

## MINUTES

### **Regional Transportation Council PUBLIC MEETING**

#### **Mobility 2045 Update & Transportation Conformity**

#### **Proposed Awards from EV Charging Station Call for Projects**

#### **Parking Garage Policy and Projects**

#### **East/West Funding Formula Update**

#### **2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)**

### **Meeting Date and Location**

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) held a hybrid public meeting Monday, May 9, 2022, at noon at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) in Arlington. Patrons could attend in person, via phone, or view the live stream at [www.nctcog.org/input](http://www.nctcog.org/input). Christie Gotti, Senior Program Manager, moderated the meeting, attended by 89 people.

### **Public Meeting Purpose and Topics**

The public meeting was held in accordance with the NCTCOG Transportation Department Public Participation Plan, which became effective June 1, 1994, as approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), the transportation policy board for the metropolitan planning organization, and amended on November 8, 2018. Staff presented information about:

- Mobility 2045 Update & 2022 Transportation Conformity – **presented by Brendon Wheeler and Jenny Narvaez**
- Proposed Awards from EV Charging Station Call for Projects – **presented by Jared Wright**
- Parking Garage Policy and Projects – **presented by Travis Liska**
- East/West Funding Formula Update – **presented by Cody Derrick**
- 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) – **presented by Cody Derrick**

The public meeting was held to educate, inform, and seek comments from the public. Comments were solicited from those attending who wished to speak for the record. The presentations made during the meeting as well as a video recording were posted online at [www.nctcog.org/input](http://www.nctcog.org/input).

### **Summary of Presentations**

#### ***Mobility 2045 Update & 2022 Transportation Conformity presentation:***

***<https://nctcog.org/getmedia/a0227a40-b11d-45b0-baa3-d0aafad399c3/Mobility-2045-Update-2022-Transportation-Conformity.pdf.aspx>***

Mobility 2045 is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) that defines a long-term vision for the region's transportation system and guides spending of federal and State transportation funds. This includes funding for highways, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and other programs that reduce congestion and improve air quality.

The Plan was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on June 14, 2018, and Transportation Conformity was achieved on November 21, 2018. Mobility 2045 has nine goals and its vision is to improve the region's mobility today and tomorrow by embracing technology and innovation.

NCTCOG staff is working on an update to Mobility 2045 and has finalized a draft plan and financial forecasts. Policy and program updates include the Health Accessibility Program, Travel Demand Management (TDM) strategies, advancing high-speed transportation recommendations, and the safe integration of mobile technologies throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

The official comment period began on April 1, 2022 and ends on May 31, 2022. For more information, visit [www.nctcog.org/PlanInProgress](http://www.nctcog.org/PlanInProgress).

2022 Transportation Air Quality Conformity is required by federal legislation and demonstrates that projected emissions from transportation projects are within emission limits established by the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Conformity also ensures federal funding is applied to transportation projects that are consistent with air quality planning goals.

The RTC will take action on the Mobility 2045 - 2022 Update on June 9, 2022.

***Proposed Awards from EV Charging Station Call for Projects presentation:***  
<https://nctcog.org/getmedia/0d761de0-8fa6-44f8-994e-c68ac063d908/Proposed-Awards-from-EV-Charging-Station-Call-for-Projects.pdf.aspx>

NCTCOG recently opened up a Call for Projects related to grant funding for the installation of Level 2 and Direct Current Fast Charge (DCFC) electric vehicle charging stations. Up to \$1 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds is available, and all public entities are eligible to apply. Stations must be publicly accessible, located on an applicant-owned property in the 10-county ozone nonattainment area, and meet Federal Highway Administration Buy America requirements.

Eleven applications were received, and \$3 million in funding was requested for 55 charging stations on 26 charging sites. NCTCOG staff is recommending 19 projects receive funding, 35 projects be on a wait list, and noted three projects were considered ineligible. More information and additional funding opportunities are available at [www.dfwcleancities.org](http://www.dfwcleancities.org).

The RTC will take action on the proposed funding awards on June 9, 2022.

***Parking Garage Policy and Projects presentation:***  
<https://nctcog.org/getmedia/8bbc4c5b-2ec3-4528-a619-914ea212fec6/Parking-Garage-Policy-and-Projects.pdf.aspx>

Through a policy, NCTCOG seeks to support surface and structured parking with guiding criteria such as:

- Parking on public lands

- Parking that advances safety
- Parking that supports technology solutions and/or companies
- Parking that meets a special event use or location need
- Parking that significantly changes the transportation/land use balance of an area and solves a transportation problem using land use solutions
- Parking that supports transit operation
- Parking that provides environmental, air quality, and/or equity benefits

The policy will be part of a funding partnership, create efficient use of land to accommodate regional growth and fiscal resiliency, increase economic impact and expanded transportation options, promote data-driven decisions and technology as a solution, and support air quality goals.

Current projects under discussion and development include the Trinity Park Conservancy, Mockingbird Station, the Dallas Zoo, and several existing transit stations in Plano, Addison, and Downtown Farmers Branch.

***East/West Funding Formula Update presentation:***

<https://nctcog.org/getmedia/7bfd3b64-ea1f-46b9-998d-9fd1b82a9173/EastWest-Funding-Formula-Update.pdf.aspx>

Federal funding comes to our region from federal transportation apportionments via the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). These apportionments are based on several factors and depend on the funding source. While funds cannot be sub-allocated to cities or counties (per federal law), funds can be split along TxDOT District lines. This practice has helped the Dallas-Fort Worth region stay focused on overall priorities.

RTC bylaws state funding distributions related to air quality and mobility initiatives are to be re-evaluated with each new transportation funding bill. (Transit funds are re-evaluated each year as federal apportionments are received.) On November 15, 2021, the Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law, which necessitates a review of the latest East/West funding distribution.

Air quality funding is intended for air quality projects that address attainment of national ambient air quality standards in nonattainment areas. Allocations to the region are based on population and air quality nonattainment factors. Mobility funds are designed for mobility projects addressing transportation needs within metropolitan area boundaries with populations of 200,000 or greater, and allocations are based on the populations of urbanized areas in the region. In addition to the inputs specific to each funding category, environmental justice and equity are also considered when developing funding distributions.

The RTC will take action on the East/West funding distribution for the IIJA on June 9, 2022.

***2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) presentation:***

<https://nctcog.org/getmedia/35edf999-f916-4aac-98a5-0776729e70e3/2023-2026-Transportation-Improvement-Program.pdf.aspx>

The TIP is a funding document and inventory of transportation projects within the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan planning boundary. It is mandated by the federal and State government and contains funding from federal, State, and local sources. A new TIP is developed every two

years and updated on a quarterly basis.

NCTCOG staff are currently reviewing existing projects, gathering information on additional locally funded projects, making needed revisions to existing project schedules and funding, and developing revised project listings for Fiscal Years 2023 through 2026. The draft 2023-2026 TIP roadway and transit listing includes approximately \$8.09 billion in funding and 955 roadway and transit projects.

The RTC will take action on the 2023-2026 TIP on May 12, 2022.

### **COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE MEETING**

No comments were received during the meeting.

### **COMMENTS SUBMITTED DURING THE COMMENT PERIOD VIA WEBSITE, EMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA & MAIL**

#### **Mail**

#### **Other**

**Phyllis Silver, Citizen**

Please see attachment for comments submitted via postal mail.

Questions Based on May 9, 2022 Public Meeting  
and the Handouts for that Meeting

2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Final Listings

Page 5 - What does "double entry" report refer to? Does it refer to roadway and transit or something else?

Page 5 - second <sup>major</sup> bullet - what is meant by "Staff converts the data into the STIP report format and submits it as part of the TIP document to TxDOT for inclusion in the statewide document"?

Page 5 - third <sup>major</sup> bullet - what aspect of the TIP Development Process that NCTCOG was performing did not meet the approval of the Federal review partners?

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Mobility 2045 Update

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Under Management and Operations - what does remove trips from system mean?

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Proposed Awards from Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant for Projects

Page 2 - Under Eligible Activities and Costs - also on other pages - What does Level 2 refer to?

Page 8 - why were the 3 City of Fort Worth Community Center applications considered to be eligible projects?

Thank you.



Phyllis Lilian  
5/29/2022