

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — February 28, 2019

Transportation Council Room

616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, Texas

President Strength called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 12:46 on February 28, 2019.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Kevin Strength | 8. Nick Sanders |
| 2. Ray Smith | 9. Richard Stopfer |
| 3. Tom Lombard | 10. David Sweet |
| 4. Curtistene McCowan | 11. Paul Voelker |
| 5. Chris Hill | 12. Glen Whitley |
| 6. Bobbie Mitchell | 13. Kathryn Wilemon |
| 7. Tito Rodriguez | 14. Kelly Allen Gray |

Members of the Board Absent:

- 15. J. D. Clark
- 16. Clay Jenkins
- 17. Lee Kleinman
- 18. Ron Simmons

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, David Setzer, Edith Marvin, Molly McFadden, Christy Williams, Lucille Johnson, Stephanie Cecil, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, Karen Richard, Brett Ogletree, Emily Beckham, Natalie Bettger, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, Debra Kosarek, Maggie Lira, Heather Mazac, Carmen Morones, James Powell, Molly Rendon, Randy Richardson, Kelly Schmidt, Lisa Rascoe

REGULAR SESSION

Presentation of NCTCOG Service Awards

President Strength and Executive Director Mike Eastland awarded certificates to NCTCOG staff for their years of service. Eligible staff for the 2018 service awards were:

5 Year Service Awards

Brenda Baker, Agency Administration
Cody Crisp, Research & Information Services
Brian Crooks, Transportation
Milace Ejiogu, Workforce Development
Steven Gorena, 9-1-1
Amy Hodges, Transportation
Kenneth Klahn, Workforce Development
Kevin Kokes, Transportation
Eric Lee, Research & Information Services
Kurt Lehan, Transportation
Erin Lewis, Transportation
Edith Marvin, Environment & Development
Jessica Mason, Emergency Preparedness
Jonathan Matthews, Research & Info. Services
Marcos Nunez, Agency Administration
Darshan Patel, Transportation
Kyle Roy, Transportation
Caryn Sanders, Transportation
Jack Snow, Workforce Development
Kimberlin To, Transportation
Laura Wolfe, Area Agency on Aging

10 year Service Awards

Melanie Devine-Guillet, Emergency Preparedness
Shawn Dintino, Transportation

Nathan Drozd, Transportation
Marcus Eyre, Transportation
Kevin Feldt, Transportation
Alycia Harp, PEBC
Jody Loza, Transportation
Norman Marquart Jr, Agency Administration
Gregory Masota, Transportation
Diane McCoy, Area Agency on Aging
Donald Parker, Transportation
Robert Sprosty, Transportation

15 Year Service Awards

Angie Carson, Transportation
Brian Ellsworth, Research & Information Services
Bandi Ellsworth, Agency Administration
Dora Kelly, Transportation
Lisa Key, Transportation
Sonia Monga, Research & Information Services
Trey Pope III, Transportation
Christine Tran, Area Agency on Aging

20 year Service Awards

Therese Bergeon, Transportation
Ken Kirkpatrick, Transportation
Arash Mirzaei, Transportation
Tina Rider, Area Agency on Aging

ACTION:

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

President Strength stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the January 2019 Board meeting.

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the Minutes of the January 2019 Executive Board meeting.

Exhibit: 2019-02-01-EDO

Item 2 Resolution to Accept and Approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2018

Monte Mercer, Deputy Executive Director, submitted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), single audit reports, and the accompanying independent auditor's report to the Executive Board for acceptance and approval. Representatives from the independent auditing firm, WhitleyPenn, were available at the meeting. He explained that the Audit Committee met with NCTCOG staff and audit firm representatives prior to the Executive Board meeting to review the reports.

Exhibit: 2019-02-02-AA

Upon a Motion by Mayor Voelker (seconded by Mayor McCowan), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing Agreements for the Receipt of Funds for Planning and Implementation Programs from the Texas Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to authorize the receipt of approximately \$5.25 million in funds (\$680,000 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds, \$2,000,000 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds, \$1,900,000 Regional Toll Revenue funds, \$380,000 State Match, and \$290,000 in local participation) from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for planning and implementation programs. He explained that the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved the programming of funds for these projects at various times and he provided details of the individual agreements. NCTCOG will coordinate with TxDOT to enter into agreements to receive these funds.

Exhibit: 2019-02-03-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 4 Resolution Approving INFRA Grant Applications for Submittal to the United States Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to authorize the submittal of three grant applications for a total of \$271.1 million in funding under the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) Discretionary Grant Program. He said that between \$855 million and \$902.5 million is available nationwide from the United States Department of Transportation (US DOT) for this program. The funding is for surface transportation projects expected to have a significant impact on the nation, a region, or a metropolitan area. The following three proposed applications have been approved by the Regional Transportation Council for submittal.

1. The North Texas Multimodal Operations, Velocity, Efficiency, and Safety (MOVES) Program would construct rail capacity and operations improvements along the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART)-operated Madill Subdivision and Trinity Railway Express (TRE) corridors in Irving and Dallas; develop and implement an inter-carrier operations information system called ClearPath Technology; and conduct design/engineering services for future planned TRE improvements in Dallas.
2. The Interstate Highway 30 Rockwall County – Lake Ray Hubbard Bridge project would construct continuous three-lane frontage roads with barrier-separated bicycle/pedestrian accommodations in each direction

between Dalrock Road and Horizon Road, helping to complete a planned full traversal of frontage roads across Lake Ray Hubbard and improve reliability of the corridor.

3. The North Texas Partnership Toward National Highway System (NHS) Bridge Performance Goals would address the removal, replacement, or repair of 14 separate NHS bridges classified as the most deficient in Dallas, Denton, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, and Tarrant Counties.

Exhibit: 2019-02-04-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge Sweet (seconded by Councilmember Wilemon), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 5 Resolution Authorizing Grant Application to the Environmental Protection

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to authorize submittal of a grant application, in the amount of \$2.5 million, to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under the Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. This application requests funding for projects that improve air quality by reducing ozone-forming diesel engine emissions and accelerating the turnover of older, high-emitting diesel engines. The funding will support initiatives currently listed in the DFW Eight-Hour Ozone State Implementation Plan by implementing projects in the nonattainment and near nonattainment areas, including vehicle or equipment projects for public sector fleets or private companies (that serve as contractors to the public sector). The proposal includes funding for rail idle-reduction technology and electrification equipment, which responds to the EPA's expressed focus on goods movement projects. The required subgrantee match will be dependent upon specific projects and may range from 55 to 75 percent of project cost. Match will be the responsibility of the subgrantees, who will be selected through an open, competitive Call for Projects.

Exhibit: 2019-02-05-TR

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Lombard (seconded by Mayor Sanders), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 6 Resolution Approving Modifications to the FY2018 and FY2019 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning

Dan Kessler, Assistant Director of Transportation, asked the Board to approve modifications (including project updates and funding adjustments) to the FY2018 and FY2019 UPWP Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning (UPWP). He explained that the Work Program, which is required by federal and state transportation planning regulations, was approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and the Executive Board in July 2017. The Work Program provides a summary of the transportation and related air quality planning tasks to be conducted by staff between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2019.

Exhibit: 2019-02-06-TR

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Mitchell (seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Judge Hill entered the meeting.

Item 7 Resolution Authorizing a Consultant Contract with Halff Associates, Inc. to Conduct Preliminary Engineering for the Regional Veloweb Trail Connections to Rail Stations in Denton and Dallas Counties

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization for a consultant contract with Halff Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$606,250 (\$485,000 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds and local matching funds of \$121,250). He explained that the consultant will complete Preliminary Engineering for a regional shared-use path (Veloweb) that will link Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA) and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) passenger rail stations with trail connections to rail stations located in the cities of Lewisville, Carrollton, Coppell and Irving that will enhance last-mile connections to transit.

Exhibit: 2019-02-07-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor McCowan (seconded by Judge Sweet), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 8 Resolution Amending Contract Authorization with Verizon Wireless for Traffic Pattern Data Collection and Traffic Operation Improvements for IH 30 Closure

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to authorize an amendment to an existing contract with Verizon Wireless to add \$35,000 to a previously approved amount not to exceed \$175,000. The total revised not to exceed amount would be \$210,000 (Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds and Transportation Development Credits used in lieu of local match). This will allow the continued collection of traffic pattern data for operational improvements during planned IH 30 closures. He explained that as part of the IH 30 and SH 360 interchange project, the Texas Department of Transportation plans to close IH 30 in both directions from President George Bush Turnpike to the Cooper/Collins Street entrance and exit points. Collecting and understanding traffic pattern data before, during, and after the closures, as well as when special events or crashes occur, will help fine-tune traffic management plans to improve congestion and travel times associated with each possible alternative route.

Exhibit: 2019-02-08-TR

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Wilemon (seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 9 Resolution Adopting FY 2020 Criminal Justice Grants Policies and Procedures

Kelly Schmidt, Criminal Justice Program Administrator, asked the Board to adopt the FY 2020 Criminal Justice Grants Policies and Procedures, which have been approved and recommended for adoption by the Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee (CJPDC). She explained that NCTCOG is responsible for reviewing and scoring criminal justice grant applications from local agencies under a Criminal Justice Division Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and is required to adopt Policies and Procedures that guide the application process. She said that changes from the previous policy include updates to grant period timeframes, date revisions, and a revision pertaining to applications submitted on incorrect documents.

Exhibit: 2019-02-09-CJ

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

APPOINTMENTS:

Item 10 Appointments to the Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee (CJPDC)

Kelly Schmidt, Criminal Justice Program Administrator, asked the Board to approve nine new members and five reappointments to a three-year term on the Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee. She also asked for approval of an additional one-year term for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee. She explained that the Committee reviews local requests for funding from approximately \$29.7 million in available justice related funds for law enforcement, courts, juvenile and victims' services.

Appointments to the Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee

Officers:

Chair: Craig Johnson, Chief Deputy, Wise County Sheriff's Office

Vice Chair, Julie Monge, Teen Court Coordinator / Juvenile Case Manager, Collin County

Proposed New Members:

Lance Arnold, Chief of Police, City of Weatherford

Betty, Arvin, Attorney, Tarrant County Magistrate, Tarrant County

Joseph Cagle, Deputy, Kaufman County Sheriff's Office

Virginia Hoft, Director of Substance Use Services, Santa Fe Youth Services, a division of Youth Advocates Programs

Shelby Hopson, Victim Assistance Coordinator, City of Fort Worth

Jan Langbein, CEO, Genesis Women's Shelter & Support
Cristy Malott, Director of Juvenile Services, Johnson County
Ann Montgomery, First Assistant County and District Attorney, Ellis County
Eileen Prentice, Grant Resource Administrator, Collin County

Reappointments

Patricia Anthony, Citizen-At-Large, Dallas County
Jodee Lucero, President/Chief Executive Officer, Cross Timbers Family Services
Robert Severance, Chief of Police, City of Cleburne
Dale Sigler, Assistant Chief of Police, City of Waxahachie
Judge Cheryl Williams, Municipal Court Judge, City of Dallas

Upon a Motion by Judge Hill (seconded by Judge Whitley), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 11 Appointments to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD)

Lucille Johnson, Assistant to the Executive Director, explained that the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD) is advisory to the Executive Board and guides the work of the region's Economic Development District, which is managed and staffed by NCTCOG. The region was designated as a district by the U. S. Economic Development Administration in December of 2016. She recommended two appointments, which have been approved by the NCTEDD, to serve a three-year term on the Board:

- Scott Jones, Executive Director of Economic Development, City of Ferris, to represent the population category of cities with a population of less than 25,000
- John Boswell, Director of Economic Development, Navarro County and City of Corsicana to represent Navarro County

Upon a Motion by Mayor McCowan (seconded by Mayor Sanders), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 12 Appointments to the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council 2019 (EPPC)

Molly McFadden, Director of Emergency Preparedness, asked the Board to appoint the following qualified local elected officials to serve a two-year term on the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC), which currently has open positions in seventeen population categories. She explained that the EPPC serves in an advisory role to the Board and is responsible for providing policy direction and oversight functions for development and maintenance of a coordinated and integrated regional approach to emergency management planning and response systems.

Nominees:

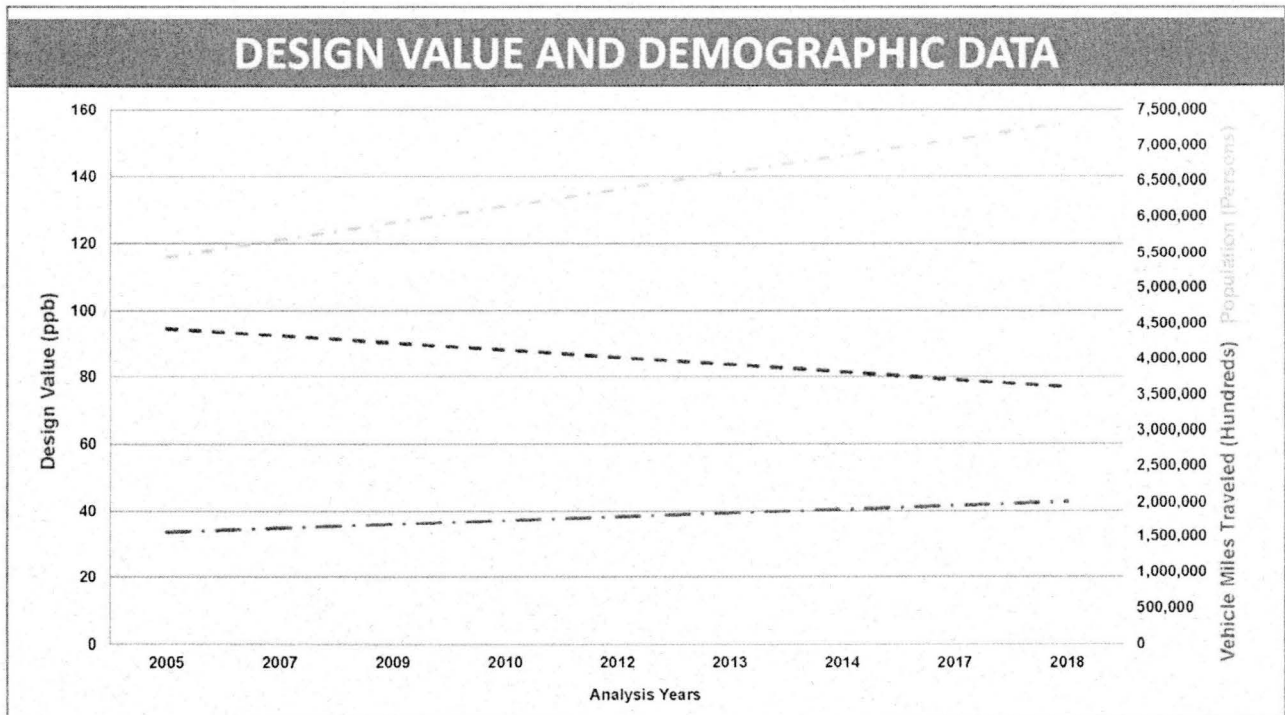
Betsy Price – City of Fort Worth
Carol Strain-Burk – City of Lancaster
Chris Hill – Collin County
Danny Chambers – Somervell County
Jim Olk – City of Lucas
Mike Korbuly – Town of Prosper
Nicole Raphiel – City of DeSoto
Nin Hulett – City of Granbury
Pat Deen – Parker County
Ray Richardson – City of Everman
Ron Jensen – City of Grand Prairie
TJ Gilmore – City of Lewisville
Adam McGough – City of Dallas

Upon a Motion by Mayor McCowan (seconded by Judge Sweet), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

STATUS REPORTS:

Item 13 Status Report on Air Quality as Compared to Transportation Demand Measures

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, reminded the Board that they have requested additional information showing the improvement in air quality levels in the Dallas-Fort Worth region despite increases in transportation demand. He provided a diagram showing that ozone pollution has continued to improve since the 1990s. He informed the Board that despite the increasing size of North Texas, the region continues to close in on the federal ozone standard set by the Environmental Protection Agency.



MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 14 Old and New Business

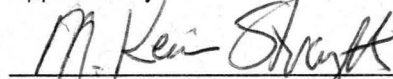
There was no old or new Business.

Item 15 Attendance and Calendar


The Board was provided with a Calendar of meeting and a record of Attendance.

There being no other business, President Strength adjourned the meeting.

Approved by:


Kevin Strength, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Waxahachie

Checked by:


Mike Eastland, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments