

## **MINUTES**

### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, April 25, 2025**

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) held a meeting on Friday, April 25, 2025, at 1:30 pm by videoconference. The Regional Transportation Council Bylaws and Operating Procedures establish that the Technical Committee approved membership in attendance at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for action to be taken, therefore individual attendance was not taken for committee members or other attendees.

1. **Approval of March 28, 2025, Minutes:** The minutes of the March 28, 2025, meeting were approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Jim O'Connor (M); Chad Marbut (S). The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
  - 2.1. **Air Quality Funding Recommendations Related to the Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of funding for the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 Call for Projects (CFP) utilizing Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funds was requested.
  - 2.2. **Endorsement of Funding Recommendations to Upgrade Existing Charging Stations:** Committee endorsement of funding recommendations for the North Texas Reliable Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project was requested.
  - 2.3. **Endorsement of High Occupancy Vehicle 2/3+ Subsidy Funding for North Tarrant Express Facility:** Committee endorsement of funding that was approved by the Regional Transportation Council on April 10, 2025, in the amount of \$1 million in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funding for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) 2/3+ Subsidy associated with the North Tarrant Express (NTE) corridor was requested.
  - 2.4. **Endorsement of Funding for Interstate Highway 30 Canyon Project Cost Overrun:** A recommendation for Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) endorsement of \$196,350,870 approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to cover a cost overrun at letting on the Interstate Highway (IH) 30 Canyon project, along with the ability to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and other planning and administrative documents as needed to incorporate the funding.

A motion was made to approve Items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4 on the Consent Agenda. Kelly Porter (M); Robert Woodbury (S). The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Safety Program - Strategic Selection of Safety Corridors:** Natalie Bettger presented a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the strategic selection of safety corridors to reduce speed and aggressive driving.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of the process, criteria, and schedule for the strategic selection of enforcement corridors, along with administratively amending the North Central Texas Council of Governments and State Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP / STIP), as well as other planning and administrative documents. Kelly Porter (M); Farhan Butt (S). The motion passed unanimously.

4. **2025 Title VI Program Updates:** Emily Beckham presented a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of updates to the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Title VI Program, including the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Policy Statement. An updated Title VI Program must be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration no later than May 31, 2025.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of Title VI/Nondiscrimination policy statement and updates to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Title VI Program. Freddie Ortiz (M); Kelly Porter (S). The motion passed unanimously.

5. **2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects Funding Recommendations for the North Central Texas Region:** Daniel Snyder provided information regarding the Transportation Alternatives Program, an overview of the applications received, and the evaluation process. A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval for projects to select for funding was provided and action requested.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the list of projects to fund through the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects, as provided and administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program/ Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (TIP/STIP) and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes. In addition, the following previously approved program rules were reiterated: project sponsors must execute an agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation within one year of the funding award by the RTC/inclusion in the TIP/STIP, and projects must advance to construction within three fiscal years of the funding award by the RTC or the funding may be reprogrammed. Mark Nelson (M); Robert Woodbury (S). The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** Michael Morris briefed the Committee on the following topics listed on the agenda:
  1. New North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Director, (soon to be former) Judge Todd Little, Ellis County
  2. No Proposed Regional Transportation Council Meeting in May
  3. May Surface Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Will Be Virtual as Well
  4. Department of Defense Reimbursement
  5. Progress on Federal Discretionary Grants

7. **Transit 2.0 Implementation, Dallas Area Rapid Transit Legislation and Mediation via Regional Transportation Council:** Michael Morris summarized the concluding steps of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) legislation process. Judge Clay Jenkins, RTC Chair and Dallas County Judge, led a mediation process with all parties resulting in two new DART resolutions. Some legislators wish for the mediation process to continue. In addition, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved a local bill instructing the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) RTC to propose a new regional transit institutional approach addressing Transit 2.0 results, member city concerns, new member city wishes, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) interests. Input from the North Texas Legislation delegation will be requested.

8. **Mobility 2050 and Conformity: Regional Transportation Council Adoption Process:** Amy Johnson and Jenny Narvaez provided information on the public comment period for Mobility 2050 that opened on April 7, 2025. As the mobility plan transitions from active development to a feedback stage, staff highlighted external factors that may have significant implications on plan recommendations and the air quality conformity determination

schedule. Staff also presented public comments received to date, along with a brief overview and preliminary results of the federally required air quality conformity analysis.

9. **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.
10. **Fast Facts:** Staff provided a brief presentation on each item below:
  1. *Jill Krauter* – Regional Bike Safety Action Plan ([publicinput.com/bikesafety](http://publicinput.com/bikesafety))
  2. *Daniela Tower* – 2025 Ozone Season Update
  3. *Juliana Vandenberg* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities ([www.nctcog.org/AQfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/AQfunding))
  4. *Juliana Vandenberg* – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
  5. Written Progress Reports: Partner Progress Reports, March Public Meeting Minutes, February – March Public Comments Report, May Public Meeting Notice were provided in the mailing.
11. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
12. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled to be held virtually at **1:30 pm on May 23, 2025.**