

## AGENDA

### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, December 2, 2022 North Central Texas Council of Governments

**1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda  
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)**

**1:30 – 1:35**      1. **Approval of October 28, 2022, Minutes**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5  
Presenter:      Ceason G. Clemens, STTC Chair  
Item Summary: Approval of the October 28, 2022, meeting minutes contained  
in Electronic Item 1 will be requested.  
Background:      N/A

**1:35 – 1:40**      2. **Consent Agenda**  
 Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

2.1. **February 2023 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications**  
Presenter:      Rylea Roderick, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council  
(RTC) approval of revisions to the 2023-2026  
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be  
requested, along with the ability to amend the Unified  
Planning Work Program and other planning documents  
with TIP-related changes.  
Background:      February 2023 revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP are  
provided as Electronic Item 2.1.1 for the Committee's  
consideration. These modifications have been reviewed  
for consistency with the mobility plan, the air quality  
conformity determination, and financial constraint of the  
TIP. Also provided is Electronic Item 2.1.2, an  
Administrative Amendment processed through the  
November 2022 cycle.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2.2. **Regional Transportation Council Local Funds Requested as Match  
On Department Of Energy-Funded Projects**  
Presenter:      Lori Clark, NCTCOG  
Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation for Regional  
Transportation Council (RTC) approval to use RTC Local  
funds to satisfy match requirements for two Department  
of Energy (DOE) proposals and a State Energy  
Conservation Office (SECO) project.  
Background:      The North Central Texas Council of Governments  
(NCTCOG) has been asked to partner on six proposals  
competing for funding through the Department of  
Energy's Fiscal Year 2022 Vehicle Technologies Office  
Program Wide Funding Opportunity (DE-FOA-0002611).  
As a partner, NCTCOG would be a subrecipient for

funding. Two of the proposals require matching funds, totaling up to \$300,000 in match for up to \$300,000 in federal funds. RTC Local funds will be requested to satisfy these match requirements. NCTCOG stands to receive federal funds with no match requirement on the other four proposals. In addition, NCTCOG has been awarded \$200,000 in DOE funds by SECO to continue regional energy management work. This is a continuation of work completed collaboratively by the NCTCOG Transportation and Environment and Development departments which began four years ago. The award and resulting work will be split between the departments to further energy efficiency and renewable energy efforts in the region. The award of \$200,000 federal funds requires match of \$40,000. Both the award and match will be shared equally between departments. Up to \$20,000 RTC Local funds will be requested. More information is available in Electronic Item 2.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Transit

**2.3. Endorsement of Fiscal Year 2023 Education Campaigns For Transportation Initiatives: Phase One**

Presenter: Mindy Mize, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will seek the Committee's endorsement of the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) recommendation to the NCTCOG Executive Board for the approval of funding up to \$278,700 for Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives: Phase 1 that will initiate in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

Background: Since 2014, the NCTCOG Executive Board has been authorizing annual large-scale advertising purchase and placement initiatives for the Transportation Department. The first phase of education campaigns is for public involvement and support activities such as notifications of opportunities for public input/public meetings, and commuter education focused on congestion management. Efforts in the first phase will be funded in a combination of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds, Transportation Planning Funds, RTC Local Funds, and RTC Transportation Development Credits in lieu of cash match. Education campaigns will be developed in multiple languages and may be presented through out-of-home advertising, print, screen, online, audio, and social media mediums. This item was approved by the RTC on November 10, 2022, and NCTCOG Executive Board action will be requested on December 1, 2022. Electronic Item 2.3 provides more detail.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

**2.4. Endorsement of Traffic Signal Retiming in Tarrant County**

Presenter: Gregory Masota, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request endorsement of Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to receive approximately \$1,066,000 in funding from Tarrant County for traffic signal retiming along corridors in Tarrant County.

Background: Tarrant County has identified funding through its 2006 and 2021 Bond Programs and has approached the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to utilize this funding for traffic signal retiming along selected corridors in Tarrant County. NCTCOG has existing, active consultant contracts that may be used to develop and implement traffic signal retiming. The consultants will work with local jurisdictions and the Texas Department of Transportation to develop, review and implement signal timing. Tarrant County will provide approximately \$1,066,000 to fund the consultant work as well as NCTCOG staff time to administer the project. Additional information can be found in Electronic Item 2.4.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

**1:40 – 1:50**

**3. Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Call For Projects Funding Recommendations**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Daniel Snyder, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information regarding the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program, an overview of the applications received, and the evaluation process. A recommendation of projects to select for funding will also be provided and action requested.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments opened the Call for Projects for the Urbanized Area of the North Central Texas region on July 18, 2022, and applications were due on September 9, 2022. Projects eligible under this program include the construction of on-road and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, multi-modal connections to rail stations and schools, education activities promoting students to walk and bike to school, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure that will substantially improve safety. Project scoring was based on project eligibility and a methodology for project evaluation as previously approved by the Regional Transportation Council. Electronic Item 3.1 provides additional information. Electronic Item 3.2 reflects project evaluations and recommended funding awards.

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

1:50 – 2:00

4. **Regional Transportation Council And Dallas Area Rapid Transit Federal And Local Funding Partnership**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of a proposed federal/local partnership with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART).

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) needs a source of local funds to pay expenses for federal projects/programs prior to federal reimbursement. With the award of multiple federal discretionary grants to the region, the payment sizes have become significantly larger. In addition, NCTCOG would like to expand the pool of RTC Local funds to allow the RTC to expedite projects and programs. To address these needs, a federal/local funding partnership is being proposed between the RTC and DART. The partnership will assist DART with its recently approved arrangement to send approximately \$234 million back to member cities by allowing the higher of two payment amounts to be returned to each city. It costs \$19.674 million to pay the higher amount to each city and the proposal is for the RTC to cover these costs, while DART agrees to provide additional local funds to help with federal reimbursement issues and to increase the funds in the RTC Local pool. It also formalizes the funding exchange on two parking garage projects previously funded by the RTC. Additional details can be found in Electronic Item 4.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Transit

2:00 – 2:10

5. **Milestone Policy Update**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Cody Derrick, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval on the recommendations for two projects and provide the Committee with an update on the status of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Milestone Policy Round 2 projects that have not let for construction.

Background: The MPO Milestone Policy was adopted by the RTC to ensure that projects which have been funded for more than 10 years and have not gone to construction are being implemented in a timely manner. In February 2021, the RTC took action on the second round of the Milestone Policy, including a project tracking process and revised set of policy procedures. Staff coordinates with implementing agencies to assess project risk on all Milestone Policy projects until they go to construction. The responses are reviewed, and a rating is assigned to each project. Status updates on each project, along with their latest ratings, can be found in Electronic Item 5.1. Details on the

MPO Milestone Policy and the proposed action item can be found in Electronic Item 5.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

**2:10 – 2:20**

**6. Emergency Funding: Backstop Funding For Transit Cooperative Vehicle Procurement**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council ratification of emergency funding authorization for a temporary backstop for the Transit Cooperative Vehicle Procurement (CVP) to secure vehicle prices and avoid an additional price increase.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) previously approved Federal Transit Administration funding to design, manufacture, and deliver over 60 light-duty buses and small transit vehicles to support urban transportation services. On June 24, 2021, NCTCOG's Executive Board approved a contract with Creative Bus Sales, Inc. for the purchase of the transit vehicles. As staff began finalizing work orders for the vehicles, it was discovered that the funding was programmed incorrectly, which requires a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) modification before all work orders can be released. Staff is currently working through the needed TIP modifications and anticipate resolution in January 2023; however, Creative Bus Sales, Inc. notified NCTCOG in October 2022 of an additional price increase for work orders released after November 30, 2022. Due to ongoing supply chain issues resulting in previous price increases, any additional price increase will require NCTCOG to resolicit the procurement causing severe delays and an undue burden on all small transit providers. Staff will request a recommendation for RTC ratification of emergency funding authorization utilizing existing Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) and RTC Local funds in an amount not to exceed \$1.5 million as a temporary backstop to fund the Transit Cooperative Vehicle Procurement to prevent additional vehicle price increases and further vehicle delivery delays. Additional details are provided in Electronic Item 6.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

**2:20 – 2:35**

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

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15

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. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Awards: Dan Perge, P.E.; Tamelia Spillman; and Walter R. "Ray" Fisher III, P.E.
2. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) – Commissioner Ryan – Thank You Comments (<https://youtu.be/yCdQix5sUZw>)
3. Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) Clean Cities Annual Fleet Recognition Awards (Electronic Item 7.1)
4. Medal of Honor – Museum Partnership Program: Leadership Institute
5. Changing Mobility: Data, Insights, and Delivering Innovative Projects During COVID Recovery (Electronic Item 7.2)
6. Status of Conformity Determination – Potential Lapse Grace Period (Electronic Item 7.3)

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

**2:35 – 2:45**

**8. Revised Regional Transportation Council Bylaws**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present recent revisions to the Regional Transportation Council's Bylaws and Operating Procedures.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council approved revisions to its Bylaws and Operating Procedures at its November 10, 2022, meeting. Included in the updated Bylaws are the addition of 13 new cities over 5,000 in population; an additional seat for the City of Fort Worth which leads to a complete roster of 45 members; the addition of language related to county/city group member appointments, including mandatory rotation; clarification of teleconferencing, in person, and videoconferencing as they relate to voting; language that affirms that members of the Nominating Subcommittee are eligible to be nominated as officers; and language noting that the RTC will maintain public involvement procedures, including public comment rules and decorum requirements as part of the Public Participation Plan. Electronic Item 8.1 contains the revised Bylaws with strikethrough text identifying changes. Electronic Item 8.2 contains additional information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

**2:45 – 2:55**

**9. Walk To School Day Promotion 2022**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Shawn Conrad, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) 2022 Walk to School Day promotional efforts and the results of the events held at participating schools.

Background: Walk to School Day is a national event where students from across the nation walk to school on the same day. Students that walk or bike to school show up more alert and ready to

learn. This event spotlights the benefits of active transportation to school, as well as the importance of safety on our roadways for our communities. NCTCOG provided safety-related prizes and promotional items to schools to generate excitement and incentivize participation for numerous schools in the region. The Dallas-Fort Worth region accounted for over half of the registered Walk to School Day events in the State of Texas. Additional information is included in Electronic Item 9.

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

**2:55 – 3:05**

10. **Parking Management Resources**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Travis Liska, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will introduce available resources that can assist local governments with managing parking challenges and request feedback on future technical tools and information that is needed.

Background: Strategic management of new and existing parking can help improve transportation and land use outcomes. Excessive parking can undermine strategic transportation objectives and system performance. Additionally, a lack of consideration for parking management may result in excessive public spending on parking oversupply. Many tools and strategies can address more efficient management of existing and new parking facilities. NCTCOG's parking management program seeks to inform North Texas local governments on parking management. The program has developed several parking managements tools and resources for the region, including a parking management toolbox, best practices in district management, and curb management guide. These are available at [www.NCTCOG.org/Parking](http://www.NCTCOG.org/Parking). Other projects currently in development include a regional parking utilization study database and other technical assistance guides. Going forward NCTCOG staff would like input from local governments on priority regional parking management challenges and desired technical tools and guides. Electronic Item 10 contains additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Roadway

**3:05 – 3:15**

11. **End of 2022 Ozone Season**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a summary of the 2022 ozone season activity and other air quality updates for the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) region. The ozone season is from March 1 to November 30.

Background: The end of November concluded another ozone season for the DFW region. The region continues to work towards compliance for both the 2008 and 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Staff has been

tracking the exceedance days at each monitor and will provide a summary of the 2022 ozone season data for the North Central Texas 9- and 10-county nonattainment areas, compare against previous ozone seasons, and provide a snapshot for the 2023 ozone season. For further information see Electronic Item 11.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

3:15 – 3:30

12. **Fast Facts**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15

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

1. *Martin Bate* – Map Your Experience 2022 Insights  
([www.nctcog.org/mapyouexperience](http://www.nctcog.org/mapyouexperience))
2. *Martin Bate* - Certification of Emerging and Reliable Transportation Technology Program Update (Electronic Item 12.1)
3. Ezra Pratt – Upcoming Transit Studies Project Advisories Committee Meetings ([www.nctcog.org/transitstudies](http://www.nctcog.org/transitstudies))
4. *Amy Johnson* – Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle  
([www.nctcog.org/policybundle](http://www.nctcog.org/policybundle))
5. *Jared Wright* - Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles  
([www.nctcog.org/aqfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding))
6. *Jared Wright* – Comments Submitted on Proposed Buy America Waiver (Electronic Item 12.2)
7. *Savana Nance* – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events  
(<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
8. *Trey Pope* - Local Clean Air Project Spotlight (Electronic Item 12.3)
9. *Jackie Castillo* - October Online Input Opportunity Minutes (Electronic Item 12.4)
10. *Jackie Castillo* - December Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 12.5)
11. *Taylor Benjamin* - Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 12.6)
12. Written Progress Reports:
  - Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 12.7)

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

14. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on January 27, 2023.**