

AGENDA

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, June 27, 2025

North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda (Meeting Will be Held as a Videoconference)

1:30 – 1:35

1. Approval of May 23, 2025, Minutes

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Presenter: Gus Khankarli, STTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the May 23, 2025, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 1 will be requested.

Background: N/A

1:35 – 1:40

2. Consent Agenda

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2.1. Endorsement of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program Submittal

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will recommend the Regional Transportation Council's endorsement of the Hemphill Street Community Based Safe Street Project submitted for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – Implementation Grant, prepared in partnership with the City of Fort Worth.

Background: The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) has announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to solicit applications for FY25 SS4A funding. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) established the new SS4A Discretionary Grant Program with \$5 billion in appropriated funds over five years, 2022-2026. A maximum of one grant application of any type may be submitted per agency. Staff will provide an overview of North Central Texas Council of Governments' SS4A Implementation Grant proposal submitted for Hemphill Street between Vickery Boulevard and Interstate Highway (IH) 20 in Fort Worth with a total project cost of \$15 million, staff requested \$12 million in SS4A federal funds to be matched by \$3 million in local funds provided by the City of Fort Worth. Additional project and SS4A program information is contained in Electronic Item 2.1.

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

2.2. Colleyville Traffic Signal Maintenance

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of up to \$150,000 in RTC Local funds will be requested to fund the City of Colleyville maintenance of ten traffic signals along State Highway (SH) 26 as it transitions off the state highway system.

Background: The Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Colleyville have been working to convert the SH 26 corridor off the state highway system. As part of this conversion, the City of Colleyville has requested funding to maintain ten traffic signals within the City along this corridor. A cost of \$3,000 per signal per year for a total of \$30,000 a year. The annual cost of \$30,000 for approximately five years for a total not to exceed \$150,000. The intent of this is to fund until Colleyville has the staff capacity to manage and maintain in-house.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway

2.3. August 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions

Presenter: Aliyah Shaikh, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2025-2028 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: August 2025 revisions to the 2025-2028 TIP are provided as Electronic Item 2.3 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.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2.4. Endorsement of Backstop Funding for Regional Air Quality Initiatives Program

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Endorsement of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of \$300,000 in RTC Local transitional funding for the Regional Air Quality Initiatives Program will be requested.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is currently working to expediate a new agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the continuation of the Regional Air Quality Initiatives Program (TIP # 11694.1) which funds NCTCOG

staff activities. The agreement development process was delayed resulting in a possible gap in funding for the program until the new agreement is executed. NCTCOG anticipates the agreement will be executed within the next several weeks, but interim funding may be needed to continue NCTCOG staff activities. Staff requests approval of \$300,000 in RTC Local funds to ensure continuation of staff activities for this program until the Fiscal Year 2025 funding agreement is executed and funding authorization is received.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2.5. Heartland Flyer Funding for One Year

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff is requesting \$3.5 million in Regional Toll Revenue funds to secure the continued service of the Heartland Flyer for one year. Staff will seek reimbursement from the State of Texas and initiate a ridership campaign reducing the need for a subsidy.

Background: The 89th Texas Legislature elected not to support Texas Department of Transportation's request for funds to match Oklahoma's funds for Heartland Flyer service. There are 80,000 trips per year using this inter-city rail system. This item is an emergency funding commitment to extend service long enough to develop a second-year funding program in order to get back to the 90th Legislative session.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2.6. Action Supporting Backstop Funding for Diesel Emissions Reduction Act

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Action supporting the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) approval of \$175,000 in RTC local funding for the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Program will be requested. Funding will be returned to the RTC Local program.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments is advancing local funding as the DERA program collects required local match. Since the department wishes to seek reimbursement for project activities per the committed funding shares, temporary cash advancement is necessary to comply with procedures. The program could seek reimbursement without the local match, but the program takes on risk if the local match never

materializes. The department policy is to minimize risk and use a backstop to support the local match commitment.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

1:40 – 1:50

3. Draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program

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Presenter: Vickie Alexander, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be requested. A recommendation will also be sought for the RTC to direct staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents, as appropriate, to reflect the projects and programs contained in the Work Program.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff, in cooperation with local governments and transportation agencies, has developed the draft FY2026 and FY2027 UPWP. The Work Program is a federal requirement for NCTCOG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, to receive federal Transportation Planning Funds and identifies NCTCOG staff work activities to be performed between October 1, 2025, and September 30, 2027. The draft FY2026 and FY2027 UPWP has been submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation for review and comment, and information was presented during the June 5, 2025, public meeting. A copy of the draft document was also provided to the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) and is available online for review by RTC members, as well as the general public. Electronic Item 3 contains additional information on the draft FY2026 and FY2027 UPWP. A draft of the document for STTC consideration is available at: www.nctcog.org/trans/study/unified-planning-work-program. Copies of the draft document will be available for members upon request.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:50 – 2:00

4. Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Community Electric Vehicle Charging Grant – Site Selection Criteria and Call for Projects

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jared Wright, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to open the North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects to select

electric vehicle (EV) charging sites to be built using funds awarded under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI) Community Award.

Background: In 2024, the North Central Texas Council of Governments was awarded \$15 million through the CFI Community Program to deploy up to 100 EV charging ports on public-sector properties in the region and to hire a consultant to streamline implementation. This project aims to fill gaps in the existing charging station network and achieve more equal access to charging stations for all people in the region. This project was previously approved by the RTC for application to FHWA in May 2023 and for the use of Transportation Development Credits as matching funds in October 2024. The Executive Board approved contract execution with FHWA in October 2024. Electronic Item 4 provides additional details on the proposed Call for Projects.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:00 – 2:10

5. Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items

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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. Federal Certification Review – June 4–6, 2025
2. Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail (Economic Impact Studies)
3. Unified Transportation Program Funding/Upcoming Texas Department of Transportation Project Sequencing (Electronic Item 5.1) (Electronic Item 5.2) (Electronic Item 5.3)
4. Transit 2.0 Next Steps and Policy (P25-01) (Electronic Item 5.4)
5. 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region (Electronic Item 5.5)
6. Progress on Federal Competitive Grants (Electronic Item 5.6)
7. Interstate Highway 345 Bridge Investment Program Large Project Grant

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:10 – 2:15

6. Federal and State Legislative Update

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Presenter: Jackie Nolasco, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on federal and State legislative actions related to transportation and air quality issues affecting the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Background: Transportation issues continue to be a focus for both the United States (US) Congress and the Texas Legislature. Staff will provide an update on key legislative positions of the Regional Transportation Council. The 1st session of the 119th U.S. Congress convened on January 3, 2025. The 89th Texas Legislature convened on January 14, 2025, and concluded on June 2, 2025.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:15 – 2:20

7. 2025 Public Participation Plan Update

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Carli Baylor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present an overview of the Public Participation Plan and outline proposed revisions, which are necessary to reflect federal policies and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requirements.

Background: Electronic Item 7.1 contains the current Public Participation Plan that was approved by the Regional Transportation Council in November 2018 and amendments were made in November 2022. In accordance with federal law, the Public Participation Plan defines public involvement procedures and comment periods, outlines strategies to inform the public and describes measures to include the many different voices in the transportation and air quality planning process. Other updates will address IIJA stakeholder requirements and the increasing role of technology in public input opportunities. A 45-day comment period on an updated Public Participation Plan will begin with public meetings in July. The updated draft Public Participation Plan is provided in Electronic Item 7.2. A presentation containing additional information on the proposed revisions is included as Electronic Item 7.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:20 – 2:30

8. Proposed Traffic Signal Program Funding Process

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Gregory Masota, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present a proposed funding process for the traffic signal program. The process will outline agency eligibility requirements, evaluation criteria for funding requests, and the

categorization of traffic signal improvements. It will also include recommendations for cost-sharing between agencies and the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council has funded traffic signal projects across the region over the years. This effort continues in response to ongoing requests from local agencies. The proposed initiative aims to establish a structured process for evaluating and funding traffic signal projects as requests are received. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 8.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Safety

2:30 – 2:40

9. Update on Regional Air Quality and the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Savana Nance and Daniela Tower, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on current air quality initiatives, including development of the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan (DFW AQIP), a comprehensive plan to improve air quality, and latest trends regarding ground level ozone.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Transportation and Environment and Development Departments are collaborating with regional stakeholders to comprehensively improve air quality, including efforts to support the attainment of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and mitigate other regional concerns. As part of this work, NCTCOG is developing the DFW AQIP, a comprehensive plan to improve air quality through 2050. For more information on the DFW AQIP, including a preliminary plan published in March 2024, go to www.publicinput.com/dfwAQIP. A list of preliminary Transportation measures is available as [Appendix 10](#) and will be revised as the long-range DFW AQIP is finalized. The DFW region is currently in nonattainment for the pollutant ozone, for which the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is responsible for ensuring compliance by July 20, 2027. As transportation activities continue to be a leading source of ozone formation, local measures to assist in both near term ozone compliance and future maintenance to the standard will be recommended in the DFW AQIP. Recent emission estimates prepared for Mobility 2050 show a significant rise in nitrogen oxides (NO_x) occurring in the future. NO_x is a precursor to the formation of ozone and through transportation conformity, must remain within emission levels

established by the TCEQ and approved by EPA. Development of the DFW AQIP will provide a vision to limiting this NO_x increase. Finally, staff recently completed an inventory of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions for transportation, energy, water, wastewater, solid waste, and agriculture/forestry/land use sectors to include in the DFW AQIP.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:40 – 2:50

10. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program – Fiscal Year 2026–2028 Goal Update

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Presenter: Emily Beckham, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation goal for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2028 for United States Department of Transportation contracting opportunities.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is required by the Federal Transit Administration to revisit its DBE Participation Goal every three years. The current DBE Participation Goal is valid until September 30, 2025. Staff have developed proposed goals for the next three years and are ready to initiate public participation and comment. Staff is monitoring the latest developments at the federal level, including the Mid-America Milling Company Case in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. The draft DBE goals for FY2026-2028 have been developed based on federal requirements as of June 16, 2025. Electronic Item 10 includes additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:50 – 2:55

11. Surface Transportation Technical Committee and Regional Transportation Council Officers

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Presenter: Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) on its officers and the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) officers for the 2025-2026 term.

Background: According to the RTC Bylaws and Operating Procedures, the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments annually designates a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary for STTC. STTC officers being recommended for approval by the Board are Brian Shewski, P.E., PTOE, Chair, Transportation Manager, Transportation Engineering, City of Plano; Kelly Porter, Vice Chair,

Assistant Director of Transportation and Public Works, City of Fort Worth; and Mark Nelson, Secretary, Director of Transportation and Mobility, City of Richardson. In addition, the new Regional Transportation Council officers are Rick Bailey, Chair, Commissioner, Johnson County; Stephen Mason, Vice Chair, Mayor, City of Cedar Hill; and Jill Jester, Secretary, Councilmember, City of Denton.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:55 – 3:05

12. Fast Facts

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

1. *Kate Zielke* – Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure County Government Workshop (Electronic Item 12.1)
2. *Brian Wilson* – Progress North Texas 2025 (Handout)
3. *Gypsy Gavia* – Transportation Tabletop Exercise Planning for World Cup 2026 (Electronic Item 12.2)
4. *Lori Clark* – Nominations for Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee ([NCTCOG - Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee](#))
5. *Savana Nance* – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight – Multimodal Delivery Project (Electronic Item 12.3)
6. *Carolyn Burns* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
7. *Carolyn Burns* – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
8. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 12.4)
 - May Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 12.5)
 - April–May Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 12.6)
 - July Public Meeting Notice (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 July 25, 2025**.