

**Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC) Meeting Notes**  
**William J Pitstick Conference Room**  
**February 11, 2025 / 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM**

**Welcome & Opening Remarks**

REPAC Committee

**Roll Call**

Vanessa Hooker, NCTCOG

Quorum was met.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

*Members of the public may comment on any item(s) on today's agenda at this time. If speaking, please complete a Speaker Request Card available at the meeting and provide it to the North Central Texas Council of Governments designated staff person. A maximum of (3) minutes per speaker is permitted. At the conclusion of this item, no further opportunities for public comment will be provided for the duration of the meeting. **No public comments.***

**Approval of October 30, 2024, Meeting Notes**



REPAC Members

- **Motion:** Chase Wheeler made a motion to approve the October 2024 REPAC meeting notes, the motion was seconded by Michaela Sandefer. The motion carried.

**Business Items**



REPAC Members

**Establish a Subcommittee to Review Critical Infrastructure Nodes**

- It was decided that the best way to handle this is to form a sub-committee to help us understand what those Nodes are and to review them. The goal is to increase our standing with our funding formulas with Homeland Security and UASI funding.
- The more Nodes we have, the better our funding will be.
- **Motion:** Tonya Hunter made a motion to Establish a Subcommittee to Review Critical Infrastructure Nodes for the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the motion was seconded by Jason Lane. The motion carried.

**2025 REPAC Meeting Dates**

- **Motion:** Irish Hancock made a motion to approve the 2025 REPAC meeting dates and time, the motion was seconded by Tonya Hunter. The motion carried.

**Discussion Items**

**- GY25 SHSP Priority List**

Justin Cox, NCTCOG

- PWERT was added to the project list. This was approved by EPPC Funding Committee.
- We will submit the \$1.7 million and hope to get it.
- We are awaiting federal grant guidance to see what changes there may be to national priority areas and funding amounts.
- The ranking will be discussed at the After-Action Review Committee (AARC).
- Tonya H. was concerned about not receiving funds for T&E.
- TDEM is offering some upcoming 305 courses.
- Tonya H. wanted to know if we can fill the gap on training that are not being funded.

**- REPAC After Action Review Committee (AARC) Meeting**

Samantha Taylor, REPAC Vice Chair

- There have been a lot of changes. It would be good to attend the AARC.
- AARC meeting date will roll out soon.

**- TXDOT Traffic Incident Management Program**

Anthony White, TXDOT

- Working to add local government officials to their committees.
- They are working to streamline their processes.
- You can earn credit attending TxDOT classes.

- **NACo Meeting Discussion**

Cody Powell, REPAC Chair

- Reached out to jurisdictions before the meeting to get disaster impact stories, recovery challenges, and recommendations for change.
- We must have local representation on the FEMA panel.
- The NACo meeting was changed due to the presidential memos so not as much was able to be accomplished as was originally planned.

- **THIRA/SPR/SIP Overview**

Justin Cox, NCTCOG

- There was a THIRA/SPR/RIP workshop on December 17<sup>th</sup>. There were 12 or 13 changes made to the THIRA.
- There were minor changes to THIRA and updated selected core capabilities for SPR.
- There were significant changes to RIP based on the state feedback.
- We are entering year 1 of 3 for THIRA, so I will be updating:
  - Cyber scenario
  - GIS estimated impacts
- THIRA/SPR/RIP is available on the EP Portal
- We will do more this year than we did last year.

- **Grant Dashboard**

- 2023 Funding

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- Interop - \$15K leftover
- Pub Ed – Project extended \$2,000 leftover
- USAR – Completed
- Fusion – Projects completed, did not spend all of their funding – remaining went back to state
- EOD – spent their funding – a little money left over – went back to the state

- 2024 Funding

- Metro X – In progress
- PWERT – In progress
- SWAT – Mesquite, Irving, Hurst – In progress
- EOD – In progress

- **REPAC Nominations**

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- REPAC Nominations opens in March.
- SWAT, Hazmat, USAR, Emergency Management PWERT, Cybersecurity, Interop.
- EOD, Fusion, Training & Exercise, and UAS will need to submit nominations also.
- The first meeting is August 7<sup>th</sup> for the liaison and SMEs. This is the last meeting for those rotating off.

- **Metro X Update**

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- 3-day exercise (10-12 hours each day), October 27-29, 2025
- The mid-term planning meeting is February 13, 2025. Site hosted by DART.
- Extent of Play Agreements due: March 31, 2025.
- Core Planning Team Meeting: April 17 (Tentative)
- There will be night scenarios, possibly Monday and Tuesday nights
- Objectives discussed:
  - Multi-discipline/agency integration
  - Operational Communications
  - Regional Support Center DDEOC
  - Patient Tracking
  - Short-term recovery
  - CRBNE scenarios
- FEMA National Exercise Program will assist with this project
- The Olson Group, Ltd. Was hired as a contractor to assist with exercise development and coordination, including Donation Management
- Site Host Agreements and Extent of Play Agreements have been sent

- VIP Escorts will be available

#### - FIFA World Cup Update

- The next FIFA meeting with host cities is next week.

Committee Members

#### COG Updates / Announcements

- EP will have 4 temporary staff starting on February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- We don't have the grant timeline from TARC yet.
- The grants have to be entered by this Thursday.
- UASI Grants – e-grants will be open March 3 – April 3.
- The projects need to be in before grant guidance.
- Pub Ed is filming a video this week.

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#### Upcoming Events

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| Metro X Midterm Planning Meeting                     | February 13, 2025 |
| SWAT Working Group Meeting                           | February 20, 2025 |
| CPP Working Group Meeting                            | February 25, 2025 |
| Training & Exercise Working Group Meeting            | February 27, 2025 |
| Hazmat Working Group                                 | Mar 3, 2025       |
| EMAT Conference, College Station                     | Mar 17-19, 2025   |
| Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC)       | Mar 20, 2025      |
| Emergency Management Working Group Meeting           | Mar 26, 2025      |
| Texas Emergency Management Conference, Fort Worth    | May 27-30, 2025   |
| National Homeland Security Conference, Washington DC | Aug 25-28, 2025   |

#### Member Comments / Public Comments

#### Resources

September 2024 Meeting Minutes  
 2025 SHSP NCTCOG Project Priority  
 EPPC Roster  
 EPPC Nominations  
 Emergency Preparedness: [www.nctcog.org/ep/](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/)  
 State Training Website: [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org)

#### Meeting Adjourned (10:24 am)

#### Next Meeting

April 2, 2025 (Hybrid Meeting)  
 NCTCOG Regional Forum Conference Room/MS Teams  
Networking: 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM  
Meeting: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM