

AGENDA

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, February 27, 2026

North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda

- 1:30 – 1:35** 1. **Approval of January 23, 2026, Meeting Summary**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Brian Shewski, STTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the January 23, 2026, meeting summary contained in Electronic Item 1 will be requested.
Background: N/A
- 1:35 – 1:40** 2. **Consent Agenda (There are no items on the Consent Agenda)**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
- 1:40 – 1:50** 3. **Proposed Traffic Signal Program Funding**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Gregory Masota, 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 the 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 3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

1:50 – 2:00

4. **2027–2030 Transportation Improvement Program Development**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for 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, the Texas Department of Transportation, 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 4 contains an overview of the TIP development process and schedule. The financially constrained project listings and document are available at the following weblink for review: <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/funds/tip/transportation-improvement-program-docs/2027-2030-transportation-improvement-program>.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:00 – 2:10

5. **Fort Worth Heritage Park Regional Pedestrian Connection**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Travis Liska, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Surface Transportation Technical Committee approval will be requested for a recommendation to the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) 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 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 private funding now confirmed, NCTCOG staff is recommending Phase two of \$8 million in CMAQ funding

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 +

2:10 – 2:20

6. Texas Wesleyan University/Collard Street Improvements Study

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Sydnee Mangini, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request action on a recommendation to the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) for approval of \$150,000 in RTC Local for the Texas Wesleyan University (TWU)/Collard Street Improvements Study. Funds will be used for staff to conduct planning study activities including an existing conditions review 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 the development of a survey, performing corridor walk audits, and creating corridor branding and marketing items. After this initial phase, NCTCOG 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 put together a funding plan that

includes a cost/revenue matrix for project implementation.
More information is available in Electronic Item 6.

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

2:20 – 2:30

7. **North Tarrant Express and Lyndon B. Johnson East Regional Toll Revenue Funding Requests**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Liza Cox, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Action will be requested on two projects in which the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Dallas and Fort Worth Districts have asked to utilize Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funding. *Request 1)* TxDOT Fort Worth District is requesting \$45 million 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. \$97 million of TxDOT funds and \$45 million of RTR managed lane revenue from the North Tarrant Express (NTE) are proposed to fund this project. *Request 2)* TxDOT Dallas District is requesting up to \$10 million for change orders on the Lyndon B Johnson (LBJ) East project for various improvements. \$10 million of RTR revenue from the LBJ East corridor is proposed to fund this request.

Background: *Request 1)* Reconstruction of the frontage roads on IH 35W, the existing bridge over SH 121 at Sylvania Ave and associated ramps, and frontage roads between Sylvania Ave and Riverside Drive is proposed. 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 which will increase safety and reduce congestion delays at the underpass. \$97 million of funding has been secured by TxDOT from a credit from the 3C section of the NTE, that has been held in escrow. RTR revenue from the NTE managed lanes is recommended to fund the \$45 million balance. *Request 2)* The LBJ East corridor project from United States 75 to IH 30, has \$1.6 billion in approved funding. Up to \$10 million is needed for continued improvements to the corridor, including lane striping, painting for beams/barriers/walls, improvements to transitions at IH 30 and high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes, as well as drainage improvements. RTR revenue previously generated on this corridor is recommended to fund the \$10 million request. Additional details are provided in Electronic Item 7.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Safety

2:30 – 2:40

8. 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. Changing Mobility: Data, Insights, and Delivering Innovative Projects During COVID Recovery (Electronic Item 8.1)
2. Anticipated Workshop on Texas, Metropolitan Planning Organization, and Fiscal Agent Agreements: March 2026 (Ken Kirkpatrick, Texas Department of Transportation to be Invited, and Executive Board Orientation from Michael Morris)
3. Arlington's Request to Explore Technology-Based Transit Authority (Electronic Item 8.2)
4. Amanda Wilson's Service Recognition on the AMPO Policy Committee in 2025 (Electronic Item 8.3)
5. Michael Morris is the ENR Texas and Louisiana's 2026 Legacy Award Winner (Electronic Item 8.4)
6. Future Discussion on Rockwall County/Partnership Program
7. Mobility Assistance Patrol Program (Electronic Item 8.5)
8. Status Update on 2025 Transportation Conformity (Electronic Item 8.6)
9. 2026 Fiscal Year Appropriations Update and Fédération Internationale de Football Association Funding (Electronic Item 8.7)
10. Regional Transportation Council Approval of Dallas Area Rapid Transit Plan

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:40 – 2:50

9. Update on McKinney Passenger Rail Corridor Study

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Donald Parker, NCTCOG

Item Summary: This study was put on hold as a result of discussion at the November 2025 Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting regarding the status of Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) elections. With progress being made on the DART issue, staff would like to advance the consultant procurement process to support this study and will provide a briefing on the scope and schedule of this effort.

Background: This corridor was one of the most promising future rail corridors from the recently completed Transit 2.0 Study. Passenger rail in this corridor has been a recommendation of mobility plans since the completion of the Regional Rail Corridor Study in 2005. Additionally, through the Transit Vision Subcommittee the RTC has a growing interest in advancing commuter rail through a regional mobility authority. Funding has been allocated for a new study to build on the results of the 2010 Conceptual Engineering and Funding Study and the 2021 Collin County Transit Study, with an emphasis on developing an ultimate recommendation and staging opportunities. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 9. Consultant procurement began in late 2025, but following the RTC meeting in November 2025, the process was delayed pending further discussion from the RTC.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

2:50 – 3:00

10. 2026 Regional Safety Performance Targets

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 and provide an update on actual performance of the 2024 targets. Roadway Safety targets are focused on reducing serious injuries and fatalities for motorized and non-motorized travelers.

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 Committee with updates 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: Roadway, Safety

3:00 – 3:10

11. **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. *Trey Pope* – Collaboration Opportunity: Managing Heavy-Duty Vehicle Idling and Regional Air Quality (Electronic Item 11.1)
2. *Carolyn Burns* – Local Clean Air Spotlight (Electronic Item 11.2)
3. *Carolyn Burns* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities
(www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
4. *Carolyn Burns* – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
(<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
5. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 11.3)
 - December – January Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 11.4)
 - March Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 11.5)

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

13. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on March 27, 2026**.