

NCTCOG PRESENTATION

2025 STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRAM

Public Involvement | February 2025



BACKGROUND

- Over the past year, numerous funding requests have been received from local governments and transportation agencies.
- These requests have been evaluated by staff for funding consideration.
- The proposed projects meet one or more of the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) policies or improvements outlined in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), implement outcomes of planning activities, and/or assist in reaching the region's federal performance targets.
- The following slides highlight several of the major projects and partnerships that are being proposed.



STATE LOOP 12 SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

- State Loop 12 in southeast Dallas has a significant number of crashes and fatalities.
- Project will construct traffic signals and pedestrian improvements to improve safety along the corridor by slowing vehicular traffic and providing safer crossings for pedestrians.
- Proposed Funding:
 - \$7,500,000 of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)*
 - \$7,500,000 of Category 11 Safety funding from TxDOT Dallas District

*Proposing STBG for CMAQ-eligible improvements to expedite project delivery



MAINTENANCE PILOT PROGRAM FOR SAFETY

- Multiple funding requests for maintenance/rehabilitation projects have been received from small, rural communities in the region
- Instead of funding these specific projects, staff proposes to create a pilot program in Denton County and Johnson County to address these issues.
- Program would address safety issues that can be addressed with maintenance/rehabilitation improvements (e.g., pavement edge drop-offs, potholes, severe cracking/rutting)
- Counties would select the locations and improvements
 - Should be off-system
 - Intent is to address areas that are unincorporated and/or small cities that do not have adequate funding to perform maintenance that is creating safety issues
 - Locations should have documented safety concerns
- Proposed Funding:
 - \$3,000,000 of RTC Local funds (\$1,500,000 for Denton Co. & \$1,500,000 for Johnson Co.)
 - No match required



LAUD HOWELL PARKWAY

- The City of McKinney has requested funding assistance for an extension of FM 1461 (Laud Howell Pkwy).
- Project would complete an additional east-west connection and alternative to US 380
- Proposed Funding:
 - \$15,000,000 of STBG
 - \$18,500,000 from City of McKinney
 - \$10,000,000 from the private sector

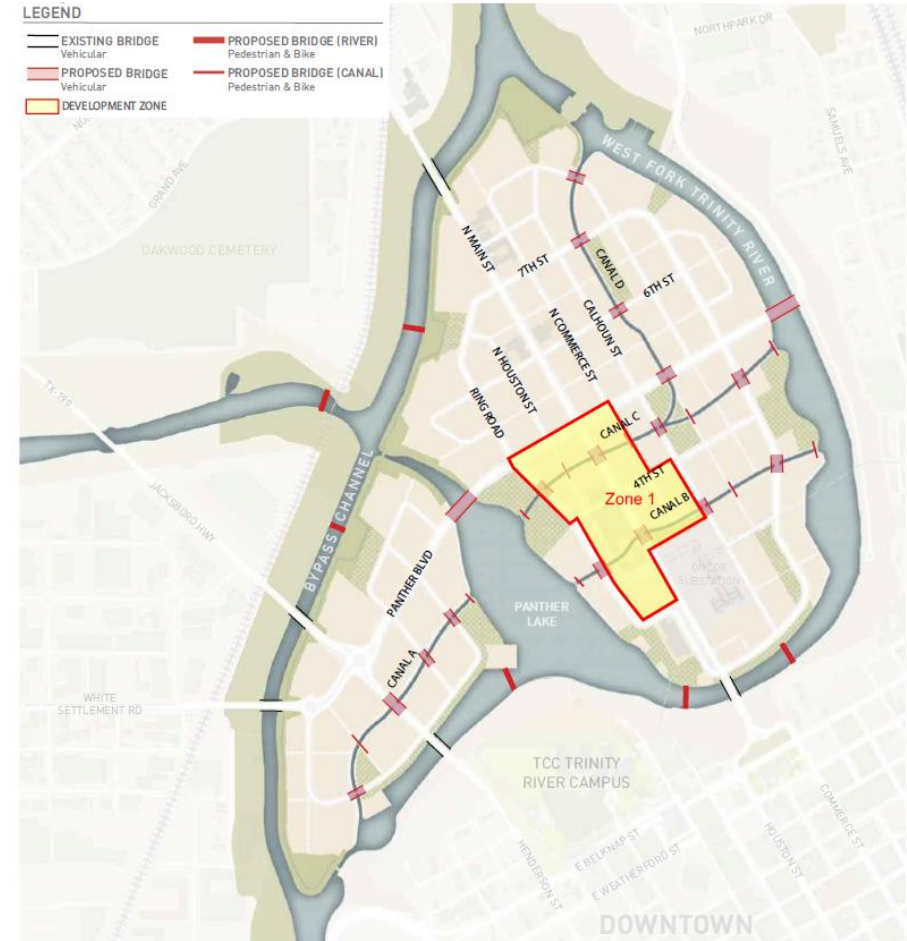


Source: City of McKinney



PANTHER ISLAND BRIDGES

- The City of Fort Worth is working toward the creation of Panther Island and has sought assistance from the RTC for several vehicular and pedestrian bridges over the future canals.
- Because these facilities are not on the federal-aid highway system, non-federal funds are being proposed.
- Proposed Funding:
 - \$1,600,000 of Tarrant County Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds
 - \$400,000 in local matching funds



Source: City of Fort Worth, Tarrant Regional Water District



JOHNSON COUNTY BOND PROGRAM PARTNERSHIP

- Johnson County voters recently approved the first ever bond program (\$60 million) in their county, and the County is seeking to partner with the RTC to leverage funding.
- FM 917 proposed to fund intersection and safety improvements and first widening segment
- Proposed Funding:
 - \$16,000,000 of STBG and \$4,000,000 of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds
 - TxDOT State match
 - County has committed design funds to this facility



FUNDING FOR FIFA WORLD CUP TRANSPORTATION NEEDS

- NCTCOG staff has continued working with various stakeholders to prepare for our region to host FIFA World Cup games. Additional transportation needs have been identified.
- Proposed improvements:
 - Improvements to Trinity Railway Express (TRE) vehicles
 - “Bus bridge” from rail stations to the Arlington Entertainment District (east-west movement)
 - Transit passes
 - Operate buses from the TRE Centreport Station to Parking Lot H
 - “Kick Your Commute” Marketing Campaign
 - Various improvements in the Arlington Entertainment District (new sidewalks, improvements to Parking Lot H)
- Proposed Funding:
 - \$7,200,000 STBG for the TRE improvements, which may come from existing \$30M for TRE vehicles
 - \$500,000 of City of Arlington funds for sidewalk improvements (a like amount of federal funds will be added to the Randol Mill widening project in Arlington to complete an exchange with Arlington)
 - \$15,750,000 of RTC Local funding for the remaining improvements



SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FUNDING (\$ IN MILLIONS)

Funding Category	Proposed Funding
CMAQ	\$18.67
STBG	\$221.25
Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) ¹	\$0.0
RTR	\$9.54
RTC Local	\$18.75
Non-RTC ²	\$123.24
TDCs ³	12.75
Total	\$391.45

1: A separate item will be brought out proposing to utilize remaining CRP funds

2: Includes State, local, and private funding

3: Transportation Development Credits are not cash and do not count in total funding



TIMELINE

Meeting/Task	Date
Project requests collected	March 2024-November 2024
Evaluate projects	December 2024-February 2025
Public Involvement	February 2025
Surface Transportation Technical Committee Action	February 28, 2025
Regional Transportation Council Action	March 13, 2025

- We are seeking public feedback on the proposed projects and partnerships
- Public comment period closes on March 12, 2025
- For a comprehensive list of project recommendations, please reference the project listing at <https://publicinput.com/nctcog>



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