



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. The TxDOT Transportation Planning and Programming division reviewed the document and requested minor changes be made to a few entries prior to submittal of the Statewide TIP to the United States Department of Transportation. These updates are primarily administrative in nature. Electronic Item 3.1 contains a list of the proposed updates to the project listings. An updated/improved format of Appendix C is also included. The updated financially constrained project listings and TIP document (including Appendix C) 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

**3.2. Correspondence to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Addressing Ozone Challenges in North Texas**

Presenter: Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval for Chair Bailey to provide correspondence to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) regarding regional ozone trends, data and modeling concerns, and the need for clearer, actionable strategies to address increasing ozone levels in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) region.

Background: The DFW region continues to experience elevated ozone design values, with a sustained upward trend observed since 2017. Current (unofficial) design values exceed the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) of 75 parts per billion (ppb), increasing the likelihood of potential Section 185 penalties and regulatory implications. RTC has previously engaged TCEQ on efforts to achieve federal air quality standards, included as Electronic Item 3.2.1. While TCEQ has emphasized the role

of meteorological conditions, such as temperature inversions, wind patterns, and seasonal variability, these factors do not fully explain the persistence of elevated ozone levels or provide sufficient direction for mitigation. Electronic Item 3.2.2 is a draft letter staff recommends the RTC transmit to TCEQ highlighting several key areas of concern, including future attainment timeline and implications, discrepancies between modeled air chemistry results and observed monitoring data, ensuring the integrity of the vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance program, and more dialogue. Additional information can be found in Electronic Item 3.2.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

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

Presenter: Ernest Huffman, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Electric Vehicle Takeoff and Landing (eVTOL) Integration Pilot Program selection and request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Airport Charging Infrastructure Call for Projects.

Background: TxDOT Aviation Division was selected by the Federal Aviation Administration to be part of a new eVTOL Integration Pilot Program. To support TxDOT in this initiative and prepare North Texas for AAM, the North Central Texas Council of Governments is proposing a Call for Projects. Staff will provide an overview of the North Texas AAM Airport Charging Infrastructure Call for Projects, which will utilize Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funds to support electrical charging infrastructure projects at regional airports. The program is intended to advance near-term airport readiness for AAM operations by focusing available funding on charging systems needed to support future eVTOL activity, large-scale regional mobility initiatives, and related advanced aviation efforts. This funding will position regional airports to

better align with and support the TxDOT Nexus Electric Integration Pilot Program and other emerging AAM implementation activities in North Texas. Additional details are provided in Electronic Item 3.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

**3.4. Request to Use Regional Transportation Council Local Funds for In-House Air Quality Modeling Infrastructure and Training**

Presenter: Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of \$180,000 in RTC Local funds will be requested to establish and support in-house air quality modeling infrastructure and related technical training. Approval will also be requested to amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and update any administrative and/or planning documents as needed to incorporate the funds.

Background: North Central Texas ozone and PM2.5 values have been trending upward and, in some instances, exceeding State Implementation Plan (SIP) model predictions. Recent explanations provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) have generally been qualitative and have not included targeted diagnostic or sensitivity modeling to identify the specific drivers of elevated pollutant levels. Establishing an in-house modeling capability would allow North Central Texas Council of Governments staff to conduct independent, transparent, and regionally focused air quality analyses to better evaluate meteorological drivers, emissions trends, chemical regime shifts, transport and background contributions, and other factors influencing ozone and PM2.5 concentrations. The requested funding would support a Linux-based modeling infrastructure with the necessary modeling software, compilers, and pre-and post-processors, along with hands-on technical training on the modeling software and emissions processors. This capability would enable staff to set up and execute model runs; test assumptions underlying SIP modeling, evaluate potential emissions-control strategies,

and provide modeling assistance to other regions when appropriate. Electronic item 3.4 provides more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

**3.5. Authorization for Fédération Internationale de Football Association Costs for Transportation Operations**

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Dallas-Fort Worth region hosts nine Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup Matches. No additional funds are being requested.

Background: The Transportation Operations Center inside Globe Life Park will be activated as the main operation center on FIFA match days. Public sector staff will be working ten hour days. The Regional Transportation Council is requested to approve up to \$25,000 to pay for food and beverages for the staff providing service in the operation center for nine FIFA events.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:20 – 1:35

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

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 15

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Recognition of North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board President Chair – Victoria Johnson, Councilmember, City of Burleson, by Regional Transportation Council Chair Bailey
2. North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board Vice President – Jennifer Justice, Councilmember, City of Richardson – Presentation Affirming Continued Regional Transportation Council – Executive Board Partnership by Vice Chair Stephen Mason
3. Update on Metropolitan Planning Organization Status: Legal – Rob Walters (Electronic Item 4.1)
4. Fédération Internationale de Football Association – 3 Days Out (Media Event – June 8, 2026, Selected Photos)
5. Status of Federal Transit Administration 2026 Triennial Review

6. Regional Transportation Council Item 12 from May: Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Trinity Metro (June Item #7), Denton County Transit Authority (June Item #9)
7. Legislative Update – The Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development America 250 Act (Electronic Item 4.2)
8. Progress North Texas (Handout)
9. High Occupancy Vehicle/GoCarma Quarterly Report (Electronic Item 4.3)
10. Regional Transportation Council Group Seat Membership Designations – June 30, 2026, Response Deadline
11. Bylaws Subcommittee Meetings
12. Bylaws Revision Subcommittee
13. Cancellation of Regional Transportation Council Meeting in July 2026
14. Surface Transportation Technical Committee Officers
15. High-Speed Rail Follow Up
16. Bankhead Highway East Connection
17. Technology Project Identification Call for Projects – Submitted Ideas and Scoring Updates – to be Approved in August (Electronic Item 4.4 and Electronic Item 4.5)
18. 2026 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 4.6)
19. Air Quality Funding Opportunities ([www.nctcog.org/aqfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding))
20. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events ([www.dfwcleancities.org/events](http://www.dfwcleancities.org/events))
21. April - May Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.7)
22. June Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.8)
23. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.9)
24. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.10)
25. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.11)

1:35 – 1:45

5. **Approval of Signature to the Metropolitan Planning Organization Agreement and Request for Executive Board to Sign as Fiscal Agent**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be requested to approve the responsibilities of the RTC being the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as outlined in the new Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Agreement.

Background: The following items are contained below:

- Electronic Item 5.1: TxDOT Proposed Agreement
- Electronic Item 5.2: Previously Approved RTC Resolution

- Electronic Item 5.3: Letter to Executive Board requesting the Executive Board to be the Fiscal Agent
- Electronic Item 5.4: TxDOT email to the RTC and Executive Board indicating TxDOT is reviewing the Three-party Agreement
- Electronic Item 5.5: Response from Executive Board regarding Fiscal Agent Status
- Electronic Item 5.6: Proposed RTC Resolution - Signing the TxDOT MPO Three-party Agreement

Following up on the resolution from last month, RTC is requested to sign the TxDOT agreement as the MPO. The RTC is the MPO for the Dallas-Fort Worth, Denton-Lewisville and McKinney – Frisco urbanized areas based on the following findings:

- The Federal government has certified the RTC as the MPO in 2025 and has every four years since 1995
- The RTC regularly approves transportation funding decisions that go directly to implementing agencies without approvals by the fiscal agent
- The RTC is the only entity in the region that meets the requirements of United States Title 23 that require voting authority by transit entities, TxDOT representation, fair share allocation of voting weights and membership from policy officials within the Metropolitan Planning area
- TxDOT has informed the region that the current TxDOT Agreement needs to be updated with the MPO complying with federal regulations
- In Texas, the Executive Board can't be the MPO and Fiscal Agent at the same time

Staff requests approval of the Proposed Resolution in Electronic Item 5.6.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

- 1:45 – 1:55**      6.      **Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program**
- Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10
- Presenter:      Michael Johnson, NCTCOG
- Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the submittal of candidate projects for the

Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program. Applications are due to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) by June 22, 2026.

Background: In April 2026, FRA announced the FY2025-2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to solicit applications for the CRISI competitive grant program, with nationwide availability of nearly \$2.04 billion. The CRISI Program assists in funding eligible projects to improve railroad safety and reliability, enhance multimodal connections, and mitigate congestion at both freight and intercity passenger rail chokepoints to support more efficient travel and goods movement. Available at <https://railroads.dot.gov/grants-loans/consolidated-rail-infrastructure-and-safety-improvements-crisi-program>, the FY2025-2026 CRISI NOFO describes application requirements, selection and evaluation criteria, applicable program and federal requirements, and available technical assistance during the grant solicitation period. A presentation specifying key CRISI details, as well as those of the proposed RTC action, is included in Electronic Item 6.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Goods Movement, Safety

**1:55 – 2:05    7.    Follow Up on Regional Transportation Council Action on \$40 Million Funding Request for Trinity Metro**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenters:      Christie Gotti and Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will update the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on the follow-up activities and discussions with Trinity Metro after the RTC's \$40 million funding decision in February 2026.

Background: In February 2026, the RTC approved funding for Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) as requested by DART and several cities that were considering withdrawing elections from DART. The RTC approved \$75 million in funding for that effort. An additional \$65 million for Denton County Transportation Authority and \$40 million for Trinity Metro were also approved. The focus of this agenda item is the additional Trinity Metro funding. Staff has been coordinating with Trinity Metro about specific funding sources to accommodate the \$40 million, and the RTC will be requested to approve detailed funding for the Trinity Metro project and to direct staff to send a letter to

the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) confirming the RTC's approval and timeline for adding the new funds to the Transportation Improvement Program. As with all funding requested, staff will review the West/East subregion allocation to determine the best path forward. Electronic Item 7 includes additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Transit

2:05 – 2:15

8. **Reapproval of the Plano – McKinney Transit Study**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) reaffirm their support for this study, which was approved by the RTC in March but referred back to the RTC for further consideration at the May 28, 2026, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board meeting with a request to clarify local government support. The Executive Board did not approve the selections of the consultants and requested NCTCOG staff to request the RTC to obtain resolutions supporting the Transit Study from the Cities of Fairview, Allen, and McKinney.

Background: The RTC approved moving forward with the McKinney Corridor Passenger Rail Study in March 2026 to explore rail service between Plano and McKinney. This service was included in recommendations from Mobility 2050. NCTCOG requested the Executive Board to hire a consultant to assist with this effort. The NCTCOG Executive Board is requesting resolutions be approved by impacted cities in advance of the study. NCTCOG staff believes requesting resolutions from impacted local governments in advance of preliminary planning studies sets a bad precedent on both roadway and transit planning. The RTC should advance any projects already included in the approved Mobility Plan. Many transportation projects would not have been constructed if a resolution was required simply to begin the planning process. The proposed methodology for this study is shown in Electronic Item 8. This item includes visualization of future demographics, traffic volumes, roadway congestion levels, roadway speeds, and forecasted transit ridership. This video visualization was shown at the Executive Board meeting and is available at: <https://youtu.be/OloLlrrNcl?feature=shared>. Ultimate

improvements to United States 75, north of Interstate Highway 635 in those same communities, do not have a consensus roadway alternative component in Mobility 2050. Staff is recommending the RTC to request the Executive Board to approve moving ahead with the consultant procurement using the current work plan that will terminate planning efforts if consensus cannot be reached.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

2:15 – 2:25

9. **Regional Transportation Council Transit Vision Subcommittee Proposed Legislative Pilot**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on recent discussions of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Transit Vision Subcommittee.

Background: Since the last update to the RTC in January of this year, the Subcommittee has continued the conversation of RTC roles and responsibilities and next steps for regional transit. The Subcommittee has refined a regional transit vision, discussed governance structures, and focused on transit funding, RTC policies, and legislative ideas. The Subcommittee has heard from Texas Department of Transportation related to the Statewide Multimodal Transit Plan and from the three large regional transit providers on area priorities. Staff will provide an update on that work and a possible legislative idea prior to legislative discussions in the upcoming August RTC meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

2:25 – 2:35

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

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Council will be briefed on anticipated revenues and proposed changes for the Regional 10-Year Plan Update.

Background: Since December 2016, the Regional Transportation Council has annually approved a set of projects funded with Category 2 (Metropolitan Planning Organization selected) and Category 4 (Texas Department of

Transportation [TxDOT] District selected) funds and submitted for Texas Transportation Commission (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, North Central Texas Council of Governments 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 10.1 includes additional information about available revenue and the process. Electronic Item 10.2 contains the proposed list of projects and funding amounts for the Regional 10-Year Plan. Electronic Item 10.3 contains the 10-Year Plan projects that have let or been completed.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:35 – 2:45

11. **Election of Regional Transportation Council Officers**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Elizabeth Beck, RTC Nominating Subcommittee Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) officers for the next 12-month period will be requested.

Background: According to the RTC Bylaws and Operating Procedures, RTC officers are elected to serve for a term of one year. The Nominating Subcommittee is charged with providing a slate of officers to the full Council for consideration in June of each year. The Nominating Subcommittee was tasked with confirming that the current Vice Chair should move up to the office of Chair, the current Secretary move up to the office of Vice Chair and nominate a new Secretary. The Nominating Subcommittee, in its deliberations, shall address issues of diversity, including sensitivity to gender, ethnicity, and geography in its recommendations. Officers shall be elected public officials appointed by and from the governing body of the member government. The slate of officers shall reflect leadership in rough proportion to the revenue distribution between the Eastern and Western Subregions. This will not be measured on a year-to-year basis but will be aggregated over longer periods of time. The new officers will begin their terms at the conclusion of the June meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

- 2:45 – 2:55** 12. **Appointments of the Regional Transportation Council Bylaws Revision Committee**
- Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10
- Presenter:      Stephen Mason, RTC Chair
- Item Summary: Appointments to the Regional Transportation Council Bylaws Revision Subcommittee will be announced.
- Background:      The Bylaws and Operating Procedures are intended to provide rules and procedures to assure the orderly function of the regional transportation planning process in North Central Texas. The Bylaws should be reviewed for possible revisions every four years; the last revision occurred in November 2022.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

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, August 13, 2026**.