

**NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Minutes — May 27, 2021

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting was conducted as a videoconference meeting that was live broadcast at <https://nctcog.swagit.com/live>. Members of the public could provide comment on an Agenda item by calling a toll-free number.

President Smith called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 1:02 pm on May 27, 2021.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Ray Smith | 7. Lee Kleinman |
| 2. David Sweet | 8. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 3. Rick Carmona | 9. Andrew Piel |
| 4. Tammy Dana-Bashian | 10. Glen Whitley |
| 5. Bill Heidemann | |
| 6. Clay Jenkins | |

Members of the Board Absent:

- 11. Kelly Allen-Gray
- 12. J. D. Clark
- 13. Alfonso Campos
- 14. Chris Hill
- 15. Kayci Prince
- 16. John Ryan
- 17. Glenn Rogers

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Edith Marvin, Molly McFadden, David Setzer, Christy Williams, Lucille Johnson, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Charles Covert, Michael Bort, Angela Alcedo, Brian Lister

Visitors Present:

None

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

The public telephone line was unmuted, and members of the public were invited to comment on any item on the agenda. No one requested to speak to the Board.

ACTION:

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

President Smith stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the April Board meeting.

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

Item 2 Resolution Authorizing the Receipt of Federal Transit Administration American Rescue Plan Funding Allocations in Response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization of receipt of Federal Transit Administration American Rescue Plan Funding Allocations for approximately \$635,549 in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), which is funded through the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 at a 100 percent federal share with no local match required. He explained that NCTCOG is the designated recipient for the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington (DFWA) Urbanized Area (UZA) that will receive \$340,487,932 in funds to support operations, payroll, and other expenses generally eligible under the Urbanized Area Formula Program for four transportation providers as well as \$14,115,131 in funds for The Denton-Lewisville (DL) UZA to support these same eligible expenses for one transportation provider. He further explained that a portion of these funds

will be used to pass through to two small public transit providers: Public Transit Services (PTS), which provides service in Palo Pinto and Parker Counties, and STAR Transit, which serves Kaufman and Rockwall Counties and a portion of Dallas County. These funds and projects will be incorporated into the applicable fiscal year budgets and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) as appropriate.

Exhibit: 2021-05-02-TR

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

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing Purchase and Placement of Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives: Phase 3

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization to enter into agreements with various multimedia outlets for the purchase and placement of education campaigns initiated in Fiscal Year 2021 for Transportation Department initiatives in Phase 3 in an amount up to \$326,000; of this amount, approximately 70 percent were previously approved carryover funds from the FY2020 approved budget and will extend into this FY2021 education campaign plan. Mr. Morris explained the combining education campaign efforts resulted in increased website traffic, greater public participation, lower costs, efficiencies with media outlets and cross program communication.

Phase 3 will support the activities listed below:

- The Ozone Season Emissions Reduction Campaign promotes transportation-related clean air strategies and activities in the Dallas-Fort Worth nonattainment area. Air North Texas is the ozone season emission reduction campaign and partnership that promotes a consistent and comprehensive message about the importance of clean air and is a resource for clean air issues. It is funded with \$205,000 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funds and Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of cash match.
- The Regional Smoking Vehicle Program is designed to inform vehicle owners their vehicle(s) are creating excessive smoke and emitting pollutants, and to provide information on ways to fix their vehicle. This effort is funded with \$10,500 in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds and RTC TDCs in lieu of cash match.
- The Transit Pandemic Recovery Program promotes transit options through local influencers by promoting how much Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Denton County Transportation Authority, and Trinity Metro are doing to keep riders safe and healthy and that transit is here for North Texans to get them where they need to go. This effort is funded with \$100,000 of CMAQ funds and RTC TDCs in lieu of cash match.
- The Saving Money and Reducing Truck Emissions Program aims to provide outreach to heavy-duty fleets on strategies focused on reducing emissions from these vehicles by encouraging improving efficiency of vehicles, and encouraging use of cleaner, lower-emitting technologies and fuels. This effort is funded by \$10,500 in STBG funds and RTC TDCs in lieu of cash match.

Exhibit: 2021-05-03-TR

Upon a Motion by Mayor Carmona (seconded by Councilmember Kleinman), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Commissioner Mitchell joined the meeting.

Item 4 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with GRAM Traffic North Texas, Inc. for the 2021 North Central Texas Regional Limited Access Facility Traffic Counts and Survey Collection

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested approval of a contract between NCTCOG and GRAM Traffic North Texas, Inc. for the implementation of a 2021 North Central Texas Regional Limited Access Facility (LAF) Traffic Counts and Survey Collection project in an amount not to exceed \$400,000. Funding for the 2021 Regional

Limited Access Facility Traffic Counts and Survey Collection is through Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) Program funds and will utilize Regional Transportation Council Transportation Development Credits (TDC) in lieu of a cash match. GRAM Traffic North Texas, Inc., was selected by the Consultant Selection Committee through Request for Proposals to conduct a full LAF traveler survey during 2021 which includes six corridor segments selected from toll roads, managed lanes, and freeways in the region. The data collected during the survey will include trip information, fare and payment details, and socio-economic data. GRAM Traffic North Texas, Inc. is committed to a 58.3 percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation goal for this project.

Exhibit: 2021-05-04-TR

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

Item 5 Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the FY2021 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Grant

Molly McFadden, Director of Emergency Preparedness, requested Board acceptance of approximately \$238,185.92 in funds from the FY2021 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Grant to be utilized to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Previously, COGs were not eligible to apply for these funds because the funds were made available through a Congressional appropriation to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. However, Texas is expected to provide approximately \$1.3 million of available funds to COGs statewide with North Central Texas Council of Governments slated to receive \$238,185.92. Ms. McFadden explained that most of the expenses identified in the grant application have already been incurred to accommodate for planning activities and coordination efforts, as well as to reimburse unbudgeted expenses related to cleaning products and technology upgrades, that were not eligible to be billed to normal funding streams. The funds will be used to offset direct COVID-19 related costs and no matching funds are required.

Exhibit: 2021-05-05-EP

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

Item 6 Resolution Endorsing FY 2022 Criminal Justice Priorities for North Central Texas

Kelly Schmidt, Criminal Justice Program Administrator, explained that under an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office (PSO), NCTCOG is responsible for determining regional criminal justice priorities. Priorities are submitted annually to the PSO, which provides funds for local project implementation each year. She presented the FY 2022 Criminal Justice priority projects, which are attached to the Resolution for Board endorsement. Applications are reviewed, discussed, and scored by NCTCOG's Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee (CJPDC). Priority lists are developed based on high to low scores in each of five categories.

Criminal Justice Program - Justice Assistance Grant:

Projected Funding:	\$1.8M
Recommended Non-competing Continuation grants (3 projects):	\$ 239K
Recommended New or Renewal Requests (22 projects):	\$1.6M
Balance:	\$ 0

General Victim Assistance:

Projected Funding:	\$23.5M
Recommended Non-competing Continuation grants (68 projects):	\$21.6M
Recommended New or Renewal Requests (17 projects):	\$ 2.9M
Balance:	(\$ 1.0M)

Juvenile Justice:

Projected Funding:	\$ 807K
Recommended Non-competing Continuation grants (7 projects):	\$ 636K
Recommended New or Renewal Requests (10 projects):	\$ 247K
Balance:	(\$ 76K)

Truancy Prevention:

Projected Funding:	\$ 433K
Recommended Non-competing Continuation grants (2 projects):	\$ 384K

Recommended New or Renewal Requests (2 projects): \$ 130K
 Balance: (\$ 81K)

Violence Against Women:

Projected Funding: \$1 M
 Recommended Non-competing Continuation grants (14 projects): \$1.1M
 Recommended New or Renewal Requests (4 projects): \$ 290K
 Balance: (\$ 390K)

Exhibit: 2021-05-06-CJ

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

Item 7 Resolution Authorizing Agreements for Senior Center Operations

Doni Green, Director of Aging, requested authorization of the Board for Agreements to four (4) Senior Center Operations for a maximum 40-month term. The agreements are awarded for a period beginning June 1, 2021 and terminating September 30, 2022, with up to two (2) one-year extensions subject to availability of funding. The entities and not to exceed funding amounts for the maximum 40-month term include the following:

- Senior Connect: \$60,000
- Somervell County Committee on Aging: \$21,000
- Erath County Senior Citizens Services, Inc.: \$25,000
- Hood County Committee on Aging: \$140,000

Exhibit: 2021-05-07-AG

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Item 8 Appointments to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC)

Doni Green, Director of Aging, asked the Board to approve two appointments to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC), which assists in representing the interests of older persons. She explained that the RAAC currently has eight vacancies. Nominations were received from Judge Hill who nominated Dan Bollner representing Collin County, and Judge Massingill who nominated John Campbell to represent Hood County. Both are first-time nominees.

Exhibit: 2021-05-08-AG

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

Item 9 Appointments to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board

Lucille Johnson, Assistant to the Executive Director, asked the Board to appoint four new members to the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) Board, to serve a three-year term and fill vacant seats: one county representative, one representative in the Principal Economic Interest Category, and two city representatives – one each in cities with populations between 200,000 – 500,000 and >25,000 – 50,000 categories.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luis Tamayo, Director of Planning and Development, Dallas County Mr. Tamayo brings more than 20 years of planning and development experience, recommended by Dallas County Judge, Clay Jenkins. 	County Category
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bryan Haywood Economic Development Project Manager, City of Irving Mr. Haywood brings more than 15 years of experience in economic and community development, recommended by City of Irving Mayor, Richard H. Stopfer. 	200,000 – 500,000

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Fuller, Deputy City Manager, City of Cleburne Mr. Fuller brings more than 15 years of experience in planning, business assistance and city management, recommended by City of Cleburne City Manager, Steve Polasek. 	<p>>25,000 – 50,000</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ben Magill, Associate Vice Chancellor of Economic Opportunity, Dallas College Mr. Magill brings more than 12 years of experience in economic development, recommended by Alex Cooley, Director of Economic Development Economic Opportunity, District Office. 	<p>Principal Economic Interest</p>

Exhibit: 2021-05-09-EDO

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

STATUS REPORTS:

Item 10 Status Report - Presentation of 2021 Current Population Estimates

Brian Lister, Senior Research Data Analyst for Research & Information Services, presented the 2021 Current Population Estimates for the North Central Texas region. The population estimates include the estimated population totals for all cities over 1,000 in population, each county, the twelve-county metropolitan planning area, and the region, as well as historical U.S. Census figures. He explained that local governments provided input as part of the estimation process and were given an opportunity to review draft numbers prior to finalization. He also noted that NCTCOG’s population estimates are often cited and recognized for their coverage, timeliness, and uniqueness.

MISCELLANEOUS:

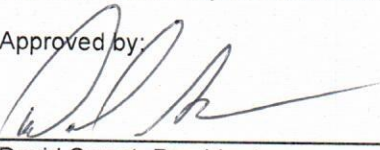
Item 11 Old and New Business

Mike Eastland informed the Board that they would be receiving a calendar invite to attend the General Assembly Zoom meeting on Friday, June 4th. He also brought discussion amongst the Board regarding an in-person June Board meeting. All members present agreed to have the June meeting in-person.

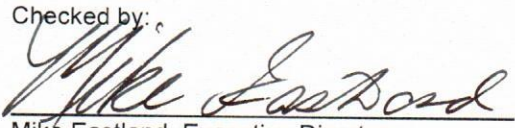
Item 12 Attendance and Calendar

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

President Smith adjourned the meeting at 1:39 pm.

Approved by: 

 David Sweet, President
 North Central Texas Council of Governments
 Rockwall County Judge

Checked by: 

 Mike Eastland, Executive Director
 North Central Texas Council of Governments