## RESOLUTION ENDORSING MOBILITY 2050: THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS AND ASSOCIATED 2025 TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and nonprofit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been 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 Register (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 and TIP and Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) for the conformity analysis requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990; and,

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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, 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 presentation 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, Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas and the findings of the 2025 Transportation Conformity were adopted by the Regional Transportation Council on June 12, 2025 under Resolution R25-02.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- Section 1. The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board endorses the RTC's Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas.
- The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board endorses the RTC's findings of the 2025 Transportation Conformity, which demonstrate that implementation of Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas and the 2025-2028 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

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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 North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board endorses the RTC's findings of the nondiscrimination review which indicate that Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas has no disparate impacts on protected populations.

## Section 4.

This resolution will be included in the final documentation of Mobility 2050: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas and 2025 Transportation Conformity.

Section 5.

This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Victoria Johnson, President

North Central Texas Council of Governments

Councilmember, City of Burleson

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on June 26, 2025.

> Brandon Huckabee, Secretary-Treasurer North Central Texas Council of Governments

County Judge, Erath County