RESOLUTION ADOPTING

MOBILITY 2050: THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS AND THE 2025 TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH NONATTAINMENT AREA (R25-02)

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) serves as the MPO policy committee, comprised primarily of local elected officials, and is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be the regional forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, under 23 United States Code (USC) 134, the MPO is responsible for carrying out the metropolitan transportation planning process, in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly owned transit services; and,

WHEREAS, under 23 USC 134, the MPO is responsible for developing and maintaining the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and their periodic updates; and,

WHEREAS, under 23 USC 134, the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program are required to include a financial plan to demonstrate how the MTP and TIP can be implemented; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth area is a federally designated nonattainment area for the pollutant ozone, and air quality conformity of the MTP and TIP shall be determined by the MPO as required by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Transportation Conformity Regulations found in 40 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 93; and,

WHEREAS, the EPA has designated the 10-county area of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise counties as severe nonattainment under the 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) effective November 7, 2022; and designated the nine-county area of Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Tarrant, and Wise counties as serious nonattainment under the 2015 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS effective July 22, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, all regionally significant ground transportation improvements, regardless of funding source, within the Dallas-Fort Worth ozone nonattainment area must be inventoried and included in the MTP, TIP, and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the conformity analysis requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and,

WHEREAS, Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas was developed in cooperation with local governments, the Texas Department of Transportation, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Fort Worth Transportation Authority (Trinity Metro), Denton County Transportation Authority, North Texas Tollway Authority, Collin County Toll Road Authority, and other transportation agencies; and,

WHEREAS, *Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas* and the *2025 Transportation Conformity* were developed in a manner consistent with the federal regulations found in 23 CFR 450 and 49 CFR 613, and 40 CFR 93; and,

WHEREAS, the planning process used in development of *Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas* and the *2025 Transportation Conformity* was conducted in accordance with NCTCOG's approved public involvement procedures required under 23 USC 134, and Transportation Conformity Regulations, including presentations at public meetings and the allowance of a 60-day comment period prior to Regional Transportation Council approval of the MTP and a 30-day comment period prior to Transportation Conformity approval; and,

WHEREAS, the air quality conformity review has indicated that *Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas* meets the transportation conformity-related requirements of the State Implementation Plan, the Clean Air Act as amended on November 15, 1990, and the Transportation Conformity Regulations; and,

WHEREAS, the Civil Rights Act of 1964 mandates that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, or national origin be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the RTC's policy is to evaluate the benefits and burdens of transportation policies, programs, and plans to prevent disparate treatment and improve the decision-making process; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG's Surface Transportation Technical Committee has recommended Regional Transportation Council approval of *Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas* and the *2025 Transportation Conformity*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- <u>Section 1.</u> The Regional Transportation Council adopts *Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas*.
- The Regional Transportation Council approves the results of the 2025
 Transportation Conformity, which demonstrate that implementation of Mobility
 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas and the
 2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program will not cause any new
 violations of the 2008 and 2015 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS, increase the frequency
 or severity of violations of the standards, or delay timely attainment of the
 standards. This analysis uses the latest available information and the latest
 EPA-approved emissions estimation model. In addition, these results meet the
 requirement of current and previous motor vehicle emissions budget tests and
 demonstrate Transportation Control Measures in approved State
 Implementation Plans are implemented in a timely fashion.
- Section 3. The development of *Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas* utilized the most recent regional demographic projections as adopted by the NCTCOG Executive Board on November 21, 2024, and the 2025 Transportation Conformity utilized the latest planning assumptions.
- The recommendations included in *Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas* meet financial constraint requirements and Title VI nondiscrimination requirements and have no disparate impacts on protected populations.
- Section 5. The Regional Transportation Council directs staff to appropriately amend other planning documents such as the Transportation Improvement Program and Unified Planning Work Program as needed to implement the policies, programs,

and projects contained in *Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan* for North Central Texas.

Section 6.

The development of *Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas* and the *2025 Transportation Conformity* was conducted in accordance with NCTCOG's approved Public Participation Plan, including presentation of draft recommendations and analysis results to the public for comment prior to Regional Transportation Council adoption.

Section 7.

The latest public involvement information for the 2025 Transportation Conformity, including Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas, will be transmitted to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Department of Transportation, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, as well as posted on the NCTCOG website.

Section 8.

This resolution will be transmitted to the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, Environmental Protection Agency, Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Denton County Transportation Authority, North Texas Tollway Authority, Collin County Toll Road Authority, and all impacted local governments, as well as posted on the NCTCOG website.

Section 9.

This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Clay Lewis Jenkins, Chair

Regional Transportation Council County Judge, Dallas County

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council of the North Central Texas Council of Governments for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area on June 12, 2025.

Rick Bailey, Vice Chair

Regional Transportation Council Commissioner, Johnson County