

The Case for State Funding in Urban Transit: Partial Transition of DART Cities to 4A and 4B

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Resolution of Transit Issues in the DFW Region

- 1.) DART and Member Cities Continue to Resolve Their Problems
- 2.) Transit Agencies and Local Governments Should Implement Transit 2.0
- 3.) RTC Consider Advancing Broader Transit Conversations (P25-01)
 - < \$1 Million (RTC Local Funds)
 - Advancing Revenue of the State
 - Equity Adjustments for Rail Station Status and Sales Tax Collections



Three Components





PART 1 New State Revenues (Help All The Authorities)

Potential Fund Source	Outcome Needed
Transit 2.0: Reduce Congestion by 10 – 20% (TxDOT)	Economic Development Around Rail Station ("Cost Avoidance")
State of Texas Bonus Sales Tax Collection (Later Slide)	Regional 4 County: Micro-transit or Regional Passenger Rail
Texas Mobility Funds (Transit Eligible)	Capital Transportation Projects
Texas Water Ferry System Equity Funding	Regional Passenger Rail
Police and Fire Freeway Response Reimbursement	LGC, 4A / 4B



12-County Sales Tax Impact Region/State Comparison

Item	2013	2024
Region Population	6,796,661	8,342,425
Texas Population	26,448,193	31,290,831
% Region Population	25.7%	26.7%
Region Total Sales Tax	\$7,188,461,931	\$13,719,801,309
State Total Sales Tax	\$25,944,000,000	\$47,160,000,000
% Region Sales Tax	27.7%	29.1%
Ratio	1.078	1.091

State Donor Impact (1.091-1.078) * 47,160,000,000 = \$612 million/year

Sources: Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; US Census Bureau; NCTCOG

Dallas-Fort Worth Sales Tax: Allocation Comparison Summary Reports (https://comptroller.texas.gov/transparency/local/allocations/sales-tax/) State Sales Tax:. Annual Tax Collections (<u>https://comptroller.texas.gov/about/media-center/infographics/2025/bre26-27/collections.php?utm_source=chatgpt.com</u>) This analysis was conducted with the assistance of AI tools to support data location. All data was verified with the original source.



DART Funding Steps (Ideas)

Part 1: State Revenue 🛨

Part 2: City Effective Tax Rate Metering Sales Tax Rate (Later Slide) – Adjustment 1: 4 Cities Not Having Light Rail Station (Exists) O

Adjustment 2: Equity Regarding Sales Tax Contribution (New Data)

Adjustment 3: Cities Desiring Economic Development vs Mobility Funds 🕂



Substituting State Funds for Local Funds (DART Cities Median Tax Rate Factor)



Population Density Change and Transit Authority Areas

Population within **Transit Authority** Service Areas







Source: NCTCOG

RTC Action

- 1.) Approve Policy P25-01
- 2.) Approve RTC Local Funding < \$1 Million
- 3.) No Conditions, Let Process Determine Outcome
- 4.) Action Included In All Documents
- 5.) Request to the RTC Chair Interest To Participate



FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning

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Five Major Tasks

Task 1 – Administration and Management

Task 2 – Transportation Data Development and Maintenance

Task 3 – Short-Range Planning, Programming, and Operations

Task 4 – Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Task 5 – Special Studies



Implemented through:

• 34 Subtasks

• 175-200 Programs and Projects

Funded through:

• 17 Revenue Sources

• 205 Grants

FY2026 and FY2027 Emphasis Areas

Transit Planning

Transit Coordination and Implementation

High-Speed Rail and Emerging Transportation Technology

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Transportation Funding Initiatives, Partnership Programs, and Innovative Financing Strategies

Transportation System Operation

Data Collection and Travel Models

GIS and Data Solutions

Expedited Project Delivery



FY2026 and FY2027 Emphasis Areas (Cont'd)

Coordination of Transportation and Environmental Planning Processes

Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning

Transportation Asset Management

Regional Freight Planning

Safety and Security in the Transportation Planning Process

Uncrewed Aircraft Systems

Transportation Technology and Innovation Program

Military-Community Planning

Transportation Energy



FY2026 and FY2027 UPWP Additional Programming (Exhibit VII-3)

Purchase of Microcomputer Equipment - \$581,000 RTC Local Microcomputers - \$535,000 Printers - \$6,000 Supporting Hardware - \$40,000



FY2026 and FY2027 TPF Funding Summary

FY2026 and FY2027 US FTA (5303)	\$ 8,531,876
FY2026 and FY2027 US FHWA (Estimated PL)	\$21,195,331
FY2025 US FHWA (Estimated PL-Carryover)	<u>\$ 6,669,030</u>
Total Transportation Planning Funds	\$36,396,237
Anticipated Expenditures	\$32,847,600
PL Balance to Carry Over to FY2028	\$ 3,548,637



Summary of Total Funding

Estimated Total Funding (all sources): \$314,239,122



Pass-through ≈ 62%



Development Schedule

February 18	Issuance of Requests for NCTCOG Assistance to Transportation Partners, including STTC
March 6	Issuance of Requests for Regional Project Ideas to RTC
May 23	Draft Recommendations to STTC for Information
June 5	Initiation of Public Outreach and Draft UPWP to TxDOT
June 6	Draft UPWP to STTC for Information
June 12	Draft UPWP to RTC for Information
June 27	STTC Action on Recommended UPWP
July 10	RTC Action on Recommended UPWP
July 24	Executive Board Action on Recommended UPWP
July 28	Final UPWP to TxDOT



REQUESTED ACTION – FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program

Regional Transportation Council approval of:

FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the projects and programs contained in the Work Program

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Copy of FY2026 and FY2027 UPWP can be found at <u>https://www.nctcog.org/trans/study/unified-planning-work-program</u>







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Dallas-Fort Worth CLEAN CITIES

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

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NCTCOG Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Community Award



Funds Currently Obligated: \$14,068,800 Funds Pending Obligation: \$931,200 (Sites in Erath, Palo Pinto, and Somervell Counties) 2



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

Steps to Selection (Phase 2)





CFI Community Program Requirements

Purpose: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) program to reduce emissions and expand or fill gaps in access to alternative fueling infrastructure

• Focused on locations NOT along a highway

Eligible Projects: Publicly accessible electric, hydrogen, natural gas, or propane infrastructure

Eligible Costs: Design, engineering, purchase, installation, electrical upgrades, construction, operations and maintenance (O&M)

Funding Amount: Federal share up to 80 percent of the total project cost

• Non-federal share must come from private sector (most likely the charging station vendor)

Focus Areas:

- Public Charging
- Non-single family
- Multi-modal hubs and shared-use fleets/services
- Fleet vehicles that operate in communities
- Rural areas

Other Requirements:

- Usable by individuals with disabilities
- Meet relevant standards of <u>23 CFR 680</u>, including:
 - Being "always" accessible to the public
 - Achieving 97% uptime
 - Submitting required reports



Elements from NCTCOG Proposal

Eligible Projects: Install charging stations on public sector property in the 16 county NCTCOG region

- Set Asides for Navarro, Erath, Palo Pinto and Somervell counties*
- Examples: Sports complexes, parks, city halls, community centers, libraries, multi-use service centers, transit stations, public schools
- No public roadway rights-of-way

Eligible Applicants: Public agencies, including local governments, transit agencies, school districts and universities

Security: Sites must have appropriate lighting **Procurement:** NCTCOG conducts vendor procurement(s) and includes operations and maintenance



Photo Credit: Dallas Area Rapid Transit

* = Set asides for Erath, Palo Pinto and Somervell counties pending FHWA approval



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

Proposed Project Eligibility

Proposed Screening Criteria:

- Comply with all FHWA program requirements (Step 1)
- Comply with elements from NCTCOG awarded proposal (Step 2)
- Located within an existing paved parking lot + meet criteria below
- Independent parallel "Deployment Dream Team" Risk Assessment

Proposed Scoring Criteria for Eligible Projects:

Areas with Insufficient Charging	Areas with Potential Demand	Public Engagement	Feasibility and Risk	
Up to 60 points	Up to 20 points	Up to 10 points	Up to 10 points	0 Points - Fatal flaw analysis
Distance from existing or planned charging stations Existing chargers do not adequately support area needs (ratio of vehicles to chargers; community/ economic development)	Location could serve multi-modal hubs or fleet shared use areas (e.g. first- or last-mile driver connection, rideshare drivers) Location could serve community fleets	Near locations recommended by the general public Facility type recommended by the general public (e.g. parks, rec centers, schools)	Demonstrated project readiness (implementation plan, strategies to drive utilization) Measures to mitigate station damage or inoperability (e.g. site security, grid integration)	"Deployment Dream Team" location risk assessment (e.g. electrical capacity, flood risk)



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

Site and Vendor Selection Roles and Responsibilities

Public Agency Applies to RTC Call for Projects for Site Selection

"Deployment Dream Team" consultant available to support applications and provide risk assessment

RTC Selects Public Agency Sites and Recommends Subawards

Grant pays up to 80% initial deployment capital costs plus up to 20% O&M Non-federal share to be contributed by vendor(s), including O&M payments

NCTCOG Conducts Vendor Procurement(s) (Equipment, Construction/Installation, O&M)

Opportunities for public agency input Advise on RFP requirements/expectations Participate in Consultant Selection Committee



Implementation Roles and Responsibilities

Construction and Installation

- Public Agency cash-flows up to 80% federal share, to be reimbursed by NCTCOG
- •Vendor(s) provide at least 20% non-federal share
- Public agency assumes ownership of the station

• Public Agency cash-flow up to 20% federal share, to be reimbursed by NCTCOG

- •Vendor(s) pay remaining O&M
- Public agency funding responsibility begins (if necessary)
- $\bullet Vendor(s)$ answerable to the public agency for performance, repair, and O&M
- Vendor(s) allowed to recover return on investment
- •Vendor(s) provide required reporting on charger utilization and uptime (federal program requirement)

"Deployment Dream Team" Consultant Available to Guide All Parties Throughout Implementation

5 Year

Operations

and

Maintenance

After 5 Year O&M Public agency obligations end after 5 years, ongoing operations at public agency discretion



Anticipated Call for Projects Schedule

Proposed Milestone	Date	
STTC Info – Call for Projects	May 23, 2025	
RTC Info – Call for Projects	June 12, 2025	
Executive Board Info – Call for Projects	June 26, 2025	
STTC Action – Call for Projects	June 27, 2025	
RTC Action - Call for Projects	July 10, 2025	
Executive Board Action – Call for Projects	July 24, 2025	
Call for Projects Opens	July 25, 2025	
Call for Projects Deadline (14 weeks)	October 31, 2025	
STTC Info – Award Recommendations	December 5, 2025	
RTC Info – Award Recommendations	December 11, 2025	
Executive Board Info – Award Recommendations	December 18, 2025	
STTC Action – Award Recommendations	January 23, 2026	
RTC Action – Award Recommendations	February 12, 2026	
Executive Board Action – Award Recommendations	February 26, 2026	



Requested Action – North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects

RTC Approval of:

- Authorization to Open Call for Projects, including:
 - Eligibility Requirements
 - Screening Criteria
 - Scoring Criteria
 - Schedule
 - Call for Projects Estimated Open: July 25, 2025
 - Call for Projects Estimated Close: October 31, 2025
- Amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the project funding

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2025 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN UPDATE

REBEKAH GONGORA North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council Meeting July 10, 2025



The Public Participation Plan (PPP) is a federal requirement, guides our department's public involvement efforts and outlines the MPO's responsibility to inform and involve individuals and communities.

The PPP covers federal responsibilities, procedures, strategies and evaluation.

A copy is posted on the Transportation Department's **Get Involved** webpage.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Consistent & Comprehensive Communication

Commitment to Balanced Engagement

Consultation with Committees

Collaboration with Audiences & Stakeholders





PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN GOALS

Goal 1: Inform and Educate

Goal 2: Engage Comprehensive Audiences and Encourage Continued Participation

Goal 3: Evaluate Public Participation Strategies and Efforts



ENGAGEMENT WITH PEOPLE

- Virtual and In-Person Public Meetings
- Online Input Opportunities
- Outreach Events
- Speaking Engagements
- Community Networks
- Media Relations

- Print and Digital Publications
- Website
- Social Media
- Surveys and Polling
- Visualizations and Shareable Content
- Translation and Interpretation Services



LEGISLATION RELATED TO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and previous transportation legislation (ISTEA, TEA-21, SAFETEA-LU, MAP-21, and the FAST Act)

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964: Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs

Revocation of Executive Order 12898 (Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, 1994)



PROPOSED REVISIONS

Update the PPP to reflect new planning regulations and federal policies:

- IIJA encourages the use of technology and web-based tools for public participation
- Revocation of Executive Order 12898 removed references to Environmental Justice

Update public involvement processes and procedures to reflect technology advances:

- Update references to keypad polling; incorporate use of phone applications for polling
- Incorporate usage of our online public engagement platform



PROPOSED REVISIONS

Reaffirm public involvement process for the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP):

- Public meeting will no longer be required for UPWP modifications
- UPWP will instead be posted online
- Reaffirm cataloging of public comments in two documents:
- Public input opportunity minutes
- Public comments reports

Update performance measures to ensure they are relevant and manageable to track and report

Create new layout and design of PPP document to reflect department branding efforts



SCHEDULE

June 27, 2025 July 10, 2025 July 14, 2025 July 14, 2025 August 22, 2025 Sept. 11, 2025 STTC Information RTC Information Public Meetings Public Comment Period Begins STTC Action RTC Action



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