

North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional Transit 2.0 Highlights

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Background Information

- North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) developed the Collin County Transit Study to assess the existing conditions and develop public transportation strategies for the future.
- In May 2025, NCTCOG released the final report of the Regional Transit 2.0 study.
- Key findings of the study:
 - Future transit service offerings in Collin County
 - Near Term (1-5 years): Paratransit, demand response/microtransit
 - Mid-Term (5-10 years): Fixed-route bus, premium bus
 - Long-Term (10+ years): Regional rail, high-capacity transit, automated transportation system/people movers

Key Findings

- Finding 1: Sustainable funding and increased efficiency of transit services are both necessary to optimally guide projected growth and development trends
- Finding 2: Economic development, density, and transit-oriented development are critical for effective regional transit
- Finding 3: Transit must be competitive with other modes of travel to provide effective mobility and reduce regional congestion

Key Themes	Finding 1:	Finding 2:	Finding 3:
Funding Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Strategic Multimodal System • Special-Purpose Multicounty Transportation Funding Area (TFA) • Dedicated State Funding to Public Transportation and Passenger and Freight Rail • Utilize Existing Legislation Granting Statutory Authority for Public Private Partnerships (P3s) • Support Legislation to Expand Opportunities for Local Funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Impact Fees for Transportation • Increased NCTCOG TOD funding • Financial Incentives for Development in TA Member Cities • Public Private Partnerships and Enhanced TIF Districts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial Incentives for Development • Opportunities for Collaborative Procurement
Economic Development		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster TA and Member City Collaboration on Economic Development • Incentive Packages for Cities 	
Funding Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritize Allocation of Discretionary Funding • Provide TOD Financial Support • Provide Developer Financial Incentives 		
Partnerships		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support TAs in Seeking Joint Development Opportunities 	
Land Use Planning		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote Benefits of Land Use Policies • Improve Quality and Connectivity of Public Space • First/Last Mile Options at Transit Stations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Access to Transit • TA-led Planning • Interlocal Agreements • Collaborative Planning

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Customer Experience			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing and Eliminating Inefficiencies • More Flexible Service Contracting
Convening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review NCTCOG / RTC Policies and Procedures • Increase the Level of Federal Funding Flexed from Highways to Transit and Rail • Knowledge Sharing • NCTCOG Support and Regional Management • Advance Policy Approaches to Incentivize TAs to Accept Alternative Funding Sources for Transit • Fair Share 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use Best Practices • Technical Assistance • Performance Goals for Transit Authorities • Training and Education for Decision Makers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge Sharing Opportunities
TA Governance			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Governance and Decision Making • Advance Policy Approaches to Incentivize TAs to Accept Alternative Funding Sources for Transit • A la carte System for Service Provision • Region-wide Paratransit Dispatch Provider
Fare Policy			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration and Interoperability • Loyalty and Rewards Programs • Regional Fare Capping

Next Steps

- Staff is exploring possible options to expand existing services and introducing new modes of transit to residents.
- Staff is working with member cities to identify additional opportunities for collaboration on transit services moving forward.
- Staff is working with NCTCOG to explore creative options to utilize available funding sources currently allocated for MUZA and MFUZA.