

North Texas Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition

July 31, 2024



North Central Texas
Council of Governments

RISE Coalition Website: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/development-excellence/rise-coalition>
RISE Coalition Committee Page: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/regional-integration-of-sustainability-efforts-ris>

Welcome and Introductions

- Roll call today in-lieu of sign-in sheet.
- Please keep your microphone on mute unless you are speaking.
- Use the "raise hand" feature if you'd like to speak. When called on, state your name and the entity you are representing.
- Approval of action items will still be done by a voice vote. Please only vote if you are a member of the RISE Coalition.

July 31, 2024

RISE Coalition Agenda

Welcome

- 1) Welcome and Introductions
- 2) DarkSky Presentation

Action Items

- 3) Meeting Summary
- 4) FY2025 Work Plan

Discussion

- 5) FY2024 Work Program and Project Updates
- 6) CPRG Updates and Discussion

Informational Items

- 7) Access North Texas 2026 Update
- 8) NCTCOG Regional Opportunities

Other Business

- 9) Participant Roundtable
- 10) Future Agenda Items
- 11) Next Meeting Date

Welcome and Introductions

FY2025-2026 Vice Chair Election Results

- Lindsay Graf, City of Plano, has been elected as Vice Chair for the FY2025-2026 term, beginning October 1, 2024.
- Per RISE Coalition Bylaws, FY2023-2024 Vice Chair Alexander Pharmakis will move into the role of Chair for FY2025-2026.

Better Lights for People & Wildlife

Cindy Luongo Cassidy

President of the Board, DarkSky Texas

Texas Master Naturalist, Hays County Chapter



Our Mission

DarkSky Texas promotes the use of better outdoor lighting to restore our view of the nighttime sky, improve the safety and well-being of people and wildlife, and save energy.

<https://darkskytexas.org/>

Dark Skies are Disappearing

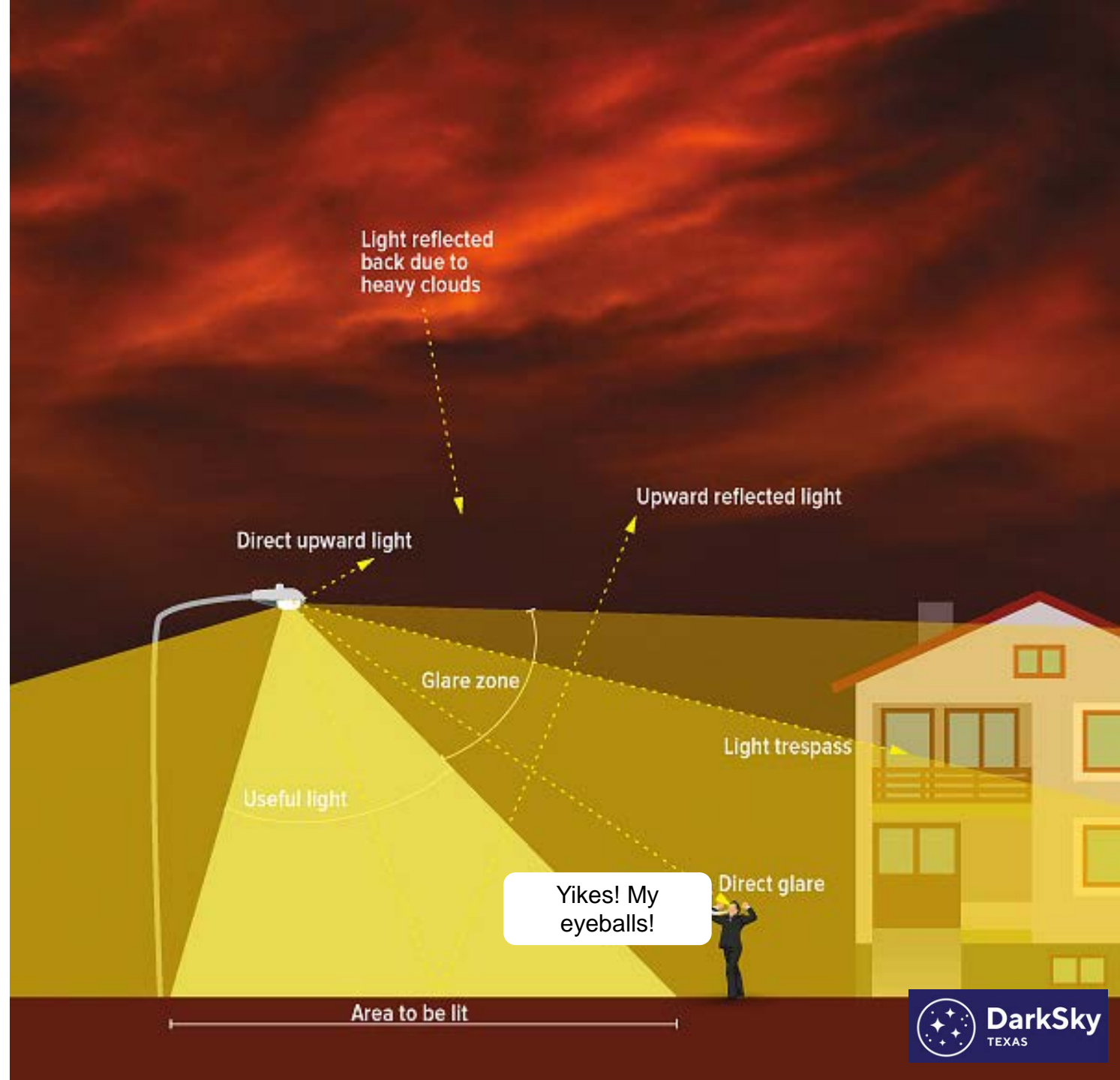
- 80%+ of world's population does not experience natural night
- Light pollution is increasing at twice the rate of population growth



What is Light Pollution?

Components:

- Glare
- Skyglow
- Light trespass
- Clutter



Does this Light Make You Feel Safe?



Glare Creates Dark Shadows!



Light Trespass



Wasted Energy

- 13% of residential electricity in U.S. is for outdoor lighting
- 35% of all outdoor lighting is wasted
- \$3B per year worth of energy is lost to skyglow



How Does it Affect Humans & Wildlife?

Human Circadian Rhythms

- Humans evolved to the natural cycle of day-night
- Blue light in daytime is beneficial
- Exposure to blue light at night disrupts our circadian rhythm



Melatonin Production

- Light at night suppresses melatonin and may increase health risks
- Even dim light can be harmful
- Melatonin is a precursor to serotonin



How in Impacts Wildlife

- Daily lifecycles
- Navigation & migration
- Predation
- Communication & reproduction
- Annual Cycles





Solutions & Recommendations

Once you see better lighting, it's hard to tolerate glare and light trespass!



Programs



Be a Star Award

The Nature, Neighbor, and Night-Skies Friendly Lighting Award©. This award rewards landowners who contribute to conservation efforts by protecting the night sky.



Sky Quality Meters

Sky Quality Meters are being stationed across Texas. DarkSky Texas will share the scientific data on a Dashboard to educate Texans about the status of light pollution in our state.



Texas Dark Sky Places

DarkSky Texas successfully supports Texas cities, parks and places seeking to become recognized International Dark Sky Places (IDSP). Our experience makes all the difference!



Advisory Council

Motivated individuals who are committed to restoring dark skies in Texas and provide expertise to facilitate our mission, fulfill strategic objectives, and support conservation initiatives.



The BOLD Initiative

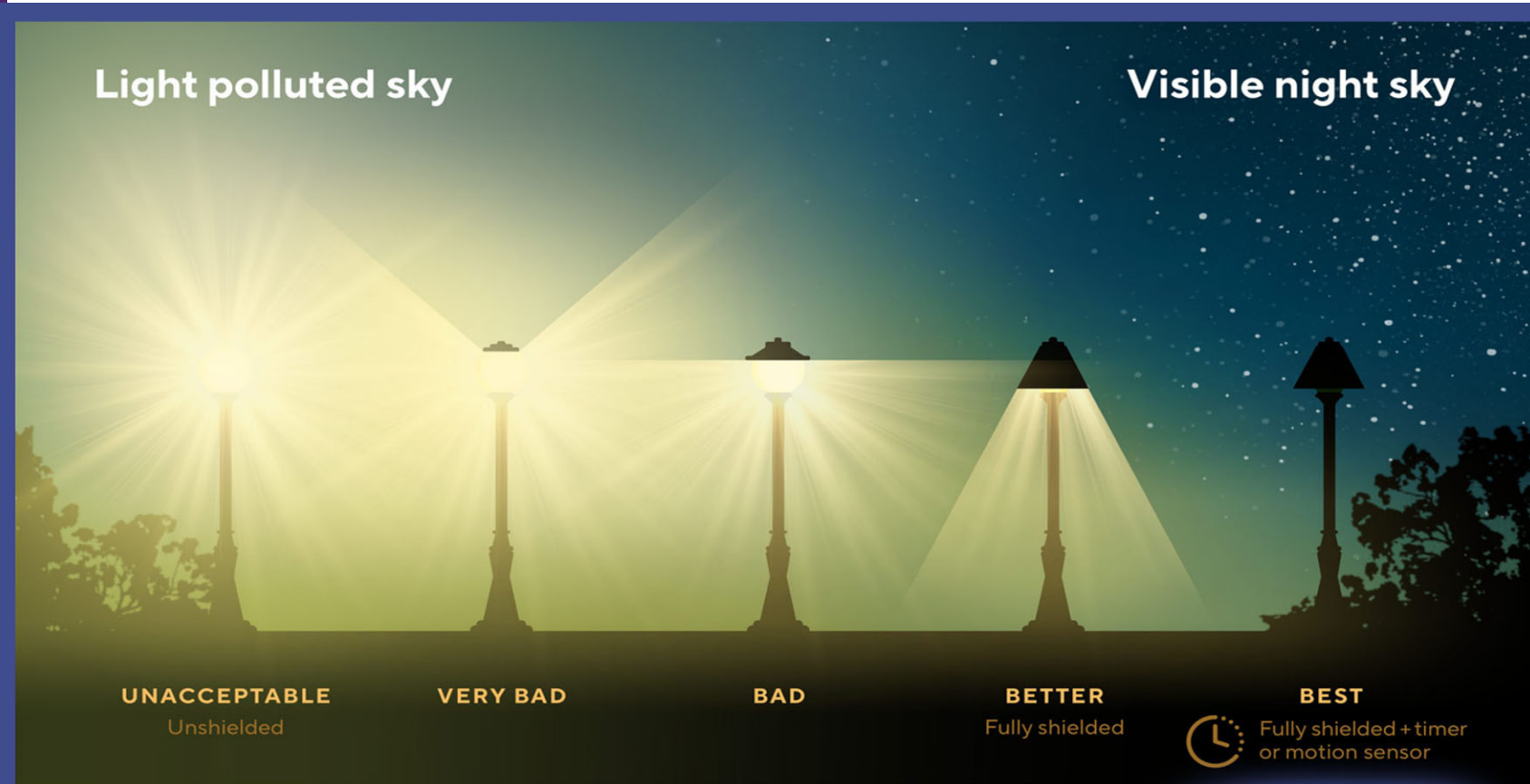
The mission of the BOLD Initiative is to inspire, educate, and empower conservation-minded Texas organizations and landholders to implement better outdoor lighting.

What is the International Dark Sky Places Program?

There are currently over 200 certified International Dark Sky Places in the world



Conservation program that recognizes and promotes stewardship of the night sky in protected areas and communities around the world.



Shielded lights protect the night.





International Dark Sky Communities and Urban Night Sky Places

1. Outdoor lighting management and policy
2. Dark-sky friendly lighting installations
3. Outreach and education
4. Monitoring night Sky quality

Benefits of Certification



Preservation of the Night Sky

Places preserve natural beauty and ecosystems

Tourism and Economic Development

Places attract visitors

Education and Outreach

Places raise awareness about LP and promote responsible lighting practices

Health and Safety

Places promote a safer and healthier environment for people and wildlife

Environmental Conservation

Places promote sustainable practices

Getting Started

- Determine your appropriate category:
 - Community? or
 - Urban Night Sky Place?
- Review How to Become an International Dark Sky Place
 - www.darksky.org/our-work/conservation/idsp/become-a-dark-sky-place/



Establish Your Plan

- Review the Guidelines
- Start Your Checklist
- Build a network of local advocates
- Educate, educate, & educate
- Solicit Community Support



Application Process

1. Kickoff project with DarkSky staff
2. Work with team and DarkSky staff to complete key actions
3. Use Applicant Self-Checklist to develop the application
4. Work with DarkSky staff to ensure requirements are met
5. Nomination approved by International Dark Sky Places Program Committee
6. Officially announce and celebrate certification
7. Annual Reporting



INTERNATIONAL DARK SKY PLACE (IDSP) APPLICATION PROCESS

PHASE I: INITIAL INQUIRY

Applicant reviews eligibility with IDA staff; notifies IDA of intent to pursue IDSP application

Average Timeline: 45 days*

STEP 1: The applicant reviews certification process; indicates interest in the program

>Anytime; via darksky.org

STEP 2: The applicant receives an assessment of site eligibility and IDSP category recommendation from IDA staff

>Within 30 days of initial inquiry submission; Via communication with IDSP staff

STEP 3: After eligibility is determined by IDA staff, the applicant notifies IDA of intent to pursue formal Dark Sky Place certification

>Timeline varies based on eligibility and guideline requirements; Applicant confirms intent with IDSP staff via written communication

PHASE II: FORMAL APPLICATION

With support from IDA staff, applicant actively works to meet the application requirements.

Average Timeline: 1-3 years

STEP 1: The applicant works closely with IDSP Manager to develop application in accordance with appropriate guidelines

>Anytime, ongoing; Via email with IDSP staff/manager

STEP 2: With IDSP Manager approval, the applicant submits an application for Dark Sky Places Committee (DSPC) review

>On or before [submission deadline](#) for review at the following committee meeting; Via submission to IDSP Program Manager

PHASE III: CERTIFICATION

Applicant waits while review is in process

Average Timeline: 90-150 days

STEP 1: Application is reviewed by DSPC. One of the following outcomes occur:

- >Application is approved by DSPC - application is submitted for approval by IDA Board of Directors
- >Application is approved by DSPC with conditions - application is revised, applicant may resubmit anytime for re-review by DSPC
- >Application is rejected - updated application may be eligible for submission at future deadline

STEP 2: DSPC submits recommendations to IDA Board for final approval

- >Board approves or returns the application 10 business days after DSPC approval

STEP 3: New IDSP is certified upon Board Approval

- >Announcement is coordinated with IDA staff at the applicant's discretion

**Phase I timeline varies depending on eligibility status and complexity of proposed place*

Additional Resources for Applicants:

- [How to conduct night sky quality survey](#)
- [Night sky quality \(SQM\) data recording sheet](#)
- [Unihedron - SQM devices](#)
- [Model Lighting Ordinance](#)
- [Lighting inventory template](#)
- [Sample Lighting Management Plan \(LMP\)](#)
- [Annual reporting](#)



Questions on DarkSky?



Action Items

Meeting Summary

Vote to Approve May 1, 2024, [Meeting Summary](#).

Action Items

Draft FY2025 Work Plan

- The Center of Development Excellence is being integrated into the work of the RISE Coalition
 - Lego Visioning Exercises
 - Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) Awards
- The FY2025 Work Plan has been updated to reflect this change

Action Items

Draft FY2025 Work Plan

Summary of FY2025 Goals:

- Hold up to 4 public meetings
- Support work on Climate Action Plan
- Establish at least 1 partnership with a local university
- Host 2-3 webinars or workshops on key topics of interest
- Administer FY2025 CLIDE Awards
- Conduct Regional Sustainability Survey

Proposed Focus Topics



Regional Emissions Assessment



Resilience Hubs



Engaging with Communities on Sustainability



Incorporating Regional Greenspaces



2026 FIFA World Cup

Action Items

Draft FY2025 Work Plan

NCTCOG has worked to incorporate additional benefits for RISE Coalition cost-sharing members

- Collaborative partnership with local university
 - Are there any partnership opportunities you have engaged with that may be of benefit to all RISE members?
- Workshops offering Continuing Education Units
 - What CEUs would be of most value?
 - Sustainability Excellence Associate (SEA), Certified Climate Change Professional (CC-P)

Action Items

Draft FY2025 Work Plan

Vote to Approve Proposed FY2025 Work Plan.

Discussion

FY2024 Work Plan and Project Updates

[Guided by FY2024 Work Plan](#)

Summary of FY2024 Goals:

- Hold quarterly public meetings
- Assist with Climate Pollution Reduction Grant activities
- Host 2-3 webinars or workshops on key topics of interest

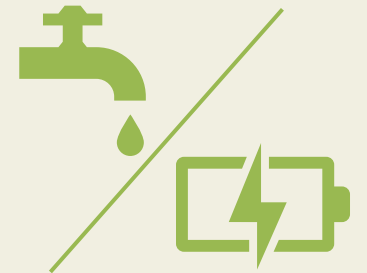
Current Focus Topics



Regional Emissions Assessment



Communicating Sustainability to Leadership



Water-Energy Nexus

Discussion

FY2024 Work Plan and Project Updates

Influencing Leadership on Sustainability Workshop

- Held in-person on May 1, 2024
- 23 attendees
- [Presentation Slides and Recording](#)

Creating Energy-Wise Water Conservation Policies Webinar

- Held virtually on June 18, 2024
- 32 attendees
- [Presentation Slides and Recording](#)

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DALLAS-FORT WORTH AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

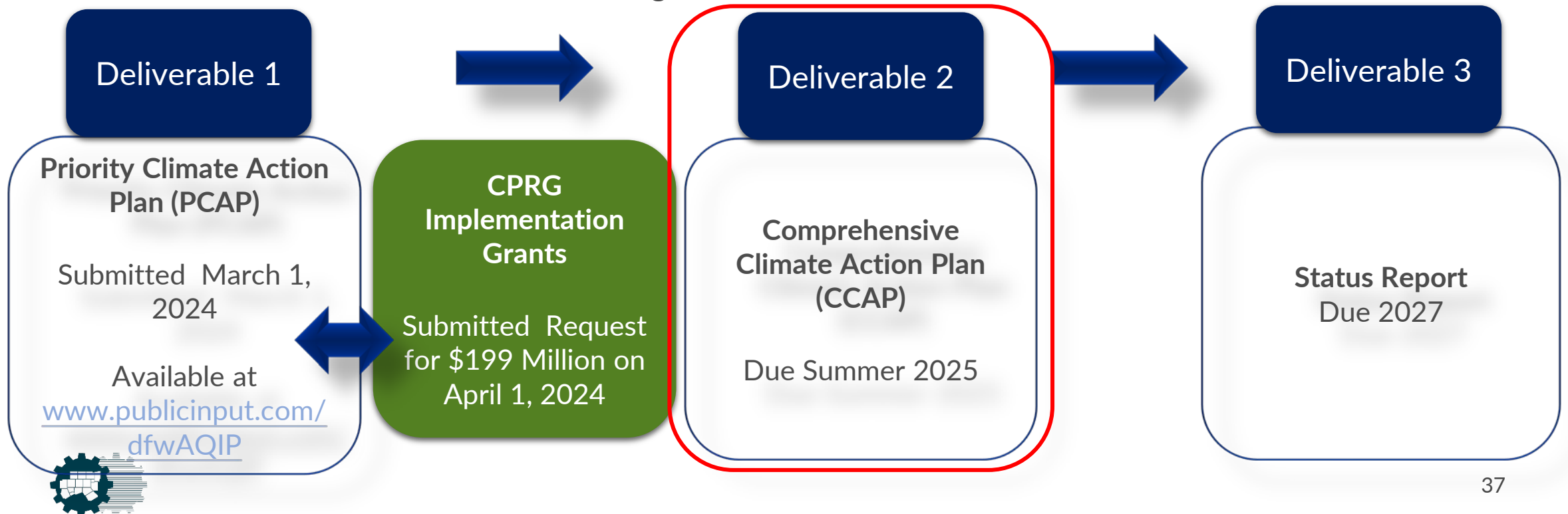
AQIP Update and Action Needed

- Review of all sectors and measure in the Air Quality Improvement Plan (AQIP)
- Discuss key questions on the sectors and measures

Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan

Local governments in the region are collaborating with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to develop the **Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) Air Quality Improvement Plan (AQIP)**

Plan development is supported by funding from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG): Planning Grants



DFW AQIP- PCAP Measures

The DFW AQIP- PCAP measures focus on measures that can be implemented in the near-term to reduce GHG and criteria air pollutants

Sector	Number of Measures
Transportation	13
Energy	6
Water, Wastewater, and Watershed Management	9
Materials Management (Solid Waste)	6
Agriculture, Forestry, and Land Use (Green Space)	5
Cross-Sector	5

[Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan - PublicInput](#)



DFW AQIP Community Benefits

Community Benefits: Other benefits beyond air quality improvements that will occur because of implementation of measures

Improve Health and Well-Being



Reduced costs



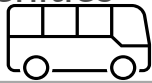
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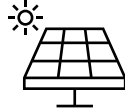
Water Conservation



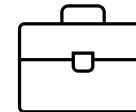
Increase Access to Service and Amenities



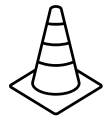
Increased Resiliency and Adaptability



Job Creation and Economic Development



Increased Safety



Reduced Noise Pollution



Increased Awareness and Engagement



DFW AQIP Benefits

Benefits:

*Direct Benefits for
Nonattainment Issues*



Direct Climate Change Benefits



AQIP Discussion Questions

Questions to consider when moving through the different AQIP sectors and measures:










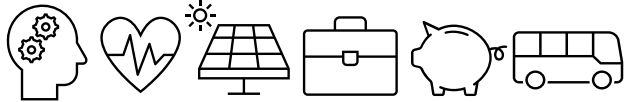
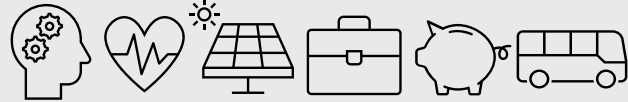
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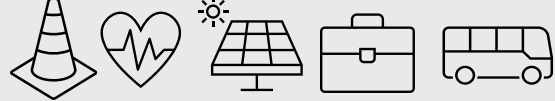
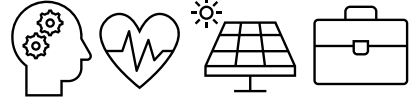



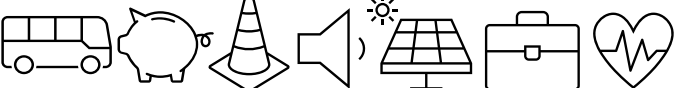



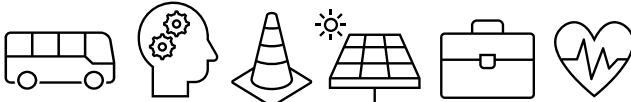



Transportation Sector Measures

Measure	Includes	Community Benefits	Benefits
Clean Vehicles and Equipment Program	Heavy-Duty Hydrogen Pilot Program Zero- and Near-Zero Freight and Work Low-Emission Non-Road Equipment Program		
Low Carbon Liquid Fuels Program	Build infrastructure Provide incentives for utilizing biofuels		
Regional Emissions Compliance Program	Fund Emissions Compliance Activities and Operations		N/A
LED Streetlighting Program	Retrofit Streetlights with Light-Emitting Diodes (LEDs)		
Green Airport Planning Program	Increase Education/Best Practices for Green Airports		
Transit Enhancement Program	Increase Transit Frequency Enhance Mobility Hubs & Transit-Oriented Developments		N/A
Transit Planning Program	Develop Regional Transit Plan		N/A






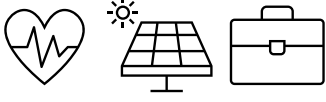

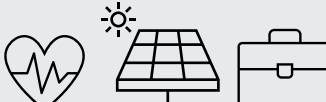

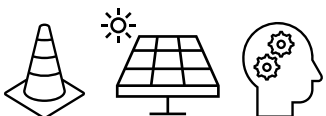


Transportation Sector Measures

Measure	Includes	Community Benefits	Benefits
Active Transportation Program	Improve/Expand Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities		N/A
Green Purchasing/Green Construction Program	Use Low Carbon, Recycled Content, and/or High-Efficiency Materials Employ Reduced-Emission Construction Methods		
Urban Heat Island and Green Spaces Program	Expand Use of Landscaping, Vegetation, and Tree Cover Develop Parks/Plazas/Open Spaces Preserve Existing Green Spaces		
Enhanced Regional Traffic Signal Timing Program	Bus Signal Prioritization Improve Signal Timing in the Region		
Transportation System and Truck/Rail Optimization Program	Technology and Multimodal Connectivity Improvements Road/Rail Grade Separations		
Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduction Program	Improve Job-housing-transportation balance Utilize Smart Infrastructure		

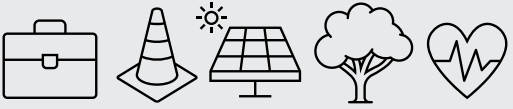







Energy Sector Measures

Measure	Includes	Community Benefits	Benefits
Public Sector Energy Efficiency and Refrigerant Transition Program	Increase energy efficiency LED lighting retrofits		
Residential Efficiency Rebate Program	Residential energy audits Incentives for residential solar		
Energy Plans/Audits/Policies	Building energy performance management Energy audits for organizations		
Green/Cool Roof Replacements	Cool/Green Roofs		
Distributed Energy and Resilience for Public Entities	Resilient building improvements Increase grid resiliency		
Advancing Energy Elements in Building Codes	Expand Regional Codes program		N/A













Water, Wastewater, and Watershed Management Sector Measures

Measure	Includes	Community Benefits	Benefits
Implement Integrated Stormwater Management, Low-Impact Development, Green Stormwater Infrastructure, and Other Nature-Based Solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rebates for green infrastructure Update local policy, codes, drainage criteria Bioswales and organic stormwater collection Install smart controls and sensors Restore, protect and maintain riparian corridor 		
Expand Contamination Detection and Pollution Prevention Measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide discharge detection and sampling kits for illicit discharge investigations 	 Local MS4 Compliance;	N/A
Update Stormwater and Wastewater Conveyance Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install smart manhole covers Utilize trenchless pipe rehabilitation 		
Increase Available Stormwater Detention Volumes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Augment stormwater detention basin storage 		N/A



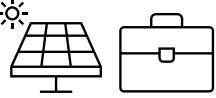

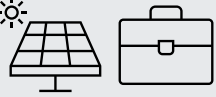
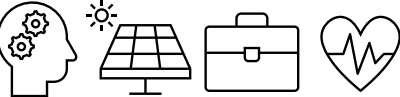



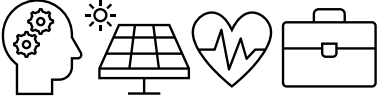



Water, Wastewater, and Watershed Management Sector Measures

Measure	Includes	Community Benefits	Benefits
Improve Water and Wastewater Treatment Process Efficiency	Increase on-site renewable energy Pursue energy-efficient disinfection Install water-source heat-pumps Biogas capture		
Address On-Site Sewage Facility System	Repair aging on-site sewage facility Sanitary sewer upgrades Financial rebates to upgrade on-site sewage	 Reduction in Bacteria-Related Discharges in Area with Related Total Maximum Daily Loads;	
Improve Biosolids Management	Thermal waste-to-energy facilities Waste-to-energy facilities		
Support Effluent Reuse	Support water effluent reuse programs		
Improve Local Water Conservation	Explore aquifer storage Automated metering infrastructure		

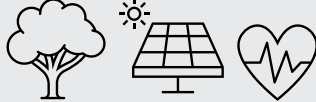

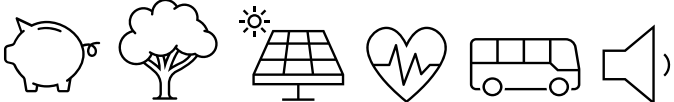








Materials Management Sector Measures

Measure	Includes	Community Benefits	Benefits
Expand Local Compost Opportunities to Reduce Organic Disposal	Residential organics pickup and commercial compost Incentivize space for community compost and recycling	 Limited Impacts in Other Areas (See Appendix 13)	
Divert Organic Waste into Waste-to-Energy Systems	Divert waste and other organic materials to Anaerobic Digestors to be converted into energy	 Other Benefits in Appendix 13	
Divert Construction and Demolition Debris (C&D)	Expand regional construction material Prioritize low-waste construction techniques Prioritize deconstruction methods	 Other Benefits in Appendix 13	N/A
Upgrade Waste Disposal Facilities	Western regional materials resource Landfill gas collection & management Efficient landfill seals and cover		
Implement Recycling and Transfer Facilities	Upgrade facilities to optimize load weight Construct additional recycling centers		
Improve Waste Collection	Expand waste diversion collection networks Policy to require trip planning Waste trucks to lower-emission vehicles		


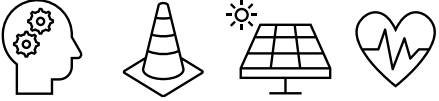

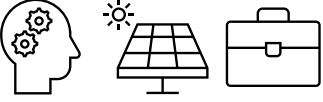
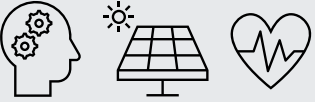


Agriculture/Forestry/Land Use Sector Measures

Measure	Includes	Community Benefits	Benefits
Promote the Expansion of Green Space	Regional green space project Incentives for commercial property owners to create or maintain green space	 Other Benefits in Appendix 14	
Support Park Management and Maintenance	Municipal park and recreation plan Lawn Care Equipment Replacement Program	 Other Benefits in Appendix 14	
Increased Forest Canopy	Increase tree shading Urban forestry floodplain and floodway Urban tree canopy assessments	 Other Benefits in Appendix 14	
Update Agricultural Management Practices	Manure and livestock management for methane reduction Convert electric irrigation pumps		
Update Codes and Zoning Requirements to Promote Green Space Conservation and Preservation	Air quality review into zoning and permitting review Upgrade landscaping ordinances Tree ordinances that promote urban forestry		N/A



Cross-Sector Measures

Measure	Includes	Community Benefits	Benefits
Carbon Footprint App	Carbon footprint smartphone application and rewards program		N/A
Regional Air Quality Monitoring Program	Deploy air quality monitors		N/A
Tire Recycling Initiatives	Adopt Tire Recycling Policy		N/A
Workforce Development	Develop local workforce to enable clean energy Water system improvements, operations, and maintenance Support “Green Program” implementation		N/A
Education and Outreach	Group renewable energy purchase Promote renewable energy and energy efficiency		N/A



Open Discussion Questions

What measure/s do you consider a high priority for the next 25 years?

What are the potential negatives of measures?

What are we missing?





Access North Texas 2026 Update

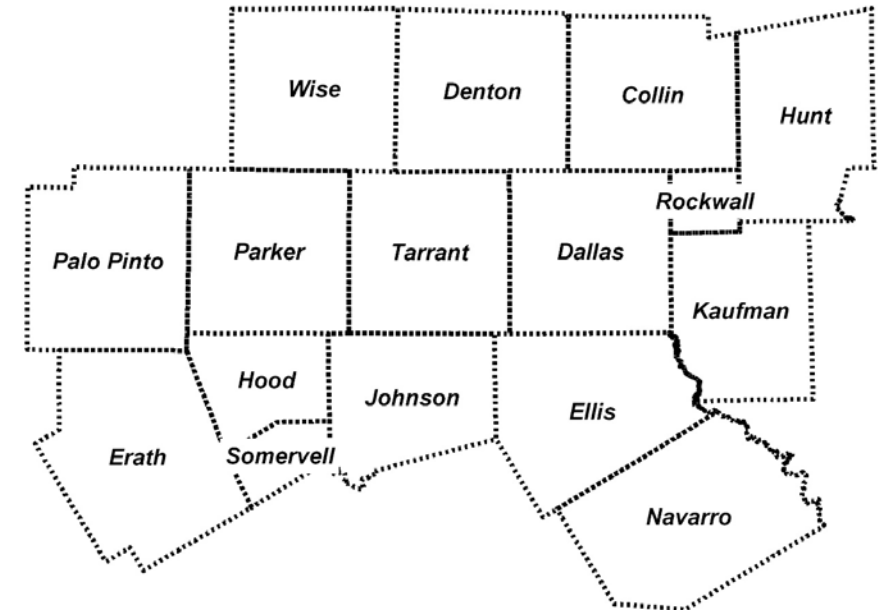
Evan Paret | Transportation Planner | 07.31.2024



ACCESS NORTH TEXAS BACKGROUND

Regional public transportation coordination plan to:

- Identify the public transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, low-income individuals and others with transportation challenges
- Specify strategies to:
 - *Address needs and current challenges*
 - *Eliminate gaps in service*
 - *Avoid duplication of transit services*



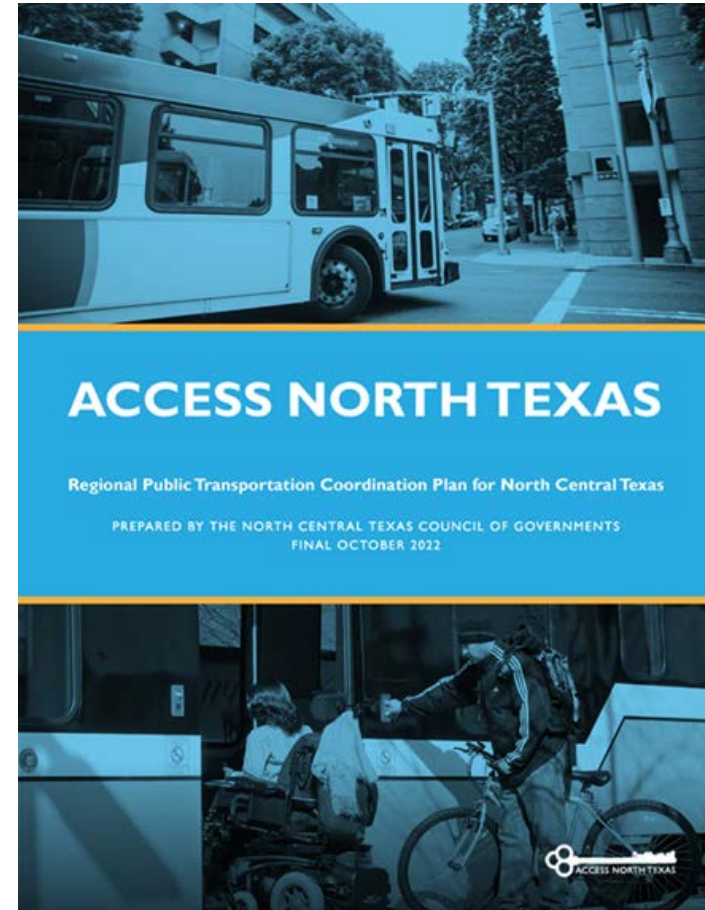
Meet Federal and State requirements for transit coordination in the 16 counties

ACCESS NORTH TEXAS HIGHLIGHTS

The Plan:

- Required to be updated every 4 years
- Uses survey and public data to develop regional goals and county-specific prioritized strategies
- Identifies public transportation options and resources for transit-dependent populations

Visit www.accessnorthtexas.org to see 2018 and 2022 updates.



PROGRESS SINCE 2022 UPDATE



Micro-Transit Service in
Forest Hill & Mansfield



Fort Worth 76104 Transit
Needs Assessment Study



On-Demand Service in
Cedar Hill & Duncanville

How Can You Help?



Participate and Share the Public Survey



Attend Stakeholder Meetings

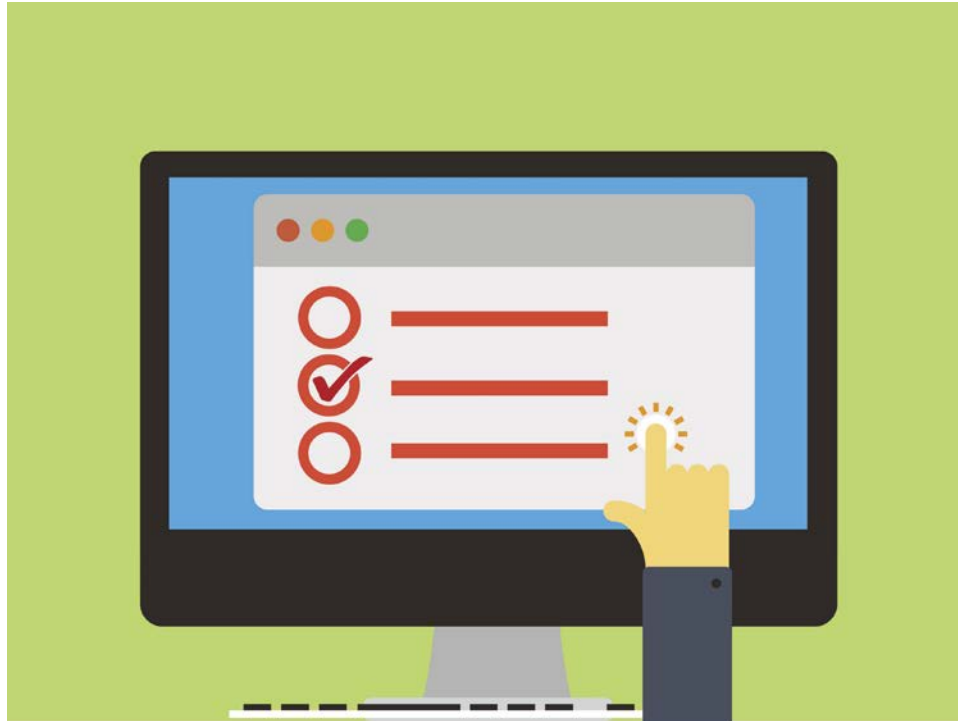


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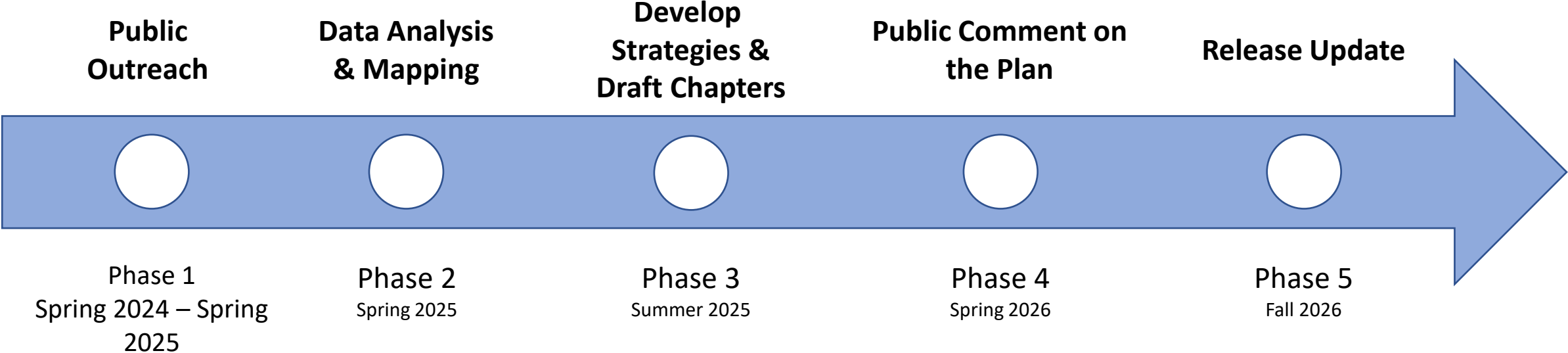
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2026 UPDATE PROJECTED TIMELINE



QUESTIONS & CONTACT INFORMATION



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NCTCOG Regional Updates and Opportunities

Round 4 of Blue-Green-Gray Funding Program Now Open

- This program supports innovative pilot projects that break down silos between water infrastructure, the environment, and transportation
- Cities, counties, non-profits, private firms, educational entities, and individuals are eligible for this funding opportunity
- Applications are due Friday, August 16th, 2024, by 5:00 p.m. Application materials and an informational workshop recording are available on the [program website](#).
- Contact Sydnee Mangini at smangini@nctcog.org with questions

NCTCOG Regional Updates and Opportunities

25th Annual Public Works Roundup

- Thursday, August 22, 2024
- Hurst Convention Center
- [Registration is now open](#)

NCTCOG Regional Updates and Opportunities

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Clean Vehicle Vendor Expo

Date: Tuesday, August 6, 2024

Time: 10:30 am – 12:30 pm

Location: 616 Six Flags Dr, Arlington, TX 76011 *In-Person Only*

Register at www.dfwcleancities.org/events

National Drive Electric Week (NDEW)

Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Tanger Outlets, 15853 North Fwy Fort Worth, TX 76177

For more information and registration go to <https://www.dfwcleancities.org/ndew>

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

TCEQ Funding Opportunity Announcements

[Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program All-Electric Grant \(TxVEMP\)](#) is accepting grant applications until August 31, 2025. Estimated \$87 million in funding available to upgrade or replace vehicles and equipment operating in eligible areas with new, all-electric models. Applicants purchasing eligible vehicles and equipment may request additional funding for refueling infrastructure.

- Eligible vehicles and equipment include:
 - Class 8 Local Freight and Port Drayage Trucks
 - Class 4-8 School Buses, Shuttle Buses, and Transit Buses
 - Class 4-7 Local Freight Trucks
- The program reimburses up to 75% of the incremental cost for non-governmental entities or 100% for governmental entities.
- TCEQ Webinar: Emissions Reduction Incentive Grants Program (ERIG) and Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program (TxVEMP)
 - August 8, 2024 – [Register here](#)

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

TCEQ Funding Opportunity Announcements

[Emissions Reduction Incentive Grants Program \(ERIG\)](#) will provide funding to repower or replace older locomotives, marine vessels, stationary equipment, or non-road equipment to reduce nitrogen oxides (NOX) emissions in Texas.

- Application open through October 29, 2024.
- Applicants with eligible projects may request additional funding for refueling infrastructure that will be installed on-site.
- An applicant may request up to 80% of the incremental cost associated with the purchase or lease of the replacement equipment. The incremental cost is the eligible cost to purchase the replacement equipment minus the scrap value of the equipment being replaced.

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

TCEQ Seeking Stakeholder Input on Senate Bill 1397

- TCEQ is seeking input on proposed rulemaking (Rule Project Number 2024-003-039-LS) to implement changes required by TCEQ's Sunset Bill, Senate Bill 1397, as well as changes recommended by the Sunset Commissions.
- Written comments can be submitted online using the [TCEQ Public Comment System](#). Comments must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on August 2, 2024.
- Please contact Amy Browning at amy.browning@tceq.texas.gov for more information.

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

TCEQ New Stakeholder Group for the Federal Clean Air Act Section 185 Fee

- TCEQ has put together a [new stakeholder group](#) to gather input on developing state regulations for implementing FCAA Section 185 Fee, which requires a penalty fee for areas failing to meet severe or extreme attainment data for an ozone NAAQS.
- TCEQ will be hosting one virtual meeting for each nonattainment area, but the info on draft timelines will be the same for both.
 - **DFW:** Tuesday, August 6, 2024 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. CST. [Register here.](#)
 - **HGB:** Thursday, August 8, 2024 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. CST. [Register here.](#)
- Sign up for the [FCAA Section 185 Fee email group](#) to join the stakeholder group and stay updated on Section 185 Fee rule development

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

Urban Resilience Fellows Program

- The North Texas Innovation Alliance is currently recruiting public and private sector partners to participate in the Fall Cohort of the Urban Resilience Fellows Program
- If you have a problem you're looking to solve and are interested in a cross-disciplinary "swat team" of brilliant students from across North Texas universities, please reach out to Yumna Bham at ybham@ntxia.org.

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG) - RFA EECBG-IIJA1-2024

- EECBG Request For Application will provide reimbursable grants to assist states, local governments and Tribes in implementing strategies to reduce energy use and fossil fuel emissions and to improve energy efficiency by financing Energy Efficiency Retrofits.
- Please contact Justin Gamboa, justin.gamboa@cpa.texas.gov, with any questions.
- Response Deadline: August 16, 2024, 2:00 PM CST
- Link: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/seco/funding/062824/>

Other Regional Updates and Opportunities

Lights Out, DFW! Municipality and Building Managers Workshop

- Bringing city officials, managers, and urban planners together to learn about the issues and discuss the impact of artificial lighting on the environment and public health
 - Thursday, August 29, 2024 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (optional library tour from 1:10-1:30 p.m.)
 - In-person at the Traphene Hickman Library in Cedar Hill; virtual participation is also available
 - RSVP here (both in-person and virtual): <https://forms.gle/ZneDFgDR5mHU77du8>
 - If you have any questions, please contact Mei Ling Liu at Meiling@tcattexas.org
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Other Business

Participant Roundtable

Members will be called on first, and then others will have the opportunity to share what is happening within their organization.

Future Agenda Items

Next Meeting Date

Next RISE Coalition Meeting:

Wednesday, October 30, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

NCTCOG Offices

[Add to Calendar](#)

Tentative Upcoming 2025 Meeting Dates:

- January 29, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. – Virtual
- April 30, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. – In-person
- July 30, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. – Virtual

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