



2025 Regional Transportation Council Federal Surface Transportation Authorization Legislative Priorities

Adequately Fund the Transportation System

Enact a long-term bill that provides stable funding and addresses the solvency of the Highway Trust Fund. This should include increasing traditional revenue sources for all modes of transportation and air quality programs, leveraging innovative funding methods, and updating allocation formulas to reflect current needs.

Streamline Project Delivery by Formula Allocation

Shift select competitive grants to formula funding, empower MPOs to act as direct recipients of certain federal funds, and reduce local match requirements. This would simplify funding processes, enhance flexibility, and accelerate transportation project implementation.

Pursue Safety through Technology

Utilize technology to enhance the transportation system by improving safety and congestion. This includes the consistent and safe implementation of technological advances, such as autonomous vehicles and data sharing, as well as examining new technologies to deter unsafe driving behaviors, while opposing proposals that could increase risks, like raising truck weight or length limits.

Expand Options

Maximize transportation efficiencies through transit-oriented developments, support shared mobility solutions, and strengthen regional, state, and national goods movement with smart ports and multimodal freight networks. Encourage high-speed rail and deploy advanced air quality technologies, such as hydrogen fuel cell electric systems, to reduce congestion and emissions.

Increase Efficiency

Incentivize regions that initiate streamlined project delivery and directly formula allocate funds to states and MPOs to increase efficiency. Additionally, encourage partnerships between federal agencies and focus on the preservation of existing transportation assets.

2025-2026 Regional Transportation Council

About the Regional Transportation Council

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Central Texas Council of Governments has served as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for regional transportation planning in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since 1974. The MPO works in cooperation with the region's transportation providers to address the complex transportation needs of the rapidly growing metropolitan area. The 12-county Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Planning Area includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hunt, Hood, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise counties. The RTC's 45 members include local elected or appointed officials from the metropolitan area and representatives from each of the area's transportation providers. More information can be found at www.nctcog.org/rtc.

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