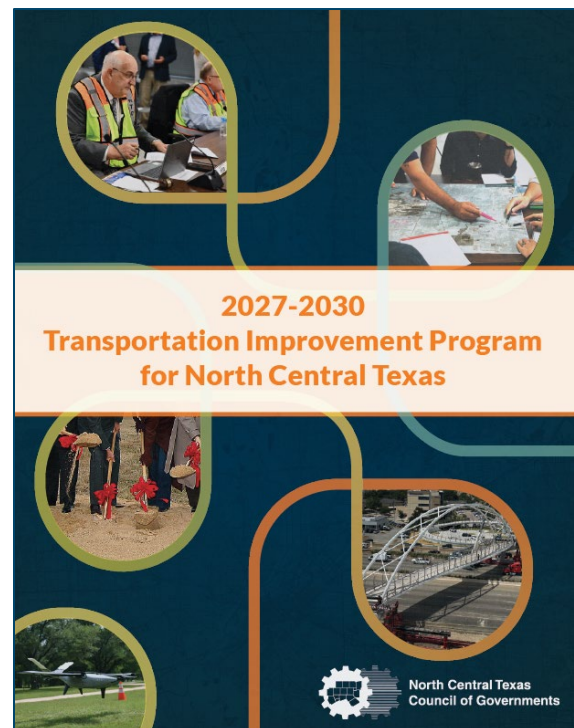


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2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program



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BACKGROUND

Public involvement is solicited and strongly encouraged in the coordinated metropolitan transportation planning and programming process. Increasing communication among citizens, elected officials, and staff permits stakeholders to work together to achieve desired goals and objectives. The public involvement process emphasizes the importance of involvement from all levels of government and individual citizens. When the public is involved, the direction and content of planning efforts are more likely to address the wide range of issues that impact decision makers. Involving the public during the planning phase of any project should reduce the time and cost of project implementation.

PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITIES

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) hold public meetings as part of their public involvement processes. Public input opportunities are hosted during development and update of the Transportation Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (TIP/STIP), and during individual project implementation. This multi-faceted process ensures compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and Section 5307 Program of Projects requirements (49 U.S.C. 5307). The TxDOT public involvement process also ties into a statewide process overseen by the Texas Transportation Commission (TTC). Assurance of adequate local input is required prior to final approval by the TTC.

In October 2025, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) adopted the latest NCTCOG Transportation Public Participation Plan (PPP), which can be viewed online <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/involve/public-participation-plan>.

This PPP incorporates stakeholders required by legislation, including the general public, local governments, public transportation providers, toll providers, public ports, private providers of transportation (e.g., intercity bus operators), employer-based commuting programs, and many others. It places a greater emphasis on live-streaming public meetings and outreach to various community groups outside of public meetings, among other strategies. The PPP is being implemented in a manner consistent with provisions in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These procedures require that a public meeting on the draft TIP be conducted at least 30 days prior to RTC approval, which includes a 30-day written comment period.

Additional components of the Public Involvement Process include reasonable public access to technical and policy information, open public meetings, and explicit consideration and response to public input. The public notification form is available at all public meetings to allow interested individuals the opportunity to receive



notification of future public meetings. Public meeting notices, minutes, and presentations can be found at: <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/involve/archive>.

During development of the 2027-2030 TIP, public involvement was conducted to obtain a consensus of the constituency served by the program. Draft project listings and the draft TIP document were presented to the public during a Public Involvement opportunity in February 2026. Exhibit II-1 is a copy of the flyer advertising that opportunity. Presentation materials are posted online for viewing at the above link.

These meetings were held to educate, inform, and seek comments from the public on transportation issues and the specific projects proposed for funding listed in the TIP.

Comments were solicited from those present who wished to speak for the record and citizens were invited to submit comments in writing during the comment period. Any comments received as part of the public involvement process are posted online at <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/involve/archive>.

NCTCOG regularly supports and holds meetings for the NCTCOG Executive Board, the RTC, and the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC). These committees review, endorse, or approve the development of the TIP and the supporting air quality conformity analysis. These meetings are open to the public, and meeting agendas are available to all interested parties.

Public meetings occur throughout the region:

- At diverse, accessible locations
- Preferably near public transportation
- At convenient and varied dates and times

Throughout the year, modifications to the programmed projects in the TIP are often necessary to either update project information or to facilitate changes to local agency TxDOT project letting schedules. Based on the nature of the change, these modifications are either processed administratively or require STTC and RTC approval to proceed. Then, significant project modifications are transmitted to TxDOT for incorporation into the STIP in accordance with the state's STIP revision rules. This process is discussed in greater detail in the next chapter. These project modifications are communicated to the public through the public participation process as appropriate.


Public meeting invitations are mailed to more than 3,000 individuals and e-mailed to more than 13,700 individuals and organizations contained in NCTCOG's public notification database. All public meeting notifications are also posted on the Texas Secretary of State Texas Register website as part of the Open Meetings requirement, mailed/emailed to public libraries and city/county offices for posting in public access areas, and posted on social media outlets such as NCTCOG's Facebook and X/Twitter accounts. Newspaper ads are also placed in local publications in multiple languages and press releases are provided to reporters. Meetings are hosted in a hybrid format, allowing members of the public to participate online or in-person at the NCTCOG campus in Arlington. Additionally, video recordings are posted to the NCTCOG website for

those unable to participate in real time at <https://nctcog.publicinput.com/>. North Texans can submit comments via postal mail, email, online, phone, text, and fax.

For more information or public meeting minutes, please visit:

<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/involve/archive>.

Exhibit II-1. Transportation Public Meeting Flyer for February 2026



North Central Texas
Council of Governments

TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC MEETING

FEB. 9 | NOON | 616 SIX FLAGS DR. ARLINGTON, TX 76011

PRESENTATIONS

2027-2030 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The 2025 ozone season came to an end in November, and the region remains in nonattainment for both the 2008 and 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards. Inability to reach attainment will increase challenges for projected regional growth. Staff will provide an overview of the season as well as next steps.

NORTH TARRANT EXPRESS TEXPRESS FUNDING REQUEST

TxDOT is requesting to utilize \$145 million for the construction of a northbound IH 35W to SH 121 frontage road and reconstruction of the Sylvania Ave Bridge over SH 121. Approximately \$100 million of TxDOT funds and \$45 million of North Tarrant Express managed lane revenue are being recommended for the projects.

DALLAS FORT WORTH AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

Staff will present the final draft of the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan - Comprehensive Action Plan. This plan serves as a strategic roadmap for reducing emissions across five key sectors through 2050. The draft plan is available for comment at www.publicinput.com/dfwAQIP.

RESOURCES + INFORMATION

Administrative Revisions to Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas: Publicinput.com/nctcogFeb26.

Interactive Public Input: Map Your Experience: nctcog.org/mapyourexperience





Air Quality Programs and Funding Opportunities: Publicinput.com/nctcogAQ

Try Parking It: TryParkingIt.com

For special accommodations due to a disability or for language interpretation, contact Carli Baylor at 817-608-2365 or cbaylor@nctcog.org at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made.

Need a ride to the public meeting? Request a \$6 roundtrip ride from the DFW CentrePort Station to NCTCOG with the Arlington Transportation app! Download the app at: arlingtontx.gov/ondemand.

Attend in person, watch the presentations live at publicinput.com/nctcogFeb26 or participate via phone by dialing 855-925-2801 then code 2831.



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