

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, March 13, 2025
Ruthe Jackson Center
3113 S. Carrier Parkway
Grand Prairie, TX 75052**

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10:30 am Regional Transportation Council Meeting: Part One

**10:30 am Full RTC Business Agenda
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Pledge to the United States and Texas Flags

10:30 – 10:40 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

10:40 – 10:45 2. Approval of February 13, 2025, Minutes

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Clay Lewis Jenkins, RTC Chair

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

Background: N/A

10:45 – 10:50 3. Consent Agenda

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

3.1. May 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Revisions

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council approval of revisions to the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) will be requested,

along with the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program and other planning documents with TIP-related changes.

Background: May 2025 revisions to the 2025-2028 TIP are provided as Electronic Item 3.1 for the Council's consideration. These modifications have been reviewed for consistency with the mobility plan, the air quality conformity determination, and financial constraint of the TIP.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

3.2. **Pavement and Bridge Condition and System Performance, Freight, and Air Quality: PM2/PM3 Performance Measure Targets**

Presenter: Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to reaffirm existing targets for the remainder of the current reporting period for two groups of federally required performance measures: Pavement and Bridge Condition (PM2) and System Performance and Freight (PM3).

Background: In 2022, the RTC adopted 2024 and 2026 targets for two sets of federally required performance measures commonly known as PM2 and PM3. PM2 includes measures related to pavement and bridge condition, while PM3 includes measures related to roadway system performance, freight, and air quality. The North Central Texas Council of Governments now has an opportunity to adjust or reaffirm the previously adopted 2026 targets, if appropriate, based on new data and analysis methodologies. As RTC recently took action to reaffirm 2026 targets for a subset of PM3 measures in September 2024, this item will cover the remainder of the PM3 measures not included in that action. Observed progress for the measures will be provided along with a proposal to reaffirm existing targets for the remainder of the current reporting period. Updated pavement condition information from the North Texas Tollway Authority is now included in this consent agenda item. The Surface Transportation Technical Committee has recommended RTC to

reaffirm support on both PM2 and PM3 targets.
See Electronic Item 3.2 for more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Goods Movement, Roadway

3.3. Local Funding for On-Demand Transit Services in the Southern Dallas Inland Port

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to utilize up to \$750,000 in Regional Toll Revenue funds to match STAR Transit's existing \$750,000 in Section 5307 Urbanized Area Program funds to support transit service operations in the South Dallas Inland Port area.

Background: In December 2018, RTC approved funding to create the Southern Dallas Inland Port Transportation Management Association (IPTMA) to reduce congestion and single-occupancy trips. As a result, the IPTMA, in partnership with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and STAR Transit, began to provide on-demand microtransit service in 2020 to connect local workforce with employment opportunities across the Inland Port. Bridge funding was approved by RTC in July 2023 to further support transit within the Inland Port area due to delays in the awarded Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant. The bridge funding is anticipated to be expended by approximately October 1, 2025, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) determined that the \$1.5 million transit operations cost is not an eligible expense under FY2021 RAISE grant activities. Currently, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, IPTMA and STAR Transit are collaborating with local governments to restructure transit service to prevent major gaps in service. The newly formed Southern Dallas County Inland Port Local Government Corporation (LGC) is also exploring local revenue solutions that could be leveraged to support transit operations for participating cities in

the Southern Dallas Inland Port area. More details can be found in Electronic Item 3.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

10:50 – 10:55 4. Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Overview of Today's Regional Transportation Council Agenda
2. North Texas Center for Mobility Technologies – Private 5G Testbed and Laboratory Supporting Advanced Mobility Research and Product Development (Electronic Item 4.1)
3. Additional Correspondence from Hunt-Related Entities on High-Speed Rail (Electronic Item 4.2)
4. Correspondence with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (Electronic Item 4.3)
5. Local Clean Air Project Spotlight (Electronic Item 4.4)
6. Air Quality Funding Opportunities
(www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
7. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
(www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
8. February Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.5)
9. January – February Public Comment Report (Electronic Item 4.6)
10. March Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.7)
11. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.8)
12. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.9)
13. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.10)

10:55 – 11:15 5. Mobility 2050: Draft Recommendation and Approval to Seek Public Comments

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 20
Presenter: Brendon Wheeler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A summary of the draft Mobility 2050 recommendations will be presented prior to requesting approval to take these draft recommendations to the public in April and May. Plan recommendations include policies, programs, and projects to advance improvements for a multimodal transportation system within the region and can be found online for review at www.nctcog.org/planinprogress. The financial plan, major roadway and transit projects, results

of the nondiscrimination analysis, and public input to-date will be highlighted in the presentation.

Background: Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region to update the long-range transportation plan to a minimum of every 4 years and forecast 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. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 5.1. A listing of all the draft policies and programs included in Mobility 2050 are included in Electronic Item 5.2 and Electronic Item 5.3, respectively. Roadway and transit project recommendations maps are included in Electronic Item 5.4. Early public input is included in Electronic Item 5.5.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

11:15 – 11:35 6.

2025 Strategic Transportation Funding Program

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 20

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the 2025 Strategic Transportation Funding Program will be requested.

Background: Over the past year, North Central Texas Council of Government staff has inventoried numerous funding requests from transportation agencies and local governments. After evaluating the requests, several projects and partnerships are being proposed for funding. The recommended projects meet one or more of the following criteria: addresses the RTC's policies or improvements outlined in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), aids in meeting safety goals, implements outcomes of planning activities, and/or assists in reaching the region's federal performance targets. A list of the proposed projects and partnerships are provided in

Electronic Item 6.1. Additional details on the funding program can be found in Electronic Item 6.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

11:35 – 11:45 7. Regional Transit Partnerships and Federal Discretionary Grant Funding

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Johnson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on five Regional Transit Partnerships within the region. Regional Transportation Council approval will be requested for additional federal funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2020: Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant projects, Victory Station Pedestrian Crossing, Stemmons Rail Bridge, Trinity Railway Express (TRE) Signal Improvements and Silver Line Construction/FIFA World Cup partnership.

Background: In 2020, the North Texas MOVES Program was awarded \$25 million in BUILD federal discretionary grant funding. The NT MOVES BUILD Grant project is a collaborative effort between NCTCOG, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Trinity Metro, and the TRE to increase regional freight and passenger mobility on the TRE corridor. The partner agencies have been working diligently to bring this project to construction by completing all pre-construction activities. Upon completion of engineering and design for the double-tracking projects, cost overruns were identified due to inflation and future proofing the corridor for Interstate Highway 35 East freeway construction. Additionally, Regional Transit Partnership projects such as the Victory Station Pedestrian Crossing, Stemmons Rail Bridge, TRE Signal Improvements, and Silver Line Construction/FIFA World Cup partnership are requiring additional funding. Electronic Item 7 includes a presentation of the update, as well as the proposed action.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Goods Movement, Transit

11:45 – 11:50 8.

Texas Top 100 of Influential People

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Dan Lamers, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will recognize Michael Morris for inclusion in the Austin, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio Business Journals' Texas 100.

Background: Each year the Business Journals of Austin, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio identify the top 100 persons in Texas who are driving decisions, both in the headlines and behind the scenes. This year Michael Morris is included, representing the Regional Transportation Council's efforts to bring high-speed rail between Dallas, Arlington, and Fort Worth by identifying an alternate route west of downtown Dallas. Also mentioned is his work to bring critical mobility benefits to the region for the upcoming 2026 FIFA World Cup, as well as to guide transportation solutions as the region's population continues to grow in the decades to come. An excerpt from the Austin Business Journal referencing Mr. Morris is provided in Electronic Item 8.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: All

11:50 – 1:00 pm

Break for Lunch

1:00 pm

Regional Transportation Council Meeting: Part Two

1:00 – 1:10 9.

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: Transportation issues continue to be a focus for both the United States Congress and the Texas Legislature. Staff will provide an update on key legislative positions of the Regional Transportation Council. 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 – 3:00

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

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 110

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: As suggested at the last Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting, action would be proposed if the Texas Legislature introduced legislation negatively impacting Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART). This action proposes the RTC to not support the proposed legislation and initiate a local mediation process to resolve the matter.

Background: Electronic Item 10.1 contains a presentation on why DART legislation may have unintended outcomes. Electronic Item 10.2 is a letter transmitted to impacted partners recommending a local resolution via partnership. Because of the timeliness of this matter, Chair Jenkins requested partnership meetings in advance of the RTC meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: 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, April 10, 2025.**