

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — September 25, 2025

Transportation Council Room | 616 Six Flags Drive | Arlington, Texas

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting was conducted as a videoconference meeting that was live broadcast at <https://nctcog.swagit.com/live>. The presiding officer, President Johnson, was present at the physical location, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas, which was open to the public during all open portions of the meeting.

President Johnson called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 1:00 pm on September 25, 2025. Todd Little took attendance and determined that a quorum was physically present.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Victoria Johnson | 9. Rick Horne |
| 2. Jennifer Justice (V) | 10. Gary Hulsey |
| 3. Brandon J. Huckabee | 11. Clay Jenkins |
| 4. Chris Hill | 12. Cara Mendelsohn |
| 5. Christopher Boedeker | 13. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 6. David Bristol | 14. Tim O'Hare |
| 7. Carlos Flores | 15. Kameron Raburn |
| 8. Bowie Hogg | |

Members of the Board Absent:

1. T.J. Gilmore
2. Mitch Little

Members of the Staff Present:

Todd Little, Monte Mercer, Susan Alvarez, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Maribel Martinez, Randy Richardson, Christy Williams, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Tom McLain, Lisa Sack, Carmen Morones, Natalie Bettger, Jennifer Oliver, April Leger, Emily Beckham, Dan Lemers, Chris Klaus, Kelly Schmidt, Prit Patel, Donna Coggeshall, Cody Derrick, Jessie Shadowens-James, Rodger Mann, Gypsy Gavia, Katherine Cadena, Lori Clark, Amanda Wilson, Berrien Barks, Nathan Droed

Visitors Present:

Rob Barthen | GrantWorks, Lauren Trimble | Dallas County

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

President Johnson opened the meeting for public comment and asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak. There being no one, she proceeded with the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Items 1 - 23 were posted on the agenda as Consent Items.

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

Item 2 Resolution Authorizing FY2026 Purchase of Computer Hardware, Software, and Information Technology Contract Services for the Agency

Board authorization was requested to approve the FY2026 Information Technology Infrastructure and Services Purchase Plan totaling \$4,715,000. The plan covers the purchase of computer hardware, software, and related services, based on input from all NCTCOG departments. It reflects projected Information Technology needs over the next 12 to 36 months, including enterprise licensing and maintenance costs, as well as support for anticipated departmental projects.

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Artificial Intelligence (AI) Language Translation, Transcription, and Quality Control Services

Board authorization was requested to enter contractual agreements between NCTCOG and Compunnel Software Group, Inc., Convey911, GovWorx, Inc., Invictus Apps Inc., dba Prepared, and Northland and Companies, dba Northland Business Systems, for Artificial Intelligence (AI) Language Translation, Transcription, and Quality Control Services for the service categories detailed in Attachment 1, for maximum five (5) year terms. The contracts will be available through the TXShare cooperative purchasing program.

Attachment 1

Responder	Service Categories			
	Artificial Intelligence (AI) Language Translation for 9-1-1	Artificial Intelligence (AI) Language Transcription for 9-1-1	Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Quality Control for 9-1-1	Any additional 911 AI services not explicitly referenced in the RFP
Compunnel Software Group, Inc.	X	X	X	X
Convey911	X	X		X
GovWorx, Inc.	X	X	X	X
Invictus Apps Inc, dba Prepared	X	X	X	X
Northland and Companies, dba Northland Business Systems	X	X	X	X

Item 4 Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Vehicle Wrapping, Decals, and Related Signage Services

Board authorization was requested to enter into a contractual agreement between NCTCOG and Turbo Images Corp. for Vehicle Wrapping, Decals, and Related Signage Services, for a term not to exceed five years. The purpose of the agreement is to secure the services of one or more qualified firms capable of providing any or all of the service categories: Vehicle Wraps, Window Graphics, Custom Exhibit and Display Signage, Decals, and other ancillary goods or services. The contract will be available through the TXShare cooperative purchasing program.

Item 5

Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Artificial Intelligence (AI) Based Building and Plan Review Software

Board authorization was requested to enter into contractual agreements between NCTCOG and Archistar Inc., CodeComply.AI, ComplyAI, Inc. dba CivCheck, and Symbium Corp., for Artificial Intelligence (AI) Based Building and Plan Review Software for the Service Categories detailed in Attachment 1, for maximum five (5) year terms. The contracts will be available through the TXShare cooperative purchasing program.

Attachment 1

Responder	Service Categories	
	Artificial Intelligence (AI) Based Building and Plan Review Software	Other Ancillary Goods or Services
Archistar Inc.	X	
CodeComply.AI	X	X
ComplyAI, Inc. dba CivCheck	X	
Symbium Corp.	X	X

Item 6

Resolution Authorizing a Personal Services Agreement with Diane Palmer-Boeck for TXShare Consultation and Program Assistance

Board authorization was requested to enter into a personal services agreement between NCTCOG and Diane Palmer-Boeck for consultation and program assistance related to TXShare. The agreement will be for a term not to exceed two (2) years and a total amount not to exceed \$150,000. Ms. Palmer-Boeck brings over 30 years of leadership in public procurement, most recently serving as Director of Procurement and Project Management for the City of Plano. Her oversight included purchasing, inventory control, warehouse operations, project and construction management, and fleet services. Her extensive experience, regional connections, and national expertise have been instrumental in supporting and advancing the TXShare program.

Item 7

Resolution Endorsing the FY2026 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office

The Board reviewed and endorsed the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) between NCTCOG and the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office for the provision of Homeland Security and Criminal Justice services. The agreement, which includes two distinct Statements of Work (SOW), authorizes approximately \$50,000 for the management and administration of the FY2026 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP), and approximately \$218,472.09 for criminal justice planning and coordination activities, for a total of approximately \$270,000. The Emergency Preparedness Department will oversee HSGP deliverables, including technical assistance and support for local sub-grantees. The Criminal Justice Department will manage activities related to justice-related grant categories, including application processes and project development support. The performance period for the agreement is September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026.

Item 8

Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the FEMA GY2025 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) Grant Funds

Board authorization was requested for the acceptance of approximately \$2,000,000 in GY2025 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) funds (UASI and SHSP combined) to provide planning, equipment, training, and exercise assistance to local governments and first responders throughout the region. An additional \$45,000 will be received through an interlocal agreement with the City of Dallas and \$50,000 through an interlocal agreement with the Office of the Governor. The grant program is 100% federally funded with no local cost-share or match requirements.

Item 9

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement for the Receipt of Funding and Execution of a Contract with Carma Technology Corporation for Software Integration with the Texas Department of Transportation Managed Lane Toll System Upgrades

The Board reviewed and approved a request to authorize the receipt of approximately \$1,000,000 in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds and to execute a contract with Carma Technology Corporation for software integration related to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Managed Lane Toll System Upgrades. The total contract amount will not exceed \$1,250,000, which includes \$1,000,000 in RTR funds and \$250,000 in Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funds. This initiative supports the continued implementation of the RTC's Managed Lane policy, which provides a 50 percent toll discount for High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) users during peak travel periods. The project involves updates to the GoCarma system to ensure compatibility with TxDOT's upgraded tolling software, beginning with Interstate Highway 35 East and expanding to all TxDOT-operated managed lanes through 2027. The funding will cover both initial setup and ongoing gantry support through 2030. Carma Technology Corporation is the sole source provider capable of modifying its proprietary systems to meet these integration requirements.

Item 10

Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with STAR Transit for On-Demand Transit Service in the Southern Dallas Inland Port

Board authorization was requested to enter into an agreement with STAR Transit for the continued operation of dedicated transit vehicles and support services in the Southern Dallas Inland Port. The agreement will not exceed \$1.5 million, consisting of \$750,000 in Section 5307 Federal Transit Administration funds and \$750,000 in Regional Toll Revenue funds. This funding supports the ongoing microtransit service initiated in 2020 by the Inland Port Transportation Management Association (IPTMA), in partnership with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and STAR Transit, to connect the local workforce with employment opportunities. Although the region was awarded FY2021 RAISE grant funding, transit operations were deemed ineligible under that program. As a result, the Regional Transportation Council authorized new funding on March 13, 2025, to continue the same project with revised revenue sources.

Item 11

Resolution Authorizing Regional Transportation Council Local Funding for Land Use, Transit Station Development, and Active Transportation Initiatives

Board authorization was requested authorizing the use of \$400,000 in Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local transitional funding to support the RTC's Land Use/Transportation and Bike/Pedestrian Initiatives Program. Administered by the NCTCOG Transportation Department, this program funds staff planning and implementation activities for active transportation projects, including bicycle and school safety initiatives, transit-oriented development, parking strategies, and other efforts at the intersection of land use and transportation. With current funding nearing full expenditure and federal authorization for new funding pending, the RTC approved interim funding at its September 11, 2025, meeting to ensure continuity of priority initiatives.

Item 12

Resolution Authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Cleburne for Safety-Related Roadway Improvements to US 67 and Chisholm Trail Parkway

Board authorization was requested to enter an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Cleburne for roadway improvements near US 67 and Chisholm Trail Parkway, in an amount not to exceed \$2,362,000. The project supports improved access to a new Amazon facility currently under construction and addresses safety concerns related to the originally proposed signal placement. In collaboration with Johnson County, TxDOT, NTTA, NCTCOG, and Amazon, a revised permanent access solution was developed to better accommodate anticipated truck traffic. Of the total funding, \$362,000 in Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funding will be provided as a grant, and \$2,000,000 will be issued as a loan to the City of Cleburne, to be repaid at 2.4% interest over a term not to exceed ten years. The City and Amazon will jointly construct the improvement, and flexibility will be granted to the City of Cleburne in determining the timing of the initial loan repayment.

- Item 13 **Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Genesis Environmental Group, LLC to Conduct National Environmental Policy Act Assistance**
 Board authorization was requested to enter into a contract with Genesis Environmental Group, LLC to provide specialty National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) services in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. This contract supports the Community Noise Mitigation Program, funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation, which involves replacing windows and doors in school district buildings near Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth. While NCTCOG Transportation Department staff will conduct the majority of the environmental review, external expertise is required for hazardous materials and historical resources components. Genesis Environmental Group, LLC was selected through a competitive procurement process initiated under the General Services Administration Cooperative Purchasing Program. The firm will subcontract with Integrated Environmental Services for the historical resources portion of the work. This activity is included in the Unified Planning Work Program under Subtask 5.09 and is funded through Regional Transportation Council Local funds, serving as part of the local match for the DOD grant. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation for the project is anticipated to be 100 percent.
- Item 14 **Resolution Authorizing Grant Proposal to the State Energy Conservation Office Regional Energy Management Program**
 The Board reviewed and approved a request authorizing NCTCOG staff to apply for \$250,000 in grant funding from the Texas State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) for fiscal year 2026, to continue regional energy management initiatives. These efforts, jointly implemented by the Transportation and Environment & Development Departments, support energy efficiency, conservation, and sustainability strategies that improve air quality and grid reliability. The grant requires a 10% local match of \$25,000, which will be shared equally between the two departments. Due to federal reimbursement limitations on indirect and fringe costs, NCTCOG will contribute up to an additional \$120,000 in non-federal funds, bringing the total local contribution to \$145,000. Matching funds will be provided through the Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition, other locally funded programs, and Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funds, which were approved for use by the RTC in June 2025. The Executive Board authorized the application, acceptance, and use of funds as presented.
- Item 15 **Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Highland Economics to Support Upper Trinity River Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Project (TSI)**
 Board authorization was requested to enter into a contract with Highland Economics to provide environmental economic services in support of the Upper Trinity River Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) Project. The contract amount will not exceed \$172,750 and will be funded through the Texas Water Development Board. Highland Economics was selected through a competitive procurement process initiated by NCTCOG on June 13, 2025. The firm will develop cost-benefit tools and standard operating procedures to assist local governments in evaluating flood mitigation strategies. These analyses will support three infrastructure improvement projects identified through the TSI initiative and will be used to meet the economic analysis requirements of the Texas Water Fund application process.
- Item 16 **Appointments to Department of Environment and Development Advisory Committees**
 This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration.
- Item 17 **Appointment to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC)**
 Board approval was requested to appoint Henry Lessner of Collin County to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC) for a three-year term. The RAAC supports the North Central Texas Council of Governments, in its capacity as the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), representing the interests of older adults across the region. The committee is composed of 28 members, with two representatives from each of the 14 counties in the service area surrounding Dallas and Tarrant Counties.

Item 18

Appointment to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD)

Board approval was requested to appoint Matt Carlson, Director of Economic Development of the City of DeSoto, to the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) Board for a three-year term. The NCTEDD is the primary policy advisory board to the NCTCOG Executive Board in fulfilling the responsibilities as the North Central Texas' Regional Economic Development District (the District) in state planning Region IV (NCTCOG's 16-county area).

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Mendelsohn (seconded by Councilmember Hogg), the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda Items as posted with the exception of Item 16.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

Item 16

Appointments to Department of Environment and Development Advisory Committees

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Councilmember Justice.

Susan Alvarez, Director of Environment and Development, requested Board approval to appoint advisory Councils and Committees to four key entities: Public Works Council, Regional Codes Coordinating Committee, Resource Conservation Council, and the Water Resources Council.

Todd Little, Executive Director, noted a necessary correction to the Public Works Council, specifically addressing a misspelling related to the City of Richardson, which will be amended accordingly.

Exhibit: 2025-09-16-ED

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Mendelsohn (seconded by Councilmember Hogg), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the appointments as amended.

Item 19

Conduct a Public Hearing Regarding the Annual Fiscal Program for FY 2026 and Consider a Resolution to Approve and Adopt the Annual Fiscal Program

Randy Richardson, Director of Administration, reminded the Board that the Finance Committee had received a comprehensive presentation of the proposed FY 2026 Annual Budget at last month's meeting and that a summary briefing had also been provided to the full Board at that time. He then presented an overview of the revenue sources and expenditures associated with the proposed budget totaling \$404,616,096. President Johnson opened the public hearing; no comments or questions were received, and the hearing was subsequently closed. Ms. Mendelsohn, Chair of the Finance Committee, commended the staff for their thorough and knowledgeable work. The Board was requested to adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Program, which was approved as presented.

Exhibit: 2025-09-19-AA

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Mendelsohn (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 20

Resolution Authorizing Purchase and Placement of Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives in Fiscal Year 2026

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested board authorization to enter into agreements with various multimedia outlets for the purchase and placement of education campaigns initiated in Fiscal Year 2026 for Transportation Department Initiatives in an amount up to \$1,849,500, as reflected in the below attachment. These initiatives have been included in the FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which was approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and Executive Board.

Purchase and Placement of Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives for FY2026					
Program Name	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Match Source	Match Total	Total
Public Involvement	TPF/STBG/CMAQ/ EPA/RTR/RTC Local/FHWA/Private	\$ 160,300	TDCs/Local/ Private	26,500	\$ 160,500
Drive Aware North Texas (SAFETY)	STBG	\$ 300,000	TDCs	60,000	\$ 300,000
Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety (Look Out Texans) (SAFETY)	STBG	\$ 495,000	TDCs	99,000	\$ 495,000
Unmanned Aircraft Safety (SAFETY)	RTC Local	\$ 4,000	N/A	-	\$ 4,000
Congestion Management Program (CONGESTION RELIEF)	STBG	\$ 325,000	TDCs	65,000	\$ 325,000
2026 FIFA World Cup Partnership (CONGESTION RELIEF)	RTC Local	\$ 280,000	N/A	-	\$ 280,000
Car Care Awareness (AIR QUALITY)	STBG	\$ 40,000	TDCs	8,000	\$ 40,000
Ozone Season Emissions Reduction Campaign (Air North Texas) (AIR QUALITY)	CMAQ & STBG	\$ 205,000	TDCs	41,000	\$ 205,000
Flexible Funding*	STBG/CMAQ/ TPF/FTA/RTR/ LOCAL/RTC LOCAL/ FHWA	\$ 40,000	TDCs/TBD	8,000	\$ 40,000
OVERALL TOTAL		\$ 1,849,300		307,500	\$ 1,849,500

Exhibit: 2025-09-20-TR

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Mendelsohn (seconded by Judge Boedeker), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 21 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Citian, Inc. for a Predictive Crash Analysis Software Tool for the Regional Roadway Safety Program

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to enter a contract with Citian, Inc. to provide predictive crash analysis software in support of the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) safety initiative. The contract includes an initial two-year term of up to \$1,044,000, with two optional two-year renewals totaling approximately \$2,056,000, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$3,100,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds. The software will assist NCTCOG in proactively identifying crash risks at intersections and roadway segments across the region, incorporating predictive methods from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Highway Safety Manual and providing access to regional partner agencies. Citian, Inc. was selected through a competitive procurement process and has committed to a 7.1 percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal.

Exhibit: 2025-09-21-TR

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Flores (seconded by Mayor Hulsey), and unanimous vote of all members present, with Mayor Raburn abstaining, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 22 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. to Develop a Flooded Roads Information System

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to enter a contractual agreement with Dewberry Engineers, Inc. to develop a Flooded Roads Information System, not to exceed \$1,900,000. This system aims to enhance public safety by providing predictive flood warnings for roadways, improving upon the current reactive system. Funded through Surface Transportation Block Grant funds and Transportation Development Credits, the project followed a competitive RFP process beginning January 31, 2025. After reviewing ten proposals and conducting interviews, the Selection Committee recommended Dewberry Engineers, Inc., which committed to meeting a 10% Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation goal.

Exhibit: 2025-09-22-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge Boedeker (seconded by Councilmember Mendelsohn), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 23 Resolution Appointing Executive Board Member for the Collin County Vacant Seat

Todd Little, Executive Director, requested Executive Board approval to appoint Collin County Commissioner Darrell Hale to fill the vacant Collin County seat on the NCTCOG Executive Board. The appointment would extend through the conclusion of the 2026 NCTCOG General Assembly. The vacancy exists due to Collin County Judge Hill currently serving as Immediate Past President, a designated role that does not count toward entity representation. In accordance with NCTCOG Bylaws, the remaining Board members are authorized to appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term. A Collin County Commissioners Court Order dated September 8, 2025, supports the appointment.

Exhibit: 2025-09-23-EDO

Upon a Motion by Judge Hill (seconded by Councilmember Mendolsohn), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Item 24 Status Report on Step 1 of the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development Program for the Fort Worth to Houston High-Speed Rail Corridor

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, provided a status update on Step 1 of the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA) Corridor Identification and Development (Corridor ID) Program for the Fort Worth to Houston High-Speed Rail Corridor. NCTCOG successfully secured \$500,000 in FRA grant funding to complete Step 1, which will position the corridor for future funding through FRA's Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail. The Regional Transportation Council is pursuing two parallel planning efforts: the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) led National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for the Fort Worth to Dallas segment, and the FRA-led Corridor ID program for broader federal funding eligibility. Following a competitive RFP process, the Selection Committee recommended HNTB Corporation to lead Step 1 activities, which include preparing a scope, schedule, and budget for Step 2. No local match is required for Step 1. A pending amendment to the FRA grant agreement will extend the term to April 30, 2026. Upon execution, staff will return to the Executive Board with a recommendation to award HNTB a contract not to exceed \$400,000.

This was an informational item and did not require a vote.

Item 25 Executive Director's Report

Mr. Little presented the Executive Director's Report highlighting the agency's updated Remote Work Policy. Under this policy, staff will follow a four/one schedule—working four days in the office and one day remotely each week. He also informed the Board that, following a recent poll of its members, the consensus was to maintain the originally scheduled date for the November meeting, which will take place on November 20th.

This was an informational item and did not require a vote.

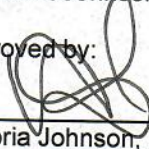
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Item 26 Attendance and Calendar

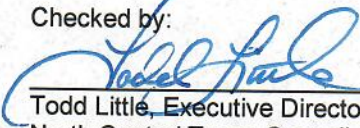
The Board was provided with a Calendar of meeting and a record of Attendance.

President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 1:46 pm.

Approved by:


Victoria Johnson, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

Checked by:


Todd Little, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments