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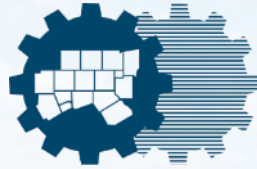
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NCTCOG PRESENTATION

RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT (RCP) PROGRAM – 2022

**MICHAEL MORRIS, P.E. – DIRECTOR OF TRANSPORTATION
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (RTC) – ACTION ITEM**

October 13, 2022

RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT (RCP) – OVERVIEW

Funding Availability

\$50 Million
Planning Grants

\$145 Million
Capital Construction Grants

Cost Sharing (Federal)

50% of Total Cost
RCP Grant (Capital)

80% of Total Cost
All Federal (Planning / Capital)

Grant Award Amounts

≤ \$2 Million
Planning Grants

≥ \$5 Million
Capital Construction Grants

Applicant Eligibility

1. State Government (or political subdivision)
2. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
3. Local Government (or political subdivision)
4. Tribal Government
5. Non-Profit Organization
6. Multi-Jurisdictional Group of Above Entities

Any eligible applicant(s) may submit a Capital Construction Grant application, if Owner of eligible transportation facility is also a joint applicant with evidence of endorsing the application.

Project Cost Eligibility

Address the retrofit, removal, replacement, and / or related mitigation of transportation facilities creating mobility, accessibility, or economic development barriers due to various design, context, and / or operational factors.

1. Pre-Construction Activities:
Environmental clearance, engineering / design, permitting, etc.
2. Construction Activities:
Removal, retrofit, or mitigation of an eligible facility
New eligible facility replacement that restores community connectivity
3. Delivering Community Benefits and / or Impact Mitigation:
Must be construction-related and/or have project-specific linkages
Workforce development, M / W / DBE, entrepreneurship, public art, etc.



CANDIDATE PROJECT: KLYDE WARREN PARK – PHASE 2.0

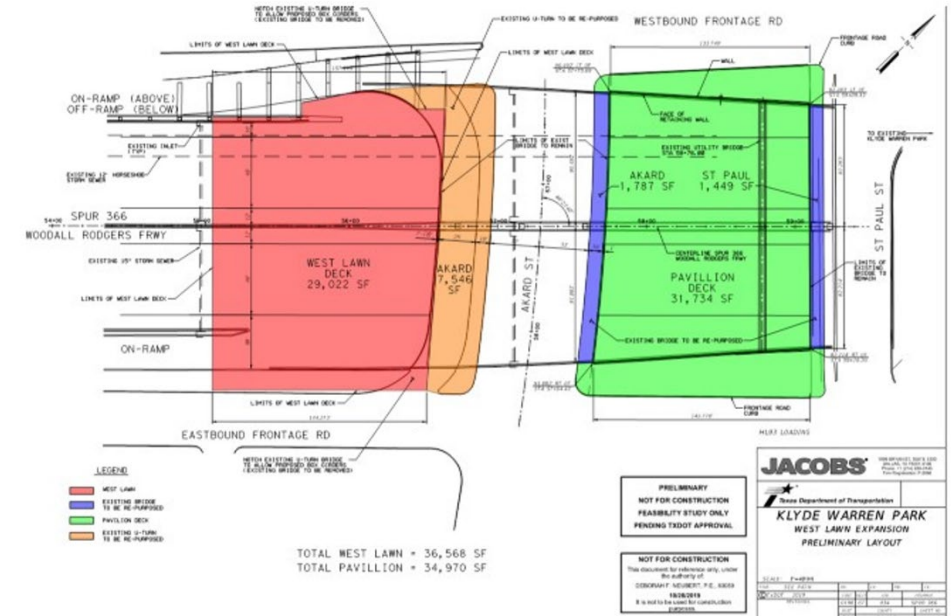
COST/ FUNDING SOURCE	FEDERAL				NON-FEDERAL					GRAND TOTAL ³
	STBG (RTC) ^{1, 2}	RCP Grant	SUBTOTAL	COST SHARE	City of Dallas	Dallas County	Private Sector	SUBTOTAL	COST SHARE	
Original Estimate	\$30,000,000		\$30,000,000		\$6,199,100	\$1,300,900	\$0	\$7,500,000		\$37,500,000
Cost Overrun	\$6,800,000		\$6,800,000		\$1,700,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,700,000		\$8,500,000
Previous Total	\$36,800,000		\$36,800,000		\$7,899,100	\$1,300,900	\$0	\$9,200,000		\$46,000,000
RCP Proposal	\$0	\$24,968,890	\$24,968,890		\$0	\$0	\$8,845,600	\$8,845,600		\$33,814,490
RCP – TOTAL	\$36,800,000	\$24,968,890	\$61,768,890	77.4%	\$7,899,100	\$1,300,900	\$8,845,600	\$18,045,600	22.6%	\$79,814,490

1. RTC = Regional Transportation Council, STBG = Surface Transportation Block Grant
2. \$10,000,000 of RTC's contribution to be paid back over time
3. Only includes RCP-eligible transportation elements; non-transportation are not included

■ Scope of Work:

Construction of Pavilion Deck / 2nd Level Plaza between
St. Paul Street and Akard Street

Construction of West Lawn Deck west of Akard Street

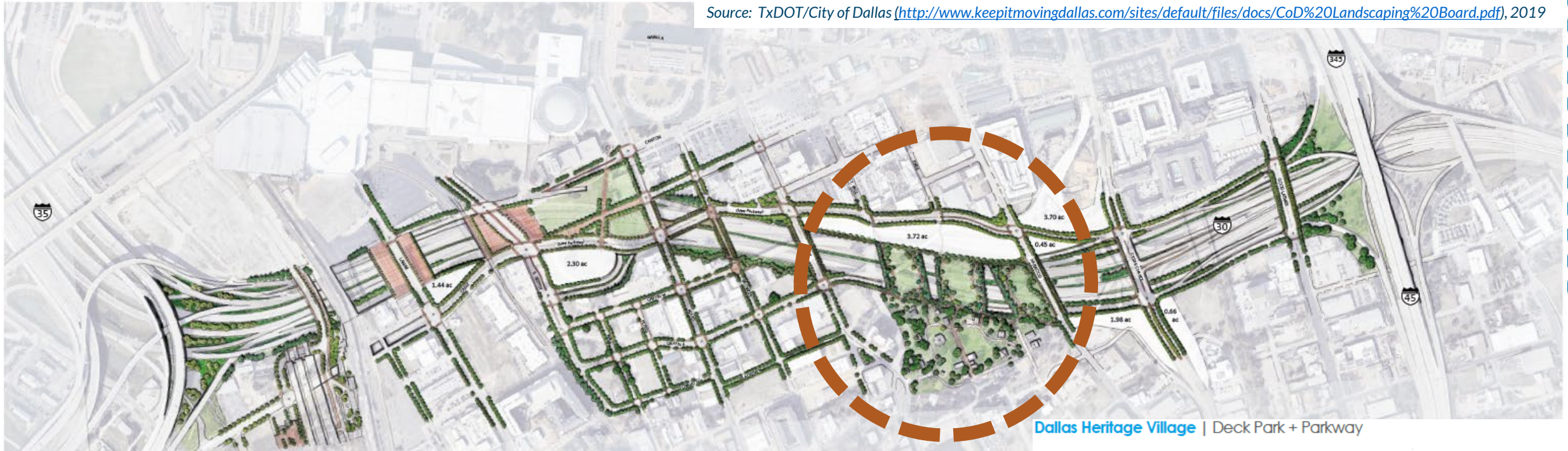


RTC Action Item –
Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program

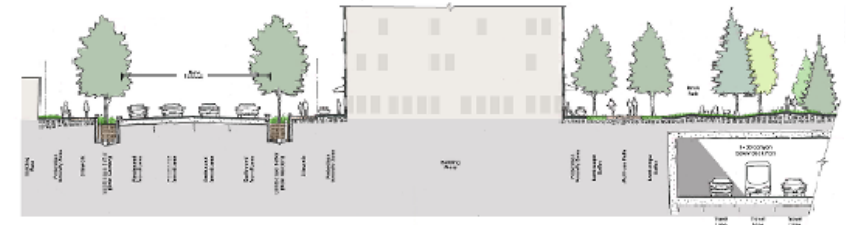
IH 30 DALLAS “CANYON” – FUTURE DECK LOCATIONS (DESIGN)

Illustrative Plan | DRAFT

Source: TxDOT/City of Dallas (<http://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/sites/default/files/docs/CoD%20Landscaping%20Board.pdf>), 2019



- \$2,000,000 to expedite design / engineering for future decks near Dallas Farmers Market / Heritage Village
- Facilitates IH 30 “Canyon” integration without let date delay



RTC Action Item –
Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program

RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT (RCP) – SCHEDULE

June 30, 2022	RCP Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Released
July 22, 2022	STTC Information – IIJA USDOT Grant Matrix (<i>Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items</i>)
September 23, 2022	STTC Action – RCP Grant
October 13, 2022	RTC Action – RCP Grant
October 13, 2022	RCP Grant Application Submittal Deadline (<i>Grants.gov</i>)
October 27, 2022	Executive Board Endorsement – RCP Grant



RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT (RCP) – REQUESTED ACTION

- Request RTC approval of:

Submittal of **Klyde Warren Park – Phase 2.0** for funding consideration through the FY 22 Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program (\$33,814,490)

Administratively amend NCTCOG and State Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP / STIP), as well as other planning and administrative documents, to include the proposed project if selected for an FY 22 RCP Grant award

Allocate \$2,000,000 of existing Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds to expedite TxDOT engineering for planned Dallas Farmers Market / Heritage Village freeway decks enabling IH 30 “Canyon” Project integration (pending construction funds)



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RTC Action Item –
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USDOT Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): <https://www.transportation.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law>
USDOT Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program: <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/reconnecting-communities>



Access North Texas 2022 Update

Regional Transportation Council
October 13, 2022

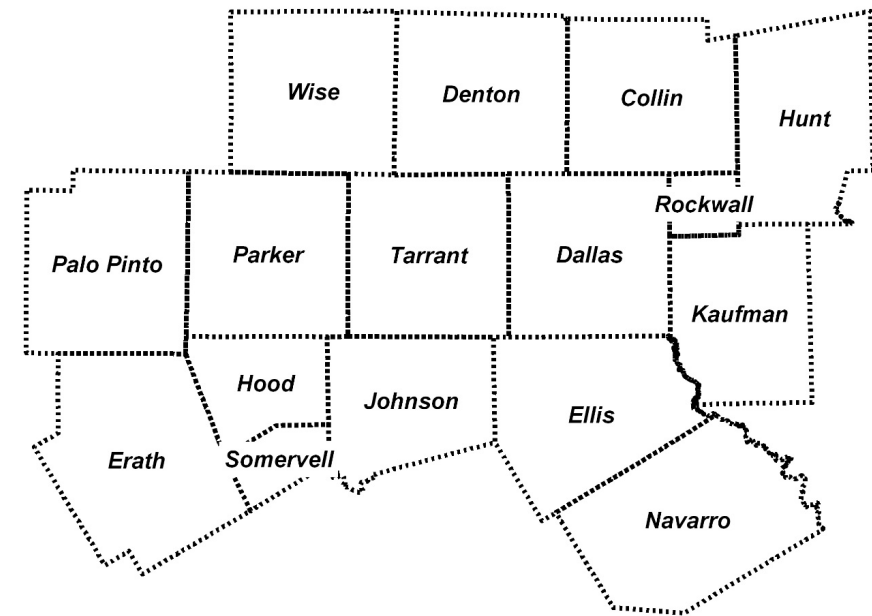
Shannon Stevenson, Senior Program Manager
Transit Management and Planning

Background

Regional public transit-human services transportation plan to:

- Identify the public transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, low-income individuals and others with transportation challenges
- Specify strategies to:
 - *Address needs and current challenges*
 - *Eliminate gaps in service*
 - *Avoid duplication of transit services*

Meet Federal and State requirements for transit coordination in the 16 counties



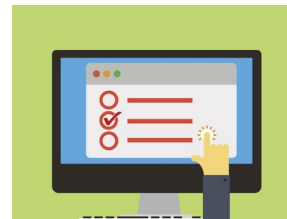
Access North Texas 2022

- Regional Transportation Council adopted the last update in 2018; Updates are required every four years for our region
- May be used to guide funding and project implementation decisions
- Differences from the 2018 Access North Texas Plan
 - Created regional Get-A-Ride Guide, identifying existing transportation resources
 - Developed new regional goals and prioritized county strategies
 - Utilized various outreach methods to connect with the public, transit agencies, and stakeholders

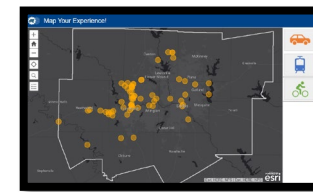
Virtual Meetings



Survey



Map Your Experience



Proposed 2022 Regional Goals

1

PLAN and **DEVELOP**
Transportation
Options by
Assessing
Community Needs
and Challenges

2

IMPLEMENT
Services by
Enhancing
Transportation
Options and
Expanding Where
Service Gaps Exist

3

COORDINATE with
Transportation
Providers, Public
Agencies, and
Stakeholders to
Increase Efficiencies

4

SUPPORT Public
Transportation
Recovery and
Growth

5

PROMOTE Access
and Information
About Available
Transit

Each chapter includes prioritized strategies for those counties.
To review county-specific strategies visit document at www.AccessNorthTexas.org



ACCESS NORTH TEXAS

Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan for North Central Texas

PREPARED BY THE NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS | DRAFT



Public Comment Process



Next Steps



Request Executive Board endorsement of Access North Texas



Transmit document to the Texas Department of Transportation



Staff and regional partners to implement strategies identified in the plan



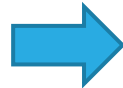
Monitor progress and if needed, propose amendments to plan



Projects seeking funding under Transit Strategic Partnerships Program should address Access North Texas 2022 Update

Schedule

Date	Deliverable
April 19, 2021	Kick-Off Meeting
April 2021 – September 2021	Public Outreach & Stakeholder Meetings
October 2021 – June 2022	Data Analysis and Plan Development
July 22, 2022	STTC Information
August & September 2022	Public Input & Comments
September 8, 2022	RTC Information
September 23, 2022	STTC Action
October 13, 2022	RTC Action
October 27, 2022	Executive Board Endorsement
October 31, 2022	Transmit Document to TxDOT



Plan is available at www.AccessNorthTexas.org

Requested Action

Approve Access North Texas, the region's locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan

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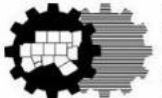
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FY 2024-2026 MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS, AIR QUALITY, AND SAFETY PROGRAM

Regional Transportation Council

October 13, 2022



North Central Texas
Council of Governments
Transportation Department

BACKGROUND

- The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) typically considers extending existing and funding new Management and Operations (M&O) projects/programs every few years.
- Includes many legacy projects that the RTC has funded for several years such as the Vanpool Program, Mobility Assistance Patrol, etc.
- The last full review occurred in 2018-2019 and projects were funded through Fiscal Year (FY) 2022.
- In January 2022, the RTC approved funding for projects/programs that did not have sufficient existing revenues to continue without interruption through FY 2023
- Now, staff is requesting funding for FY 2024-2026 projects and programs

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

- Provides funding in addition to Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) to conduct operations, planning, and implementation activities
- Assigns resources for RTC priorities and air quality initiatives
- Ensures existing programs and projects can be continued without interruption in FY 2024-2026
- Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and regional funds are proposed for the FY 2024-2026 program
- Ensures CMAQ and STBG funding is obligated in a timely manner

REGIONAL SAFETY PROGRAM

- Supports the RTC's policy that not even a single death on the transportation system is acceptable
- \$50M of RTC-selected funds are proposed to be set aside for a regional safety program
- Funding will cover FY 2024-2026
- The following safety categories are proposed:
 - Roadway Operations Engineering and Intercity Connections (\$25M)
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Engineering (\$10M)
 - Bicycle/Pedestrian Education (\$2M)
 - Speed Enforcement (\$7M)
 - Speed Education (\$2M)
 - Other (\$4M)
- To further support the RTC 's policy, safety projects are proposed with 100% federal funds and regional Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) are proposed in lieu of a local match

TOP TEN CONTRIBUTING FACTORS FOR SERIOUS INJURY AND FATAL CRASHES

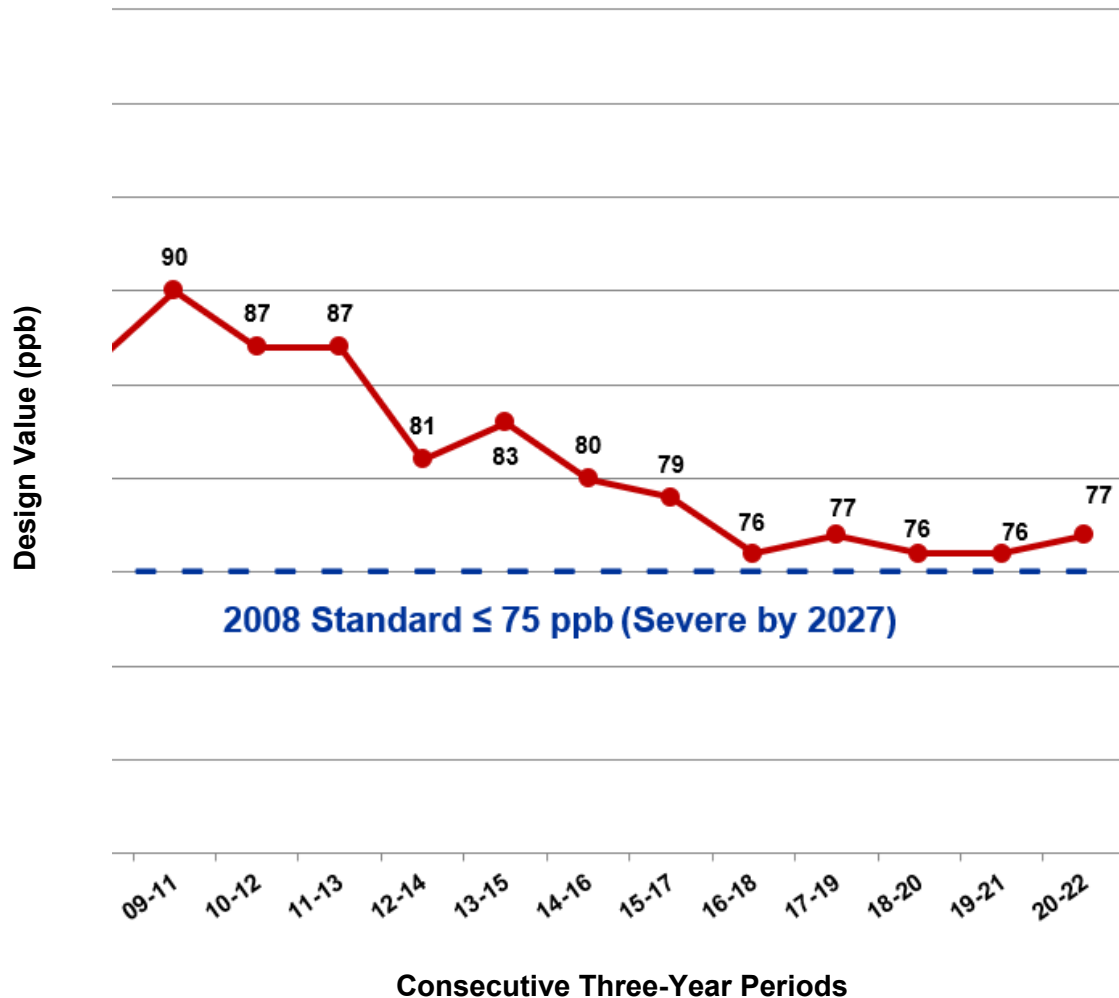
	Top Ten Contributing Factors	2021
1	Speeding	32.21%
2	Driver Related (Distracted and/or Aggressive Driving/Driving Without Headlights)	13.96%
3	Impaired Driving	12.10%
4	Failed to Drive in Single Lane	10.45%
5	Changed Lane When Unsafe	8.00%
6	Faulty Evasive Action	7.54%
7	Disabled/Parked in Traffic Lane	4.43%
8	Pedestrian Failed to Yield Right of Way to Vehicle	3.37%
9	Wrong Way Driving	2.05%
10	Turned When Unsafe	1.19%

Note: Contributing Factor Analysis includes Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Contributing Factors on limited access facilities.

PROGRAM AND PROJECT TYPES

- **Management & Operations**
 - Mobility Assistance Patrol, Transit Operations, etc.
- **NCTCOG-Implemented**
 - Project Tracking, Planning Efforts, Data Collection, etc.
- **Regional/Air Quality Projects and Programs**
 - Aviation, Employer Trip Reduction, Regional Traffic Signal Retiming, etc.

IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL AIR QUALITY AND M&O PROJECTS



- Regional ozone design values have previously plateaued and are now increasing
- This three-year funding initiative correlates to ozone data (years 2024, 2025, and 2026) used to show attainment
- Emissions reduction benefits for M&O projects will be quantified in support of the State Implementation Plan to demonstrate activities being undertaken to improve air quality in the region

M&O SUMMARY

Category	RTC Share
Planning Activities, Data Collection, and Engineering Activities	\$25.24M
Air Quality Initiatives	\$11.65M
Implementation/Operations Activities (e.g., Auto Occupancy, Special Events, Mobility Assistance Patrol)	\$51.74M
Travel Demand Management/Transit	\$6.75M
Innovative Technologies	\$10.40M
Total Additional Funds Being Requested	\$105.78M

DETAILS ON PROPOSED FUNDING

- A portion of the requested funding is to be used by NCTCOG staff to implement regional projects and programs.
- The balance will be passed through to other agencies in the region (for projects like the Vanpool Program, Mobility Assistance Patrol, etc.).
- **~66% of funding will be pass-through to transportation entities**

Category of Expenditure	M&O Funding Amount	Safety Funding Amount
NCTCOG-Implemented (staff time)	\$48.06M	\$4.67M
Pass-Through to Local Transportation Agencies	\$57.72M	\$45.33M
Total	\$105.78M	\$50.00M

PROPOSED FUNDING DISTRIBUTION

- M&O funding has historically fluctuated between the West and the East
- The program split is currently over in the West
- Most projects in this program will be funded in the East in order to bring the M&O program in closer alignment with the RTC approved East/West funding split of 69% East and 31% West.

Subregion	Current Funding Split for M&O Program	Resulting Funding Split for M&O Program
East	54%	61%
West	46%	39%

APPROVAL TIMELINE

Meeting/Task	Date
STTC Director's Report	August 26, 2022
RTC Information	September 8, 2022
Public Meeting	September 12, 2022
STTC Action	September 23, 2022
RTC Action	October 13, 2022

REQUESTED ACTION

- RTC approval of:
 - The FY 2024-2026 Management, Operations, Air Quality, and Safety program
 - Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and amending other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes.

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FIRST READING OF THE DRAFT RTC BYLAWS AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

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Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG

Regional Transportation Council
October 13, 2022

RTC Bylaws Revision Subcommittee Members

Andy Eads, Chair
County Judge, Denton County

Rick Grady, Vice Chair
Councilmember, City of Plano

Gyna Bivens
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Fort Worth

Dianne Costa
Board Member, Denton County
Transportation Authority

George Fuller
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Mike Leyman
Councilmember, City of Mansfield

Adam McGough
Councilmember, City of Dallas

Phillip Ritter
Citizen Representative, City of Dallas

Oscar Trevino
Mayor, City of North Richland Hills

Glen Whitley
County Judge, Tarrant County

Subcommittee Meeting Dates

June 9, 2022

August 18, 2022

October 5, 2022

Summary of Significant Proposed Revisions

Membership

- Add 13 new cities over 5,000 in population (Appendix A) (pgs. 7-8)
- Maintain number of Dallas seats (includes Dallas Love Field) (pg. 7)
- Add a seat for City of Fort Worth (pg. 8)
- Increase membership from 44 to 45 members (pgs. 7, 9)

Appointees

- In county/city groups, require mandatory rotation of primary seat (pg. 10)
- In county/city groups, permit cities over 30,000 population to hold primary or alternate seat if appointed by county (pg.10)

Bylaws Subcommittee Recommendations for Perimeter County/City Cluster Seats

- Mandatory rotation of the seat between the Counties
 - Roughly proportional to population
 - Measured over a 10-year Period
 - Two Categories:
 - Rotate on a 70/30 Basis
 - Johnson/Hood (Eligible Cities: Burleson, Cleburne)
 - Parker/Wise (Eligible Cities: Weatherford)
 - Rotate on a 50/50 Basis
 - Ellis/Kaufman (Eligible Cities: Midlothian, Waxahachie)
 - Rockwall/Hunt (Eligible Cities: Greenville, Rockwall)
 - If City is appointed, location of City is used to determine whether rotation requirement is met

Summary of Significant Proposed Revisions (continued)

Voting Structure

- Clarify teleconferencing, in person and videoconferencing (pgs. 11-12)

Officers

- Clarify that members of the Nominating Subcommittee are eligible to be nominated as an RTC officer (pg. 14)

Council Functions

- RTC maintain a set of public involvement procedures, including public comment rules and decorum requirements, as part of the Public Participation Plan (pg. 18)

Proposed RTC Action for November Meeting (Second Reading):

Approval of Bylaws and Operating Procedures and direction for staff to work with the Cities of Dallas and Fort Worth over the next two years to determine if Regional Transportation Council membership could be reduced to 40 members. Action also includes direction for staff to develop a summary of best practices regarding the selection of group members and communication between RTC members representing groups of entities and all the entities within the group.

Rotation of County/City Cluster Seats

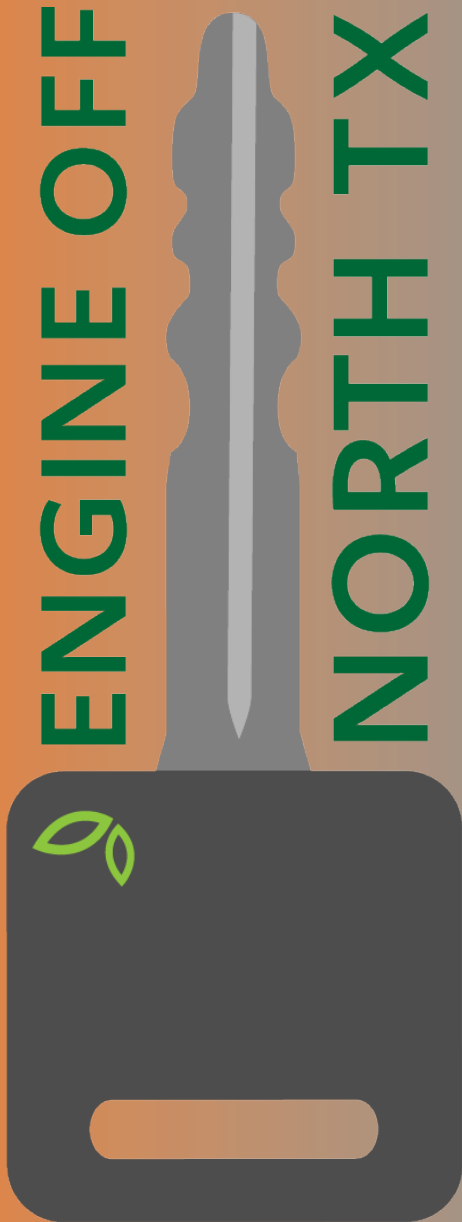
2022 Population

<u>County/City Cluster</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Rockwall	119,900	53%
Hunt	104,900	47%
	224,800	
Ellis	207,620	58%
Kaufman	153,130	42%
	360,750	

50/50 Rotation

Johnson	193,500	75%
Hood	62,120	25%
	255,620	
Parker	152,930	68%
Wise	69,740	32%
	222,670	

70/30 Rotation



NCTCOG PRESENTATION

STATUS REPORT ON ENGINE OFF NORTH TEXAS

Regional Transportation Council

October 13, 2022

Jason Brown, Principal Air Quality Planner

TIMELINE



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March 2021

Relaunched of Engine Off North Texas

March 2022

Increased interest in regional participation in idle reduction to material requests and ordinance implementation

Future

Continue to work with local governments to minimize idling

October 2021

Revised RTC Resolution to encourage adoption on an idling ordinance

May 2022

Invited to participate in a Heavy-Duty Vehicle Idling Working Group with the City of Austin due to the work done with EONT



Cities with Idling Ordinances

Arlington

Benbrook

Cedar Hill

Celina

Dallas

Duncanville

Eules

Fort Worth

Granbury

Hurst

Keene

Lake Worth

Lancaster

McKinney

Mesquite

North Richland Hills

Pecan Hill

Plano

Richardson

Rowlett

Town of Little Elm

Town of Westlake

University Park

Venus

Wylie



Engine Off North Texas Value



Policy

Provide guidance on idling ordinance implementation and enforcement strategies



Education & Materials

Local government guide, brochures, posters, toolkit and webpage offer information about heavy-duty vehicle idle reduction



Support

Metal regulatory signs and complaint hotline available to deter unnecessary idling



Engine Off North Texas Toolkit

Resource	Audience	Purpose
Regulatory Signs	Truck Drivers	Deter truck drivers from idling in high idling areas
Brochures	Truck Drivers	Inform truck drivers of anti-idling ordinances, idling negative effects, and anti-idling strategies
Posters	General Public	Provide information about idling complaint hotline, can be posted at truck stops and public buildings
Local Government Guide	Local Government	Provide guidance regarding implementation of an idling policy in local jurisdiction
Infographic	Truck Drivers, General Public, Local Government	Use in presentations or website to provide information for truck drivers, general public, law enforcement, and local government
Complaint Hotline 877-689-4353	General Public	Submit idling complaint to NCTCOG
Engine Off North Texas Website	Everyone	Access to all resource and provides information to all audiences



Requesting Materials

Request Forms

Request Forms can be found at
www.engineoffnorthtexas.org

Email forms to
engineoffnorthtexas@nctcog.org

Coordinate

NCTCOG staff will coordinate with contact person to pick up/deliver items that cannot be mailed.



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Relevance to Regional Planning

Air Quality Emphasis Areas:

- ☒ High-Emitting Vehicles/Equipment
- ☒ Idling
- Hard Accelerations
- Low Speeds
- Cold Starts
- Vehicle Miles of Travel
- ☒ Energy and Fuel Use

Performance Measure:

Mobility 2045:

Air Quality Policy AQ3-006:

Adopt and implement an idling restriction ordinance, or any other idling restriction measure, to reduce idling within local government jurisdictions as consistent with Regional Transportation Council Resolution R21-06.

[Mobility 2045 Chapter 4 – Environmental Considerations](#)

[Appendix C – Environmental Considerations](#)





NCTCOG PRESENTATION

TRANSPORTATION

SMART Grant Program: Briefing

Regional Transportation Council

10.13.2022

Thomas J. Bamonte
Senior Program Manager

Program and Purpose

Program: Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program

Purpose: Demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems in a variety of communities to improve transportation efficiency and safety. Using technology interventions to solve real-world challenges and build data and technology capacity and expertise in the public sector

USDOT Website: [Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grants Program | US Department of Transportation](#)



Funding and Schedule

Funding: \$500M over five years (\$100M/yr.)

First year: 30-50 planning grants/\$2M maximum grant

Local match: None for planning grants

Later years: Implementation grants up to \$15M; limited to planning grant recipients

NOFO Issued: 9/19/22

Application Deadline: 11/18/22



Eligibility and Funding Splits

Eligible Applicants: State; Political subdivision of State; Tribe; Transit agency; Public toll authority; MPO; Groups of eligible entities

Funding splits

Large Communities (>400k): 40%

Midsized Communities: 30%

Rural/Regional Partnerships: 30%



Eligible Projects

Coordinated Automation

Connected Vehicles

Intelligent Sensor-Based Infrastructure

Smart Technology Traffic Signals

ITS Systems Integration

Commerce Delivery and Logistics

Innovative Aviation Technology

Smart Grid for EVs



Project Benefits Sought by USDOT

Safety & Reliability

Resiliency

Equity & Access

Climate

Partnerships/Workforce

Systems Integration



Stage 1 Planning Projects

Stage 1 recipients should build internal buy-in and partnerships with stakeholders to refine and prototype their concepts, and report on results.

At the conclusion of Stage 1, recipients should have the information to either create a fully realized implementation plan with robust performance metrics; or to make an informed decision not to proceed with the concept.



SMART: Staff Outreach Efforts

6/21/22: NCTCOG staff briefing

6/28/22: Briefing for STTC members and other regional partners

8/2/22: Distributed notice of USDOT webinar on SMART program

9/20/22: Distributed NOFO and schedule

Continuing: Multiple brainstorming sessions and staff support

NCTCOG letters of support requests due: 11/4/22

Contact: [Nicholas Allen](#)



Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program

Continuation of ATCMTD program

\$60M/yr.

5-10 awards up to \$12M apiece

20% local match required

[NOFO](#) issued 9/19/22

Applications due: 11/18/22



ATTAIN Model Deployments

Reduced fatalities and injuries

Reduced traffic congestion/improved travel time reliability

Reduced emissions

Optimized multimodal system performance

Improved access to transportation alternatives

Integration of payment systems

Integrated multimodal transportation information

Transportation-related cost savings



USDOT ATTAIN Priorities

Climate

Resiliency

Environmental justice

Equity

Removing barriers to opportunity

Job creation



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE AND DRAFT RTC LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

REBEKAH GONGORA

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Regional Transportation Council Meeting

October 13, 2022

FEDERAL UPDATE

U.S. CONGRESS

Appropriations

- Expired September 30, Continuing Resolution through December 16 to Keep the Federal Government Open

Recent House And Senate Committee Hearings

Topics of Discussion:

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) Implementation
- Roadway Safety
- State and Local Perspectives on IIJA



STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

HOUSE AND SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES

Interim Committee Hearings Being Held Throughout the State

Topics of Discussion:

- Safety, Fatalities on Roadways
- Alternatively Fueled Vehicles
- Policies Impacting Truck Transportation
- Federal IIJA Funds



TOPICS FOR THE 2023 RTC LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Adequately Fund Transportation and
Utilize Tools

Expand Transportation Options in Mega-
Metropolitan Regions

Pursue Innovation and Technology

Improve Air Quality

Enhance Safety



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ADEQUATELY FUND TRANSPORTATION AND UTILIZE TOOLS

- Identify additional revenue for all modes of transportation
- Support innovative funding methods to expand rail and transit options within the region
- Allocate funds to the existing Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund
- Return approximately \$80 million in air quality user fees to counties for Local Initiatives Projects
- Ensure fair-share allocation of funds for roadway capacity improvements to metropolitan regions
- Support full appropriation of current funding initiatives previously approved by the Legislature, including Proposition 1 and Proposition 7



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EXPAND TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS IN MEGA-METROPOLITAN REGIONS

- Support use of Public-Private Partnerships; allow for the ability to create data corridors (i.e., digital twins) and tolled managed lanes for roadway and transit projects through an MPO/local decision-making process
- Authorize the use of a Comprehensive Development Agreement for specific needed projects
- Retain eminent domain authority to allow planning and development of new and/or expanded transportation corridors, including high-speed rail, commuter rail, freight rail, roadways, and trails
- Support the use of a balanced liability insurance program that would allow North Texas transit agencies to operate on additional rail corridors as part of the regional transportation system
- Provide counties with expanded tools for land use control to preserve future transportation corridors



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PURSUE INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

- Utilize innovation in high-speed transportation, transit, autonomous vehicles, and freight
- Support the collaboration between local governments, the military, the State, and FAA to advance regulations for compatible land use and the safe operations of unmanned aircraft
- Plan for shared mobility solutions and [technology-based transportation solutions](#); enable transportation data sharing and accessibility with appropriate privacy protection
- [Establish and support programs to improve cybersecurity](#)
- [Support broadband expansion as a mode of transportation](#)



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IMPROVE AIR QUALITY

- Modernize and increase flexibility in the Local Initiative Projects (LIP) through a limited program focused on transportation and air quality improvements
- [Strengthen emissions enforcement through fraudulent vehicle temporary paper tag enforcement](#)
- Protect the TERP Trust fund and revenue balance to ensure funds are used for TERP purposes; modernize the program and ensure flexibility to accommodate innovative approaches to improving air quality and reducing emissions, including the purchase of heavy-duty zero emission vehicles such as hydrogen fuel cell and battery electric vehicles and associated infrastructure
- Support system reliability, congestion relief, and encourage trip reduction strategies
- Support legislation that improves air quality



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ENHANCE SAFETY

- Improve the safety of the statewide transportation system for all users, including controlling texting while driving, eliminating driving under the influence, lowering excessive speed limits, reducing aggressive driving, and improving bicycle and pedestrian safety
- Reduce distracted driving through measures such as technology to disable the use of a driver's cell phone for purposes other than emergency or navigation uses
- Oppose legislation to increase freight truck weight limits above 80,000 pounds
- Support legislation allowing sponsorships to support roadside assistance programs
- Eliminate deferred adjudication for safety related traffic violations (e.g., traffic violations in construction zones are not eligible for deferred adjudication)



October 13, 2022

RTC Legislative Program presented as an Information Item; Comments requested

November 10, 2022

RTC Legislative Program Presented as an Action Item

November 8, 2022

General Election for Federal, State, and County Offices

November 14, 2022

Bill Filing Begins for the 88th Texas Legislature

January 10, 2023

88th Legislature Convenes

TIMELINE

The Regional Transportation Council will be presented with a list of proposed topics to support in advance of the 88th Legislature. Action will be sought in November, after the General Election.



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