

## AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council  
Thursday, February 12, 2026  
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**10:30 am - 12:15 pm      RTC Workshop on Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: City Requests Impacting Dallas Area Rapid Transit (Livestreamed)**

**1:00 pm      Full RTC Business Agenda  
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)**

**Pledge to the United States and Texas Flags**

**1:00 – 1:10      1.      Opportunity for Public Comment on Today's Agenda**

Information      Minutes: 10

Item Summary: Members of the public may comment on any item(s) on today's agenda at this time. If speaking, please complete a Speaker Request Card available at the meeting and provide it to the North Central Texas Council of Governments designated staff person. A maximum of three (3) minutes is permitted per speaker. At the conclusion of this item, no further opportunities for public comment will be provided for the duration of the meeting.

Background: N/A

**1:10 – 1:15      2.      Approval of January 8, 2026, Minutes**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

Presenter: Rick Bailey, RTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the January 8, 2026, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 2 will be requested.

Background: N/A

**1:15 – 1:20      3.      Consent Agenda**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

**3.1.      Endorsement to Receive Rider 7 PM<sub>2.5</sub> Planning Funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and Approval to Use Funds for PM<sub>2.5</sub>-Related Regional Air Quality Activities**

Presenter: Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff requests endorsement to receive Rider 7 Local Air Quality Planning Grant – fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the Fiscal

Year (FY) 2026-2027 biennium to conduct local air quality planning and authorization to enter into agreements with subrecipients to assist with work to be carried out.

**Background:**

The TCEQ administers funds for local air quality planning activities under Rider 7 of the agency's legislative appropriation for affected counties that are not designated "nonattainment" for federal particulate matter standards. This funding can be used to inventory PM<sub>2.5</sub>-related emissions, monitor PM<sub>2.5</sub>-related pollution levels, PM<sub>2.5</sub>-related air quality modeling, regional air quality planning activities, and to cover administrative costs to assist with remaining in attainment of these standards. Eligible counties in the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) area include 13 counties, namely Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise counties. Of the regulatory PM<sub>2.5</sub> monitoring sites in North Central Texas, those around the City of Fort Worth and City of Dallas downtowns are recording elevated PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels. Thus, during the FY 2024-2025 biennium, additional monitoring work was initiated in Dallas, Ellis, and Tarrant counties to understand the occurrence of elevated PM<sub>2.5</sub> levels in the downtown areas. Anticipated activities to be conducted during FY 2026-2027 include continuation of existing air quality monitoring, extension of monitoring activities in the northern part of the region and modeling of emissions. Staff will seek approval to enter into contracts with Kevin Overton and the Texas A&M Transportation Institute to assist in carrying out this work, and request approval to initiate a competitive request for proposals (RFP) to conduct PM<sub>2.5</sub>-emissions modeling in eligible counties within the NCTCOG area. Following results of the RFP, RTC approval will be requested at a future date to subaward. More details can be found in Electronic Item 3.1.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

**3.2. Approval to Receive Rider 7 Ozone Planning Funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and to Use Funds for Ozone-Related Regional Air Quality Activities**

Presenter: Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff requests approval to receive Rider 7 Local Air Quality Planning Grant - Ozone program funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027 biennium to conduct local air quality planning and enter into agreements with the City of Granbury to assist with work to be carried out.

Background: The TCEQ administers funds for local air quality planning activities under Rider 7 of the agency's legislative appropriation for affected counties that are not designated "nonattainment" for federal ozone standards. This funding can be used to inventory ozone-related emissions, monitor ozone-related pollution levels, ozone related air quality modeling, regional air quality planning activities, and to cover administrative costs to assist with remaining in attainment of these standards. In previous biennium's, work was conducted in Hood and Hunt counties which currently have design values of 75 and 67 parts per billion, respectively. With Hunt County's attainment values holding steadily below required levels, the focus on Hood County will continue. Anticipated activities to be conducted during FY 2026-2027 include continuation of air quality monitoring and update of an existing 2015 conceptual model in Hood County. More details can be found in Electronic Item 3.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

**1:20 – 1:35 4. Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Dallas Area Rapid Transit Employees, Dee Leggett and Anthony Fuller, Are Leaving the Agency
2. Anticipated Workshop on Texas, Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Fiscal Agent Agreements: March or April 2026 (Ken Kirkpatrick, Texas Department of

Transportation to be Invited, and Executive Board Orientation from Michael Morris)

3. Arlington's Request to Explore Technology-Based Transit Authority (Electronic Item 4.1)
4. Changing Mobility: Data, Insights, and Delivering Innovative Projects During COVID Recovery (Electronic Item 4.2)
5. Amanda Wilson's Service Recognition on the AMPO Policy Committee in 2025 (Electronic Item 4.3)
6. Michael Morris is the ENR Texas and Louisiana's 2026 Legacy Award Winner (Electronic Item 4.4)
7. Future Discussion on Rockwall County/Partnership Program
8. Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriations Update and Fédération Internationale de Football Association Funding (Electronic Item 4.5)
9. Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Development Credit Annual Report (Electronic Item 4.6)
10. 2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program Development
11. Mobility Assistance Patrol Program (Electronic Item 4.7)
12. Engine Off North Texas Status Report (Electronic Item 4.8)
13. Status Update on 2025 Transportation Conformity
14. Quarterly High Occupancy Vehicle Carma Subsidy Report (Electronic Item 4.9)
15. Air Quality Funding Opportunities ([www.nctcog.org/aqfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding))
16. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events ([www.dfwcleancities.org/events](http://www.dfwcleancities.org/events))
17. December-January Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.10)
18. February Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.11)
19. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.12)
20. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.13)
21. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.14)

**1:35 – 1:45 5. Fiscal Year 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development Grant and Texas Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Programs**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to submit projects in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development

(BUILD) Grant Program. Applications are due to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) by February 24, 2026. RTC approval will also be requested for \$30 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG)/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program funding to support the Bonds Ranch Road Segment #2 project recently submitted by Tarrant County for the Texas Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Program.

Background: In November 2025, USDOT announced the solicitation of project applications for the \$1.5 billion FY2026 BUILD Grant Program. With scope, cost, and funding information outlined in Electronic Item 5, the North Central Texas Council of Governments will submit FY2026 BUILD Grant applications for the United States (US) 287/Prairie Ridge project; State Highway 183/Pumphrey Drive Bettering Access, Safety, and Efficiency Project; and the Farm-to-Market 917/Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Grade Separation Project. Additional details and application requirements for the FY2026 BUILD Grant Program can be accessed via the Notice of Funding Opportunity at:

<https://www.transportation.gov/BUILDgrants/NOFO>.

During the same month, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) announced the solicitation of projects for the Texas Off-System Rail Grade Separation State Fund Program, made possible via \$250 million authorized through Senate Bill 1555. Tarrant County was selected to prepare a Detailed Application for the Bonds Ranch Road/Union Pacific Railroad/BNSF/Business US 287 Grade Separation (Segment #2) project, which was submitted to TxDOT on January 19, 2026. As part of this application, Tarrant County is requesting the RTC reaffirm previously approved \$20 million in STBG/CMAQ funding and \$9 million in Regional Toll Revenue funding contingent on a Federal Railroad Administration grant application that was not selected for award. Tarrant County is requesting an additional \$10 million in STBG/CMAQ funding, for a total RTC commitment of \$30 million, to leverage other State, local, and private funds devoted to the proposed grade separation.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

**1:45 – 1:55 6. Proposed Traffic Signal Program Funding**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present the proposed traffic signal funding program based on the recently approved Regional Transportation Council (RTC) traffic signal improvement types and associated funding categories.

Background: The RTC approved the traffic signal improvement types and associated funding categories in November 2025. There continues to be a need to implement, operate and maintain traffic signals within the region and this program will set aside funding to support the ongoing requests from local agencies. This effort will seek input from the Surface Transportation Technical Committee and RTC to support the identified funding allocation by categories through 2030. The presentation will describe the funding categories, outline the estimated funding need, and propose funding allocation by category based on previous action. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 6.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety

**1:55 – 2:10 7. Status Report on Executive Board Items**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15

Presenters: Michael Morris and Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on communication and coordination between the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board including a summary of Executive Board action on items previously approved by the RTC and proposed for implementation by NCTCOG.

Background: Below is a summary of recent Executive Board items impacting the RTC:

- Item 14: Status Report on the Regional Transportation Council Partnership Letter and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Planning Agreement Roles and Responsibilities. MPO Designation Agreement is provided in Electronic Item 7.1. MPO Planning Agreement is provided in Electronic Item 7.2. The presentation from the Executive Board meeting is provided in Electronic Item 7.3.

- Item 19: Resolution Authorizing Agreements with Subrecipients of the North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects (Approved)
- Item 20: Resolution Approving Submittal of Fiscal Year 2024-2025 National Railroad Partnership Program Applications to the Federal Railroad Administration (Approved)
- Item 21: Resolution Authorizing a Contract with HNTB Corporation to Conduct a Feasibility Study for the Extension of the McKinney Avenue Transit Authority M-Line Trolley (Approved)
- Item 22: Resolution Approving North Central Texas Council of Governments General Counsel to Conduct Legal Review and Authorizing Funding for External Legal Assistance for Regional Transportation Council Support (Tabled)
- Item 24: Possible Consideration to Take from Table Item 15 of the October 23, 2025, and Resolution Authorizing a Contract with HNTB Corporation to Complete Step 1 of the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development Program for the Fort Worth to Houston High-Speed Rail Corridor (Approved; please see City of Dallas Resolution as Electronic Item 7.4)

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

**2:10 – 3:00 8. Regional Transportation Council Action on Scenario 1 and Scenario 2: City Requests Impacting Dallas Area Rapid Transit: Action from Workshop**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 50

Presenter: Michael Morris and NCTCOG Team

Item Summary: Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) cities that are thinking about withdrawing from DART have requested action from the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) in order to have the latest information for their entities to make a final decision by February 23, 2026. Actions related to Scenario 1 pertain to cities opting out of DART. Actions related to Scenario 2 are partnership opportunities resulting in cities not withdrawing from DART.

Background: Staff is going to recommend assistance to the DART cities if they elect to withdraw and staff is also going to recommend assistance if the cities opt to remain in DART. Materials related to this overall issue is contained in Electronic Item 8.1. Proposed action related to

Scenario 1 is contained in Electronic Item 8.2. Proposed action related to Scenario 2 is contained in Electronic Item 8.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Transit

9. **Progress Reports**

Action     Possible Action     Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 9.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 9.2)

10. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

11. **Future Agenda Items**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.

12. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council will be held at **1:00 pm, Thursday, March 12, 2026**.