



NCTCOG TRANSPORTATION
DEPARTMENT

Submittal of Grant Application to the Federal Transit Administration for the 2026 Access and Mobility Partnership Grant

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Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program

- The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) **FY2026 Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program (ICAM)** has **\$11.96 million available** in competitive grants to support innovative projects for older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals/households with limited financial resources that will **improve the coordination of transportation and non-emergency medical transportation services**.
- To maximize positive impact, the **FTA intends to prioritize regional and statewide coordination efforts** over local-level ones.
- Funds may **only be used for capital expenditures, including mobility management**, not for operating transit services.
- Applications were **due September 9, 2026**.



DFW Transportation and Medical Connections Proposal

Goal: Deploy an interactive software-as-a-service platform with conversational AI to connect older adults and individuals with disabilities to available transportation options, supported by dedicated staff, outreach, and partnerships with healthcare and transportation providers.

Phase I: Development

- Procure and test software to make the regional Get-A-Ride guide interactive.
- Staffing for calls to provide transit options to those who are not comfortable with or do not have access to technology.
- Inventory partners and medical providers to conduct outreach and help connect patients/clients to transportation options

Phase II: Regional Integration

- NCTCOG will initiate and manage initial tasks and work to integrate with providers for easy updates.
- Incorporate transit agencies and various small area providers into the online tool.

 WE WELCOME YOUR INPUT! 

Share transportation challenges the project should consider or ideas for project implementation



Addressing Transit Needs in North Texas

Improve the coordination of transportation services and medical transportation services to better serve transit-dependent populations.

Enhance partnership with NCTCOG Area Agency on Aging to strengthen cross-departmental efforts.

Support Access North Texas Goals & Strategies:

- Invest in programs that facilitate transportation trips to medical and healthcare appointments
- Promote access and information about available transportation options
- Coordinate with transportation providers, public agencies, and stakeholders to increase efficiencies

The project will coordinate with existing providers to launch in Dallas, Tarrant, Collin, and Denton counties and seek to expand across North Texas.



Schedule

Date	Milestone
July 9, 2026	Notice of Funding Opportunity Released
August 13, 2026	Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Action
August 27, 2026	Executive Board – Endorsement
August 28, 2026	Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) Endorsement
September 9, 2026	Application Due
Fall/Winter 2026	Award Announcements
Summer 2027	If Awarded, Federal Approval & Grant Funds Programmed
Fall 2027	Project Kick-Off Anticipated



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