

## **AGENDA**

### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

**Friday, July 25, 2025**

**North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda**

**1:30 – 1:35**

**1. Approval of June 27, 2025, Minutes**

☒ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☐ Information      Minutes: 5

Presenter: Brian Shewski, STTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the June 27, 2025, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 1 will be requested.

Background: N/A

**1:35 – 1:40**

**2. Consent Agenda**

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**2.1. Air Quality Funding Recommendations Related to the Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program**

Presenter: Jason Brown, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request 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 (CFP) utilizing Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funds.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments opened the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 CFP through an EPA National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program award. The CFP award grants fund replacements of on-road diesel vehicles and engines, nonroad diesel equipment, diesel transport refrigeration unit trailers, diesel drayage trucks, locomotive engines, and locomotive shore power installation in North Central Texas. Two applications were received by the CFP deadline of June 13, 2025: Dallas Fort Worth International Airport for one all-electric class 8 shuttle bus, and Delta Air Lines for 10 all-electric non-road ground support equipment items. Electronic Item 2.1.1 provides an overview of the Call for Projects and staff recommendations. Electronic Item 2.1.2 provides detailed project listings. This initiative is an extension of clean vehicle efforts listed as Weight-of-Evidence in the current State Implementation Plan.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

## **2.2. Federal Functional Classification System Amendments**

Presenter: Brian Flood, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of 14 amendments to the currently approved Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS).

Background: While inclusion in the FFCS is based on a roadway's purpose and functioning capabilities, it is also used to determine eligibility for federal funding. Amendments to the FFCS occur as the function of an existing roadway changes, or as roadways need to be added due to construction, new developments, and shifts in demographic trends. Staff is currently working with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on 14 proposed FFCS amendments within the Dallas and Fort Worth TxDOT districts. These amendments involve the construction of new roadways and improvement of existing roadways resulting from a project development process involving North Central Texas Council of Governments staff, local governments, and external partners. Maps and tables detailing the proposed functional class changes are included in Electronic Item 2.2. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee will be asked to recommend these amendments for RTC consideration at its August 2025 meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

## **2.3. Funding for McKinney Amphitheater Transportation Improvements**

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for the 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 will be requested.

Background: A 20,000-seat music amphitheater is being constructed in the City of McKinney and is scheduled to open in 2026. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) was approached by the City of McKinney about possible funding for improvements to facilitate access into and out of the venue. After reviewing the requests, NCTCOG staff is recommending funding for selected roadway, bicycle/pedestrian, and technology

improvements near the site. Electronic Item 2.3 contains additional details on the proposed improvements and funding.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Bike/Ped+, Roadway

**1:40 – 1:50**

**3. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program – Fiscal Year 2026-2028 Goal Update**

☒ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☐ Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Emily Beckham, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide 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. A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval will be requested.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is required by the Federal Transit Administration to revisit its DBE Participation Goal every three years. The current DBE Participation Goal is valid until September 30, 2025. Staff is monitoring the latest developments at the federal level, including the Mid-America Milling Company Case in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. Staff have developed proposed goals for the next three years based on federal requirements as of the development of the agenda. The public comment period will be completed on August 12, 2025. Electronic Item 3 includes additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

**1:50 – 2:00**

**4. 2026 Unified Transportation Program and Regional 10-Year Plan Update**

☒ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☐ Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Committee will be briefed on Category 12 funds proposed for approval by the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) and a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council action on the proposed changes for the Regional 10-Year Plan Update will be requested.

Background: Since December 2016, the Regional Transportation Council has annually approved a set of projects funded with Category 2 (Metropolitan Planning Organization selected) and Category 4 (Texas Department of Transportation [TxDOT] District selected) funds and submitted for TTC consideration with Category 12 (TTC selected) funds that cover 10 years of highway projects. Since the last update in 2024, North Central Texas Council of Governments staff has coordinated with the

TxDOT Dallas, Paris (Hunt County), and Fort Worth districts regarding updates to previously approved projects, as well as potential additions to the 10-Year Plan to be included in the 2026 Unified Transportation Program. Electronic Item 4.1 includes additional information about the process. Electronic Item 4.2 contains the proposed list of planned projects for the Regional 10-Year Plan. Electronic Item 4.3 contains the 10-Year Plan projects that have let or been completed.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

**2:00 – 2:10**

**5. Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items**

☐ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☒ Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: An overview of current transportation items will be provided.

Background: Efforts continue to advance transportation in the region. Staff will highlight the following:

1. Regional Transportation Council Did Not Approve: Transit 2.0 Next Steps, Policy 25-01, and Proposed Funding (Electronic Item 5.1)
2. Transit 2.0 Next Steps: Receipt of Transit 2.0 Report: Creation of Regional Transportation Council Subcommittee and Focus on Transit Vision ([NCTCOG - Regional Transit 2.0](#))
3. Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Agreement Extension (Electronic Item 5.2)
4. Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 House Appropriation Bill – High-Speed Rail Funding

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

**2:10 – 2:20**

**6. Updates Regarding Metropolitan Planning Organization-Selected Funding and Texas Department of Transportation Cost Overrun Funds**

☐ Action      ☐ Possible Action      ☒ Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Committee on the latest updates about Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)-selected funding categories and Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Change Order and Cost Overrun (COCO) funds received for regional projects.

Background: In January 2024, the Texas Transportation Commission approved a rule change that updated allocation practices and limited carryover funding on certain MPO-selected categories, including Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), and Category 2 - Metro Corridor funding.

A result of this rule change was clarification that TxDOT Districts must provide concurrence for all CMAQ projects going forward. TxDOT has also requested that a larger share of CMAQ funds be allocated to projects on the State Highway System. As part of the draft 2026 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), TxDOT is proposing that CMAQ allocations be reduced and flexed to non-MPO (Statewide) funding categories starting in Fiscal Year 2029. Staff will provide a status of CMAQ funding allocations, along with carryover balances for all MPO-selected categories. In addition, the United States Department of Transportation reallocated unobligated funds from the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program to both the STBG and Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside programs, which will be discussed. Also, TxDOT created the COCO program in which Districts can request funding from a TxDOT committee for cost overruns. This process considers the amount of funds contributed to each project by the region. A summary of COCO funds received, and regional funds committed as a result of this process will be provided. Finally, funding shortfalls in earlier years of the UTP are creating the need to “level lettings” and slow down engineering and right-of-way acquisition expenditures, which have resulting project schedule impacts, which will be discussed. Electronic Item 6 contains additional details on these topics.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Air Quality

2:20 – 2:30

7. **Electric Vehicle Charging Grant – Communication to Relevant Departments Within Cities, Counties, School Districts, Universities, and Other Government Agencies**

☐ Action                      ☐ Possible Action                      ☒ Information                      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Joslyn Billings, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information on the North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects maximizing project submittals.

Background: At the July 2025 Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting, the RTC approved the North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects recommended by the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) in June 2025. Key departments who are most relevant for this opportunity to include those who own property, especially public-facing departments such as libraries, parks, recreations centers, planning and development services, and city halls. Other government communication is needed as well. STTC members are asked to forward information about this opportunity to those departments to ensure a robust number of

quality applications for this program. More details are available in Electronic Item 7 and [www.nctcog.org/EVcharginggrant](http://www.nctcog.org/EVcharginggrant).

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

**2:30 – 2:40**

**8. Fast Facts**

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Item Summary: Brief staff presentations will be provided. Please reference the material provided for each of the following topics.

1. *Kyle Hoener* – Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure County Government Workshop (Electronic Item 8.1)
2. *Camille Fountain* – Summer 2025 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement – August 12, 2025 (Electronic Item 8.2)
3. *Jesse Brown* – High Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Report (Electronic Item 8.3)
4. *Analisa Garcia* – Update: Air Quality Handbook (<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air>)
5. *Chris Klaus* – North Central Texas Council of Governments Comments to Texas Commission of Environmental Quality Section 185 Failures to Attain Fee Proposal (Electronic Item 8.4)
6. *Daniela Tower* – 2025 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 8.5)
7. *Juliana Vandenberg* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities ([www.nctcog.org/AQfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/AQfunding))
8. *Juliana Vandenberg* – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
9. Written Progress Reports:
  - Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 8.6)
  - June Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 8.7)
  - May–June Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 8.8)
  - August Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 8.9)
9. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
10. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on August 22, 2025**.