

## **MINUTES**

### **Regional Transportation Council Thursday, April 10, 2025**

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) met on Thursday, April 10, 2025, at 12:30 pm in the Great Hall at the National Medal of Honor Museum. The following RTC members or representatives were present: Daniel Alemán, Bruce Arfsten, Rick Bailey, Adam Bazaldua, Elizabeth Beck, Gyna Bivens, Alan Blaylock, Ceason Clemens, Theresa Daniel, Jeff Davis, Pat Deen, Andy Eads, Michael Evans, Vernon Evans, George Fuller, Raul Gonzalez, Lane Grayson, Mojoy Haddad, Clay Lewis Jenkins, Ron Jensen, Jill Jester, Matt Krause, Brad LaMorgese, Terry Lynne (representing Steve Babick), Stephen Mason, Jon McKenzie (representing Jeremy Tompkins), Tammy Meinershagen, Cara Mendelsohn, Cesar Molina, Ed Moore, Jesse Moreno, John Muns, Omar Narvaez, Matthew Porter, Tito Rodriguez, Jim Ross, David Salazar, Gary Slagel, Bobby Stovall, William Tsao, Duncan Webb, and Chad West.

Others present at the meeting were: Melissa Baker, Cimajie Best, Natalie Bettger, Lonnie Blaydes, Farhan Butt, Angie Carson, Chris Cassidy, Lori Clark, Dina Colarossi, Clarence Daugherty, Brian Dell, Rebecca Diviney, Mike Eastland, Chad Edwards, Andrew Fortune, Michael Garcia, Jillian Giles, T.J. Gilmore, Rebekah Gongora, Christie Gotti, Tony Hartzel, Mark Holliday, Caroline Horner, Caleb Humphrey, Joel James, Jim Jarratt, Dan Kessler, Gus Khankarli, Treggabranh Kidana, Ken Kirkpatrick, Chris Klaus, Dan Lamers, Eron Linn, Todd Little, Aaron Long, Dee Long, Paul Luedtke, Malcolm Mayhew, Kalon Melton, Arash Mirzaei, Michael Morris, Jonah Murray, Mark Nelson, Cintia Ortiz, Luis Oseguera, Michael Peters, John Polster, James Powell, Ezra Pratt, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Phedra Redifer, Dev Restogi, Travis Reynolds, Randy Richardson, Adam Socki, Sidney Sonck, Toni Stehling, Farwa Sultan, Stephen Tanner, Christopher Tolar, Lauren Trimble, Elisa Villnave, Brendon Wheeler, Amanda Wilson, Brian Wilson, Karla Windsor, Hua Yang, and Mamun Yusuf.

1. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Today's Agenda:** Clay Lewis Jenkins, Regional Transportation Council Chair and Dallas County Judge asked if there were any public comments. Chair Jenkins noted that no members of the public chose to speak at the meeting or provide written comments.
2. **Approval of March 13, 2025, Minutes:** The minutes of the March 13, 2025, meeting were approved as submitted in Electronic Item 2. Matthew Porter (M); Daniel Alemán (S). The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Consent Agenda**
  - 3.1. **Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program:** Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of modifications to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) was requested. Direction for staff to also administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents, as appropriate, to reflect the approved modifications were also sought.

- 3.2. **Funding Recommendations to Upgrade Existing Charging Stations:** Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval was requested for funding recommendations for the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Program.
- 3.3. **High Occupancy Vehicle 2/3+ Subsidy Funding for North Tarrant Express Facility:** Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval was requested for \$1 million in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funding for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) 2/3+ Subsidy associated with the North Tarrant Express (NTE) corridor.
- 3.4. **Funding for Interstate Highway 30 Canyon Project Cost Overrun:** Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of \$196,350,870 to cover a cost overrun at letting on the Interstate Highway (IH) 30 Canyon project was requested, along with the ability to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program along with other planning and administrative documents as needed to incorporate the funding.

A motion was made to approve Items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4 on the Consent Agenda. George Fuller (M); Matthew Porter (S). The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report:** Michael Morris briefly highlighted items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.
1. New North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Director, (soon to be former) Judge Todd Little, Ellis County
  2. Contribution of \$1.9 Million to National Medal of Honor Museum and Introduction of Chris Cassidy, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation
  3. No Proposed Regional Transportation Council Meeting in May
  4. Department of Defense Reimbursement
  5. Regional Transportation Council Local Grant Management Fund Status
  6. Progress on Federal Discretionary Grants
  7. Additional Correspondence from Hunt-Related Entities on High-Speed Rail
  8. Spring 2025 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement – May 1, 2025
  9. PM2.5 Standard Nonattainment Update
  10. Start of Ozone Season
  11. Air Quality Funding Opportunities ([www.nctcog.org/aqfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding))
  12. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events ([www.dfwcleancities.org/events](http://www.dfwcleancities.org/events))
  13. Updated February Public Meeting Minutes
  14. March Public Meeting Minutes
  15. February–March Public Comment Report
  16. April Public Meeting Notice
  17. Recent News Articles
  18. Recent Correspondence
  19. Recent Press Releases

RTC Chair Clay Jenkins announced Nominating Subcommittee appointments: Duncan Webb (Chair), Commissioner, Collin County; Elizabeth Beck (Vice-Chair), Councilmember, City of Fort Worth; Theresa Daniel, Commissioner, Dallas County; Jeff Davis, Chair, Trinity Metro; Jill Jester, Councilmember, City of Denton; Stephen Mason,

Mayor, City of Cedar Hill; Manny Ramirez, Commissioner, Tarrant County; Tito Rodriguez, Councilmember, City of North Richland Hills; and Chad West, Councilmember, City of Dallas.

5. **Federal and State Legislative Update:** Rebekah Gongora provided an update on federal and State legislative actions related to transportation and air quality issues affecting the Dallas-Fort Worth area.
6. **Transit 2.0 Implementation, Dallas Area Rapid Transit Legislation and Local Mediation via the Regional Transportation Council:** Michael Morris summarized the concluding steps of the Transit 2.0 study. Judge Jenkins led a mediation process with all parties resulting in two new Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) resolutions. Some legislators wish for the mediation process to continue. In addition, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) was requested to approve proposed legislation in a local bill instructing the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) RTC to propose a new regional transit institutional approach addressing Transit 2.0 results, member city concerns, new member city wishes, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) interests, and input from the North Texas Legislative delegation. A motion was made to table action on Regional Transportation Council Mediation, Implementation of Transit 2.0, or any legislation until late August. John Muns (M); Brad LaMorgese (S). The motion failed.

Following much discussion, a motion was made requesting NCTCOG staff to develop a document containing bullet points that detail the likely contents of a local bill that would request the Regional Transportation Council to implement Transit 2.0 initiatives for the 90<sup>th</sup> Legislature. Duncan Webb (M). No action was taken on this motion due to the lack of a second.

A motion was made to Continue Near-Term Solutions: Regional Transportation Council Mediation and Implementation of Transit 2.0, and to support a local bill from the 89th Texas Legislature requesting the Regional Transportation Council to implement Transit 2.0 initiatives for the 90th Legislature. Adam Bazaldua (M); Elizabeth Beck (S). The motion passed.
7. **Development of the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program:** Agenda item was not presented due to time constraints.
8. **Mobility 2050 and Conformity: Regional Transportation Council Adoption Process:** Agenda item was not presented due to time constraints.
9. **Title VI Program Update:** Agenda item was not presented due to time constraints.
10. **Progress Reports:** Regional Transportation Council attendance was provided in Electronic Item 10.1 and Surface Transportation Technical Committee attendance, and minutes were provided in Electronic Item 10.2.
11. **Other Business (Old or New):** There was no discussion on this item.
12. **Future Agenda Items:** There was no discussion on this item.

13. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for **1:00 pm, Thursday, June 12, 2025.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.