



**Tom Lombard**  
*Councilmember, City of North Richland Hills*

## North Central Texas Officials Elect New NCTCOG President and Executive Board at the 51st Annual General Meeting

North Richland Hills Councilmember **Tom Lombard** will preside over the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) for the next year after being elected President of the regional planning agency's 17-member Executive Board, which is the policy-making body for the agency. Lombard was elected on Friday, June 16, by North Central Texas locally elected officials at NCTCOG's 51st annual meeting of its member governments.

Lombard assumes the leadership of NCTCOG from **Lissa Smith**, Former Mayor Pro Tem in the City of Plano, who was elected to the one year term in June 2016. She will continue on the NCTCOG Board as the 2017 – 2018 Past President. Waxahachie Mayor **Keven Strength** is the new Vice-President and Wise County Judge **J. D. Clark** is Secretary/Treasurer.

President Lombard was first elected to NCTCOG's Executive Board in 2014, and has served as Director, Secretary/Treasurer and Vice President before being elected President. He has made his home in North Richland Hills since 1994 and was elected to City Council there in 2009. In his acceptance remarks as NCTCOG's President, Lombard invited member government officials and staffs to participate in the monthly meetings at NCTCOG and said, "It will be our duty to leave our local hats at the door, and put on our regional hats as we look for positive solutions beyond our individual borders, and regionally cooperate to benefit us all."

In addition to the four officers, 13 Directors were elected to the 17 member NCTCOG board, including Dallas County Judge, **Clay Jenkins**; Tarrant County Judge, **Glen Whitley**; City of Dallas Councilmember, **Lee Kleinman**; City of Fort Worth Councilmember, **Kelly Allen-Gray**; Collin County Judge, **Keith Self**; Denton County Commissioner, **Bobbie Mitchell**; City of Arlington Councilmember, **Kathryn Wilemon**; City of Prosper Mayor, **Ray Smith**; Kaufman County Judge, **Bruce Wood**; City of Garland Mayor, **Doug Athas**; City of Richardson Mayor, **Paul Voelker**; City of DeSoto Mayor, **Curtistene McCowan**; and Town of Trophy Club Mayor, **Nick Sanders**. The **Honorable State Representative Ron Simmons**, District 65 is the NCTCOG Ex Officio member.

### North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board, 2017 - 2018

#### Officers:

President, **Tom Lombard**  
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Vice President, **Kevin Strength**  
*Mayor, City of Waxahachie*

Secretary-Treasurer, **J. D. Clark**  
*County Judge, Wise County*

Past President, **Lissa Smith**  
*Former Mayor Pro Tem, City of Plano*

#### Directors:

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**Ron Simmons**  
*State Representative, Ex Officio Member*

## NCTCOG Bestows Awards at 51st Annual Meeting

At the 51st annual meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) on Friday, June 16, two important regional awards were presented.



*Shelli Siemer, received the Linda Keithley Award for Women in Public Management*

**LINDA KEITHLEY AWARD FOR WOMEN IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT.** Established in 1986, this award is presented each year to an outstanding woman in public management who exemplifies the high standards represented by Linda Keithley during her seventeen years with the Council of Governments. The award is designed to recognize service as a public management professional through dedicated performance; service to the public management profession through active participation; and service to the community through civic, church, and charity activities.

**Shelli Siemer**, Assistant City Manager for the City of Allen received NCTCOG's 2017 Linda Keithley Award. Ms. Siemer was described as an advocate for public service, and was praised for her leadership, mentorship and investment of her personal time to the development of future leaders of the profession, often outside of formal programs.

Ms. Siemer was nominated by Rebecca Vice, Assistant to the City Manager and Stephen Terrell, Mayor for the City of Allen.

**REGIONAL COOPERATION AWARD.** Created in 1996, this award jointly recognizes two or more local governments for outstanding acts of cooperation. The award honors local governments that promote coordination and cooperation to solve regional problems, who do not allow jurisdictional boundaries to be barriers to solutions to those problems, and who demonstrate that joint projects often can provide better use of resources as well as high quality service.

**The cities of Anna, Howe, Melissa and Van Alstyne** received this year's Regional Cooperation Award. These cities truly represented the concept of reaching across jurisdictional boundaries as they reached across two state planning regions to form a municipal alliance to find cooperative programs to enhance both the individual cities and their sub-regional areas and to accomplish projects that were practically impossible and unfundable for any one city alone. Jointly, the cities planned and developed a dependable, surface water supply system, where they had been generally dependent on ground water with diminishing well capacity. The cost savings are difficult to even measure. Absent a dependable water supply, the growth and quality of growth experienced would not be possible. The cities were nominated by Don Paschal, Facilitator for Collin-Grayson Municipal Alliance.



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*Awards continued*

**CELEBRATING LEADERSHIP IN DEVELOPMENT EXCELLENCE (CLIDE) AWARDS.** The biennial CLIDE Awards honor development and planning projects that exemplify the region's Principles of Development Excellence, which outline a vision for sustainable, livable communities in North Texas.

The **2017 CLIDE Awards Jury** was comprised of:

- **Ted Flato** – Founder and Principal at Lake I Flato architecture firm in San Antonio
- **Tom Murphy** – Former mayor of Pittsburgh and senior resident fellow at the Urban Land Institute in Washington, D.C.
- **Wellington “Duke” Reiter** – Former president of the Art Institute of Chicago and currently Senior Advisor to the President at Arizona State University
- **Vicki Wilbon** – Principal and Executive Vice President at the Integral Group

The winners:

- **New Development: CityLine** (Richardson) Recipients: City of Richardson and **Village of Rowlett** Recipients: City of Rowlett, Catalyst Urban Development, Integral Development.
- **Redevelopment: Tyler Station** (Dallas) Recipients: Options Real Estate Investments Inc., Dallas Area Rapid Transit City of Dallas, Old Oak Cliff Conservation League, Elmwood Neighborhood Association, Polk-Vernon Neighborhood.
- **Special Development: Wayne Ferguson Old Town Plaza** (Lewisville) Recipients: City of Lewisville, and **East Rosedale Renaissance** (Fort Worth) Recipients: City of Fort Worth, Freese and Nichols, Texas Wesleyan University, and the Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.
- **Public Policy and Planning: Berry/University Development Plan and Form-Based Code** (Fort Worth) Recipients: City of Fort Worth, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth Transportation Authority, Berry Street Initiative and **City of Dallas City Complete Streets Design Manual** Recipients: City of Dallas, Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT), Kimley-Horn.
- **Raising Public Awareness: Greater Dallas Planning Council** (GDPC) Recipient: Greater Dallas Planning Council (GDPC) and **Cool Schools** (Dallas) Recipients: Texas Trees Foundation, Dallas Independent School District.



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## 16 NCTCOG Presidents in Attendance at 51st Annual Meeting

Sixteen NCTCOG Presidents attended the 51st annual General Assembly luncheon meeting on July 16th, which was held at the Hurst Conference Center. In attendance were:

**Bob Hampton, 1969 – 1970**  
**Jerry Gilmore, 1974 – 1975**  
**Jim Jackson, 1996 – 1997**  
**Oscar Trevino, Jr. 2006 – 2007**  
**Bobby Waddle, 2009 – 2010**  
**Bobbie Mitchell, 2012 – 2013**  
**Kathryn Wilemon, 2014 – 2015**  
**Lissa Smith, 2016 – 2017**

**Dan Matkin, 1972 – 1973**  
**Gary Slagel, 1994 – 1995**  
**Wayne Gent, 2005 – 2006**  
**Chad Adams, 2007 – 2008**  
**Glen Whitley, 2010 – 2011**  
**Steve Terrell, 2012 – 2014**  
**John Horn, 2015 – 2016; and**  
**Tom Lombard 2017 - 2018**



*Seated left to right: Lissa Smith, Wayne Gent, Dan Matkin, Kathryn Wilemon, and Oscar Trevino, Jr. Standing: Jerry Gilmore, Bobby Waddle, Tom Lombard, John Horn, Bobbie Mitchell, Steve Terrell and Chad Adams*



*Bob Hampton*



*Jim Jackson*



*Gary Slagel*



*Glen Whitley*



## DEFEND YOUR DRAINS

### 'Wipes Block Everything' Campaign!

This June, the Wastewater And Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) will be launching the 'Wipes Block Everything' campaign in conjunction with the City of Dallas and the Defend Your Drains outreach efforts. The campaign aims to educate citizens on the negative impacts associated with flushing wipes down the toilet. Be sure to visit the **NCTCOG Environment and Development Facebook Page** and share the 'Wipes Block Everything' social media posts on your own page! Posts will begin by mid-June. For more information, visit **Defend Your Drains North Texas** or contact Cassidy Campbell at [ccampbell@nctcog.org](mailto:ccampbell@nctcog.org).

## NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

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## Limited time! No Cost Solar Technical Assistance Available to North Central Texas Communities

NCTCOG is proud to serve as a SolSmart technical advisor to four North Central Texas cities: Plano, Kennedale, Denton, and Cedar Hill. These four communities are helping to lead the region, and the country, in adopting solar best practices and showing that they're open for solar business. NCTCOG is looking for more communities — cities and counties — to participate in this program, to help meet the national goal of designating 300 communities as solar friendly. For more information, visit [www.GoSolarTexas.org](http://www.GoSolarTexas.org) and select "SolSmart" in the top menu.



### Progress North Texas 2017 Looks at Technology in Transportation

There are few things in transportation more exciting than automated vehicles, smart traffic signals and guaranteed travel speeds.

This past year, the NCTCOG Transportation Department established a new program area to study automated vehicles and related topics. While there is tremendous momentum behind vehicle automation, there are many more examples of how we are using technology to reshape the future. [Progress North Texas 2017: Moving into the Future Using Innovative Transportation Technologies](#), available at [www.nctcog.org/ourregion](http://www.nctcog.org/ourregion), examines how technology is at work in transportation planning. To request copies contact Brian Wilson at [bwilson@nctcog.org](mailto:bwilson@nctcog.org).

## 2017 National Electrical Code Regional Recommended Amendments

On May 25, 2017, the NCTCOG Executive Board voted to approve the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee's (RCCC) Electrical Advisory Board's (EAB) 2017 National Electrical Code (NEC) Regional Recommended Amendments. The 2017 NEC Regional Recommended Amendments can be found at <http://nctcog.org/envir/SEEDevEx/codes/RegionalCodeAmendments.asp>.

The NCTCOG Executive Board, upon the recommendation of the RCCC and the EAB, encourages your jurisdiction to adopt the 2017 National Electrical Code along with its respective regional amendments as expeditiously as possible. The ultimate goal is regional uniformity in the model construction codes for the North Central Texas region.

## Helping Older Adults and Family Caregivers Understand Federal, State and Local Programs

NCTCOG's Aging program provides direct services to older adults and their family caregivers, including identifying federal, state, and local programs that support their needs. This can be a challenge since many programs have complex eligibility criteria that aren't widely publicized.

To support its goal of providing comprehensive resource information, Aging has developed three booklets that address common eldercare needs. They include "Understanding Your Options for Services in the Community," "Understanding Your Options for Care in a Nursing Home or Assisted Living Facility," and "Understanding Residential Care Options for People with Alzheimer's." All three publications are posted on NCTCOG's website at <http://www.nctcog.org/cs/aging/resources.asp>. "Understanding Your Options for Services in the Community" will be available in hard copy format around the 1st of July and available at no charge. The other two publications will be available in electronic format only.

To request a hard copy of "Understanding Your Options for Services in the Community" or to get more information about Aging services call 1-800-272-3921, ext. 7193 or email [dgreen@nctcog.org](mailto:dgreen@nctcog.org).

## Fleet Discounts on Alternative Fuel Vehicles!

North Texas public fleets have an opportunity to get substantial discounts on alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) for next year. Both light- and heavy-duty vehicles will be considered in electric, propane, and natural gas options! Learn how your fleet can participate and benefit from this unique regional procurement process by visiting at [www.nctcog.org/f4f](http://www.nctcog.org/f4f). Look for vehicle procurement in fall 2017.



## Dallas-Fort Worth Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Awarded \$34 million

Projects intended to help students across the Dallas-Fort Worth area ride their bicycles or walk to school more safely received a significant boost from the Regional Transportation Council recently.

The RTC allocated \$12.2 million to 22 Safe Routes to School projects on June 8. The projects, range from sidewalks and crosswalks to bicycle-pedestrian trails providing better access to schools.

An additional \$22 million was awarded to 12 Active Transportation projects, consisting mainly of shared-use paths and on-street bike lanes. In all, 34 projects spanning 16 communities and eight North Texas counties received a total of \$34.2 million through the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program Call for Projects in North Texas. The entities awarded funding will contribute \$12.4 million in local match, bringing the total investment in the region's bicycle and pedestrian facilities to \$46.6 million.

The money for the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program was provided through the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. A list of approved projects, the funding they were awarded and a map of their locations are available at [www.nctcog.org/tap](http://www.nctcog.org/tap).