

## MINUTES

### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE December 2, 2022**

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, December 2, 2022, 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: Melissa Baker, David Boski, Tanya Brooks, Ceason Clemens, John Cordary Jr., Clarence Daugherty, Chad Davis, Arturo Del Castillo, Caryl DeVries, Phil Dupler, Chris Flanigan, Ann Foss, Eric Gallt, Tom Hammons, Matthew Hotelling, John Hudspeth, Thuan Huynh, Joel James, Kelly Johnson, Major L. Jones, Gus Khankarli, Eron Linn, Chad Marbut, Alberto Mares, Wes McClure, Mark Nelson, Jim O'Connor, Kevin Overton, Tim Palermo, Martin Phillips, Kelly Porter, Tim Porter, Lauren Prieur, Greg Royster, Kathryn Rush, David Salmon, Kay Shelton, Brian Shewski, Walter Shumac, III, Randy Skinner, Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize, and Daniel Vedral.

Others present at the meeting were: Vickie Alexander, Tom Bamonte, Martin Bate, Nathan Benditz, Taylor Benjamin, Scott Booth, Jason Brown, Jacklyn Castillo, Lori Clark, Shawn Conrad, Rick Cortez, Chad Davis, Cody Derrick, Caryl DeVries, Kevin Feldt, Ann Foss, Chad Gartner, John Godwin, Rebekah Gongora, Christie Gotti, Amy Hodges, Hayden Horton, Thuan Huynh, Amy Johnson, Kelly Johnson, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, Kurt Lehan, Travis Liska, Gregory Masota, Mark Mathis, Mindy Mize, Savana Nance, Jenny Narvaez, Jeff Neal, Catherine Osborn, Donald Parker, Trey Pope, Ezra Pratt, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Minesha Reese, Robyn Root, Alison Smith, Daniel Snyder, Toni Stehling, Shannon Stevenson, Anna Willits, Amanda Wilson, Jared Wright, and Margarita Zollo.

1. **Approval of October 28, 2022, Minutes:** The minutes of the October 28, 2022, meeting were approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Jim O'Connor (M); Mark Nelson (S). The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Consent Agenda:** The following items were included on the Consent Agenda.
  - 2.1. **February 2023 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of revisions to the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was requested, along with the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes. February 2023 revisions to the 2023-2026 TIP were provided as Electronic Item 2.1.1 for the Committee's consideration. These modifications were reviewed for consistency with the mobility plan, the air quality conformity determination, and financial constraint of the TIP. Also provided was Electronic Item 2.1.2, an Administrative Amendment processed through the November 2022 cycle.
  - 2.2. **Regional Transportation Council Local Funds Requested as Match On Department of Energy-Funded Projects:** Staff requested Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to use RTC Local funds to satisfy match requirements for two Department of Energy (DOE) proposals and a State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) project. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been asked to partner on six proposals competing for funding through the Department of Energy's Fiscal Year 2022 Vehicle Technologies Office Program Wide Funding Opportunity (DE-FOA-0002611). As a

partner, NCTCOG would be a subrecipient for funding. Two of the proposals require matching funds, totaling up to \$300,000 in match for up to \$300,000 in federal funds. RTC Local funds were requested to satisfy these match requirements. NCTCOG stands to receive federal funds with no match requirement on the other four proposals. In addition, NCTCOG has been awarded \$200,000 in DOE funds by SECO to continue regional energy management work. This is a continuation of work completed collaboratively by the NCTCOG Transportation and Environment and Development departments which began four years ago. The award and resulting work will be split between the departments to further energy efficiency and renewable energy efforts in the region. The award of \$200,000 federal funds requires match of \$40,000. Both the award and match will be shared equally between departments. Up to \$320,000 RTC Local funds was requested as match requirements. More information was available in Electronic Item 2.2.

- 2.3 **Endorsement of Fiscal Year 2023 Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives: Phase One:** Staff requested an endorsement for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) recommendation to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board for approval of funding up to \$278,700 for Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives: Phase 1 that will initiate in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. Since 2014, the NCTCOG Executive Board has authorized annual large-scale advertising purchase and placement initiatives for the Transportation Department. The first phase of education campaigns is for public involvement and support activities such as notifications of opportunities for public input/public meetings, and commuter education focused on congestion management. Efforts in the first phase will be funded in a combination of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds, Transportation Planning Funds, RTC Local Funds, and RTC Transportation Development Credits in lieu of cash match. Education campaigns will be developed in multiple languages and may be presented through out-of-home advertising, print, screen, online, audio, and social media mediums. This item was approved by the RTC on November 10, 2022, and NCTCOG Executive Board on December 1, 2022. Electronic Item 2.3 provided more detail.
- 2.4 **Endorsement of Traffic Signal Retiming in Tarrant County:** Staff requested endorsement of Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to receive approximately \$1,066,000 in funding from Tarrant County for traffic signal retiming along corridors in Tarrant County. Tarrant County has identified funding through its 2006 and 2021 Bond Programs and has approached the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to utilize funding for traffic signal retiming along selected corridors in Tarrant County. NCTCOG has existing, active consultant contracts that may be used to develop and implement traffic signal retiming. The consultants will work with local jurisdictions and the Texas Department of Transportation to develop, review and implement signal timing. Tarrant County will provide approximately \$1,066,000 to fund the consultant work as well as NCTCOG staff time to administer the project. Additional information was provided in Electronic Item 2.4.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of Item 2.1, Item 2.2, Item 2.3 and Item 2.4 of the Consent Agenda. Kelly Porter (M); Mark Nelson (S). The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Call for Projects Funding Recommendations:** Daniel Snyder requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the list of projects to fund through 2022 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Call for Projects. Daniel provided information regarding the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program, an overview of the applications received, and the evaluation process. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) opened the Call for Projects for the Urbanized Area of the North Central Texas region on July 18, 2022, and applications were due on September 9, 2022. Projects eligible under this program include the construction of on-road and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, multi-modal connections to rail stations and schools, education activities promoting students to walk and bike to school, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure that will substantially improve safety. All projects must be within one of the three Urbanized Areas (UA) exceeding 200,000 population: Denton–Lewisville Urbanized Area, McKinney Urbanized Area, and Dallas–Fort Worth–Arlington Urbanized Area. Four application categories are as follows: active transportation, safe routes to school, safe routes to rail, and safety and technology. The evaluation criteria emphasizes regional connectivity, access to major destinations, equity, projects identified in adopted plans, safety benefits, and project readiness. The funding overview for construction is \$500,000 minimum federal funding award per project and \$250,000 for safe routes to school education activities. There is no limit for maximum federal funding award per project, construction-implementation projects; engineering and environmental phases, 100 percent locally funded, construction phases, minimum 20 percent local match, local match must be cash or Transportation Development Credits (TDCs), no in-kind contributions, reimbursement of up to 80 percent of eligible project costs (up to 100 percent if using TDCs), option to use TDCs (in lieu of local match) if qualified through the MTP Policy Bundle process (with a remaining balance), option to request Regional Transportation Development Credits in lieu of a local match for projects implementing the Regional Veloweb as identified in Mobility 2045 (2022 Update). Project scoring was based on project eligibility and a methodology for project evaluation as previously approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC). Electronic Item 3.1 contained additional detailed information. Electronic Item 3.2 reflected project evaluations and recommended funding awards.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of the list of projects to fund through the 2022 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Call for Projects, as provided in Electronic Item 3.1, to administratively amend the TIP/STIP and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes, per program rules that: project sponsors must execute an Advanced Funding Agreement with Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) within one year of project selection, projects must advance to construction within three years from selection or the funding may be reprogrammed. Kelly Porter (M); Tanya Brooks (S). The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Regional Transportation Council and Dallas Area Rapid Transit Federal and Local Funding Partnership:** Christie Gotti requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of a proposed federal/local partnership with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART). The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)/Regional Transportation Council (RTC) is required to pay for expenses associated with projects and programs it implements before federal reimbursement can be requested. With the recent award of numerous federal discretionary grants (e.g., BUILD, RAISE) that NCTCOG will be administering, the amount of funding needed to cash flow projects has increased significantly. NCTCOG would also like to expand the pool of RTC Local funds available to implement projects outside of the restrictive federal process. RTC

does not have taxing authority to generate revenue to pay these invoices and fund these projects, so a source of local dollars is needed. The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Revolver Fund and RTC Local funds are typically used for these purposes, but those funds are being utilized, leading to the need for more local dollars. In July 2022, the RTC directed staff to pursue a funding partnership with DART or Dallas to accomplish these goals. The Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Board recently approved a program to send approximately \$234 million back to its member cities. Two methods yielding different amounts were considered for how to disburse those funds: population and the proportion of sales tax paid to DART. To allow DART to return the higher of the two amounts to each city, a proposal is being made for the RTC to provide federal funds to offset the difference between the two methods at a cost of \$19.674 million. In return for providing this solution and funding, an exchange of \$44 million (anticipate DART using existing local funds on Silver Line to match these federal funds) in federal funds for \$40 million of local funds from DART is being proposed. This funding would be used to: 1) expand the Revolver Fund to cash flow federal grant projects, and 2) replenish the RTC Local funding pool for use on projects and programs across the region. The shares in each account will be brought back later for action. Following up on the parking garage partnership, in July 2022, the RTC funded two parking garages in proximity to DART Stations, Dallas Zoo Station Garage - \$10 million and the SMU/Mockingbird Station Garage - \$20 million. The RTC approved a federal-for-local funding exchange concept for either DART or Dallas to fund these projects with local dollars since parking garages are easier to implement with non-federal funds. As of December 2, 2022, a DART Exchange is proposed, federal funding of \$30 million will be placed on the DART Silver Line Rail project and DART will utilize \$30 million of DART local funds to implement the two garages. This agenda item will be taken for action to the Regional Transportation Council on December 8, 2022, then to Executive Board for approval to receive funds on January 26, 2023. A detailed summary of the proposed partnership was provided in Electronic Item 4.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of the proposed partnership with DART for \$19.674 million federal funds for member city reimbursement (to be awarded to the Silver Line with anticipation for DART using existing local funds on Silver Line to match these federal funds), \$44 million federal funds for MPO Revolver/RTC local trade on the Silver Line, receive \$40 million local funds for MPO Revolver and RTC local pool, federal funding for garage exchange to be applied to the Silver Line (\$30 million federal), and to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes. Eron Linn (M); Mark Nelson (S). The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Milestone Policy Update:** Cody Derrick requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval on two projects and provided the Committee with an update on the status of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Milestone Policy Round 2 projects that have not let for construction. The objective of the MPO Milestone Policy is to ensure that projects that have been funded for at least 10 years and have not gone to construction are being implemented in a timely manner. In February 2021, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved the second round Milestone Policy, including the establishment of deadlines by which projects must go to construction, a revamped project tracking process, the requirement of periodic status reports on projects until they go to letting, and staff evaluation of progress made to be considered when making recommendations about whether or not to cancel a project. The summary of projects that have not gone to construction (December 2022): one project scheduled letting FY2022 with

a total funding of \$24,5229,721, nine scheduled letting FY2023 with a total funding of \$93,435,636, and four projects scheduled letting FY2024 or beyond with a total funding of \$242,201,031. A total of 14 projects at \$360,166,388. Project risk by fiscal year was detailed in Electronic Item 5.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of Conflans Road from SH 161 to Valley View Lane. The project missed the original letting deadline at the end of FY2022., A request for the Federal Project Authorization and Agreement (FPAA) needed to obligate funds has been made by the Texas Department of Transportation and is pending Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) approval. Staff recommended that the RTC extend the project's deadline to the end of March 2023 and leave the funding on the project. The project will be monitored to ensure that it proceeds to construction. Action also included direction for staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and other administrative/planning documents as needed. Gus Khankarli (M); Daniel Vedral (S). The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Emergency Funding: Backstop Funding For Transit Cooperative Vehicle**

**Procurement:** Michael Morris requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) ratification of emergency funding authorization for a temporary backstop for the Transit Cooperative Vehicle Procurement (CVP) to secure vehicle prices and avoid an additional price increase. The RTC previously approved Federal Transit Administration funding to design, manufacture, and deliver over 60 light-duty buses and small transit vehicles to support urban transportation services. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG's) Executive Board approved a contract on June 24, 2021, with Creative Bus Sales, Inc. for the purchase of vehicles for the small transit providers. Staff discovered funding for the vehicles was programmed incorrectly, which requires a Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) modification before all work orders can be released. A funding resolution is expected in January 2023. Creative Bus Sales, Inc. notified NCTCOG of an additional price increase for work orders released after November 30, 2022. The backstop request is for \$1,500,000 in existing Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds previously approved for Transit Projects (\$500,000) and RTC Local Funds (\$1,000,000). The temporary backstop to fund the Transit Cooperative Vehicle Procurement to prevent additional vehicle price increases and further vehicle delivery delays. Staff is currently working through the needed TIP modifications and anticipates resolution in January 2023.

A motion was made to ratify the Regional Transportation Council's action for emergency funding authorization of \$1,500,000 (\$500,000 RTR funds and \$1,000,000 RTC Local Funds) for a temporary backstop for the Transit Cooperative Vehicle Procurement (CVP) to secure vehicle prices and avoid an addition price increase. Daniel Vedral (M); Kelly Porter (S). The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** Michael Morris congratulated Ceason Clemens, P.E. and the Dallas District with Texas Department of Transportation on the ribbon cutting for 35 E Southern Gateway Project and the groundbreaking for the Southeast Connector, as well as the Fort Worth District - \$1.6 billion on its way to \$2 billion – total construction of the 8 lanes on SH 820. He announced the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Awards to Dan Perge, P.E.; Tamelia Spillman; and Walter R. “Ray” Fisher III, P.E. He highlighted that he and Lance Simmons (both being Co-Chairs of the Statewide Task Force) had the pleasure of being invited to attend Texas Transportation Commissioner Laura Ryan's meeting and shared Commissioner Ryan's praise for the

region. In Electronic Item 7.1, Michael flagged that the Clean Cities team recognized several agencies as part of the Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) Clean Cities Annual Fleet Recognition Awards. In addition, he noted the partnership with the Medal of Honor – Museum Partnership Program, Leadership Institute. He provided an overview of the Changing Mobility: Data, Insights, and Delivering Innovative Projects during COVID Recovery, details provided in Electronic Item 7.2. He briefed the Committee on the letter for Status of Conformity Determination - Potential Lapse Grace Period with more detail provided in Electronic Item 7.3.

8. **Revised Regional Transportation Council Bylaws:** Ken Kirkpatrick provided a briefing on the recent revisions to the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) Bylaws and Operating Procedures. The Regional Transportation Council approved revisions to its Bylaws and Operating Procedures at its November 10, 2022, meeting. Included in the updated Bylaws are the addition of 13 new cities over 5,000 in population; an additional seat for the City of Fort Worth which leads to a complete roster of 45 members; the addition of language related to county/city group member appointments, including mandatory rotation; clarification of teleconferencing, in person, and videoconferencing as they relate to voting; language that affirms that members of the Nominating Subcommittee are eligible to be nominated as officers; and language noting that the RTC will maintain public involvement procedures, including public comment rules and decorum requirements as part of the Public Participation Plan. For the appointees, in county/city groups, it will require mandatory rotation of the primary seat and in county/city groups, permit cities over 30,000 population to hold primary or alternate seat if appointed by the county. Bylaws Subcommittee recommendations for perimeter county/city cluster seats will require mandatory rotation of the seat between the counties, roughly proportional to population, measured over a 10-year period. The two timeframes for perimeter county rotation are on a 70/30 basis for Johnson/Hood Counties (eligible member cities: Burleson, Cleburne), and Parker/Wise Counties (eligible city: Weatherford); rotation on a 50/50 basis: Ellis/Kaufman Counties (eligible cities: Midlothian, Waxahachie), Rockwall/Hunt Counties (eligible cities: Greenville, Rockwall), and if a city is appointed, the location of the city is used to determine whether rotation requirement is met. Approval by the Regional Transportation Council also included 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. Details were provided in Electronic Item 8.
9. **Walk To School Day Promotion 2022:** Shawn Conrad provided the Committee an overview of North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) 2022 Walk to School Day promotional efforts and the results of the events held at participating schools. Walk to School Day is a national event where students from across the nation walk to school on the same day. Community presence on the streets reminds us to help create calm, safe routes to school for students to walk and bicycle. This year, Walk to School Day was held on October 12, it's typically held the first Wednesday of October but was postponed due to Yom Kippur holiday. Statistics show that students that walk or bike to school show up more alert and ready to learn. The event spotlights the benefits of active transportation to school, as well as the importance of safety on our roadways for our communities. NCTCOG provided safety-related prizes and promotional items to schools to generate excitement and incentivize participation for numerous schools in the region. The Dallas-Fort Worth region accounted for over half of the registered Walk to School Day events in the State of Texas. Staff encouraged everyone to save the date for next year's Walk to School Day: Wednesday, October 4, 2023. Event preparation will begin in Spring 2023. To be added to the Walk to School Day 2023 mailing list an interest form can be completed at

[www.nctcog.org/WalkToSchool](http://www.nctcog.org/WalkToSchool). Full summary of the 2022 events will be released later this year. Additional information was included in Electronic Item 9.

10. **Parking Management Resources:** Travis Liska introduced available resources that can assist local governments with managing parking challenges and requested feedback on future technical tools and information that is needed. Strategic management of new and existing parking can help improve transportation and land use outcomes. Excessive parking can undermine strategic transportation objectives and system performance. Additionally, a lack of consideration for parking management may result in excessive public spending on parking oversupply. Many tools and strategies can address more efficient management of existing and new parking facilities. North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG's) parking management program seeks to inform North Texas local governments on parking management. The program has developed several parking managements tools and resources for the region, including a parking management toolbox, best practices in district management, and curb management guide. These are available at [www.NCTCOG.org/Parking](http://www.NCTCOG.org/Parking). Mobility 2045 goals include travel efficiency measures and system enhancements targeted at congestion reduction and encourages livable communities which support sustainability and economic vitality. Mobility 2045 emphasizes the relationship between land use and transportation, an important strategy in improving operational efficiency as the region continues to develop. SDO2-001: land use-transportation connections program addressed land use-transportation connections by utilizing parking management strategies and innovative parking technologies. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Parking Garage funding policy was approved in August 2022. As part of the policy the RTC directs NCTCOG staff to support publicly owned surface and structured parking for limited purposes that generally meet criteria including, but not limited to provide gap funding, advancing safety, support technology solutions and/or economic development, support special event use or location needs, significantly changes the transportation/land use balance of an area and solves a transportation problem using land use solutions, supports transit operation, and provides environmental, air quality, and/or equity benefits. With regional growth expected to be 11.4 million by 2045, there wouldn't be as many challenges. The challenges from unmanaged parking is lost public revenue from excess land used for parking, costly real estate development, less land for housing and other development, congestion and frustration when parking rules, navigation, and wayfinding are difficult. We will need updated information to grow more efficiently. There are possible technical solutions such as communication through district wayfinding/signage, facility wayfinding/signage, mobile applications, and websites. Other possible technical solutions by managing new supply (code) with minimum requirements, maximums, fee-in-lieu of spaces, off-site credits, and shared parking allowances. Managing existing supply with enforcement, restrictions/permits, utilization data monitoring and sharing, monetizing excess supply, future re-use (redevelopment), unbundled parking fees, shared parking agreements, dynamic pricing, district level coordination (parking management/benefit districts). NCTCOG recommends resource guides and tools to support local implementation. The ongoing and upcoming NCTCOG resources, parking technology applications guide, regional database, case studies, and best practices (Local and National). Staff encouraged members to respond with feedback on this topic via an upcoming survey scheduled to be emailed the week following the meeting. Electronic Item 10 contained additional details.
11. **End of 2022 Ozone Season:** Jenny Narvaez provided a summary of the 2022 ozone season activity and other air quality updates for the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) region. The ozone season is March 1 to November 30. The end of November concluded another ozone season for the DFW region. The region continues to work towards compliance for both the

2008 and 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Ongoing and additional efforts for emission reduction programs include the Management and Operations (M&O), Air Quality, and Safety Program; Federal Performance Measures (PM3) CMAQ Targets; and Appendix H: Weight of Evidence (Voluntary Measures). The Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP) – Diesel Retrofit Program and fraudulent paper registration tags and vehicle emissions inspections are items that are contained in the RTC Legislative Agenda for Air Quality Programs. Staff has been tracking the exceedance days at each monitor and provided a summary of the 2022 ozone season data for the North Central Texas 9- and 10-county nonattainment areas compared against previous ozone seasons, and also provided a snapshot for the 2023 ozone season in Electronic Item 11.

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

Martin Bate provided updates on the Map Your Experience 2022 Insights. Details can be found at ([www.nctcog.org/mapyourexperience](http://www.nctcog.org/mapyourexperience)). He also provided an update on the Certification of Emerging and Reliable Transportation Technology Program. Proposals were released on December 2, 2022, to the technology providers and NCTCOG staff is available to provide technical assistance. Round 2 will be presented for consideration in the upcoming months. More information was provided in Electronic Item 12.1.

Ezra Pratt highlighted that North Central Texas Council of Governments staff is working on two regional planning implementation studies. Each study will provide an analysis recommendation for the implementation of transit in their respective areas in the region not currently served by a transportation authority. Two upcoming Transit Studies Project Advisory Committee meetings are scheduled: Denton County Transit Authority will be held on January 10, 2023, and the Eastern Dallas, Kaufman, and Rockwall Counties transit studies will be held on January 19, 2023. For more information on upcoming meetings, please visit the website at [www.nctcog.org/transitstudies](http://www.nctcog.org/transitstudies).

Amy Johnson announced that the Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle: Round 5 is expected to open its application window early next year. Additional details and sign up for emails can be found at [www.nctcog.org/policybundle](http://www.nctcog.org/policybundle).

Jared Wright noted the Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles website, [www.nctcog.org/aqfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding), which is updated with air quality funding opportunities for available vehicles and programs. Currently open are the North Texas Clean Diesel project, the next application round closes January 13, 2023, and the Federal Plugin Watching People Drive Tax Credit, open until January 1, 2023, with up to a 7,500-tax credit.

Jared Wright noted NCTCOG submitted comments to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Buy America Notice of Proposed Waiver for Electric Vehicles charges. The FHWA Waiver was released on August 31, 2022, and NCTCOG submitted comments on September 30, 2022. Review of comments can be found in Electronic Item 12.2.

Savana Nance highlighted upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities events. The first event, Electric Vehicle Readiness Round Table with Smart Charge America, is scheduled for December 8, 2022. Registration and more details are on the website at <https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>.

Trey Pope highlighted the Local Clean Air Project Spotlight on Romark Logistics. Romark Logistics was awarded two electric powered terminal tractors (yard trucks) with 100 percent



NOx emissions reduction at location. The technology replaced two diesel engine powered tractors that were funded in the amount of \$288,914 by the Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. Additional information was provided in Electronic Item 12.3.

Jackie Castillo mentioned that an online opportunity was held on Monday, October 10, 2022, through November 8, 2022, for Car Care Awareness: Community Partnerships and Service Providers and Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program. Comments collected were provided in Electronic Item 12.4.

Jackie Castillo also mentioned that the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) will host a public meeting on December 12, 2022, in the NCTCOG Offices. Presentation topics at the meeting include a Map Your Experience 2022 Insights Report, DFW High-Speed Transportation Connections Study Update, Conformity Lapse Grace Period, and DFW Clean Cities Fleet Recognition and Annual Survey Results. Proposed Modifications to the List of Funded Projects is also scheduled for online review and comment but no presentation will be provided. The December Public Meeting Notice was provided in Electronic Item 12.5.

Taylor Benjamin noted that the Public Comments Report, which contains general public comments received from September 20 through October 19, 2022, was provided in Electronic Item 12.6.

Partner Progress Reports were provided in Electronic Item 12.7.

13. **Other Business (Old or New)**: There was no discussion on this item.
14. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for 1:30 pm on January 27, 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 3:04 PM.