

## **MINUTES**

### **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING**

#### **Regional 10-Year Plan Update**

#### **Technology Project Identification Call for Projects**

#### **North Texas Advanced Air Mobility Air Mobility Readiness Call for Projects**

#### **Meeting Date and Location**

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) held a hybrid public meeting on Monday, July 13, 2026, at noon in Arlington. Patrons could attend in person, via phone or view the live stream at [publicinput.com/nctcogJuly26](https://publicinput.com/nctcogJuly26). Christie Gotti, Senior Program Manager, moderated the meeting attended by 104 people.

#### **Public Meeting Purpose and Topics**

The public meeting was held in accordance with the NCTCOG Transportation Department Public Participation Plan, which became effective June 1, 1994, as approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), the transportation policy board for the metropolitan planning organization, and updated on Oct. 9, 2025. Staff presented information about:

- Regional 10-Year Plan Update (**Dylan Niles**)
- Technology Project Identification Call for Projects (**Braulio Bessa**)
- North Texas Advanced Air Mobility Airport Charging Infrastructure Call for Projects (**Nicole Johnson**)

The public meeting was held to educate, inform and seek comments from the public. Comments were made by those attending who wished to speak for the record. The presentations made during the meeting as well as a video recording were posted online at: [publicinput.com/nctcogJuly26](https://publicinput.com/nctcogJuly26).

#### **Summary of Presentations**

##### ***Regional 10-Year Plan Update presentation:***

[Regional-10-Year-Plan-Update.pdf](#)

The Regional 10-Year Plan, developed in coordination with TxDOT's Unified Transportation Program (UTP), focuses on three funding categories: Category 2, Category 4 and Category 12. Key development principles include prioritizing projects already included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, focusing on system improvements over new standalone projects and advancing projects that are within two to three years of construction due to recent funding constraints. Detailed project listings are available for those seeking further information.

The RTC will take action on the Regional 10-Year Plan on Thursday, August 13, 2026.

***Technology Project Identification Call for Projects presentation:***  
[Technology-Project-Identification-Call-for-Projects.pdf](#)

The Technology Innovation Program helps cities use technology to make transportation safer, more efficient and better connected. To align project selection with regional priorities, staff developed the Technology Project Identification framework, a criteria-based process for evaluating and advancing innovative transportation concepts. The call for projects collected ideas from agencies between January 9 and April 10, evaluated and scored submissions against established criteria and will move selected projects into a future regional procurement phase once funding is approved.

The RTC will take action on the Technology Project Identification Call for Projects on Thursday, August 13, 2026.

***North Texas Advanced Air Mobility Readiness Call for Projects presentation:***  
[North-Texas-Advanced-Air-Mobility-Readiness-Call-for-Projects.pdf](#)

The North Texas Advanced Air Mobility Readiness Call for Projects is intended to help prepare the region for a new category of aviation known as advanced air mobility. It also emphasizes the role of North Texas airports in planning for charging infrastructure, future vertiport readiness and advanced operations. Electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft are designed for short regional trips, use electricity as their fuel source and could support future passenger service, cargo movement and public safety.

Approximately \$1 million in funding is available through this particular call for projects, with applicants eligible for up to \$200,000 per project and no local match required. Funding will focus on electric charging stations and compatible infrastructure for advanced air mobility operations at eligible public-use airports in the 12-county North Texas region. This CFP will support other related regional efforts including Project Nexus and the Center for Advanced Aviation Technologies. The North Texas Advanced Air Mobility Readiness Call for Projects opened on June 26 and will close on August 7. Agreements and infrastructure installation are expected to begin in the fall of 2026.

## **COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE MEETING**

### **Technology Project Identification Call for Projects**

**Phyllis Silver, Citizen**

A. Pedestrian and traffic light concerns

**Comment:** I have been commenting on pedestrians and traffic lights for years. We have cars at major intersections turning right where pedestrians are supposed to cross. Pedestrians do not have even two seconds of a lead in Addison. Since you deal with technology, I'm hoping that a project covering this aspect is working on improving this across the region.

**Summary of response by Braulio Bessa:** We did have a project that aligned with your comment and qualified, however, it did not get selected.

**Summary of response by Christie Gotti:** We do have a team that focuses on bicycle/pedestrian activities, and they have a series of ongoing roadway and pedestrian safety audits. We can flag this for them to see if those are already on their radar or if they can be added to the corridors that they are reviewing. Again, we will connect with them and see if they can respond to you directly on their programs.

### **North Texas Advanced Air Mobility Airport Charging Infrastructure Call for Projects**

**James Wood, Citizen**

A. Application information

**Question:** Does COG have a template they'd like us to use for the Advanced Air Mobility application?

**Summary of response by Nicole Johnson:** There is no template for the application, however, there is a link in which I did not share on here, but we have an informational packet on our website. I can reach out to you directly and send that over.

### **Other**

**Kitty Wurtz, Citizen**

B. update

**Question:** When will FM 156 be widened in Haslet? When will Avondale Haslet Bridge over BNSF railway be completed and tied into Haslet Parkway? This area needs help.

**Summary of response by Christie Gotti:** The Avondale-Haslet grade separation over the BNSF railway is already a funded project. Current funding supports the "short bridge" option, while local stakeholders are evaluating a longer bridge extension to the east. Because the longer bridge would be significantly more expensive, it has been submitted for federal discretionary grant funding. In the meantime, the project is advancing through design and pre-construction activities, including utility coordination, so it will be ready to move forward either as the funded short bridge or, if additional funding is secured, as the longer bridge alternative.

Regarding FM 156, the southern portion has already been funded and/or completed. The northern segment toward Alliance is not yet funded, but it is included in the first 10 years of the region's Mobility Plan, making it eligible for consideration in future regional funding cycles. During updates to the Regional 10-Year Plan, staff reviewed unfunded projects identified in the Mobility Plan and highlighted this segment as a priority. While funding was not available this cycle, recent project cost savings may create opportunities to advance projects that could not be previously funded.

**COMMENTS SUBMITTED DURING THE COMMENT PERIOD VIA  
EMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA, WEBSITE & MAIL**

**Email**

**Michael Kovacs, City Manager of Fate**

Good day NCTCOG Staff & Others,

The MPO and TXDOT have been good about repairing and replacing existing infrastructure on the state system, and I want to encourage you all to continue that practice. Whether we call it “fix it first” or “prioritizing renewal,” or whatever the term is, it’s important to put our scarce resources into preserving what we have and replacing infrastructure before it completely fails. TXDOT does not have the budget in its maintenance operations to handle the amount of work needed on the interstates, minor highways and farm-to-market roads. Our cities need those existing roads to continue working.

For fun, below is a link to our Street Replacement Funding Model. If it will take a town of 30,000 people nearly a billion dollars to replace its city streets, not counting the State facilities, imagine what the region’s assets are going to cost. Also, I’ve included a white paper on U.S. infrastructure costs recently done by a major financial firm. It is focused at the city level and makes a similar point.

<https://www.fatetx.gov/650/Street-Replacement-Funding-Model>

Thank you!

**Mail**

**Phyllis Silver, Citizen**

Please see Attachment 1 for comments submitted via postal mail.