

MINUTES

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL Thursday, October 17, 2024

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) met on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 2:00 pm in the Transportation Council Room of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The following RTC members or representatives were present: Bruce Arfsten, Steve Babick, Rick Bailey, Adam Bazaldua, Gyna Bivens, Alan Blaylock, Tandy Boroughs (representing Daniel Alemán), Ceason Clemens, John Cordary Jr. (representing David Salazar), Michael Crain, Theresa Daniel, Jeff Davis, Pat Deen, Andy Eads, Michael Evans, Vernon Evans, George Fuller, Raul Gonzalez, Mojoy Haddad, Clay Lewis Jenkins, Ron Jensen, Jill Jester, Brandon Jones, Brad LaMorgese, Tammy Meinershagen, Cara Mendelsohn, Cesar Molina, Jesse Moreno, John Muns, Omar Narvaez, Long Pham (representing Jim Ross), Matthew Porter, Paul Ridley (representing Chad West), Tito Rodriguez, Alisa Simmons (representing Gary Fickes), Gary Slagel, Bobby Stovall, Jeremy Tompkins, William Tsao, and Duncan Webb.

Others present at the meeting were: Vickie Alexander, James Allen, James Alley, Melissa Baker, Micah Baker, Jay Barksdale, Emily Beckham, Aishway Bivauchorjee, Ian Bryant, Farhan Butt, Laura Cadena, Drew Campisi, Molly Carroll, Angie Carson, Lori Clark, Dina Colarossi, Michael Collins, Tara Crawford, Paul Cristina, Byron Dempsey, Clarence Daugherty, Gwen Dorko, Chad Edwards, Kevin Feldt, Lisa Flowers, Andrew Fortune, Justin Galloway, Analisa Garcia, Gypsy Gavia, Marian Ghaveehglashloo, Jillian Giles, T.J. Gilmore, Luciano Guerrero, Maldi Hamisi, Tony Hartzel, Jeff Hathcock, Robert Hinkle, Amy Johnson, Dan Kessler, Gus Khankarli, Ken Kirkpatrick, Sabrina Li, Aaron Lonb, Stanford Lynch, Terry Lynne, Sydnee Mangini, Rob Matwick, Rich Matyiku, Matthew Mayhew, Bryce McMeans, Brian Moen, Rebecca Monteray, Erin Moore, Michael Morris, Jonah Murray, Mark Nelson, Joe O'Brien, Cintia Ortiz, Michael Peters, John Polster, James Powell, Lauren Prieur, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Randy Richardson, Andy Rittler, James Rogge, Sidney Sarter, Toni Stehling, Jason Thomas, Kimberlin To, Lauren Trimble, Daniel Vedral, Ben Whisnant, Amanda Wilson, and Brian Wilson.

1. **Opportunity for Public Comment on Today's Agenda:** Clay Lewis Jenkins, Regional Transportation Council Chair and Dallas County Judge asked if there were any public comments. Chair Jenkins noted that no members of the public chose to speak at the meeting or provide written comments.
2. **Approval of September 12, 2024, Minutes:** The minutes of the September 12, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted in Electronic Item 2. Long Pham (M); Raul Gonzalez (S). The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Consent Agenda:**
 - 3.1. **Development of Transportation Mobility Plans for FIFA 2026: AT&T Stadium (Nine Matches), International Broadcast Center (Pending) and Fair Park (Fan Fest):** FIFA has requested detailed Transportation Mobility Plans for FIFA 2026. This item contained a request for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval for consultant assistance in documenting existing plans into the FIFA format and detail.
 - 3.2. **Update on Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Projects and Request for Matching Funds:** Several programs are beginning to move forward that provide investments to upgrade or install new electric vehicle (EV) chargers across the North

Central Texas Council of Governments region. This item contained a request for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to use Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) to satisfy a portion of match requirements for an award under the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Community Program.

- 3.3. **Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: May 2024 Cycle Selected Project:** This item contained a request for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the project evaluated through the May 2024 Cycle of the 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.

A motion was made to approve Items 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 on the Consent Agenda. Duncan Webb (M); Matthew Porter (S). The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report:** Michael Morris briefly highlighted items 1 through 10.

1. Regional Transportation Council Recognition
2. Regional Transportation Council Member Orientation – Held Earlier Today
3. Executive Board Follow Up: White Paper on Federal Eligibility of Broadband As A Travel Demand Management Strategy
4. Federal Responsibilities for Metropolitan Planning Organizations in Housing Coordination (https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/metro_planning.cfm)
5. Community Noise Mitigation Program ([Electronic Item 4.1](#))
6. Miles Matter Program Update and Auto Occupancy/High-Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Report ([Electronic Item 4.2](#))
7. Fall 2024 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement ([Electronic Item 4.3](#))
8. Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas – Round 4 – Project Funding Recommendations ([Electronic Item 4.4](#))
9. Current Hold on Regional Transportation Council Policy – Temporary Suspension of Dynamic Pricing
10. North Central Texas Council of Governments Not Pursuing the Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grant Opportunity
11. Ozone Season Update ([Electronic Item 4.5](#))
12. Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/aqfunding)
13. Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (www.dfwcleancities.org/events)
14. August – September Public Comment Report ([Electronic Item 4.6](#))
15. October Public Meeting Notice ([Electronic Item 4.7](#))
16. September Public Meeting Minutes ([Electronic Item 4.8](#))
17. Recent News Articles ([Electronic Item 4.9](#))
18. Recent Correspondence ([Electronic Item 4.10](#))
19. Recent Press Releases ([Electronic Item 4.11](#))

Steve Babick, Mayor, City of Carrollton, encouraged all local governments to participate in the annual Walk to School program. In addition, Michael led discussion regarding schedule conflicts with the November RTC meeting and asked the members their opinion regarding cancelling or moving the meeting date.

5. **2025 Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program:** Rebekah Gongora presented the draft 2025 Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program, including Legislation to Pursue, Legislation to Actively Pursue with Others, and items to Provide Testimony Upon Request categories.

Following Rebekah's presentation, extensive discussion occurred regarding transportation authority dedicated funding, local government control, and the Regional Transportation Council's role in discussions related to transportation authority concerns with its member cities.

Following much discussion, a motion was made to approve the 2025 Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program for the 89th Legislature with the caveat to remove "except where necessary to accommodate alternative fuel trucks" in the statement "Oppose legislation to increase freight truck weight limits above current law, except where necessary to accommodate alternate fuel trucks" in the Provide Testimony Upon Request category (Bullet 6). Gyna Bivens (M); Theresa Daniel (S).

A motion to amend was made to remove "Protect existing transportation authority dedicated funding" in the Legislation to Actively Pursue with Others category (Bullet 1). Brad LaMorgese (M); John Muns (S). Duncan Webb offered a friendly amendment to the motion to amend to leave the existing language of "Protect existing transportation authority dedicated funding" in the Legislation to Actively Pursue with Others category, with the caveat that it be removed unless Dallas Area Rapid Transit member cities and non-member cities come to agreement by the end of February 2025 and authorize staff to bring back any changes resulting from Transit 2.0 recommendations. Friendly amendment was accepted by Councilmember LaMorgese and Mayor Muns. Motion to amend passed.

A motion to amend was made to change the word "facilitating" to "supporting" in the statement "Provide tools to aid transit agencies in facilitating transit-oriented development (TOD) and/or funding to supplement TOD financing/public-private partnerships while allowing for cities to maintain the lead and local control in development decisions." in the Legislation to Actively Pursue with Others category (Bullet 2). Steve Babick (M); Jill Jester (S). The motion passed.

A motion to amend was made to change the wording in the statement "Provide tools to aid transit agencies in facilitating transit-oriented development (TOD) and/or funding to supplement TOD financing/public-private partnerships while allowing for cities to maintain the lead and local control in development decisions." to "Provide tools to cities facilitating transit-oriented development (TOD), including transit agency funding to supplement TOD financing/public-private partnerships while allowing for cities to maintain the lead and local control in development decisions." in the Legislation to Actively Pursue with Others category (Bullet 2). Cara Mendelsohn (M). The motion to amend failed for lack of second.

The vote on the motion to approve the 2025 Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program for the 89th Legislature with the following amendments was taken:

- 1) Remove "except where necessary to accommodate alternative fuel trucks" in the statement "Oppose legislation to increase freight truck weight limits above current law, except where necessary to accommodate alternate fuel trucks" in the Provide Testimony Upon Request category (Bullet 6);
- 2) Retain the existing language of "Protect existing transportation authority dedicated funding" in the Legislation to Actively Pursue with Others category (Bullet 1), with the caveat that it be removed unless Dallas Area Rapid Transit member cities and non-

member cities come to agreement by the end of February 2025 and authorize staff to bring back any changes resulting from Transit 2.0 recommendations; and

- 3) Change the word “facilitating” to “supporting” in the statement “Provide tools to aid transit agencies in facilitating transit-oriented development (TOD) and/or funding to supplement TOD financing/public-private partnerships while allowing for cities to maintain the lead and local control in development decisions.” in the Legislation to Actively Pursue with Others category (Bullet 2).

Gyna Bivens (M); Theresa Daniel (S). Adam Bazaldua, Bruce Arfsten, Gary Slagel, and Cesar Molina recorded in opposition. The motion passed.

6. **2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region:** Karla Windsor provided an overview and requested Regional Transportation Council approval on the eligibility, criteria, and schedule for the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region.

A motion was made to approve the elements related to program rules, eligible activities, eligible project areas, schedule, funding and use of Transportation Development Credits for the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region. Matthew Porter (M); Gyna Bivens (S). The motion passed unanimously.

7. **Air Quality Monitoring Policy:** Jenny Narvaez requested Regional Transportation Council approval of the Air Quality Monitoring Policy (P24-02).

A motion was made to approve the Air Quality Monitoring Policy (P24-02) to develop local partnerships, pursue upcoming federal and other funding opportunities, extend the non-regulatory monitoring network, develop and provide a collective source for health-related air quality information, and enhance public engagement and information. Duncan Webb (M); Gyna Bivens (S). The motion passed unanimously.

8. **Swyft Cities Certification of Emerging and Reliable Transportation Technology Program Update:** This agenda item was not presented due to time constraints.

9. **Community School Siting Issues and Opportunities:** This agenda item was not presented due to time constraints.

10. **Mobility 2050: Key Updates and Ongoing Development:** This agenda item was not presented due to time constraints.

11. **Progress Reports:** Regional Transportation Council attendance was provided in Electronic Item 11.1 and Surface Transportation Technical Committee attendance and minutes were provided in Electronic Item 11.2.

12. **Other Business (Old or New):** There was no discussion on this item.

13. **Future Agenda Items:** There was no discussion on this item.

14. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) is scheduled for 1:00 pm on December 12, 2024, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The November 14, 2024, RTC meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts with the National League of Cities annual conference and other regional meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.