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## RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE <u>2023 TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY</u> DETERMINATION FOR THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH NONATTAINMENT AREA

- WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and nonprofit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,
- **WHEREAS**, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,
- WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,
- **WHEREAS**, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,
- **WHEREAS**, under 23 United States (USC) Code 134, the MPO is responsible for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process, in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly owned transit services; and,
- WHEREAS, under 23 USC 134, the MPO is responsible for developing and maintaining the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and their periodic updates; and,
- WHEREAS, under 23 USC 134, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program are required to include a financial plan to demonstrate how the MTP and TIP can be implemented; and,
- WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth area is a federally designated nonattainment area for the pollutant ozone, and air quality conformity of the MTP and TIP shall be determined by the MPO as required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations found in 40 Code of Federal Register (CFR) 90; and,
- WHEREAS, the EPA has designated the 10-county area of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise counties as severe nonattainment under the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) effective November 7, 2022; and designated the nine-county area of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Tarrant, and Wise counties as moderate nonattainment under the 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS effective November 7, 2022; and,
- WHEREAS, the EPA approved new Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the purpose of transportation conformity on April 24, 2023, with an effective date of May 24, 2023; and,
- WHEREAS, no changes were made to Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas 2022 Update previously endorsed by the Executive Board June 23, 2022; and,

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WHEREAS, the planning process used in development of the <u>2023 Transportation</u> <u>Conformity</u> was conducted in accordance with NCTCOG's approved public involvement procedures required under 23 USC 134, and Transportation Conformity Regulations, including presentations at public meetings and the allowance of a 30-day public comment period prior to transportation conformity approval; and,

WHEREAS, the air quality 2023 Transportation Conformity review has indicated that Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2022 Update meets the transportation conformity-related requirements of the State Implementation Plan, the Clean Air Act as amended on November 15, 1990, and the Transportation Conformity Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the findings of the <u>2023 Transportation Conformity</u> were adopted by the Regional Transportation Council on November 9, 2023, under Resolution R23-02.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board endorses

  Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central

  Texas 2022 Update.
- The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board endorses the findings of the 2023 Transportation Conformity which demonstrate that implementation of Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas 2022 Update and the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas will not cause any new violations of the 2008 and 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS, increase the frequency or severity of violations of the standards, or delay timely attainment of the standards. This analysis uses the latest available information and an applicable EPA-approved emissions estimation model and demonstrates Transportation Control Measures in approved State Implementation Plans are implemented in a timely fashion.
- Section 3. Results of the 2023 Transportation Conformity fulfill the requirement that transportation conformity be performed within two years of the effective date for new Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets.
- <u>Section 4.</u> This resolution will be included in the final documentation of <u>2023</u> <u>Transportation Conformity</u>.

Section 5.

This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Bill Heidemann, President

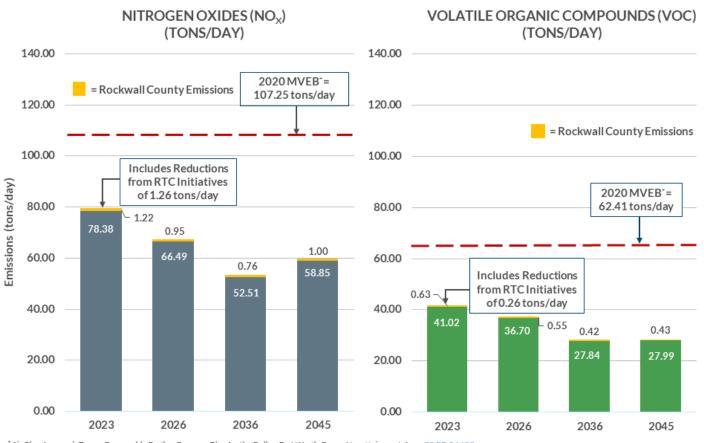
North Central Texas Council of Governments

Mayor, City of Corinth

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on January 25, 2024.

Victory Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer North Central Texas Council of Governments Councilmember, City of Burleson

## 2023 TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY RESULTS





 $^1$ Air Plan Approval; Texas; Reasonable Further Progress Plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth Ozone Nonattainment Area,  $\underline{88\ FR\ 24693}$