



2024 TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND UPDATES TO TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT CREDIT ALLOCATIONS

Regional Transportation Council
February 13, 2025

BACKGROUND

- Transportation Development Credits (TDC) are “earned” by the region when toll revenues are used to fund capital projects on public highways.
- They are eligible to “match” a federal funding award in lieu of the typical 20 percent cash match.
- TDCs are not money or cash, and they do not increase funding for a given project.
- The Dallas-Fort Worth Region has been allocated 994,351,658 TDCs.
- A report detailing the amount of TDCs utilized in the previous fiscal year must be submitted to TxDOT each year.
- As of September 30, 2024 (the end of the most recent report), the Dallas-Fort Worth Region has 625,325,132 TDCs available for future allocation.

TDC BALANCES (AS OF FY2024 REPORT)

Category	Current Allocation	Awarded in 2013-2023	Awarded in 2024	Total Awarded	Remaining for Future Programming
1 - Strategic Awards to Small Transit Providers	41,000,000	23,702,596	4,526,908	28,229,504	12,770,496
2 - RTC has Revenue	60,000,000	42,380,635	14,777,873	57,158,508	2,841,492
3 -Local Agency has Revenue (RETIRED CATEGORY)	16,691,115	16,691,115	0	16,691,115	0
4 - Selling TDCs to Other MPOs/TxDOT	150,000,000	100,000,000	0	100,000,000	50,000,000
5 - Regional Programs/Management and Operations	107,788,934	84,677,973	23,110,961	107,788,934	0
6 - MTP Policy Bundle	100,000,000	51,562,597	7,595,868	59,158,465	40,841,535
7 - For Future Reallocation	518,871,609	0	0	0	518,871,609
Total	994,351,658	319,014,916	50,011,610	369,026,526	625,325,132

CATEGORY 1: STRATEGIC AWARDS TO SMALL TRANSIT PROVIDERS

Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support public transit by maximizing the use of federal funds, particularly when federal funds otherwise would be unused because of the inability of agencies to provide the local match
Proposed Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue the category, and maintain the current allocation• Clarify that this category is only intended for entities that do not have taxing authority (i.e., cities that are recipients of transit funds must utilize MTP Policy Bundle TDCs or provide a cash match)

CATEGORY 2: RTC HAS REVENUE

Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advance initiatives of strategic importance• Expedite delivery of projects• Free up local or State funds for use on:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects that can be expedited outside the federal process• Projects not typically eligible for federal funds
Proposed Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase allocation by 50,000,000

CATEGORY 4: SELLING/TRANSFERRING TDCs TO OTHER MPOs/TxDOT

Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generate local revolving fund to cash flow federal programs administered by NCTCOG
Proposed Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue the category, and maintain the current allocation

CATEGORY 5: REGIONAL PROGRAMS/ MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS

Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support regional programs and projects that improve air quality, congestion, reliability, safety and accessibility, modernize infrastructure, advance planning efforts in the region, and others that may apply
Proposed Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase allocation by 50,000,000

CATEGORY 6: METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN (MTP) POLICY BUNDLE

Goal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide support to agencies that implement policies that further Mobility Plan objectives
Proposed Action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue the category, and maintain the current allocation

PROPOSED TDC ALLOCATION UPDATES

Category	Current Allocation	Proposed Change	Revised Allocation
1 - Strategic Awards to Small Transit Providers	41,000,000	0	41,000,000
2 - RTC has Revenue	60,000,000	+50,000,000	110,000,000
3 - Local Agency has Revenue (RETIRED CATEGORY)	16,691,115	0	16,691,115
4 - Selling TDCs to Other MPOs/TxDOT	150,000,000	0	150,000,000
5 - Regional Programs/Management and Operations	107,788,934	+50,000,000	157,788,934
6 - MTP Policy Bundle	100,000,000	0	100,000,000
7 - For Future Reallocation	518,871,609	-100,000,000	418,871,609
Total	994,351,658		994,351,658

REQUESTED ACTION - UPDATES TO TDC ALLOCATIONS

- RTC approval of the proposed TDC category changes, which would leave our MPO with 418.87 million TDCs for future allocation to the various categories

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FEDERAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

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WHAT IS FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION?

Functional Classification categorizes roadways by their relative purpose, typically comparing importance of traffic mobility to property access.

Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS) Types:

Interstate

Other Freeways and Expressways

Principal Arterial

Minor Arterial

Major Collector

Minor Collector

Local



PROPOSED FFCS AMENDMENTS

Occasionally projects in the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) or the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) are not on the Federal Functional Classification System.

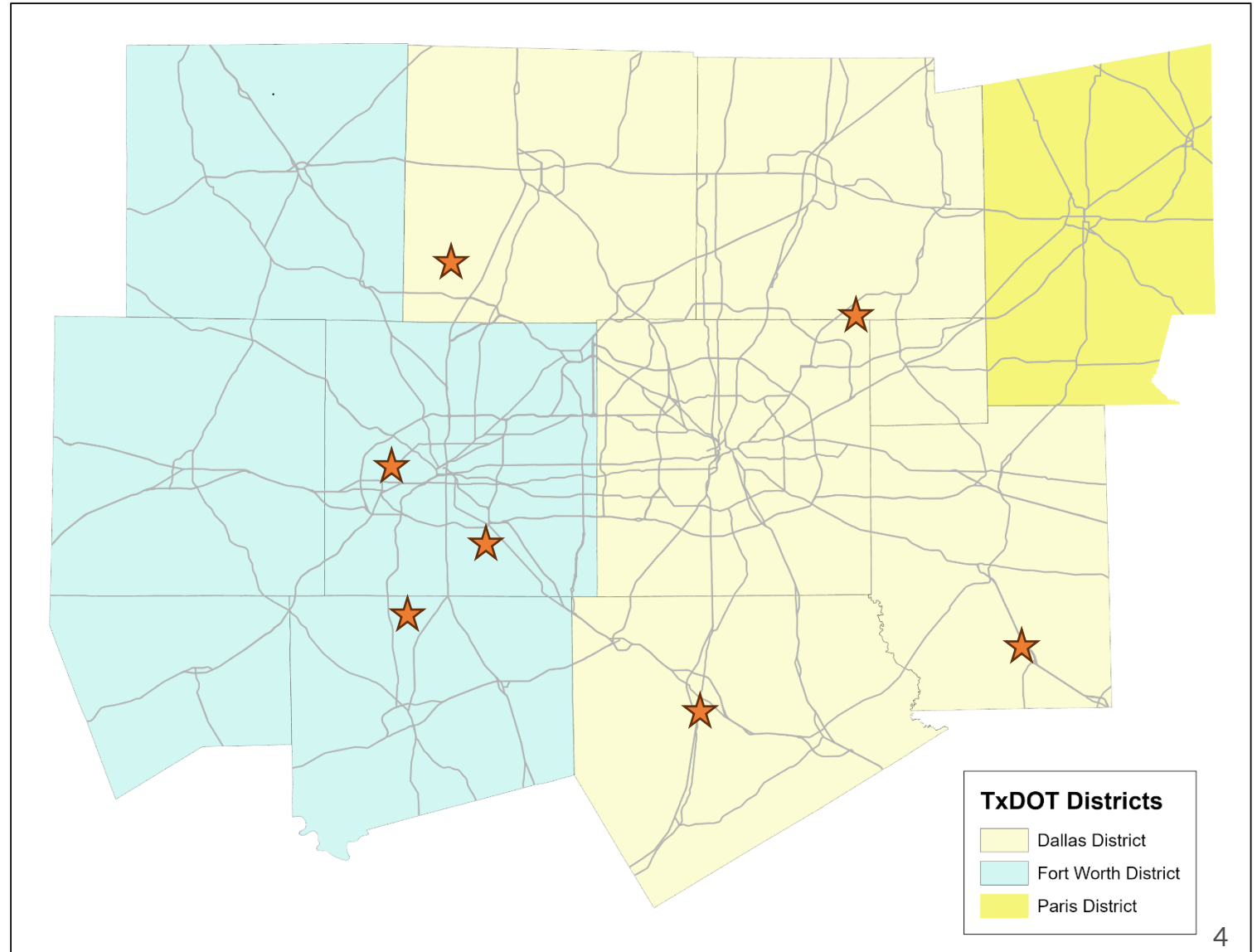
Projects partially or fully funded from federal sources are required to be classified as a Major Collector or above.

Out-of-cycle updates to the FFCS require an amendment.



PROPOSED AMENDMENT LOCATIONS

Individual project details provided in Reference Item 3.2

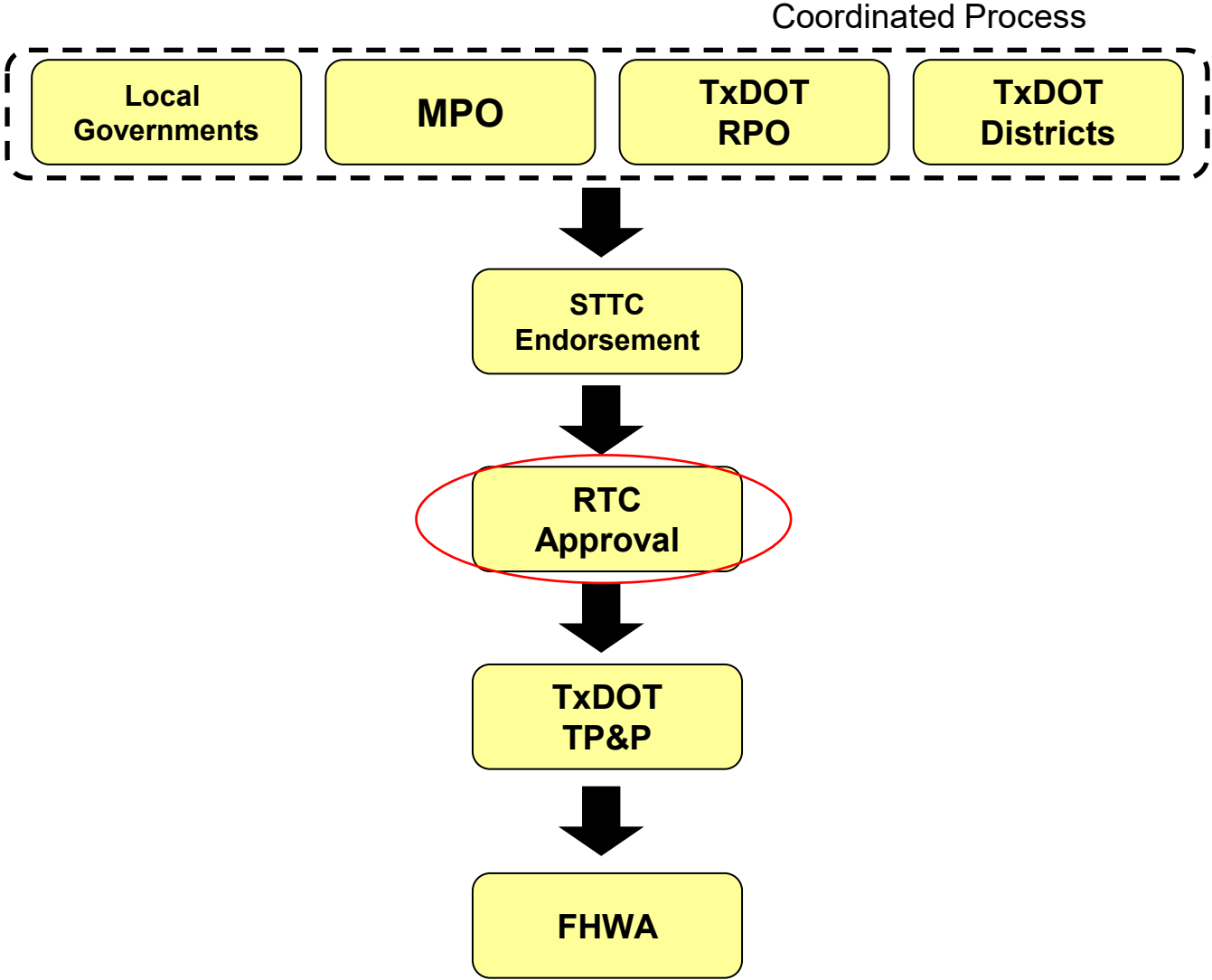


REQUEST FOR ACTION

Staff asks that the Regional Transportation Council approve these seven amendments to the Federal Functional Classification System.



AMENDMENT PROCESS



RTC Local Funding for Subrecipient Transit Operators

**Regional Transportation Council
February 13, 2025**

Background

- Five transit providers (City/County Transportation, Community Transit Services, Public Transit Services, Span, Inc., and STAR Transit) receive federal funding through subrecipient agreements with NCTCOG to provide critical service for both urban and rural trips, including elderly or disabled individuals traveling to receive medical care and other essential services.
- RTC has programmed over \$6.8 million in federal funds for these subrecipients; however, delays in executing grants to obligate the funding has created funding gaps for subrecipients.
- Most immediately impacted is Span Inc., servicing Denton County. Span is taking steps to reduce operating costs and generate additional revenue but is facing further reductions in service until federal funds become available.

Action Plan

- Span, Inc. continues to provide transit service in Denton County
- NCTCOG extends pre-award authority to Span, allowing access to allocated and programmed funding in advance of grant agreement execution
- NCTCOG reimburses Span for costs incurred to reduce strain on Span's cashflow
- Mitigate risks by:
 - Requesting RTC Local funding as backstop pending federal grant execution
 - Identifying additional grant funding opportunities
 - Continuing to assist Span in reducing operating costs and generating local revenue
 - Continuing coordination with FTA to finalize grants
- Continue coordination and monitoring of all small transit providers in the Region and extending pre-award authority to other subrecipients if needed

Action Requested

RTC Approval:

Authorization to utilize up to ~~\$200,00~~ **\$200,000** RTC Local Funds for a temporary backstop pending execution of federal grant agreements to ensure continuation of critical transit services

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CHANGING MOBILITY

DATA, INSIGHTS, AND DELIVERING INNOVATIVE
PROJECTS DURING COVID RECOVERY

February 2025

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TRAVEL BEHAVIOR BY MODE



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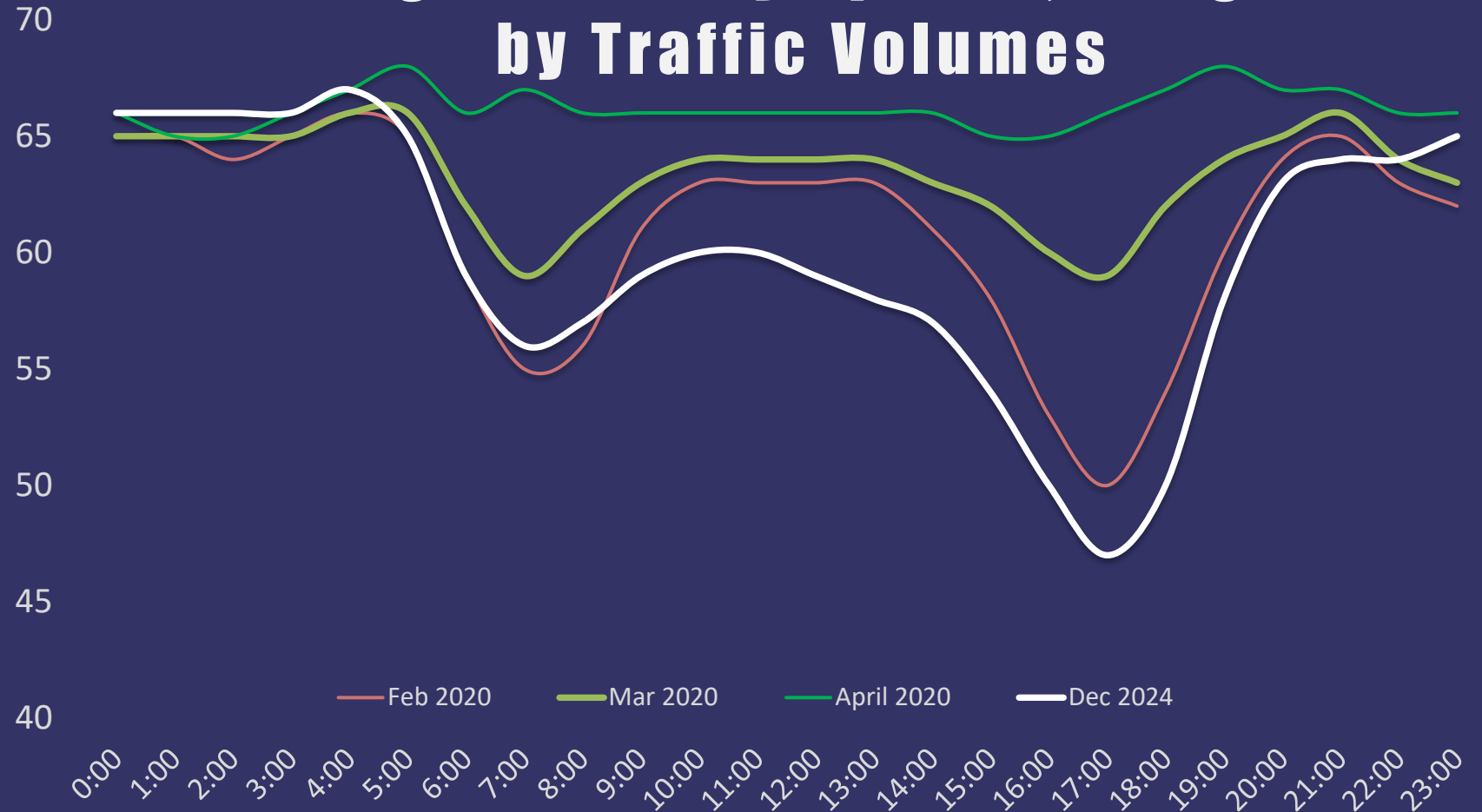
Transit Ridership (-19%, Dec)



ROADWAY TRENDS

Regional Average
Freeway Speeds

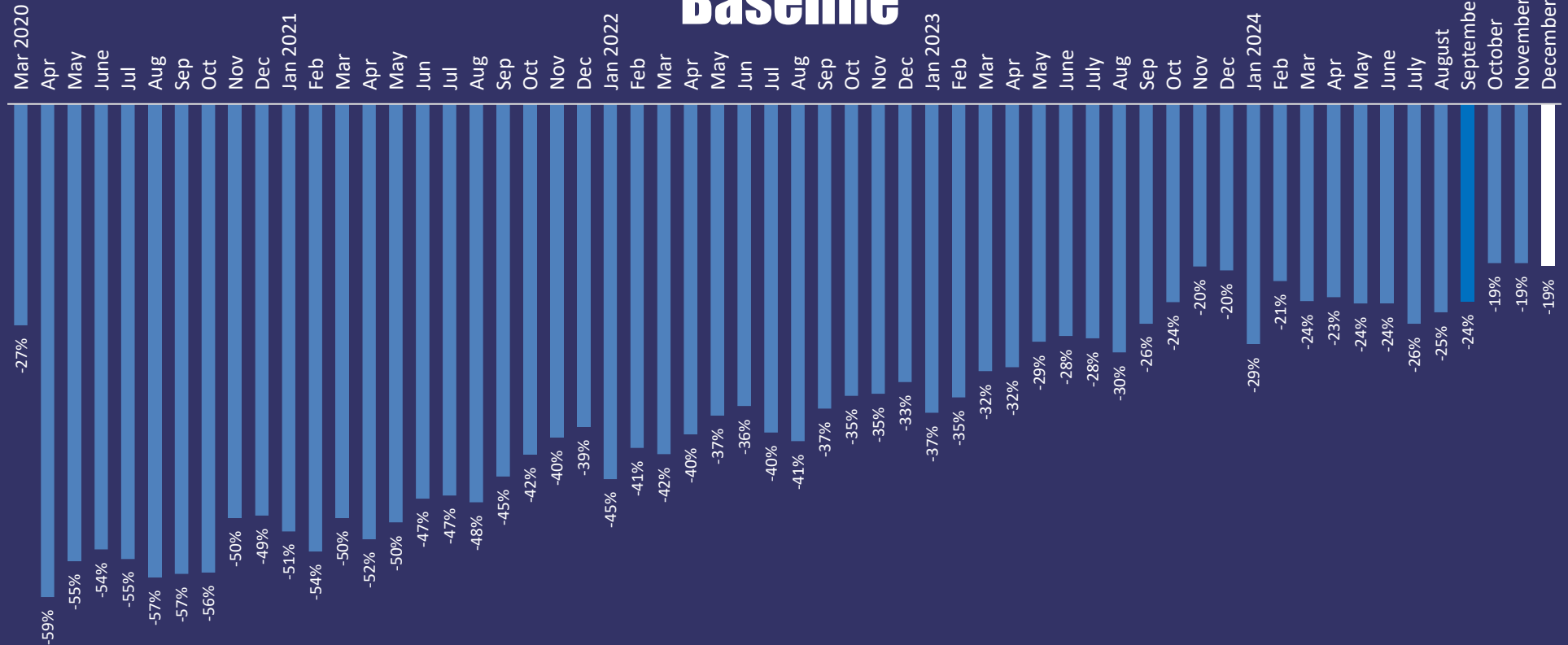
Average Weekday Speeds, Weighted by Traffic Volumes



TRANSIT IMPACTS

Rail, Bus and On Demand Weekday Ridership

Rail, Bus and On Demand Passenger Decrease vs Baseline



Includes On-Demand services: GoLink, ZipZones, GoZone and VIA

Source: DART, DCTA, Trinity Metro, and VIA Arlington

Note: Baseline is March 2019-February 2020.

Note: Transit ridership impacted in Feb 2021 by week-long winter storm.



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Work Zone Data Exchange (WZDx) 2024 CALL FOR PROJECTS

Regional Transportation Council

02.13.2025



Work Zone Data Exchange Call For Projects Overview

- Purpose is to get information about work zones in a common format that can be shared between entities.
- March 2022 NCTCOG Issued Procurement Through TXShare
 - Three categories of services
 - Convert raw work zone data into WZDx format
 - Establish WZDx-compliant reporting system
 - General WZDx services
 - Five vendors under contract
 - Blynco
 - iCone,
 - Mixon Hill
 - Navjoy
 - One.Network

Who is TXShare?

- A direct outcome of municipal governments partnering together to identify common needs for public entities across and **beyond** the State of Texas.
- Local governments and non-profit entities across all 50 states are eligible to participate in the TXShare program at nocost to them.
- Each TXShare contract was procured under strict Uniform Guidance (2 CFR 200).
- Each contract was competitively sourced in a sealed-proposal method independently evaluated by subject matter experts.



WZDx Call for Projects

- RTC Approved Funding

- \$2.5 Million Available (FY 2025)

Funding Split:

69% Eastern Sub-Region = \$1,725,000

31% Western Sub-Region = \$775,000

Local Match – Transportation Development Credits
(TDCs)

- Funding Agreement and Notice to Proceed Expected in Q1 2025
- Call for Projects opened in September 2024



WZDx Project Eligibility and Requirements

- **Eligible Entities**

Public Sector Partner Agencies within the NCTCOG 12-County Actively Involved in Work Zone Management

- **Eligible Activities**

TXShares Vendors

City-Wide Implementation or Corridor-Level Projects

- **Ineligible Activities/Purchases**

Personnel and Staffing Charges

Activities Already Completed or In-Progress

- **Program Requirements**

Must meet Federal WZDx Specifications (4.x Compliant)

Must feed data to regional 511DFW/Transportation System Management & Operation Data Exchange

Must attend Call for Projects Vendor Workshop (Hybrid)



Approved Scoring/Evaluation Criteria

Scoring Component	Available Points
Describe your proposed project how this project will help benefit current work zone activities.	25
Summarize your agency's current work zone reporting process and how this project will improve operations.	25
Outline your project implementation schedule showing estimated timeframes.	25
Describe what processes your agencies will put in place to ensure your work zone data is accurate.	25
Total	100



Applications

- Call for Projects closed in November 2024
- Seven submissions received
- One application each was received from the following agencies:
 - City of Arlington
 - City of Denton
 - City of Duncanville
 - City of Frisco
 - City of Garland
 - City of Lewisville
 - City of McKinney



Projects Recommended for Funding

Implementing Agency	Sub-region	Title	Vendor	Project Cost	Allocation
Duncanville	Eastern	WZDx Project	NavJoy	\$219,240	
Denton	Eastern	WZDx Project	NavJoy	\$299,800	
McKinney	Eastern	WZDx Automation & Sharing Project	Mixon Hill	\$571,869	
Lewisville	Eastern	WZDx Project	Blynco	\$136,935	
Garland	Eastern	WZDx Automation & Sharing Project	Mixon Hill	\$339,960	
Frisco	Eastern	WZDX Implementation	One.Network	\$480,000	
			Eastern Sub-region Total	\$2,047,804	\$1,725,000
Arlington	Western	WZDx Implementation	One.Network	\$380,000	
			Western Sub-region Total	\$380,000	\$775,000



Proposed Staff Recommendations

All seven projects move forward for implementation

- Total of \$2,428,804 requested

Funding adjustments

- Reflect a ~\$323K adjustment from the Western Subregion to the Eastern Subregion in the next regional East-West Equity tracking table
- Remaining ~\$72k will be returned to the funding pool or used for future western subregion projects



Project Schedule

Date	Action
August 23, 2024	STTC (Action) – Request Approval of Call for Projects Criteria
September 12, 2024	RTC (Action) – Request Approval of Call for Projects Criteria
September 16, 2024	Open Call for Projects (60 days)
September 17, 2024	Call for Projects Vendor Workshop (Hybrid @10am)
November 15, 2024	Close Call for Projects
Nov. 18, 2024 – Jan. 3, 2025	Evaluate Submitted Proposals
January 24, 2025	STTC (Action) – Approval of Selected Projects
January 2025	Public Comment Period Begins
February 13, 2025	RTC (Action) – Approval of Selected Projects
Spring/Summer 2025	Executive Board Approval and NCTCOG Agreements with Implementing Agency
Summer 2025	Agencies Begin Implementation



Work Zone Data Exchange Call for Projects

Action Requested –Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of:

- The project recommendations for the Work Zone Data Exchange Call for Projects and East/West funding split adjustments.
- Administratively amending the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and Statewide STIP, as well as other planning and administrative documents to incorporate these projects/adjustments as needed.



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Action Item 6:

“Protect Existing Transportation Authority Dedicated Funding”



RTC REQUESTED ACTION

RTC Approval Requested on the 2025 RTC Legislative Program for the 89th Texas Legislature

Authorize NCTCOG Staff to Bring Back Transit Authority Funding Item to Incorporate Changes, if Needed, Resulting from:

- Regional Transit 2.0 Funding Recommendations, or
- Transit Authority Board/Member City Recommendations, or
- Local Government Elected Official Partnerships with Local Government Elected Officials on DART Board Meetings

by the End of February 2025.



DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (RTC) POLICY – FEBRUARY 2025: TRANSIT 2.0/RTC POLICY WATERFALL

Draft Transit Authority Policy Waterfall

Step 1: Transit 1.0: Right Size Fixed Routes, Add Microtransit, Add Shuttle Service, Review Denton County Services

Step 2: Transit 2.0 Pillars: Economic Development (Public Transportation Financing Area), Competitive Transit, Crime/Safety, Private Sector Pilot Services, Advance New Member City and Contracted Service Policy

Step 3: Draft Policy for Current Members (Review First 40 Years): Update Infill Station Policy, Examine Transportation Reinvestment Program (TRiP)

Step 4: RTC Maintains Support for Current Transportation Authority Tax Rates



STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN COMMITMENTS AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY

(Federal Requirements)

Non-Attainment For Ozone

Transportation Control Measures

- Redline: East Plano Transit Center (Parker Rd) to Union Station
- Blueline: Downtown Garland to Union Station
- TRE: Fort Worth CBD to Union Station



STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN COMMITMENTS AND AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY

(Federal Requirements)

Weight of Evidence

- Silver Line DART
- TEX Rail Hospital District – Trinity Metro
- Guaranteed Transit Corridors/Microtransit

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

- Section 185 Fees, 2028, \$45M/Yr
- Public and Private Sectors

