



North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

## **Sustainable Public Rights-of-Way Subcommittee**

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

2:00 PM, Fred Keithley Conference Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Co-Chair: Robert Woodbury, City of Cedar Hill

Co-Chair: Misty Christian, Kimley-Horn

### 1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

The subcommittee reviewed the summary from October 8, 2019 and approved it.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 2. **SPROW BMP Guidelines Document Development Process.** Group will discuss development and structure of a BMP Guidelines document.

NCTCOG staff presented the results from the SPROW survey on topic prioritization. The top five topics in order are: Landscape Planning and Vegetation Management, Utilities, Complete Streets Planning, Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development, and ROW Planning, Administration, and Policy. The subcommittee wants these top five topics to be their topics at the Public Works Roundup.

NCTCOG staff brought the Houston Scenic Best Management Practices book for the subcommittee to review. The group liked how simple it was but wants to provide more information to help communities make decisions. They discussed including a pros and cons list, cost where applicable, and matrices. They will not be writing specifications so there won't be CAD sketches or plans.

NCTCOG recommended that the subcommittee break into one working group and focus on one topic at a time. The subcommittee agreed to start with the first topic and make their way down the list. Robert would like to touch on each of the top 5 topics before the Public Works Roundup. Instead of splitting up into smaller groups the subcommittee will tackle each topic at the subcommittee meetings. NCTCOG will invite other organizations and experts in each topic to the meetings.

The subcommittee discussed how they will break down the first topic of landscape planning and vegetation maintenance. They will have subtopics, species list, and a pros and cons list. Some of the topics they discussed reviewing at the next meeting include where to plant trees, stormwater management, redevelopment considerations, landscape easements, ADA ramps, utility lines avoidance (overhead and underground utilities), and irrigation.

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Upper Trinity Regional Water District asked NCTCOG for landscape / irrigation design standards for medians, streetscape or other public places in the North Texas region. The subcommittee suggested looking at Arlington, Addison, Coppell, and Flower Mound.

## **OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

3. **Roundtable Discussion.**

There were no items shared by the group.

4. **Schedule for the Next Meeting.** The Subcommittee is scheduled to meet Tuesday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm-3:30pm in the Metroplex Conference Room.

5. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Olivia Kale by phone at (817) 695-9213, or by email at [okale@nctcog.org](mailto:okale@nctcog.org).

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