

MINUTES

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, February 28, 2025

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, February 28, 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, Melissa Baker, Kathleen Bednart (representing Gary Graham), Nathan Benditz (representing Daniel Vedral), David Boski, Shon Brooks, Tanya Brooks, Daniel Burnham, Farhan Butt, Brenda Callaway, Travis Campbell, Aaron Cedar, Tara Crawford, Clarence Daugherty, Chad Davis, Arturo Del Castillo, Taylor Derden, Pritam Deshmukh, Becky Diviney, Chris Flanagan, Ann Foss (representing Jana Wentzel), Austin Frith, Ricardo Gonzalez, Scott Hall, Tom Hammons, Craig Hancock, Ron Hartline, Barry Heard, Duane Hengst, Daniel Herrig (representing Mark Nelson), Matthew Hotelling, John D. Hudspeth, Jeremy Hutt, Thuan Huynh, Joseph Jackson, Joel James, William Janney, Major L. Jones, Gus Khankarli, Eron Linn, Clay Lipscomb, Paul Luedtke, Stanford Lynch, Chad Marbut, Alberto Mares, Than Nguyen (representing Tim Porter), Jim O'Connor, Alfredo Ortiz, Cintia Ortiz, John Polster, Kelly Porter, Cori Reaume (representing Caroline Waggoner), Greg Royster, David Salmon, Joe Schweitzer, Brian Shewski, Ray Silva-Reyes, Chelsea St. Louis, Aaron Tainter, Errick Thompson, Jennifer VanderLaan, and Robert Woodbury.

Others present at the meeting were: James Allen, Carli Baylor, Kenny Bergstrom, Bryan Cabrera, Dina Colarossi, Zhen Ding, Kevin Feldt, Analisa Garcia, Bobby Gomez, Rebekah Gongora, Chris Hartke, Jeff Hathcock, Chris Hoff, Gabrielle Hoskins, Amy Johnson, Mike Johnson, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, Dan Lamers, Jacob Linig, Nancy Luong, Dillon Maroney, Malcolm Mayhew, Michael Morris, Savannah Nance, Jenny Narvaez, Dylan Niles, Joy Olatunde, Prashant Pachore, Donald Parker, Tim Palermo, Autumn Permenter, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Sid Sonck, Brandon Sparkman, Toni Stehling, Juliana VandenBorn, Lizzie Welch, Brendon Wheeler, Amanda Wilson, Brian Wilson, and Hannah Witcher.

1. **Approval of January 24, 2025, Minutes:** The minutes of the January 24, 2025, meeting were approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Jim O'Connor (M); John Polster (S). The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 2.1. **Endorsement of Regional Transportation Council Local Backstop Funding for Small Transit Operators:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval was requested to utilize RTC Local funds in an amount not to exceed \$200,000. This is a financial backstop pending execution of federal grants and anticipated to be returned.
 - 2.2. **May 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was requested, along with the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes.
 - 2.3. **Pavement and Bridge Condition and System Performance, Freight, and Air Quality: PM2/PM3 Performance Measure Targets:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval was requested to reaffirm existing targets for the remainder of the current reporting period for two groups of federally required

performance measures: Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM2) and System Performance and Freight (PM3).

A motion was made to approve Items 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 on the Consent Agenda. Eron Linn (M); Kelly Porter (S). The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. 2025 Strategic Transportation Funding Program:** Brian Dell presented a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the 2025 Strategic Transportation Funding Program.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of proposed 2025 Strategic Transportation Funding Program project listings; along with amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the project funding. John Polster (M); Kelly Porter (S). The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Regional Transit Partnerships and Federal Discretionary Grant Funding Update:** Savannah Briscoe provided an update on Regional Transit Partnerships within the region and the Federal Discretionary Grant Funding awarded in 2020. In addition, Savannah requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of additional federal funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant projects, Victory Station Pedestrian Crossing, Trinity Railway Express (TRE) Signal Improvements and Silver Line Construction. The action also included a request to administratively amend the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and State Transportation Improvement Programs, as well as other planning and administrative documents for the FY2020 North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety (NT MOVES) BUILD Grant double-tracking projects and Regional Transit Partnership Projects.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the allocation of federal funds for: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant cost overruns on the east and west segments - \$21.7 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds (STBG); Accommodating future reconstruction of Interstate Highway 35 East/Stemmons at Trinity Railway Express (TRE) - \$17 million in Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds; Victory Station Pedestrian Crossing upgrades - \$6.8 million in STBG Program funds, Silver Line improvements - \$5.6 million in STBG Program funds; TRE track and signal improvements - \$2.5 million in CRP funds; and to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide TIP (STIP), as well as other planning and administrative documents for the Fiscal Year 2020 North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety BUILD Grant double tracking projects and Regional Transit Partnership projects. Tanya Brooks (M); Kelly Porter (S). The motion passed unanimously.

- 5. Local Funding for On-Demand Transit Services in the Southern Dallas Inland Port:** Gypsy Gavia requested Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to utilize up to \$750,000 in Regional Toll Revenue funds to match STAR Transit's existing \$750,000 in Section 5307 Urbanized Area Program funds for service operations in the Southern Dallas Inland Port area.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to utilize up to \$750,000 in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds to match existing Section 5307 Urbanized Area Program funds for operating costs related to on-demand service in the cities

of DeSoto, Lancaster, Hutchins, and Wilmer; and to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other planning/administrative documents as appropriate to incorporate this project. Rifat Alam (M); Alfredo Ortiz (S). The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** Michael Morris briefed the Committee on the following topics as listed on the agenda:
 1. March and April Surface Transportation Technical Committee Meeting will be Virtual
 2. Recognition of John Hudspeth, Deputy District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, Dallas District
 3. Changing Mobility: Data, Insights, and Delivering Innovative Projects During COVID Recovery – Transit Data Update ([Electronic Item 6.1](#))
 4. Staff Work on Awarded Discretionary Grants, Federal Agencies, Federal Courts, and Presidential Executive Orders
 5. North Texas Center for Mobility Technologies – Private 5G Testbed and Laboratory Supporting Advanced Mobility Research and Product Development ([Electronic Item 6.2](#))
 6. Support for Transportation Authority Funding is Out of the Legislative Program Starting in March 2025

7. **Federal and State Legislative Update:** Jackie Nolasco provided an update on federal and State legislative actions related to transportation and air quality issues affecting the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

8. **Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition Update:** Juliana VandenBorn provided updates on Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition (DFWCC) initiatives including re-designation approval from the United States Department of Energy (DOE), the 2024 DFWCC Fleet Recognition awardees, and the release of the 2024 DFWCC Annual Survey.

9. **Fast Facts:** Staff provided brief presentations on Items 1 through 4 below:
 1. Chris Klaus – Correspondence with Texas Commission of Environmental Quality
 2. Hannah Thesing – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight
 3. Hannah Thesing – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcoq.org/AQfunding)
 4. Hannah Thesing – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
 5. Written Progress Reports: Partner Progress Reports, January Public Meeting Minutes, December – January Public Comments Report, March Public Meeting Notice.

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

11. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled virtually for **1:30 pm on March 28, 2025.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.