# NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — May 23, 2019

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

President Strength called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 12:49 pm on May 23, 2019.

### Members of the Board Present:

# Kevin Strength J. D. Clark Ray Smith Tom Lombard Curtistene McCowan Chris Hill Bobbie Mitchell Nick Sanders Richard Stopfer Paul Voelker Kelly Allen Gray Clay Jenkins Lee Kleinman

## Members of the Board Absent:

16. Glen Whitley17. Kathryn Wilemon18. Yvonne Davis

### Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Edith Marvin, Molly McFadden, Molly Rendon, Christy Williams, Lucille Johnson, Stephanie Cecil, Dan Kessler, Ken Kirkpatrick, Emily Beckham, Dana Buckholt, Lori Clark, Heather Mazac, Carmen Morones, Randy Richardson, Kelly Schmidt, Collin Moffett

#### **Visitors Present:**

8. Tito Rodriguez

Aaron Mercer, Field Supervisor, DIKITA Gary Barrett, Project Manager, DIKITA

## **REGULAR SESSION**

### **ACTION:**

#### Item 1 Approval of Minutes

President Strength stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the Minutes from the April Executive Board meeting.

Upon a Motion by Commissioner Mitchell (seconded by Councilmember Kleinman), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the Minutes of the April Executive Board meeting.

Item 2 This Item number intentionally left blank.

# Item 3 Resolution Endorsing FY 2020 Criminal Justice Priorities for North Central Texas

Kelly Schmidt, Senior Criminal Justice Planner, presented the FY 2020 Criminal Justice priority projects for Board endorsement. She explained that NCTCOG has an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Office of the Governor. Under this contract, NCTCOG is responsible for determining regional criminal justice priorities. Submitted applications were reviewed, discussed and scored by the Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee (CJPDC). Priority lists were then developed in each category and will be submitted to CJD, which provides the funds for local project implementation each year.

#### Criminal Justice Program - Justice Assistance Grant:

Projected Funding:	\$1.40 million
Recommended Continuation grants (3 projects):	\$ 263,780
Recommended New Requests (24 projects):	\$1.74 million
Balance:	(\$ 603,000)

#### General Victim Assistance:

Projected Funding:	\$25.6 million
Recommended Continuation grants (10 projects):	\$ 2.5 million
Recommended New Requests (45 projects):	\$23.0 million
Balance:	\$ 100,000

#### Juvenile Justice:

Projected Funding:	\$1.2 million \$1.0 million	
Recommended Continuation grants (15 projects):		
Recommended New Requests (5 projects):	\$ 409,000	
Balance:	(\$ 209,000)	

#### Violence Against Women:

Projected Funding:	\$1.43 million	
Recommended Continuation grants (10 projects):	\$	897,000
Recommended New Requests (7 projects):	\$	535,000
Balance:	\$	0

Exhibit: 2019-05-03-CJ

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

## Item 4 Resolution Authorizing a Lease Agreement for the Terrell Workforce Center

Randy Richardson, Senior Fiscal Manager, asked the Board to authorize a sixty (60) month lease agreement with 3-J Partners, LTD, for the current Terrell Workforce Center, at a price not to exceed \$18.30 (average over five years) per square foot (net of taxes, insurance, utilities, janitorial, and common area maintenance). The proposed rent rate includes specific, agreed upon remodeling projects and improvements.

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

# Item 5 Resolution Endorsing Participation in a Grant Application to the Department of Energy

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to endorse NCTCOG participation as a subrecipient in a grant proposal submitted to the Department of Energy (DOE) by Clean Fuels Ohio. Clean Fuels Ohio is requesting funding from DOE for a study to compare maintenance costs of modern diesel and natural gas vehicles under the Fiscal Year 2019 Commercial Trucks and Off-road Applications Funding Opportunity. NCTCOG will receive approximately \$25,000 for the project. Clean Fuels Ohio will value data provided by local fleets as matching funds.

Exhibit: 2019-05-05-TR

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

## Item 6 Resolution Authorizing Grant Applications to the Department of Energy

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to authorize two grant applications under the Department of Energy (DOE) Fiscal Year 2019 Advanced Vehicle Technologies Research Funding Opportunity.

- An application to implement alternative fuel vehicle projects for fleets in the ozone nonattainment area and to facilitate a pilot demonstration of solar technology in freight trailers for approximately \$670,000. Subgrantees will be responsible for any grant-required match, which will be 50 percent of total project cost.
- Participation as a subrecipient in the grant application submitted by Sawatch Labs, to conduct an electric vehicle data collection project where NCTCOG will receive approximately \$75,000 from Sawatch Labs, with no required match

Exhibit: 2019-05-06-TR

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

# Item 7 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement with United States Army Corps of Engineers to Expedite Environmental Permitting

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, explained that over the last 11 years, NCTCOG and the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have coordinated a successful effort to expedite environmental permitting, under a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), using RTC Local funds and Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds. On January 10, 2019, the RTC programed an additional \$800,000 in RTR funds to continue this initiative until September 30, 2022. He asked the Board to authorize an amendment to the previously authorized MOA (in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000, through December 31, 2019) that would increase the not to exceed amount to \$2,300,000 through September 30, 2022.

Exhibit: 2019-05-07-TR

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

Mayor McCowan entered the meeting.

# Item 8 Resolution Authorizing Agreements with Transit Agencies for the 2020 North Central Texas Regional Transit Travel Survey

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to authorize agreements receiving a total of approximately \$900,000 of local contributions from Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), the Denton County Transportation Authority (DCTA), and Fort Worth Transportation Authority d/b/a Trinity Metro (Trinity Metro) to help perform the 2020 North Central Texas Regional Transit Travel Survey. In April 2019, the Regional Transportation Council approved funding for this project through the 2017-2018 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG): Regional/Air Quality and Management and Operations (M&O) Programs.

Exhibit: 2019-05-08-TR

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

# Item 9 Resolution Endorsing the Redesignation of the North Central Texas Council of Governments as the Host Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, explained that NCTCOG has been designated, and periodically redesignated, by the US Department of Energy (DOE) as the host organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities (DFWCC) Coalition since July of 1995. He asked the Board to endorse the re-designation of NCTCOG as the host organization for the Coalition. The DFWCC focuses on strategies that reduce formation of ozone precursors to improve the region's air quality and works locally to advance affordable, domestic transportation fuels, energy efficiency mobility systems, and other fuel-saving technologies and practices.

Exhibit: 2019-05-09-TR

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

# Item 10 Resolution Approving the North Central Texas Council of Governments' 2019 Title VI Program Update

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, explained that as a recipient of federal financial assistance, NCTCOG is required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination based on race, color, or national origin. NCTCOG is required to submit a Title VI Program Update to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) every three years. The current deadline for submitting the updated program is June 1, 2019. The program was approved by the Regional Transportation Council in May, is specific to its federal transportation responsibilities and includes documentation of how the agency is preventing discrimination in its

programs. Ongoing efforts at NCTCOG to ensure nondiscrimination include staff trainings, compliance reviews, monitoring federal and state legislation and ensuring minority individuals are involved through Disadvantaged Business Enterprise and public involvement initiatives.

Exhibit: 2019-05-10-TR

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

# **STATUS REPORTS:**

# Item 11 ESGR Pro Patria Award Recognition for NCTCOG

Molly McFadden, Director of Emergency Preparedness, told the Board that NCTCOG had been awarded the *Pro Patria Award* - the highest award that an employer can receive - from the Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), She introduced Gary Owens from ESGR, which was established by the Department of Defense (DoD) in 1972. He explained that Numerous DoD awards are granted through ESGR to support cooperation and understanding between service members and their civilian employers and to recognize the vital role of employers whose leadership practices and employment policies support employee's participation in the National Guard and Reserve and its overall mission of "Citizen Warriors." He explained that all employer recognition awards originate from nominations submitted by individual service members on behalf of their own employer. NCTCOG service member Shad Lancaster nominated NCTCOG for this award. In addition to the Pro Patria Award, NCTCOG has also previously received the ESGR: *Above and Beyond Award*, *Seven Seals Award*, and numerous *Patriot Awards*.

# **MISCELLANEOUS:**

# Item 12 Old and New Business

Mike Eastland, Executive Director, noted that this was the last Executive Board meeting for some members of the Board, namely: Councilmember Lombard, Mayor Voelker, Councilmember Wilemon and Mayor Sanders. He thanked those members for their service. He also told the Board that Mayor McCowan would be staying on the Board and continuing to represent her population category because the Nominating Committee had nominated her for Secretary/Treasurer.

## Item 13 Attendance and Calendar

The Board was provided with a Calendar of meetings and a record of attendance. Mike Eastland explained that the calendar had been changed to reflect the cancellation of the July Board meeting. He also reminded the Board that the General Assembly was June 14, 2019 and that the next Board meeting would follow that on June 27, 2019.

There being no other business, President Strength adjourned the meeting at 1:43 pm.

Approved by:

Kevin Strength, President

North Central Texas Council of Governments

Mayor, City of Waxahachie

Checked by:

Mike Eastland, Executive Director

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