



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Meeting Date: February 22, 2024
Submitted By: Monte Mercer
Deputy Executive Director
Item Title: Audit Committee Memo

Attached to the Executive Board Item **#2** are the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and single audit reports for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023.

Mr. Todd Pruitt, CPA, Partner, Patillo, Brown & Hill, LLP, will be presenting to the Committee the final reports along with any audit findings and/or Management Letter Comments. At this time, staff is not aware of, nor expects, any findings or Management Letter comments to be presented. The Committee will have the opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Pruitt or staff during the presentation as well as the opportunity to address the auditors independent of staffs' presence.

I will be available to answer any questions during the meeting.

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Attachment

North Central Texas Council of Governments

EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA

February 22, 2024 | 12:45 pm

Physical Location of Meeting: NCTCOG Offices, Centerpoint II Conference Center
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011, Transportation Council Room

Method of Meeting: Via Videoconference

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting is posted as a videoconference meeting. The presiding officer shall be present at the physical location, which shall be open to the public during open portions of the meeting. Members of the public may attend in person or view the livestream via <http://nctcog.swagit.com/live>. The meeting will be recorded and posted later on NCTCOG's website <http://nctcog.swagit.com/executive-board/>

Executive Board

1. _____ Bill Heidemann
2. _____ Chris Hill
3. _____ Victoria Johnson
4. _____ Andrew Piel
5. _____ J.D. Clark
6. _____ Jorja Clemson
7. _____ Carlos Flores
8. _____ Bowie Hogg
9. _____ Clay Jenkins

10. _____ Jennifer Justice
11. _____ Todd Little
12. _____ Linda Martin
13. _____ Cara Mendelsohn
14. _____ Bobbie Mitchell
15. _____ Tim O'Hare
16. _____ Kameron Raburn
17. _____ Nick Stanley
18. _____ Victoria Neave Criado

Staff

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| _____ Mike Eastland | _____ Jerri Watson |
| _____ Monte Mercer | |
| _____ Sue Alvarez | |
| _____ Tim Barbee | |
| _____ Doni Green | |
| _____ Maribel Martinez | |
| _____ Michael Morris | |
| _____ Phedra Redifer | |
| _____ Randy Richardson | |
| _____ Christy Williams | |

AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING: 11:15 am

The Audit Committee will meet to discuss the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023

REGULAR SESSION: 12:45 pm

Call to order time: _____

Pledge to the United States and Texas Flags

Public Comment on Agenda Items (Must be physically present)

Members of the public may comment on any item(s) on today's agenda at this time. If speaking, please announce your name, city of residence and the agenda item(s) on which you are commenting. A maximum three (3) minutes is permitted per speaker. At the conclusion of this item, no further opportunities for public comment will be provided for the duration of the meeting.

ACTION:

Motion/Second	Item #	Name of Item
_____/____	1	Approval of Minutes
_____/____	2	Resolution to Accept and Acknowledge Receipt of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2023 - Monte Mercer
_____/____	3	Resolution Approving the FY2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) Grant Project Priority Listing - Maribel Martinez

- ___/___ 4 Resolution Authorizing Submittal of FY2024 RAISE Grant Applications to the United States Department of Transportation - Michael Morris

- ___/___ 5 Resolution Amending Authorization for Interlocal Agreements for Local Contributions Associated with the Cotton Belt Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail - Michael Morris

- ___/___ 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

- ___/___ 7 Resolution Approving the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan - Michael Morris & Sue Alvarez

- ___/___ 8 Resolution Adopting Revised North Central Texas Economic Development District Board Bylaws - Prit Patel

STATUS REPORTS:

- ___/___ 9 Status Report on EDA Tech Hubs Grant - Prit Patel

- ___/___ 10 Status Report on Discretionary Grant Awards - Mike Eastland

MISCELLANEOUS:

- ___/___ 11 Old and New Business

- ___/___ 12 Future Calendar and Attendance

Adjournment: _____

A closed executive session may be held on any of the above agenda items when legally justified pursuant to Subchapter D of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 551).

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — January 25, 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 12:47 pm on January 25, 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 | 9. Todd Little |
| 2. Chris Hill | 10. Linda Martin |
| 3. Victoria Johnson | 11. Cara Mendelsohn |
| 4. Andrew Piel (V) | 12. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 5. Jorja Clemson | 13. Tim O'Hare |
| 6. Carlos Flores | 14. Kameron Raburn |
| 7. Bowie Hogg | 15. Nick Stanley |
| 8. Jennifer Justice | |

Members of the Board Absent:

1. J.D. Clark
2. Clay Jenkins
3. Victoria Neave Criado

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Molly Rendon, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Susan Alvarez, Maribel Martinez, Phedra Redifer, Christy Williams, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Tom McLain, Jon Blackman, Randy Richardson, Carmen Morones, Lisa Sack, Jessie Shadowens, Natalie Bettger, Emily Beckham, Kelly Schmidt, Justin Cox

Visitors Present:

none

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 November 16, 2023, Board meeting.

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

Item 2 Resolution to Accept and Approve the Quarterly Investment Report

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, requested Board acceptance and approval for the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter that ended December 31, 2023. The report is required by the Investment Policy and Public Funds Investment Act and shows an average rate of return, cumulative transactions and beginning and ending balances for the quarter.

Exhibit: 2024-01-02-AA

Mike Eastland announced Molly Rendon's retirement and thanked her for her 37 years of service at COG. He announced Randy Richardson as her replacement.

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

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing Placement of COG Staff on the Ballot for the TX Health Benefits Pool Board

Monte Mercer, Deputy Executive Director, requested Board authorization to place Carmen Morones, Chief Human Resources Officer for NCTCOG, on the ballot for the Board of Trustees for TX Health Benefits Pool for Region 8. He explained that consideration for the Board of Trustees requires a completed submission of the qualified person and certification from the governing body that the employee holds a position of Department Head or higher, works at least 20 hours per week for an Employer Member, is paid by Employer Member with public funds; and is hired and fired only by another official with the agency or the governing body. The position has a term that expires on September 30, 2026, and the appointed Trustee is eligible to run for additional three-year terms.

Exhibit: 2024-01-03-AA

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

Item 4 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Advanced Traffic Controller Systems

Jon Blackman, Sr. Operations Manager of Administration, requested Board authorization to enter contractual agreements with Cubic ITS, Inc., Paradigm Traffic Systems, Inc., and Texas Highway Products, LTD, for Advanced Traffic Controller Systems through the North Central Texas Council of Governments TXShare cooperative purchasing program for maximum five (5) year terms.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) #2023-092 for Advanced Traffic Controller Systems was issued and received three (3) responsive proposals. Following evaluation, the Evaluation Committee recommended contract awards to Cubic ITS, Inc., Paradigm Traffic Systems, Inc., and Texas Highway Products, LTD. The contracts will retain the services of firms that provide software services and maintenance to allow for the operation and maintenance of traffic controllers on the roads and highways of TXShare Entities.

Exhibit: 2024-01-04-AA

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

Item 5 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Deliverables-Based Information Technology Services

Jon Blackman, Sr. Operations Manager of Administration, requested Board authorization to enter contractual agreements with 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., Agilify, LLC, AgreeYa Solutions, Inc., Akiva Technologies, LLC, Alliant Cybersecurity, LLC, Ardent Technologies, Inc., Arisma Group, LLC, Axim Geospatial, LLC, BlueModus, Inc., California Creative Solutions, Inc., Cherry Bekaert, LLC, Cogent Infotech Corporation, Comtech Global, Inc., Cultivate Geospatial Solutions, LLC, Data Agility Group, Inc., DAVTEQ, Inc., VP Imaging, Inc., dba DocuNav Solutions, Effervescent Consulting, LLC, Eixsys, LLC, Elegant Enterprise Wide Solutions, Inc., FreeAlliance, LLC, Fugro USA Land, Inc., Gartner, Inc., GNC Consulting, Inc., Infojini, Inc., Ivoyant, LLC, M2 Strategy, Inc., MCCI, LLC., Modified Logic, Inc., Niha Technologies, Inc., Oxcyon, Inc., Planet Technologies, Inc., RightIT Solution, LLC, SBase Technologies, Inc., Software Professionals, Inc., vTech Solution, Inc., Weaver and

Tidwell, L.L.P., Web-Hed Technologies, Inc., and Windstream Holdings, LLC; for Deliverables-Based Information Technology Services for maximum five (5) year terms. These contracts will retain the services of firms that provide digital solutions, software, software as a service, and other deliverables-based information technology services along with any associated peripheral equipment and accessories of each product family via the TXShare cooperative contract and allows entities greater selection of IT solutions and vendor choice.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) #2023-069 for Deliverables-Based Information Technology Services (DBITS) was issued consisting of fourteen (14) product categories of information technology services of which firms could propose their services. Forty (40) responsive proposals were received and evaluated by a committee comprised of members from Research Information Services (RIS). Following evaluation, all responsive proposals are being recommended for award. Contract authorization for NCTCOG expenditures with these vendors will be sought at subsequent Executive Board meetings as needs arise.

Exhibit: 2024-01-05-AA

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

Item 6 Resolution Authorizing a Contract for Electronics Console Cleaning and Preventative Maintenance Services

Jon Blackman, Sr. Operations Manager of Administration, requested Board authorization to enter a contract with Console Cleaning Specialists dba Communication Center Specialists for Electronics Console Cleaning and Preventative Maintenance Services for a maximum five (5) year term. The contract will retain the services of firms that offer cleaning and preventative maintenance services in a secure communications environment via the TXShare cooperative contract allowing entities to maintain and manage their console management needs.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) #2024-011 for Electronics Console Cleaning and Preventative Maintenance Services was issued and returned two (2) responsive proposals. Upon evaluation of a committee comprised of staff from NCT9-1-1 and the City of Frisco, a contract award is recommended to Console Cleaning Specialists dba Communication Center Specialists.

Exhibit: 2024-01-06-AA

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

Item 7 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Audience Engagement and Marketing Strategy Consulting Services

Jon Blackman, Sr. Operations of Administration, requested Board authorization to enter contractual agreements with Eddy Communications dba Eddy Alexander, K Strategies, Brunch and Slay dba BAS Media, and Milrose Consultants, LLC, dba Masterplan, for Audience Engagement and Marketing Strategy Consulting Services for maximum five (5) year terms. These contracts will retain the services of firms that offer comprehensive audience engagement and marketing strategy consulting services via the TXShare cooperative contract and allows entities to pursue their own projects directly with these awarded firms.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) #2024-002 for Audience Engagement and Marketing Strategy Consulting Services was issued and returned seven (7) responsive proposals. Upon evaluation from a committee comprised of NCT9-1-1 and NCTCOG staff, contract awards are recommended to the following four (4) respondents: Eddy Communications dba Eddy Alexander, K Strategies, Brunch and Slay dba BAS Media, and Milrose Consultants, LLC, dba Masterplan.

Exhibit: 2024-01-07-AA

Mayor Martin entered the meeting.

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

Item 8 Resolution Authorizing Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for Goods and Services with Equalis Group

Jon Blackman, Sr. Operations Manager of Administration, requested Board authorization to enter an interlocal agreement between NCTCOG and Equalis Group, LLC for goods and services. He explained that staff wishes to join a cooperative purchasing program, referred to as Equalis Group, through Equalis Group, LLC. The interlocal agreement is required and will allow access to many cooperative purchasing programs.

Exhibit: 2024-01-08-AA

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

Item 9 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Eixsys LLC for Public Employee Benefits Cooperative (PEBC) Software System Development and Support

Tim Barbee, Director of Research and Information Services, requested Board authorization to enter a contractual agreement with Eixsys, LLC, subject to Public Employee Benefits Cooperative (PEBC) Board funding approval, for maintenance and support of the PEBC software system for a maximum five (5) year term and in an amount not to exceed \$2,800,000. He explained that NCTCOG has served as the administrative entity for PEBC since 2001 and provides many services for the PEBC software system.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) #2023-069 Deliverables-Based Information Technology Services was issued, and Eixsys, LLC, is an awarded vendor that will provide PEBC Employee Benefits Enrollment Application and Database Software Maintenance and Support, under Product Category #14 of the RFP. Eixsys is a minority-owned business located in Round Rock, Texas that provides similar services to other health insurance related entities. The contract base year amount is approximately \$459,000 with annual escalations utilizing the remaining funds only for development activities as required. The PEBC Board is scheduled to consider approval of funding for this engagement at its February 2024 meeting.

Exhibit: 2024-01-09-RIS

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

Item 10 Resolution Authorizing a Contract Extension with MasTec Network Solutions, LLC for Registered Apprenticeship Training

Phedra Redifer, Director of Workforce Development, requested Board authorization to enter a contract extension with MasTec Network Solutions, LLC for registered apprenticeship training. She explained that the Board authorized a contract with Velex, Inc., in September 2022 to provide apprenticeship training in the Telecommunications Industry Registered Apprenticeship Program (TIRAP), for an eighteen (18) month term which expires on February 9, 2024. The Apprenticeship Texas Expansion Grant Award Agreement for the North Central Texas Workforce Development Board has since been extended by the Texas Workforce Commission until April 30, 2024. MasTec Network Solutions, LLC acquired the assets from Velex, Inc., in January 2023 and has agreed to fulfill all duties and obligations outlined in the original contract through the extension date of April 30, 2024.

Exhibit: 2024-01-10-WD

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

Item 11 Resolution Approving Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC) Bylaws Update

Maribel Martinez, Director of Emergency Preparedness, requested Board approval of the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC) Bylaws update. The EPPC serves as an advisory role to the NCTCOG Executive Board and provides policy direction and oversight for the development of regional emergency planning and response systems. The Council may also recommend how to best utilize financial assistance for regional emergency planning, mitigation, and recovery.

Summary of Changes include:

1. Increased the number of seats for the population range of 120,000-169,999 due to number of jurisdictions now in the category.
2. EPPC will approve and recommend its nominees to the Executive Board for final approval.
3. The Immediate Past Chair is a non-voting position unless the Past Chair represents a permanent position on the EPPC.
4. All meetings shall be held, and meeting notice provided, in accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. (This was added due to a recent Office of the Governor monitoring visit.)

Exhibit: 2024-01-11-EP

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

Item 12 Resolution Approving Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation under the Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation Grant Program

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization for submittal of a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) under the Advanced Transportation Technology and Innovation (ATTAIN) Program in the amount of \$10 million, with up to \$6 million in Regional Toll Revenue funds as required local match for a total of \$16 million. The grant application for the NCTCOG System of Systems – Phase 1, IH 30 Digital Corridor between Dallas and Fort Worth will implement a transportation data aggregation and sharing platform as part of an effort to standardize data sharing formats and aggregate useful data for Departments of Transportation (DOTs), travel navigation services, and the public. The Regional Transportation Council approved the submission of the project grant application at its January 11, 2024, meeting.

Exhibit: 2024-01-12-TR

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

Item 13 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to the Contract with HNTB Corporation to Complete the National Environmental Policy Act Process for the Dallas to Fort Worth High-Speed Transportation Connections Study

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to amend the contract between NCTCOG and HNTB Corporation to add additional \$1,099,657 of Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds to the original not-to-exceed amount of \$11,000,000 for a new total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$12,099,657 (\$12,099,657 STBG funds with 2,419,931 Regional Transportation Development Credits in lieu of local match). He explained the original contract was approved by the Board in April 2020 for advancement of a high-speed transportation corridor between Fort Worth and Dallas as a two-phase study. Phase I was completed in late 2022. Phase II includes conceptual and preliminary engineering with environmental analysis and documentation as a part of an official National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process and is expected to be complete in late 2024. As a result of various meetings with the public and stakeholders, constraints were identified which requires the development of additional alignment alternatives than originally anticipated to include tunneling expertise for certain segments of the alignment to support advancement of the preferred alignment through the NEPA process. The additional \$1,099,657 in STBG funds were approved by the Regional Transportation Council at its December 14, 2023 meeting.

Exhibit: 2024-01-13-TR

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Hogg (seconded by Mayor Stanley), the resolution was approved with Judge Hill, Judge Little, Judge O'Hare, Commissioner Raburn, and Councilmember Mendelsohn voting no.

Item 14 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with McKinsey and Company Inc. and InfraStrategies LLC to Conduct the Regional Transit 2.0 Study

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to enter into contractual agreements with McKinsey and Company Inc. in an amount of \$980,000, and InfraStrategies LLC in an amount of \$1,212,200, for a cumulative not to exceed amount of \$2,200,000 in RTC Local funds to conduct a study on the expansion of transit services to areas with transit needs. This initiative, "Regional Transit 2.0," will promote increased membership in a transportation authority and collaboration between transportation authority systems, as well as other efforts to better understand and address transit needs in the region.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit consultant assistance for the project was issued and returned two responsive proposals. Upon evaluation from the Consultant Selection Committee (CSC), awards are being recommended to McKinsey and Company Inc. and InfraStrategies LLC to complete the study. \$100,000 in RTC local funds will be utilized by NCTCOG staff for oversight and administration of the project. The final agreed-upon costs and name of the consultants will be presented to the Regional Transportation Council at a future meeting. The consultant team is committed to maintaining an 11 percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation goal.

Exhibit: 2024-01-14-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor Stanley (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), the resolution was approved with Judge O'Hare voting no.

Item 15 Resolution Authorizing Use of Regional Transportation Council Local Funds for the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth Air Show

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization for use of \$250,000 in Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funds for the Wings Over Cowtown Air Show hosted by the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB). The event will take place in Fort Worth on April 13-14, 2024 and is expected to draw over 150,000 visitors. NCTCOG is a partner with the NAS JRB and aids with overall transportation and special events planning. The funds will be used to assist with parking planning and facility coordination with nearby Ridgmar Mall, traffic circulation and event management planning and operations, and increased transit support. Recommended consultants for event parking management services and bus charter services to facilitate attendees between the base event and off-site parking will be brought back to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

Exhibit: 2024-01-15-TR

Judge Little left the meeting.

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

Item 16 Resolution Endorsing the 2023 Transportation Conformity Determination for the Dallas-Fort Worth Nonattainment Area

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board endorsement for the findings of the 2023 Transportation Conformity which demonstrate that implementation of *Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas – 2022 Update* and the *2023-2026 Transportation Improvement Program for North Central Texas* will not cause any new violations of the 2008 and 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS, increase the frequency or severity of violations of the standards, or delay timely attainment of the standards. He explained that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Notice of Adequacy for the 2020 Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the purpose of transportation conformity, with an effective date of May 24, 2023. This analysis uses the latest available information and an applicable EPA-approved emissions estimation model and demonstrates Transportation Control Measures in approved State Implementation Plans are implemented in a timely fashion.

Exhibit: 2024-01-16-TR

Judge Little returned to the meeting.

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Mitchell (seconded by Councilmember Hogg), and unanimous vote of all

members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 17 Resolution Accepting the Audit Report from Whitley Penn, LLP, for the Transportation Department's Agreed Upon Procedures

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board acceptance for the Agreed-Upon Procedures Audit Report communications prepared by Whitley Penn, LLP. A review of Transportation Department consultant and subgrantee contracts in excess of \$250,000 for FY2021 and FY2022 was conducted by Whitley Penn, LLP to determine compliance with the department's contracting procedures. A total of ten (10) contracts were selected for review that were funded through agreements with TxDOT, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The reports indicate there were no exceptions in all seven of the procedural areas for Fiscal Years 2021 and 2022.

Exhibit: 2024-01-17-TR

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

Item 18 Resolution Authorizing Use of Additional Backstop Funding for the Agile Curriculum Development Program

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization for use of \$200,000 in Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funds in support of the Agile Curriculum Program, consistent with the RTC action on January 11, 2024. He explained that the previously accepted grant award from the Department of Defense (DOD) for the Agile Curriculum Development Program in the amount of \$880,000 (\$800,000 federal funds and \$80,000 local match provided through RTC Local funds) terminated on November 30, 2023. A grant extension is anticipated in the next few months; however, in the interim, the DOD requests NCTCOG and subrecipient partners continuation of project activities. RTC Local funds will be returned upon execution of the grant extension by DOD.

Exhibit: 2024-01-18-TR

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

Item 19 Resolution Authorizing Travel Outside North America

Christy Williams, Director of NCT9-1-1, requested Board approval to attend the European Emergency Number Association (EENA) 2024 Conference in Valencia, Spain. She explained that she was invited to speak about NCT9-1-1's groundbreaking implementation of Real-Time Text (RTT) to 9-1-1, the first of its kind in the world. This conference will provide networking opportunities with top public safety professionals from over 50 countries in Europe and beyond for exchanges of knowledge on subject matter of critical importance to 9-1-1 and emergency communications, and in turn will showcase NCT9-1-1's successful implementation of Real-Time Text (RTT) to 9-1-1.

Exhibit: 2024-01-19-911

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

Item 20 Resolution Adopting FY 2025 Criminal Justice Policies and Procedures

Kelly Schmidt, Criminal Justice Program Administrator, asked the Board to approve the FY 2025 Policies and Procedures recommended by the Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee (CJPDC). She explained that the Statement of Work within the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Criminal Justice Division of the Governor's Public Safety Office (PSO) specifies that NCTCOG is responsible for reviewing and scoring criminal justice grant applications from local agencies. In this capacity, NCTCOG is required to adopt Policies and Procedures that guide the application process and define committee responsibilities. The most significant change includes revising application limitations in the Criminal Justice Program-Justice Assistance Grant funding category (§4.5.1.5.). Other revisions include updates to grant period timeframes, minor sentence restructuring for clarity, and date revisions.

4.5.1.5. An agency funded for equipment in FY24, including hardware and/or software, may not submit an application request for the same equipment in FY25.

Example 1: an agency funded for in-car computers in FY24 may not apply for additional in-car computers in FY25.

Example 2: an agency funded for technology and associated maintenance agreements in FY24 may not apply for funds to continue that technology in FY25.

Exhibit: 2024-01-20-CJ

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

Item 21 Resolution Authorizing Contract with LookUp Properties for Residential Repair Service

Doni Green, Director of Area Agency on Aging (AAA), requested Board authorization to enter a contract with LookUp Properties for residential repair services for a maximum four (4) year term and in a total amount not to exceed \$2 million. She explained that the Board authorized a contract with a single residential repair provider, Concord Commercial Services, in July 2023. NCTCOG staff wishes to add a second residential repair provider to maintain adequate coverage of its service area. LookUp Properties previously provided these services and is available on a cooperative contract through the City of Fort Worth.

Exhibit: 2024-01-21-AG

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

Item 22 Resolution Endorsing Submittal of Application to HHSC for Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) Services and Acceptance of Funding

Doni Green, Director of Area Agency on Aging (AAA), requested Board endorsement for the submittal of application to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) for Aging and Disability Resource Services during Fiscal Years 2025-2029 and acceptance of receipt of funds for these services. The Aging and Disability Resource Center (NCT-ADRC) is administered by COG through its Aging Program and is funded through a competitive procurement process by the HHSC. Ms. Green explained that the HHSC re-procured the ADRC in late November 2023 for Fiscal Years 2025-2027, with an option to extend for two additional years. Persons of all ages with disabilities and their family caregivers obtain assistance in accessing long-term services and support that promotes independence through the NCT-ADRC. Funding received under the ADRC contract is projected to be \$419,381 during Fiscal Year 2025.

Exhibit: 2024-01-22-AG

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

Item 23 Resolution Endorsing Increase to Contract Authorization for In-Home Contractors

Doni Green, Director of Area Agency on Aging, requested Board endorsement for an increase of \$200,000 (25%) to the cumulative not to exceed amount from \$800,000 to \$1 million for in-home services for the provision of homemaker, personal assistance, and/or respite services. She explained that the Board authorized the contracts in March 2022 for in-home services with the following entities: 2Gether Resources Group, Desert Sky Holdings, J & L Innovations, K J Quality Care, Koroheke Care, and Support In Home Care. Contract agencies' rates were increased to be more comparable with the market and to allow for retention of staff. As a result of the higher wages, the contractors' expenses are expected to surpass the \$800,000 limit prior to the January Board meeting. Staff intends to issue a new procurement for in-home services later this year.

Exhibit: 2024-01-23-AG

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Item 24 Appointments to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC)

Doni Green, Director of Area Agency on Aging, requested the Board to approve five (5) first-time nominees to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC). The RAAC assists the Executive Board in the development and implementation of the area agency on aging plan for persons sixty years old and over in the 14 counties adjacent to Dallas and Tarrant Counties.

The five (5) first-time nominations are:

- Debbie Temple of Granbury
- Dale H. Hannah of Cleburne
- Paula Baucum of Midlothian
- Dr. Leonard “Bruce” Hargrave of Quinlan
- Amy Pegues of Decatur

Additionally, she requested Board approval for the following slate of officers:

- Chair Dan Roberts of Palo Pinto County
- Vice-Chair Debbie Bounds of Wise County
- Secretary Lynda Sloan of Navarro County

Exhibit: 2024-01-24-AG

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

Item 25 Appointments to the Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee

Kelly Schmidt, Criminal Justice Program Administrator, asked the Board to appoint the following members to the Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee (CJPDC):

Proposed Officers

Name		Title	Agency	Committee Status / County
Mr. Tony	Simmons	Citizen-At-Large	N/A	Chair – Denton County
Ms. Felicia	Oliphant	First Assistant District Attorney	Rockwall County District Attorney's Office	Vice Chair – Rockwall County

Proposed New Members:

Name		Title	Agency	Committee Status / County
Ms. Shelley	Aguirre	Deputy Assistant Director of Administrative Services	Tarrant County Juvenile Services*	Proposed New Rep for Tarrant County Juvenile Service
Mr. Trey	Brown	County Attorney	Somervell County	Proposed New Member – Somervell County (Nominated by Judge Danny Chambers and Sheriff Alan West – Somervell County)
Mr. Robert (Bob)	Dubey	Mayor	City of Richardson	Proposed New Member – Dallas County (Nominated by Don Magner, City of Richardson)
Mr. Shawn	Fullagar	Commander	City of Joshua	Proposed New Member – Johnson County (Nominated by Chief David Gelsthorpe, City of Joshua)
Ms. Sara	Kochmann	Grant Manager / Writer	Dallas County District Attorney's Office*	Proposed New Rep for Dallas County District Attorney's Office
Mr. Michael	Laughlin	Lieutenant	Dallas County Sheriff's Office*	Proposed New Rep for Dallas County Sheriff's Office
Ms. Megan	Mattison	Executive Director	Johnson County Family Crisis Center	Proposed New Member – Johnson County (Nominated by DeAnne Polk – former CJPDC member)

Ms. Jessica	Redding	Records Manager	Tarrant County Sheriff's Office*	Proposed New Rep for Tarrant County Sheriff's Office
Dr. Mike	Tapia	Associate Professor – Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice	Texas A&M University – Commerce	Proposed New Member – Hunt County (Nominated by Dr. Willie Edwards, Texas A&M University – Commerce)
Ms. Kathryn	Thompson	Executive Director	Children's Advocacy Center of Parker County	Proposed New Member – Parker County (Nominated by Chief Michael Baldwin, City of Hudson Oaks and Chief Lance Arnold, City of Weatherford)
Ms. Rainey	Webb	Criminal Magistrate Judge	Tarrant County	Proposed New Member – Tarrant County (Nominated by Ellyce Lindberg, Dallas County District Attorney's Office)
Ms. Carrie	White	Chief of Police	City of Forney	Proposed New Member – Kaufman County (Self-nominated)
Dr. Richard	Williams	Accreditation and Compliance Specialist	City of Denton	Proposed New Member – Denton County (Nominated by Chief Doug Shoemaker, City of Denton)
Mr. Kurtis	Young	Vice President of Specialty Healthcare	Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute	Proposed New Member – Dallas County (Nominated by Marsha Edwards, Dallas County District Attorney's Office)
*Per CJPDC policies, these agencies shall have a permanent representative.				

Reappointments (3-year term)

Name		Title	Agency	County
Ms. Kriste	Burnett	29 th District Attorney	Palo Pinto County	Palo Pinto County
Mr. David	Golden	Citizen-At-Large	N/A	Collin County
Mr. Jeff	Segura	Assistant Director	Dallas County Pretrial Services	Dallas County
Mr. Steve	Stanford	Chief of Police	City of Bridgeport	Wise County

The CJPDC assists the Executive Board in establishing criminal justice planning policy and priorities, reviews and prioritizes local requests for criminal justice funding, and encourages public awareness of criminal justice matters.

Exhibit: 2024-01-25-CJ

Judge O'Hare made a motion to substitute Allison Bowen, Director of Victim Services for Tarrant County, in place of Criminal Magistrate Judge, Ms. Rainey Webb. The appointment as amended (seconded by Judge Hill) was approved unanimously by all members present.

STATUS REPORTS:

Item 26 Status Report on Metropolitan Planning Organization Revolver Funds and Regional Transportation Council Local Pool

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, provided a status report on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Revolver Funds and Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local Pool.

Attachment 1 shows a summary of the status of the Permanent MPO Revolver, the Temporary MPO Revolver, and the RTC Local Fund Pool.

Permanent MPO Revolver Balance (as of 1/12/2024)	\$ 1,191,190
Permanent MPO Revolver	\$ 15,000,000
From Dallas County	\$ 5,623,000
From City of Dallas	\$ 4,377,000
From DART Funding Partnership (\$10M total, split between Primary and Temporary MPO Revolver)	\$ 5,000,000
Permanent MPO Revolver Interest	\$ 210,463
Interest Earned	\$ 210,463
Permanent MPO Revolver Utilization (as of 1/12/2024)	\$ 14,019,273
Temporary MPO Revolver Balance (as of 1/12/2024)	\$ 5,000,000
Temporary MPO Revolver Receipts	\$ 5,000,000
DART Funding Partnership (\$10M total, split between Primary and Temporary MPO Revolver)	\$ 5,000,000
Pending DART Funding (Federal Transfer 1/2/2024), expected by 3/2/2024 -- \$5,000,000	\$ -
Temporary MPO Revolver Interest	\$ -
Temporary MPO Revolver Utilization	\$ -
RTC Local Fund Pool Balance (as of 1/12/2024)	\$ -
RTC Local Fund Receipts	\$ -
Pending DART Funding (Federal Transfer 1/2/2024), expected by 3/2/2024 -- \$35 million	
Pending Collin County Funding, expected by December 2025 -- \$60 million	
Historical RTC Local Fund Pool Uncommitted Balance (as of 1/12/2024)	\$ 11,870,977
Historical RTC Local Fund Pool Receipts	\$ 129,044,604
Receipts	\$ 129,044,604
Historical RTC Local Fund Pool Interest	\$ 7,536,280
Interest Earned	\$ 7,536,280
Committed Funds	\$ 124,709,907
Completed Projects	\$ 92,309,786
In Progress Projects	\$ 21,165,764
Committed for future SD/Landbanking Projects	\$ 4,718,890
Pending De-Commitment and Return to Pool	\$ 6,515,467

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 27 Old and New Business

There was no old or new Business.

Item 28 Attendance and Calendar

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

President Heidemann adjourned the meeting at 2:11 pm.

Approved by:

Checked by:

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

Mike Eastland, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments



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Item 2

Exhibit: 2024-02-02-AA

Meeting Date: February 22, 2024

Submitted By: Monte Mercer
Deputy Executive Director

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

The ACFR and related reports are located at: <https://www.nctcog.org/edo/board>

The North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), single audit reports, and the accompanying independent auditor's report for fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, are presented for acceptance and acknowledgement to the Executive Board. Representatives from NCTCOG's independent auditing firm, Patillo Brown & Hill, LLP, will be available to review the reports with Board members.

The Executive Board Audit Committee will meet with NCTCOG staff and audit firm representatives prior to the Executive Board meeting to review the reports.

A draft resolution accepting and acknowledging receipt of the ACFR and single audit reports is attached for Executive Board consideration.

I will provide a brief presentation on this item and be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

MM

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report along with single audit reports for fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, are hereby submitted as audited by independent auditing firm Patillo, Brown & Hill, LLP; and,

WHEREAS, the Audit Committee of the Executive Board and the Executive Board have reviewed the documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The NCTCOG Executive Board accepts and acknowledges receipt of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and single audit reports for fiscal year 2023.

Section 2. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on February 22, 2024.

Victoria Johnson, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Item 3

Exhibit: 2024-02-03-EP

Meeting Date: February 22, 2024

Submitted By: Maribel Martinez
Director of Emergency Preparedness

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

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) will assist the Office of the Governor (OOG), Homeland Security Grants Division in administering the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant.

SHSP is part of the Department of Homeland Security Homeland Security Grant Program, which provides funding for prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery from acts of terrorism and other hazards. The OOG requires NCTCOG to submit a prioritized list of projects for consideration of SHSP funding and plan for an award of approximately \$1.5 million.

2024 NCTCOG Recommended SHSP Priority Listing:

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

SHSP projects were submitted by the 14 approved Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC) regional working groups. Projects were then reviewed and prioritized by REPAC, and the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC) made funding recommendations and approved the project list on December 7, 2023.

I will provide a brief presentation on this item, and staff and I will be present at the meeting to summarize and address any questions prior to requesting board approval.

MM: jc

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FY2024 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY PROGRAM (SHSP)
GRANT PROJECT PRIORITY LISTING**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is working with local governments and others in building regional emergency preparedness capacity; and,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of people in North Central Texas is threatened by a variety of natural and technological hazards including severe weather and terrorism; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG finds it in the best interest of the North Central Texas Region to facilitate the FY2024 State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant activities; and,

WHEREAS, the FY2024 SHSP project listing has been prioritized by the Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC), approved by the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC), and is recommended for approval by the NCTCOG Executive Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The NCTCOG Executive Board approves the 2024 SHSP prioritized project listing and authorizes submittal to the Office of the Governor for funding consideration.

Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is designated as the authorized official to apply for, accept, execute, reject, alter, or terminate the grant(s) and any subsequent or related agreements on behalf of and in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

I hereby certify that the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments adopted this resolution on February 22, 2024.

Victoria Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson



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Item 4

Exhibit: 2024-02-04-TR

Meeting Date: February 22, 2024

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

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

In November 2023, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced availability of Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 funds for the Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program regarding strategic capital investments in surface transportation projects that will have significant local or regional impacts. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) indicates availability of \$1.5 billion for the RAISE Grant Program in FY2024, and final applications are due to the USDOT on February 28, 2024. The following projects will be submitted by NCTCOG for a total RAISE Grant request of \$70,000,000: Southern Gateway Park – Phase 2 (SGP2.0) in Dallas, Klyde Warren Park – Phase 2 (KWP2.0) in Dallas, and the U.S. Highway (US) 377/State Highway (SH) 144 Project in Granbury.

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved submission of the projects to USDOT under the RAISE Discretionary Grant Program on February 8, 2024. Staff will work with USDOT on the most efficient method for transferring those funds to the region. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be the implementing agent for these projects.

A draft resolution authorizing submittal of the FY2024 RAISE applications is attached for Executive Board consideration. I will provide a brief presentation on this item and will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

JN:cf
Attachment

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF FY2024 RAISE GRANT APPLICATIONS TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth region is in nonattainment of the federal air quality standard for ozone and NCTCOG is actively involved in the development and implementation of the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and,

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes project development, technical support for transportation corridors, and surface access to aviation planning; and,

WHEREAS, in November 2023, the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced the solicitation of projects for the FY2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Discretionary Grant Program; and,

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2024, the RTC approved the submittal of three applications for a total of \$70,000,000 in funding under the FY2024 RAISE Discretionary Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Executive Board authorizes submittal of three applications to the USDOT under the FY2024 RAISE Discretionary Grant Program in the amount of \$70,000,000, as detailed in Attachment 1.

Section 2. The Executive Board instructs staff to work with USDOT and partner agencies to determine the most efficient methods to bring those funds to the region, with intention for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to be the implementing agency for the proposed projects.

Section 3. NCTCOG is authorized to receive approximately \$70,000,000 in FY2024 RAISE Discretionary Grant Program funds, subject to Section 2.

Section 4. These funds shall be incorporated into the appropriate fiscal year budgets, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and other planning/administrative documents.

Section 5. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to carry out the initiatives described herein.

Section 6. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on February 22, 2024.

Victoria Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

FY 24 Local & Regional Project Assistance (RAISE) Program

Candidate Project List & Details

PROJECT					COST/FUNDING BREAKDOWN						
TITLE	DESCRIPTION/LIMITS	NEW	URBAN/ RURAL	E/W	NON-FEDERAL			FEDERAL			TOTAL COST
					RTC/ TxDOT	Local/Private	%	RTC/ TxDOT	RAISE Grant	%	
Southern Gateway Park 2.0 (SGP2.0)	Expand structural, safety, multimodal transport, & hardscape elements to IH 35E/Marsalis Avenue bridge.	NO	URBAN	EAST	N/A	\$20,000,000 ¹	30%	\$22,000,000 ²	\$25,000,000	70%	\$67,000,000
Klyde Warren Park 2.0 (KWP2.0)	Build structural, safety, multimodal transport, & hardscape aspects for KWP West Lawn & Pavilion Deck.	NO	URBAN	EAST	N/A	\$23,045,600 ³	29%	\$36,800,000 ⁴	\$20,000,000	71%	\$79,845,600
US 377/SH 144 Granbury	Rebuild US 377 to 6 lanes (Pirate Dr. to Overstreet Blvd.), w/ upgrades to SH 144 interchange.	YES	RURAL	WEST	\$51,650,000 ⁵	N/A	33%	\$81,600,000 ⁶	\$25,000,000	67%	\$158,250,000
CAN BE AUTHORED BY NCTCOG / PARTNERS & SUBMITTED BY OTHERS											
DCIP Multimodal Connectivity	Rebuild Belt Line Rd. & Sunrise Rd. to 4-lane arterials w/ side paths to improve mobility, safety, & access.	NO	RURAL	EAST	\$36,340,000 ⁷	\$16,545,000 ⁸	61%	\$9,130,000 ⁹	\$25,000,000	39%	\$87,015,000
SH 5 McKinney "Lower 5 Plaza"	Rebuild SH 5 over wide sunken civic plaza between Louisiana/Virginia St.	NO	URBAN	EAST	N/A	\$550,000 ¹⁰	2%	\$14,450,000 ¹¹	\$15,000,000	98%	\$30,000,000

■ **IH 30 Canyon "Tri-Deck" (\$57M) to proceed via 2024 Strategic Transportation Funding Program (Item #3)**

Designated by USDOT as FY 23 RAISE "Project of Merit" – Resubmittal guaranteed for automatic advancement to FY 24 RAISE 2nd tier review analysis.

NOTES – Engineering (E); Right-of-Way Acquisition (R); Utility Relocation (U); Construction (C):

1. City of Dallas - \$15,000,000 (C) from 2024 Bond Program; Dallas County - \$5,000,000 (C)
2. RTC (Existing) - \$7,000,000 (E) in STBG funds; RTC (New) - \$15,000,000 (C) in STBG funds (of which \$5,000,000 replaces TxDOT/Senator West budget rider to be used on Phase 1.0)
- 3-4 Same as FY 23 RCN application (E, U, C)
5. RTC/TxDOT (Existing) - \$5,000,000 (C) in Category 2 funds + \$5,000,000 (E) in PE funds + \$20,000,000 (R, U) in ROW funds; RTC/TxDOT (New) - \$21,650,000 (C) in Category 2/4 funds via future UTP allocations (includes RAISE match)
6. RTC/TxDOT (Existing) - \$20,000,000 (C) in Category 2 funds; RTC/TxDOT (New) - \$61,600,000 (C) in Category 2/4 funds via future UTP allocations
7. RTC (New) - \$36,340,000 (E, R, C) in RTR funds from 2024 Strategic Transportation Funding Program (Item #5), plus reduced Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) from 4,510,000 to 1,600,000 (C only)
8. Same as FY 23 Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) application, but reorganized among activity types (E, R, U, C) with new developer contributions (\$5,050,000) & reduced amounts of \$2,800,000 – City of Lancaster, \$950,000 – Franchise Utilities
9. Reduced STBG funds from \$20,530,000 in MPDG application to \$9,130,000 (C only) due to new RTR funds from 2024 Strategic Transportation Funding Program (Item #5)
- 10-11. Same as FY 23 RCN application (E, R, U, C); Area of Persistent Poverty (APP)/Historically Disadvantaged Community (HDC) designation enables eligibility to exceed 80%/20% Federal/non-Federal match requirement for RAISE



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Item 5

Exhibit: 2024-02-05-TR

Meeting Date: February 22, 2024

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Resolution Amending Authorization for Interlocal Agreements for Local Contributions Associated with the Cotton Belt Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Silver Line (“Silver Line”) rail project is coordinating a parallel regionally significant Cotton Belt Regional Veloweb Trail (“Trail”) corridor that will connect seven cities (Addison, Carrollton, Coppell, Dallas, Grapevine, Plano, and Richardson) across three counties (Tarrant, Dallas, and Collin). This regional Trail has been included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan since the 1990s, and accommodations for the approximate 26-mile trail have been included as part of DART’s planning for the Silver Line rail corridor. The Trail is currently under design and will primarily run parallel to the Silver Line from the DART Plano Shiloh Station on the east to the future Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Through Station on the west.

Construction of the Trail will occur in three phases by a DART contractor. Phase 1 construction is currently underway and consists of critical trail bridges to be completed by the Silver Line rail contractor before the rail begins revenue service. Phase 2 construction includes additional trail bridges and trail sections by a second contractor to be selected and managed by DART, with construction anticipated to be mostly complete before rail revenue service. Phase 3 construction will include the remaining trail sections which will occur after the beginning of rail revenue service.

On April 27, 2023, the Executive Board approved an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) between the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), Regional Transportation Council, and DART concerning the Cotton Belt Regional Trail, which set forth responsibilities with respect to the construction and funding of the Trail. The agreement requires NCTCOG to collect the local matching funds from partnering local governments and additional local contributions for the Cotton Belt Regional Trail, and these local funds will in turn be transferred to DART for construction of the Trail.

The Trail construction will be funded with a combination of federal and local funds. Local match contributions are being provided by the Town of Addison, the Cities of Carrollton, Coppell, Dallas, Grapevine, Richardson, and Plano; and Dallas County. In addition to providing a portion of local match on behalf of cities located in Dallas County, additional local funding is also being contributed by the County’s Trail and Preserve Program to support construction of sections of the Trail in Addison, Carrollton, and Dallas.). On July 27, 2023, the Executive Board approved a resolution to collect local contributions in the amount of \$8,481,871, with the amount of Dallas County contribution split between Phase 2 construction (\$1,670,283) and Phase 3 construction (\$3,771,199).

In June 2023, the US Department of Transportation awarded a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for a portion of the Phase 2 construction, and in October 2023 the Texas Transportation Commission also awarded a grant for the Phase 2 construction area. The grant awards allow for an increased area of construction expanding the Phase 2 project limits. As a result, the amount of Dallas County local contribution needs to be adjusted by \$162,995 to be contributed for Phase 2 construction rather than Phase 3 construction. As such, the total amount of local contributions to be collected in Phase 2 is increased to \$4,291,465 as reflected in Attachment 1. In addition, the Dallas County Major Capital Improvement Program 7th Call also includes an additional \$1,000,000 in local contributions allocated to Phase 3 construction (\$500,000 - \$162,995 by Dallas County, \$250,000 by the City of Carrollton, \$250,000 by the City of Coppell). As a result, NCTCOG will collect an updated total of approximately \$9,481,871 in local funding for the Trail. Attachment 2 contains a table detailing the changes to the previously approved funding.

Interlocal Agreements have been executed with the Town of Addison, and the Cities of Dallas, Plano, and Richardson for Phase 2 contributions. Interlocal Agreements with the Cities of Carrollton and Coppell will be executed later once additional funding is secured for Phase 3 construction. The Dallas County Commissioners Court is expected to act on the ILA at their meeting on February 20, 2024, which reflects the modified contribution amounts associated with Phase 2 and Phase 3 construction. The Executive Board will be requested to amend its previous authorization for Interlocal Agreements for local contributions associated with the Cotton Belt Regional Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail.

A draft resolution authorizing execution of ILAs with local governments is attached for Executive Board consideration. I will provide a summary of this item and be available to answer questions from the Board.

PR:bw
Attachments

RESOLUTION AMENDING AUTHORIZATION FOR INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS FOR LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COTTON BELT REGIONAL BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN TRAIL

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth region is in nonattainment of the federal air quality standard for ozone and NCTCOG is actively involved in the development and implementation of the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and,

WHEREAS, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) is a regional transportation authority created, organized, and existing pursuant to Chapter 452 of the Texas Transportation Code; and,

WHEREAS, the Cotton Belt Regional Trail ("Trail") will run parallel to DART's Silver Line ("Silver Line"), a 26-mile commuter rail line, and will extend from the DART Plano Shiloh Station on the east to the future Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport Through Station on the west; and,

WHEREAS, the Trail will be funded and constructed in three separate phases in coordination with the Town of Addison, the City of Carrollton, the City of Coppell, the City of Dallas, the City of Grapevine, the City of Plano, the City of Richardson, and Dallas County ("Local Governments"); and,

WHEREAS, DART, NCTCOG, and the RTC executed an ILA on April 27, 2023, setting forth responsibilities with respect to the construction and funding of the Cotton Belt Regional Trail; and,

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2023, the Executive Board approved a resolution to collect local contributions in the amount of \$8,481,871, with the amount of Dallas County contribution split between Phase 2 construction (\$1,670,283) and Phase 3 construction (\$3,771,199); and,

WHEREAS, in June 2023, the US Department of Transportation awarded a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant for a portion of the Phase 2 construction, and in October 2023 the Texas Transportation Commission also awarded a grant for the Phase 2 construction area; and,

WHEREAS, the grant awards allow for an increased area of construction expanding the Phase 2 project limits. As a result, the amount of Dallas County local contribution needs to be adjusted by \$162,995 to be contributed for Phase 2 construction rather than Phase 3 construction. As such, the total amount of local contributions to be collected in Phase 2 is increased to \$4,291,465 as reflected in revised Attachment 1; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas County Major Capital Improvement Program 7th Call also includes an additional \$1,000,000 in local contributions allocated to Phase 3 construction (\$500,000 by Dallas County, \$250,000 by the City of Carrollton, \$250,000 by the City of Coppell). As a result, NCTCOG will collect an updated total of approximately \$9,481,871 in local funding for the Trail; and,

WHEREAS, Interlocal Agreements (ILA) have been executed with the Town of Addison, and the Cities of Dallas, Richardson, Plano for Phase 2 contributions, and Interlocal Agreements with the Cities of Carrollton and Coppell will be executed later once additional funding is secured for Phase 3 construction; and,

WHEREAS, The Dallas County Commissioners Court is expected to act on the ILA at their meeting on February 20, 2024, that reflects the modified contribution amounts associated with Phase 2 and Phase 3 construction; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement between DART, NCTCOG, and the RTC, NCTCOG will collect the local matching funds and additional local contributions for the Cotton Belt Regional Trail and will in turn be transferred to DART for construction of the Trail; and,

WHEREAS, the Trail will be funded with a combination of federal and local funds and will be constructed by a DART contractor through three phases in coordination with the Town of Addison; the Cities of Carrollton, Coppell, Dallas, Grapevine, Plano, Richardson; and Dallas County ("Local Governments"); and,

WHEREAS, local match contributions are being provided by the Town of Addison, the Cities of Carrollton, Dallas, Richardson, and Plano; and Dallas County; and,

WHEREAS, the Parties are authorized to enter into this Agreement pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code (the "Act").

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Interlocal Agreements between NCTCOG and Town of Addison; the Cities of Carrollton, Dallas, Richardson, and Plano; and Dallas County for collection of local funding for the Cotton Belt Regional Trail as reflected in Attachment 1 be and are hereby approved.

Section 2. NCTCOG is authorized to receive approximately \$9,481,871 in local funding for the Cotton Belt Regional Trail and transfer funds received to DART.

Section 3. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out the initiatives described herein.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on February 22, 2024.

Victoria Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

Local Funding to be Collected to Support the Cotton Belt Regional Trail			
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Town of Addison	\$ 307,469	City of Grapevine	\$ 480,756
City of Dallas	\$ 250,000	City of Carrollton	\$ 351,446
City of Richardson	\$ 200,000	City of Coppell	\$ 250,000
City of Plano	\$ 1,700,718		
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✓ =Approved at the July 27, 2023, Executive Board meeting.



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Item 6

Exhibit: 2024-02-06-TR

Meeting Date: February 22, 2024

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: 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

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) Fort Worth is hosting a “Wings Over Cowtown” Air Show April 13-14, 2024. The show will be hosting the Blue Angels and is expected to draw over 150,000 visitors within the two-day event. The Base is located off State Highway 183 in Fort Worth and there are transportation challenges related to access for such a large regional event.

The Base is a strong partner with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and they reached out to request assistance in overall transportation and special events planning. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) took action at its October 12, 2023 meeting to award \$250,000 in RTC Local funds to assist with the event and the receipt of those funds was approved at the January 25, 2024 meeting of the Executive Board. Funds are to assist, specifically, in areas related to: parking plans and facility coordination with nearby Ridgmar Mall, traffic circulation and event management planning and operations, and shuttle support. NCTCOG initiated procurements December 8, 2023 and December 15, 2023 to select consultants for transportation support services.

Attached for Executive Board consideration is a draft resolution authorizing NCTCOG to enter into consultant contracts with Solutions Event Services to implement an event parking and traffic management plan in an amount not to exceed \$48,000; and 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. I will provide a brief presentation on this item and will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

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Attachments

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

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Subtask 3.07 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY 2025 Unified Planning Work Program supports planning and implementation activities for various transportation service needs for special events; and,

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2023, the RTC approved \$250,000 in RTC Local funds to support the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Wings Over Cowtown Air Show and the receipt of those funds was approved at the January 25, 2024, meeting of the Executive Board; and,

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2023, and December 15, 2023, NCTCOG initiated procurements to secure consultants for transportation support services; and,

WHEREAS, Solutions Event Services and GETZ Transportation Solutions has been recommended by the Consultant Selection Committee to implement transportation support services; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has complied with federal and State regulations regarding contract and procurement proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. A contract between NCTCOG and Solutions Event Services in an amount not to exceed \$48,000 in RTC Local funds be and is hereby approved.

Section 2. A contract between NCTCOG and GETZ Transportation Solutions in an amount not to exceed \$196,000 in RTC Local funds be and is hereby approved.

Section 3. These funds shall be incorporated into the applicable fiscal year budgets.

Section 4. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out the initiatives described herein.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

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Item 7

Exhibit: 2024-02-07-TR

Meeting Date: February 22, 2024

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Susan Alvarez, P.E., CFM
Director of Environment and Development

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

On April 27, 2023, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board authorized staff to submit a grant proposal as the lead agency on behalf of the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Metropolitan Statistical Area to the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (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. The NCTCOG proposal was successful and NCTCOG received \$1 million in planning funds. NCTCOG is using this funding to develop the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan that 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. Work is being completed collaboratively between the NCTCOG Transportation and Environment and Development Departments. The Workforce Solutions Department will also assist with planning over the coming year.

The State of Texas, through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), also received a planning grant under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program and is developing a statewide plan. TCEQ has indicated that it plans to focus its efforts on industrial, electric power, and transportation strategies, as those three sectors comprise nearly ninety percent of the entire state's greenhouse gas emissions inventory. Efforts are being made to coordinate with the TCEQ to ensure that the NCTCOG plan and state plan are complementary.

The Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan forms the Priority Climate Action Plan, which is the first major deliverable due to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under this grant. This deliverable must be submitted by March 1, 2024. It must include a greenhouse gas emission inventory and a quantified list of measures that will be implemented to improve air quality throughout the NCTCOG region within the next five years. Staff will provide an overview of the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan. A copy of the draft plan, proposed measures and other supporting materials is available at www.publicinput.com/DFWAQIP. The Plan has been presented to the following NCTCOG committees:

- Public Works Council (approval anticipated February 15, 2024)
- Resource Conservation Council (presented December 2023, approval anticipated February 28, 2024)

- Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition (approval anticipated February 20, 2024)
- Regional Transportation Council (approval received February 8, 2024)
- Water Resources Council (approval received February 7, 2024)

Notably, submittal of the plan is a required step to enable eligibility under the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Implementation Grants. This program can provide funding support to implement measures that are included in the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan if it is submitted as required by March 1. Staff has evaluated this funding opportunity and believes it brings value to the region, and that the structure of the funding program lends itself to the NCTCOG leading a regional grant application. Staff will highlight plans to leverage the plan forward into a grant application, which will be due by April 1, 2024. A request to pursue the grant proposal will be brought at the March meeting.

A resolution authorizing approval of the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan is attached for Executive Board consideration. We will provide a brief presentation of this item and will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

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Attachments

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DALLAS-FORT WORTH AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and nonprofit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) region is in severe nonattainment of federal air quality standards for ground level ozone, and NCTCOG is actively involved in the development and implementation of the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and,

WHEREAS, on February 7, 2024, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized more stringent National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for fine particulate matter, which is likely to trigger nonattainment designations for Dallas and Tarrant Counties for the air pollutant fine particulate matter; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, effective January 8, 2024, the Federal Highway Administration established federal performance standards for greenhouse gases that NCTCOG as the MPO must achieve; and,

WHEREAS, multiple NCTCOG committees, including the Public Works Council, Resource Conservation Council, Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition, Regional Transportation Council, and Water Resources Council, are committed to the development and implementation of policies, projects, and programs that support air quality improvement; and,

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency released the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program, which provides funding for the development and implementation of plans to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and harmful air pollutants; and,

WHEREAS, the NCTCOG Executive Board authorized NCTCOG to submit a grant proposal requesting \$1 million in Planning Grants funding from the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Planning Grant program on April 27, 2023, and the proposal was subsequently awarded by EPA; and,

WHEREAS, the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Planning Grant presents an opportunity to develop a regional plan that achieves multipollutant emissions reductions and comprehensive air quality improvement; and,

WHEREAS, the first deliverable due to the EPA under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Planning Grant is a Priority Climate Action Plan, which is being fulfilled through drafting of the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed plan encompasses work across multiple NCTCOG Departments and includes measures across transportation, energy, solid waste management, water and wastewater, and land use activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board approves the proposed DFW Air Quality Improvement Plan presented by staff and authorizes submittal to EPA.

Section 2. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on February 22, 2024.

Victoria Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer
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DALLAS-FORT WORTH AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Funded through the Environmental Protection Agency's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants

Michael Morris, P.E., Director of Transportation
Susan Alvarez, P.E., CFM, Director of Environment & Development

NCTCOG Executive Board
2.22.2024

Latest Air Quality Developments

Ozone Levels Getting Worse

- Federal Standard: 70 parts per billion
- End of 2022 ozone season: 77 parts per billion
- End of 2023 ozone season: 81 parts per billion (preliminary Results)

New State Implementation Plan Revisions

- Reclassification from Serious to Severe Nonattainment for Ozone
- Potential Economic Impact of Section 185 Fees

New Designations Under Particulate Matter Standards

- More stringent standard finalized February 7: likely leading to nonattainment designations in Dallas and Tarrant Counties

New Federally-Required Greenhouse Gas Performance Measures for the Metropolitan Planning Organization

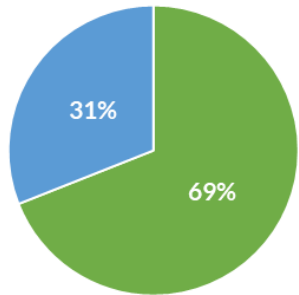
- Required reporting of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, establishment, and compliance to future emission reduction targets



Air Quality in Dallas-Fort Worth

2019 Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) Emissions Inventory 10-County DFW Ozone Nonattainment Area

Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) = 247.02 Tons per Day



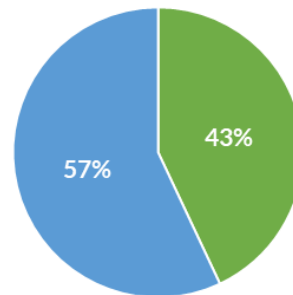
■ Transportation ■ Other Sources

"Transportation" includes off-road, on-road, and non-road mobile
"Other Sources" includes point, area, and oil and gas production

Source: TCEQ, 2019 summer weekday anthropogenic emissions for the DFW 10 County Ozone Nonattainment Region, *Proposed DFW Moderate Attainment Demonstration State Implementation Plan Revision for the 2015 Eight-Hour Ozone NAAQS*

2019 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory 12-County Metropolitan Planning Area

Carbon Dioxide Equivalent (CO₂e) = 102,856,587 Metric Tons per Year



■ Transportation ■ Other Sources

"Transportation" includes off-road, on-road, and non-road mobile
"Other Sources" currently includes energy, water, wastewater, and solid waste; agricultural, process & fugitive emissions not included to date

Source: NCTCOG, *North Central Texas 12-County Metropolitan Planning Area 2019 Inventory of Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions*



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Other Planning Grants Participants

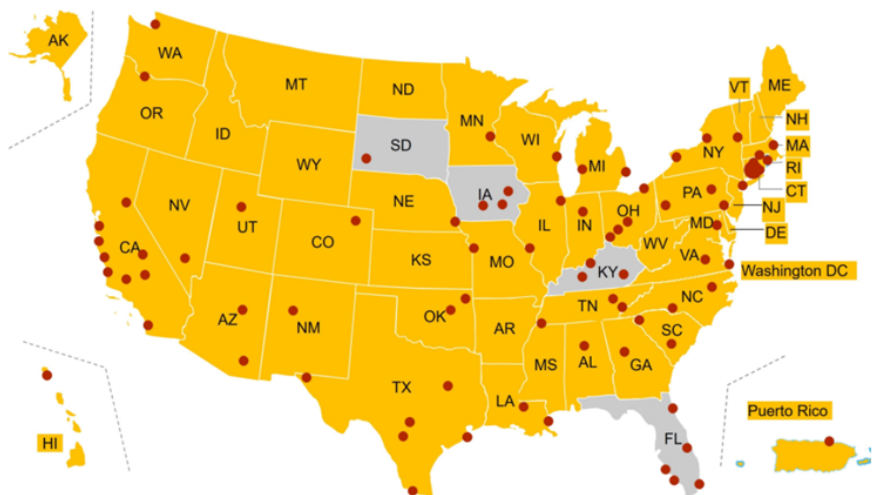
Texas MSA Leads

- City of Austin, Office of Sustainability
- City of El Paso
- City of McAllen
- City of San Antonio, Office of Sustainability
- Houston-Galveston Council of Governments
- North Central Texas Council of Governments

Texas Lead

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

www.tceq.texas.gov/agency/climate-pollution-reduction-grants



■ Participating States

● Participating MSAs



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DFW Air Quality Improvement Plan

First deliverable for EPA CPRG Planning Grants
Required to compete for funding under EPA CPRG Implementation Grants

Plan Element	Priority Climate Action Plan – Due March 1, 2024
Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory	Required ✓
GHG Emissions Projects	Not Required ✗
GHG Reduction Targets	Not Required ✗
Quantified GHG Reduction Measures	Required (priority measures only) ✓
Benefits Analysis	Encouraged ✓
Low Income/Disadvantaged Communities Benefits Analysis	Required ✓
Review of Authority to Implement	Required ✓
Identify other Available Funding	Encouraged ✓
Workforce Planning Analysis	Encouraged ✗
Next Steps/Future Budget Needs	Not Required ✓



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Engagement and Outreach

Local Governments

- Workshops & Committee Meetings
- Specific Project Scope Submittals
- Online Survey

Residents and Other Stakeholders

- 7 “Open House” Public Meetings
- 2 Virtual “Listening Sessions” with Nonprofits/Community Groups
- 1 Industry Meeting
- Approximately 300 Responses to Online Survey
- Presentations to Various Organizations

Media

- Community Impact
- NBC

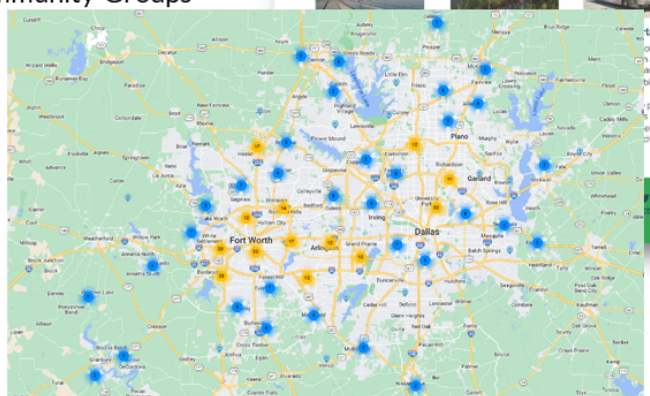
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DALLAS-FORT WORTH AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is seeking recommendations on air quality improvement projects for your community! NCTCOG is collaborating with local stakeholders in the Dallas-Fort Worth region to develop a comprehensive Air Quality Improvement Plan (DFW AQIP). The plan will create a roadmap to improve air quality, protect public health, and reduce the impacts of extreme weather events. Your input is requested and important! Please go to www.publicinput.com/dfwaqip to make recommendations, attend an open house, and more.

FOCUS AREAS:

- Station of cleaner air
- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Public transit
- Efficient buildings
- Energy efficiency



Location of Respondents to Survey for the General Public



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Selecting Measures

Review NCTCOG Screening Criteria for Plan:



Review EPA Scoring Criteria for Grant:



- Is there interest in the region? (local government project submittals and public input)
- Is someone willing to implement (local governments, NCTCOG, third party entity)?
- Can it be done in the next five years?
- Does it provide broad, quantifiable greenhouse gas and criteria pollutant reductions?



- Reduces GHG and criteria pollutants
- Benefits disadvantaged communities
- Can be implemented in 2025-2030
- Funds a strategy for which other funding is unavailable or insufficient
- Is cost-effective
- Advances decarbonization
- Is innovative





Proposed Measures – Water/Wastewater

Proposed for Plan and Anticipating Grant Request

Implement iSWM™, Low Impact Development, GSI, and other forms of Nature-Based Solutions  

Update Stormwater, Wastewater Conveyance Infrastructure  

Improve Treatment Processes  

Address On-site Sanitary Sewage Systems 

Workforce Development 

Water Conservation 

Proposed for Plan Only, No Grant Request

Improve Effluent Reuse

Improve Biosolids Management

Increase Water System Energy Efficiency

Increase Water Conservation

Explore Aquifer Storage & Recovery



Direct Climate Change Benefits



Direct Benefits for Nonattainment Issues



Few Other Funding Options



Strong Public/Stakeholder Input



Proposed Measures – Waste Management

Proposed for Plan and Anticipating Grant Request

- Expand Local Compost Capabilities    
- Expand Regional Construction & Demolition Debris Capacity   
- Divert Organic Waste to Energy    
- Upgrade Recycling & Transfer Facilities  
- Improve Waste Collection   

Proposed for Plan Only, No Grant Request

- Regional Landfill Capacity Planning
- Update Policy Around Diverting Construction & Demolition Debris












 *Direct Climate Change Benefits*
 *Direct Benefits for Nonattainment Issues*

 *Few Other Funding Options*
 *Strong Public/Stakeholder Input*





Proposed Measures – Agriculture/ Forestry/Land Use

Proposed for Plan and Anticipating Grant Request

- Expand Green Space (Riparian, Public Right-of-Way, Historic Cemeteries, Utility Easements, and Parks/Reserves/etc.)   
- Urban Heat Island Mitigation 
- Implement Anaerobic Digester(s) to Improve Manure Management   
- Rebate Program to Support Electric Landscape Equipment Transition    

Proposed for Plan Only, No Grant Request

- Green Space & Forestry Planning Code & Zoning Updates
- Neighborhood Agriculture Practices








 *Direct Climate Change Benefits*
 *Direct Benefits for Nonattainment Issues*

 *Few Other Funding Options*
 *Strong Public/Stakeholder Input*





Proposed Measures - Energy



Proposed for Plan and Anticipating Grant Request

- Public Sector Energy Efficiency & Refrigerant Transition Program   
- Distributed Energy and Resilience for Public Entities  
- Residential Efficiency Rebate Program  

Proposed for Plan Only, No Grant Request

- Energy Plans/Audits/Policies
- Energy Management & Benchmarking
- Generator Replacements/Upgrades
- Roof Replacements





















 Direct Climate Change Benefits
 Direct Benefits for Nonattainment Issues

 Few Other Funding Options
 Strong Public/Stakeholder Input



Proposed Measures - Transportation



Proposed for Plan and Anticipating Grant Request

- Transit Enhancement Program 
- Active Transportation Program 
- Green Purchasing/Green Construction Program   
- Urban Heat Island and Green Spaces Program   
- Enhanced Regional Traffic Signal Timing Program   
- Transportation System & Truck/Rail Flow Optimization Program    
- LED Streetlighting Program  
- *Clean Vehicle & Equipment Program    

*Will be carefully scoped to not duplicate the TCEQ Transportation programs

Proposed for Plan Only, No Grant Request

- Transit Planning
- Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduction
- Green Airport Planning Program
- Low-Carbon Liquid Fuels Program
- Regional Emissions Compliance Program
- Tire Recycling
- Carbon Footprint App/Game
- Regional Air Quality Monitoring Program

 Direct Climate Change Benefits
 Direct Benefits for Nonattainment Issues

 Few Other Funding Options
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The State's Plan – Potential Measures

Focusing on 3 Sectors that Contribute 87% of State Greenhouse Gas Emissions:

Industry

- Electrify and Decarbonize Industrial Processes & Equipment
- Promote Energy Efficiency
- Promote Processes to Improve Carbon Capture
- Transition to Ultra-Low Global Warming Potential Refrigeration Equipment
- Oil & Gas Sector Strategies to Reduce Fugitive Emissions, Reduce Flaring/Capture Methane, Remediate/Plug Wells

Electric Power

- Upgrade Transmission Lines
- Promote Nuclear Energy
- Add Grid-Scale Renewable Energy Storage
- Improve Load Management, Load Shifting, and Energy Efficiency to Lower Demand
- Add Infrastructure to Capture, Use, and Store Carbon from Power Plants and Industrial Processes
- Use Oil & Gas Infrastructure for Geothermal Energy

Transportation

- Port Decarbonization with Shore Power and Zero-Emissions Vehicles and Equipment
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging and Hydrogen Fueling Infrastructure
- Zero-Emission Medium- and Heavy-Duty Trucks, School Buses, Government Fleet Vehicles, Light-Duty Vehicles
- Medium- and Heavy-Duty Third-Party Scrappage Program
- Low Emission Passenger or Freight Locomotives
- Low Emission Jet Fuels
- Variable Speed Devices at Airports



Public Entities Providing Letters of Support (as of February 9)

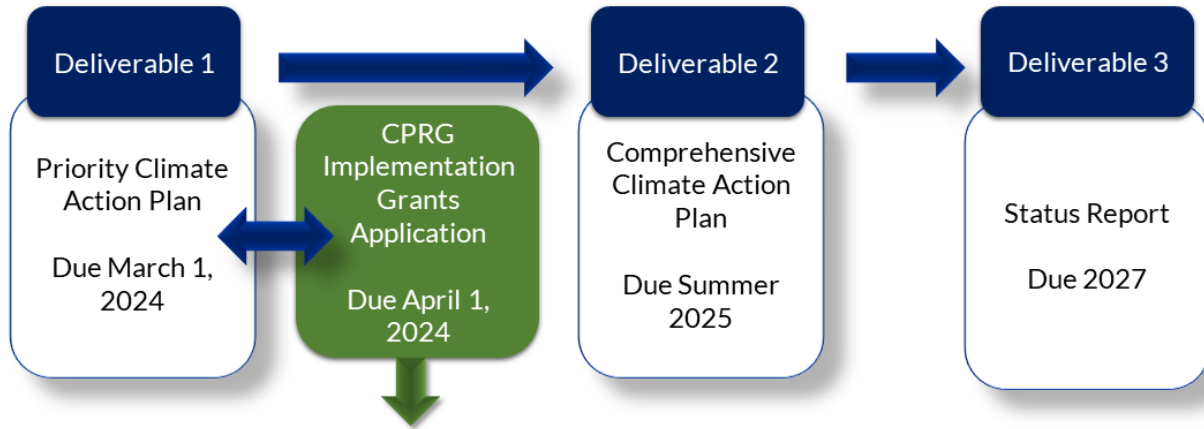
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City of Richardson
Town of Addison
Town of Flower Mound

Collin County
Dallas County
Hood County
Hunt County
Parker County
Tarrant County
Dallas Area Rapid Transit
DFW International Airport
Hood County Clean Air Coalition
University of Texas at Dallas



The Plan Enables Progress to Local Goals



Opportunity to Implement Measures in the Plan that:

- ✓ Reduce greenhouse gases (GHGs)
- ✓ Reduce ozone pollution
- ✓ Reduce particulate matter pollution
- ✓ Implement infrastructure projects



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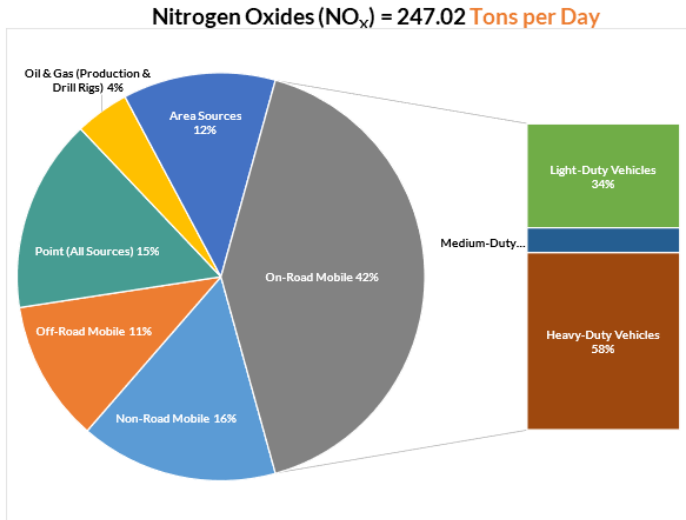
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2019 Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) Emissions Inventory
10-County DFW Ozone Nonattainment Area

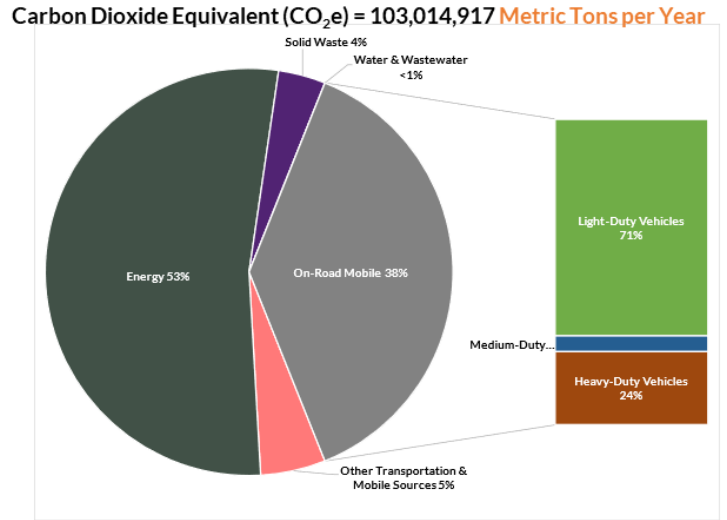


Source: TCEQ, 2019 summer weekday anthropogenic emissions for the DFW 10 County Ozone Nonattainment Region, Proposed DFW Moderate Attainment Demonstration (AD) State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision for the 2015 Eight-Hour Ozone NAAQS



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2019 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory
12-County Metropolitan Planning Area



Source: NCTCOG, North Central Texas 12-County Metropolitan Planning Area 2019 Inventory of Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Note: The agricultural emissions, process & fugitive emissions were not part of this inventory

Preview: CPRG Implementation Grants

Program Structure Incentivizes Collaborative Applications

- EPA will not award multiple grants for the same initiative in the same area

Proposed Approach

- Balance High Emissions Reductions with Regional Priorities as Expressed through Local Government Interests and Resident Surveys
- Balance Emissions Reductions between GHGs (EPA priority) and Criteria Pollutants (Regional Concern and Part of Low-Income/Disadvantaged Community Benefit Analysis)
- Avoid Applying to the Same Tier as the State's Application
- Pursue Tier B to Optimize Competitiveness

Tier	Grant Ranges	Potential Transportation Allocation if Proportional to GHG Emissions Inventory	Anticipated Number of Grants to be Awarded
Tier A	\$200M - \$500M	\$86M - \$215M	4-10
Tier B	\$100M - \$199M	\$43M - \$85M	6-13
Tier C	\$50M - \$99M	\$22M - \$42M	6-12
Tier D	\$10M - \$49M	\$4.3M - \$21M	6-30
Tier E	\$2M - \$9.9M	\$1M - \$4.2M	10-50



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Financial Mechanics for Implementation Grants

Utilize EPA Standard Advance Payment for Cash Flow ✓

- Confirmed option available for CPRG
- Anticipate 5-day cash on hand limitation

Require Cash Advance to NCTCOG to Enable Cash Flow ✗

- Demonstrates partnership and commitment
- Enables larger grant request

Require Cost Share

- Not required, but increases competitiveness; Increase AQ benefit per federal dollar
- May not be feasible for all strategies
- May be challenge to ensure fair and equitable participation

Limit Funding Request to Smaller Grant Amount





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Item 8

Exhibit: 2024-02-08-EDO

Meeting Date: February 22, 2024

Submitted By: Prit Patel
Senior Economic Development Manager

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

The North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD) functions as an advisory board to the NCTCOG Executive Board and guides the work of the region's Economic Development District, which is managed and staffed by NCTCOG. The region was designated as a District by the U. S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) in December 2016.

This District Board is organized in accordance with Federal Regulations, and its membership includes officials and/or employees of general-purpose local governments, educational institutions, private sector representatives, and other economic development stakeholders who must be residents of and/or work in State Planning Region 4 – the North Central Texas Region.

The NCTEDD Board, appointed by the NCTCOG Executive Board, is recommending amendments to Board composition under its bylaws. The first recommendation is to change Board population categories to reflect population growth across the NCT region. The current population categories were established in 2016 when the District was designated. The Board's second recommendation is to add two new Board categories that are critical to economic development. These new categories are the Education Sector and Workforce Sector. The Board's last recommendation is to increase the size of the Board from 51 to 53 seats by adding two additional seats to the Principal Economic Interests category.

All of these recommendations ensure that current NCTEDD Board Members, appointed by the NCTCOG Executive Board, retain their seats on the Board. Additionally, these recommendations provide a better opportunity for the Board to guide the work of the region's Economic Development District through stronger representation.

A draft resolution adopting the Revised North Central Texas Economic Development District Bylaws is attached for Executive Board consideration.

I will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting the Executive Board's approval.

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVISED NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DISTRICT BOARD BYLAWS**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG region has been designated as an Economic Development District by the Economic Development Administration; and,

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board guides the work of the North Central Texas Economic Development District; and,

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board has reviewed its Bylaws and recommends the NCTCOG Executive Board adopt the revised North Central Texas Economic Development District Bylaws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The NCTCOG Executive Board adopts the Revised North Central Texas Economic Development District Board Bylaws, as reflected in Attachment 1.

Section 2. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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

I hereby certify that the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments adopted this resolution on February 22, 2024.

Victoria Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF BOARD

The North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (EDD Board) is the primary policy advisory board to the NCTCOG Executive Board in fulfilling the responsibilities as the North Central Texas' Regional Economic Development District (the District) in state planning Region IV (NCTCOG's 16-county area). The EDD Board is responsible to ensure:

- a) the performance of any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, or by the District Bylaws;
- b) the development of plans, as well as an oversight and evaluation system for all Economic Development District programs;
- c) the attainment of effective outcomes consistent with Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) goals, objectives and performance standards approved by EDA;
- d) the effective administration of the EDA EDD required programs; and
- e) meetings take place at such times and places as required by the District Bylaws

NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Up to ~~51 Members~~ **Recommended 53 Members**

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: NCTCOG Executive Board

TERMS OF OFFICE: Three-year terms

Each EDD Board member shall serve terms of three years. Upon expiration of their term, each member shall hold his/her term until they are reappointed or replaced by the NCTCOG Executive Board as established in the District Bylaws. EDD Board members may not serve more than three consecutive three-year terms, and only so long as they continue to meet qualifications for the category they represent.

STANDARD MEETING TIME, DATE, LOCATION: Quarterly (Meetings can be called more or less frequently as needed) 10:00 A.M. at NCTCOG/virtual.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

EDD Board membership shall include officials and/or employees of general-purpose local governments, educational institutions and private sector representatives, and they must be residents of and/or work in State Planning Region 4 – the North Central Texas 16-County Region.

**North Central Texas Council of Government's
NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

OFFICERS	NAME AND ORGANIZATION
Chair	Vacant
Vice Chair	Fred Schmidt, Economic Development Professional in Higher Education
Secretary-Treasurer	Kassandra Carroll, CECD, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Waxahachie

COUNTIES - 16 COUNTIES (1 SEAT EACH COUNTY)

1. **COLLIN:** Honorable Ron Simmons, Chairman of the Board for the Texas Mutual Insurance Company
2. **DALLAS:** Luis Tamayo, Director of Economic Development, Dallas County
3. **ELLIS:** Jim Wehmeier, Director of Economic Development, City of Ennis
4. **ERATH:** Jeff Sandford, Executive Director, Stephenville Economic Development Authority
5. **NAVARRO:** John Boswell, Economic Development Director, Navarro County and City of Corsicana
6. **ROCKWALL:** Phil Wagner, President, Rockwall Economic Development Corporation
7. **TARRANT:** Maegan South, Economic Development Manager, Tarrant County
8. **WISE:** J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County
9. **DENTON:** VACANT
10. **HOOD:** VACANT
11. **HUNT:** VACANT
12. **JOHNSON:** VACANT
13. **KAUFMAN:** VACANT
14. **PALO PINTO:** VACANT
15. **PARKER:** VACANT
16. **SOMERVELL:** VACANT

CITIES - TOTAL OF 22 SEATS – SIX POPULATION CATEGORIES

>500,000 (2 SEATS) 2 cities, includes Dallas, Fort Worth

17. VACANT
18. Robert Sturns, Economic Development Director, City of Fort Worth

BETWEEN ~~200,000~~ - 500,000 (2 SEATS) 4 cities, includes Arlington, ~~Garland~~, Irving, Plano:

Recommended: 250,000 -500,000 (2 SEATS) 3 cities, includes Arlington, Irving, Plano

19. VACANT
20. Bryan Haywood, Economic Development Project Manager, City of Irving

BETWEEN 100,000 - ~~200,000~~ (2 SEATS) 6 cities, includes Carrollton, Denton, Frisco, Grand Prairie, McKinney, Mesquite

Recommended: 100,000 - 250,000 (2 SEATS) 10 cities, includes Carrollton, Denton, Frisco, Grand Prairie, McKinney, Mesquite, **Garland, Lewisville, Richardson, Allen**

21. Erica Sullivan, Economic Development Program Administrator, City of Denton
22. VACANT

BETWEEN ~~50,000-100,000~~ (2 SEATS) 9 cities, includes ~~Allen, Lewisville~~, Eules, Flower Mound, Mansfield, North Richland Hills, Richardson, Rowlett

23. Craig Hulse, Director of Economic Development, City of North Richland Hills
24. **Mary Ann Moon, Executive Director of Prosper Economic Development Corporation**

BETWEEN ~~25,000—50,000~~ (4 SEATS) 22 cities, includes Bedford, Burleson, Cedar Hill, Cleburne, Coppell, DeSoto, Duncanville, Farmers Branch, Grapevine, Greenville, Haltom City, Hurst, Keller, Lancaster, Little Elm, Midlothian, Rockwall, Southlake, The Colony, Waxahachie, Weatherford, Wylie

25. Kassandra Carroll, CECD, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Waxahachie
26. Jennette Espinosa, Executive Director, Little Elm Economic Development Cooperation
27. Shane Shepard, Economic Development Director, City of Lancaster
28. Chris Fuller, Deputy City Manager, City of Cleburne

Recommended: Combining 50,000 - 100,000 (2 SEATS) and 25,000 - 50,000 (4 SEATS), and changing 25,000 to 30,000

NEW: BETWEEN 30,000 - 100,000 (6 SEATS) 28 cities, includes Eules, Flower Mound, Mansfield, North Richland Hills, Rowlett, Bedford, Burleson, Cedar Hill, Cleburne, Coppell, DeSoto, Duncanville, Farmers Branch, Grapevine, Greenville, Haltom City, Hurst, Keller, Lancaster, Little Elm, Midlothian, Rockwall, Southlake, The Colony, Waxahachie, Weatherford, Wylie, **Prosper**

<25,000 (10 SEATS) 122 cities

Recommended: < 30,000 (8 SEATS) 128 cities

Collin County (Anna, **Blue Ridge**, Celina, Fairview, Josephine, Lavon, Lowry Crossing, Lucas, Melissa, Murphy, Nevada, Parker, Princeton, ~~Prosper~~, **Sachse**, St. Paul)

Dallas County (Addison, Balch Springs, Cockrell Hill, Glenn Heights, Highland park, Hutchins, Seagoville, Sunnyvale, University Park Wilmer)

Denton County (Argyle, Aubrey, Bartonville, Copper Canyon, Corinth, Cross Roads, Double Oak, Hickory Creek, Highland Village, Justin, Krugerville, Krum, Lake Dallas, Northlake, Oak Point, Pilot Point, Ponder, Providence, Roanoke, Sanger, Shady Shores, Trophy Club)

Ellis County (Ennis, Ferris, Italy, Oak Leaf, Ovilla, Palmer, Red Oak) Erath County (Dublin, Stephenville)

Hood County (**Cresson**, DeCordova, Granbury)

Hunt County (Caddo Mills, Commerce, Quinlan, West Tawakoni, Wolfe City)

Johnson County (Alvarado, Godley, Grandview, Joshua, Keene, **Rio Vista**, Venus)

Kaufman County (Combine, Crandall, Forney, Kaufman, Kemp, Maybank, Talty, Terrell)

Navarro County (Corsicana, **Kerns**, Rice)

Palo Pinto County (Mineral Wells)

Parker County (Aledo, Annetta, Hudson Oaks, Reno, Springtown, Willow Park) Rockwall County (Fate, Heath, McLendon-Chisolm, Royse City)

Somervell County (Glen Rose)

Tarrant County (Azle, Benbrook, Blue Mound, Colleyville, Crowley, Dalworthington Gardens, Edgecliff Village, Everman, Forest Hill, Haslet, Kennedale, Lake Worth, Lakeside, Pantego, Pelican Bay, Richland Hills, River Oaks, Sansom Park, Watauga, Westlake, Westworth Village, White Settlement)

Wise County (Alvord, Aurora, Boyd, Bridgeport, Chico, Decatur, New Fairview, Newark, Rhome, Runaway Bay)

29. Chris Dyser, Community Development Director, City of Balch Springs
30. Alexis Jackson, Economic Development Director, City of Celina
31. John M. Smith, Town Administrator, Town of Hickory Creek
32. Lynn Spencer, Director of Economic Development, Forney Economic Development Corporation
33. Chris Coffman, City Manager, City of Granbury
34. Lancine Bentley, Economic Development and Grants Analyst, Town of Northlake
35. VACANT
36. VACANT
- ~~37. VACANT~~
- ~~38. VACANT~~

PRIVATE SECTOR (3 SEATS)

39. Mickey Hillock, President, Hillock Foods, Inc.
40. Michael Grace, City of Duncanville Resident (Assistant City Manager, City of Ferris)
41. Pamela Mundo, Founder and President of Mundo and Associates Consulting Firm

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS (10 SEATS) includes Executive Directors of Chambers, EDCs, ~~Post-Secondary Institutions, Workforce Development Groups,~~ and/or Labor Groups

42. Janie Havel, Economic Development and Tourism, Office of the Governor
43. Judy McDonald, Executive Director, Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County
44. Fred Schmidt, Director of Corporate Relations, University of Texas at Arlington
45. Kevin Shatley, Director of Economic Development, Dallas Regional Chamber
46. Nika Reinecke, Principal at Envision Planning Group LLC
47. Leah Clark, Executive Director, Bridgeport Economic Development Corporation
48. Ben Magill, Associate Vice Chancellor of Economic Opportunity, Dallas College
49. Dr. Suku Nair, Vice Provost for Research and Chief Innovation Officer, Southern Methodist University
50. VACANT
51. VACANT

Recommended:

- **Combine the two categories of Principal Economic Interests and Private Sector into one category called Principal Economic Interests which includes the private sector.**
- **Create two new and separate categories dedicated to: Workforce and Education.**

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS (3 SEATS) NEW CATEGORY includes 1 seat for each of the three local Workforce Solutions

37. Judy McDonald, Executive Director, Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County
38. VACANT – Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas
39. VACANT - Workforce Solutions North Central Texas

EDUCATION SECTOR (5 SEATS) NEW CATEGORY includes Community Colleges, 4-Year Universities, Independent School Districts, Education Service Centers, Trade Schools, and other Educational Organizations

40. Ben Magill, Associate Vice Chancellor of Economic Opportunity, Dallas College
41. Dr. Suku Nair, Vice Provost for Research and Chief Innovation Officer, Southern Methodist University
42. Fred Schmidt, Director of Corporate Relations, University of Texas at Arlington
43. VACANT
44. VACANT

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS (7 SEATS) *includes staff from Chambers of Commerce, Economic Development Corporations, Labor Groups, Private Sector, and any other Principal Economic Interests organizations.*

Recommended: Adding two additional seats to this broad category

45. Janie Havel, Economic Development and Tourism, Office of the Governor
46. Kevin Shatley, Director of Economic Development, Dallas Regional Chamber
47. Nika Reinecke, Principal at Envision Planning Group LLC
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49. Mickey Hillock, President, Hillock Foods, Inc.
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51. VACANT
52. VACANT – Board recommended additional seat
53. VACANT – Board recommended additional seat



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Item 9

Exhibit: 2024-02-09-EDO

Meeting Date: February 22, 2024

Submitted By: Prit Patel
Senior Economic Development Manager

Item Title: Status Report on EDA Tech Hubs Grant

The North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) is tasked with providing technical assistance, consultation, and guidance on U. S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding opportunities.

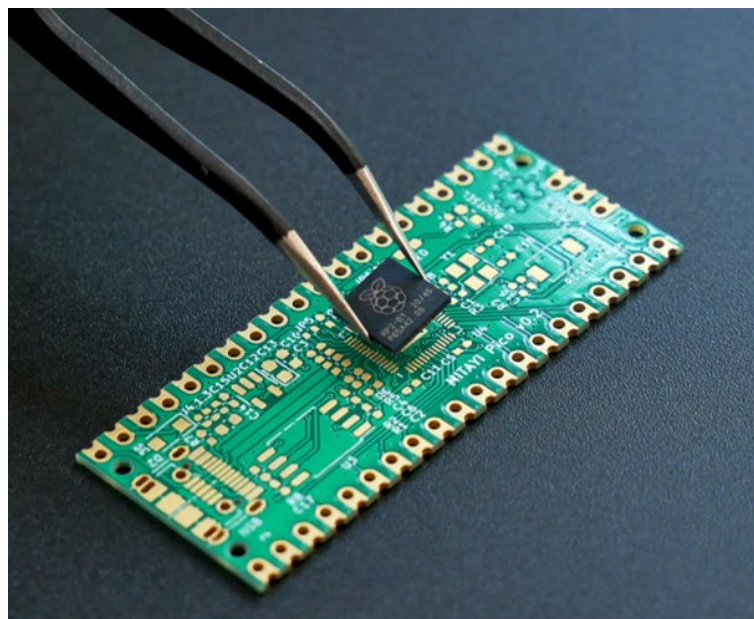
On May 12, 2023, the EDA released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for a Regional Technology and Innovation Hub program referred to as “Tech Hubs”. The EDA Tech Hub program was designed to “strengthen U.S. economic and national security through place-based investments in regions with the assets, resources, capacity, and potential to become globally competitive Tech Hubs, within approximately ten years, in the technologies and industries of the future, and for those industries, companies, and the good jobs they create to start, grow, and remain in the United States.”

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 behalf of a 29-county region that includes the North Central Texas, Texoma, and Southern Oklahoma regions. The Phase 1 grant proposal was submitted on August 15, 2023.

On October 23, 2023, the EDA, along with President Biden, announced that the Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub (TSTH) had been Designated as one of 31 EDA Tech Hubs across the country. This Designation allowed the TSTH to be eligible to compete for Phase 2 of the Tech Hub program. The TSTH has been actively working on Phase 2 proposals which are due on February 29, 2024. In Phase 2, EDA expects to award 5-10 of the Designated Tech Hubs with approximately \$40-\$75 million in funding per Hub.

Attachment 1 is an overview of the EDA Tech Hub program and a status update on the Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub. I will provide a brief presentation on this item and be available to answer questions from the Board.

Attachment



Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub

Prit Patel, Senior Economic Development Manager,
NCTEDD/NCTCOG



NCTEDD

North Central Texas
Economic Development
District



**North Central Texas
Council of Governments**

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

- North Central Texas Economic Development District (**NCTEDD**) is housed in the Executive Director's Office at the North Central Texas Council of Governments (**NCTCOG**)
- NCTEDD works on behalf of the Economic Development Administration (**EDA**)
- **NCTEDD represents NCTCOG's 16-Counties:** Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Erath, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise



NCTEDD

North Central Texas
Economic Development District

CHIPS and Science Act (2022)

CHIPS	Science
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) – Department of Commerce • National Science Foundation (NSF) • Department of Energy • Department of Defense <p>*dedicated to semiconductor chips</p> <p><u>Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors (CHIPS)</u> will boost American semiconductor research, development, and production, ensuring U.S. leadership in the technology that forms the foundation of everything from automobiles to household appliances to defense systems.</p> <p>It will strengthen American manufacturing, supply chains, and national security, and invest in research and development, science and technology, and the workforce of the future to keep the United States the leader in the industries of tomorrow...</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other technologies (including chips), innovation economy • Economic Development Administration (EDA) – Department of Commerce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional Technology and Innovation Hubs – “Tech Hubs”: catalyze investment in technologies critical to economic growth, national security, and job creation. ○ “Technologies of the future” manufacturing, workforce U.S. based ○ Consortium required ○ Authorized \$10billion, appropriated \$500M for 2023 • *Phase 1 and Phase 2 • *<u>Historical</u> opportunity

- White House, August 9, 2022

TIMELINE TECH HUBS PHASE 1 (\$500,000 Planning Grant)

TEXOMA SEMICONDUCTOR TECH HUB (TSTH)

- **April 18, 2023:** EDA Tech Hub program announcement
- **May 12, 2023:** Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) released
- **June 9, 2023:**
 - NCTEDD hosted a single meeting inviting all regional organization interested in Tech Hubs
 - **The Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub (TSTH) was formed.**
 - **Led by Southern Methodist University (SMU)**
 - **TSTH Region:** North Central Texas, Texoma, and Southern Oklahoma: **29 counties and Choctaw Nation**
- **June 9 – August 15, 2023:**
 - 4-month timeline
 - NCT Workforce Solutions
 - The Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub worked over the summer and submitted their Phase 1 proposal before the **August 15 deadline**

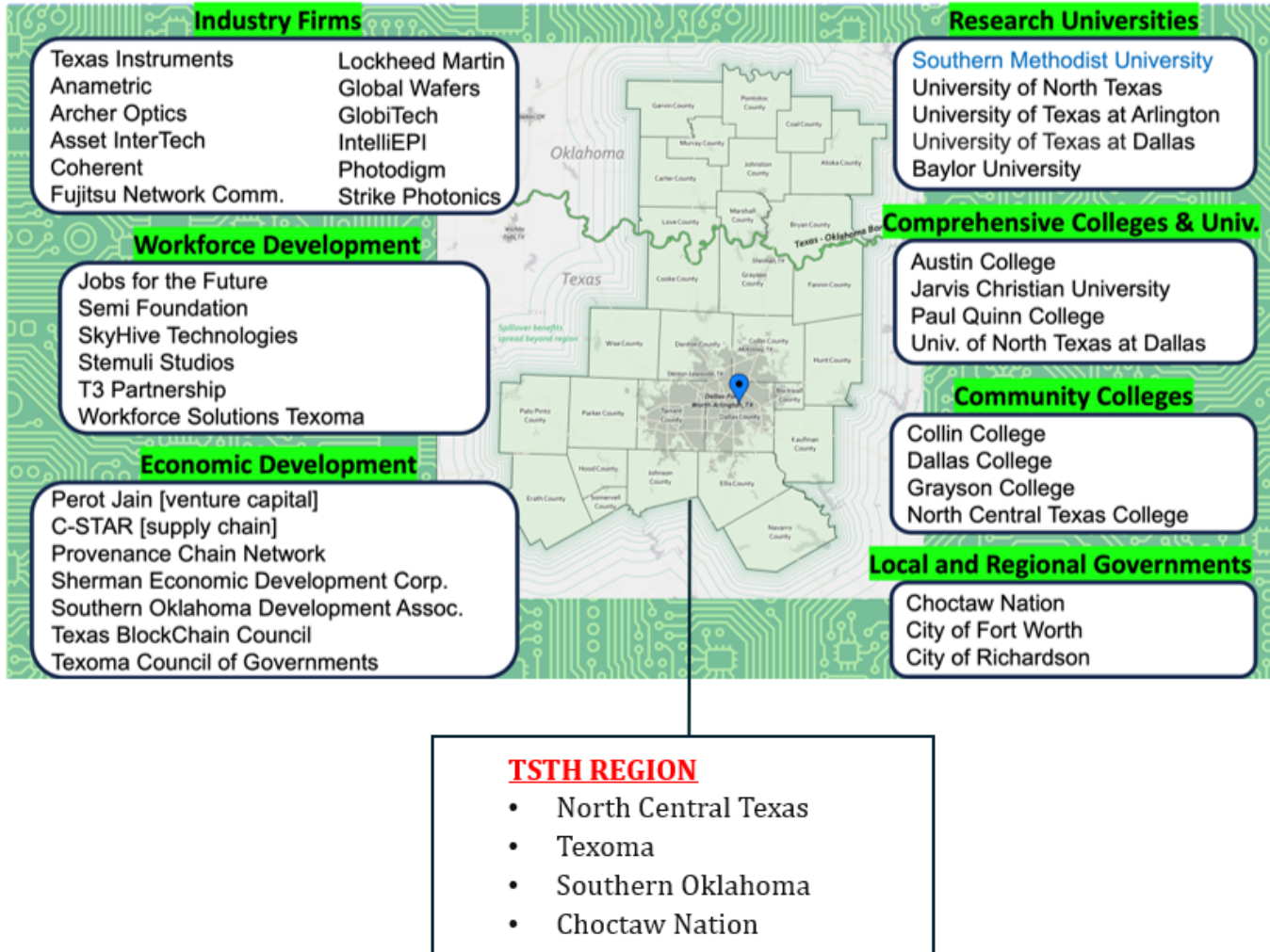




TECH HUBS PHASE 2: (\$40 - \$75 MILLION/PER AWARD)

- **October 23, 2023:** President Biden announced that the **Texoma Semiconductor Tech Hub (TSTH)** was selected as **one of 31 Tech Hubs** to **compete for Phase 2** of the Tech Hubs grant – total \$40-\$75 million/award per Hub. (~ 400 applications in Phase 1)
- **TSTH formally Designated as a Tech Hub**

TEXOMA SEMICONDUCTOR TECH HUB CONSORTIUM



TECH HUBS **PHASE 2:** TIMELINE

- November 1 – present:
 - NCTCOG formally joined the TSTH as Consortium members
 - NCT Workforce Solutions Leadership
 - TSTH Consortium has been actively working on **Phase 2 Component grants – 5 proposals**
 - Weekly meetings, two workshops, TSTH Launch Event at SMU
 - **4-month timeline**



TECH HUBS **PHASE 2**: PROPOSAL AREAS

- **WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS**

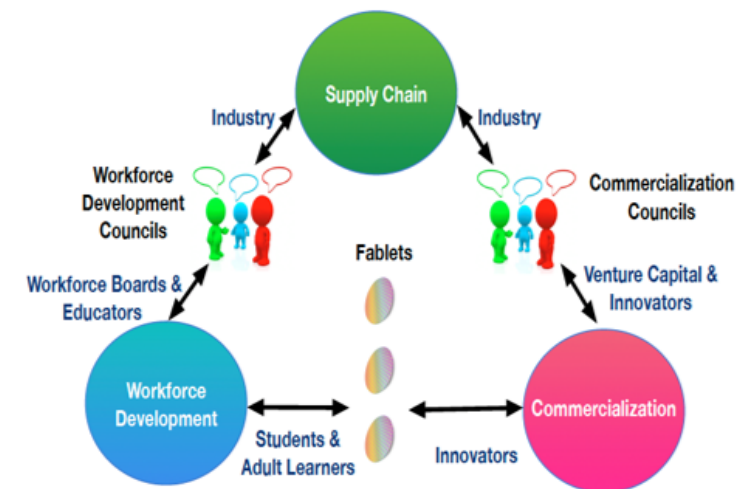
- Will collaboratively fulfill industry workforce requirements
- Success Ladder

- **COMMERCIALIZATION PROPOSALS**

- Will link innovators, venture capitalists, and industry representatives throughout the supply chain

- **“FABLETS”**

- Sophisticated, targeted, and accessible labs containing equipment for electronic design, semiconductor manufacturing, packaging, and/or testing

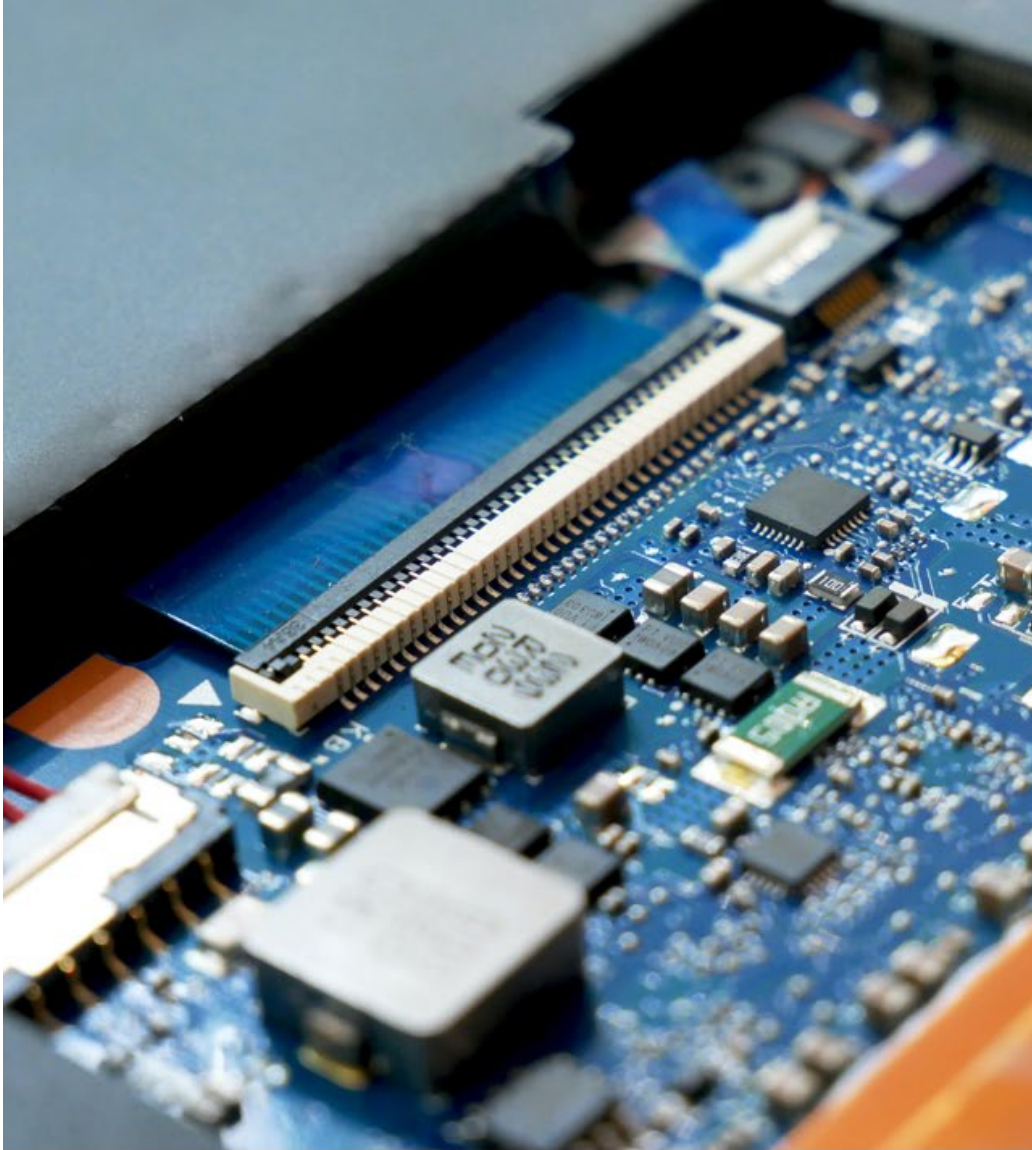


TECH HUBS PHASE 2 GRANTS: due February 29, 2024

PHASE 2 TECH HUB AWARD IMPACTS

- TSTH's 29-county region would become the **U.S. hub for the semiconductor chip industry**
- Bring the semiconductor chip **industry back to the U.S.** and make the U.S. a **globally competitive market** in the semiconductor chip industry
- Strengthen U.S. **economic and national security**
- Draw semiconductor chip industry and other industries to the **29-county region**
- Create jobs in the semiconductor chip industry, and other industries that are dependent on the chip
- Enable semiconductor chip industry businesses to start and scale – from **entrepreneurs to large corporations**
- Direct and indirect **economic development and workforce development** across the 29-county TSTH region
- Deploy and deliver **critical and emerging** technologies





Prit Patel, Senior Economic Development Manager

Executive Director's Office

North Central Texas Council of Governments/North Central Texas
Economic Development District

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TSTH LINKEDIN:

www.linkedin.com/company/texoma-semiconductor-tech-hub

- Hub updates
- Hub videos



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Item 10

Exhibit: 2024-02-10-EDO

Meeting Date: February 22, 2024

Submitted By: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

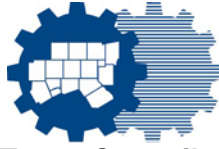
Item Title: Status Report on Discretionary Grant Awards

Last month, the Executive Board requested staff to prepare a listing and routinely update members on the status of discretionary grants that the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has submitted for funding consideration. In response, staff is preparing a document to include all discretionary grants authorized by the Executive Board and submitted since October 1, 2022. Grants are being categorized as either “Awarded”, “Not Awarded”, or “Pending”, which indicates no formal announcement of award has yet been received. Staff anticipates transmitting the document electronically to Board members in advance of the meeting and will definitely have a power point presentation ready for the February Executive Board meeting. Any feedback on the format and frequency of updates will be welcomed. Currently, we plan to provide updates on a quarterly basis.

NCTCOG EXECUTIVE BOARD ATTENDANCE

June 2023 - May 2024

Name	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	TOTAL	
Bill Heidemann President	P	P	P	P	P	P	NM	P					7	
Chris Hill Vice President	P	A	P	P	P	A	NM	P					5	
Victoria Johnson Secretary/Treasurer	P	P	P	P	P	P	NM	P					7	
Andrew Piel Past President	P	A	P	A	P	P	NM	V					5	
J.D. Clark	V	P	V	A	P	A	NM	A					4	
Jorja Clemson	P	P	P	P	A	P	NM	P					6	
Carlos Flores	P	A	A	P	A	A	NM	P					3	
Bowie Hogg		P	A	A	P	P	NM	P					4	
Clay Jenkins	V	P	V	A	P	P	NM	A					5	
Jennifer Justice		P	P	A	P	V	NM	P					5	
Todd Little	P	P	A	P	P	P	NM	P					6	
Linda Martin	P	P	P	P	P	A	NM	P					6	
Cara Mendelsohn	P	P	P	P	P	P	NM	P					7	
Bobbie Mitchell	P	P	P	P	P	A	NM	P					6	
Tim O'Hare	P	A	P	P	P	A	NM	P					5	
Kameron Raburn		P	P	P	P	P	NM	P					6	
Nick Stanley		P	A	V	A	V	NM	P					4	
Victoria Neave Criado - Ex Officio, Non-Voting Member	V	P	P	P	A	A	NM	A					4	
TOTAL PRESENT	14	14	14	13	14	11	0	15	0	0	0	0	95	
Attendance Code:	P=Present A=Absent V=Virtual NM=No meeting *Check previous the posted attendance sheet for that month													



North Central Texas Council of Governments

2024 NCTCOG Executive Board Calendar

Regular Meetings start at **12:45 pm** unless otherwise posted
 Meeting Location: CenterPoint II, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas

March 28, 2024	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
April 25, 2024	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
May 23, 2024	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
June 14, 2024	<i>GENERAL ASSEMBLY</i>
June 27, 2024	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
July 25, 2024	Executive Board Meeting & NCTCOG Foundation Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
August 22, 2024	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
September 26, 2024	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
October 24, 2024	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
November 21, 2024	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
December 19, 2024	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices