



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Coordinated Land Use and Transportation Planning Task Force

March 26, 2025



Today's Meeting

Announcements

Local Government and MPO Coordination

- Regional Transportation Planning and MPO Overview
- Transportation Funding Opportunities
- Transportation Improvements Program (TIP) Processes and Requirements
- Mobility 2050 and Policy Bundles Program

Discussion



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Announcements

New Meeting Format

Previous format:

- Quarterly virtual meetings

New format:

- Two in-person meetings a year
 - First meeting in the spring (March)
 - Second meeting in the fall (September)
- Quarterly newsletters
 - February, May, August, November



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<https://nctcog.publicinput.com/hub/Subscriptions/2768>

Land Use & Transportation Task Force

The Coordinated Land Use and Transportation Planning Task Force is a forum for North Texas local governments to discuss best pra...[Show More](#)

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Regional School/ISD Outreach

Community Schools and Transportation Program is ramping up outreach to schools/ISDs on school siting coordination and Safe Routes to School

Are there school/ISD staff you have worked with successfully on planning / safety topics? Please share! Email contact info to Shawn Conrad at sconrad@nctcog.org



Collin County Mixed-use Development Study

Pilot study focusing on traffic impacts of Collin County mixed-use developments and recommendations for optimal mixed use outcomes

Included development inventory, data collection, assessment of traffic impacts via the [EPA Mixed Use Trip Generation Tool](#), recommendations

Draft report available for review and feedback!

www.nctcog.org/landuseplanning



Transit-Oriented Development Inventory

2024 Data Publication: www.NCTCOG.org/TOD

359 TODs in North Texas

50 affordable housing developments

Scoring TOD design :

1. Density
2. Entrance placement
3. Setback
4. Sidewalk connectivity
5. Streetscapes
6. Façade/architecture
7. Parking design

52 TODs had a perfect score (national standard)



ACCESS NORTH TEXAS

Regional public transportation coordination plan to:

- Identify the public transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, low-income individuals and others with transportation challenges
- Specify strategies to address needs and current challenges
- Eliminate gaps in service, avoid duplication of transit services, and meet federal and State requirements for transit coordination in the 16 counties

Public outreach is ongoing until the end of April 2025

Two Surveys

1. Public agencies (transit provider staff) use this link:
[Access North Texas - Public Agency Survey](#)
2. General public: [Access North Texas - PublicInput](#)



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TAKE OUR SURVEY

Help us identify transportation needs in your community

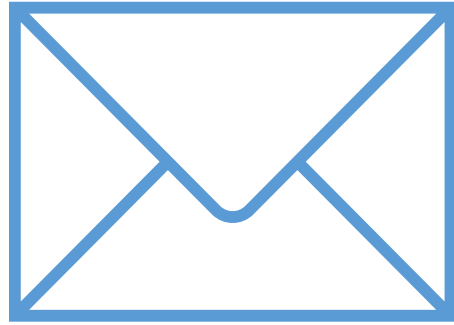
Access North Texas assesses transportation needs, prioritizing older adults, individuals with disabilities, and low-income populations. For more information visit: AccessNorthTexas.org

Scan this QR Code to take the survey. Survey closes April 2025.

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American Planning Association (APA) – Midwest Texas Section: Great Places Tour

- Friday, April 25, 2025 – 3:30 PM
- Tour of downtown and Levitt Pavilion.
Discussion of ongoing plans and development with City of Arlington.
- Meet up location TBD - more info here:
<https://texas.planning.org/connect-apa-texas/sections-and-regions/midwest-section/events/>





MPO and Local Government Coordination

Are you new to the region?

Have you worked with COG before?



WHAT IS THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS?

A council of governments is a regional coordinating body consisting of representation from local governments with a region.

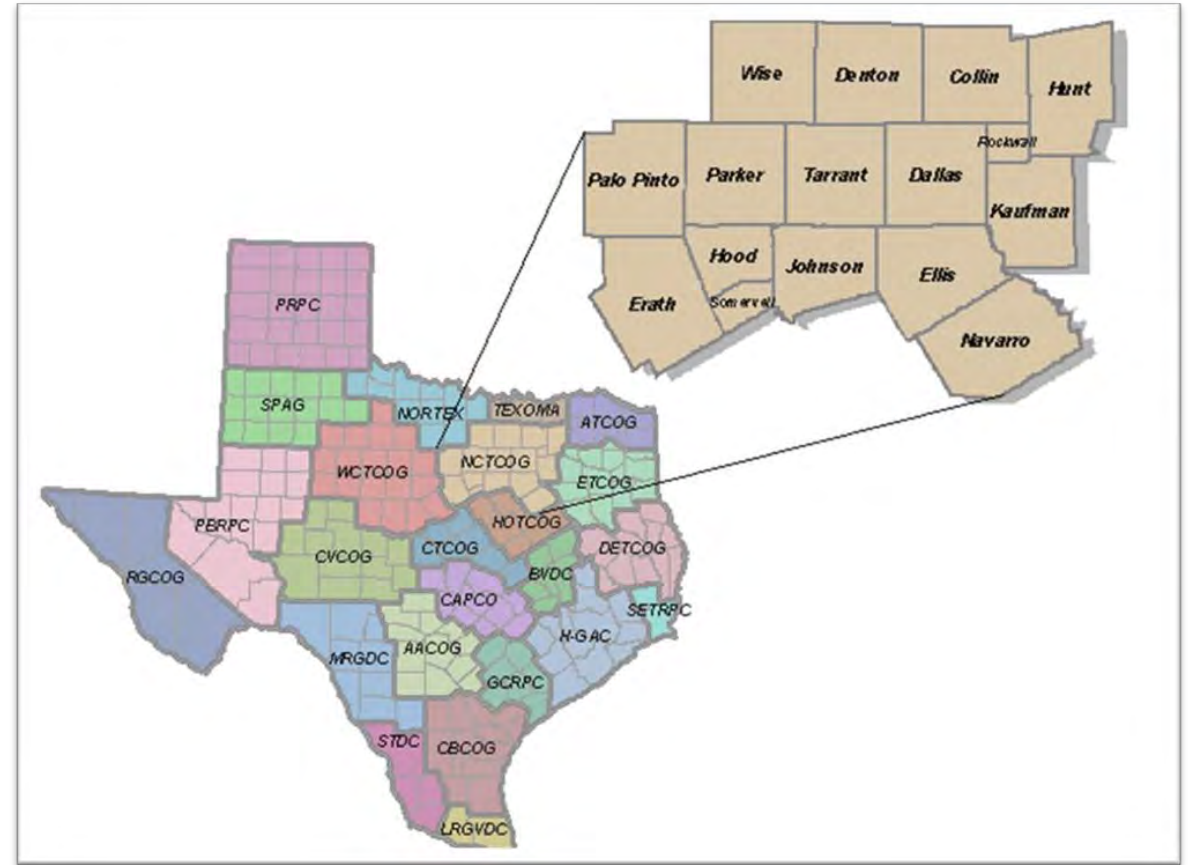
NCTCOG region: 16 counties (12,800 square miles)

Primary Tasks

- Strengthen individual and collective power of local governments by recognizing regional opportunities, eliminating duplication, and making joint decisions
- Assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development

NCTCOG Departments

- Aging Services
 - Economic Development
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - Environment & Development
 - NCT 9-1-1
- Public Safety
 - Regional Data
 - Transportation**
 - Workforce Solutions

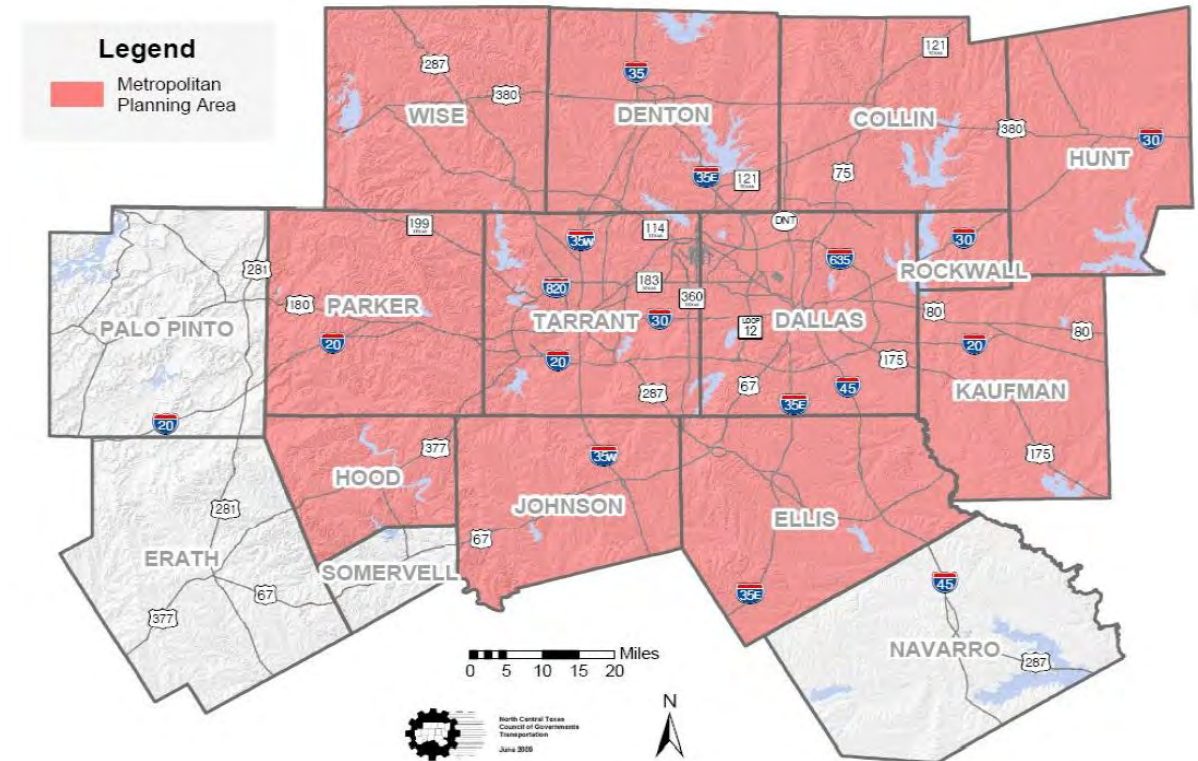


WHAT IS THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION?

Federally mandated transportation policymaking and planning body in 12-county Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA)

Governed by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) made up of 45 elected officials and representatives from local governments and local transportation providers

NCTCOG's **Transportation Department** is lead agency for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and conducts regional transportation planning and funding processes



MPO Overview

12-county Dallas-Fort Worth
Metropolitan Planning Area

9,300 square miles

165+ municipalities

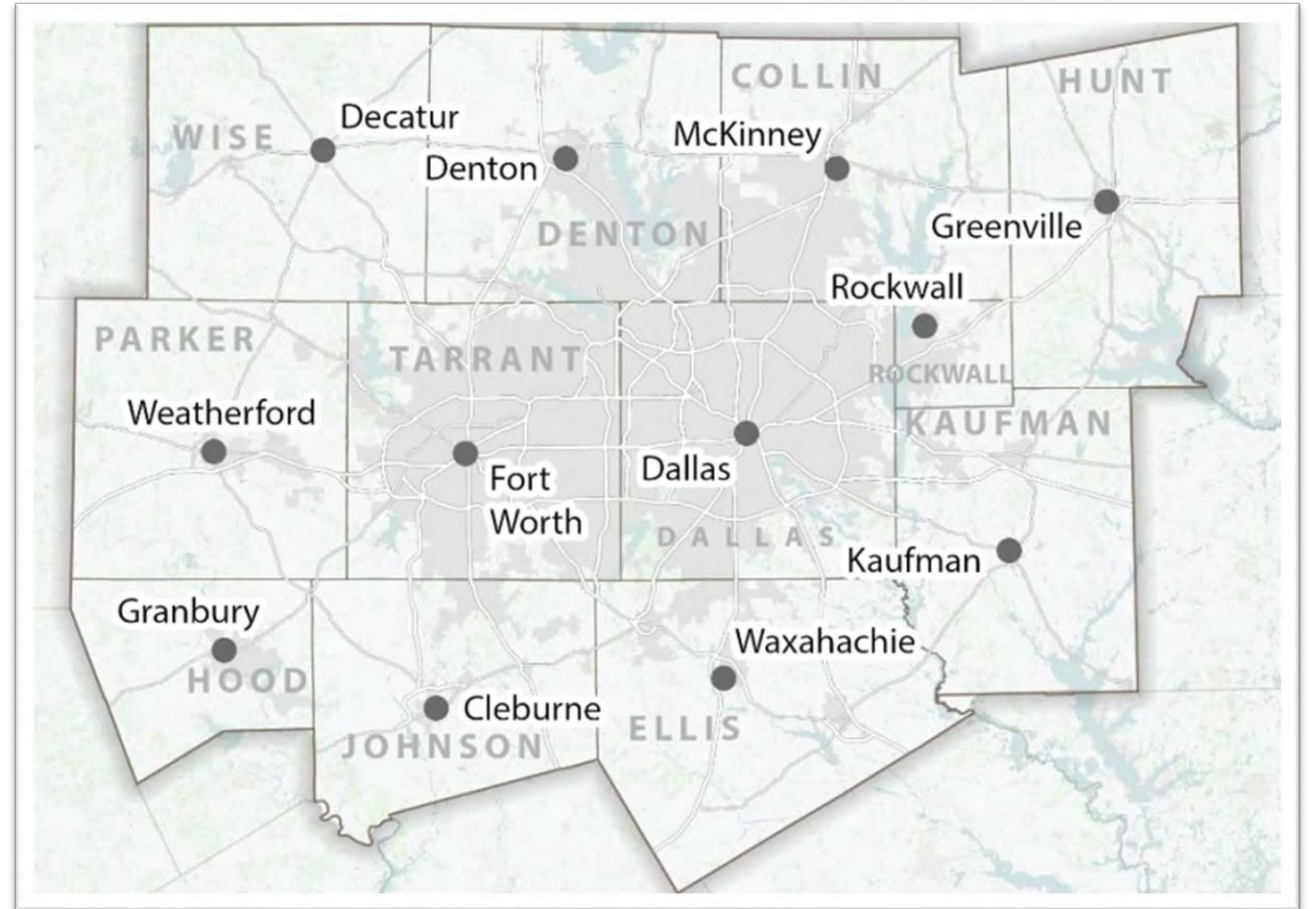
127 school districts

Population 1970: **~2 million**

Population 2022: **~8 million**

85 commuter and light rail stations
(+6 under construction)

19 transit member cities



Key Boards & Committees

Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC)

- Recommendations regarding surface transportation planning and the funding of transportation improvements in the region
- 80 members consisting of engineers and technical staff from local entities

Regional Transportation Council (RTC)

- Independent transportation policy body of the MPO
- Determine allocation of federal, state, regional transportation funds
- Local elected or appointed officials from the MPA and representatives from each transportation provider

NCTCOG Executive Board

- Fiscal and budgetary policy-making body for NCTCOG
- Fiduciary body; approval of funds coming in and going out
- 17 locally elected officials and one ex-officio non-voting member of the legislature



MPO Subcommittees

Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

- Provides technical expertise and public outreach support for local government technical staff and transportation providers
- Members appointed by STTC designation; one representative per membership organization

Coordinated Land Use and Transportation Planning Task Force (LUTTF)

- Forum for local governments to highlight best practices around coordinating land use and transportation plans, policies, and projects
- Focus on interaction between transportation and land use and how they affect development and the transportation system

Regional Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC)

- Assist in the development of regional safety policies, programs, procedures, projects, and activities to improve regional traffic safety
- Transportation professionals and TxDOT representatives from the region

Other opportunities for local government involvement and participation:

- Other committees: <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/about/committees>
- NCTCOG meeting calendar: <https://nctcog.publicinput.com/#events>



Key Plans and Documents



Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

- Long-range planning document recommending projects, plans, and policies to meet regional goals
- Blueprint for region's multimodal transportation system
- Themes: mobility, quality of life, system sustainability, and implementation



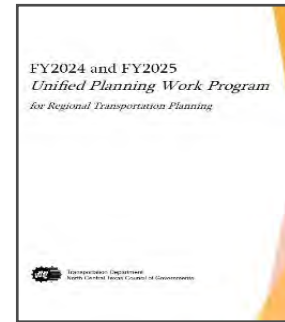
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

- Staged, multi-year funding program of approved regional projects
- New TIP developed every two years



Congestion Management Process (CMP)

- Regional approach for managing congestion to provide updated, accurate information on multimodal transportation and strategies for mitigating congestion



Unified Planning Work Plan (UPWP)

- Guide for NCTCOG transportation and air quality planning activities to be conducted over the course of specified fiscal years
- Includes detailed descriptions of work tasks and a summary of funding amounts and sources

Documents available at: <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/study>



UPWP Overview

Includes:

- NCTCOG's internal work tasks
- Work NCTCOG commits to for outside organizations
- Significant planning funds received by members
- Updated quarterly

UPWP requests:

- Member cities can request technical assistance
- Emails sent soliciting requests every two years in January/February to all cities in the MPA in advance of the next two-year UPWP
- Letters go to mayors, county judges, city managers, county administrators, and transportation/planning/public works directors for all cities/counties in the MPA with population >5,000
- Rarely give money direct - NCTCOG staff completes work or can hire consultant
- Screen for projects/plans that are outside of typical purview of city activities (e.g., ADA Transition Plans), regionally significant, innovative, and/or align with RTC goals for the region



Transportation & Land Use Initiatives

Land Use & Mobility Options Team

Priorities

- Coordinate land use/transportation **increase travel choices** beyond the car (walking, biking, transit)
- Mixed-Use/Walkable Communities
- Complete streets/sidewalks/bike facilities - safety
- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)
- Safe routes to schools/city and ISD coordination

Program Actions

1. Planning, study, and design
2. Education, outreach, and coordination
3. Implementation (funding to local governments)



Transportation & Land Use Initiatives

Regional Influence Examples

Land Use/Transit

- Sustainable, walkable, mixed-use support
- Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)
- Parking Management
- Access North Texas

Bicycle and Pedestrian

- Complete Street/Context Sensitive
- Regional Trails
- Safety
- Sidewalk routes to rails
- Funding and implementation



LUMO Team Recent Projects and Activities

Project/Plan Name	Description	Scope	Status	Link
Silver Line Corridor TOD Plan	Study of corridor level TOD needs: sidewalks, bikeways, parking management, and land use scenarios.	Corridor	In progress	https://nctcog.org/trans/plan/land-use/tod/planning-studies/fta-pilot-2021
SRTS Regional Action Plan	Traffic safety analysis of ~1,800 schools in region to prioritize based on need for SRTS improvements; resources and action plan for regional SRTS activities.	Regional	In Progress	TBD
Collin County Mixed-Use Study	Pilot study of traffic impacts of mixed-use developments in Collin County; recommendations for optimal mixed-use development outcomes.	City/County	Complete	www.nctcog.org/landuseplanning
Parking Toolbox	Observed data on parking demand around the region. Parking Management best practices.	Regional	Ongoing	www.NCTCOG.org/Parking



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The background is a dark blue collage featuring various transportation-related images. On the left, a bicycle is visible. In the center, there's a city skyline at night. At the bottom, a red train car with the 'transdev' logo is shown. The overall theme is urban mobility and infrastructure.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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Cody Derrick

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REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE



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Population

- 2024: 8.3 Million
- 2045: 11.2 Million
- 4th Largest Metropolitan Area by Population
- 1 Million Added Every 5-7 Years

Area

- 12 Counties
- 9,441 Square Miles
- 2nd Largest Metropolitan Planning Area by Land Area
- Larger than 5 States in Area

Lane Miles

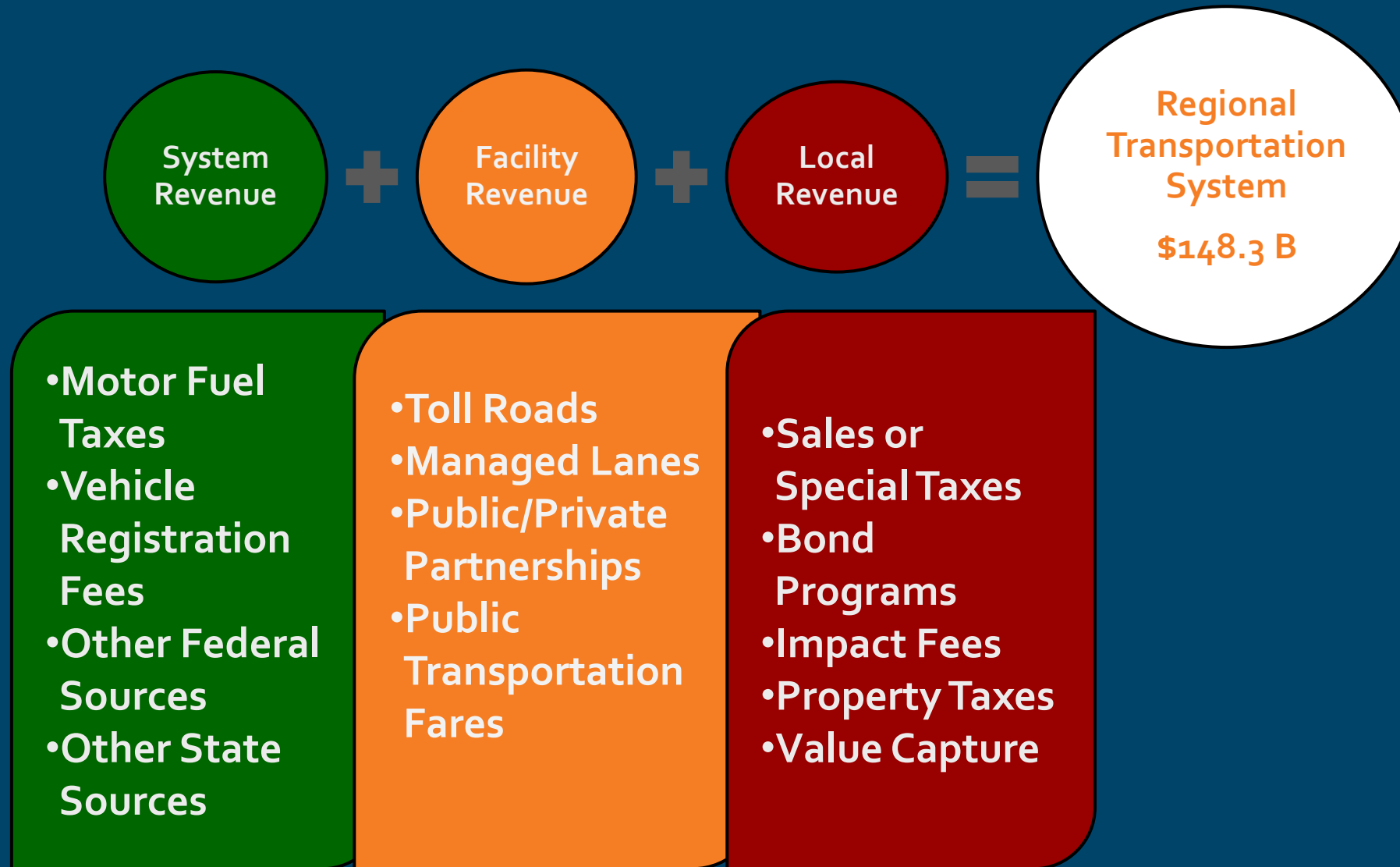
- Freeways: 4,788 in 2020/ 6,098 by 2045
- Priced Facilities: 1,205 in 2020 / 1,826 by 2045



Economy

- Home to 22 Fortune 500 Firms
- Projected to be ranked 14th globally in metro GDP
- Represents 30% of State's Economy

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING BASICS



FUNDING EMPHASIS AREAS

- Interested in funding projects that address the following:
 - The region's air quality
 - Safety issues (i.e., addressing areas with high rates of fatal/incapacitating crashes)
 - Regional Veloweb recommendations and other bike/pedestrian improvements
 - Congestion relief
 - Transit improvements
 - Implementation of connected vehicle and other advanced technology into existing transportation infrastructure

TRADITIONAL FUNDING OPTIONS

- Federal/State Funding
 - Strings attached
 - Timing challenges
 - Insufficient funding available to meet needs
 - Requires minimum 20% match (or Transportation Development Credits if available to your agency)
- Local Funding – City or County
 - Fewer strings attached
 - Potential for faster implementation
 - Insufficient funding available to meet needs



PROJECT SELECTION

- The latest round of project selection for the following funding programs was finalized this month.
- \$306.33 million of funding being proposed across the following categories:
 - Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)
 - Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)
 - Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
 - Regional Toll Revenue (RTR)
 - RTC Local

POINTS TO CONSIDER

- Matching transportation funding to transportation need
 - We do not all need to be experts in funding options.
 - Regional focus is on finding solutions to transportation problems
 - We are looking to fund the Mobility Plan.
 - Are you implementing goals outlined in the Mobility Plan?
- Finding and getting money for regional needs
 - Research options
 - Explain the need
 - Explain funding you are bringing to the table

BIGGEST OBSTACLES/MISTAKES

- Asking for funding too late
- Project readiness
 - Promising delivery dates that are unachievable
 - Not understanding the federal process and timelines
- Staff turnover within implementing agencies
- Waiting for TxDOT to contact you about your project
 - TxDOT is not responsible for initiating your project agreement
 - TxDOT is not responsible for submitting your documentation

DENTON COUNTY MODEL

- Local agency funds and leads pre-construction activities
 - Advantages
 - Gets projects “shovel ready”
 - Projects are more competitive in limited funding environment
 - Potentially advances projects by several years
 - Disadvantages
 - Local agency pays for design, environmental, right-of-way, and/or utilities up front (with no possibility of reimbursement)
- Focuses on getting projects ready for the next round of funding

INNOVATIVE FINANCING

- At the regional level, constantly working to identify future, non-federal funding sources and ways to use federal funds faster
- Examples:
 - PGBT Eastern Extension (20% of future gross revenues committed to the region)
 - DART/RTC Partnerships (trade of federal funding for local funding)
 - Irving Blvd/SH 356 Project (100% loan to be repaid with TIF dollars over time)
- Creates regional local funds to implement projects faster and at a lower cost (outside the federal process)

QUESTIONS/CONTACT INFORMATION

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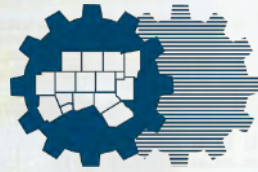
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NCTCOG PRESENTATION

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Processes and Requirements

Charles Marsh | Coordinated Land Use and
Transportation Planning Task Force | 03.26.2025

Federal Planning and Programming

Long-Range System Planning

- Planning and development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)
- Looking 20+ years into the future to identify regional priorities.
- \$148.3 billion by 2045 for maximizing the existing system and investing in strategic improvements.

Short-Range Project Programming

- Project selection based on regional priorities through different funding initiatives.
- Available funding is a combination of federal, state, regional, and local funds.
- Maintaining projects in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

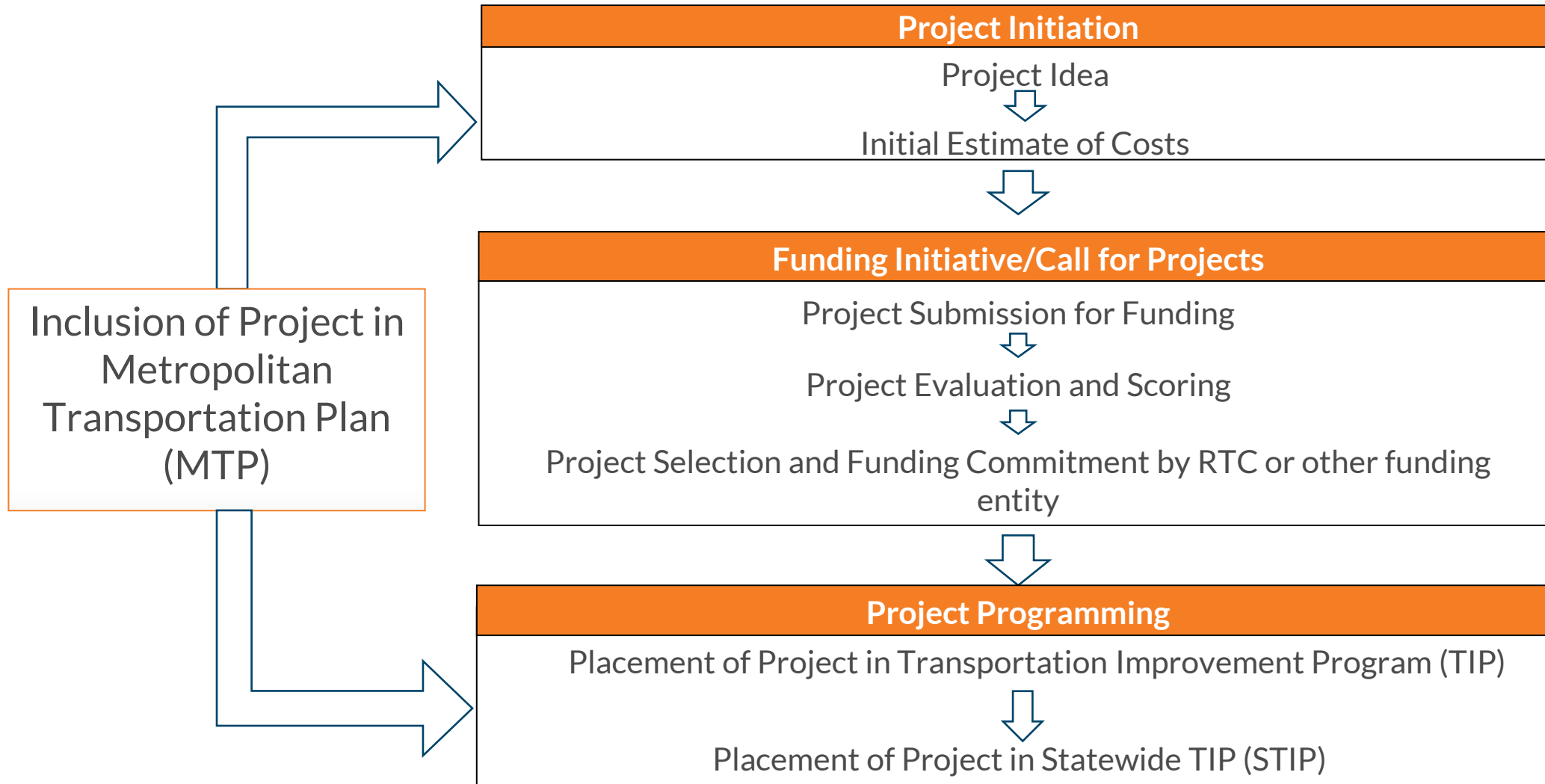
What is the TIP?

- A TIP is a federally mandated plan that outlines a list of regionally significant transportation projects that are to be implemented over a 4-year period.
 - Includes both capital and non-capital surface transportation projects, such as highways, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and safety projects.
 - Must be financially constrained, meaning it can only include projects for which funding is reasonably expected to be available.
 - Must conform to the regional priorities outlined in the MTP.
 - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) must approve projects before federal funds may be obligated.
- Must be routinely updated because inaccurate project information can significantly delay federal approval and the availability of funding.

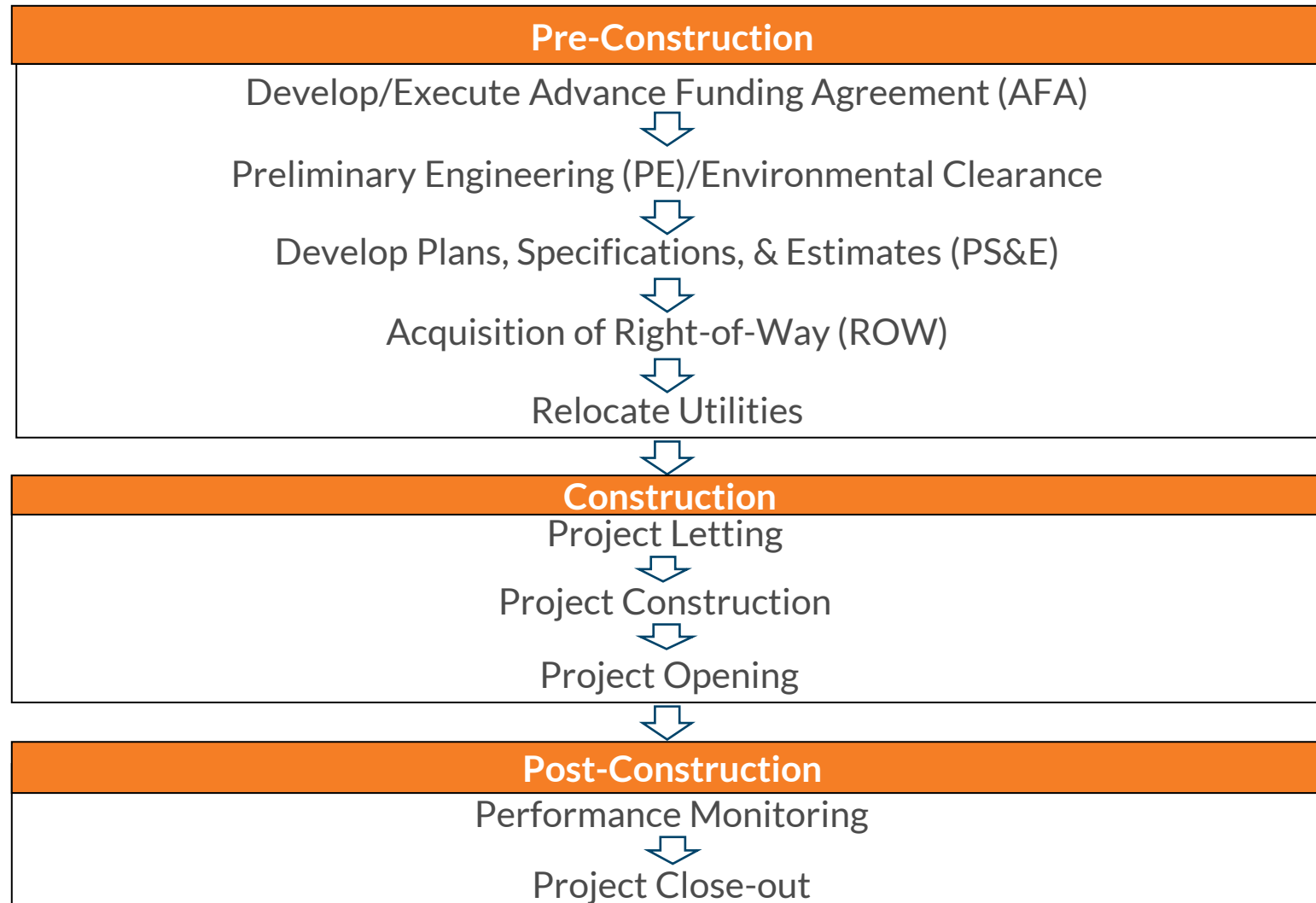
Development/Maintenance of the TIP

- A new TIP is developed every two years and modifications to the current TIP are made quarterly.
- Types of project changes that should be reflected include:
 - Addition of approved project
 - Changes to funding amounts
 - Changes to the schedule
 - Changes to scope and/or limits
- Updates take approximately 6 months to receive formal approval (4 months for TIP + 2 months for STIP).
- Inaccurate project information can significantly delay federal approval and the availability of funding.

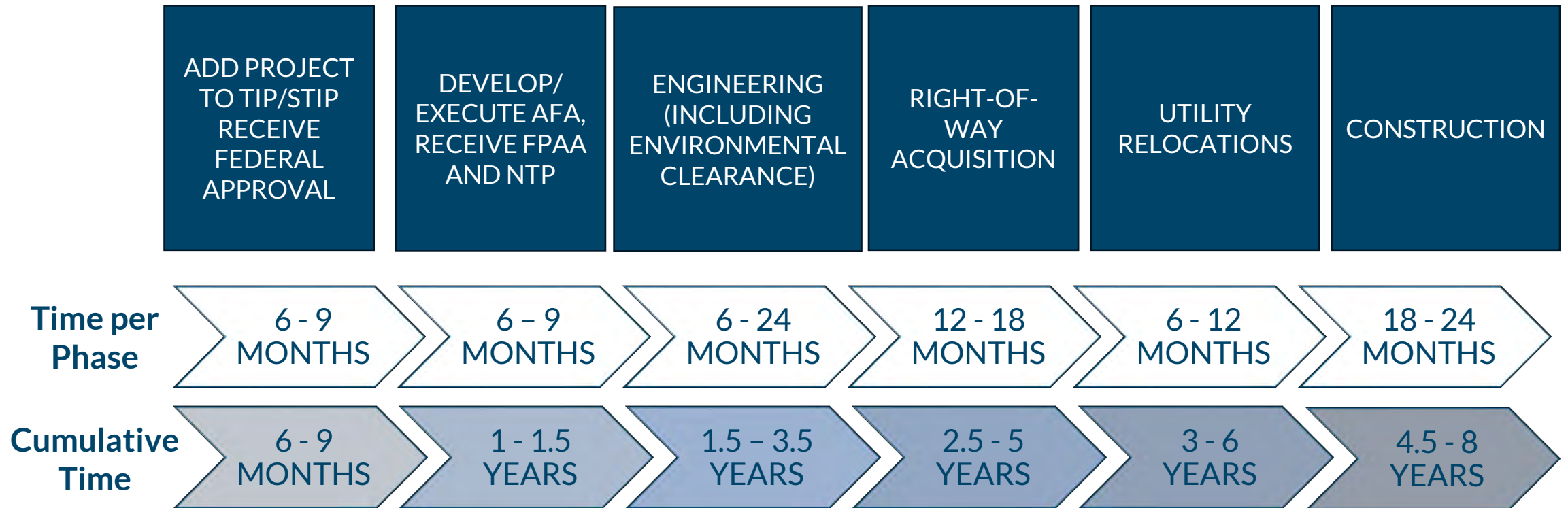
PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



Total Time to Complete a Project (Once Selected)



This timeline assumes the project stays on track and does not experience any significant delays. Discussions should ideally begin 3-4 years prior to need for funding.

How to “plug in” to the process?

1. Monitor monthly Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) and RTC meetings
2. Submit project ideas when they arise – discussions should begin with local governments
3. Ensure anticipated city/agency projects are included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) – Is the project regionally significant?
4. Be ready to apply when funding programs are announced
5. Get your projects ready for construction



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Additional information about the TIP can be found at:

www.nctcog.org/trans/tip

MOBILITY 2050



*The Metropolitan Transportation Plan
for North Central Texas*

Land Use Transportation Task Force
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#PlanInProgress

What is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan?

MOBILITY 2050

Development underway,
expected adoption by the
Regional Transportation
Council in June 2025



Represents a **blueprint** for the region's multimodal transportation system for all users



Covers at least a **20-year** timeframe



Responds to region's goals

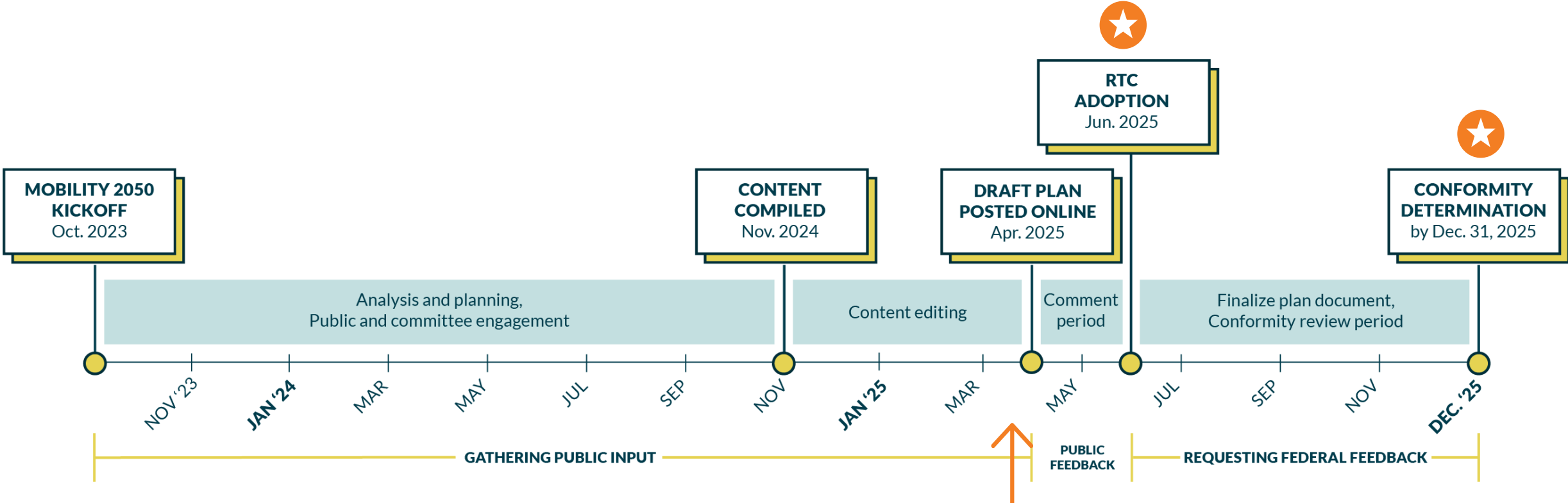


Identifies policies, programs, and projects for continued development, consistent with federal/state air quality goals

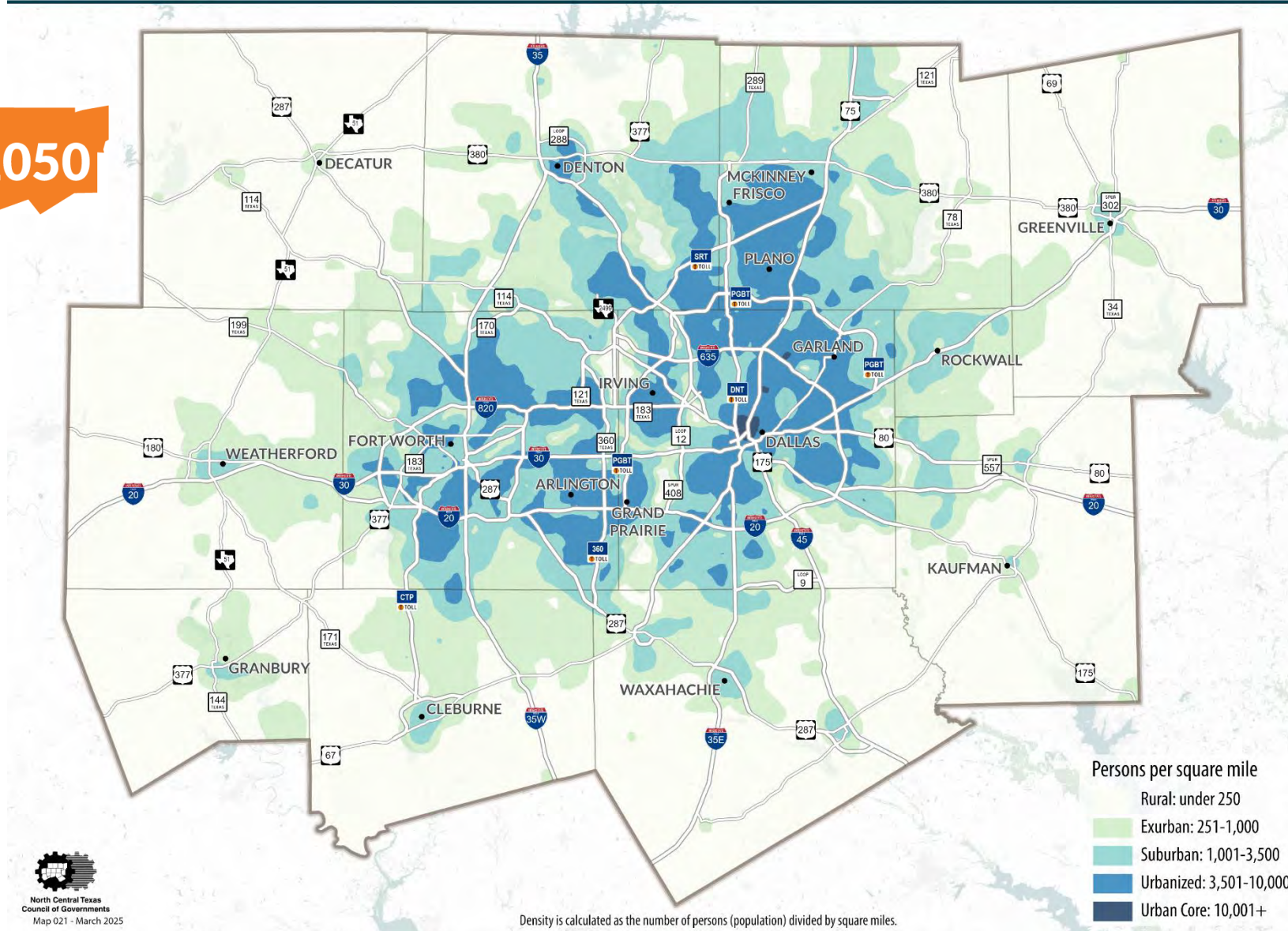


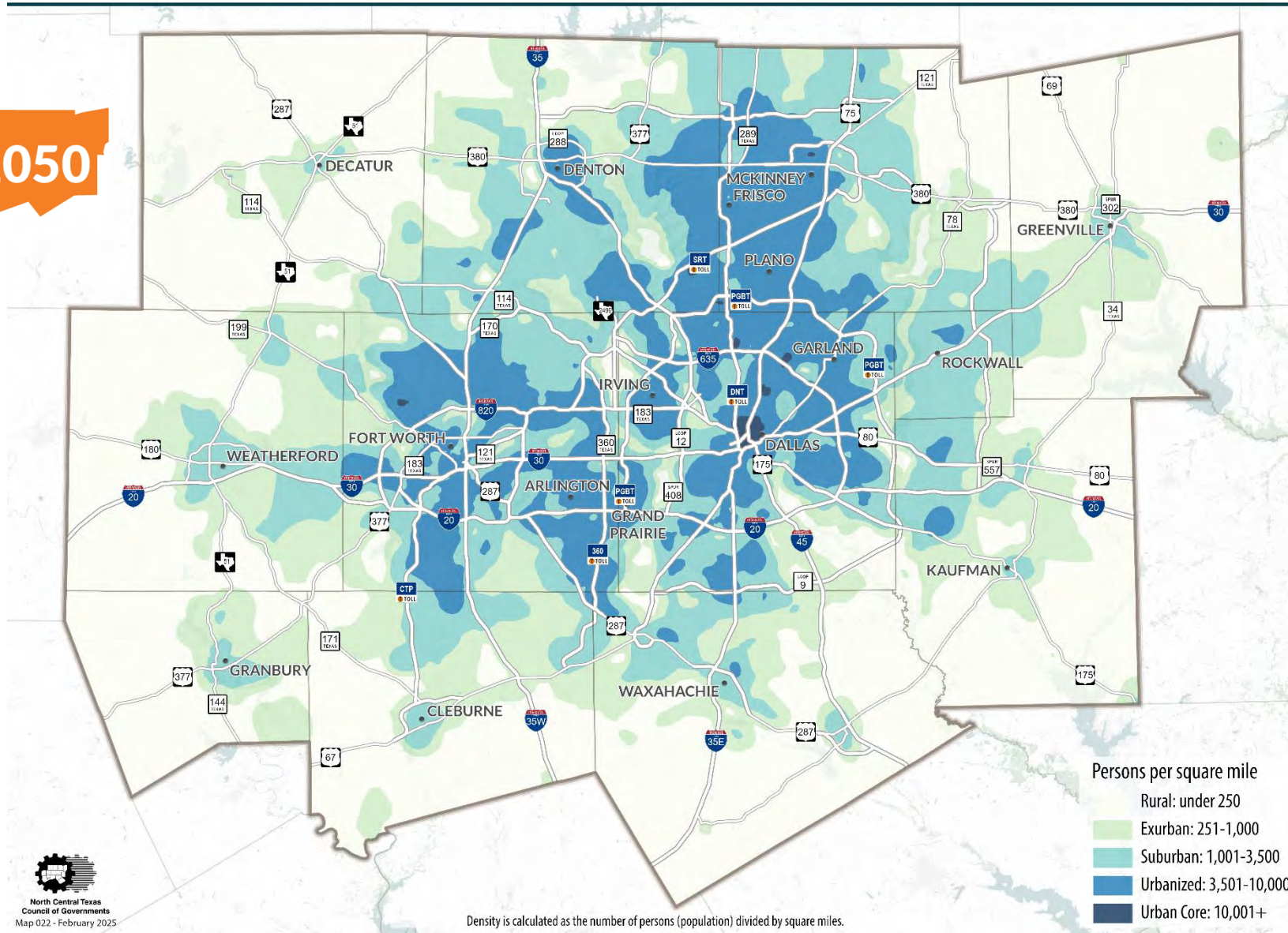
Guides the expenditure of federal and state funds, demonstrates **financial constraint**

Plan Development Timeline



- Technical analysis complete
- Plan content being reviewed/formatted
- Public involvement analysis is being summarized

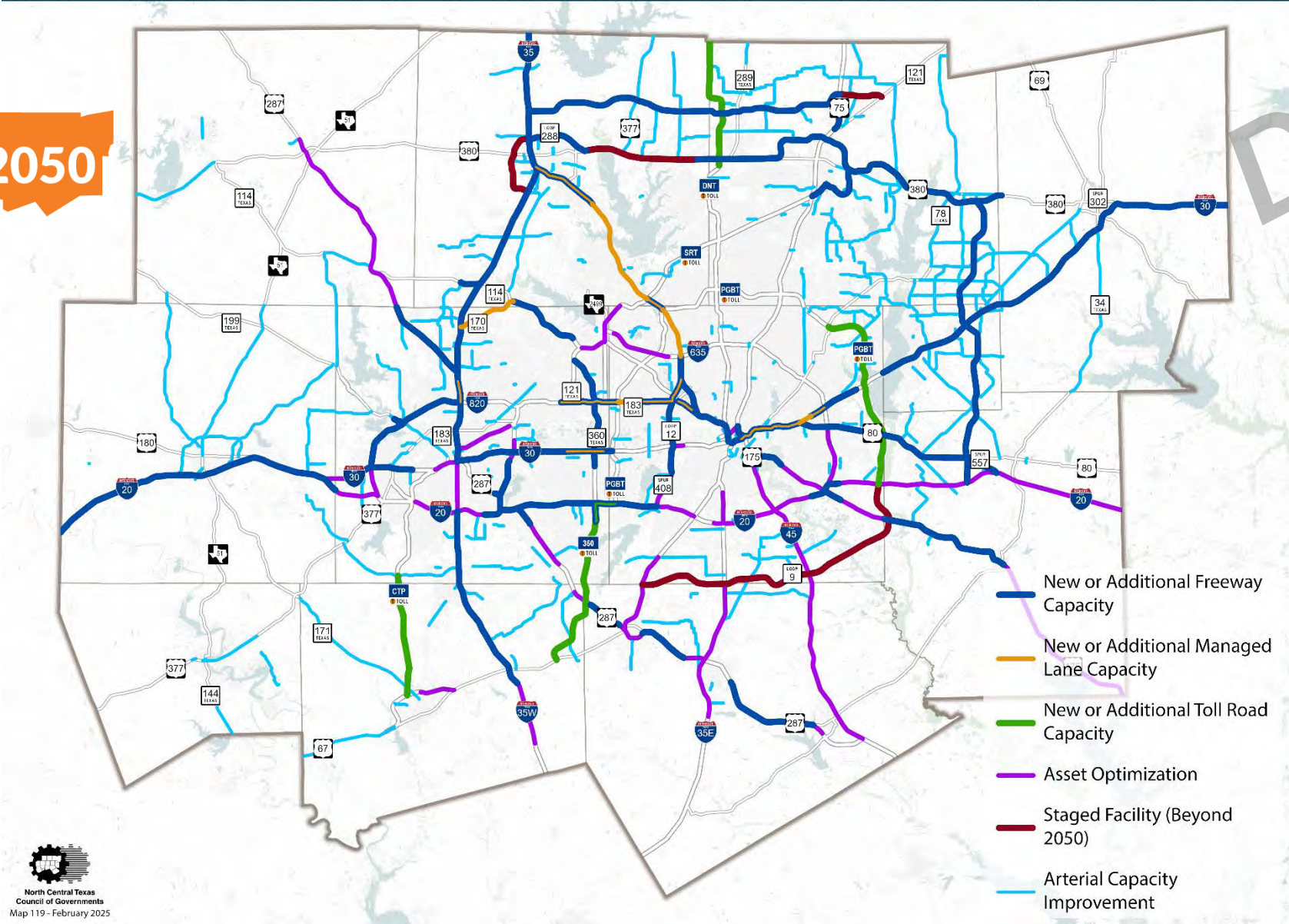








MOBILITY2050



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Map 119 - February 2025

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Active Transportation Recommendations

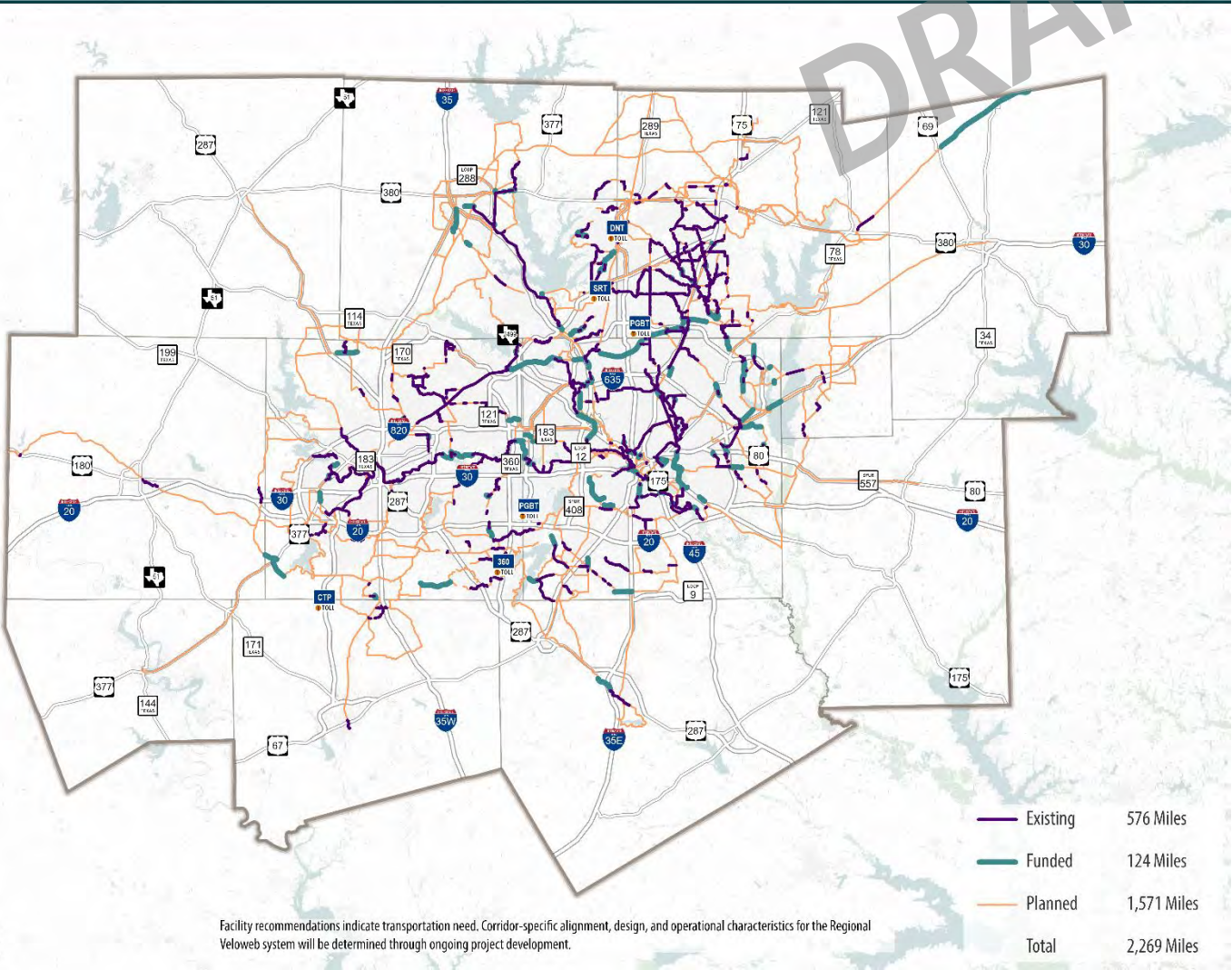
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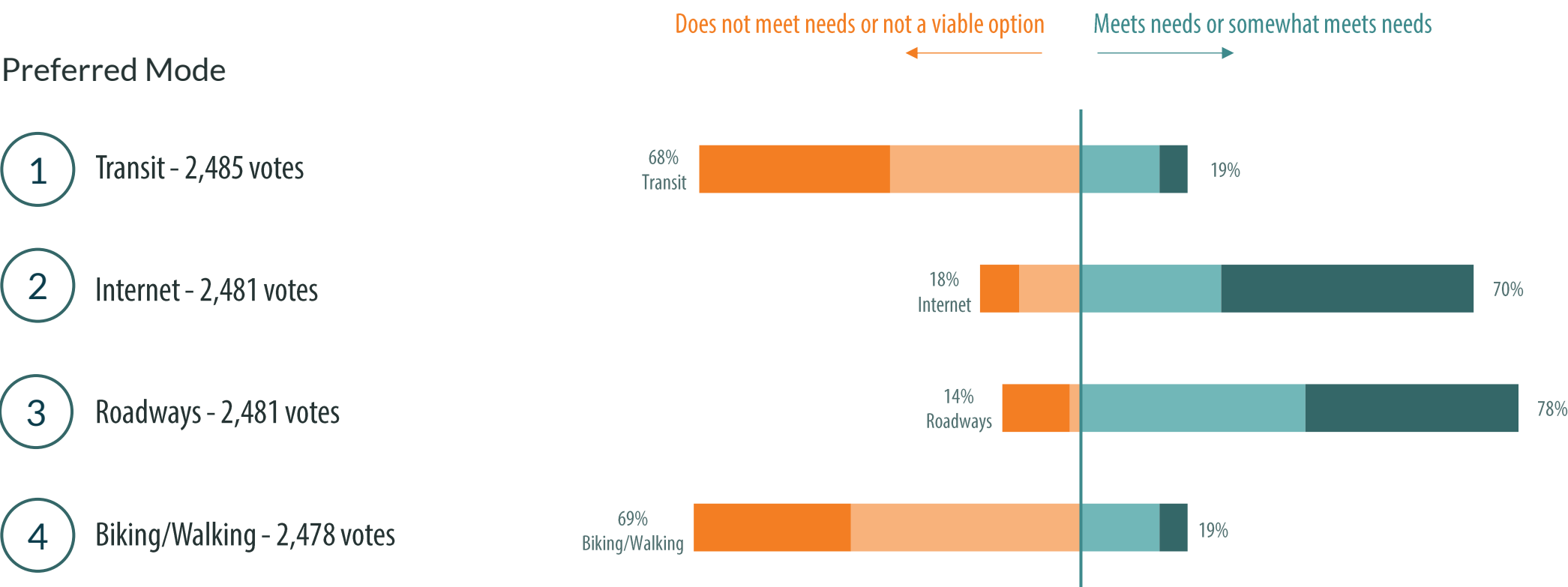


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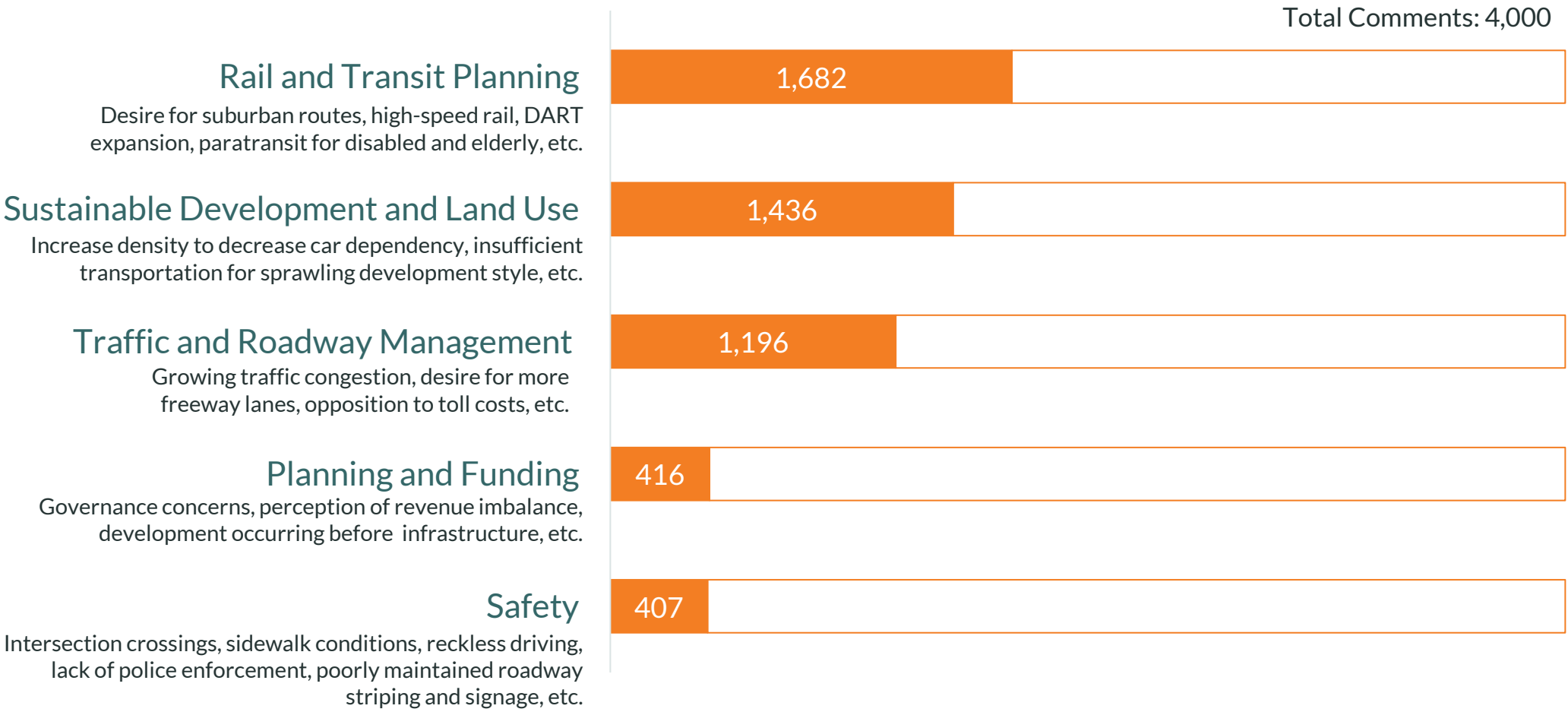


Work Commutes by Transit: Expectations vs. Reality

Preferred Mode









Rail and Transit Planning is the most prevalent theme in public comments



MTP POLICY BUNDLE

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|  | Set of 20 policies from the MTP |  | Advances regional priorities like safety, air quality, transit |
|  | Voluntary participation |  | Rewards qualifying entities with TDCs |

TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDITS (TDC)

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|  | Toll road investment ~a decade ago incentivized by federal government |  |  | Regional pot of TDCs available for use in the Policy Bundle Program |
|  | Substitute for required local match for federal projects |  |  | Frees up local cash to use for other priorities |

Process



The policies included in Round 6 are to be updated as part of the Mobility 2050 planning process.

Scoring: TDCs are allocated by points. There are multiple points available for most policies.

Policy Bundle Program

- Expected updates: New policy list development after Mobility 2050 adoption
- Timeline: Fall 2025 outreach and early 2026 application opportunity
- How cities can prepare
 - Stay Informed – Sign up for the email list to receive updates when the new policy list is released this fall.
 - Plan Ahead – Review the available policies and begin gathering required documentation.
 - Obtain Approvals – Secure necessary resolutions or approvals from your council, commission, or board in advance.
 - Be Ready – Ensure all requirements are met early to streamline the application process.

Policy Bundle Rules

- One application accepted per entity
- You must apply each round if interested, even if you've been awarded in the past
- TDCs awarded must be used within two fiscal years of RTC approval of awards
- Eligible projects that can utilize TDCs are new federal projects which are eligible for federal roadway or air quality funds

Land Use & Transportation in Mobility 2050

- Transit 2.0 Integration: Will likely impact Policy Bundle's policy list
- Land Uses that Support Transit: Policies and Programs in the plan
 - TOD
 - Parking management
 - Land use

View the draft policy/program listings and more maps and tables at: www.nctcog.org/PlanInProgress

Schedule to Adoption

Time Frame	Milestone
February 2025	Financial Plan and Roadway Recommendations
March 2025	Demographic Review and Transit Recommendations + Programs
April-May 2025	Required 60-day Public Comment Period RTC Information & STTC Action (Plan and Air Quality)
June 2025	RTC Action to Adopt Mobility 2050
July – December 2025	Federal Transportation Conformity Review Period

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Discussion

After Today's Meeting

Access Meeting Slides:

www.NCTCOG.org/LUTTF

Next quarterly newsletter: **May 2025**

- Send us your projects to feature!

Next meeting scheduled for: **September 2025**

- Any topics of interest you'd like to see? Interested in presenting?
Let us know

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