

AGENDA

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, March 27, 2026

North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:30 pm **Full STTC Business Agenda**

1:30 – 1:35

1. Approval of February 27, 2026, Meeting Summary

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Brian Shewski, STTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the February 27, 2026, meeting summary contained in Electronic Item 1 will be requested.

Background: N/A

1:35 – 1:40

2. Consent Agenda

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

2.1. Fédération Internationale de Football Association Local Funding

Presenters: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: North Central Texas Council of Governments staff has been working with partners to coordinate transportation needs and to prepare the region to host the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup. This item facilitates cleanup and reallocation of previously approved funding and anticipated expenditures associated with the 2026 World Cup.

Background: In October 2023 and March 2025, the Regional Transportation Council approved \$11.8 million for activities related to the 2026 World Cup. Some costs have come in lower, some costs have been reallocated, and most costs have been adjusted. Changes are being made since the region received an additional \$10,033,037 in transit operational funding. The details of the adjustments are contained in Electronic Item 2.1 and additional contingency funds will be retained until FIFA is complete.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2.2. Recommendation of Revision to Regional Transportation Council Local Funds to Support the Regional Energy Management Assistance Program

Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Committee recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to revise details of Transportation Department participation in the Regional Energy Management Assistance Program.

Background: Since 2018, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Transportation and Environment and Development Departments have received Department of Energy (DOE) funding through the State Energy Conservation Office to implement the Regional Energy Management Assistance Program. This initiative helps reduce air pollution associated with power generation and fuel consumption, contributing to local efforts to attain federal air quality standards. In June 2025, the RTC approved Transportation Department participation for fiscal years (FY) 2026-2028. The Transportation Department was expected to receive approximately \$125,000 in federal funding and provide \$25,000 in non-federal match for each fiscal year for a total of \$75,000 RTC Local funds across three years. When the funding solicitation was released, it included a new DOE limit on the amount of indirect and direct fringe expenses that may be reimbursed. This resulted in NCTCOG needing additional local matches to participate in the program. In November 2025, RTC approved an additional \$62,500 in RTC Local funds for a total of \$137,500 for participation in FY26. In January 2026, the DOE rescinded the policy limiting eligible indirect and fringe expenses. As such, the additional \$62,500 in RTC Local funds is no longer needed. Staff proposes returning these funds to the RTC Local fund. Staff also requests to reaffirm the original approval to use \$75,000 RTC Local funds as local match for Transportation Department participation throughout FY26-28. More information is available in Electronic Item 2.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

1:40 – 1:50

3. **Recommendations to Texas Department of Transportation on the Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jared Wright, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) implementation of the Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan and will outline a recommendation to TxDOT about grants to be administered for electric vehicle (EV) charging station projects within the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) boundary. Staff will request approval of the methodology to develop this recommendation as well as endorsement of Regional Transportation Council approval to submit recommendations.

Background: TxDOT developed the Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan to create a statewide network of EV charging stations using National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program funding. Implementation began in 2024, was paused in early 2025, then resumed after new guidance was issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in August 2025. In January of 2026, TxDOT received certification from the FHWA that the designated alternative fuel corridor highways in Texas are “fully built out,” completing Phase I of the plan in Texas. This certification enables TxDOT to proceed to Phase II of the plan. As part of Phase II, TxDOT is requesting the MPO to provide input on charger type and location for additional grant funding rounds. Electronic Item 3 provides details on the proposed methodology to develop these recommendations.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

1:50 – 2:00

4. **North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles Call for Projects Funding Recommendations**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Juliana Vandenberg, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide 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 will request recommendation of Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of funding recommendations and a revised NTxZEV CFP schedule.

Background: In 2025, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) was awarded funding through the Environmental Protection Agency’s Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles grant program. This program aims to accelerate the replacement of

existing diesel, gasoline, natural gas, and propane heavy-duty vocational vehicles (e.g., box trucks, step vans, septic/bucket trucks, street sweepers, transit buses, refuse haulers, etc.) with zero-emissions vehicles and install supporting infrastructure, as needed. A Call for Projects providing \$58.6 million for vehicle replacement activities was opened on October 24, 2025, and applications for the first round were accepted through February 13, 2026. Electronic Item 4.1 provides additional details on the NTxZEV CFP results, including the revised NTxZEV CFP schedule. Electronic Item 4.2 provides details on scoring and funding recommendations. NCTCOG continues to accept applications for this funding program. Staff is organizing a workshop to provide additional information on both the program and available zero emissions vehicles on April 21, 2026. Information on the workshop is available in Electronic Item 4.3. Additional details can be found at www.nctcog.org/NTxZEV.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:00 – 2:10

5. Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: An overview of current transportation items will be provided.

Background: Efforts continue to advance transportation in the region. Staff will highlight the following:

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 (Electronic Item 5.1)

7. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Fiscal Year 2022 Four Stations Grant Update (Electronic Item 5.2)
8. Update on Existing and New Transit Funding for the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (Electronic Item 5.3)
9. Recent Correspondence on Proposed Modification of the Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers (Electronic Item 5.4)
10. Illumination Maintenance (Electronic Item 5.5)

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:10 – 2:20

6. 2026 Regional Safety Performance Targets Update

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Misantonis, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide 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 will be 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 is aimed at clarifying actual improvements in the region.

Background: As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the North Central Texas region, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is required to set regional targets for Roadway Safety. These targets are used to track and report on the region’s performance through existing documents such as the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, and the State of the Region report. In February 2023, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved the reduction schedule for the 2023–2027 regional Roadway Safety targets. Staff will provide the Committee with updates on the proposed 2026 targets based on the approved reduction schedule and the actual performance of the observed fatality data from 2018 to 2025.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:20 – 2:30

7. **Air Quality Status Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Daniela Tower, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an air quality update focusing on ozone and fine particulate matter.

Background: Staff will provide an air quality update focused on ozone and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), including preliminary 2025 PM_{2.5} design values and the current designation timeline for the revised PM_{2.5} standard. The 2026 ozone season began March 1, 2026, for the North Central Texas 9-and 10-county nonattainment areas and continues through the end of November. The region remains in nonattainment for both the 2008 and 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards, with 2026 representing the third final year of data that will determine whether attainment is achieved in 2027. Staff also continues to evaluate discrepancies between modeled emissions and monitored air quality data. Daily ozone conditions and forecasts are available at: <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/ozone>. More details can be found in Electronic Item 7.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:30 – 2:40

8. **Bike and Roll to School Day**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Kyle Hoener, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of activities planned for the 2026 Bike and Roll to School Day promotion and information for participation.

Background: Bike and Roll to School Day is a national event where students from across the country bike, walk, or roll to school on the same day. More students using active transportation to school reduces the car congestion around schools, increases pedestrian safety and improves air quality. This event highlights the benefits of using active transportation to school and the importance of safety on our roadways for our communities. To encourage schools in the region to hold Bike and Roll to School Day events, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) will provide participating schools with the opportunity to enter drawings for kids' bicycles with helmets as well as a Bike Month celebration. In 2024, NCTCOG supported 15 schools with Bike and Roll to School Day events and the Dallas-Fort Worth region accounted for over half of the registered Bike and Roll to School Day events in the State of Texas. Early coordination for

Bike and Roll to School Day 2026 is critical due to parents and school schedules. Staff will request assistance from local governments to promote this opportunity with local schools and independent school districts. Details provided in Electronic Item 8.

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

2:40 – 2:50

9. **Fast Facts**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Item Summary: Brief staff presentations will be provided. Please reference the material provided for each of the following topics.

1. *Camille Fountain* – Spring 2026 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement - May 7, 2026 (Electronic Item 9.1)
2. *Skylar Staffaroni* – Metropolitan Transportation Plan Policy Bundle Round 6
3. *Travis Ripley* – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight (Electronic Item 9.2)
4. *Hannah Thesing* – Dallas-Fort Worth Annual Survey and Annual Fleet Recognition Awardees (Electronic Item 9.3)
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 (Electronic Item 9.4)
 - January–February Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 9.5)
 - February Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 9.6)
 - April Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 9.7)

10. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

11. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on April 24, 2026.**