



North Central Texas Council of Governments

**Amendment #1 to the
FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program
for Regional Transportation Planning**

The Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning (UPWP) is required by federal and State transportation planning regulations and provides a summary of the transportation and related air quality planning tasks to be conducted by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Transportation Department in support of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). The FY2026 and FY2027 UPWP identifies the activities to be carried out between October 1, 2025, and September 30, 2027. A full copy of the document can be found on NCTCOG's website at <https://nctcog.org/trans/study/unified-planning-work-program>.

On November 13, 2025, the Regional Transportation Council approved the following proposed modifications to the FY2026 and FY2027 UPWP. Included in these amendments are new initiatives, project updates, and funding adjustments.

- 3.03 Air Quality Management and Operations – Car Care Safety Integration Project (remove initiative and \$122,000 in Regional Transportation Council Local funds due to a lack of responses to the Request for Proposals and a shift in priority to other air quality initiatives)
- 3.03 Air Quality, Fuels, and Energy Management and Operations – Regional Energy Management (add initiative and \$125,000 in Department of Energy funds, through the State Energy Conservation Office, and \$137,500 in Regional Transportation Council Local funds in FY2026 in anticipation of a grant award; work will be conducted in collaboration with NCTCOG's Environment and Development Department)
- 3.04 Public Transportation Planning – Planning to Address Transit Needs in Fort Worth's 76104 Zip Code (add initiative and \$90,000 in unspent Federal Transit Administration funds from the FY2024 and FY2025 UPWP, matched with Transportation Development Credits, to support completion of the final report in FY2026)
- 3.05 Transit Management and Operations – FTA Urban Funding Grant Administration (add \$90,000 in Federal Transit Administration funds unspent from the FY2024 and FY2025 UPWP to FY2026 for the Emergency Relief Grant for Public Transportation Systems)
- 3.05 Transit Management and Operations – Sustainability and Innovative Solutions for Transit (move \$235,000 in Regional Toll Revenue funds from FY2027 to FY2026 and program an additional \$337,500 in previously approved Regional Toll Revenue funds in FY2026 to support McKinney Avenue Transit Authority's 2026 World Cup readiness and operations)

- 3.05 Transit Management and Operations – Sustainability and Innovative Solutions for Transit (add \$200,000 in Regional Transportation Council Local funds in FY2026 and \$100,000 in FY2027 to offset funding re-allocated to support the McKinney Avenue Transit Authority [MATA] during the 2026 World Cup and update text to reflect staff activities)
- 3.07 Congestion Management Operations – Special Events (add \$200,000 in Regional Transportation Council Local funds in FY2026 and update text to support assistance from NCT9-1-1 in the deployment of live 911 Artificial Intelligence capabilities to deliver real-time voice translation and transcription for foreign-language callers during special events)
- 3.07 Congestion Management Operations – Managed Lane Technology Assessment (add \$250,000 in Regional Toll Revenue funds and \$250,000 in Regional Transportation Council [RTC] Local funds in FY2026 and \$250,000 Regional Toll Revenue funds in FY2027 for GoCARMA system updates, and update text to reflect use of RTC Local)
- 3.07 Congestion Management Operations – Regional TRADE Platform and 511DFW (remove the flood warning driver alert system as an anticipated product, as it is being moved to a separate project write-up in Subtask 3.07, noted below)
- 3.07 Congestion Management Operations – Flooded Roadways Information Systems Project (add separate project narrative for this initiative, with no change in project funding; previously reflected as an anticipated product from Subtask 3.07, Regional TRADE Platform and 511DFW project noted above)
- 5.01 Regional Transportation Studies – High-Speed Passenger Technology (add \$311,000 in Federal Railroad Administration funds unspent from the FY2024 and FY2025 UPWP to FY2026 to support the completion of Step 1 of the Corridor Identification and Development Program to develop a Service Development Plan scope, schedule, and budget for the Fort Worth to Houston [through Dallas] high-speed rail corridor)
- 5.02 Subarea Studies and Local Government Assistance – Comprehensive Transportation Planning Studies and Technical Support (add Southwest Tarrant County/Southeast Parker County Roadway Connections as a new initiative for FY2026 and program \$64,000 in Transportation Planning Funds being removed from Subtasks 5.01 Regional Transportation Studies – Corridor Studies/Environmental Studies Support [\$30,000] and 5.03 Land-Use/Transportation Initiatives – Sustainable Development Initiatives, General Land Use and Transportation Coordination [\$34,000])
- 5.03 Land-Use/Transportation Initiatives – Regional Trail Wayfinding Signage and User Count Equipment (add initiative and \$325,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds for FY2026 and \$450,000 for FY2027, matched with Transportation Development Credits)
- 5.03 Land-Use/Transportation Initiatives – Community Schools and Transportation (add \$125,000 in Regional Transportation Council [RTC] Local funds in FY2026 as transitional funding pending receipt of federal authorization to begin spending funds, and update text to reflect use of RTC Local)
- 5.03 Land-Use/Transportation Initiatives – Transit-Oriented Development (add \$125,000 in Regional Transportation Council [RTC] Local funds in FY2026, as transitional funding pending receipt of federal authorization to begin spending funds, and update text to reflect use of RTC Local)

- 5.03 Land-Use/Transportation Initiatives – Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning (add \$150,000 in Regional Transportation Council [RTC] Local funds in FY2026, as transitional funding pending receipt of federal authorization to begin spending funds, and update text to reflect use of RTC Local)
- 5.06 Regional Freight Planning – Regional Goods Movement (update text to reflect staff use of goods movement principles in planning activities such as eliminating food deserts utilizing existing Transportation Planning Funds and update text to reflect staff coordination with local governments and service providers in the use of innovative technologies identified through the Certification of Emerging and Reliable Transportation Technologies Program to implement projects, studies, and Calls for Projects utilizing existing Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds)
- IX. NCTCOG Planning and Implementation Activities Beyond the FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (update table of FY2028 Non-Locally Funded Projects Approved by the Regional Transportation Council for Inclusion in the Transportation Improvement Program)
- X. Regional Transportation Council Funding to Advance Project Implementation (update table to reflect \$2,362,000 of Regional Transportation Council Local funds for Transportation Improvements in Cleburne Near an Amazon Facility, \$3,500,000 in Regional Toll Revenue funds to support the Heartland Flyer, and \$175,000 in Regional Transportation Council Local funds for Diesel Emission Reduction Act backstop funding)

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