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### **NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee**

**July 20, 2020**

**1:30 p.m.**

#### **Remote Access**

**via**

#### **Zoom Meeting**

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth (NAS JRB Fort Worth) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 p.m. on July 20, 2020. The meeting was hosted by COG through Zoom Meeting. Due to the nature of the virtual meeting technology, a full list of attendees will not be provided. Roll was called for Voting Members and that information is reflected here.

#### **Voting Members in Attendance**

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton, Chair, City of Fort Worth  
Debbie Whitley, Vice Chair, City of Lake Worth  
Randy Skinner, Treasurer, Tarrant County  
Jack Adkison, City of River Oaks  
Stacey Almond, City of Lake Worth  
Mike Coleman, City of Westworth Village  
Jeff James, City of White Settlement  
Councilmember Laura Mackey, City of Benbrook  
Councilmember Larry Marshall, City of Benbrook  
Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White Settlement  
Paul Paine, City of Fort Worth

#### **Meeting Summary Outline**

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3. Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program
4. Texas Comptroller Report on Economic Impact of Military Bases
5. RCC Position for 87th Texas Legislature (Action)
6. Joint Land Use Study Implementation Grant Update
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**Item 1. Welcome and Roll Call:**

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton called the Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Item 2. Approval of April 20, 2020, Meeting Summary (Action):**

The motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Mike Coleman. Jack Adkison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item 3. Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program:**

Clint Hail, Transportation Planner with NCTCOG, presented to the committee the Defense Manufacturing Community Support Program (DMCSP). The DMCSP is designed to support long-term community investments that strengthen national security innovation and expand the capabilities of the defense industrial ecosystem. It is split into two phases. The first phase is receiving designation and the second phase is pursuing grant funding for projects. The program needed a lead agency that will act as the binding and administrative backbone for the application and for implementation. NCTCOG has volunteered to organize the project and to bring in partners. The 12-county MPO area marks the community scope of the project. However, there's room to include communities outside of the MPO. Some partners and supporters of the project are Lockheed-Martin, Dallas Regional Chamber, Tarrant County, University of Texas at Arlington, and Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas. Clint said proposals were submitted on July 7 and provided a timeline should our application be selected to move to phase 2. Clint asked for interested parties to please reach out to him. There is plenty of room for more participation.

Councilman Shingleton asked how does the DMCSP fit in with the new branch of the military's Space Program. Clint said there is no connection between the two programs. The DMCSP is an independent program.

**Item 4. Texas Comptroller Report on Economic Impact of Military Bases:**

Kyle Roy gave a quick summary of the Texas Comptroller Report on Economic Impact of Military Bases (released in June) which analyzed the impact of US military installations on the state economy. Kyle said the report includes active duty, visiting, other military personnel, dependents, civilian employees, and contractors directly affiliated with bases. Last year, the DOD awarded \$50 billion in contracts to Texas, placing the state third in the country behind Virginia and California. Fifteen military installations and the US Army Futures Command are located in Texas. Out of 15 bases, Joint Base San Antonio in San Antonio ranked number one with an economic output of \$41.3 billion. NAS JRB Fort Worth in Fort Worth ranked sixth with \$3.8 billion. Kyle said DOD spending contracts translate to money added into our regional economy. Dan Kessler commented that this helps to justify the infrastructure improvements being made to support the installation.

**Item 5. RCC Position for 87th Texas Legislature (Action):**

Nick Allen provided an overview of the RCC position for the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature. It was first presented at the last RCC meeting held April 20, 2020. Nick reintroduced the proposal to the committee members, and asked members to adopt the legislative program. Dates of interest are noted as follows: November 9, 2020 – Prefiling for bills begins, January 12, 2021 – 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature Convenes, and May 31, 2021 – 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature Ends.



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Councilmember Shingleton suggested the committee continue to work on outreach to realtors. Kevin Pottinger noted that he appreciates support from the RCC on the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG).

The motion to approve the proposed legislative position of the 87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature was made by Paul Paine. Mike Coleman seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **Item 6. Joint Land Use Study Implementation Grant Update:**

Amanda Wilson presented an update on the JLUS implementation grant. Amanda recapped that the Joining Forces study was completed in 2018 and that NCTCOG has been asked by the Department of Defense to submit our implementation grant applying our 150 strategies identified, both regional and installation-specific. This will cover NAS JRB Fort Worth, Fort Wolters, Dallas Army Aviation Support Facility, Camp Maxey, and other regional strategies. The grant has been submitted, and our scope of work was approved, without changes, by the Office of Economic Adjustment through the DOD. Amanda said that we are targeting an August 2020 start date for the grant agreement. This is an 18-month grant which should be completed by the end of February 2022. The grant is approximately a \$510,000 total effort (\$460,000 federal grant + \$50,000 local match - RTC local funds provided by NCTCOG). Kevin Pottinger noted that DEAAG funding could be available to help support the local efforts.

#### **Item 7. Development Review Project Update:**

Kyle Roy presented an update of submissions to the online development review tool. He reminded everyone it is located on the RCC webpage and if anyone has questions or needs assistance in locating the tool to please contact him. Kyle said the most recent project is Project 123, which is located at 3601 Williams Road in Fort Worth, south of NAS JRB Fort Worth. It is a requested addition to an existing building that required an amendment. One comment on the tool was from NAS Fort Worth JRB saying they had no objections to the development since it is compatible land use.

#### **Item 8. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update**

Ed Spurlin presented updates to the committee in place of Captain Mark McLean. Ed said the F-35 EIS process is moving along and the Air Force Reserve Command continues to work on this effort. He said AFRC will publish EIS responses to the Federal Register mid-August, and to expect the final EIS document to the Secretary of the Air Force for Record of Decision (ROD) by September 30, 2020. Ed reported on the new Space Command project. The Department of Defense has allowed cities to self-nominate themselves as the host headquarters. Three Texas city mayors submitted letters to Governor Abbott requesting endorsement. Those cities are Houston, San Antonio, and Fort Worth. Governor Abbott agreed and in turn submitted letters of endorsement to the DOD on behalf of those cities. There will be space for 1,500 military and civilian people to be housed at the headquarter location. The DOD is scheduled to select a location the beginning of 2021. Ed said the current status of DEAAG is that the installation is currently on track. Expect the grant team to submit plans within the October – December 2020 timeframe. Grant awards will be announced in early 2021 for the remaining \$15 million in state funds. NAS JRB construction renovation project was awarded \$907,847 with a completion date targeted for February 2021.

#### **Item 9. Administrative Updates:**



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- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, October 19, 2020 via Zoom.
- **West Tarrant Alliance Group Scheduling Update:** The next meeting scheduled for August 6, 2020 has been cancelled.
- **Transportation Project Implementation Update:** Dan Kessler said the Meandering Road project will not make its 95 percent design goal until December 2020. Dan said the Westworth Village Bike Trail project is 80 percent complete and is optimistic of its completion by the end of calendar year 2020.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

**Item 10. Public Comments:**

No public comments were made during the meeting.