

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, June 12, 2025
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda
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Pledge to the United States and Texas Flags

- 1:00 – 1:10 1. Opportunity for Public Comment on Today’s Agenda**
☒ Information Minutes: 10
Item Summary: Members of the public may comment on any item(s) on today’s agenda at this time. If speaking, please complete a Speaker Request Card available at the meeting and provide it to the North Central Texas Council of Governments designated staff person. A maximum of three (3) minutes is permitted per speaker. At the conclusion of this item, no further opportunities for public comment will be provided for the duration of the meeting.
Background: N/A
- 1:10 – 1:15 2. Approval of April 10, 2025, Minutes**
☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Clay Lewis Jenkins, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the April 10, 2025, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 2 will be requested.
Background: N/A
- 1:15 – 1:20 3. Consent Agenda**
☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 5
- 3.1. Approval to Participate in Regional Energy Management Assistance Program Contract and Use Regional Transportation Council Local Funds as Match**
Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will request 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 approximately \$75,000 in RTC Local funds to satisfy match requirements.

Background: Since 2018, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Transportation and Environment and Development Departments have received Department of Energy (DOE) funding through the SECO to support local governments in improving energy efficiency and grid reliability, as well as meeting the annual reporting requirements for electricity consumption under the Texas Health and Safety Code 388.005(c). These efforts help reduce emissions associated with energy generation and thus are included in Appendix E of the most recently adopted Dallas-Fort Worth Severe Area Attainment Demonstration State Implementation Plan Revision for the 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards. SECO is expected to open a competitive request for proposals (RFP) in Summer 2025 to provide funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026. NCTCOG anticipates applying to this RFP with a request for approximately \$125,000 for the Transportation Department and if awarded, it will be required to provide a 20 percent local match. Staff requests approximately \$25,000 in RTC Local funds per fiscal year to cover the Transportation Department's share of match through the end of FY2028. More information is available in Electronic Item 3.1.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

3.2. Air Quality Funding Recommendations Related to the Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program

Presenter: Jason Brown, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council approval to fund a recommendation for the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 Call for Projects (CFP) utilizing Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funds.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments opened the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 CFP through an EPA National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance

Program award. The CFP award grants fund replacements of on-road diesel vehicles and engines, nonroad diesel equipment, diesel transport refrigeration unit trailers, diesel drayage trucks, locomotive engines, and locomotive shore power installation in North Central Texas. One application was received by the CFP deadline of March 14, 2025. Electronic Item 3.2.1 provides an overview of the call for projects and staff recommendation. Electronic Item 3.2.2 provides a detailed project listing. This initiative is an extension of clean vehicle efforts listed as Weight-of-Evidence in the current State Implementation Plan.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

3.3. Backstop Funding for Regional Air Quality Initiatives Program

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of \$300,000 in RTC Local transitional funding for the Regional Air Quality Initiatives Program will be requested.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is currently working to expediate a new agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the continuation of the Regional Air Quality Initiatives Program (TIP# 11694.1) which funds NCTCOG staff activities. The agreement development process was delayed resulting in a possible gap in funding for the program until the new agreement is executed. NCTCOG anticipates the agreement will be executed within the next several weeks, but interim funding may be needed to continue NCTCOG staff activities. Staff requests approval of \$300,000 in RTC Local funds to ensure continuation of staff activities for this program until the Fiscal Year 2025 funding agreement is executed and funding authorization is received.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:20 – 1:35

4. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 15
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Medal of Honor Museum – Partial Refund
2. Federal Certification Review – June 4-6, 2025
3. Next Regional Transportation Council Meeting:
 - Endorsement of Safe Streets Grant Request
 - 89th Texas Legislature – Final Actions
 - Progress on Traffic Signals
 - Unified Transportation Program Funding
 - 2027 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program
 - Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail (Economic Impact Studies)
4. Progress on Federal Competitive Grants (Electronic Item 4.1)
5. Jack Fink TV Interview: [DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSES FUTURE OF TRANSIT IN NORTH TEXAS](#)
6. Draft Fiscal Year 2026 and 2027 Unified Planning Work Program ([NCTCOG - Unified Planning Work Program](#))
7. Progress North Texas 2025 (Handout)
8. Additional Correspondence from Hunt-Related Entities on High-Speed Rail (Electronic Item 4.2)
9. 2025 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 4.3)
10. Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
11. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
12. May Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.4)
13. April-May Public Comment Report (Electronic Item 4.5)
14. June Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.6)
15. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.7)
16. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.8)
17. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.9)

1:35 – 1:45

5. **Title VI Program Update**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Ken Kirkpatrick

Item Summary: Staff will seek approval of updates to the Title VI Program. The document is necessary for compliance with federal civil rights requirements and must be adopted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy

Committee and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board as the MPO Fiscal Agent. The updated Title VI Program was submitted to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in draft on May 30, 2025, subject to RTC and NCTCOG Executive Board approval.

Background: The FTA requires MPOs to update their Title VI Programs every three years. Title VI is a component of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Title VI Program identifies actions the RTC and NCTCOG take to ensure nondiscrimination based on race, color, and national origin. The Title VI Program includes information on how the RTC and NCTCOG monitors transit subrecipients for Title VI compliance. The Title VI Program update has undergone a public comment period and Policy Statement is available at <https://nctcog.org/TitleVI>. Electronic Item 5.1 includes a presentation on the 2025 Title VI Program Update. Electronic Item 5.2 includes a Resolution.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

1:45 – 1:55

6. **Mobility 2050 and Transportation Conformity: Plan Adoption**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Brendon Wheeler and Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas and associated Transportation Conformity will be requested. Plan recommendations and a brief overview of the Transportation Conformity analysis results will be presented. Plan information will include:

- Public comments received
- Changes to plan documentation
- Document contents, including policies, programs, and projects

Background: Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region to update the long-range transportation plan to a minimum of every four years and to forecast for at least 20 years into the future. Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas must demonstrate federal Transportation Conformity and be financially constrained. The updated plan includes a new financial plan, updated demographics and technical

analysis, updated project recommendation listings, and robust public involvement. The Clean Air Act requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to perform an air quality analysis when a new Metropolitan Transportation Plan is developed to ensure the multimodal transportation system complies with applicable Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets established for the region. The Mobility 2050 document and recommendations are identified graphically and in tabular format at www.nctcog.org/PlaninProgress. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 6.1. Public comments received during the public comment period are available in Electronic Item 6.2. The draft resolution is included as Electronic Item 6.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Roadway

1:55 – 2:05 7. Grant Application Partnership for the Cotton Belt Trail Next Phase (3a)

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Kevin Kokes, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to approve a partnership with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) to submit an application to Texas Department of Transportation 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program call for projects, and for 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.

Background: Applications for the Texas Department of Transportation 2025 Transportation Alternatives Program Call for Projects opened in January 2025 and detailed applications are due in June 2025. Similar to previous funding applications supporting the regional Cotton Belt Trail along the Silver Line rail corridor, staff will provide an overview of the partnership with DART and funding recommendations for a proposed large-scale project category application to construct sections of the Cotton Belt Trail primarily located within rail right-of-way in Addison, Carrollton, Coppell, and Dallas. If awarded

funding, DART will procure a contractor and manage construction of the trail segments. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 7.

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

- 2:05 – 2:15** 8. **Managed Lane Policy, High Occupancy Vehicle 2+/3+ Subsidy Funding, and High Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Report**
- ☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10
- Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG
- Item Summary: Staff is requesting Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of a \$5.6 million funding increase for North Tarrant Express (NTE) High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Subsidy funding, to reaffirm the RTC policy for HOV 2+ users, and 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.
- Background: When the RTC approved the Managed Lane Policy in 2006, members elected to retain the HOV incentive on managed lanes. This policy position has been maintained through multiple updates of the later renamed Tolled Managed Lane Policy. In December 2012, the RTC adopted a policy to maintain the HOV incentive for vehicles with a minimum of two passengers with the understanding that future costs may drive the need to limit the incentive to vehicles with a minimum of three users. In 2014, RTC approved \$6.85 million in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds for the NTE subsidy. The initial funding for the NTE facility subsidy is almost depleted, and in April 2025 the RTC approved \$1 million of Tarrant County RTR funds to extend subsidy funding six to twelve months. Staff recommends adding \$5.6 million to fund the NTE HOV subsidy through the end of the current GoCarma contract in 2030. The Lyndon B Johnson Express facility has sufficient funding for the foreseeable future and no changes are recommended for that project at this time. Electronic Item 8.1 includes the Quarterly HOV Report. Electronic Item 8.2 includes additional information on this topic.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Roadway

2:15 – 2:25 9. 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information regarding the Transportation Alternatives Program, an overview of the applications received, and the evaluation process. A recommendation for projects to select for funding will also be provided and action requested.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments opened the Call for Projects for the large, urbanized areas of the North Central Texas region on October 25, 2024, and applications were due on January 17, 2025. Projects eligible under this program include the construction of on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, multi-modal connections to rail stations and schools, safe routes to school planning, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure that will substantially improve safety. Project scoring was based on project eligibility and a methodology for project evaluation as previously approved by the Regional Transportation Council. Electronic Item 9 provides additional information.

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

2:25 – 2:35 10. Safety Program - Strategic Selection of Safety Corridors

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the strategic selection of safety corridors to reduce speed and aggressive driving.

Background: In 2022, the RTC approved \$54 million to implement a safety program to help reduce fatalities and serious injuries on the transportation system. This is one project within the safety program that builds partnerships with law enforcement agencies to target time-of-day and day-of-week enforcement on selected corridors with high speeds. Staff will provide an overview of the program

and the proposed process to select corridors to partner with law enforcement agencies to implement. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 10.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety

- 2:35 – 2:45** 11. **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Community Electric Vehicle Charging Grant – Site Selection Criteria and Call for Projects**
- ☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10
- Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG
- Item Summary: Staff will provide 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.
- Background: In 2024, the North Central Texas Council of Governments was awarded \$15 million through the CFI Community Program to deploy up to 100 electric vehicles (EV) charging ports on public-sector properties in the region and to hire a consultant to streamline implementation. This project aims to fill gaps in the existing charging station network and achieve more equal access to charging stations for all people in the region. Staff will provide an overview of the program and the proposed Call for Projects and selection criteria.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

- 2:45 – 2:50** 12. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Milestone Policy and Project Tracking Update**
- ☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 5
- Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG
- Item Summary: Staff will provide the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) with a status report on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Project Tracking and Milestone Policy Round 2 projects.
- 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 will coordinate 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 12.1. FY2025 Project Tracking status updates can be found in Electronic Item 12.2. A summary of the status reports can be found in Electronic Item 12.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:50 – 3:00

13. Election of Regional Transportation Council Officers

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Duncan Webb, Nominating Subcommittee Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) officers for the next 12-month period will be requested.

Background: According to the RTC Bylaws and Operating Procedures, RTC officers are elected to serve for a term of one year. The Nominating Subcommittee is charged with providing a slate of officers to the full Council for consideration in June of each year. The Nominating Subcommittee was tasked with confirming that the current Vice Chair should move up to the office of Chair and nominating a new Vice Chair and Secretary. The Nominating Subcommittee, in its deliberations, shall address issues of diversity, including sensitivity to gender, ethnicity, and geography in its recommendations. Officers shall be elected public officials appointed by and from the governing body of the member government. The slate of officers shall reflect leadership in rough proportion to the revenue distribution between the Eastern and Western Subregions. This will not be measured on a year-to-year basis but will be aggregated over longer periods of time. The new officers will begin their terms at the conclusion of the June meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

3:00 – 3:10

14. **Proposed Follow-up to Transit 2.0: P25-01**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: This item presents a proposed Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Policy 25-01 aimed at assisting the region to resolve transit delivery and preparing the region for the new Mobility 2050 Plan. Action on Policy P25-01 and proposed funding will be sought at the RTC meeting in July.

Background: The recent transit-related State Legislative process is best described as “heated.” Transit 2.0 recommendations have been formulated and presented by external consultants. New demographic data for 2050 demonstrates the lack of transit options for a majority of future residents. Electronic Item 14 presents a proposed methodology led by RTC.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

15. **Progress Reports**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 15.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 15.2)

16. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

17. **Future Agenda Items:** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.

18. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council will be held at **1:00 pm, Thursday, July 10, 2025.**