY**

- RTC approval of:
 - The proposed funding and improvements detailed in slides 2-4, including up to \$3.0 million in RTC Local funds of which:
 - \$362,000 is a grant
 - \$2,638,000 is a loan to be repaid by City of Cleburne
 - Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate these changes

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4. **Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: November 2024 Cycle Project Selection:** Dora Kelly requested a Surface Transportation Technical Committee recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval to provide funding for the Handitran Community Access and Ridership Enhancement for Safety project, selected for the November 2024 Cycle of Transit Strategic Partnerships Program funding in an amount not to exceed \$311,000 total for the selected project, with the City of Arlington providing Transportation Development Credits for local match.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. John Polster (M); Daniel Burnham (S).

REQUESTED ACTION - Handitran Community Access and Ridership Enhancement for Safety

- **Recommendation for RTC approval of:**
 - To use existing Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhancing Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program funds from the Transit Strategic Partnerships Program in an amount not to exceed \$311,000, including the use of 62,200 Transportation Development Credits in lieu of local match, to fund the Handitran Community Access and Ridership Enhancement for Safety.
 - Administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other planning/administrative documents as appropriate to incorporate the Handitran Community Access and Ridership Enhancement for Safety.

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5. **North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety Local Match Partnership:** Michael Morris and Brian Dell requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of a partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation and the Denton County and Dallas County Regional Toll Revenue accounts to offset the local match no longer available for the western section of the North Texas MOVES BUILD federal competitive grant.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. John Polster (M); Gus Khankarli (S).

REQUESTED ACTION – LOCAL MATCH PARTNERSHIP FOR NT MOVES PROJECT

- **Recommendation for RTC approval of:**
 - Partnership with TxDOT to:
 - Receive \$15 million in TMF funds
 - Release \$15 million in Category 2 funds from SS 394 (CSJ 2921-01-010)
 - Program \$15 million in STBG funds on SS 394
 - Utilize resulting TMF funds to cover \$15 million in non-federal match for NT MOVES BUILD grant
 - Partnership with Denton County and Dallas County RTR accounts to:
 - Add \$ 37,675,733 in STBG funds to FM 407 project (CSJ 1310-01-050) [includes 20% state match]
 - Reclassify \$27 million in Denton County RTR funds from the Denton County account to the Regional RTR Accounts (\$17 million Western, \$10 million Eastern)
 - Reclassify \$10 million in Dallas County RTR funds from the Dallas County account to the Western Regional RTR Accounts
 - Utilize \$9.6 million in RTR funds to cover non-federal match for NT MOVES BUILD grant
 - Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the program/policy/project/change.

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6. **North Texas Zero Emission Vehicle Program Call for Projects**: Savana Nance gave the Surface Transportation Technical Committee an overview of the North Texas Zero Emission Vehicle (NTxZEV) Project and requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval to open the NTxZEV Call for Projects.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Daniel Burnham (M); Chad Marbut (S).

Requested Action – North Texas Zero Emission Vehicle Call for Projects

Recommend RTC Approval of:

- Authorization to Open Call for Projects, including:
 - Eligibility Requirements
 - Scoring Criteria
 - Funding split
 - Schedule
- Updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the North Texas Zero Emission Vehicle Call for Projects

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7. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items**: Michael Morris provided an overview of current transportation items:
1. Regional Transportation Council Member Orientation in October (10:30 am, October 9, 2025)
 2. Summary of Regional Transportation Council Transit Vision Subcommittee Meeting in September
 3. Resurgence of P3s
 4. Anticipation of Focus on Texas Department of Transportation Funding
 5. AMTRAK President Harris – Meeting Within the Region
8. **Fédération Internationale de Football Association 2026 World Cup Transportation Plan Overview**: Natalie Bettger presented an overview of the Transportation Mobility Plan for the Fédération Internationale de Football Association 2026 World Cup.
9. **February, May, and August 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions**: Ken Bunkley provided an overview of the deadline for the February 2026 revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that were due by close of business on September 26, 2025. This will be the last revision cycle for the 2025-2028 TIP. Due to the submittal of the 2027-2030 TIP/Statewide TIP (STIP), there will not be a May 2026 or August 2026 cycle.

10. **2024 Regional Safety Performance Measures Report**: Michael Misantonis provided an update on items included in the 2024 Regional Safety Program Performance Measures Report.

11. **Fast Facts**: Staff provided a brief presentation on each item below:

1. *Camille Fountain* – Texas Department of Transportation 2026 Highway Safety Improvement Program Call for Projects Announcement
2. *Camille Fountain* – Fall 2025 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement – November 6, 2025
3. *Daniela Tower* – 2025 Ozone Season Update
4. *Carolyn Burns* – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight
5. *Carolyn Burns* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
6. *Carolyn Burns* – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
7. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports
 - August Public Meeting Minutes
 - July–August Public Comments Report
 - October Public Meeting Notice

12. **Other Business (Old or New)**: No items were provided.

13. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for ***1:30 pm on October 24, 2025, in the NCTCOG offices.***

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.