



The Transportation Policy Body for the North Central Texas Council of Governments
(Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region)

NOTICE OF MEETING

THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

WILL MEET

Thursday, May 14, 2026, 1:00 PM

**Transportation Council Room
North Central Texas Council of Governments
616 Six Flags Dr, Arlington, TX 76011**

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documents as needed to incorporate the additional funds will also be sought.

Background: Section 472.036 of Texas Transportation Code states metropolitan planning organizations that serve one or more counties with a population of 350,000 or more shall broadcast over the Internet live video and audio of each open meeting held by the policy board. Subsequently, the organization shall make available through the organization's Internet website archived video and audio for each meeting for which live video and audio were provided under this Section. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been providing this service since 2015. NCTCOG and Granicus, LLC entered into an agreement effective April 2023 for Video Streaming Services, with an option of four one-year renewals. NCTCOG is currently in (year four of a potential five-year agreement) and will need additional RTC Local funds to support the remainder of the contract term. These funds will be used to support streaming video managed service in the Transportation Council Room and video streaming production services for off-site meetings. At its April 24, 2026, meeting, the Surface Transportation Technical Committee recommended RTC approval. Electronic Item 3.1 includes additional information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:20 – 1:35

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

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 15

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Update on 141st Court Hearing on May 5, 2026 – Rob Walters and Jeff Gurley (Electronic Item 4.1)
2. Texas Conformity Progress/Correspondence from the United States Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration (Electronic Item 4.2) – Chris Klaus
3. Fédération Internationale de Football Association – 30 Days Out (Correspondence from the FIFA 2026 Host Committee)
4. West/East Equity Update (Electronic Item 4.3)

5. Study Area Recommendations to the Texas Department of Transportation on the Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Plan (Electronic Item 4.4)
6. Cancellation of Regional Transportation Council Meeting in July 2026
7. Status of Rockwall County Agreement
8. 2026 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 4.5)
9. Local Clean Air Project Spotlight (Electronic Item 4.6)
10. Air Quality Funding Opportunities
(www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
11. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
(www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
12. March-April Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.7)
13. April Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.8)
14. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.9)
15. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.10)
16. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.11)

1:35 – 1:55

5. **Resolution in Support of the Proposed Texas Department of Transportation Agreement, Approval of the Regional Transportation Council as the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Reaffirmation of Negotiation with North Central Texas Council of Governments as the Fiscal Agent**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 20

Presenters: Michael Morris and Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be requested to approve the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) agreement that contains the responsibilities of the RTC being the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). On April 30, 2026, the RTC took action to negotiate with the North Central Texas Council of Governments as the fiscal agent. This Resolution reaffirms moving forward with these negotiations in order to complete the agreement with TxDOT.

Background: Electronic Item 5.1 is the proposed agreement; Electronic Item 5.2 is the red-lined version from the existing agreement; Electronic Item 5.3 contains the proposed Resolution, that will be presented by Michael Morris. Dan Kessler will present a summary on the new agreement provided in Electronic Item 5.4.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:55 – 2:05 6. Approval to Begin Negotiation of an Agreement for Michael Morris to be Appointed by the Regional Transportation Council Consistent with the New Texas Department of Transportation Agreement

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The proposed Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) agreement contains in Article 5H and 5J that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Transportation Director is appointed by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC). This item approves the Chair to begin negotiations with the current MPO Director, Michael Morris.

Background: Michael Morris has been the Transportation Director for the RTC since 1990. He holds a professional engineering license in Texas and is a member of the National Academy of Science. The RTC wishes to continue his service. The new TxDOT agreement requires the MPO Planning Director to be appointed by the RTC.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:05 – 2:15 7. Federal Transit Administration Funding Allocations for 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association World Cup

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: North Central Texas Council of Governments staff have been working with transit agencies and local governments to coordinate transportation needs and to prepare the region to host the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup. Staff is requesting Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of funding allocations from the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to prepare transit agencies for the 2026 FIFA World Cup for the City of Arlington, City of Grand Prairie, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, and Trinity Metro.

Background: FTA announced on March 3, 2026, a nationwide total of \$100.3 million in federal allocations for public transit systems to ensure communities can expand transit options and meet increased demand in services around stadiums. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Urbanized Area (UZA) will receive \$10,033,037. Funding will be provided at a 100 percent federal share, with no local match required, and will be available to support operating

and capital expenses generally eligible under the Section 5307 Urbanized Area Formula Program. Additional details are provided in Electronic Item 7.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2:15 – 2:25 8.

Fiscal Year 2026 Safe Streets and Roads for All Grant Program

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to submit projects in the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program, dedicated to support planning, infrastructure, and behavioral/operational initiatives to prevent fatalities and serious injuries on roadways involving all its users. Applications are due to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) by May 26, 2026.

Background: In March 2026, USDOT announced nearly \$1 billion supporting the solicitation of project applications for the FY2026 SS4A Program. With scope, cost, and funding information outlined in Electronic Item 8, NCTCOG proposes to submit a FY2026 SS4A Grant application to expand the Regional Transportation Supply, Management, and Operations (TSMO) Data Platform for improved real-time weather and environmental hazard detection in work zones and/or other high-risk roadway operation areas. Additionally, NCTCOG will provide administrative and technical support for the City of Dallas to apply for the Grand Avenue Segment 3 Safety Project. Additional details and application requirements for the FY2026 SS4A Program can be accessed via the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) at <https://www.transportation.gov/grants/ss4a/fy26-nofo>. For agencies submitting projects, please be aware the agency must complete the [SAM.gov](https://sam.gov) registration process to obtain a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) number, usually requiring up to 30 days for completion prior to submitting applications. Additionally, applicants will submit grant applications this year via Valid Eval, a third-party web-based platform used by USDOT and other federal programs to support application submissions and evaluation. Applicants must register with Valid Eval prior to submitting FY2026 SS4A Grant applications via separate portals for capital and planning grant projects. Assuming the projected timing for application

development, agency requests for a letter of support from the RTC should be submitted to Jackie Nolasco by Friday, May 15, 2026, at jnolasco@nctcog.org.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:25 – 2:35 9.

Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval for the submittal of candidate projects for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY) Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCEP). Applications are due to the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) by June 8, 2026.

Background: In April 2026, FRA announced the FY2025-2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to solicit applications for approximately \$1.147 billion in competitive grant funds for the RCEP, designated for highway-rail or pathway-rail grade crossing improvement projects that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods. Eligible entities are limited to a maximum of three applications per solicitation. Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis for a project (or group of projects) improving the safety/mobility of people and goods through: (1) grade separation or closure; (2) track relocation; (3) improvement/installation of protective devices, signals, signs, or other measures pertaining to above activities; and, (4) innovative solutions via technology, education, and/or other means. Available at <https://railroads.dot.gov/crossing-safety-program>, the FY2025-2026 RCEP NOFO describes the application requirements, selection and evaluation criteria, applicable program and federal requirements, and available technical assistance during the grant solicitation period. A presentation specifying key RCEP details, as well as those of the proposed RTC action, is included in Electronic Item 9.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Goods Movement, Safety

2:35 – 2:45 10.

Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail: Update and Next Steps

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Dan Lamers, NCTCOG

Item Summary: This is a follow-up from the November 2025 Regional Transportation Council (RTC) action that requested staff move forward with the “Western Alignment” in central Dallas and that the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board approve the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) Corridor Identification and Development (CID) Step 1 consultant contract. Staff will provide a brief status update on project progress for both the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail (DFWHSR) Study and FRA CID Step 1. The item will also cover the Fort Worth/Arlington High-Speed Rail (HSR) Economic Impact Analysis, as well as recent City of Dallas and Executive Board actions that affect the CID project and may impact the DFWHSR Study National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Staff will request RTC action to provide a follow-up communication to the City of Dallas for clarification on the January 2026 city council resolution on high-speed rail (Dallas Resolution 26-0265).

Background: Following RTC action at the November 13, 2025, meeting to request staff to advance design of only one alignment (the “Western Alignment”) in the NEPA Environmental Assessment (EA) process for the Dallas-Fort Worth corridor, staff have continued the refinement of the design and environmental impact considerations for the “Western Alignment” and the overall corridor that was advanced into NEPA with the FTA in March 2024. This has included collaboration with federal partners on the project, FTA and FRA, and with major stakeholders such as the City of Dallas and the Kay Bailey-Hutchison Convention Center Master Plan team. Additionally, NCTCOG staff and their consultant team have made significant progress on the FRA CID Step 1 grant project for the Fort Worth-Houston high-speed rail corridor. This work began in February 2026 after receiving Executive Board approval of the consultant contract, contingent on the conditions for approval that were included in Section 2 of the City of Dallas January 2026 Council resolution on high-speed rail (See Electronic Item 10.1 for more information). More information on both high-speed rail projects and the possible RTC action

regarding ongoing communication with the City of Dallas is included in Electronic Item 10.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

2:45 – 2:50 11. **Project Status Report: Metropolitan Planning Organization Milestone Policy Round Two and Fiscal Year 2026 Project Tracking Update**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) with a status report on the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Project Tracking and Milestone Policy Round 2 projects.

Background: The Milestone Policy was adopted by the RTC to focus on projects that have been funded for more than 10 years and have not gone to construction. By highlighting these projects, the policy creates agency accountability to implement projects in a timely manner. Staff coordinates with implementing agencies to assess project risk until they go to construction. Similarly, the annual project tracking effort focuses on projects slated for implementation in the current fiscal year. Projects are monitored early, allowing staff to highlight potential problems that could lead to delays, which enables the RTC to take corrective actions to avoid building up carryover balances in federal funding categories. Milestone Policy status updates, along with the latest risk ratings, can be found in Electronic Item 11.1. FY2026 Project Tracking status updates can be found in Electronic Item 11.2. A summary of the status reports can be found in Electronic Item 11.3. Entities with projects delayed four or more years from their originally proposed start dates will be called out at the meeting.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:50 – 3:00 12. **Follow Up on Regional Transportation Council Action on Requests Impacting Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Trinity Metro, and the Denton County Transportation Authority**

Action Possible Action Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will update the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on the follow-up activities and discussions staff has had with Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), Trinity Metro, and Denton County Transit Authority (DCTA) after

the RTC's funding decision in February 2026 to fund \$180 million.

Background: In February 2026, the RTC approved funding for DART as requested by DART and several cities that were considering withdrawing elections from DART. The RTC approved \$75 million in funding for that effort. Electronic Item 12 contains the details of that action. Previous communication indicated that this action did not hurt roadway projects in Collin County. An additional \$65 million for DCTA and \$40 million for Trinity Metro was also approved. Those two actions have resulted in staff coordinating with Trinity Metro and DCTA about specific funding sources and years that will be tied to this action. The RTC will be requested to approve detailed funding for both the \$65 million and \$40 million when it is available. That will be the method the RTC will use to determine the most appropriate funding source. It is not anticipated that any projects will need to be deleted from future consideration. As with all funding requested staff will review the West/East subregion allocation to determine the best path forward. The greatest impact on the next steps for the RTC will be when the projects are actually anticipated to go to construction. RTC will need to take final action on both the \$65 million for DCTA and \$40 for Trinity Metro. Staff recommendations on the Trinity Metro funds are anticipated shortly.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, 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, June 11, 2026**.