

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — June 22, 2023

Transportation Council Room | 616 Six Flags Drive | Arlington, Texas

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting was conducted as a videoconference meeting that was live broadcast at <https://nctcog.swagit.com/live>. The presiding officer, President Piel, was present at the physical location, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas, which was open to the public during all open portions of the meeting.

President Piel called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 12:46 pm on June 22, 2023. Mike Eastland took attendance and determined that a quorum was physically present.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Andrew Piel | 10. Clay Jenkins (V) |
| 2. Bill Heidemann | 11. Victoria Johnson |
| 3. Chris Hill | 12. Todd Little |
| 4. David Sweet (V) | 13. Linda Martin |
| 5. Rick Carmona | 14. Cara Mendelsohn |
| 6. J.D. Clark (V) | 15. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 7. Jorja Clemson | 16. Tim O'Hare |
| 8. Carlos Flores | 17. Victoria Neave Criado (V) |
| 9. Clyde Hairston | |

Members of the Board Absent:

none

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Molly Rendon, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Maribel Martinez, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Chris Klaus, Jonathan Blackman, Patt Hollingsworth, Tim McClain, David McCallister, Angela Alcedo, Randy Richardson, Clay Dilday, Natalie Bettger

Visitors Present:

none

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

President Piel opened the meeting for public comment and asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak. There being no one, he proceeded with the meeting.

ACTION:

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

President Piel stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the May Board meeting.

Upon a Motion by Mayor Carmona (seconded by Judge Jenkins), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the minutes of the May Executive Board meeting.

Item 2 Resolution Endorsing SolSmart Engagement Partner Request for Proposal Application to the Interstate Renewable Energy Council

This item was withdrawn. No action was taken.

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing Fiscal Year 2023 Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to submit a planning grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) under the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program in the amount of \$5 million to conduct supplemental planning activities to further develop the regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and the regional Roadway Safety Plan. The total planning budget is anticipated to be \$6.25 million, with \$1.25 million in Regional Toll Revenue available for local match. The program is available to assist all local governments to secure transportation safety planning funds and will benefit areas of the region with a high frequency of crashes (motor vehicles, pedestrians, bicyclists).

Exhibit: 2023-06-03-TR

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

Item 4 Resolution Authorizing Agreements for the Receipt of Funds for Planning and Implementation Programs from the Texas Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to receive Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, Carbon Reduction Program, and Regional Toll Revenue fund and associated match in the amount of approximately \$98,952,860 (\$76,081,800 STBG + \$2,350,000 CRP + \$11,895,000 CMAQ + \$4,833,560 RTR + \$2,683,750 State match + \$1,108,750 local match +15,031,360 in RTC Transportation Development Credits in lieu of match) approved by the Regional Transportation Council. He explained that the Board had previously approved receipt of funding for continuation and enhancement of ongoing transportation and air quality initiatives and for new projects implemented and managed by NCTCOG staff. This item includes new projects and updates with previous Executive Board approvals due to the addition of funding years and will focus on efforts such as education, outreach, safety, congestion reduction, multi-modal transportation opportunities, and air quality. NCTCOG is responsible for 100 percent of project costs in excess of the authorized federal funding amount for the individual projects in Attachment 1. NCTCOG will coordinate with TxDOT to enter into agreements to receive these funds.

Exhibit: 2023-06-04-TR

Program Title (Non-Construction Projects)	RTC Approval Date	Funding Source	Total Funding Amount (TDCs not included in total)	Federal/ Regional	Match Amount			Fiscal Year(s)*	Program Status
					State	Local	TDC*		
Air Quality Energy Efficiency Initiatives	10/13/2022	ORR	\$ 2,350,000	\$ 2,350,000	\$0	\$0	470,000	24-26	New
Air Quality Public Education and Outreach Program	10/13/2022	CMAQ	\$ 3,025,000	\$ 3,025,000	\$0	\$0	1,210,000	24-26	Ongoing
Autonomous Mobile Vehicle to Residential Locations Pilot Project	5/12/2022	STBIS	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$0	\$0	1,000,000	24	New
Dallas International District Automated Transportation System	5/12/2022	STBIS	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$0	\$0	400,000	24	New
Technology to Detect & Verify Auto Occupancy	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 5,661,000	\$ 5,661,000	\$0	\$0	1,132,200	24-26	Ongoing
Engineering for Passenger Rail/Roadway Interchanges	5/12/2022	STBIS	\$ 3,100,000	\$ 3,100,000	\$0	\$0	620,000	24	Ongoing
Enhancing Mobility within the Southern Dallas Inland Port Project	10/31/2022	RTR	\$ 1,333,560	\$ 1,333,560	\$0	\$0	0	24	New
Expeditious Section 404 and 408 Permits and Implement Regional Mitigation Bank	10/13/2022	RTR	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$0	\$0	0	24	Ongoing
High-Speed Rail/Ceasars Planning Study	5/12/2022	STBIS	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 4,000,000	\$0	\$0	800,000	24	New
I-30 from Dallas/Tarrant County Line to I-635	5/12/2022	STBIS	\$ 4,000,000	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 800,000	\$0	0	24	New
I-30 from I-35W to Dallas/Tarrant County Line	5/12/2022	STBIS	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 800,000	\$ 200,000	\$0	0	24	New
Implementation and Administration of Air Quality and Transportation Projects Funded with RTR Funds	10/13/2022	RTR	\$ 2,250,000	\$ 2,250,000	\$0	\$0	0	24	Ongoing
Land Use/Transportation and Bike/Pedestrian Initiatives	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 7,940,000	\$ 7,940,000	\$0	\$0	1,588,000	24-26	Ongoing
Management and Oversight of Regional Safety Program	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 14,566,000	\$ 14,566,000	\$0	\$0	2,913,000	24-26	Ongoing
Mansfield Line Passenger Rail Study	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$0	\$0	200,000	24	New
McKinney Avenue Transit Authority ADA Accessibility Study	1/12/2023	RTR	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$0	\$0	0	24	New
McKinney Line Passenger Rail Study	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$0	\$0	200,000	24	New
Northwest and Southwest Fort Worth Subarea Studies	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,100,000	\$0	\$0	220,000	24-26	New
People Mover Test Track (Plano Legacy Area ATS)	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 375,000	\$ 375,000	\$0	\$0	75,000	24	New
Program Oversight Coordination and Compliance	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 445,000	\$ 445,000	\$0	\$0	89,000	24	Ongoing
Region Wide Employer Trip Reduction Program	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 3,629,800	\$ 3,629,800	\$0	\$0	725,960	24 & 26	Ongoing
Regional Air Quality Initiatives	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 9,300,000	\$ 9,300,000	\$0	\$0	1,860,000	24-26	Ongoing
Regional Geospatial Imagery Data Collection and Planning	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 2,675,000	\$ 2,300,000	\$ 375,000	\$0	0	24 & 26	Ongoing
Regional Scenic Time Abatement Program Public Education, Outreach & Awareness Campaign	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 790,000	\$ 790,000	\$0	\$0	158,000	24	New
Regional Study Design of Forest Hill Drive	5/12/2022	STBIS	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$0	\$0	500,000	24	Ongoing
Regional Traffic Signal Retiming	10/13/2022	CMAQ	\$ 11,067,500	\$ 8,870,000	\$ 1,108,750	\$ 1,108,750	0	24-26	Ongoing
Revenue and Project Tracking System	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 1,316,000	\$ 1,316,000	\$0	\$0	263,200	24 & 26	Ongoing
Southwest Airlines Surface Transportation Planning Study	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000	\$0	\$0	15,000	24	New
Transportation Technical Support/Capital Asset Management	10/13/2022	STBIS	\$ 2,660,000	\$ 2,660,000	\$0	\$0	532,000	24 & 26	Ongoing
			\$96,952,860	\$ 95,160,340	\$2,483,750	\$1,108,750	15,031,360		

* Fiscal Year denotes year in which funds are programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program. However, funds may be spent over multiple years depending on project requirements and schedules, pursuant to this authorization. \$15,031,360 of Transportation Development Credits utilized in lieu of a local match and are not calculated in funding total.

Prepared for presentation to NCTCOG Executive Board June 2023

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

Item 5 Resolution Authorizing Contract with INRIX, Inc. to Implement the Regional Traffic Signal Performance Measures Platform for Signalized Intersections in the 10-County Non-Attainment Area

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board approval to enter into contractual agreements between NCTCOG and INRIX, Inc. for the Development, Operations and Maintenance Support of the Regional Traffic Signal Performance Measures Platform for signalized intersections in the 10-county Non-Attainment Area in an amount not to exceed \$7,500,000 over a six-year term (initial term of three years, with three one-year optional renewals). Annual renewals are subject to the availability of funding as approved by the Regional Transportation Council. He explained that a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued and evaluated by a consultant selection committee. Three firms submitted proposals in response to the RFP. Following evaluation, the committee recommended interviews with two of the firms resulting in the recommendation of INRIX, Inc. for the project. Among the many benefits to the region, such as providing scalable and actionable signal performance measures, prioritizing traffic signal improvements, and rank and prioritizing signal retiming and corridor synchronization will be available to regional agencies. The initial phase of the project will be funded with remaining FY2021 funding, \$1,287,000 (\$1,029,600 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program/\$257,400 State match in lieu of a local match), and approximately \$2,895,750 (\$2,316,600 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program in FY2023 utilizing \$579,150 State match in lieu of a local match). Subsequent funding agreements between NCTCOG and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be executed to fulfill the total contract amount. There will be no Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation under this contract.

Exhibit: 2023-06-05-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor Hairston (seconded by Councilmember Johnson), and unanimous vote of all members present, with Judge O'Hare voting no, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 6 Resolution Authorizing Agreement Amendments with the City of Granbury and University of Houston for Rider 7 Subcontracts

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization amending agreements with the City of Granbury for an amount not to exceed \$47,456 in Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Rider 7 funds and the University of Houston for an amount not to exceed \$97,979 in TCEQ Rider 7 funds. He explained that the receipt of funds from TCEQ for local air quality planning under Rider 7 of the agency's legislative appropriation was previously approved by the Board in November 2021. NCTCOG received \$281,250 in Rider 7 funds for two years. Due to a change in funding needs, staff is requesting to change the awarding amounts for the City of Granbury to up to \$47,456 and move the additional value to the University of Houston for an amount up to \$97,979 for the University of Houston.

Exhibit: 2023-06-06-TR

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

Item 7 Resolution Authorizing Travel Outside North America

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization for travel outside North America for Ernest Huffman, Program Manager of Transportation. He explained that Ernest was invited to speak at the Dubai Airshow in November 13-17, 2023 at three of the conferences, namely: Drones and UAVs, Advanced Air Mobility, and Diversity and Inclusion to be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. He stated that Ernest's attendance will enable him to share knowledge, contribute to industry discussions, and strengthen NCTCOG's reputation as a thought leader in the field, while presenting opportunities to network with industry experts and key stakeholders. Expenses for travel and lodging will be provided by the airshow. NCTCOG will be responsible for the reimbursement of meals as well as Ernest's time to participate in the conference.

Exhibit: 2023-06-07-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor Martin (seconded by Mayor Hairston), and unanimous vote of all members present, with Judge Hill, Judge O'Hare, and Judge Little voting no, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

APPOINTMENTS:

Item 8 Appointment of Officers for the Surface Transportation Technical Committee and Notification of Regional Transportation Council Officers for the 2023-2024 Term

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board approval for the appointment of the following officers for the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC):

1. Walter Shumac, III, Chair, City of Grand Prairie
2. G. "Gus" Khankarli, Vice Chair, City of Dallas
3. Ricardo Gonzalez, Secretary, TxDOT, Fort Worth

The STTC provides technical expertise and review of the surface transportation planning process for the Regional Transportation Council. Members on the STTC are staff personnel nominated by the respective governments or agencies and include at least one member from each jurisdiction and agency represented on the RTC. Membership is selected by formula based on the most recently approved population and employment data from NCTCOG with adjustments performed in June of even-numbered years.

Additionally, he provided the new Regional Transportation Council officers for 2023-24: Gyna Bivens, Chair, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Fort Worth; Clay Jenkins, Vice Chair, County Judge, Dallas County; and Rick Bailey, Secretary, Commissioner, Johnson County.

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Mendelsohn (seconded by Councilmember Clemson), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the appointment as presented.

STATUS REPORTS:

Item 9 Status Report on Regional Police Academy

Patt Hollingsworth, Regional Police Academy Director, provided a status report on the Regional Police Academy (RPA). She explained that the Regional Police Academy was established in 1968 and provides high quality training, at a reasonable cost to agencies, for law enforcement cadets and related criminal justice personnel from throughout the NCTCOG region. She gave an overview of the requirements for the classification for graduation and explained that the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE) requires 720 hours of instruction for the exam, while NCTCOG RPA requires 880 hours of instruction for graduation. The academy is funded through a two-year term grant from the Criminal Justice Division of the State of Texas and through tuition fees paid by the cadet's sponsoring agency.

Exhibit: 2023-06-09-RPA

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 10 Old and New Business

Mike Eastland reminded everyone that the General Assembly meeting would take place on June 30, 2023. Additionally, he recognized members rotating off the board: Mayor Carmona, Mayor Hairston, and Past President and former Rockwall County Judge, David Sweet.

Item 11 Attendance and Calendar

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

President Piel called the Executive Session to order at 1:25 pm, pursuant to Open Meetings Act Section 551.089 to deliberate regarding **Item 12: NCTCOG Cybersecurity Program and Recent Risk Assessment Results.**

President Piel adjourned the Executive Session at 1:55 pm.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:

President Piel reconvened the Regular Session of the Executive Board at 1:55 pm and announced that no action was to be taken in regard to the Executive Session.

President Piel adjourned the meeting at 1:56 pm

Approved by:



Andrew Piel, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Arlington

Checked by:



Mike Eastland, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments