

## **MINUTES**

### **Regional Transportation Council Thursday, July 10, 2025**

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) met on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 1:00 pm at the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The following RTC members or representatives were present: Daniel Alemán, Bruce Arfsten, Steve Babick, Rick Bailey, Elizabeth Beck, Curtis Berghold, Alan Blaylock, Ceason Clemens, Bill Cox, Michael Crain, Jeff Davis, Pat Deen, Andy Eads, Michael Evans, T.J. Gilmore, Raul Gonzalez, Lane Grayson, Moji Haddad, Julie Holmer (representing John Muns), Ron Jensen, Jill Jester, Matt Krause, Stephen Mason, Cara Mendelsohn, Cesar Molina, Ed Moore, Jesse Moreno, Matthew Porter, Marcus Ray (representing the Cities of Frisco, Prosper, Little Elm, The Colony, Celina and Providence Village), Jim Ross, David Salazar, Gary Slagel, Andy Sommerman (representing Clay Lewis Jenkins), Bobby Stovall, Jeremy Tompkins, and Duncan Webb.

Others present at the meeting were: Susan Alvarez, Joe Atwood, A.J. Austin, Melissa Baker, Micah Baker, Jay Barksdale, Carli Baylor, Mike Beaver, Emily Beckham, Joslyn Billings, Brandi Bird, Alberta Blair, David Boski, Jason Brown, Randall Bryant, Will Burgan, Farhan Butt, Jack Carr, Dixie Cawthorne, Dina Colarossi, Paul Cristina, Liam Crowley, Clarence Daugherty, Yvonne Davis, Rebecca Diviney, David Dryden, Chad Edwards, Tavia Evans, Tom Flaherty, Andrew Fortune, Carmen Garcia, Mike Garcia, Eric Gault, Matt Gauntt, Subid Ghimire, Jillian Giles, Gary Graham, Eric Greenman, Stefanie Guin, Tony Hartzel, Reggie Herman, Robert Hinkle, Chris Hocate, Kristina Holcomb, James Hotopp, Joel James, Jim Jarratt, Hua Kang, Nandita Kaundinya, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, Dan Lamers, Anette Landeros, Zihao Li, Eron Linn, Todd Little, Dee Long, Stanford Lynch, Dillon Maroney, Kit Marshall, Janese Masheell, Gregory Masota, Rob Matwick, Monte Mercer, Kate Milner, Michael Morris, Jenny Narvaez, Jeff Neal, Mark Nelson, Vanna Ngo, Jackie Nolasco, Chris Northup, Amir Omar, Andrew Pagano, David Parnell, Linda Paulik, Brinton Payne, Kristen Petree, Christopher Poe, John Polster, James Powell, Lemaël Price, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Alexandra Renteria, Travis Reynolds, Randy Richardson, Ricky Rodriguez, Shawna Russell-Jones, Adam Socki, Sid Sonck, Brandon Sparkman, Claude Spivey, Toni Stehling, Apovrua Subramanlan, Hyacinth Szasi, Burt Thakur, Jonathan Toffer, Lauren Trimble, Johnso Udoka, Laura Weis, Lizzie Welch, Brendon Wheeler, Amanda Wilson, Brian Wilson, Hannah Witcher, Jared Wright, and Sam Yacoub.

1. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Today's Agenda:** Rick Bailey, Regional Transportation Council Chair and Johnson County Commissioner, asked if there were any public comments. Hyacinth Szasi spoke on Agenda Items 5 & 8; Tavia Evans spoke on Agenda Item 3.3; Melissa Baker spoke on behalf of Mayor Rick Stopfer of Irving on Agenda Item 5; Liam Crowley spoke on Agenda Item 8; A.J. Austin spoke on Agenda Item 8. Written comments were provided and can be found in the Public Comments Report under the Director's Report agenda item.
2. **Approval of June 12, 2025, Minutes:** Approval of the June 12, 2025, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 2 was requested.

A motion was made to approve the June 12, 2025, meeting minutes as submitted in Electronic Item 2. Pat Deen (M); Duncan Webb (S). The motion passed unanimously.

### 3. Consent Agenda

- 3.1. **Colleyville Traffic Signal Maintenance:** Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval was requested for up to \$150,000 in RTC Local funds to fund the City of Colleyville for maintenance of ten traffic signals along State Highway (SH) 26 as it transitions off the state highway system.
- 3.2. **Endorsement of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program Submittal:** Staff requested Regional Transportation Council (RTC) endorsement of the Hemphill Street Community Based Safe Street Project submitted for the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – Implementation Grant, prepared in partnership with the City of Fort Worth.
- 3.3. **Ratification of Emergency Funding: Backstop Funding for Diesel Emissions Reduction Act:** Staff requested ratification of emergency funding authorization in the amount of \$175,000 in Regional Transportation Council Local funds to backstop the local match commitment to leverage federal funding awarded through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act to avoid project implementation delays.
- 3.4. **August 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions:** Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval was requested for the revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), along with the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes.

A motion was made to approve Items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 on the Consent Agenda. Andy Sommerman (M); Duncan Webb (S). The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report:** Michael Morris briefly highlighted items 1, 2, and 4.
  1. Interstate Highway 345 Bridge Investment Program Large Project Grant From the Texas Department of Transportation
  2. Summer 2025 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement – August 12, 2025
  3. North Central Texas Council of Governments Comments to the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality Section 185 Failure to Attain Fee Proposal
  4. Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Agreement Extension
  5. Surface Transportation Technical Committee Officers
  6. Nominations for the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee ([NCTCOG - Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee](#))
  7. Additional Correspondence from Hunt-Related Entities on High-Speed Rail
  8. Air Quality Funding Opportunities ([www.nctcog.org/aqfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding))
  9. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events ([www.dfwcleancities.org/events](http://www.dfwcleancities.org/events))
  10. June Public Meeting Minutes

11. May–June Public Comment Report
12. July Public Meeting Notice
13. Recent News Articles
14. Recent Correspondence
15. Recent Press Releases

Michael Morris reminded the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) that the August RTC meeting will be held on August 7, 2025, at the Irving Convention Center to coincide with the Infrastructure Summit. He also added that an RTC Member Orientation will be held in October 2025.

5. **Transit 2.0 Next Steps, Policy 25-01, and Proposed Funding:** Michael Morris presented a proposed Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Policy 25-01, aimed at assisting the region to resolve transit delivery and preparing the region for the new Mobility 2050 Plan. Approval of Policy P25-01 and proposed funding was requested. External consultant assistance was anticipated to be less than \$1 million, and it was proposed to be funded with RTC Local funds.

A motion was made to deny approval of Policy P25-01 and Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funding of less than \$1 million, including the request with no conditions (e.g., letting the process determine the outcome), allowing the action to be included in all documents, and the request for members to notify the RTC Chair of their interest to participate in broader transit conversations. Steve Babick (M); Duncan Webb (S). The motion passed.

6. **Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program:** Dan Kessler requested Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the proposed FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). Direction for staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and update any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to reflect the projects and programs contained in the Work Program was also sought.

A motion was made to approve the FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and update any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the projects and programs contained in the Work Program. Steve Babick (M); Andy Sommerman (S). The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Community: Electric Vehicle Charging Grant – Site Selection Criteria and Call for Projects:** Lori Clark requested Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to open a Call for Projects to select electric vehicle (EV) charging sites to be built using funds awarded under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI) Community Award.

A motion was made to authorize staff to open the North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects including the presented eligibility requirements, screening criteria, scoring criteria, and schedule with an estimated CFP to open on July 25, 2025,

and estimated CFP to close on October 31, 2025. The action included direction for staff to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and update any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the project funding. Ed Moore (M); Andy Sommerman (S). The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Heartland Flyer Funding for One Year:** Michael Morris requested the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of \$3.5 million in Regional Toll Revenue funds to secure the continued service of the Heartland Flyer for one year. Staff will seek reimbursement from the State of Texas and initiate a ridership campaign reducing the need for a subsidy. This service is critical for the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup 2026.

A motion was made to approve \$3.5 million in Regional Toll Revenue funds to secure the continued service of the Heartland Flyer for one year. Staff will seek reimbursement from the State of Texas and initiate a ridership campaign reducing the need for a subsidy. Elizabeth Beck (M); Matthew Porter (S). The motion passed.

9. **2025 Public Participation Plan Update:** Rebekah Gongora presented an overview of the 2025 Public Participation Plan and outlined proposed revisions, which are necessary to reflect federal policies and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requirements.
10. **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program – Fiscal Year 2026-2028 Goal Update:** This item was not presented due to time constraints.
11. **2026 Unified Transportation Program/Regional 10-Year Plan Update:** The item was not presented due to time constraints.
12. **Update on Regional Air Quality and Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan – Transportation Elements:** This item was not presented due to time constraints.
13. **Progress Reports:** Regional Transportation Council attendance was provided in Electronic Item 13.1 and Surface Transportation Technical Committee attendance and minutes were provided in Electronic Item 13.2.
14. **Other Business (Old or New):** There was no discussion on this item.
15. **Future Agenda Items:** There was no discussion on this item.
16. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for **1:00 pm, Thursday, August 7, 2025, at the Irving Convention Center.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.