

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, October 17, 2024
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm **RTC Member Orientation**

2:00 pm **Full RTC Business Agenda
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)**

Pledge to the United States and Texas Flags

- 2:00 – 2:10** 1. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Today’s Agenda**
 Information Minutes: 10
Item Summary: Members of the public may comment on any item(s) on today’s agenda at this time. If speaking, please complete a Speaker Request Card available at the meeting, and provide it to the North Central Texas Council of Governments designated staff person. A maximum of three (3) minutes is permitted per speaker. At the conclusion of this item, no further opportunities for public comment will be provided for the duration of the meeting.
Background: N/A
- 2:10 – 2:15** 2. **Approval of September 12, 2024, Minutes**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Clay Lewis Jenkins, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the September 12, 2024, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 2 will be requested.
Background: N/A
- 2:15 – 2:20** 3. **Consent Agenda**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
- 3.1. **Development of Transportation Mobility Plans for FIFA 2026: AT&T Stadium (Nine Matches), International Broadcast Center (Pending) and Fair Park (Fan Fest)**
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG
Item Summary: FIFA has requested detailed Transportation Mobility Plans and North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is requesting consultant assistance in documenting existing plans into the FIFA format and detail.

Background: NCTCOG staff has been requested to take the transportation lead by the Dallas Host Committee for transportation related FIFA activities. Plans are already in place and need to be documented into a nationwide common format. First drafts are necessary by March 2025 with consultants staying under coordination until September 30, 2026. The cost is anticipated to not exceed \$1 million. RTC local is the funding source.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

3.2. **Update on Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Projects and Request for Matching Funds**

Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Several programs are beginning to move forward that provide investments to upgrade or install new electric vehicle (EV) chargers across the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) region. Staff also requests approval to use Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) to satisfy a portion of match requirements for an award under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Community Program.

Background: NCTCOG is involved in deploying three programs coming to the NCTCOG region which provides over \$85 million to upgrade or build EV charging stations. Public entities are invited to get involved in recommending siting priorities, submitting properties of their own on which they would like to have chargers, or hosting a public meeting. For more information, see www.publicinput.com/nctcogevcharging. One of the programs being administered by NCTCOG is the CFI Community Grant Program. Under this program, NCTCOG has been awarded \$15 million in FHWA funds to deploy EV charging stations in the NCTCOG region. To meet the non-federal share of expenses budgeted for NCTCOG administrative efforts and consultant services, NCTCOG will request use of TDCs. The remainder of the non-federal share is expected to be provided by private entities involved in the acquisition, construction, installation, operations,

or maintenance of the EV charging stations.
Electronic Item 3.2 provides more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

**3.3. Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: May 2024 Cycle
Selected Project**

Presenter: Gypsy Gavia, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff requests approval of the project evaluated through the May 2024 Cycle of the Transit Strategic Partnerships Program to provide funding to Feonix - Mobility Rising for the pilot of a Transportation Assistance Hub in portions of Dallas and Ellis counties.

Background: In the May 2024 cycle, one project was reviewed as a carryover from the previous November 2023 cycle. Feonix - Mobility Rising is proposing to address transit needs by using mobility navigators to connect riders with existing services and offer access to a volunteer driver program for mobility impaired residents and seniors where no other service is available or accessible. The selected project aligns with regional goals set forth in the 2022 Access North Texas, the regional public transportation coordination plan for the 16-county North Central Texas area, which documents the transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, and individuals with lower incomes across the region. As part of the Transit Strategic Partnerships Program, staff will recommend this project for Federal Transit Administration funding under Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities in an amount not to exceed \$475,000 federal with matching funds provided by Feonix - Mobility Rising. Please see Electronic Item 3.3 for more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:20 – 2:35

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

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Regional Transportation Council Recognition
2. Regional Transportation Council Member Orientation – Held Earlier Today
3. Executive Board Follow Up: White Paper on Federal Eligibility of Broadband As A Travel Demand Management Strategy
4. Federal Responsibilities for Metropolitan Planning Organizations in Housing Coordination
(https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/metro_planning.cfm)
5. Community Noise Mitigation Program (Electronic Item 4.1)
6. Miles Matter Program Update and Auto Occupancy/High-Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Report (Electronic Item 4.2)
7. Fall 2024 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement (Electronic Item 4.3)
8. Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas – Round 4 – Project Funding Recommendations (Electronic Item 4.4)
9. Current Hold on Regional Transportation Council Policy – Temporary Suspension of Dynamic Pricing
10. North Central Texas Council of Governments Not Pursuing the Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grant Opportunity
11. Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 4.5)
12. Air Quality Funding Opportunities
(www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
13. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
(www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
14. August – September Public Comment Report (Electronic Item 4.6)
15. October Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.7)
16. September Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.8)
17. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.9)
18. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.10)
19. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.11)

- 2:35 – 2:45** 5. **2025 Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Rebekah Gongora, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will present the draft Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Legislative Program for the 89th Texas Legislature.
Background: Last month, RTC members were presented with the draft Legislative Program for the 89th Texas Legislature and comments were received. An updated Legislative Program can be found in Electronic Item 5.1, while a marked-up version of the Legislative Program showing all changes can be found in Electronic Item 5.2. The 89th Session of the Texas Legislature will convene on January 14, 2025.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

- 2:45 – 2:55** 6. **2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview and request Regional Transportation Council approval on the eligibility, criteria, and schedule for the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region.
Background: Approximately \$50 million is anticipated to be available to fund active transportation projects in the Large Urbanized Areas of the North Central Texas region. Eligible applications under this program include the construction of on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities and Safe Routes to School plans. Staff will present a program overview for the Call for Projects, area of eligibility, required documentation, and schedule. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 6.

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

- 2:55 – 3:05** 7. **Air Quality Monitoring Policy**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will be requesting Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the Air Quality Monitoring Policy (P24-02).
Background: The Dallas-Fort Worth region continues to remain in nonattainment for the pollutant ozone with classifications of 'Severe' under the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air

Quality (NAAQ) Standard and 'Serious' under the 2015 Ozone NAAQ Standard. Regulatory ozone monitor readings in current nonattainment as well as attainment counties are continuing to rise with many already exceeding both ozone standards. Additionally, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has lowered the annual standard for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) to 9 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m³). A PM_{2.5} regulatory monitor in each of the region's most populous counties - Dallas and Tarrant - currently exceed this new standard. Elevated concentrations of ozone and PM_{2.5} are correlated with adverse health effects, such as increased respiratory and cardiovascular health issues, which are especially prevalent in disadvantaged communities. Increased stringency of federal standards and rising monitor values indicate increasing importance to better understand the influence of local sources, including the role of transportation, as well as the influence of potential exterior sources, meteorological patterns, and resulting spatial distribution of pollutants. Additional emission information, collected through non-regulatory monitors, can assist in identifying pollution sources and improve our understanding of the spatial and temporal distribution of pollution levels and associated health risks. By discerning spatial and temporal changes and sources both within and outside the region, our capacity to understand the problem is very limited. Having some data will allow us to develop more effective measures, leading to the development of improved air quality across the region. A number of efforts currently exist to maintain and expand non-regulatory monitoring. Such efforts include local governments, universities, and health advocates. The attached policy (Electronic Item 7.1) will show support for these efforts moving forward. For more information, please see Electronic Item 7.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

- 3:05 – 3:15** 8. **Swyft Cities Certification of Emerging and Reliable Transportation Technology Program Update**
- Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
- Presenter: Jeff Hathcock, NCTCOG
- Item Summary: As part of the Certification of Emerging and Reliable Transportation Technology (CERTT) Program, staff will provide the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) information on the recent progress of Swyft Cities and

their advancement through the program. Several local governments have expressed interest in advancing this modern gondola-style technology (known as Whoosh) in their communities and are in the process of considering/requesting federal funding through discretionary grant opportunities.

Background: In May 2022, the RTC adopted Policy P22-02 to develop a process for the Transportation Infrastructure Certification Program (now named CERTT). This program serves to guide a consensus-building path among the RTC, interested local governments, and transportation technology providers in bringing innovative transportation solutions to our region with the end goal of a commercial application serving a long-range transportation need. Swyft Cities advanced through Round 2 of the CERTT Program in spring 2023 and received several proposals from interested local governments. Since that point, Swyft Cities has been engaged with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and interested local governments in advancing potential project locations, determining appropriate technology certification oversight structures, considering public-private partnerships, balancing roles and shared risk, and developing a potential funding package for initial deployment. Recently, NCTCOG submitted a letter of commitment to the United States Department of Transportation supporting the City of Arlington's "Improving Access, Safety, and the Environment with Aerial Automated Transit Networks" grant application and their request for the 2024 Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant submittal. Additional details provided in Electronic Item 8.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

3:15 – 3:25 9.

Community School Siting Issues and Opportunities

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information and a request for participation in a survey regarding challenges associated with community school siting in the region and ways that the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) can assist local governments with this challenging issue.

Background: As growth continues to increase in the Dallas-Fort Worth region, the strain on existing schools and demand for new schools also continues to increase rapidly, particularly in fast-growing areas. Rapid growth means that coordination among local governments and independent school districts to plan school sites ahead of growth is essential to avoid costly and undesirable impacts to student safety, traffic, budgets, and the environment. Staff will review current school siting issues and examples of challenges and solutions. Feedback will be requested via a survey regarding the question: How can NCTCOG help with school siting issues? Responses will help inform NCTCOG's development of a strategy to best assist local governments in addressing this challenging problem. An overview is provided in Electronic Item 9.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety

3:25 – 3:35

10. **Mobility 2050: Key Updates and Ongoing Development**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amy Johnson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a report regarding efforts to develop the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Mobility 2050, including a review of the project selection process and draft plan revenue forecast.

Background: Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region to update the long-range transportation plan a minimum of every 4 years and forecast at least 20 years into the future. In addition, Mobility 2050 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. A detailed summary of public involvement can be found in Electronic Item 10.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

11. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

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

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 11.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 11.2)

12. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
13. **Future Agenda Items:** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.
14. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council will be held at **1:00 pm, Thursday, November 14, 2024**. The meeting date will be discussed.