

## AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council  
Thursday, July 14, 2022  
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

**1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda  
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**Pledge to the United States and Texas Flags**

**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 to the North Central Texas Council of Governments designated staff person. A maximum 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

**1:10 – 1:15**

**2. Approval of June 9, 2022, Minutes**

Action  Possible Action  Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Duncan Webb, RTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the June 9, 2022, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 2 will be requested.

Background: N/A

**1:15 – 1:20**

**3. Consent Agenda**

Action  Possible Action  Information Minutes : 5

**3.1. Modifications to the Fiscal Year 2022 and Fiscal Year 2023 Unified Planning Work Program**

Presenter: Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of modifications to the FY2022 and FY2023 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 FY2022 and FY2023 UPWP was approved by the Regional Transportation Council and North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board in July

2021 and identifies the activities to be carried out between October 1, 2021, and September 30, 2023. Amendments to this document are being proposed to reflect new initiatives, project updates, and funding adjustments. The proposed amendments have been posted on the NCTCOG website for public review and comment as part of the June public outreach opportunity and are also included as Electronic Item 3.1.1. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 3.1.2. Public comments received as a result of the public outreach process, if any, will be provided prior to requesting RTC approval. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee took action at its June 24, 2022, meeting to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:20 – 1:30

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

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

1. RTC Bylaws Revisions Subcommittee (Electronic Item 4.1)
2. Status of BUILD Grant with BNSF, Trinity Metro, and DART
3. NCTCOG Awarded Federal Transit Administration's Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant to Help Improve Transportation in Southeast Fort Worth
4. SH 183/Cintra - \$1.5 Billion
5. Reviewing Rules for Public Comments at Regional Transportation Council Meetings
6. NCTCOG Letter to Texas House Representative Terry Canales about the Local Initiatives Projects (LIP) Program and TxDOT on the Texas EV Infrastructure Plan (Electronic Item 4.2)
7. FIFA World Cup: 2026
8. 2022 Transportation Safety Performance Report
9. 2022 WTS Innovative Transportation Solutions Award Winner: DFW High-Speed Transportation Connections Study (Electronic Item 4.3)
10. Megaregions and America's Future Book (Handout)
11. IJA USDOT Competitive Grant Program Matrix (Electronic Item 4.4)
12. RTC/Irving Summit on August 18, 2022
13. TransPOD Certification Facility Proposal (Electronic Item 4.5)
14. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles ([www.nctcog.org/aqfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding))
15. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events ([www.dfwcleancities.org](http://www.dfwcleancities.org))

- 16. Status Report on Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program Funding (Electronic Item 4.6)
- 17. 2022 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 4.7)
- 18. June Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.8)
- 19. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.9)
- 20. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.10)
- 21. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.11)
- 22. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.12)

1:30 – 1:40

5. **Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenters: Kevin Kokes, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) action will be requested to open the 2022 Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside Program Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region.

Background: Approximately \$40-\$50 million is anticipated to be available to fund active transportation projects, including Safe Routes to School (SRTS) projects, Safe Routes to Rail projects, and Safety-related improvements in the Urbanized Area of the North Central Texas region. Projects eligible under this program include the construction of on- and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities, multi-modal connections to public transportation, SRTS-related education activities, and pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure that will substantially improve safety. Staff will present an overview of the application categories and eligible projects, program rules, and the schedule for the Call for Projects. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 5.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

1:40 – 1:50

6. **Fiscal Year 2023-2025 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Proposed Goal**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ken Kirkpatrick, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request approval of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation Goal for FY2023-FY2025.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is required by the Federal Transit Administration to revise its DBE Participation Goal every three years. The current DBE Participation Goal is valid until September 30, 2022. Staff has developed a schedule to meet this deadline that also encourages and provides opportunity for public participation and comment. Staff will present goals to the Regional Transportation Council for approval. Electronic Item 6 includes additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

1:50 – 2:00

7. **Regional Parking Garage Policy and Funding; Potential Partnership with Dallas Area Rapid Transit**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenters: Karla Windsor and Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: In response to local government requests for parking lot and garage funding related to major redevelopment projects, a policy guiding these funding decisions is recommended. Additionally, two initial projects that would apply to this policy are proposed for regional funding, along with the funding program with Dallas Area Rapid Transit. Staff will request approval of the Regional Parking Garage Policy and initial projects.

Background: North Central Texas Council of Governments staff has received several parking-related funding requests from local governments that support strategic land use developments. Past funding for parking facilities has been allocated following recommendations from area plans and stakeholder engagement. Mobility 2045 includes parking management and technology coordination in the land use-transportation connections program. To continue strategic investment in regional developments, staff recommends a regional parking facility funding policy be adopted by the Regional Transportation Council. The policy would direct support to a limited number of publicly owned surface and structured parking for strategic purposes that generally meet criteria such as safety, enhanced technology, development of special event/regional locations, denser land use, transit, and environmental, air quality, and/or equity benefits. Electronic item 7 contains additional details regarding the proposed policy and two projects proposed for funding.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:00 – 2:10

8. **Approval of US 75 Technology Lane for Partnership with Local Government and Texas Department of Transportation**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenters: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be requested to approve the US 75 Technology Lane. The project is funded and ready for construction. To expedite implementation the following policy is proposed. HOV and “alternate fueled vehicles including electric” vehicles can use the new lane 24 hours a day. Single Occupant Vehicles can use this inside lane 22 hours per day. The RTC directs staff to present this position to representatives of Dallas and Collin Counties and the Cities of Dallas, Richardson, Allen, and McKinney for endorsement.

Background: This project has been on hold for several years awaiting an aligned position of federal, State, regional, and local elected officials. US 75 is the most congested corridor in this region without a permanent Mobility Plan recommendation. As a

result, the interim solution has been extended much longer than intended. The recommendation will come with changes in signal timing on the frontage roads in response to incidents and enforced freeway management response policies. Electronic Item 8 contains previous correspondence from Federal Highway Administration. Staff will provide additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Roadway

2:10 – 2:15

9. **Certification of the Regional Transportation Council for 2021 Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Authority (FHWA/FTA)**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, McKinney and Denton-Lewisville Urbanized Areas. MPO's are re-certified at least once every 4 years. Electronic Item 9 contains the latest reporting materials from Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration. Staff will summarize.

Background: On September 23, 2021, and with more detail provided on May 26, 2022, federal agencies provided the re-certification of the NCTCOG Regional Transportation Council. Recommendations, commendations and observations are included. Reports determine that federal responsibilities are being met and documents certification of the metropolitan transportation planning process.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:15 – 2:20

10. **Fiscal Year 2022 Bridge Investment Program (BIP)**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Bridge Investment Program (BIP). This \$2.36 billion program solicits applications for three categories of BIP funding opportunities: (1) Planning; (2) Bridge Projects (eligible costs less than/equal to \$100 million); and (3) Large Bridge Projects (eligible costs greater than \$100 million). Eligible applicants may submit applications for any of the three funding categories, but each category has distinct eligibility/selection criteria and application deadlines to be summarized.

Background: In June 2022, the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the solicitation of applications for FY22 BIP funding. A total of \$20 million in FY22 BIP funds are available for Planning Grants. These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for planning, feasibility analysis, and revenue forecasting associated with development of a project that would subsequently be eligible for BIP funding. Planning

applications are due to US DOT by July 25, 2022. A total of \$2.34 billion in FY22 BIP funds are available for the Bridge Projects and Large Bridge Projects opportunities. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for bridge replacement, rehabilitation, preservation, and protection projects that: (1) improve safety, efficiency, and reliability of people/goods movement over bridges; and (2) improve the condition of U.S. bridges by reducing (a) the number of bridges (and total person-miles traveled over bridges) in poor condition, or at risk of falling into poor condition within the next three years, or (b) the number of bridges (and total person-miles traveled over bridges) not meeting current geometric design standards or regional transportation network load/traffic requirements. Available at <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bridge/bip/index.cfm>, the FY22 BIP Notice of Funding Opportunity describes application requirements, evaluation criteria, applicable program and federal requirements, and available technical assistance during the solicitation period. Large Bridge Project applications are due to the US DOT by August 9, 2022, and Bridge Project applications are due by September 8, 2022. Electronic Item 10.1 lists regional bridges currently rated in poor condition via 2021 National Bridge Inventory (NBI) data, and Electronic Item 10.2 outlines BIP information briefed last month to the Surface Transportation Technical Committee. Regional agencies submitting projects must complete the [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) registration process, usually requiring two to four weeks for completion, prior to submitting applications. Assuming the projected timing for application development per each FY22 BIP funding category, agency requests to receive a letter of support from the Council should be submitted to Kyle Roy, at [kroy@nctcog.org](mailto:kroy@nctcog.org), by the following deadlines:

- Planning – July 14, 2022
- Large Bridge Projects – July 29, 2022
- Bridge Projects – August 29, 2022

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:20 – 2:30

11. **2023 Unified Transportation Program (UTP) and Regional 10-Year Plan Update**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Action<br>Presenter:<br>Item Summary:<br><br>Background: | <input type="checkbox"/> Possible Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information    Minutes: 10<br>Christie Gotti, NCTCOG<br>Staff will brief the Council on the proposed changes for the Regional 10-Year Plan Update, including two funding exchanges related to the Southeast Connector project.<br>Since December 2016, the Regional Transportation Council has annually approved a set of projects funded with Category 2 (MPO selected) and Category 4 (TxDOT District selected) funds and submitted for Texas Transportation Commission (TTC) consideration with Category 12 (TTC selected) funds that cover 10 years of highway projects. This |
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action is the Dallas-Fort Worth region’s response to the House Bill (HB) 20 10-year planning requirement. Since the last update in 2021, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff has coordinated with the TxDOT Dallas, Paris (Hunt County), and Fort Worth districts regarding updates to previously approved projects, as well as potential additions to the 10-Year Plan to be included in the 2023 Unified Transportation Program (UTP). In response to a March 1, 2022, deadline set forth by TxDOT, staff worked with TxDOT to draft a list that includes these project updates and potential new candidate projects. In recent weeks, feedback was received from TxDOT Headquarters regarding the region’s funding requests. As part of this update to the 10-Year Plan, proposals for a Category 2/Category 7 and a Category 2/Category 12 funding exchange are being made. To reduce the region’s carryover balance of Category 7 funds and help the State access additional federal apportionment, Category 7 funds are proposed to be removed from several projects and replaced with Category 2 funds. The freed-up Category 7 funds would then be used to replace Category 2 funds on a section of the Southeast Connector that is obligating in FY2022. To address a funding gap on the Southeast Connector project, staff is proposing that Category 2 funds be removed from several out-year projects and be replaced with Category 12 funding in the 2023 UTP. The freed-up Category 2 funds would then be used on a section of the Southeast Connector to advance it by February 2023. Electronic Item 11.1 includes additional information about the process. Electronic Item 11.2 contains the proposed list of planned projects for the Regional 10-Year Plan. Electronic Item 11.3 contains the 10-Year Plan projects that have let or been completed.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:30 – 2:35

12. **Metropolitan Planning Organization Milestone Policy Round 2: Status Update**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) with an update on the status of the MPO Milestone Policy Round 2 projects that have not let for construction.

Background: The MPO Milestone Policy was adopted by the RTC to ensure that projects which have been funded for more than 10 years and have not gone to construction are being implemented in a timely manner. In February 2021, the RTC took action on the second round of the Milestone Policy, including a project tracking process and revised set of policy procedures. Staff coordinates with implementing agencies to assess project risk on all Milestone Policy projects until they go to construction. The responses are reviewed, and a rating

is assigned to each project. Status updates on each project, along with their latest ratings, can be found in Electronic Item 12.1. Details on the MPO Milestone Policy can be found in Electronic Item 12.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:35 – 2:40

13. **Fiscal Year 2022 Project Tracking**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 5

Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide the Council with an update on the status of projects that are part of the FY2022 Project Tracking Initiative created to reduce the region's carryover funding balances.

Background: Almost every year, Regional Transportation Council (RTC)-selected projects being implemented by local governments experience delays. While a one-year delay is of less consequence, what tends to occur is that a project is delayed year after year, until it has been 3-4 years since the originally committed start date. These repeated delays led to the need to implement the MPO Milestone Policy, which identifies projects that have not advanced to construction after being funded for at least 10 years. However, a 10-year project review does not create an action plan soon enough to reduce the region's growing Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), and Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set Aside carryover balances. As a secondary offensive measure against these delays, staff has implemented a project tracking initiative which highlights project schedule commitments to the Surface Transportation Technical Committee and the RTC on a regular basis and reports local agency progress toward the committed project development schedules. A list of project phases scheduled to begin in FY2022 can be found in Electronic Item 13.1. Additional details on this initiative can be found in Electronic Item 13.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:40 – 2:50

14. **Regional Sidewalk Data Layer**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information on the upcoming purchase and creation of a regional geographic information systems (GIS) layer for existing sidewalks for qualifying municipalities of the metropolitan planning area (MPA).

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Transportation Department is developing a regional sidewalk spatial data layer. This will support improved regional level planning for pedestrian safety, transit access, context sensitive street needs, and improved walkable land use planning and coordination. In February 2022, Transportation Department



staff emailed various staff at 159 municipal governments in the MPA (those with 2021 populations estimated to be over 1,000) asking if they have existing sidewalk GIS data. Staff is recommending that new data be created for approximately 139 cities needing new or updated sidewalk data. The Transportation Department is using the NCTCOG Spatial Data Cooperative Program to purchase sidewalk data digitized from aerial imagery. Applicable cities with data being collected for their jurisdiction have received communication requesting a funding partnership for the data purchase. The deadline to respond is July 29, 2022. A table of cities is included in Electronic Item 14.1. Additional details are available in Electronic Item 14.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

15. **Progress Reports**

Action       Possible Action       Information

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

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 15.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 15.2)

16. **Other Business (Old or New):** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

17. **Future Agenda Items:** This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.

18. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***1:00 pm on August 18, 2022, at the Irving Convention Center.***