



Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC) Meeting
NCTCOG, Transportation Council Room
February 19, 2026 / 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Opening Remarks

Chairs

Roll Call

NCTCOG Staff

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Members of the public may comment on any item(s) on today's agenda at this time. If speaking, please complete a Speaker Request Card available at the meeting and provide it to the North Central Texas Council of Governments designated staff person. A maximum of (3) minutes per speaker is permitted. At the conclusion of this item, no further opportunities for public comment will be provided for the duration of the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Notes

Committee Members

- Motion: Amber Gardner made a motion to approve the November 5, 2025 minutes and Bryan Couture seconded it. The motion passed.

Business Items

Committee Members

- Review and Approve the Interop Working Group Prioritization of the FY2027 Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure (SERI) Grant
 - The Interop Working Group reviewed project submissions and voted on which to award funding.
 - The two submissions were Palo Pinto County, Trunked Radio System Project, for \$1,725,000 and Denton County, Radio System Integration to the NTIRN, for \$2,056,614.
 - The vote was 13 votes for Palo Pinto County and 6 votes for Denton County.
 - Cody Powell asked why COG should fund a project for the Greater Austin/Travis radio system. John Cheney, Co-chair of INTEROP, explained that there are gaps in coverage in Palo Pinto County. The cheapest way to provide coverage is to connect to the GATRRS system. Because this helps cover part of the I-20 corridor, TXDOT is providing around \$2 million for this project. This helps with interoperability all the way to El Paso.
 - Denton County expressed concern over the working group scoring process for the SERI Grant. This will be discussed at the REPAC After Action Review Committee (AARC) meeting.
 - Motion: Jason Lane made a motion to approve the SERI Grant and Bryan Couture seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items

- 2025 SHSP Grant Update Justin Cox, NCTCOG
 - The grant is still on hold at the Federal level and the OOG needs to submit project details. We do not know when money will be released at the Federal level or distributed by OOG. The OOG has a 45-day window to distribute the money which starts when it's released on the Federal level.
 - We are expecting \$1.7 million for the region.
- FIFA World Cup AAR Project Justin Cox, NCTCOG
 - \$250,000 project to evaluate FIFA gameday operations.
 - Justin is currently working on a SOW
 - This project will evaluate FIFAs game day operations for EOCs, Inter Centers, etc.
 - There will be a regional AAR – for game day operations, at the 9 games at Dallas stadium
 - Volunteers will be needed to score proposals
 - 2 plans to implement this project:
 1. Plan A – have a vendor by May but can only use this plan if the SHSP funding is in place by April
 2. Plan B – use this plan if no funding by April, we will need to hire SMEs through a temp agency and be reimbursed for the cost

- **2026 SHSP Grant Update** Justin Cox, NCTCOG
 - House & Senate Subcommittees recommended normal funding levels. We will plan for \$1.7 million funding tier.
 - Applications are open in EGrants which closes March 16, 2026 at 5:00 pm.
 - Justin needs to know the date scheduled for presenting your project to your City Council. The date needs to be entered into EGrants.

- **Recent Findings from OOG Audit** Justin Cox, NCTCOG
 - Revise the language in REPAC handbook saying the OOG makes all final funding decisions.
 - Change HSGD to PSO
 - HSGP website – update links and websites
 - Use OOG requested language when making official notifications of the SHSP priority list.
 - Modify REPAC Handbook “conflict of interest language” to include that conflict of interest includes
 - Is employed by the applicant agency and work for the unit/division that would administer the grant
 - Serves on any governing board that oversees the unit/division that would administer the grant
 - Owns or controls any interest in a business entity or other NGO that benefits from activities with the applicant agency
 - Receives any funds from the applicant agency as a result of the grant
 - Justin is talking with the OOG about Regional projects and how to vote on these and not conflict with the above language. This will be detailed in the AARC meeting.

- **After Action Review Committee** Justin Cox, NCTCOG
 - This meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2026.
 - Justin suggests attending the meeting as the 2026 grant process will be reviewed and suggestions for improvement will be noted.

- **REPAC Roster/Alternates** Justin Cox, NCTCOG
 - Having an Alternate and a signed Code of Conduct is a requirement in the Handbook. You can have up to 2 Alternates.

- **Grant Dashboard** Justin Cox, NCTCOG
 - All grant money is spent: 2023 Interop, PubEd, Metro X, 2024 PWERT, 2024 SWAT, and 2024 EOD

- **THIRA/SPR Update** Justin Cox, NCTCOG
 - All the documents are uploaded on the EP COG portal.
 - Regional Implementation Plan will be due again next year.
 - A kickoff meeting is planned for August due to the World Cup events in June and July.

- **FIFA World Cup Update** Committee Members
 - Base camps are still being selected. There are 16 to still be selected.
 - EPT Working Chairs meeting is coming soon.

Upcoming Events

EGrants Training; Southlake, TX	February 24-26, 2026
USAR Working Group Meeting	February 24, 2026
DFW Regional VOAD Workshop	February 25, 2026
Community Preparedness Programs Working Group Meeting	February 26, 2026
UAS Working Group Meeting	February 26, 2026
Training & Exercise Working Group Meeting	March 3, 2026
CASA WX Executive Council Meeting	March 4, 2026

Interop Working Group Meeting
Interop Radio Rodeo; DFW Airport
TDEM Conference; Fort Worth, TX
National Homeland Security Conference; Louisville, KY

March 12, 2026
April 7, 2026
May 26-29, 2026
August 10-13, 2026

NCTCOG Updates

No updates

Transportation Update

- Maribel explained that because of the work stop order from OOG, the Transportation department is covering today's meeting room cost, in addition to several others this year.
- A joint project consisting of Transportation, Environmental and Development, and EP departments includes: an early flood warning system for the region. We are working with the 10 counties to see what EM projects can be installed as additional funds are available, which includes the CASA radar system.

Committee Comment

No comments

Adjournment

Amber Gardner made a motion to adjourn. Jennifer Klemke seconded and it passed unanimously.

Useful Links

[Regional Emergency Management Portal](#)
[Upcoming Regional Training & Exercises](#)
[Upcoming Meeting Calendar](#)

Next Meeting:

REPAC Meeting
NCTCOG, Transportation Council Room
May 6, 2025
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM