



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Public Works Council

Thursday, February 16, 2017

9:30 AM, William J Pitstick Executive Board Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Joe Trammel, Tarrant County

Vice Chair: Manny Palacios, City of Weatherford

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** The Public Works Council (PWC) Chair will welcome everyone to the meeting.

Joe Trammel (Tarrant County) led the meeting. Kori Mullen (NCTCOG staff) introduced herself as the new contact for the Public Works Program and Public Works Council.

ACTION/PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The November 3, 2016 meeting summary is available online for review. Approval will be sought at the meeting.

The meeting summary was approved with no comments.

3. **Public Works Council Subcommittees.**

- **Sustainable Public Rights of Way.** NCTCOG staff will update the PWC on the activities of the SPROW Subcommittee. (Allison Henry)

Allison Henry (NCTCOG staff) informed the group that she received feedback from SPROW members with options for potential additional activities. NCTCOG staff also announced that field visits to sites with SPROW related projects were selected with project examples such as complete streets, connection to transit, and roadways that have innovative stormwater features.

- **Public Works Construction Standards.** NCTCOG staff and the Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee members will brief the PWC on the overall progress of the update to the Construction Standards. (Cassidy Campbell)

Cassidy Campbell (NCTCOG staff) informed the group that attorney review is underway for Division 100 and NCTCOG is determining next steps for coordinating to address the attorney's comments. NCTCOG has met the PWCSS and review group

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to discuss suggested edits to Division 200. NCTCOG staff is scheduling the next meeting to continue the discussion on Division 200 edits. It was noted that Divisions 500 and 600 of the Construction Standards have completed the review process. Edith Marvin (NCTCOG staff) asked for PWC input on additional comments received from a member of the subcommittee on Divisions 300 and 400 and Divisions 700 and 800 upon the completion of the Council's review. In order to not affect the schedule and due to the order in which they were received, NCTCOG received guidance from the PWC to consider these comments with the public comments.

- ***integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Activities and Consultant Contract.*** NCTCOG staff will present an update of iSWM program activities including the proposed work scope for the next year. (Derica Peters)

Kori Mullen (NCTCOG staff) informed the group that the City of Grand Prairie was presented with Silver Certification and street sign at the City Council meeting on January 10th. The City of Kennedale is near the end of review for their application for Silver-Status Certification.

Kori announced Halff Associates as the new consultant for the Implementation Subcommittee and that the contract and task orders are currently under review.

4. **U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Presentation.** Statewide Inundation Mapping Program: Sharing Watershed Data for Improved Infrastructure Design. (Jerry Cotter)

Jerry Cotter (USACE) presented information to the Council about how flooding impacts all layers of infrastructure. Jerry discussed the 2015-2016 record floods throughout Texas and the immense amount of damages the flooding caused.

Jerry introduced NOAA Atlas 14 to the PWC and explained that the update to NOAA Atlas 14 is in progress for Texas. NOAA Atlas 14 is an important tool in stormwater management used in all infrastructure designs to detect stormwater runoff, sizing of detention basins, and sizing of bridges and culverts. The current project schedule for NOAA Atlas 14 to reach web publication is April 2018. The Interagency Flood Risk Management or InFRM team was introduced as multiple agencies with one mission to decrease uncertainty through developing inundation mapping products for Texas.

5. **18th Annual Public Works Roundup Update.** NCTCOG staff will present a list of final topics for the 2017 Public Works Roundup and ask for prioritization of top picks from the PWC. The Public Works Roundup will be held in late May or early June this year. Locations are being researched. (Kori Mullen)

Kori Mullen (NCTCOG staff) presented the PWC with a list of 26 topics that had been collected from the PWC and other individuals so that the PWC could vote on their topic selections for this year's Roundup. NCTCOG asked the PWC for any additional topics they would like to add to the list and received no comments. PWC members voted on the topics, and NCTCOG will be working to find presenters on the most popular topics. NCTCOG staff noted that a venue for the event is not confirmed yet, but that sponsorship information will be sent out shortly.

6. **2017 Public Works Work Program Update.** NCTCOG staff will update the PWC on additional activities approved for the 2017 Work Program, including training opportunities for contractors and inspectors and training opportunities with NCTCOG's Learning Management System (LMS) (Mandy Collett) and with regional associations. (Kori Mullen)

Kori Mullen (NCTCOG Staff) announced two additional activities that were approved in the FY 17 Work Program: trainings for contractors and partnerships and trainings with regional associations. Kori informed the Council of the top seven training needs based off PWC member's input. NCTCOG asked the group for their top three training preferences to focus on. The PWC voted on a hands on beginner course for inspectors, construction best practices, ADA compliance, and safety and field issue courses as the priority training needs. NCTCOG asked the Council for their preferences on instructors and further explanation on training details needed to move forward with coordinating training courses.

Mandy Collett (NCTCOG staff) explained that COG will have a Public Works Academy program developed that will host Public Works trainings. Mandy introduced the new online Learning Management System (LMS) which has personalized online courses and an instructor portal for those interested in becoming an instructor. Mandy announced that ADA training dates have been confirmed for May 3rd and October 4th. There are still two more ADA training dates that need to be confirmed that will be held April 3-4th and August 7-8th.

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. Other Program Activities.

- **Cooperative Technical Partnership Program and the Community Rating System Users Group.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on FEMA's Cooperative Technical Partnership Program activities and the Floodplain Administrators/Community Rating System Users Group. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown (NCTCOG staff) announced that Flood Risk Review meetings have been scheduled with Irving, Corinth, and Shady Shores to close out their FY 15 Projects. NCTCOG staff are currently working on an extension request for the FY 15 Denton and Cedar Discovery projects. NCTCOG staff will be releasing an RFP for the FY 16 projects. The final FY 17 Business Plan is due March 31st and NCTCOG staff is reaching out to prospective communities for the Flood Risk Projects in Benbrook and Weatherford, and are proposing to perform Discovery on the Richland-Chambers watershed.

Next Floodplain Administrator's/CRS Users Group Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, from 12 pm to 2 pm in the Regional Forum Conference Room here at NCTCOG. Diane Howe of FEMA will speak about communicating risk.

- **Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT).** A PWERT representative or NCTCOG staff will give an update on recent PWERT activities. (Mistie Gardner)

Mistie Gardner (City of Richardson) prepared an update for the PWC regarding PWERT. Mistie let the Council members know that PWERT membership is at forty-six cities. Mistie explained the activation process and gave examples of support activations including the 2015 floods. Mistie introduced cache equipment locations in our region and explained the background of cache locations. The next PWERT meeting will be March 15, 2017 at 9:30 am at NCTCOG offices.

- **Regional Pavement Procurement.** NCTCOG staff will update the PWC on the status of the procurement for regional vendors to perform pavement analysis services. NCTCOG staff will brief the PWC on how members can use this shared service, as well as provide an update on who is using this service. (Craig Johnson)

Kori Mullen (NCTCOG staff) reminded the PWC of the Pavement Procurement process. The goal of the program is to reduce costs and admin processes as well as to improve the quality and service. COG will negotiate master agreements for the entities, with three-year set budget contracts that have the opportunity for two-year extensions, in order to keep prices low.

NCTCOG staff informed the Council that there are four active pavement services: City of Dallas, City of Hurst, Castle Hills, and City of Midlothian. The City of Kennedale and the City of Mesquite are currently in the works to sign a pavement contract.

- **Texas Public Works Association Update.** A TPWA representative or NCTCOG staff will update the PWC on upcoming TPWA local events and meetings. (Donna Renner)

Kori Mullen (NCTCOG staff) introduced the *Annual TPWA Conference*—"Rollin' on the River" Annual Conference June 14-16, 2017 at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. Registration is available online. Kori also introduced the Public Works Institute of Texas (PWITX), which provides members of the Texas Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) with educational and professional development opportunities through four sessions. The next session will take place April 14-16, 2017 in Austin, TX.

NCTCOG staff informed the Council of two upcoming NCT TPWA events: The February Branch Meeting Luncheon on February 21st at the Botanical Gardens, Fort Worth, TX, and the Dallas Mavericks Game on March 3rd at the American Airlines Center, Dallas, TX. Registration is available online.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

8. **Future Agenda Items.** PWC Members and NCTCOG staff may suggest future agenda items.

The PWC recommended watching a YouTube video titled "Clean Disruption: Why Current Energy and Transportation Systems Will Be Obsolete by 2030" by Tony Seba, which discusses a different way to look at energy. An agenda item on autonomous vehicles and how they affect pavement marking was suggested.

9. **Roundtable Topics/Other Business.** PWC members and NCTCOG staff may share additional items as time allows.

Weatherford: continual growth.

Celina: rapid growth and new staff additions.

AGC Texas: will be hosting forecast meetings in May and June in Dallas and Fort Worth.

Irving: 80% utilities relocated and working on their 5 year program to invest \$100 million in road reconstruction.

Tarrant Subregion: working to replace all sewer lines.

Grand Prairie: completed pavement assessment and working on FEMA grants.

Duncanville: TxDOT projects underway.

NCTCOG: Suggested an earlier start time and will bring up at the May meeting.

10. **Schedule for the Next PWC Meeting.** The next PWC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., in NCTCOG's Metroplex Conference Room.

11. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Kori Mullen by phone at (817) 695-9215, or by email at kmullen@nctcog.org.

Thank you.



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