

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — February 22, 2024

Transportation Council Room | 616 Six Flags Drive | Arlington, Texas

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting was conducted as a videoconference meeting that was live broadcast at <https://nctcog.swagit.com/live>. The presiding officer, President Heidemann, was present at the physical location, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas, which was open to the public during all open portions of the meeting.

President Heidemann called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 12:46 pm on February 22, 2024. Mike Eastland took attendance and determined that a quorum was physically present.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Bill Heidemann | 8. Jennifer Justice |
| 2. Chris Hill | 9. Todd Little |
| 3. Victoria Johnson | 10. Linda Martin |
| 4. Andrew Piel | 11. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 5. J.D. Clark | 12. Tim O'Hare |
| 6. Jorja Clemson | 13. Kameron Raburn |
| 7. Carlos Flores | 14. Victoria Neave Criado (V) |

Members of the Board Absent:

1. Bowie Hogg
2. Clay Jenkins
3. Cara Mendelsohn
4. Nick Stanley

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Susan Alvarez, Maribel Martinez, Randy Richardson, Christy Williams, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Tom McLain, Maggie Lira, Lisa Sack, Richard Michael, Chris Klaus

Visitors Present:

Clayton Rogers and Todd Pruitt | Pattillo, Brown & Hill, LLP; Rob Barthen | GrantWorks

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

President Heidemann opened the meeting for public comment and asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak. There being no one, he proceeded with the meeting.

ACTION:

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

President Heidemann stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the January Board meeting.

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Mitchell (seconded by Councilmember Flores), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the minutes of the January Executive Board meeting.

Item 2 Resolution to Accept and Acknowledge Receipt of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023

Randy Richardson, Director of Administration, addressed the Board and explained that the Audit Committee met prior to the Executive Board meeting and reviewed the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and single audit reports for the fiscal year that ended September 30, 2023. He then turned it over to Victoria Johnson, Chair of the Audit Committee. Ms. Johnson stated that Todd Pruitt, CPA, Partner, with Pattillo, Brown & Hill,

L.L.P presented the final reports to the Audit Committee that morning. The Committee had the opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Pruitt or staff during the presentation as well as the opportunity to address the auditors without staff being present. Ms. Johnson commended the staff for their work, acknowledging the new auditing firm, and stated that no findings were found.

Exhibit: 2024-02-02-AA

Judge Hill entered the meeting.

Upon a Motion by Judge Clark (seconded by Judge O'Hare), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 3 Resolution Approving the FY2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Project Priority Listing

Maribel Martinez, Director of Emergency Preparedness, requested Board approval for the FY2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) prioritized project listing and authorization for submittal to the Office of the Governor (OOG). The SHSP provides funding for prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery from acts of terrorism and other hazards. The project listing was prioritized by the Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC) and approved by the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC).

1. 2024 SHSP - NCTCOG - Regional Planning; \$522,990 (includes M&A)
2. 2024 SHSP - NCTCOG - Metro X; \$298,200 (includes M&A)
3. 2024 SHSP - NCTCOG - Metro X (LETPA); \$257,250 (includes M&A)
4. 2024 SHSP City of Irving - PWERT Vehicle Interdiction Trailer; \$68,816
5. 2024 SHSP LE - Mesquite - SWAT Communications Equipment; \$30,000
6. 2024 SHSP NETCAST Communications Equipment; \$50,000
7. 2024 SHSP - Arlington - EOD Slash and Go Training; \$127,955
8. 2024 SHSP - City of Waxahachie - PWERT Light Tower; \$20,000
9. IISC - IISC Collin County Fusion Center Analyst-CI/KR FY24; \$72,484
10. CPR - 2024 SHSP - NCTCOG - Public Education Program Enhancement; \$30,450 (includes M&A)
11. CPR - 2024 SHSP - NCTCOG - Citizen Corp Program Enhancement; \$21,945 (includes M&A)
12. 2024 SHSP LE - Irving - SWAT Communications Equipment; \$50,000
13. 2024 SHSP City of Garland - PWERT Vehicle Interdiction Trailer; \$68,816
14. 2024 SHSP LE-Carrollton - SWAT Communications Equipment; \$50,000
15. 2024 SHSP LE-Waxahachie - SWAT Communications Equipment; \$21,000
16. 2024 SHSP LE- Richardson - SWAT Communications Equipment; \$50,000
17. 2024 SHSP - City of Waxahachie - PWERT Cache Enhancement - Message Board; \$32,000
18. 2024 SHSP City of Richardson - PWERT Interdiction Trailer; \$68,816

Exhibit: 2024-02-03-EP

Upon a Motion by Mayor Martin (seconded by Councilmember Johnson), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 4 Resolution Authorizing Submittal of FY2024 RAISE Grant Applications to the United States Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization for submission of three applications to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) under the FY2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program in the amount of \$70,000,000. The projects were approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) at its February 8, 2024, meeting. TxDOT will be the implementing agent for these projects.

Details of each project are below.

Total Local Funding (Phase 2):	\$ 4,128,470 \$ 4,291,465	Total Local Funding (Phase 3):	\$ 4,353,401 5,190,406
		Total Both Phases:	\$ 8,481,871 \$ 9,481,871

✓ =Approved at the July 27, 2023, Executive Board meeting.

Exhibit: 2024-02-05-TR

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Mitchell (seconded by Judge Clark), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 6 Resolution Authorizing Contracts to Provide Airshow Parking Assistance and Bus Shuttles for the Upcoming 2024 Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base "Wings Over Cowtown" Air Show

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to enter a contractual agreement with Solutions Event Services to implement an event parking and traffic management plan in an amount not to exceed \$48,000 using Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funds. He explained that The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) requested assistance with event parking for the "Wings Over Cowtown" Airshow, hosting the Blue Angels, taking place April 13-14, 2024. Additionally, he requested to enter into a contractual agreement with GETZ Transportation Solutions for shuttle buses and staffing for the event in an amount not to exceed \$196,000, for a total not to exceed the amount of \$244,000 in RTC Local funds. The use of RTC Local funds was approved at the October 2023 RTC meeting and the January 25, 2024, Executive Board meeting.

Exhibit: 2024-02-06-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge O'Hare (seconded by Councilmember Johnson), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 7 Resolution Approving the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization of the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan. He explained that NCTCOG received \$1 million in planning funding from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) program, which was created by the Inflation Reduction Act. This funding supports development of plans that outline measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful air pollutants of local concern and will be used to develop the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan. The plan will outline measures to reduce emissions of ozone-forming pollutants, fine particulate matter, and greenhouse gases across all 16 counties of the NCTCOG planning area. The work will be a collaborative effort between the Transportation, Environment and Development, and Workforce Solutions departments. A copy of the draft plan, proposed measures and other supporting materials is available at www.publicinput.com/DFWAQIP.

Exhibit: 2024-02-07-TR

Upon a Motion by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Clemson (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 8 Resolution Adopting Revised North Central Texas Economic Development District Board Bylaws

Prit Patel, Senior Economic Development Manager, requested that the Board adopt the revised North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) Board Bylaws. The NCTEDD was designated as a District by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) in December 2016. It is managed and staffed by NCTCOG and guides the work of the region's Economic Development District.

Recommended amendments to the Board bylaws are as follows:

- Changing of population categories to reflect population growth across the NCT region

- Addition of two (2) new Board categories critical to Economic Development. (1) Education Sector and (2) Workforce Sector
- Increasing the size of the Board from 51 to 53 seats with the addition of two (2) seats to the Principal Economic Interests category

These recommendations ensure that current NCTEDD Board Members retain their seats on the Board and provide a better opportunity for the Board to guide the work of the region's Economic Development District through stronger representation.

Exhibit: 2024-02-08-EDO

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Mitchell (seconded by Councilmember Justice), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

STATUS REPORTS:

Item 9 Status Report on EDA Tech Hubs Grant

Prit Patel, Senior Economic Development Manager, provided a status report on the U. S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding opportunity for a Regional Technology and Innovation Hub program referred to as "Tech Hubs". The Tech Hub program was designed to strengthen U.S. economic and national security through place-based investments in regions with the assets, resources, and capacity to potentially become globally competitive Tech Hubs within approximately 10 years. She explained that the Tech Hub program is a two-phased program which requires that a Consortium build a Tech Hub grant proposal. The Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub (TSTH) Consortium, led by Southern Methodist University (SMU), submitted a Tech Hub grant proposal on August 15, 2023, for a 29-county region that includes the North Central Texas, Texoma, and Southern Oklahoma regions. On October 23, 2023, the EDA, along with President Biden, announced that the TSTH had been designated as one of 31 EDA Tech Hubs. This designation allowed the TSTH to be eligible to compete for Phase 2 of the Tech Hub program. In Phase 2, EDA expects to award 5-10 of the Designated Tech Hubs with approximately \$40-\$75 million in funding per Hub.

Exhibit: 2024-02-09-EDO

Item 10 Status Report on Discretionary Grant Awards

Mike Eastland, Executive Director, provided a status report on discretionary grants categorized as either "Awarded", "Not Awarded", or "Pending". Details of each grant are identified below.

FY2024 Discretionary Grant Awards Status
October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024

Department Name	Grant Name	Funding Agency	Status	Board Request Date	Date of Award	Grant Amount
Aging	Aging and Disability Resource Center	Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)	Pending	January		\$450,000
Transportation	Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (RAA) Program	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	Awarded	November	01/18/24	\$3,660,000
	Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) National Grants Program	Environmental Protection Agency	Pending	November		\$3,280,000
	Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program	FHWA	Pending	January		\$10,000,000

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October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

Department Name	Grant Name	Funding Agency	Status	Board Request Date	Date of Award	Grant Amount
Environment & Development	Recycling Education and Outreach Grant	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Not Awarded	January		\$2,000,000
	Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Project - North Study Area	Texas General Land Office	Pending	September		\$4,000,000
Transportation	Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program	U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT)	Not Awarded	October		\$24,968,890
	Vehicle Technologies Office Program Wide Funding Opportunity Announcement	US Department of Energy (DOE)	Awarded	October	02/15/23	\$50,000
	Vehicle Technologies Office Program Wide Funding Opportunity Announcement	DOE	Awarded	October	02/15/23	\$250,000
	Vehicle Technologies Office Program Wide Funding Opportunity Announcement	DOE	Awarded	October	02/15/23	\$25,000
	Vehicle Technologies Office Program Wide Funding Opportunity Announcement	DOE	Awarded	October	02/15/23	\$30,000
	Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program	US DOT	Not Awarded	December		\$8,000,000
	Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program	US DOT	Not Awarded	December		\$2,000,000
	SMART Grant Program	US DOT	Not Awarded	December		\$2,000,000
	SMART Grant Program	US DOT	Not Awarded	December		\$2,000,000
	Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program	US DOT	Awarded	February	06/28/23	\$20,000,000
	RAISE Program	US DOT	Not Awarded	February		\$24,968,890
RAISE Program	US DOT	Not Awarded	February		\$40,000,000	

Department Name	Grant Name	Funding Agency	Status	Board Request Date	Date of Award	Grant Amount
Transportation	Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Program	U.S. Department of Transportation (US DOT)	Awarded	February	06/28/23	\$25,000,000
	Corridor Identification and Development (ID) Program	Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)	Awarded	March	12/11/23	\$500,000
	Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program - Formula Grants for Planning	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Awarded	April	08/31/23	\$1,000,000
	Low- or No-Emissions Bus Grant Program	Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	Not Awarded	April		\$7,300,000
	Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Community Program	Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	Awarded	May	01/10/24	\$15,000,000
	Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Corridor Program	FHWA	Awarded	May	01/10/24	\$70,000,000
	Emergency Relief Grants for Public Transportation Systems Affected by Major Declared Disasters in Calendar Years 2017, 2020, 2021, and 2022	FTA	Awarded	May	07/31/23	\$90,000
	Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Program	US DOT	Awarded	June	12/13/23	\$5,000,000
	SS4A Grant Program	US DOT	Awarded	June	12/13/23	\$21,800,000
	Joint Office of Energy and Transportation Ride and Drive Electric Program	US Department of Energy (DOE)	Awarded	July	01/19/24	\$1,500,000
	Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program - INFRA Grant	US DOT	Not Awarded	August		\$80,000,000
	MPDG Program - INFRA/RURAL Grant	US DOT	Not Awarded	August		\$45,000,000
	MPDG Program - INFRA/RURAL Grant	US DOT	Not Awarded	August		\$115,440,000
	Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) Program	US DOT	Pending	September		\$95,000,000
	Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program	US DOT	Pending	September		\$2,000,000

Exhibit: 2024-02-10-EDO

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 11 Old and New Business

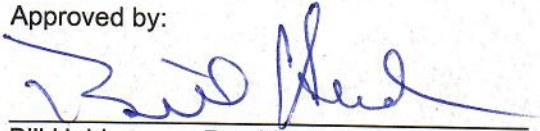
There was no old or new Business.

Item 12 Attendance and Calendar

The Board was provided with a Calendar of meeting and a record of Attendance.

President Heidemann adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.

Approved by:



Bill Heidemann, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Corinth

Checked by:



Mike Eastland, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments