

AGENDA

Regional Transportation Council

Thursday, September 11, 2025

North Central Texas Council of Governments

**10:30 am-
12:30 pm**

RTC Transit Vision Subcommittee Workshop

1:00 pm

Full RTC Business Agenda

(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)

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 August 7, 2025, Minutes

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Rick Bailey, RTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the August 7, 2025, 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. Transportation Paid Education Campaigns for Fiscal Year 2026

Presenter: Whitney Vandiver, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will seek Regional Transportation Council (RTC) support of a recommendation to the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board for the approval of funding up to \$1,849,500 for Transportation Paid

Campaigns that will initiate in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026.

Background: Since 2014, the NCTCOG Executive Board has authorized annual advertising purchase and placement initiatives for the Transportation Department. The education campaigns are for public involvement for multiple projects: safety campaigns of Drive Aware North Texas, Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety (Look Out Texans), and Unmanned Aircraft Safety; congestion relief campaigns (Try Parking It and 2026 Federation Internationale de Football Association World Cup Partnership); and air quality campaigns of Car Care Awareness and Ozone Season Emissions Reduction (Air North Texas). Flexible Funding for public involvement/notifications is for possible unanticipated costs that may arise. Efforts will be funded by a combination of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds, Transportation Planning Funds (TPF), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program funds, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funds, Regional Toll Revenue (RTR), RTC Local funds, private funds, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds, and RTC Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of cash match. Education campaigns will be in multiple languages and may be presented through out-of-home advertising, print, screen, social media, digital, and audio platforms. Electronic Item 3.1 provides more detail.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Safety

3.2. Transitional Funding to Support Land Use and Transit Station Development

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval will be requested for \$400,000 in RTC Local transition funding to support land use, transit-oriented development, bike-pedestrian, safety, and other active transportation initiatives for North Central Texas Council of Governments staff. This action includes directing staff to administratively

amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other administrative/planning documents to implement this project.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is working with the Texas Department of Transportation to access approved funding for the Land Use/Transportation and Bike/Pedestrian Initiatives Program (Transportation Improvement Program # 11647.2) which funds NCTCOG staff expenses to advance these RTC priorities. The funding agreement has been executed; however, the timeline for receipt of federal authorization to begin spending funds under the agreement is unknown. Interim funding may be needed to continue program activities. Staff requests approval of \$400,000 in RTC Local funds to support this project until the federal funding authorization is received.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Safety

3.3. **GoCarma Integration with Managed Lane Toll System Upgrades**

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is upgrading the toll collection software on the managed lanes that are not part of the P3 agreements. Staff will seek approval for integration improvements needed to continue to support the High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) discount on the managed lanes and funding to support system updates.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) has adopted a Managed Lane policy to provide a 50 percent discount during peak-travel periods for HOV users on the managed lane system. Since February 2020, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has a partnership with TxDOT, the North Texas Tollway Authority and Lyndon B. Johnson/North Tarrant Express to provide the HOV discount. This requires multiple systems to be integrated and as system improvements are implemented, software updates are required by partner agencies. TxDOT is planning to update the Interstate Highway 35 East

tolling software over the next several months with a plan to update all TxDOT operated managed lane tolling system through 2027. This update requires adjustments to the GoCarma system, this system verifies the number of occupants in the vehicles to provide the 50 percent discount. This change will require GoCarma to operate on two systems simultaneously. GoCarma has provided an estimated cost of \$1,250,000 to set up the new system, continue to operate the existing system, and maintain the existing and new system through 2030. Staff is requesting RTC approval of \$250,000 in RTC Local funds to cover the one-time cost of the initial setup and \$1,000,000 in Regional Toll Revenue waterfall funding to pay for the annual Software as a Service fee for the gantry support.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

1:20 – 1:35

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

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

1. Moment of Silence for the 24th Anniversary of 9/11
2. Summary of RTC Transit Vision Subcommittee Meeting
3. Regional Transportation Council Member Orientation in October (10:30 a.m., October 9, 2025)
4. 2024 Regional Safety Measures Performance Reports (Electronic Item 4.1)
5. West/East Equity Update (Electronic Item 4.2) (Electronic Item 4.3)
6. Additional Correspondence from Hunt-Related Entities on High-Speed Rail (Electronic Item 4.4)
7. Local Clean Air Spotlight (Electronic Item 4.5)
8. 2025 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 4.6)
9. Air Quality Funding Opportunities
(www.nctcog.org/agfunding)
10. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
(www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
11. August Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.7)
12. July – August Public Comment Report (Electronic Item 4.8)
13. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.9)

- 14. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.10)
- 15. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.11)

1:35 – 1:45

5. **New Regional Transit Safety Performance Measure Targets**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ezra Pratt, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval will be requested for updated federally required Public Transit Agency Safety Plan (PTASP) regional performance measure targets for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2029.

Background: In 2021, the RTC adopted targets to cover FY 2022-2025 for the federally required performance measures under PTASP. PTASP includes measures related to transit safety for passengers, transit workers, and those who share the road with transit vehicles. The North Central Texas Council of Governments now has an opportunity to adjust or reaffirm the previously adopted targets, and adopt several new targets required by the Federal Transit Administration. Electronic Item 5 provides more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

1:45 – 1:55

6. **2025 Public Participation Plan Update**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Rebekah Gongora, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present an overview of the 2025 Public Participation Plan (PPP) and outline proposed revisions, which are necessary to reflect federal policies and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) requirements.

Background: In accordance with federal law, the PPP defines public involvement procedures, comment periods, and outlines strategies to inform the public on the transportation and air quality planning process. Electronic Item 6.1 contains the current PPP that was approved by the Regional Transportation Council in November 2018 and amended in November 2022. The 2025 PPP Update addresses IIJA requirements, new federal policies, and reflects the use of technology in the public involvement process. A 45-day comment period began with public meetings in July. The draft 2025 PPP is provided in Electronic Item 6.2. A presentation containing additional information

on the proposed revisions is included as Electronic Item 6.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

- 1:55 – 2:05** 7. **Fiscal Year 2025 Public Transportation Funding: Programs of Projects**
- ☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10
- Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG
- Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council action on the Fiscal Year 2025 Public Transportation Funding Programs of Projects will be requested.
- Background: As the designated recipient for Federal Transit Administration funds in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, Denton-Lewisville, and McKinney-Frisco Urbanized Areas, the North Central Texas Council of Governments has developed Programs of Projects to suballocate approximately \$211.4 million in Sections 5307, 5310, 5337, and 5339 federal funding to public transit providers in the region. Approximately \$15.2 million in funding remains to be programmed in the future. Electronic Item 7.1 includes additional information. Electronic Item 7.2 contains the proposed Programs of Projects.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

- 2:05 – 2:15** 8. **Rail Crossing Improvement Program**
- ☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10
- Presenter: Michael Johnson, NCTCOG
- Item Summary: Staff will brief the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on the Rail Crossing Improvement Program and request approval for funding of the program, to administratively amend the North Central Texas Council of Governments and State Transportation Improvement Programs, as well as other planning and administrative documents. The Rail Crossing Improvement Program is to improve safety near at-grade rail crossings.
- Background: As part of the RTC's 2024 Strategic Transportation Funding Program, approved in February 2024, \$12.5 million (\$10 million Regional Toll Revenue funds plus \$2.5 million in local match) was approved for railroad crossing safety program projects. Using data collected from railroad crossing site visits and other available information provided by cities, railroads, and the Texas

Department of Transportation, two corridors are recommended – one in southeast Fort Worth and one in west Dallas. These corridors were identified by reviewing annual average daily traffic (AADT), crossing incidents, number of trains per day, and site-specific safety equipment (gates, lights, pavement markings, etc.). The Fort Worth project coincides with a city-led project for a quiet zone from Kellis Street to Jessamine Street. The completion of this project will improve safety and quality of life by upgrading the corridor and installing a quiet zone. The second project, located in West Dallas, will provide safety and quality of life improvements at Manila Road and East Jefferson Street and will eliminate an at-grade crossing at Vilbig Street. Electronic Item 8 includes more information, as well as the proposed action requested.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Goods Movement, Safety

2:15 – 2:25 9. Funding for Transportation Improvements in Cleburne Near Amazon Facility

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of up to \$3 million in RTC Local funding will be requested for roadway improvements to provide safe access to a new Amazon facility at United States (US) 67 and Chisholm Trail Parkway. The request includes \$362,000 in grant funding and up to \$2,638,000 in funds to be loaned to the City of Cleburne. This action includes directing staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and other administrative/planning documents to implement this project.

Background: A new Amazon facility is under construction at US 67 and Chisholm Trail Parkway. Johnson County and later Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) requested that the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) review safer options than the originally proposed/planned signal, which would be located too close to the highway intersection thereby causing significant truck/car conflicts. As a result, Johnson County, the City of Cleburne, Texas Department of Transportation, North Texas Tollway Authority, NCTCOG, and Amazon developed a more permanent

expedited access for anticipated truck traffic. NCTCOG staff recommends that the RTC contribute the cost of the temporary connection as a regional commitment (\$362,000) to the project and loan the City of Cleburne the balance of funding needed (\$2,638,000) to enable the City and Amazon to build the permanent improvement from the beginning. Electronic Item 9 contains additional details on the proposed improvements and funding.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:25 – 2:35 10. 2025 Regional Transportation Council Priorities for Federal Surface Transportation Authorization

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Rebekah Gongora, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of recent Federal actions related to the development of the next surface transportation authorizing legislation and will present the draft 2025 Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Federal Surface Transportation Authorization Priorities.

Background: The current authorization for Federal surface transportation programs, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), is set to expire on September 30, 2026. Congress is currently in the process of crafting the next surface transportation bill. In preparation for the next reauthorization bill, staff will present for comment the draft 2025 RTC Federal Surface Transportation Authorization Priorities in Electronic Item 10.1 and foundational principles in Electronic Item 10.2. The presentation can be found in Electronic Item 10.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:35 – 2:45 11. 2025 Texas Department of Transportation Surveys in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Planning Area

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Arash Mirzaei, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information on the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) travel surveys being conducted in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Planning Area beginning in 2025.

Background: For over three decades, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has conducted periodic travel

surveys to monitor changing travel patterns in the Dallas-Fort Worth region. In partnership with NCTCOG, TxDOT will conduct Household, Workplace, and Commercial Vehicle surveys across the 12-county metropolitan planning area beginning in August 2025. The two-year data collection will support updates to the regional travel model and help guide transportation planning.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Goods Movement, Roadway

2:45 – 2:55

12. **Strategic Traffic Signal Program**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present a proposed funding process for the traffic signal program. The process will outline agency eligibility requirements, the evaluation criteria for funding requests, and the categorization of traffic signal improvements. It will also include recommendations for cost-sharing between agencies and North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council has funded traffic signal projects across the region over the years. This effort continues in response to ongoing requests from local agencies. The proposed initiative aims to establish a structured process for evaluating and funding traffic signal projects as requests are received. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 12.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Transit

13. **Progress Reports**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information

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

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 13.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 13.2)

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

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

16. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council will be held at **1:00 pm, Thursday, October 9, 2025.**