

MINUTES

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, October 25, 2024

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, October 25, 2024, at 1:30 pm in the Transportation Council Room of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The following STTC members or representatives were present: Joe Atwood, Nathan Benditz (representing Melissa Baker), James Bell, David Boski, Shon Brooks, Tanya Brooks, Daniel Burnham, Farhan Butt, Travis Campbell, John Cordary Jr., Tara Crawford, Clarence Daugherty, Chad Davis, Don Raines Jr. (representing Arturo Del Castillo), Pritam Deshmukh, Greg Dickens, Eric Fladager, Chris Flanigan, Austin Frith, Ricardo Gonzalez, Gary Graham, Scott Hall, Tom Hammons, Barry Heard, Matthew Hotelling, John D. Hudspeth, Jeremy Hutt, Thuan Huynh, Joseph Jackson, Joel James, Major Jones, Gus Khankarli, Eron Linn, Clay Lipscomb, Paul Luedtke, Alan Hendrix (representing Stanford Lynch), Chad Marbut, Alberto Mares, John Mears, Brian Moen, Mark Nelson, Jim O'Connor, Cintia Ortiz, Dipak Patel (representing Rifat Alam), Martin Phillips, John Polster, Kelly Porter, Than Nguyen (representing Tim Porter), Minesha Reese, James Rogge, Greg Royster, David Salmon, Chad Ostrander (representing Brian Shewski), Ray Silva-Reyes, Chelsea St. Louis, Errick Thompson, Jennifer VanderLaan, Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize, Daniel Vedral, Jana Wentzel, and Robert Woodbury.

Others present at the meeting were: Vickie Alexander, Berrien Barks, Kenneth Bergstrom, Natalie Bettger, Jason Brown, Lori Clark, Dina Colarossi, Shawn Conrad, David Dryde, Kevin Feldt, Brian Flood, Analisa Garcia, Gypsy Gavia, Rebekah Gongora, Chris Hoff, Mike Johnson, Dora Kelly, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, Jacki Kocmound, Gregory Masota, Malcolm Mayhew, Michael Morris, Jenny Narvaez, Ami Parikh, Trey Pope, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Roman Rangel, Lexi Roddy, Toni Stehling, Brendon Wheeler, Ben Whisnant, Jeff Whitacker, and Brian Wilson.

1. **Approval of September 27, 2024, Minutes:** The minutes of the September 27, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Jim O'Connor (M); Clarence Daugherty (S). The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Consent Agenda:**

2.1. **Development of Transportation Mobility Plans for FIFA 2026: AT&T Stadium (Nine Matches), International Broadcast Center (Pending) and Fair Park (Fan Fest):**

The Fédération Internationale de Football Association, more commonly known by its acronym FIFA, has requested detailed Transportation Mobility Plans and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) requested consultant assistance in documenting existing plans into the FIFA format and detail.

2.2. **Endorsement of Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: May 2024 Cycle Selected Project:**

Committee endorsement was requested of the project evaluated through the May 2024 Cycle of Transit Strategic Partnerships Program to provide funding to Feonix Mobility Rising for the pilot of a Transportation Assistance Hub in portions of Dallas and Ellis counties.

2.3. **Strategic Highway Network Route Proposed Additions:** A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval was requested to add a roadway location within the Dallas-Fort Worth region to the Strategic Roadway Network (STRAHNET).

2.4. **Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas Round 4 – Project Funding**

Recommendations: A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of the Blue-Green-Grey application recommended for funding was requested.

A motion was made to approve Items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4 on the Consent Agenda. Kelly Porter (M); Alberto Mares (S). The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Endorsement of Community Noise Mitigation Program Grant Submission:**

Amanda Wilson requested Committee endorsement of the submittal of grant applications to the Department of Defense Community Noise Mitigation Program and a recommendation to the Regional Transportation Council for local match funds.

A motion was made to endorse the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) approval for the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) grant applications for the Community Noise Mitigation program; recommend RTC approval of the use of approximately \$210,000 in Regional Transportation Council Local funds used to advance pre-application consultant activities to backfill Regional Joint Land Use Study activities; and approve staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program/Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (TIP/STIP) and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes should the project be selected for funding. Eron Linn (M); Kelly Porter (S). The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Strategic Selection of Traffic Signal Equipment:** Gregory Masota requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval of a strategic selection process based on the traffic signal equipment inventory to select equipment upgrades.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the process, criteria, and schedule for the strategic selection of traffic signal equipment, and for staff to administratively amend the North Central Texas Council of Governments Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), as well as other planning and administrative documents. Brian Moen (M); Martin Phillips (S). The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Call for Projects to Reduce Diesel Emissions:** Jason Brown requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval to open a new, competitive Call for Projects (CFP) to award rebates through the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 utilizing Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funds.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 included opening the Call for Projects, details of eligibility screens and scoring criteria; the schedule for the Call for Projects estimated to open on December 16, 2024, and a Rolling 90-Day application deadline to fully award funds. John Polster (M); Mark Nelson (S). The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** The following topics were listed on the agenda:

1. Safety Review of Older Freeway Sections: Five Examples
2. Regional Transportation Council Recognition
3. Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program (Electronic Item 6.1) and (Electronic Item 6.2)

4. Executive Board Follow-Up: White Paper on Federal Eligibility of Broadband As a Travel Demand Management Strategy
5. North Central Texas Council of Governments Not Pursuing Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grant Opportunity
6. Current Hold on Regional Transportation Council Policy – Temporary Suspension of Dynamic Pricing of Managed Lanes During Reconstruction

Michael Morris briefly highlighted each item listed above, recognized North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff for the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) 2024 National Award for Excellence in MPO Coordination and Partnership, and noted that NCTCOG staff are reviewing Loop 12 and other “junior” freeways to thoroughfares in the region regarding speed and other safety concerns.

7. **Swyft Cities Certification of Emerging and Reliable Transportation Technology**

Program Update: Mike Johnson provided information on the Certification of Emerging and Reliable Transportation Technology (CERTT) Program, including recent progress of Swyft Cities and their advancement through the program.

8. **Fast Facts:** Staff provided brief presentations on Items 1 through 7 below:

1. *Daniel Snyder* - North Central Texas Council of Governments 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects Informational Webinar
2. *Analisa Garcia* – 2024 Ozone Season Update
3. *Jared Wright* – Texas Department of Transportation Rider 48 Report: Evaluation of Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Capacity
4. *Trey Pope* – Engine Off North Texas Status Report
5. *Jared Wright* – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight: Arlington Multi-Modal Delivery Demonstration Success
6. *Jared Wright* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities
7. *Jared Wright* – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
8. Written Progress Reports: Partner Progress Reports, September Public Meeting Minutes, November Public Meeting Notice, August – September Public Comments Report

Written progress reports were provided in Electronic Items 8.4, 8.5, 8.6, and 8.7.

9. **Other Business (Old or New):** No items were provided.

10. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for ***1:30 pm on December 6, 2024.***