

## **Meeting Summary**

**NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee**  
**January 27, 2025**  
**1:30 p.m.**

**Pecan Grove Conference Center**  
**405 N. Las Vegas Trail**  
**White Settlement, TX 76108**

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth (NAS JRB Fort Worth) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 27, 2025. The meeting was hosted by the City of White Settlement.

### **Voting Members in Attendance**

Councilmember Dr. Larry Marshall, Chair, City of Benbrook  
Dan Chisholm, Vice Chair, City of River Oaks  
Jack Adkison, City of River Oaks  
Stacey Almond, City of Lake Worth  
Councilmember Michael D. Crain, City of Fort Worth  
Councilmember Macy Hill, City of Fort Worth  
Councilmember Laura Mackey, City of Benbrook  
Dillon Maroney, Tarrant County  
Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White Settlement  
Councilmember Gary Stuard, City of Lake Worth

### **Non-Voting Members in Attendance**

Mike Coleman, At-Large  
Trent Dowd, Lake Worth ISD  
Ann Elias, White Settlement Area Chamber of Commerce  
Courtney Holt, The Office of Senator Kelly Hancock  
Dan Kessler, North Central Texas Council of Governments  
Kit Marshall, Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors  
Jennifer Schwarzbach, The Office of Congressman Craig Goldman  
Maritta Sumner, Governor's Committee to Support the Military

### **Others Present**

Korin Adkins, Texas Department of Transportation  
Lt. Col. Andrew Apetz, Marine Aircraft Group - 41  
Brandy Barrett, City of Westworth Village

Dalecia Bell, The Office of State Representative Nicole Collier  
Cmdr. Dan Bradley, NAS JRB Fort Worth REDCOM  
Jan Brown  
Joaquin Castillo, City of Fort Worth  
Gloria Christin, East Lake Worth Neighborhood Association  
Paul Conley, Texas Department of Transportation  
Charlie Cripliver, Airpower Foundation  
2nd Lt. Chad Dixon, 301st Fighter Wing  
Evan Escher, Trinity Metro  
Tracy Gallman, Castleberry ISD Boardmember  
Stefanie Guin, Lamb-Star Engineering  
Chris Hocate, Lamb-Star Engineering  
Larry Hoover, City of White Settlement  
Cmdr. Dustin Hoskins, Navy Reserve Center Amarillo  
Cmdr. Clayton Johnson, NAS JRB Fort Worth  
Capt. Lena Kaman, NAS JRB Fort Worth REDCOM  
Sarah Kelty, Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors  
Brian Libbey  
Stephen Murray, City of Fort Worth  
James Myrick, City of River Oaks  
Amelia Owre, NAS JRB Fort Worth  
Alyssa Roorda, Fort Worth Tru/Homez  
Erin Schiltz, NAS JRB Fort Worth REDCOM  
Jim Smith, City of Lake Worth  
Rich Tharp, City of White Settlement  
Tommy Thompson, Neighborhood Association on South Lake Worth  
Jill Van Hoewyk, Lamb-Star Engineering

Bethany Warner, City of Fort Worth  
Councilmember Geoffrey A. White, City of Lake  
Worth  
Cmdr. Adrienne Wilhelm, NAS JRB Fort Worth  
REDCOM  
Ron Wooten, East Lake Worth Neighborhood  
Association  
Faron Young, Mayor, City of White Settlement

**NCTCOG Staff in Attendance**

Kyle Roy  
Amanda Wilson

**Meeting Summary Outline**

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of October 21, 2024, Meeting Summary (Action)
4. 2025-2026 Officer Election (Action)
5. Tenant Command Presentation: Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) - 41
6. Legislative Program for 89th Texas Legislature (Action)
7. Community Noise Mitigation Program Update
8. Strategic Parcel Acquisition and Reuse Program Update
9. FY23 Department of Defense Spending by State Report & TMPC Military Value Report
10. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update
11. Staff Reports, Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG
  - Transportation Project Implementation Update, Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
  - Scheduling Update
  - Media Alerts
  - Correspondence
  - Attendance Report
12. Public Comments

**Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge**

Chair Larry Marshall called the Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Item 2. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair opened the meeting with committee and audience member introductions.

**Item 3. Approval of October 21, 2024 Meeting Summary (Action)**

The motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Councilmember Macy Hill. Councilmember Michael D. Crain seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 4. 2025-2026 Officer Nominating Committee (Action)**

A slate of officers for the 2025-2026 term was approved by unanimous voice vote. The motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Councilmember Crain. Councilmember Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The new officers began their terms following the meeting.

Chair: Dr. Larry Marshall, City of Benbrook

Vice Chair: Dan Chisholm, City of River Oaks

Secretary: Jeff James, City of White Settlement

Treasurer: Gary Stuard, City of Lake Worth

#### **Item 5: Tenant Command Presentation: Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) - 41**

The Chair introduced Lt. Col Andrew Apetz, who presented about the Marine Aircraft Group (MAG) – 41 on behalf of Col. Michael Brennan. The group was established in World War II and uses a Thumper rabbit logo created by Walt Disney. MAG-41 is the largest aircraft group in the Marine Corps. It trains and equips approximately 3,000 pilots, aircrew, and support personnel in order to provide combat assault support, offensive air support, counter-air, airfield support services, and airborne supporting arms coordination day or night during expeditionary, joint, or combined operations. MAG-41's units are deployed to sites across the entire continental United States at over eight locations, leading to their distinction as "America's MAG." The group contains all Marine aircraft except one helicopter model.

Lt. Col. Apetz said there is a possibility the MAG-41 may relocate from NAS JRB Fort Worth in the near future because the VMFA-112 "Cowboys" wing does not have hangars equipped for the wing's transition to F-35 aircraft. MAG-41 will receive the F-35 in 2030. Without the construction of new hangars, the wing will need to move to Beaufort, South Carolina. The Texas Congressional delegation has been informed about the need for a new hangar at NAS JRB Fort Worth, and there is a legislative effort underway to identify funding. The wing's preference is to remain in Fort Worth due to its convenient location near DFW International Airport.

Mr. Jack Adkison asked how many personnel would leave if the Cowboys relocated, and Lt. Col. Apetz said 400-800 active and reserve personnel would need to relocate. Secretary Dan Chisholm asked how expensive a new hangar would cost, and Lt. Col. Apetz said the current estimate was over \$1 billion.

#### **Item 6. Legislative Program for 89th Texas Legislature (Action)**

Amanda Wilson presented an action item, a draft legislative position for the current State legislative session that will end in June. The position would allow staff and the RCC chair to take action to support bills that align with the RCC's legislative goals. Amanda presented an earlier draft of the position for review at the October 21, 2024, RCC meeting. Staff revised the position's second goal after receiving feedback from the City of Fort Worth. The second goal now specifies that the RCC is seeking to amend SB 2038 from the 88th Texas Legislature to include NAS JRB Fort Worth in an exception for military installations that have a 15-mile buffer for landowner releases from a city's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Amanda explained that the process for submitting letters to the Texas Legislature required the Chair to review and sign any correspondence drafted by staff. Councilmember Michael Crain provided some context for the revision requested by Fort Worth. He said it stemmed from a September legislative hearing. Councilmember Crain then motioned to approve the position; the motion was seconded by Councilmember Macy Hill. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Item 7: Community Noise Mitigation Program Update**

Amanda Wilson shared the good news that all six of the schools submitted by NCTCOG to the Community Noise Mitigation Program have received grant awards from the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation (OLDCC):

- Effie Morris Early Learning Academy (LWISD)
- Howry STEAM Academy (LWISD)
- LWISD Operations Building
- Brewer Middle School (WSISD)
- Liberty Elementary School (WSISD), and
- WSISD Transition Center.

The awards total \$3.64 million, with local funding being provided by:

- NCTCOG: \$202,000
- White Settlement ISD: \$143,000, and
- Lake Worth ISD: \$60,000.

Amanda said NCTCOG would now submit final budget materials to OLDCC. Environmental Review under the National Environmental Protection Act is expected to begin in spring 2025. The WSISD projects will then be constructed in 2025-2026, and the LWISD projects will follow in 2026-2028. Final post-construction acoustical testing will be complete in fall 2028.

Mr. Dillon Maroney congratulated NCTCOG staff on submitting a successful application with the strategy of targeting funds to local school districts. Dan Kessler thanked the 301st Fighter Wing and Lockheed Martin for scheduling flights during the acoustical testing required for the application. He also recognized the NCTCOG Executive Board for supporting the application. He explained that only four areas in the United States were awarded funding and said he hoped there would be an opportunity for Fort Worth ISD to submit applications if an additional round of funding was opened.

Mr. Mike Coleman inquired about the application process. Amanda said the process was very difficult because it required a large initial funding outlay without a guarantee of reimbursement. Consequently, there were few applications submitted. Dr. Larry Marshall asked about the post-construction testing. Amanda said the grant requires the construction to achieve an indoor noise level of 45 dB; if the construction is not successful, then local governments will have to employ additional mitigation measures. The funds must be under agreement by Sept. 30, 2025.

#### **Item 8. Strategic Parcel Acquisition and Reuse Program (SPARP) Update**

Dan Kessler provided an update on recent actions taken to secure parcels adjacent to base's southern runway. He explained that these parcels were frequently subject to trespassing and that an unauthorized mobile home park had been established prior to 2022 when the Cowtown BBQ property was acquired by the City of White Settlement with funding from the Regional Transportation Council. Additionally, adjacent parcels owned by the Knights of Columbus needed to be secured, and the selected mechanism is a land swap with the City of White Settlement. The city will then gift the land it receives to NAS JRB Fort Worth, since this portion of the property lies behind the base's fence line in the Clear Zone. The resulting arrangement will be more secure and protect these parcels' compatibility. Dan said the swap would be completed within the next few weeks after the property had been platted. The total cost of acquiring the Cowtown BBQ property and arranging the land swap is \$2 million.

#### **Item 9. FY23 Department of Defense Spending by State Report & TMPC Military Value Report**

Dan Kessler presented OLDCC's annual Department of Defense (DoD) Spending by State Report. The report showed the extent of DoD's investment in both Texas and Tarrant County, which is largely due to defense contract spending, especially at the Lockheed Martin manufacturing facility adjacent to NAS JRB Fort Worth. He said this report demonstrates the defense sector's economic impact in the region as well

as the importance of compatible planning around the base. There are more than 550 firms related to aviation, aerospace, and defense in North Texas.

Dan also presented the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Biennial Report, which also showed the economic impact of defense spending in North Texas. He particularly pointed out the report's focus on the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant Program (DEAAG), which is state infrastructure program for defense communities. The Texas Legislature appropriated \$30 million for DEAAG in FY2024-2025, but Dan said the report led him to believe there is a case for increased DEAAG funding, given the economic impact of the defense sector.

### **Item 10. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update**

Cmdr. Clayton Johnson presented on behalf of Capt. Beau Hufstetler. Cmdr. Johnson said the base had undertaken construction projects at the Main Gate and Commercial Gate that should be completed this spring. There may be some impacts to local traffic, but these will be temporary. The base has also begun an erosion control project along Hawks Creek at the MacArthur housing complex. He also advised that the base would be conducting internal force protection drills through April. Finally, he announced that the Blue Angels were unable to return for an airshow in either 2025 or 2026. He said the base still hoped to hold events to engage the community in both years; for example, the annual Navy 10-miler is being planned for early May.

Community Planning Liaison Officer Amelia Owre said the base was planning to host a Civic Leaders Day in late spring or early summer. Mr. Jack Adkison asked about a recent incident involving an abandoned vehicle at the base's Main Gate. Cmdr. Johnson explained an investigation revealed the vehicle had been taken for a test drive and abandoned.

### **Item 11. Staff Reports**

- **Transportation Project Implementation Update, Dan Kessler, NCTCOG**
  - Meandering Road: The project has advanced to right of way acquisition. Construction is expected to begin in September 2025.
  - SH 183/Pumphrey Interchange: An application for federal funding through the RAISE Grant program was submitted in January. If awarded, construction would begin in 2027.
  - SH 183 from SH 199 to IH 30: This project has been placed on a temporary hold by the Texas Department of Transportation.
  - SH 199 from IH 820 to Downtown: Letting is scheduled for 2028.
  - Bomber Spur Bike Trail: Mr. Coleman asked for a more extensive update at the next meeting. Dan Kessler said the project had encountered a design issue.
- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, April 21, 2025, at Westworth Village City Hall.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

### **Item 12. Public Comments**

There were no public comments.