

North Central Texas Council of Governments

AGENDA

Recycle Roundtable

April 1, 2021

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Virtual - Microsoft Teams

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Note: This meeting will differ somewhat from recent Recycle Roundtables in that it will consist of two components: a facilitated roundtable discussion followed by the typical Recycle Roundtable agenda items. NCTCOG and H-GAC are soliciting valuable input on potential efforts aimed at reducing the consumption of single-use plastics in restaurants.

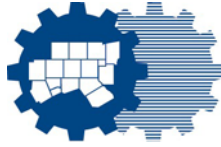
1. Welcome and Introductions.

PRESENTATION

- 2. Circular Economy Sustainability Initiative: Single Use Plastics Reduction.** Kris Russell, Environmental Program Manager – Environmental Affairs for the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (DFWIA), will provide an overview of DFWIA's circular economy sustainability initiative with a focus on the reduction of single use plastics.
- 3. The Final Straw: Implementation of the Turtle Island Restoration Network's Campaign to End the Use of Plastic Straws.** Joanie Steinhaus, Gulf Program Director for the Turtle Island Restoration Network, will provide details on *The Final Straw Campaign*, including the approach taken to engage local restaurants and businesses, the process for engaging cities/municipalities in the campaign, relevant local resolutions, and lessons learned.

DISCUSSION

- 4. Municipalities' Role in Reducing Single Use Plastics in the Restaurant Industry.** NCTCOG will provide an overview of the Restaurant Plastics Reduction initiative associated with the EPA Trash Free Waters grant. H-GAC and NCTCOG will facilitate a discussion on reducing single use plastics in restaurants to gain feedback from stakeholders in both regions. The facilitated discussion will include topics such as:
 - Current practices and existing programs for the reduction of single use plastics (challenges, successes, lessons learned)
 - Efforts cities and other member governments might support or be interested in piloting (campaigns, recognition programs, certification programs, resolutions)



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This now concludes the joint components of our Recycle Roundtable. Thank you for your participation; NCTCOG will now move forward with its regular business.

5. Know What to Throw (KWTT) Campaign Discussion.

- a. **MVPs (Most Valuable Posts).** NCTCOG will show the group the social media posts that resonated the most with our regional audience over the past quarter.
- b. **KWTT Quiz Level 2.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the KWTT Level 2 Quiz.

6. NCTCOG Updates.

- a. Waste Characterization Study #3 Results
- b. Solid Waste Implementation Grants – Call for Projects
- c. 87th Texas Legislature
- d. *Governmental Entity Recycling and Purchasing of Recycled Materials* (Senate Bill 1376) toolkit

7. Future Agenda Items and Request for Presentations. The Recycle Roundtable may suggest future agenda items and NCTCOG will request presentation topics for the next meeting.

8. Roundtable. Participants will share what is happening in their communities.

9. Schedule for the Next Meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting location is to be determined.

10. Adjournment.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Cassidy Campbell by phone at (817) 608-2368, or by email at ccampbell@nctcog.org.

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