



North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

## **Sustainable Public Rights-of-Way Subcommittee**

Tuesday, April 26, 2016

1:30 PM, Tejas Conference Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPIII

600 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Co-Chair: Rachel Hayden, Hayden Consultants

Co-Chair: Vacant

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**

## **DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEMS**

2. **Approval of the February 4, 2016 Meeting Summary.**

The Subcommittee approved the Meeting Summaries for both the October 27, 2015 meeting and the February 4, 2016 meeting.

3. **Special Presentation.**

Susan Alvarez with the City of Dallas provided a PowerPoint and presentation on the update to the City of Dallas design manuals to include iSWM and Complete Streets practices, and the incorporation of design standards in the 2017 Bond Program. Ms. Alvarez said she expects the new Street Drainage Manual to be complete prior to the 2017 Bond Program. She also mentioned the City of Dallas may be revising the Stormwater Utilities Fee by using a GIS assessment.

4. **Regional Public Works Program Update.**

NCTCOG staff provided an update on the FY16 Regional Public Works Program. The Public Works Roundup on June 8<sup>th</sup> at Brookhaven College still has registration open.

5. **Sustainable Public Rights-of-Way (SPROW) Education and Outreach Activities.**

The NCTCOG staff provided an overview of the March Education Forum which was held on March 31, 2016 at the NCTCOG offices in the Regional Training Center. The topics/speakers for the event were:

- Bicycle & Pedestrian Trends: Jared White, Bicycle Transportation Manager, City of Dallas and Julia McCleary Ryan, Senior Transportation Planner, City of Fort Worth

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- Funding Sources for Bicycle & Pedestrian Facility Trends - Kevin Kokes, Principal Transportation Planner, NCTCOG
- Walkable Cities & ADA - Kristi Avalos, President & CEO, Accessology Too, LLC
- Funding Sources for Green Infrastructure - Suzanna Perea, Stormwater/Green Infrastructure Coordinator, EPA Region 6 Water Division

There were 62 registrants and 35 attendees for the Education Forum, which was a great turnout. Of the 23 evaluation forms turned in, the responses were most often Good or Excellent, and the most useful part of the forum was the ADA Presentation by Accessology. The attendees' suggestions for future Education Forums included: a wider variety of topics, and some said the presentations were too fast for note taking.

The subcommittee suggested future topics include the City of Dallas' iSWM and Complete Streets program that Sue Alvarez presented.

**6. Other SPROW Activities.**

The NCTCOG staff provided an update and asked for feedback on the SPROW Roadmap. NCTCOG staff noted that some links are only accessible through Internet Explorer.

There was then a lengthy discussion on whether to continue to have the Roadmap updated and available to the public. Some members felt it was not a tool many would use. Instead, the group agreed, they should focus on the Education Forums.

Furthermore, the group discussed the possibility of completely disbanding the committee due to lack of participation and lack of pertinent topics.

**7. Transportation Department Activities.**

NCTCOG Transportation staff, Kristina Ronneberg, presented on a new technology that incorporates solar and wind energy into powering street lights.

**OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**8. Roundtable Discussion.**

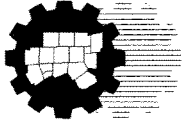
Chair Rachel Hayden resigned from her position. NCTCOG staff said they will issue an invitation for a new chair.

**9. Schedule for the Next Meeting.**

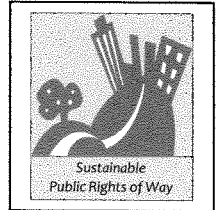
The next meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, July 26, 2016, but it may be conducted via Skype Conference Call or through email correspondence.

**10. Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or summary items, please contact Derica Peters by phone at (817) 695-9217, or by email at [dpeters@nctcog.org](mailto:dpeters@nctcog.org).



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