



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

May 29, 2026

The Honorable Eric L. Johnson
Mayor
City of Dallas
1500 Marilla Street, Ste. 5FN
Dallas, TX 75201

The Honorable Thomas Randy Biddle
Mayor
City of University Park
3800 University Blvd.
University Park, TX 75205

The Honorable Will C. Beecherl
Mayor
Town of Highland Park
4700 Drexel Dr.
Highland Park, TX 75205

Dear Mayors Johnson, Biddle, and Beecherl:

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC), composed primarily of local elected officials, is the transportation policy body for the MPO. The RTC is responsible for direction and approval of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan, the Transportation Improvement Program, the Congestion Management Process, and the Unified Planning Work Program, and for satisfying and implementing federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to the regional transportation planning process.

Membership on the Regional Transportation Council is either by direct membership or group representation. Each seat on the Regional Transportation Council will be provided a primary member and permitted an alternate member. The Cities of Dallas and University Park and Town of Highland Park have six seats on the Regional Transportation Council. The RTC's Bylaws and Operating Procedures state that the person representing a group of several cities shall be selected by the mayors using a weighted vote of the maximum population or employment of the cities represented, and the person selected shall serve a two-year term beginning in July of even-numbered years and shall be serving on one of the governing bodies they represent. All members of the RTC shall be local elected officials except optional representatives of local governments where one-third of a public agency's representation may be by non-elected private sector officials who are residents of the appointing cluster. A table containing population and employment figures from the last Bylaws revision is enclosed.

The Bylaws further state that in the spirit of integrated transportation planning, all cities within a city-only cluster are eligible to hold the RTC membership seat for the cluster, and the cities should strongly consider rotation of the seat among the entities within the respective cluster. Items to consider when contemplating seat rotation may include: 1) a natural break in a member's government service, such as the conclusion of an elected term, 2) a member's potential to gain an officer position or advance through the officer ranks, 3) a member's strong performance and commitment to transportation planning, 4) the critical nature of a particular issue or project and its impact on an entity within the cluster, or 5) the overall success of the RTC and its importance in the region.


An alternate member is the individual appointed to represent an entity or group of entities on the Regional Transportation Council in the absence of the primary member. The alternate member must be predetermined in advance of a meeting and will have voting rights in the absence of the primary member. An entity or group of entities may elect to appoint its alternate member(s) from a pool of eligible nominees. The same requirements apply to alternate members as to primary members. If a primary member is an elected official, then the alternate member must also be an elected official; if a primary member is a non-elected individual, then the alternate member can be either a non-elected individual or an elected official. A best practice for city-only clusters may be to appoint the alternate member from an eligible entity within the cluster that is not providing the primary member.

Your current primary representatives on the RTC are Jesse Moreno, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Dallas; Lorie Blair, Councilmember, City of Dallas; Cara Mendelsohn, Councilmember, City of Dallas; Paul Ridley, Councilmember, City of Dallas; Kathy Stewart, Councilmember, City of Dallas; and William Tsao, Citizen Representative, City of Dallas. Your current alternate representatives are William Roth, Councilmember, City of Dallas; Marc Myers, Councilmember, Town of Highland Park; and Dan Micciche, Citizen Representative, City of Dallas. You may choose to keep your current representatives or appoint new primary representative(s) and/or alternate representative(s). **All appointments, whether a reappointment or new appointment, must be received by June 30, 2026.** Per the RTC Bylaws, the new two-year terms begin in July. Please email (VPruitt-Jenkins@nctcog.org), mail (P.O. Box 5888, Arlington, TX 76005-5888), or fax (817/640-3028) your correspondence to Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins of NCTCOG. Please note that your designations must be confirmed in writing by all entities included in this group. Once the appointments have been determined by weighted vote, confirmation of the primary and/or alternate member(s) will be provided to your group.

In addition, the Regional Transportation Council has established an Ethics Policy in accordance with Section 472.034 of the Texas Transportation Code. This policy applies to both primary and alternate RTC members, whether elected or non-elected. All RTC members must also adhere to Chapter 171 of the Local Government Code and to the Code of Ethics from their respective local governments and public agencies. Please remind your representatives to be cognizant of these policies and codes.

Please contact Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins at VPruitt-Jenkins@nctcog.org or 817/608-2325 if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Rick Bailey, Chair
Regional Transportation Council
Commissioner, Johnson County

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Enclosure

cc: Jesse Moreno, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Dallas (RTC Primary Member)
Lorie Blair, Councilmember, City of Dallas (RTC Primary Member)
Cara Mendelsohn, Councilmember, City of Dallas (RTC Primary Member)
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