

AGENDA

Regional Transportation Council

Thursday, August 13, 2026

North Central Texas Council of Governments

11:00 am - RTC Workshop on Four Items: Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement, Settlement Agreement, Two Party Operating Agreement, and Approval of the Letter to the Governor (Livestreamed)

1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)

Invocation by Alan E. Sims, Councilmember, City of Cedar Hill
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	
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1:10 – 1:15 2. **Approval of June 11, 2026, Minutes**
☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 5
 Presenter: Stephen Mason, RTC Chair
 Item Summary: Approval of the June 11, 2026, 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. **Approval of North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicle Call for Projects Funding Recommendations**

 Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG

 Item Summary: Staff is requesting approval of the North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles (NTxZEV) Call for Projects (CFP) including applications received to

date, scoring results, and activities recommended for funding.

Background: In 2025, the North Central Texas Council of Governments was awarded \$60 million from the Environmental Protection Agency through the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program to replace heavy-duty internal combustion vehicles with zero-emission vehicles, install supporting infrastructure, and conduct workforce development/training related to zero-emissions vehicles. A CFP providing \$58.6 million for vehicle replacement activities was opened on October 24, 2025. RTC approved the first round of awards on April 9, 2026. Since then, additional information has led staff to recommend some modifications to the initial awards approved. In addition, staff has developed funding recommendations for applications received by the second and third deadlines for competitive review, which were May 15, 2026, and June 19, 2026, respectively. Funding recommendations are summarized in Electronic Item 3.1.1. Additional details on project scoring are provided in Electronic Item 3.1.2. This is the second in a series of approvals that will be requested as staff continues to accept applications for this program through rolling deadlines. Staff is actively working to support applicants for the next funding round. A flyer promoting the opportunity is available in Electronic Item 3.1.3. Staff encourages distribution of this flyer to help promote the program to local fleets. Additional program details can be found at www.nctcog.org/NTxZEV.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

3.2. Rockwall County Outer Loop Memorandum of Understanding

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval will be requested for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the RTC and Rockwall County about the Regional Outer Loop through Rockwall County.

Background: In April 2021, the RTC approved a Regional Outer Loop Partnership with both Rockwall and

Kaufman Counties in which the Counties were to fund preliminary engineering and environmental work for the Regional Outer Loop with local dollars in order to expedite the project and the RTC would fund a project (in return) to be determined at a later time. The Kaufman County partnership was finalized when the RTC funded Farm to Market 741 from United States 175 to Spring Creek Blvd (Transportation Improvement Program [TIP] code 21097.1/Control Section Job Number 1092-01-026) previously. The RTC funds have been committed to multiple projects in Rockwall County, but the County needed to work through Outer Loop alignment concerns before proceeding with the preliminary engineering and environmental work. To this end, Rockwall County has identified a path forward, which is outlined in the MOU. A draft version of the MOU was presented to the RTC in April 2026. A red lined version of the MOU is provided as Electronic Item 3.2. Action is requested to enable the RTC Chair to sign the MOU.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway

3.3. US 67 at Chisholm Trail Parkway/Nolan River Road Funding Partnership

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of a funding partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be requested.

Background: The TxDOT Fort Worth District has requested funding assistance for congestion, accessibility, and safety improvements on Nolan River Road at US 67 where Chisholm Trail Parkway (CTP) terminates near US 67. The two-lane roadway and bridge experience frequent congestion and long queues, which will be further exacerbated once the widening of the CTP to four lanes is complete in 2028. The current construction cost is \$15 million, and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff recommend that construction be funded with \$12 million of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality

Improvement Program and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds. TxDOT would cover the match of \$3 million. Details of the project and proposed funding partnership can be found in Electronic Item 3.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

3.4. **Returning \$5 Million in Emergency Regional Transportation Council Local to the Program**

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: On April 30, 2026, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved \$5 million in RTC Local funds for emergency purposes. No funds were used and all funds will be returned with your approval.

Background: At the time of the previous action the future between RTC and the North Central Texas Council of Governments was unclear. Action was taken in case of an administrative emergency.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

3.5. **Fédération Internationale de Football Association Funding Support**

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be requested to approve an informal luncheon to thank the transportation team members from across the region for efforts during Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) events. RTC will be asked to approve the use of \$1,000 in RTC Local Funds from previously approved food costs to express appreciation to the transportation colleagues.

Background: Electronic Item 3.5 contains photos from the nine FIFA events held in our region. An informal luncheon sponsored by the RTC is scheduled on Wednesday, August 19, 2026, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. The purpose is to thank all of the team members that made the FIFA event successful.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

3.6. North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transportation Council Landbanking Program Overview

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff is asking for approval to pay for appraisals related to the Landbanking program. Staff will provide an overview, if needed, of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Landbanking Program, including its history, goals, and previously funded projects and brief RTC on an upcoming potential landbanking project.

Background: The NCTCOG RTC Landbanking Program was established by the RTC as a part of the 2005-2006 Sustainable Development Call for Projects. The program provides funding assistance for local governments to facilitate land acquisition for economic development purposes. The management of Landbanking Program funds was determined by Resolution R06-05 passed by the RTC in May 2006 (See Electronic Item 3.6.1.). NCTCOG staff also developed a process for the purchase and future unbanking of properties. Resolution R06-05 established that 1) at a minimum, RTC landbanking project funds must be returned to RTC; 2) returned funds can be used for future Sustainable Development Call for Projects, and 3) RTC action is required to reprogram funds. Since its inception, the program has funded four landbanking projects. Projects are in varying stages of implementation or have been completed. A new landbanking project in the city of Everman has recently been proposed. This project is a next step for implementation of the Forest Hill Drive Planning Study completed by NCTCOG in 2024. Next steps with the RTC are provided in Electronic Item 3.6.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

3.7. Purchase of Geographic Information System Servers to Support Implementation of a High-Performance Geographic Information System Computing Environment

Presenter: Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval will be requested for the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Transportation Department to propose partnering with the NCTCOG Information and Innovative Services Department (IIS) and the Agency to purchase three high performance Artificial Intelligence (AI)/Graphics Processing Units Accelerated Enterprise Computer servers that will enhance NCTCOG's Geographical Information System (GIS) computing environment. The anticipated cost for the three machines to be acquired is \$375,000. In order to help facilitate the upfront payment of these machines, the Transportation Department proposes covering the cost of two machines in the amount of \$250,000 in RTC Local dollars. Due to the anticipated Agency-wide benefits associated with the new computers, NCTCOG has committed to assisting the Transportation Department with the purchase of the machines by providing \$15,000 in NCTCOG general funds each year for five years beginning in Fiscal Year 2027.

Background: NCTCOG's IIS Department recently evaluated options for improving the Agency's GIS computing capabilities, including cloud-based, hybrid cloud/on-premises, and fully on-premises solutions. Based on this analysis, IIS determined that a fully on-premises environment offers the best combination of performance, cost-effectiveness, security, and long-term value for Agency GIS operations. Key outcomes expected from using these powerful machines include the ability of staff to carry out intensive data processes more efficiently, shorten project timelines, minimize risk of processes not completing or being interrupted, improving the quality of analyses by facilitating multiple iterations, support processing of larger geographic areas, and lessen need for manual work reducing subjectivity and freeing staff for

other work. Further, these data servers, due to their processing capabilities, are expected to greatly advance the use of Machine Learning (ML) and AI for data processing applications. GIS is integral to the Transportation Department's operations. As more transportation-system data becomes available, GIS provides a powerful way to manage, map, analyze, and integrate that information. GIS supports data-driven transportation planning and has become an essential tool for transportation planners at NCTCOG. Transportation staff will be available at the RTC meeting to address any questions regarding this request.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:20 – 1:35

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

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Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Moment of Silence for former United States Representative Kay Granger
2. Recognition for Captain Beau Hufstetler, United States Navy, Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth – Dan Kessler
3. North Texas Center for Mobility Technologies Smart and Resilient Urban Mobility and Energy Integration Framework (Electronic Item 4.1)
4. Bylaws Committee Process
5. Irving Summit – August 31 and September 1, 2026
6. High-Speed Rail Follow Up – August 20, 2026
7. Proposed Oak Farms Dallas County Convention Center Resolution
8. AMTRAK Heartland Flyer (Proposed Three-Year Program by Texas Department of Transportation)
9. 2026 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 4.2)
10. Air Quality Funding Opportunities
(www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
11. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
(www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
12. May - June Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.3)
13. June – July Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.4)
14. June Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.5)

- 15. July Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.6)
- 16. July Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.7)
- 17. Recent News Articles June and July (Electronic Item 4.8)
- 18. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.9)
- 19. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.10)

1:35 – 1:45

5. **Update on Approval of Four Items: Reapproval of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement, Approval of the Settlement Agreement, Approval of the Two-Party Operating Agreement, and Approval of the Letter to the Governor**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Rob Walters, with Gibson, Dunn, & Crutcher LLP, Dan Kessler, and Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: This item will cover materials presented earlier at the workshop. Staff will present the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation, Settlement Agreement between the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), and the Operating Agreement between the RTC and NCTCOG. The presentation will summarize the major provisions of each agreement. In addition, conversations regarding support from the Governor's office will be discussed. RTC approval of the agreements and approval of the letter to the Governor will be requested.

Background: On April 30, 2026, the RTC voted to intervene in *County of Denton, Texas v. Victoria Johnson, In Her Official Capacity, et al.*, and related governance matters affecting the RTC. Since that time, RTC leadership, NCTCOG, and legal counsel have worked to address issues raised through the litigation and related governance discussions. The proposed MPO TxDOT Agreement in Electronic Item 5.1, Settlement Agreement in Electronic Item 5.2, and Operating Agreement in Electronic Item 5.3 are intended to resolve pending litigation and related matters, clarify responsibilities, and establish procedures for future RTC operations. Presentation materials are provided in Electronic Item 5.4 and Electronic Item 5.5 contains the draft letter to request RTC consideration and action. As discussed previously, legal costs in account one, two, and three will be presented.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:45 – 1:55

6. **2027 Unified Transportation Program and Regional 10-Year Plan Update**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be briefed on Category 12 funds proposed for approval by the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) and action on the proposed changes for the Regional 10-Year Plan Update will be requested.

Background: Since December 2016, the RTC has annually approved a set of projects funded with Category 2 (Metropolitan Planning Organization [MPO] selected) and Category 4 (Texas Department of Transportation [TxDOT] District selected) funds and submitted for TTC consideration with Category 12 (TTC selected) funds that cover 10 years of highway and arterial projects on the TxDOT system. Since the last update in 2025, MPO 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 2027 Unified Transportation Program. Electronic Item 6.1 includes additional information about the process. Electronic Item 6.2 contains the proposed list of planned projects for the Regional 10-Year Plan. Electronic Item 6.3 contains the 10-Year Plan projects that have let or been completed. Electronic Item 6.4 is a copy of the public comment email submitted to TxDOT by MPO staff addressing concerns with funding allocation trends.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

1:55 – 2:05

7. **Updates to the Southern Dallas Inland Port Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Project and Regional Transportation Council Local Contingency for Pre-Award Activities**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to repurpose \$1,004,000 RTC Local temporary backstop and increase by \$269,247 for a total of \$1,273,247 in RTC Local Funds to support contract obligations and expenditures for the purchase of electric buses, associated in-plant inspection services, and insurance costs pending transfer. The additional funds

will ensure contract obligations are met, offset the costs to RTC, and allow staff to identify entities to purchase or receive these vehicles.

Background: In December 2024, the RTC approved a local backstop for the purchase of eight electric vehicles and required in-plant inspection services, as a part of the Fiscal Year 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity grant project. The Federal Transit Administration had issued a Letter of No-Prejudice for the purchase of electric vehicles, but after the contract execution for the vehicles, North Central Texas Council of Governments was directed to change the vehicle type in the grant to align with federal priorities. Staff is requesting to repurpose existing RTC Local backstop to mitigate potential contract enforcement risk and create regional opportunities for electric vehicles. Details are provided in Electronic Item 7.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:05 – 2:15

8. Technology Project Identification Call for Projects

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council approval of the recommended projects and funding amounts for the 2026 Technology Project Identification Call for Projects.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments opened the 2026 Technology Project Identification Call for Projects on January 9, 2026, to identify innovative projects that address regional transportation needs and priorities. The Call closed on April 10, 2026. Following the close of the Call, staff reviewed the submitted project ideas for eligibility and evaluated them based on the established scoring criteria. Staff will present the recommended projects and request approval to utilize approximately \$11.24 million in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds with Transportation Development Credits as local match. Additional details are provided in Electronic Item 8.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety

2:15 – 2:25

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

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff is requesting Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to submit an application to the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) Fiscal Year 2026 Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Grant Program to implement a mobility management program with an interactive software-as-a-service platform with conversational Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve coordination between healthcare providers and transportation services for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

Background: In July 2026, the FTA announced the 2026 Innovative Coordinated Access and Mobility Pilot Program (ICAM) Grant Program. The Notice of Funding Opportunity indicated availability of nearly \$12 million in competitive grant funding 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. Staff requests authorization to submit a grant application to develop an interactive online regional transportation resource to enhance the existing Regional Get-A-Ride Guide with innovative software-as-a-service technology, including conversational AI. Through dedicated staff support, outreach, and partnerships with healthcare and transportation providers, the project will launch in Dallas, Tarrant, Collin, and Denton counties and expand across North Texas if successful. Staff also intends to partner with North Central Texas Council of Governments' Area Agency on Aging on outreach and implementation. Applications are due September 9, 2026. The total grant budget will not exceed \$1,250,000 including \$500,000 in local match to be provided using RTC Local funds. More information can be found in Electronic Item 9.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:25 – 2:30

10. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle – Round 6

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Amy Johnson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be briefed on the proposed allocation of transportation development credits (TDCs) to be awarded in this round of the Policy Bundle. Staff is proposing a total allocation of 34.9 million TDCs, compared to the original allocation of 30 million which was previously approved by the RTC for this purpose.

Background: Recommendations in Mobility 2050 include policies, programs, and projects that support the region's transportation priorities and goals. Because infrastructure investments alone cannot achieve these goals, the Policy Bundle Program recognizes and encourages complementary local policy actions that advance regional transportation, air quality, and quality-of-life objectives. By voluntarily implementing these policies, participating entities will receive TDCs to offset local funds as matching funds for new federal transportation projects. Draft TDC allocation recommendations were presented to the Surface Transportation Technical Committee in July for information while quality control review was still underway. As a result of this review, adjustments are being proposed to the draft TDC allocations. The Transportation Improvement Program team has confirmed that sufficient TDCs are available to address the allocation corrections. The proposed allocation is included in Electronic Item 10.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Safety

The Following Information Items will be Presented if Time Permits

2:30 – 2:40

11. Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Kevin Kokes, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the development of the Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan including the purpose and goals, crash data analysis, public opinion survey results, priority emphasis areas and corridors to target for future study and implementation of safety countermeasures, and recommended action items.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council approved a safety position in 2017 to eliminate serious injuries and fatalities across all modes of travel. However, in recent years the number of bicyclist serious injuries and fatalities has trended upward in North Central Texas consistent with State and national trends. The purpose of the Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan is to provide a framework for reducing the number of bicyclist crashes and fatalities in the North Central Texas metropolitan planning area. This Plan, in conjunction with the 2021 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and the 2023 Roadway Safety Action Plan, is intended to improve safety for all road users. Additional details are provided in Electronic Item 11. The draft Plan, including appendices, is available online for public review at www.nctcog.org/bikesafety.

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

2:40 – 2:50

12. **Federal Performance Measures Update: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Performance and Transit Asset Management**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will update the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on federally required performance measures. Observed progress for the measures will be provided as well as proposed targets for the next reporting period. The targets are set in cooperation and coordination with the Texas Department of Transportation.

Background: Federal performance measures were originally introduced in the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) and carried through in the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These laws and subsequent related rulemaking require that certain performance measures be included in the long-range metropolitan transportation planning process. These measures were established by a series of five rulemakings: Highway Safety (PM1), Infrastructure Condition (PM2), System Performance/Freight/Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (PM3), Transit Asset Management (TAM), and Public Transportation Agency Safety Plans. Each performance measure rulemaking consists of several specific performance measures. The second performance period for all federal performance measures ends in 2026, whereas the third performance period

begins in 2026 and ends in 2030. An update will be provided on progress for the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality measures (commonly known as PM3) and TAM. Draft targets for the PM3 measures and TAM will be included for future adoption by the RTC on September 10, 2026, to meet the required Federal due dates in October 2026. More details can be found in Electronic Item 12.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Transit

13. **Progress Reports**

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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, September 10, 2026.**