



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Public Works Council

Friday, November 15, 2013

9:30 AM, Regional Forum Conference Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chairman: Jim Lockart, City of Richardson

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** The Public Works Council (PWC) Chair and the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) staff will introduce the new Vice Chair and New PWC representatives.

The Chair and the NCTCOG staff recognized the new Vice Chair and new PWC representatives. Roundtable introductions were made by the PWC members, interested parties, and NCTCOG staff.

ACTION/DISCUSSION/PRESENTATION ITEMS

ACTION

2. **Meeting Summary.** The September 26, 2013 meeting summary is available online for review. Approval will be sought at the meeting.

Dan Vedral made a motion to approve the September 26, 2013 PWC Meeting Summary. The motion was seconded by Joe Trammel. The PWC was unanimous in its approval.

PRESENTATION

3. **Public Works Construction Standards.** The NCTCOG staff and the Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee will present an update to the PWC on the overall progress of the update to the Construction Standards made by the Review Groups as well as anticipated next steps by the next PWC meeting scheduled for February 2014.

There are six review groups currently evaluating sections of the ten year old edition of the Public Works Construction Standards. Staff gave an update on the progress of each of the review groups and their initial evaluations of the Standards for what is out of date, as well as when each of the groups expect to begin drafting update recommendations. The

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review groups are: General Provisions and Model Forms, Site Protection & Preparation, Roadway Construction, Water/Wastewater, Storm Drainage, and Structures & Miscellaneous Construction. These groups of volunteers will begin submitting their update recommendations to the Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee (PWCSS) in January/February 2014. The PWCSS will review the recommendations, and either submit them to the PWC for approval, or return them to the originating review group for further assessment. It is recommended that the PWC meet more frequently in 2014 to evaluate the recommendations.

4. **Other Work Program Activities.** The NCTCOG staff will brief the PWC on the following activities:
- *integrated* Stormwater Management;
 - Sustainable Public Rights of Way; and
 - the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality proposed Small MS4 General Permit.

iSWM: Several training sessions were conducted in the last few months: an iSWM Design of Storm Water Ponds Workshop in August 2013; a Low Impact Development in North Texas event in October 2013; and two Storm Water Pollution Prevention Practices workshops with another scheduled in late January 2014. The NCTCOG is currently preparing maps to demonstrate the impact that iSWM has made on the region.

SPROW: The Internet roadway feature has undergone an update that includes new links to such sites as the National Association of City Transportation Officials and the City of Dallas' draft of complete streets manual. Staff also mentioned two recent workshops that focused on urban bikeway design guidelines, and another on green streets.

Regional Storm Water Permit: The Phase II MS4 General Permit Renewal is slated on the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) December 11, 2013 Agenda. It is anticipated that TCEQ will post the permit approximately two weeks before the meeting.

It was also noted that the Environmental Protection Agency's new proposed water quality standards have been open for public comment since October. The comment period closes on December 3, 2013.

DISCUSSION

5. **2014 Public Works Roundup.** The NCTCOG staff and the PWC will discuss the 2014 Roundup theme and presentation topics, as well as suggestions for potential venues.

The NCTCOG staff announced that the 2014 Public Works Roundup will be held in May or June 2014. The PWC was asked for presentation topics for the event and venue suggestions. New PWC members asked what types of topics had been covered in the past. It was noted that past presentations are available on the Internet for viewing. Suggested topics for 2014 included American with Disabilities Act Public Right of Way Accessibility Guidelines, or PROWAG, and any research available on what causes sulphur smelling water to discharge from some pipes in private homes and how to resolve it. The City of Forest Hill offered to host the event at their new conference center.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. **Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT).** Bob Kopp, City of Carrollton, will give an update on recent PWERT activities.

NCTCOG staff informed the PWC that to date, 28 municipalities have signed mutual aid agreements to assist each other during disasters. The next PWERT meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2013, at 9:30 a.m., at NCTCOG.

7. **TRiSWM Activities.** The NCTCOG staff will brief the PWC on the FY2014 interdepartmental agreement between the Environment & Development Department and Transportation Department concerning Transportation *integrated* Stormwater Management (TRiSWM) and Green Infrastructure activities.

TRiSWM is a partnering between NCTCOG's Environment and Development Department and Transportation Department to assess iSWM as it applies to roadway projects. These two departments will also collaborate on other projects such as Solar II, Green Infrastructure, and Regional Ecosystem Framework.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

8. **Future Agenda Items.** The PWC Members and the NCTCOG staff may suggest future agenda items.

The NCTCOG staff encouraged the PWC to suggest topics for future agenda items.

9. **Roundtable Topics/Other Business.** The PWC members and the NCTCOG staff may share additional items as time allows.

It was noted that the rollout of some new flood maps impacted the region. The Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) training session will be held at NCTCOG the week of December 2, 2013. Although the Community Rating System (CRS) is covered at the NFIP training session, NCTCOG is investigating the possibility of hosting a CRS training class.

Adam Ferguson, the new PWC representative for the Northwest Subregion, asked how iSWM works for smaller towns. He noted that most of the cities in his subregion have populations under 10,000. NCTCOG staff will meet with any city, large or small, to explain the benefits of iSWM or other NCTCOG programs.

Manny Palacios, with the City of Weatherford, asked for input on subdivision issues with regard to maintenance and public improvement districts. Edith Marvin suggested he contact the Town of Flower Mound for assistance.

Collin County is updating their long range mobility plan and will be holding stakeholder meetings to "brainstorm" about their storm water program, as well as other related issues. They encourage other counties to participate in their meetings.

It was suggested that NCTCOG host a county/city roundtable to discuss storm water and subdivision regulations.

10. **Schedule for the Next PWC Meeting.** The next PWC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., in NCTCOG's Regional Forum Room. Please earmark that date, and as we get closer to that time, the NCTCOG staff will coordinate with the Chair to confirm the meeting and provide an agenda.

11. **Adjournment.**

The PWC meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



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NAME	SIGNATURE	REPRESENTS
James Berman		Southeast Dallas Subregion
Michael Brownlee		Southwest Dallas Subregion
Paul Causey		Associated General Contractors
Jeff Chambers		Southeast Subregion
Gerald Cosgrove		City of Plano
Lyndon Cox	<i>Lyndon J. Cox</i>	Texas Council of Engineering Labs
Frank Crumb		City of Fort Worth
Kyle Culwell		Northwest Tarrant Subregion
Thomas Disheroon	<i>Thomas Disheroon</i>	Southwest Subregion
Adam Farguson	<i>Adam Farguson</i>	Northwest Subregion
Chris Flanigan	<i>CAF</i>	Northeast Subregion
Perry Harts		City of Frisco
Jack Hedge	<i>Jack Hedge</i>	Dallas County
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Tracy Homfeld	<i>Tracy Homfeld</i>	Collin County
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Keith Marvin	<i>Keith Marvin</i>	Northwest Dallas Subregion
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Keith Melton		City of Arlington
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Brad Tribble	<i>Brad Tribble</i>	Council of Engineering Companies
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