



Meeting Summary

Public Works Council

Thursday, February 28, 2013

9:30 a.m., William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room

North Central Texas Council of Governments, CP II

1. **November 1, 2012 Meeting Summary Approval.** A motion was made by Robert Kopp to approve the November 1, 2012 Meeting Summary. Hal Cranor seconded the motion. The PWC approved unanimously.
2. **Public Works Construction Standards Update Status.** The NCTCOG staff reviewed the breakdown for the five technical groups that will examine and make recommendations for specific portions of the Construction Standards. An attorney will also be sought to lend legal expertise. An email will be sent seeking volunteers to serve on the groups. The PWC was reminded that this review will be a two year process.
3. **Emerging Issues in Public Works.** At the request of the NCTCOG staff, the PWC discussed several topics that are coming to the forefront of public works issues. Items such as CNG fueling stations, safety and risk management, water quality, and emissions programs were discussed. The NCTCOG staff urged the PWC to continue to suggest emerging issues for discussion and as possible projects for upcoming work programs.
4. **2013 Public Works Roundup Update.** The 2013 Public Works Roundup will be held at the Texas Star in Euless, Texas on May 23, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A draft Roundup Agenda was provided to the PWC for review and comment. The agenda was discussed, and the PWC was in consensus with its approval.
5. **Other Work Program Activities.** The NCTCOG staff provided updates on the following items:
 - a. iSWM: Over the next several months, Freese and Nicols will visit with approximately 20 different cities that have not adopted iSWM to determine the types of post-construction water quality controls being required. On May 18 and August 20, 2013, construction stormwater training classes will be held at NCTCOG's Regional Training Center. An iSWM Implementation Seminar for cities considering adoption of iSWM is planned for the near future. There will be a half day session on design of stormwater ponds and a half day session on lessons learned from the Low Impact Development Design Competition.
 - b. SPROW: The next SPROW meeting is March 26, 2013. The primary effort this year is an education forum which, with the support of the PWC, is in tandem with the 2013 Public Works Roundup.
 - c. TCEQ Proposed Construction General Permit Update: The draft has been approved and will be effective March 5, 2013. The changes were reviewed.
 - d. TCEQ Proposed Small MS4 General Permit Update: The TCEQ postponed the renewal of this permit which expired last November 2012.

- e. Cooperative Technical Partnership: The NCTCOG, as a Cooperative Technical Partner with the FEMA, will be undertaking discovery and data collection for flood risks along the West Fork and Elm Fork portions of the Trinity River. Contact by telephone and email will be made to cities and counties in these areas to inform them of the program. Public meetings will be scheduled to collect the requested data. The project will conclude on August 31, 2013.
- 6. **Public Works Emergency Response Team Update.** The PWERT will meet today at 1 p.m. It continues to establish memorandums of understanding between cities and counties wishing to participate in sharing commodities. At this time, equipment is the objective. At a later date, the sharing of personnel will be addressed.
- 7. **Roundtable Discussion.** The NCTCOG staff will email the PWC a copy of the proposed 2014 Public Works Program for their comment and approval. This is being done in an effort to get the approved work program to the cities and counties in time for budget allocations.

A discussion was held regarding bicycle lanes on federal projects, t-junctions and Texas Legislative issues.

The North Central Texas Chapter of the Texas Public Works Association Conference will be in Richardson on April 4, 2013. The Texas Public Works Association Conference will be in Waco on June 5, 2013.

- 8. **Next Public Works Council Meeting.** The next meeting of the Public Works Council is tentatively set for April 25, 2013.