

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — November 20, 2025

Transportation Council Room | 616 Six Flags Drive | Arlington, Texas

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting was conducted as a videoconference meeting that was live broadcast at <https://nctcog.swagit.com/live>. The presiding officer, President Johnson, was present at the physical location, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas, which was open to the public during all open portions of the meeting.

President Johnson called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 1:00 pm on November 20, 2025. Todd Little took attendance and determined that a quorum was physically present.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Victoria Johnson | 10. Bowie Hogg (V) |
| 2. Jennifer Justice | 11. Rick Horne (V) |
| 3. Brandon J. Huckabee | 12. Gary Hulsey |
| 4. Chris Hill | 13. Clay Jenkins |
| 5. Christopher Boedeker | 14. Cara Mendelsohn |
| 6. David Bristol (V) | 15. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 7. Carlos Flores (V) | 16. Tim O'Hare |
| 8. T.J. Gilmore (V) | 17. Kameron Raburn |
| 9. Darrell Hale | |

Members of the Board Absent:

1. Mitch Little

Members of the Staff Present:

Todd Little, Monte Mercer, Susan Alvarez, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Maribel Martinez, Phedra Redifer, Randy Richardson, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Tom McLain, Kelly Schmidt, Chris Klaus, Jessie Shadowens-James, Emily Dryden, Lori Clark, Lisa Sack, Megan Short, Sarah Jackson, Skylar Staffaroni, Lisa Rascoe, Caroline Vandergriff, April Leger, Amanda Massey, Carmen Morones, Karla Windsor, Gypsy Gavia, Vickie Alexander, Natalie Bettger, Dan Lamers, Brendon Wheeler

Visitors Present:

Eric Garcia, Fort Worth Report; John Polster, Consultant – I.T.S.; Andy Eads, Denton County Judge; Senator Royce West – Texas Senate District 23; Kelvin Bass, Legislative Aide – Texas Senate (Royce West); Chriss Williams, Legislative Aide – Texas Senate (Royce West); Victor Vandergriff

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

President Johnson opened the floor for public comment and asked whether anyone present wished to speak. Two members of the public—Senator Royce West and Judge Andy Eads, Denton County—offered remarks regarding the Executive Session item concerning the Director of Transportation. Representative Yvonne Davis also submitted a written statement on the same matter and requested that it be read aloud during the meeting, which President Johnson proceeded to do.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Items 1 - 10 were posted on the agenda as Consent Items.

Item 1 Approval of Minutes - October 23, 2025

Item 2 Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Pest Control Services

Board authorization was requested to enter a contractual agreement with Reiter Investment Group LLC dba Critter Stop for routine scheduled pest services, one time pest abatement and removal for bees, wasps, and similar pests, wildlife removal for raccoons, skunks, armadillos, and similar animals, and termite services including related goods and services. The proposed contract would be for a term of up to five (5) years and available through the North Central Texas Council of Governments TXShare cooperative purchasing program.

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Waterworks and Wastewater Construction Materials

This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Councilmember Johnson. She noted a clerical error within Category 7 in which Fortiline Waterworks was not to be selected and advised the other Board Members that an updated attachment was provided at each location for reference. She also stated that a presentation was not required.

Board authorization was requested to enter into contractual agreements with various vendors for Waterworks and Wastewater Construction Materials through the North Central Texas Council of Governments TXShare cooperative purchasing program for a maximum five-year term.

Details of each vendor and service category are listed below:

Service Categories	Respondent			
	APSCO	Core & Main LP	Ferguson Enterprises, LLC	Fortiline Waterworks
Category 1: Fire Hydrants	X	X	X	X
Category 2: Valves	X	X	X	X
Category 3: Service Line Taps & Stops	X	X	X	X
Category 4: Valves, Stacks & Boxes	X	X	X	
Category 5: Water Line Pipe, Fittings & Appurtenances	X	X	X	X
Category 6: Sewer Line Pipe, Fittings & Appurtenances	X	X	X	X
Category 7: Manholes & Cleanouts	X	X	X	
Category 8: Clamps & Brass Fittings	X	X	X	X
Category 9: Other Ancillary Goods or Services	X	X	X	X

Exhibit 2025-11-03-AA

- Item 4 **Resolution Amending the Utility Rate for the Workforce Centers as Procured by the Texas CUC Aggregation Project**
Board approval was requested to amend the electricity utility rate for the Workforce Centers as procured through the Texas CUC Aggregation Project (Public Power Pool). NCTCOG, as the Administrative Entity and Grant Recipient/Fiscal Agent for the North Central Texas Workforce Development Board, operates eleven Workforce Centers across the region. The Executive Board previously authorized participation in the Public Power Pool in October 2017, approving a rate not to exceed \$0.039 per kilowatt hour for seven centers, and later approved an amended three-year rate in December 2022 not to exceed \$0.059 per kilowatt hour for eight centers. Public Power Pool has completed a new procurement for six Workforce Centers, resulting in a proposed three-year electricity rate not to exceed \$0.0622 per kilowatt hour. The North Central Texas Workforce Development Board recommended approval of this amended rate on November 4, 2025.
- Item 5 **Resolution Authorizing Terrell Workforce Center Lease Extension**
Board authorization was requested to extend the lease for the Terrell Workforce Center located at 109 Tejas Drive, Suites 300, 500, and 700. The facility includes 7,012 square feet of office space, currently leased at \$14.08 per square foot, with the existing five-year term ending January 31, 2026. The space includes an area dedicated to TWC Vocational Rehabilitation staff. Staff recommended a two-year lease extension to allow time to complete a regional analysis of Workforce Center locations and future service delivery needs. The landlord, CS & RF Investments, LLC, agreed to a two-year extension at an average rate not to exceed \$16.00 per square foot, excluding insurance, taxes, utilities, janitorial, and common area maintenance. A market survey conducted by Avison Young confirmed the rate is within the local market range, and no alternative space is currently available. The recommendation was supported by the North Central Texas Workforce Development Board on November 4, 2025.
- Item 6 **Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Tarrant County to Facilitate Review of the Project Design by Railroad Partners for the Bonds Ranch Road Grade Separation**
Board authorization was requested to enter a contractual agreement with Tarrant County to fund railroad engineering review for the Bonds Ranch Road Grade Separation Project. Tarrant County, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), NCTCOG, and the City of Fort Worth are collaborating to eliminate two at-grade rail crossings on Bonds Ranch Road near Business 287, involving Burlington Northern Santa Fe and Union Pacific. As required for rail projects, the design-lead agency must contract with each railroad and cover the cost of their design review, estimated at \$500,000 per railroad for a total of \$1,000,000. The Regional Transportation Council approved these funds in March 2021. The total not to exceed amount of \$1,000,000 will be utilizing Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds and 200,000 Transportation Development Credits in lieu of cash match. The project is also being submitted to TxDOT's new \$250,000,000 off-system grade separation program.
- Item 7 **Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Milligan Partners, LLC for Auto Occupancy Detection and Verification Integration and Support Services for High Occupancy Vehicle Discount on TEXpress Lanes**
This item was pulled from the Consent Agenda for Individual Consideration by Mayor Raburn.

- Item 8 Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Waste Management of Texas, Inc., for the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project**
- Board authorization was requested to enter a contractual agreement with Waste Management of Texas, Inc. for the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project (NTDER) Call for Projects (CFP). The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) opened the NTDER CFP on December 16, 2024, using approximately \$1.6 million in Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program funds to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions in the Dallas-Fort Worth 10-county ozone nonattainment area through replacement of older diesel vehicles and equipment and installation of idle-reduction technologies. One eligible application was received from Waste Management of Texas, Inc., which proposed replacing four diesel vehicles with newer, alternative-fuel vehicles. Staff recommended awarding a rebate not to exceed \$461,184 in EPA funds, with Waste Management providing at least 65 percent of the total project cost as required by EPA guidelines. The project will reduce diesel emissions and noise, benefiting area residents. The RTC approved this funding recommendation on November 13, 2025. Approximately \$100,000 remains available for future NTDER funding opportunities.
- Item 9 Resolution Authorizing Contract with Signature Towing, Inc., to Stage Wreckers Along US 75 During Technology Lane Construction**
- Board authorization was requested to enter a contractual agreement with Signature Towing, Inc. to stage tow trucks along US 75 in an amount not to exceed \$374,000. The US 75 corridor is under construction to implement a technology lane, with completion anticipated in Summer 2026, resulting in reduced capacity and a need for rapid incident response and clearance. NCTCOG has been coordinating with emergency response agencies to enhance crash monitoring, debris removal, and quick clearance efforts, with strategically staged tow trucks identified as a key component. The Regional Transportation Council approved funding for this purpose in December 2024, and under the U.S. Department of Transportation's Interim Final Rule for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, no DBE goal applies to this contract. Because the project is located within the City of Richardson, where ordinances require police to dispatch the City's contracted wrecker service, Signature Towing, Inc.—the City's selected provider—will perform the work. Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds and 74,800 Transportation Development Credits in lieu of cash match will be used as the funding source.
- Item 10 Resolution Approving Federation Internationale de Football Association World Cup 2026 Operational Projects and Support**
- Board approval was requested to support several Regional Transportation Council (RTC) initiatives related to transportation and safety preparations for the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup. The RTC is coordinating with regional partners to address anticipated increases in demand and visitor needs. NCT9-1-1 requested financial assistance for language translation and transcription services to better serve international visitors, and the RTC authorized \$200,000 in RTC Local funds on November 13, 2025, for implementation of AI-based translation capabilities and no local match required. The McKinney Avenue Transit Authority (MATA) also requested assistance to refurbish trolley cars and support expanded operations due to increased ridership expected during the World Cup and the discontinuation of DART Route 209. Executive Board approval was requested to enter into an agreement with MATA for an amount not to exceed \$800,000 in previously authorized Regional Toll Revenue funds, including \$500,000 for fleet improvements and \$300,000 for enhanced operations and maintenance, with no local match required. Additionally, the RTC approved \$400,000 in RTC Local funds for staff support and planning activities related to the World Cup.

Item 11 Resolution Authorizing a Contract for On-Call Architecture and Engineering Services

This item was pulled from the Individual Consideration by Councilmember Johnson as she wanted it on the Consent Agenda.

Board authorization was requested to enter a contract with PBK Architects for On-Call Architecture and Engineering Services for the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). RFSQ 2025-098 resulted in twenty responsive proposals, with the top three firms participating in a second-phase presentation. A committee of Administration and Facilities staff evaluated all submissions and recommended awarding the contract to PBK Architects based on the highest overall score. The contract is for a five-year term in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Mendelsohn (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda Items (with a noted correction to Item 3) as posted with the exception of Item 7.

Item 11 was pulled from Individual Consideration to be added to the Consent Agenda. Motion by Councilmember Mendelsohn (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell) the item was approved unanimously.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

Item 7 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Milligan Partners, LLC for Auto Occupancy Detection and Verification Integration and Support Services for High Occupancy Vehicle Discount on TEXpress Lanes

Item 7 was pulled from the Consent Agenda Items by Mayor Raburn for Individual Consideration.

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to enter a contractual agreement with Milligan Partners, LLC for auto occupancy detection and verification integration and support services for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) discount program on TEXpress Lanes. NCTCOG issued a Request for Proposals on August 15, 2025, to procure services to update the Interface Control Document for data exchange with the GoCarma System and to provide monthly reconciliation reports that support transparency and stakeholder confidence in the HOV discount program. Three proposals were received, and following evaluation on September 26, 2025, the Selection Committee recommended Milligan Partners. In accordance with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Interim Final Rule for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, no DBE goal applies to this contract. The project is funded with Surface Transportation Block Grant funds and Transportation Development Credits in lieu of cash match. The contract is for an initial one-year term of up to \$227,000, with four optional one-year renewals totaling approximately \$293,000, for a five-year contract not to exceed \$520,000. Current funding authorization covers the initial term, with additional funding for the second year forthcoming from TxDOT and future renewals contingent upon RTC allocation.

Exhibit: 2025-11-07-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge Hill (seconded by Judge Jenkins), with Mayor Raburn recusing himself from voting, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 11 Resolution Authorizing a Contract for On-Call Architecture and Engineering Services

This item was pulled from the Individual Consideration by Councilmember Johnson as she wanted it on the Consent Agenda.

Item 12 Resolution Endorsing the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan: Comprehensive Action Plan

Chris Klaus, Senior Program Manager, requested Board approval to endorse the *Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan (DFW AQIP): Comprehensive Action Plan*. Staff reported that the plan was developed jointly by the Transportation and Environment and Development Departments using \$1 million in EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant funding awarded in 2023. The Comprehensive Action Plan builds on the previously approved Priority Action Plan submitted to EPA in February 2024 and expands emissions analysis and voluntary reduction measures through 2050, with a continued focus on addressing regional ozone nonattainment while meeting EPA

requirements for carbon dioxide equivalent reporting. Staff noted that sector-specific components are being reviewed by relevant committees throughout October and November prior to Board consideration. Coordination with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is ongoing to ensure alignment with the State's Comprehensive Roadmap to Reduce Emissions. The Comprehensive Action Plan is due to EPA by December 1, with future status reports required to track implementation progress.

Exhibit: 2025-11-12-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge Jenkins (seconded by Judge O'Hare), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 13 Resolution Approving Modifications to the FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board approval of proposed modifications to the FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning (UPWP). The UPWP, originally approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and Executive Board in July 2025, outlines federally and State-required transportation and air quality planning activities for October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2027. Staff presented one new initiative requiring Executive Board approval—adding the Southwest Tarrant County/Southeast Parker County Roadway Connections study under Subtask 5.02, funded by reallocating \$64,000 from existing subtasks. Additional modifications were outlined for existing projects, including the removal of the Car Care Safety Integration Project; funding adjustments to support McKinney Avenue Transit Authority's 2026 World Cup operations; added funding for special event NCT9-1-1 Artificial Intelligence translation capabilities; and several financial updates to previously approved initiatives involving air quality, transit planning, managed lane technology, high-speed rail planning, regional trail wayfinding, and land-use/transportation coordination. These previously approved items are now being incorporated into the UPWP. The Regional Transportation Council approved the proposed modifications on November 13, 2025.

Mayor Bristol inquired if the Artificial Intelligence translation capabilities funding for the NCT9-1-1 special event would end after the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Mr. Morris replied that the RTC would provide the funding for a year.

Exhibit: 2025-11-13-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge Jenkins (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Item 14 Status Report on the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Denton-Lewisville, and McKinney-Frisco Metropolitan Planning Organization Federal Certification Review

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, provided a status report on the Federal Certification Review of the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Denton-Lewisville, and McKinney-Frisco Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducted the joint review June 4–6, 2025, as part of the required four-year certification process for Transportation Management Areas. The review included a meeting with Regional Transportation Council members, a 30-day public comment period, and discussions with Transportation Department staff on multiple aspects of the metropolitan planning process. Based on their findings, the FHWA and FTA recertified the region's planning process. Correspondence from the federal agencies was provided, and staff noted that the final report—including recommendations, commendations, and observations—is available from NCTCOG Transportation staff upon request.

Exhibit: 2025-11-14-TR

This was an informational item and did not require a vote.

Item 15 Status Report on Interim Final Rule for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program

Ken Kirkpatrick, General Counsel, provided a status report on the U.S. Department of Transportation's Interim Final Rule for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. He noted that in August 2025 the

Regional Transportation Council and Executive Board approved an overall DBE goal of 8.6 percent for Fiscal Years 2026–2028 for U.S. Department of Transportation assisted contracting opportunities, and that staff had previously identified a pending federal court case in Kentucky that could affect future DBE regulations. Mr. Kirkpatrick reported that the Interim Final Rule, effective October 3, 2025, removes sex- and race-based presumptions of social and economic disadvantage, requiring all DBE firms to undergo recertification under the revised criteria. Additional information summarizing the regulatory changes and their impacts on the DBE Program was also provided.

Exhibit: 2025-11-15-TR

This was an informational item and did not require a vote.

Item 16 Executive Director's Report

Mr. Little presented the Executive Director's Report, highlighting the MetroX Regional Exercise that took place on October 27-29, 2025. He also provided a brief update on the Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 17 Future Calendar and Attendance

The Board was provided with a Calendar of meeting and a record of Attendance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Johnson called the Executive Session to order at 1:59 pm, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074, to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee: Director of Transportation.

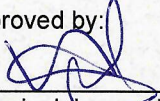
President Johnson adjourned the Executive Session at 3:48 pm.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:

President Johnson announced that no action was taken in Executive Session.

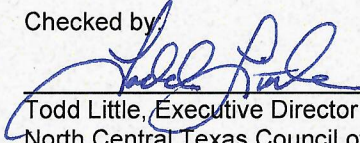
President Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:52 PM.

Approved by:



Victoria Johnson, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

Checked by:



Todd Little, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments