

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — March 28, 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 12:45 on March 28, 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. Cara Mendelsohn |
| 3. Victoria Johnson | 11. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 4. Andrew Piel (V) | 12. Tim O'Hare |
| 5. Jorja Clemson | 13. Kameron Raburn |
| 6. Carlos Flores | 14. Nick Stanley |
| 7. Bowie Hogg | 15. Victoria Neave Criado (V) |
| 8. Jennifer Justice | |

Members of the Board Absent:

1. J.D. Clark
2. Clay Jenkins
3. Linda Martin

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Susan Alvarez, Maribel Martinez, Phedra Redifer, Randy Richardson, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Tom McLain, Jessie Shadowens, Joaquin Escalante, Carolyn Burns, Cassidy Campbell, Ashley Harvey, Patience Akuffo, Paroo Mueglic, Emily Beckham, Dan Kessler, Chris Klaus, Lori Clark

Visitors Present:

Rob Barthen | GrantWorks

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

ACTION:

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

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

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

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Items 2 – 8 were posted on the agenda as Consent Items.

- Item 2 Resolution Accepting NCTCOG's North Central Texas Organic Waste Gap Analysis Technical Study**

Councilmember Hogg entered the meeting.

- Item 3 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Electronics Waste Recycling in North Central Texas Region**
- Item 4 Resolution Accepting the City of Grand Prairie's Disaster Debris Management Plan Update**
- Item 5 Resolution Authorizing Contract with Rheaply, Inc. for Materials Reuse for North Central Texas Region**
- Item 6 Resolution Accepting the City of Weatherford's Regional Composting Feasibility & Implementation Plan**
- Item 7 Resolution Authorizing an Extension of Services with Eco-Counter, Inc., to Continue Bicycle and Pedestrian (Active Transportation) User Count Services and Equipment Technology Upgrades**
- Item 8 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with White Settlement for Landbanking to Support Critical Regional Infrastructure**

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Justice (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell) to approve Consent Agenda Items 2 – 8, and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the Consent Agenda Items as posted.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

- Item 9 Resolution Authorizing Contracts with In-Home Service Providers**

Doni Green, Director of Area Agency on Aging (AAA), explained that in November 2023, the Executive Board authorized contracts with seven (7) providers for In-Home Services: Homemaker, Personal Assistance and Respite Services. Since that time, it has been determined that these providers do not have the capacity to adequately serve the AAA service area. Therefore, NCTCOG launched RFP #2024-40 in January 2024 for supplemental In-Home Services. Eleven (11) responses were received, which were evaluated by a staff review committee, which recommended that ten (10) respondents be awarded contracts.

With this as background information, staff requested approval to contract with 2Gether Resources Group, AccuAid Care Services, Aunt Mae's Home Care, Embark Care, J&L Innovations, KJ Quality Care, Koroheke Care, Lexiscom Group, Supportive In-Home Care, and Texas Care One Home Health Agency for in-home services for maximum sixty-five (65) month terms and in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$3,500,000.

Exhibit: 2024-03-09-AG

Councilmember Mendelsohn and Commissioner Raburn entered the meeting.

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

- Item 10 Resolution Authorizing Contract for Emergency Operations Centers/Fusion/Cyber Workshop and Tabletop Exercise**

Maribel Martinez, Director of Emergency Preparedness, requested Board authorization to enter a contractual agreement with Centurion Solutions for Emergency Operations Centers/Fusion/Cyber Workshop and Tabletop Exercise Services, in an amount not to exceed \$105,000. The contract will retain the services of collaboration of emergency management, cybersecurity, intelligence, and public safety partners in the development of a multi-discipline workshop and exercise to include NCTCOG area Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs), 3 area Fusion Centers, and cybersecurity stakeholders.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) #2024-034 for Emergency Operations Centers/Fusion/Cyber Workshop and Tabletop Exercise was issued and received eight (8) responsive proposals. Upon evaluation from the Evaluation Committee, comprised of staff from NCTCOG and the City of Carrollton, a contract award to Centurion Solutions is recommended.

Exhibit: 2024-03-10-EP

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 Authorizing Contracts for Compensation Study Consulting Services

Randy Richardson, Director of Administration, explained that a Request for Proposals (RFP) #2024-018 for Compensation Study Consulting and Optional Ancillary Services was issued and received six (6) responsive proposals. Upon evaluation by a review committee comprised of NCTCOG staff and representatives from the Cities of Keller, Grand Prairie, and McKinney, awards are being recommended to Management Advisory Group International, Cooperative Personal Services dba CPS HR Consulting, and Crowe LLP for maximum five (5) year terms.

The contracts will be available for use by members of the North Central Texas Council of Governments TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Exhibit: 2024-03-11-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 12 Resolution Authorizing Purchases of Information Technology Related Services

Tim Barbee, Director of Research and Information Services, requested Board authorization for the purchases of Information Technology (IT) related services for approximate five (5) year terms with the listed vendors and not to exceed amounts shown below:

Vendor	Five-Year Authorization
MCCI	\$ 1,925,000
BlueModus	\$ 4,505,000
M2 Strategy	\$ 460,000
Gartner	\$ 500,000
Planet Technologies	\$ 5,800,000
Webhead	\$ 2,780,000

These contract awards fall in line with the January 2024 Board approval for Deliverables-Based Information Technology Services (RFP #2023-069) with intended utilization by both NCTCOG and participating TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program members. The services accessed by NCTCOG from these vendors are offered at fixed rates for the life of the contract, providing significant potential benefit to the Agency.

Exhibit: 2024-03-12-RIS

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

Item 13 Resolution Approving the Process to Establish the Regional Project Priorities for the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant Program's Community Development Fund

Sue Alvarez, Director of Environment and Development, requested that the Board approve the process outlined below to establish the North Central Texas Regional Project Priorities for the 2025-2026 Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program's Community Development Fund:

- Provide non-entitlement communities in the region an opportunity (e.g., via an online survey) to select prioritized activities based on three tiers and to assign points to each tier
- Compile these results to evaluate trends and commonalities to assign a project priority tier to each activity category and points for each tier
- Present the prioritized tier results with a recommendation at a Public Meeting scheduled for May 3, 2024
- Provide a public comment period during the Public Meeting
- Establish the decision during the Public Meeting for the regional priorities based on input (e.g., via an online survey) and meeting feedback
- Notify Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) via email of the decision by May 15, 2024, with a document signed by the Executive Director or designee

Funding under this program is available to non-entitlement communities on a biennial basis for funding through a competition in each of the 24 state planning regions and is mostly used for Public Facilities (water/ wastewater infrastructure, street and drainage improvements, and housing activities) along with other activities. These Regional Project Priorities will account for 25 percent of the total points in scoring Community Development Fund applications.

Exhibit: 2024-03-13-ED

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

Item 14 Resolution Authorizing Grant Application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF) Grants Program

This item was withdrawn. No action was taken.

Item 15 Resolution Authorizing Grant Application to the Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, along with Susan Alvarez, Director of Environment & Development, requested Board authorization for submittal of a grant application in the amount of approximately \$199 million to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to implement measures that reduce greenhouse gas and criteria pollutant emissions across the transportation, energy, water/wastewater, solid waste, and agriculture/forestry/land-use sectors. Mr. Morris explained that Executive Board approval was received at the February 22, 2024, meeting for submission of the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan to fulfill the Priority Climate Action Plan requirement under the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program.

The EPA will conduct a competitive project selection based on criteria below:

Tier	Grant Ranges	Anticipated Number of Grants to be Awarded
Tier A	\$200M - \$500M	4-10
Tier B	\$100M - \$199M	6-13
Tier C	\$50M - \$99M	6-12
Tier D	\$10M - \$49M	6-30
Tier E	\$2M - \$9.9M	10-50

Due to the EPA criteria and structure of the awards, staff proposes to submit a collaborative regional proposal under Tier B on behalf of the entire NCTCOG area to optimize emissions reductions and minimize competition between local governments with the understanding that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) also plans to submit a grant proposal in the Tier A category. In the event TCEQ does not pursue a proposal, staff proposes to increase the NCTCOG funding request to approximately \$398 million to compete in the Tier A category.

Exhibit: 2024-03-15-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor Stanley (seconded by Councilmember Justice), and unanimous vote of all members

present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 16 Resolution Authorizing Agreements for the Receipt of Funds for Planning and Implementation Programs from the Texas Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to receive Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, Category 10, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, and Regional Toll Revenue funds and associated match in the amount of approximately \$96,278,000 (\$66,313,000 STBG + \$10,025,000 CMAQ + \$4,000,000 Category 10 + \$12,690,000 RTR + \$1,250,000 Local + \$1,000,000 State + \$1,000,000 RTR as match + 14,467,600 in RTC Transportation Development Credits in lieu of cash match) as reflected in Attachment 1. Programming of funds for these projects was previously approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC).

ATTACHMENT 1

Program Title (Non-Construction Projects)	TIP Code	RTC Approval Date	Funding Source	Total Funding Amount TDCs not included in total	Federal/ Regional	Match Amount				Fiscal Year(s)*	Program Status
						State	Local	RTR	TDC*		
Air Quality Energy Efficiency Initiatives	11850	10/13/2022	RTR	\$ 2,350,000	\$ 2,350,000					25-26	New
Air Quality Public Education and Outreach Programs	11857	10/13/2022	CMAQ	\$ 2,075,000	\$ 2,075,000					25-26	New
			STBG	\$ 2,075,000	\$ 2,075,000				530,000	25-26	Ongoing
Arlington Entertainment District Special Event User App	20010	10/12/2023	RTR	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000					25	New
Automated Transportation System Initiative	11854	7/13/2023	STBG	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000					25-26	New
Autonomous Mobile Vehicle to Residential Locations Pilot Project	11854	5/12/2022	STBG	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000				100,000	25-26	New
Dallas International District Automated Transportation System	21044	5/12/2022	STBG	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000				1,000,000	25	New
Technology to Detect & Verify Auto Occupancy	11853	10/13/2022	STBG	\$ 3,888,000	\$ 3,888,000				400,000	25	New
DRIV Automated Vehicle Work Zone Project (Region-Wide)	11875	3/21/2024	STBG	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000				777,600	25-26	Ongoing
Environmental Impact Statement Coordination on Regional Projects	10000	10/13/2022	STBG	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000				500,000	25	Ongoing
Flooded Roads Information Systems Project	24003	2/9/2024	STBG	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000				80,000	25	Ongoing
High-Speed Rail Cedars Planning Study	21023	5/12/2022	STBG	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000				400,000	25	New
H 30 from Dallas Tarrant County Line to I-635	21079	5/12/2022	STBG	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 500,000				25	New
H 30 from I-35W to Dallas Tarrant County Line	21080	5/12/2022	STBG	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 200,000				25	New
Land Use Transportation and Bike Pedestrian Initiatives	11847	10/13/2022	STBG	\$ 5,875,000	\$ 5,875,000					25-26	Ongoing
Management and Oversight of Regional Safety Program	14036	10/13/2022	STBG	\$ 11,075,000	\$ 11,075,000				2,218,000	25-26	Ongoing
Manfield Line Passenger Rail Study	10003	10/13/2022	STBG	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000				200,000	25	New
Motley Avenue Transit Authority M-Line Extension	14014	10/13/2022	STBG	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000				120,000	25	New
Northwest and Southwest Fort Worth Subarea Studies	10004	10/13/2022	STBG	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,100,000				220,000	25-26	New
Pland Legacy Area Automated Transportation System	11854	10/13/2022	STBG	\$ 375,000	\$ 375,000				75,000	25	New
Regional Air Quality Initiatives	11854	10/13/2022	STBG	\$ 5,300,000	\$ 5,300,000				1,250,000	25-26	Ongoing
Regional Parking Management Tools and Strategies Program	11892	10/13/2022	STBG	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000				110,000	25	Ongoing
Regional Scrap Tire Abatement Program Development & Implementation	10001	3/21/2024	RTR	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000					25	New
Regional Traffic Management Systems	11891	10/13/2022	STBG	\$ 5,515,000	\$ 5,515,000				1,103,000	25-26	Ongoing
Regional Traffic Signal Redesign	11812	10/13/2022	CMAQ	\$ 7,950,000	\$ 7,950,000				1,590,000	25-26	Ongoing
Roadway Safety Audits	11825	12/14/2023	STBG	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 1,500,000				300,000	25	New
Safety Program to Reduce Youth Fatalities due to Motor Vehicle Crashes	11847	3/21/2024	RTR	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000					25	New
South Dallas Improved Bicycle Pedestrian Route to Rail and Transit Technology Upgrade	25104	4/14/2022	RTR	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000		\$1,250,000			25	New
Special Events Management	15007	10/13/2022	STBG	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 1,150,000				230,000	25-26	Ongoing
Technical Experts Assistance for Surface Transportation Planning Projects and Legal Support for Improbable Financing on Transportation and Air Quality	11854	10/13/2022	RTR	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000					25	Ongoing
Technology and Innovation 3.0	15003	10/13/2022	STBG	\$ 1,550,000	\$ 1,550,000				330,000	25-26	New
Travel Surveys and Data Collection Model Refinement Program	11822	4/10/13/2022	STBG	\$ 5,450,000	\$ 5,450,000				1,082,000	25-26	Ongoing
Vertical Priorities Roadway Corridor Identified in the Regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and Scoping, Safety Plan	25015	12/14/2023	Category 10	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 4,000,000			\$1,000,000		25	New
				\$96,278,000	\$ 93,028,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,000,000	14,467,600		

* Fiscal Year denotes year in which funds are programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program. However, funds may be spent over multiple years depending on project requirements and schedules pursuant to this authorization.
 ** \$4,467,600 of Transportation Development Credits utilized in lieu of local match and are not included in funding total.
 *** Funding type or funding year was entered as a staff action, allowable based on RTC TRIP modification policies.

Prepared for presentation to NCTCOG Executive Board March 2024

Exhibit: 2024-03-16-TR

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

Item 17 Resolution Authorizing Amended Agreement for Receipt of Funds from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization amending the agreement between NCTCOG and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for air quality planning activities in Hood and Hunt counties to add approximately \$281,250 in the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 biennium for a new total of approximately \$562,500. He explained that the funding is under Rider 7 of TCEQ's legislative appropriation for affected counties that are not designated "nonattainment" for the federal ozone standards. Anticipated activities to be conducted include air quality monitoring and inventories of emissions-causing activities, including use of fleet vehicles, electricity consumption, and vehicle crashes.

Exhibit: 2024-03-17-TR

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 18 Resolution Authorizing Amended Agreement with the University of Texas at Arlington to Support Department of Defense Agile Curriculum Program

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization amending the agreement between NCTCOG and the University of Texas at Arlington to add an additional \$100,000 to the original not-to-exceed amount of \$300,000 for a new total agreement not-to-exceed of \$400,000 to support the Department of Defense Agile Curriculum Program. He explained that approval of agreements with the University of Texas at Arlington, Tarrant County College, and Dallas College were obtained from the Executive Board at their December 1, 2022, meeting for the creation of an Agile Curriculum Development Program for Aerospace and Defense Manufacturing. Since the execution of agreements, reallocation of funding between the recipients has been identified. NCTCOG will no longer carry out an agreement with Tarrant County College, and \$100,000 in funding will be reallocated and added to the University of Texas at Arlington's original \$300,000 agreement for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$400,000. Funding will remain with Dallas College to utilize the Dallas College Compression Planning Program identified as a key element in the Agile Curriculum.

Exhibit: 2024-03-18-TR

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Item 19 Appointments to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD)

Prit Patel, Sr. Economic Development Manager, requested that the Board appoint the following eight (8) appointments on the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) Board:

Three-Year Term Appointment Request	Board Category
Gaby Castillo , Business Development Coordinator, City of Dallas	>500,000 Population
Gus Garcia , Economic Development Director, City of Arlington	250,000 - 500,000 Population
Richard Perez , Senior Research and Data Manager, Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas	Workforce Solutions
Phedra Redifer , Executive Director, Workforce Solutions North Central Texas	Workforce Solutions
Lisa Harrison , Administrator Coach, Education Service Center 11 (College, Career, and Military Readiness, and Career and Technical Education)	Education Sector
Dr. Rupa Iyer , Vice President of Research Innovation & Economic Development, Tarleton State University	Education Sector
Taylor Shead , Chief Executive Officer, STEMuli Studios	Principal Economic Interests
Mary Sarver , Mayor Pro Tem, City of Grandview	Johnson County

The NCTEDD functions as an advisory board to the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) Executive Board and guides the work of the region's Economic Development District, which is managed and staffed by NCTCOG.

Exhibit: 2024-03-19-EDO

Upon a Motion by Judge Little (seconded by Councilmember Johnson), and unanimous vote of all members

present, the Board approved the appointments as presented.

STATUS REPORTS:

Item 20 Announcement of the President's 2024 Executive Board Nominating Committee

President Heidemann presented a list of NCTCOG Past Presidents whom he has requested to serve on the 2024 Executive Board Nominating Committee. He explained that the current President serves as Chair of this Committee which is charged with qualifying nominees and recommending a slate of Officers and Board Members for 2024-2025. This recommended slate will be proposed for election at the Annual General Assembly Meeting to be held June 14, 2024, at the Hurst Conference Center.

Exhibit: 2024-03-20-EDO

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 21 Old and New Business

Mike Eastland mentioned that with the upcoming Solar Eclipse, the Emergency Preparedness Department has been heavily involved in logistics and safety awareness for the community. He also mentioned that May 23rd the Executive Board meeting conflicts with a Republican State Convention and that several Board members would be attending, and therefore, staff would determine if the meeting could be cancelled.

Item 22 Attendance and Calendar

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

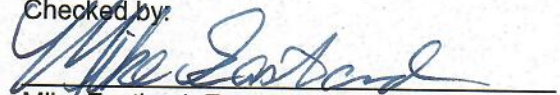
President Heidemann adjourned the meeting at 1:52 pm.

Approved by:



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

Checked by:



Mike Eastland, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments