TO: NCTCOG Executive Board  DATE: November 12, 2020

FROM: Mike Eastland  
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Executive Board Meeting

The next meeting of the NCTCOG Executive Board will be:

DATE: November 19, 2020

Please RSVP to the Calendar Invitation that you will receive from the Executive Director’s office as soon as possible. You will receive further instructions, if necessary, for conducting the Executive Session through ZOOM.

REGULAR SESSION: 1:00 pm – ZOOM Meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Immediately following the regular meeting

The Board will convene in Executive Session to discuss Item 19: Performance Review of Executive Director and Consideration of Compensation. Following the Executive Session, the Board will reconvene in regular session to consider any possible action.

President Smith hopes each of you will plan to attend this important meeting. I look forward to seeing you there!

ME:sc
The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting on November 19, 2020 will be conducted as a videoconference meeting. Members of the public may view a livestream of the meeting at https://nctcog.swagit.com/live. Members of the public wishing to provide comment on an Agenda item may do so by calling toll free 855-965-2480 and entering Access Code 895 2300 7405# when prompted. Following conclusion of the public comment opportunity, which occurs prior to Agenda Item 1, the audio line will be disconnected, and those individuals are directed to view the livestream. The meeting will also be recorded and later posted on the website at https://www.nctcog.org/executive-director/nctcog-executive-board.

Executive Board

1. _____Ray Smith
2. _____David Sweet
3. _____J. D. Clark
4. _____Tammy Dana-Bashian
5. _____Kelly Allen-Gray
6. _____Gary Caplinger
7. _____Alfonso Campos
8. _____Bill Heideman
9. _____Chris Hill
10. _____Clay Jenkins
11. _____Lee Kleinman
12. _____Bobbie Mitchell
13. _____Andrew Piel
14. _____Kayci Prince
15. _____Glen Whitley
16. _____Yvonne Davis

Staff

___ Mike Eastland
___ Monte Mercer
___ Tim Barbee
___ Doni Green
___ Edith Marvin
___ Michael Morris
___ Molly Rendon
___ David Setzer
___ Molly McFadden
___ Christy Williams
___ Lucille Johnson
___ Stephanie Cecil

REGULAR SESSION

Call to order time: __________

Moment of Silence honoring Executive Board Vice-President, Mayor Curtistene McCowan, City of DeSoto

Public Comment on Agenda Items

At this time, the public telephone line will be unmuted, and members of the public may comment on any item on today’s agenda. If you wish to do so, please announce your name, city of residence and the agenda item(s) on which you are speaking. A maximum three (3) minutes is permitted per speaker. At the conclusion of this opportunity, the public telephone line will be disconnected and members of the public are directed to view the livestream.

ACTION:

Motion/Second  Item #  Name of Item

_____ /_____ 1  Approval of Minutes

_____ /_____ 2  Resolution Authorizing Agreements for the Receipt of Funds for Planning and Implementation Programs from the Texas Department of Transportation - Michael Morris

_____ /_____ 3  Resolution Approving Modifications to the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning - Michael Morris
Resolution Authorizing Agreements with Local Governments Receiving Funding to Procure Data Collection Technology for Traffic Signal Retiming During Incidents - Michael Morris

Resolution Authorizing a Contract with B&B Wrecker Services for Wrecker Services on State Highway (SH) 121 - Michael Morris

Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement with the McKinney Avenue Transit Authority Related to Rail Liability Insurance for Transit Service - Michael Morris

Resolution Authorizing Agreements for Mobility-Related University Research Projects Advanced by the North Texas Center for Mobility Technologies - Michael Morris

Resolution Authorizing a Lease Amendment for the Terrell Workforce Center - David Setzer

Resolution Authorizing Contracts with McKesson and Grainger for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Regional First Responders - Molly McFadden

Resolution Endorsing the Adoption of the 2020 Edition of the National Electrical Code with Regional Amendments - Edith Marvin

Resolution Amending Contract Authorization with Taurus Commercial, Inc. for General Contractor Services - Molly Rendon

Resolution Authorizing Contract Negotiations with Dahill Office Technology Corporation dba Xerox Business Solutions Southwest for Xerox Multifunction Devices - Molly Rendon

Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Fortiline Waterworks, Inc. and Apsco, Inc. for Water Supply Utility Materials and Parts - Molly Rendon

Consider Resolutions Appointing Member(s) and Officer(s) of the NCTCOG Executive Board
APPOINTMENTS:

__/___  15 Appointment to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD) - Lucille Johnson

STATUS REPORT:

16 Status Report on Award Received from Government Technology for Technology Innovation in Operations for the Project to Assist the Texas Workforce Commission with the Unemployment Claims - Tim Barbee

MISCELLANEOUS:

17 Old and New Business

18 Future Calendar and Attendance

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Time: __________

The Executive Board will convene in Executive Session pursuant to Open Meetings Act Section 551.074 to deliberate regarding personnel matters:

- Performance Review of Executive Director and Consideration of Compensation

CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION  Time: __________

RECONVENE REGULAR SESSION  Time: __________

__/___  19 Performance Review of Executive Director and Consideration of Compensation

Adjournment: ____________________

A closed executive session may be held on any of the above agenda items when legally justified pursuant to Subchapter D of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 551).
President Smith called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 1:02 pm on October 22, 2020. The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting on October 22, 2020, was conducted as a videoconference meeting, which was livestreamed. Members of the public wishing to provide comment on an Agenda item were directed do so by calling a toll-free phone number and entering an Access Code.

Mike Eastland, Executive Director, called the roll and determined there was a quorum.

**Members of the Board Present:**
1. Ray Smith
2. Kevin Strength
3. Kelly Allen Gray
4. Gary Caplinger
5. Yvonne Davis
6. Chris Hill
7. Clay Jenkins
8. Lee Kleinman
9. Bobbie Mitchell
10. Andrew Piel
11. Tito Rodriguez
12. Ken Shetter
13. Richard Stopfer
14. David Sweet
15. Glen Whitley
16. J. D. Clark
17. Curtistene McCowan
18. Bill Heidemann

**Members of the Staff Present:**
Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Edith Marvin, Molly McFadden, Molly Rendon, David Setzer, Christy Williams, Lucille Johnson, Stephanie Cecil, Ken Kirkpatrick.

**REGULAR SESSION**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

There was no one who requested to speak to the Board and the public comment opportunity was closed at 1:07 pm.

**ACTION:**

**Item 1  Approval of Minutes**

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

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Judge Sweet), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the minutes of the September 2020 Executive Board meeting.

**Item 2  Resolution to Review and Approve NCTCOG’s Investment Policy**

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, presented the North Central Texas Council of Government’s 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: 2020-10-02-AA

Upon a Motion by Mayor Shetter (seconded by Judge Whitley), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.
Item 3  Resolution to Accept and Approve the Quarterly Investment Report

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, 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, 2020 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: 2020-10-03-AA

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Mayor Dana-Bashian), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 4  Resolution Authorizing Contract with Premier Consulting & Integration, LLC. (PCI) for Costpoint Software Support Services

Molly Rendon, Director of Administration, requested Board authorization of a contract with Premier Consulting & Integration, LLC., for a maximum six year term, consisting of a three-year initial term with three optional one-year renewals, in an amount not to exceed $300,000. He explained that the contract is for consultant expertise in the use, functionality, optimization, and enhancement of Costpoint Software Support Services for NCTCOG’s accounting, procurement, Human Resources, time and expense, and payroll platforms.

Exhibit: 2020-10-04-AA

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

Item 5  Resolution Authorizing FY2021 Purchase of Computer Hardware, Software, and Information Technology Contract Services for the Agency

Tim Barbee, Director of Research & Information Services, asked the Board to approve the purchase of computer hardware, software, and related services listed in the FY2021 Information Technology Infrastructure and Services Purchase Plan, in the amount of $5,255,000. He explained that the plan is based on information provided by NCTCOG departments and includes licensing and maintenance costs of enterprise hardware and software and expected projects to be completed over the next year.

Exhibit: 2020-10-05-RIS

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

Item 6  Resolution Endorsing Grant Application Submittal to the Texas Water Development Board for the Integrated Watershed Based Planning for Regional Transportation and Stormwater Management in the Upper Trinity River Basin

Edith Marvin, Director of Environment and Development, asked the Board to endorse an application submitted to the Texas Water Development Board on October 19, 2020, under the Flood Infrastructure Fund (FIF), for Integrated Watershed Based Planning for Regional Transportation and Stormwater Management in the Upper Trinity River Basin, and the receipt of approximately $1,500,000 in state funds with matching funds of $1,500,000 (Surface Transportation Block Grant funds) awarded by the Regional Transportation Council, for a total project cost of $3.0 million. She explained that the application was submitted by the Environment and Development Department in partnership with the Transportation Department and requires a resolution from the Board authorizing submittal and identification of a representative to provide information and execute documents.

Exhibit: 2020-10-06-ED

Upon a Motion by Judge Campos (seconded by Mayor Shetter), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.
Item 7 Resolution Authorizing the Receipt of Fiscal Year 2020 Federal Transit Administration Formula Fund

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to authorize the submission of grant applications, the receipt of program funds, and the execution of necessary agreements with local public transit providers for the following three Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs, consistent with the FY 2021–2024 Transportation Improvement Program approved by the Regional Transportation Council. Local funds from transit providers as well as Transportation Development Credits will be used as match for these federal funds.

1. Urbanized Area Formula Program: approximately $3,238,188 in FY 2020 Urbanized Area Formula Program funds with approximately $925,022 retained for administration, general regional planning, and mobility management efforts on behalf of transit providers. The following transit providers will utilize the remainder of funds for service: Public Transit Services; Span, Inc.; and STAR Transit.

2. Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program (Enhanced Mobility): approximately $955,335 in FY 2020 Program funds with approximately $405,263 retained for administration of the program, including the future award of funds through strategic partnerships yet to be determined. The following transit providers will utilize the funds for service: Span, Inc., and STAR Transit.

3. Bus Facilities Program: approximately $677,018 in FY 2020 Bus and Bus Facilities Program funds with approximately $600,355 retained to purchase vehicles on behalf of transit providers and $76,663 for administrative purposes.

Exhibit: 2020-10-07-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Prince (seconded by Mayor Dana-Bashian), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 8 Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with Span, Inc. for the Expansion of Transit Service

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to authorize an agreement with Span, Inc., in an amount not to exceed $677,000, to pilot an expansion of services that will connect individuals with disabilities to job opportunities. He explained that NCTCOG awards Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program funds in the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington and Denton-Lewisville Urbanized Areas. The funds are available for eligible projects and strategic initiatives working with public and private entities to develop mobility services that improve access to transportation for transit dependent individuals with disabilities. This funding will support a three-year transit project to extend the service area and hours to fill temporal and geographic gaps encountered by individuals with disabilities in Denton and Collin Counties. Transportation Development Credits in the amount of 135,400 will be utilized in lieu of local match.

Exhibit: 2020-10-08-TR

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

Item 9 Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Agreement with the City of North Richland Hills for Transit-Oriented Development Landbanking at Smithfield TEXRail Station

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to authorize an Interlocal Agreement with the City of North Richland Hills related to the Transit-Oriented Development Landbanking Project at the Smithfield TEXRail Station. He explained that in December 2018, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved $2,000,000 in Regional Toll Revenue funds (RTR) for the City of North Richland Hills to use for land acquisition that would be held for transit-oriented development (i.e., Landbanking). The City is responsible for $500,000 in local match and any cost overruns. The City will utilize the RTR funds, plus the City’s local match to purchase the land within two years, through an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation. When the City is
ready to “unbank” the acquired land, through either a sale to the private sector or for public use, the City will repay the principal of $2,000,000 plus RTC’s pro-rata share (approximately 80 percent) of any increase in value of the land from the initial purchase.

Exhibit: 2020-10-09-TR

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

Item 10 Resolution Authorizing Interlocal Agreement with the City of Weatherford Related to the US180/Downtown Weatherford Bypass Loop Improvements

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to authorize an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Weatherford for improvements to the US180/Downtown Bypass Loop, and the receipt of approximately $4,119,400 plus interest (payable at 2.4 percent over a 20-year period, with annual payments to begin in 2024) consistent with the terms and conditions approved in the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) action at its April 9, 2020, meeting. He explained that the RTC is using federal funds to advance this amount, which is the City’s original funding commitment to the project. The Weatherford City Council established a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone for the purposes of promoting development within the Zone and is allocating 80 percent of the City’s share of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone (TIRZ) revenues to the re-payment.

Exhibit: 2020-10-10-TR

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

Item 11 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Kittelson & Associates to Conduct a Future Mobility Planning Exercise for North Texas

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to authorize a consultant contract with Kittelson & Associates, in an amount not to exceed $1,100,000, to conduct a Future Mobility Planning Exercise for North Texas. This project is funded through Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds and Transportation Development Credits utilized in lieu of local match. He explained that the firm will offer planning expertise to prepare the region for increased vehicle and roadway automation by conducting a comprehensive future mobility needs assessment, developing and evaluating regional scenarios, providing a high-level assessment of the financial impacts of connected and automated vehicles in North Texas, and providing local partners with a best-practices guide for deploying future mobility technologies.

Exhibit: 2020-10-11-TR

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

Item 12 Resolution Authorizing Purchase and Placement of Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives: Phase 1

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, asked the Board to approve up to $215,000 for the purchase and placement of media purchases for FY2021 Phase 1 education campaigns. Of this amount, approximately seven percent is previously approved carryover funds from the FY2020 approved budget. He explained that combining education campaign efforts within the Transportation Department has resulted in increased website traffic, greater public participation, and lower costs. Education campaigns may be presented through print publications and digital placements, radio and TV spots, billboards, social media, transit, and other transportation displays in multiple languages when appropriate.

Exhibit: 2020-10-12-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor Dana-Bashian (seconded by Councilmember Caplinger), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.
**APPOINTMENTS:**

Item 13  Appointment to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD)

Lucille Johnson, Assistant to the Executive Director, asked the Board to appoint David Bristol to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD) to serve a three-year term and fill a vacant seat for a representative from Collin County. She explained that David is the Chairman of the Board of Employee Solutions, LP and serves as President and CEO. He is being recommended by the Collin County Commissioners Court.

Upon a Motion by Judge Hill (seconded by Judge Whitley), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the appointment.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

Item 14  Old and New Business

Mike Eastland, Executive Director briefed the Board on Agency employees during the Coronavirus, saying that most are still working from home, while the Police academy is still holding in person training. He also said that NCTCOG is beginning exploration of a Broad Band Initiative.

Item 15  Attendance and Calendar

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

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:50 pm.

Approved by:  

Checked by:

___________________________________  ___________________________________________
Ray Smith, President                  Mike Eastland, Executive Director  
North Central Texas Council of Governments  North Central Texas Council of Governments  
Mayor, Town of Prosper
Meeting Date: November 19, 2020

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

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

The Executive Board has previously approved receipt of funding for continuation and enhancement of ongoing transportation and air quality initiatives and for new projects implemented and managed by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff. The resolution approving receipt of revenue and execution of necessary agreements is included in the agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved the programming of funds for these projects at various times. This information is included in the attached table. In preparation for development and execution of FY2021 agreements, staff is requesting Executive Board approval to receive approximately $35,483,350 ($31,387,600 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds + $1,040,000 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds + $1,535,000 Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds + $555,000 State match + $965,750 local participation + 5,268,920 in Transportation Development Credits in lieu of match). Local participation will be provided by partner agencies. Attachment 1 contains a table detailing individual funding agreements. NCTCOG will coordinate with TxDOT to enter into agreements to receive these funds.

A draft resolution authorizing the receipt of funds for planning and implementation programs is attached for Executive Board consideration. I will provide a brief presentation of this item and will be available to answer any questions.

EB:al
Attachment
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR THE RECEIPT OF FUNDS FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS FROM THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, in April 2019, January 2020, June 2020, July 2020, August 2020, and November 2020 the RTC authorized the programming of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, and Regional Toll Revenue funds and associated match for planning and implementation programs to be administered and managed by NCTCOG.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. NCTCOG is authorized to receive Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, and Regional Toll Revenue funds and associated match in the amount of approximately $35,483,350, as reflected in Attachment 1.

Section 2. These funds are programmed for multiple fiscal years and shall be incorporated into the appropriate fiscal year budgets and Unified Planning Work Program.

Section 3. The Executive Board accepts the fiduciary responsibility to administer the planning and implementation programs carried out with these funds.

Section 4. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to enter into agreements with the Texas Department of Transportation for each project specified in Attachment 1.

Section 5. NCTCOG is authorized to expend funds for the projects and in the amounts specified in Attachment 1.
Section 6. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to enter into agreements with other partners to carry out these programs, including agreements for the receipt of local match.

Section 7. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

____________________________________
Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, Town of Prosper

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on November 19, 2020.

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David Sweet, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Rockwall County
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* 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.

* $5,268,920 of Transportation Development Credits utilized in lieu of a local match and are not calculated in funding total.

*Source of funding is Federal Highway Administration Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds, receipt of funds is authorized through the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)/Texas Department of Transportation or via FHWA transfer to the Federal Transit Administration.

Prepared for presentation to NCTOOG Executive Board November 2020
Meeting Date: November 19, 2020
Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Resolution Approving Modifications to the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning

The Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning (UPWP) is required by federal and State transportation planning regulations and provides a summary of the transportation and related air quality planning tasks to be conducted by Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff. The FY2020 and FY2021 UPWP was approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) in July 2019 and endorsed by the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Executive Board in August 2019, and it identifies the activities to be carried out between October 1, 2019, and September 30, 2021.

Listed below are proposed modifications to the FY2020 and FY2021 UPWP. Included in these amendments are new initiatives, project updates and funding adjustments. The proposed modifications were posted on the NCTCOG website for public review and comment. No public comments have been received to date. Comments received, if any, prior to the close of the comment period will be provided. In addition, NCTCOG’s allocation of Federal Transit Administration 5303 Transportation Planning Funds for FY2021 has been increased. The Regional Transportation Council is expected to take action on the proposed modifications outlined below at its November 12, 2020, meeting.

Transportation Planning Fund (TPF) FY2021 Budget Adjustments

As a result of NCTCOG’s FY2021 budget development, funding adjustments to Transportation Planning Fund projects are being proposed to reflect a reallocation of resources for FY2021. These changes are highlighted in the table below.

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Other Funding Source FY2021 Budget Adjustments

In addition to the adjustments proposed above for Transportation Planning Funds, adjustments are also proposed to other funding sources as a result of NCTCOG’s FY2021 budget process. Affected funding sources include Department of Energy (DOE), Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG), Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), Regional Toll Revenue (RTR), and local funds. The adjustments by funding source are included in the table below, as well as the associated Unified Planning Work Program Subtasks.

Non–TPF FY2021 Budget Adjustments

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                |         | 3.03 – Increase of $30,000          |
| Local          | $2,332,000 | 1.03 – Increase of $14,000   
                |         | 5.05 – Increase of $2,275,000      |
|                |         | 5.09 – Increase of $43,000        |
| RTR            | $107,000 | 4.02 – Increase of $107,000        |
| STBG           | $2,171,480 | 1.02 – Reduction of $44,000        
                |         | 5.01 – Increase of $20,000         |
|                |         | 5.05 – Increase of $1,806,480      |
|                |         | 5.06 – Increase of $389,000        |
| CMAQ           | $1,330,000 | 5.05 – Increase of $1,330,000      |
| TxDOT          | $83,170  | 5.05 – Increase of $83,170         |
**Other Transportation Planning Fund (TPF) Modifications**

1.02 Program and Policy Administration – Program Administration (update text to reflect staff work activities on NCTCOG’s Strategic Plan relative to transportation)

3.02 Regional Air Quality Planning – Regional Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory Program (add initiative and $30,000 TPF for the purchase of software for use in creating a regional Greenhouse Gas [GHG] emissions inventory. Local funds are also being added in another item below to support development of the GHG emissions inventory.)

5.03 Land-use/Transportation Initiatives – Sustainable Development Initiatives (update text to reflect assistance to the City of Kennedale in identifying multimodal access, street scape and land-use improvements in the Kennedale Parkway corridor)

5.03 Land-use/Transportation Initiatives – Sustainable Development Initiatives (update text to reflect assistance to the City of Dallas for the Hensley Field Redevelopment Master Plan)

VIII. Overview of Work Program Funding (update Exhibit VIII-1, FY2020 and FY2021 TPF Programming Summary, to reflect an increase in NCTCOG’s allocation of Federal Transit Administration 5303 Transportation Planning Funds for FY2021 in the amount of $224,022)

VIII. Overview of Work Program Funding (update Exhibit VIII-3, Anticipated Equipment/Software Purchases/Leases, to reflect change in funding source from TPF to RTC Local in FY2021 for the purchase of computer systems, printers, Voice-Over-Internet-Protocol phone devices, and other computer hardware items as a result of Buy America constraints)

VIII. Overview of Work Program Funding (update Exhibit VIII-3, Anticipated Equipment/Software Purchases/Leases, to reflect changes in estimated software costs based on FY2021 budget adjustments and the software purchase in Subtask 3.02 for the creation of a Greenhouse Gas emissions inventory)

**Other Funding Source Modifications**

1.04 Computer System Applications and Data Management – Regional Digital Aerial Imagery (add $620,000 Surface Transportation Block Grant Program [STBG] funds and $102,000 Texas Department of Transportation [TxDOT] funds, and $53,000 Local funds to support this project, and update text to reflect the use of Light Detection and Ranging [LIDAR] imagery and additional planning purposes for use of the aerial imagery).

3.02 Regional Air Quality Planning – Emissions Inventories and Technical Studies (add $185,000 Texas Commission on Environmental Quality [TCEQ] funds to support the conduct of emission inventories)

3.02 Regional Air Quality Planning – Regional Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory Program (add initiative and $25,000 local funds to support development of a regional Greenhouse Gas [GHG] emissions inventory. Transportation Planning Funds are also being added in an item above to support the cost of software to create the emissions inventory.)
3.03 Air Quality Management and Operations – Local Government Policies/Community Readiness (add $75,000 Department of Energy [DOE] funds and $3,400 previously approved RTC Local funds to continue work activities for the Regional Energy Manager initiative in coordination with NCTCOG’s Environment and Development Department, and update text to reflect staff work activities related to energy efficiency/renewable energy)

5.03 Land-use/Transportation Initiatives – Bachman Lake Area Planning Study (add initiative and $200,000 RTC Local funds and $800,000 STBG funds matched with Transportation Development Credits for a planning study to identify safe pedestrian access/facilities along major roadways to create connections to nearby trails, parks, and the Dallas Area Rapid Transit Bachman station, as well as study Love Field)

5.03 Land-use/Transportation Initiatives – Hickory Tree Road Planning Study (add initiative and $100,000 RTC Local funds and $500,000 STBG funds matched with Transportation Development Credits for a redesign of the Hickory Tree Road corridor in Balch Springs to advance context-sensitive design, mitigate congestion, and facilitate future economic growth)

5.03 Land-use/Transportation Initiatives – Dallas Opportunity Zone 1: North Oak Cliff Planning and Conceptional Engineering Study (add initiative and $3,405,000 STBG funds matched with Transportation Development Credits for a study of the Jefferson Viaduct, the Houston Viaduct, the interface thoroughfare street entitled Greenbriar Lane, and the extension onto Jefferson Boulevard; Eads Avenue, on the eastern side of IH35E; and a program involving traffic calming and access management)

5.06 Regional Freight Planning (update text to reflect staff planning activities related to the use of a regional railroad information system for the monitoring and forecasting of train traffic conditions to help reduce train congestion for both freight and passenger operations. In addition, add $7,100,000 STBG and $400,000 RTC Local to support the development and implementation of the regional railroad information system; $2,500,000 in BUILD grant funds and $3,100,000 from regional rail agencies is also anticipated to be available to support the implementation of the information system.)

5.11 Automated Vehicle Technologies – DFW Freight Optimization Corridors (add initiative and $200,000 RTC Local funds and $4,800,000 STBG funds matched with Transportation Development Credits for a project that will use connected vehicle and related technologies to optimize the flow of trucks between freight hubs and expressways in the region)

5.13 North Texas Center for Mobility Technologies (add initiative and $2,500,000 RTC Local funds to support the development of a mobility research center that will bring together North Texas’ top mobility research talent to work on sponsored research projects)
The following modifications have previously been approved by the Regional Transportation Council (i.e., via the Transportation Improvement Program or as a separate item) and/or NCTCOG Executive Board and are now being incorporated into the Unified Planning Work Program:

**Other Funding Source Modifications**

1.04 Computer System Applications and Data Management – Computer Resource Management and Equipment Purchases (add $650,000 Regional Transportation Council [RTC] Local funds for the purchase of computer systems; printers; Voice-Over-Internet-Protocol phone devices; and other computer hardware items as a result of Buy America constraints when using federal funds, and update text to reflect a change in funding sources for these items. This funding was approved by the Executive Board in October as part of Item 5, Resolution Authorizing FY2021 Purchase of Computer Hardware, Software, and Information Technology Contract Services for the Agency, that was presented by the Research and Information Services Department.)

5.10 Regional Military and Community Coordination – Regional Military Compatible Use Implementation (add $432,000 Department of Defense [DOD] funds to reflect receipt of grant award to implement the recommendations of a study completed by NCTCOG in 2018 related to compatible development activities near the Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, as well as Texas Military Department installations in North Texas)

Additional information and a draft resolution authorizing approval of the proposed UPWP modifications is attached for Executive Board consideration. Staff will provide a brief presentation on this item and be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

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Attachments
RESOLUTION APPROVING MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY2020 AND FY2021 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM FOR REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, federal law, Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, assigns the MPO the responsibility for carrying out the metropolitan planning process, in cooperation with the State and operators of publicly owned transit services; and,

WHEREAS, the FAST Act assigns the MPO the responsibility for development of a Unified Planning Work Program which addresses the planning priorities of the metropolitan area and describes the metropolitan transportation and related air quality planning activities to be undertaken and capital purchases to be made to support the planning process; and,

WHEREAS, the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning was approved by the Regional Transportation Council in July 2019 and endorsed by the NCTCOG Executive Board in August 2019; and,

WHEREAS, new initiatives, updates to existing projects and funding adjustments have resulted in the need to amend the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed modifications to the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning were approved by the Regional Transportation Council on November 12, 2020.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Executive Board approves the November 2020 amendments to the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning.

Section 2. The appropriate fiscal year budgets are hereby amended to incorporate the resources associated with the approval of this resolution.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, Town of Prosper

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on November 19, 2020.

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David Sweet, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Rockwall County
Modifications to the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program

Executive Board
November 19, 2020

Transportation Department
North Central Texas Council of Governments
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*This amount includes $650,000 RTC Local funds for the purchase of computers and associated hardware approved by the Executive Board in October 2020 under item 5, FY2021 Purchase of Computer Hardware, Software, and Information Technology Contract Services for the Agency, presented by the Research and Information Services Department*
Meeting Date: November 19, 2020

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing Agreements with Local Governments Receiving Funding to Procure Data Collection Technology for Traffic Signal Retiming During Incidents

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program Subtask 5.05 provides for traffic signal retiming as part of the Congestion Management Planning and Operations Programs. In June 2014, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) began working with regional partners and the selected consultant to implement traffic signal retiming during incidents to help relieve congestion. NCTCOG completed the pilot projects in the cities of Arlington and Grand Prairie in December 2018. Following the completion of the pilot projects, additional corridors were selected to implement frontage road retiming within the cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, Grand Prairie, and Irving. To understand the benefits of traffic signal retiming during incidents, data is needed to monitor the corridor operations. The Texas Department of Transportation and the North Texas Tollway Authority have existing technology on the limited-access facilities.

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) will provide a maximum of $1,329,633 ($1,329,663 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds with RTC Transportation Development Credits used in lieu of local match) for an initiative to implement traffic signal retiming and technology along the frontage roads in Dallas, Fort Worth, and Irving to collect travel time, delay, and speed data. Traffic signal retiming will occur on the frontage roads in Grand Prairie, but no funding is being provided for the implementation of technology for data collection.

A draft resolution authorizing the execution of agreements with the Cities of Dallas, Fort Worth and Irving for a total amount not to exceed $1,329,633 is attached for Executive Board consideration. Attachment 1 to the draft resolution details funding per subrecipient. A map of the Traffic Signal Incident Corridors is provided in Attachment 2. This is a 100 percent federally funded program. I will provide a brief presentation of this item and will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

GM:bw
Attachment
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS RECEIVING FUNDING TO PROCURE DATA COLLECTION TECHNOLOGY FOR TRAFFIC SIGNAL RETIMING DURING INCIDENTS

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth region is in nonattainment of the federal air quality standard for ozone and NCTCOG is actively involved in the development and implementation of the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and,

WHEREAS, in May 2014, the NCTCOG Executive Board adopted a resolution authorizing the receipt of Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility funds (now known as Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds); Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds; Regional Toll Revenue funds; and associated local match, which will be a combination of local funds, State funds, and Transportation Development Credits for planning and implementation programs to be administered and managed by NCTCOG; and,

WHEREAS, Subtask 5.05 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program provides for Congestion Management Operations, including implementation of the Traffic Signal Retiming During Incidents Program; and,

WHEREAS, the Traffic Signal Retiming During Incidents Program for FY2021 in the cities of Dallas, Fort Worth, and Irving serves as one of the initiatives to implement traffic signal retiming during incidents to help relieve congestion; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas, City of Fort Worth and City of Irving and the Regional Transportation Council have developed a partnership strategy to implement data collection technology along the frontage roads to collect travel time, delay, and speed data; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Agreements between NCTCOG and the City of Dallas, City of Fort Worth, and City of Irving for data collection technology for an amount not to exceed $1,329,633 total award, as outlined in Attachment 1, be and is hereby approved.
Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out the initiatives described herein.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Prosper

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on November 19, 2020.

David Sweet, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Rockwall County
Frontage Road Traffic Signal Retiming Project  
November 19, 2020

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Meeting Date: November 19, 2020

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing a Contract with B&B Wrecker Services for Wrecker Services on State Highway (SH) 121

A bottleneck improvement for SH 121, from SH 183 to Glade Road within the Cities of Euless and Bedford, will be opened to traffic in November 2020. Attachment 1 contains a map identifying the location of this project, the previous project on SH 161, and its relationship to the DFW Connector. This improvement consists of shoulder restriping to enable three lanes of traffic during peak travel periods. The additional capacity provides congestion relief for travelers within and adjacent to this four-mile section. A key component to successfully utilize the shoulder is the staging of tow trucks to respond quickly to incidents, and to provide the additional daily services required for opening and closing the shoulder.

The project is located within the cities of Euless and Bedford, and the City ordinances require the Euless and Bedford Police Departments to dispatch its contracted wrecker service provider. The Cities of Euless and Bedford contract with B&B Wrecker Services. Executive Board approval will be requested to enter into a one-year contract, including an annual option for renewal, with B&B Wrecker Services, in an amount not to exceed $450,000 per year. The sources of funding will be 80 percent Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funding and 20 percent state match provided by the Texas Department of Transportation.

A draft resolution authorizing a contract with B&B Wrecker Services, for wrecker services on SH 121, is attached for Executive Board consideration. I will provide a brief presentation on this item and will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

NB:lk
Attachment
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH B&B WRECKER SERVICES FOR WRECKER SERVICES ON STATE HIGHWAY (SH) 121

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth region is in nonattainment of the federal air quality standard for ozone and NCTCOG is actively involved in the development and implementation of the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and

WHEREAS, in May 2017, the Executive Board authorized the receipt of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds, inclusive of state match from the Texas Department of Transportation for the staging of wreckers and other ancillary services; and,

WHEREAS, the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program Subtask 5.05 includes the staging of wreckers and other ancillary services for incident clearance and operational improvements; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has complied with federal and State regulations regarding contract and procurement proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. A contract between NCTCOG and B&B Wrecker Services, in an amount not to exceed $450,000, for a term of one year, with optional annual renewals, be and is hereby approved.
Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out the initiatives described herein.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, Town of Prosper

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David Sweet, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Rockwall County
Wrecker Service on State Highway 121

The diagram shows the proposed wrecker service on State Highway 121. The existing six-lane section is highlighted in green, while the proposed service is shown in blue. The diagram also indicates the proximity to DFW Airport and the connection to State Highway 161.
The McKinney Avenue Transit Authority (MATA) requested emergency assistance from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) with their annual renewal of rail liability insurance as they faced an impending gap in coverage. With various insurers exiting the rail market, associated policy costs have increased and MATA was left with limited options to continue service. While efforts are underway to find a regional solution for all transit authorities regarding rail liability insurance, MATA faced an immediate need. On November 1, 2020 MATA began implementing additional safety and financial measures while exploring alternative options with Dallas Area Rapid Transit and NCTCOG.

The Regional Transportation Council is scheduled to approve funding for this project on November 12, 2020, utilizing Regional Toll Revenue funds authorized for transit projects. Staff is requesting Executive Board approval to amend the current agreement with MATA for an additional amount not to exceed $400,000 to ensure continuation of transit services. There is no local match required.

A draft resolution authorizing an amendment to the agreement with McKinney Avenue Transit Authority for an additional amount not to exceed $400,000 is attached for Executive Board consideration. I will provide a brief presentation on this item and will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE MCKINNEY AVENUE TRANSIT AUTHORITY RELATED TO RAIL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR TRANSIT SERVICE

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, Subtask 3.05 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program supports the sustainability of transit services and solutions that move the region toward more comprehensive, coordinated, accessible, efficient, and effective public transit services; and,

WHEREAS, the RTC programmed Regional Toll Revenue funds for Sustainability for Transit Operations to advance regional coordination efforts within the North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, the McKinney Avenue Transit Authority is a public transportation provider in Dallas County in the North Central Texas region and has identified challenges with their annual renewal of rail liability insurance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. NCTCOG is authorized to amend the current subrecipient agreement with the McKinney Avenue Transit Authority for an additional amount not to exceed $400,000 in Regional Toll Revenue funds.
Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary amendments in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out the initiatives described herein.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, Town of Prosper

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David Sweet, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Rockwall County
On February 27, 2020, in connection with the region’s efforts to attract the Virgin One Hyperloop Certification Center, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved $2.5 million to fund university research on mobility-related technologies. The purpose of this “seed money” is to build a cooperative network of Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) public research universities (University of Texas at Arlington, University of North Texas, University of Texas at Dallas, and Southern Methodist University) to partner with mobility companies on research and development projects. This network will make DFW a more attractive place for businesses, strengthen the capacity of our region’s universities in the mobility field, and attract talent to DFW.

The research universities, with the assistance of the Texas Research Alliance, a project of the Dallas Regional Chamber and the Richardson Regional Chamber, have organized into the North Texas Center for Mobility Technologies (NTCMT). The NTCMT will coordinate efforts to assemble research teams that are responsive to sponsor needs. The NTCMT also will assist the universities in the search for grants and other funding.

The $2.5 million that RTC approved will be used as “seed money” to help get the NTCMT-sponsored research program up and running. Applying selection criteria scheduled to be approved by the RTC at its November 12, 2020, meeting, staff will evaluate research project proposals. Only projects that meet the selection criteria will be eligible for funding.

RTC funding will be supplemented by contributions made by the sponsor and by the universities conducting the research. It is contemplated that RTC funding will constitute up to 25 percent of the cost of the research, with the universities matching RTC’s contribution and the research sponsor covering the remainder.

Research topics will be driven by the needs of the research sponsors. Area research universities are well-equipped to handle research projects in a wide variety of mobility-related areas. It is possible that mobility-related research projects may come from industry sectors, such as aerospace and defense, that overlap with mobility-related research in areas such as artificial intelligence, vehicle automation, and 5G communications.
A draft resolution authorizing agreements with the University of Texas at Arlington, University of North Texas, University of Texas at Dallas, and Southern Methodist University in an aggregate amount not to exceed $2.5 million in RTC Local funds for mobility-related research projects is attached for Executive Board consideration. I will provide a brief presentation on this item and will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

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Attachment
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS FOR MOBILITY-RELATED UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROJECTS ADVANCED BY THE NORTH TEXAS CENTER FOR MOBILITY TECHNOLOGIES

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

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WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council has approved $2.5 million to fund sponsored research on mobility technology; and,

WHEREAS, four North Texas research universities, with the assistance of the Texas Research Alliance, have organized themselves into the North Texas Center for Mobility Technologies (NTCMT); and,

WHEREAS, the NTCMT will recommend that NCTCOG contribute funding for certain sponsored research projects to supplement the contributions made by the sponsor and by the universities for the project; and,

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2020, the RTC adopted the selection criteria and review process that must be followed before a sponsored research project is funded.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. NCTCOG is authorized to enter into agreements with University of Texas at Arlington, University of North Texas, University of Texas at Dallas, and Southern Methodist University in an aggregate amount not to exceed $2.5 million in RTC Local funds for mobility-related research projects advanced by the North Texas Center for Mobility Technologies.

Section 2. In order to receive funding, research projects must meet the selection criteria established by the Regional Transportation Council.

Section 3. These funds shall be incorporated into the appropriate fiscal year budgets and Unified Planning Work Program, as appropriate.
Section 4. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out the initiatives described herein.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, Town of Prosper

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on November 19, 2020.

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David Sweet, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Rockwall County
Meeting Date: November 19, 2020
Submitted By: David Setzer
Director of Workforce Development

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing a Lease Amendment for the Terrell Workforce Center

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), in its capacity as the Administrative Entity and designated Grant Recipient/Fiscal Agent of the North Central Texas Workforce Development Board, currently operates a Terrell workforce center located at 109 Tejas Drive, Suite 300. The following information pertains to the current lease:

- Owned by CS & RF Investments LLC.
- Contains 4,389 square feet of space
- Includes five (5) year lease ending May 31, 2024.
- Includes an average price per square foot for the five (5) years under consideration equaling $18.30 (net of taxes, insurance, common area maintenance, utilities, and janitorial).

As previously discussed, NCTCOG staff has been in the process of integrating Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) staff within NCTCOG’s workforce centers as space permits. It has recently come to NCTCOG’s attention that there is now 2,623 square feet of available space adjacent to our current facility. The space has been reviewed by both NCTCOG and VR management staff and both believe it would be an adequate space to integrate the existing five (5) VR staff within the Terrell Workforce Center location.

The current landlord, CS & RF Investments LLC, has agreed to the following conditions regarding NCTCOG’s existing and proposed new space:

- Provide the new space within suite 700 totaling 2,623 square feet, for the VR integration, for a period of sixty (60) months, beginning the later of February 1, 2021 or at the time the space is ready for occupancy. The average price per square foot for the five (5) years under consideration total $15.53
- Extend the existing lease for suite 300, including the 4,389 square feet, for a period of approximately twenty (20) months or such time to make the lease term coterminous with the proposed suite 700 time frame for an average price per square foot not to exceed $17.13.
- Include an amended total average price per square foot for the total 7,012 square feet under consideration totaling $16.53.
• Include within the proposed rental rate tenant improvement allowances as follows:
  - Construct cased opening between two proposed suites
  - Build janitor closet within new VR suite location
  - Replace lighting within new VR suite location
  - Replace paint and carpet within new VR suite location

NCTCOG’s real estate broker, Avison Young, has performed a current market survey of other comparable properties (Please see Attachment A) and determined that the proposed rate for this facility is within the market price for that area. A draft resolution authorizing a lease amendment for the Terrell Workforce Center for additional space and extending the current lease to make it coterminous is attached for Executive Board consideration.

I will provide a brief presentation on this item and be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.
WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG serves as the Administrative Entity and designated Grant Recipient/Fiscal Agent of the North Central Texas Workforce Development Board (Workforce Board; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG currently has a five (5) year lease agreement with CS & RF Investments LLC., expiring May 31, 2024, for 4,389 square feet of office space for the operation of a workforce center located at 109 Tejas Drive, suite 300, in Terrell Texas; and,

WHEREAS, an additional 2,623 square feet of office space, suite 700, has become available that is adjacent to the current workforce center facility; and,

WHEREAS, both NCTCOG and Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) management staff believe the additional square footage is adequate to integrate five (5) VR staff; and,

WHEREAS, staff recommends amending the lease to include the new suite 700 (2,623 square feet) for a period of sixty (60) months beginning the later of February 1, 2021 or at such time the space is ready for occupancy and extending the current lease related to suit 300 (4,389 square feet) for a period of approximately twenty (20) months to make it coterminous with the proposed new suite 700 lease term, for a combined average price per square foot not to exceed $16.53 (excluding taxes, insurance, common area maintenance, utilities, and janitorial).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. A lease amendment between NCTCOG and CS & RF Investments LLC, for the Terrell Workforce Center located at 109 Tejas Drive, to include an additional 2,623 square feet and approximate twenty (20) month extension of the existing lease term, for a combined average rental rate not to exceed $16.53 per square foot (excluding taxes, insurance, common area maintenance, utilities, and janitorial), be and is hereby approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute agreements necessary to carry out this program, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, Town of Prosper

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on November 19, 2020.

David Sweet, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Rockwall County
## Comparable Properties

### Attachment A

#### Comparison Chart

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Meeting Date: November 19, 2020

Submitted By: Molly McFadden
Director of Emergency Preparedness

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing Contracts with McKesson and Grainger for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Regional First Responders

This is a request seeking authorization to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for regional first responders in an amount not to exceed $500,000 utilizing contract #061417-MML McKesson Medical-Surgical Government Solutions and contract #032620-WWG Grainger via the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program to meet applicable purchasing requirements.

This project originated as a regional need for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), based on a national deficit, which began as a result of COVID-19. The deficit has closed significantly, but jurisdictions in the region still face shortages of PPE. Staff intends to distribute a survey to interested jurisdictions for better visibility on what PPE is needed at this time. Funding for this NCTCOG initiative will come from Grant Year 2019, State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) de-obligated funds from previously approved projects that were unable to be completed due to COVID-19.

A draft resolution authorizing the purchase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for regional first responders from McKesson and Grainger in a cumulative amount not to exceed $500,000 is attached for Executive Board consideration.

Should either you or the Executive Board members have questions, staff and I will be present at the meeting to summarize and address any questions, or I may be contacted by phone at 817-608-2322 or by e-mail at mmcfadden@nctcog.org.
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH MCKESSON AND GRAINGER FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) FOR REGIONAL FIRST RESPONDERS

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments seeks to address regional priorities such as protection and safety during normal and emergency operations; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has identified the need for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for regional first responders and has State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP) funds available for such purchase; and,

WHEREAS, PPE is available for purchase utilizing contract #061417-MML McKesson Medical-Surgical Government Solution and contract# 032620-WWG Grainger via the Sourcewell cooperative purchasing program; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has complied with federal and state regulations regarding contract and procurement proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Contracts between NCTCOG and McKesson Medical-Surgical Government Solutions and Grainger for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), in a cumulative amount not to exceed $500,000, be and are hereby approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute agreements necessary to carry out the initiatives described herein, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

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Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, Town of Prosper

I hereby certify that the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments adopted this resolution on November 19, 2020.

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David Sweet, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Rockwall County
The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has actively promoted the standardization of model construction codes since 1967 when the Regional Codes Strategy Committee first documented the wide disparity in codes used by cities in the region.

The goal of the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC), NCTCOG’s present model codes advisory committee, is to standardize the model codes used throughout North Central Texas. Composed of public and private sector code professionals, the RCCC and its five code advisory boards encourage the adoption of NCTCOG recommended model codes and regional amendments to reduce the variation of local construction codes in the region.

To continue these code uniformity initiatives, the RCCC’s Electrical Advisory Board (EAB) conducted several open review meetings over the past eight months. The purposes of these meetings were to: 1) review and recommend the 2020 edition of the National Fire Protection Association’s (NFPA) National Electrical Code (NEC) and, 2) develop regional amendments to the NEC. After the EAB completed their deliberations, the RCCC reviewed and approved the amendment recommendations on October 13, 2020. The final recommendation is that all cities in the North Central Texas region adopt the 2020 NEC and corresponding regional amendments.

The RCCC is seeking NCTCOG Executive Board action and endorsement of the regional amendments (Attachment 1) to the 2020 NEC and recommendation that all cities and counties in the North Central Texas region adopt the 2020 NEC and corresponding regional amendments. A draft resolution is attached for consideration.

A brief presentation of this item will be provided, and I will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.
RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2020 EDITION OF THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE WITH REGIONAL AMENDMENTS

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been active for the last 50 years in promoting construction code uniformity in the region; and,

WHEREAS, code uniformity has been documented to lead to a decrease in confusion and delays for builders, developers, and architects; a decrease in costs to municipalities in the development of codes; and, ultimately a decrease in construction and insurance costs to consumers; and,

WHEREAS, the 2020 National Electrical Code is the most current nationally recognized industry standard for buildings and construction; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC), through its Electrical Advisory Board, has reviewed the 2020 National Electrical Code and developed regional amendments; and,

WHEREAS, the RCCC proposes Executive Board endorsement and recommendation of adoption with regional amendments by local governments in North Central Texas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Executive Board supports the current activities in promoting building code uniformity in the North Central Texas region.

Section 2. The Executive Board recommends adoption of the 2020 National Electrical Code by all cities and counties in the North Central Texas region.

Section 3. The Executive Board endorses the RCCC recommended regional amendments (Attachment 1) to the 2020 National Electrical Code and recommends the amendments be adopted by all cities and counties in the North Central Texas region, as applicable.
Section 4. The code amendments will be transmitted to all local governments within the 16-county region.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, Town of Prosper

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on November 19, 2020.

David Sweet, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Rockwall County
Recommended Amendments to the
2020 National Electrical Code
North Central Texas Council of Governments

The following articles, paragraphs, and sentences of the 2020 National Electrical Code (NEC) are hereby amended as follows: Standard type is text from the NEC. Highlighted with gray shading is text inserted. Lined through type is deleted text from NEC. A double asterisk (**) at the beginning of an article identifies an amendment carried over from the 2017 edition of the code and a triple asterisk (***)) identifies a new or revised amendment with the 2020 code.

**Article 100; add the following to definitions:**

Engineering Supervision. Supervision by a Qualified State of Texas Licensed Professional Engineer engaged primarily in the design or maintenance of electrical installations.

(REASON FOR CHANGE: To better define the qualifications for engineering supervision. This term is used twenty-four times in the 2017 National Electrical Code.)

**Article 110.2; change the following to read as follows:**

110.2 Approval. The conductors and equipment required or permitted by this Code shall be acceptable only if approved. Approval of equipment may be evident by listing and labeling of equipment by a Nationally Recognized Testing Lab (NRTL) with a certification mark of that laboratory or a qualified third party inspection agency or a field evaluation by a Field Evaluation Body accredited by either the International Code Council International Accreditation Service AC354 or ANSI National Accreditation Board programs and approved by the AHJ.

Exception: Unlisted equipment that is relocated to another location within a jurisdiction or is field modified is subject to the approval by the AHJ. This approval may be by a field evaluation by a NRTL or qualified third-party inspection agency or a field evaluation by a Field Evaluation Body accredited by either the ICC IAS AC354 or ANAB programs and approved by the AHJ. Manufacturer’s self-certification of any equipment shall not be used as a basis for approval by the AHJ.
Informational Note No. 1: See 90.7, Examination of Equipment for Safety, and 110.3, Examination, Identification, Installation, and Use of Equipment. See definitions of Approved, Identified, Labeled, and Listed.

Informational Note No. 2: Manufacturer’s self-certification of equipment may not necessarily comply with U.S. product safety standards as certified by an NRTL.

Informational Note No. 3: National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 790 and 791 provide an example of an approved method for qualifying a third-party inspection agency.

(REASON FOR CHANGE: To add clarity and provide more positive options for enforcement and approval of unlisted equipment.)

***Article 400.8 Field Identification Required: Change the following to read as follows

408.4 Field Identification Required.

(A) Circuit Directory or Circuit Identification.
Every circuit and circuit modification shall be legibly identified as to its clear, evident, and specific purpose or use. The identification shall include an approved degree of detail that allows each circuit to be distinguished from all others. Spare positions that contain unused overcurrent devices or switches shall be described accordingly. The identification shall be included in a circuit directory that is located on the face or inside of, or in an approved location adjacent and permanently affixed the panel door in the case of a panelboard and at each switch or circuit breaker in a switchboard or switchgear. No circuit shall be described in a manner that depends on transient conditions of occupancy.

(REASON FOR CHANGE: To add clarity and provide more positive options for enforcement and approval)

***Article 410.118: Change the following to read as follows

410.118 Access to other boxes.
Luminaires recessed in the ceilings, floors, or walls shall not be used to access outlet, pull, or junction boxes or conduit bodies, unless the box or conduit body is an integral part of the listed luminaire.

Exception: removable luminaires with a minimum measurement of 22 in. X 22 in. shall be permitted to be used as access to outlet, pull, junction boxes or conduit bodies.

(REASON FOR CHANGE: To add clarity and provide more positive options for enforcement and approval. This will allow access to boxes not integral with the luminaire. This measurement aligns with the limited access above a lay-in ceiling measurement in 110.26(A)(4).

) ***Article 422.31 B: Change the following to read as follows

422.31 B Appliances Rated over 300 Volt-Amperes

North Central Texas Council of Governments
2020 NEC Regional Amendments
Regional Codes Coordinating Council review: October 13, 2020
(B) Appliances Rated over 300 Volt-Amperes. For permanently connected appliances rated over 300 volt-amperes, the branch-circuit switch or circuit breaker shall be permitted to serve as the disconnecting means where the switch or circuit breaker is within sight from and is readily accessible to the appliance it serves or is capable of being locked in the open position in accordance with 110.25 and is readily accessible to the appliance it serves.

Informational Note No. 1: For appliances employing unit switches, see 422.34.

Informational Note No 2: The following means of access are considered to constitute readily accessible for this code change when conforming to the additional access requirements of the I Codes:

- (1) A permanent stair.
- (2) A pull-down stair with a minimum 300 lb. (136 kg) capacity.
- (3) An access door from an upper floor level.

**REASON FOR CHANGE:** To add clarity and provide more positive options for enforcement and approval.

**Article 500.8 (A) (3); change to read as follows:**

**500.8 Equipment.**

Articles 500 through 504 require equipment construction and installation that ensure safe performance under conditions of proper use and maintenance.

Informational Note No. 1: It is important that inspection authorities and users exercise more than ordinary care with regard to installation and maintenance.

Informational Note No. 2: Since there is no consistent relationship between explosion properties and ignition temperature, the two are independent requirements.

Informational Note No. 3: Low ambient conditions require special consideration. Explosion proof or dust-ignition proof equipment may not be suitable for use at temperatures lower than -25°C (-13°F) unless they are identified for low-temperature service. However, at low ambient temperatures, flammable concentrations of vapors may not exist in a location classified as Class I, Division 1 at normal ambient temperature.

**(A) Suitability.** Suitability of identified equipment shall be determined by one of the following:

- (1) Equipment listing or labeling;
- (2) Evidence of equipment evaluation from a qualified testing laboratory or inspection agency concerned with product evaluation; or,
- (3) Evidence acceptable to the authority having jurisdiction such as a manufacturer’s self-evaluation or an owner’s engineering judgment. an engineering judgment signed and sealed by a qualified Registered licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas.
Informational Note: Additional documentation for equipment may include certificates demonstrating compliance with applicable equipment standards, indicating special conditions of use, and other pertinent information.

(REASON FOR CHANGE: Carry over from previous amendment with change to better define the qualifications for an engineering judgment.)

**Article 505.7 (A) changed to read as follows:**

505.7 Special Precaution.
Article 505 requires equipment construction and installation that ensures safe performance under conditions of proper use and maintenance.

Informational Note No. 1: It is important that inspection authorities and users exercise more than ordinary care with regard to the installation and maintenance of electrical equipment in hazardous (classified) locations.

Informational Note No. 2: Low ambient conditions require special consideration. Electrical equipment depending on the protection techniques described by 505.8(A) may not be suitable for use at temperatures lower than -20°C (-4°F) unless they are identified for use at lower temperatures. However, at low ambient temperatures, flammable concentrations of vapors may not exist in a location classified Class I, Zones 0, 1, or 2 at normal ambient temperature.

(A) Implementation of Zone Classification System. Classification of areas, engineering and design, selection of equipment and wiring methods, installation, and inspection shall be performed by a qualified persons Registered licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Texas.

(REASON FOR CHANGE: Carry over from previous amendment with change to better define the qualifications for an engineering judgment.)

***Article 695.6 A 1: Change the following to read as follows***

695.6 (A) Supply Conductors.

(1) Services and On-Site Power Production Facilities.
Service conductors and conductors supplied by on-site power production facilities shall be physically routed outside a building(s) and shall be installed as service-entrance conductors in accordance with 230.6, 230.9, and Parts III and IV of Article 230. Where supply conductors cannot be physically routed outside of buildings, the conductors shall be permitted to be routed through the building(s) where installed in accordance with 230.6(1) or (2).
Exception: The supply conductors within the fire pump room shall not be required to meet 230.6 (1) or (2)

(REASON FOR CHANGE: To add clarity and provide more positive options for enforcement and approval. All Fire Pump rooms are not Fire Rated as on all 4 sides. There are Fault Currents that could exceed 150,000-190,000 amps and protection of these Service Conductors is essential and conflict with other codes specifically 230.70(A)(1).)

***Article 71.15 A: Change the following to read as follows

710.15 General

710.15(A) Supply Output.
Power supply to premises wiring systems fed by stand-alone or isolated microgrid power sources shall be permitted to have less capacity than the calculated load. The capacity of the sum of all sources of the stand-alone supply shall be equal to or greater than the load posed by the largest single utilization equipment connected to the system. Calculated general lighting loads shall not be considered as a single load have adequate capacity to meet the calculated load in accordance with Article 220.

Informational Note: For general-use loads the system capacity can be calculated using the sum of the capacity of the firm sources, such as generators and ESS inverters. For specialty loads intended to be powered directly from a variable source, the capacity can be calculated using the sum of the variable sources, such as PV or wind inverters, or the combined capacity of both firm and variable sources.

(REASON FOR CHANGE: To add clarity and provide more positive options for enforcement and approval. Unless amended, standby systems would not be required to meet any load demanded by their standby definitions.)

END
This is a request to amend the contract authorization with Taurus Commercial, Inc. for General Contractor Services, which was originally approved on September 24, 2020.

Unanticipated structural and code issues have arisen during Phase II of NCTCOG’s Centerpoint Campus remodel, causing an increase to the anticipated remodel costs. The modification request is for a 10% increase to the original authorized not to exceed (NTE) amount of $700,000. The modified not to exceed amount is $770,000.

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A draft resolution amending the contract authorization with Taurus Commercial, Inc. for general contractor services for a revised not to exceed amount of $770,000, is attached for Executive Board consideration.

I will be available at the Executive Board meeting should you have any questions.

MR
RESOLUTION AMENDING CONTRACT AUTHORIZATION WITH TAURUS COMMERCIAL, INC. FOR GENERAL CONTRACTOR SERVICES

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, a contract between NCTCOG and Taurus Commercial, Inc. for General Contractor Services was approved in September 2020; and,

WHEREAS, unexpected structural and code issues have arisen which have caused an increase to the originally anticipated amount for Phase II of the Centerpoint Campus remodel, necessitating a modification of the authorization amount for Taurus Commercial, Inc. from the original authorization; and,

WHEREAS, due to the additional funding needed to complete the remodel, NCTCOG staff recommends increasing the not to exceed amount by $70,000, for a revised total not to exceed amount of $770,000; and,

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments has complied with federal and State regulations regarding contract and procurement proceedings for this Procurement #2020-012.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. An amendment to the contract authorization between NCTCOG and Taurus Commercial, Inc. for general contractor services, increasing the not to exceed amount by $70,000, for a revised total not to exceed amount of $770,000, be and is hereby approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute agreements necessary to carry out the initiatives described herein, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, Town of Prosper

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on November 19, 2020.

David Sweet, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Rockwall County
This is a request to authorize NCTCOG’s Executive Director, Mike Eastland, to negotiate a contract with Dahill Office Technology Corporation dba Xerox Business Solutions Southwest for Xerox multifunction devices. The intent is to determine the appropriate lease solution to right size the current fleet of forty-four (44) Xerox Multifunction Devices located on NCTCOG’s Centerpoint Campus and at its Workforce Centers. COVID-19 has provided an opportunity to review current and anticipated business needs and potentially take advantage of favorable pricing due to decreased demand for copy and scanning services. However, this must occur prior to December 31, 2020, and since no December 2020 Executive Board meeting is scheduled, staff is recommending this interim action to proceed. If a contract is successfully negotiated and executed, staff will bring it back in January 2021 for Executive Board review and endorsement.

Staff intends to utilize the Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE) cooperative contract # P00161 to satisfy procurement requirements.

A draft resolution authorizing NCTCOG’s Executive Director to negotiate a contract with Dahill Office Technology Corporation dba Xerox Business Solutions Southwest is attached for Executive Board consideration.

I will be available at the Executive Board meeting should you have any questions.

MR
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH DAHILL OFFICE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION DBA XEROX BUSINESS SOLUTIONS SOUTHWEST FOR XEROX MULTIFUNCTION DEVICES

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has an existing contract for the lease of forty-four (44) Xerox multifunction devices located on NCTCOG’s Centerpoint Campus and at its Workforce Centers; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has provided NCTCOG an opportunity to review current and anticipated business needs and potentially take advantage of favorable pricing due to decreased demand for copy and scanning services in an effort to “right-size” its purchase; and,

WHEREAS, since no December 2020 Executive Board meeting is scheduled staff is recommending this interim action authorizing contract negotiations by the Executive Director with Dahill Office Technology Corporation dba Xerox Business Solutions Southwest in order to proceed; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG intends to utilize Purchasing Association of Cooperative Entities (PACE) cooperative contract # P00161 to satisfy federal and State regulations regarding contract and procurement proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The NCTCOG Executive Director is authorized to negotiate a contract with Dahill Office Technology Corporation dba Xerox Business Solutions Southwest for Xerox multifunction devices.

Section 2. Staff agrees to present any contract(s) resulting from the negotiation to the Executive Board for review and endorsement at its next scheduled meeting.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, Town of Prosper

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on November 19, 2020.

David Sweet, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Rockwall County
Meeting Date: November 19, 2020

Submitted By: Molly Rendon
Director of Administration

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Fortiline Waterworks, Inc. and Apsco, Inc. for Water Supply Utility Materials and Parts

This is a request to award contracts to Fortiline Waterworks, Inc. and Apsco, Inc. for Water Supply Utility Materials and Parts through the North Central Texas Council of Governments SHARE cooperative purchasing program. The contracts will be available for use by members of the SHARE cooperative.

Originating as a request from the City of University Park Public Works Department, the desired products represent the historically utilized parts for the day-to-day operations of a municipal public works department. In addition to city expansion, these items do have repair and replacement schedules that require a municipality to have steady access to product. Due to these products primarily being made of materials that are subject to tariffs and market volatility, vendors have historically been unable to guarantee pricing for a period of more than one year. This has required that these products be solicited continuously each year. The retention of a supplier via a ‘percent-discount’ catalog option will allow SHARE participants to purchase Water Supply Utility Materials and Parts for a consistent percentage discount, regardless of present market conditions. This would allow for cities and municipalities to increase their efficiencies and allow for consistent purchasing over a multi-year period.

NCTCOG prepared and issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) #2021-04 for Water Supply Utility Materials and Parts with proposals due on November 4, 2020. Two proposals were received and publicly opened. Proposals were evaluated by an evaluation committee comprised of members of the City of University Park Public Works and Procurement Departments. Following evaluation, the Evaluation Committee is recommending awarding contracts to Fortiline Waterworks, Inc. and Apsco, Inc.

A draft resolution authorizing contracts with Fortiline Waterworks, Inc. and Apsco, Inc. for Water Supply Utility Materials and Parts for a maximum five (5) year term is attached for Executive Board consideration. If approved, these contracts will be available to agencies throughout the United States through the SHARE cooperative purchasing program.

I will be available at the Executive Board meeting should you have any questions.
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH FORTILINE WATERWORKS, INC. AND APSCO, INC. FOR WATER SUPPLY UTILITY MATERIALS AND PARTS

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (RFP) #2021-04 for Water Supply Utility Materials and Parts was advertised and proposals received on November 4, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, following evaluation, staff recommends award of contracts to Fortiline Waterworks, Inc. and Apsco, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, the contracts are intended to be utilized by NCTCOG, its member governments and other participating entities as part of NCTCOG’s Cooperative Purchasing Program; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has complied with federal and State regulations regarding contract and procurement proceedings for this Procurement #2021-04.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Contracts between NCTCOG and Fortiline Waterworks, Inc. and Apsco, Inc. for Water Supply Utility Materials and Parts for a maximum five (5) year term, be and are hereby approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute contractual agreements necessary to carry out this program, including agreements with member governments and other entities wishing to participate in NCTCOG’s Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, Town of Prosper

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on November 19, 2020.

David Sweet, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Rockwall County
Meeting Date: November 19, 2020

Submitted By: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

Item Title: Consider Resolutions Appointing Member(s) and Officer(s) of the NCTCOG Executive Board

With the death of Mayor McCowan of Desoto and the election loss of Mayor Shetter of Burleson, we will have an Officer vacancy along with two vacant Board seats. The Bylaws state that “Should a vacancy occur in the Officers or Directors of the Executive Board; a successor shall be appointed by the remaining members of the Board to fill the unexpired term.” Further, while it does not apply to the new Officer position, the new Board Member appointees must be from an entity that is in the same population categories as the members whom they are replacing. In this case, Mayor McCowan was representing a city in the population range between 50,000 and 350,000. Mayor Shetter has held the seat for a city of less than 50,000.

President Smith and Secretary/Treasurer Sweet are recommending that Judge Sweet move up to Vice President and that Councilwoman Kelly Allen Gray be appointed Secretary/Treasurer. They are also recommending that Councilmember John Ryan of Denton and Mayor Rick Carmona of Terrell be appointed to fill the seats previously held by Mayors McCowan and Shetter. They made this determination based on the fact that these two officials were nominated this past year for the two seats which are now vacant. They were not considered by the Nominating Committee for inclusion on the slate of candidates presented to the last General Assembly because Mayor McCowan was a Board Officer and Mayor Shetter had only served a one-year term on the Board.

Mayor Smith and Judge Sweet will present this item for Board consideration.
RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE NCTCOG EXECUTIVE BOARD

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, the NCTCOG Bylaws stipulate that should a vacancy occur in the Officers or Directors of the Executive Board, a successor shall be appointed by the remaining members of the Board to fill the unexpired term; and,

WHEREAS, with the unfortunate death of Mayor McCowan of Desoto and the election loss of Mayor Shetter of Burleson there are two (2) vacant Board seats; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor McCowan was representing a city in the population range between 50,000 and 350,000 and Mayor Shetter a city of less than 50,000 and the bylaws require new appointees must be from an entity that is in the same population categories as the members whom they are replacing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board appoints Councilmember John Ryan of Denton to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term left by Mayor McCowan.

Section 2. The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board appoints Mayor Rick Carmona of Terrell to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term left by Mayor Shetter.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, Town of Prosper

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on November 19, 2020.

David Sweet, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Rockwall County
RESOLUTION APPOINTING OFFICERS OF THE NCTCOG EXECUTIVE BOARD

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, the NCTCOG Bylaws stipulate that should a vacancy occur in the Officers or Directors of the Executive Board, a successor shall be appointed by the remaining members of the Board to fill the unexpired term; and,

WHEREAS, with the unfortunate death of Executive Board Vice-President, Mayor Curtistene McCowan of Desoto, the remaining members of the Executive Board must appoint a member of the Board as Vice-President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board appoints Judge David Sweet as Vice-President to fill the officer vacancy for the unexpired term left by Mayor McCowan.

Section 2. The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board appoints Councilwoman Kelly Allen Gray as Secretary-Treasurer to fill the officer vacancy for the unexpired term of Judge David Sweet.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

____________________________________
Ray Smith, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, Town of Prosper

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on November 19, 2020.

____________________________________
David Sweet, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Rockwall County
Meeting Date: November 19, 2020
Submitted By: Lucille Johnson
Assistant to the Executive Director
Item Title: Appointment to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD)

The Executive Board is being asked to appoint Nika Reinecke to the NCTEDD Board to serve a three-year term and fill a vacant seat for a representative in the Principle Economic Interest Category. Ms. Reinecke, who is Principal and CEO of Envision Planning Group, LLC, brings more than 30 years of experience in Economic Development and Planning, having served as Director of Planning and Economic Development and Community Development for the cities of Keller and Lewisville. Nika retired from the City of Lewisville in 2019.

The NCTEDD Board functions as an advisory board to the NCTCOG Executive Board and guides the work of the region’s Economic Development District, which is managed and staffed by NCTCOG. The region was designated as a district by the U. S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) in December 2016.

The NCTEDD is charged with the maintenance and implementation of the CEDS plan for North Central Texas and serves as the connection between the region’s communities and EDA to facilitate EDA grant opportunities.

This District is organized in accordance with Federal Regulations, and its membership includes officials and/or employees of general-purpose local governments, educational institutions and private sector representatives, and they must be residents of and/or work in State Planning Region 4 – the North Central Texas Region.

As set forth in the bylaws of the District, approved by the NCTCOG Executive Board, the NCTCOG Executive Board will appoint up to 51 NCTEDD Board members, including:

- representatives from each of the 16 counties;
- 22 representatives from cities;
- 3 representatives from the private sector; and
- 10 representatives from principal economic interest (Chambers, EDCs, Post-Secondary Institutions, Workforce Development Groups, and/or Labor Groups)

Each Board member serve terms of three years and may not serve more than three consecutive three-year terms, so long as they continue to meet qualifications for the category they represent.

I will be available at the Board meeting to answer questions, or Board members can contact me at 817-695-9103.
North Central Texas Economic Development District Board

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF BOARD

The North Central Texas Economic Development Board (EDD Board) is the primary policy advisory board to the NCTCOG Executive Board in fulfilling the responsibilities as the North Central Texas’ Regional Economic Development District (the District) in state planning Region IV (NCTCOG’s 16-county area). The EDD Board is responsible to ensure:

(a) the performance of any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, or by the District Bylaws;
(b) the development of plans, as well as an oversight and evaluation system for all Economic Development District programs;
(c) the attainment of effective outcomes consistent with CEDS goals, objectives and performance standards approved by EDA;
(d) the effective administration of the EDA EDD required programs; and
(e) meetings take place at such times and places as required by the District Bylaws

NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Up to 51 Members

TIME OF APPOINTMENT: Members are appointed annually in September by the NCTCOG Executive Board.

APPOINTING AUTHORITY: NCTCOG Executive Board

TERMS OF OFFICE: Three-year terms

Each EDD Board member shall serve terms of three years. Upon expiration of their term, each member shall hold his/her term until they are reappointed or replaced by the NCTCOG Executive Board as established in the District Bylaws. EDD Board members may not serve more than three consecutive three-year terms, and only so long as they continue to meet qualifications for the category they represent.

STANDARD MEETING TIME, DATE, LOCATION

Quarterly (Meetings can be called more or less frequently as needed)
10:00 A.M. at NCTCOG

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

EDD Board membership shall include officials and/or employees of general-purpose local governments, educational institutions and private sector representatives, and they must be residents of and/or work in State Planning Region 4 – the North Central Texas 16-County Region.
North Central Texas Council of Governments
North Central Texas Economic Development Board

**OFFICERS**
Chair	Marty Wieder, Economic Development Director, City of Grand Prairie
Vice Chair	Fred Schmidt, Director Community & Industry Education Program Development, Tarrant County Community College District
Secretary/Treasurer	Kassandra Carroll, CECD, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Waxahachie

**COUNTIES - 16 COUNTIES (1 SEAT EACH)**
1. Collin	David Bristol, Chairman of the Board, President and CEO of Employee Solutions, LP
2. Dallas	Rick, Loessberg, Director of Planning & Development, Dallas County
3. Denton	Michael Talley, Director of Economic Development, Denton County
4. Ellis	Marty Nelson, Director of Economic Development, City of Ennis
5. Erath	Jeff Sandford, Executive Director, Stephenville Economic Development Authority
6. Hood	VACANT
7. Hunt	Greg Sims, President/CEO, 4a Economic Development Corporation
8. Johnson	Diana Miller, Johnson County Economic Development Corporation
9. Kaufman	VACANT
10. Navarro	John Boswell, Economic Development Director, Navarro County and City of Corsicana
11. Palo Pinto	VACANT
12. Parker	VACANT
13. Rockwall	Phil Wagner, President, Rockwall Economic Development Corporation
14. Somervell	VACANT
15. Tarrant	Lisa McMillan, Economic Development Coordinator, Tarrant County
16. Wise	J.D. Clark, County Judge, Wise County

**CITIES - TOTAL OF 22 SEATS – SIX POPULATION CATEGORIES**

>500,000 (2 SEATS) 2 cities, includes Dallas, Fort Worth
17. David Schleg, Office of Economic Development, City of Dallas
18. Robert Sturms, Economic Development Director, City of Fort Worth

BETWEEN 200,000 - 500,000 (2 SEATS) 4 cities, includes Arlington, Garland, Irving, Plano
20. VACANT

BETWEEN 100,000 - 200,000 (2 SEATS)
22. Marty Wieder, Economic Development Director, City of Grand Prairie

BETWEEN 50,000-100,000 (2 SEATS)
23. Craig Hulse, Director of Economic Development, City of North Richland Hills
24. VACANT

BETWEEN 25,000 - 50,000 (4 SEATS)
25. Kassandra Carroll, CECD, Economic Development Coordinator, City of Waxahachie
26. Jennette Killingsworth-Espinoza, Executive Director, Little Elm Economic Development Cooperation
27. Shane Shepard, Economic Development Director, City of Lancaster
28. VACANT

<25,000 (10 SEATS)
29. Orlando Campos, Director, Economic Development & Tourism, Town of Addison
30. Chris Dyser, Community Development Director, City of Balch Springs
31. John Cabrales, City Manager, City of Lake Dallas
32. Mary Ann Moon, Executive Director, Prosper Economic Development Corporation
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PRIVATE SECTOR (3 SEATS)
40. Michael Grace, City of Duncanville Resident (Director of Incorporated Services Area, Dallas County)
41. Pamela Mundo, Founder and President of Mundo and Associates Consulting Firm

PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS
42. Jamie Havel, Economic Development and Tourism, Office of the Governor
43. Leslie Leerskov, Director, Navarro Small Business Development Center
44. Judy McDonald, Executive Director, Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County
45. James Quick, Associate Vice President, Research & Dean of Graduate Studies, SMU
46. Fred Schmidt, Director Community & Industry Education Program Development, Tarrant County College District
47. Kevin Shatley, Director of Economic Development, Dallas Regional Chamber
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Updated 10/11/2020
As the current pandemic began, The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) experienced an exponential increase in unemployment insurance claims calls. The increase was of such a magnitude that callers were not able to connect with the agency to file claims. The TWC called NCTCOG to propose an idea of making technical accommodations to their systems related to answering calls and handling unemployment claims so they could be accessed securely by non-state employees to assist with the workload increase being experienced. The program was completed successfully providing TWC some critically needed assistance. This resulted in NCTCOG receiving an award from Government Technology in their Special Districts Award Program for Technology Innovation.

When TWC called, NCTCOG quickly gathered a team to work with TWC to make the changes required to implement their request. This required leadership in three areas to be successful:

1. Organizational Leadership;
2. Technological Leadership; and
3. Workforce Center Staff Leadership.

NCTCOG has worked with TWC on many initiatives to consolidate and streamline services within the North Central Texas region. When TWC approached NCTCOG about their current challenge, we immediately designated resources to provide assistance. Integrating two organizations to tackle a unified challenge, especially in a time of uncertainty, is not an easy job. From the time the initial discussion took place to a pilot group of 10 people being trained was 8 days. It took approximately 20 individuals working together and meeting twice a day to make that happen. After the pilot group was operational, the solution was expanded to include over 35 workforce center staff members assisting TWC specifically with UI claims. It took leadership from both sides to make this successful. It is also a testament to NCTCOG leadership to always do what is right for our community even if it is difficult, outside of our comfort zone, and outside of our typical responsibilities.

Technology can often be a roadblock to complex initiatives such as these. There were multiple technological hurdles that had to be overcome for this to be successful. This was the early stages of the pandemic. It was challenging enough to figure out how to provide reliable access into our own systems, and now we were trying to give access to systems managed and controlled by another organization. To make this happen, the following was required for non-state employees that were designated to help TWC:

- Accounts and Permissions in UI Claims Systems had to be created;
- Network Access to TWC Resources for UI Claims had to be granted;
Multiple UI Claims Desktop Applications had to be made available and training provided;
Security Protocols for Secure UI Claims Access had to be developed and set up; and
Installation and Configuration TWC’s Call Center System had to be completed.

IT leadership at NCTCOG and TWC were able to accomplish this in eight days. We also continued to
support the applications as TWC released updates and expanded the system to more employees.

When we completed the setup, we also drafted a set of guidelines for other workforce boards to use so
they could learn from our process and get up to speed quickly. Our goal was to make the biggest impact
for TWC and ultimately citizens submitting UI claims.

The ultimate success of the project was dependent on the 35 individuals identified to take on duties and
provide services that were not a part of their normal jobs. These individuals did not balk at the daunting
task of dealing with anxious callers and wholeheartedly embraced the initiative. They had to learn multiple
new applications with very minimal formal training and relied on TWC’s knowledgebase and how-to guides.
The staff started with simple requests where little knowledge was required. As time permitted, they learned
additional skills to tackle more complex requests. Everything was in place, but had they not approached
the challenge with enthusiasm and hard work, the initiative would have never been successful.

As of September, NCTCOG had a total of 33 workforce center staff assist in over 100,000 cases. Overall,
the program ended up with nearly 300 staff and over 650,000 cases worked across the state.
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