

MEETING SUMMARY

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, July 25, 2025

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, July 25, 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: Rifat Alam, Joe Atwood, James Bell, David Boski, Shon Brooks, Tim Palermo (representing Tanya Brooks), Daniel Burnham, Jeff Bush, Farhan Butt, Brenda Callaway, John Cordary, Jr., Tara Crawford, Clarence Daugherty, Chad Davis, Taylor Derden, Pritam Deshmukh, Becky Diviney, Phil Dupler, Eric Fladager, Austin Frith, Gary Graham, Tom Hammons, Namoo Han, Craig Hancock, Barry Heard, Matthew Hotelling, Jeremy Hutt, Thuan Huynh, Joseph Jackson, Joel James, Gus Khankarli, Eron Linn, Clay Lipscomb, Stanford Lynch, Chad Marbut, Alberto Mares, Brian Moen, Mark Nelson, Nathan Benditz (representing Jim O'Connor), Cintia Ortiz, John Polster, Minesha Reese, Elizabeth Reynolds, Pradnya More (representing Greg Royster), Marah Aqqad (representing Joe Schweitzer), Brian Shewski, Ray Silva-Reyes, Chelsea St. Louis, Aaron Tainter, Errick Thompson, Jennifer VanderLaan, Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize, Daniel Vedral, Jana Wentzel, and Robert Woodbury.

Others present at the meeting were: Vickie Alexander, Berrien Barks, Therese Bergeon, Natalie Bettger, Joslyn Billings, Chris Bosco, Jason Brown, Jesse Brown, Daniel Cabry, Lori Clark, Korey Coburn, Dina Colarossi, Shawn Conrad, Brian Dell, Brian Flood, Christie Gotti, Eric Greenman, Stephanie Guin, Allen Harts, Reggie Herman, Chris Hocate, Kyle Hoener, Chris Hoff, Parisa Hosseini, John Hudspeth, Dan Kessler, Chris Klaus, Rob Matwick, Malcolm Mayhew, Jeremy McGalhan, Joaquin Moreno, Michael Morris, Dylan Niles, Jackie Nolasco, Chris Northup, Andrew Pagano, Donald Parker, Christopher Poe, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Maggie Quinn, Jacob Reinig, Jackson Rose, Samuel Simmons, Brandon Sparkman, Daniela Tower, Shane Tully, Jill Van Hoewyk, Brendon Wheeler, Amanda Wilson, and Hannah Witcher.

1. **Approval of the June 27, 2025, Minutes:** Approval of June 27, 2025, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 1 was requested.

The Minutes of the June 27, 2025, meeting were approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Clarence Daugherty (M); John Polster (S).

2. **Consent Agenda:**

- 2.1. **Air Quality Funding Recommendations Related to the Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of funding recommendations for the Dallas Fort Worth International Airport and Delta Air Lines, through the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 Call for Projects utilizing Environmental Protection Agency funds was requested.
- 2.2. **Federal Functional Classification System Amendments:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of 14 amendments to the currently approved Federal Functional Classification System was requested.
- 2.3. **Funding for McKinney Amphitheater Transportation Improvements:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of \$2 million in Regional Toll Revenue funding for improvements in proximity to a future amphitheater/event venue in the City of McKinney was requested.

The Committee approved staff's recommendations in Items 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 on the Consent Agenda. Mark Nelson (M); Jeff Bush (S).


3. **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program – Fiscal Year 2026-2028 Goal Update:** Ken Kirkpatrick provided an overview of the proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Goal for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-FY2028 for United States Department of Transportation contracting opportunities and requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval.

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

REQUESTED ACTION – 2026-2028 DBE Goal Update

- STTC approval of:
 - Staff requests a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of the 8.6% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation Goal for Fiscal Years 2026-2028 for US Department of Transportation contracting opportunities.
 - Administratively amending any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate this recommendation.

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4. **2026 Unified Transportation Program and Regional 10-Year Plan Update:** Brian Dell briefed the Committee on Category 12 funds proposed for approval by the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) and requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council action on the proposed changes for the Regional 10-Year Plan Update.


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

REQUESTED ACTION – 2026 UTP/ REGIONAL 10-YEAR PLAN UPDATE

Recommend RTC approval of:

- The Regional 10-Year Plan project listings, including the proposed changes on the “Let and Completed Projects” listing.
- 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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5. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items**: Michael Morris provided an overview of current transportation items:
1. Regional Transportation Council Did Not Approve: Transit 2.0 Next Steps, Policy 25-01, and Proposed Funding
 2. Transit 2.0 Next Steps: Receipt of Transit 2.0 Report: Creation of Regional Transportation Council Subcommittee and Focus on Transit Vision
 3. Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Agreement Extension
 4. Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 House Appropriation Bill – High-Speed Rail Funding

He also announced there would be a Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Member Orientation prior to the October RTC meeting.

6. **Updates Regarding Metropolitan Planning Organization-Selected Funding and Texas Department of Transportation Cost Overrun Funds**: Christie Gotti briefed the Committee on the latest updates about Metropolitan Planning Organization-selected funding categories and Texas Department of Transportation Change Order and Cost Overrun funds received for regional projects.

7. **Electric Vehicle Charging Grant – Communication to Relevant Departments Within Cities, Counties, School Districts, Universities, and Other Government Agencies**: Joslyn Billings provided information on the North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects maximizing project submittals.

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

1. Kyle Hoener – Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure County Government Workshop
2. Camille Fountain – Summer 2025 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement – August 12, 2025
3. Jesse Brown – High Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Report
4. Analisa Garcia – Update: Air Quality Handbook
5. Chris Klaus – North Central Texas Council of Governments Comments to Texas Commission of Environmental Quality Section 185 Failures to Attain Fee Proposal
6. Daniela Tower – 2025 Ozone Season Update
7. Juliana Vandeborn – Air Quality Funding Opportunities
8. Juliana Vandeborn – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
9. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports
 - June Public Meeting Minutes
 - May–June Public Comments Report
 - August Public Meeting Notice

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

10. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for ***1:30 pm on August 22, 2025.***

Meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.