

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, July 10, 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 June 12, 2025, Minutes**
☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Rick Bailey, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the June 12, 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. Colleyville Traffic Signal Maintenance**
Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of up to \$150,000 in RTC Local funds will be requested to fund the City of Colleyville for maintenance of ten traffic signals along State Highway (SH) 26 as it transitions off the state highway system.
Background: The Texas Department of Transportation and the City of Colleyville have been working to convert the SH 26 corridor off the state highway system.

As part of this conversion, the City of Colleyville has requested funding to maintain ten traffic signals within the City along this corridor. A cost of \$3,000 per signal per year for a total of \$30,000 a year. The annual cost of \$30,000 for approximately five years for a total not to exceed \$150,000. The intent of this is to fund the maintenance until Colleyville has the staff capacity to manage and maintain the traffic signals in-house.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway

3.2. Endorsement of the Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program Submittal

Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff requests Regional Transportation Council (RTC) endorsement of the Hemphill Street Community Based Safe Street Project submitted for the Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) – Implementation Grant, prepared in partnership with the City of Fort Worth.

Background: In April 2025, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to solicit applications for FY25 SS4A. The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) established the SS4A Discretionary Grant Program with \$5 billion appropriated over five years, 2022-2026. A maximum of one grant application of any type may be submitted per agency. The FY25 SS4A application deadline was June 26, 2025. Staff can provide an overview of NCTCOG's SS4A Implementation Grant proposal submitted for Hemphill Street between Vickery Boulevard and Interstate Highway (IH) 20 in Fort Worth. With a total project cost of \$15 million, staff requested \$12 million in SS4A funds to be matched by \$3 million in local funds provided by the City of Fort Worth. Electronic Item 3.2 contains additional project and SS4A program information.

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

3.3. Ratification of Emergency Funding: Backstop Funding for Diesel Emissions Reduction Act

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request ratification of emergency funding authorization in the amount of \$175,000 in Regional Transportation Council Local funds to backstop the local match commitment to leverage federal funding awarded through the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act to avoid project implementation delays.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been successful in winning federal funds through competitive opportunities offered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA). These programs require a local match commitment, which will be met through expenditures incurred by subrecipients and rebate participants at a later stage in the project. To accomplish financial reporting requested by EPA, project expenditures must begin prior to collecting local match. Reimbursement could be sought without the local match; however, the department wishes to mitigate financial risk by seeking reimbursement only for the federal share of expenses per the projects' cost share agreements. Staff requests ratification of emergency funding authorization for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funds in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 as a backstop to the local match commitment, leveraging \$5,500,000 in federal funds. RTC Local funds will be returned upon collection of local match from partners through project implementation.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

3.4. August 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested, along with the ability to amend the Unified

Background: Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes. August 2025 revisions to the 2025-2028 TIP are provided as Electronic Item 3.4 for the Council's consideration. These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the mobility plan, the air quality conformity determination, and financial constraint of the TIP.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

1:20 – 1:35

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

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

1. Interstate Highway 345 Bridge Investment Program Large Project Grant From the Texas Department of Transportation
2. Summer 2025 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement – August 12, 2025 (Electronic Item 4.1)
3. North Central Texas Council of Governments Comments to Texas Commission of Environmental Quality Section 185 Failure to Attain Fee Proposal (Electronic Item 4.2)
4. Metropolitan Planning Organization Planning Agreement Extension (Electronic Item 4.3)
5. Surface Transportation Technical Committee Officers
6. Nominations For Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee ([NCTCOG - Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Committee](#))
7. Additional Correspondence from Hunt-Related Entities on High-Speed Rail (Electronic Item 4.4)
8. Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/agfunding)
9. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
10. June Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.5)
11. May – June Public Comment Report (Electronic Item 4.6)
12. July Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.7)
13. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.8)
14. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.9)
15. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.10)

1:35 – 1:50

5. **Transit 2.0 Next Steps, Policy 25-01, and Proposed Funding**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 15

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. Approval of Policy P25-01 and proposed funding is requested. External consultant assistance is anticipated to be less than \$1 million and is proposed to be funded with RTC Local funds. If approved, the Unified Planning Work Program would be updated.

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 5 presents a proposed methodology led by RTC. This item is proposed to improve transit options for the region, resolve transit related issues with the Texas Legislature and create transit member city opportunities, hopefully reducing the chance that cities may wish to opt out of their transit authority.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

1:50 – 2:00

6. **Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the proposed FY 2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be requested. Direction for staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and update any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to reflect the projects and programs contained in the Work Program will also be sought.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff, in cooperation with local governments and transportation agencies, has developed the FY2026 and FY2027 UPWP. The Work Program is a federal

requirement for NCTCOG, as the Metropolitan Planning Organization, in order to receive federal Transportation Planning Funds and identifies NCTCOG staff work activities to be performed between October 1, 2025, and September 30, 2027. The draft FY2026 and FY2027 UPWP has been submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for review and comment, and information was presented as part of the public outreach opportunity that began on June 5, 2025. A copy of the draft document has also been available on NCTCOG's website for review. Electronic Item 6.1 contains additional information on the proposed FY2026 and FY2027 UPWP, and a full copy of the document is located at www.nctcog.org/trans/study/unified-planning-work-program. Paper copies of the document are also available by contacting NCTCOG staff. An RTC resolution for action is provided in Electronic Item 6.2. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee took action at its June 27 meeting to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of the draft FY2026 and FY2027 Unified Planning Work Program.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

- 2:00 – 2:10** 7. **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 request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to open a 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, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) was awarded \$15 million through the CFI Community Program to deploy up to 100 electric vehicle (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. This project was previously approved by the RTC for application to FHWA in May 2023 and for the use of

Transportation Development Credits as matching funds in October 2024. The Executive Board approved contract execution with FHWA in October 2024. NCTCOG and FHWA executed the agreement in November 2024, and in March 2025 NCTCOG received an agreement amendment resulting in a total obligation of \$14 million. Approximately \$1 million associated with rural counties in the Texas Department of Transportation Fort Worth District is still pending federal approval. NCTCOG staff continue to meet regularly with the FHWA on project coordination. Electronic Item 7 provides additional details on the proposed Call for Projects.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:10 – 2:15

8. Heartland Flyer Funding for One Year

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff is requesting \$3.5 million in Regional Toll Revenue funds to secure the continued service of the Heartland Flyer for one year. Staff will seek reimbursement from the State of Texas and initiate a ridership campaign reducing the need for a subsidy. This service is critical for the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup 2026.

Background: The 89th Texas Legislature elected not to support Texas Department of Transportation's request for funds to match Oklahoma's funds for Heartland Flyer service. There are 80,000 trips per year using this inter-city rail system. This item is an emergency funding commitment to extend service long enough to develop a second-year funding program in order to get back to the 90th Legislative session. If service is terminated, the federal government will seek reimbursement of funds expended in the corridor. Electronic Item 8 contains correspondence requesting our assistance.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:15 – 2:25

9. **2025 Public Participation Plan Update**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Rebekah Gongora, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present an overview of the 2025 Public Participation Plan (PPP) and outline proposed revisions, which are necessary to reflect federal policies and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requirements.

Background: In accordance with federal law, the PPP defines public involvement procedures, comment periods, and outlines strategies to inform the public on the transportation and air quality planning process. Electronic Item 9.1 contains the current PPP that was approved by the Regional Transportation Council in November 2018 and amended in November 2022. Updates will address IIJA requirements, new federal policies, and reflect the use of technology in the public involvement process. A 45-day comment period on the draft 2025 PPP will begin with public meetings in July. The draft 2025 PPP is provided in Electronic Item 9.2. A presentation containing additional information on the proposed revisions is included as Electronic Item 9.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:25 – 2:35

10. **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program – Fiscal Year 2026-2028 Goal Update**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation goal for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-FY2028 for United States Department of Transportation contracting opportunities, including most recent developments at the federal level.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is required by the Federal Transit Administration to revise its DBE Participation Goal every three years. The current DBE Participation Goal is valid until September 30, 2025. Staff has developed proposed goals for the next three years and is ready to initiate public participation and comment. Staff is monitoring the latest developments at the federal level, including the Mid-America Milling Company Case in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky. The

draft DBE goals for FY2026-2028 have been developed based on federal requirements as of the posting of this agenda. Electronic Item 10 includes additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

- 2:35 – 2:45** 11. **2026 Unified Transportation Program/Regional 10-Year Plan Update**
☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG
Item Summary: The Council will be briefed on the proposed changes for the Regional 10-Year Plan Update.
Background: Since December 2016, the Regional Transportation Council has annually approved a set of projects funded with Category 2 (Metropolitan Planning Organization selected) and Category 4 (Texas Department of Transportation [TxDOT] District selected) funds and submitted for Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) consideration with Category 12 (TTC selected) funds that cover 10 years of highway projects. Since the last update in 2024, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff has coordinated with the TxDOT Dallas, Paris (Hunt County), and Fort Worth districts regarding updates to previously approved projects, as well as potential additions to the 10-Year Plan to be included in the 2026 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). Electronic Item 11.1 includes additional information about the process. Electronic Item 11.2 contains the proposed list of planned projects for the Regional 10-Year Plan. Electronic Item 11.3 contains the 10-Year Plan projects that have let or been completed.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

- 2:45 – 2:55** 12. **Update on Regional Air Quality and Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan – Transportation Elements**
☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on current air quality initiatives, including development of the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan (DFW AQIP), a comprehensive plan to improve air quality, and latest trends regarding ground level ozone.
Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Transportation and Environment and

Development Departments are collaborating with regional stakeholders to comprehensively improve air quality. These efforts are primarily being conducted to limit economic and local impacts to the region due to its nonattainment for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). To proactively limit and plan for these potential impacts, NCTCOG is developing the DFW AQIP, a comprehensive plan to improve air quality through the reduction of criteria pollutants and carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) emissions through 2050. The DFW region is currently in nonattainment for the pollutant ozone, for which the TCEQ is responsible for ensuring compliance by July 20, 2027. Recent emission estimates prepared for Mobility 2050 and transportation conformity show a significant rise in nitrogen oxides (NO_x), a precursor to the formation of ozone. Development of the DFW AQIP will provide a vision to limiting this NO_x increase. Finally, staff recently completed an inventory of CO₂e for transportation, energy, water, wastewater, solid waste, and agriculture/forestry/land use sectors to include in the DFW AQIP. For more information on the DFW AQIP, including a preliminary plan published in March 2024, go to www.publicinput.com/dfwAQIP. Electronic Item 12 provides additional information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

13. **Progress Reports**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information

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

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 13.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 13.2)

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

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

16. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council will be held at **1:00 pm, Thursday, August 7, 2025, at the Irving Convention Center.**