



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, October 8, 2026, 1:00 PM

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

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AGENDA

**Regional Transportation Council
Friday, October 8, 2026
North Central Texas Council of Governments**

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm RTC Bylaws Revision Subcommittee Meeting

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

**Invocation by Deborah Peoples, Councilmember, City of Fort Worth
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, 2026, Minutes**
☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Stephen Mason, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the September 11, 2026, 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. Merit Increase for Michael Morris – December 2024 to December 2025**
Presenter: Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will consider a one-time lump-sum merit payment for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Director, Michael Morris. Any recommendation

approved by the RTC will be provided to North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff for implementation consistent with the NCTCOG Wage and Salary Policy.

Background: The MPO Director's performance review and merit consideration are conducted annually, typically on or about December 15. The MPO Director did not receive a merit increase in December 2025. Following discussion at the September 2026 RTC meeting, NCTCOG staff reviewed the applicable provision of the NCTCOG Wage and Salary Policy and identified options available for RTC consideration. Based on this review it is recommended that the RTC approve a one-time lump sum merit payment of three percent. The amount is in alignment with NCTCOG Executive Board approved merit pool. If RTC members wish to do otherwise, those conversations can occur in December 2026.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

3.2. **North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicle Project**

Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff requests Regional Transportation Council approval of an update to the North Texas Zero Emission Vehicles Call for Projects (NTxZEV CFP) requirements, and to enter into an agreement to provide first responder training on zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) incidents.

Background: In 2025, the North Central Texas Council of Governments was awarded \$60 million by the Environmental Protection Agency through the Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Program. \$58.6 million of this was allocated for the replacement of heavy-duty internal combustion vehicles with ZEV and the installation of supporting infrastructure through the NTxZEV CFP. The remaining \$1.4 million was allocated for workforce development and training related to ZEV. The NTxZEV CFP opened on October 24, 2025, and staff continued to accept applications for the CFP on a monthly basis. Few eligible applications have been received to date. To

encourage additional applications, staff proposes an update to eligibility requirements and to move forward with an agreement with a training provider who can provide first responder training about ZEV incidents. Additional details are provided in Electronic Item 3.2.1. A flyer promoting the NTxZEV CFP is available in Electronic Item 3.2.2. Staff requests distribution of this flyer to help promote the program to local fleets and encourages submission of innovative outreach ideas to staff. Additional details on the NTxZEV CFP can be found at www.nctcog.org/NTxZEV.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

3.3. Fiscal Years 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost Saving Transportation Competitive Grant Program

Presenter: Jeff Neal, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff requests Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of candidate projects to be submitted for the Fiscal Years (FY) 2024-2026 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Competitive Grant Program. Applications are due to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) by October 9, 2026.

Background: In August 2026, USDOT announced the FY2024-2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to solicit applications for the PROTECT competitive grant program, with nationwide availability of \$787 million. The PROTECT Program provides funding to plan for and make surface transportation more resilient to current and future weather events, natural disasters, and changing environmental conditions. Available at <https://www.transportation.gov/rural/grant-toolkit/promoting-resilient-operations-transformative-efficient-and-cost-saving>, the FY2024-2026 PROTECT NOFO describes application requirements, selection and evaluation criteria, applicable program and

federal requirements, and available technical assistance during the grant solicitation period. A presentation specifying key PROTECT details, along with information supporting the project applications proposed for RTC approval, is included in Electronic Item 3.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

3.4. **North Central Texas Council of Governments 60th Anniversary Policy Officials and Staff Celebrations**

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be requested to approve the use of up to \$25,000 in RTC Local Funds to support a portion of the costs associated with the 60th anniversary of the NCTCOG. RTC Local funding returned from Fédération Internationale de Football Association support activities will be used for this recognition.

Background: Founded in 1966, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments and was established to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development. The first staff member joined NCTCOG in October 1966.

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. Status Report on Metropolitan Planning Organization Revolver Funds and Regional Transportation Council Local Pool (Electronic Item 4.1)
2. Monthly Costs of North Central Texas Council of Governments Outside Legal Assistance (Electronic Item 4.2)
3. New Regional Transportation Council Member Orientation/Funding Workshop – Three Optional Meeting Dates Before Thanksgiving
4. November 12, 2026, Regional Transportation Council Meeting Rescheduled to November 5, 2026 (No North

- Central Texas Council of Governments 60th Anniversary Celebration at This Time)
5. 2026 North Texas Regional Leadership Award – Elected Official Leadership – Victoria Johnson, City of Burleson
 6. Proposed Transportation Legislative Partnerships
 7. Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base – Wings Over Cowtown – April 2027
 8. Three Party Agreement, Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Bylaws Revision Subcommittee and Next Steps for RTC Metropolitan Planning Organization Director
 9. High-Speed Rail Follow Up – October 2026
 10. Dallas Area Rapid Transit \$70 Million Light Rail Replacement
 11. Interstate Highway 635 East Phase Three \$1.7 Billion (Managed Lanes)
 12. Interstate Highway 820/State Highway 183 P-3 Freeway and Managed Lanes \$450 Million
 13. The Importance of Independent Air Quality Analysis
 14. Safe Routes to School Training Workshop (Electronic Item 4.3)
 15. Resilient Electric Vehicle Charging Plan Stakeholder Invitation (Electronic Item 4.4)
 16. 2026 Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 4.5)
 17. Air Quality Funding Opportunities
(www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
 18. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
(www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
 19. August – September Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 4.6)
 20. September Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.7)
 21. Recent News Articles September (Electronic Item 4.8)
 22. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.9)
 23. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.10)

1:35 – 1:45 5. 2027 Regional Transportation Council Legislative Policy Program for the 90th Texas Legislature

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Rebekah Gongora, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present the 2027 Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Legislative Policy Program for the 90th Texas Legislature.

Background: Transportation and air quality issues are a focus for both the United States Congress and the Texas Legislature. The 90th Session of the Texas Legislature will be

convened on January 12, 2027. RTC members were provided with the draft 2027 RTC Legislative Program for review and comment at its September 11, 2026, meeting. Comments were received and incorporated into the updated 2027 RTC Legislative Policy Program found in Electronic Item 5.1. Additional information can be found in the presentation in Electronic Item 5.2.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Transit

1:45 – 1:55 6. Request to Use Regional Transportation Council Local Funds for Air Quality

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Chris Klaus, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to use RTC Local funds that will establish modeling capabilities, acquire necessary resources, and provide technical training to support future air quality analyses related to transportation planning, air quality conformity, and emissions reduction efforts. In addition, staff will also request to use RTC Local funds to cover administrative costs related to emissions modeling for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Rider 7 Local Air Quality Planning Grant — fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}).

Background: North Central Texas ozone values have been trending upward and exceeding State Implementation Plan (SIP) model predictions. Explanations provided by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) have generally been qualitative and absent on targeted diagnostic or sensitivity modeling to identify the specific drivers of elevated pollutant levels. Establishing an in-house modeling capability would allow North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff to conduct independent, transparent, and regionally focused air quality analyses to better evaluate meteorological drivers, emissions trends, chemical regime shifts, transport and background contributions, and other factors influencing ozone concentrations. Staff will request to use RTC Local funds to support a Linux-based modeling infrastructure with the necessary modeling software, compilers, and pre-and post-processors, along with hands-on technical training on the modeling software and emissions processors. This

capability would enable staff to set up and execute model runs; test assumptions underlying SIP modeling, evaluate potential emissions-control strategies, and provide modeling assistance to other regions when appropriate. The TCEQ administers funds under Rider 7 of the agency's legislative appropriation and contracts with NCTCOG for local air quality planning activities. This funding can be used for various fine particulate matter (PM2.5)-related activities including emissions modeling. Staff is proposing to conduct in-house regional PM2.5 emissions modeling and seek approval to use RTC Local funds to cover associated administrative costs. More details can be found in Electronic Item 6.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

1:55 – 2:05

7. **Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Kevin Kokes, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview of the development of the Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan including the purpose and goals, crash data analysis, public opinion survey results, priority emphasis areas and corridors to target for future study and implementation of safety countermeasures, and recommended action items. A recommendation to adopt the Plan will also be provided and action requested.

Background: The Regional Transportation Council approved a safety position in 2017 to eliminate serious injuries and fatalities across all modes of travel. However, in recent years the number of bicyclist serious injuries and fatalities has trended upward in North Central Texas, consistent with State and national trends. The purpose of the Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan is to provide a framework for reducing the number of bicyclist crashes and fatalities in the North Central Texas metropolitan planning area. This Plan, in conjunction with the 2021 Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and the 2023 Roadway Safety Action Plan, is intended to improve safety for all road users. Additional details are provided in Electronic Item 7. The draft Plan, including appendices, is available online for public review at www.nctcog.org/bikesafety.

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

2:05 – 2:15

8. **2027 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region (Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plus)**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Kevin Kokes, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an overview and request action to open the 2027 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas region, including eligibility, criteria, and schedule.

Background: Approximately \$60 million is anticipated to be available to fund active transportation projects in the large Urbanized Areas of the North Central Texas region. Eligible applications under this program include the construction of on-and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities and Safe Routes to School plans. Staff will present a program overview for the Call for Projects, area of eligibility, required documentation, and schedule. Additional information is provided in Electronic Item 8.

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

2:15 – 2:25

9. **Organization Identity and Naming Convention**

☐ Action ☒ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be briefed on a request from the RTC Bylaws Revision Subcommittee to select an organization identity and naming convention for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Policy Board and MPO Staff in light of the 2026 MPO Agreement, the Operating Agreement, and the Settlement Agreement.

Background: The 2026 MPO Agreement identifies the RTC as the MPO for the Dallas-Fort Worth region. Under this agreement, once fully executed, the MPO Director will report directly to the RTC, and the MPO Staff will report to the MPO Director. This creates a new organization and there is an opportunity to bring the naming convention of the MPO Policy Board and the MPO Staff in closer alignment. Staff have benchmarked MPO naming conventions across the country and will propose a naming convention for RTC to consider. Information is included in Electronic Item 9. The naming convention is needed in relation to the RTC Bylaws, as the organization is referred to multiple times in the Bylaws. In order to have the name represented correctly and keep

the Bylaws on schedule, the RTC may wish to provide direction or take action to select the preferred naming convention in October.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

- 2:25 – 2:35** 10. **Status Report on Commercial Vehicle Compliance**
- ☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10
- Presenters: Officer Derek Malena, Allen Police Department, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement, and Jason Brown, NCTCOG
- Item Summary: Staff will provide information on regional Commercial Vehicle Enforcement (CVE) efforts, including observations from recently attended CVE events and future activities.
- Background: The Texas Department of Public Safety has joint responsibility with local law enforcement for the operation of the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement service. This joint service takes place throughout the region so that compliance with statutory provisions of law regulating weight, motor carrier safety, registration, transportation of people, hazardous materials, and other property can be obtained. NCTCOG staff has been attending coordinated multi-jurisdiction CVE events in the Dallas-Fort Worth region and will share observations and next steps. CVE Officer Derek Malena will be available to assist with questions. Electronic item 10 contains more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Safety

- 2:35 – 2:45** 11. **Integrated Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Study – Progress Update and Initial Recommendations**
- ☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10
- Presenters: Sue Alvarez and Jeff Neal, NCTCOG
- Item Summary: Staff will provide a progress update on the Integrated Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) Study, covering portions of Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant, and Wise counties.
- Background: Initiated in 2023, the \$10 million TSI Study is a proactive and comprehensive planning effort to mitigate flood risk as typical patterns of urbanization in growing areas upstream of Dallas and Fort Worth may exacerbate runoff due to greater impervious surface coverage and reduced valley storage. With the TSI Study set to

conclude this fall, staff from the Transportation and Environment & Development departments will provide a brief overview, highlight some initial project/strategy recommendations, describe the importance of funding and policy considerations in improving flood mitigation, and explain the next steps toward implementation and expansion. More details are given in Electronic Item 11.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:45 – 2:55

12. **Access North Texas 2026 Update**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Gypsy Gavia, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information on the 2026 Access North Texas Update, including a brief overview of outreach efforts and a summary of developed regional goals and strategies. The plan outlines strategies to address transit needs and serves as a guide to improve access to work, medical appointments, education, and the community during the next four years.

Background: Access North Texas is the regional public transportation coordination plan for the North Central Texas region. The purpose of the Access North Texas plan is to identify the public transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with limited financial resources, and others with transportation challenges. The plan also specifies strategies to address identified transit needs, eliminate gaps in service, and avoid duplication of transit services. Additionally, regional projects funded through the Federal Transit Administration's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program must align with strategies in this locally developed plan. Since Spring 2024, staff have coordinated with a wide range of stakeholders, transit users, and other members of the public to document these transportation needs and develop strategies to better serve these populations with public transportation. Federal guidelines require this region to update the plan every four years, and the previous plan was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council in 2022. The draft 2026 Access North Texas plan document will be available October 2026 at www.accessnorthtexas.org for public input. More information is available in Electronic Item 12.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, 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, November 5, 2026.**

Adjournment