

MEETING SUMMARY

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, March 27, 2026

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, March 27, 2026, at 1:30 pm in the Transportation Council Room of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The following STTC members or representatives were present: Rifat Alam, Ahmed Alqaisi, Marah Aqqad, Joe Atwood, James Bell, Nathan Benditz, David Boski, Brett Bourgeois, Tanya Brooks, Daniel Burnham, Jeffrey Bush, Farhan Butt, Brenda Callaway, Travis Campbell, John Cordary Jr., Tara Crawford, Clarence Daugherty, Chad Davis, Taylor Derden, Pritam Deshmukh, Becky Diviney, Phil Dupler, Eric Fladager, Chris Flanigan, Austin Frith, James Gaertner, Michael Haithcock, Tom Hammons, Chris Harris, Allen Harts (representing Major Jones), Sophia Harvey, Matthew Hotelling, Jeremy Hutt, Joseph Jackson, Joel James, William Janney, Wilson Kakembo, Gus Khankarli, Eron Linn, Clay Lipscomb, Paul Luedtke, Stanford Lynch, Pradnya Mare (representing Greg Royster), Auro Majumdar, Chad Marbut, Alberto Mares, Dillon Maroney, John Mears, Brian Moen, Mark Nelson, Martin Phillips, Caleb Polster (representing Barry Heard), John Polster, Kelly Porter, Elizabeth Reynolds, John Ryan (representing Gary Graham), Brian Shewski, Chelsea St. Louis, Aaron Tainter, Errick Thompson, Jennifer VanderLaan, Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize, Caroline Waggoner, Jana Wentzel, Robert Woodbury, and Larry Wright.

Others present at the meeting were: Vickie Alexander, Braulio Bessa, Natalie Bettger, Brandi Bird, Scott Booth, Katherine Cadena, Katie Carmichael, Lori Clark, Mandy Clark, Shawn Conrad, Matt Craig, Quinnton DeBolt, David Dryden, Camille Fountain, Rebekah Gongora, Christie Gotti, Millie Hayes, Chris Hoff, Kristina Holcomb, John Hudspeth, Amy Johnson, Vandeborn Juliana, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, Chris Klaus, Garry Kraus, Dan Lamers, Sonya Landrum, Joslyn Maldonado, Malcolm Mayhew, Justin McCain, Jeremy McGahan, James McLane, Michael Misantonis, Anthony Moffa, Michael Morris, Chandra Murulanandham, Jenny Narvaez, Jackie Nolasco, Tim Palermo, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Jacob Reinig, Jim Reiser, Travis Ripley, Jasmine Rodriguez, Charlie Salazar, Vishal Sarikonda, Ivy Shrum, Sid Sonck, Skylar Staffaroni, Toni Stehling, Hannah Thesing, Makayla Thompson, Daniela Tower, Christie Trinh, Caroline Vandergriff, Shashider Velugali, Amanda Wilson, Jared Wright, Alexander Young, and Kris Yowtak.

1. **Approval of the February 27, 2026, Meeting Summary:** Approval of the February 27, 2026, meeting summary contained in Electronic Item 1 was requested.

The Meeting Summary of the February 27, 2026, meeting was approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Mark Nelson (M); Kelly Porter (S).

2. **Consent Agenda:**

- 2.1. **Fédération Internationale de Football Association Local Funding:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval was requested to facilitate cleanup and reallocation of previously approved funding and anticipated expenditures associated with the 2026 World Cup. North Central Texas Council of Governments staff have been working with partners to coordinate transportation needs and to prepare the region to host the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association World Cup.

- 2.2. **Recommendation of Revision to Regional Transportation Council Local Funds to Support the Regional Energy Management Assistance Program:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval was requested to revise details of Transportation Department participation in the Regional Energy Management Assistance Program.

The Committee approved staff's recommendations in Items 2.1 and 2.2 on the Consent Agenda. Farhan Butt (M); Mark Nelson (S). The motion passed.

3. **Recommendations to Texas Department of Transportation on the Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan:** Jared Wright provided an update on the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) implementation of the Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan and outlined a recommendation to TxDOT about grants to be administered for electric vehicle charging station projects within the metropolitan planning organization boundary. In addition, Jared requested approval of the methodology to develop this recommendation as well as endorsement of Regional Transportation Council approval to submit recommendations.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Kelly Porter (M); Chad Marbut (S). The motion passed.

Requested Action – Recommendations to TxDOT on the Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan


Approval of:

- Methodology proposed to identify DC fast charging and Megawatt charging station study areas

Endorse RTC approval of:

- Submittal of study areas for NEVI Phase II to TxDOT in April 2026
- Additional submittals using the approved methodology to subsequent funding rounds if funding remains available
- Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the project.

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4. **North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles Call for Projects Funding Recommendations:** Juliana Vandenberg provided an overview of the North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles (NTxZEV) Call for Projects (CFP) including applications received to date, scoring results, and activities recommended for funding. Staff requested recommendation of Regional Transportation Council approval of funding recommendations and a revised NTxZEV CFP schedule.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Kelly Porter (M); Paul Luedtke (S). One opposed. The motion passed.

Requested Action – North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles Call for Projects (CFP)

STTC recommendation of RTC approval of:

- Proposed funding recommendations for the North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles Call for Projects as outlined in Electronic Item 4.2
- Revised Schedule to Increase Frequency of Rolling Deadlines to Every 30 Days
- Administratively amending and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate funding recommendations

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5. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** Michael Morris provided an overview of current transportation items.
 1. Outcomes from Workshop on Metropolitan Planning Organization Roles and Responsibilities and Related Agreements: March 2026 (Ken Kirkpatrick and Executive Board Orientation/Observations from Michael Morris)
 2. Approval of Proposed Letter to the Texas Department of Transportation Regarding Metropolitan Planning Organization/Fiscal Agent Agreement
 3. March Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) Meeting in Person; May STTC Will Be Virtual
 4. Cancellation of Surface Transportation Technical Committee in June 2026 and Regional Transportation Council in July 2026
 5. New Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) Officers (May STTC 2026)
 6. Correspondence from the February Regional Transportation Council Meeting in Advance of Fédération Internationale de Football Association
 7. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Fiscal Year 2022 Four Stations Grant Update
 8. Update on Existing and New Transit Funding for the Fédération Internationale de Football Association
 9. Recent Correspondence on Proposed Modification of the Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers
 10. Illumination Maintenance
6. **2026 Regional Safety Performance Targets Update:** Michael Misantonis provided an update on the proposed Regional Roadway Safety Targets for 2026 for federally required performance measures. Roadway Safety targets are focused on reducing serious injuries and fatalities for motorized and non-motorized travelers. Observed 2018 to 2025 crash data were summarized to highlight improvements in reducing fatalities and fatal crashes in the region. The item was presented at February's meeting, and the March presentation was aimed at clarifying actual improvements in the region.
7. **Air Quality Status Update:** Daniela Tower provided an air quality update focusing on ozone and fine particulate matter.

8. **Bike and Roll to School Day**: Kyle Hoener provided an overview of activities planned for the 2026 Bike and Roll to School Day promotion and information for participation.
9. **Fast Facts**: These items were not presented due to time constraints:
 1. Camille Fountain – Spring 2026 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement - May 7, 2026
 2. Skylar Staffaroni – Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Round 6
 3. Travis Ripley – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight
 4. Hannah Thesing – Dallas-Fort Worth Annual Survey and Annual Fleet Recognition Awardees
 5. Hannah Thesing – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
 6. Hannah Thesing – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
 7. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports
 - January–February Public Comments Report
 - February Public Meeting Minutes
 - April Public Meeting Notice
10. **Other Business (Old or New)**: No items were provided.
11. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on April 24, 2026**.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.