



U.S. Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth (NAS JRB Fort Worth) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC)

AGENDA

NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee
October 19, 2020
1:30 pm

Voting Entities

- City of Benbrook
- City of Fort Worth
- City of Lake Worth
- City of River Oaks
- City of Sansom Park
- City of Westworth Village
- City of White Settlement

Tarrant County

Non-Voting Entities

- Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce
- DOD Office of Economic Adjustment
- Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce
- Fort Worth Independent School District
- Fort Worth Transportation Authority
- Lockheed Martin
- Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth
- North Central Texas Council of Governments
- Northwest Tarrant Chamber of Commerce
- Tarrant Regional Water District
- Texas Department of Transportation

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Item 1

Welcome and Roll Call
Dennis Shingleton, Chair

Item 2

Approval of July 20, 2020 Meeting Summary (Action)
Dennis Shingleton, Chair

Item 3

F-35A Beddown Update
Colonel Allen E. Duckworth, 301st Fighter Winger, US Air Force

Item 4

Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program
Dan Kessler, NCTCOG

Item 5

87th Texas Legislature Strategy Discussion
Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item 6

Joint Land Use Study Implementation Grant Update
Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item 7

Development Review Project Update
Kyle Roy, NCTCOG

Item 8

NAS JRB Fort Worth Update
Captain Mark McLean, NAS JRB Fort Worth

Item 9

- Administrative Updates, Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG
 - Scheduling Update
 - West Tarrant Alliance Group Scheduling Update
 - Transportation Project Implementation Update, Dan Kessler
 - Media Alerts
 - Correspondence
 - Attendance Report

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Public Comments

Next Meeting
January 25, 2020
Location TBD

**Naval Air Station Fort Worth, Joint Reserve Base
Regional Coordination Committee
October 2020**

Voting Members

Dennis Shingleton, **Chair**
Councilmember
City of Fort Worth

Debbie Whitley, **Vice Chair**
Assistant City Manager/Director of Finance
City of Lake Worth

Randy Skinner, **Treasurer**
Planning Manager
Tarrant County

Joe Ashton, **Secretary**
Councilmember
City of River Oaks

Jack Adkison, **Immediate Past Chair**
Former Councilmember
City of River Oaks

Stacey Almond
City Manager
City of Lake Worth

Mike Coleman
Citizen Representative
City of Westworth Village

Carolyn Gilmore
Police Chief
City of Sansom Park

Jeff James
Assistant City Manager/City Marshal
City of White Settlement

Laura Mackey
Councilmember
City of Benbrook

Dr. Larry Marshall
Councilmember
City of Benbrook

Alice Moore
Precinct 4 Administrator
Tarrant County

Paul Moore
Councilmember
City of White Settlement

Paul Paine
Citizen Representative
City of Fort Worth

Angie Winkle
City Administrator
City of Sansom Park

Non-Voting Members

Art Cavazos
Chief of District Operations
Fort Worth ISD

Anne Cozart
Member
Tri-City Area Chamber of Commerce

Terri Davis
President
Benbrook Area Chamber of Commerce

Grant Jackson
Member
White Settlement Area Chamber of Commerce

Dan Kessler
Assistant Director of Transportation
North Central Texas Council of Governments

Rebecca Young Montgomery
Senior Vice President, Advocacy
Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce

Tina Nikolic
Neighborhood and Recreation Enhancement
Coordinator
Tarrant Regional Water District

Kenneth B. Ross
Director, Communications & Public Affairs
Lockheed Martin

Sandip Sen
Transit Planner
Trinity Metro

Jay Sweat
Department of Defense
Office of Economic Adjustment

Captain Mark McLean
Commanding Officer
Naval Air Station Fort Worth, Joint Reserve Base

Vacant
Texas Department of Transportation
Fort Worth District


Meeting Summary July 20, 2020

DRAFT Meeting Summary

NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee July 20, 2020 1:30 p.m.

Remote Access via Zoom Meeting

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth (NAS JRB Fort Worth) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 p.m. on July 20, 2020. The meeting was hosted by COG through Zoom Meeting. Due to the nature of the virtual meeting technology, a full list of attendees will not be provided. Roll was called for Voting Members and that information is reflected here.

Voting Members in Attendance

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton, Chair, City of Fort Worth
 Debbie Whitley, Vice Chair, City of Lake Worth
 Randy Skinner, Treasurer, Tarrant County
 Jack Adkison, City of River Oaks
 Stacey Almond, City of Lake Worth
 Mike Coleman, City of Westworth Village
 Jeff James, City of White Settlement
 Councilmember Laura Mackey, City of Benbrook
 Councilmember Larry Marshall, City of Benbrook
 Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White Settlement
 Paul Paine, City of Fort Worth

Meeting Summary Outline

1. Welcome and Roll Call
2. Approval of April 20, 2020, Meeting Summary (Action)
3. Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program
4. Texas Comptroller Report on Economic Impact of Military Bases
5. RCC Position for 87th Texas Legislature (Action)
6. Joint Land Use Study Implementation Grant Update
7. Development Review Project Update
8. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update
9. Administrative Updates
 - Scheduling Update
 - West Tarrant Alliance Group Scheduling Update
 - Transportation Project Implementation Update
 - Media Alerts
 - Correspondence
 - Attendance Report
10. Public Comments



Meeting Summary July 20, 2020

Item 1. Welcome and Roll Call:

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton called the Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

Item 2. Approval of April 20, 2020, Meeting Summary (Action):

The motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Mike Coleman. Jack Adkison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program:

Clint Hail, Transportation Planner with NCTCOG, presented to the committee the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program (DMCSP). The DMCSP is designed to support long-term community investments that strengthen national security innovation and expand the capabilities of the defense industrial ecosystem. It is split into two phases. The first phase is receiving designation and the second phase is pursuing grant funding for projects. The program needed a lead agency that will act as the binding and administrative backbone for the application and for implementation. NCTCOG has volunteered to organize the project and to bring in partners. The 12-county MPO area marks the community scope of the project. However, there's room to include communities outside of the MPO. Some partners and supporters of the project are Lockheed-Martin, Dallas Regional Chamber, Tarrant County, University of Texas at Arlington, and Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas. Clint said proposals were submitted on July 7 and provided a timeline should our application be selected to move to phase 2. Clint asked for interested parties to please reach out to him. There is plenty of room for more participation.

Councilman Shingleton asked how does the DMCSP fit in with the new branch of the military's Space Program. Clint said there is no connection between the two programs. The DMCSP is an independent program.

Item 4. Texas Comptroller Report on Economic Impact of Military Bases:

Kyle Roy gave a quick summary of the Texas Comptroller Report on Economic Impact of Military Bases (released in June) which analyzed the impact of US military installations on the state economy. Kyle said the report includes active duty, visiting, other military personnel, dependents, civilian employees, and contractors directly affiliated with bases. Last year, the DOD awarded \$50 billion in contracts to Texas, placing the state third in the country behind Virginia and California. Fifteen military installations and the US Army Futures Command are located in Texas. Out of 15 bases, Joint Base San Antonio in San Antonio ranked number one with an economic output of \$41.3 billion. NAS JRB Fort Worth in Fort Worth ranked sixth with \$3.8 billion. Kyle said DOD spending contracts translate to money added into our regional economy. Dan Kessler commented that this helps to justify the infrastructure improvements being made to support the installation.

Item 5. RCC Position for 87th Texas Legislature (Action):

Nick Allen provided an overview of the RCC position for the 87th Texas Legislature. It was first presented at the last RCC meeting held April 20, 2020. Nick reintroduced the proposal to the committee members, and asked members to adopt the legislative program. Dates of interest are noted as follows: November 9, 2020 – Prefiling for bills begins, January 12, 2021 – 87th Texas Legislature Convenes, and May 31, 2021 – 87th Texas Legislature Ends.



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Councilmember Shingleton suggested the committee continue to work on outreach to realtors. Kevin Pottinger noted that he appreciates support from the RCC on the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG).

The motion to approve the proposed legislative position of the 87th Texas Legislature was made by Paul Paine. Mike Coleman seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 6. Joint Land Use Study Implementation Grant Update:

Amanda Wilson presented an update on the JLUS implementation grant. Amanda recapped that the Joining Forces study was completed in 2018 and that NCTCOG has been asked by the Department of Defense to submit our implementation grant applying our 150 strategies identified, both regional and installation-specific. This will cover NAS JRB Fort Worth, Fort Wolters, Dallas Army Aviation Support Facility, Camp Maxey, and other regional strategies. The grant has been submitted, and our scope of work was approved, without changes, by the Office of Economic Adjustment through the DOD. Amanda said that we are targeting an August 2020 start date for the grant agreement. This is an 18-month grant which should be completed by the end of February 2022. The grant is approximately a \$510,000 total effort (\$460,000 federal grant + \$50,000 local match - RTC local funds provided by NCTCOG). Kevin Pottinger noted that DEAAG funding could be available to help support the local efforts.

Item 7. Development Review Project Update:

Kyle Roy presented an update of submissions to the online development review tool. He reminded everyone it is located on the RCC webpage and if anyone has questions or needs assistance in locating the tool to please contact him. Kyle said the most recent project is Project 123, which is located at 3601 Williams Road in Fort Worth, south of NAS JRB Fort Worth. It is a requested addition to an existing building that required an amendment. One comment on the tool was from NAS Fort Worth JRB saying they had no objections to the development since it is compatible land use.

Item 8. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update

Ed Spurlin presented updates to the committee in place of Captain Mark McLean. Ed said the F-35 EIS process is moving along and the Air Force Reserve Command continues to work on this effort. He said AFRC will publish EIS responses to the Federal Register mid-August, and to expect the final EIS document to the Secretary of the Air Force for Record of Decision (ROD) by September 30, 2020. Ed reported on the new Space Command project. The Department of Defense has allowed cities to self-nominate themselves as the host headquarters. Three Texas city mayors submitted letters to Governor Abbott requesting endorsement. Those cities are Houston, San Antonio, and Fort Worth. Governor Abbott agreed and in turn submitted letters of endorsement to the DOD on behalf of those cities. There will be space for 1,500 military and civilian people to be housed at the headquarter location. The DOD is scheduled to select a location the beginning of 2021. Ed said the current status of DEAAG is that the installation is currently on track. Expect the grant team to submit plans within the October – December 2020 timeframe. Grant awards will be announced in early 2021 for the remaining \$15 million in state funds. NAS JRB construction renovation project was awarded \$907,847 with a completion date targeted for February 2021.

Item 9. Administrative Updates:



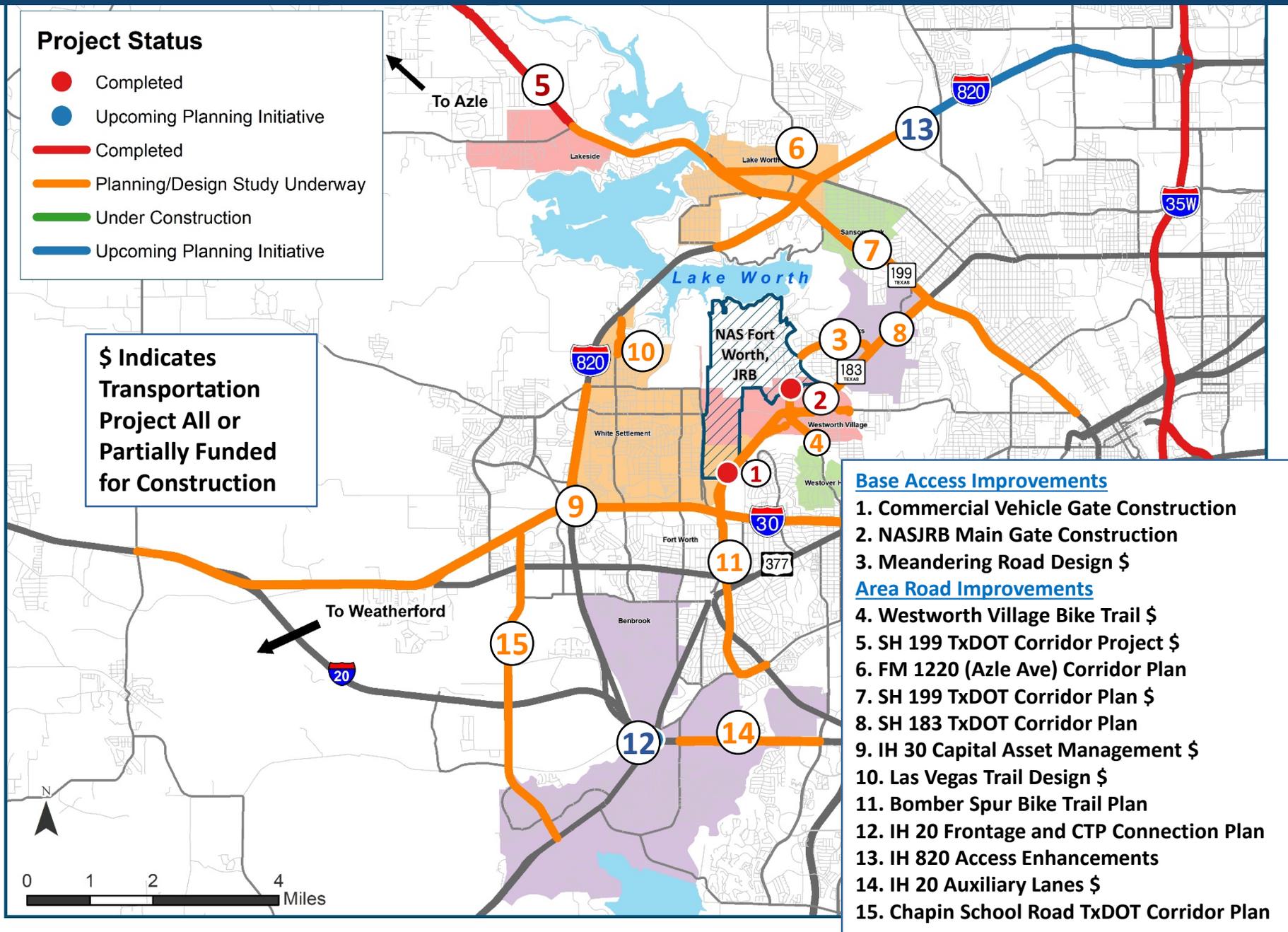
Meeting Summary July 20, 2020

- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, October 19, 2020 via Zoom.
- **West Tarrant Alliance Group Scheduling Update:** The next meeting scheduled for August 6, 2020 has been cancelled.
- **Transportation Project Implementation Update:** Dan Kessler said the Meandering Road project will not make its 95 percent design goal until December 2020. Dan said the Westworth Village Bike Trail project is 80 percent complete and is optimistic of its completion by the end of calendar year 2020.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

Item 10. Public Comments:

No public comments were made during the meeting.

PLMC Transportation Implementation Update



House Oversight Probes F-35 Sustainment Problems

July 22, 2020 | By Rachel S. Cohen

House lawmakers hammered Lockheed Martin for persistent problems in the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter enterprise during a July 22 hearing, as the defense giant declined to promise it would fully reimburse the Pentagon for defective equipment files.

At issue are electronic equipment logs (EEL), which act as digital medical records to show the history of the most crucial F-35 parts throughout their lifespans. The files help track when a part will fail, what parts are compatible with which planes, and more. Lockheed is trying to use logs only for 400 parts that need them, down from 1,000 parts that use them now, and grow the number of parts delivered with complete histories.

Log data can be corrupted in the process of being transferred from Lockheed to the Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, so military personnel must fill in those details themselves. The process slows down the time it takes to ready a jet for combat, makes human error more likely, and raises questions about the safety of a plane's components.

"It's not all associated with Lockheed Martin performance," said Gregory M. Ulmer, vice president for the F-35 program at Lockheed. "I'm fully committed to supporting that continued engagement to resolve those issues going forward. I'm also committed to meeting with the Defense Contract Management Agency as well as the [F-35 Joint Program Office] to sit down and reconcile the concerns and adjudicate the cost appropriately."

DOD spent up to \$303 million from 2015 to 2018 on labor needed to ready parts for installation, and will continue paying about \$55 million a year until the issue is resolved, said Theresa Hull, the Pentagon's assistant inspector general. The company is in talks to pay back about \$180 million of that sum.

Ulmer said Lockheed has spent \$30 million to resolve related issues so far and has met with the Defense Contract Management Agency six times since early April. The contractor said it has approximately doubled the percentage of parts that arrive ready to install, and aims to have nearly all parts come with complete electronic files starting next year.

"Our EEL parts ready-for-install rate reached 83 percent [last month], with a target goal of 90 percent this year," said F-35 Program Executive Officer Lt. Gen. Eric T. Fick. "Beginning in 2021, the contracted requirement for parts ready-to-issue will be 99 percent."

House Committee on Oversight and Reform Chairwoman Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney (D-N.Y.) argued Lockheed jeopardizes pilots' trust by falling short of their contract obligations while people continue to fly the F-35. Even if a jet is missing logs for certain parts, it can still fly as long as those parts are not nearing the end of their lifespan or are not deemed necessary for safety.

The Air Force allows its F-35s to fly with parts that come with faulty logs, and are not ready to install, while the Navy and Marine Corps do not.

The military is looking into whether Lockheed received any bonus pay for delivering parts that weren't ready for installation as promised, Fick said. He added that Lockheed can receive extra money even after the military fixes noncompliant logs itself.

Democratic and Republican lawmakers alike called on Lockheed to improve its performance under the Pentagon's largest weapon system contract.

"If you want to avoid reputational damage, you need to rethink the terms of that contract and come back to the table and work something out that's fair for the American taxpayer," Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-Mass.) told Ulmer.

The Pentagon and Lockheed Martin are making a slew of fixes to the faulty Autonomic Logistics Information System (ALIS), the parts management enterprise that tracks F-35 components and electronic logs. Those tweaks have tried to improve accountability for parts that use ALIS, streamline data entry, and improve training for F-35 handlers.

ALIS will be replaced by a more advanced logistics system, named the Operational Data Integrated Network (ODIN), in the next few years. The Air Force plans to receive the first ODIN hardware in September. But Diana Maurer, the Government Accountability Office's director of defense capabilities and management, warned that the military needs a clearer sense of what ODIN will do and who will oversee it to avoid the same mistakes made with ALIS.

Pentagon acquisition boss Ellen M. Lord said ODIN will cost about \$550 million over the next five years, starting with coding work on three applications that enable the system. That money was originally slated for a different revamp of ALIS, but will now fund the move to ODIN.

Nailing down a cost-effective, easy-to-use sustainment enterprise is crucial to the F-35's long-term success as the Pentagon continues to grow the fleet, which is valued at more than \$1 trillion. Those efforts come as the military looks to grow the number of fighter jets that can quickly deploy into combat and shrink flight costs from \$35,000 per hour.

OEA Invites 16 Grantees to Apply for DCIP Funding

August 14, 2020

Association of Defense Communities

The DOD Office of Economic Adjustment has identified 16 project proposals to advance to the next round of the Defense Community Infrastructure Program (DCIP) application process, it **announced** this week.

The Infrastructure Pilot Program Review Panel selected the 16 projects out of more than 100 initial applications, according to the **official list** it released. The projects are all in Tier I, the category related to military quality of life.

The organizations invited to submit grant applications for further review are:

- Abilene Independent School District in Texas
- South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority
- Jefferson County Industrial Development in New York
- City of Sierra Vista, Ariz.
- Silver Valley Unified School District in California
- Waynesville R-VI School District in Missouri
- Louisiana Department of Economic Development
- Lawndale Educational and Regional Network in Washington, D.C.
- City of Hampton, Va.
- Municipality of Chalan Pago-Ordot in Guam
- Commonwealth Bureau of Military Affairs in Northern Mariana Islands
- City of Great Falls, Mont.
- City of Jacksonville, N.C.
- Prince William County, Va.
- City of Minot, N.D.
- Mountain Home School District in Idaho

The panel did not invite further applications from projects initially identified as Tier II, related to resilience, or Tier III, related to military value.

The DCIP pilot program was first authorized by Congress in the 2019 defense policy bill, allowing DOD to provide grants for infrastructure projects that support military installations. Congress appropriated \$50 million for DCIP in the current fiscal year – the first year the program has been funded.

Proposer Proposal Title	Project	Installation	State	Total Project Costs	Federal Funding
<i>Note: all projects are sorted alphabetically by installation</i>					
(Tier I) Military Family Quality of Life - Invited Proposals					
Abilene Independent School District	STEM Complex	Dyess Air Force Base	TX: Texas	\$1,925,214	\$962,607
South Dakota Ellsworth Development Authority	Recreation & Wellness Center	Ellsworth Air Force Base	SD: South Dakota	\$12,625,900	\$6,312,950
Jefferson County Industrial Development City of Sierra Vista	Watertown Family YMCA Community Emergency Medical Services	Fort Drum Fort Huachuca	NY: New York AZ: Arizona	\$18,100,000 \$1,438,000	\$9,000,000 \$1,438,000
Silver Valley Unified School District	Silver Valley USD Sports Complex	Fort Irwin National Training Center	CA: California	\$521,695	\$521,695
Waynesville R-VI School District	Early Childhood Center	Fort Leonard Wood	MO: Missouri	\$1,354,475	\$677,238
Louisiana Department of Economic Development	Campus Connections and Learning Space	Fort Polk	LA: Louisiana	\$7,599,418	\$6,839,476
Lawndale Educational and Regional Network	Learn D.C. Charter School	Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling	DC: District of Columbia	\$2,988,432	\$1,494,216
City of Hampton	Air Power Park Tidal Flooding	Joint Base Langley-Eustis	VA: Virginia	\$1,844,017	\$707,009
Municipality of Chalan Pago-Ordot	Multipurpose Recreation and Infrastructure Upgrades	Joint Forces on Guam Joint Region Marianas	GU: Guam MP: Northern Mariana Islands	\$6,444,852 \$335,000	\$3,506,426 \$335,000
City of Great Falls	Aim High - Big Sky Recreation Center	Malmstrom Air Force Base	MT: Montana	\$20,000,000	\$10,000,000
City of Jacksonville	Reconstruction of the Jack Amyette Recreation Center	Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune	NC: North Carolina	\$5,000,000	\$1,000,000
County of Prince William	Fitness Challenge Course and Magic City Discovery Center	Marine Corps Base Quantico Minot Air Force Base	VA: Virginia ND: North Dakota	\$500,000 \$11,924,336	\$250,000 \$6,293,820
City of Minot					
Mountain Home School District	Facility Upgrades	Mountain Home Air Force Base	ID: Idaho	\$426,500	\$426,500

Fort Worth One Of 3 Texas Cities Sen. Cruz Wants Selected As U.S. Space Command Headquarters

August 18, 2020 at 4:49 pm

WASHINGTON, D.C. (CBSDFW.COM) – U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas), chairman of the Subcommittee on Aviation and Space, today sent a letter to Secretary of the Air Force advocating for the cities of Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio to be selected to host U.S. Space Command Headquarters.

The Air Force has already announced that the three Texas cities would continue to the evaluation phase of the selection process.

In the letter, Sen. Cruz wrote:

“There is no better location for the men and women of Space Command than the great state of Texas. Cities and towns across Texas have been repeatedly recognized as among the best communities in the nation for supporting the military, including through numerous national awards from veterans’ organizations and the Department of Defense for their support of military bases.”

Cruz said that Fort Worth “easily meets and exceeds the Air Force’s stated criteria for the headquarters of U.S. Space Command. Fort Worth houses the expansive Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth with over 10,000 active duty and reserve members of the Navy, Marines, Army, and Air Force assigned to the base. Similar to both San Antonio and Houston, Fort Worth is home to numerous top-notch universities and colleges like Texas Christian University and Texas Wesleyan University. This city is also home to a number of leaders in advanced industries, including the one-of-a-kind Lockheed Martin facility, where the world’s most advanced fighter jet, the F-35, is built and tested.”

He went on to explain in the letter why San Antonio and Houston are good options:

“San Antonio, nicknamed Military City USA, is home to numerous Air Force, Army, and Navy bases, including Fort Sam Houston, Randolph Air Force Base, Lackland Air Force Base, Camp Bullis, Camp Stanley, and Martindale Army Airfield, all of which are under the umbrella of Joint Base San Antonio. The city also has a number of great Texas universities and colleges which include the University of Texas San Antonio, Trinity University, and Texas Lutheran University. San Antonio also hosts a robust and advanced aerospace industrial base including the Boeing Corporation’s large presence at Kelly Field and the Southwest Research Institute which has led a number of complex space projects for NASA including the New Horizons mission.”

“Houston, nicknamed Space City, is not only home to the Johnson Space Center which itself is home to the famed Mission Control Center of NASA, but also the Army’s 75th Innovation Command and Ellington Air Force Base, all of which contribute to Houston’s recognition as the most diverse big city in America. The city has a number of

terrific colleges and universities including Rice University and the University of Houston. It also hosts advanced industries, many of which are well versed in all things space like Jacobs, Oceaneering, Intuitive Machines, Paragon Space Development Corporation, and the large contingent of the Boeing Corporation's Defense, Space & Security Division, which, among many other things, helps to keep the International Space Station in top shape for American astronauts and our international partners."

Sen. Cruz is a leading advocate for standing up a Space Force. In 2019, Sen. Cruz chaired a hearing that examined current approaches to civil-military coordination, cooperation, de-confliction activities, and related issues, and discussed future architectures for managing the space domain.

"Texas is the prime location for the new headquarters for U.S. Space Command. Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio have proven track records of providing a great home to military members and veterans, supporting advanced educational institutions to train the next generation of service members, and fostering advanced industries on the cutting edge of aerospace and space exploration [...] I'm proud to be a passionate supporter of and advocate for the Space Force, space exploration, and renewed American leadership in space, and I am eager to see the great things the new headquarters of U.S. Space Command will accomplish."

SECURITY

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Air Force One Nearly Hit by Drone

Aug 24, 2020

As Air Force One was descending to an air base near Washington, D.C. recently, it nearly collided with a small drone, according to several people on board the aircraft. President Trump was aboard the modified Boeing Co. 757 aircraft.

The drone was described as yellow and black, and shaped like a cross. It was off to the right side of the aircraft shortly before touchdown at 5:54 p.m., at Joint Base Andrews in Maryland.

The matter is under review, and the White House Military Office and the Air Force's 89th Airlift Wing is "aware of the report."

While it has been notoriously difficult for aviation safety investigators to verify such fleeting events, it appears to be among the thousands of such safety incidents involving unmanned devices in the United States that have prompted calls by law enforcement and homeland security agencies for greater measures to rein in their use.

Most civilian drones weigh only a few pounds and probably couldn't take down a jetliner. But government research suggests the damage could be greater than that from a similar-sized bird, which could shatter a cockpit windshield or damage an engine.

The Federal Aviation Administration receives thousands of reports per year in which drones fly too close to other aircraft or operate in restricted areas. Most of the reports come from pilots. The FAA referred questions on what happened near Andrews on Sunday to the Air Force.

Under current federal regulations, drones must be flown within sight of the operator and no higher than 400 feet (122 meters) above the ground without special waivers. While the most popular drone models are equipped with software designed to prevent longer range flights, incidents continue to pile up, according to government records.

There have been a handful of instances in which drones actually struck aircraft, but none have resulted in a serious crash or injuries, according to National Transportation Safety Board data.

The FAA hopes to unveil regulations requiring that civilian drones transmit their location and identity by the end of the year. The new requirement is designed to help prevent the devices from being used by terrorists and to reduce the risks they pose to traditional aircraft.

U.S. Space Command needs a home. Why Fort Worth thinks it should land here

By Luke Ranker, Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Fort Worth wants to land on the short list for another major relocation, but this time it isn't Amazon or another big tech firm — [it's the U.S. Space Command](#).

Cowtown has been among the cities the Air Force is considering for the headquarters of the new military command, which was established by the Defense Department in 2019 [to protect the United States' interests in space](#).

Gov. Greg Abbott nominated Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio in August. Sens. Ted Cruz and Jon Cornyn penned letters to the Secretary of the Air Force voicing support for Texas cities.

A working group submitted its proposal for Fort Worth in late August, according to Fort Worth Mayor Pro Tem Jungus Jordan. He said he couldn't speak in detail about the proposal, but said he thought Fort Worth offered a obvious option for the Air Force to consider.

"I think we're extremely competitive, mostly because we're a great place to live," Jordan said. Space Command would bring 1,400 military and civilian personnel plus a wide range of contractors and support industries, Jordan said.

The presence of Lockheed Martin and Bell in Fort Worth would be major talking points for city promoters.

Chris Strayer, executive vice president of the Greater Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, said he couldn't discuss the pitch for Space Command, but said aerospace and the connected industries have long been among top employers in the area.

[Lockheed Martin had 16,400 employees at the aeronautics plant in Fort Worth](#) and another 3,500 at the Missiles and Fire Control plant in Grand Prairie, the Star-Telegram reported in March 2019. Of those, about 10,000 workers are in high-tech fields such as engineering, company officials said.

"Aerospace and aviation are core industries for Fort Worth," Strayer said.

Jordan said the pitch had to go beyond the city's connection to aeronautics and include the city's central location and historic connection to the military. Fort Worth has a burgeoning tech scene and the aeronautics firms already in the area attract engineers and other science-based graduates.

[Criteria for the location was released in May](#), according to Defense News. It included cities that are:

- In the top 150 largest metropolitan areas. Fort Worth is the 13th largest city in the country.
- Within 25 miles of a military base. Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth is about five miles from downtown.

- A livability index score of at least 50 out of 100, based on the AARP's Public Policy Institute. Fort Worth ranks 53, above Houston and San Antonio's 50.

While there are other joint bases in the U.S., Jordan pointed out that Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, originally Carswell Air Force Base, was the first Joint Reserve Base.

Since Space Command will take on elements of other branches, he said the joint command would be key to its mission.

Fort Worth as a community has long had a good relationship with the military and the air base, Jordan said. He estimated that the area was home to 200,000 military retirees and veterans, arguing North Texas was more friendly to ex-military personnel than other areas. Jordan was born at Carswell Air Force Base and had a long career in the Air Force that included a position at the Pentagon before he retired.

**NAS Fort Worth, JRB
Regional Coordination Committee
Attendance Matrix
March 2019-July 2020**

RCC Voting Members	Entity	3/18/2019	7/8/2019	10/21/2019	1/27/2020	4/20/2020	7/20/2020
Mackey, Laura	Benbrook	**	**	**	P	P	P
Marshall, Dr. Larry	Benbrook	A	P	P	P	P	P
Paine, Paul	Fort Worth	P	P	P	P	A	P
Shingleton, Dennis	Fort Worth	P	P	A	P	P	P
Whitley, Debbie	Lake Worth	P	P	P	P	P	P
Almond, Stacy	Lake Worth	P	P	P	P	P	P
Adkison, Jack	River Oaks	P	P	P	A	P	P
Ashton, Joe	River Oaks	P	P	A	A	A	A
Gilmore, Carolyn	Sansom Park	**	**	**	**	**	**
Winkle, Angie	Sansom Park	**	**	**	**	**	**
Skinner, Randy	Tarrant County	A	A	P	P	A	P
Moore, Alice	Tarrant County	**	**	A	A	A	A
Naron, Sterling	Westworth Village	P	P	P	P	⚠	⚠
Coleman, Mike	Westworth Village	P	P	P	P	P	P
Moore, Paul	White Settlement	P	P	P	P	P	P
James, Jeff	White Settlement	P	P	A	A	P	P

Prior attendance matrices are available from NCTCOG staff upon request.

P	Present
A	Absent
R	Represented
**	Not Yet a Member
⚠	No Longer a Member



