

MEETING SUMMARY

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, October 24, 2025

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, October 24, 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, Ahmed Alqaisi, Marah Aqqad, Joe Atwood, Melissa Baker, James Bell, Nathan Benditz (representing Jim O'Connor), David Boski, Shon Brooks, Daniel Burnham, Jeff Bush, Farhan Butt, Travis Campbell, John Cordary, Tara Crawford, Clarence Daugherty, Taylor Derden, Pritam Deshmukh, Becky Diviney, Phil Dupler, Eric Fladager, Chris Flanigan, Austin Frith, Ricardo Gonzalez (representing Stanford Lynch), Gary Graham, Michael Haithcock, Tom Hammons, Craig Hancock, Chris Harris, Barry Heard, Melissa Heltzel (representing Ann Foss), Duane Hengst, Jeremy Hutt, Thuan Huynh, Joseph Jackson, Joel James, Major L. Jones, Gus Khankarli, Paul Luedtke, Auro Majumdar, Chad Marbut, Brian McNulty (representing Ron Hartline), John Mears, Mark Nelson, Alfredo Ortiz, Tim Palermo (representing Tanya Brooks), Autumn Permenter (representing Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize), John Polster, Minesha Reese, Elizabeth Reynolds, Greg Royster, Brian Shewski, Ray Silva-Reyes, Alison Smith (representing Clay Lipscomb), Aaron Tainter, Errick Thompson, Caleb Thornhill, Jennifer VanderLaan, Daniel Vedral, Caroline Waggoner, Jana Wentzel, Robert Woodbury, and Larry Wright.

Others present at the meeting were: Vickie Alexander, Emily Beckham, Kenny Bergstrom, Braulio Bessa, Natalie Bettger, Scott Booth, Savannah Briscoe, Jason Brown, Jesse Brown, Katherine Cadena, Lori Clark, Dina Colarossi, Brian Dell, Cody Derrick, Zhen Ding, Gypsy Gavia, Rebekah Gongora, Christie Gotti, Chris Harike, Millie Hayes, Irlenia Hermosillo, Jamie Hernandez, Parisa Hosseini, John Hudspeth, Amy Johnson, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, April Leger, Kurt Lehan, Todd Little, Gregory Masota, Malcolm Mayhew, Tom McLain, Michael Morris, Chandra Mueuganvandham, Savana Nance, Jenny Narvaez, Dylan Niles, Jackie Nolasco, Chris Northrup, Ezra Pratt, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Jacob Reinig, Jim Reiser, Jackson Rose, Samuel Simmons, Sidney Sonck, Skylar Staffaroni, Toni Stehling, Kimberlin To, Daniella Tower, Brendon Wheeler, Amanda Wilson, Brian Wilson, Aurelia Witt, and Alexander Young.

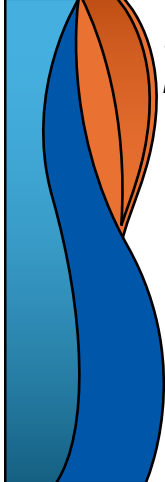
1. **Approval of the September 26, 2025, Meeting Summary:** Approval of the September 26, 2025, meeting summary contained in Electronic Item 1 was requested.

The Meeting Summary of the September 26, 2025, meeting was approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Mark Nelson (M); Farhan Butt (S).

2. Consent Agenda:

- 2.1. **Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of modifications to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was requested. Direction for staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and update any administrative and/or planning documents, as needed, to incorporate the programs and projects contained in the UPWP modifications was sought. This Consent Agenda item was pulled by Dan Kessler to present an additional modification as noted in red in the slide below. The presentation included

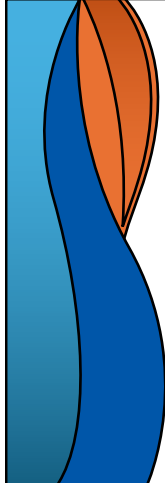
revised meeting materials. The Committee approved staff's recommendations. Farhan Butt (M); Paul Luedtke (S).



**TOTAL PROGRAMMING INCREASES/ DECREASES
IN OTHER FUNDING SOURCES (CONTINUED)**

UPWP Subtask	Funding Source	UPWP Funding Changes
Subtask 5.01 – High-Speed Passenger Technology	FRA - \$311,000	\$311,000
Subtask 5.03 – Regional Trail Wayfinding Signage and User Count Equipment	STBG - \$775,000	\$775,000
Subtask 5.03 – Community Schools and Transportation	RTC Local - \$125,000	\$125,000
Subtask 5.03 – Transit-Oriented Development	RTC Local - \$125,000	\$125,000
Subtask 5.03 – Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning	RTC Local - \$150,000	\$150,000
Total Increase		\$2,683,000 \$2,994,000

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**REQUESTED ACTION - Modifications to the
FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Work Program**

- Recommendation for RTC approval of:
 - Proposed UPWP modifications
 - 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 programs and projects contained in the UPWP modifications.

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- 2.2. **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 Waste Management, through the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 Call for Projects utilizing Environmental Protection Agency funds was requested.
- 2.3. **Fédération Internationale de Football Association World Cup Operational Projects and Staff Support:** Surface Transportation Technical Committee approval was requested for a recommendation to the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) for the North Central Texas Council of Governments to assign \$800,000 of Regional Toll Revenue funds to the McKinney Avenue Transit Authority for Fédération Internationale de Football Association preparedness and operations of the historic M-Line trolley from the existing Transit Sustainability Program. This action will also replace \$400,000 of staff time out of the Transit Sustainability Program with RTC Local funds. The action will also award the Agency North Central Texas (NCT) 9-1-1 with \$200,000 in RTC Local

funds to support Artificial Intelligence transcription and translation services in preparation for the World Cup Games.

- 2.4. **Approval of Regional Transportation Council Local Funds to Support Regional Energy Management Assistance Program**: A Committee recommendation of Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval was requested to contribute approximately \$62,500 in additional RTC Local funds to support the Regional Energy Management Assistance Program which is anticipated to be funded by the State Energy Conservation Office.

- 2.5. **Funding for Klyde Warren Park Phase 2 Cost Overrun**: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of \$6.45 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funding and changes to non-federal funding for the Klyde Warren Park Phase 2 project was requested.

The Committee approved staff's recommendations in Items 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5 on the Consent Agenda. John Polster (M); Dan Vedral (S).


3. **Proposed Traffic Signal Program Funding Process**: Gregory Masota presented and requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of the proposed strategic traffic signal funding process.

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

REQUESTED ACTION – PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNAL FUNDING PROCESS

- **Recommendation for RTC approval of:**
 - Approve eligibility requirements, evaluation criteria for funding requests, categorization of traffic signal improvements, and cost-sharing.
 - Develop funding program through RTC to implement traffic signal needs identified as part of this process.
 - 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.

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4. **Approval of Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan - Transportation Elements**: Savana Nance and Chris Klaus requested a recommendation of Regional Transportation Council approval of the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan transportation elements.

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

REQUESTED ACTION – Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan

Recommend RTC Approval of :

- DFW AQIP: Comprehensive Action Plan - Transportation Elements
 - Emissions Inventories
 - 2030 and 2050 Transportation Emissions Projections
 - 25% Emission Reduction Goal
 - Transportation Measures
- Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed.

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5. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** Michael Morris provided an overview of current transportation items:
 1. Summary of Regional Transportation Council Member Orientation
 2. Summary of Regional Transportation Council Transit Vision Subcommittee Meeting in October
 3. AMTRAK President Harris – Meeting Within the Region that was on October 2, 2025
 4. Regional Public Transit Agency Safety Plan Transit Safety Performance Measures – Crime Data Request Is Being Implemented
6. **Interim Final Rule on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program:** The United States Department of Transportation issued an Interim Final Rule on the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program on October 3, 2025. Ken Kirkpatrick provided a summary of impacts of the new rule on the DBE Program.
7. **Update on McKinney Passenger Rail Corridor Study:** Following the conclusion of the Transit 2.0 Study, the McKinney Passenger Rail Corridor Study is now ready to commence. Staff is currently advancing the consultant procurement process to support this study. Brendon Wheeler provided a briefing on the scope and schedule of this effort.
8. **Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Round 6:** Amy Johnson provided an overview of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Round 6.
9. **Technology and Innovation Program Update and New Project Identification Process:** Braulio Bessa provided an overview of previously selected projects within the Transportation Technology and Innovation Program and the new Technology Project Identification process.
10. **Project Status Report: Metropolitan Planning Organization Milestone Policy Round 2, Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 Project Tracking Update:** Cody Derrick provided a status report on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 and FY2026 Project Tracking, and Milestone Policy Round 2 projects.
11. **Senate Bill 1555 – Texas Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Program:** Savannah Briscoe provided a brief overview of the Texas Off-System Rail Grade Separation

State Fund Program established to provide financial assistance to eligible state government entities for rail grade separation projects that improve public safety, support economic development, and reduce traffic congestion.

12. **Fast Facts**: These items were not presented due to time constraints:

1. Jesse Brown – Auto Occupancy/High Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Subsidy Report
2. Daniela Tower – 2025 Ozone Season Update
3. Irlenia Hermosillo – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight
4. Savana Nance – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
5. Irlenia Hermosillo – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
6. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports
 - August - September Public Comments Report
 - November Public Meeting Notice

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

14. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for ***1:30 pm on December 5, 2025, in the NCTCOG offices.***

Meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.