

AGENDA

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, March 28, 2025

North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda (Meeting Will be Held as a Videoconference)

1:30 – 1:35

1. Approval of February 28, 2025, Minutes

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Gus Khankarli, STTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the February 28, 2025, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 1 will be requested.

Background: N/A

1:35 – 1:40

2. Consent Agenda

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

2.1. Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program

Presenter: Vickie Alexander, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of modifications to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be requested. Direction for staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents, as appropriate, to reflect the approved modifications will also be sought.

Background: The Unified Planning Work Program is required by federal and State transportation planning regulations and provides a summary of the transportation and related air quality planning tasks to be conducted by Metropolitan Planning Organization staff. The FY2024 and FY2025 UPWP was approved by the RTC and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board in July 2023 and identifies the activities to be carried out between October 1, 2023, and September 30, 2025. Amendments to this document are being proposed to reflect new initiatives, project updates, and funding adjustments. The proposed amendments are provided in Electronic Item 2.1.1. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 2.1.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:40 – 1:50

3. **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. April Surface Transportation Technical Committee Meeting will be Virtual As Well
2. Partnership Meetings to Resolve Dallas Area Rapid Transit Funding Concerns (Electronic Item 3.1)
3. Progress on Federal Discretionary Grants (Electronic Item 3.2)
4. Progress on Traffic Signals

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:50 – 2:05

4. **Mobility 2050: Draft Recommendations**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Presenter: Brendon Wheeler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A summary of the draft Mobility 2050 recommendations will be presented. Plan recommendations include policies, programs, and projects to advance improvements for a multimodal transportation system within the region and can be found online for review at www.nctcog.org/planinprogress.

Background: Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region to update the long-range transportation plan to a minimum of every 4 years and forecast at least 20 years into the future. Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas, currently under development, must demonstrate federal Transportation Conformity and be financially constrained. The updated plan will include a new financial plan, updated demographics and technical analysis, updated project recommendation listings, and robust public involvement. Draft recommendations will be shared at the North Central Texas Council of Governments April and May Public Meetings.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:05 – 2:15

5. **Federal and State Legislative Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jackie Nolasco, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on federal and State legislative actions related to transportation and air quality issues affecting the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Background: Transportation issues continue to be a focus for both the United States Congress and the Texas Legislature. Staff will provide an update on key legislative positions of the Regional Transportation Council. The 1st session of the 119th U.S. Congress convened on January 3, 2025. The 89th Texas Legislature convened on January 14, 2025.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:15 – 2:25

6. 2025 Title VI Program Updates

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Emily Beckham, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will describe updates to the Title VI Program. Updates are necessary for compliance with federal civil rights requirements.

Background: The Federal Transit Administration requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to update their Title VI Programs every three years. Title VI is a component of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Title VI Program identifies actions North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) takes to ensure nondiscrimination based on race, color, and national origin, including limited English proficiency. The Title VI Program includes information on how NCTCOG monitors its transit subrecipients for Title VI compliance. The Title VI Program update has undergone a public comment period. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 6.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:25 – 2:40

7. Development of the 2027 – 2030 Transportation Improvement Program

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Committee will be briefed on the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process, expectations, and upcoming meetings.

Background: A new TIP is developed every two years through a cooperative effort between the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), 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. For regionally significant projects to proceed to implementation, they must be included in the TIP listings correctly. To this end, NCTCOG staff will meet with local partners to receive input and updates on their active projects. The data from these meetings will be assessed and

organized into a draft project listing, which is financially constrained against the funding allocations identified in the Unified Transportation Program. Special attention will be paid to projects that are at risk of losing federal funds or on the Regional Transportation Council's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Milestone Policy list. Details on the 2027-2030 TIP Development process, timeline, and focus areas are available in Electronic Item 7.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:40 – 2:50

8. Regional Transit Performance Measures Update and New Transit Safety Targets

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ezra Pratt, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present an update on two groups of federally required transit performance measures: Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) and Transit Asset Management (TAM). Observed progress for the measures will be provided, along with a proposal to adopt new transit safety (PTASP) targets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2029.

Background: In 2021, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) adopted targets to cover FY 2022-2025 for the federally required performance measures under PTASP. PTASP includes measures related to transit safety for passengers, transit workers, and those who share the road with transit vehicles. The North Central Texas Council of Governments now has an opportunity to adjust or reaffirm the previously adopted targets and adopt several new targets required by the Federal Transit Administration. Current progress toward previously adopted federally required performance measures under TAM will also be included for information. TAM includes measures related to keeping all transit vehicles, equipment, facilities, and infrastructure in a state of good repair. A general update and schedule for all federal performance measures will be provided as well. Electronic Item 8 contains additional information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

2:50 – 3:00

9. Collin County Mixed-Use Development Study: Draft Report

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Shawn Conrad, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information regarding the draft report on the Collin County Mixed-use Development Study.

Background: In 2020, Collin County and the Cities of Allen, Frisco, Garland, McKinney, Plano, Richardson, and Wylie submitted a

technical assistance request that was incorporated into the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 and FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program. The request was to assess the traffic impact of mixed-use development (MXD) in suburban settings with and without transit and compare it to segregated development. The request sought to clarify traffic impacts of MXD to help inform the advancement of infill/densification projects that may encounter public opposition or developer challenges. This discussion will overview the completed study, including project plan, study methods, results, recommendations, and next steps impacting Transit 2.0. The draft report is available for review here: www.nctcog.org/landuseplanning.

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

3:00 – 3:05

10. **Start of the 2025 Ozone Season**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Daniela Tower, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information regarding the region's 2025 ozone season.

Background: The 2025 ozone season began on March 1 for the North Central Texas 9- and 10-county nonattainment areas and runs through the end of November. The region remains in nonattainment for both the 2008 and 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. This is the second of three years to be used in determining if attainment will be achieved in 2027. Efforts continue to understand why modeled emissions are opposite to emission levels recorded at regulatory monitors. Daily ozone information, including current conditions and forecasts, is provided at <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/ozone>. More details can be found in Electronic Item 10.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

3:05 – 3:15

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. *Aliyah Shaikh* – August 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Modification Request Deadline
2. *Camille Fountain* – Spring 2025 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement – May 1, 2025 (Electronic Item 11.1)
3. *Jill Krauter* – Regional Bike Safety Survey (publicinput.com/bikesafety)
4. *Shawn Conrad* – Regional School/Independent School District Outreach

5. *Chris Klaus* – PM2.5 Standard Nonattainment Update (Electronic Item 11.2) and (Electronic Item 11.3)
6. *Chris Klaus* – Recent Correspondence from Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Electronic Item 11.4)
7. *Joslyn Billings* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
8. *Joslyn Billings* – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
9. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports (Electronic Item 11.5)
 - February Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 11.6)
 - January – February Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 11.7)
 - April Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 11.8)

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 to be held virtually at **1:30 pm on April 25, 2025**.