



**Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC) Meeting Agenda
NCTCOG Regional Forum Room / MS Teams**

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September 18, 2025

9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Pledge to United States and Texas Flags (9:33 am)

EPPC Council

Welcome New Members & Opening Remarks

Ray Richardson, EPPC Chair

Roll Call

Shelly Pollock, NCTCOG

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Members of the public may comment on any item(s) on today's agenda at this time. If speaking, please complete a Speaker Request Card available at the meeting and provide it to the North Central Texas Council of Governments designated staff person. A maximum of (3) minutes per speaker is permitted. At the conclusion of this item, no further opportunities for public comment will be provided for the duration of the meeting.

Administrative Business

Justin Cox, NCTCOG

- EPPC Nominations
 - Reviewed the roster and population brackets
 - Nominations for the council will be accepted October 6-November 7
 - Nominations will be voted on at the December 4 meeting and the Executive Board will finalize
 - The available positions were reviewed

Information Items

- 2025 SHSP Update
 - Funding for FY25 SHSP was reviewed
 - \$500,000 for state/local capabilities to detect/monitor unmanned aircraft systems
 - \$625,000,000 for security/other costs for the 2026 FIFA World Cup
 - \$1,000,000,000 for security/planning for 2028 Olympics
 - \$450,000,000 – Operation Stonegarden
 - National Priority Areas
 - 30% spending requirement
 - Enhancing the protection of soft targets/crowded places
 - Enhancing cybersecurity
 - Supporting Homeland Security Task Forces and Fusion Centers
 - Enhancing Election Security
 - Supporting Border Crisis and Response Funding Opportunity
 - Requests for funding projects are due by October 10
- 2026 SHSP Grant Timeline
 - Reviewed the calendar August 2025 – February 2026

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- SHSP Grants Dashboard Justin Cox, NCTCOG
 - Reviewed the status of 2023 Interop, Pub Ed, Metro X, 2024 PWERT, 2024 SWAT, 2024 EOD
 - Most are spent or will be spent, 2023 Interop is requesting an extension to spend rest on travel in November
 - The 2025 applications will be delayed and won't get projects until January 2026
- Legislative Update NCTCOG Staff, REPAC Chairs

Recently passed laws are

 - HB 1 Youth CAMPER Act
 - SB 1 Heaven's 27 Camp Safety Act
 - SB 3 Outdoor Warning Sirens Grant Program

Laws that did not pass but may be voted on in the future are

 - SB 2 EM License, Volunteer Registry, EM Director of Succession, and Justice of the Peace Training
 - HB 3 Texas Interoperability Council
- Metro X Update Exercise Planning Team Members
 - A list of organizations, incident sites, EOC sites, and hospitals participating were reviewed
 - The upcoming exercise planning timeline was reviewed

COG Updates / Announcements

NCTCOG Staff

Maribel gave an update of upcoming grant deadlines

Upcoming Events

SHSP Project Writing Assistance Workshop	Sept 16, 2025
Metro X Core Planning Team Meeting	Sept 18, 2025
Hazmat Working Group Meeting	Sept 23, 2025
Metro X Final Planning Team Meeting	Oct 2, 2025
PWERT Working Group Meeting	Oct 9, 2025
Homeland Security Grants 101 Workshop	Oct 15, 2025
Metro X Regional Full-Scale Exercise	Oct 27-29, 2025
REPAC Scoring Meeting	Nov 5, 2025
Training & Exercise Working Group Meeting	Nov 11, 2025
EPPC Funding Subcommittee Meeting	Nov 13, 2025

Member Comments

- Cody Powell gave a reminder about the SHSP Writing Assistance workshop on October 16
- To sign up to be an observer for Metro X, email Justin Cox

Resources

2025 SHSP NCTCOG Project Priority List

EPPC Roster

EPPC Population Brackets

Emergency Preparedness: www.nctcog.org/ep/

State Training Website: www.preparingtexas.org

Adjourned (10:21 am)

Next Meeting
December 4, 2025
NCTCOG Transportation Council Room
Networking: 9:00 AM
Meeting: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM