North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Public Works Council
Thursday, August 13, 2026
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. (CST)

Virtual Via Microsoft Teams
Microsoft Teams Link
Meeting ID: 231 112 556 239 92
Passcode: yx35ao9m

Chair: Glenn Barker, Director of Public Works, City of Corinth
Vice Chair: Bennett Howell, Director of Public Services, City of Benbrook

Welcome and Introductions. The Public Works Council (PWC) Chair will welcome everyone to the meeting.

Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) welcomed attendees and reviewed housekeeping items.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Meeting Summary Approval.** The May 21, 2026, meeting summary is available for review. Approval will be sought at the meeting.

   Glenn Barker (Corinth) asked for a motion to approve the May 21, 2026, meeting summary. James Gaertner (Waxahachie) made a motion to approve the meeting summary. Glenn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Public Works Council Nominations.** The PWC will vote to approve the nominees for FY2027-2028, including Chair and Vice Chair. Upon approval, appointments will go to the NCTCOG Executive Board for approval in September. NCTCOG will also recognize representatives who are retiring from the PWC. (Crysta Guzman)

   Crysta Guzman (NCTCOG) shared the Council nominations and informed members that the nominations would be passed in two motions: one motion for all standing and single nominations and a second motion for the Chair, Vice Chair, and competing seat nominations. Voting on the Chair, Vice Chair, and competing seat nominations were facilitated during the meeting via an electronic vote utilizing Microsoft Forms. Crysta also recognized retiring Council members and thanked them for their service. Glenn Barker (Corinth) asked for a motion to approve all standing and single nominations seats. James Gaertner (Waxahachie) made a motion to approve these nominations. Jody Byerly (Carrollton) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared the results of the electronic vote for the Chair, Vice Chair, and competing nomination seats:

   - **Appointment of Bennett Howell (Benbrook) to Chair**: 94% in favor, 6% abstain

- **Appointment of Vice Chair:**
  - Matt Leppla (Weatherford): 50% of total vote
  - Layne Cline (Bedford): 25% of total vote
  - Abstain: 13% of total vote
  - Brad Harris (Balch Spring): 6% of total vote
  - Ahmed Alqaisi (DeSoto): 6% of total vote
- **Appointment of Mid-Cities Subregion seat:**
  - Boe Blankenship (North Richland Hills): 56% of total vote
  - Layne Cline (Bedford): 38% of total vote
  - Abstain: 6% of total vote
- **Appointment of Southwest Dallas Subregion seat:**
  - Andrew Waits (Glenn Heights): 69% of total vote
  - Ahmed Alqaisi (DeSoto): 25% of total vote
  - Abstain: 6% of total vote

Glenn Barker (Corinth) asked for a motion to approve the Chair, Vice Chair, and competing subregion voting results. Michael Owen (Fort Worth) made a motion to approve these votes. James Gaertner (Waxahachie) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Crysta congratulated all appointees, the upcoming Vice Chair and Chair.

3. **Public Works Subcommittee Nominations.** The PWC will vote to approve the appointments for the Public Works subcommittees. (Madisson Dunn).

   Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared the nominations for each public works subcommittee. Glenn Barker (Corinth) asked for a motion to approve the subcommittee nominations. Bennett Howell (Benbrook) made a motion to approve the subcommittee nominations. Jody Byerly (Carrollton) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Regional Public Works FY2027 Work Program**. The PWC will vote to approve the FY2027 Work Program. (Madisson Dunn)

   Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) provided an overview of the FY27 Work Program. Glenn Barker (Corinth) asked for a motion to approve the work program. James Gaertner (Waxahachie) made a motion to approve. Bennett Howell (Benbrook) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEM

5. **Regional Public Works Council Bylaws.** NCTCOG will share the proposed recommendations to the Council Bylaws and invite members to provide input. (Madisson Dunn)

   Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared the draft Council Bylaws that incorporated recommendations from the Bylaws Subcommittee. Madisson asked the Council for any outstanding comments or concerns to consider for the Bylaws or subregion structure, as Bylaws are reviewed every five years. No additional comments or concerns were shared. The final draft Bylaws will be presented to Council before a future meeting to be voted on for approval.

INFORMATION ITEMS

6. **FY2026 Public Works Program Update.** The PWC will be updated on recent Public Works Program efforts and Subcommittee activities.

Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared an updated list of FY26 cost share participants and informed members that FY27 invoices will be sent in September/October.

- **PWC Marketing.** NCTCOG will share updates on marketing the PWC. (Crysta Guzman)

  Crysta Guzman (NCTCOG) updated the Council that the PWC LinkedIn continues to operate as normal, and shared social media metrics for several posts. She mentioned that video posts gathered more engagement than static (picture) posts. Crysta elaborated that PWC members can help with engagement by reposting PWC's content.

- **Training**. NCTCOG will provide an update on the FY26 training. (Madisson Dunn)

  Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) provided a brief overview of the Asphalt training in July and opened discussion for any feedback regarding the training. Erik Ferner (Plano) stated that several Plano employees attended both trainings, and they felt the training was impactful and interesting – especially the asphalt plant tour. Madisson updated the Council on the New Construction Inspectors Training, tentatively scheduled for October 7, 2026, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Carrollton, TX. Registration information will be distributed via email in the coming weeks. Breanna Davis (Duncanville) asked about the current contact information for their entity. Madisson stated to email mdunn@nctcog.org and she will review and update the contact information as needed.

- **Public Works Roundup**. NCTCOG will provide an update for the 27th Annual Public Works Roundup, scheduled for August 20, 2026, at the Hurst Conference Center. (Madisson Dunn)

  Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared that the Public Works Roundup is sold out for this year, and people may email mdunn@nctcog.org to be added to the waiting list. For more information on the Public Works Roundup, please visit the event webpage.

- **Sustainable Public Rights of Way (SPROW) Subcommittee**. NCTCOG will provide an update on subcommittee activities. (Madisson Dunn)

  Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) provided an update on the last SPROW Subcommittee meeting, including the guest presentation. The next meeting will be virtual on September 9, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. A guest speaker from the City of Denton will present on the Design Downtown Denton Plan, and their ROW considerations. For more information, please visit the SPROW webpage.

- **Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee.** NCTCOG will provide an update on subcommittee activities. (Madisson Dunn)

  Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared that the previously four approved amendments have been integrated in the Public Works Construction Standards and added to the Standards webpage (under the *2026 Annual Amendments* section).The approved amendments will be presented to the Executive Board during the August meeting. Madisson stated that the next electronic

review of the revision requests is scheduled for October 2026. Following the electronic distribution, subcommittee members will submit their comments and feedback to PublicWorks@nctcog.org by November 30, 2026. These comments and feedback will be aggregated and incorporated into the materials for the in-person March 10, 2026, meeting at 10:00 a.m.

- **Integrated Stormwater Management (*i*SWM) Subcommittee.** An update of iSWM program activities will be provided. (Katie Hunter)

  Katie Hunter (NCTCOG) provided an overview of the last *i*SWM Subcommittee meeting, including FY26 work program updates, approval of FY27 work plan tasks, and discussion of the *i*SWM Subcommittee transition. The next meeting will be in-person on October 13, 2026, at 1:30pm. For more information, please visit the iSWM webpage.

7. **Other Program Updates**. The PWC will be updated on other items of interest.
   - **Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT)**. A representative will give an update on recent PWERT activities. (Justin Stoker)

     Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared updates on behalf of Justin Stoker. PWERT assisted Emergency Management in monitoring and preparing for issues during the FIFA World Cup.

   - **Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI)**. NCTCOG will give an update on progress made on the TSI project. (Katie Hunter)

     Katie Hunter (NCTCOG) shared updates on the TSI studies and shared that more materials have been added to the TSI webpage. For more information, please visit the TSI webpage.

   - **National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).** NCTCOG will provide an update on the National Flood Insurance Program. (Katie Hunter)

     Katie Hunter (NCTCOG) shared updates on the National Flood Insurance Program, including the 31st Annual L0273 Course information and changes to the Community Rating System (CRS) program.

   - **Texas Chapter of American Public Works Association (TX-APWA**). A representative will give an update on upcoming APWA local events and meetings.

     Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared information on the APWA Public Works Expo and Winter Certification Course Program. More information on these events can be found on their APWA Public Works Expo webpage and Winter Certification Course webpage. Madisson also shared an update on the 2026 Holiday Grease Roundup, occurring November 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

8. **Future Agenda Items**. PWC members and NCTCOG may suggest future agenda items. (Glenn Barker)

Glenn Barker (Corinth) asked Council for any other agenda topics. No requests were received.

9. **Roundtable Topics/Other Business**. PWC members and NCTCOG may share additional items as time allows. (Glenn Barker)

   Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared various upcoming events, conferences, and other opportunities, all of which are available on the Public Works Training Calendar. Glenn Barker (Corinth) asked members for any updates. No updates were shared.

10. **The Next PWC Meeting** is scheduled for November 19, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (virtual).

11. **Adjournment**.

    Glenn Barker (Corinth) adjoined the meeting.

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Madisson Dunn by phone at (817) 704-5611, or by email at mdunn@nctcog.org.

If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements at the meeting, please contact Ashley Barnet at (817) 695-9231 or abarnett@nctcog.org at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

Public Works Council Meeting Attendance
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Public Sector Standing Member

Arlington
☐Scarlett Dinh
☐Sidney Kelley

Carrollton
☒Jody Byerly

Collin County
☒Wayne Anderson
represented by Denton Sturdivan

Dallas
☐Cameron Anderson
☐Raheel Khan

Dallas County
☒Cecelia Rutherford

Denton
☒ Chandra Muruganandham

Denton County
☐Stephen Belknap

Fort Worth
☒Teanna Thompson
☒Michael Owen

Frisco
☐Dane Stovall

Garland
☒Mike Rozelle

Grand Prairie
☐Vacant

Irving
☐Walter Thomas

Lewisville
☐Aaron Russell

McKinney
☒Ryan Gillingham,
represented by Katie Prendergast

Mesquite
☐Victor Hou

Plano
☒Erik Ferner

Richardson
☒Eric Robison

Tarrant County
☐Joseph Jackson

Public Sector Subregional Representative

Denton/Lake Cities Subregion
☒Glenn Barker, City of Corinth

DFW North Subregion
☐Brian Waltenburg, Town of Flower Mound

East Subregion
☐Chris Harris, City of Greenville

Mid-Cities Subregion
☒Boe Blankenship, City of North Richland Hills

Northeast Subregion
☐Andrew Figueroa, City of Celina

Northeast Dallas Subregion
☐Frank New, Rockwall County

Northeast Tarrant Subregion
☐Keith Miertschin, City of Grapevine

Northwest Subregion
☐Dillon Luna, Town of Northlake

Northwest Dallas Subregion
☐Eric Mueller, City of Farmers Branch

Northwest Tarrant Subregion
☒Rick White, City of Azle

Southeast Subregion
☒James Gaertner, City of Waxahachie,

Southeast Dallas Subregion
☐Brooks Williams, City of Ferris

South Tarrant Subregion
☒Bennett Howell, City of Benbrook

Southwest Subregion
☐Colt Friedrich, Johnson County

Southwest Dallas Subregion
☐Robert Woodbury, City of Cedar Hill

West Subregion
☒Matt Leppla, City of Weatherford

Private Sector Representative

Associated General Contractors
☒Matt White, Texas Asphalt Pavement Association
☒Chris Rowland, AmeriTex Pipe and Products

Council of Engineering Companies
☒Ali Hatefi, Halff
☒Daphne King, AtkinsRealis

Texas Council of Engineering Labs / Geoprofessionals Serving Texas
☒Reece Taylor, Braun Intertec

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NCTCOG Staff
Crysta Guzman
Madisson Dunn
Addie Robertson
Katie Hunter
Cassidy Campbell
Sue Alvarez
Christi Upton
Amanda Everly

Guests
Craig Fairbaugh, Contech Engineered Solutions
Daniel Wilson, City of Wilmer
Jacob Reinig, Kimley-Horn
Carrie Jones, Town of Prosper
Tina Sander, Texas 811
Rakibul Alam, City of Denton
Joy Tapia, Atmos Energy
Breanna Davis, City of Duncanville
Caleb Robbins, Atoms Energy
Layne Cline, City of Bedford
Brian Avirett, BHB Inc.
Jennifer Roberts, City of Fort Worth
Nicholas Nix, City of Forney
Michael Wellbaum, Pape-Dawson
Clay Riggs, Westwood