

## MINUTES

### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE January 26, 2024**

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, January 26, 2024, at 1:30 pm, in the Transportation Council Room of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The following STTC members or representatives were present: Joe Atwood, Melissa Baker, David Boski, Shon Brooks, Tanya Brooks, Chris Funches (representing Daniel Burnham), Breanna Davis (representing Jackie Culton), Clarence Daugherty, Chad Davis, Don Raines (representing Arturo Del Castillo), Pritam Deshmukh, Caryl DeVries, Duane Hengst (representing Greg Dickens), Phil Dupler, Chad Edwards, Chris Flanigan, Austin Frith, Ricardo Gonzalez, Gary Graham, Tom Hammons, Barry Heard, Matthew Hotelling, John D. Hudspeth, Jeremy Hutt, Thuan Huynh, Joseph Jackson, Kelly Johnson, Major Jones, Gus Khankarli, Michael Landvik, Eron Linn, Alison Smith (representing Clay Lipscomb), Paul Luedtke, Stanford Lynch, Chad Marbut, Alberto Mares, Wes McClure, Brian Moen, Mark Nelson, Jim O'Connor, Alfredo Ortiz, Cintia Ortiz, Dipak Patel, Martin Phillips, John Polster, Kelly Porter, Tim Porter, Elizabeth Reynolds, Jahor Roy, Greg Royster, Kathryn Rush, David Salmon, James Ryan Sartor, Brian Shewski, Walter Shumac, III, Randy Skinner, Cheryl Taylor, Errick Thompson, Caleb Thornhill, Jennifer VanderLaan, Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize, Daniel Vedral, Caroline Waggoner, and Jana Wentzel.

Others present at the meeting were: Vickie Alexander, Nick Allen, Berrien Barks, Taylor Benjamin, Kenny Bergstrom, Natalie Bettger, Cassidy Bowman-Suarez, Jason Brown, Farhan Butt, Jackie Castillo, Meredith Cebelak, Aaron Cedar, Lori Clark, Shawn Conrad, Brian Dell, Joshi Devia, Johnny Duarte, Joaquin Escalante, Kevin Feldt, Gypsy Gavia, John Godwin, Rebekah Gongora, Brian Heeft, Duane Hengst, Irlenia Hermasillo, Amy Hodges, Chris Hoff, Amy Johnson, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, Siddresh Kudale, Jay LaFrance, Dan Lamers, Sonya Landrum, Minh Le, Gregory Masota, Brandi McDow, Michael Misantonis, Erin Moore, Michael Morris, Jeff Neal, Dylan Niles, Donald Parker, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Catherine Richardson, Connor Sadro, Robert Saylor, Toni Stehling, Shannon Stevenson, Kimberlin To, Daniela Tower, Todd Weinheimer, Brendon Wheeler, Amanda Wilson, Karla Windsor, and Alexander Young.

1. **Approval of December 8, 2023, Minutes:** The minutes of the December 8, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Daniel Vedral (M); Jim O'Connor (S). The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Consent Agenda:** The following items were included on the Consent Agenda:
  - 2.1. **Ratification of Emergency Funding: Backstop Funding for Agile Curriculum Development Program:** Michael Morris requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) ratification of funding authorization in the amount of \$200,000 for the Agile Curriculum Development Program to backstop federal funding and avoid project implementation delays. In September 2021, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) accepted a grant award from the Department of Defense (DOD) for the Agile Curriculum Development Program, in the amount of \$880,000 (\$800,000 federal funds and \$80,000 local match provided through RTC Local funds). The grant terminated on November 30, 2023, and NCTCOG has been working with DOD to document project success and justification for continuation of the project. It was anticipated the DOD will grant an

extension in the next few months. In the interim, DOD has communicated their desire to avoid project implementation delays and has requested that NCTCOG and subsequent partners continue project activities. Staff requests ratification of emergency funding authorization for RTC Local funds in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 as a backstop to fund staff and subrecipient efforts as the grant amendment was being processed or in the event DOD does not approve an extension. RTC Local funds will be returned upon a DOD grant time extension.

Michael Morris pulled the Consent Agenda Item 2.1 and a motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation ratification of funding authorization. Kelly Porter (M); John Polster (S). The motion passed unanimously.

- 3. 2024 Strategic Transportation Funding Program:** Brian Dell requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC's) approval of the 2024 Strategic Transportation Funding Program. The program is the result of coordination with local governments and transportation agencies on funding requests from the past couple of years. Proposed projects meet one or more RTC policies or improvements outlined in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, implement outcomes of planning activities, and/or assist in reaching the region's federal performance targets. Brian highlighted a few of the major projects and programs being proposed for funding. First, citizens in several jurisdictions have passed bond programs to fund transportation projects. Tarrant County and Parker County asked the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to partner on several projects of regional interest being funded in their bond programs that would leverage local funding, enhance mobility, and safety. Brian covered two programs being proposed that would fund projects that have come out of planning activities done by NCTCOG staff. The railroad crossing safety program is being proposed to fund at-grade improvements that would improve safety with \$10 million Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds to be matched with local funds from project sponsors. The Traffic Signal Equipment Standardization and Upgrade Program would fund improvements that have been identified through a regional signal survey conducted by NCTCOG staff with \$30 million Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, which would be matched with regional Transportation Development Credits (TDC). It was noted that specific projects for both programs will be brought back for consideration in the future. Next, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and Trinity Metro have requested funding assistance for new and replacement vehicles for the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) and TEXRail lines. Existing TRE vehicles are nearing the end of their useful life, so a partnership between the RTC, Trinity Metro, and DART is being proposed where each entity would contribute \$30 million. Additional federal discretionary funding is also being pursued. For TEXRail, four new vehicles that are needed to enable the expansion of service to the Fort Worth Medical District would be funded with \$65 million of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) funds. Brian discussed how the City of Dallas and NCTCOG have been coordinating on a funding partnership for new projects and funding to address cost overruns on existing projects and summarized the projects and proposed funding involved. The overall partnership is contingent upon the City of Dallas' approval of the "One Seat Ride" concept and Union Station siting plans for High-Speed Rail, with projects being added to the Transportation Improvement Program once a resolution is reached. Next, NCTCOG and local partners in Dallas County have been coordinating on funding for a series of improvements that would facilitate access to and from the Dallas County Inland Port, which would enhance freight access, safety, and bicycle/pedestrian connectivity. RTR funds are being proposed for a portion of the improvements and existing federal funding for pre-construction activities would be converted to RTR to make the project more competitive for

federal discretionary grant applications. In addition, NCTCOG is proposing funding to establish an Inland Port Local Government Corporation. Lastly, NCTCOG is proposing funding for a project on County Road 4668 at Bobo's Crossing in Wise County that would address a flooding issue and elevate the roadway out of the 100-year floodplain to address roadway safety concerns and resiliency during weather events. Brian provided a summary of the proposed funding amounts for each category, along with the funding distributions for the western and eastern regions. Brian also provided a summary of the East and West funding distributions considering funding awarded since the COVID-19 Infrastructure Program, including funding awarded through TIP actions or other initiatives (e.g., DART and Fort Worth/Trinity Metro Partnerships). A list of the proposed projects and partnerships were provided in Electronic Item 3.1. Additional details on the funding program were provided in Electronic Item 3.2. John Polster of Denton County asked about the large balance of RTR funding being proposed and the balances in those accounts. Michael Morris noted that staff made a point to propose a significant amount of RTR funding in order to draw down available balances in those accounts and highlighted the recent repayment of the SIB loan by NTTA as something that increased the RTR balances overall. Major Jones from the City of Euless asked for clarification on whether specific locations have been identified for the proposed Traffic Signal Equipment Standardization and Upgrade Program. Brian Dell said that selection of specific locations will be done by NCTCOG staff in the future.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the proposed 2024 Strategic Transportation Funding Program and amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and update any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the project funding. Kelly Porter (M); Eron Linn (S). The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Fiscal Year 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Discretionary Grant Program:** Jeff Neal requested a recommendation for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC's) approval of projects to be submitted for funding consideration through the Fiscal Year (FY 2024) Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program. Jeff presented thirteen applications of the seven programs awarded, totaling \$270 million. There are some applications still pending awards. Of the pending awards, Jeff noted the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) program with the four deck parks, three in Dallas and one in McKinney, that we were seeking funding for, but he will seek continuous ways to slot the projects should the grant not be awarded. Jeff highlighted the three key applications that have been asked to provide additional information indicating advancing to a higher level of review: INFRA – AllianceTexas Smart Port (Fort Worth), MEGA – US 81/287 North Tarrant Reconstruction, and INFRA/RURAL – Dallas County Inland Port (DCIP) Multimodal Connectivity. Moving forward in his presentation, he encouraged everyone to pay attention to the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program: implementation grants that bridge highway divides for Dallas-Fort Worth communities: Klyde Warren Park – Phase 2.0 (KWP2.0), Southern Gateway Park – Phase 2.0 (SGP2.0) - FY 23 RAISE “Project of Merit”, Interstate Highway 30 Canyon: Dallas Heritage Village/Farmers Market “Tri-Deck”, and State Highway 5 McKinney – Lower 5 Plaza. He noted there are two projects that North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is trying to get ready, Dallas County Inland Port (DCIP) Multimodal Connectivity and State Highway 5 McKinney “Lower 5 Plaza” that can be authored by NCTCOG and submitted by other partners. He mentioned three key points, with the first is the RAISE Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) only includes money from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL); \$1.5 billion split across the nation between planning and implementation, and the maximum grant amount request is capped at

\$25 million. The second key point is the RAISE Extra program, for unawarded projects that are resubmitted, they are automatically advanced to the next level of review. The third key point is that for all grant programs primarily funded through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and not primarily through annual Congressional budget appropriations, United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) is releasing all allocated funds through FY 2026 through NOFOs published this year. For projects to be submitted by external partners in FY 2024, requests for RTC letters of support should be sent to [nallen@nctcog.org](mailto:nallen@nctcog.org) by February 14, 2024. RAISE applications are due to the US DOT by February 28, 2024, via [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), and awards will be announced by June 27, 2024. Additional information regarding this item was provided in Electronic Item 4.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to allocate previous and new RTC funds for Southern Gateway Park 2.0 with \$10,000,000 Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds, United States 377/State Highway 114 in Granbury with \$72,000,000 in Cat 2 and 4 funds via future Unified Transportation Program allocations, Dallas County Inland Port Multimodal Connectivity Project with \$36,340,000 Regional Toll Revenue funds allocated to engineering, ROW, and construction, reduction of previously approved STBG funds from \$20,530,000 to \$9,130,000, allocated solely to construction, and reduction of previously approved Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) from 4,510,000 to 3,048,000, allocated solely to construction; request for any new funds from local Texas Department of Transportation partners, as specified; proposed projects to submit for funding consideration through Fiscal Year 24 RAISE program; and administratively amend North Central Texas Council of Governments and State Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP/STIP), as well as other planning and administrative documents to include proposed projects if selected for Fiscal Year 2023/Fiscal Year 2024 RAISE awards. John Polster (M); Joe Atwood (S). The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Endorsement of Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation Program:**

Natalie Bettger requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council endorsement of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) submission of a 2023 Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovative (ATTAIN) Program application. A Notice of Funding Opportunities was announced on November 24, 2023, with \$120 million (\$60 million for Fiscal Year 2023 and \$60 million for Fiscal Year 2024, rural set-aside of 20 percent). There are five to ten awards with a maximum of up to \$12 million apiece with a 20 percent local match required and applications were due February 2, 2024. Natalie noted several of the types of programs that are being looked for to reduce fatalities, injuries, traffic delays, emissions, increase safety and improve travel time reliability. Natalie mentioned some of the operational related issues with silo-based operations, minimal real time information sharing, lack of regional coordination and cooperation, and many stand-alone proprietary systems that need to be better integrated. This project has two main components, with the first main component, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) System of Systems, proposing Phase 1, with deployment on Interstate Highway 30 Digital Corridor. The project area is Interstate 30 from Dallas to Fort Worth with the focus on freeways, frontage roads, managed lanes, and intersections within the cities of Dallas, Grand Prairie, Arlington, and Fort Worth within both Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Dallas and Fort Worth districts, that integrates with the Regional Data Hub. Natalie presented the back end that is referred to as the Regional Data Hub that brings data and communicates to the Road Side Units that sends messages to connected vehicles and field components. The Regional 511 system that also feeds into the data hub and brings the data together, and the Work Zone Data Exchange (WZDx) that collaborates on a regional basis

for multiple agencies to utilize were also introduced. More information was provided in Electronic Item 5.

A motion was made to recommend endorsement of Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of submittal of Regional Technology Corridor and Data Hub for funding consideration through the Fiscal Year 2023 Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program (\$10 million) and Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) (\$6 million) for a total of (\$16 million); along with administratively amend North Central Texas Council of Governments and State Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP/STIP), as well as other planning and administrative documents, to include the proposed project if selected for a Fiscal Year 2023 ATTAIN Grant total award of \$16 million. John Polster (M); Daniel Vedral (S). The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** Michael Morris briefed the committee on the analysis of the Dallas High-Speed Rail Tunnel request issues around Downtown Dallas; Amtrak is advancing Dallas to Houston; the plan is to bring High-Speed Rail to Arlington and Fort Worth into the same station. Based on some conversations from recent Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and the Executive Board meetings, Michael mentioned he is trying to prevent vetoing from Dallas on the High-Speed Rail to enter into the rest of the region. Alternatives have been requested to look at, although have been previously looked at. Dan Lamers' team is responsible for providing white papers on the particular topics. Michael is working diligently to retain High-Speed Rail with a seamless connection to downtown. The City of Dallas has declared the structure to be built as the home for Amtrak to be named the Eddie Bernice Union Johnson Station. He briefly described the vision for the High-Speed Rail and mentioned an idea that was suggested at the Executive Board meeting to build a subway at another station. He mentioned NCTCOG will expedite all of the particular views, so the project won't have to cease. He provided the status of the Consultants for Transit 2.0 by presenting a table to provide to the cities and set up meetings on how to proceed. Project one task one and task 9, listed as administrative, so the seven tasks are all in the table. Michael thanked Ken Kirkpatrick and his procurement team for all the work on Transit 2.0 that was approved by the Executive Board. Dan is working on the demographics for 2050. The status of Texas Department of Transportation Rule Making for Metropolitan Planning Organization's selected funding. Category 5 and Category 7 were funded. Michael went over the audit results, any projects over \$250,000 were audited and came back with a clean report. Michael mentioned the Fort Worth Air Show will continue this year at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) with \$250,000 of Regional Transportation Council local funds. Michael briefly highlighted obtaining the FIFA World Cup that is equivalent to 6 to 8 Superbowl's, in addition to the 6 to 7 match games, if held in the City of Arlington in 2026. Michael highlighted the agenda item 8, Safety, we are required to use five years of linear trflation, but we have fatality rates trending down two years in a row.
7. **Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program:** Catherine Richardson provided an update regarding the anticipated Fiscal Year 2024 (FY2024) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant program and highlighted Fiscal Year 2023 (FY2023) planning, and infrastructure grants awarded to local governments in the North Texas Region. The purpose is to prevent deaths and serious injuries on our roadways by focusing on comprehensive safety action plans and implementing projects and strategies. \$5 billion has been appropriated for the grant program for \$1 billion to be distributed each year over the next five years. The Notice of Funding Opportunity is expected to be announced in February 2024, political subdivisions are applicable to apply with one application per agency allowed,

per year. If awarded, applicants can apply the next year as well. Applicants can apply for two different types of grants, the Planning and Demonstration Grants or Implementation Grants. Planning and Demonstration Grants have funds to develop, complete, or supplement a comprehensive safety action plan. Implementation Grants funds to implement projects and strategies in an action plan to address a roadway safety problem. Catherine noted the Implementation Grant for FY2023 was awarded to the City of Dallas for \$21,800,000. The total awarded amount for FY2022 and FY2023 Planning Grants, along with FY2023 Implementation Grants was \$29,888,586.60. More information was provided in Electronic Item 7.

8. **Regional Roadway Safety Performance Targets Update:** Michael Misantonis provided an update on the Regional Roadway Safety Performance Targets. He briefed the committee on the 2024 federally required performance measures and on actual performance of the 2022 targets. Roadway safety targets are focused on reducing serious injuries and fatalities for motorized and non-motorized travelers. Roadways most recent action occurred in February 2023, with an approval of the safety performance measures by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) with the anticipated action occurring at the February 2024 RTC meeting. Michael outlined the fatalities and fatal crashes from 2018 through 2023, by mentioning there was a spike in fatal crashes during the pandemic period, but finally a trend in the numbers decreasing. RTC approved the 2023 – 2027 Safety Performance Target Measures reduction schedule in February 2023. The targets are updated and reported annually on fatalities, fatality rates, bike/pedestrian fatalities, and serious injuries with a goal to be reduced by fifty percent by 2035 and to zero by 2050 for fatalities and two percent for serious injuries. He outlines the safety performance target schedule for 2023 through 2027. North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) safety performance targets for 2023 through 2024 based on a five-year rolling average. 2024 targets were calculated using 2000 through 2022 observed data and projected data from 2022 through 2023. There's been a decrease in fatalities, serious injuries, and bike/pedestrian fatalities from the data provided from 2018 through 2023. Michael outlined the categories and final funding amounts for the Dallas-Fort Worth region for FY2024-FY2026 with a total of \$54 million. Michael Morris encouraged any insight on the rules or data points to be provided to him or Michael Misantonis.
9. **Update on the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan:** Savana Nance provided an overview on North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) efforts to develop a Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan, including a status of a regional greenhouse gas emission inventory and provided a list of potential measures for the transportation sector. The first deliverable from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) is the Priority Climate Action Plan that is due on March 1, 2024. The action plan has to be turned in to be eligible for funding under the EPA Implementation Grants that are due on April 1, 2024. The air quality team is currently finishing the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions inventory and the quantifying the GHG and criteria pollution reductions from measures (projects, programs, and policies) included in the PCAP. Savana mentioned the local concern by not meeting attainment at ground level ozone and the risk of becoming in nonattainment for particulate matter. CPRG is primarily a climate program focused on reducing GHG, but local issues (such as nonattainment issues) are taken into consideration. She provided the four GHGs that are being taken into consideration; Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), Methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), Nitrous Oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), and Fluorinated gases with a noted global warming potential. Savana highlighted that transportation is responsible for 69 percent of the nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) produced in the ten county Dallas-Fort Worth nonattainment area and 43 percent CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent GHG

emissions, based on the inventory in the twelve-county metropolitan planning area. She highlighted that almost eighty-eight percent of the GHG emissions are from the transportation sector with on road vehicles producing the CO<sub>2</sub> pollutant. NCTCOG intends to submit an application for CPRG Implementation Grant on behalf of the region with the grant range of \$200 - \$500 million. For the proposed transportation measures that are anticipated to be a grant application, some broad categories with approximate funding are provided in the presentation. She noted that NCTCOG has received requests for more funding than NCTCOG can ask for. She briefly provided an overview of the potential financial mechanics for the Implementation Grants. The next steps include to be brought for action at the February 8, 2024, RTC meeting, the February 22, 2024, Executive Board meeting, and the February 23, 2024, Surface Transportation Technical Committee meeting. Savana encouraged everyone to review all of the packet material provided in Electronic Item 9 and additional details on this effort available at: [www.publicinput.com/dfw/AQIP](http://www.publicinput.com/dfw/AQIP).

- 10. Broadband as a Transportation Service: Four Proposed Elements:** Connor Sadro provided information on the Municipal Stakeholder Broadband Roundtable recently held at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). On December 4, 2023, NCTCOG hosted the Municipal Stakeholder Broadband Roundtable discussion of the state of municipal involvement in broadband and digital equity in their respective communities. In March of 2022, the two phases of deployment were approved. Phase one approved autonomous vehicles, while phase two approved infrastructure in Fort Worth. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) invested \$65 billion in broadband program funding, with the majority going to two major entities. One of the major entities, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Programs and the other major entity, the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) Programs. The NTIA/FCC collaboration created the [National Broadband Availability Map](#). Over 1.5 million serviceable locations were added to map through community challenges. The State of Texas created the Broadband Development Office (BDO), receiving the largest BEAD allocation among all States at \$3.3 billion. Connor highlighted the discussion from the Roundtable meeting with the City of Fort Worth, the City of Dallas, Dallas County, City of Arlington, Town of Prosper and Town of Little Elm that provided their municipal plans and mentioned their challenges. The most common plans were the Middle-Mile Fiber Optic Infrastructures. The four major challenges they mentioned included: inconsistency with federal and state map data, legislative pressure from Internet Service Provider (ISP) lobbyists, local elected officials uncoordinated in approach, and siloed broadband practitioners. A whitepaper is being drafted and under review. The four major proposed elements: NCTCOG will assist the region with the coordination of data collection and analysis for the purpose of better reporting broadband availability, affordability, and residential usage rates, NCTCOG will create a policy committee consisting of elected officials in the region to provide clear and consistent feedback to the Texas Broadband Development Office, NCTCOG will leverage this policy committee to form a legislative program that will help guide the State of Texas legislature on regional needs, and NCTCOG will continue with outreach to broadband practitioners in the region and encourage municipalities to appoint broadband technical leads. Additionally, the NCTCOG will create a strategy for municipal best practices in achieving internet for all residents. NCTCOG is requesting feedback and support from Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) members on these topics: assisting with coordination of communication infrastructure location data and help to identify technical contacts within agencies or help persuade to create topics on federal funding. There are three proposed technical committees: Regional Committee Quarterly Convening, the East Side of Region Monthly Subcommittee, and the West Side of Region Monthly Subcommittee.

11. **Fast Facts:** The following fast facts were provided by NCTCOG staff:

Shawn Conrad briefed the Committee on the flyers handed out for the School Crossing Guard Implementation Survey and the Walk to School Day Follow-up Survey.

Daniela Tower presented for Jenny Narvaez on the State Implementation Plan Comments to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. More detailed information was provided in Electronic Item 11.1. She also provided an update on Greenhouse Gas Performance Measures (GHG) and announced there's a new performance measure that will be joining the federally required measures. On January 8, 2024, the Federal Highway Administration gave the Texas Department of Transportation until February 1, 2024, to establish statewide targets.

Joaquin Escalante highlighted the Local Government Energy Reporting requirement by the Texas Legislature, reporting entities to reduce electricity consumption by 5 percent and the report is due on March 4, 2024. Electronic Item 11.2 provided details. For the Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles, a current available grant opportunity that became available, the Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Tax Credit, with applications due March 22, 2024. More details provided at [www.nctcog.org/aqfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding). Joaquin mentioned a few upcoming events, New Year, New Grants Webinar, held on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm via Microsoft Teams. The 2023 Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities webinar was on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, from 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm. More information, including registration for the upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities events available at: <https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>.

Jackie Castillo mentioned the November and the December Online Input Opportunity Minutes provided in Electronic Item 11.3 and Electronic Item 11.4. Jackie Castillo announced the January Online Input Opportunity Notice was held from January 8, 2024, through February 6, 2024, more information provided in Electronic Item 11.5, and the February Online Input Opportunity Notice being held February 12, 2024, through March 12, 2024, with more information provided in Electronic Item 11.6.

Taylor Benjamin noted that the Public Comments Report, which contained general public comments received from October 20, 2023, through November 19, 2023, was provided in Electronic Item 11.7.

Kimberlin To highlighted the Air North Texas Partner Awards with all of the information provided at: [2023 Partner of the Year | airnorthtexas](#).

Written Progress Reports were provided in Electronic Item 11.8.

12. **Other Business (Old or New):** There was a moment of silence for Claud Elsom, STTC member since 2010 and worked for the Texas Department of Transportation for 34 years, passed away during the holidays.
13. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for 1:30 pm on March 22, 2024.

Meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM.