

MINUTES

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE Friday, December 6, 2024

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, December 6, 2024, at 1:30 pm in the Transportation Council Room of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The following STTC members or representatives were present: Melissa Baker, James Bell, David Boski, Shon Brooks, Tanya Brooks, Jim Chin (representing Daniel Burnham), Farhan Butt, Travis Campbell, John Cordary Jr., Clarence Daugherty, Pritam Deshmukh, Becky Diviney, Phil Dupler, Eric Fladager, Chris Flanigan, Gary Graham, Tom Hammons, Barry Heard, John D. Hudspeth, Jeremy Hutt, Kathleen Bednarz (representing Thuan Huynh), Joel James, Major Jones, Gus Khankarli, Paul Luedtke, Chris Bosce (representing Stanford Lynch), Chad Marbut, John Mears, Mark Nelson, Jim O'Connor, Alfredo Ortiz, Cintia Ortiz, Kelly Porter, Than Nguyen (representing Tim Porter), Minesha Reese, Elizabeth Reynolds, James Rogge, Greg Royster, Davis Salmon, Brian Shewski, Ray Silva-Reyes, Errick Thompson, Jennifer VanderLaan, Autumn Permenter (representing Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize), Jana Wentzel, and Robert Woodbury.

Others present at the meeting were: Vickie Alexander, Carli Baylor, Kenny Bergstrom, Natalie Bettger, Angela Cruz, Dawn Dalrymple, Brian Dell, Cody Derrick, Joaquin Escalante, Kevin Feldt, Gypsy Gavia, Bobby Gomez, Rebekah Gongora, Christie Gotti, Behnoush Gurshaschi, Dhaval Jariwala, Jim Jarratt, Amy Johnson, Ryan Jones, Chandra Kanth, Dan Kessler, Madiha Khan, Ken Kirkpatrick, Chris Klaus, Jill Krauter, Siddhesh Kudale, Mike Landvik, Travis Liska, Charles Marsh, Malcolm Mayhew, James McLane, Savana Nance, Jenny Narvaez, Jeff Neal, Quang Nguyen, Joe O'Brien, Tim Palermo, Trey Pope, Ezra Pratt, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Eric Quintana, Lexi Roddy, Kyle Roy, Brandon Sparkman, Toni Stehling, Derek Sweeney, Daniela Tower, Jill Van Hoewyk, Brendon Wheeler, Amanda Wilson, and Hannah Witcher.

1. **Approval of October 25, 2024, Minutes:** The minutes of the October 25, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Jim O'Connor (M); Mark Nelson (S). The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 2.1. **February 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Modifications:**
A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval was requested for revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), along with the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes.
 - 2.2. **Fiscal Year 2024 Public Transportation Funding: Programs of Projects:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval was requested on Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Public Transportation Funding Programs of Projects.
 - 2.3. **City of Everman Signal Funding:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval was requested for \$300,000 in RTC Local funding for a new traffic signal in the City of Everman, including the ability to administratively amend planning, and administrative documents as needed to incorporate this project.

A motion was made to approve Items 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3 on the Consent Agenda. Kelly Porter (M); Clarence Daugherty (S). The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Backstop Funding: Supporting Vehicle Procurement for the Awarded 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant:**

Ken Kirkpatrick requested a recommendation for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) authorization to utilize \$1,004,000 in RTC Local funds as a temporary backstop to advance mobility enhancements within the Southern Dallas Inland Port.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to authorize use up to \$1,004,000 RTC Local funds for a temporary backstop to support contract obligations and expenditures for the purchase of electric buses and in-plant inspection services. Tanya Brooks (M); Kelly Porter (S). The motion passed unanimously.

4. **City of River Oaks, Meandering Road Right of Way Acquisition Loan:** Dan Kessler requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval to advance right-of-way acquisition funding for the reconstruction of Meandering Road from Roberts Cut-Off in River Oaks to LT JG Barnett Road to Fort Worth in the amount of \$900,000 in RTC Local funds. The City of River Oaks is acquiring the right-of-way at the request of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and the other project partners. RTC Local funds will be returned to NCTCOG upon River Oaks receiving federal reimbursement.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of the right-of-way acquisition loan of \$900,000 for Meandering Road from East Gate of LT JG Barnett Rd to Roberts Cut-Off. Kelly Porter (M); Tanya Brooks (S). The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Fiscal Year 2024 Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grant Program:**

Jeff Neal requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval to submit a project in the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Federal-State partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail (FSP) Grant Program. Applications were due to the United States Department of Transportation by December 16, 2024.

A motion was made to recommend the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approve submittal of the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) Corridor Double-Tracking Project for funding consideration through the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Federal-State Partnership (FSP) for Intercity Passenger Rail Program. Approval included use of up to \$2.4 million in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds and Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funds as a backstop in lieu of a partnership with Dallas Area Rapid Transit and Trinity Metro for the 20 percent non-federal match to complete FSP Track 1 (Project Planning) and FSP Track 2 (Project Development) tasks for an application total of \$12 million; and to administratively amend the North Central Texas Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program and State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP/STIP), as well as other planning and administrative documents, for inclusion of the proposed project if selected for a FY2024 FSP Grant award. Kelly Porter (M); Alfredo Ortiz (S). The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Project Status Report: Fiscal Year 2024 Project Tracking, Fiscal Year 2025 Project Tracking, and Metropolitan Planning Organization Milestone Policy Round 2:** Dylan Niles provided a status report on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Project Tracking, FY2025 Project Tracking, and Milestone Policy Round 2 projects and requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of various updates to Milestone Policy project deadlines.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of staff's recommendations detailed in slide 5 for the Metropolitan Planning Organization Milestone Policy Update as follows: Union Pacific (UP) Railroad Crossing Project (Haltom City), establish a letting deadline of December 2025; United States (US) 81/US 287 Projects (Texas Department of Transportation-Fort Worth), extend letting deadline to December 2026; and administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) along with other administrative/planning documents as needed to incorporate any changes to affected projects. Kelly Porter (M); Farhan Butt (S). The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Forecast 2050: Demographics**: Dan Kessler presented a summary of the recently completed Forecast 2050, the region's new population and employment forecasts for the year 2050. The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board approved these forecasts on November 21, 2024. These forecasts will be used to support the upcoming development of Mobility 2050: the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas.
8. **Mobility 2050**: Amy Johnson provided a report regarding efforts to develop the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Mobility 2050: the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas.
9. **Fiscal Year 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity Grant Program**: Jeff Neal briefed the Committee on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program, dedicated for surface transportation infrastructure projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. Details highlighting grant requirements, merit criteria, and possible multimodal project candidates were provided.
10. **Regional Parking Demand Database**: Travis Liska presented findings from data collection on parking demand at 106 private properties and requested ongoing local government participation and coordination. The regional data aggregation and analysis will help local governments with better parking policy and management.
11. **New 511 Dallas-Fort Worth System**: Eric Quintana provided an overview of the new 511 Dallas-Fort Worth (511DFW) Traveler Information System highlighting the public-facing and agency user interface.
12. **End of Ozone Season Recap**: Daniela Tower provided a summary of the 2024 ozone season activity and other air quality updates for the Dallas-Fort Worth region. The ozone season is from March 1 to November 30.
13. **Fast Facts**: Staff provided brief presentations on Items 1 through 7 below:
 1. Joseph O'Brien – 2025 Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program
 2. Joaquin Escalante – Reminder of Annual Required Local Government Energy Reporting
 3. Daniela Tower – Receipt of United States Department of Transportation 2023 Transportation Conformity Determination
 4. Trey Pope – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight

5. Savana Nance – Attendance Report – Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Technical Advisory Board
 6. Joaquin Escalante – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
 7. Joaquin Escalante – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
 8. Written progress reports were provided for Partner Progress Reports, October Public Meeting Minutes, and September through October Public Comments. Meeting schedules for the 2025 Surface Transportation Technical Committee and Regional Transportation Council meetings were distributed at the meeting.
14. **Other Business (Old or New):** No items were provided.
15. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for ***1:30 pm on January 24, 2025.***

Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.