

AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Thursday, June 9, 2022
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

11:30 am Bylaws Revision Subcommittee (Metroplex Conference Room)

**1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)**

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

1:00 – 1:05 2. Approval of May 12, 2022, Minutes

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Theresa Daniel, RTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the May 12, 2022, meeting minutes contained in Electronic Item 2 will be requested.

Background: N/A

1:05 – 1:10 3. Consent Agenda

Action Possible Action Information Minutes : 5

3.1. 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program Document and Final Statewide TIP (STIP) Listings

Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) document and the final Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) listings, including changes proposed on a small subset of projects since approval of the double-entry report was received. The request includes the ability to amend the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) and other planning/administrative documents with any changes identified in the new TIP document.

Background: A new TIP is developed every two years through a cooperative effort between the North Central Texas Council of Governments, 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 3.1.1 contains an overview of the TIP development process and schedule. The 2023-2026 TIP document and final STIP listings are available at the following link: <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/funds/tip/transportation-improvement-program/2023-2026tip>. The resolution contained in Electronic Item 3.1.2 affirms the RTC's approval of the 2023-2026 TIP listings and will be used to transmit the document to TxDOT. Electronic Item 3.1.3 contains a series of changes proposed on projects since the approval of the double-entry report at the May RTC 2022 meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

3.2. Air Quality Funding Recommendations Related to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program

Presenter: Jason Brown, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council approval of funding recommendations for the North Texas Clean Diesel Project 2021 Call for Projects.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments opened the North Texas Clean Diesel Project 2021 Call for Projects (CFP) through an Environmental Protection Agency National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program award. The CFP award grants funds for replacements of nonroad diesel vehicles and engines, nonroad diesel equipment, diesel transport refrigeration unit trailers, diesel drayage trucks, locomotive engines, and locomotive shore power installation in North Central Texas. Three applications were received by the CFP deadline of April 15, 2022. Staff completed review, quantified emissions, and developed project funding recommendations. This initiative is an extension of clean vehicle efforts listed as Weight of Evidence in the current State Implementation Plan. Electronic Item 3.2.1 provides an overview of the call for projects and staff recommendations. Electronic Item 3.2.2 provides detailed project listings.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

3.3. **Endorsement of Western Subregion Transit Partnership**

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council approved Electronic Item 3.3 on transit partnerships that permits a path forward for the East Lancaster corridor to be submitted for federal Discretionary funds.

Background: Electronic Item 3.3 presents the funding allocation for the extension of passenger rail into the Fort Worth hospital district and the construction of the Trinity Lakes Station. The City of Fort Worth is proceeding with Katy Lofts without Regional Transportation Council funds. A minor adjustment to the IH 35W Guaranteed Transit Program is included in the approval request. Again, the Lancaster project is requested for endorsement.

1:10 – 1:20

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

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Certification of the Regional Transportation Council in 2021 (FHWA/FTA): Presentation in July
2. RTC Bylaws Revisions Subcommittee (Meeting prior to June 9, 2022)
3. Haslet/Intermodal Parkway “L” \$2.5 Change Order to Advance Completion to March 2023
4. TRB Report 26555/Metropolitan Planning Organizations Strategies for Future Success
5. IH 635/IH35 Wishbone Connector Revenue Share (Electronic Item 4.1, Electronic Item 4.2, Electronic Item 4.3)
6. Status Report on Federal Highway Administration Alternative Fuel Corridors and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law: Texas Department of Transportation’s feedback deadline date of May 15, 2022, extended to June 15, 2022
7. 2022 WTS Innovative Transportation Solutions Award Winner: DFW High-Speed Transportation Connections Study (Electronic Item 4.4)
8. Progress North Texas (Handout)
9. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles (www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
10. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (www.dfwcleancities.org)
11. Status Report on Texas Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Program Funding (Electronic Item 4.5)
12. 2022 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 4.6)
13. May Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.7)
14. June Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.8)
15. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.9)
16. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.10)

- 17. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.11)
- 18. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.12)
- 19. Upcoming Regional Sidewalk Inventory

1:20 – 1:40

5. **Mobility 2045 Update and Transportation Conformity**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 20

Presenters: Brendon Wheeler and Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: A resolution by the Regional Transportation Council adopting Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2022 Update and approving corresponding 2022 Transportation Conformity results will be requested. Staff will present a brief overview of recent efforts and draft conformity analysis results. Staff will present information regarding:

- Public comments received
- Schedule for completion
- The draft Mobility 2045 Update final document, including:
 - Roadway recommendations
 - Arterial recommendations
 - Public transportation recommendations
 - Freight and aviation recommendations
 - Sustainable development recommendations
 - Nonmotorized transportation recommendations
 - Transportation programs
 - Transportation policies

The draft Mobility 2045 Update final document and the policy, program, and project recommendations are identified graphically and in tabular format at www.nctcog.org/PlanInProgress. The draft resolution is included as Electronic Item 5.1. Draft project listings and a comprehensive list of public comments received is available as Electronic Items 5.2 and 5.3, respectively. Additional details are provided in Electronic Item 5.4.

Background: The last comprehensive update of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) occurred in 2018 with the adoption of Mobility 2045. Staff have continued comprehensive and coordinated MTP development with a variety of efforts, refining policy, program, and project recommendations for the 2022 Update. Financial constraint requirements and all federal nondiscrimination requirements are met by the recommendations in this 2022 Update to Mobility 2045. The Clean Air Act (CAA) requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to perform an air quality analysis when a new Metropolitan Transportation Plan is developed to ensure the multimodal transportation system complies with applicable Motor Vehicle Emission Budgets (MVEB) established for the region. Per the CAA, staff has conducted a successful analysis for the required MVEB analysis year (2023), the MTP horizon year (2045), and interim years (2026 and 2036).

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Roadway, Transit

1:40 – 1:45

6. **Dallas-Fort Worth Regional East/West Funding Distribution – Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of proposed updates to the funding distributions between the Eastern (Dallas and Paris Districts) and Western (Fort Worth District) subregions.

Background: The RTC selects projects to be funded with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds. To ensure equity within the region, once these funds are distributed by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), the RTC seeks to program funding to the eastern and western subregions based on the proportion of each area's emissions, demographics, and activity. The RTC re-evaluates the funding distribution after each new transportation funding bill is approved by the US Congress. The Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) was signed into law in November 2021, so staff has initiated the process to update the region's funding splits. Based on updated inputs (e.g., demographics, emissions), adjustments to both percentages are being proposed. Electronic Item 6 provides additional information on the process for establishing the split and the proposed new splits for both mobility and air quality funds.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

1:45 – 1:55

7. **Funding Recommendations for the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Call for Projects**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Lori Clark, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council approval of funding recommendations for the Electric Vehicle Charging Station Call for Projects (CFP).

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) opened the Electric Vehicle Charging Station CFP in March 2022 with Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds. This CFP awards funding for the purchase and installation of publicly accessible Level 2 or Direct Current Fast Charge (DCFC) electric vehicle charging stations. This initiative helps advance adoption of electric vehicles, both among public sector fleets and the general public, and reduce tailpipe emissions of ozone precursors. Eleven applications were received by the CFP deadline of April 22, 2022. Staff has completed review and developed project funding recommendations. Expansion of electric vehicle adoption is incorporated as part of the Weight of Evidence in the latest approved Dallas-Fort Worth State Implementation Plan. Electronic Item 7.1 provides an overview of the call for

projects and staff recommendations. Electronic Item 7.2 provides detailed project listings.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

1:55 – 2:05

8. **Status Report on FHWA Alternative Fuel Corridors and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Alternative Fuel Corridor program, new funding allocated through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), and potential opportunities for the NCTCOG region.

Background: Alternative Fuel Corridors are designated by FHWA and are part of a national network of roadways that provide sufficient alternative fuel and charging facilities. Through the BIL, two new funding programs totaling \$7.5 billion for electric vehicle or alternative fuel infrastructure were established and funding eligibility is now associated with corridor designation. Programs include the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) Formula Program and the Grants for Charging and Fueling Infrastructure for Corridors and Communities. The Texas Department of Transportation is currently drafting a plan for use of funds from the NEVI Formula Program and is seeking public input. NCTCOG has several initiatives underway to help capitalize on these opportunities. Electronic Item 8 provides additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:05 – 2:10

9. **Upcoming FY2022 BIL Discretionary Grant Programs – Project Slotting Coordination**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Council on available details, as well as project coordination and development strategies, concerning Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Discretionary Grant Programs with Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs) soon to be released.

Background: Many new discretionary grant programs will be provided under BIL, with NCTCOG and its local government partners eligible to apply for over 20 of those programs. While some programs are devoted to specific purposes and project types, other programs may have compatibility where certain projects could be effective candidates in multiple instances. To maximize the region's competitiveness, improve collective responsiveness to increased opportunities, and further streamline delivery of needed projects among all types, staff is continuing to develop a conceptual framework for a comprehensive strategic evaluation matrix encompassing characteristics of all existing and pending BIL discretionary grant programs. With feedback

and collaboration from the RTC and other partners, the objective for this tool will be a more informative, effective, efficient, and proactive process for screening and selecting projects in advance of each BIL competitive opportunity, enabling enhanced chances for future funding to be awarded to the region. Staff will outline progress in developing this tool, highlight the anticipated schedule and points of contact for upcoming NOFOs, and discuss additional project slotting coordination and development strategies. Electronic Item 9 provides background information discussed during last month's STTC meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:10 – 2:20

10. **Environmental Score Card**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: At the request of Regional Transportation Council Chair, Theresa Daniel, staff will provide information on environmental efforts currently ongoing and future opportunities.

Background: As environmental considerations are increasingly integrated into traditional transportation planning, a summary of environmental stewardship efforts will be highlighted, along with indicators measuring the state of impact. This outlook will aid in the summer's Fiscal Year 2024-2026 Management & Operations, Regional Air Quality, and Safety Funding Program. More details can be found in Electronic Item 10.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:20 – 2:30

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

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ron Jensen, 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 should move up to the office of Chair and nominate a new Vice Chair and 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)
- Local Motion (Electronic Item 12.3)

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 on July 14, 2022.***