NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Minutes — May 27, 2021

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting was conducted as a videoconference meeting that was live broadcast at https://nctcog.swagit.com/live. Members of the public could provide comment on an Agenda item by calling a toll-free number.

President Smith called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 1:02 pm on May 27, 2021.

Members of the Board Present:
1. Ray Smith
2. David Sweet
3. Rick Carmona
4. Tammy Dana-Bashian
5. Bill Heidemann
6. Clay Jenkins
7. Lee Kleinman
8. Bobbie Mitchell
9. Andrew Piel
10. Glen Whitley

Members of the Board Absent:
11. Kelly Allen-Gray
12. J. D. Clark
13. Alfonso Campos
14. Chris Hill
15. Kayci Prince
16. John Ryan
17. Glenn Rogers

Members of the Staff Present:
Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Edith Marvin, Molly McFadden, David Setzer, Christy Williams, Lucille Johnson, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Charles Covert, Michael Bort, Angela Alcedo, Brian Lister

Visitors Present:
None

REGULAR SESSION
PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS
The public telephone line was unmuted, and members of the public were invited to comment on any item on the agenda. No one requested to speak to the Board.

ACTION:

Item 1 Approval of Minutes
President Smith stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the April 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 April Executive Board meeting.

Item 2 Resolution Authorizing the Receipt of Federal Transit Administration American Rescue Plan Funding Allocations in Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization of receipt of Federal Transit Administration American Rescue Plan Funding Allocations for approximately $635,549 in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), which is funded through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 at a 100 percent federal share with no local match required. He explained that NCTCOG is the designated recipient for the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington (DFWA) Urbanized Area (UZA) that will receive $340,487,932 in funds to support operations, payroll, and other expenses generally eligible under the Urbanized Area Formula Program for four transportation providers as well as $14,115,131 in funds for The Denton-Lewisville (DL) UZA to support these same eligible expenses for one transportation provider. He further explained that a portion of these funds
will be used to pass through to two small public transit providers: Public Transit Services (PTS), which provides service in Palo Pinto and Parker Counties, and STAR Transit, which serves Kaufman and Rockwall Counties and a portion of Dallas County. These funds and projects will be incorporated into the applicable fiscal year budgets and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as appropriate.

Exhibit: 2021-05-02-TR

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

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing Purchase and Placement of Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives: Phase 3

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to enter into agreements with various multimedia outlets for the purchase and placement of education campaigns initiated in Fiscal Year 2021 for Transportation Department initiatives in Phase 3 in an amount up to $326,000; of this amount, approximately 70 percent were previously approved carryover funds from the FY2020 approved budget and will extend into this FY2021 education campaign plan. Mr. Morris explained the combining education campaign efforts resulted in increased website traffic, greater public participation, lower costs, efficiencies with media outlets and cross program communication.

Phase 3 will support the activities listed below:

- The Ozone Season Emissions Reduction Campaign promotes transportation-related clean air strategies and activities in the Dallas-Fort Worth nonattainment area. Air North Texas is the ozone season emission reduction campaign and partnership that promotes a consistent and comprehensive message about the importance of clean air and is a resource for clean air issues. It is funded with $205,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds and Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of cash match.

- The Regional Smoking Vehicle Program is designed to inform vehicle owners their vehicle(s) are creating excessive smoke and emitting pollutants, and to provide information on ways to fix their vehicle. This effort is funded with $10,500 in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds and RTC TDCs in lieu of cash match.

- The Transit Pandemic Recovery Program promotes transit options through local influencers by promoting how much Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Denton County Transportation Authority, and Trinity Metro are doing to keep riders safe and healthy and that transit is here for North Texans to get them where they need to go. This effort is funded with $100,000 of CMAQ funds and RTC TDCs in lieu of cash match.

- The Saving Money and Reducing Truck Emissions Program aims to provide outreach to heavy-duty fleets on strategies focused on reducing emissions from these vehicles by encouraging improving efficiency of vehicles, and encouraging use of cleaner, lower-emitting technologies and fuels. This effort is funded by $10,500 in STBG funds and RTC TDCs in lieu of cash match.

Exhibit: 2021-05-03-TR

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

Commissioner Mitchell joined the meeting.

Item 4 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with GRAM Traffic North Texas, Inc. for the 2021 North Central Texas Regional Limited Access Facility Traffic Counts and Survey Collection

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested approval of a contract between NCTCOG and GRAM Traffic North Texas, Inc. for the implementation of a 2021 North Central Texas Regional Limited Access Facility (LAF) Traffic Counts and Survey Collection project in an amount not to exceed $400,000. Funding for the 2021 Regional...
Limited Access Facility Traffic Counts and Survey Collection is through Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds and will utilize Regional Transportation Council Transportation Development Credits (TDC) in lieu of a cash match. GRAM Traffic North Texas, Inc., was selected by the Consultant Selection Committee through Request for Proposals to conduct a full LAF traveler survey during 2021 which includes six corridor segments selected from toll roads, managed lanes, and freeways in the region. The data collected during the survey will include trip information, fare and payment details, and socio-economic data. GRAM Traffic North Texas, Inc. is committed to a 58.3 percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation goal for this project.

Exhibit: 2021-05-04-TR

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

Item 5  Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the FY2021 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Grant

Molly McFadden, Director of Emergency Preparedness, requested Board acceptance of approximately $238,185.92 in funds from the FY2021 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Grant to be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Previously, COGs were not eligible to apply for these funds because the funds were made available through a Congressional appropriation to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. However, Texas is expected to provide approximately $1.3 million of available funds to COGs statewide with North Central Texas Council of Governments slated to receive $238,185.92. Ms. McFadden explained that most of the expenses identified in the grant application have already been incurred to accommodate for planning activities and coordination efforts, as well as to reimburse unbudgeted expenses related to cleaning products and technology upgrades, that were not eligible to be billed to normal funding streams. The funds will be used to offset direct COVID-19 related costs and no matching funds are required.

Exhibit: 2021-05-05-EP

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

Item 6  Resolution Endorsing FY 2022 Criminal Justice Priorities for North Central Texas

Kelly Schmidt, Criminal Justice Program Administrator, explained that under an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office (PSO), NCTCOG is responsible for determining regional criminal justice priorities. Priorities are submitted annually to the PSO, which provides funds for local project implementation each year. She presented the FY 2022 Criminal Justice priority projects, which are attached to the Resolution for Board endorsement. Applications are reviewed, discussed, and scored by NCTCOG's Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee (CJPDC). Priority lists are developed based on high to low scores in each of five categories.

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Recommended New or Renewal Requests (2 projects): $130K
Balance: ($81K)

**Violence Against Women:**
Projected Funding: $1M
Recommended Non-competing Continuation grants (14 projects): $1.1M
Recommended New or Renewal Requests (4 projects): $290K
Balance: ($390K)

Exhibit: 2021-05-06-CJ

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

**Item 7 Resolution Authorizing Agreements for Senior Center Operations**

Doni Green, Director of Aging, requested authorization of the Board for Agreements to four (4) Senior Center Operations for a maximum 40-month term. The agreements are awarded for a period beginning June 1, 2021 and terminating September 30, 2022, with up to two (2) one-year extensions subject to availability of funding. The entities and not to exceed funding amounts for the maximum 40-month term include the following:

- Senior Connect: $60,000
- Somervell County Committee on Aging: $21,000
- Erath County Senior Citizens Services, Inc.: $25,000
- Hood County Committee on Aging: $140,000

Exhibit: 2021-05-07-AG

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

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**Item 8 Appointments to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC)**

Doni Green, Director of Aging, asked the Board to approve two appointments to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC), which assists in representing the interests of older persons. She explained that the RAAC currently has eight vacancies. Nominations were received from Judge Hill who nominated Dan Bollner representing Collin County, and Judge Massingill who nominated John Campbell to represent Hood County. Both are first-time nominees.

Exhibit: 2021-05-08-AG

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

**Item 9 Appointments to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board**

Lucille Johnson, Assistant to the Executive Director, asked the Board to appoint four new members to the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) Board, to serve a three-year term and fill vacant seats: one county representative, one representative in the Principal Economic Interest Category, and two city representatives – one each in cities with populations between 200,000 – 500,000 and >25,000 – 50,000 categories.

- **Luis Tamayo** Director of Planning and Development, Dallas County
  Mr. Tamayo brings more than 20 years of planning and development experience, recommended by Dallas County Judge, Clay Jenkins.

- **Bryan Haywood** Economic Development Project Manager, City of Irving
  Mr. Haywood brings more than 15 years of experience in economic and community development, recommended by City of Irving Mayor, Richard H. Stopfer.

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Exhibit: 2021-05-09-EDO

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

STATUS REPORTS:

Item 10 Status Report - Presentation of 2021 Current Population Estimates

Brian Lister, Senior Research Data Analyst for Research & Information Services, presented the 2021 Current Population Estimates for the North Central Texas region. The population estimates include the estimated population totals for all cities over 1,000 in population, each county, the twelve-county metropolitan planning area, and the region, as well as historical U.S. Census figures. He explained that local governments provided input as part of the estimation process and were given an opportunity to review draft numbers prior to finalization. He also noted that NCTCOG’s population estimates are often cited and recognized for their coverage, timeliness, and uniqueness.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 11 Old and New Business

Mike Eastland informed the Board that they would be receiving a calendar invite to attend the General Assembly Zoom meeting on Friday, June 4th. He also brought discussion amongst the Board regarding an in-person June Board meeting. All members present agreed to have the June meeting in-person.

Item 12 Attendance and Calendar

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

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:39 pm.
CONSIDER RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBER(S) AND OFFICER(S) 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, Councilmember Kelly Allen-Gray of Fort Worth was representing a seat designated for one of the three member cities with the largest populations and her replacement will be selected by the City of Fort Worth; and,

WHEREAS, Councilmember Gray had been elected Vice President of the Board; and,

WHEREAS, Councilmember John Ryan of Denton was representing a city in the population range of 100,000 – 200,000 and the Bylaws require that a new appointee must be from an entity that is in the same population category as that of the member who is being replaced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board appoints Mayor Kevin Falconer of Carrollton to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of Councilmember Ryan of Denton.

Section 2. The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board appoints Councilmember Andrew Piel of Arlington to fill the office of Vice President left vacant by Councilmember Gray.

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

David Sweet, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Rockwall County Judge

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on June 24, 2021.

Bill Heidemann, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Corinth
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR NIGHT VISION SOLUTIONS

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) #2021-007 for Night Vision Solutions was advertised and proposals received on April 7, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, proposals were evaluated by a committee comprised of members of the City of Dallas, City of Granbury, and City of Garland Police Departments; and,

WHEREAS, following evaluation, it is recommended that contracts be awarded to MIG GOV, LLC, Night Vision Devices, Inc., SupplyCore Inc., and USIQ, Inc., for night vision solutions; and,

WHEREAS, the contract is 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 #2021-007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Contracts between NCTCOG and MIG GOV, LLC, Night Vision Devices, Inc., SupplyCore Inc., and USIQ, Inc., for night vision solutions, 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.

David Sweet, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Rockwall County Judge

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on June 24, 2021.

Bill Heidemann, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Corinth
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR TEMPORARY STAFFING 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 Request for Proposals (RFP) #2021-005 for Temporary Staffing Services was advertised and proposals received on March 24, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Proposals were evaluated by a committee comprised of members of the NCTCOG Human Resources Department; and,

WHEREAS, following evaluation, it is recommended contracts be awarded to 22nd Century Technologies, Inc., Ad-a-Staff, Inc., Buzzclan, LLC., Cambay Consulting, LLC., Cogent Infotech Corporation, Diverse Staffing Services, Inc., Howroyd-Wright Employment Agency, Inc., Matrix Resources, Inc., and Recruiting Source International, Inc. for temporary staffing services; 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 #2021-005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:


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.

David Sweet, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Rockwall County Judge

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on June 24, 2021.

Bill Heidemann, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Corinth
RESOLUTION APPROVING AGING SUBCONTRACTOR AND SUBRECIPIENT MONITORING PLAN

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 Area Agency on Aging for State Planning Region 4A by Texas Health and Human Services (HHS); and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG relies on a network of competitively procured contractors and subrecipients to deliver services; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG must conduct monitoring to ensure providers’ compliance; and

WHEREAS, HHS requires that NCTCOG’s governing body approve its subcontractor monitoring plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The North Central Texas Council of Governments’ Area Agency on Aging Subcontractor and Subrecipient Monitoring Plan, included herein as Attachment 1, be approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to make administrative amendments to the Area Agency on Aging Subcontractor and Subrecipient Monitoring Plan as may be necessary.

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

David Sweet, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Rockwall County Judge

I hereby certify that the resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on June 24, 2021.

Bill Heidemann, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Corinth
Subcontractor and Subrecipient Monitoring Plan
North Central Texas Area Agency on Aging

Provider Classification
The NCTAAA utilizes a Subrecipient vs. Contractor Determination Procedure prepared by NCTCOG's Risk and Compliance Division, to classify its providers in accordance with Uniform Guidance. That procedure is adopted by reference herein. Critical considerations include the extent to which the provider determines eligibility, has its performance measured against program objectives, has responsibility for programmatic decision-making, has responsibility for adherence to applicable program requirements, and uses funds to carry out its own program rather than providing goods or services for an NCTAAA program.

Providers with Characteristics of Both Subrecipients and Contractors
Some providers may have characteristics of both subrecipients and contractors. If a provider has at least one characteristic of a subrecipient, the NCTAAA does not automatically classify it as a subrecipient. Rather, it makes a judgment on the basis of the totality of responses.

HHS Guidance Prevails
At times, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHS) may provide explicit or implicit guidance that certain providers should be classified as either subrecipients or contractors. For example, HHS Service Definitions include Method of Service Provision. In some cases, this section states that “This service may be provided directly or by a subrecipient of the AAA,” with no recognition of service provision by contractors. In the event that such guidance is contrary to the NCTAAA’s independent provider classification, it defers to HHS guidance.

Subrecipient Risk Assessment
The NCTAAA assesses subrecipients’ risk both prior and subsequent to entering into a contractual relationship.

The NCTAAA assesses subrecipients’ risk prior to issuing agreements by using risk assessment tools that analyze providers’ experience administering grants funded by NCTCOG, turnover among key staff, financial management systems, and existence of necessary policies and procedures.

In the event that deficiencies are noted, the NCTAAA has the option of declining to issue a subrecipient agreement or developing a plan for mitigating controls. In some cases, it may incorporate these mitigating controls into the body of the agreement—especially if they create binding obligations for providers.

The NCTAAA assesses subrecipients’ risk subsequent to issuing agreements using a combination of tools and strategies that include the following:
- Risk assessment tools that consider subrecipients’ performance history, among other variables, to establish priority and frequency of on-site monitoring reviews;
• On-site monitoring reviews of subrecipients within the contract cycle;
• Frequent desk reviews by NCTAAA staff that focus on programmatic activity;
• Frequent fiscal reviews by Accounting staff, with primary focus on fiscal activity;
• Annual Requirements Reviews completed by all subrecipients.
• Subrecipient Review Activities

Desk Reviews
The NCTAAA frequently reviews subrecipients' activities, using desk review processes of the following:
• Review of subrecipients' supporting documents, emphasizing program activity;
• Review of subrecipients' supporting documentation for verification of total units of activity;
• Review of subrecipients' general ledger and itemized expenses as supporting documentation for
  their reimbursement requests (for subrecipients who are reimbursed on a cost basis).

On-Site Reviews
NCTAAA conducts on-site reviews of subrecipients during the contract cycle, with primary emphasis on
programmatic compliance. Service-specific monitoring tools are used for nutrition and transportation
services and a general monitoring instrument for other services.

More detailed verifications are completed for subrecipient services that require intakes. For example,
NCTAAA will ensure that clients who receive Title III services for the frail elderly (e.g., home-delivered
meals) during the review period have a functional impairment score at or above that threshold.

During on-site reviews, NCTAAA may review all or some of the following program elements:
• Personnel files to ensure that subrecipient staff have necessary licensure/training
• Subrecipients' outreach strategies to inform eligible persons of services
• Documentation of program income
• Review of in-kind documents for reasonableness and application of in-kind resources allocations
  by service
• Adherence to local/state regulations as they apply to Title III supported services (fire/safety and
  health codes)
• Volunteer management policies, as applicable
• Staff background checks
• Consumer contribution policies
• Processes on handling consumer feedback (satisfaction surveys, rights and responsibilities, abuse
  and neglect, grievance policies)
• Accessibility of service to low-income, frail, and/or minority consumer groups
• Processes for continuity of services during emergencies and disasters
• Adherence to protection of consumer information (maintenance/storage and transmission of
  protected information)
Risk and Compliance Reviews
The NCTAAA negotiates the frequency and nature of Risk and Compliance reviews. Risk and Compliance reviews may include activities such as:

- Performing single audit desk reviews;
- Performing subrecipient financial statement reviews;
- Performing cost reimbursement reviews for allowability of expenditures;
- Performing specific request projects; or
- Providing emerging event support.

Mitigating Controls
Mitigating controls are developed for subrecipient levels of oversight as required by Uniform Guidance. The NCTAAA utilizes a cross-disciplinary approach to developing mitigating controls, bringing together key personnel in the functional areas of Aging Programs, Contract Services, Accounting, Risk Compliance, and Auditors.

The NCTAAA will develop mitigating controls that are specific to the subrecipient’s identified risk. Common types of mitigating controls include:

- Requirements that subrecipients undergo training on specific topics;
- Requirements that subrecipients receive targeted technical assistance from the NCTAAA or other qualified providers;
- Requirements that subrecipients develop and implement corrective action plans;
- Requirements that subrecipients develop and implement specific policies and procedures;
- Requirements that subrecipients develop more effective internal controls;
- Requirements that subrecipients submit more detailed supporting documentation to verify that program expenses are accurate and allowable;
- Requirements that subrecipients amend reports if program or fiscal activity has been misstated;
- Requirements that subrecipients undergo more frequent on-site monitoring.

Contractor Review Activities
The NCTAAA relies on contractors to provide in-home services such as durable medical equipment, homemaker, personal assistance, respite, emergency response, and respite to its Care Coordination and Caregiver Support Coordination consumers. Contractors are required to submit invoices to the NCTAAA on a monthly basis, in addition to support documentation (e.g., timesheets for in-home services) as may be required by the program. During case managers’ monthly follow up with consumers, they verify that the contractors have delivered the services in keeping with program requirements and to the consumers’ satisfaction. If not, they may require corrective action (e.g., direct residential repair contractors to redo jobs that do not comply with the scope of work) or disallow payment.
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH TIP STRATEGIES, INC. FOR STRATEGIC PLAN AND SECTOR STRATEGIES DEVELOPMENT 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, NCTCOG serves as the Administrative Entity and designated Grant Recipient/Fiscal Agent of the North Central Texas Workforce Development Board (Workforce Board); and,

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (RFP) #2021-055 for Strategic Plan and Sector Strategies Development Services was advertised and proposals received on May 28, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, following evaluation, staff recommends award of a contract to TIP Strategies, Inc., for Strategic Plan and Sector Strategies Development Services to operationalize the Workforce Board’s recently adopted five-year strategic plan; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has complied with federal and State regulations regarding contract and procurement proceedings for this Procurement #2021-055.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. A contract between NCTCOG and TIP Strategies, Inc. for Strategic Plan and Sector Strategies Development Services for a maximum sixty-three (63) month term and in an amount not to exceed $1.2 million, 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.

David Sweet, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Rockwall County Judge

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on June 24, 2021.

Bill Heidemann, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Corinth
RESOLUTION ENDORSING APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION PILOT PROGRAM FOR TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION FOR DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT SILVER LINE

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 Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program includes Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) data collection, planning, and evaluation of infrastructure needs in support of TOD; and,

WHEREAS, in April 2021, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced the Pilot Program for TOD Planning with an application submission deadline of June 21, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2021, the RTC approved the submittal of a grant application for a total of approximately $1 million in funding under the FTA TOD Planning Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. NCTCOG is authorized to submit a grant application to the FTA for a planning study under the Pilot Program for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Planning in the amount of $1 million.

Section 2. NCTCOG is authorized to receive $800,000 in funds from the FTA, though the Pilot Program for TOD Planning.

Section 3. These funds shall be incorporated into the appropriate Fiscal Year budgets.

Section 4. The Executive Board directs staff to include awarded funds in the appropriate Unified Planning Work Program.
Section 5. 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 6. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

David Sweet, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Rockwall County Judge

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on June 24, 2021.

Bill Heidemann, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Corinth
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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 (DFW) 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, the RTC is committed to the development and implementation of policies, projects, and programs to improve air quality and reduce emissions that create ozone; and,

WHEREAS, Subtask 3.03 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning includes implementation of air quality initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy (DOE) released the Low Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Vehicle Technologies Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment (RDD&D) Funding Opportunity, providing funding for projects across the following areas: electric vehicle (EV) community partner demonstration projects; electric vehicle workplace charging projects; RDD&D of technologies to reduce the cost of EV chargers, advanced engines and fuels that reduce emissions, including natural gas, propane, and dimethyl ether; and innovative solutions for medium/heavy duty on- and off-road vehicles including electrification and high-power charging; and,

WHEREAS, Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition is requesting funding for a National Workplace Charging Alliance project and has invited NCTCOG to participate as a subrecipient; and,

WHEREAS, the funding available can support alternative fuel vehicle and infrastructure initiatives, furthering efforts currently listed in the DFW Eight-Hour Ozone State Implementation Plan.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. NCTCOG is authorized to participate as a subrecipient in the grant application submitted by Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition to the Department of Energy to conduct a National Workplace Charging Alliance project and is authorized to receive approximately $125,000 from Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition. A 20 percent match is required for this project, which is expected to be provided by Columbia-Willamette Clean Cities Coalition and if not, Regional Transportation Council local funds will be used.

Section 2. These funds shall be incorporated into the appropriate fiscal year budgets and Unified Planning Work Program.

Section 3. 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 4. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

David Sweet, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Rockwall County Judge

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Bill Heidemann, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Corinth
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH CREATIVE BUS SALES, INC. AND TRC ENGINEERING SERVICES, LLC FOR TRANSIT VEHICLES FOR SMALL TRANSIT PROVIDERS

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, NCTCOG is a Designated Recipient for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Urbanized Area Formula Program and the Bus and Bus Facilities Program for the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Urbanized Area, as delegated by the Governor of the State of Texas; and,

WHEREAS, the FY2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program Subtask 3.05 includes FTA Urban Funding for procurements for services and equipment, including buses, on behalf of subgrantees; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG initiated a transit cooperative vehicle procurement of a consultant, seeking qualified contractor(s) to design, manufacture, and deliver Americans with Disabilities Act accessible transit vehicles for small transit providers to support urban transportation services for the FTA grant programs, Urbanized Area Formula Program and the Bus and Bus Facilities Program; and,

WHEREAS, Creative Bus Sales, Inc. has been recommended by the Consultant Selection Committee to design, manufacture, and deliver five vehicle models, three light-duty buses and two small transit vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG initiated a Request for Statement of Qualifications and Interest for In-plant Inspection Services related to the cooperative vehicle procurement for transit vehicles for small transit providers; and,

WHEREAS, TRC Engineering Services, LLC has been recommended by the Consultant Selection Committee to provide in-plant inspection services; 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 Creative Bus Sales, Inc. to design, manufacture, and deliver light-duty buses and small transit vehicles in a base contract for fifty (50) light-duty buses and thirteen (13) small transit vehicles, for an amount of $6,368,283 and an option for twelve (12) light-duty buses and five (5) small transit vehicles for $1,759,675, for a total amount not to exceed $8,127,958 be and is hereby approved. All of these dollar values represent 100 percent federal funds and are matched with 20 percent Regional Transportation Council Transportation Development Credits.

Section 2. A contract between NCTCOG and TRC Engineering Services, LLC to provide in-plant inspection services in a base contract for $61,989 and $17,513 as an option, for a total amount not to exceed $79,502 be and is hereby approved. All of these dollar values represent 100 percent federal funds and are matched with 20 percent Regional Transportation Council Transportation Development Credits.

Section 3. The Executive Director or designee of NCTCOG is authorized to execute contracts with Creative Bus Sales, Inc. and TRC Engineering Services, LLC, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

David Sweet, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Rockwall County Judge

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on June 24, 2021.

Bill Heidemann, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Corinth
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ALTA PLANNING + DESIGN, INC. FOR THE FORT WORTH TO DALLAS TRAIL BRANDING AND WAYFINDING PROJECT

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, Subtask 5.03 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program includes development of a plan for the Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Veloweb Trail; and,

WHEREAS, the study will develop a unified trail branding and marketing package for the Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Trail through a regional collaboration among the five cities linked by the trail, including the Cities of Fort Worth, Arlington, Grand Prairie, Irving, and Dallas; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG initiated a Request for Proposals to hire a consultant to conduct the scope of work for the trail branding and wayfinding project; and,

WHEREAS, Alta Planning + Design, Inc. has been recommended by the Consultant Selection Committee to conduct the scope of work; 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 Alta Planning + Design, Inc. to develop a unified trail branding and marketing package for the Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Trail through a regional collaboration among the five cities linked by the trail, including the Cities of Fort Worth, Arlington, Grand Prairie, Irving, and Dallas, in an amount not to exceed $250,000 be and is hereby approved.
Section 2. Agreements between NCTCOG and the Cities of Fort Worth, Arlington, Grand Prairie, Irving, and Dallas for receipt of the local contribution, in the amount of approximately $125,000, be and is hereby approved.

Section 3. These funds shall be incorporated into the appropriate fiscal year budgets and Unified Planning Work Program.

Section 4. The Executive Director or designee of NCTCOG is authorized to execute a contract with Alta Planning + Design, Inc. and agreements for receipt of local contributions in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

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

David Sweet, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Rockwall County Judge

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Bill Heidemann, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Corinth
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., HDR ENGINEERING INC., AND PACHECO KOCH FOR THE REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROGRAM

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, Subtask 5.05 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 and FY 2023 Unified Planning Work Program provides for consultant assistance to implement the Regional Traffic Signal Program; and,

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2020, the RTC has allocated funds to support the Regional Traffic Signal Program; and,

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2020, NCTCOG initiated a Request for Proposals to secure consultant assistance for the Regional Traffic Signal Program; and,

WHEREAS, the NCTCOG Executive Board has authorized the receipt of Surface Transportation Block Grant, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program, Regional Toll Revenue and associated local match funds for planning and implementation programs to be administered and managed by NCTCOG; and,

WHEREAS, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., HDR Engineering, Inc. and Pacheco Koch have been recommended by the Consultant Selection Committee to implement the Regional Traffic Signal Program for NCTCOG; 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 Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to implement a Regional Traffic Signal Program in an amount not to exceed $1.8 million be and is hereby approved.

Section 2. A contract between NCTCOG and HDR Engineering, Inc. to implement a Regional Traffic Signal Program in an amount not to exceed $804,000 be and is hereby approved.

Section 3. A contract between NCTCOG and Pacheco Koch to implement a Regional Traffic Signal Program in an amount not to exceed $819,000 be and is hereby approved.

Section 4. NCTCOG is authorized to accept approximately $684,600 in local funds from participating local agencies in support of the Regional Traffic Signal Retiming Program.

Section 5. The Executive Director or designee of NCTCOG is authorized to execute agreements between NCTCOG and local agencies to collect the local match for the Regional Traffic Signal Program.

Section 6. The Executive Director or designee of NCTCOG is authorized to execute a contract with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., HDR Engineering, Inc. and Pacheco Koch in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

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

David Sweet, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Rockwall County Judge

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Bill Heidemann, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Corinth
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH RECIPIENTS FOR THE CLEAN FLEETS NORTH TEXAS 2020 AND THE NORTH TEXAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION 2020 CALLS FOR PROJECTS

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, 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, the RTC is committed to the development and implementation of policies, projects, and programs to improve air quality and reduce emissions that create ozone; and,

WHEREAS, Subtask 3.03 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 and FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning includes implementation of air quality initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, the Clean Fleets North Texas 2020 Call for Projects (CFP), North Texas Emissions Reduction Project 2020 CFP and North Texas Freight Terminal Electrification 2020 CFP are funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program; and,

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2020, the RTC approved to open funding for these Calls for Projects in the 10-county ozone nonattainment area for the implementation of projects that reduce nitrogen oxide emissions; and,

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2021, the RTC approved funding for these projects under the Clean Fleets North Texas 2020 CFP and the North Texas Emissions Reduction Project 2020 CFP; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has complied with RTC procedures for Calls for Projects/Funding Initiatives.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. An agreement between NCTCOG and the City of Dallas in an amount not to exceed $385,704 in EPA funds (no more than 35 percent of project costs) and a local contribution by the City of Dallas of approximately $716,310 (at least 65 percent of the project cost) be and is hereby approved.

Section 2. An agreement between NCTCOG and Exel Inc. dba DHL Supply Chain for an amount not to exceed $314,340 EPA funds (no more than 45 percent of project costs) and approximately $384,192 local contribution (at least 55 percent of project costs) be and is hereby approved.

Section 3. An agreement between NCTCOG and Jack Cooper Transport Company LLC for an amount not to exceed $288,730 EPA funds (no more than 45 percent of project costs) and approximately $352,892 local contribution (at least 55 percent of project costs) be and is hereby approved.

Section 4. An agreement between NCTCOG and PACCAR Leasing Company for an amount not to exceed $154,915 EPA funds (no more than 45 percent of project costs) and approximately $189,341 local contribution (at least 55 percent of project costs) be and is hereby approved.

Section 5. 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 6. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

David Sweet, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Rockwall County Judge

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Bill Heidemann, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Corinth