



## Surface Transportation Technical Committee

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# Purpose

Regional public transportation coordination plan to:

- Avoid duplication of transit services

- Eliminate gaps in service

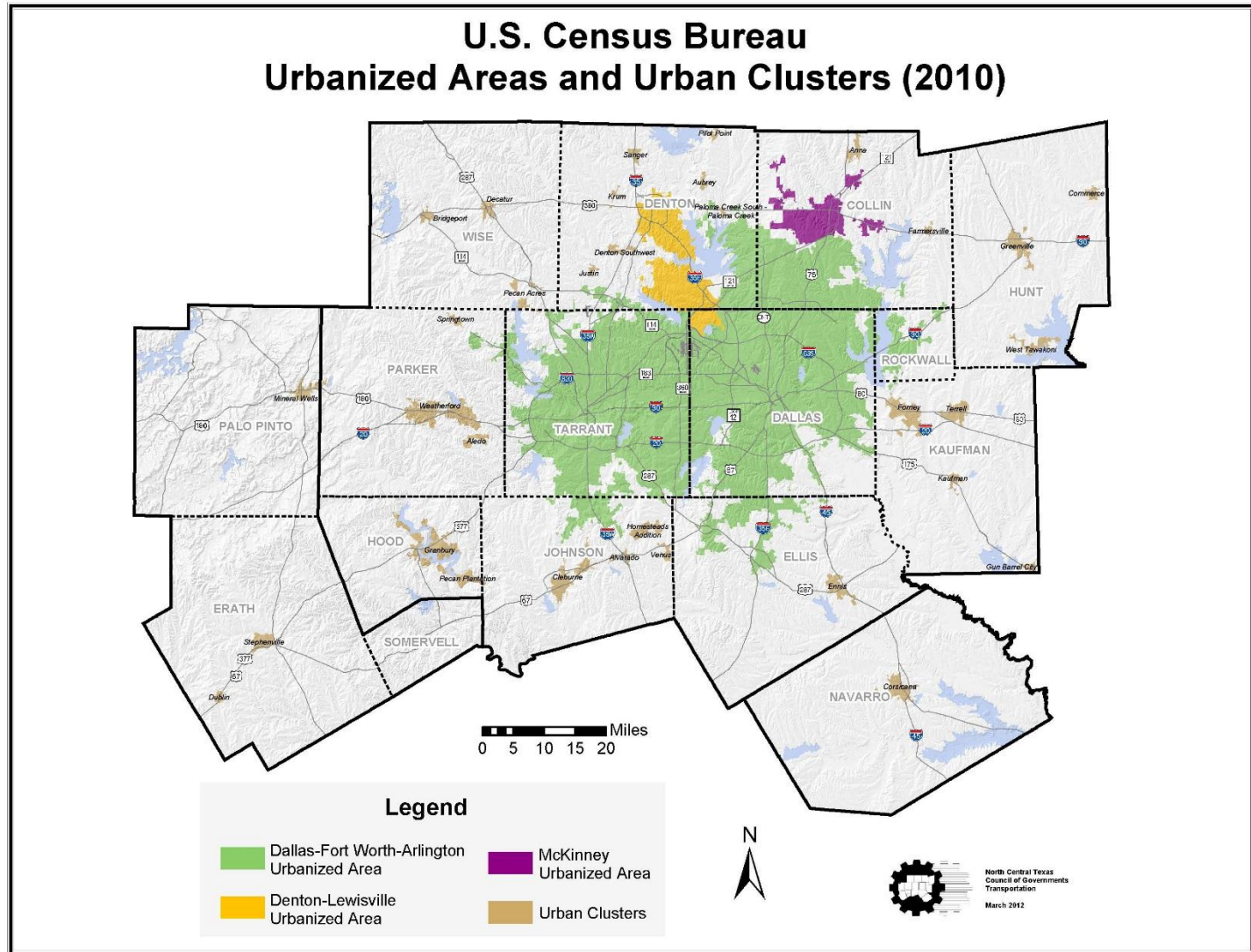
- Maximize limited transit funding

- Coordinate services among transit agencies that work with transit-dependent individuals

- Identify ways to meet public transportation needs for the 16-county region over the next 4 years



# Access North Texas Plan Area



# Background

The Texas Department of Transportation designated the North Central Texas Council of Governments as the lead agency

Federal legislation (MAP-21) requires a locally developed plan

Projects must be included in this plan to receive Federal Transit Administration funding from these programs:

Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities

New Freedom

Job Access and Reverse Commute



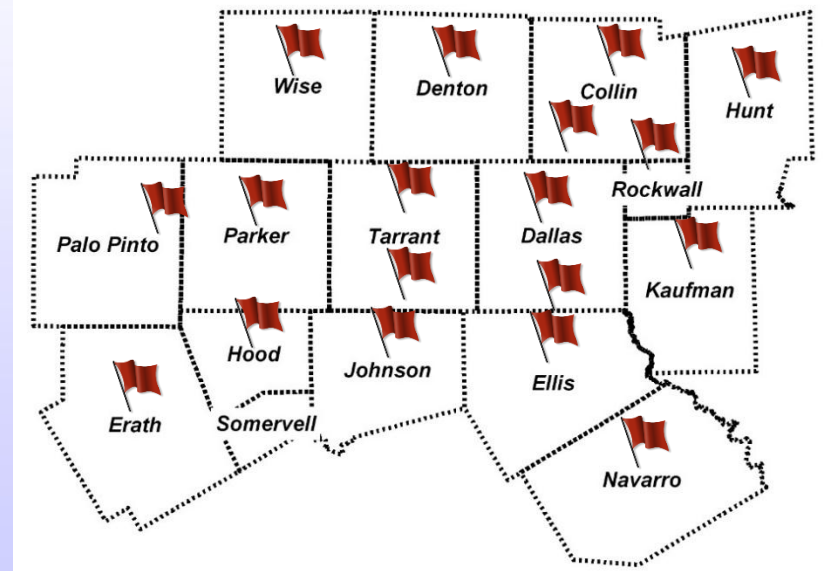
# Outreach Process

Contacted over 1,100 elected officials and staff of local governments

Reached out to over 2,000 transit riders, advocates, health and human service agencies and businesses

Received over 3,000 surveys

Hosted over 60 meetings across 16 counties

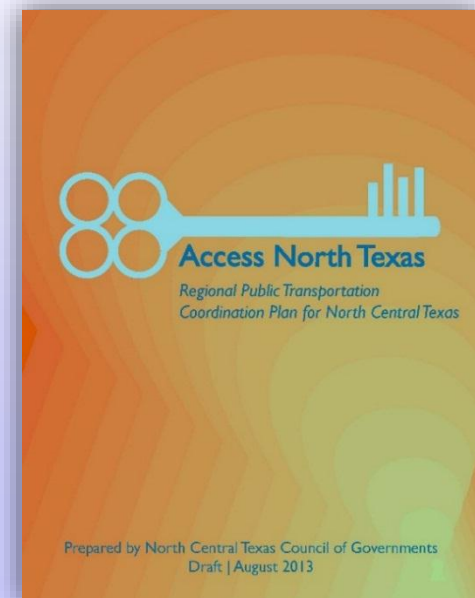


# Access North Texas Plan Document

Describes gaps in public transportation availability

Outlines public transportation providers, human service transportation providers and community agencies that can partner to meet identified needs

At the county level, includes strategies to enhance or expand public transportation for transit-dependent populations



# Common Themes

## Improve transit services within communities

Seek, renew and strengthen partnerships

Improve awareness of existing transit services

Leverage resources to increase transit options

## Improve transit services across city and county borders

Facilitate more access to regional destinations

Simplify reliable connections among transit providers

## Continue to discuss public transportation needs

Coordinating committees, planning studies and ongoing communication



## Next Steps

Request Regional Transportation Council approval of  
Access North Texas

Transmit document to the Texas Department of  
Transportation

Starting in fiscal year 2014, ensure projects funded  
under Federal Transit Administration programs are  
included in Access North Texas

Work with transportation providers and community  
partners locally and regionally to implement new or  
enhanced public transportation services





# Schedule

June 2013	Draft Plan Developed
July 26, 2013	STTC: Information Item
August 8, 2013	RTC: Information Item
August 12-14, 2013	Public Meetings
August 23, 2013	STTC: Action Item
September 12, 2013	RTC: Action Item
September 26, 2013	Executive Board: Action Item
October 2013	Transmit Plan to TxDOT



# Requested Action

Committee members are asked to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of Access North Texas, the region's locally developed, coordinated public transit-human services transportation plan





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