

# Transit Strategic Partnerships Program

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# Background: Roles of the Organization

## North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)

- Assist local governments in planning for common needs and cooperating for mutual benefit in a 16-county region
- Executive Board approves the receipt of Federal transit funding for the region

## Transportation Department = Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

- Regional Transportation Council (RTC) sets transportation policy
- Programs all federal funding in the region with the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- Coordinated transportation planning in a 16-county region – Access North Texas Plan

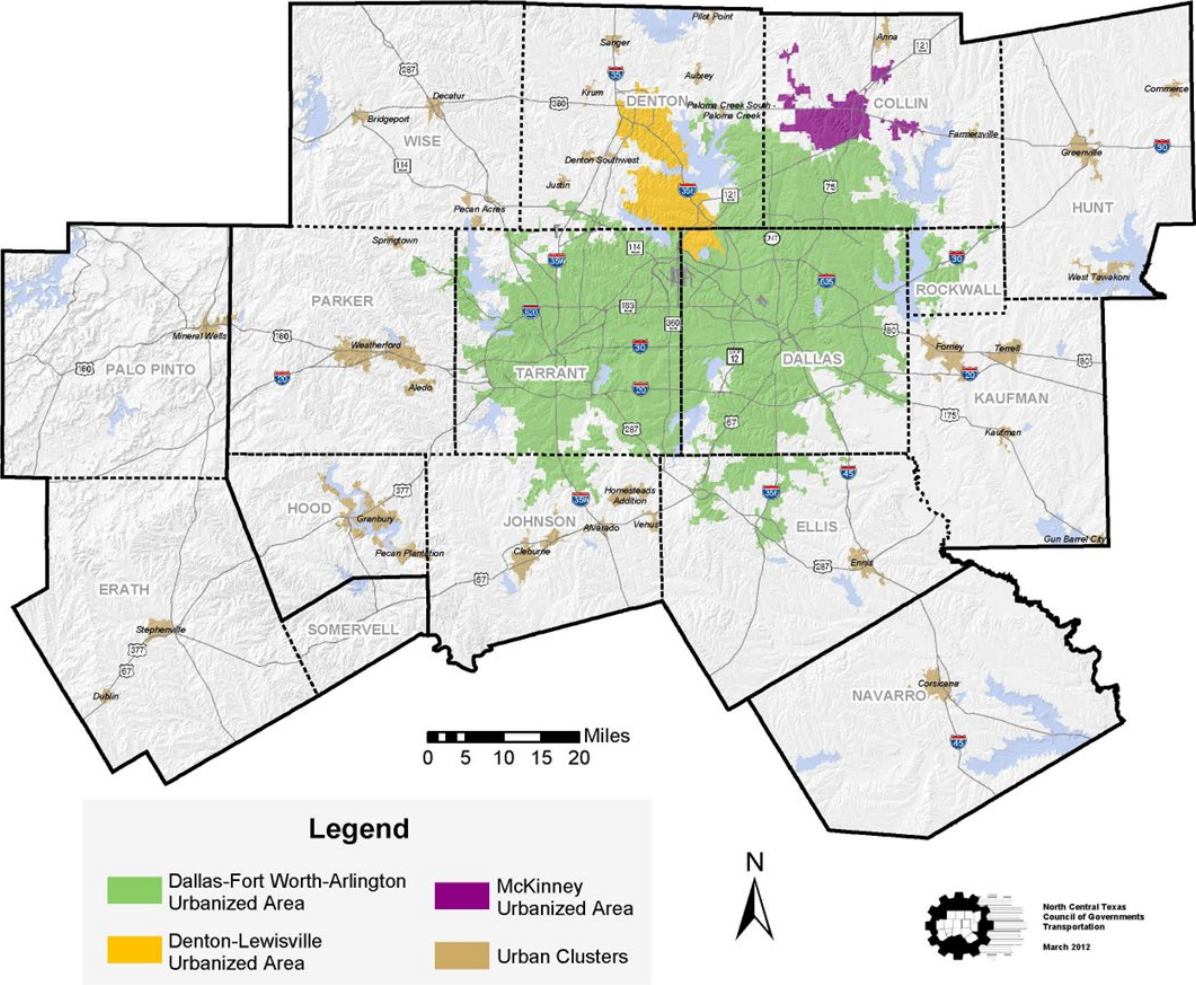
## Designated Recipient of Federal Transit Funding

- Suballocate/distribute federal funds to transit authorities and small transit providers
- Manage drawdown of federal funds
- Urbanized Area in 8 counties – Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Parker, Rockwall, & Tarrant

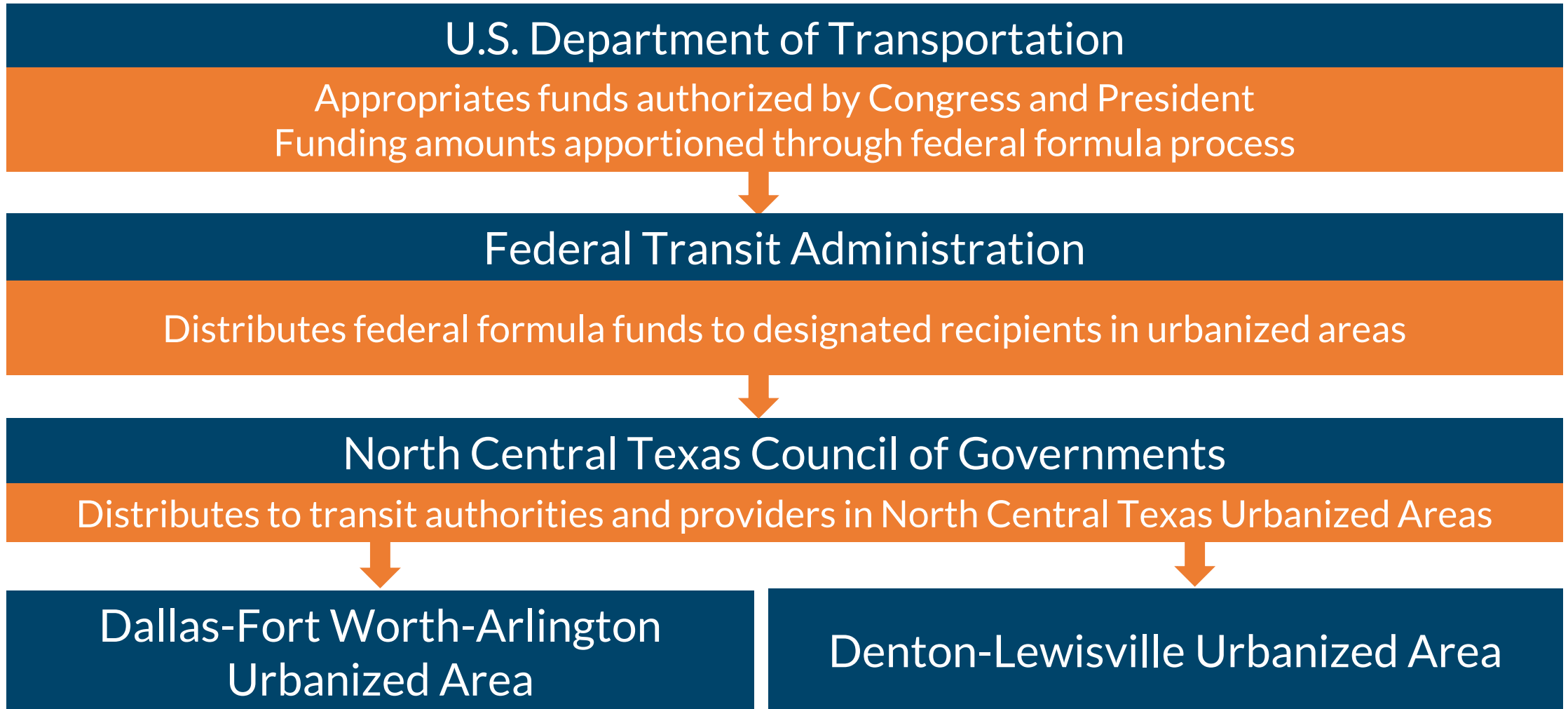


# Appropriation of Federal Funds

## U.S. Census Bureau Urbanized Areas and Urban Clusters (2010)



# Appropriation of Federal Funds



# Federal Formula Funding Programs for Transit (Urban)

Section	Program	Purpose	Project Types
5307	Urbanized Area Formula (includes Job Access/Reverse Commute projects)	Serve general public including low-income populations	Capital Operating Planning
5310	Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities	Serve needs of the elderly and individuals with disabilities	Capital Operating



# Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: Funding Sources

FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION (FTA) apportions  
Sections 5307<sup>1</sup> and 5310<sup>2</sup> program funds to our region

**Non-competitive**  
*(formula)*

About 98% available annually to transit  
Provides through Program of Projects  
(POP) process

**Competitive**

*(Transit Strategic Partnership Program)*

By RTC policy, about 2% is set aside for  
transit projects that support long-range  
mobility plan goals and address needs  
outlined in Access North Texas

<sup>1</sup> Urbanized Area Formula Program (Job Access/Reverse Commute)

<sup>2</sup> Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program



# Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: Program Elements/Eligibility

Competitive funding program to support transit project ideas and implement services that address goals from Mobility 2045 Update and Access North Texas

<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	Transit authorities Public Transit providers Non-profits (encourage partnership with an existing transit provider)	<b>Project Elements</b>	Cannot be used for operating shortfalls  Service must be within the Urbanized Area (UZA)  Encourage partnerships and collaboration between non-service providers (non-profits) and transit providers  Address innovation, Access North Texas, recent transit study recommendations, accessibility, environmental justice, transit dependent populations, risk
<b>Eligibility</b>	Must be an entity that can receive federal funds		
<b>Project Length</b>	Typically a 2-3 year pilot		



# Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: Program Evaluation Criteria

CATEGORY	POSSIBLE POINTS
<b>Needs Assessment</b> Address Access North Texas, Transit Studies, Transit Dependent Populations, Environmental Justice, and/or Accessibility. Is it non-duplicative?	60
<b>Strategic Value and Innovation</b> Is it an innovative project that serves an immediate need? Could it serve as a model to other areas?	15
<b>Project Funding and Sustainability</b> Are budget assumptions sound and reasonable? Meet minimum funding requirements? Local match identified? Sustainability?	15
<b>Implementation Capacity and Collaboration</b> Include coordination with stakeholders and existing providers? Does the agency have the required capacity to implement?	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>





# Submitted Project: May 2024 Cycle

Applicant	Project	Description	Status
Feonix Mobility Rising	Transportation Assistance Hub <i>(2-year pilot)</i>	<p>Provide shared rides in Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington (DFWA) urbanized area to mobility impaired residents and senior citizens where no other service is available or accessible.</p> <p>Use Mobility Navigators to refer rides to existing public and private transportation services and use Feonix’s microtransit service to fill gaps in service.</p>	Under review



# Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: Funding Cycle

Now Accepting Proposals!!

Ideas accepted on a rolling basis, and evaluated twice a year  
(currently in Fall 2024 Cycle)



<sup>1</sup>Projects may get shifted to next cycle if more development is needed

<sup>2</sup>TIP mod deadlines subject to change



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