

Integrating Planning for Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure

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Project Overview

WHY THE REGION NEEDS A STUDY ON INTEGRATING TRANSPORTATION AND STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE



Project Details

Purpose

- Prevention vs. response
- Integrate stormwater management, urban development, transportation, and environmental planning
- Develop plan for risk awareness and resiliency
- Identify impacts and alleviate risks from flooding

Timeline & Budget:

- Official kickoff March 2023
- Completion date for first phase: June 2025
- Funding for first phase: \$6 million





Project Team Members

Stormwater Infrastructure



Funding Partners

Texas Water Development Board

Texas Department of Transportation/Federal Highway Administration

Federal Emergency Management Agency



integrating **Transportation** & Stormwater Infrastructure Why TSI?

Source: Gregory Waller, Service Coordination Hydrologist, NWS – West Gulf River Forecast Center, http://www.nws.noaa.g ov/om/hazstats.shtml



Why TSI?

- 60% undeveloped (2015)
- 19% growth in impervious surface (2006 2016)
- 126% increase in population (2020 – 2045)
- >7,000 miles of streams
 >274,000 acres of 100-year floodplain



Challenges

URBANIZATION, WATER QUANTITY, STORMWATER, AND TRANSPORTATION



Urbanization Challenges



After (75%-100% Impervious Cover)

BEFORE (Natural Ground Cover)



Water Quality Challenges





City of Newark

Stormwater Challenges

- No regionwide data
- Piece-meal/lacks connectivity
- NOAA Atlas 14 rainfall estimates
 - Required for infrastructure design, planning, and delineation of flood risk
 - 2022 FLOODS Act
 - 10-year updates





Transportation Challenges

- Transportation spending is high and growing
- Rate of deterioration for transportation infrastructure increasing
- Needs can outweigh resources for local governments

Exhibit 2-4: Major Expenditures

\$42.8
\$9.6
\$1.5
\$44.9
\$49.5
\$148.3

Values may not sum due to independent rounding

*Includes transit system maintenance

**Transit capital expenditures, including those using innovative revenue sources such as publicprivate partnerships

Source: NCTCOG, Mobility 2045 Update









Technical Methodology

ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS TO INCREASED IMPERVIOUSNESS AND FLOOD RISK





How Can WE Accomplish This?

- TSI benefits from valuable flood hazard awareness and resiliency information that has helped reduce uncertainty related to flood risk
- Enables us to further enhance and integrate this information at a regional scale
- Without this information, it would require extensive effort on the front end of the project to get here

Leverage existing Flood Risk Management initiatives...



... to innovate at a regional scale







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Flood ALERT System





Decision Support System



- Dispatch warning information
- Real time communications
- Case Study (HCFCD; RICE/TMC; City of Austin; Grand Prairie; Houston, etc.)



Source: icons8.com



Modeling Green Stormwater Infrastructure

- GSI reduces modeled overflows for all storms in Dallas study
- GSI 77% less costly than gray infrastructure alone
- Bioretention provides biggest bang for buck



https://www.nature.org/c ontent/dam/tnc/nature/e n/documents/GSIanalysisR EVFINAL.pdf Bardia Heidari, Victoria Prideaux, Katherine Jack, Fouad H. Jaber. 2023. A planning framework to mitigate localized urban stormwater inlet flooding using distributed Green Stormwater Infrastructure at an urban scale: Case study of Dallas, Texas, Journal of Hydrology, Volume 621,

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Questions and Discussion



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