

**NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Minutes — June 22, 2017**

Transportation Council Room

616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, Texas

President Lombard called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 12:45 on June 22, 2017.

Members of the Board Present:

1. Tom Lombard – President, Councilmember, City of North Richland Hills
2. Kevin Strength – Vice President, Mayor, City of Waxahachie
3. J.D. Clark – Secretary/Treasurer, County Judge, Wise County
4. Lissa Smith – Past President, Previous Mayor Pro Tem, City of Plano
5. Clay Jenkins, County Judge, Dallas County
6. Lee Kleinman, Councilmember, City of Dallas
7. Bobbie Mitchell, Commissioner, Denton County
8. Keith Self, County Judge, Collin County
9. Ray Smith, Mayor, City of Prosper
10. B. Glen Whitley, County Judge, Tarrant County
11. Kathryn Wilemon, Councilmember, City of Arlington
12. Bruce Wood, County Judge, Kaufman County
13. Paul Voelker, Mayor, City of Richardson

Members of the Board Absent:

1. Douglas Athas, Mayor, City of Garland
2. Kelly Allen Gray, Councilmember, City of Fort Worth
3. Curtistene McCowan, Mayor, City of DeSoto
4. Nick Sanders, Mayor, Town of Trophy Club
5. Ron Simmons, State Representative

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Executive Director
Monte Mercer, Deputy Executive Director
Tim Barbee, Chief Information Officer, Research and Information Services
Doni Green, Director of Aging
Edith Marvin, Director of Environment and Development
Molly McFadden, Director of Emergency Preparedness
Michael Morris, Director of Transportation
David Setzer, Director of Workforce Development
Christy Williams, Director of 9-1-1
Stephanie Cecil, Administrative Assistant, EDO
Dan Kessler, Assistant Director of Transportation
Ken Kirkpatrick, Transportation Counsel
James Powell, Assistant Counsel, Transportation
Karen Richard, Chief Human Resources Officer
Tamara Cook, Manager, Environment & Development
Sara Harris, Senior Program Manager, Administration
Heather Mazac, Compliance Legal Advisor, Administration
Mindy Mize, Program Manager, Transportation
Amanda Wilson, Public Involvement Manager, Transportation
Shawn Conrad, Senior Air Quality Planner, Transportation
Cassidy Campbell, Senior Planner, Environment and Development

Visitors Present:

Amanda Everly, IT Analyst, City of Fort Worth Fire Department
Ebony Wilson, District Director, State Representative Ron Simmons

REGULAR SESSION

ACTION:

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

President Lombard stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the May 2017 Board meeting.

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Councilmember Wilemon), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the minutes of the May 2017 Executive Board meeting.

Item 2 Resolution Authorizing Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA)

Monte Mercer, Deputy Executive Director, explained that North Texas SHARE (NCTCOG's regional purchasing effort) wishes to contract with the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), a public agency serving as a municipal contracting entity for government and education agencies. The agreement would permit NCTCOG to benefit from nationally procured NJPA contracts. Those benefits would be extended to member governments and participating entities in North Texas Share with no additional cost to the participating entities. The non-exclusive agreement would include four vendors: Staples, Kubota, Grainger and CDW-G.

Judge Jenkins entered the meeting.

Upon a Motion by Lissa Smith (seconded by Mayor Strength), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Exhibit: 2017-06-02-AA

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing Approval of Contract for Customer Premises Equipment Replacement

Christy Williams, Director of 9-1-1 Programs, asked the Board to approve a contract for Customer Premises Equipment (CPE) with Solocom Technologies, in an amount not to exceed \$6,250,000. This replacement will leverage state-of-the-art technology to achieve cost-effective deployment, maximum sustainability, improved functionality and an integrated Text-to-911 solution for each of NCTCOG's 43 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs).

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

Exhibit: 2017-06-03-911

Item 4 Resolution Authorizing an Extension of the Collaborative Adaptive Sensing of the Atmosphere (CASA) WX Project Contract

Molly McFadden, Director of Emergency Preparedness, asked the Board to authorize a revised, not to exceed amount of \$812,500, with the Center for Collaborative Sensing of the Atmosphere (CASA), to install and operate CASA weather radars in the region. She explained that the terms of the previously approved, not to exceed amount of \$650,000, included the potential to revise and extend the agreement as the project expanded. In light of the expansion of the CASA radar network and the success of the member dues structure and grant funding, it has become necessary to increase funding to support the network. The radars form an overlapping system capable of detecting and tracking weather forming below the existing NEXRAD radar, and provide emergency managers with time critical information to make life and property saving decisions.

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Lissa Smith), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented. Exhibit: 2017-06-04-EP

Item 5 Resolution Authorizing a Utilities Contract with TXU Energy Retail Company LLC for the Workforce Centers

David Setzer, Director of Workforce Development, explained that after consultation with NCTCOG's utility consultant, Tradition Energy, NCTCOG was advised of an opportunity to secure a cheaper utility rate than the current \$.0574 per kilowatt hour through Hudson Energy. Tradition Energy is confident that a rate can be secured with TXU within 10% of the Hudson Energy rate (totaling \$.0455 per kilowatt hour) if a contract is executed by July 1, 2017. He asked the Board to authorize a utilities contract with TXU.

After discussion, the Board asked to table this Resolution for further research and information.

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

Item 6 Resolution Endorsing the 2017 Update to the Water Quality Management Plan for the NCTCOG Region

Edith Marvin, Director of Environment and Development, explained that NCTCOG annually updates a Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) that supports current and future planning decisions for water quality efforts, wastewater infrastructure development, watershed management, and related issues. The 2017 Update to the Water Quality Management Plan for the NCTCOG Region was developed with input from, and endorsed by, the Water Resources Council with funding from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). NCTCOG will forward the Plan to TCEQ for approval and it will be included by reference in the statewide WQMP, which is a requirement of the Federal Clean Water Act.

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

Exhibit: 2017-06-06-ED

Item 7 Resolution Authorizing Industry Sponsorship in Support of Bicycle and Pedestrian Outreach

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, explained that the Bicycle and Pedestrian Education and Outreach Program is focused on developing public and private-sector cooperation to develop and distribute bicycle and pedestrian educational materials. NCTCOG contacted bike shops with an opportunity to partner on the funding and distribution of NCTCOG's brochure highlighting trails in the region, which could include the logos of participating businesses. NCTCOG will receive approximately \$6,000 in contributions from participating businesses, which will fully cover the costs of reproduction and copies for distribution to the public.

Upon a Motion by Lissa Smith (seconded by Mayor Strength), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Exhibit: 2017-06-07-TR

Item 8 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with the North Texas Tollway Authority for the DFW Connector Pilot Program and Ancillary Programs

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, presented proposed contracts with the North Texas Tollway Authority for the DFW Connector Pilot Program and the IH 30 detour route.

The DFW Connector Pilot Program

Mr. Morris asked for approval to enter into a contract with NTTA for staff, marketing, and outreach activities, in an amount not to exceed \$280,000 in Regional Toll Revenue funds, for the DFW Connector Pilot Program. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) is partnering with TxDOT and the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) on this Pilot Program. He explained that increasing toll tag usage saves money for drivers, lowers the cost of collection for the public sector, and could significantly reduce the public sector risk in corridors that have a high pay-by-mail rate. Successful ideas will be applied in the IH 35W Corridor because the Texas Department of

Transportation (TxDOT) is responsible for incurred, but uncollected, tolls on that facility. Previous RTC approved test marketing activities included gradually increasing the pay-by-mail surcharge to create an incentive for drivers to obtain a toll tag. Additional RTC approved marketing activities include: TollPerks for new TollTag customers, prize giveaways, preloaded TollTags to targeted areas, and TollTag sales at inspection stations and/or car dealerships in targeted areas.

IH 30 Detour Route

Mr. Morris explained that the RTC, TxDOT and NTTA have been working on arrangements for the full closure and construction detours of traffic from IH 30 that are anticipated to start in the fall of 2017. In order to utilize the President George Bush Turnpike as a detour route, a contract with NTTA, in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 in Regional Transportation Council Local Funds, would cover the cost of setting the tolls to zero. Traffic signal retiming will be performed on US 180 to improve it as a traffic detour route, which will be accomplished by using existing consultant services.

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

Exhibit: 2017-06-08-TR

Item 9 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with DeChant Consulting Services for Crash Reconstruction (Photogrammetry) Training and Equipment

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, explained that Traffic Incident Management is a regional program developed to address traffic congestion associated with freeway accidents by quickly clearing the incident. Training is provided for individuals involved in incident and emergency response that includes the use of Photogrammetry: a tool that maps crash scenes. Since 2007, NCTCOG has offered photogrammetry software, training, and equipment for interested local governments. These entities have expressed a desire to continue this training program and to have advanced training. He recommended a contract with DeChant Consulting Services to provide this training and equipment, in an amount not to exceed \$375,000.

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

Exhibit: 2017-06-09-TR

Item 10 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Walker Parking Consultants for a Parking Garage and Transportation Facility Interface Planning Study

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested approval to enter into a consultant contract with Walker Parking Consultants, using Sustainable Development Regional Transportation Council local funds in an amount not to exceed \$400,000, to complete the Parking Garage and Transportation Facility Interface Planning Study. Because the Dallas-Fort Worth region is in nonattainment of the federal air quality standard for ozone, NCTCOG is actively involved in the development and implementation of the State Implementation Plan for air quality. The current Unified Planning Work Program provides for consultant assistance to implement a regional parking analysis. He explained that as mixed used developments become more significant and as population grows, future parking garages may be used as an interface to other transportation investments, such as rail stations and people mover stations. NCTCOG wishes to study the planning, design and funding of parking garages that integrate these types of components. This study would evaluate the best way to integrate land use planning (by local governments) with NCTCOG transportation planning and multimodal transportation planning (by the transportation authorities) directly into the parking garage development process.

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

Exhibit: 2017-06-10-TR

Item 11 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with the City of Arlington to Procure Data Collection Technology for Traffic Signal Retiming During Incidents

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, explained that State Highway 360 and President George Bush Turnpike were previously selected to pilot test an initiative to implement traffic signal retiming, in an effort to help

relieve congestion during traffic incidents. In order to understand the benefits of this strategy, it is necessary to implement technology along the frontage road to collect data, including travel time, delay, and speed data. To procure this data, the Regional Transportation Council will provide a maximum of \$115,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program funds; and 23,000 Transportation Development Credits will be used, in lieu of the local match requirements.

Upon a Motion by Lissa Smith (seconded by Judge Wood), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Exhibit: 2017-06-11-TR

APPOINTMENTS:

Item 12 Appointment of Officers for the STTC and Notification of Regional Transportation Council Officers for the 2017-2018 Term

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, recommended Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) officers for approval by the Board and announced the new Regional Transportation Council (RTC) officers. He explained that members of STTC are staff personnel nominated by the respective governments or agencies and include at least one member from each jurisdiction and agency represented on the RTC.

Recommended STTC Officers

- Chair: Todd Plesko, Vice President of Planning and Development, Dallas Area Rapid Transit
- Vice Chair: Mohamed "Mo" Bur, Director of Transportation Planning and Development, Texas Department of Transportation, Dallas District
- Secretary: Kristina Brevard, Vice President of Planning and Development, Denton County Transportation Authority.

Regional Transportation Council Officers

- Chair: Rob Franke, Mayor, City of Cedar Hill
- Vice Chair: Gary Fickes, Commissioner, Tarrant County;
- Secretary: Andy Eads, Commissioner, Denton County.

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

STATUS REPORTS:

Item 13 Status Report on the Public Works Emergency Response Team's (PWERT) Citation for Exemplary Service to Public Works Award

Molly McFadden, Director of Emergency Preparedness, informed the Board that the Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT) has received the Citation for Exemplary Service to Public Works award from the Texas Chapter of the American Public Works Association (TPWA). This statewide award recognizes "far-reaching positive impacts on public works programs, services, or policies through distinguished public service and commitment." PWERT received this honor in recognition of the work the group has done to create a collective, dynamic, and response-ready network of public works agencies in the North Central Texas region. The most significant PWERT response to date was in support of the City of Rowlett after an EF-4 tornado touched down in December 2015. Sixteen PWERT member jurisdictions responded, providing an estimated 4,100 hours of labor and 6,400 equipment hours that resulted in the removal of over 130,000 cubic yards of debris. The estimated value of this response was valued at over \$2,000,000.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 14 Old and New Business

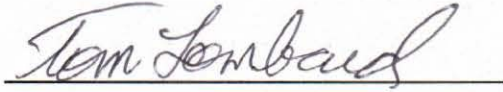
There was no old or new Business.

Item 15 Attendance and Calendar

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

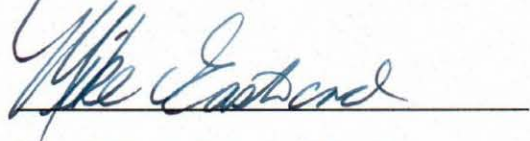
President Lombard adjourned the meeting at 2:17 pm.

Approved by:



Tom Lombard
President, North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Plano

Checked by:



Mike Eastland, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments