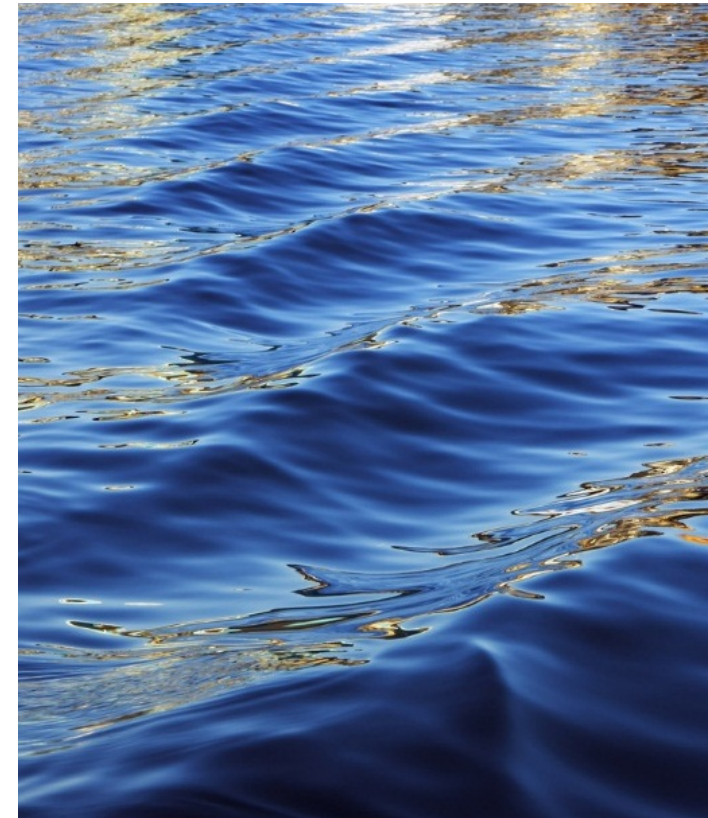




North Texas Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition

April 13, 2020



Meeting Agenda

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

ACTION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** Review previous meeting summary.
3. **North Texas RISE Coalition Bylaws Adoption.** The members will be asked to adopt Bylaws for the RISE Coalition.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. **Administrative Items.** Discussion of officer elections, membership roster, and membership expansion.
5. **Debrief of Regional Climate Action Plan Workshop.** NCTCOG will provide a recap of the Climate Action Planning Workshop with GDPC and discuss possibilities for a followup workshop or regional discussion in the next year Work Program.
6. **Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory.** The group will discuss the application to the Meadows Foundation and review the proposal for the USDN grant in detail.
7. **FY 2021 Work Program.** In July, NCTCOG will bring forward a draft FY2021 Work Program for consideration and approval. The group will discuss the activities to be completed within the anticipated budget.

INFORMATION ITEMS

8. **NCTCOG Updates as Time Permits**

OTHER BUSINESS

9. **Future Agenda Items.** Suggestions of future agenda items.
10. **Roundtable.** Members are asked to share what is happening in their communities.
11. **Next Meeting Date.** The next RISE Committee meetings is scheduled for Monday, July 27, 2020. Location TBD.

2. Meeting Summary

Review and Approve January 27, 2020 Meeting Summary

SUMMARY

Regional Integration of Sustainable Efforts (RISE) Coalition

Monday, January 27, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

DFW International Airport, Conference Room 103

3003 S. Service Road

Environmental Annex Bldg A

DFW Airport, TX 75261

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Tamara Cook thanked DFW International Airport for hosting the meeting and attendees introduced themselves.

ACTION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The December 6, 2019 meeting summary was approved by the attendees.

PRESENTATION

3. **Presentation.** DFW Airport Presentation. (Kris Russell) - Kris Russell, Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (DFWIA), presented on the efforts the DFWIA is undergoing to minimize the carbon footprint of airport activities while continuing to experience significant growth. Within the last 18 months, DFWIA has been focused on mobility related initiatives, including bus electrification, bus route optimization, and moving towards use of renewable natural gas in the bus fleet. Additionally, DFWIA is focusing on waste diversion efforts including composting programs, food waste, finding markets for plastics, and better communication of recycling availability.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. **Rebranding RISE Coalition.** Pharr Andrews, City of Dallas, presented draft ideas to modify the FY2020 Work Plan. Most changes related to the new RISE Coalition name. After a short discussion and suggestions from the members, Pharr Andrews made a motion to approve the FY2020 work plan. Katherine, City of Denton, seconded the motion. The motion was approved to adopt the amended FY2020 Work Plan.

The group discussed additional administrative elements including appointing officers, development of bylaws, and membership. These items were further discussed by the group in Item 7.

The group brainstormed ideas for a RISE Coalition logo. NCTCOG will take the ideas for a logo and bring forward draft concepts to the group for consideration prior to the next RISE Coalition meeting.

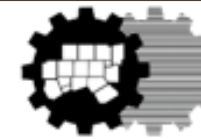
3. North Texas RISE Coalition Bylaws Adoption

Background and recap of events leading up to
Bylaws

Discussion on Draft Document

- Input on Cost-Share Model

Motion and Second for Approval



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NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL INTEGRATION OF SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES COALITION

Draft Bylaws
April 6, 2020

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The North Central Texas (NCT) Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition represents the North Central Texas region on a variety of sustainability activities including economic, social, and environmental initiatives. Originating in 2014 as the North Central Texas Stewardship Forum, the Committee has evolved into the RISE Coalition and is comprised of individuals with sustainability and environmental expertise from local governments.

The mission of the NCT RISE Coalition, herein referred to as the Coalition, is to bring together North Central Texas (NCT) governmental and quasi-governmental organizations to achieve measurable environmental benefits and emissions reductions that contribute to the vitality of the NCT economy and the quality of life of its residents. The longer-term objective of the Coalition is to establish and communicate successful models of cooperation that integrate stewardship principles within and between local governments, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders. The Coalition provides a forum to facilitate regional collaborative efforts to engage local governments on a broader scale, foster peer exchange on key topics, align partner initiatives, leverage regional resources, provide networking and capacity building opportunities, identify funding opportunities for projects, provide mentorship, and communicate Coalition initiatives and/or activities through online and social media.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) provides administrative support to the Coalition at the discretion of the Coalition.

SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP

Coalition membership is open to all NCTCOG members. Members should place regional interests above those of their individual organization for the purposes of the Coalition. The composition of the Coalition can include representation from various sustainability and environmental disciplines and be representative of the region geographically. Coalition members are expected to participate in meetings/events, support goals and activities by providing input, sharing of ideas and knowledge, and if applicable, working with other members to assist in setting and meeting local goals.

Quasi-governmental, local professional organizations, and others may join as non-voting members or attend meetings and activities of the Coalition.

A. Structure & Representation

The Coalition structure shall consist of the following makeup:

4. Discussion: Administrative Items



OFFICER
ELECTIONS



MEMBERSHIP
ROSTER



MEMBERSHIP
EXPANSION



NEW LOGO

- 1) How would you like us to communicate to the region?
 - How would you like us to invite new member governments?
 - Membership roster will include the four paying cities to date.
- 2) When would you like to elect officers?
- 3) New logo for use by member governments.



5. Regional Climate Action Plan Workshop Debrief

Greater Dallas Planning Council Event – RISE Coalition was a partner

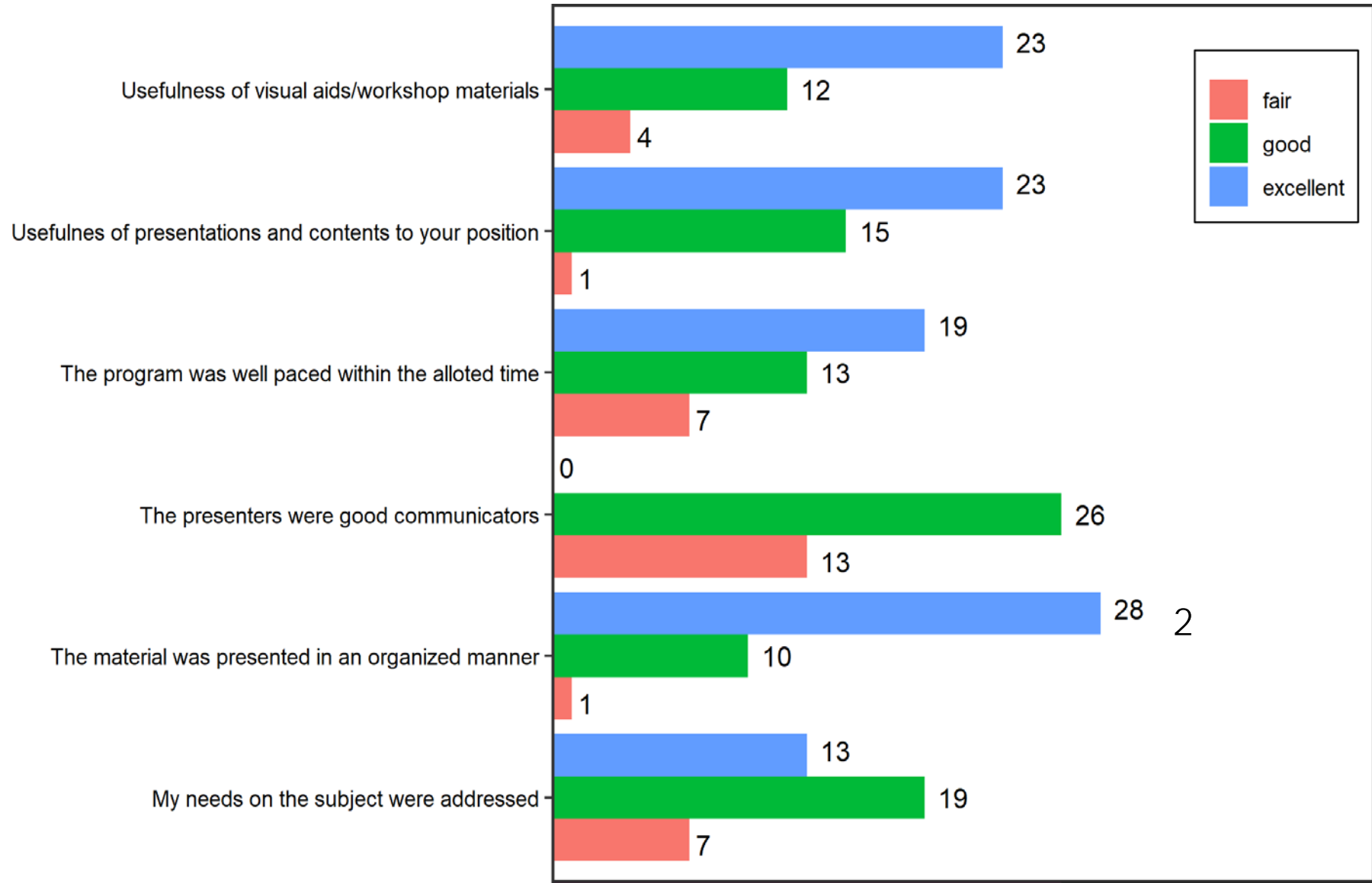
Participant Evaluation Summary
February 26, 2020

Climate Action Planning Workshop Survey

- **112 registrants**
 - 43% local governments
 - 44% private sector
 - 13% non-profit organizations
- **39 (35%) took the survey**
- **12 questions**
 - 6 rating questions
 - 4 open-ended questions
 - 2 closed-ended questions

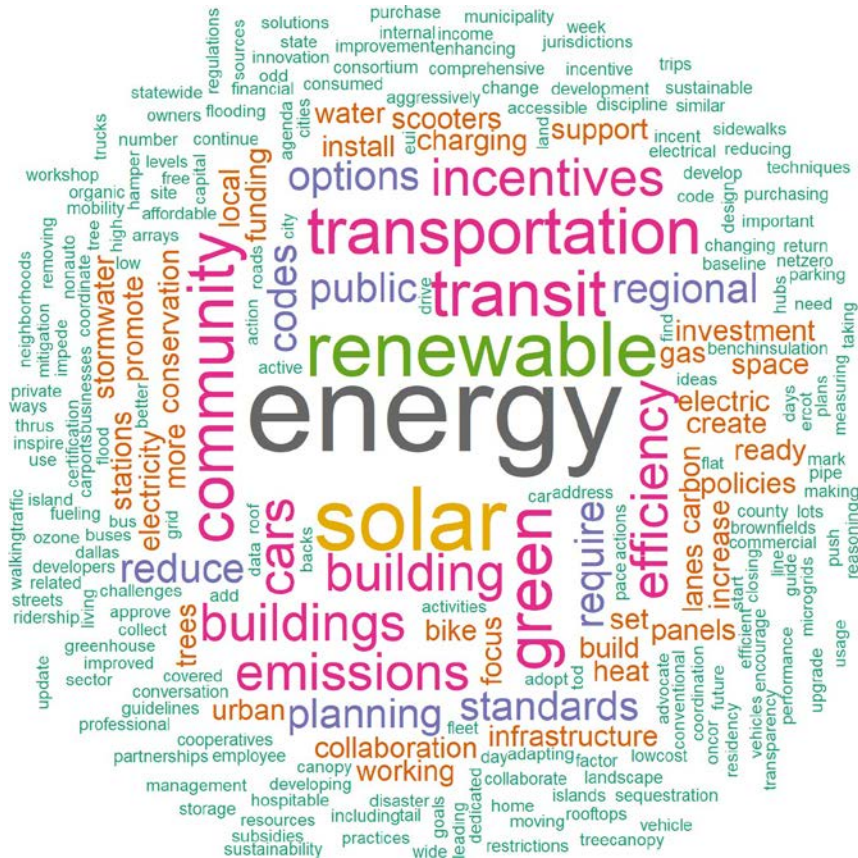
Rating Questions

Q1-6:



Open-Ended Questions

Q7: What are two actions that cities and other organizations could work on related to reducing greenhouse gas emissions?

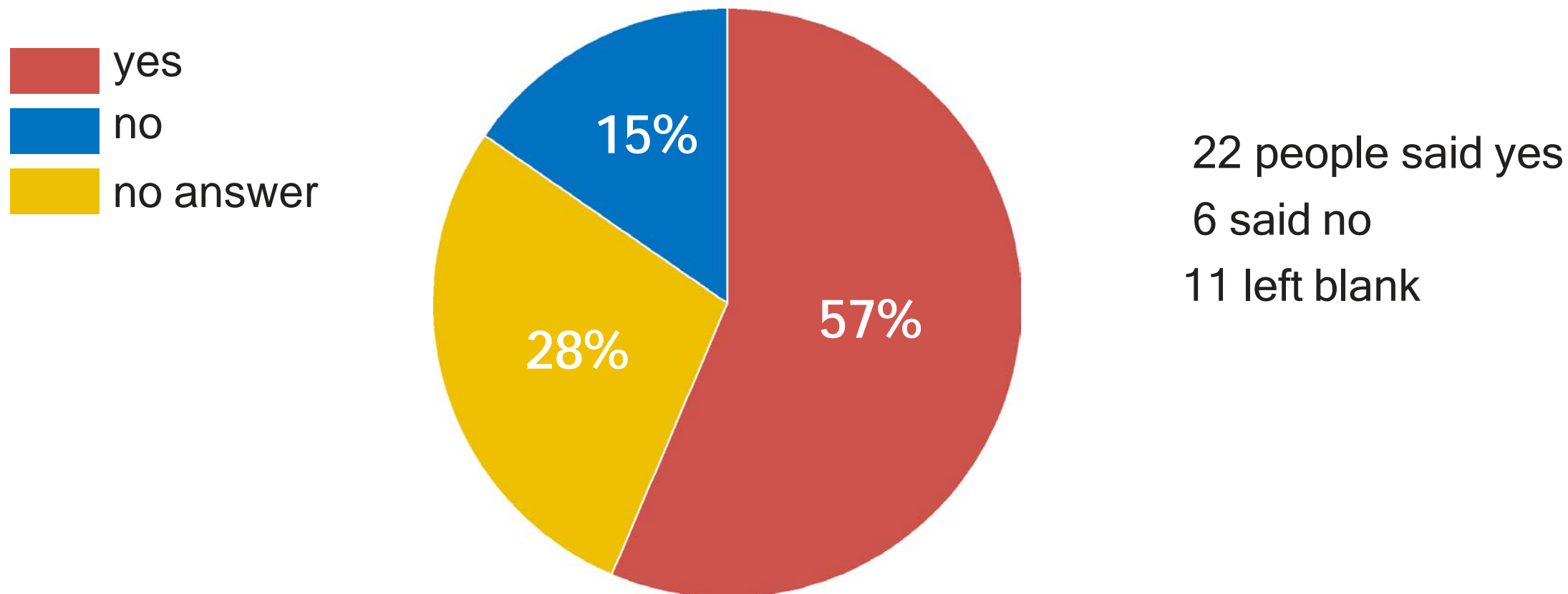


Top 3 categories:

1. Renewable energy and energy efficiency
2. Green building and building codes
3. Transportation, mobility, and transit options

Closed-Ended Questions

Q8: Is your entity incorporating climate/resilience planning and actions into strategic long-range plans?



Open-Ended Questions

Q9: What tools or resources could be helpful in assisting your organization with addressing overall resiliency challenges?



Top 5 most common answers:

1. Training
2. Best practices
3. Workshops
4. Case studies
5. Model ordinances

“workshops to educate the policy makers!”

“training aids/videos online”

"helping showcase and demonstrate ROI on projects."

Q10: What climate/resiliency topic(s) are you most interested in learning more about?

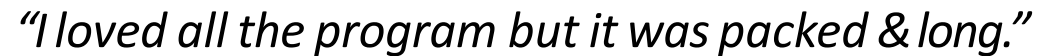


1. Planning
2. Energy
3. Infrastructure
4. Renewable
5. Waste

“construction and code requirements”

“mobility and reducing dependency on the single use vehicles”

Q11: How could the event be improved?



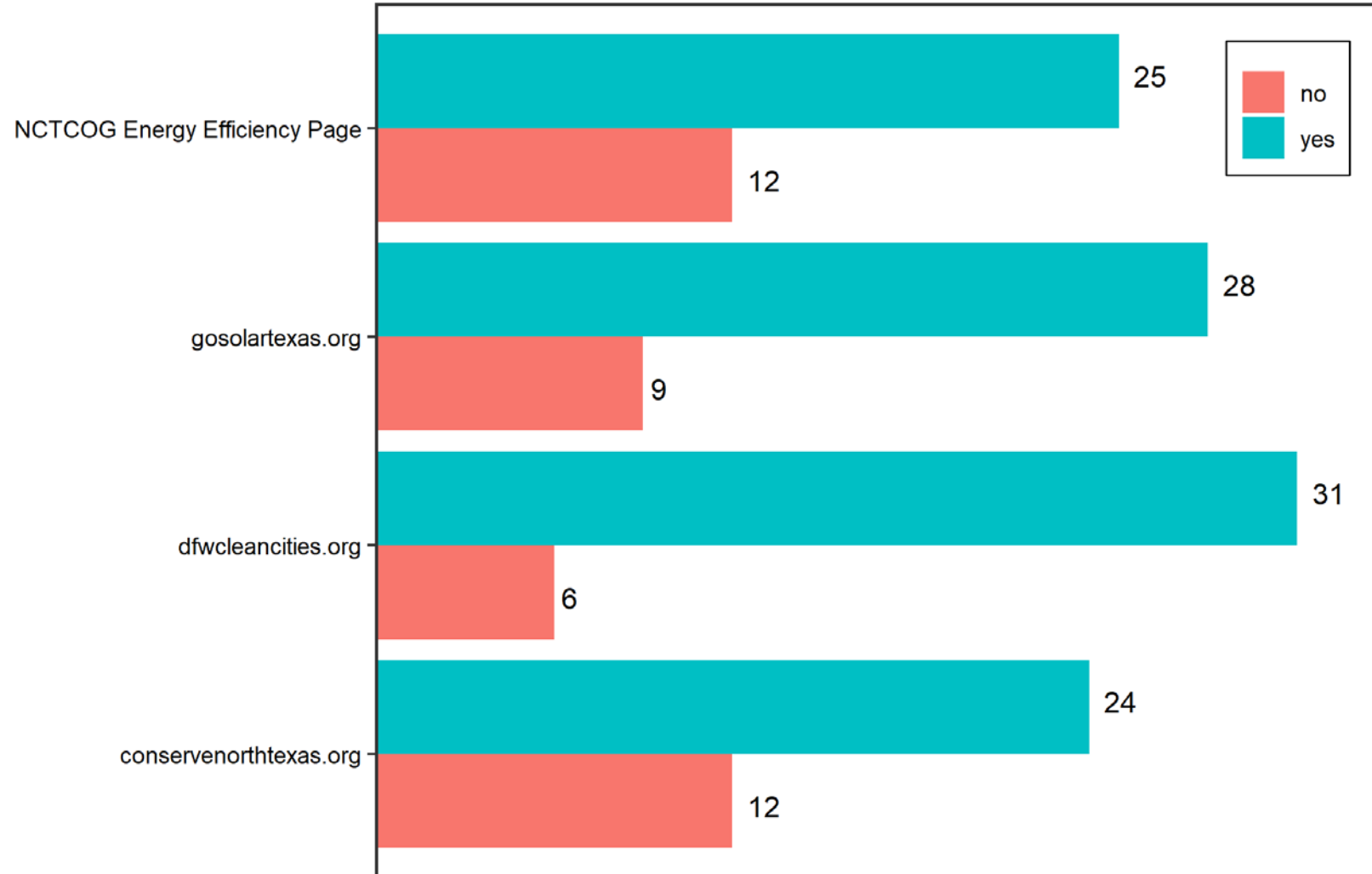
“less presenters, more discussion time, focus on 1-2 topics at a time”

"More breaks & room to breathe would help."

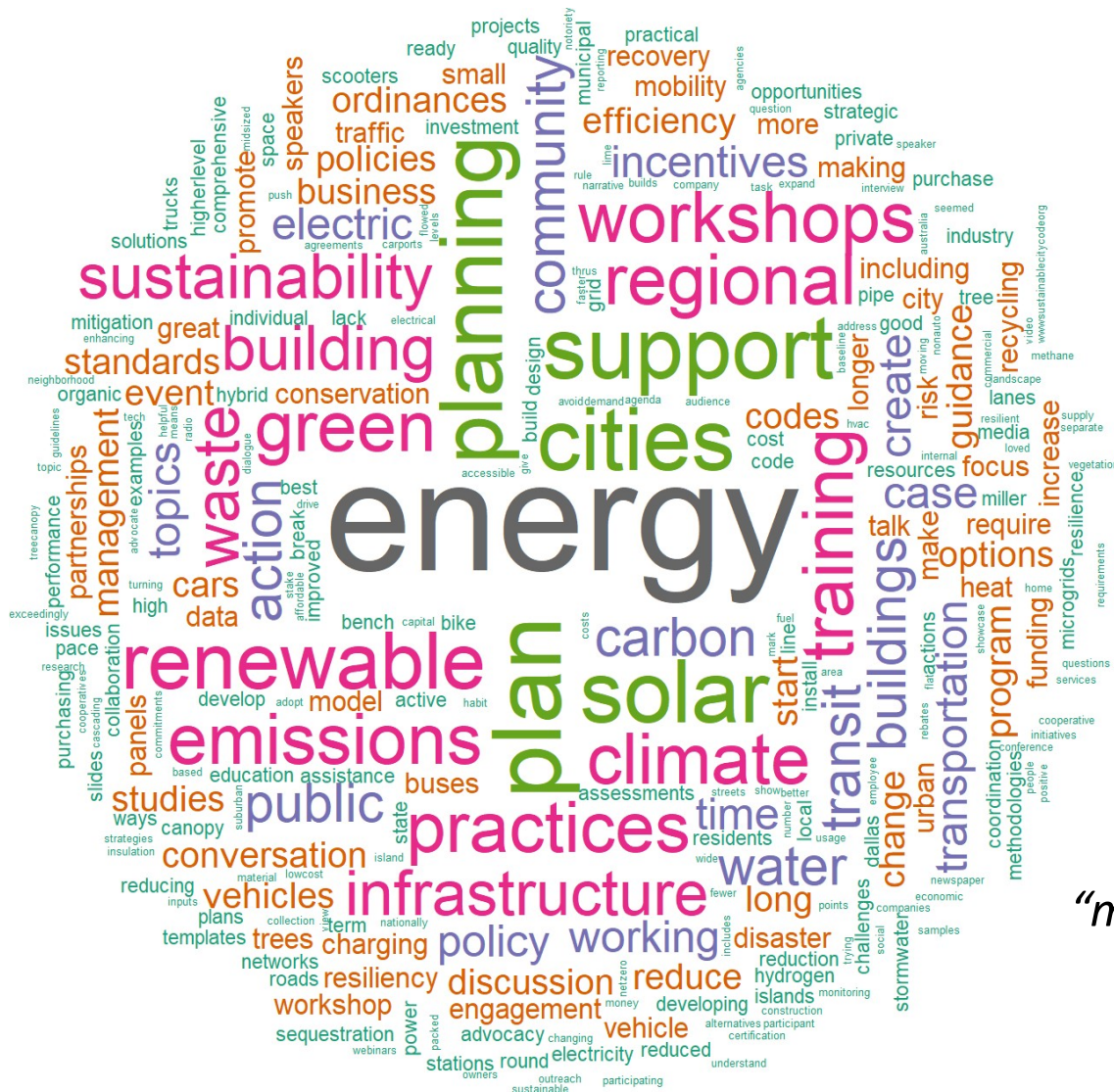
“2nd break for individual conversations”

Closed-Ended Questions

Q12: Are you aware that NCTCOG has the following related programs and resources?



Conclusions



Main themes: Energy and Planning

“making sure area cities are all working towards the same goal”

“better transit options, more renewable energy options”

“regional partnerships”

“Reduce trafcl activities through regulations...”

“more collaboration”

“more coordination in local businesses to push for energy efficiency”

Questions?

6. Regional Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Project Background and Current Status

Review Current Applications

- [Meadows Foundation Application](#)
- [USDN Grant Proposal](#)

USDN Mini-Grant

- <https://ws.onehub.com/files/aedrmxpe>
- \$7,000 to \$10,000 to assist in preparation of full proposal
- Focus on EJ and equity
- Deadline approaching – May 6th
- Have to have community foundation identified

7. FY 2021 Work Program

- Draft FY2021 Work Program in July
- Discussion:
 - Budget
 - Desired Activities

Fiscal Year 2020 Work Plan
Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition
Approved January 27, 2020

Background and FY2020 Work Plan Priorities

The North Central Texas Stewardship Forum (Forum) began as an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant funded effort dedicated to bringing together North Central Texas (NCT) governmental and quasi-governmental organizations to share best practices, lessons learned and resources to ease the burden of developing and supporting sustainability and environmental initiatives. At the conclusion of the grant, participating cities and EPA acknowledged the value the Forum brought to communicating and collaborating to achieve environmental goals. Since 2014, the Forum has continued to collaborate to advance regional sustainability and stewardship initiatives. The Forum is expanding its composition and scope to meet the increasing challenges of rising global temperatures. To align with the expanded purpose the Forum is rebranding and will now be referred to as the Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition.

The RISE Coalition, herein referred to as the Coalition, is formally establishing a Work Program to initiate work to compile data and identify local strategies to make improvements on key topics the Coalition believes are not fully addressed, or addressed at all, in existing regional initiatives of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). This work plan serves to establish regional collaborative efforts to engage local governments on a broader scale and foster peer exchange on key topics, including:

- Regional Emissions Assessment
- Emissions Impact Analysis and Mitigation/Adaptation Strategy Development
- Urban Heat Island Reduction Strategy Analysis
- Food Diversion and Waste Reduction Programs

In general, the FY2020 Work Plan supports activities that seek to:

- Align regional partner initiatives
- Leverage regional resources and share best practices
- Provide networking and capacity building opportunities
- Identify funding opportunities for projects
- Provide mentorship
- Collaborate as a group on regional sustainability projects and initiatives

Administrative Support

The Coalition will utilize the NCTCOG as a partner and in an administrative capacity to support the activities outlined in the FY2020 Work Plan. NCTCOG will identify the appropriate staff to work on the activities identified by the Coalition. Key contacts for FY2020 are included in the Work Plan and may change depending on the focus areas.

FY2020 Key Tasks

Task 1: RISE Coalition Administrative Support and Hosting Coalition Meetings, Roundtables, Webinars and Workshops:

NCTCOG will provide administrative support to the Coalition related to tasks that include, but are not limited to: maintenance and updating of a Coalition website; interested parties contact list; recruitment activities; developing presentations and presenting at meetings/conferences/etc.; coordination of email communication with Coalition members; searching for, writing, and submitting grants on behalf of the Coalition and that advance the goals of the Coalition; and, other administrative duties that arise.

8. NCTCOG Updates (if time permits)

- NCTCOG SolSmart Regional Designation Application Submittal
- National Science Foundation Civic Innovation Challenge - <https://nscivicinnovation.org/solicitation-announcement/>
- EPA Trash Free Texas Tentative Award
- CO₂e Emissions Data Trends
- Others

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Roundtable

What is happening in *your* community?

11. Next Meeting Date

Monday, July 27, 2020

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Location TBD



Thank you!