

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Regional Integration of Sustainable Efforts (RISE) Coalition

Monday, January 27, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

DFW International Airport, Conference Room 103

3003 S. Service Road

Environmental Annex Bldg A

DFW Airport, TX 75261

- 1. Welcome and Introductions.** Tamara Cook thanked DFW International Airport for hosting the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.

ACTION ITEMS

- 2. Meeting Summary.** The December 6, 2019 meeting summary was approved by the attendees.

PRESENTATION

- 3. Presentation.** DFW Airport Presentation. (Kris Russell) - Kris Russell, Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (DFWIA), presented on the efforts the DFWIA is undergoing to minimize the carbon footprint of airport activities while continuing to experience significant growth. Within the last 18 months, DFWIA has been focused on mobility related initiatives, including bus electrification, bus route optimization, and moving towards use of renewable natural gas in the bus fleet. Additionally, DFWIA is focusing on waste diversion efforts including composting programs, food waste, finding markets for plastics, and better communication of recycling availability.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 4. Rebranding RISE Coalition.** Pharr Andrews, City of Dallas, presented draft ideas to modify the FY2020 Work Plan. Most changes related to the new RISE Coalition name. After a short discussion and suggestions from the members, Pharr Andrews made a motion to approve the FY2020 work plan. Katherine, City of Denton, seconded the motion. The motion was approved to adopt the amended FY2020 Work Plan.

The group discussed additional administrative elements including appointing officers, development of bylaws, and membership. These items were further discussed by the group in Item 7.

The group brainstormed ideas for a RISE Coalition logo. NCTCOG will take the ideas for a logo and bring forward draft concepts to the group for consideration prior to the next RISE Coalition meeting.

- 5. RISE Program/Projects.** The group discussed projects associated with the FY2020 Work Plan. NCTCOG provided an update on the February 26 Climate Policy Workshop that the Coalition is partnering on with the Greater Dallas Planning Council. The group decided that hosting an annual event similar to the climate workshop is important to consider as part of the Work Plan in the future.

NCTCOG presented the current efforts related to the submittal of a grant to the USDN Partners in Places grant opportunity. The group discussed the needed components for the proposal and the status of securing a financial match partner. At the next meeting, the group will discuss the proposal in detail and the content that has been added between the meetings. NCTCOG requested assistance from the cities in preparing the proposal, as much of the material is suited for cities to fill out. The cities agreed to assist in filling out the proposal so that it can be ready for submittal to the next round of the USDN Partners in Places grant. NCTCOG committed to continue to work to secure an interested foundation or other community-based organization that would be interested in providing local match.

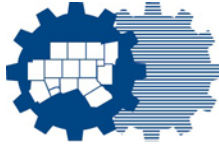
- 6. Update on Dallas CECAP and Discussion of Action Item Related to Climate Council (Pharr Andrews, City of Dallas).** Pharr Andrews, City of Dallas provided the group an update on the City of Dallas Comprehensive Environmental Climate Action Plan (CECAP) and the public comment period that will open on February 3rd. NCTCOG will send the link out to the Coalition members. Pharr also talked specifically about a specific recommended action in the CECAP related to creation of a Climate Action Council. Pharr addressed this recommendation and clarified Dallas' intention with including this in their plan and how the RISE Coalition is consistent with this recommended action.

- 7. FY 2021 Work Program and Membership Expansion.** The group discussed the future of the RISE Coalition and expanding membership. The group decided to keep the Coalition members as local governments and decided to develop bylaws to guide the Coalition meetings. The agreed to invite the cities of Mesquite, Farmers Branch, Cedar Hill, Irving, Grand Prairie, and Corinth to the next meeting. The committee also agreed to create a tiered participation cost-share to be ready to distribute to the region and solicit new members. The goal is to have this document and the bylaws adopted at the next meeting in April. NCTCOG will schedule a call to discuss a draft bylaw document, and draft logos. Development of materials, such as a flyer, for distribution at the upcoming February 26th Climate Policy Workshop was also discussed. NCTCOG will work to provide these materials at the February 26th workshop.

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. NCTCOG Updates as Time Permits

- RISE Calendar Updates – NCTCOG will be updating the calendar on the website in addition to making website updates to reflect the new Work Plan and mission of the Coalition.



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- Regional Center for Expertise of North Texas Summit – Tentatively September 16 – NCTCOG briefed the group on efforts to collaborate with the Regional Center for Expertise of North Texas on an upcoming Summit. The University of Texas at Arlington and University of Texas at Dallas are leading the effort to plan a regional summit on September 16th. Because the topics are similar to many that NCTCOG's Center of Development Excellence supports, NCTCOG is hoping to support this event in some fashion. More details will be shared with the Coalition as the event is formalized further if the Coalition would like to participate in some fashion.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 9. Future Agenda Items.** It was suggested to add a standing agenda item on funding opportunities.
- 10. Roundtable.** NCTCOG reminded the group of the February 1 deadline for the SECO Local Government Energy Reports and upcoming Volkswagen grant funding for vehicles.
- 11. Next Meeting Date.** The next meeting will be held on April 13, 2020 at the City of Plano Environmental Education Center.
- 12. Adjournment.**