



North Central Texas Council of  
Governments

# NCTCOG Update

Southwestern Rail Conference

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# Regional Rail Agreements

**April 26, 2006** – NCTCOG and Heart of Texas Council of Governments (COG)/ Waco Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

- Coordinate on public transportation, planning for future passenger rail service, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) along IH 35 corridor, and planning for truck and rail freight goods movement

**August 7, 2007** – NCTCOG and East Texas COG, East Texas Corridor Council

- Public transportation, future passenger rail service, ITS along US 80, IH 30, and IH 20, truck and rail freight goods movement

**May 10, 2008** – NCTCOG and East Texas COG, East Texas Corridor Council, Northwest Louisiana COG

- Public transportation, higher-speed rail along the IH 20 and US 59 corridors, future passenger rail service, ITS along the US 59, IH 30, US 80, and IH 20 corridors, and truck and rail freight goods movement



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## **October 9, 2008** – NCTCOG and Metroplan (Little Rock MPO)

- Coordinate on sustainable development issues, federal policy, congestion management, travel demand management, ITS along the IH 30 corridor, future passenger rail service, truck and rail freight goods movement

## **May 9, 2009** – NCTCOG and East Texas COG, East Texas Corridor Council, Northwest Louisiana COG, North Delta Regional Planning and Development District (Ouachita COG)

- Public transportation, expanded rail and highway infrastructure along IH 20 and US 59, future passenger rail service, ITS, and seek funding to link high-speed rail

## **April 14, 2011** – RTC/NCTCOG and Lone Star Rail District (DFW, Austin, San Antonio)

- Develop plans for passenger and freight rail improvements

## **June 2, 2011** – RTC/NCTCOG and Association of Central Oklahoma COG (Oklahoma City)

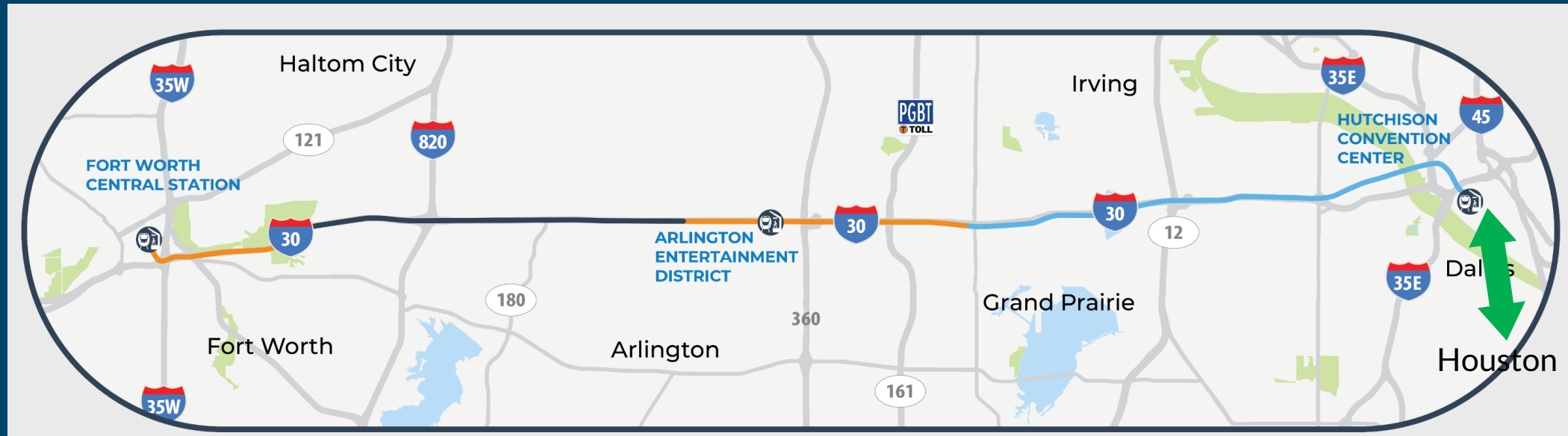
- Evaluate and plan for potential high-speed rail service







# High Speed Rail in North Texas



## Dallas to Fort Worth: Alignment to be studied in NEPA



- Concurrent Development/Funding Paths:
- NEPA (FTA Sponsor) Complete by March 2025
  - Corridor ID (FRA) Scoping (6 mos) and Service Development Plan (12-18 mos)

 PROPOSED STATIONS  
 TUNNEL  
 TRENCH / AT-GRADE  
 ELEVATED



# Dallas-Fort Worth: “Gateway” to Texas

*High-Speed Rail provides seamless connectivity:*

## Nationally / Internationally

DFW Airport

## Mega-Regional / Statewide

Amtrak Connections to Atlanta, Chicago, Houston (HSR), Austin, San Antonio, and Oklahoma City

Future statewide HSR network

## Regionally

DART Light Rail

Regional Rail (DART & Trinity Metro)

Bus system and Streetcar

## Locally

Dallas and Fort Worth downtowns (convention centers, CBD attractions)

Arlington Entertainment District (stadium venues, hotels, convention center)



# Regional Transit 2.0

## Planning for Year 2050:

- \$2 Million planning effort
- Massive growth over the next 20 to 30 years
- Research the potential of mass transit in the region

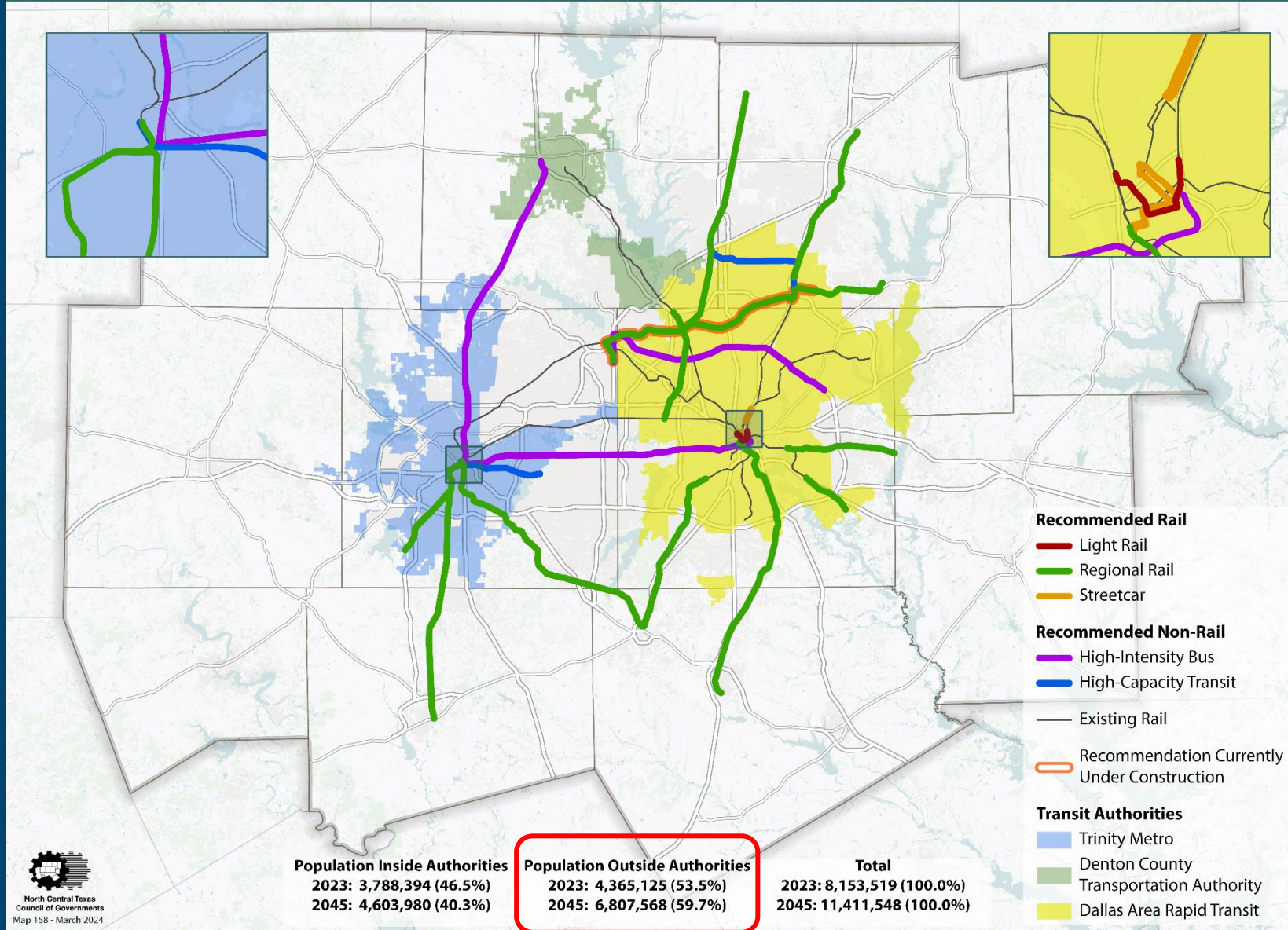
## Finding Solutions:

- Internal and Regional Connections
- Near-term Strategic Implementation
- Expanding Transportation Options
- Innovative Transit Solutions
- Funding Options





# Major Transit Corridor Recommendations (with Current Transit Authorities)



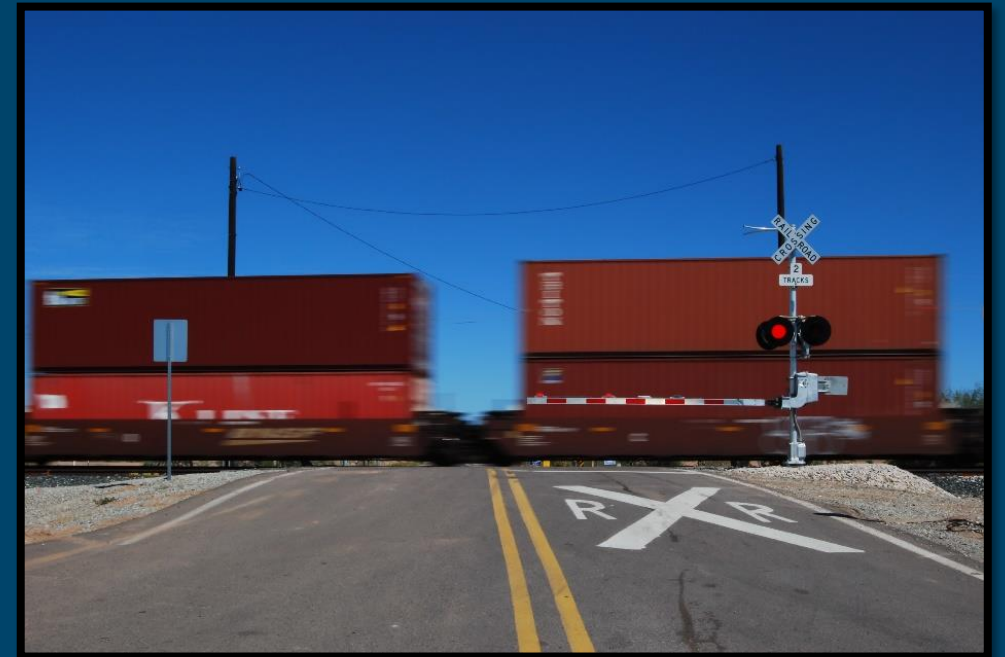
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# NCTCOG and Freight Rail

## Regional Rail Partners:

- **NT MOVES Program** – Working together to find solutions
  - TRE Double Tracking Projects
- **Engineering for Rail Projects:**
  - Established Funding
  - Move forward regionally significant rail projects through design/engineering, environmental, and design review processes





# NCTCOG and Freight Rail

## Regional Rail Partners:

- **Clear Path Technology**
  - Address shared-use corridors and interconnected network issues
  - Monitor ongoing performance measures
  - Improve capital project selection
  - Facilitate public-private partnerships
- **Local Project Assistance** – Work with Railroads and Cities to find solutions
  - FM 429 Realignment in Terrell
  - Avondale Haslet Road in Haslet



# Federal Grant Opportunities

## Partnering Wins

NCTCOG is always looking for partnerships concerning grants

## Rail Focused Opportunities:

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvement (CRISI) Grant Program

Federal-State Partnership for Intercity Passenger Rail Grants

Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCEP)

Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program  
(INFRA/MEGA/RURAL Grants)

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)



# Federal Grant Opportunities

## A History of Winning

- Since 2009 NCTCOG and its Regional Partners have been awarded over \$ 350 Million. This has allowed millions more to be leveraged in moving projects forward.
- **Success across multiple grant programs:**
  - TIGER/BUILD/RAISE
  - INFRA
  - Corridor Identification & Development (ID) Program
  - Charging & Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Program
  - Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCEP)
- **Rail Impacted Awards:**
  - Tower 55 (TIGER)
  - NT MOVES (BUILD)
  - Bonds Ranch Road (RCEP)



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