

# REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

## FOOD DESERT ANALYSIS

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Industry Forum  
Transportation Council Room  
June 19, 2025

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# Agenda

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# Background

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Seeking data to resolve food deserts in the region.

Desire to better understand general model of grocery stores in food deserts, and community utilization of services (reduced labor cost).

Evaluating innovative solutions, including:

- Accounting software/Back-room payment systems

- Technology (e.g. Broadband)

- Autonomous vehicle delivery

- Unmanned aircraft delivery

NCTCOG has been requested by several local governments to initiate a process to help resolve this issue.



# Requested Information

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Is there a new cost model with lower labor or retail costs that make a “next generation grocery store” possible?

What technology resources would be needed to ensure success?

What current models are available, if any?

What software is available to assess inventory/supply to reduce food waste?

If NCTCOG helps sponsor portions (e.g. broadband/technology), does this generate enough cost savings to result in the construction of a new “next generation grocery store”?

Are there other financial incentives that would encourage the success of this model (remember we wish not to subsidize a traditional grocery store)?

Are there other considerations NCTCOG should understand?

# RFI Schedule

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RFI Published	June 6, 2025
Industry Forum	June 19, 2025
Questions Due	June 20, 2025
Response to Questions	June 25, 2025
Responses Due	July 11, 2025

# Questions?

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Responses to questions will be posted on  
June 25, 2025, at [www.nctcog.org/rfp](http://www.nctcog.org/rfp)