

AGENDA

Regional Transportation Council

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Medal of Honor Museum

1861 AT&T Way

Arlington, TX 76011

Members of the public may view a livestream of the RTC Meeting at www.nctcog.org/video under the “watch live” tab

12:00 pm Light Snacks for Regional Transportation Council Members

12:30 pm Regional Transportation Council Meeting

12:30 pm Full RTC Business Agenda
Guest Secured Wireless Connection will be provided at the meeting.

Pledge to the United States and Texas Flags

12:30 – 12:40 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

12:40 – 12:45 2. Approval of March 13, 2025, Minutes

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Clay Lewis Jenkins, RTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the March 13, 2025, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 2 will be requested.

Background: N/A

12:45 – 12:50 3.

Consent Agenda

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

3.1. Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2024 and Fiscal Year 2025 Unified Planning Work Program

Presenter: Vickie Alexander, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of modifications to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) will be requested. Direction for staff to also administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other administrative/planning documents, as appropriate, to reflect the approved modifications will also be sought.

Background: The Unified Planning Work Program is required by federal and State transportation planning regulations and provides a summary of the transportation and related air quality planning tasks to be conducted by Metropolitan Planning Organization staff. The FY2024 and FY2025 UPWP was approved by the RTC and North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board in July 2023 and identifies the activities to be carried out between October 1, 2023, and September 30, 2025. Amendments to this document are being proposed to reflect new initiatives, project updates, and funding adjustments. The proposed amendments are provided in Electronic Item 3.1.1. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 3.1.2. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee took action at its March 28, 2025, meeting to recommend RTC approval.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

3.2. Funding Recommendations to Upgrade Existing Charging Stations

Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of funding recommendations for the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator Program will be requested.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) was awarded \$3,660,000 in federal funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator program in January 2024 to repair, replace, or upgrade existing but non-operational publicly accessible EV charging infrastructure. FHWA limited eligibility for this program to a list of pre-identified non-operational EV charging infrastructure stations published in October 2023. The full list is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Staff have evaluated EV charging infrastructure from the eligible site list as provided by FHWA to develop funding recommendations to issue subawards under this program. Electronic Item 3.2.1 provides a summary of staff funding recommendations as well as an overview of other regional EV projects. A detailed screening and ranking of all locations considered for funding can be found in Electronic Item 3.2.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

3.3. **High Occupancy Vehicle 2/3+ Subsidy Funding for North Tarrant Express Facility**

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of \$1 million in Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funding will be requested for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) 2/3+ Subsidy associated with the North Tarrant Express (NTE) corridor.

Background: When the RTC approved the Managed Lane Policy in 2006, members elected to retain the HOV incentive on managed lanes. This policy position has been maintained through multiple updates of the later renamed Tolloed Managed Lane Policy. In December 2012, the RTC adopted a policy to maintain the HOV incentive for vehicles with a minimum of two passengers with the understanding that future costs may drive the need to limit the incentive to vehicles with a minimum of three users. In 2014, RTC approved \$6.85 million in RTR funds for the NTE subsidy. The initial funding for the NTE facility subsidy is

nearly depleted, and staff is recommending approval of \$1 million of Tarrant County RTR funds to extend subsidy funding for the next 6 to 12 months. A more detailed policy-level item will be brought to the RTC later in 2025, as a longer-term funding need is evident. The LBJ Express facility has sufficient funding for the foreseeable future and no changes are recommended for that project at this time. Electronic Item 3.3 includes a high-level summary of the subsidy expenditures by fiscal year for the NTE corridor.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

3.4. Funding for Interstate Highway 30 Canyon Project Cost Overrun

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of \$196,350,870 to cover a cost overrun at letting on the Interstate Highway (IH) 30 Canyon project will be requested, along with the ability to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program along with other planning and administrative documents as needed to incorporate the funding.

Background: The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is implementing the IH 30 “Canyon” project from IH 35E to IH 45 in Downtown Dallas. The project will reconstruct and widen the main lanes and frontage road lanes, remove the direct connector lanes to improve traffic flow, reconstruct the High-Occupancy Vehicle lane, and add the supporting deck walls needed for a future deck plaza over IH 30. There is currently \$635.15 million available for the roadway reconstruction and widening, comprised of \$409.73 million Category 2, \$93.94 million Category 4, \$121.54 million Category 12, and \$9.94 million from the City of Dallas. The low bid for this portion of the project is \$831.50 million, leaving a \$196.35 million funding gap. The low bid for the deck wall portion of the project is \$55.34 million vs. \$86 million of available funding (\$13.75 million Surface Transportation Block

Grant (STBG), \$25 million Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant, \$47.25 million from the City of Dallas), leaving a funding surplus of \$30.66 million. The Dallas funding for this portion may be reduced if there are no cost increases during construction. TxDOT has requested to partner with RTC to cover the funding gap on the roadway portion of the project. TxDOT would contribute \$98,175,435 of Category 11 Cost Overrun/Change Order funds and the RTC is being asked to commit an additional \$98,175,435 (\$40,973,629 of Category 2 funds and \$57,201,806 of STBG funds). This project has a complicated construction plan due to the need for traffic to continue to flow through-out construction and TxDOT recommends accepting the bid received (vs. trying to rebid the project in the future) as inflation costs would be higher than the current bid.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

12:50 – 1:00 4.

Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10
 Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. New North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Director, (soon to be former) Judge Todd Little, Ellis County
2. Contribution of \$1.9 Million to Medal of Honor Museum and Introduction of Chris Cassidy, President and Chief Executive Officer, National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation
3. No Proposed Regional Transportation Council Meeting in May
4. Department of Defense Reimbursement
5. Regional Transportation Council Local Grant Management Fund Status (Electronic Item 4.1)
6. Progress on Federal Discretionary Grants (Electronic Item 4.2)
7. Additional Correspondence from Hunt-Related Entities on High-Speed Rail (Electronic Item 4.3)

8. Spring 2025 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement – May 1, 2025 (Electronic Item 4.4)
9. PM2.5 Standard Nonattainment Update (Electronic Item 4.5) and (Electronic Item 4.6)
10. Start of Ozone Season (Electronic Item 4.7)
11. Air Quality Funding Opportunities
(www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
12. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
(www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
13. Updated February Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.8)
14. March Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.9)
15. February – March Public Comment Report (Electronic Item 4.10)
16. April Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.11)
17. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.12)
18. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.13)
19. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.14)

1:00 – 1:10

5. Federal and State Legislative Update

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Rebekah Gongora, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on federal and State legislative actions related to transportation and air quality issues affecting the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Background: At this point, no action will be requested. Regional Transportation Council letters have been submitted to committees based on your legislative priorities. These letters can be found on the Director of Transportation Report under recent correspondence. Transportation issues continue to be a focus for both the United States (U.S) Congress and the Texas Legislature. Staff will provide an update on key legislative positions of the Regional Transportation Council. The 1st session of the 119th U.S. Congress convened on January 3, 2025. The 89th Texas Legislature convened on January 14, 2025. This item will allow staff to provide updates on key positions of the Regional Transportation Council and allow any additional positions to be taken, if necessary.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:10 – 1:30

6. **Transit 2.0 Implementation, Dallas Area Rapid Transit Legislation and Mediation via Regional Transportation Council**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 20

Presenters: Michael Morris, NCTCOG and Chair Clay Lewis Jenkins, Dallas County Judge

Item Summary: This item will summarize the concluding steps of the Transit 2.0 study. Judge Jenkins led a mediation process with all parties resulting in two new Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) resolutions. Some legislators wish for the mediation process to continue. In addition, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be requested to approve proposed legislation in a local bill instructing the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) RTC to propose a new regional transit institutional approach addressing Transit 2.0 results, member city concerns, new member city wishes, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) interests, and input from the North Texas Legislation delegation.

Background: There is extensive activity around the three transportation authorities, DART, Trinity Metro, and Denton County Transportation Authority). Electronic Item 6.1 contains the status of Transit 2.0 reports. Electronic Item 6.2 contains the latest resolutions from DART and highlights mediation to date. Some DART cities are monitoring their commitment to current substitute legislation. RTC action will be requested for the 89th Texas Legislature to pass a local bill instructing the RTC to propose a better transit solution in a region anticipated to be 12 million people over the next two decades. Electronic Item 6.3 provides additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

1:30 – 1:40

7. **Development of the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Council will be briefed on the 2027-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process and timeline.

Background: A new TIP is developed every two years through a cooperative effort between the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), local governments, and transportation authorities. The TIP is a staged, multi-year listing of transportation projects with

committed funding from federal, State, and local sources within the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area. For regionally significant projects to proceed to implementation, they must be included in the TIP listings correctly. To this end, NCTCOG staff will meet with local partners to receive input and updates on their active projects. The data from this effort will be assessed and organized into a draft project listing, which is financially constrained against the funding allocations identified in the Unified Transportation Program. Special attention will be paid to projects that are at risk of losing federal funds or on the Regional Transportation Council's Metropolitan Planning Organization Milestone Policy list. Details on the 2027-2030 TIP Development process, timeline, and focus areas are available in Electronic Item 7.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

1:40 – 1:50

8. **Mobility 2050 and Conformity: Regional Transportation Council Adoption Process**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Brendon Wheeler and Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The public comment period for Mobility 2050 opens on April 7, 2025. As the mobility plan transitions from active development to a feedback stage, staff will highlight external factors that may have significant implications on plan recommendations and the air quality conformity determination schedule. Staff will also present a brief overview and preliminary results of the federally required air quality conformity analysis.

Background: Staff will ask the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to adopt Mobility 2050 and corresponding 2025 Transportation Air Quality Conformity at the June RTC meeting. Last month the RTC approved staff to take the plan recommendations out for public review and comment. Plan recommendations (found online for review at www.nctcog.org/planinprogress) were presented at the March RTC meeting. Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region to update the long-range transportation plan a minimum of every four years. In addition, the current schedule allows the plan forecast to maintain at least 20 years into the future. Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas, currently under development, 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. The Clean Air Act requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to perform an air quality analysis when a new Metropolitan Transportation Plan is developed to ensure the multimodal transportation system complies with applicable Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets established for the region.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Roadway

1:50 – 2:00

9. **Title VI Program Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present updates to the Title VI Program. The document is necessary for compliance with federal civil rights requirements and must be adopted by the Regional Transportation Council. An updated Title VI Program must be submitted to the Federal Transit Administration no later than May 31, 2025.

Background: The Federal Transit Administration requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to update their Title VI Programs every three years. The Title VI Program was last updated in May 2022. Title VI is a component of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Title VI Program identifies actions the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) takes to ensure nondiscrimination based on race, color, and national origin, including limited English proficiency. The Title VI Program includes information on how NCTCOG monitors its transit subrecipients for Title VI compliance. The Title VI Program update has undergone a public comment period. A draft of the Title VI Program update is available at <https://nctcog.org/TitleVI>. Electronic Item 9 includes additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

10. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

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

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 10.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 10.2)

11. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
12. **Future Agenda Items**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.
13. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council will be held at **1:00 pm, Thursday, June 12, 2025**.