

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, October 9, 2025
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

10:30 am - 12:30 pm RTC Member Orientation

Approx. 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm RTC Transit Vision Subcommittee Meeting – Metroplex Room

**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 September 11, 2025, Minutes**
☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Rick Bailey, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the September 11, 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. November 2025 Transportation Improvement Program**
Presenter: Ken Bunkley, 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: November 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. Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: November 2024 Cycle Project Selection

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to award funding for the Handitran Community Access and Ridership Enhancement for Safety (CARES) project selected for the November 2024 Cycle of Transit Strategic Partnerships Program. The project will utilize existing Transit Strategic Partnerships Program funding in an amount not to exceed \$311,000 total for the selected project, with the City of Arlington providing 62,200 Transportation Development Credits as the local match.

Background: From the November 2024 Cycle of applicants, one project has been selected for funding: City of Arlington's CARES project. The selected project aligns with the goals set forth in Access North Texas, the regional public transportation coordination plan for the 16-county North Central Texas area, which documents the transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, and individuals with lower incomes across the region. The CARES program includes a new role created specifically to enhance outreach, education, and service promotion among transit dependent populations, particularly seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income residents who qualify for the Handitran demand response service. As part of the Transit Strategic Partnerships Program, staff is recommending this

project for Federal Transit Administration funding under Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program. More details can be found in Electronic Item 3.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

3.3. 2025 Public Participation Plan Update

Presenter: Rebekah Gongora, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The 2025 Public Participation Plan (PPP) has been updated to incorporate additional federal guidance received after Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval on September 11, 2025. Staff will request approval on the updated 2025 PPP and appendices, which include the new revisions.

Background: The PPP, as required by federal law, establishes public involvement procedures, comment periods, and strategies for informing the public about transportation and air quality planning. Following September RTC approval, federal partners provided further guidance recommending wording changes to align with current administration priorities. The PPP and appendices have been updated for RTC approval with the resulting wording changes. The updated PPP, with Appendices A, B, C, and D, is provided in Electronic Item 3.3.1 along with a presentation for additional context in Electronic Item 3.3.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

3.4. Ratification of Emergency Funding: Additional Local Match for the Federal Transit Administration Grant for the Trinity Railway Express Transit-Oriented Development Plan

Presenter: Travis Liska, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request ratification of emergency funding authorization to support the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grant award for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) planning for the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) corridor, increasing the project budget by \$250,000 (\$200,000 federal and \$50,000 local match) for a total project budget of \$1,250,000. An additional \$50,000 of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local

funds is requested to satisfy match requirements. 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) won an FTA Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Pilot Program for TOD Planning grant. The original grant application requested \$800,000 in federal funding matched with \$200,000 in RTC Local funds. This project was approved by the RTC in July of 2024. When FTA announced NCTCOG as an award recipient for \$1,000,000, staff did not realize the award amount represented the federal portion, which was \$200,000 more federal funding than initially requested, and required \$50,000 more local funding for match. In mid-September, FTA communicated a desire to expedite execution of the grant prior to the end of FY2025. To support FTA's schedule and ensure this competitive grant funding was not lost, NCTCOG coordinated execution of the grant award for a total project cost of \$1,250,000. This required utilization of the Transportation Director's authority under the RTC Policy Position Establishing Guidelines for Ratification Actions (P20-02), committing an additional \$50,000 of RTC Local funding to satisfy the grant's local match requirement. Under the Ratification Policy, staff is bringing this item to RTC for ratification now, which is the next scheduled meeting of the RTC, as specified by the policy. More information is available in Electronic Item 3.4.

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

1:20 – 1:35

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

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 15

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Implications from the Federal Government Shutdown
2. Follow up on Regional Transportation Council Member Orientation

3. AMTRAK President Harris – Meeting within the Region – October 2, 2025
4. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Transit Vision Subcommittee: Next Three Meetings: 1) After the October 9, 2025, RTC meeting at 2:30 p.m.; 2) Week of October 20th; 3) Prior to the November 13, 2025, RTC meeting
5. Anticipation of Focus on Texas Department of Transportation Funding
6. Regional Public Transit Agency Safety Plan Transit Safety Performance Measures - Crime Data Request Has Been Made
7. Fall 2025 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement – November 6, 2025 (Electronic Item 4.1)
8. Additional Correspondence from Hunt-Related Entities on High-Speed Rail (Electronic Item 4.2)
9. Local Clean Air Project Spotlight (Electronic Item 4.3)
10. 2025 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 4.4)
11. Air Quality Funding Opportunities
(www.nctcog.org/agfunding)
12. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
(www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
13. August – September Public Comment Report (Electronic Item 4.5)
14. October Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.6)
15. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.7)
16. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.8)
17. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.9)

1:35 – 1:45 5. 2025 Regional Transportation Council Priorities for Federal Surface Transportation

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Rebekah Gongora, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present and request action on the draft 2025 Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Federal Surface Transportation Authorization Priorities.

Background: The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which authorizes federal surface transportation programs, will expire on September 30, 2026. As Congress develops the next surface transportation bill, staff have prepared draft RTC priorities for 2025. These priorities, along with the foundational principles, were introduced for comment at the September RTC meeting. The draft 2025 RTC Federal Surface Transportation Authorization Priorities

are provided in Electronic Item 5.1 and foundational principles in Electronic Item 5.2. The presentation can be found in Electronic Item 5.3. Several federal interests have also requested input on topics to include in future legislation and ways to improve efficiency in transportation planning. Responses to federal requests can be found in Electronic Item 5.4.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:45 – 1:55 6. North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety Local Match Partnership

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of a partnership with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and Denton County and Dallas County Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) accounts will be requested in order to offset the local match no longer available for the western section of the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) federal discretionary grant.

Background: The North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety (NT MOVES) program was awarded \$25 million dollars in Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development federal discretionary grant funding in 2020. The NT MOVES project is a collaborative effort between the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Trinity Metro, and the Trinity Railway Express to increase regional freight and passenger mobility on the TRE corridor. The RTC previously approved federal funds for cost overruns, but since then Trinity Metro indicated they did not have the financial capacity to cover the \$25 million local match commitment for this project. In order to avoid losing the federal funds, NCTCOG requested a partnership with TxDOT to identify non-federal funds. TxDOT has agreed to provide \$15 million in Texas Mobility Funds, which are 100 percent State and will count as a non-federal share. In return, TxDOT is requesting that the RTC replace \$15 million in Category 2 funds with Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds on another project in return (CSJ 2921-01-010, State Spur 394 from Interstate

Highway 35 East to Farm to Market 877 in Waxahachie); that leaves a \$10 million local match shortfall. NCTCOG proposes to exchange federal funds with RTR funds in both the Denton County and Dallas County RTR accounts to make up this difference and create a balance in the West Set-Aside RTR account. Additional details about this partnership proposal are contained in Electronic Item 6.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Goods Movement, Transit

1:55 – 2:05 7. Approval to Open North Texas Zero Emission Vehicle Call for Projects

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to open a Call for Projects to fund the replacement of existing heavy-duty vehicles with zero emission vehicles through the North Texas Zero Emission Vehicle Project.

Background: In 2025, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) was awarded \$60 million through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles (CHDV) grant program. RTC and the NCTCOG Executive Board authorized the application to the EPA in July 2024. This program aims to accelerate the replacement of existing heavy-duty internal combustion vocational vehicles (e.g. box trucks, step vans, septic/bucket trucks, street sweepers, transit buses, refuse haulers, etc.) with zero-emission vehicles and install supporting infrastructure, as needed. NCTCOG will implement this by awarding approximately \$58.6 million in rebate funding to eligible fleets through the North Texas Zero Emission Vehicle (NTxZEV) Project. Remaining funds will be used for training and workforce development activities related to heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles. Electronic Item 7 provides additional details on the proposed Call for Projects. Additional details can be found at www.nctcog.org/NTxZEV.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:05 – 2:15

8. **Fédération Internationale de Football Association 2026 World Cup Transportation Plan**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present an overview of the Transportation Mobility Plan for the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) 2026 World Cup.

Background: The North Texas FIFA 2026 World Cup Local Organizing Committee (LOC) partnered with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to lead the efforts associated with the Transportation Mobility Plan for this event. NCTCOG staff worked with partner agencies as well as hired contract services to develop the first draft of the Transportation Mobility Plan that was due March 2025 that focuses on the stadium in Arlington, Fan Fest in Dallas, and the International Broadcast Center in Dallas. The next version of the plan is due in October of 2025. This plan identifies each location, constituent group, mode, service level and strategy that will be employed to plan and deliver all mobility requirements to successfully meet or exceed the FIFA expectations and LOC/Host City contractual obligations. Staff will provide an overview of the plan as well as a schedule of next steps provided in Electronic Item 8.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

9. **Progress Reports**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information

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

- RTC Attendance (Electronic Item 9.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 9.2)

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

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

12. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council will be held at **1:00 pm, Thursday, November 13, 2025**.