



Regional Public Works Program
Fiscal Year 2027 Work Program
October 1, 2026, to September 30, 2027

Basic level support activities anticipated for continuation:

1. General Regional Public Works Activities:

- Coordination and support of committees, including the Public Works Council (PWC) and all subcommittees
- Planning and coordinating the 2027 Annual Public Works Roundup
- Promotion of the Regional Public Works Program to nonparticipants to increase participation in the PWC established goal of 70 participating local government entities
- Regional promotion of public works resources (technical manuals, construction standards, etc.)
- Maintenance and updates of website materials and documents
- Provide technical assistance and coordination to local government entities, private sector, and other organizations, as needed
- Support overall advancement of public works and community infrastructure related efforts and requests, as appropriate, including but not limited to presentations, coordination of roundtable/workshop discussions, and meetings

2. Public Works Construction Standards (PWCS):

- Promote and advertise the Public Works Construction Standards North Central Texas, Amended Fifth Edition (2023) by local governments in order to standardize construction practices
- See Attachment A for anticipated FY2027 subcommittee tasks

3. Sustainable Public Rights of Way (SPROW) Subcommittee:

- Continue development of the Best Management Practices Guidebook, including content on context-sensitive design and Complete Streets
- Update and maintain online resources
- Host educational opportunities as the subcommittee sees fit
- See Attachment A for anticipated FY2027 subcommittee tasks

4. *integrated* Stormwater Management (iSWM) Program:

Historically, the iSWM program was managed and budgeted through the Public Works Program. Beginning in FY27, the iSWM Program transitioned to the Regional Stormwater Management Program, which assumed responsibility for its day-to-day management and budgeting. The PWC will continue to receive updates on iSWM activities during Council meetings. All PWC members are welcome to participate in the iSWM meetings.

5. Hydrologic and Flooding Technical Assistance:

- Present updates on FEMA Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) assistance, FEMA National Flood Insurance Program activities, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) flood planning, and the Community Rating Systems (CRS) User Group activities
- Provide general support to the integrated Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) initiative

6. Regional Training and Presentation Opportunities

- Coordinate and/or facilitate public works trainings, presentations, and discussions from public agencies, utility companies, and other agencies as requested
- Attend public works related conferences (e.g. Texas Public Works Association Annual Conference), symposiums, roundtables, etc. as appropriate and within the budget
- Maintain the regional public works training webpage to include necessary event information and agenda items

7. Public Works Council Member Recognition of Service: Certificates will be awarded to those PWC members with terms that expire September 30.

Additional program activities for FY 2027:

A. Public Works Technician and Field Personnel - Labor Force and Career Paths for the Future: The PWC supports focusing efforts on development of the future labor force for skilled technical labor including technicians and field personnel. Due to a shortage of applicants for technician and field personnel, public works departments are struggling to fill positions. Training and knowledge of career paths are focus areas for the PWC and coordination could be delivered through a subcommittee of the PWC, partnership with local schools or universities, or other mechanisms. NCTCOG will support coordination of partners such as regional high schools, community colleges, technical colleges, industry and professional associations such as Texas Chapter of American Public Works Association (T-APWA)/American Water Works Association (AWWA), NCTCOG's Workforce Department, and others to address this regional challenge.

B. Continuation of Cooperative Purchase of Public Works materials: Continue to explore cooperative purchase programs, such as Tx-Share, to include desired Public Works resources.

C. Develop Partnerships with Regional Associations for Exploration of Training Opportunities: Partner with regional chapter of the Texas Chapter of American Public Works Association (APWA), the Texas Floodplain Management Association (TFMA), UT Arlington's Public Works Training Institute, the Texas Asphalt Pavement Association, and/or local private sector entities to develop specific trainings for public works members.

D. An Alternative Approach to Cross Training: Promote learning from other municipalities with different structures including opportunities for cross-training, cross-partnerships, and networking.

FY2027 cost shares are posted at <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/cost-share>.

Regional Public Works Program Resources:

- Public Works Council: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/public-works-council>
- Regional Public Works Program: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/public-works-program>
- Construction Standards: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/construction-standards>
- *integrated* Stormwater Management (iSWM™): www.iswm.nctcog.org
- Sustainable Public Rights of Way (SPROW): <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/sustainable-public-rights-of-way>
- Regional Public Works Training Site: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/public-works/training-calendar>

Attachment A

North Central Texas Council of Governments Public Works Council Subcommittee Fiscal Year 2027 Anticipated Tasks

Public Works Construction Standards (PWCS) Subcommittee: The construction standards will be updated on a continuous basis to keep the document current and revisions efficient. The Subcommittee will focus on the following FY2027 tasks:

- Promote published updates to Construction Standards based on established revision timeline.
- Meet annually to discuss revision requests and provide revision recommendations to the PWC.
- Provide a mid-year review of revision requests.

Asphalt Special Focus Task Force: The task force will review and propose revisions to Item 302 (the asphalt specification) from the Public Works Construction Standards.

Sustainable Public Rights of Way (SPROW) Subcommittee: The subcommittee will focus on the following FY2027 tasks:

- Provide training through workshops, roundtables, or sessions at the Public Works Roundup or an Education Forum on topics identified by the SPROW Subcommittee.
- Develop a Best Management Practices (BMP) Guidebook for the region that incorporates best practices for ROW implementation related to topics including, but not limited to:
 - Landscape Planning and Vegetation Maintenance
 - Utilities
 - Complete Streets
 - Green Infrastructure and Low Impact Development
 - ROW Planning, Administration, and Policy