

North Central Texas Council of Governments

# AGENDA

## North Texas Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition

Wednesday, January 29, 2025

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Virtual: [Microsoft Teams](#)

Chair: Alexander Pharmakis, City of Farmers Branch

Vice Chair: Lindsay Graf, City of Plano

### 1. Welcome and Introductions.

### PRESENTATION

2. **Demonstrating Return on Conservation™**. Texan by Nature's Joni Carswell, CEO, and Jenny Burden, Director of Development, will share highlights from their [Return on Conservation™ report](#), which works to bring together stakeholders by exploring data and examples that indicate the full value of conservation.

### ACTION ITEMS

3. **Meeting Summary**. Review and approve the October 30, 2024, meeting summary, which can be viewed [here](#).

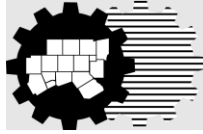
### DISCUSSION

4. **FY2025 Work Plan and Project Updates**. NCTCOG will discuss progress on the FY2025 Work Plan initiatives.
  - SECO Contract Scope of Work: Discuss opportunities for cross collaboration with SECO work.

### INFORMATION ITEMS

5. **FY2025 Member Cost Share Commitments**. NCTCOG will provide an update on the status of cost shares for FY2025
6. **Bylaws Task Force**. The Bylaws Task Force will provide an update on recommended changes to the RISE Coalition Bylaws.
7. **89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session Update**. NCTCOG staff will discuss the status of bills of interest. RISE Coalition members are invited to share any pertinent sustainability issues, topics, news, or bills of interest to date.

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8. **NCTCOG Regional Opportunities.** NCTCOG will go over other opportunities in the North Central Texas region that relate to sustainability and the Coalition's focus areas.

- **Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Update:** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on the development of the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan, which is being funded under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants.
- **Clean Heavy Duty Vehicles Grant:** NCTCOG staff will provide information on a recently awarded grant which will provide over \$60 million to the region for funding for the purchase of Class 6 and 7 zero-emission vehicles.

### OTHER BUSINESS

9. **Participant Roundtable.** Participants will have an opportunity to share activities happening in their communities/organizations to identify areas for collaboration and sharing sustainability programs or success stories.

10. **Future Agenda Items.** Suggestions for future agenda items.

11. **Next Meeting Date.** The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. This meeting will be held in-person at the NCTCOG Offices. [Add to calendar.](#)

Upcoming meeting dates for 2025

- July 30, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. – Online

12. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Corinne Buckley at (817) 704-2510 or [cbuckley@nctcog.org](mailto:cbuckley@nctcog.org).

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