

MOU Benefits

The MTP (Mobility 2045 Update) requires that all public sector traffic operations system be integrated to share data and video. Signing the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DALLAS-FORT WORTH REGIONAL INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PARTNERS CONCERNING GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR MULTI-AGENCY COMMUNICATION, DATA AND VIDEO SHARING (MOU) confirms an agency's political and organizational support of this initiative, in collaboration with staff support of the sharing concept. The MOU allows for institutionalization of the MOU objectives and solidifies the formal commitment when elected officials or staff change, eliminating the need to revisit and reaffirm this intention when new officials take office or agency personnel change.

There are multiple benefits associated with execution of the MOU, including the following. Execution of the MOU:

- confirms an agency's interest and intent to share communication media, data and video with regional partners.
- establishes an agency's interest in participating through a connection to a regional network.
- may be used to institutionalize TSMO by institutionalizing the agreements to share data and video for the Capability Maturity Model and other initiatives.
- allows the signatory agencies to receive 3 points for MTP Policy Bundles to determine eligibility for TDCs, beginning with the new MOU Bundles Program in 2023. NCTCOG will provide information about the MTP Bundles, including the schedule and other information.

Additionally, the MOU:

- allows agencies to determine which data and video is shared.
- allows agencies to use this document to further define data sharing for the Regional ITS Architecture.
- affords agencies the opportunity to determine which resources will be allocated and the sources of funding.
- provides no obligation to do more than participate in planning efforts for the regional network. Agencies can steer the technical and conceptual direction, cost implications and speed of development of the sharing initiative.
- allows various agencies to demonstrate commitment to share with each other without the need for numerous agreements between agencies.
- allows Transportation Management Center and Traffic Management Center staff to share and receive data

Furthermore, if an agency has not executed the MOU, NCTCOG may determine that it is not in the best interest of the region to provide ITS project funding. Execution of the MOU allows an agency to avoid this potential restriction.

Please note that since the MOU has been executed by various agencies, it is not subject to modification. Additional information about the MOU is available at https://www.nctcog.org/getmedia/a4fb3a03-a647-43df-aa9b-0f0a9cac11fb/ITS_MOU_080116.pdf and [North Central Texas Council of Governments - Intelligent Transportation Systems \(nctcog.org\)](https://www.nctcog.org/IntelligentTransportationSystems).