

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — October 27, 2022

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

President Piel called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 1:02 pm on October 27, 2022.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Andrew Piel | 7. Clyde Hairston |
| 2. Bill Heidemann | 8. Clay Jenkins |
| 3. Chris Hill | 9. Todd Little |
| 4. David Sweet | 10. Linda Martin |
| 5. Jorja Clemson | 11. Cara Mendelsohn |
| 6. Carlos Flores | 12. Bobbie Mitchell |

Members of the Board Absent:

1. Rick Carmona
2. J.D. Clark
3. Janet DePuy
4. Victoria Johnson
5. Glen Whitley
6. Glenn Rogers

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Edith Marvin, Maribel Martinez, Phedra Redifer, Christy Williams, Lucille Johnson, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Dan Kessler, Debra Kosarek, Lori Clark, Shannon Stevenson, Brandon Wheeler

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 September Board meeting.

Upon a Motion by Mayor Heidemann (seconded by Mayor Hairston), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the minutes of the September Executive Board meeting.

Item 2 Resolution to Accept and Approve the Quarterly Investment Report

Monte Mercer, Deputy Executive Director, presented the Quarterly Investment Report, as required by the Investment Policy, which provides information on the investment activity for the quarter that ended September 30, 2022, and shows the average rate of return, cumulative transactions, and beginning and ending balances for the quarter. A supplementary schedule regarding the State's investment activity of the Regional Toll Revenue funds as well as the NTTA Hwy 161 funds was also provided.

Exhibit: 2022-10-02-AA

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

Item 3 Resolution to Review and Approve NCTCOG's Investment Policy

Monte Mercer, Deputy Executive Director, presented the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Investment Policy, which includes a listing of authorized brokers. He explained that the Public Funds Investment Act (PFIA) requires a public entity's investment policy to be reviewed annually by its governing body and that no changes were being recommended.

Exhibit: 2022-10-03-AA

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

Item 4 Resolution Authorizing Fiscal Year 2023 Supplemental Allocations for Aging Nutrition and Transportation Services

Doni Green, Director of Area Agency on Aging, requested Board authorization increasing the budgets for home-delivered meals, congregate meals, and transportation services by approximately \$3.5 million utilizing American Rescue Act funds. She explained that in August 2019, the Board authorized agreements with fifteen (15) nutrition and transportation subrecipients that had been selected through a Call for Partners and to pass through Title III funds, based on the Board approved funding formula. NCTCOG has since been allocated additional American Rescue Act funds and wishes to budget these funds to AAA nutrition and transportation services during Fiscal Year 2023. Staff requested supplemental funding for the City of Cleburne, Erath County Senior Citizens Services, Meals on Wheels of Collin County, Hood County Committee on Aging, Meals on Wheels North Central Texas, Meals on Wheels of Palo Pinto County, Inc., Meals on Wheels Senior Services of Rockwall County, Public Transit Services, Senior Center Resources and Public Transit, Senior Connect, Somervell County Committee on Aging, S.P. A.N., STAR Transit, and Wise County Committee on Aging. The actual funding amounts will be determined by subrecipients' productivity.

Exhibit: 2022-10-04-AG

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

Item 5 Resolution Endorsing Fiscal Year 2022 Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation

Dan Kessler, Assistant Director of Transportation, requested Board endorsement for the submittal of a Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program – Capital Construction Grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) in the amount of \$24,968,890, as detailed in Attachment 1. The application for the following project: Klyde Warren Park – Phase 2.0, will enhance community connectivity by expanding Klyde Warren Park to cover the last recessed portion of the Woodall Rodgers Freeway separating the Downtown, Arts, and Uptown districts of central Dallas. The project is approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and is anticipated that the Texas Department of Transportation will be the grant recipient and implementing agency.

RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES PILOT (RCP) PROGRAM – CANDIDATE: KLYDE WARREN PARK – PHASE 2.0 PROJECT

COST/ FUNDING SOURCE	FEDERAL				NON-FEDERAL				COST SHARE	GRAND TOTAL ³
	STBG (RTC) ^{1,2}	RCP Grant	SUBTOTAL		City of Dallas	Dallas County	Private Sector	SUBTOTAL		
Original Estimate	\$30,000,000		\$30,000,000		\$6,199,100	\$1,300,900	\$0	\$7,500,000		\$37,500,000
Cost Overrun	\$6,800,000		\$6,800,000		\$1,700,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,700,000		\$8,500,000
Previous Total	\$36,800,000		\$36,800,000		\$7,899,100	\$1,300,900	\$0	\$9,200,000		\$46,000,000
RCP Proposal	\$0	\$24,968,890	\$24,968,890		\$0	\$0	\$8,845,600	\$8,845,600		\$33,814,490
RCP – TOTAL	\$36,800,000	\$24,968,890	\$61,768,890	77.4%	\$7,899,100	\$1,300,900	\$8,845,600	\$18,045,600	22.6%	\$79,814,490

1. RTC = Regional Transportation Council, STBG = Surface Transportation Block Grant
2. \$10,000,000 of RTC's contribution to be paid back over time
3. Only includes RCP-eligible transportation elements; non-transportation are not included

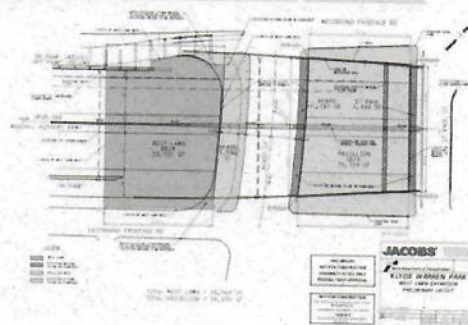
Scope of Work:

Construction of Pavilion Deck / 2nd Level Plaza between
St. Paul Street and Akard Street

Construction of West Lawn Deck west of Akard Street



Reconnecting Communities Pilot (RCP) Program



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

Item 6 Resolution Endorsing the 2022 Update of Access North Texas, the Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for North Central Texas

Dan Kessler, Assistant Director of Transportation, requested Board endorsement for the 2022 update of Access North Texas for the 16-county North Central Texas region approved by the Regional Transportation Council. The update includes participation by the public, transit riders, transit agencies, non-profit organizations, health and human service agencies, educational institutions, elected officials, and local government staff and identifies the transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and others with transportation challenges. Access North Texas focuses on regional public transportation goals with county-based strategies that local governments may use to integrate into transit planning and service projects to address the needs of transit dependent populations and serves as a guide for projects funded through the Federal Transit Administration's Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program.

Exhibit: 2022-10-06-TR

Judge Hill left the meeting and did not return.

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

Item 7 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Understanding with Gas Technology Institute to Participate in the Texas and Gulf Coast Hydrogen Hub Consortium

Dan Kessler, Assistant Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Gas Technology Institute to participate in the Texas and Gulf Coast Hydrogen Hub Consortium as a non-financial Government/Civic Advisory stakeholder. This effort will grow clean hydrogen as a viable alternative transportation fuel for zero emission vehicles to combat our two regions' existing ozone nonattainment designations and other air pollution challenges. The MOU has been recommended for approval by

the Regional Transportation Council and does not preclude NCTCOG from participating in other Hydrogen Hub consortia.

Exhibit: 2022-10-07-TR

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

Item 8 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Increase Contract Budget with Lea + Elliott, Inc. to Complete Performance Guidelines for an Automated Transportation System

Dan Kessler, Assistant Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to amend the contract between NCTCOG and Lea + Elliott, Inc. to increase the budget by \$198,319, for a total amount not to exceed of \$1,048,319 (\$1,048,319 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds with 209,663 Regional Transportation Development Credits in lieu of local match). He explained the Board approved the contract with Lea + Elliott, Inc. for the development of performance guidelines for an automated transportation system, in an amount not to exceed \$850,000 in April 2021. As an extra effort of expansion of early development activities to encompass the rapidly evolving markets of vehicle, charging, and infrastructure technology, NCTCOG recommended Lea + Elliott, Inc.'s contract budget be increased and extended in duration to complete the final component of the study and provide final reporting documents. Lea + Elliott, Inc. is committed to meet a minimum of 31.3 percent for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation goals for this contract.

Exhibit: 2022-10-08-TR

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

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 9 Old and New Business

Councilmember Mendelsohn asked the question about how COG is interacting to assist small cities with accessing funding from the recently passed Infrastructure Bill. Mr. Eastland stated that we could bring that item to the November meeting. He also reminded the Board that the December meeting is cancelled. Additionally, he asked the Board to confirm their availability for the November meeting and learned that a majority of the members would not be available. He stated that we would find an alternate date for the November meeting and would communicate the new date.

Item 10 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 1:59 pm, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, Section 551.074, to deliberate regarding personnel matters, specifically, Item 11: Performance Review of Executive Director and Consideration of Compensation.

President Piel adjourned the Executive Session at 3:02 pm.

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION:

President Piel reconvened the Regular Session of the Executive Board at 3:03 pm.

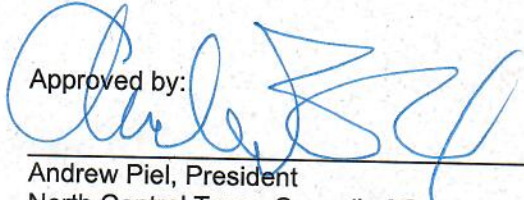
Item 11

Performance Review of Executive Director and Consideration of Compensation

Past President Sweet thanked Mr. Eastland for his strong leadership and expressed appreciation for his direction of the Agency. Upon a motion by Judge Sweet (seconded by Councilmember Mendelsohn), that the Executive Director receive up to a 5% increase in his salary, and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the motion as presented.

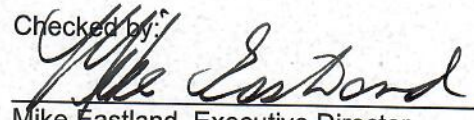
President Piel adjourned the meeting at 3:03 pm.

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