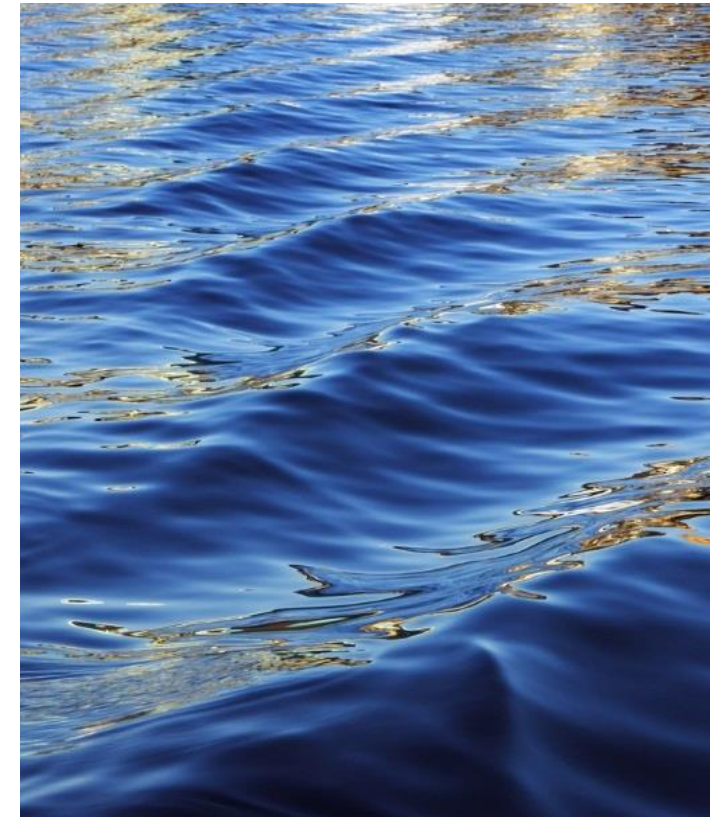




North Texas Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition

Public Meeting

April 26, 2021



RISE Coalition Website: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/development-excellence/rise-coalition>

RISE Coalition Committee Page: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/regional-integration-of-sustainability-efforts-ris>



April 26, 2021

RISE Coalition Public Meeting Agenda

1) Welcome

Discussion Items

- 2) RISE Coalition Program Update** –NCTCOG will provide an update on the GHG Inventory Cohort.
- 3) RISE Educational Update** – An overview by NCTCOG staff on upcoming Funding Opportunities from Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, and NCTCOG Solid Waste Implementation Grants.

Information Items

- 4) Featured Roundtable Presentation** – Matt Bucchin and Karen Walz, APA Texas Chapter Advocacy Committee
- 5) Participant Roundtable**

Other Business

- 6) Future Agenda Items**
- 7) Next Meeting Date**
- 8) Adjournment**

2. RISE Coalition Program Update

Regional GHG Inventory

- 12-county Metropolitan Planning Area
- NCTCOG initiating data collection related to Energy, Waste, Water, and Wastewater
- Working with Federal, State, and Regional data
- Contacting individual cities, counties, special districts to provide needed data to fill gaps

Cities GHG Inventory Cohort

- Licenses available for member cities to utilize ICLEI software (ClearPath) to produce their own Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions inventory using the U.S. Community Protocol for Accounting and Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- **Participating Cities:**
 - Cedar Hill
 - Denton
 - Farmers Branch
 - Fort Worth
 - Grapevine
 - Lewisville

3. Educational Update

Key Grant Opportunities

Environmental Protection Agency

- [Environmental Justice Small Grants](#) (includes set-aside for Ports Initiative) – Deadline May 7, 2021
- [Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program](#) – Deadline May 7, 2021

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Solid Waste Implementation Grants

- The FY2022-2023 Call for Projects is now open, the deadline is May 26, 2021 at 5PM CST.
- Eligible Project Types – Local Enforcement, Source Reduction and Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste, Litter and Illegal Dumping Programs, Citizens' Collection Stations and "Small" Transfer Stations, Local Solid Waste Management Plans, and more.
- For more information on the grant application process, [click here](#).

3. Educational Update

Department of Energy

Low Greenhouse Gas Vehicle Technologies Research, Development, Demonstration and Deployment – Projects to Increase Efficiency and Reduce Emissions ([FOA Link](#)) **Concept Paper
Deadline May 13, 2021 5p.m. ET**

Select Topic Areas Include:

- EV Charging Community Partner Projects
- EV Workplace Charging
- Natural Gas Vehicle Technology Proof of Concept

Bioenergy Technologies Office Scale-Up and Conversion – Projects to Enable Innovation of Low-Carbon Biofuels ([FOA Link](#)) **Concept Paper **Deadline April 30, 2021 5p.m. ET****

Select Topic Areas Include:

- Projects to Scale from Pre-Pilot to Pilot Phase, or from Pilot to Demonstration Phase, for Waste-to-Energy Biofuels (including Food Wastes, WWTP Products, Organic Wastes from Industrial Operations, Manure Slurries from Livestock Operations, or Biogas from any of these Feedstock Streams (Including Landfill Gas)
- Advancing Renewable Natural Gas Technology

3. Educational Update

Other Opportunities

Regional Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Local Government Roundtable

- May 3, 2021, from 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- This Roundtable will provide an opportunity for city leaders to learn more about what PACE is and how it has been implemented by cities and counties in the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

Registration: [click here](#).

WRI/RMI Aggregated Renewables Procurement Cohort

- WRI/RMI are launching a second iteration of their large-scale renewable energy procurement aggregation cohort in spring 2021 to help local governments, businesses, and institutions join forces with other buyers to procure large-scale renewables at economies of scale. An information session was held on April 23rd. Documents will be included in this meeting's summary.

4. Featured Roundtable Presentation

Texas Legislative Update

Speakers

Matt Bucchin

Karen Walz

Link to APA Legislative Tracker: [Legislative Tracker](#)

Link to NCTCOG Texas Bill Tracking: [2021 RISE Legislative Bill Tracking Matrix](#)

5. Participant Roundtable

Do you have something to share?

6. Future Agenda Items

Ideas?

Presentation topics of interest?

7. Next Meeting Dates

Next Public Meeting:

Friday, July 9, 2021

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

Committee Website and Public Meeting Materials:

<https://www.nctcog.org/envir/committees/regional-integration-of-sustainability-efforts-ris>

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Thank you!



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April 26, 2020

Who We Are



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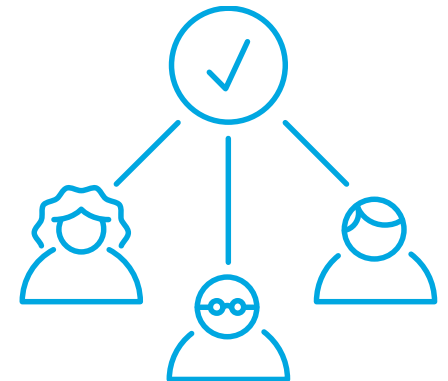
**Matt Bucchin, AICP,
LEED Green Associate**
Regional Practice Leader



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Our topics today

- 1 Who is APA Texas and why are we presenting to you today?
- 2 What are we doing to advocate on planning and sustainability issues?
- 3 What's happening with the bills we're tracking?
- 4 What can we do together after this Legislative session is over?



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WE'RE THE TEXAS CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION

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People and businesses moving to Texas overwhelmingly pick economically vital and desirable places. Those places are communities where good planning ensures that Texas continues to be a place to invest time and money.

We plan the transportation corridors keeping the Texas economy moving. We mitigate natural disasters with smart development codes and disaster recovery planning. We work with property owners to keep business centers and neighborhoods safe and successful.



PLANNERS MAKE TEXAS SUCCESSFUL

We care about the people who live in our communities and we want our local economies to be strong.

Texas' competitive success depends on having places where people want to live and companies want to locate. Texas communities - and their residents, property owners, and planners - need the right tools in our toolbox in order to protect public safety and minimize red tape.

But often the details make the difference. We want to be the resource you and other Legislators turn to when you need to know how legislation will help or hinder successful economic development and quality of life for Texans.

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CREATING DIVERSE CHOICES

More people and jobs are heading to Texas. From 2020 to 2050, Texas is expected to add more than 18 million new residents! That means many more homes, jobs, and businesses. And virtually all of these new residents choose cities and suburbs in Texas' metropolitan areas.

Along with growth comes change. The share of Texans who are seniors will also more than double by 2050. This means our communities must offer new and different choices to meet resident needs.

Planners understand the options that are available to achieve each community's unique objectives. They work with local stakeholders - businesses, residents, schools, healthcare providers, and others - to create effective action plans.

Whether they prefer walkable, transit-oriented homes or a relaxed country lifestyle, planners have the tools to create the places your constituents want.

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REFINING LEGISLATION FOR BETTER RESULTS

Last Session, several bills passed which had unintended negative consequences for Texas residents, property owners, and developers. APA Texas is committed to working with the Legislature to address these impacts.

One example is the building code restrictions in HB 2439, which responded to a perceived "monopoly" for brick companies on exterior building materials. Due to this bill, developers can't count on quality development next door. Cities must issue permits that violate deed restrictions, or that use materials like aluminum wiring and plastic gas lines most fire marshals and cities prohibited as unsafe.

These regulations should be amended to allow cities to require reasonable exterior materials that maintain health, safety, and property value.

RESPONDING TO THE UNEXPECTED

The experiences we've all had this year have revealed opportunities to improve the lives of Texas residents and the vitality of Texas businesses and communities. Recent disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and even industrial explosions in rural areas demonstrate more needs to be done.

Planners want to work with the Legislature to respond to adversity. We can assist you with information, analysis, best practices, and practical details that will make your actions more effective.

Our Texas planners include experts who can help you with issues ranging from statewide broadband coverage, to hurricane and flooding response, to making all neighborhoods safer and healthier.

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What are we doing to advocate on planning and sustainability issues?



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Legislatures need to know who our APATX planners are

- More coherent strategy at Chapter
- Share the real situations and the actual effects of planning on Texans, their neighborhoods & the state's economy
- Start early to build relationships with people and partnerships with organizations
- Be prepared when the legislative session begins, during, and after

APATX Advocacy Committee

- Key leaders within APATX
- Subcommittees for key topics:
 - » [Environment & Healthy Communities](#)
 - » Site Plan, Building Design & Materials
 - » Annexation & ETJ
 - » Economic Development
 - » Transportation
 - » Zoning & Subdivision Platting
- Assistance from Salient Strategies

2021 APATX Legislative Policy Priorities

- 1 Flexibility to Support Growth in Diverse Communities
- 2 Building Code Mandates
- 3 Subdivision Platting
- 4 Broadband Access
- 5 Resilience



Produced so far ...

- Policy Priorities Statement
- Testimony on specific bills
- Alerts and other outreach
- Status reports (close to real-time)

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1. HB 2218	Canales	Relating to the rates of the state gasoline and diesel fuel taxes; authorizing a change in tax rates.	Requires the state gasoline and diesel taxes to be indexed to the CPI. Requires the Comptroller to determine the new tax rate for the gasoline and diesel tax annually.	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/875/bills/text/html/HB02218_01.htm#div1
2. HB 2221	Canales	Relating to mobile emissions reductions and transportation electrification; authorizing a fee.	Creates the Texas Transportation Electrification Council within TxDOT. Requires Council to develop a statewide assessment of existing and planned public electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Requires Council to develop a plan for the development of electric vehicle charging infrastructure through the year 2040.	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/875/bills/text/html/HB02221_01.htm#div1
3. HB 2223	Canales	Relating to a study by the Texas Department of Transportation on the impact of certain classifications of motor vehicle on the roads and bridges of this state.	Requires TxDOT to conduct a study on how passenger vehicles, commercial vehicles, and oversize vehicles impact the condition of roads and bridges. Also requires study to analyze financial impact to the state.	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/875/bills/text/html/HB02223_01.htm#div1
4. HB 2224	Bell of Montgomery	Relating to rates established by municipalities for water and sewer services.	A municipality or a municipally owned utility may not establish a rate applicable only to entities that qualify for a sales tax or ad valorem tax exemption that is higher than a rate established for	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/875/bills/text/html/HB02224_01.htm#div1

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1	HB 1155	Vo	Relating to the authority of certain municipal utility districts to select the municipality that will have authority over the district.	For a MUD located in the ETJ of more than one municipality, they may adopt a resolution to select the municipality that may exercise authority over the MUD. HB 1155 states a municipality may not change their decision without the consent of all affected municipalities.	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/pdf/HB0115_5I.pdf#navpanes=0	Annexation and Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction	
2	HB 1653	Craddick	Relating to disannexation of certain areas that do not receive full municipal services.	If an area does not receive full municipal services and was exempt from municipal taxation for more than 20 years under an ordinance until full municipal services were provided. A person owning real property wholly or partly located in the area may file a petition to disannex the property located in the municipality.	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/pdf/HB0165_3I.pdf#navpanes=0	Annexation and Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction	
3	HB 1885	Harris	Relating to restrictions on municipal regulation in certain areas.	Prohibits municipalities from regulating an activity or structure in an area where residents are ineligible to vote in municipal elections, except for specific reasons.	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/pdf/HB0188_5I.pdf#navpanes=0	Annexation and Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction	
4	HB 1897	Sanford	Relating to disclosure requirements for agreements consenting to municipal annexation.	Requires municipalities to provide landowners with a written landowner bill of rights when a municipality makes an offer for the land.	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/pdf/HB0189_7I.pdf#navpanes=0	Annexation and Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction	Annexat
5	HB 2104	Campos	Relating to the county provision of solid waste	Requires the commissioner's court of a county with a population	https://capitol.texas.gov/tlodocs/87R/billtext/pdf/HB02104_5I.pdf#navpanes=0	Annexation and	ETJ
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APATX issues statement in opposition to HB 3519

"This bill as written plays havoc with over 70 years of ETJ law including numerous court cases resolving annexation and jurisdiction disputes between competing jurisdictions. Anyone could remove any property from an ETJ. APATX recommends this bill, as written, be opposed by cities, counties and large property owners planning on working with cities to develop their property in the ETJ." [Read Full HB 3519 Statement](#)

APATX provides testimony in favor of HB 442

"Permitted vehicle speed for a roadway should recognize the land use context. The way to do this is by balancing the number of vehicles on a roadway with the potential lives lost: the more people in the area, the more careful we should be in their presence. Streets in residential neighborhoods are prime candidates to reduce the risk to residents by reducing the prima facie speed limit to 25 mph." [Read Full HB 442 Statement](#)

APATX provides testimony in favor of HB 5, HB 11, HB 12, and HB 13

"HB 5 is an essential step in coordinating the state's response to the digital divide. Those of us in the planning profession have seen firsthand how the lack of broadband infrastructure threatens the state's long-term economic viability, particularly in rural and low-income areas, and for communities of color. Economic development is driven by access to critical infrastructure, and broadband access is a key deciding factor job creators look for when choosing to relocate to Texas." [Read Full HB 5 Statement](#)



2021 APATX Legislative Policy Priorities

■ 5 Priorities

- » Flexibility to support growth in diverse communities
- » Building code mandates
- » Subdivision platting
- » Broadband access
- » Resilience

■ Resilience

- » Promote a resilient recovery from COVID-19
- » Protect, expand, and improve the parks, recreation facilities, trails, open spaces, and forests
- » Reduce the impacts of flooding
- » Support local initiatives to preserve or regenerate natural areas
- » Ensure that statewide infrastructure meets the needs of Texans even in extreme weather conditions



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2021 APATX E&HC Subcommittee

■ Legislative Agenda Categories

- » Advancing climate policy
- » Ensuring a safe and resilient future
- » Promoting natural resource conservation and management
- » Promoting social equity and environmental justice
- » Reducing barriers to improve health outcomes
- » Living with water
- » Harnessing technology to promote strong and healthy communities

■ 43 Policy Statements

Example Policy Statement

Support legislation and funding which strengthens local efforts to prepare for a changing climate, including preparation for flood protection, drought, extreme heat and urban heat island effect, and other natural hazards exacerbated by a changing climate



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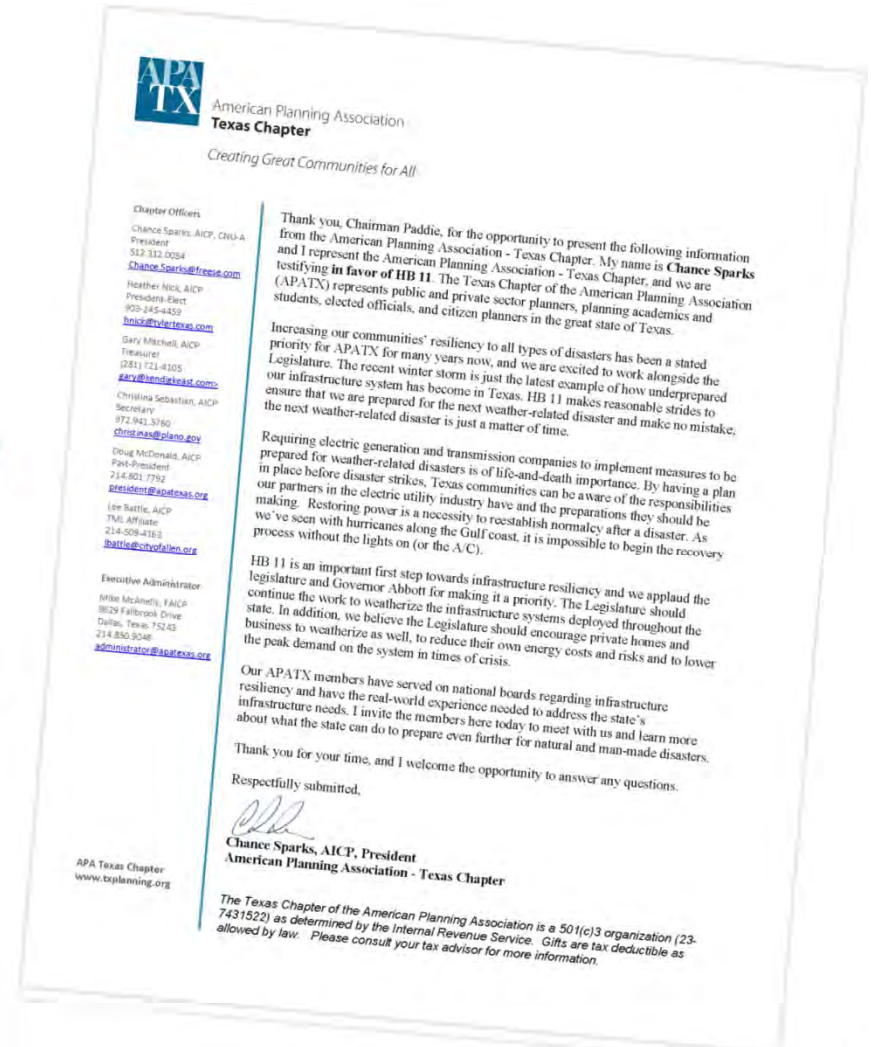
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HBs 11, 12 and 13

- HB 11 – ERCOT Weather Preparedness (**supported**)
 - » Approved by House/sent to the Senate Jurisprudence Committee
- HB 12 – Statewide Disaster Alert System (**supported**)
 - » Approved by House/sent to the Senate Jurisprudence Committee
- HB 13 – Texas Energy Disaster Reliability Council ore coherent strategy at Chapter (**supported**)
 - » Approved by House ... not yet to Senate a committee



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SB 398

- SB398 – Distributed Renewable Energy Generation (**supports; did not have a chance to testify**)
 - » Approved by Senate/sent to House State Affairs Committee

SB 1261

- SB 1261 – GHG Emission State Preemption (**oppose; did not have a chance to testify**)
 - » Approved by Senate/not yet sent to a House committee
 - » APATX is looking to proactively oppose this bill

Other Bills APATX is Watching

- HBs 1949, 1956, 2017 and 3246 / SB 306 – Texas Agencies Analysis of Projected Changes in Weather, Water, and Climate Change **(supports; no action)**
- HB 1282 – Prohibits Utility or Infrastructure Restrictions Based on Type of Energy **(oppose; no action)**
- HB 1972 – Renewable Electric Generating Capacity **(supports; no action)**
- HB 2166 – TDEM Study of Droughts and Wildfires **(supports; no action)**
- HB 2206 – Texas Climate Action Act **(supports; hearing, but no vote)**
- HB 2275 – Infrastructure Resiliency Funds **(supports; hearing, but no vote)**
- HB 2526 – Grid Resilience Study **(supports; no action)**
- HB 2689 – Climate Change Impact Assessment Council **(supports; no action)**
- HJR 103 – Constitutional Amendment for a Water Infrastructure Resiliency Fund **(supports; no action)**

Other Bills APATX is Watching

- HB 2221 – Texas Transportation Electrification Program (**preliminarily supports, but interested in additional review; no action**)
- SB 304 – Zero-Carbon Electric Generation (**preliminarily supports, but interested in additional review; no action**)



Partnering for Advocacy

- **HB 2468 – Increases in Emission Reduction Limits**

- » APATX was planning to support; withheld active support
- » Received member/city feedback that bill intentions would reduce monies to improve air quality

- » Approved by Committee / not scheduled for full House vote

BEFORE NEXT SESSION?

“Planners are working every day in communities across the nation and around the world to make communities stronger and more resilient. Helping communities mitigate potential damage from ever-stronger natural disasters, make more informed decisions about where and how we develop land, protect vulnerable communities, and build infrastructure that helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions is central to the important role of planning in tackling the urgent challenge of climate change.”

—APA President Kurt Christiansen, FAICP as part of a statement made regarding the U.S. planned withdrawal from the landmark Paris Climate Agreement

