

## **MEETING SUMMARY**

### **SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, February 27, 2026**

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, February 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, Joe Atwood, James Bell, Nathan Benditz, David Boski, Tanya Brooks, Daniel Burnham, Farhan Butt, Bryan Cabrera, Brenda Callaway, Travis Campbell, John Cordary Jr., Tara Crawford, Clarence Daugherty, Pritam Deshmukh, Becky Diviney, Rhett Dollins, (representing Gary Graham), Phil Dupler, Chris Flanigan, Austin Frith, Michael Haithcock, Tom Hammons, Namoo Han, Craig Hancock, Chris Harris, Sophia Harvey, Barry Heard, Alan Hendrix (representing Stanford Lynch), Duane Hengst, MD Hossain (representing Ahmed Alqaisi), Matthew Hotelling, Jeremy Hutt, Thuan Huynh, Joseph Jackson, Joel James, William Janney, Wilson Kakembo, Jeff Kelly (representing Brett Bourgeois), Gus Khankarli, Eron Linn, Clay Lipscomb, Auro Majumdar, Chad Marbut, Alberto Mares, John Mears, Brian Moen, Mark Nelson, Alfredo Ortiz, Chad Ostrander (representing Brian Shewski), John Polster, Kelly Porter, Minesha Reese, Elizabeth Reynolds, Greg Royster, Chelsea St. Louis, Aaron Tainter, Chris Techau (representing Marah Aqqad), Errick Thompson, Jennifer VanderLaan, Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize, Stephanie Wagner (representing Melissa Baker), Caroline Waggoner, Jana Wentzel, Robert Woodbury, and Larry Wright.

Others present at the meeting were: Vickie Alexander, Koushik Arunachalam, Berrien Barks, Carli Baylor, Natalie Bettger, Scott Booth, Jason Brown, Caroline Burns, Daniel Byrd, Katherine Cadena, Dina Colarossi, Liza Cox, Brian Dell, Samit Deo, Cody Derrick, Zhen Ding, Rebekah Gongora, Ricardo Gonzalez, Chris Gossett, Christie Gotti, Jackie Griffiths, Millie Hayes, Kristina Holcomb, Parisa Hosseini, Raj Jandhyam, Amy Johnson, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, Dan Lamers, Sonya Landrum, Travis Liska, Carlos Lopez, Malcolm Mayhew, James McLane, Michael Misantonis, Anthony Moffa, Michael Morris, Chandra Muruwahandam, Jenny Narvaez, Dylan Niles, Jackie Nolasco, Donald Parker, Caleb Polster, Trey Pope, Ezra Pratt, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Sydney Ranch, Jacob Reinig, Travis Ripley, Jasmine Rodriguez, Jackson Rose, Dana Shomarel, Ivy Shrum, Dongyoon Song, Toni Stehling, Vivek Thimmavajjhala, Daniela Tower, Christie Trinh, Luke Urie, Shashider Velagali, and Amanda Wilson.

1. **Approval of the January 23, 2026, Meeting Summary:** Approval of the January 23, 2026, meeting summary contained in Electronic Item 1 was requested.

The Meeting Summary of the January 23, 2026, meeting was approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. John Polster (M); Gus Khankarli (S).

2. **Consent Agenda:** There were no items on the Consent Agenda.
3. **Proposed Traffic Signal Program Funding:** Gregory Masota presented the proposed traffic signal funding program based on the recently approved Regional Transportation Council traffic signal improvement types and associated funding categories.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Nathan Benditz (M); Daniel Burnham (S).

## REQUESTED ACTION – TRAFFIC SIGNAL FUNDING PROGRAM

- **Recommendation for RTC approval of:**

- Approve the allocation of \$36 million in total program funding (\$28.8 million federal plus required State and/or local match) for the Traffic Signal Funding Program.
- Approve the use of a combination of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), and State and/or local matching funds to support the program, subject to funding availability.
- Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), and other planning/administrative documents, as necessary, to implement the approved funding.

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4. **2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program Development:** Brian Dell requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program document.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. John Polster (M); Farhan Butt (S).

## REQUESTED ACTION

- Recommend RTC approval of:

- The 2027-2030 TIP document, including the final TIP listings to be included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)
- Amending the Unified Planning Working Program (UPWP) and other planning/administrative documents as needed



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5. **Fort Worth Heritage Park Regional Pedestrian Connection:** Travis Liska requested approval for a recommendation to the Regional Transportation Council for the North Central Texas Council of Governments to assign \$8 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funding matched with \$2 million local funding from the City of Fort Worth to construct the Heritage Park Regional Pedestrian Connection.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Gus Khankarli (M); Daniel Burnham (S).

## REQUESTED ACTION – Heritage Park Regional Pedestrian Connection

### STTC recommendation for RTC approval of:

- \$8M Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funding matched with \$2M local funding from the City of Fort Worth to construct the Heritage Park Regional Trail Connection.
- Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program/ Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the project/change.
- The requirement of City of Fort Worth and NCTCOG executing a Memorandum of Understanding

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6. **Texas Wesleyan University/Collard Street Improvements Study**: Sydnee Mangini requested action on a recommendation to the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) for approval of \$150,000 in RTC Local for the Texas Wesleyan University (TWU)/Collard Street Improvements Study. Funds will be used for staff to conduct planning study activities including an existing conditions review and development of a funding plan, as well as to engage TWU students in developing surveys and corridor branding materials for the project.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. Alberto Mares (M); John Polster (S).

## REQUESTED ACTION – TWU/Collard Street Improvements Study

### • Recommendation for RTC approval of:

- \$150,000 of RTC Local funds for staff to facilitate Phases 1, 2, and 3 of the corridor planning study.
- Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and updating any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the TWU/Collard Street Improvements Study.

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7. **North Tarrant Express and Lyndon B. Johnson East Regional Toll Revenue Funding Requests**: Liza Cox requested action on two projects in which the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Dallas and Fort Worth Districts have asked to utilize Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funding. *Request 1*) TxDOT Fort Worth District is requesting \$45 million for construction of northbound Interstate Highway 35 West to State Highway (SH) 121 frontage roads and reconstruction of the Sylvania Ave bridge over SH 121. \$97 million in TxDOT

funds and \$45 million of RTR revenue from the North Tarrant Express are proposed to fund this project. *Request 2)* TxDOT Dallas District requested up to \$10 million for change orders on the Lyndon B Johnson (LBJ) East project for various improvements. \$10 million of RTR revenue from the LBJ East corridor was proposed to fund this request.

The Committee approved staff's recommendation as illustrated below. John Polster (M); Nathan Benditz (S).

## REQUESTED ACTION – NTE AND LBJ EAST FUNDING REQUESTS

Recommendation for RTC approval of:

- \$97M in TxDOT funds and \$45M in RTR funds for SH 121/Sylvania Bridge project from the NTE RTR Account
- Up to \$10 million for LBJ East, using LBJ East RTR funds
- 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 programming increase.

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8. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** Michael Morris provided an overview of current transportation items.
  1. Changing Mobility: Data, Insights, and Delivering Innovative Projects During COVID Recovery
  2. Anticipated Workshop on Texas, Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Fiscal Agent Agreements: March 2026 (Ken Kirkpatrick, Texas Department of Transportation to be Invited, and Executive Board Orientation from Michael Morris)
  3. Arlington's Request to Explore a Technology-Based Transit Authority
  4. Amanda Wilson's Service Recognition on the AMPO Policy Committee in 2025
  5. Michael Morris is the ENR Texas and Louisiana's 2026 Legacy Award Winner
  6. Future Discussion on Rockwall County/Partnership Program
  7. Mobility Assistance Patrol Program
  8. Status Update on 2025 Transportation Conformity
  9. 2026 Fiscal Year Appropriations Update and Fédération Internationale de Football Association Funding
  10. Regional Transportation Council Approval of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Plan
9. **Update on McKinney Passenger Rail Corridor Study:** Donald Parker presented on the McKinney Passenger Rail Corridor Study that was put on hold as a result of discussion at the November 2025 Regional Transportation Council meeting regarding the status of Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) elections. With progress being made on the DART issue, staff would like to advance the consultant procurement process to support this study and provided a briefing on the scope and schedule of this effort.

10. **2026 Regional Safety Performance Targets**: Michael Misantonis provided updates on the proposed Regional Roadway Safety Targets for 2026 for federally required performance measures and actual performance of the 2024 targets. Roadway Safety targets are focused on reducing serious injuries and fatalities for motorized and non-motorized travelers.
11. **Fast Facts**: These items were not presented due to time constraints:
  1. Trey Pope – Collaboration Opportunity: Managing Heavy-Duty Vehicle Idling and Regional Air Quality
  2. Carolyn Burns – Local Clean Air Spotlight
  3. Carolyn Burns – Air Quality Funding Opportunities ([www.nctcog.org/AQfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/AQfunding))
  4. Carolyn Burns – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
  5. Written Progress Reports:
    - Partner Progress Reports
    - December – January Public Comments Report
    - March Public Meeting Notice
12. **Other Business (Old or New)**: No items were provided.
13. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for ***1:30 pm on March 27, 2026.***

Meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.