



NCTCOG PRESENTATION

# 2024 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROGRAM

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# BACKGROUND

- Over the past couple of years, numerous funding requests have been received from local governments and transportation agencies
- These requests have been evaluated by staff for funding consideration
- These proposed projects meet one or more of the Regional Transportation Council's (RTC) policies or improvements outlined in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), implement outcomes of planning activities, and/or assist in reaching the region's federal performance targets
- The following slides highlight a few of the major projects and partnerships that are being proposed



# PROPOSED LOCAL BOND PROGRAM PARTNERSHIPS

- In recent years, citizens in several jurisdictions have passed bond programs to fund transportation projects
- Tarrant County and Parker County asked the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to partner on projects of regional interest that are being funded in part through their bond programs  
Tarrant County projects proposed for regional funding include:
  - Bonds Ranch Road Grade Separation (Fort Worth) – \$20 million Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) to be matched with local funds
  - RM 2871 (Fort Worth, Benbrook) – \$8 million STBG to be matched with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) and local funds
  - Kennedale Sublett Road (Kennedale) – \$8 million STBG to be matched with local funds
- Parker County projects proposed for funding include:
  - FM 1187 (Aledo) – \$19.15 million STBG to be matched with TxDOT funds
  - FM 730 (Weatherford) – \$10 million STBG to be matched with TxDOT funds
- Justification: Leverages local funding, enhances mobility and safety
- Refer to the project table for a comprehensive list of projects being proposed through this partnership



# PROPOSED SIGNAL AND RAILROAD CROSSING FUNDING POOLS

- Two programs are being proposed that would provide funds for projects that have come out of completed planning studies
- Specific projects will be proposed to the RTC in the future
- Railroad Crossing Safety Program
  - \$10 million Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds
  - To be matched with local funds from project sponsors
- Traffic Signal Equipment Standardization and Upgrade Program
  - \$30 million STBG funds
  - To be matched with regional Transportation Development Credits (TDC)
- Justification: Addresses safety, mobility, and air quality



Source: Getty Images





# REGIONAL TRANSIT VEHICLES

- Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) and Trinity Metro have requested funding assistance for new and replacement vehicles for the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) and TEXRail lines
- TRE Vehicles
  - Existing vehicles are nearing the end of their useful life
  - Proposed Funding:
    - \$30 million STBG
    - \$30 million from Trinity Metro
    - \$41.4 million from DART
- TEXRail Vehicles
  - New vehicles are needed to enable expansion of service to the Fort Worth Medical District
  - Proposed funding:
    - \$31.2 million CMAQ
    - \$33.8 million Carbon Reduction Program (CRP)
    - To be matched with regional and Trinity Metro's MTP Policy Bundle TDCs
- Justification: Addresses Transit Asset Management (federal performance measure)



Source: Trinity Metro



# CITY OF DALLAS PARTNERSHIP

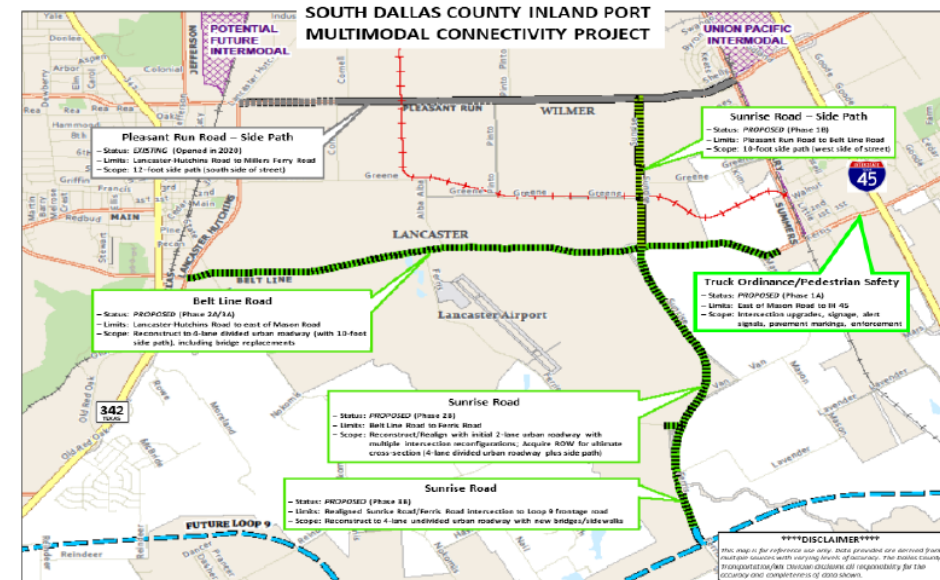
- The City of Dallas and NCTCOG have been coordinating on a funding partnership for new projects and for additional funding to address cost overruns on existing projects
- The following projects are being proposed<sup>1</sup>:
  - West Dallas Gateway/Herbert Street – \$30 million RTR
  - IH 30 at Harwood Street Pedestrian Structure – \$30 million RTR loan to be paid back over time
  - Harry Hines/Mockingbird Improvements – \$12 million STBG, \$20 million RTR
  - Thanks-Giving Square Improvements – \$10 million RTR, but contingent on private sector contribution of \$20 million
  - Forest Theater Infrastructure Improvements – \$5 million RTR
- Overall partnership is contingent on City of Dallas’ approval of the “One Seat Ride” concept and Union Station siting plans for High-Speed Rail (projects will be added to the Transportation Improvement Program [TIP] once resolved)

1: There is also a TIP modification request pending to increase funding and change federal funding to RTR for signals damaged in 2019 tornado



# DALLAS COUNTY INLAND PORT

- NCTCOG and local partners in Dallas County have been coordinating on funding for a series of improvements that would facilitate access to and from the Dallas County Inland Port
- Funding is being proposed for a portion of those improvements
- Location: Sunrise Road from Belt Line Road to State Loop 9
- Scope: Reconstruct and widen 2-lane to 4-lane roadway including intersection at Belt Line and Sunrise and replacement of bridge over Ten Mile Creek; Construct shared use path
- Proposed Funding:
  - \$24.88 million Dallas County RTR
  - To be matched with local funds
  - Change existing federal funding for pre-construction phases to RTR
- Justification: Enhances freight access, safety, and bicycle/pedestrian connectivity
- Funding to establish an Inland Port Local Government Corporation is also being proposed





# CR 4668 AT BOBO'S CROSSING

- In recent years, flooding has been an issue at this location in Wise County
- The RTC previously provided design funding for needed improvements
- Scope: Reconstruct 2 to 2 lane roadway, including construction of bridge to elevate low water crossing out of the 100-year floodplain
- Proposed Funding:
  - \$12 million STBG
  - To be matched with regional Transportation Development Credits (TDCs)
- Justification: Addresses roadway safety and resiliency during major weather events



Source: Wise County





# SUMMARY OF PROPOSED FUNDING (\$ IN MILLIONS)

CMAQ Funds	STBG Funds	CRP Funds	RTR Funds	RTC Local Funds	Non-RTC Funds <sup>1</sup>	TDCs <sup>2</sup>	Total
\$82.21	\$179.04	\$33.77	\$226.53	\$2.3	\$245.76	31.68	\$769.61

1: Includes State, local, and private funding

2: Transportation Development Credits are not cash and do not count in total funding



# TIMELINE

Meeting/Task	Date
Public Involvement	January 2024
STTC Action	January 26, 2024
RTC Action	February 8, 2024

- We are seeking public feedback on the proposed projects and partnerships
- For a comprehensive list of project recommendations, please reference the project listing at <https://publicinput.com/nctcog>



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