



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 9, 2024, 1:00 PM**

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

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# AVISO DE REUNIÓN

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**SE REUNIRÁ**

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6. North Central Texas Council of Governments Invited to White House Roundtable on Zero-Emissions Freight Infrastructure: Lori Clark
7. Car Care Awareness Spring 2024 Campaign (<https://www.ntxcare.org/Toolkit>)
8. Air Quality Funding Opportunities ([www.nctcog.org/aqfunding](http://www.nctcog.org/aqfunding))
9. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events ([www.dfwcleancities.org/events](http://www.dfwcleancities.org/events))
10. March – April Public Comment Report (Electronic Item 4.1)
11. April Public Meeting Minutes (Electronic Item 4.2)
12. May Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 4.3)
13. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 4.4)
14. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 4.5)
15. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 4.6)

1:35 – 1:45

5. **Reconnecting Communities Update**

Action     Possible Action     Information    Minutes: 10

Presenter: Karla Windsor, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be briefed regarding the award of \$80 million (of the \$95 million requested) in Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program funds and staff will request approval to cover the \$15 million funding gap.

Background: In March 2024, the United States Department of Transportation announced the award of \$80 million in RCN funding for the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) region’s “Bridging Highway Divides for DFW Communities” application. This proposal included a request for funding on four pedestrian caps, including Klyde Warren Park (Phase 2), Southern Gateway (Phase 2), Interstate Highway 30 Farmers Market “Three Fingers”, and McKinney State Highway 5. No increase in local commitments is proposed to make up for the funding gap. Instead, staff is requesting RTC’s approval to cover the funding difference. Coordination is underway with the Texas Department of Transportation and local agencies to discuss the next steps needed to get projects to construction. More information is included in Electronic Item 5.

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

1:45 – 1:55

6. **Project Status Report: Fiscal Year 2024 Project Tracking and Metropolitan Planning Organization Milestone Policy Round 2**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Brian Dell, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) with a status report on the FY2024 Project Tracking and Milestone Policy Round 2 projects. RTC approval of various updates to the Milestone Policy project deadlines will be requested.

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 projects 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 6.1. FY2024 Project Tracking status updates can be found in Electronic Items 6.2. Details on the status reports can be found in Electronic Item 6.3.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

1:55 – 2:05

7. **Regional Transportation Council Policy – Temporary Suspension of Dynamic Pricing of Managed Lanes During Reconstruction**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Dan Lamers, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will introduce a policy allowing for the temporary suspension of dynamic pricing of managed lanes during major corridor reconstruction where managed lanes operate.

Background: It is the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) policy that all managed lanes operate with dynamic pricing. When a corridor with managed lanes goes under construction for a significant portion of time, it may be desirable to suspend dynamic pricing in the interest of safety and reducing driver confusion. If the Texas Department of Transportation District Engineer requests

the suspension of dynamic pricing, several operational factors should be taken into account as described in the recommended RTC policy. Electronic Item 7 includes a draft of the policy that will be proposed for RTC's consideration next month.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Safety

2:05 – 2:15

8. **Public Involvement and Mobility 2050 Outreach**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenters: Amanda Wilson and Amy Johnson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide the Regional Transportation Council with requested information regarding public involvement efforts supporting the development of Mobility 2050, particularly regarding how regional residents speaking languages other than English will have opportunities to provide input. An overview of general public involvement strategies, as well as specific strategies for Mobility 2050 outreach, will be presented.

Background: The Public Participation Plan ([Public-Participation-Plan\\_2022amendment-appendices\\_FINAL.pdf](#) ([nctcog.org](#))) guides public involvement for all Transportation Department outreach activities. In accordance with federal law, the Public Participation Plan defines public involvement procedures and comment periods, outlines strategies to inform the public about transportation issues and processes, describes measures to include diverse voices in the transportation and air quality planning process, and includes a Language Assistance Plan to help guide decisions for translating materials. The Public Participation Plan is used as a guide for specific campaigns or planning efforts, along with specific target audiences and goals for those efforts, to develop more specific communications plans. Federal guidelines require the Dallas-Fort Worth region to update the long-range transportation plan a minimum of every four years and cover at least 20 years into the future. In addition, Mobility 2050 must demonstrate federal transportation conformity for air quality. The updated plan will include a new financial plan, updated demographics and technical analysis, updated project recommendation listings, and robust public involvement.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:15 – 2:25

9. **2025 – 2028 Transportation Improvement Program Draft Listings**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will be briefed on the 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) development process. The draft listing of current RTC commitments will be provided for review and comment.

Background: A new TIP is developed every two years through a cooperative effort between the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), 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 9 contains an overview of the TIP development process, focus areas, and schedule. The financially constrained draft project listings for the 2025-2028 TIP is available at the following weblink: <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/funds/tip/transportation-improvement-program-docs/2025-2028tip>.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway, Transit

2:25 – 2:35

10. **Air Quality Status Report**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jenny Narvaez, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide information regarding the region's 2024 ozone season and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recent change of the fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) annual standard.

Background: The 2024 ozone season began on March 1 for the North Central Texas 9- and 10-county nonattainment areas and runs through the end of November. Concurrently, the region remains in nonattainment for both the 2008 and 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. Daily ozone information, including current conditions and forecasts, is provided at: <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/ozone>. On February 7, 2024, the EPA revised the level of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> primary health-based annual NAAQS from 12.0 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m<sup>3</sup>) to a level of 9.0 µg/m.<sup>3</sup> This change leads to the potential for Dallas and Tarrant counties to be in nonattainment when final

designations are made in 2026. More details can be found in Electronic Item 10.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:35 – 2:45

11. **Air Quality and Safety Demonstration Projects**

Action       Possible Action       Information      Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jason Brown, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will brief the Regional Transportation Council on efforts to develop three demonstration projects, including vehicle safety components, metal license plates, and heavy-duty diesel vehicle emissions systems.

Background: With the phasing out of vehicle safety inspections by January 2025, there is a need to continue to educate the public on the importance of the proper vehicle safety component operation and maintenance to decrease roadway crashes and fatalities. One project will partner with vendors and coordinate replacing safety components in vehicles as needed. While temporary paper plates will phase out beginning July 1, 2025, the potential for fraud within the currently utilized metal license plates increases. A second project will coordinate with local law enforcement the utilization of cameras that can read license plates, determine the rate of fake plates, and, if necessary, identify next steps. The ease of which heavy-duty diesel vehicles can have their emissions systems tampered and disabled has led to potential widespread tampering within the region. The third project will evaluate the severity and impacts of tampered trucks operating in the region and determine options to limit these illegal practices. These initiatives are an extension of clean vehicle efforts listed as Weight-of-Evidence in the current State Implementation Plan. Electronic Item 11 provides additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality, Safety

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)



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, Thursday, June 13, 2024, in the Transportation Council Room.**

Posted on official bulletin board and website on **Friday, May 03, 2024, at 10:15 a.m.**

*5/3/2024 CSO*