

MINUTES

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, May 23, 2025

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) held a meeting on Friday, May 23, 2025, at 1:30 pm by videoconference. The Regional Transportation Council Bylaws and Operating Procedures establish that the Technical Committee approved membership in attendance at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for action to be taken, therefore individual attendance was not taken for committee members or other attendees.

1. **Approval of April 25, 2025, Minutes:** The minutes from the April 25, 2025, meeting were approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Jim O'Connor (M); Farhan Butt (S). The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Consent Agenda:**

- 2.1. **Approval to Participate in Regional Energy Management Assistance Program Contract and Use Regional Transportation Council Local Funds as Match:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to participate in ongoing efforts related to the State Energy Conservation Office's (SECO) Regional Energy Management Assistance Program and use of RTC Local funds (\$75,000) to satisfy match requirements was requested.

A motion was made to approve Item 2.1 on the Consent Agenda. Clarence Daugherty (M); Joe Atwood (S). The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Mobility 2050 and Conformity: Regional Transportation Council Adoption Process:** Amy Johnson and Jenny Narvaez presented a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas and associated Transportation Conformity at the June Regional Transportation Council meeting. Staff recapped the plan's recommendations and presented a brief overview of the Transportation Conformity analysis results. Plan information included: public comments received, changes to plan documentation, and draft document contents, including policies, programs, and projects. The draft Mobility 2050 document and the draft recommendations are identified graphically and in tabular format that are available at www.nctcog.org/PlaninProgress. Additional information was provided in Electronic Item 3.1 and public comments received during the planning process were available in Electronic Item 3.2.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of the projects, programs, and policies contained in Mobility 2050 and adoption of Mobility 2050 and associated 2025 Transportation Conformity as presented. Kelly Porter (M); Robert Woodbury (S). The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Grant Application Partnership for the Cotton Belt Trail Next Phase (3a):** Kevin Kokes presented a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of a partnership with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) to submit a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program Call for Projects application. RTC will be requested to approve additional federal funds and Regional Toll Revenue funds to leverage the requested Transportation Alternatives Program funds for Phase 3a of the Cotton Belt Trail along the Silver Line rail corridor.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of the partnership with Dallas Area Rapid Transit to submit the large-scale construction application to the Texas Department of Transportation 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program Call for Projects requesting \$25 million in federal funding for Cotton Belt Trail Phase 3a. The motion included approval for the additional contribution of \$7.6 million federal Surface Transportation Block Grant/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds and \$4.9 million Regional Toll Revenue funds for non-federal match should the project be selected for funding award. Also, staff was directed as part of the motion to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Statewide TIP and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes, if awarded funding. Tanya Brooks (M); Clarence Daugherty (S). The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Managed Lane Policy, High Occupancy Vehicle 2+/3+ Subsidy Funding, and High Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Report:** Christie Gotti presented a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of a \$5.6 million funding increase for North Tarrant Express (NTE) High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Subsidy funding, reaffirmation of the RTC policy for HOV 2+ users, and approval to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and update any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the project funding.

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6. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** Michael Morris briefed the Committee on the following topics listed on the agenda:
 1. Federal Certification Review – Regional Transportation Council Meeting, June 5, 2025, at 10:00 am
 2. Unified Transportation Program Funding
 3. Transit 2.0 Implementation, Dallas Area Rapid Transit Legislation and Mediation via Regional Transportation Council
 4. Surface Transportation Technical Committee New Officers in June
7. **Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail Update:** Brendon Wheeler provided an update on study progress. The updates included advancement of the downtown Dallas western alignment concept, opportunities for connectivity between future developments, status of city-led economic studies, and a leadership update on the Dallas-to-Houston corridor.
8. **Federal and State Legislative Update:** Jackie Nolasco provided an update on federal and State legislative actions related to transportation and air quality issues affecting the Dallas-Fort Worth area.
9. **Draft Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Unified Planning Work Program:** Vickie Alexander presented a summary on the development of the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for Regional Transportation Planning.

10. **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Community Electric Vehicle Charging Grant – Site Selection Criteria and Call for Projects**: Jared Wright provided information on a proposed call for projects to select electric vehicle (EV) charging sites to be built using funds awarded under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI) Community Award.
11. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Milestone Policy and Project Tracking Update**: Cody Derrick provided a status report on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Project Tracking and Milestone Policy Round 2 projects.
10. **Fast Facts**: Staff provided a brief presentation on each item below:
 1. *Camille Fountain* – 2025–2026 Regional Safety Advisory Committee Membership Appointment Deadline: June 27, 2025
 2. *Daniela Tower* – 2025 Ozone Season Update
 3. *Daniela Tower* – Air Quality Update for Industries Meeting Tentative Date: June 10, 2025
 4. *Joaquin Escalante* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
 5. *Joaquin Escalante* – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
 6. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports
 - April Public Meeting Minutes
 - March–April Public Comments Report
 - June Public Meeting Notice
11. **Other Business (Old or New)**: No items were provided.
12. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled at **1:30 pm on June 27, 2025**.