

# NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — September 28, 2023

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 12:48 pm on September 28, 2023. Mike Eastland took attendance and determined that a quorum was physically present.

### Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Bill Heidemann   | 8. Cara Mendelsohn        |
| 2. Chris Hill       | 9. Bobbie Mitchell        |
| 3. Victoria Johnson | 10. Tim O'Hare            |
| 4. Jorja Clemson    | 11. Kameron Raburn        |
| 5. Carlos Flores    | 12. Nick Stanley (V)      |
| 6. Todd Little      | 13. Victoria Neave Criado |
| 7. Linda Martin     |                           |

### Members of the Board Absent:

1. Andrew Piel
2. J.D. Clark
3. Bowie Hogg
4. Clay Jenkins
5. Jennifer Justice

### Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Susan Alvarez, Maribel Martinez, Christy Williams, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Tom McLain, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Richard Michael, Lisa Sack, Megan Short, Shannon Stevenson, Randy Richardson, Jon Blackman, Kate Zielke, Cassidy Campbell, Hannah Allen, Ernest Huffman

### 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 August Board meeting.

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Flores (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), the Board approved the minutes of the August Executive Board meeting with an amendment by Judge Hill indicating that the vote was not unanimous on *Item 8: Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to Study the Implementation of Bikeway Facilities to DART Rail Stations.*

**Item 2 Conduct a Public Hearing Regarding the Annual Fiscal Program for FY 2024 and Consider a Resolution to Approve and Adopt the Annual Fiscal Program**

Randy Richardson, Assistant Finance Director, provided an overview of the revenue sources and expenditures associated with the proposed FY 2024 Annual Fiscal Budget of \$291,516,755. He reminded the Board that the Finance Committee had been provided an in-depth presentation of the proposed budget at a meeting held prior to the September Board meeting and that the Board was given a less detailed briefing at the regular meeting on that same day. Following Mr. Richardson's presentation, President Heidemann opened a public hearing on the proposed 2024 Annual Fiscal Program. There were no public comments or questions, so the public hearing was closed and the Board was requested to adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Program.

Exhibit: 2023-09-02-AA

*Councilmember Mendelsohn entered the meeting.*

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 3 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Electronic Devices with Related Equipment and Accessories**

Jon Blackman, Sr. Business Solutions Manager, requested Board authorization to enter contractual agreements with N1 Critical Technologies, Netsync Network Solutions and Smart IT Pros for electronic devices with related equipment and accessories through the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) TXShare cooperative purchasing program for maximum five (5) year terms. These contracts will allow entities to maintain and manage their electronics and related needs.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued & reviewed by a committee comprised of various departments within NCTCOG. Of the five proposals that were received, three proposals are being recommended for award: N1 Critical Technologies, Netsync Network Solutions and Smart IT Pros.

Exhibit: 2023-09-03-AA

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

**Item 4 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Grants Management and Consulting Services**

Jon Blackman, Sr. Business Solutions Manager, requested Board authorization to enter contractual agreements with Ascend Nonprofit and Business Solutions, LLC; Booth Management and Consulting, LLC; Continuity Operations Group, LLC; CSRS, LLC; Grantworks, Inc.; Hagerty Consulting, Inc.; Innovative Emergency Management, Inc.; Metric Engineering, Inc.; Tetra Tech, Inc.; and Witt O'Brien's, LLC, for Grants Management and Consulting Services through the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) TXShare cooperative purchasing program for maximum five (5) year terms.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued and returned twenty-two (22) proposals. Upon evaluation, by a committee comprised of NCTCOG staff, the evaluation committee is recommending contract awards to the ten (10) aforementioned firms.

Exhibit: 2023-09-04-AA

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

**Item 5 Resolution Authorizing FY2024 Purchase of Computer Hardware, Software, and Information Technology Contract Services for the Agency**

Tim Barbee, Director of Research and Information Services, requested Board authorization for purchase of computer hardware, software, and Information Technology contract services, consistent with Attachment A, in an amount not to exceed \$7,323,000.

#	Category	Vendor(s)	Costs
<b>New Board Authorizations</b>			
1	<b>Client Devices and Accessories:</b> Includes the cost of all printers, scanners, computers, tablets, monitors, headsets, accessories, and associated warranties. These items are typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	CDWG, Dell, SHI	\$750,000
2	<b>Client Productivity Software and Software as a Service (SaaS):</b> Includes the cost of client productivity and collaboration software or software as a service. This includes Adobe, Smartsheet, Zoom, DocuSign, and other SaaS or productivity software. These items are typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	Carahsoft, Cartovista, CDWG, Echo360, Insight, Quark Software, SHI	\$270,000
3	<b>Network, Internet, and Associated Services:</b> Includes the cost of equipment for the network routers, switches, firewalls, access points, and data network equipment and associated warranties and software maintenance. These items are typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	CDWG, Flair Data Systems	\$200,000
4	<b>Data Center and Infrastructure Equipment:</b> Includes the cost of replacing, upgrading, or purchasing new data center server, storage, and data protection equipment, including any warranties or software maintenance contracts. These items are typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	CDWG, FreeIT, UDI/Converged	\$500,000
5	<b>Cabling and Wiring Services:</b> Includes the cost of cabling services, installing patch panels and equipment racks, and testing existing cabling and wiring. This will be purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	NCS	\$100,000
6	<b>Internet, Telephone, and Wide Area Network Services:</b> Includes the cost for Internet and telephone connectivity for the Agency and the cost of the wide area network connectivity required for the Workforce Department. This will be purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	TEX-AN Services	\$225,000
7	<b>Financial System Software Maintenance:</b> Includes the maintenance of Deltek financial software. This is a sole source purchase.	Deltek	\$175,000
8	<b>Transportation Modeling Software:</b> Includes the maintenance of Caliper Transcad Modeling and add-ons software. This is a sole source purchase.	Caliper	\$78,000
9	<b>Laserfiche Software and Support:</b> Includes the cost of Laserfiche software and maintenance, and the cost of support services for the Laserfiche software and related technologies. This will be purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	MCCi	\$260,000
10	<b>Website Licensing, Migrations and Support:</b> Includes the cost of licensing and related services for the main NCTCOG website and other websites on the Kentico platform. This will be purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	BlueModus, SHI	\$310,000
11	<b>Security Software, Services, and Hardware:</b> Includes funds for the maintenance, support, and associated services for security hardware and software. Typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing agreement.	Carahsoft, ePlus, General Datatech, Kudelski Security, Optiv, SHI	\$435,000

12	<b>Microsoft Enterprise Agreement:</b> Costs for software licenses, subscriptions, and cloud services purchased off of the Microsoft Enterprise (EA) or Cloud Solution Provider (CSP) Agreement. The typical agreement term is 3 years and purchased off a cooperative purchasing agreement.	SHI	\$2,250,000
13	<b>Microsoft Software Support Services:</b> Includes the cost of the Microsoft annual support contract, and consulting services on Microsoft technologies such as System Center Configuration Manager, SQL Database software, Microsoft 365, and Windows Server, or Application Performance Monitoring. Typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing agreement.	Microsoft, Planet Technologies, SHI	\$550,000
14	<b>Gartner Service Agreement:</b> Costs for Gartner business management and consulting services purchased through a Gartner services agreement. The typically agreement is 3 years and purchased off a cooperative purchasing agreement.	Gartner	\$230,000
15	<b>Web/Application Development Software and Services:</b> Includes funds for the maintenance, support, and associated services for web and application development. Typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing agreement and/or existing services contract.	BlueModus, Eixsys, SHI, Webhead	\$990,000
<b>TOTAL AUTHORIZATIONS:</b>			<b>\$7,323,000</b>

Exhibit: 2023-09-05-RIS

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

**Item 6 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Haystax to Enhance the Urban Area Situational Awareness Project**

Maribel Martinez, Director of Emergency Preparedness, requested Board authorization to enter a contractual agreement with Haystax to enhance the Urban Area Situational Awareness project in an amount not to exceed \$210,000. She explained that the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) requested the renewal of the contract with Haystax to provide enhanced solutions for the integration of real-time data feeds, GIS Overlays, Events, Incidents and Mobile Field Reports using an intuitive mapping interface. These continued capabilities will help responders prioritize threats and hazards and accelerate decision making abilities. Haystax has products and services available to meet this need utilizing the General Services Administration (GSA) cooperative purchasing program.

Exhibit: 2023-09-06-EP

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 7 Resolution Authorizing the FY2024 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Office of the Governor Public Safety Office**

Maribel Martinez, Director of Emergency Preparedness, requested Board authorization to enter an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (ILA) with the Office of the Governor to (1) manage and administer the Homeland Security Grant Program in an approximate amount of \$50,000 and (2) provide Criminal Justice planning and coordination activities in an approximate amount of \$218,472.09, for a total approximate amount of \$270,000. The Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office (PSO) executes a single Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to provide Homeland Security Grants Division (HSGD) and Criminal Justice Division (CJD) services through its Emergency Preparedness and Criminal Justice Departments; however, there are two separate Statements of Work (SOW) attachments to the agreement - one

SOW for HSGD deliverables and one SOW for CJD deliverables. The performance period is September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024.

Exhibit: 2023-09-07-EP

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

**Item 8 Resolution Authorizing the Receipt of Federal Transit Administration Funding through the Fiscal Year 2023 Emergency Relief Grants for Public Transportation Systems Affected by Major Declared Disasters**

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization for the acceptance of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds through the Fiscal Year 2023 Emergency Relief Grants for Public Transportation Systems Affected by Major Declared Disasters program. The program supports response, recovery, and rebuilding for damage caused by natural disasters. Funding in an amount not to exceed \$90,000, utilizing 9,000 Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of local cash match, will be used for Public Transit Services (PTS), the small transit provider in Parker and Palo Pinto counties, that suffered damage to its facilities from the severe winter storm of 2021.

Exhibit: 2023-09-08-TR

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

**Item 9 Resolution Authorizing the Reallocation of Federal Transit Administration Funding Provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act**

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to reallocate \$1,224,251 of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding provided through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington (DFWA) Urbanized Area (UZA). He explained that in April 2020, the Board previously approved NCTCOG to enter into an agreement with FTA in the amount of \$10,776,382 in federal funds for subrecipient and grant oversight activities of which NCTCOG retained \$796,572. He further explained that NCTCOG normally retains 1.0 percent of annual FTA funding for administrative purposes of the DFWA UZA, however, the percentage was reduced to .25 percent to maximize the amount going to transit providers in the region. The reallocation of the \$1,224,251 previously programmed to Community Transit Services, Inc. (CTS) to NCTCOG ensures that the region will avoid any possible recissions of unspent funds before the grant expires and will increase NCTCOG's portion to approximately 0.6 percent of the original grant award.

Exhibit: 2023-09-09-TR

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 10 Resolution Endorsing Fiscal Year 2023 Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant Application submitted to the United States Department of Transportation**

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board endorsement for the submission of a grant application in the amount of \$95 million in federal Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN) funding to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT). He explained the funding is competitive and will be awarded for a project that removes, retrofits, or mitigates transportation facilities and creates mobility, accessibility, and/or economic development barriers to community connectivity and vitality.

NCTCOG will focus on the construction of four pedestrian caps, with TxDOT being the implementing agency:

- Klyde Warren Park (Phase 2)
- Southern Gateway Park (Phase 2)
- Interstate Highway 30 in Dallas near Farmer's Market and Old City Park
- McKinney State Highway 5

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved the submittal of the capital construction grant application for a total of \$95 million in funding under the RCN Program, with a \$70.55 million non-federal match (\$56.75 million city/county local match; \$5 million Regional Toll Revenue match; \$8.8 million private match), and \$71.25 million in other federal funds. NCTCOG will work with the USDOT on the most efficient method to transfer these funds to the region.

Exhibit: 2023-09-10-TR

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

**Item 11 Resolution Authorizing Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation Under the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation Grant Program**

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization for the submittal of an application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) under the Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) Grant Program in the amount of \$2,000,000 which was approved by the Regional Transportation Council at its September meeting. He explained that the SMART program funds demonstration projects focused on advanced smart city or community technologies and systems in a variety of communities for the improvement of transportation efficiency and safety. Staff will submit a SMART grant application for the maximum allowed \$2 million in federal funds for a planning grant with no local match requirement. The application is for the North Texas Minimum Viable Unmanned Traffic Management Infrastructure which will complete a feasibility study to determine feasibility of regional solutions for minimum viable uncrewed transportation management infrastructure to integrate into Federal Aviation Administration uncrewed transportation management key site locations.

Exhibit: 2023-09-11-TR

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

**Item 12 Resolution Authorizing Use of Additional RTC Local Funds to Support HOV/Managed Lane Pooled Fund Study**

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization for the use of an additional \$45,000 in Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funds for a three-year commitment to continue participation in the Federal Highway Administration's HOV/Managed Lane Pooled Fund Study, consistent with the RTC's approval at its July 2023 meeting. He explained that NCTCOG's Transportation Department has participated in a Pooled Fund Study for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and toll roads since 2015. The initiative is administered by the Federal Highway Administration, in memory of Ron Kirby, MPO Director from Washington, DC, and is a resource for achieving common research goals for public agencies. Staff will assist with overseeing research regarding critical policy, program, and technical issues that arise during the planning, design, and operation of managed lanes. Additionally, staff will help with the development of national policy requirements and program guidelines related to performance monitoring, evaluation, and reporting, as well as enforcement and traffic incident management.

Exhibit: 2023-09-12-TR

*Mayor Stanley left the meeting.*

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Raburn (seconded by Councilmember Flores), the resolution was approved with Judge O'Hare voting no.

**Item 13 Resolution Authorizing Purchase and Placement of Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives in Fiscal Year 2024**

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to spend up to \$1,540,700 for the purchase and placement of department education campaigns to be initiated in FY2024 for the following Purposes: Public Involvement, Congestion Relief, Safety, Air Quality, and Contingency.

FY2024 education campaigns was proposed to support the activities listed below:

- Public Involvement (Public Involvement) - focuses on notifications of public input/meetings, aims to provide reasonable opportunities for the public to learn about and comment on the region's transportation plans according to requirements of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
- Congestion Management Program (Congestion Relief) - a voluntary educational program that promotes alternatives to driving alone (such as carpooling/vanpooling, transit, biking, walking, and telecommuting) on a commute trip.
- Drive Aware North Texas (Safety) - aims to provide driver safety awareness in the region.
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety (Look Out Texans) (Safety) - aims to educate on safety issues and mitigation strategies for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians.
- Regional Smoking Vehicles, Car Care Awareness, Local Air Quality Projects (Air Quality) - designed to inform vehicle owners their vehicles may be creating excessive smoke and emitting pollutants, which are harmful to health and the environment, and provide information on ways to fix their vehicles.
- HOV 2+ Incentive Program (GoCarma) (Congestion Relief) - promotes carpool discounts with GoCarma, which rewards high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) 2+ drivers on tolled managed lanes in the region during weekday peak periods.
- Ozone Season Emissions Reduction Campaign (Air North Texas) (Air Quality) - promotes transportation-related clean air strategies and activities in the Dallas-Fort Worth nonattainment area.
- Clean Cities/National Drive Electric Week (Air Quality) - an outreach opportunity to educate attendees on vehicle technologies that aim to reduce vehicular emissions.
- Flexible Funding for Public Involvement/Notifications (Contingency) - focuses on notifications of public input/meetings, aims to provide reasonable opportunities for the public to learn about and comment on the region's transportation plans according to requirements of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. *(only if additional needs should arise)*

Table 1 below was presented to summarize the Educational Campaigns by Purpose. Note: The Safety line item was incorrectly identified with a 35% share, the correct share is 25%.

Table 1

### Purchase and Placement of Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives for FY2024

Purpose	Share
Public Involvement	17%
Congestion Relief	31%
Safety	35%
Air Quality	25%
Contingency	2%

Table 2 below was included in the draft resolution as staff's recommendation.

Table 2

Exhibit: 2023-09-13-TR  
Resolution Attachment 1

Purchase and Placement of Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives for FY2024					
Program Name	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Match Source	Match Total	Total
Public Involvement	TPF/STBG/ FTA/EPA/RTC Local	\$ 254,700	TDCs	45,940	\$ 254,700
Congestion Management Program	STBG	\$ 400,000	TDCs	80,000	\$ 400,000
Drive Aware North Texas	STBG	\$ 300,000	TDCs	60,000	\$ 300,000
Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety (Look Out Texans)	STBG	\$ 80,000	TDCs	16,000	\$ 80,000
RSVP, Car Care Events, Local Air Quality Projects	STBG	\$ 56,000	TDCs	11,200	\$ 56,000
HOV 2+ Incentive Program (GoCarma)	STBG	\$ 60,000	TxDOT	\$15,000	\$ 75,000
Ozone Season Emissions Reduction Campaign (Air North Texas)	CMAQ	\$ 205,000	TDCs	41,000	\$ 205,000
Clean Cities/National Drive Electric Week	STBG	\$ 130,000	TDCs	26,000	\$ 130,000
Flexible Funding*	STBG/CMAQ/ TPF/FTA/RTR/ LOCAL	\$ 40,000	TDCs/TBD	10,000	\$ 40,000
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 1,525,700</b>		<b>290,140</b>	<b>\$ 1,540,700</b>

\*Specific funding source, including match source, will be determined by the project(s) using the Flexible Category, and could also include RTC Local.

Judge Hill made a Motion to Approve the Public Involvement and Safety related Educational Campaigns, which was seconded by Judge O'Hare. Councilmember Mendelsohn requested that the Motion be amended to include Contingency / Flexible Funding items, which was accepted by Judge Hill. The Motion as amended was to approve the Public Involvement, Safety, and Contingency Categories, which is reflected in Table 3 below, for an amount up to \$674,700. The Motion as amended was approved. Commissioner Mitchell voted no on the Motion as amended.

Table 3  
(Board Approved Campaigns)

Exhibit: 2023-09-13-TR  
Amended Resolution Attachment 1

Purchase and Placement of Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives for FY2024					
Program Name	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Match Source	Match Total	Total
Public Involvement	TPF/STBG/ FTA/EPA/RTC Local	\$ 254,700	TDCs	45,940	\$ 254,700
Drive Aware North Texas (Safety)	STBG	\$ 300,000	TDCs	60,000	\$ 300,000
Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety (Look Out Texans) (Safety)	STBG	\$ 80,000	TDCs	16,000	\$ 80,000
Flexible Funding* (Contingency)	STBG/CMAQ/ TPF/FTA/RTR/ LOCAL	\$ 40,000	TDCs/TBD	10,000	\$ 40,000
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 674,700</b>		<b>131,940</b>	<b>\$ 674,700</b>

\*Specific funding source, including match source, will be determined by the project(s) using the Flexible Category, and could also include RTC Local.

**Item 14 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Agile Mile, Inc. for a Hosted Website and Application Solution for the Try Parking It Program**

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to enter into a contractual agreement with Agile Mile, Inc., to provide hosted website services for the Try Parking It program for a total amount not to



exceed \$1,400,000 over a three-year term. The Try Parking It program consists of a two-part solution for reducing the number of vehicles on the road and for tracking the savings that result from those vehicle reductions. The website enables commuters in the North Central Texas region to record information about alternative commute trips such as carpooling, vanpooling, transit trips, biking, walking, and telecommuting as well as assists commuters in locating carpool and vanpool ride-matches.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued for a hosted website and application solution for TryParkingIt.com, which included a requirement for a built-in award system that incorporates sustainable incentives, along with business recruitment and commuter outreach services. Following evaluation by a Consultant Selection Committee (CSC), Agile Mile, Inc., is being recommended to complete the scope of work for this project. Agile Mile, Inc., is committed to a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation goal of 44 percent, which exceeds the minimum Transportation Department DBE participation goal of 13.1 percent for this type of service.

Exhibit: 2023-09-14-TR

*Councilmember Raburn left the meeting.*

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

**Item 15 Resolution Approving Materials Management Call for Projects Funding Recommendations and Authorizing Agreements with Subrecipients**

Susan Alvarez, Director of Environment and Development, requested Board approval for the Materials Management Call for Projects funding recommendations as identified in Attachment 1. She explained that NCTCOG receives allocated state funds through the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) each biennium for solid waste management planning, technical assistance to our member governments, and administering of subrecipient grants. TCEQ allocated approximately \$2.2 million to NCTCOG for the current biennium, with 52% allocated to implementation funds and 48% allocated to NCTCOG administrative funds.

**Attachment 1  
Materials Management Call for Projects Recommended Funding  
September 2023**

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Recommended Award</b>
City of Cleburne	Household Hazardous Waste Program Expansion	\$ 36,700.00
City of Dallas	Technical study of siting a regionally accessible composting facility at the City of Dallas McCommas Bluff Landfill	\$ 163,200.00
City of Denton	Styrofoam Densifier	\$ 70,850.00
City of Denton	Residential Recycling Education and Incentives	\$ 64,702.00
City of Farmers Branch	Recycle Staging Storage Building at the Farmers Branch Citizen Collection Station	\$ 20,000.00
City of Garland	Garland Givers Volunteers Kick Starter Program	\$ 80,771.61
City of Grapevine	Screened Materials Recycle Program	\$ 200,000.00
City of Grapevine	Litter Ends With Us	\$ 42,680.79
City of North Richland Hills	Cameras to Discourage and Investigate Illegal Dumping	\$ 32,443.73
City of White Settlement	Solid Waste Education Program	\$ 51,002.00
Trinity River Authority	Litter and Illegal Dumping Initiative	\$ 33,450.00

**Total for Local Implementation Grants:**

**\$ 795,800.13**

<b>Regional Project</b>	<b>Recommended Award</b>
Rheaply Platform Software and Advertising Efforts	\$ 174,000.00
Community Contract Development Assistance Project	\$ 100,000.00
Sponsored Tire Collection Events	\$ 50,000.00
To Be Determined Regional Project Activities	\$ 45,608.27
<b>Total for Regional Projects:</b>	<b>\$ 369,608.27</b>
<b>Total for Implementation Funds:</b>	<b>\$ 1,165,408.40</b>

NCTCOG staff will seek final review and approval of project eligibility and compliance with state guidelines by TCEQ prior to entering into agreements with subrecipients. Additionally, staff requested authorization to reallocate any unexpended funds at the direction of the Resource Conservation Council, with the approval of TCEQ, to fully expend the grant funds available by the August 31, 2025, deadline. The budgeted funds will remain at \$1,165,408.40, as indicated in Attachment 1.

Exhibit: 2023-09-15-ED

*Councilmember Raburn and Mayor Stanley returned to the meeting.*

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

**Item 16 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the Texas General Land Office to Expand the Integrated Transportation and Stormwater Management Study**

Susan Alvarez, Director of Environment and Development, requested Board authorization to enter a contractual agreement with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) to expand the Integrated Transportation and Stormwater Management Study with the use of federal Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) funds in the amount of \$4,000,000. The agreement will expand the current NCTCOG Integrated Transportation and Stormwater Management Study beyond the current West Study Area of the Trinity River basin to include additional areas in Denton, Tarrant, and Wise Counties (North Study Area). These areas were among Texas counties that experienced significant flooding in 2015 and were designated as Presidentially Declared Disaster Areas. The \$4,000,000 in CDBG-MIT funds will assist with the expansion efforts already underway with NCTCOG's Transportation and Stormwater Management Study in the western region that is funded by the Texas Water Development Board, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Highway Administration, and Texas Department of Transportation. The GLO requested NCTCOG receive the CDBG-MIT funds to expand its current efforts to the North Study Area in coordination with public sector partners in which staff is currently coordinating for this initiative.

Exhibit: 2023-09-16-ED

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

## **APPOINTMENTS:**

### **Item 17 Appointments to Department of Environment and Development Advisory Committees**

Susan Alvarez, Director of Environment and Development, asked the Board to approve the following appointments to Environment and Development advisory committees:

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COUNCIL**

(Chair and Vice Chair leadership positions are one-year terms; members serve two-year terms)

*Chair:* Carrie Jones, Assistant Director, City of Plano

*Vice Chair:* Matt Leppla, Assistant Director, City of Weatherford

#### **Public Sector Standing Member**

City of Allen	Chris Flanigan, Director, Engineering Department
City of Arlington	Keith Brooks, Director of Public Works and Transportation
City of Dallas	Ali Hatefi, Director of Public Works
City of Denton	Brett Bourgeois, Deputy City Engineer, City of Denton, Interim for Pritam Deshmukh
City of Fort Worth	Michael Owen, City Engineer
City of Grand Prairie	Brister Merritt, Utility Operations Manager
City of Lewisville	Aaron Russell, Director of Public Services
City of Mesquite	John Mears, City Engineer
Tarrant County	Joseph Jackson, County Engineer / Assistant Director

#### **Public Sector Subregional Representative**

Denton/Lake Cities	Jeffrey McSpedden, Director of Public Works, Town of Hickory Creek, Interim for Layne Cline (City of Lake Dallas)
Northeast Tarrant	Keith Miertschin, Assistant Director of Operations, City of Grapevine
Northwest Dallas	Danielle Rix, City Engineer, City of Farmers Branch
Northwest Tarrant	Larry Hoover, Director of Public Works, City of White Settlement
South Tarrant	Raymond Coffman, Director of Engineering Services, City of Mansfield
Southeast	James Gaertner, Executive Director of Public Works and Utilities, City of Waxahachie

#### **Private Sector**

Associated Gen Contractors	Connor VanSteenberg, North Texas Area Manager
Associated Gen Contractors	Sam Davis, Performance Manager, TexasBit
Council of Engineering Co.	Chris Cha, Principal, Pacheco Koch
Council of Engineering Co.	Ted Sugg, Principal Regional Municipal Manager, CobbFendley

#### **REGIONAL CODES COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

(Chair and Vice Chair leadership positions are one-year terms; members serve two-year terms)

*Chair:* David Kerr, Fire Marshal, City of Melissa

*Vice Chair:* Selso Mata, Chief Building Official, City of Plano

#### **Member**

City of Carrollton	Brett King, Chief Building Official
City of Cedar Hill	Gail Lux, Building Official
City of Dallas	Little David Session, Building Official
City of Dallas	Lt. Dwight Freeman, Dallas Fire-Rescue
City of Fort Worth	Evan Roberts, Building Official/Assistant Director, (completing Allison Gray's term)
City of Frisco	Philip Climer, Assistant Building Official
City of Irving	Wayne K. Snell, Jr., Director of Inspections
City of Lewisville	Jeremy Booker, Building Official
City of North Richland Hills	David Pendley, Chief Building Official
City of Plano	Selso Mata, Chief Building Official
City of Rockwall	Jeffrey Widmer, Chief Building Official
Town of Flower Mound	Joelle Hainley, Building Official

Associated General Contractors	Jack Baxley, Vice President of Governmental Affairs, TEXO
Construction Code Consultant Dallas Builders Association Building Owners & Managers Association, Dallas	Stan Folsom, Executive Director, Systemhouse Robert Pegues, QA Manager & Project Manager, US Ecologic Warren Bonisch, Associate Principal, WJE & Associates, Inc.

**RESOURCE CONSERVATION COUNCIL**

(Chair and Vice Chair leadership positions are one-year terms; members serve two-year terms)

*Chair:* Kathy Fonville, Sustainability Program Coordinator, City of Mesquite

*Vice Chair:* Howard Redfearn, Environmental Manager, City of Mansfield

**Public Sector Member**

City of Allen	Donna Giles, Commercial Waste Services Coordinator
City of Arlington	Tyler Hurd, Solid Waste and Recycling Services Manager
City of Cedar Hill	Duy Vu, Environmental Manager
City of Denton	Ami Reeder, Regulatory Compliance Manager
City of Lewisville	Tim Yatko, Materials Management Specialist
City of McKinney	Eric Hopes, Environmental Services Division Manager
City of Plano	Frances Adams, Recycling Education Coordinator
City of Weatherford	Dustin Deel, Director of Municipal and Community Services

**Other**

Private Sector	Misty Adams, Senior Public Affairs Specialist, Waste Management
Private Sector	John Schafer, Division Vice President, Waste Connections

**WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL**

(Chair and Vice Chair leadership positions are one-year terms; members serve two-year terms)

*Chair:* Stacy Walters, Regulatory Administrator, City of Fort Worth

*Vice Chair:* Rachel Ickert, Chief Water Resources Officer, Tarrant Regional Water District

**Major Utility Providers**

City of Dallas	Zachary Peoples, Assistant Director of Wastewater Operations
N. TX Municipal Water Dist.	Billy George, Deputy Director – Water and Wastewater
Upper Trinity Regional Water District	Larry Patterson, Executive Director

**Environmental/Public Interest Groups**

Environmental Group	Grace Darling, Arlington Conservation Council
Public Interest Group	Michael Nieswiadomy, Professor of Economics, University of North Texas
Public Interest Group	Meghna Tare, Chief Sustainability Officer, University of Texas at Arlington

**Major Utility Providers Customer Members-At-Large**

City of Dallas	Eduardo Valerio, Assistant Director, Dallas Water Utilities
City of Fort Worth	Paul Hackleman, Director of Public Works, City of Watauga
City of Fort Worth	Jerry Pressley, Assistant Director, Water Department, City of Fort Worth
Tarrant Regional Water Dist.	Jeff Price, Utilities Director, City of Mansfield
Trinity River Authority	Vacant by Choice of TRA
Upper Trinity Regional Water District	Tiffany Bruce, Executive Director of Public Works, Town of Flower Mound

**Utility Provider, Development Community or Industry Representative Region-At-Large**

Utility Provider	Joshua Howard, Deputy General Manager- Finance and Service, Johnson County Special Utility District
Utility Provider	Tim Abbott, Pumping Facilities Superintendent, City of Plano
Utility Provider	Bill Gase, Assistant Director- Water Treatment, City of Arlington Water Utilities
Utility Provider	Michael Kivlan, Area Manager, Texas Water Utilities
Utility Provider	Danielle Tucker, CEO/President, D.E.V.A. Service's
Utility Provider	Kelly Rouse, Utilities Manager, City of Lewisville
Utility Provider	Valerie Miller, Industry Expert, Water Olsson

Exhibit: 2023-09-17-ED

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

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

**Item 18 Old and New Business**

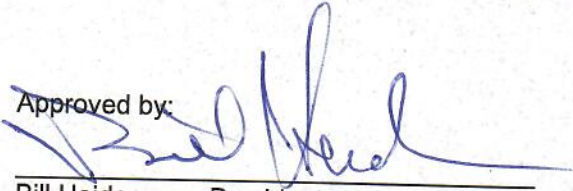
Mike Eastland informed the Board that they would be receiving three letters related to the High Speed Rail Line proposed between Dallas and Houston. He also mentioned that NCTCOG would continue operations as normal even if Congress failed to pass a budget extension.

**Item 19 Attendance and Calendar**


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

President Heidemann adjourned the meeting at 3:03 pm.

Approved by:

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

Checked by:

  
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Mike Eastland, Executive Director  
North Central Texas Council of Governments