

# CHANGING MOBILITY

**DATA, INSIGHTS, AND DELIVERING INNOVATIVE  
PROJECTS DURING COVID RECOVERY**

**Regional Transportation Council  
November 2022**

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Director of Transportation**

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# TRAVEL BEHAVIOR BY MODE

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Toll Road (+6%, Aug)  
Airport Passengers (+3%, Sep)  
Bicycle/Pedestrian (+2%, Sep)  
Freeway Volumes (+1%, Sep)

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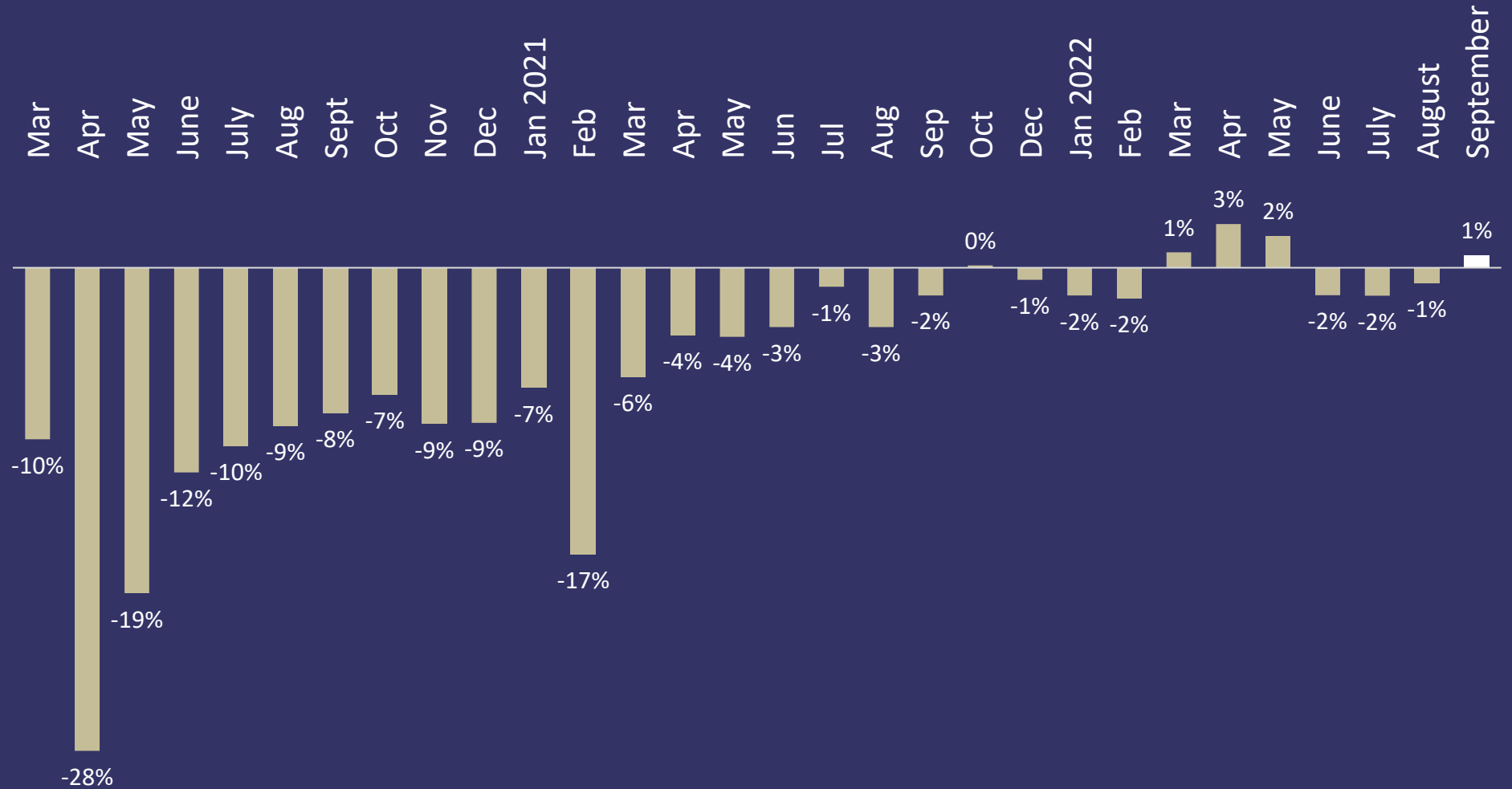
Transit Ridership (-39%, Sep)



# ROADWAY TRENDS

Average  
Weekday  
Freeway  
Volumes

## Traffic Decrease vs Baseline



Source: TxDOT Dallas/TxDOT Fort Worth Radar Traffic Counters. As of October 2020, growth was calculated based on Fort Worth.

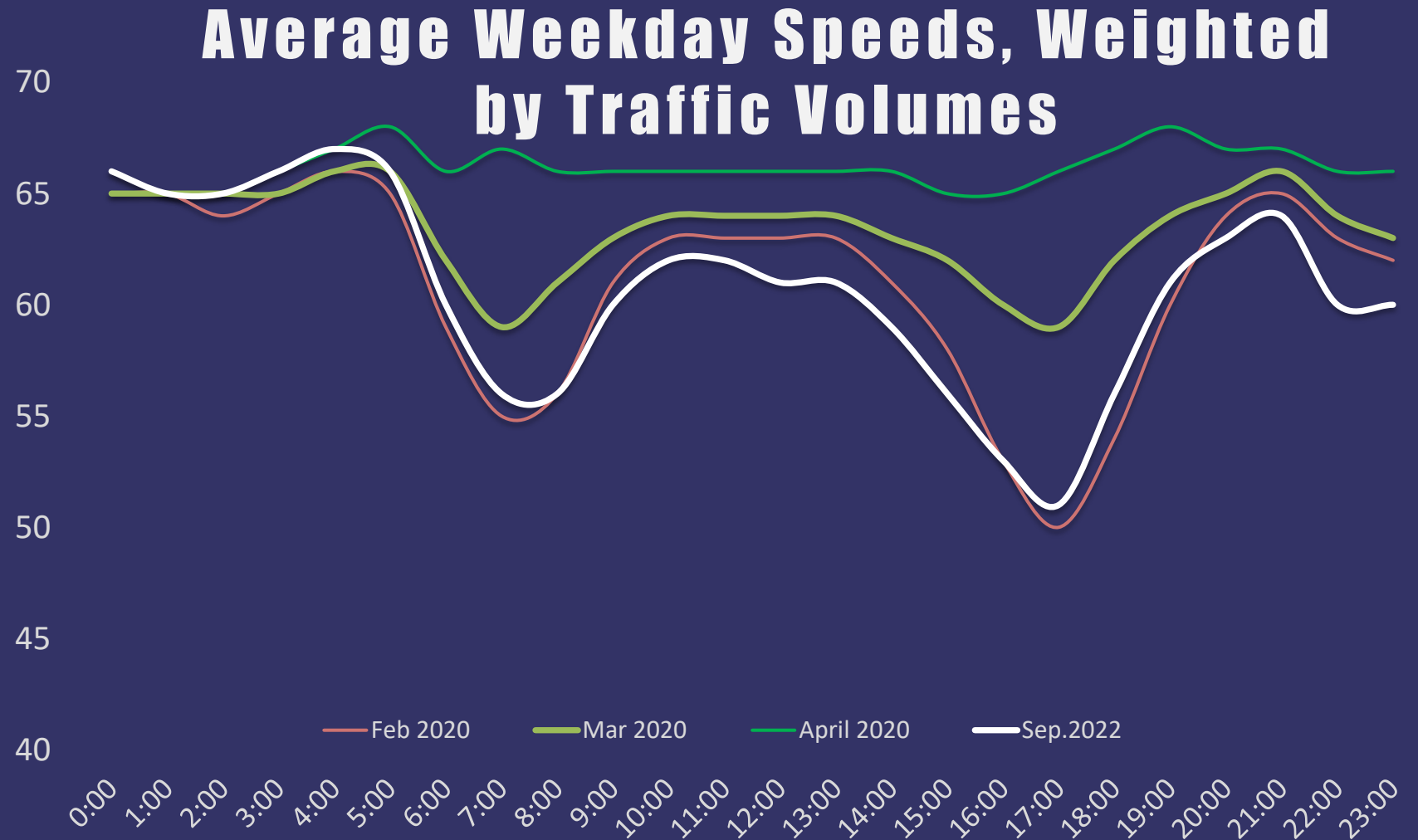
Note: Baseline is March 2019-February 2020.

Note: Drop in freeway volumes in Feb 2021 due in large part to week-long winter storm.

Note: Data for November 2021 was not collected for the majority of the locations.

# ROADWAY TRENDS

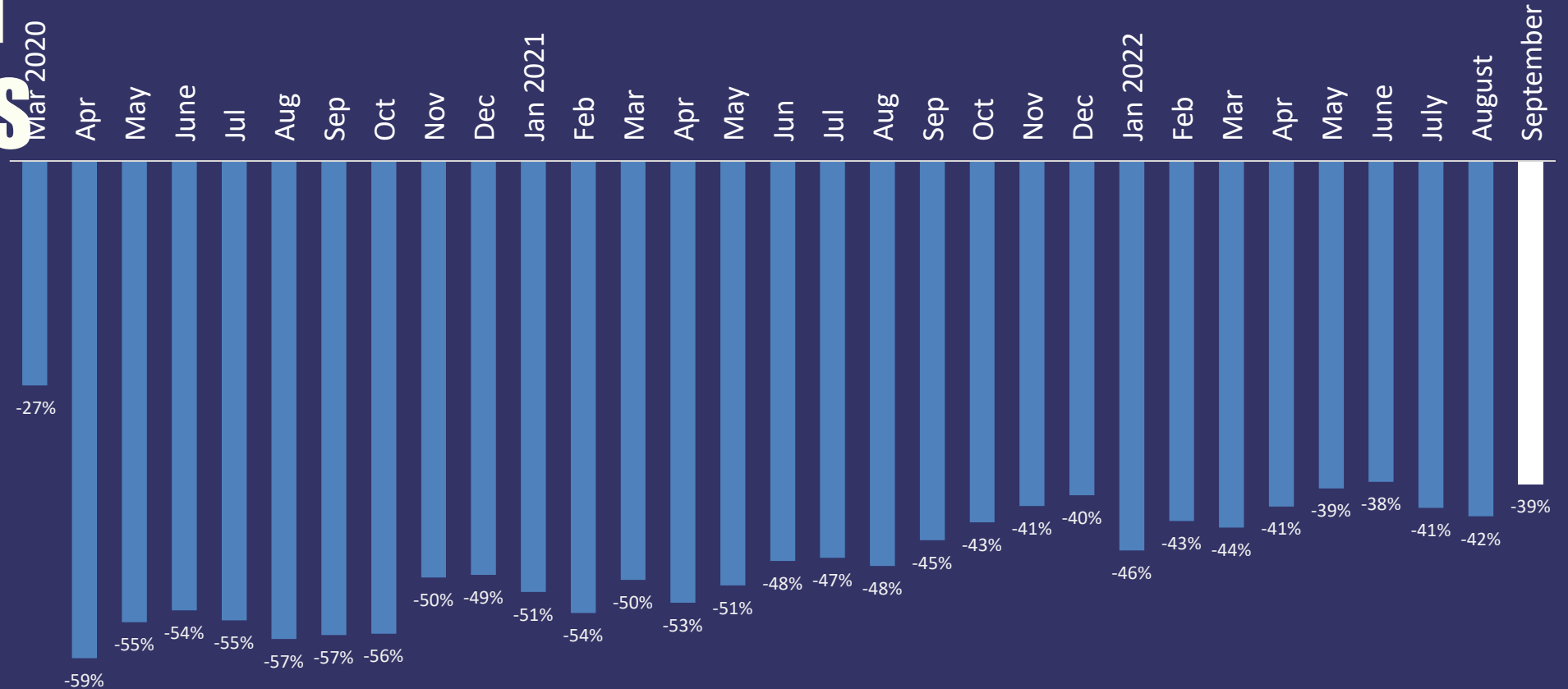
Regional Average  
Freeway Speeds



# TRANSIT IMPACTS

Weekday  
Ridership

## Passenger Decrease vs Baseline



Source: DART, DCTA, and Trinity Metro

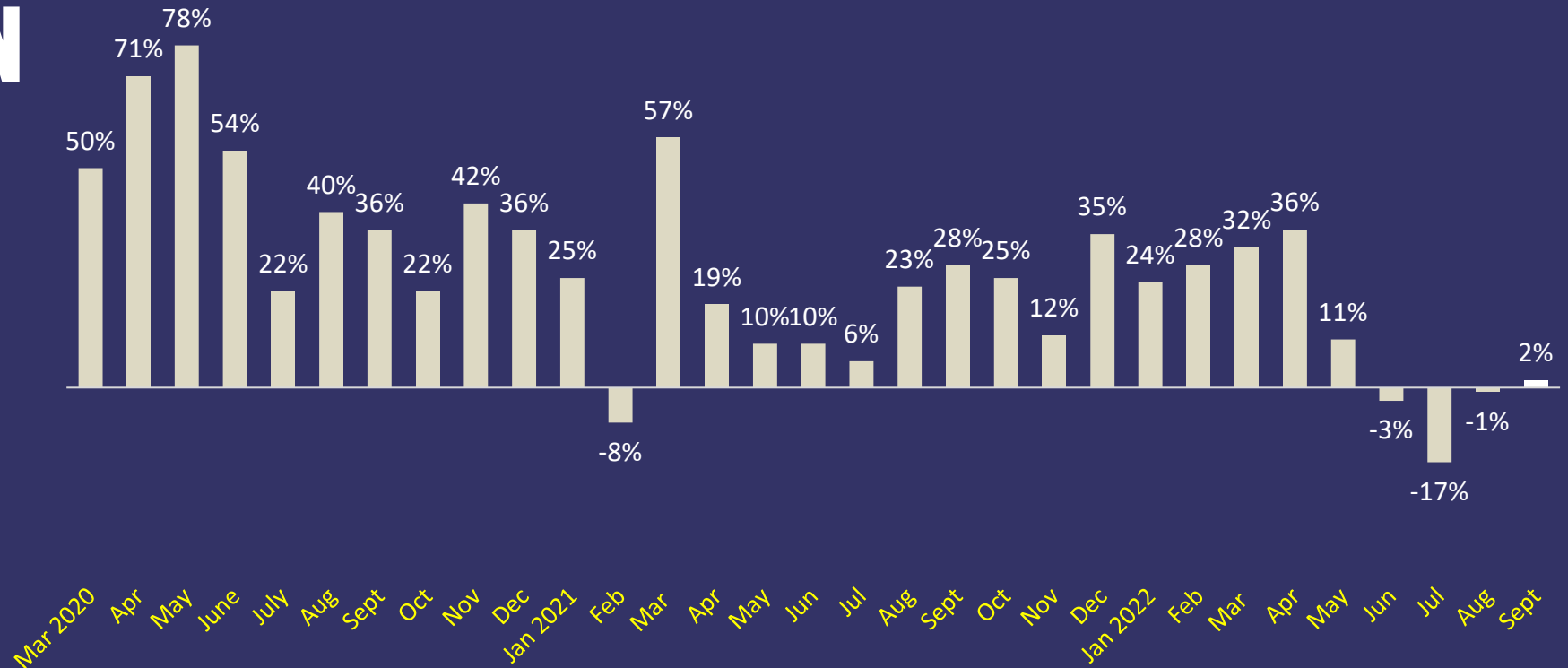
Note: Baseline is March 2019-February 2020.

Note: Transit ridership impacted in Feb 2021 by week-long winter storm.

# BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN IMPACTS

## Trail Counts

## Increase in Full Week Trail Usage vs Baseline



Source: NCTCOG - collected at sites located in Plano, North Richland Hills, Denton, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Allen

Note: Baseline is March 2019-February 2020; No adjustments for weather were applied.

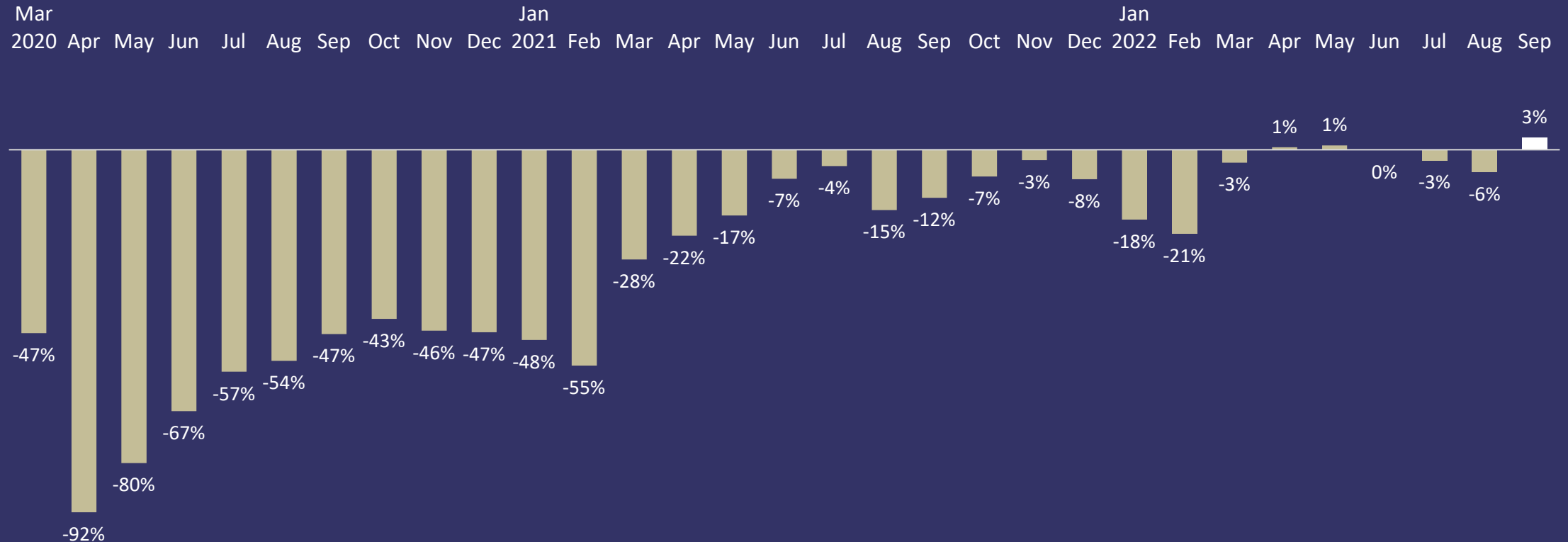
Note: Trail usage impacted in Feb 2021 by week-long winter storm.

Note: Trail usage impacted in July 2022 by extreme hot weather.

# AIRPORT TRENDS

## Passengers

### Change in Airport Passengers vs Baseline



Source: Dallas Love Field and DFWIA Websites

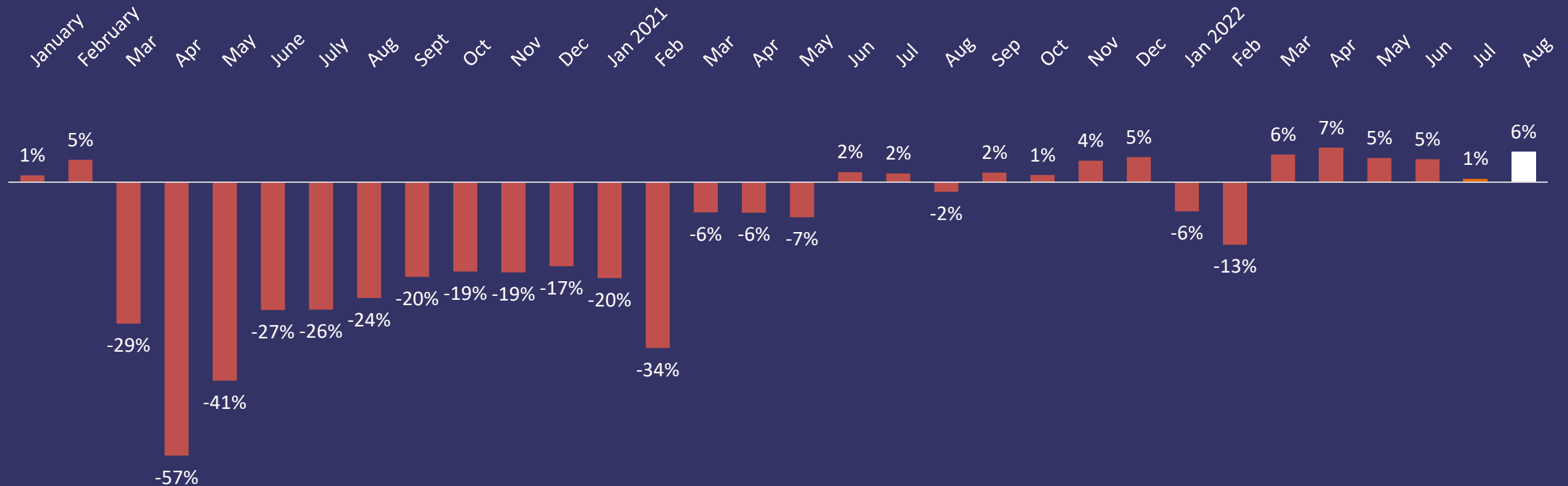
Note: Baseline is March 2019-February 2020.

Note: Airlines experienced many flight cancellations in Dec. 2021 due to omicron variant affecting staff.

# FUNDING IMPACT

## NTTA Transactions

### Change in Tollway Transactions vs Baseline



Source: NTTA

Note: Baseline is March 2019-February 2020.

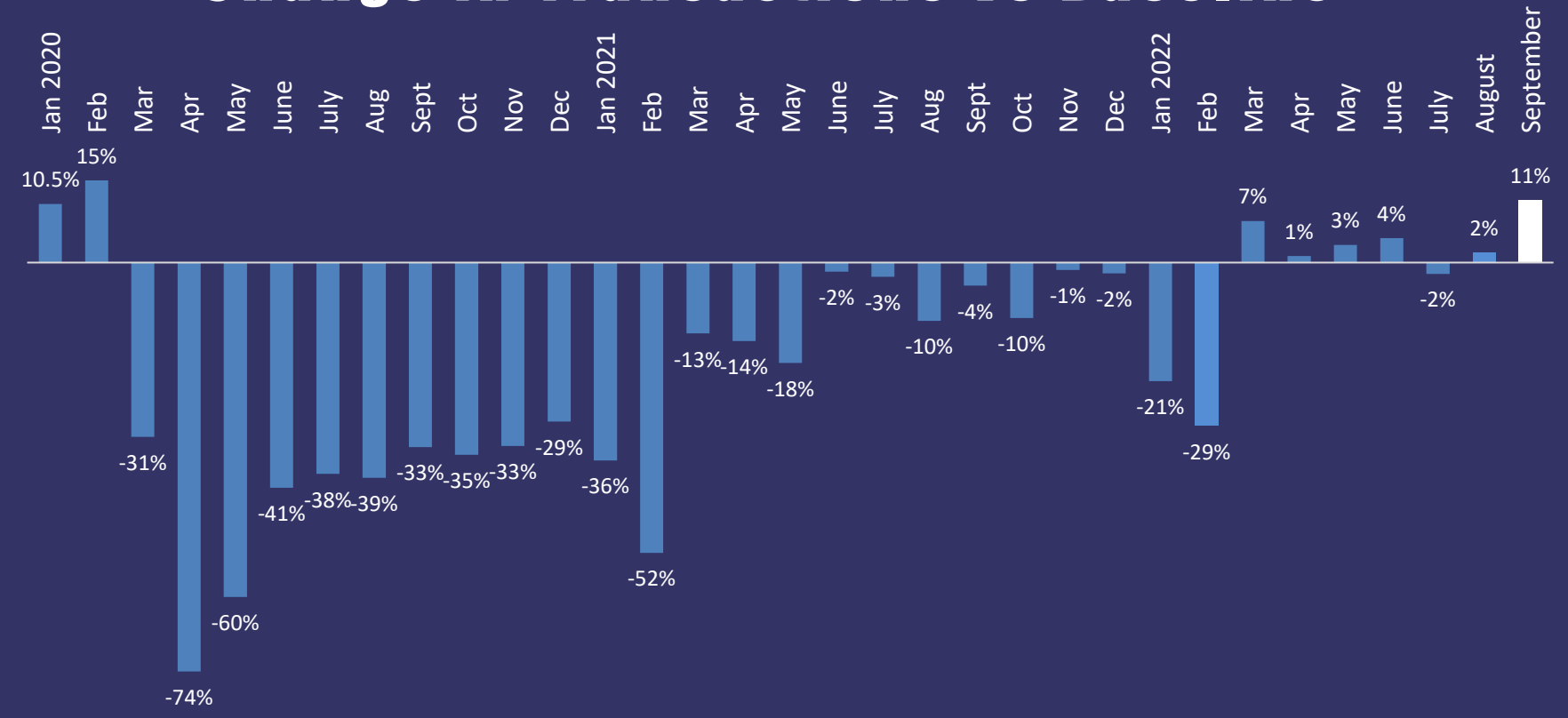
Note: Drop in transactions in Feb 2021 due in large part to week-long winter storm.



# FUNDING IMPACT

## I-35E TEXpress Lane Transactions

### Change in Transactions vs Baseline



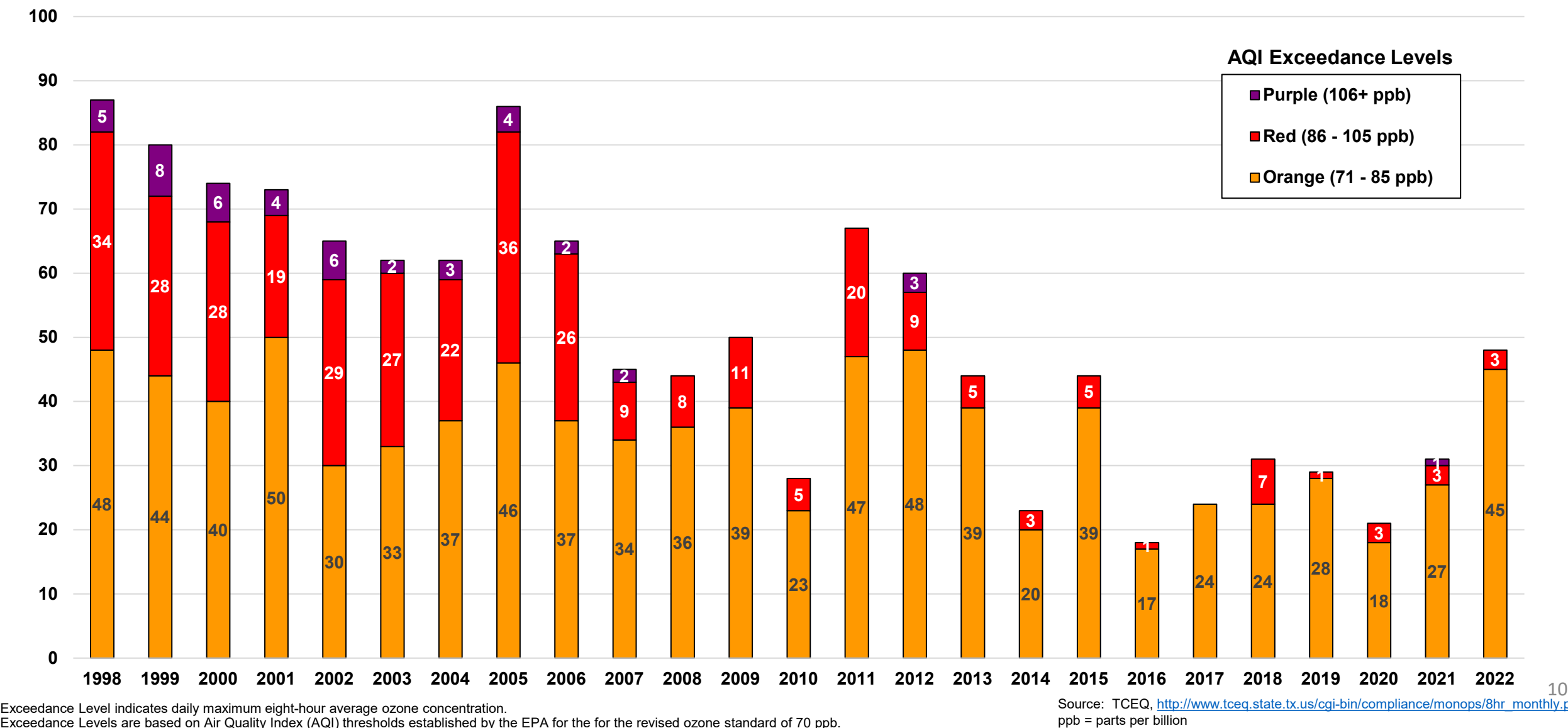
Source: TxDOT

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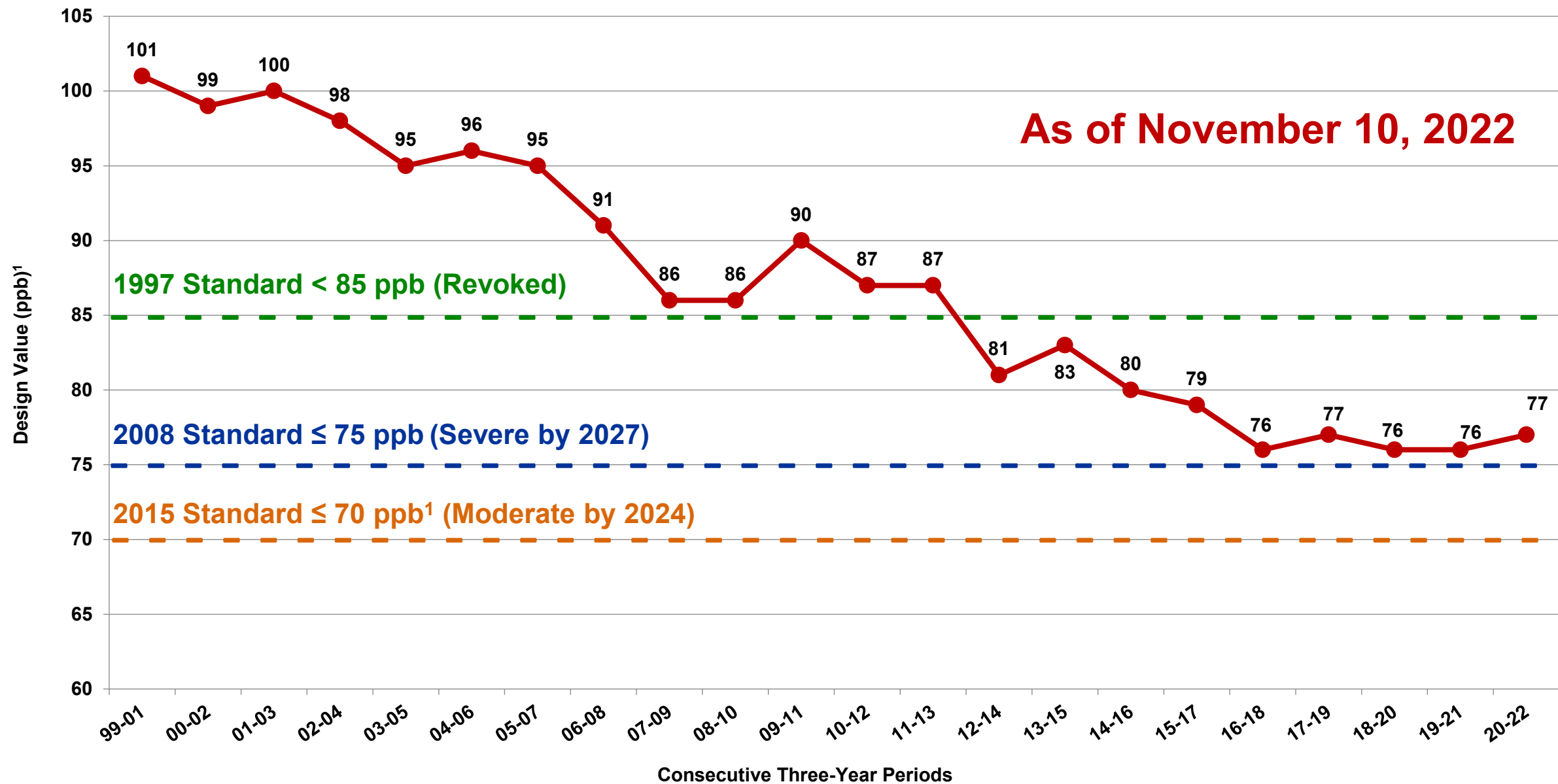
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# 8-HOUR OZONE NAAQS HISTORICAL TRENDS

Based on ≤70 ppb (As of November 10, 2022)



# 8-HOUR OZONE NAAQS HISTORICAL TRENDS



<sup>1</sup> Attainment Goal - According to the US EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards, attainment is reached when, at each monitor, the *Design Value* (three-year average of the annual fourth-highest daily maximum eight-hour average ozone concentration) is equal to or less than 70 parts per billion (ppb).

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# STATUS OF CONFORMITY DETERMINATION – POTENTIAL LAPSE GRACE PERIOD

November 21, 2022 – Transportation Conformity Determination Due

Concludes four-year cycle of latest conforming Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

November 22, 2022 – If No determination = Start of one-year conformity lapse grace period

Only transportation projects in the most recent conforming MTP and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) can be funded or approved

November 22, 2023 – If No determination = MTP/TIP conformity lapse

Only three types of projects can proceed

Exempt Projects: safety, mass transit, air quality (ride-sharing and van-pooling, bicycle and pedestrian facilities) and other specific activities that do not involve or lead directly to construction, etc.

Transportation Control Measures (TCMs) in the approved Air Quality Plan (SIP)

Any project or project phase that was approved prior to the conformity lapse (but not any subsequent phases)

FHWA/FTA project phases approved before lapse

Regionally significant non-Federal project with all approvals prior to lapse

Non-regionally significant non-Federal projects



# **SECOND READING - DRAFT RTC BYLAWS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES**

Andy Eads, Chair, RTC Bylaws Revision Subcommittee  
Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG

Regional Transportation Council  
November 10, 2022

# RTC Bylaws Revision Subcommittee Members

**Andy Eads**, Chair  
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**Rick Grady**, Vice Chair  
Councilmember, City of Plano

**Gyna Bivens**  
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Fort Worth

**Dianne Costa**  
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Transportation Authority

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**Phillip Ritter**  
Citizen Representative, City of Dallas

**Oscar Trevino**  
Mayor, City of North Richland Hills

**Glen Whitley**  
County Judge, Tarrant County

# Schedule

June 9	Subcommittee Meeting
August 18	Subcommittee Meeting
October 5	Subcommittee Meeting
October 13	Regional Transportation Council Meeting (First Reading/Information)
November 10	Regional Transportation Council Meeting (Second Reading/Consider Approval)



# Summary of Significant Proposed Revisions

## **Membership**

- Add 13 new cities over 5,000 in population (Appendix A) (pgs. 7-8)
- Maintain number of Dallas seats (includes Dallas Love Field) (pg. 7)
- Add a seat for City of Fort Worth (pg. 8)
- Increase membership from 44 to 45 members (pgs. 7, 9)

## **Appointees**

- In county/city groups, require mandatory rotation of primary seat (pg. 10)
- In county/city groups, permit cities over 30,000 population to hold primary or alternate seat if appointed by county (pg.10)

# Bylaws Subcommittee Recommendations for Perimeter County/City Cluster Seats

- Mandatory rotation of the seat between the Counties
  - Roughly proportional to population
  - Measured over a 10-year Period
  - Two Categories:
    - Rotate on a 70/30 Basis
      - Johnson/Hood (Eligible Cities: Burleson, Cleburne)
      - Parker/Wise (Eligible Cities: Weatherford)
    - Rotate on a 50/50 Basis
      - Ellis/Kaufman (Eligible Cities: Midlothian, Waxahachie)
      - Rockwall/Hunt (Eligible Cities: Greenville, Rockwall)
  - If City is appointed, location of City is used to determine whether rotation requirement is met

# Summary of Significant Proposed Revisions (continued)

## **Voting Structure**

- Clarify teleconferencing, in person and videoconferencing (pgs. 11-12)

## **Officers**

- Clarify that members of the Nominating Subcommittee are eligible to be nominated as an RTC officer (pg. 14)

## **Council Functions**

- RTC maintain a set of public involvement procedures, including public comment rules and decorum requirements, as part of the Public Participation Plan (pg. 18)

## Proposed RTC Action

Approval of Bylaws and Operating Procedures and direction for staff to work with the Cities of Dallas and Fort Worth over the next two years to determine if Regional Transportation Council membership could be reduced to 40 members. Action also includes direction for staff to develop a summary of best practices regarding the selection of group members and communication between RTC members representing groups of entities and all the entities within the group.

# Rotation of County/City Cluster Seats

## 2022 Population

<u>County/City Cluster</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Rockwall	119,900	53%
Hunt	104,900	47%
	224,800	
Ellis	207,620	58%
Kaufman	153,130	42%
	360,750	

50/50 Rotation

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Johnson	193,500	75%
Hood	62,120	25%
	255,620	
Parker	152,930	68%
Wise	69,740	32%
	222,670	

70/30 Rotation



# Regional Model Supporting Complete Streets (Context Sensitive Design)

Karla Windsor | Regional Transportation Council  
11.10.2022



Multimodal Complete Street

# Complete Streets

Standards or policies that ensure the **safe and adequate accommodation** of all users of the transportation system, including **pedestrians, bicyclists, personal conveyance and micromobility users, public transportation users, children, older individuals, individuals with disabilities, motorists, and freight vehicles.**

*Source: FHWA's "Moving to a Complete Streets Design Model:  
A Report to Congress on Opportunities and Challenges",  
March 2022*





# The purpose of a Complete Streets (Context Sensitive Design) policies and resolutions

- ☐ Provides strategic direction for transportation planning
- ☐ Encourages collaboration regarding transportation functions
- ☐ Incorporates local and regional priorities for mobility  
(not a one-size-fits-all solution)

A Policy/Resolution does NOT:

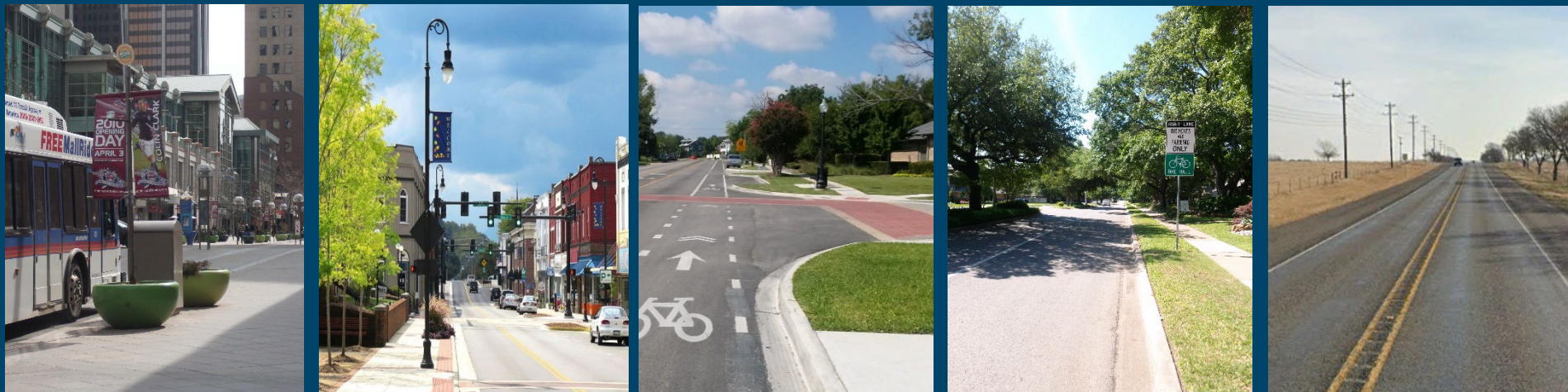
- ☐ Prescribe solutions for specific streets
- ☐ Mandate immediate retrofits
- ☐ Treat rural areas the same as urban areas





## Urbanized Context (Urban Core / Urban / Suburban / Small Town)

## Rural Context





A blue-tinted photograph of a suburban street. In the foreground, a white bicycle symbol is painted on the asphalt, indicating a bike lane. Above it, a white arrow points forward. The street is flanked by trees and a bus stop on the left. A yellow street sign is visible on the right. The overall scene is a quiet residential area.

# Federal and State Guidance

# FHWA and FTA Guidance

## Planning Emphasis Areas (PEAs) for MPO and State Planning and Research

Develop tasks in Unified Planning Work Programs: *Complete Streets*

## Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)

Section 11206 Safe and Accessible Transportation Options:

MPOs must spend at least 2.5 percent of funds made available to them under Federal Highway Aid to activities that **increase safe and accessible options for multiple travel modes for people of all ages and abilities**, which may include:

- Adoption of **Complete Streets** standards or policies
- Development of **Complete Streets** prioritization plan
- Other

Source: USDOT, December 30, 2021



# TxDOT Guidance

## Roadway Design Manual (RDM) Update, May 2022

- The updated Ch 6., Sect. 4 Bikeway Facilities emphasizes “*context*” considerations and Bikeway Planning Principles: *safety, comfort, connectivity, and cohesiveness*
- TxDOT Districts now using the updated bicycle facility guidance for new projects
- The Federal Highway Administration approved the RDM updates last summer

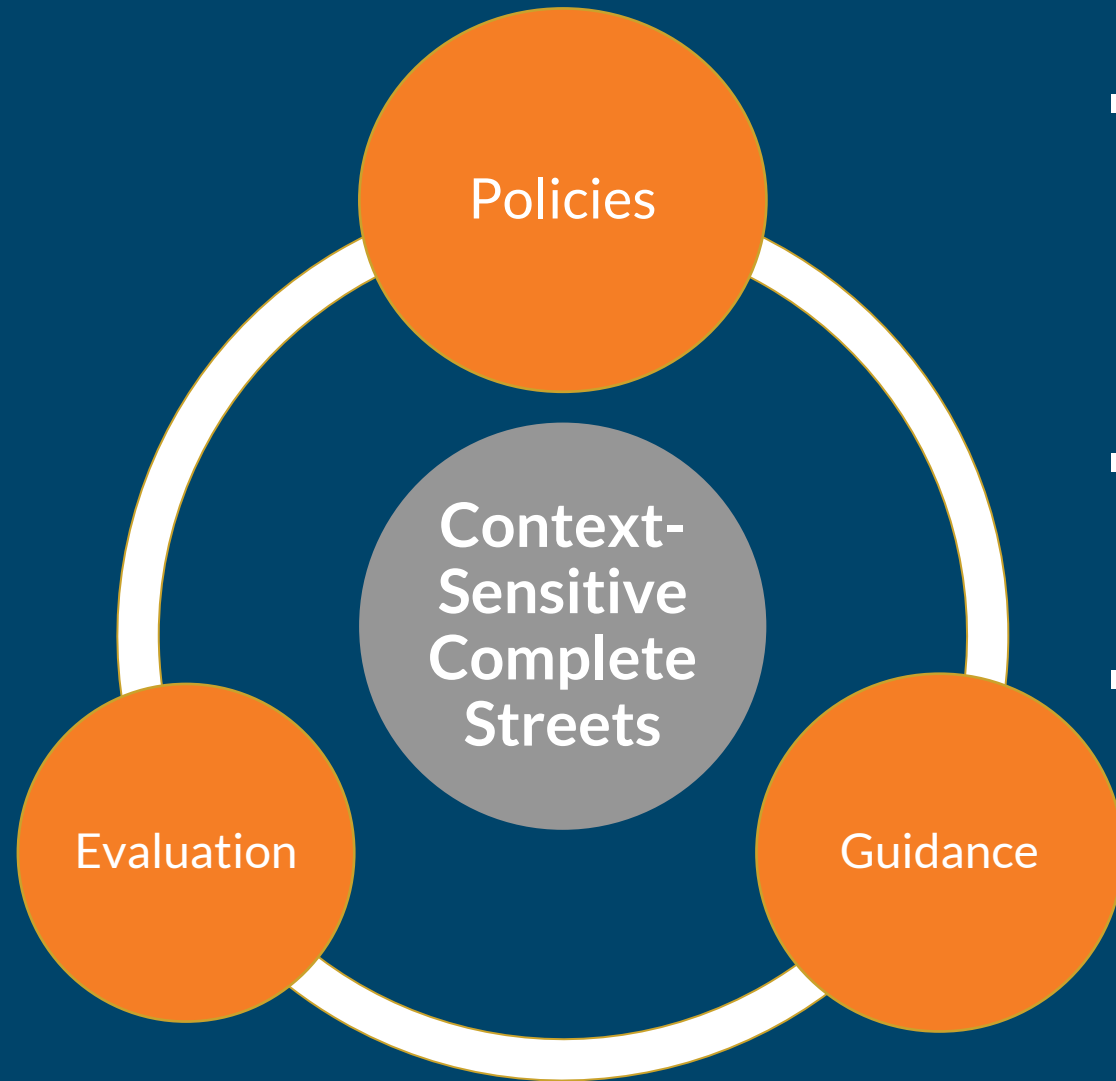




# Regional Model



# Approach



## Resolution objectives:

- **Policy:** Support the adoption and implementation of local government policies/resolutions related to “Complete Street/Context Sensitive Design” with local transportation projects
- **Guide:** Checklist and/or Guide for projects with complete street/context sensitive design elements
- **Evaluate:** Review complete street/context sensitive elements in project development and performance measures



# Potential Elements of the Regional Model



Safety



Equity



Multimodal



Context-Sensitive



Technology



Sustainable Design



# Regional Model Resolution

1. The RTC directs staff to collaborate with local governments and transportation providers to develop a Complete Streets (Context Sensitive Design) checklist and/or guide to be used for regional transportation planning and project implementation.
2. The RTC encourages local governments to adopt Complete Streets (Context Sensitive Design) Policies.
3. The RTC encourages local governments to consider Complete Streets (Context Sensitive Design) elements when developing, modifying, or updating local comprehensive plans, thoroughfare plans, local roadway design manuals, zoning and subdivision ordinances, development codes, and other associated rules and/or regulations.
4. The RTC encourages local governments and TxDOT and other transportation agencies to continue collaborating closely amongst themselves and with the public to implement transportation projects in their jurisdictions. Projects should apply context sensitive solutions in a manner consistent with local community characteristics.
5. The RTC directs staff to provide technical support to local governments for development of local Complete Streets policies, resolutions, and methodologies/applications for performance management.





# Next Steps

RTC Resolution  
Supporting a  
Regional Model for  
Complete Streets  
(Context Sensitive  
Design)

Collaboratively  
develop a *draft*  
Checklist/Guide,  
and Performance  
Measures

Updates to  
STTC and RTC

Finalize  
Checklist/Guide and  
Performance  
Measures



# Schedule

Date	Milestone
August 17, 2022	BPAC Briefing
October 28, 2022	STTC Action
November 7, 2022	Public Input Meeting
<b>November 10, 2022</b>	<b>RTC Action</b>
2023	Develop Guide/Checklist and Performance Measures



# Requested Action

Recommend approval of the Resolution (R22-04) supporting a regional model for complete streets (context sensitive design) and direct staff to develop a complete streets checklist/guide and performance measures, to be returned at a future date for review.



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# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

REBEKAH GONGORA

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Regional Transportation Council Meeting

November 10, 2022

# TOPICS FOR THE 2023 RTC LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Adequately Fund Transportation and  
Utilize Tools

Expand Transportation Options in Mega-  
Metropolitan Regions

Pursue Innovation and Technology

Improve Air Quality

Enhance Safety



# RTC LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

## ADEQUATELY FUND TRANSPORTATION AND UTILIZE TOOLS

- Identify additional revenue for all modes of transportation, including fees on alternative fuel vehicles
- Support innovative funding methods to expand rail and transit options within the region
- Allocate funds to the existing Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund
- Return approximately \$80 million in air quality user fees to counties for Local Initiatives Projects
- Ensure fair-share allocation of funds for roadway capacity improvements to metropolitan regions
- Support full appropriation of current funding initiatives previously approved by the Legislature, including Proposition 1 and Proposition 7





# RTC LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

## EXPAND TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS IN MEGA-METROPOLITAN REGIONS

- Support use of Public-Private Partnerships; allow for the ability to create data corridors (i.e., digital twins) and tolled managed lanes for roadway and transit projects through an MPO/local decision-making process
- Authorize the use of a Comprehensive Development Agreement for specific needed projects
- Retain eminent domain authority to allow planning and development of new and/or expanded transportation corridors, including high-speed rail, commuter rail, freight rail, roadways, and trails
- Support the use of a balanced liability insurance program that would allow North Texas transit agencies to operate on additional rail corridors as part of the regional transportation system
- Provide counties and cities with expanded tools for land use control to preserve future transportation corridors





# RTC LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

## PURSUE INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

- Utilize innovation in high-speed transportation, transit, autonomous vehicles, and freight
- Support the collaboration between local governments, the military, the State, and FAA to advance regulations for compatible land use and the safe operations of unmanned aircraft
- Plan for shared mobility solutions and [technology-based transportation solutions](#); enable transportation data sharing and accessibility with appropriate privacy protection
- [Establish and support programs to improve cybersecurity](#)
- [Support broadband expansion as a mode of transportation](#)



# RTC LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

## IMPROVE AIR QUALITY

- Modernize and increase flexibility in the Local Initiative Projects (LIP) through a limited program focused on transportation and air quality improvements
- [Strengthen emissions enforcement through fraudulent vehicle temporary paper tag enforcement](#)
- Protect the TERP Trust fund and revenue balance to ensure funds are used for TERP purposes; modernize the program and ensure flexibility to accommodate innovative approaches to improving air quality and reducing emissions, including the purchase of heavy-duty zero emission vehicles such as hydrogen fuel cell and battery electric vehicles and associated infrastructure
- Support system reliability, congestion relief, and encourage trip reduction strategies
- Support legislation that improves air quality



# RTC LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

## ENHANCE SAFETY

- Improve the safety of the statewide transportation system for all users, including controlling texting while driving, eliminating driving under the influence, lowering excessive speed limits, reducing aggressive driving, reducing the number of fraudulent paper tags, and improving bicycle and pedestrian safety
- Reduce distracted driving through measures such as the use of hands-free cell phone technology to disable the use of a driver's cell phone for purposes other than emergency or navigation uses
- Oppose legislation to increase freight truck weight limits above 80,000 pounds
- Support legislation allowing sponsorships to support roadside assistance programs
- Eliminate deferred adjudication for safety related traffic violations (e.g., traffic violations in construction zones are not eligible for deferred adjudication)
- Allow non-sworn police officers to complete crash reports and clear minor, non-injury traffic crashes



**October 13, 2022**

- ✓ RTC Legislative Program presented as an Information Item; Comments requested

**November 10, 2022**

RTC Legislative Program Presented as an Action Item

**November 8, 2022**

- ✓ General Election for Federal, State, and County Offices

**November 14, 2022**

Bill Filing Begins for the 88<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature

**January 10, 2023**

88<sup>th</sup> Legislature Convenes

# TIMELINE



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NCTCOG PRESENTATION

# TRANSPORTATION

## SMART Grant Program: Applications

Regional Transportation Council  
Thomas J. Bamonte  
11.10.2022



# SMART Program & Purpose

**Program:** Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation ([SMART](#)) Grant Program

**Purpose:** Demonstration projects using technology interventions to solve real-world challenges and build data and technology capacity and expertise in the public sector

**Funding:** \$100M/yr.

**First year:** 30-50 planning grants/\$2M maximum grant

**Local match:** None for planning grants

**Later years:** Implementation grants up to \$15M

**Application Deadline:** 11/18/22



# Eligible Projects

Coordinated Automation

Connected Vehicles

Intelligent Sensor-Based Infrastructure

Smart Technology Traffic Signals

Systems Integration

Commerce Delivery and Logistics

Innovative Aviation Technology

Smart Grid for EVs





# SMART: Staff Outreach Efforts

6/21/22: NCTCOG staff briefing

6/28/22: Briefing for STTC members and other regional partners

8/2/22: Distributed notice of USDOT webinar on SMART program

9/20/22: Distributed Notice of Funding Opportunity and schedule

9/23/22: STTC briefing

10/13/22 RTC briefing

10/28/22: STTC action

11/4/22: NCTCOG letters of support deadline

11/10/22: RTC action request

Various: Multiple brainstorming sessions



# Project 1: North Texas Micro-Weather Infrastructure for Advanced Air Mobility

**Description:** Feasibility study to determine viability of regional solution for low altitude weather detection and reporting to support safe deployment of advanced aerial vehicles such as last mile drone delivery services and Electric Vertical Take-off and Landing (eVTOL) vehicles

**Location:** Regionwide

**Amount:** \$2 million

**Local match:** None

**Key Partners:** NASA North Texas Cohort, Hillwood, CASA WX Executive Council, Google Wing, DroneUp, Wisk Aero, Supernal, Overair, City of Arlington, DFWIA

**Benefits:** Will allow regional stakeholders on equitable basis to scale up Advanced Aerial Mobility operations safely



# Project 2: Flooded Roads Information System

**Description:** Use advanced sensors and big data tools to improve prediction, identification, and reporting of flooded roadways.

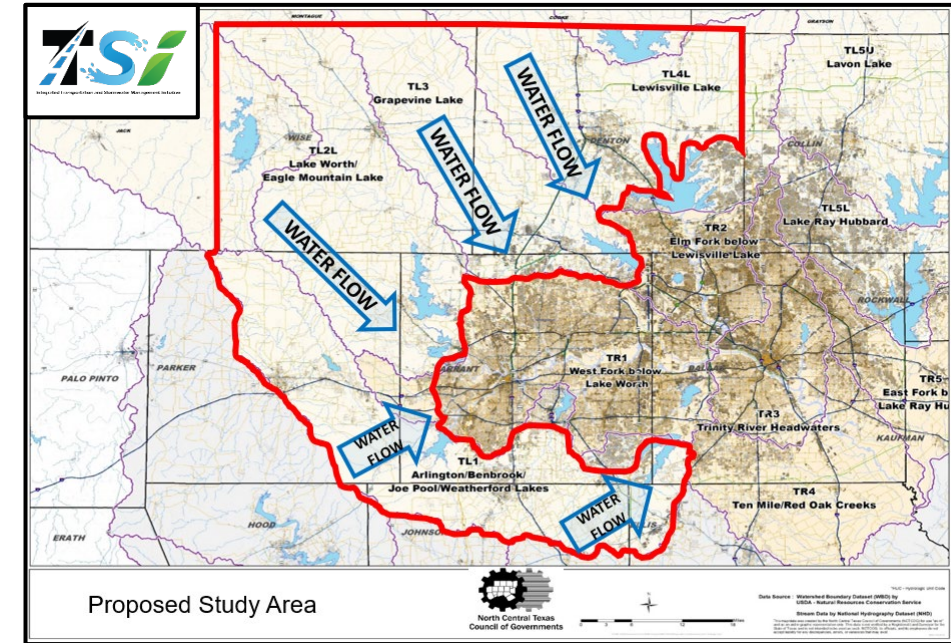
**Location:** TSI Study Area (portions of Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Johnson, Parker, and Tarrant Counties, and all of Wise County)

**Amount:** \$2 million

**Local match:** None

**Key Partners:** See list at right

**Benefits:** Optimizing emergency response routes/procedures, use of critical facilities, and improving safety at vulnerable areas



# Project 3: Traffic Signal Technology and Deploying AI based ATMS Platforms

**Description:** Leverage NCTCOG's recent survey of traffic signal equipment to identify, test, and evaluate detection and other technologies. Pilot and evaluate multiple platforms to optimize traffic signals.

**Location:** Regionwide, US 77, US 67, and FM 1382

**Amount:** \$2 million

**Local match:** None

**Key Partners:** TxDOT, City of Cedar Hill, City of Waxahachie, NCTCOG

**Benefits:** Safety, air quality, congestion, and reliability



# Action Requested

Approval (i) of the submission of the three SMART grant applications described above and (ii) for staff to take all necessary steps to submit the applications and administer any grant that is awarded based on the applications.



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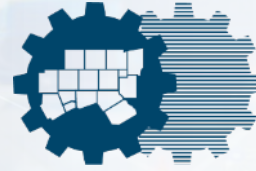
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NCTCOG PRESENTATION

# Advancing Transportation Technologies and Innovative Program

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# Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program

Continuation of Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment (ATCMTD) program  
\$60M/yr.

5-10 awards up to \$12M apiece

20 percent local match required

[NOFO](#) issued 9/19/22

Applications due: 11/18/22





# ATTAIN Model Deployments

Reduced fatalities and injuries

Reduced traffic congestion/improved travel time reliability

Reduced emissions

Optimized multimodal system performance

Improved access to transportation alternatives

Integration of payment systems

Integrated multimodal transportation information

Transportation-related cost savings



# USDOT ATTAIN Priorities

Climate

Resiliency

Environmental justice

Equity

Removing barriers to opportunity

Job creation



# Achieving Mobility and Safety Through A Regional Data Management Framework

ATTAIN Grant Proposal



# Regional TSMO Data Initiative

- Leverage FDOT V2X DEP to create a Digital Region
  - Develop Data Interfaces with Regional Partner systems
  - Re-use Interfaces developed by FDOT
    - HERE/ INRIX
    - Waze
    - Lonestar ATMS
    - OEM Data (Ford, Amazon)
    - Connected Vehicle Data
    - Work Zone Data Exchange (WZDx)
- Additional Data from Partners to Accelerate the DEP
  - Traffic Signal Data / ATSPM
  - Integration between agencies
  - Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian Trails
- Performance Dashboards for key corridors
- Development of a National Consortium for TSMO Data Exchange
- Pilot for new ITE Standard (Next Generation TMDD)



# Regional Mobility Initiative

➤ Once data is available – several TSMO related Use Cases can be piloted in the region

➤ Safety

- Roadway
- Railroad Grade Crossings

➤ Decision Support for:

- Arterial and Frontage Road Load Balancing
- Proactive Crash and Congestion Management
- Special Event



# Schedule

9/23/22: STTC Briefing / Information

10/13/22: RTC Briefing / Information

10/28/22: STTC Action

11/10/22: RTC Action

12/01/22: NCTCOG Executive Board Endorsement Action



# REQUESTED RTC ACTION

- Request RTC approval of:

Submittal of **TSMO Data Engine** for funding consideration through the FY22 Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program (\$8M) and Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) (\$2M) for a total of (\$10M)

Administratively amend NCTCOG and State Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP / STIP), as well as other planning and administrative documents, to include the proposed project if selected for an FY22 ATTAIN Grant total award (\$10M)



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NCTCOG PRESENTATION

# UPDATED RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL MEETINGS

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# OVERVIEW OF HB 2840\*

Members of the public must be allowed to make comments to a governmental body before or during the body's consideration of an item

A governmental body may adopt reasonable rules regarding public comments, including rules that limit the amount of time for each public comment

If no simultaneous translation equipment is used, a member of the public using a translator must be given double the amount of time to comment

A governmental body may not prohibit public criticism of the body

Bill took effect on September 1, 2019

\*Texas Government Code Section 551.007



# RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS AT RTC MEETINGS

## Current Rules

- Comments at RTC meetings began in September 2019
- Initial rules adopted March 2020
- Rules are included in the Public Participation Plan as an appendix
- Four public comments have been received to date
- Comments documented in RTC minutes and Public Comments Report

## Updated Rules

- Add decorum standard for audience members and public commenters with clear enforcement rules
- Overall time period limit for public comments, which may be extended
- Clarify when public comments will be in-person or virtual
- Public comment and decorum requirements referenced in RTC Bylaws (proposed)



# TIMELINE

**August**  
RTC Information

**September**  
Public Meeting

**October**  
RTC Information  
STTC Action

**November**  
RTC Action

Comments from the public on the updated rules were welcomed for a 45-day period per the Public Participation Plan.



# ACTION REQUESTED

Approve the Updated Rules for Public Comments at RTC Meetings (Electronic Item 10.1).

Amend the Public Participation Plan to include the updated rules as an appendix.



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