

for staff to conduct planning study activities including review of existing conditions and development of a funding plan, as well as to engage TWU students in developing surveys and corridor branding materials for the project.

Background: The TWU/Collard Street Improvements Study is a corridor planning study along Collard Street which connects from East Lancaster Avenue to East Rosedale Street in Fort Worth. The study will review safety conditions, potential streetscape enhancements, and multimodal transportation improvements that will better connect East Lancaster Avenue to East Rosedale Street, which have received over \$250 million in funding for transportation improvements over the last two decades and significant investment from the RTC. Improvements along Collard Street would provide a north-south connection between these two major corridors and ideally increase multimodal activity/opportunities that will support the university's goal of becoming a hub for activity and economic development. The project will include collaboration with TWU students on activities such as developing a survey, performing corridor walk audits, and creating corridor branding and marketing items. After this initial phase, North Central Texas Council of Governments staff will work with a consultant/engineer to conduct a feasibility analysis that will result in conceptual design plans for the corridor. Staff will then develop a funding plan that includes a cost/revenue matrix for project implementation. More information is available in Electronic Item 3.1.

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

3.2. **North Tarrant Express Funding Request**

Presenter: Ken Bunkley

Item Summary: Staff will seek Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval on a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) request to utilize \$45 million in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funding for construction of northbound Interstate Highway (IH) 35 West to State Highway (SH) 121

frontage roads and reconstruction of the Sylvania Ave bridge over SH 121. TxDOT funding in the amount of \$97 million and RTR managed lane revenue of \$45 million from the North Tarrant Express (NTE) are proposed to fund the construction of this project.

Background: The project will reconstruct the frontage road along IH 35 West, the existing bridge over SH 121 at Sylvania Ave and associated ramps, and frontage roads between Sylvania Ave and Riverside Drive, aligning with the ultimate cross section for this corridor. The existing bridge structure has been hit numerous times due to the low vertical clearance (13.5 ft) and reconstruction will raise the vertical clearance increasing safety and reducing congestion delays at the underpass. TxDOT has identified a \$97 million credit from the 3C section of the NTE that has been held in escrow and can be used for this project. RTR revenue from the NTE managed lanes is recommended to fund the \$45 million balance. More details can be found in Electronic Item 3.2.

Performance Measure(s): Air Quality, Safety

3.3. **Lyndon B. Johnson East Funding Request**

Presenter: Ken Bunkley, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will seek Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval on a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) request to utilize Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funding up to \$10 million for change orders on the Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ) East project. RTR managed lane revenue in the amount of \$10 million from the LBJ East corridor is proposed to fund this request.

Background: The LBJ East corridor project from United States 75 to Interstate Highway (IH) 30 has \$1.6 billion in approved funding. Up to \$10 million is needed for improvements to the corridor, including lane striping, painting for beams, barriers, and walls, improvements to transitions at IH 30 and High-Occupancy Vehicle lanes, as well as drainage improvements. RTR revenue previously generated on this corridor is

recommended to fund the \$10 million request.
More details can be found in Electronic Item 3.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

3.4. Clarification on Interstate Highway 35 Roadway Project

Presenter: Ken Bunkley, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council approval of a clarification to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) entry for Control Section Job 0195-02-092 for Interstate Highway (IH) 35 from North of Rector to South of Farm-to-Market (FM) 455 will be requested, along with the ability to amend other planning/administrative documents, if necessary, with TIP-related changes.

Background: Texas Department of Transportation-Dallas has requested an update to the description of the IH 35 Freeway from North of Rector to South of FM 455 project to include 4 lanes discontinuous to 4/6 lane continuous frontage roads. This is an administrative update. The inclusion of frontage roads has always been an element of this project and is requested to be reaffirmed for the 2025-2028 TIP. This change will be reflected in the 2027-2030 TIP/Statewide TIP. The project is scheduled to let in November 2026.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway

1:20 – 1:35 4. Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Potential Outcomes from Workshop on Metropolitan Planning Organization Roles and Responsibilities and Related Agreements: March 2026 (Ken Kirkpatrick and Michael Morris) (See Agenda Item 10)
2. New Officers in June 2026
3. Propose Cancellation of Regional Transportation Council Meeting in July 2026
4. Bylaws Review by November 2026
5. Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Fiscal Year 2022 Four Stations Grant Update (Electronic Item 4.1)

6. Update on Existing and New Transit Funding for Fédération Internationale de Football Association (Electronic Item 4.2)
7. Correspondence from February Regional Transportation Council Meeting (Handout)
8. Spring 2026 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement – May 7, 2026 (Electronic Item 4.3)
9. Recent Correspondence to City Managers – Collaboration Opportunity Managing Heavy-Duty Vehicle Idling and Regional Air Quality (Electronic Item 4.4)
10. Status Update on 2025 Transportation Conformity Determination (Electronic Item 4.5)
11. Local Clean Air Project Spotlight (Electronic Item 4.6)
12. Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
13. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
14. January - February Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.7)
15. February Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.8)
16. March Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.9)
17. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.10)
18. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.11)
19. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.12)

1:35 – 1:45 5.

Fort Worth Heritage Park Regional Pedestrian Connection

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval will be requested for the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to assign \$8 million in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funding matched with \$2 million local funding from the City of Fort Worth to construct the Heritage Park Regional Pedestrian Connection.

Background: The City of Fort Worth is improving the area around the historic Tarrant County Courthouse and public spaces including Paddock and Heritage Park to better connect downtown Fort Worth to the Trinity Trails and future Panther Island. The first Phase to improve safety at the four intersections of Belknap Street and Weatherford Street at Houston Street and Commerce Street was funded by RTC in August of 2020. At that time, it was proposed to fund the pedestrian and bicycle trail

connection when private funds for the park space were confirmed to be in hand (see Electronic Item 5.1). With the private funding now confirmed, NCTCOG staff is recommending Phase Two with CMAQ funding of \$8 million matched with \$2 million local funding from the City of Fort Worth to construct the Heritage Park Regional Pedestrian Connection. This pedestrian path would create an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant ramped connection down the 79-foot embankment to the Trinity River Trails from downtown streets. This fills an existing ADA pedestrian gap between downtown and the Trinity Trails and will be the future active transportation connection to Panther Island. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 5.2.

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

1:45 – 1:55

6. **Proposed Traffic Signal Program Funding**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present the proposed traffic signal funding program based on the recently approved Regional Transportation Council (RTC) traffic signal improvement types and associated funding categories.

Background: The RTC approved the traffic signal improvement types and associated funding categories in November 2025. There continues to be a need to implement, operate and maintain traffic signals within the region and this program will set aside funding to support ongoing requests from local agencies. This effort will seek input from the Surface Transportation Technical Committee and RTC to support the identified funding allocation by categories through 2030. The presentation will describe the funding categories, outline estimated funding need, and propose funding allocation by category based on previous action. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 6.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Safety

1:55 – 2:05

7. **2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program Development**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document will be requested.

Background: A new TIP is developed every two years through a cooperative effort between the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), local governments, and transportation authorities. The TIP is a staged, multi-year listing of transportation projects with committed funding from federal, State, and local sources within the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area. Electronic Item 7.1 contains an overview of the TIP. The resolution contained in Electronic Item 7.2 affirms the RTC's approval of the 2027-2030 TIP listings and will be used to transmit the document to TxDOT. The financially constrained project listings and document are available at the following weblink:
<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/funds/tip/transportation-improvement-program-docs/2027-2030-transportation-improvement-program>.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:05 – 2:15 8. **Recommendations to the Texas Department of Transportation on the Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on the status of the Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) implementation of the Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan. Staff will also request approval of an approach to provide recommendations to TxDOT regarding grants that they will administer for additional electric vehicle charging stations within the Metropolitan Planning Area boundary.

Background: TxDOT developed the Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan to create a statewide network of electric vehicle (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 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 Metropolitan Planning Organizations provide input on charger type and location for additional grant funding rounds.

Electronic Item 8 provides details on the proposed methodology to develop these recommendations. Surface Transportation Technical Committee input will be requested at its March 27 meeting. Staff will provide information on the final recommendations submitted to TxDOT at the April 2026 Regional Transportation Council meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:15 – 2:25

9. **Update on McKinney Passenger Rail Corridor Study**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Dan Lamers, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a brief update on this study which the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) postponed in November 2025, due to issues that arose between Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and its member cities. In light of the emerging partnership among DART, its member cities, and RTC, as well as the ongoing work of the RTC Transit Vision Subcommittee, staff will request RTC approval to resume the study.

Background: Following the positive results of the Collin County Transit Study in 2021, the RTC funded a study on the McKinney Passenger Rail Corridor (between Plano and McKinney) to serve as an extension of the DART rail system. Following the successful conclusion of the Transit 2.0 Study, staff had already begun the process of hiring consultants when work on the McKinney Passenger Rail Corridor Study was paused in November. With the work of the RTC Transit Vision Subcommittee toward the development of a regionwide authority to manage regional rail transit services and the decision by Plano and other cities to remain in DART, obstacles that would preclude further advancement of this corridor are receding. Additional information can be found in Electronic Item 9.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

2:25 – 2:35

10. **Approval of Proposed Letter to the Texas Department of Transportation Regarding Metropolitan Planning Organization/Fiscal Agent Agreement**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: There is a workshop scheduled for Ken Kirkpatrick and Michael Morris to explain North Central Texas Council of

Governments (NCTCOG)/Regional Transportation Council (RTC)/Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) agreements. This item may request information from TxDOT.

Background: TxDOT is a participant in relationships in federal laws, especially United States Title 23. These relationships impact the partnership between the State Department of Transportation and Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Committee. In addition, TxDOT is a participant in agreements that impact the fiscal agent – MPO Policy Committee relationship. RTC may request advice, direction or insight into the current disagreement between the NCTCOG Executive Board and RTC. This disagreement has occurred in other Texas regions with various resolutions. This inventory may help provide insight into TxDOT's authority.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:35 – 2:45

11. **Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Study Overview**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a brief overview of the Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) Study and highlight expected outcomes.

Background: Initiated in 2023, the \$10 million TSI Study is a proactive and comprehensive planning effort to identify projects that reduce future flood risk, along with other complementary and voluntary measures for averting flood impacts on community health, safety, and growth. Staff will briefly outline the study's purpose and explain essential components to the study's potential success. Opportunities remain to provide and obtain critical feedback on how/what concepts and policies pertaining to infrastructure- and nature-based solutions can be incorporated to address future flood prevention and mitigation. More details are provided in Electronic Item 11.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:45 – 2:55

12. **Regional Roadway Safety Performance Targets Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Sonya Landrum, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on the proposed 2026 Regional Roadway Safety Targets for federally required performance measures and actual performance of the 2024 Safety targets. Roadway Safety targets are focused on reducing serious injuries and fatalities for motorized and non-motorized travelers. In addition, a progress report on the \$57 million safety program is highlighted in Electronic Item 12.

Background: As the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the North Central Texas region, the North Central Texas Council of Governments 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 approved the reduction schedule for the 2023–2027 regional Roadway Safety targets. Staff will provide the Council with an update on the proposed 2026 targets based on the approved reduction schedule and the actual performance of the 2024 targets. Additional information will be provided at the meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety

13. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

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, April 9, 2026**.