



local match on projects and programs with federal funding. Once TDCs come to the region, they are allocated into several categories with various goals. North Central Texas Council of Governments staff proposes to make allocation adjustments to several of those categories. Details on the proposed changes can be found in Electronic Item 3.1.1. The TDC Annual Report, which must be submitted annually to TxDOT, is included as Electronic Item 3.1.2. Electronic Item 3.1.3 contains correspondence sent to TxDOT requesting additional TDCs be allocated to the region.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

### 3.2. **Federal Functional Classification System Amendments**

Presenter: Brian Flood, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of seven amendments to the currently approved Federal Functional Classification System (FFCS) will be requested.

Background: While inclusion in the FFCS is based on a roadway's purpose and functioning capabilities, it is also used to determine eligibility for federal funding. Amendments to the FFCS occur as the function of existing roadway changes, or as roadways need to be added due to construction, new developments, and shifts in demographic trends. Staff is currently working with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) on seven proposed FFCS amendments within the TxDOT Dallas and Fort Worth districts. These amendments involve the construction of new roadways and improvement of existing roadways resulting from a project development process involving North Central Texas Council of Governments staff, local governments, and external partners. Maps and tables detailing the proposed functional class changes are included in Electronic Item 3.2. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee recommended approval of these changes at its January 24, 2025, meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

**3.3. Regional Transportation Council Local Backstop Funding for Small Transit Operators**

Presenter: Dawn Dalrymple, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff is requesting Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval for use of \$200,000 RTC Local funding to continue critical transit services in the region.

Background: North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is working with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to obligate over \$6,800,000 in federal funding for small transit providers who operate through subrecipient agreements with NCTCOG. This funding was programmed by the RTC, but is not available for drawdown because it is not yet included in executed grant agreements. Delays in federal grant agreement execution have led to significant gaps in federal funding for small transit operators, providing critical transit services between urban and rural areas. These small transit providers are making adjustments where possible to maximize other funding sources but may be faced with requirements to reduce urbanized area services if federal funds are not made available quickly. Staff is requesting authorization to utilize RTC Local funds in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 as a backstop pending execution of federal grant funds to ensure the continuation of urban transit services in the region. More details can be found in Electronic Item 3.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

**1:20 – 1:25**

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

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Recognition of John Hudspeth, Deputy District Engineer, Texas Department of Transportation, Dallas District
2. Changing Mobility: Data, Insights, and Delivering Innovative Projects During COVID Recovery – Transit Data Update (Electronic Item 4.1)
3. Staff Work on Awarded Discretionary Grants, Federal Agencies, Federal Courts, and Presidential Executive Orders

4. Additional Correspondence from Hunt-Related Entities on High-Speed Rail (Electronic Item 4.2)
5. Correspondence with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Electronic Item 4.3)
6. Auto Occupancy/High Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Subsidy Report (Electronic Item 4.4)
7. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Annual Survey (Electronic Item 4.5)
8. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition Redesignated by the Department of Energy (Electronic Item 4.6)
9. Air Quality Funding Opportunities ([www.nctcog.org/aqfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding))
10. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events ([www.dfwcleancities.org/events](http://www.dfwcleancities.org/events))
11. January Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.7)
12. December – January Public Comment Report (Electronic Item 4.8)
13. February Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.9)
14. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.10)
15. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.11)
16. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.12)

1:25 – 1:35

5. **Work Zone Data Exchange 2024 Call for Projects**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Vickie Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the 2024 Work Zone Data Exchange Call for Projects selection and east/west funding split.

Background: In March of 2022, a procurement was issued to secure vendors through the North Central Texas Council of Governments' TXSHARE Cooperative Purchase for Work Zone Data Exchange (WZDx). In June 2023, the RTC directed staff to engage regional partners on project scoping and execution to continue this effort. In addition, the RTC has set aside \$2.5 million in federal funding to award local governments to implement WZDx services to continue to make progress in this area. On September 16, 2024, the 2024 Work Zone Data Exchange Call for Projects opened, and projects were due by November 15, 2024. Submissions were received and reviewed by staff. Additional information is provided in Electronic Items 5.1 and a listing of the project recommendations are provided in Electronic Item 5.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

1:35 – 1:45

6. **Transportation Authority Funding Affirmation**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved the Legislative program in October 2024, with direction to bring back language, “Protect existing transportation authority dedicated funding.”

Background: Electronic Item 6.1 contains the three parallel efforts to bring consensus on transportation authority funding. Electronic Item 6.2 contains a Transportation Authority Transit 2.0 partnership approach presented to Transit Authority Boards. In addition, staff will present State Implementation Plan commitments, Transportation Control Measures, Weight of Evidence, and scheduled upcoming fines to private sector industries. This combined information proposes an affirmation of the October 2024 RTC position quoted above.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

1:45 – 1:55

7. **Federal and State Legislative Update**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Rebekah Gongora, 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 United States Congress convened on January 3, 2025. The 89th Texas Legislature convened on January 14, 2025. This item will allow staff to provide updates on key positions of the Regional Transportation Council and allow any additional positions to be taken, if necessary.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:55 – 2:15

8. **Mobility 2050: Draft Recommendations**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 20

Presenter: Brendon Wheeler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A summary of the Financial Plan and draft Roadway Recommendations will be presented as a part of the development of Mobility 2050, the region’s next long-range transportation plan.

Background: Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region to update the long-range transportation plan to a minimum of every four 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. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 8.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:15 – 2:25

9. **Pavement and Bridge Condition and System Performance, Freight, and Air Quality: PM2/PM3 Performance Measure Targets**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present an update on two groups of federally required performance measures: Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM2) and System Performance and Freight (PM3).

Background: In 2022, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) adopted 2024 and 2026 targets for two sets of federally required performance measures commonly known as PM2 and PM3. PM2 includes measures related to pavement and bridge condition, while PM3 includes measures related to roadway system performance, freight, and air quality. North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) now has an opportunity to adjust or reaffirm the previously adopted 2026 targets, if appropriate, based on new data and analysis methodologies. As RTC took action to reaffirm 2026 targets for a subset of PM3 measures in September 2024, this item will cover the remainder of the PM3 measures not included with that action. Observed progress for the measures will be provided along with a proposal to reaffirm existing targets for the remainder of the current reporting period. See Electronic Item 9 for more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Goods Movement, Roadway

10. **Progress Reports**

Action     Possible Action     Information

Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 10.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 10.2)

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

12. **Future Agenda Items**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.

13. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council will be held at **1:00 pm, Thursday, March 13, 2025.**