

MINUTES

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, September 27, 2024

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, September 27, 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: Rifat Alam, Joe Atwood, James Bell, David Boski, Tim Palermo (representing Tanya Brooks), Daniel Burnham, Farhan Butt, Brenda Callaway, Travis Campbell, Clarence Daugherty, Pritam Deshmukh, Phil Dupler, Chad Edwards, Eric Fladager, Chris Flanigan, Austin Frith, Ricardo Gonzalez, Gary Graham, Tom Hammons, Barry Heard, Matthew Hotelling, John D. Hudspeth, Jeremy Hutt, Thuan Huynh, Joseph Jackson, Joel James, William Janney, Major Jones, Gus Khankarli, Eron Linn, Clay Lipscomb, Paul Leudtke, Stanford Lynch, Chad Marbut, Alberto Mares, Brian Cabrera (representing John Mears), Brian Moen, Mark Nelson, Jim O'Connor, Alfredo Ortiz, Cintia Ortiz, Martin Phillips, Kelly Porter, Minesha Reese, Elizabeth Reynolds, James Rogge, Parisa Hosseni (representing Greg Royster), Kathryn Rush, Jeff Kelly (representing Davis Salmon), Brian Shewski, Ray Silva-Reyes, Errick Thompson, Jennifer VanderLaan, Autumn Permenter (representing Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize), Daniel Vedral, Caroline Waggoner, Todd Weinheimer, Jana Wentzel, and Robert Woodbury.

Others present at the meeting were: Abhishek Acharger, Vickie Alexander, Berrien Barks, Natalie Bettger, Joslyn Billings, Lori Clark, Shawn Conrad, Tara Crawford, Amber Ellis, Kevin Feldt, Jane Filarawicz, Analisa Garcia, Amy Johnson, Dawn Jones, Drew Kelly, Dan Kessler, Chris Klaus, Kevin Kokes, Siddheah Kudale, Dan Lamers, Travis Liska, James McLane, Brian Moen, Michael Morris, Jenny Narvaez, Joe O'Brien, Dipak Patel, Christopher Poe, Ezra Pratt, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Ramon Rangel, Gwen Schaulis, Joe Schweitzer, Dana Shumard, Simney Soncheck, Toni Stehling, Aaron Tainter, Trenton Tidwell, and Brendon Wheeler.

1. **Approval of August 23, 2024, Minutes:** The minutes of the August 23, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Jim O'Connor (M); Clarence Daugherty (S). The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Consent Agenda:** There were no items on the Consent Agenda.
3. **2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region:** Daniel Snyder provided an overview and requested action to open the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas region including eligibility, criteria, and schedule.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of the elements related to program rules, eligible activities, eligible project areas, schedule, funding and use of Transportation Development Credits for the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region. Paul Luedtke (M); Kelly Porter (S). The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Vision Zero Health Policy:** Daniela Tower requested action on staff's recommendation for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to approve the "Vision Zero for Human Health" Policy (P24-02).

A motion was made to recommend the Regional Transportation Council approval of the Vision Zero for Human Health Policy to develop local partnerships, pursue upcoming federal and other funding opportunities, extend the non-regulatory monitoring network, develop and provide a collective source for health-related air quality information, enhance public engagement and information. The motion also included direction for staff to change the program's name by removing "Vision Zero" from its title. Clarence Daugherty (M); Paul Luedtke (S). Melissa Baker, Jim O'Connor, and Daniel Vedral opposed the motion. The motion passed.

5. **Update on Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Projects and Request for Matching Funds:** Jared Wright provided an update on the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI) Community Award and other upcoming electric vehicle (EV) charger investments in the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) region. He also requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval for NCTCOG to use Transportation Development Credits (TDC) to satisfy match requirements for the FHWA CFI Community Award.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval for the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to use up to 607,577 in Regional Transportation Development Credits as non-federal match for NCTCOG administrative costs and hiring of specialized technical teams to implement the CFI Community Program Award; and direct staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Statewide TIP and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes. Melissa Baker (M); Daniel Burnham (S). The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** The following topics were listed on the agenda:

1. Member Orientation - Prior to the Regional Transportation Council Meeting Scheduled for October 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
2. Draft 2025 Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program and Status of Transit 2.0
3. Housing Policy for Metropolitan Planning Organizations ([Electronic Item 6.1](#)) (https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/metro_planning.cfm)
4. Houston to Dallas High-Speed Rail Receives \$63.9 Million Federal Grant ([Electronic Item 6.2](#))
5. Safety Review of Older Freeway Sections
6. Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District Correspondence to the Texas Department of Transportation ([Electronic Item 6.3](#))
7. United States Department of Transportation Correspondence on Federal Aviation Administration ([Electronic Item 6.4](#))
8. Work-Zone Data Exchange Implementation Call for Projects
9. Current Hold on Regional Transportation Council Policy – Temporary Suspension of Dynamic Pricing of Managed Lanes During Reconstruction

Michael Morris briefly highlighted each item.

7. **Miles Matter Program Update and Auto Occupancy/High-Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Report:** Natalie Bettger updated the Committee on the Miles Matter Program, as well as the auto occupancy/high occupancy vehicle quarterly report.
8. **Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas – Round 4 – Project Funding Recommendations:** Shawn Conrad provided information regarding the Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas Round 4 funding opportunity, proposals received, evaluation process, and projects selected to advance for funding approval.
9. **Mobility 2050: Key Updates and Ongoing Development:** Amy Johnson reported on efforts to develop the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Mobility 2050, including a review of the project selection process and draft plan revenue forecast.
10. **Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: Selected Project from the May 2024 Cycle:** Dora Kelly summarized the project evaluated through the May 2024 cycle of the Transit Strategic Partnerships Program to provide funding to Feonix Mobility Rising for the pilot of a Transportation Assistance Hub in portions of Dallas and Ellis counties.
11. **Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants Program:** Analisa Garcia briefed the Committee on the Federal Highway Administration’s Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Low Carbon Transportation Materials Grants Program, including information regarding application and eligibility requirements.
12. **Fast Facts:** Staff provided brief presentations on each of the following topics:
 1. *Aliyah Shaikh* – February 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Modification Submittal Deadline
 2. *Camille Fountain* – Fall 2024 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement
 3. *Daniela Tower* – 2024 Ozone Season Update
 4. *Joslyn Billings* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities
 5. *Joslyn Billings* – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
 6. *Jackie Castillo* – August Public Meeting Minutes
 7. *Jackie Castillo* – October Public Meeting Notice
 8. *Jackie Castillo* – July-August Public Comments Report
 9. Written Progress Reports: Partner Progress Reports
13. **Other Business (Old or New):** No items were provided.
14. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on October 25, 2024.**