

AGENDA

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, April 25, 2025

North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda (Meeting Will be Held as a Videoconference)

1:30 – 1:35

1. Approval of March 28, 2025, Minutes

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Gus Khankarli, STTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the March 28, 2025, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 1 will be requested.

Background: N/A

1:35 – 1:40

2. Consent Agenda

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

2.1. 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 a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of funding 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 2.1.1 provides an overview of the call for projects and staff recommendations. Electronic Item 2.1.2 provides detailed project listings. 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

2.2. Endorsement of Funding Recommendations to Upgrade Existing Charging Stations

Presenter: Maggie Quinn, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request endorsement of Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of funding recommendations for the North Texas Reliable Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project.

Background: Staff previously received Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) approval of the item at its January 2025 meeting. Since the January STTC meeting, five locations that had been recommended have been removed from consideration based on new information received from the charging station owners or site hosts. RTC approval of the new funding recommendations was received on April 10, 2025. Electronic Item 2.2.1 provides an overview of the new staff funding recommendations. RTC approval of the new funding recommendations was received on April 10, 2025. A detailed ranking of eligible location recommendations for funding, stations eliminated since the January STTC meeting, and eligible stations that were removed from consideration for funding can be found in Electronic Item 2.2.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2.3. Endorsement of High Occupancy Vehicle 2/3+ Subsidy Funding for North Tarrant Express Facility

Presenter: Liza Cox, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request endorsement of funding that was approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on April 10, 2025, in the amount of \$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.

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 Tolloed 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 RTR funds for the NTE subsidy. The initial funding for the NTE facility subsidy is nearly depleted, and staff recommended and the RTC approved \$1 million of Tarrant County RTR funds

to extend subsidy funding for the next 6 to 12 months. A more detailed policy-level item will be brought to the committee in summer 2025, as a longer-term funding need is evident. The LBJ Express facility has sufficient funding for the foreseeable future and no changes are recommended for that project at this time. Electronic Item 2.3 includes a high-level summary of the subsidy expenditures by fiscal year for the NTE corridor.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2.4. Endorsement of Funding for Interstate Highway 30 Canyon Project Cost Overrun

Presenter: Dylan Niles, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Surface Transportation Technical Committee endorsement of \$196,350,870 approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to cover a cost overrun at letting on the Interstate Highway (IH) 30 Canyon project, along with the ability to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and other planning and administrative documents as needed to incorporate the funding.

Background: The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is implementing the IH 30 "Canyon" project from IH 35E to IH 45 in Downtown Dallas. The project will reconstruct and widen the main lanes and frontage road lanes, remove the direct connector lanes to improve traffic flow, reconstruct the high-occupancy vehicle lane, and add the supporting deck walls needed for a future deck plaza over IH 30. There is currently \$635.15 million available for the roadway reconstruction and widening, comprised of \$409.73 million Category 2, \$93.94 million Category 4, \$121.54 million Category 12, and \$9.94 million from the City of Dallas. The low bid for this portion of the project is \$831.50 million, leaving a \$196.35 million funding gap. The low bid for the deck wall portion of the project is \$55.34 million versus \$86 million of available funding (\$13.75 million Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), \$25 million Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant, \$47.25 million from the City of Dallas), leaving a funding surplus of \$30.66 million. The Dallas funding for this portion may be reduced if there are no cost increases during construction. TxDOT has requested to partner with RTC to cover the funding gap on the roadway portion of the project. TxDOT would contribute \$98,175,435 of Category 11 Cost

Overrun/Change Order funds and the RTC is being asked to commit an additional \$98,175,435 (\$40,973,629 of Category 2 funds and \$57,201,806 of STBG funds). This project has a complicated construction plan due to the FIFA International Broadcast Center located in the Dallas Convention Center, and the need for traffic to continue to flow through-out construction. TxDOT recommends accepting the bid received (versus trying to rebid the project in the future) as inflation costs would be higher than the current bid.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

1:40 – 1:50

3. **Safety Program - Strategic Selection of Safety Corridors**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the strategic selection of safety corridors to reduce speed and aggressive driving will be requested.

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 a 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 3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety

1:50 – 2:00

4. **2025 Title VI Program Updates**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Emily Beckham, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of updates to the Metropolitan Planning Organization's Title VI Program, including the Title VI/Nondiscrimination Policy Statement will be requested. An updated Title VI Program must be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration no later than May 31, 2025.

Background: The Federal Transit Administration requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to update their Title VI Program every three years. The Title VI program was last updated May 2022. Title VI is a component of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Title VI Program identifies actions from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) takes to ensure

nondiscrimination based on race, color, and national origin, including limited English proficiency. The Title VI Program includes information on how NCTCOG monitors its transit subrecipients for Title VI compliance. The Title VI Program update has undergone a 30-day public comment period. The Title VI Program update can be downloaded from <https://nctcog.org/TitleVI>. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 4.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:00 – 2:10

5. 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects Funding Recommendations for the North Central Texas Region

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Daniel Snyder, 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, planning safe routes to school, 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 5.1 provides additional information. Electronic Item 5.2 reflects project evaluations and recommended funding awards.

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

2:10 – 2:20

6. 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. New North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Director, (soon to be former) Judge Todd Little, Ellis County

2. No Proposed Regional Transportation Council Meeting in May
3. May Surface Transportation Technical Committee Meeting Will Be Virtual as Well
4. Department of Defense Reimbursement
5. Progress on Federal Discretionary Grants (Electronic Item 6)

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:20 – 2:30

7. Transit 2.0 Implementation, Dallas Area Rapid Transit Legislation and Mediation via Regional Transportation Council

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: This item will summarize the concluding steps of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) legislation process. Judge Jenkins led a mediation process with all parties resulting in two new DART resolutions. Some legislators wish for the mediation process to continue. In addition, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved 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, and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) interests. Input from the North Texas Legislation delegation will be requested.

Background: There is extensive activity around the three transportation authorities, DART, Trinity Metro, and Denton County Transportation Authority. Electronic Item 7.1 contains the status of Transit 2.0 reports. Electronic Item 7.2 contains a recent resolution from DART and highlights mediation to date. RTC action was requested for the 89th Texas Legislature to pass a local bill instructing the RTC to propose a better transit solution in a region anticipated to be 12 million people over the next two decades. Electronic Item 7.3 provides additional details. Recent RTC correspondence is in Electronic Item 7.4.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

2:30 – 2:40

8. Mobility 2050 and Conformity: Regional Transportation Council Adoption Process

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Amy Johnson and Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The public comment period for Mobility 2050 opened on April 7, 2025. As the mobility plan transitions from active development to a feedback stage, staff will highlight external factors that may have significant implications on plan

recommendations and the air quality conformity determination schedule. Staff will also present public comments received to date, along with a brief overview and preliminary results of the federally required air quality conformity analysis.

Background: Staff will ask the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to adopt Mobility 2050 and corresponding 2025 Transportation Air Quality Conformity at the June 12 RTC meeting. Plan recommendations (found online for review at www.nctcog.org/planinprogress) were presented at the March RTC and Surface Transportation Technical Committee meetings. Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region to update the long-range transportation plan a minimum of every four years. In addition, the current schedule allows the plan forecast to maintain 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 will include 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.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Roadway

2:40 – 2:50

9. **Federal and State Legislative Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jackie Nolasco, 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 for both the United States Congress and the Texas Legislature. Staff will provide an update on key legislative positions of the Regional Transportation Council. The 1st session of the 119th U.S. Congress convened on January 3, 2025. The 89th Texas Legislature convened on January 14, 2025.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:50 – 3:00

10. **Fast Facts**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

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

1. *Jill Krauter* – Regional Bike Safety Action Plan (publicinput.com/bikesafety)
2. *Daniela Tower* – 2025 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 10.1)
3. *Juliana Vandenberg* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
4. *Juliana Vandenberg* – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
5. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 10.2)
 - March Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 10.3)
 - February – March Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 10.4)
 - May Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 10.5)

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 to be held virtually at **1:30 pm on May 23, 2025**.