

## North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

### North Texas Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition

July 21, 2023

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Chair: Katherine Barnett, City of Denton

Vice Chair: Mendie White, City of Lewisville

#### 1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

Participants were asked to identify their names and organizations represented in the meeting chat window. Priority for questions and comments throughout the meeting will be given to participants representing RISE Coalition member communities and other local governments in the region. Participants from the private sector or the general public may ask questions or share information during the roundtable portion at the end of the meeting.

#### ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSION

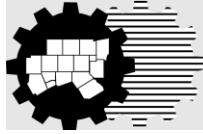
2. **Meeting Summary.** Review previous meeting summary and vote on approval. The May 12, 2023 Meeting Summary can be viewed [here](#).

There was an error and the link to the May meeting summary was incorrect. NCTCOG will post the correct link online following the meeting.

3. **FY2023 Work Program and Project Update.** (*Members and NCTCOG*) NCTCOG will provide an update to the group on FY2023 Work Program initiatives:

- FY2023 Events – Discuss regional education opportunities including recent and upcoming workshops and webinars.
  - Energy workshop series sponsored by the City of Dallas

Breanne Johnson, NCTCOG, shared what had been achieved so far under the FY2023 Work Plan, including a virtual roundtable on funding opportunities for energy efficiency, a half-day workshop on building weatherization and assistance programs, and a half-day workshop on community-scale solar. An additional workshop on energy efficiency strategies for local governments will be held in September.



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- FY2024 Work Plan Discussion and Approval.** *(Members and NCTCOG)* NCTCOG Staff will provide a draft of the [RISE Coalition Work Plan for FY2024](#). The Members will discuss priorities for the next fiscal year, including preferred sustainability focus areas and member recruitment strategy. The Members will vote on approval of the Work Plan.

Cory Heiple, City of Carrollton, motioned to approve the FY24 Work Plan. Jaime Bretzmann, City of Plano, seconded the motion. 7 voting members present were in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained. The motion passed unanimously and the FY24 Work Plan was approved as presented.

- FY2024 Member Cost Share Commitments.** *(Members and NCTCOG)*

Breanne reminded those present to complete the FY2024 Cost Share Commitment Survey as soon as possible if they would like to be considered a cost-sharing member of the RISE Coalition for the next fiscal year. To date, six local governments have completed the survey.

- 2019 Regional GHG Emissions Inventory.** *(Nicholas Vanhaasen, NCTCOG)* Nicholas Vanhaasen from NCTCOG's Air Quality Technical Team will discuss the results of the 2019 Regional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory, data takeaways, and potential next steps.

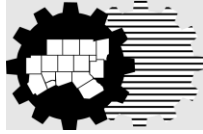
Nicholas Vanhaasen shared the preliminary results of the 2019 regional emissions inventory, including which sectors accounted for the greatest shares of regional emissions (energy and transportation) and which counties generated the greatest emissions across all sectors. NCTCOG will be finalizing the 2019 inventory in the coming months for the 12-county metropolitan planning region, and will be expanding the 2019 inventory to the entire 16-county NCTCOG region as part of efforts under the EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG).

- Regional GHG Emissions Reduction Toolkit.** *(Meghan Reisenauer, EDF Fellow)* NCTCOG's Environmental Defense Fund Summer Fellow will present on her work expanding the Regional GHG Emissions Reduction Toolkit to include strategies for the solid waste, water, and wastewater sectors.

Meghan Reisenauer shared the work she has completed so far this summer toward compiling energy efficiency and emissions reduction strategies for the solid waste, water, and wastewater sectors. Meghan will continue to both expand and refine this emissions strategy toolkit through the end of the summer.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

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8. **NCTCOG Regional Opportunities.** (NCTCOG) NCTCOG will go over other opportunities in the North Central Texas region that relate to sustainability and the Coalition’s focus areas.

NCTCOG staff shared several upcoming events and funding opportunities related to alternative fuels and electric vehicles, including National Drive Electric Week at the start of October.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

9. **Participant Roundtable.** (All) Participants will have an opportunity to share activities happening in their communities/organizations to identify areas for collaboration and sharing sustainability programs or success stories.

The City of Plano shared that they will be applying for their allotted Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funding from the Department of Energy. The EECBG program was a topic of discussion during the April 7<sup>th</sup> Energy Efficiency Funding Roundtable, and many cities and counties within the region have been allotted funding for energy efficiency improvements through this program. NCTCOG encourages all local governments will allotted funding to take advantage of this opportunity.

10. **Future Agenda Items.** Suggestions for future agenda items.

There were no suggestions for future agenda items. Breanne asked that if anyone thinks of a topic for a future meeting, to please email her at [BJohnson@nctcog.org](mailto:BJohnson@nctcog.org).

11. **Next Meeting Date.** The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Friday, October 20, 2023. This meeting will be held in person at NCTCOG’s offices:

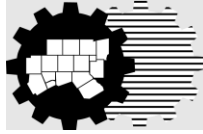
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1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Centerpoint II  
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12. **Adjournment.**

**Attendees**

<b>RISE Coalition Members Present</b>	
Mendie White (Vice Chair)	City of Lewisville
Jaime Bretzmann	City of Plano
Heather Harrington	City of Plano
Alexander Pharmakis	City of Farmers Branch

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Cory Heiple	City of Carrollton
Novella Landau	City of Carrollton
Dorothy Kindell	TRWD
Avery Pesek	City of Fort Worth
Rosaerlinda Cisneros	City of Dallas
<b>Other Attendees</b>	
Evyan Tankersley	Olsson
Autumn Radle	Texas PACE Authority
Natalie Quinn	Atmos Energy
Lee Battle	City of Allen
Grace Lewis	Environmental Defense Fund
Molly Ellsworth	Environmental Defense Fund
Heather Firn	Trinity River Authority
Larry Howe	Citizens Climate Lobby
Gabriel Rivas IV	Tarrant County
Nathan Smith	Tarrant County
Kimberly Miller	Half Associates
Nanditha Ram Satagopan	
Molly Rooke	
Breanne Johnson	NCTCOG
Nicholas Van Haasen	NCTCOG
Meghan Reisenauer	NCTCOG EDF Fellow
Cassidy Campbell	NCTCOG
Katherine Eddleman	NCTCOG
Jared Wright	NCTCOG/DFWCC
Vivek Thimmavajjhala	NCTCOG
Garrett Colony	NCTCOG/DFWCC
Joslyn Billings	NCTCOG/DFWCC
Jenny Narvaez	NCTCOG

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Breanne Johnson at (817) 695-9148 or [bjohnson@nctcog.org](mailto:bjohnson@nctcog.org). If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Lilianna Sheppard at (817) 695-9231 or [LSheppard@nctcog.org](mailto:LSheppard@nctcog.org) at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

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