### RTC Open Meetings Act Compliance

#### March 16, 2020 - August 31, 2021

- Governor suspended certain Open Meetings Act provisions which broadly permitted:
  - Teleconference or Videoconference meetings
  - Restricted physical attendance by members of the public
  - Lessened technological requirements

#### September 1, 2021 - Forward

- Suspensions lifted
- Section 551.127(c) allows governing bodies extending into 3+ counties to conduct videoconference meetings<sup>1</sup>
- Chair must be physically present and meeting room open to public
- Audio/visual feed for each member needed for quorum

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Governing bodies extending into fewer than 3 counties can meet via videoconference if a quorum is physically present.

# Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Annual Fleet Recognition

**Regional Transportation Council** 







# DFW Clean Cities Impacts – Results from 2020 Survey

55 Fleets Reporting

10,165 Alternative Fuel Vehicles and Equipment

\*Impacts Over Calendar Year 2020

dfwcleancities.org/annualreport

### ~23.95 Million Gasoline Gallon Equivalent (GGE) Reduced\*



- Alternative Fuel Vehicles
- Vehicle Miles Traveled Reductions
- Fuel Economy Improvements
- Idle Reduction
- Off-Road Vehicles/Equipment

~367 Tons Ozone-Forming Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>X</sub>) Reduced\*



~1 Ton/Day
For Comparison: RTC Initiatives
Credited in Conformity = ~2.12
Tons/Day

125,058 Tons Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduced\*

**Equivalent to Eliminating** 



Tanker Trucks of Gasoline

### Fleet Challenge ©

Organization	2020 Fleet Challenge Goal	2020 Fleet Challenge Achievements		
City of Bedford*	Increase Overall Fuel Economy by 10%	Increased Fuel Economy by <b>33%</b> on 42 Vehicles		
City of Carrollton*	Increase Number of Alternative Fuel Vehicles by <b>10%</b>	Increased Number of Alternative Fuel Vehicles by <b>21%</b>		
City of Frisco	Increase Overall Fleet Fuel Economy by <b>2</b> %	Increased Fuel Economy by <b>8%</b> on 200 Vehicles		
DFW Airport	Increase Renewable Natural Gas Volume to >50% of Natural Gas Usage	Renewable Natural Gas Reached <b>55%</b> of Natural Gas Usage		

<sup>3</sup> 

# Shining Stars ★★

# Greatest Progress in NO<sub>x</sub> Reduction

**DART** 

City of Carrollton

City of Coppell

City of Dallas

Span Transit

### Greatest Progress in GGE Reduction

DART

City of Coppell

City of Dallas

City of Grapevine

# Greatest Progress Transitioning to Alternative Fuels

City of Carrollton

City of Plano

Denton ISD

Prosper ISD

### Bronze Fleet Winners $\Psi$



**City of Arlington** 

City of Benbrook

City of Frisco

**City of McKinney** 

City of Mesquite

**Kaufman County** 

Prosper ISD

**Span Transit** 

**Trinity Metro** 



















### Silver Fleet Winners



**City of Coppell** 

City of Irving

**Denton County** 

Town of Addison









# Gold Fleet Winners

**City of Carrollton** 

City of Dallas

**City of Denton** 

**City of Grapevine** 

City of Lewisville

City of Southlake

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)

**Denton ISD** 

**DFW Airport** 



















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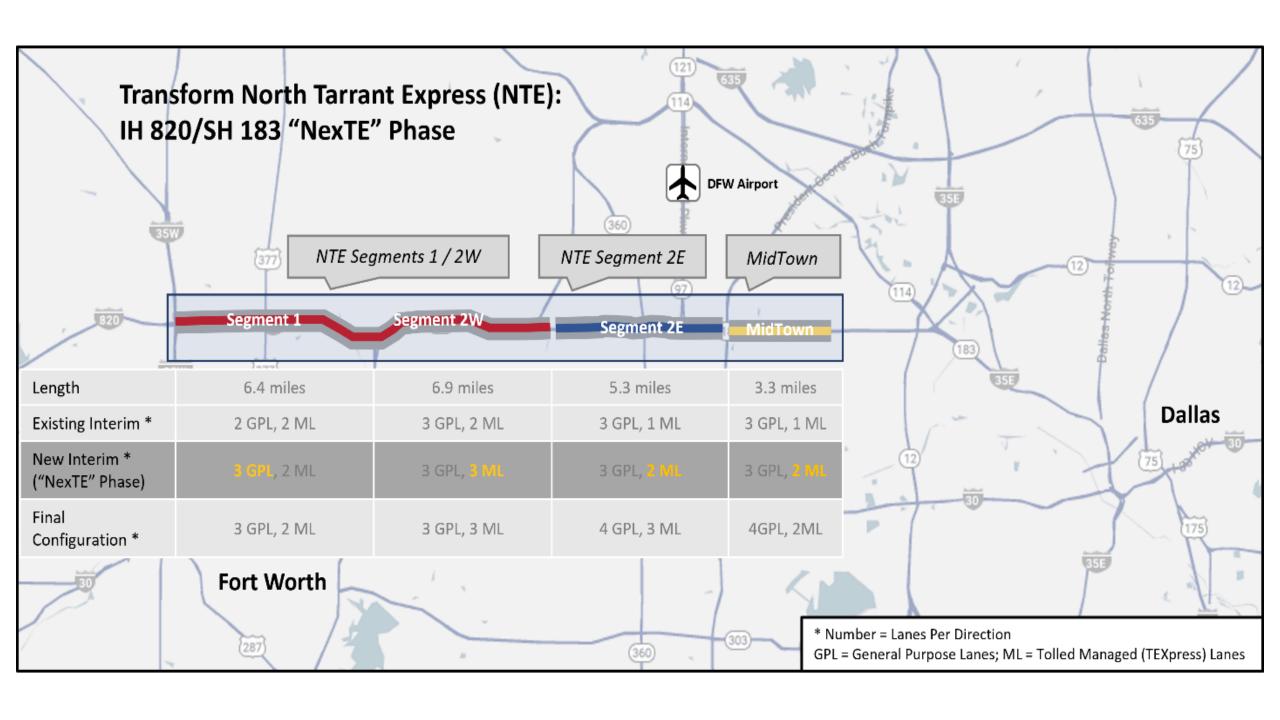
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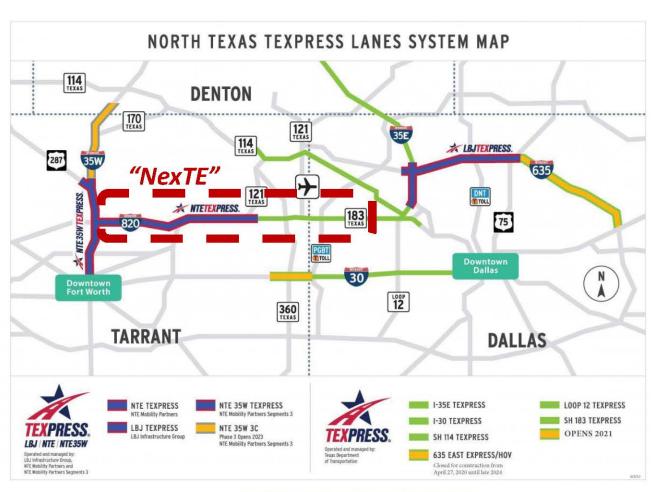


### RAISE Grant – NCTCOG Project #1

#### Transform North Tarrant Express (NTE): IH 820/SH 183 "NexTE" Phase

Starting in 2022, revenue triggers can enable delivery of next IH 820/SH 183 construction phases ("NexTE"):

- IH 35W SH 121: \$162 million (developer obligation)
  - IH 820 Add 1 general purpose (GP) lane in each direction
  - SH 183 Add 1 TEXpress lane in each direction
- SH 121 DFW Airport: \$1 billion (developer obligation)
  - Build 2+2 TEXpress lanes with direct SH 360, Amon Carter Blvd, & DFW Airport access
- DFW Airport MacArthur Blvd: \$360 million (concession) +
   \$25 million RAISE Grant
  - Build 2+2 TEXpress lanes with direct SH 161/PGBT access and seamless MidTown Express transition
  - Improved GP lane interchanges, ramp spacing, & lane balancing
  - On-/off-street bicycle/pedestrian facility accommodations
  - Convert surplus right-of-way (ROW) to support commercial redevelopment, creation of usable open space, & provisions for added zero-emission vehicle infrastructure at Belt Line Road
  - Corridor-targeted expansion of "GoCarma" and "TryParkingIt" incentives to stimulate business activity and reduce user costs



TEXpress Lanes: https://www.texpresslanes.com/maps/texpress-lanes-map

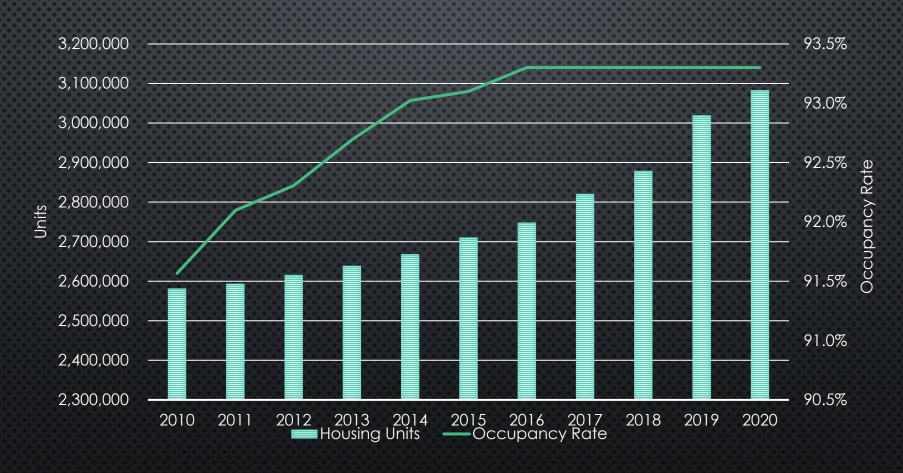
# NCTCOG 2021 POPULATION ESTIMATES

RESEARCH & INFORMATION SERVICES

#### HOUSING COMPLETIONS 1996-2020



# REGIONAL OCCUPANCY RATE CHANGE



### REGIONAL POPULATION

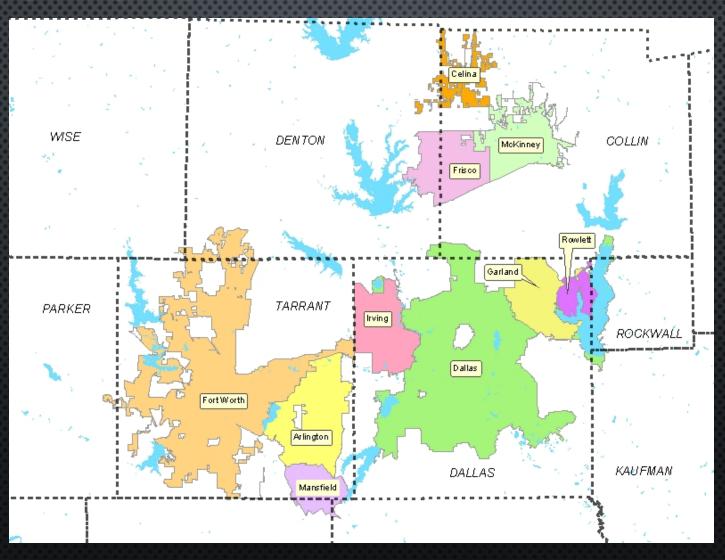
January 1, 2021 7,874,950

2020 Regional Growth 158,540

# 2020-2021 ABSOLUTE CHANGE TOP 10 CITIES

1. Fort Worth	16,920
2. Frisco	15,850
3. McKinney	6,100
4. Dallas	5,560
5. Rowlett	3,810
6. Celina	3,470
7. Irving	3,280
8. Garland	3,100
9. Arlington	2,880
10. Mansfield	2,790

# TOP 10 CITIES POPULATION GROWTH 2020



#### REGIONAL POPULATION CHANGE







# 2045 DEMOGRAPHIC FORECASTS

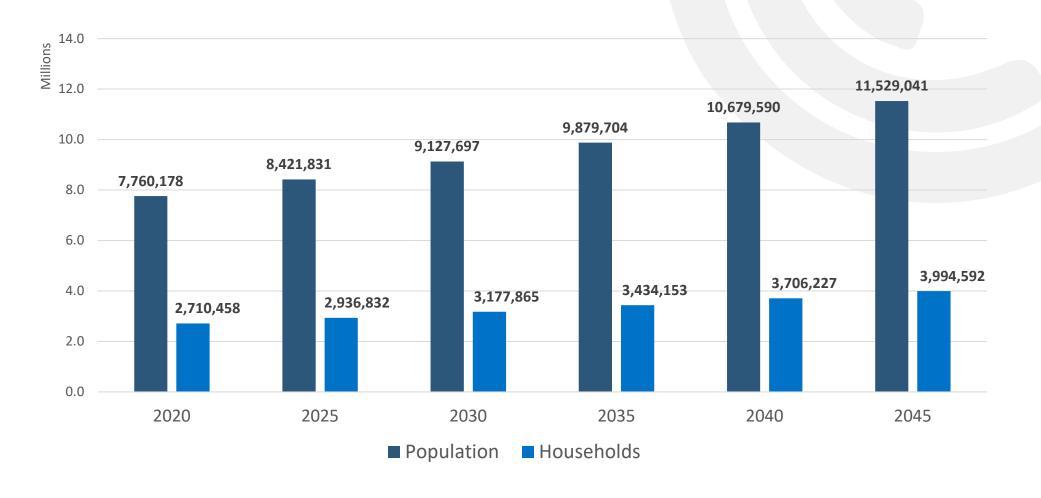
#### **FORECASTS OVERVIEW**

- Provide a common base for regional planning and resource allocations
- In addition to being used by NCTCOG, used by cities, counties, and partner agencies
- Process at NCTCOG is a data-driven, analytical approach with input/feedback from stakeholders
- Joint effort between the Research and Information Services and Transportation Departments
- Update forecasts generally every 3-5 years
- NCTCOG has been developing demographic forecasts since the 1970's



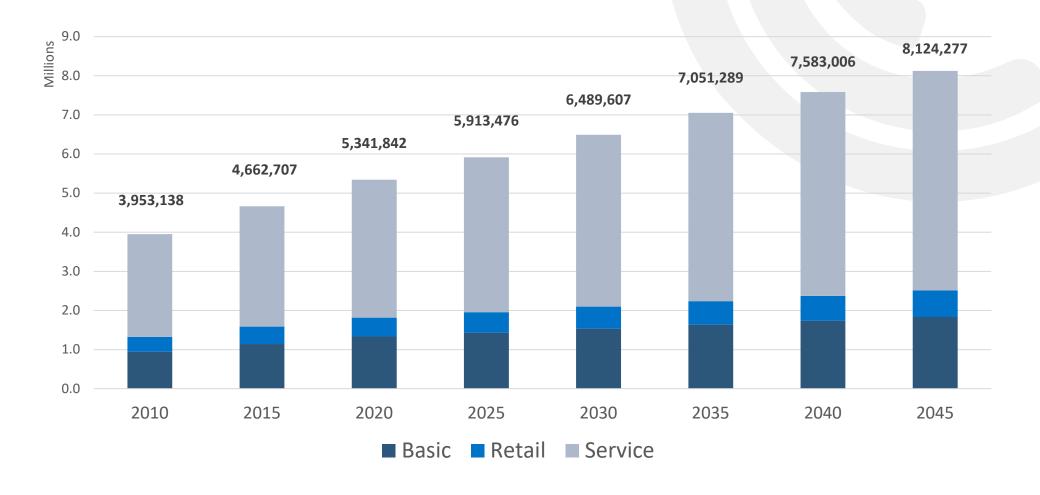


#### **CONTROL TOTALS - POPULATION**





#### **CONTROL TOTALS - EMPLOYMENT**





#### **PROJECTED CHANGE 2020 - 2045**

	2020	2045	Change	Compound Annual Growth Rate
Total Population	7,760,178	11,529,041	3,768,864	1.60%
Total Households	2,710,458	3,994,592	1,284,134	1.56%
Total Employment	5,341,842	8,124,277	2,782,435	1.69%



#### **SCHEDULE**

#### July

Draft forecasts for internal review

#### **August/September**

Draft forecasts for external review

#### October

Finalization of forecasts

#### **November**

Presentation of final forecasts to NCTCOG Executive Board





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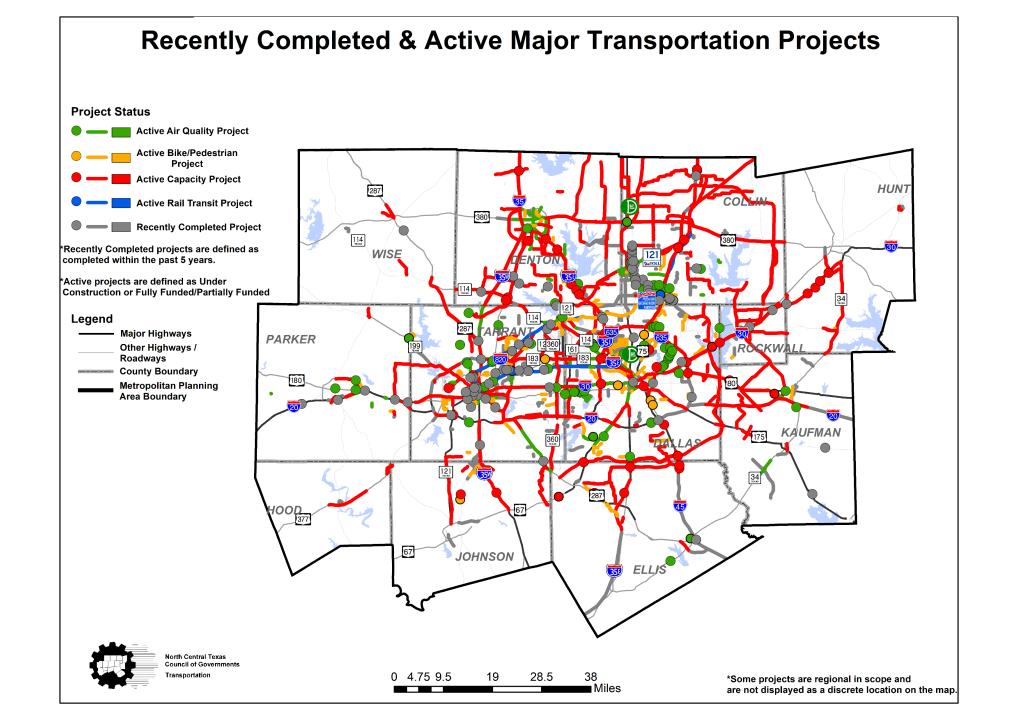
## COMPREHENSIVE MAP OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS IN THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH REGION AND UPDATE ON THE 2022 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (UTP)

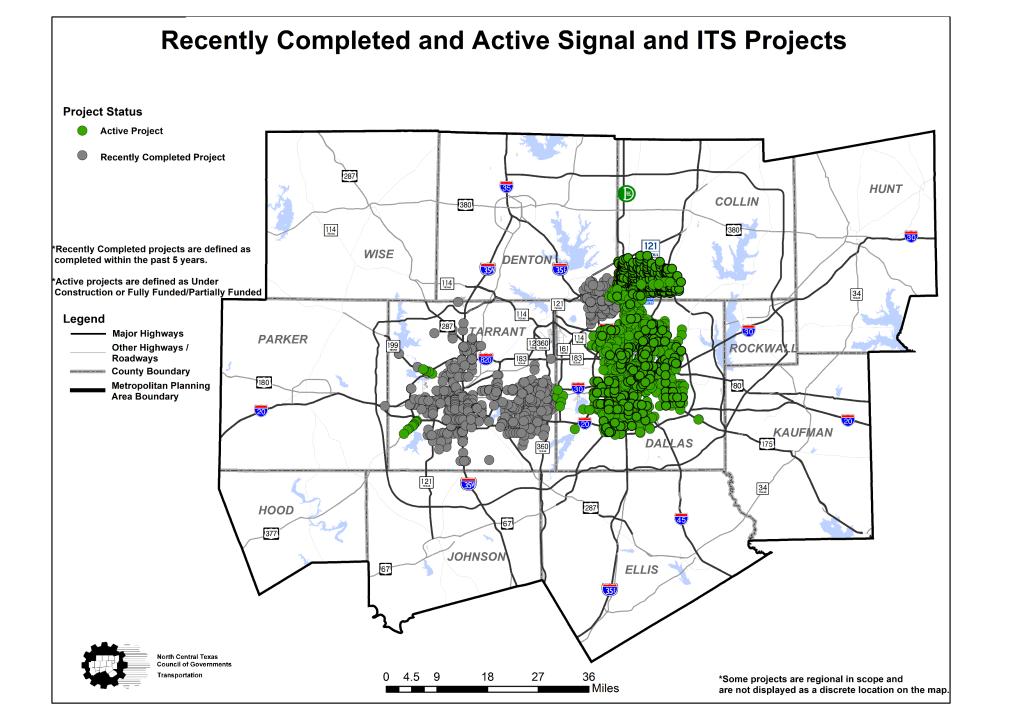
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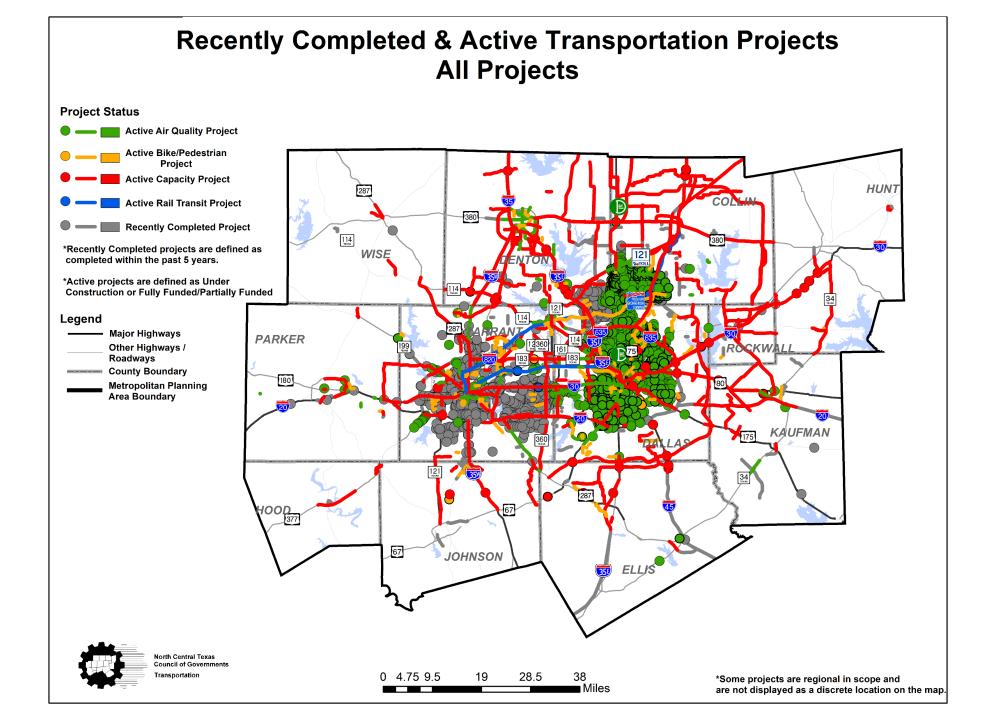


# CURRENT DALLAS-FORT WORTH REGION SCOPE OF PROGRAMMING

- 1,164 Active Projects
  - 907 Roadway
  - 257 Transit
- \$46.74 billion of funding from all sources
- 68 Implementing Agencies







#### RESOURCES TO VIEW PROJECTS

- Transportation Improvement Program Information System (TIPINS)
  - Includes all projects that have been in the TIP since 1992
  - Online, interactive map that is searchable by attributes including City, County, Project Sponsor, Project Type, TIP Code, TxDOT Control-Section-Job (CSJ) number
  - <a href="https://www.nctcog.org/trans/funds/tip/project-search-engines/tipins-transportation-improvement-program-inform">https://www.nctcog.org/trans/funds/tip/project-search-engines/tipins-transportation-improvement-program-inform</a>
- Regional 10-Year Plan Website
  - Contains maps of 10-Year Plan projects for every iteration since December 2016
  - <a href="https://www.nctcog.org/trans/funds/tip/funding-initiatives-calls-for-projects/10-year-plan">https://www.nctcog.org/trans/funds/tip/funding-initiatives-calls-for-projects/10-year-plan</a>

# UPDATE ON THE 2022 UNIFIED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (UTP)

- The Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) approved the 2022 UTP at its August 31, 2021 meeting.
- All Category 2 and 4 requests, and some Category 12 requests were approved.
- The pages of the UTP that contain the Dallas-Fort Worth region's projects for 2022-2031 are contained in the RTC's electronic materials for reference.
- A full update on all 10-Year Plan projects will be brought back at the October 2021 RTC meeting.

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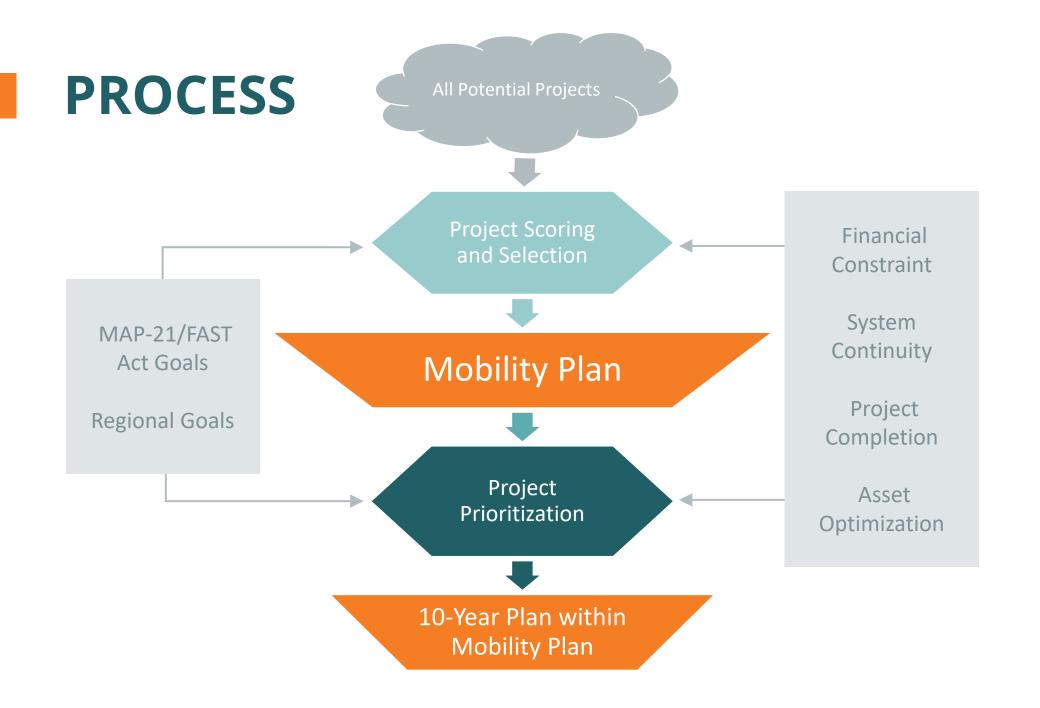
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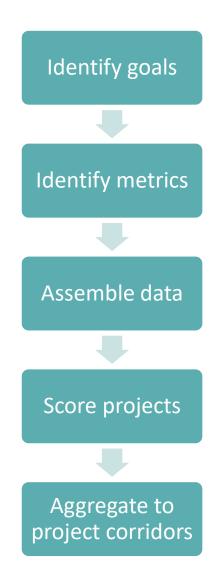
# PROJECT SELECTION AND PRIORITIZATION IN THE MOBILITY PLAN

Regional Transportation Council September 9, 2021





## PROJECT SCORING AND SELECTION



#### **MAP-21/FAST** and Regional Goals

Congestion Reduction

System Reliability

Safety

Infrastructure Condition

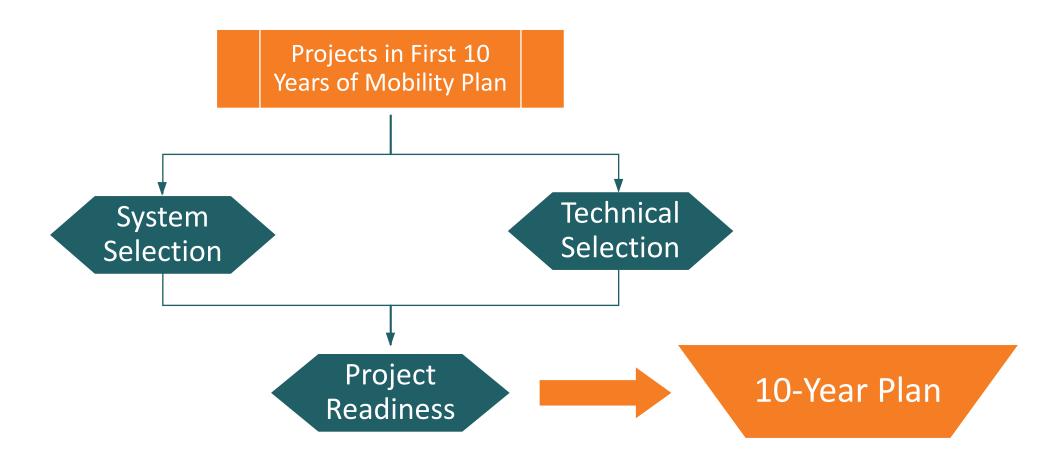
Freight Movement

**Economic Vitality** 

**Environmental Sustainability** 

Reduced Project Delivery Delay

# PROJECT PRIORITIZATION



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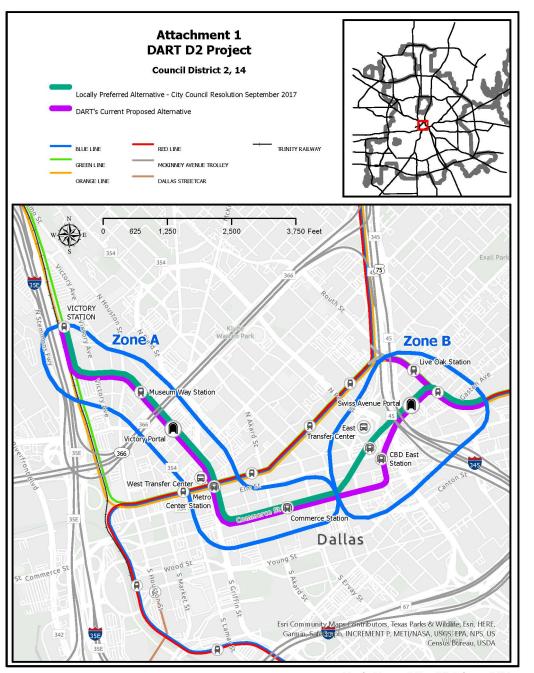


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# D2 TIMING: WHEN WILL DALLAS CBD ROADWAY CAPACITY FAIL?

Mobility 2045 Timing Issue (Mobility and Air Quality)

#### **DART Transit**

- Ridership Lagging
- Advancing Phase 1 Bus Program
- Current Customers are Traditional Transit Users
- Silver Line and D2 Balanced Investment

## **POLICY REVIEW**

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Potential Change in Trends
Not Population Growth
Population and Employment Location
Slow Employee Return to Work
Large Employer Employee Location
Function of Building Structure
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Potential City of Dallas Interest
D2
Phase 2 Signal Improvements for Transit
Street Cars/TRE to Fair Park



#### **TWO COMPONENTS**

1. Implementation project to advance High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane to Technology lane

Total Funds - \$43.8 M

2. Funded pilot project to develop potential travel accounting system (Partnership with TxDOT)

Total Funds - \$10 M

#### CORRIDOR OPERATIONS FOR TECHNOLOGY LANE

Reduce fatalities and crashes by improving traffic flow

Improve response to crashes through multi-city traffic incident management

**Reduce congestion** by opening technology lane to all passenger vehicles and restricting trucks

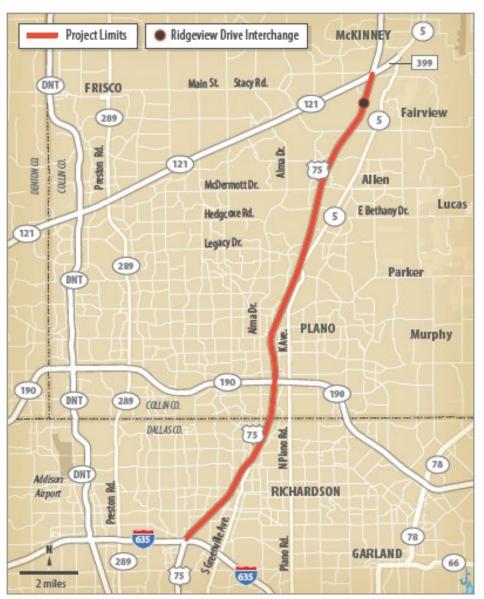
Improve air quality by increasing auto occupancy and vehicle speed

Enhance traffic signal green times on frontage roads to progress traffic

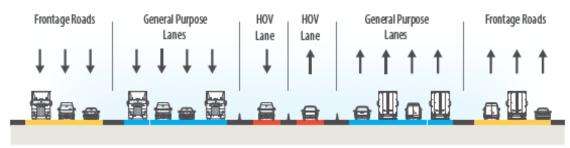
Remove pylons to improve safety and minimize debris



### **CORRIDOR LIMITS AND CROSS SECTION**

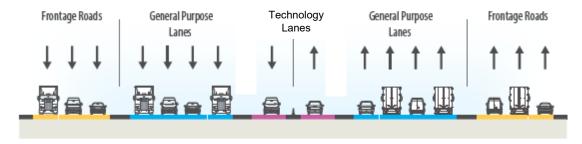


#### **EXISTING TYPICAL SECTION**



SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation.

#### PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION



TxDOT graphic

## **US 75 PROPOSED APPROACH**

	Option 1	Option 2
SOV in Technology Lane	<b>\$</b> O	Toll
HOV in Technology Lane	Pay Driver to Use	Pay Driver to Use
General Purpose Lanes	N/A	N/A



#### TRAVEL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM PILOT

Surface Transportation System Funding Alternatives (STSFA) Grant Award

GoCarma used to monitor vehicle travel (facility, lane, time of day, occupancy)

Proof to be able to allocate rewards or user fees to vehicle

No actual money to be collected

Pilot test on US 75 and other selected corridors



Participants may be compensated

#### **Technology Lane**

#### **Winter 2022**

US 75 Technology Lane ENV Clearance

#### Summer 2022

US 75 Project Letting

#### **Summer 2024**

US 75 Project Construction Complete

#### **STSFA Grant Pilot Project**

#### **Winter 2022**

Phase 1
Demonstration Framework

## **TIMELINE**

#### Fall 2022

Phase 2
Demonstration –
Limited Users

#### Fall 2024

Phase 3 Demonstration – Implement on US 75

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# UPDATE REGARDING LAPSING FEDERAL FUNDING

Regional Transportation Council Christie Gotti, Senior Program Manager September 9, 2021



## **BACKGROUND**

- Federal regulations<sup>1</sup> state that apportioned funds are available for the year of apportionment plus three (3) years<sup>2</sup>.
- Any apportioned amounts that remain unobligated at the end of that period shall lapse.
- The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has historically managed Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA), and other categories at the State level, spending them "first in, first out" to ensure funds do not lapse.
- TxDOT or the Federal Transportation Administration (for transit projects) generally alert MPO's when they have potentially lapsing funds in the coming year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>23 U.S. Code § 118 (b)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Date of apportionment is not the same as the project award date.

## CMAQ FUNDING LAPSE

- April 12, 2021 TxDOT notified the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) via letter that \$23,940,109 of federal CMAQ funding<sup>1</sup> had lapsed at the end of FY2020.
- \$73,841,658 federal CMAQ lapsed statewide.
- Prior documentation from the State showed a FY2020 Carry-over balance of \$16,414,535 federal.
- NCTCOG met with TxDOT Finance and our local TxDOT Districts in June 2021 to discuss the situation.

## HOW DID CMAQ FUNDS LAPSE?

- Our historical understanding was that TxDOT spent the oldest funding first on a "first in, first out" basis.
- TxDOT stopped this practice at some point, not realizing the ramifications.
- Unfortunately, the typical backstop of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) reminders to TxDOT also did not occur last year.

## PREVENTING LAPSES IN THE FUTURE

- TxDOT has identified strategies to mitigate such occurrences in the future:
  - Obligate oldest funding first
  - Obligate "advance construction" (aka "early approval") projects when lapses are imminent
  - Identify potential lapses in funds at the beginning of each fiscal year
  - Recommit to sending monthly obligation reports to MPOs versus the sporadic process followed for the last few years

## PREVENTING LAPSE IN THE FUTURE

- Going forward, NCTCOG will:
  - Review monthly obligation reports (continuing activity)
  - Report possible lapses to the Surface Transportation Technical Committee, the Regional Transportation Council, etc. as soon as possible and track progress throughout the year (continuing activity)
  - Watch the FHWA Fiscal Management Information System (FMIS) report for lapsing funds
- Based on the amount of funding already obligated in FY2021, CMAQ funds are not at risk of lapsing in FY2021.

## TASA POTENTIAL FUNDING LAPSE

- In March 2021, TxDOT advised NCTCOG that \$7,095,497 of federal funds were at risk of lapsing if not obligated by the end of FY2021.
- TASA funding lapse was avoided through:
  - Coordination between NCTCOG and TxDOT to identify projects that should obligate in FY2021
  - Coordination meetings with TxDOT, local agencies, and NCTCOG to establish and execute a plan to move projects along
  - Expedited review process by TxDOT
- FY2021 obligations to date = \$9,196,449 federal

## TASA LOOKING AHEAD TO FY2022

- \$5,500,000 must be obligated in FY2022 to prevent a lapse
- Imperative that projects let on schedule
- Local agency coordination with TxDOT needs to occur early to avoid delays and ensure timely reviews

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## STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

#### **Special Legislative Sessions**

- No Action in First Special Session Due to Lack of Quorum
- Second Special Session Focused on Elections Reform, No Transportation Issues Addressed
- Third Special Session on Redistricting, Allocating COVID funds begins September 20

### **Hundreds of New Laws Recently Became Effective**

Summary of Approved Bills in Electronic Item 11



## STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

#### Constitutional Amendment Election on November 2, 2021

- Proposition 2 (HJR 99) Allows a County to Issue Debt to Finance Transportation Infrastructure, Excluding Toll Roads
- Ballot Language: "The constitutional amendment authorizing a county to finance the development or redevelopment of transportation or infrastructure in unproductive, underdeveloped, or blighted areas in the county."



### FEDERAL UPDATE

#### Infrastructure Bill

- \$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Bill with 5-Year Transportation Authorization
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- Passed Senate
- Pending House Floor Vote,
   Deadline is September 27

### **Budget Reconciliation**

- \$3.5 Trillion Budget Reconciliation Bill
- House Committees to Consider Reconciliation Provisions in Mid-September
- Includes Funding Directions for Infrastructure Bill
- No Consensus Yet



## FEDERAL UPDATE

#### Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

- Totals \$1.2 Trillion
- Full \$567 Billion 5-year Surface Transportation Reauthorization Included in a Larger Infrastructure Bill
- \$550 Billion in Other Infrastructure Spending
- Increases Funding, Expands and Creates New Programs
- Approximately 30 Percent Increase Over FY2020 Funds for Planning Funding



## FEDERAL UPDATE

#### **IIJA Reauthorization Language**

- Builds on Five Core Programs, Adds Two New Programs
- Adds 8 New Grant Programs
- New Elements:
  - Transportation Equity
  - Broadband and Smart Cities
  - Climate Program
  - Resilience Focus
  - EV Support
  - Adds Housing Coordination to Planning



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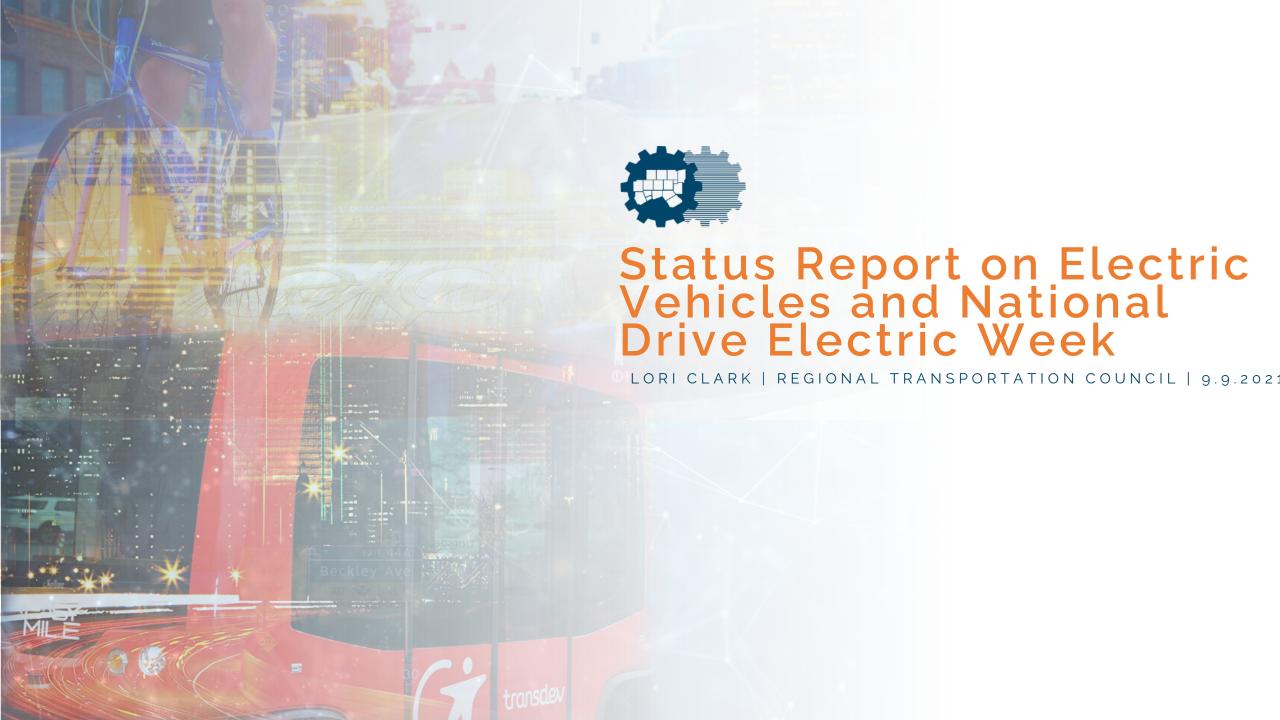
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# Relevance to Regional Planning

#### **Air Quality Emphasis Areas**





Hard Accelerations

Low Speeds

Cold Starts

Vehicle Miles of Travel



#### **Federal Performance Measure:**

Air Quality

#### Mobility 2045:

Air Quality Policy AQ3-004:

Support and implement strategies that promote energy conservation, reduce demand for energy needs, reduce petroleum consumption, and/or decrease greenhouse gas emissions

Mobility 2045 Chapter 4 – Environmental Considerations

Appendix C - Environmental Considerations

# Expanding EV Availability



### **Light-Duty Vehicles**

(Sedans, Pickups, SUVs, Vans)

90 Battery-Electric

115 Plug-In Hybrid Electric

9 Fuel Cell Electric



#### **Buses**

30 Battery-Electric Transit 4 Fuel Cell Electric Transit 14 Battery-Electric School Buses



#### **Trucks**

5 Battery-Electric Refuse 11 Battery-Electric Delivery

3 Plug-In Hybrid Delivery 1 Fuel Cell EV Delivery

Source: Alternative Fuels Data Center, Information by Fleet Application and Vehicle Search Tools; <a href="https://afdc.energy.gov/">https://afdc.energy.gov/</a>



## Extended "Test Drives" Available

DFW Clean Cities "Try and Drive Alternative" Program

Offers Ranging from 1 Day – 2 Months

4 Participating Vendors

1 Light-Duty Sedan

1 Truck for Refuse Applications

1 Truck for Delivery Applications

1 Truck for Regional Haul/Drayage Applications

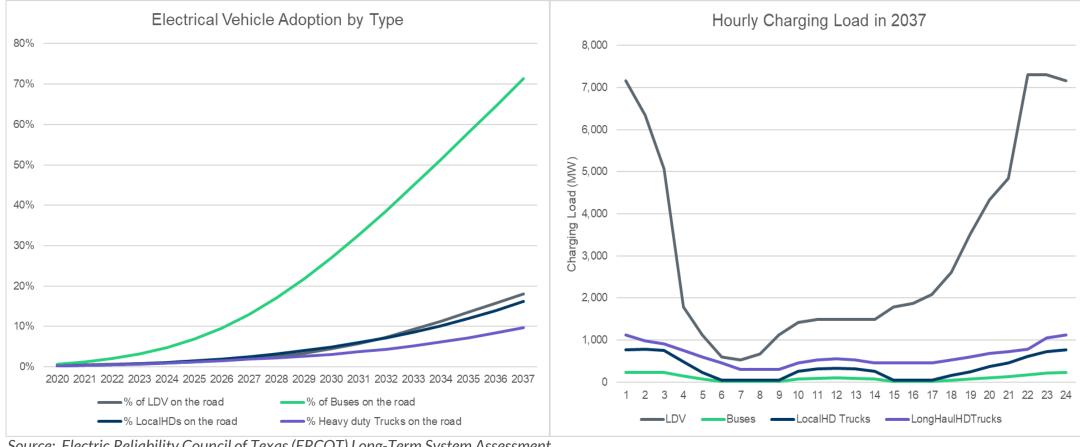
2 Terminal Tractors



Dallas-Fort Worth CLEAN CITIES

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# **ERCOT Long-Term System** Assessment Assumptions

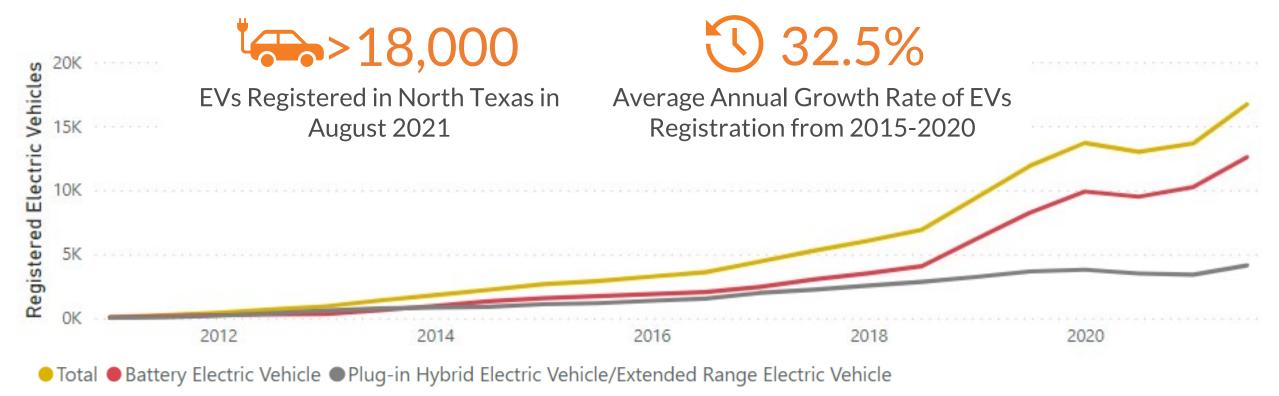


Source: Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) Long-Term System Assessment,

http://www.ercot.com/content/wcm/key\_documents\_lists/213867/2022\_LTSA\_Update\_InputAssumptions\_August2021.pdf. Uses an adjusted forecast from Bloomberg New Energy Finance Electric Vehicle Outlook (https://about.bnef.com/electric-vehicle-outlook/) and National Renewable Energy Laboratory charging load profiles.



# EV Registration Trends in North Texas

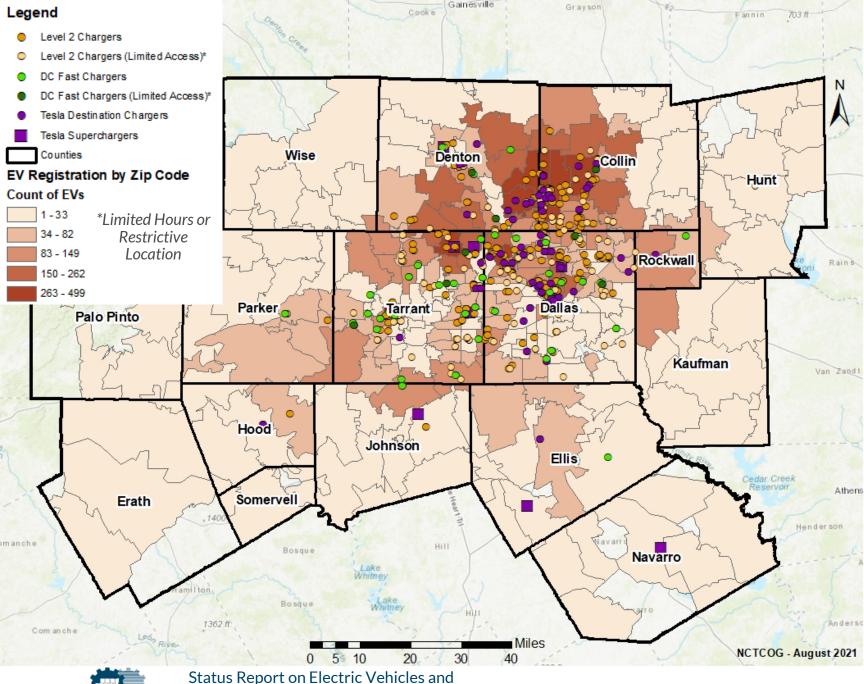




EV Registration Data Available at

www.dfwcleancities.org/evnt





# Infrastructure Availability and EV Adoption by Zip Code

New Incentives for EV
Purchases and for DC Fast
Charge Stations Available,
First-Come, First-Served
www.nctcog.org/aqfunding

# 2021 National Drive Electric Week Plans

#### For Fleet/Local Government Staff:

- Electric Truck Webinar
- EV Charging Station Webinar
- Peterbilt Facility Tour

#### For the Public:

- Oncor Road Rally (Various dates)
- Outdoor EV Showcase with Owners, Vendors, and Film Screening

October 3, 2021

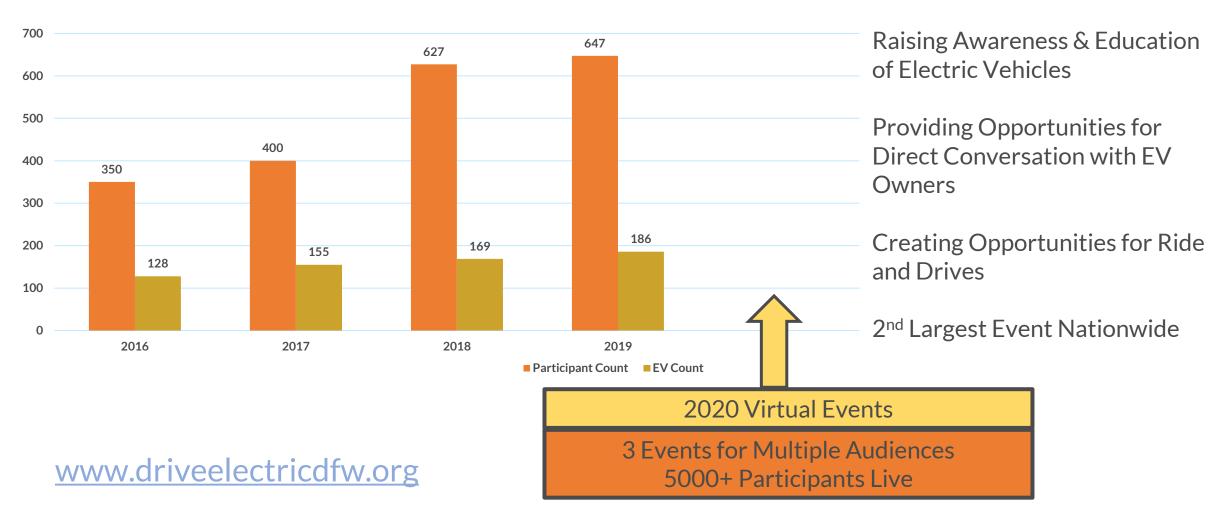
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# National Drive Electric Week: Past Success



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