

AGENDA

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
Friday, April 28, 2023
North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)

- 1:30 – 1:35**
1. **Approval of March 24, 2023, Minutes**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Ceason G. Clemens, STTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the March 24, 2023, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 1 will be requested.
Background: N/A
 2. **Consent Agenda (There are no items on the Consent Agenda)**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
- 1:35 – 1:45**
3. **Project Status Report: Milestone Policy Round 2 and FY2023 Project Tracking**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenters: Cody Derrick, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will provide the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) with a status report on the Milestone Policy Round 2 and FY2023 Project Tracking projects. Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of various updates to Milestone Policy project deadlines and approval of a revised Milestone Policy and Project Tracking reporting frequency.
Background: The Milestone Policy was adopted by the RTC to focus on projects that have been funded for more than 10 years and have not gone to construction. By highlighting these projects, the policy creates agency accountability to implement projects in a timely manner. Staff coordinates with implementing agencies to assess project risk until they go to construction. Similarly, the annual project tracking effort focuses on projects slated for implementation in the current fiscal year. Projects are monitored early, allowing staff to highlight potential problems that could lead to delays, which enables the RTC to take corrective actions to avoid building up carryover balances in federal funding categories. Milestone Policy status updates, along with the latest risk ratings, can be found in Electronic Item 3.1. FY2023 Project Tracking status updates can be found in Electronic Items 3.2. Details on the status reports can be found in Electronic Item 3.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

1:45 – 1:55

4. **Application to the Federal Highway Administration Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Program**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jared Wright, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval to pursue funding from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI) under the Community Program and Corridor Program grant categories.

Background: Created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the FHWA's CFI program will provide grants to deploy publicly accessible electric vehicle (EV) charging and other alternative fueling infrastructure in communities and along designated Alternative Fuel Corridors, particularly in underserved and disadvantaged communities. This program will offer funding in two distinct funding categories: \$350 million for Community Program grants and \$350 million for Corridor Program grants, for a total of \$700 million in available funding. Staff proposes to apply for a Community Program grant and a Corridor Program grant. For the community grant, the North Texas Council of Government (NCTCOG) will apply on behalf of public agencies in the Dallas-Fort Worth region for EV charging stations located on property owned by participating public agencies. For the corridor grant, staff solicited proposals from private sector teams through the 2023 Heavy-Duty Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Partners with the intent to develop a public-private partnership proposal for the grant application. Twelve proposals were received by the Call for Partners deadline of April 7, 2023. Staff has reviewed the proposals and selected three that are suitable for pursuing under the CFI Corridor Program. Some other proposals may be retained for consideration under other funding opportunities throughout the coming year. Expansion of zero-emission vehicle adoption is incorporated as part of the Weight of Evidence in the latest approved Dallas-Fort Worth State Implementation Plan. Electronic Item 4 provides additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

1:55 – 2:05

5. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: An overview of current transportation items will be provided.

Background: Efforts continue to advance transportation in the region. Staff will highlight the following:

1. US 75 Technology Lanes: Review of Lighting Sequence
2. Texas Department of Transportation/Local Government Lighting Agreements

3. Tennessee and Atlanta Advancement of P3s
4. Friends of Texas Department of Transportation Safety Committee
5. Legislative Items
6. Letter from the Regional Transportation Council-MPO for DFW Area (Electronic Item 5.1)
7. City of Dallas/Dallas Area Rapid Transit Silver Line Mediation
8. Trinity Railway Express/Burlington Northern Santa Fe Mediation
9. US High Speed Rail Coalition Membership

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:05 – 2:15

6. Federal and State Legislative Update

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Rebekah Gongora, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on federal and State legislative actions related to transportation and air quality issues affecting the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Background: Transportation issues continue to be a focus in the United States (U.S.) Congress and in the Texas Legislature. The 1st session of the 118th U.S. Congress convened on January 3, 2023. The 88th Texas Legislature convened on January 10, 2023.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Safety

2:15 – 2:25

7. Regional Scrap Tire Program

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Nicholas Vanhaasen, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff is proposing to implement a scrap tire abatement program to reduce the amount of scrap and abandoned tires that exist within the region.

Background: Scrap tires are not only a waste issue due to illegal dumping or recycling burden, but also an environmental and public health nuisance. In our region alone, there are millions of dumped tires that are known and are trying to be remediated. The proposed program is a multifaceted approach consisting of education, outreach, technical and legal support, dump site identification for remediation, illegal dumping prevention, and enforcement. For more information, please see Electronic Item 7.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:25 – 2:35

8. **Walk to School Promotion 2023**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Shawn Conrad, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of activities planned for the 2023 Walk to School Day promotion and information for participation.

Background: Walk to School Day is a national event where students from across the nation walk to school on the same day. More students walking to school reduces the automobile traffic around schools, increasing pedestrian safety and improving air quality. This event spotlights the benefits of active transportation to school and the importance of safety on our roadways for our communities. For the third year, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) will provide safety-related giveaways to schools to generate excitement and incentivize participation for numerous schools in the region. In 2022, NCTCOG assisted 20 schools with Walk to School Day events by providing promotional items and received 973 unique entries for a bike raffle. The Dallas-Fort Worth region accounted for over half of the registered Walk to School Day events in the state of Texas. Early coordination for Walk to School Day 2023 is critical to the process due to school schedules and purchasing requirements. Staff will request assistance from local governments to promote this opportunity with local schools and independent school districts. More information is available in Electronic Item 8.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Bike/Ped+, Safety

2:35 – 2:45

9. **Air Quality Ozone: Federal vs. State**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information on the national and state process for air quality standards and current local efforts to meet them.

Background: Sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act govern the establishment, review, and revision, as appropriate, of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for each criteria pollutant to provide protection for the nation's public health and the environment. The Clean Air Act requires periodic review of the science behind how the standards are set and the standards themselves. Once a standard has been revised by the Environmental Protection Agency, the state has the responsibility of creating a State Implementation Plan documenting how it will comply with the air quality standard. Staff will inform the committee on the process of reviewing and setting, the plan toward attaining, and the region's work toward coming into compliance with these standards, including correspondence to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Electronic Item 9.1. For more information, please see Electronic Item 9.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:45 – 3:00

10. **Fast Facts**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Item Summary: Staff presentations will be provided. Please reference the material provided for each of the following topics.

1. *Aliyah Shaikh* – Transportation Improvement Program Modification Submittal Deadline, April 28, 2023
 2. *Travis Liska* – Regional Sidewalk Geographic Information Systems Layer (Electronic Item 10.1)
 3. *Martin Bate* – Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Policy Bundle (www.nctcog.org/policybundle)
 4. *Martin Bate* – Certification of Emerging and Reliable Transportation Technology (CERTT) Round 2
 5. *Jesse Brown* – Auto Occupancy/High Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Subsidy Report (Electronic Item 10.2)
 6. *Camille Fountain* – Traffic Incident Management Executive Level – May 4, 2023, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Electronic Item 10.3)
 7. *Camille Fountain* – 2023-2024 Regional Safety Advisory Committee (RSAC) Term Designations (Electronic Item 10.4)
 8. *Nicholas Vanhaasen* – 2023 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 10.5)
 9. *Trey Pope* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles (www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
 10. *Trey Pope* – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight (Electronic Item 10.6)
 11. *Joslyn Billings* – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
 12. *Jackie Castillo* – March Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 10.7)
 13. *Taylor Benjamin* – Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 10.8)
 14. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 10.9)
11. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
12. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on May 26, 2023.**