

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, June 13, 2024
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

- 1:00 – 1:10** 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
- 1:10 – 1:15** 2. **Approval of May 9, 2024, Minutes**
 Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Gyna Bivens, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the May 9, 2024, 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. **Proposed Amendments to the Mobility 2045 - 2022 Update**
Presenter: Brendon Wheeler, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to amend the Mobility 2045 Update with the inclusion of one and the removal of two non-regionally significant roadway projects.
Background: A roadway project is proposed for addition to Mobility 2045: the Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2022 Update for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to advance planning and design activities. These projects are not yet ready to be considered for inclusion in the Transportation Improvement

Program (TIP) and are only proposed to be included as a part of the system of recommendations in the Mobility 2045 Update at this time. As these projects are considered “non-regionally significant” (designation for air quality purposes), their addition to the Plan does not impact transportation air quality conformity. Additionally, two non-regionally significant roadway projects are proposed for removal from the Mobility 2045 Update for financial constraints. Removal of these projects does not preclude them from being re-added at a later date. Fact sheets of the proposed additions can be found in Electronic Item 3.1.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway

1:20 – 1:35

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

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. High Speed Rail: Press Releases, Article, Correspondence, and Schedule of Workshop (Electronic Item 4.1)
2. Current Hold on Regional Transportation Council Policy – Temporary Suspension of Dynamic Pricing of Managed Lanes During Reconstruction
3. Regional Transportation Council 50th Anniversary Planning and Meeting: August 8, 2024
4. Transit 2.0 Implementation: Next Steps (Electronic Item 4.2)
5. Friends of the Safety Committee Meeting
6. Progress North Texas 2024 (Handout)
7. Funding for Regional Tire Collection Events (Electronic Item 4.3)
8. Auto Occupancy/High – Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Subsidy Report (Electronic Item 4.4)
9. Air Quality Project Spotlight – Hydrogen Planning Project (Electronic Item 4.5)
10. Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
11. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
12. April – May Public Comment Report (Electronic Item 4.6)
13. May Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.7)

- 14. June Online Input Opportunity Notice (Electronic Item 4.8)
- 15. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.9)
- 16. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.10)
- 17. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.11)

1:35 – 1:45

5. **Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program Grant Application Partnership for the Cotton Belt Trail**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request approval of a partnership with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) to submit a grant application for funding to construct Phase 3a of the Cotton Belt Trail along the Silver Line rail project.

Background: The DART Silver Line rail project is coordinating the regionally significant parallel Cotton Belt Trail providing pedestrian and bicycle access to rail stations in seven cities across three counties from Dallas Fort Worth International Airport to Plano. Accommodation for the approximate 26-mile regional trail was included as part of DART's planning and construction of the commuter rail corridor. A \$12 million federal grant application will be submitted for trail construction consisting of nearly three miles of additional trail sections, trail bridges, signals, and street crossings in portions of Addison, Coppell, and Dallas. Developed by North Central Texas Council of Governments staff, a grant application will be submitted by DART to the Federal Highway Administration Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program (ATIIP) to advance Phase 3a construction by leveraging existing federal and local funding currently programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program for trail construction within the application area. Regional Toll Revenue funding of \$4.3 million will be requested as a local contribution to support this leveraging of requested ATIIP federal funds. If awarded funding, DART will procure a contractor and manage construction of the trail which is primarily within rail right-of-way. Staff will provide an overview of the DART partnership grant application and funding recommendations to construct the Phase 3a sections of this priority regional trail corridor. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 5.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Bike/Ped+, Safety

1:45 – 1:55 6.

Air Quality and Safety Demonstration Projects

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of three demonstration projects, including expansion of regional Car Care Clinics to include a vehicle safety check, use of technology to determine potential metal plate fraud in the region, and a heavy-duty diesel vehicle emission tampering assessment.

Background: Efforts continue to be pursued to reduce transportation impacts on regional air quality and vehicle safety. Three projects will total \$1 million in funding from Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) and RTC Local funds. In an effort to reach the Department of Transportation's Vision Zero goal of eliminating vehicle related fatalities by 2050, there is interest to continue public education regarding the importance of proper vehicle safety component operation and maintenance to decrease roadway crashes and fatalities. Vehicle safety assessments will be integrated into existing Car Care Awareness emissions efforts through partnerships with vendors and coordination in replacing safety components in vehicles as needed. Staff plan to implement the project in Fiscal Year 2025 using RTC Local funds. While vehicle temporary paper plates will phase out beginning July 1, 2025, the potential for fraud remains with existing metal license plates. The vehicle emissions inspection and license plate project will coordinate with local law enforcement on the utilization of cameras that can read license plates, determine rate of fraudulent plates, and identify next steps as necessary. This project will start in Fiscal Year 2025 using RTR funds. The ease of which heavy-duty diesel vehicles can have their emissions systems tampered with and disabled has led to potential widespread engine tampering. The truck assessment and goods movement program will evaluate the severity and impacts of tampered trucks operating in the region, assess air chemistry modeling and regional air quality monitors disparity, and determine options to eliminate these illegal practices. Staff plan to start the project in Fiscal Year 2025 using RTR funds. These initiatives are an extension of clean vehicle efforts listed as Weight-of-Evidence in the current State Implementation Plan. Electronic Item 6 provides additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Safety

1:55 – 2:05

7. **2025 – 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Development**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document, including the final listing of RTC commitments.

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. Electronic Item 7.1 contains an overview of the TIP development process and schedule. The financially constrained 2025-2028 TIP Document and final STIP listings are available at the following weblink: <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/funds/tip/transportation-improvement-program-docs/2025-2028tip>. Projects in FY2025-2028 will be included in the 2025-2028 TIP, and projects in FY2029 and later will be placed in Appendix D of the TIP. Projects in FY2024 and earlier are provided but will not be included in the 2025-2028 TIP. The resolution contained in Electronic Item 7.2 affirms the RTC's approval of the 2025-2028 TIP listings and will be used to transmit the document to TxDOT. <https://nctcog.org/getattachment/06b4691a-3cb9-452b-85d3-ed585d434284/List-of-Changes-to-2025-2028-Double-Entry-for-Web.pdf> contains a list of substantive changes made to the project listings since the beginning of the public involvement period.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:05 – 2:10

8. **Air Quality Status Report**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information regarding the region's 2024 ozone season and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recent change of the fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) annual standard.

Background: The 2024 ozone season began on March 1 for North Central Texas, 9 and 10 county nonattainment areas and runs through the end of November. Concurrently, the

region remains in nonattainment for both the 2008 and 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. Daily ozone information, including current conditions and forecasts, is provided at: <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/ozone>. On February 7, 2024, the EPA revised the level of the PM_{2.5} primary health-based annual NAAQS from 12.0 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m³) to a level of 9.0 µg/m.³ This change leads to the potential for Dallas and Tarrant counties to be in nonattainment when final designations are made in 2026. More details can be found in Electronic Item 8.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:10 – 2:20

9. **2050 Demographics for New Mobility Plan**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: North Central Texas Council of Government (NCTCOG) staff will present Population and Employment Regional Control Totals for the year 2050 to support the upcoming development of the Mobility 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Background: Federal Metropolitan Planning regulations require that demographic forecasts to support the Metropolitan Transportation Plan are evaluated every four years consistent with the four-year Metropolitan Transportation Plan development cycle. One of the initial steps in NCTCOG's demographic forecasting process is the review of Regional Control Totals for population and employment. Forecasts from external sources have historically been utilized to estimate these regionwide estimates of future growth in the region. Over the past year, NCTCOG Research and Information Systems (RIS) and Transportation staff have completed an analysis of various control total forecasts. Results of this analysis and the recommended 2050 Regional Control Total for Population and Employment will be presented. Additional details can be found in Electronic Item 9.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:20 – 2:25

10. **Updates on the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present an update on the status of the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition (DFWCC) and highlight opportunities to get involved, including an upcoming process to be redesignated by the Department of Energy.

Background: Since 1995, the North Central Texas Council of Governments has been the host organization for DFWCC, a US Department of Energy initiative to reduce total energy impacts in the transportation sector. DFWCC recently completed a major data-gathering effort to compile impacts of local fleet efforts in using alternative fuels, reducing idling, and taking other measures to improve fuel and energy efficiency. The Coalition has also established a Technical Advisory Committee and strategic plan. Finally, the Department of Energy has notified NCTCOG staff that the Coalition is due for a review and redesignation this fall. Electronic Item 10 provides more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:25 – 2:30

11. **Election of Regional Transportation Council Officers**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Gary Slagel, Nominating Subcommittee Chair

Item Summary: Approval of Regional Transportation Council (RTC) officers for the next 12-month period will be requested.

Background: According to the RTC Bylaws and Operating Procedures, the officers of RTC are elected to serve for a term of one year. The Nominating Subcommittee is charged with providing a slate of officers to the full Council for consideration in June of each year. The Nominating Subcommittee is tasked with confirming that the current Vice Chair and Secretary should move up to the office of Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, and nominate a new Secretary. The Nominating Subcommittee, in its deliberations, shall address issues of diversity, including sensitivity to gender, ethnicity, and geography in its recommendations. Officers shall be elected public officials appointed by and from the governing body of the member government. The slate of officers shall reflect leadership in rough proportion to the revenue distribution between the Eastern and Western Subregions. This will not be measured on a year-to-year basis but will be

aggregated over longer periods of time. The new officers will begin their terms at the conclusion of the June meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

12. **Progress Reports**

Action Possible Action Information

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

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 12.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 12.2)

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

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

15. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for **1:00 pm, Thursday, July 11, 2024, in the Transportation Council Room.**