

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Public Works Council

Thursday, February 19, 2026
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (CST)

In-person Meeting

NCTCOG Offices, William Pitstick Conference Room
616 Six Flags Drive, Centerpoint II
Arlington, TX 76011

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.

Glenn Barker (Corinth) called the meeting to order. Crysta Guzman (NCTCOG) welcomed attendees and reviewed housekeeping items.

ACTION ITEM

- 1. Meeting Summary Approval.** The [November 20, 2025, meeting summary](#) is available for review. Approval will be sought at the meeting.

Glenn Barker (Corinth) asked for a motion to approve the November 20, 2025, meeting summary. Matt Leppla (Weatherford) made a motion to approve the meeting summary. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

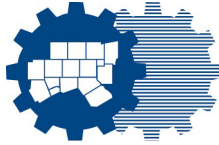
DISCUSSION ITEM

- 2. Council Bylaws Update.** NCTCOG will request the Council form an ad hoc subcommittee to review the Bylaws and provide feedback for potential updates. (Crysta Guzman)

Crysta Guzman (NCTCOG) informed the Council that council bylaws must be reviewed every five years and are due for review. Glenn Barker (Corinth) appointed the ad hoc Bylaws Subcommittee and requested two to five volunteers to participate. Dane Stovall (Frisco), James Gaertner (Waxahachie), and Eric Robison (Richardson) volunteered. Individuals interested in volunteering may email mdunn@nctcog.org until March 6, 2026, to be included on the ad hoc subcommittee.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- 3. FY2026 Public Works Program Update.** The PWC will be updated on recent Public Works Program efforts and Subcommittee activities. (Crysta Guzman)



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Crysta Guzman (NCTCOG) shared the current list of municipalities that have paid their cost share and asked members to reach out if their invoice was not received. Glenn Barker (Corinth) asked if NCTCOG will follow up with members who have not paid their cost share. Crysta ensured that NCTCOG would follow up after 60 days passed the invoice due date.

- **Marketing.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the LinkedIn page and Public Works Training Calendar. (Madisson Dunn)

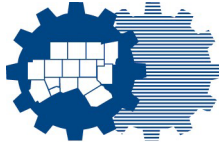
Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) highlighted the two marketing videos, promoting PWC membership and public works careers. These videos were initially shared at the November 20, 2025, meeting and she encouraged the Council to share them. Madisson also shared information on the [Public Works Training Calendar](#) that displays relevant training and events. Council members are welcome to email NCTCOG with any events that should be added.

- **Training.** PWC Members will be asked to select training topic(s) for FY26. (Madisson Dunn)

Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared that the goal of the annual training is to promote cross learning between entities and asked members for their suggestions for what two topics they could narrow down as the highest priorities. Glenn Barker (Corinth) expressed that inspector training is a high priority, especially for this year. James Gaertner (Waxahachie) concurred. Matt Leppla (Weatherford) said that the temporary traffic control training could be removed, and there were no objections to his comment. Dane Stovall (Frisco) stated that Mondays and Fridays are not ideal days to hold the training and Glenn seconded, stating that a mixed format (classroom and field) would be best. Sam Davis (Texas Asphalt Pavement Association (TXAPA)) said that Texas Asphalt Pavement Association would be happy to help with asphalt training or modules. Madisson asked if there were any experts willing to support the New Inspector Training. Reece Taylor (Braun Intertec) stated that they could help. Glenn inquired about which training will be provided. Madisson answered that it depends on time and resources for secondary training, as well as finding the expertise to provide the training.

- **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) opened the floor to suggestions for presentation topics for the upcoming Public Works Roundup on August 20, 2026. Matt Leppla (Weatherford) expressed interest in knowing what other entities are doing for their winter operations. Susan Alvarez (NCTCOG) asked if anyone is interested in debris management. Topic recommendations for the conference are due March 31, 2026, and can be submitted using the [form](#) provided in the presentation.



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

Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared that the PWC electronically approved the appointment of Alan Brown of Duncanville to the SPROW subcommittee. The next meeting will be in-person at NCTCOG offices on March 25, 2026, at 10:00am. A guest speaker from Texas A&M Forest Service will present on tree species selection for small right-of-way projects. For more information, please visit the [SPROW webpage](#).

- **Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee.** NCTCOG will provide an update on subcommittee activities and the process for reviewing revisions and recommendations ahead of the sixth Public Works Standards edition. (Madisson Dunn)

Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared that the PWC had electronically approved the appointments of three new members to the Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee. The next meeting will be held in-person at NCTCOG offices on March 11, 2026, at 10:00am. The subcommittee will review the revision submissions received for the Public Works Construction Standards. Madisson encouraged members to give their feedback for potential changes by scanning the QR code and filling out the [form](#) provided in the presentation.

- **Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Subcommittee.** The Subcommittee Chair will provide an update of iSWM program activities. (Ranjan Muttiah)

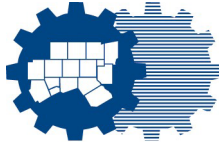
Ranjan Muttiah (Fort Worth/iSWM Chair) gave a summary of what was discussed at the January 14, 2026, iSWM meeting. Three new members were electronically appointed to the subcommittee. Guest speakers from Texas A&M AgriLife presented on green stormwater infrastructure within the Transportation and Stormwater Study (TSI). The subcommittee discussed amendments to the structure of the iSWM manual. Ranjan encouraged everyone to attend iSWM meetings because all participants can vote. The subcommittee also reviewed feedback on how to modernize the iSWM website. The next iSWM meeting will be in-person at NCTCOG offices on April 14, 2026, at 1:30pm. For more information, please visit the [iSWM webpage](#).

4. **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)

Justin Stoker (Waxahachie) updated the Council on the February 12, 2026, PWERT meeting. PWERT were awarded several grants, although the funds are currently on hold from the Department of Homeland Security. Justin explained that the emergency hot phone is currently down as they are searching for a new host. Until the hot phone is reactivated, please either email Justin Stoker at justin.stoker@waxahachie.com or call him at (469) 285-1001 to get emergency resources.

It was brought to PWERT's attention during the Metro X emergency exercise that many public works contacts were outdated. He asked that Council members reach out



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to their local Emergency Management contact to update primary and secondary contact information. PWERT is looking ahead to the FIFA World Cup games this summer and anticipates being a stronghold for EMS teams and would like to ensure that all contact information is updated.

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

Katie Hunter (NCTCOG) shared that the latest meetings and workshops were well attended, and helpful feedback was gathered. Materials from the February 17, 2026, Flood Early Warning System Workshop can be viewed on the [TSI webpage](#). Subarea Project Update Meetings have been scheduled for May 2026. For more information about upcoming meetings, please visit the [events webpage](#).

- **Community Rating System Users Group.** NCTCOG will provide an update on the floodplain administrators/Community Rating System Users Group. (Katie Hunter)

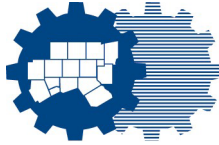
Katie Hunter (NCTCOG) informed the Council that NCTCOG is in the early stages of developing a multi-jurisdictional Program for Public Information with interested communities. Additionally, the Flood Management Task Force expressed interest in meeting more often.

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

Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) informed the Council of the recent TX-APWA Public Workshop & Equipment Rodeo in Fort Worth. The event included technical sessions, exhibitors, and equipment competitions. The 2027 Public Workshop is tentatively scheduled for February 7-10 in College Station. The 11th Annual Sporting Clay Tournament will be on April 16, 2026, in Fort Worth. For more information on this event, please visit the [event webpage](#).

- **Annual Holiday Grease Roundup.** NCTCOG will provide a recap of the Annual Holiday Grease Roundup, supported by the Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER), held from November 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026. (Madisson Dunn)

Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared the Annual Holiday Grease Roundup concluded on January 31, 2026, with a total of 49 participants. Final figures for total recycled grease are still being determined through a post-event survey. The next Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) meeting will be held in-person at the Chris W. Burkett Service Center in Mansfield on April 16, 2026, at 10:00am. If interested in attending, please [RSVP](#) by Monday, April 13, and ensure that you provide any dietary restrictions or allergies.



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- **Updates to TxCDBG Regional Allocation Formula.** NCTCOG will provide an update on potential revisions to the regional allocation formula and discuss whether PWC members would like to provide feedback. (Crysta Guzman)

Crysta Guzman (NCTCOG) provided an update on the formula used for the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG). The TxCDBG helps non-entitlement communities meet infrastructure needs. On February 10, 2026, NCTCOG hosted the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for a stakeholder meeting, where TDA shared they are currently reviewing the grant allocation formula. This consideration will not go into effect for a few years, but Crysta emphasized the importance of being aware. Susan Alvarez (NCTCOG) emphasized that the reduction of infrastructure funding by potentially 1 to 2 million dollars was of concern to NCTCOG. Crysta stated that more information will be shared at the May PWC meeting.

Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared that the public comment period is open for the Dallas-Fort Worth Air Quality Improvement Plan. PWC members are encouraged to submit comments by March 15, 2026. Glenn Barker (Corinth) added that it is important that members of the PWC participate in these surveys when given the chance because their voice matters.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

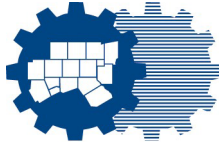
5. **Future Agenda Items.** PWC members and NCTCOG may suggest future agenda items.

Glenn Barker (Corinth) opened the floor to any suggestions for future agenda items. Glenn began by asking if there was a Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) or Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) contact that could speak about grant opportunities and information, as the City of Corinth has grants currently on hold. Matt Leppla (Weatherford) agreed that more information on grant opportunities would be helpful.

6. **Roundtable Topics/Other Business.** PWC members and NCTCOG may share additional items as time allows.

Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) shared various upcoming events, conferences and other opportunities, all of which are available on the [Public Works Training Calendar](#). Sam Davis (TXAPA) shared that the DFW Materials and Asphalt Pavement Solutions Conference had great public works turnout last year. This year's event is May 27-28, 2026, with a technical focus on Day 1 and hands-on learning on Day 2. Madisson also highlighted additional resources such as the [Near Miss Playbook](#) (page 5) and [Career Zone - Career Guides](#) as great sources of information on safe workplace culture and public works career recruitment.

Bennett Howell (Benbrook) presented how the City of Benbrook's Street Maintenance Program accomplishes more with less, emphasizing the legacy and impact on public works projects on the future of the city. Glenn Barker (Corinth) asked if any operations were done in-house. Bennett answered that the only things performed in-house are



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concrete and present serviceability index (PSI). For concrete, Benbrook has a multi-year contract with a small firm that has been reliable and affordable. Additionally, Texas Bid also does good work, as well as Tarrant County Interlocal. Sam Davis (TXAPA) offered the advice of not chasing PSI scores, saying that from an industry perspective, if the street does not go below 60, it is considered to be in good shape, but once you get to 35 it becomes a hard fix. Sam emphasized the importance of maintaining pavement from a cost-effective perspective. Glenn then gave a brief presentation on elevated storage tank (EST) booster injection system for chloramines.

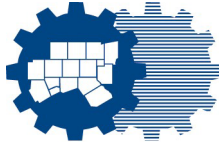
Roundtable:

Glenn Barker (Corinth) asked if anyone has used foam injections for temporary street repairs, how long it lasts, and Council's thoughts on using it. Some Council members agreed that it is a good temporary fix for major concrete streets, holds up well for five to six years, and is extremely cost effective. Sam Davis (TXAPA) concurred and added that it is a bandage on problems that require more complex solutions but is great for ensuring streets are compliant with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) by fixing minor bumps and cracks. Bennett Howell (Benbrook) advised that when using foam injections correctly in small, contained areas, it can last up to twenty years, especially in panels. Bennett shared his positive experience of using foam injections for sealing manholes and fixing leaking stormwater infrastructure. Rick White (Azle) expanded on using foam injections on sidewalks, saying there have been no problems in the twenty years it has been used, but cautioned that it not as effective fixing curbs as it is for panels.

Matt Leppla (Weatherford) shared that the connections made through the Council are helpful and important and asked if NCTCOG staff could help open dialogue with members to ask questions through social media or email because the connections are so beneficial.

Boe Blankenship (North Richland Hills) asked what kind of impact, from a public works perspective, should Council members be cognizant of regarding AI data centers, including lessons learned. Matt mentioned the recent backlash from Parker County over environmental concerns since the last push to acquire one and expressed interest in knowing more. Walter Thomas (Irving) stated that the City of Irving requires a special use permit and tries to get AI data centers to use air cooling systems rather than water on a case-by-case basis. Susan Alvarez (NCTCOG) articulated NCTCOG's efforts to find out what municipalities are deciding to do policy-wise because the largest concerns with AI data centers are water use and grid impacts. Susan emphasized that the impacts are complex and multi-disciplinary and NCTCOG would be willing to loop municipalities into the discussions occurring around the subject. Glenn said that the topic would be of interest for the Public Works Roundup. He continued to ask if anyone else was experiencing issues with FEMA grants. Mike Rozelle (Garland) said that they were experiencing issues.

Madisson Dunn (NCTCOG) asked if the Council would be interested in adding a stormwater track for the upcoming Public Works Roundup. Glenn expressed interest. Sam agreed but specified that adding more tracks would dilute the group of people who can attend each session.



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7. **The Next PWC Meeting** is scheduled for May 21, 2026, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (in-person).

8. **Adjournment.**

Glenn Barker (Corinth) asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. James Gaertner (Waxahachie) made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Daphne King (AtkinsRealis). The motion was passed unanimously.

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 Barnett 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

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Wayne Anderson

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Denton County
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Teanna Thompson
Michael Owen

Frisco
Dane Stovall

Garland
Mike Rozelle

Grand Prairie
Lane Cheek

Irving
Walter Thomas

Lewisville
Aaron Russell

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Ryan Gillingham

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Plano
Erik Ferner

Richardson
Eric Robison

Tarrant County
Joseph Jackson

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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
Sam Davis, Texas Asphalt Pavement Association
Chris Rowland, AmeriTex Pipe and Products

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Reece Taylor, Braun Intertec

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NCTCOG Staff

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Madisson Dunn
Katie Hunter
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Guests

Randy Bright, City of Colleyville
Keith Ghanma, City of Irving
Michael Wellbaum, Pape-Dawson
Johnny Sudbury, City of Grand Prairie
Cesar Molina, Quiddity
Mirian Spencer, City of Midlothian
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