

North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: NCTCOG Executive Board **DATE:** September 20, 2024
FROM: Mike Eastland
 Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Board Meeting

The next meeting of the **NCTCOG Executive Board** will be:

DATE: September 26, 2024

Please RSVP to the Executive Director's office as soon as possible by email or call (817) 695-9100.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

TIME: 12:00 noon – Lunch
 1:00 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting

PHYSICAL

LOCATION: NCTCOG Offices
 Centerpoint II Conference Center
 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011
 Transportation Council Room

Presiding officer will be physically present at this location, which shall be open to the public during open portions of the meeting.

METHOD: Via Videoconference

President Hill hopes each of you will plan to attend this important meeting. I look forward to seeing you there!

ME:jw

North Central Texas Council of Governments

EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA

September 26, 2024 | 1:00 pm

Physical Location of Meeting: NCTCOG Offices, Centerpoint II Conference Center
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011, Transportation Council Room

Method of Meeting: Via Videoconference

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting is posted as a videoconference meeting. The presiding officer shall be present at the physical location, which shall be open to the public during open portions of the meeting. Members of the public may attend in person or view the livestream via <http://nctcog.swagit.com/live>. The meeting will be recorded and posted later on NCTCOG's website <http://nctcog.swagit.com/executive-board/>

Executive Board

1. _____ Chris Hill
2. _____ Victoria Johnson
3. _____ Jennifer Justice
4. _____ Bill Heidemann
5. _____ David Bristol
6. _____ Carlos Flores
7. _____ T.J. Gilmore
8. _____ Bowie Hogg
9. _____ Rick Horne

10. _____ Brandon J. Huckabee
11. _____ Clay Jenkins
12. _____ Todd Little
13. _____ Cara Mendelsohn
14. _____ Bobbie Mitchell
15. _____ Tim O'Hare
16. _____ Kameron Raburn
17. _____ Nick Stanley
18. _____ Victoria Neave Criado

Staff

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| _____ Mike Eastland | _____ Jerri Watson |
| _____ Monte Mercer | |
| _____ Sue Alvarez | |
| _____ Tim Barbee | |
| _____ Doni Green | |
| _____ Maribel Martinez | |
| _____ Michael Morris | |
| _____ Phedra Redifer | |
| _____ Randy Richardson | |
| _____ Christy Williams | |

REGULAR SESSION: 1:00 pm

Call to order time: _____

Pledge to the United States and Texas Flags

Public Comment on Agenda Items (Must be physically present)

Members of the public may comment on any item(s) on today's agenda at this time. If speaking, please announce your name, city of residence and the agenda item(s) on which you are commenting. A maximum three (3) minutes is permitted per speaker. At the conclusion of this item, no further opportunities for public comment will be provided for the duration of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion/Second	Item #	Name of Item
_____/____	1	Approval of Minutes
_____/____	2	Resolution Authorizing a Contract Extension with Wise County Committee on Aging for Title III Federal Services - Doni Green
_____/____	3	Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Road and Highway Asset Management Software - Randy Richardson
_____/____	4	Resolution Endorsing the FY25 Contract Renewal Amendment with the State Energy Conservation Office - Susan Alvarez
_____/____	5	Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Highland Economics LLC for the Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Project - Susan Alvarez

- ___/___ 6 Resolution Endorsing Grant Application Submittal to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the Composting Food Waste Reduction Grant Opportunity - Susan Alvarez
- ___/___ 7 Resolution Authorizing FY2025 Purchase of Computer Hardware, Software, and Information Technology Contract Services for the Agency - Tim Barbee
- ___/___ 8 Resolution Endorsing Submittal of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program Application to the Federal Railroad Administration - Michael Morris
- ___/___ 9 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with AVI-SPL for the Purchase, Maintenance, and Monitoring of Audio/Video Equipment in the Transportation Council Room - Michael Morris
- ___/___ 10 Resolution Authorizing Purchase and Placement of Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives in Fiscal Year 2025 - Michael Morris
- ___/___ 11 Resolution Approving an Agreement with the City of Fort Worth to Implement Broadband Technology Along the East Rosedale Avenue and East Lancaster Avenue Corridors - Michael Morris
- ___/___ 12 Resolution Authorizing Use of Regional Transportation Council Local Funds for North Texas Advanced Air Mobility and Uncrewed Aviation Systems - Michael Morris
- ___/___ 13 Appointments to Department of Environment and Development Advisory Committees - Susan Alvarez
- 14 Status Update on NCTCOG Regional SolSmart Designation - Susan Alvarez

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

- ___/___ 15 Conduct a Public Hearing Regarding the Annual Fiscal Program for FY2025 and Consider a Resolution to Approve and Adopt the Annual Fiscal Program - Randy Richardson
- ___/___ 16 Resolution Authorizing Amendment to the Contract with HNTB Corporation to Complete the National Environmental Policy Act Process for the Dallas to Fort Worth High-Speed Transportation Connections Study - Michael Morris
- 17 Status Report on Metropolitan Planning Organization Revolver Funds and Regional Transportation Council Local Pool - Michael Morris

MISCELLANEOUS:

- 18 Future Calendar and Attendance

Adjournment: _____

A closed executive session may be held on any of the above agenda items when legally justified pursuant to Subchapter D of the Texas Open Meetings Act (Texas Government Code Chapter 551).

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — August 22, 2024

Transportation Council Room | 616 Six Flags Drive | Arlington, Texas

The NCTCOG Executive Board meeting was conducted as a videoconference meeting that was live broadcast at <https://nctcog.swagit.com/live>. The presiding officer, President Hill, was present at the physical location, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas, which was open to the public during all open portions of the meeting.

President Hill called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 1:00 pm on August 22, 2024. Mike Eastland took attendance and determined that a quorum was physically present.

Members of the Board Present:

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| 1. Chris Hill | 10. Brandon J. Huckabee |
| 2. Victoria Johnson | 11. Clay Jenkins |
| 3. Jennifer Justice | 12. Todd Little |
| 4. Bill Heidemann | 13. Cara Mendelsohn |
| 5. David Bristol (V) | 14. Bobbie Mitchell |
| 6. Carlos Flores | 15. Tim O'Hare |
| 7. T.J. Gilmore | 16. Kameron Raburn |
| 8. Bowie Hogg | 17. Nick Stanley |
| 9. Rick Horne (V) | |

Members of the Board Absent:

18. Victoria Neave Criado

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Susan Alvarez, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Maribel Martinez, Phedra Redifer, Randy Richardson, Christy Williams, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Tom McLain, Chris Klaus, Dan Kessler, Dana Buckholt, Richard Michael, Jon Blackman, Lisa Sack, Megan Short, Steven Davis, Justin Cox, Jessie Shadowens-James, Emily Beckham, April Leger

Visitors Present:

Rob Barthen| GrantWorks

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

President Hill opened the meeting for public comment and asked if there was anyone present wishing to speak. There being no one, he proceeded with the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Items 1-10 were posted on the agenda as Consent Items.

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

Item 2 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Building Restoration and Remediation Services
Board authorization was requested to award contracts to MBW Serv Corporation and RNDI Companies, Inc. for Building Restoration and Remediation Services for maximum five (5) year terms through the North Central Texas Council of Governments TXShare cooperative purchasing program.

Item 8 Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation
Board authorization was requested for submittal of a planning grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Program. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved the request to submit a \$1.6 million application at its August 8, 2024, meeting. The total study cost is anticipated to be \$2 million, with the RTC providing a \$400,000 local match (20% of the total).

Item 9 Appointments to the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC)
Board approval was requested to appoint the following representatives to the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC):

5,000 – 19,999

- Stephanie Boardingham, Mayor, City of Forest Hill

15,000 – 29,999

- Steve Deffibaugh, Mayor Pro Tempore, City of Princeton

30,000 – 49,999

- Carol Strain Burk, Councilmember, City of Lancaster
- Marcus Ray, Councilmember, City of Prosper

50,000 – 79,999

- Perry Bynum, Councilmember, City of Euless

250,000 – 399,999

- Anthony Ricciardelli, Councilmember, City of Plano

1,000,000+

- Gay Willis, Councilmember, City of Dallas

EPPC Vice Chair:

- Steven Harrison, Commissioner, Hunt County

Item 10 Appointments to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD)

Board approval was requested to appoint the following representatives to the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) Board for a three-year term:

- Rina Maloney, Grant's Project Manager, Economic Development, Denton County - Denton County category
- Aaron BenComo, Director, BioNTX - Principal Economic Interests category

The NCTEDD is the primary policy advisory board to the NCTCOG Executive Board in fulfilling the responsibilities as the North Central Texas' Regional Economic Development District (the District) in state planning Region IV (NCTCOG's 16-county area).

Upon a Motion by Mayor Heidemann (seconded by Councilmember Johnson), to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 - 10, and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the Consent Agenda Items as posted.

Judge Little and Judge Jenkins entered the meeting.

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION:

Item 11 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Resultant, LLC, for Web-Based Labor Market Information Software, Training, and Implementation Services

Phedra Redifer, Director of Workforce Development, requested Board authorization to enter contractual agreement with Resultant, LLC. The proposed agreement would provide a web-based labor market information software solution, along with training and implementation services, for a maximum five-year term not to exceed \$380,000. She stated that the funding would be a portion of \$100,000 that was awarded at the Texas Workforce Commission conference back in December as part of an apprenticeship program, along with slight savings in

FY2024 budget and budgeted funds in FY2025. The information was presented and unanimously approved by the Workforce Development Board's Executive Committee at its August 20, 2024, meeting.

NCTCOG issued RFP #2024-086, which received three (3) responsive proposals. After evaluation by a committee comprised of NCTCOG staff, Resultant, LLC is the recommended awardee. Resultant brings substantial experience working with workforce development boards, government agencies, and similar entities, as well as a strong understanding of how labor market data supports decision-making and policy development.

Judge Hill pointed out that Mayor Bristol, from Prosper, is also the immediate Past President from the Workforce Board. Mayor Bristol stated that he was excited to see the product that would come from this and that it would make a big difference for the region. Mike Eastland added that we are working with each of our counties to determine the best ways to assist their businesses and industries with increasing their economic growth. He commended Phedra and her team for their work and accomplishments.

Exhibit: 2024-08-11-WD

Councilmember Mendelsohn entered the meeting.

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

Item 12 Status Report on Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Annual Fiscal Program

Randy Richardson, Director of Administration, addressed the Board and reported that the Finance Committee met earlier and were presented a detailed presentation on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Fiscal Program and were allowed to ask questions of the staff. He provided a condensed presentation to the Board and stated that this item would be brought to the Board in September for final approval.

Funding Changes

Randy mentioned some funding changes. Councilmember Johnson asked if the \$3.7 million decrease from the Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) program for the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) department was primarily due to COVID dollar influx that is starting to expire and if there were any specific areas that will be impacted. Doni responded that the subrecipient's nutrition services would be impacted the most due to its volume. Doni also stated that in-house expenses would also be reduced, which affects the Case Management Program that provides in-home services to older adults. She stated that they will be adjusting their services based on efficiency.

Full-time Positions

Randy explained that the draft showed a total change of nine (9) full-time positions from FY24-FY25. He stated that when the item is brought back for approval in September, the total number would possibly change to twelve (12) positions with the difference of removing the AAA's -3 change of employees. He stated that those FTEs would be kept but not necessarily funded for that year. Judge Hill asked how we are able to keep positions that are not funded. Doni responded that authorization was requested and approved over a year ago to add those new positions in support of the launch of the Veteran's Directed Care program under contract with the Veterans Affairs (VA). She stated that they expected to be at a point where they needed more than one Case Manager, but that the work volume was much slower than anticipated and that the VA had visions of growing the program.

Mike Eastland reiterated that the positions were currently authorized and that they hadn't been filled due to the threshold of the program and that they would keep the positions available in anticipation of the program expanding. Judge Hill stated that based on the explanation, it was to eliminate the need to come back to the Board at a future date to reauthorize the positions. He then asked if those positions would be the only unfunded, approved authorized positions within the organization. Randy stated that he wasn't 100% sure and that he would check and bring that information back for the final approval in September.

Judge Little stated that the vacancy rate was brought up in the Finance Committee meeting. He said he would like to see if staff could identify those positions that have been sitting vacant for a long period of time, i.e., a year or older, and bring back recommendations regarding the salary to get more exposure and qualified candidates. He mentioned that it could be included in the proposed budget as opposed to an amended budget prior to the final approval. Monte Mercer, Deputy Executive Director, stated that outsourcing may be used for those positions on a temporary basis to meet program requirements.

Councilmember Johnson, Chair of the Finance Committee, congratulated the staff on their thorough presentation. Randy Richardson acknowledged the contributions of members of the Administration Department, as well as the Operating Departments, for their involvement in the process.

Exhibit: 2024-08-12-AA

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 13 Old and New Business

Judge Hill stated that this section, Old and New Business, would be removed from future agendas.

Item 14 Attendance and Calendar

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

President Hill adjourned the meeting at 1:38 pm.

Approved by:

Checked by:

Chris Hill, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Collin County

Mike Eastland, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Item 2

Exhibit: 2024-09-02-AG

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Doni Green
Director of Aging Programs

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing a Contract Extension with Wise County Committee on Aging for Title III Federal Services

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), in its capacity as the designated Area Agency on Aging for State Planning Region 4A, receives federal and state funding through Title III of the Older Americans Act to provide nutrition and transportation services to older persons who live in its 14-county service region, consisting of those counties surrounding, but not including Dallas and Tarrant. NCTCOG passes through these funds to agencies that apply through a Call for Projects (CfP) process.

In September 2019, the NCTCOG Executive Board authorized an agreement with Wise County Committee on Aging for provision of Title III nutrition and transportation services, for a maximum five-year term, ending September 30, 2024.

In April 2024, NCTCOG issued a CfP for Title III Nutrition and Transportation Services. It did not receive any responsive applications for provision of home-delivered meal, congregate meal, or demand-response transportation services to Wise County residents.

Since NCTCOG considers nutrition and transportation services to be essential, and clients' well-being may be adversely affected by service interruption, staff is seeking Board authorization to extend the Agreement for Title III Federal Services with Wise County Committee on Aging through December 31, 2024. A short-term extension will allow staff to issue another CfP, evaluate proposals, and obtain Board authorization to enter into agreement[s] with the successful applicant[s].

A draft resolution authorizing a contract extension with Wise County Committee on Aging for Title III Federal Services is attached for Board consideration. If approved, the extension will have effective dates of October 1 – December 31, 2024, with approximately \$58,000 available for the provision of services.

I will be available September 26th, should you or the Board have questions.

DG:ct

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH WISE COUNTY COMMITTEE ON AGING FOR TITLE III FEDERAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Area Agency on Aging for State Planning Region 4A by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC); and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is entrusted to allocate federal and state funds distributed through HHSC for nutrition and transportation services; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG recently issued a Call for Projects for these services for Fiscal Years 2025-2029 and did not receive any responsive applications from agencies with capacity to serve Wise County; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG considers nutrition and transportation services to be essential in nature; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has an Agreement for Title III Federal Services (Agreement) with Wise County Committee on Aging that will terminate September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, NCTCOG wishes to extend its Agreement with Wise County Committee on Aging through December 31, 2024, so that it may issue another Call for Projects and obtain Board authorization to enter into a new agreement with the successful applicant(s).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1: A contract extension between NCTCOG and Wise County Committee on Aging for Title III Federal Services, with a revised term ending December 31, 2024, be and is hereby approved.

Section 2: The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements to carry out the initiatives described herein, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 3: This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Victoria Johnson, Vice President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

I hereby certify that the resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on September 26, 2024.

Jennifer Justice, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Richardson



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Item 3

Exhibit: 2024-09-03-AA

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Randy Richardson
Director of Administration

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Road and Highway Asset Management Software

This is a request to award contracts to Blynco, Inc., GoodRoads, Inc., and Vialytics Americas, Inc. for Road and Highway Asset Management Software Services through the North Central Texas Council of Governments TXShare cooperative purchasing program. The contracts will be available for use by members of the TXShare cooperative.

The purpose of the contracts is to retain the services of firms that offer advanced road and highway asset management software that leverages machine-learning in a secure communications environment via a cooperative contract in order to allow entities greater options in their roadway lifecycle management system.

NCTCOG prepared and issued Request for Proposals (RFP) #2024-096 for Road and Highway Asset Management Software with proposals due on July 29, 2024. Four (4) proposals were received and publicly opened. The proposals were evaluated by a committee comprised of representatives from NCTCOG and the City of Fort Worth. Following evaluation, the Evaluation Committee is recommending contracts be awarded to.

- Blynco, Inc.
- GoodRoads, Inc.
- Vialytics Americas, Inc.

A draft resolution authorizing contracts for Road and Highway Asset Management Software services for maximum five (5) year terms is attached for Executive Board consideration. If approved, the contracts will be available through the TXShare cooperative purchasing program to agencies throughout the United States for services in the geographic regions served by the awarded vendors.

I will be available at the Executive Board meeting should you have any questions.

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RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS FOR ROAD AND HIGHWAY ASSET MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (RFP) #2024-096 for Road and Highway Asset Management Software was advertised and proposals received on July 29, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, proposals were evaluated by a committee comprised of NCTCOG and member agency staff; and,

WHEREAS, following evaluation, it is recommended that contracts be awarded to Blyncoy Inc., GoodRoads, Inc., and Vialytics Americas, Inc.; and,

WHEREAS, the contracts are intended to be utilized by NCTCOG, its member governments and other participating entities as part of NCTCOG's Cooperative Purchasing Program; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has complied with federal and State regulations regarding contract and procurement proceedings for this procurement #2024-096.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Contracts between NCTCOG and Blyncoy, Inc., Goodroads, Inc. and Vialytics Americas, Inc., for Road and Highway Asset Management Software Services, for maximum five (5) year terms, be and are hereby approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements to carry out this program, including agreements with member governments and other entities wishing to participate in NCTCOG's TXShare Cooperative Purchasing Program, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Victoria Johnson, Vice President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on September 26, 2024.

Jennifer Justice, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Richardson

Road and Highway Asset Management Software

TXSHARE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM
RFP 2024 -096

- Purpose – Retain firms to assist member entities with Road and Highway Asset Management Software by:
 - Utilizing new software and AI to assess roadway degradation for planning and remediation purposes;
 - GIS tagging of assets such as gutters, signage, and manholes;
 - Greater flexibility in pricing than traditional LIDAR methods ;
 - Captured by placing a specialized smartphone on the front of vehicles;
 - Includes a repair/remediation forecasting module and budget planning for entities.
- TXShare Program – Cooperative Purchasing Program, available to public entities across Texas, as well as those NATIONWIDE, providing cooperative contracts and pricing for members with awarded vendors.


Road and Highway Asset Management Software

RFP 2024-096

- Published – June 2024; received four (4) responsive proposals opened on July 29th.
- Evaluation assistance from representatives from NCTCOG and City of Fort Worth.

Road and Highway Asset Management Software

RFP 2024-096




The Evaluation Committee recommends awarding contracts to the following three (3) vendors for maximum five (5) year terms:

- Blynco, Inc.
- GoodRoads, Inc.
- Vialytics Americas, Inc.

Road and Highway Asset Management Software

RFP 2024-096





North Central Texas Council of Governments

Item 4

Exhibit: 2024-09-04-ED

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Susan Alvarez, P.E, CFM
Director of Environment and Development

Item Title: Resolution Endorsing the FY25 Contract Renewal Amendment with the State Energy Conservation Office

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) administers several regional programs that have a focus on resource efficiency, including the Regional Energy Management Program. The purpose of this program is to facilitate regional energy management and energy efficiency efforts in North Central Texas; to educate NCTCOG's local government members about important energy related initiatives, requirements, tools, resources, and financing; coordinate with partner organizations; and, continue regional efforts for reduction in energy consumption and more efficient use of resources in both the built environment and the transportation sector.

NCTCOG staff are requesting Executive Board endorsement of a contract renewal amendment with the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) and designation of the Executive Director as its authorized representative for an estimated amount of \$250,000 for a one-year period. A 20% local match of \$50,000 is required and will be provided through in-kind and cash match. This contract will be carried out through cooperation from both the Environment and Development Department and the Transportation Department.

I will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE FY25 CONTRACT RENEWAL AMENDMENT WITH THE STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICE

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been active for the last 50 years in bringing together North Central Texas (NCT) governmental and quasi-governmental organizations to share best practices, lessons learned and resources to ease the burden of developing and supporting sustainability initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG's Regional Energy Management Program seeks to provide education and resources on energy management and energy efficiency; and,

WHEREAS, the State Energy Conservation Office initially issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) on July 28, 2022, for Regional Energy Management Assistance for the Regional Energy Management Program; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG submitted a response to the RFP on August 22, 2022, and was awarded a contract for a performance period of 1-year in FY23 with option for two (2) one-year renewals, the first of which was exercised on September 7, 2023, and;

WHEREAS, NCTCOG submitted a contract renewal amendment with SECO on August 30, 2024 for FY25 and is seeking NCTCOG Executive Board endorsement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- Section 1.** The NCTCOG Executive Board endorses the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 contract renewal amendment and the receipt of approximately \$250,000 from the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO). Matching funds in the amount of \$50,000 will be provided through in-kind and cash match.
- Section 2.** These funds shall be incorporated into the 2025 fiscal year budget.
- Section 3.** The Executive Director or designee is the authorized representative for purposes of furnishing such information and executing such documents as may be required in connection with the preparation and filing of such application for financial assistance and the rules of the State Energy Conservation Office, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.
- Section 4.** This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Victoria Johnson, Vice President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

I hereby certify that this resolution was endorsed by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on September 26, 2024.

Jennifer Justice, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Richardson



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Item 5

Exhibit: 2024-09-05-ED

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Susan Alvarez, P.E., CFM
Director of Environment and Development

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Highland Economics LLC for the
Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Project

NCTCOG staff is seeking authorization to contract for environmental economics consulting services in support of the Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Project in the upper Trinity Basin.

On August 22, 2024, the Executive Board authorized consultant awards to support expansion of the regional integrated Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) project for the upper Trinity River Basin. This is a joint project between NCTCOG's Environment and Development and Transportation departments. This contract is a part of the project expansion that is being funded by the Texas General Land Office for a project cost of \$3,973,930. NCTCOG has executed the necessary funding agreements for the federal funds to support this project expansion.

This consultant agreement supports environmental economics analysis in the North project area. This work will evaluate the cost-benefit of mitigating future flood risk through nature-based solutions integrated into the transportation infrastructure. NCTCOG issued a Request for Proposals for environmental economics services on July 12, 2024, to receive qualified responses from environmental economics firms. NCTCOG received one (1) response by the August 9, 2024 deadline.

The Evaluation Committee reviewed the proposal and is recommending award to Highland Economics LLC to perform the required services. A draft resolution authorizing a contract with Highland Economics LLC in an amount not to exceed \$132,000 is attached for Executive Board consideration.

I will be available to answer any questions regarding this resolution.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HIGHLAND ECONOMICS LLC FOR THE TRANSPORTATION AND STORMWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been active for the last 50 years in promoting sound floodplain and watershed management; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG's Strategic Plan directs staff to identify and implement regional measures for a reduction of flooding through proper management of watersheds and stream corridors, and strategic conservation of open spaces within existing watersheds which will provide a network for ecological benefits, recreational opportunities, and the protection of existing water supply sources; and,

WHEREAS, the Integrated Watershed Based Planning for Regional Transportation and Stormwater Management in the Upper Trinity River Basin Project (i.e., Integrated Transportation and Stormwater Management Project) seeks to proactively engage communities in comprehensive planning efforts that integrate transportation, environmental, and stormwater needs in order to address the health, safety, and welfare concerns of the region while helping local governments manage their growth and development in a cost-effective manner; and,

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant mitigation funds were available in Presidentially Declared Areas for Texas following floods in 2015 and 2016; and,

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2023, the Executive Board endorsed submittal of the grant application and receipt of approximately \$4,000,000 from the Texas General Land Office to support the Integrated Transportation and Stormwater Management Project; and,

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2024, the Texas General Land Office executed a grant agreement to provide financial assistance in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,973,930 to NCTCOG to finance a Community Development Block Grant mitigation project; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG issued a Request for Proposals for environmental economics services on July 12, 2024, to receive qualified responses from environmental economics consulting firms to assist with environmental economic analyses and, following evaluation, the Evaluation Committee is recommending Highland Economics LLC; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has complied with federal and state regulations regarding contract and procurement proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- Section 1.** A contract between NCTCOG and Highland Economics LLC for environmental economics consulting services supporting the expansion of the integrated Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) project, in an amount not to exceed \$132,000, be and is hereby approved.
- Section 2.** The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements to carry out the initiatives described herein, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.
- Section 3.** This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Victoria Johnson, Vice President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on September 26, 2024.

Jennifer Justice, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Richardson



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Item 6

Exhibit: 2024-09-06-ED

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Susan Alvarez, P.E., CFM
Director of Environment and Development

Item Title: Resolution Endorsing Grant Application Submittal to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the Composting Food Waste Reduction Grant Opportunity

On June 9, 2024, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) opened an abridged application period for the Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) Pilot Project Grant. In response to this opportunity, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), in partnership with the City of Dallas, submitted an application on September 9, 2024, for the CFWR Pilot Program Grant, requesting \$300,000 in funding and committing \$75,000 local match to launch a comprehensive 2-year food waste collection-to-compost recirculation pilot program utilizing compost generated from food-waste within Dallas Fort Worth entertainment districts, to close the loop on regional, urban agricultural production. The City of Dallas has agreed to provide the necessary matching funds to support this effort.

This project entails collecting back-of-house commercial food waste, processing/composting, and redistributing the compost back to local urban agricultural producers and community gardens. The project builds upon the recent Dallas Commercial Compost & Special Events Pilot Project and addresses USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) programmatic goals of reducing municipal food and waste, diverting commercial food waste from landfills, generating compost, increasing local agricultural producers access to compost, and encouraging waste management and permaculture business development. This opportunity also supports a commitment made to host the 9-game 2026 FIFA World Cup Series with broadcasting and ancillary team support, because the region has been challenged by FIFA to implement an environmentally sustainable actions to support the games that also “move-the-needle” towards permanent systematic change. The NCTCOG is seeking to pilot this effort within the entertainment districts near FIFA-activities, because of anticipated higher waste densities associated with commercial restaurants in these areas. Lessons learned relative to the ability to capture and divert this waste to support local urban agricultural efforts can be used to expand this program to other commercial districts after the FIFA event concludes.

A draft resolution endorsing NCTCOG’s grant application to the USDA for CFWR Pilot Program funds and designation of the Executive Director as its authorized representative is attached for Executive Board consideration.

RESOLUTION ENDORSING GRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTAL TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE COMPOSTING FOOD WASTE REDUCTION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as state-designated planning agency for municipal solid waste in the 16-county region by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG's Regional Solid Waste Management Plan directs staff to Support Materials Management Education and Training; Promote Creation and Expansion of Waste Management Programs; Measure Regional Waste Reduction Efforts; Support and Encourage Innovative Technologies for Other Waste; Promote Public and Private Sector Partnerships; and,

WHEREAS, the Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) Pilot Project seeks to proactively engage communities in comprehensive planning efforts that reduce municipal food and waste, divert commercial food waste from landfills, generate compost, increase local agricultural producers access to compost, and encourage waste management and permaculture business development to address the health, safety, and welfare concerns of the region while helping local governments manage their growth and development in a cost effective manner; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) issued a request for abridged applications to the CFWR Pilot Program Grant on June 9, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the NCTCOG is eligible to apply for assistance to the USDA as a special district government (e.g. regional planning districts, landfill districts, etc.); and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG submitted an abridged application to the USDA on September 9, 2024, requesting funding in the amount of \$300,000, with \$75,000 local match provided by regional participants' contributions; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is seeking NCTCOG Executive Board endorsement of its grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- Section 1.** The Executive Board endorses NCTCOG's USDA Composting and Food Waste Reduction (CFWR) Pilot Project Grant application.
- Section 2.** If awarded, the Executive Board authorizes receipt of approximately \$300,000 from the USDA. These funds will be incorporated into the appropriate fiscal year(s) budget. Required local match funds in the amount of \$75,000 will be provided by the regional participants.
- Section 3.** Executive Director or designee is the authorized representative for purposes of furnishing such information and executing such documents as may be required in connection with the preparation and filing of such application for financial assistance and the rules of the USDA, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.
- Section 4.** This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Victoria Johnson, Vice President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on September 26, 2024.

Jennifer Justice, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Richardson

Resolution Endorsing Grant Application Submittal To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture For The Composting Food Waste Reduction Grant Opportunity No. USDA-NRCS- NHQ-CFWR-24-NOFO0001412

Susan Alvarez, P.E., CFM
Director of Environment and Development



**NCTCOG
Environment &
Development and
Transportation
Department**



**In Partnership with
City of Dallas:**

Office of
Environmental Quality
& Sustainability (OEQS)
Sanitation Services
Department (SAN)



**Requested
funding: \$300,000**



**Local Match:
\$75,000**



Introduction

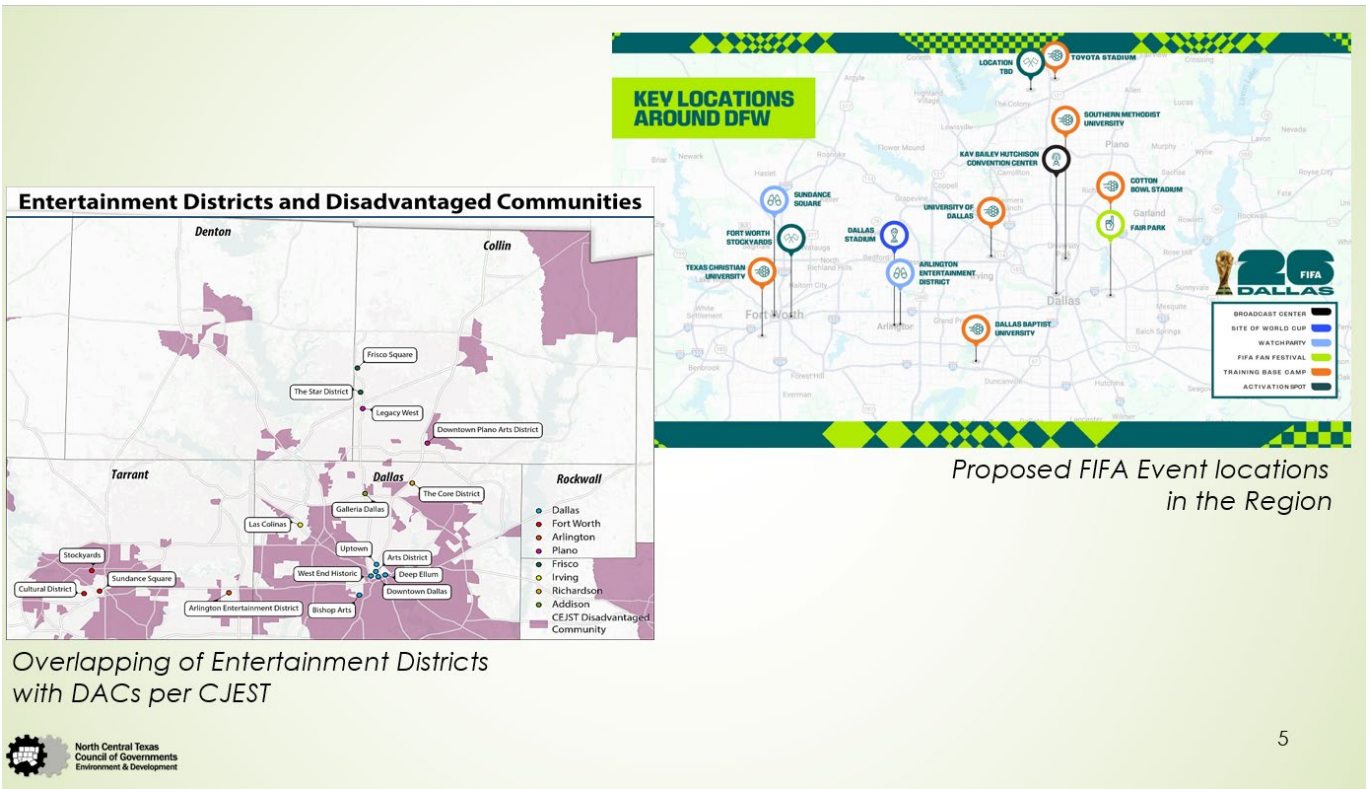
- ▶ Seeks to launch a comprehensive **2-year pilot program** utilizing food-waste compost generated from Dallas-Fort Worth entertainment districts
- ▶ Closes the loop on regional compost & urban agricultural production
- ▶ Guided by a **Compost Working Advisory Group** of project stakeholders
- ▶ Provides opportunity to introduce sustainable waste management practices, and to significantly increase local food production, particularly in-/near Disadvantaged Communities
- ▶ Sets the foundation for continued funds beyond the end of the CFWR funds, and for possible policy implementation to **encourage commercial organics diversion programs** for local businesses and special events



Goals and Objectives

- ▶ Implements an effective regional approach to effectively diverting organic materials from regional landfills
- ▶ **Actively supports Regional Solid Waste Management Plan goals:** Goal #3, Measure Regional Waste Reduction Efforts; Goal #4, Support and Encourage Innovative Technologies for Other Waste; and Goal #5, Promote Public and Private Sector Partnerships
- ▶ Supports **sustainability commitments** made as part of FIFA '26 World Cup
- ▶ Ultimately results in **streamlining organic compost processes** and allows more communities to participate in **cost effective organics collection and redistribution** for their local producers
- ▶ Producers include both public and private entities, including local community gardens





Timeline

ACTIVITY	2025												2026												RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
Form compost working advisory group of affected City, farm, event, and community advisors																									NCTCOG - group name: "CWAG"
Identify and contact potential restaurant partners in each key FIFA event district																									NCTCOG, Visit Dallas, UTA, Cities of Dallas, Frisco, Arlington, and Fort Worth
Identify and contact potential farm and community garden partners near each FIFA event district																									NCTCOG, Cities of Dallas, Frisco, Arlington, and Fort Worth
Create monitoring and reporting system																									Dallas SAN Organics
Procure 64 gallon food waste totes																									NCTCOG
Procure 3 rd party vendor (collection & processing)																									NCTCOG
Develop community & restaurant marketing and education program																									NCTCOG, Visit Dallas, Vendor
Work with regional FIFA traffic operations, restaurants & vendors to develop collection routes, and schedules																									NCTCOG, CWAG
Provide in-house education/training/assistance to participants																									NCTCOG
Provide restaurants & event organizers with marketing materials																									NCTCOG, Visit Dallas, CWAG
Commence restaurant collections																									Vendor
Commence waste processing (via composting)																									Vendor
Record, report & review tonnages, issue to all stakeholders quarterly																									NCTCOG with Dallas SAN Organics/Vendor
Evaluate operations with restaurants, vendor, stakeholder group and make any necessary process changes																									NCTCOG + CWAG
Distributed finished compost																									Vendor
Compile End of Program report, develop recommendations for post-grant participation																									NCTCOG, CWAG
Final distribution of finished compost (compost still being processed will be estimated)																									Vendor, extends 6 months beyond end of grant period

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Measurement and Reporting

- ▶ Quarterly reports generated from weight tickets to monitor the progress of the pilot project
- ▶ Create a scalable template for other areas that wish to create a food waste diversion program
- ▶ NCTCOG and the City will continue working together to assume additional partners and pursue further funding sources, beyond the funding of this grant
 - ▶ Expansion of the program to surrounding entertainment districts

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Item 7

Exhibit: 2024-09-07-RIS

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Tim Barbee
Director of Research and Information Services/CIO NCTCOG

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing FY2025 Purchase of Computer Hardware, Software, and Information Technology Contract Services for the Agency

The Executive Board will be asked to approve the purchase of computer hardware, software, and related services in the FY2025 Information Technology Infrastructure and Services Purchase Plan in the amount of \$3,473,000. The plan is based on information provided by each of the departments within NCTCOG concerning their Information Technology needs over the next 12 months, licensing and maintenance costs of enterprise hardware and software, and expected projects to be completed over the next year.

The NCTCOG Enterprise Information Technology environment includes over 1,600 devices, over 450 applications, and over 800 terabytes of electronic data. The plan includes:

- purchasing computers and accessories for NCTCOG staff and contractors;
- maintenance and licensing for existing hardware, software and network infrastructure;
- replacing existing or purchasing new hardware and software to support organizational needs;
- contract services to support core components of the information technology environment;
- maintenance and licensing for system and data security hardware and software;
- contract services to support the security of the information technology environment;
- costs associated with entering a three-year agreement for phone and communication services;

A resolution authorizing the FY2025 purchase of computer hardware, software and information technology contracts services is enclosed for Executive Board consideration. Details of the purchase plan are included in Attachment A of the proposed resolution.

I will be available to respond to any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FY2025 PURCHASE OF COMPUTER HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CONTRACT SERVICES FOR THE AGENCY

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG staff annually reviews and determines anticipated computer hardware, software and information technology contract services needs for the upcoming year; and,

WHEREAS, the FY2025 purchase of Computer Hardware, Software and Information Technology Contract Services is contained in Attachment A and is recommended for Executive Board approval; and,

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments will comply with federal and state regulations regarding contracting and procurement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The NCTCOG Executive Board authorizes the purchase of Computer Hardware, Software and Information Technology Contract Services, consistent with Attachment A, in an amount not to exceed \$3,473,000.

Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute contractual agreements consistent with Attachment A, in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 3. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to increase contract amounts for purchase categories in Attachment A, up to a maximum of twenty-five percent (25%), subject to the total authorized amount contained in Section 1.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Victoria Johnson, Vice President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

I hereby certify that the resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on September 26, 2024.

Jennifer Justice, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Richardson

Attachment A

#	Category	Vendor(s)	Costs
1	Client Devices and Accessories: Includes the cost of all printers, scanners, computers, tablets, monitors, headsets, accessories, and associated warranties. These items are typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	CDWG, Dell, SHI	\$600,000
2	Client Productivity Software and Software as a Service (SaaS): Includes the cost of client productivity and collaboration software or software as a service. This includes Adobe, Smartsheet, Zoom, Docusign, and other SaaS or productivity software. These items are typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	Carahsoft, Cartovista, CDWG, Echo360, Insight, MainMicro, Quark Software, SHI	\$400,000
3	Network, Internet, and Associated Services: Includes the cost of equipment for the network routers, switches, firewalls, access points, and data network equipment and associated warranties and software maintenance. These items are typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	CDWG, Flair Data Systems	\$150,000
4	Data Center and Infrastructure Equipment: Includes the cost of replacing, upgrading, or purchasing new data center server, storage, and data protection equipment, including any warranties or software maintenance contracts. These items are typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	CDWG, FreeIT	\$275,000
5	Cabling and Wiring Services: Includes the cost of cabling services, installing patch panels and equipment racks, and testing existing cabling and wiring. This will be purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	NCS	\$150,000
6	Internet, Telephone, and Wide Area Network Services: Includes the cost for Internet and telephone connectivity for the Agency and the cost of the wide area network connectivity required for the Workforce Department. This will be purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	TxDIR	\$225,000
7	Financial System Software Maintenance: Includes the maintenance of Deltek financial software. This is a sole source purchase.	Deltek	\$165,000
8	Transportation Modeling Software: Includes the maintenance of Caliper Transcad Modeling and add-ons software. This is a sole source purchase.	Caliper	\$78,000
9	Website Licensing and Support: Includes the cost of licensing and related services for the main NCTCOG website and other websites on the Kentico platform. This will be purchased off a cooperative purchasing contract.	SHI	\$70,000
10	Security Software, Services, and Hardware: Includes funds for the maintenance, support, and associated services for security hardware and software. Typically purchased off a cooperative purchasing agreement.	Carahsoft, ePlus, General Datatech, Kudelski Security, Optiv, SHI	\$460,000
11	Unified Communications Software, Hardware, and Services: Includes the cost of services, hardware, and subscriptions for our Unified Communications as a Service (UCaaS) phone system and associated services, including recording, contact center, and add-ons. Typically purchased off of a cooperative purchasing agreement with a 36-month term.	Ring Central	\$900,000
		TOTAL AUTHORIZATIONS:	\$3,473,000



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Item 8

Exhibit: 2024-09-08-TR

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Resolution Endorsing Submittal of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program Application to the Federal Railroad Administration

In July 2024, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announced a Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to solicit applications for approximately \$1.15 billion in Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCEP) discretionary grant funds. Applications are due to FRA by September 23, 2024. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) submitted an application for the Ennis Avenue/Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) Grade Separation Project. Executive Board endorsement of the grant application submittal for the Ennis Avenue/UPRR Grade Separation Project in the amount of \$20,000,000 will be requested.

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) took action on September 12, 2024, regarding submission of the RCEP application. NCTCOG will work with FRA on the most efficient method for transferring any awarded funds to the region. The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will be the implementing agent for the Ennis Avenue/UPRR Grade Separation Project.

A draft resolution endorsing the FY 2023-2024 RCEP application submittal is attached for Executive Board consideration. Attachment 1 provides additional funding details. Attachment 2 presents two other grade separations proposed for funding that does not require Executive Board approval. I will provide a brief presentation on this item and will be available to answer any questions.

JN:cc
Attachment

RESOLUTION ENDORSING SUBMITTAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 RAILROAD CROSSING ELIMINATION PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE FEDERAL RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth region is in nonattainment of the federal air quality standard for ozone and NCTCOG is actively involved in the development and implementation of the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and,

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and 2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) includes project development, technical support for transportation corridors, and surface access to aviation planning; and,

WHEREAS, in July 2024, the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) announced the solicitation of projects for the FY 2023-24 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCEP); and,

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2024, the RTC approved submittal of an application for a total of \$20,000,000 in funding under the FY 2023-2024 RCEP, as well as participation in application development and funding assistance for other projects submitted by partnering agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The NCTCOG Executive Board endorses submittal of the FY 2023-2024 RCEP application to the FRA in the amount of \$20,000,000, as detailed in Attachment 1.

Section 2. The Executive Board instructs staff to work with FRA and partner agencies to determine the most efficient methods to bring those funds to the region, with intention for TxDOT to be the implementing agent for the project submitted by NCTCOG, as specified in the appropriate application.

Section 3. NCTCOG is authorized to receive approximately \$20,000,000 in FY 2023-2024 RCEP funds, subject to Section 2.

Section 4. These funds shall be incorporated into the appropriate FY budgets, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), and other planning/administrative documents.

Section 5. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements in the name of NCTCOG to carry out the initiatives described herein.

Section 6. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Victoria Johnson, Vice President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on September 26, 2024.

Jennifer Justice, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Richardson

FY 2023-24 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCEP) – Project Details

PROJECT			COST / FUNDING STATUS						
TITLE	NEW	E / W	NON-FEDERAL			FEDERAL			TOTAL COST
			NCTCOG City / County	Other Public	Private (Rail) *	NCTCOG	Other	RCEP Grant	
SUBMITTED BY NCTCOG									
Ennis Avenue <i>(Business US 287)</i>	Yes	East	\$7,000,000 ¹	\$12,360,000 <i>(TxDOT)²</i>	\$2,000,000 <i>(UPRR)</i>	\$21,440,000 ³	\$2,000,000 <i>(TxDOT)⁴</i>	\$20,000,000	\$64,800,000

* Railroad contributions to be confirmed.

1. *City of Ennis - \$7M (+ \$5M NCTCOG loan to be repaid by the City, not counted in total)*
2. *State matching funds and State right-of-way (ROW) funds*
3. *Category 2 & Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds*
4. *District Discretionary (Category 11 funds)*



FY 2023-24 Railroad Crossing Elimination Program (RCEP) – Project Details

PROJECT			COST / FUNDING STATUS						
TITLE	NEW	E / W	NON-FEDERAL			FEDERAL			TOTAL COST
			NCTCOG City / County	Other Public	Private (Rail) *	NCTCOG	Other	RCEP Grant	
SUBMITTED BY NCTCOG									
Ennis Avenue <i>(Business US 287)</i>	Yes	East	\$7,000,000 ¹	\$12,360,000 <i>(TxDOT)</i> ²	\$2,000,000 <i>(UPRR)</i>	\$21,440,000 ³	\$2,000,000 <i>(TxDOT)</i> ⁴	\$20,000,000	\$64,800,000
SUBMITTED BY OTHERS									
Bonds Ranch Road	Yes	West	\$27,000,000 ⁵	\$15,000,000 <i>(TxDOT)</i> ⁶	\$6,000,000 <i>(BNSF / UPRR)</i>	\$20,000,000 ⁷	N/A	\$38,000,000	\$106,000,000
Prairie Creek Road	No	East	\$12,691,590 ⁸	N/A	\$1,500,000 <i>(UPRR)</i>	\$5,322,653 ⁹	\$1,602,360 <i>(Earmark)</i>	\$15,138,299	\$36,254,902

* Railroad contributions to be confirmed.

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|---|---|
| 1. City of Ennis - \$7M (+ \$5M NCTCOG loan to be repaid by the City, not counted in total) | 6. State matching funds |
| 2. State matching funds and State right-of-way (ROW) funds | 7. STBG funds |
| 3. Category 2 & Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) funds | 8. City of Dallas – \$9,450,590; Dallas County – \$3,241,000 |
| 4. District Discretionary (Category 11 funds) | 9. Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) funds |
| 5. City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, & Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) – \$9,000,000 each | |





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Item 9

Exhibit: 2024-09-09-TR

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing a Contract with AVI-SPL for the Purchase, Maintenance, and Monitoring of Audio/Video Equipment in the Transportation Council Room

In 2015, the Texas Legislature adopted Senate Bill 1237, which requires a Metropolitan Planning Organization that serves one or more counties with a population of 350,000 or more to broadcast over the Internet live video and audio of each open meeting held by the policy board. Subsequently, the videos must be archived and made available through a website. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Transportation Department has purchased equipment and has been utilizing video streaming services for the Regional Transportation Council meetings and public outreach meetings, as well as other Transportation Department and Agency meetings.

There is a need to replace older audio/visual equipment in the Transportation Council Room to maintain video and audio streaming of meetings. The meetings of the Executive Board, Regional Transportation Council, and the Workforce Development Board are held in the Transportation Council room. Staff are seeking authorization for the purchase of equipment from AVI-SPL, which is an approved vendor with The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), a governmental purchase cooperative, of which NCTCOG is a member. AVI-SPL is the vendor that provides the current audio/visual equipment in the Transportation Council room. Executive Board approval will be requested to authorize a contract for the purchase of audio/visual equipment, including on-going support for a three-year period in an amount not to exceed \$260,000. The source of funds is RTC Local with no local match required.

I will provide a brief summary of this item and be available to answer questions from the Board.

EB

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH AVI-SPL FOR THE PURCHASE, MAINTENANCE, AND MONITORING OF AUDIO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT IN THE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL ROOM

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG staff has identified the need to replace outdated audio/visual equipment in the Transportation Council Room; and,

WHEREAS, Subtask 1.04 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program includes activities related to Computer and Audio/Video resources, which supports audio and visual activities for meetings including equipment maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed vendor, AVI-SPL, is available through The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) cooperative purchasing contract # 230901; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has complied with Federal and State regulations regarding contract and procurement proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. A contract between NCTCOG and AVI-SPL for the purchase of audio/visual equipment, including ongoing support for a three-year period in an amount not to exceed \$260,000, be and is hereby approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements with AVI-SPL to carry out this initiative in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Victoria Johnson, Vice President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on September 26, 2024.

Jennifer Justice, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Richardson



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Item 10

Exhibit: 2024-09-10-TR

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing Purchase and Placement of Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives in Fiscal Year 2025

Since January 2014, the Executive Board has approved education campaign funding annually for various transportation programs. Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives are ready to move forward and have been included in the FY2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), which was approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and Executive Board.

Combining education campaign efforts within the Transportation Department has resulted in increased website traffic, greater public participation, and lower costs. Additional benefits received include efficiencies with media outlets such as improved staff coordination; increased timeliness; a broader audience reach, including historically underserved populations; and cross-program communication. Education campaigns will be in multiple languages and may be presented through out-of-home advertising, print, screen, social media, digital, and audio platforms. FY2025 education campaigns will support the activities listed below:

- Public Involvement
- Drive Aware North Texas
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety (Look Out Texans)
- Unmanned Aircraft Safety
- Freight North Texas
- Congestion Management Program (Try Parking It)
- Car Care Awareness
- Ozone Season Emissions Reduction Campaign (Air North Texas)
- Flexible Funding for Public Involvement/Notifications

As begun last year, this request goes through a risk analysis to determine those items necessary to support federal requirements, awarded grants, and initiatives related to transportation safety. Attachment 1 to the memo contains a summary of activities, description of each of the programs and a risk assessment of each of the programs. In addition, Attachment 2 to the memo identifies the funding shares by purpose. Attachment 1 to the resolution contains the funding sources and amounts, including match. Staff is seeking Executive Board approval to spend up to \$1,779,750 for the purchase and placement of department education campaigns that will initiate in FY2025.

Additional information and a draft resolution authorizing the purchase and placement of Transportation Department education campaigns is attached for Executive Board consideration. I will provide a brief presentation on this item and will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

WV:kw
Attachments

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AND PLACEMENT OF EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS FOR TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES IN FISCAL YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth region is in nonattainment of the federal air quality standard for ozone and NCTCOG is actively involved in the development and implementation of the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and,

WHEREAS, there has been significant regional interest to enhance coordination, communication, and awareness of various programs administered by NCTCOG; and,

WHEREAS, it has become beneficial for various NCTCOG Transportation Department program areas to administer and coordinate multimedia education campaigns in an effort to reach all audiences efficiently, effectively, and responsibly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. NCTCOG is authorized to enter into agreements with various multimedia outlets for the purchase and placement of education campaigns initiated in Fiscal Year 2025 for Transportation Department Initiatives in an amount up to \$1,779,750, as reflected in Attachment 1.

Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out the initiatives described herein.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Victoria Johnson, Vice President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on September 26, 2024.

Jennifer Justice, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Richardson

Purchase and Placement of Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives for FY2025					
Program Name	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Match Source	Match Total	Total
Public Involvement	TPF/STBG/ EPA/RTR/RTC Local/FHWA/ Private	\$ 359,500	TDCs/Local/ Private	71,550	\$ 385,750
Drive Aware North Texas (SAFETY)	STBG	\$ 300,000	TDCs	60,000	\$ 300,000
Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety (Look Out Texans) (SAFETY)	STBG	\$ 405,000	TDCs	81,000	\$ 405,000
Unmanned Aircraft Safety (SAFETY)	RTC Local	\$ 4,000	N/A	-	\$ 4,000
Freight North Texas (SAFETY)	STBG	\$ 150,000	TDCs	30,000	\$ 150,000
Congestion Management Program (CONGESTION RELIEF)	STBG	\$ 250,000	TDCs	50,000	\$ 250,000
Ozone Season Emissions Reduction Campaign (Air North Texas) (AIR QUALITY)	STBG	\$ 205,000	TDCs	41,000	\$ 205,000
Car Care Awareness (AIR QUALITY)	STBG	\$ 40,000	TDCs	8,000	\$ 40,000
Flexible Funding*	STBG/CMAQ/ TPF/FTA/RTR/ LOCAL/RTC LOCAL/FHWA	\$ 40,000	TDCs/TBD	10,000	\$ 40,000
OVERALL TOTAL		\$ 1,753,500		351,550	\$ 1,779,750

Summary and Risk Assessment
Education Campaigns for Transportation Initiatives in Fiscal Year 2025

Public Involvement, which focuses on notifications of public input/meetings, aims to provide reasonable opportunities for the public to learn about and comment on the region's transportation plans according to requirements of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Public meetings and other opportunities allow North Texans to learn about and provide input on transportation and air quality in the region and help set priorities for the future. This line item includes notices for federally required public meetings, notices for project specific public meetings, as well as other public information notices about transportation and air quality programs.

Risk Assessment: Significant risks are associated with not completing paid education efforts for Public Involvement in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.

- **Contract Commitments:** The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations to provide notification of public meeting opportunities on transportation planning activities.
- **Program Effectiveness:** Paid advertising is a highly effective method to notify the public about upcoming public meeting opportunities. Meeting date, time, location, topics, and ability to find the information and comment online is provided in the notices. Advertising through newspapers and social media is the most successful, cost-effective means of reaching the general public.

Funding Request as Approved by the RTC: \$385,750 of Transportation Planning Funds (TPF), Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funds, Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds, Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funds, Local Funds, and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds. Private funds will be used as a portion of the local match and Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of cash match will also be used as match.

Drive Aware North Texas is an educational campaign aimed at improving negative driver behaviors that are the leading contributing factors for serious injury and fatality crashes in the North Texas region. The current areas of concern are speeding, distracted driving, impaired driving and wrong way driving. Fatal and serious injury crashes began to rise at an alarming rate during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we have started to see small decreases in fatality crashes in our region, the number of incidents still exceeds the pre-pandemic level for serious injury and fatality crashes. Speeding has by far been the highest contributing factor for fatal and serious injury crashes. A regional campaign to educate all North Texas drivers about the importance of safe driving is integral to developing a culture of safety for shared roadways in the North Texas area. Messaging will emphasize the dangers of speeding and include other reckless road behaviors. All messaging will be aimed at improving negative driver behavior and establishing respect between North Texas drivers.

Risk Assessment: Significant risks are associated with not completing paid education efforts for the Drive Aware North Texas campaign initiative in FY2025.

- **Institutional/Relationship Risk:** In 2017, the RTC established the regional safety position that “Even one death on the transportation system is unacceptable. Staff will collaborate with our partners to develop projects, programs, and policies that assist in eliminating serious injuries and fatalities across all modes of travel.” The RTC’s safety position aligns with the Texas Transportation Commission’s minute order from May 30, 2019, which states: “The Texas Transportation Commission directs the Texas Department of Transportation to work toward the goal of reducing the number of deaths on Texas roadways by half by the year 2035 and to zero by the year 2050. The commission acknowledges a majority of motor vehicle crashes can be prevented, thereby reducing fatalities.” In support of these positions NCTCOG developed the NCTCOG Roadway Safety Plan which was developed as a catalyst and guide towards promoting safety in all roadway projects and programs. NCTCOG recognizes that safety is a shared responsibility and encourages our partners and the public to do their part in making our roads safer.
- **Contract Commitments:** The funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the Regional Safety Program includes paid education strategies for Drive Aware North Texas.
- **Program Effectiveness:** Paid education is a highly effective method to educate the driving public about the importance of reducing negative driver behaviors. Greater awareness and providing tips to reduce these behaviors will assist in reducing fatality and serious injury crashes which in turn may have a positive impact on the frequency of crashes, reduce incident-related congestion or non-recurring delay, improve traffic flow and improve air quality.
- **RTC/Executive Board Policy:** In 2017, the RTC established the regional safety position that “Even one death on the transportation system is unacceptable. Staff will collaborate with our partners to develop projects, programs, and policies that assist in eliminating serious injuries and fatalities across all modes of travel.” The Regional Safety Advisory Committee and the RTC also endorsed the goals of the NCTCOG Roadway Safety Plan which includes the development of behavioral and educational countermeasures that address dangerous driving behaviors. Safety policies aimed at reducing serious injury and fatality crashes are also included in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

Funding Request as Approved by the RTC: \$300,000 of STBG funds and RTC Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of cash match.

The Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety (Look Out Texans) Program aims to educate on safety issues and mitigation strategies for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Messaging will focus on encouraging more individuals to bicycle and walk, and to do so in a safe manner. Messaging also targets certain demographics of the population at greatest risk and includes targeted advertising to motorists such as during back to school in the fall and spring.

Risk Assessment: Significant risks are associated with not completing paid education efforts for the Bicycle/Pedestrian Safety (Look Out Texans) Program campaign initiative in FY2025.

- **Contract Commitments:** The funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation includes paid advertising strategies for the continuation of the

- Look Out Texans education campaign which depends on paid advertising outreach tools.
- Program Effectiveness: Paid advertising is a highly effective method to educate the public about both the rights and responsibilities when walking, biking, or driving on roadways throughout North Texas. Reducing risky behaviors leading to serious injuries and fatalities is critical for increasing safety for all road users. Advertising through digital outreach, social media, transit vehicles, etc. is the most successful means of reaching targeted demographics in the region such as young adults and environmental justice communities at the greatest risk of injury or death on the region's roadways.

Funding Request as Approved by the RTC: \$405,000 of STBG funds and RTC Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of cash match.

The North Texas Airspace Awareness pilot program was initiated to address the critical need for an integrated airspace management system within the North Texas region. This initiative sought to bring together technology providers, municipal governments, and other stakeholders to develop a system that could safely and efficiently manage manned and unmanned air traffic in densely populated urban environments. To safely integrate Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), autonomous beyond visual line of sight flights, and small drone deliveries in the region require PSUs and/or UTM Services. These services will be integral to not only increase safety, execute flight plans, balance airspace capacity, provide aircraft conflict resolutions, enhance adherence to federal, state, and local regulations, and provide additional emergency services. There is also a need for competing providers to integrate cooperatively into a large metropolitan area to provide the highest degree of safety possible. Having these platforms operating independently of each other leaves immeasurable gaps in regional safety and that needs to be mitigated. This advertising effort will allow us to promote the program to the region's drone users to ensure that they are not only aware of the program's intended results which are safer skies, but also that they understand how to use the platform we are developing.

Risk Assessment: Significant risks are associated with not completing paid education efforts for the North Texas Airspace Awareness pilot program in FY2025.

- Institutional/Relationship Risk: Integrating unmanned aviation technologies into the DFW region are specified in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and The UAS Airspace Awareness Program are integral to that process. Failure to market the program puts MTP implementation at risk.
- Program Effectiveness: Paid advertisement is a highly effective method to encourage the public to utilize new safety programs regarding drone technology. With more participation in our safety awareness program by the region's piloting community, our airspace will benefit from the safety benefits.

Funding Request as Approved by the RTC: \$4,000 of RTC Local funds.

The Freight North Texas safety program aims to educate audiences on safe driving practices around heavy-duty freight vehicles, along with the dangers of trespassing in railroad right of way and safe interactions at railroad crossings. The safety messaging focuses on how the general public should operate around these vehicles and interact with railroad crossing infrastructure, as

well as to educate freight delivery drivers on enhanced safety measures when operating heavy duty vehicles.

Risk Assessment: Significant risks are associated with not completing paid education efforts for the Freight North Texas program in FY2025.

- Institutional/Relationship: NCTCOG has relationships and commitments to the railroads, TxDOT and Operation Lifesaver to promote safety and reduce accidents.
- Contract Commitments: The funding agreement with TxDOT for goods movement includes a commitment to safety education and this program is key to that commitment.
- Program Effectiveness: Paid education is the most effective way to notify the public about freight safety and Freight North Texas safety activities. Website traffic increases during months when paid education is ongoing.
- RTC/Executive Board Policy: Safety and freight safety are both stated policies within the MTP. The RTC has established a Safety Program to help reduce accidents, including those involving freight carriers.

Funding Request as Approved by the RTC: \$150,000 of STBG funds and RTC Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of cash match.

The Regional Trip Reduction Program is a NCTCOG implemented educational program aimed at regional private and public employers that seeks to reduce commute vehicle trips through the marketing and implementation of travel demand management (TDM) strategies such as rideshare programs (carpooling and vanpooling), telecommuting, flexible work-hour schedules, transit, bicycling, and walking. An essential tool used within the Regional Trip Reduction Program is TryParkingIt.com, the regional commute tracking and ride-match system. The website enables commuters to locate carpool and vanpool ride matches, along with transit and bicycle matches. When commuters enter their alternative commute trips, the website generates a summary of miles saved, trips reduced, and harmful emissions reduced. Try Parking It users also receive reward points for tracking their alternative commute trips. TryParkingIt.com also helps regional planners develop and evaluate the regional transportation system, allowing them to calculate the mobility and air quality benefits of strategies to reduce vehicle trips. The system will also be used to track employer participation in the One Day a Week initiative that focuses on the regional 20 percent reduction target for single occupancy vehicle commute trips. Messaging will target increasing participation by large employers but will also aim to encourage individual commuters to try using alternative modes of transportation.

Risk Assessment: Significant risks are associated with not completing paid education efforts for Try Parking It in FY2025.

- Institutional/Relationship Risk: Travel demand management strategies are specified in the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and Try Parking It is the marketing arm of TDM. Failure to market the program puts MTP implementation at risk.
- Contract Commitments: The funding agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for Try Parking It includes paid education strategies. There is a

- contract with Agile Mile to develop and host the website, of which success depends on paid education strategies.
- Congestion Management Process: TDM strategies are included in the federally-required Congestion Management Process. If the effectiveness of Try Parking It is reduced by not implementing paid education, then less effective congestion relief strategies will need to be implemented in order to allow additional single occupant vehicle transportation improvements.
- Air Quality Conformity: TDM strategies are included in Air Quality Conformity and there is a requirement to continue implementing these strategies to avoid penalties for backsliding on commitments.
- State Implementation Plan/Weight of Evidence: TDM strategies are included in the Local Initiatives chapter and if air quality improvements are not met the region could face sanctions in the future.
- Program Effectiveness: Paid education is a highly effective method to encourage the public to utilize Try Parking It in order to receive incentives for alternative commutes. With more participation in alternative commutes, the region will see a benefit in congestion relief and air quality improvements.

Funding Request as Approved by the RTC: \$250,000 of STBG funds and RTC Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of cash match.

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. It is a resource for clean air issues and hosts an annual Clean Air Action Day to encourage North Texas to do at least one thing to improve air quality. The campaign has the support of a task force made up of government agencies, nonprofit organizations, transportation authorities, and higher education partners.

Risk Assessment: Significant risks are associated with not completing paid education efforts for the Ozone Season Emissions Reduction Campaign (Air North Texas) in FY2025.

- State Implementation Plan/Appendix E: Local Initiatives submitted by North Central Texas Council of Governments: Air North Texas was included in the most recent SIP Appendix E: Local Initiatives section, and if air quality improvements are not met, the region could face sanctions in the future.
- Program Effectiveness: In years when paid education efforts have been utilized for the Air North Texas campaign, a large increase in website views has been documented (155% increase) when compared to years with no paid education efforts.

Funding Request as Approved by the RTC: \$205,000 of STBG funds and RTC Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of cash match.

The Car Care Awareness Program aims to spread the message of proper vehicle maintenance to educate the public and give them the tools they need to be a part of the regional air quality solution by keeping their vehicles running cleanly and efficiently. NCTCOG seeks and maintains relationships with nonprofits, community organizations, chambers of commerce, auto repair

facilities and dealerships through clinics, workshops and events to educate North Texans about proper vehicle maintenance and what to do when the check engine light illuminates. NCTCOG staff provides information and resources related to compliance with the State's vehicle emissions inspection program and the importance of reducing emissions in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) region. Staff is integrating vehicle safety messaging into the overall program.

Risk Assessment: Significant risks are associated with not completing paid education efforts for the Car Care Awareness Events in FY2025.

- State Implementation Plan/Weight of Evidence: Car Care Awareness was included in the most recent SIP weight of evidence category and if air quality improvements are not met the region could face sanctions in the future.
- Program Effectiveness: Paid education is the most effective way to notify the public to attend Car Care Awareness Events. Website traffic is increased during months when paid education is ongoing to promote the events.

Funding Request as Approved by the RTC: \$40,000 of STBG funds and RTC Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of cash match.

PURCHASE AND PLACEMENT OF EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS FOR TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES FOR FY2025

Purpose	Share
Public Involvement	22%
Congestion Relief	14%
Safety	48%
Air Quality	14%
Contingency	2%





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Item 11

Exhibit: 2024-09-11-TR

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Resolution Approving an Agreement with the City of Fort Worth to Implement Broadband Technology Along the East Rosedale Avenue and East Lancaster Avenue Corridors

In March 2022, the Regional Transportation Council approved a project with the City of Fort Worth to implement broadband technology in East Fort Worth Lancaster and Rosedale corridors. The purpose of the project is to provide equal access to the internet as a Travel Demand Management tool. As part of this effort, NCTCOG has been working with Fort Worth to refine the project. This project will include a planning and design phase to identify where infrastructure is needed along the East Rosedale Avenue and East Lancaster Avenue corridors. The project will also consist of the implementation of infrastructure and needed subscriptions to offer these services within the corridor area. The third component of the project will focus on expanding digital navigation training services to help residents within this area develop skills to use this service. The Executive Board will be requested to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the North Central Texas Council of Governments and the City of Fort Worth in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds matched with 600,000 Regional Transportation Council Transportation Development Credits for broadband technology implementation in East Fort Worth Lancaster and Rosedale corridors. This project is funded with Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds and Transportation Development Credits will be used to satisfy the local match requirements.

A draft resolution authorizing an Agreement with the City of Fort Worth is attached for Executive Board consideration. I will provide a brief presentation on this item and will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

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Attachment

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FORT WORTH TO IMPLEMENT BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY ALONG THE EAST ROSEDALE AVENUE AND EAST LANCASTER AVENUE CORRIDORS

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth region is in nonattainment of the federal air quality standard for ozone and NCTCOG is actively involved in the development and implementation of the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and,

WHEREAS Subtask 5.10 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program supports the coordination and assistance to local partners in their effort to expand and improve broadband access; and,

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2022, the RTC approved a total of \$3 million in funding in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funding for the Fort Worth Broadband Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, provides authority for NCTCOG to enter into agreements with the City of Fort Worth for the provision of governmental functions and services of mutual interest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. NCTCOG is authorized to enter into an Agreement with the City of Fort Worth to implement broadband technology along East Rosedale Avenue and East Lancaster Avenue corridors in an amount not to exceed the \$3,000,000 in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funds.

Section 2. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out the initiatives described herein.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Victoria Johnson, Vice President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on September 26, 2024.

Jennifer Justice, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Richardson



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Item 12

Exhibit: 2024-09-12-TR

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing Use of Regional Transportation Council Local Funds
for North Texas Advanced Air Mobility and Uncrewed Aviation Systems

Since 2017, staff have collaborated with cities and relevant stakeholders in the region to integrate Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Technologies. As regional partners implement pilot projects with private-sector entities, work in this area continues to expand.

On September 12, 2024, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) took action to increase RTC Local funding for these activities by \$1,700,000. This funding will support ongoing efforts to work with regional airports, local jurisdictions, and other partners to further the deployment of AAM operations within North Texas. Specific efforts include Phase 2 of the North Texas Airspace Awareness Pilot, development of infrastructure, and other costs associated with AAM operations.

Staff requests Executive Board approval to utilize the Regional Transportation Council Local funds to support North Texas Advanced Air Mobility and Uncrewed Aviation Systems activities. A draft resolution is attached for consideration by the Executive Board.

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Attachment

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL LOCAL FUNDS FOR NORTH TEXAS ADVANCED AIR MOBILITY AND UNCREWED AVIATION SYSTEMS

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

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WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, since 2017, NCTCOG has collaborated with regional cities and stakeholders on integrating Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) Technologies and Uncrewed Aviation Systems; and,

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2024, the RTC approved the allocation of \$1,700,000 in RTC Local funds to support staffing resources, Phase 2 of the North Texas Airspace Awareness Pilot, infrastructure development, and other costs associated with AAM and Uncrewed Aviation Systems operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The NCTCOG Executive Board authorizes the use of \$1,700,000 in RTC Local funds to support the continued efforts in Advanced Air Mobility and Uncrewed Aviation Systems within North Texas.

Section 2. NCTCOG is authorized to use these funds for staffing, infrastructure development, and other necessary costs associated with the development and deployment of AAM technologies and uncrewed systems.

Section 3. These funds shall be incorporated into the appropriate fiscal year budgets, Transportation Improvement Program, and Unified Planning Work Program.

Section 4. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments to carry out the initiatives described herein.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Victoria Johnson, Vice President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on September 26, 2024.

Jennifer Justice, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Richardson



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Item 13

Exhibit: 2024-09-13-ED

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Susan Alvarez, P.E., CFM
Director of Environment and Development

Item Title: Appointments to Department of Environment and Development Advisory Committees

The Executive Board is being asked to consider appointments to the following advisory Councils and Committees:

- **Public Works Council (PWC)** – Originating in 1977 as the Standard Specifications Advisory Committee, becoming the Public Works Advisory Committee in 1984, and evolving into the PWC in 2001, the PWC is comprised of public and private sector professionals with public works and development expertise. The current PWC structure is formed of representatives of large jurisdictions and subregions, providing for participation by all jurisdictions, and hosting subregional meetings to address local issues.
- **Regional Codes Coordinating Committee (RCCC)** - The RCCC was established by the Executive Board in 1967, and is comprised of local government officials, architects, engineers, contractors, educators, property management professionals, insurance representatives, builders and developers. The RCCC professionals research current codes and provide recommendations on municipal construction codes to coordinate consistent local codes.
- **Resource Conservation Council (RCC)** – The RCC was initiated in 1973 as the regional Solid Waste Policy Development Committee, then shifted to the Environmental Resources Advisory Committee in 1979. In the mid-1980's, this Committee evolved into the current RCC as a group of individuals from local government, private sector, and environmental and public interest groups. The RCC guides development and implementation of the *Regional Solid Waste Management Plan*, implements pass-thru solid waste grant funding, and advises on methods to reduce, reuse, and recycle resources and to appropriately manage other waste materials.
- **Water Resources Council (WRC)** – The NCTCOG is the state appointed regional water planning agency. The WRC was established in 1979 to advise NCTCOG's Executive Board on both technical and policy issues related to water resources matters. The WRC is formed of representatives of the local water utilities as well as large- and small member cities. The WRC reviews day-to-day technical issues; oversees the water resources planning process; and performs technical review of water-related grant applications.

Attachment 1 provides a listing of members recommended for appointment/reappointment by each respective Committee/Council, as well as continuing members. I look forward to discussing these recommendations with the Executive Board.

Attachment 1

PUBLIC WORKS COUNCIL

(Chair and Vice Chair leadership positions are one-year terms; members serve two-year terms)

Chair: Matt Leppla
Assistant Director of Public Works-Operations
City of Weatherford

Vice Chair: Glenn Barker
Director of Public Works
City of Corinth

Public Sector Standing Member	2025
City of Allen	Joseph Cotton Assistant Director of Engineering **
City of Arlington	Keith Brooks Director of Public Works and Transportation **
City of Arlington	Christopher Funches Senior Engineer
City of Carrollton	Jody Byerly Director of Public Works
City of Dallas	Jose Lopez Feliciano Senior Program Administrator – Sidewalk Program
City of Dallas	TBD
City of Denton	Michael Linder Senior Engineer – Floodplain Administrator
City of Fort Worth	Michael Owen City Engineer **
City of Fort Worth	Teanna Thompson Senior Capital Projects Officer
City of Frisco	Dane Stovall Assistant Director of Public Works
City of Garland	Mike Rozelle Senior Field Engineer
City of Grand Prairie	Brister Merritt Utility Operations Manager **
City of Irving	Walter Thomas City Engineer
City of Lewisville	Aaron Russell Director of Public Services **
City of McKinney	Paul Sparkman Assistant Director of Public Works
City of Mesquite	John Mears City Engineer **

** Second year of two-year term that began in 2024.

Public Sector Standing Member	2025
City of Plano	Erik Ferner Public Works Operations Manager – Streets and Traffic
City of Richardson	Eric Robison Public Services Director
Collin County	Wayne Anderson Road and Bridge Superintendent
Dallas County	Cecelia Rutherford Assistant Director
Denton County	Stephen Belknap Director of Development Services
Tarrant County	Joseph Jackson County Engineer / Assistant Director **

Public Sector Subregional Representative	2025
Denton/Lake Cities	Glenn Barker Director of Public Works City of Corinth
DFW North	Clayton Riggs Director of Public Works Town of Flower Mound
East	Chris Harris Director of Public Works City of Greenville
Mid-Cities	Boe Blankenship Director of Public Works City of North Richland Hills
Northeast	Andrew Figueroa Director of Public Works City of Celina
Northeast Dallas	Frank New County Judge Rockwall County
Northeast Tarrant	Keith Miertschin Assistant Director of Operations City of Grapevine **
Northwest	Dillon Luna Management Analyst Town of Northlake

** Second year of two-year term that began in 2024.

Public Sector Subregional Representative	2025
Northwest Dallas	Danielle Rix City Engineer City of Farmers Branch **
Northwest Tarrant	Larry Hoover Director of Public Works City of White Settlement **
South Tarrant	Raymond Coffman Director of Engineering Services City of Mansfield **
Southeast	James Gaertner Executive Director of Public Works and Utilities City of Waxahachie **
Southeast Dallas	Brooks Williams City Manager City of Ferris
Southwest	Colt Friedrich County Engineer Johnson County
Southwest Dallas	Robert Woodbury City Engineer City of Cedar Hill
West	Matt Leppla Assistant Director of Public Works, Operations City of Weatherford

Private Sector	2025
Associated General Contractors	Connor Van Steenberg North Texas Area Manager, Associated General Contractors of Texas **
Associated General Contractors	Sam Davis Vice President / General Manager Texas Bit **
Council of Engineering Companies	Chris Cha Principal Pacheco Koch **
Council of Engineering Companies	Ted Sugg Principal Regional Municipal Manager Cobb Fendley **
Texas Council of Engineering Laboratories / Geo Professionals	Reece Taylor Director / Senior Engineer Braun Intertec

** Second year of two-year term that began in 2024.

REGIONAL CODES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

(Chair and Vice Chair leadership positions are one-year terms; members serve two-year terms)

Chair: David Kerr
Fire Marshal
City of Melissa

Vice Chair: Selso Mata
Chief Building Official
City of Plano

Member	2024	2025
City of Arlington	Rick Ripley Building Official	Rick Ripley Building Official
City of Carrollton	Brett King Chief Building Official	**
City of Cedar Hill	Gail Lux Building Official	**
City of Corinth	Grover C. Joiner (Cleve) Certified Building Official	See City of Pilot Point
City of Dallas	Little David Session Building Official	**
City of Dallas	Lt. Dwight Freeman Dallas Fire-Rescue	**
City of Fort Worth	Evan Roberts Building Official/Assistant Director	**
City of Fort Worth	Bob Morgan Senior Fire Protection Engineer	Bob Morgan Senior Fire Protection Engineer
City of Frisco	Philip Climer Assistant Building Official	**
City of Irving	Wayne K. Snell, Jr. Director of Inspections	**
City of Lewisville	Jeremy Booker Building Official	**
City of McKinney	Suzanne Arnold Chief Building Official	Suzanne Arnold Chief Building Official
City of Melissa	David Kerr Fire Marshal	David Kerr Fire Marshal

** Second year of two-year term that began in 2024.

Member	2024	2025
City of North Richland Hills	David Pendley Chief Building Official	**
City of Pilot Point	Was City of Corinth	Zac Loiselle Building Official

City of Plano	Selso Mata Chief Building Official	**
City of Rockwall	Jeffrey Widmer Chief Building Official	**
Town of Flower Mound	Joelle Hainley Building Official	**
Town of Prosper	Brady Cudd Building Official	Brady Cudd Building Official
Associated General Contractors	Jack Baxley Vice President of Governmental Affairs TEXO	**
Private Sector Representative	Craig Brooks National Dir., SF Services Burgess Construction Consultants	Craig Brooks National Dir., SF Services Burgess Construction Consultants
Private Sector Representative	Dan Lepinski, P.E. Principal	Dan Lepinski, P.E. Principal
American Institute of Architects, East	Bruce Rachel Architect Hensley Lamkin Rachel, Inc.	Bruce Rachel Architect Hensley Lamkin Rachel, Inc.
Construction Code Consultant	Stan Folsom Executive Director Systemhouse	**
Society of Fire Protection Engineers	James Rodriguez Executive Vice President Fox Energy Specialists Greater Fort Worth Builders Association	James Rodriguez Executive Vice President Fox Energy Specialists Greater Fort Worth Builders Association
Energy Specialist	Bahman Yazdani Associate Director Texas A&M Energy Systems Laboratory	Bahman Yazdani Associate Director Texas A&M Energy Systems Laboratory

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Member	2024	2025
Dallas Builders Association	David Lehde Director of Government Affairs Dallas Builders Association	David Lehde Director of Government Affairs Dallas Builders Association
Private Sector Representative	Robert Pegues QA Manager & Project Manager US Ecologic	**
Building Owners and Managers Association, Dallas	Warren Bonisch Associate Principal WJE & Associates, Inc.	**

** Second year of two-year term that began in 2024.

RESOURCE CONSERVATION COUNCIL

(Chair and Vice Chair leadership positions are one-year terms; members serve two-year terms)

Chair: Kathy Fonville
Public Education Manager
North Texas Municipal Water District

Vice Chair: Howard Redfearn
Environmental Manager
City of Mansfield

Public Sector Member	2024	2025
City of Allen	Donna Giles Commercial Waste Services Specialist	**
City of Arlington	Tyler Hurd Solid Waste and Recycling Services Manager	**
City of Cedar Hill	Lauren Betz Environmental Manager (<i>interim for Duy Vu</i>)	**
City of Dallas	Danielle McClelland Division Manager – Zero Waste, Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability	Anthony O'Sullivan Superintendent, Transfer Stations & Disposal Fleet
City of Denton	Ami Reeder Regulatory Compliance Manager	**
City of Farmers Branch	New seat for 2025	Mike Rivera Solid Waste Manager
City of Fort Worth	New seat for 2025	Cody Whittenburg Environmental Services Director
City of Frisco	Julianah Marie Environmental Programs Superintendent	Jeremy Starritt Assistant Director of Public Works / Environmental Services & Sustainability
City of Garland	Chris Hoofnagle Landfill Director	Chris Hoofnagle Landfill Director
City of Grand Prairie	Patricia Redfearn Solid Waste Manager	Patricia Redfearn Solid Waste Manager
City of Grapevine	Dewey Stoffels Environmental Manager	Dewey Stoffels Environmental Manager
City of Irving	New seat for 2025	Duy Vu Environmental Compliance Manager.
City of Lewisville	Tim Yatko Materials Management Specialist	**
City of Mansfield	Howard Redfearn Environmental Manager	Howard Redfearn Environmental Manager

** Second year of two-year term that began in 2024.

Public Sector Member	2024	2025
City of McKinney	Eric Hopes Environmental Services Division Manager	**
City of Plano	Lenna Smith Sustainability and Environmental Education Supervisor (<i>interim for Frances Adams</i>)	**
City of Weatherford	Dustin Deel Director of Municipal and Community Services	**
Dallas County	Analisa Griffith Sanitarian Health Inspector	Michael Barber Assistant Fire Marshal
Hood County	Rick Crownover Director of Public Works City of Granbury	Rick Crownover Director of Public Works City of Granbury
Kaufman County	Pam Corder Project Manager	Pam Corder Project Manager
Tarrant County	Maria Moreno Environmental Specialist	Maria Moreno Environmental Specialist

Other	2024	2025
Educational	Dr. Arpita Bhatt Associate Professor of Instruction University of Texas at Arlington	Dr. Arpita Bhatt Associate Professor of Instruction University of Texas at Arlington
Environmental	Cecile Carson KAB Affiliates Representative Keep America Beautiful	Cecile Carson KAB Affiliates Representative Keep America Beautiful
Environmental	Rachel Hering Vice President, Chapter Relations National Waste & Recycling Association	Grant Rodriguez-Amlani U.S. Recycling Pact Manager, Environmental Justice & Recruitment
Private Sector	Misty Adams Senior Public Affairs Specialist Waste Management	**
Private Sector	John Schafer Division Vice President Waste Connections	**
Private Sector	Risa Weinberger Principal Risa Weinberger & Associates, Inc.	Risa Weinberger Principal Risa Weinberger & Associates, Inc.

** Second year of two-year term that began in 2024.

Other	2024	2025
Private Sector	Lora Hinchcliff Municipal Solutions Manager Living Earth	Lora Hinchcliff Municipal Solutions Manager Living Earth
Private Sector	Richard Abramowitz Owner RMA Consultants, LLC	Richard Abramowitz Owner RMA Consultants, LLC
Special District	Mike Friesen Assistant Deputy-Solid Waste North Texas Municipal Water District	Kathy Fonville Public Education Manager North Texas Municipal Water District

** Second year of two-year term that began in 2024.

WATER RESOURCES COUNCIL

(Chair and Vice Chair leadership positions are one-year terms; members serve two-year terms)

Chair: Stacy Walters
Regulatory Administrator
City of Fort Worth

Vice Chair: Rachel Ickert
Chief Water Resources Officer
Tarrant Regional Water District

Major Utility Providers	2024	2025
City of Dallas	Zachary Peoples Assistant Director of Wastewater Operations	**
City of Fort Worth	Stacy Walters Regulatory Administrator	Stacy Walters Regulatory Administrator
North Texas Municipal Water District	Billy George Deputy Director – Water and Wastewater	**
Tarrant Regional Water District	Dan Buhman General Manager	Darrel Andrews Environmental Director
Trinity River Authority of Texas	Glenn Clingenpeel Executive Manager, Technical Services & Basin Planning	Glenn Clingenpeel Executive Manager, Technical Services & Basin Planning
Upper Trinity Regional Water District	Larry Patterson Executive Director	**

Environmental/Public Interest Groups	2024	2025
Environmental Group	Grace Darling Arlington Conservation Council	**
Public Interest Group	Michael Nieswiadomy Professor of Economics University of North Texas	**
Public Interest Group	Meghna Tare Chief Sustainability Officer University of Texas at Arlington	**

Major Utility Providers Customer Members-At-Large	2024	2025
City of Dallas	Sally Wright Assistant Director City of Dallas Water Utilities	Sally Wright Assistant Director City of Dallas Water Utilities

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Major Utility Providers Customer Members-At-Large	2024	2025
City of Dallas	Eduardo Valerio Assistant Director Dallas Water Utilities	**
City of Fort Worth	Paul Hackleman Director of Public Works City of Watauga	**
City of Fort Worth	Jerry Pressley Assistant Director Water Department City of Fort Worth	**
North Texas Municipal Water District	Cynthia Baughman Water Utilities Technology Director City of Garland	Mike Brinkmann Water Utilities Managing Director City of Garland
North Texas Municipal Water District	Eric Robison Director of Public Services City of Richardson	Eric Robison Director of Public Services City of Richardson
Tarrant Regional Water District	Rachel Ickert Chief Water Resources Officer Tarrant Regional Water District	Rachel Ickert Chief Water Resources Officer Tarrant Regional Water District
Tarrant Regional Water District	Jeff Price Utilities Director City of Mansfield	**
Trinity River Authority	Matthew Jalbert, P.E. Executive Manager, Northern Region Trinity River Authority of Texas	Matthew Jalbert, P.E. Executive Manager, Northern Region Trinity River Authority of Texas
Trinity River Authority	Vacant by Choice of TRA	Vacant by Choice of TRA
Upper Trinity Regional Water District	Kevin Mercer General Manager Denton County Fresh Water Supply District 6 & 7	Kevin Mercer General Manager Denton County Fresh Water Supply District 6 & 7
Upper Trinity Regional Water District	Tiffany Bruce Executive Director of Public Works Town of Flower Mound	**

** Second year of two-year term that began in 2024.

Utility Provider, Development Community or Industry Representative Region-At-Large	2024	2025
Utility Provider, Development Community or Industry Representative Region-At-Large	Mike Adams Executive Director of Engineering & Utilities City of Midlothian	Mike Adams Executive Director of Engineering & Utilities City of Midlothian
Utility Provider, Development Community or Industry Representative Region-At-Large	Caroline Waggoner Director of Public Works City of North Richland Hills	Caroline Waggoner Director of Public Works City of North Richland Hills
Utility Provider, Development Community or Industry Representative Region-At-Large	Joshua Howard Deputy General Manager- Finance and Service Johnson County Special Utility District	**
Utility Provider, Development Community or Industry Representative Region-At-Large	Tim Abbott Pumping Facilities Superintendent City of Plano	**
Utility Provider, Development Community or Industry Representative Region-At-Large	Bill Gase Assistant Director-Water Utilities City of Arlington Water Utilities	**
Utility Provider, Development Community or Industry Representative Region-At-Large	Michael Kivlan Area Manager Texas Water Utilities	**
Utility Provider, Development Community or Industry Representative Region-At-Large	Wilson Kakembo Engineering Manager Town of Addison	Jason Sutton Utility Manager Water Quality Town of Addison

** Second year of two-year term that began in 2024.



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Item 14

Exhibit: 2024-09-14-ED

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Susan Alvarez, P.E., CFM
Director of Environment and Development

Item Title: Status Update on NCTCOG Regional SolSmart Designation

[SolSmart](#) is a national designation program led by the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office. This program has two key parts: 1) the program provides **no-cost technical assistance** to help local governments follow national best practices to expand solar energy use in their jurisdictions; and 2) the program recognizes and celebrates these communities with **SolSmart designations** of Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze.

In 2018, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), through a team effort of the Transportation and Environment and Development Departments, completed a contract as a SolSmart Advisor and assisted five local governments in North Central Texas with becoming SolSmart designated. The cities of Cedar Hill, SolSmart Gold; Denton, SolSmart Bronze; Kennedale, SolSmart Silver; Lewisville, SolSmart Bronze; and Plano, SolSmart Bronze are all designated as SolSmart communities. In addition, NCTCOG has received grant funds that have allowed NCTCOG the opportunity to develop best practices, a website – www.gosolartexas.org, provide regional trainings and workshops, and other resources to reduce the soft costs associated with increased solar energy system deployment. In 2020, the NCTCOG applied for and was awarded the regional organization Bronze level designation in this program.

Since that time, the Cities of Celina and Corinth have achieved SolSmart Silver and Gold designations, respectively. The seven NCTCOG SolSmart-designated cities join over 531 local governments in 43 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico that have achieved SolSmart designation, representing over 117 million people (including 16 regional council organizations). Due to NCTCOG's ongoing work in this area and the resources that have been developed, NCTCOG has recently been upgraded to a regional organization with the Silver SolSmart designation.

I will provide a brief presentation on this item and will be available to answer any questions.



NCTCOG SolSmart Designation Update

Environment & Development Department
Transportation Department

September 26, 2024

SolSmart Program



DOE program to help local governments make it easier and affordable for residents and businesses to go solar

Recognizes communities that address barriers to solar

NCTCOG has been involved since 2017;

NCTCOG designated Bronze in 2020;

NCTCOG designation updated to Silver in September 2024

Designation	City / Organization
Bronze	Plano
Bronze	Lewisville
Silver	NCTCOG
Silver	Celina
Silver	Kennedale
Gold	Denton
Gold	Cedar Hill
Gold	Corinth



NCTCOG's SolSmart Cohort



Supports State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) Contract Deliverables

- Deliverable 2: Expand SolSmart participation in the region
Four local governments participating in the cohort
- Deliverable 8: Support the Justice40 Initiative
All four local governments are Justice40 communities

Conducted monthly over five months in collaboration with World Resources Institute

Local government training through cohort satisfies NCTCOG Regional Silver designation requirement



NCTCOG SolSmart Designation

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NCTCOG Regional Designation



Designation	Prerequisite Criteria	Total Points Needed	Status
Bronze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit a solar statement - Create a solar landing page - Host regional planning and zoning trainings 	50	Complete Achieved in 2019
Silver	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Host training for inspecting solar - Host training for permitting solar 	80	Completed; Notified of achievement in September, 2024 by SolSmart designation team
Gold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collect and post at least four member govts' energy targets for solar PV; track progress against stated targets 	110	Prerequisite: Not started Currently have 110 points
Platinum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engage four new communities to pursue designation - Develop a model solar zoning ordinance template - Develop model permitting and inspection process template 	200	Prerequisites: In progress <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently have three new communities pursuing designation through cohort - Zoning template complete Need 90 more points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50 doable - 40 much more difficult



NCTCOG SolSmart Designation

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Regional Designation

Planning

Facilitate the rapid expansion of solar energy throughout the region

Operational Support

Support member communities in installing solar on public facilities and land

Community Engagement

Provide information, training, and engagement opportunities

Market Development

Collaborate and partner with organizations to promote solar development

Designation	Organization
Bronze	Michiana Area Council of Governments, IN
Bronze	Atlanta Regional Commission, GA
Bronze	Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, PA
Bronze	Plan RVA, VA
Bronze	Capital Area Regional Planning Commission, WI
Bronze	New River Valley Regional Commission, VA
Silver	North Central Texas Council of Governments, TX
Silver	Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments, CT
Silver	South Central Regional Council of Governments, CT
Silver	Region Nine Development Commission, MN
Silver	Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional COG, OH
Silver	Centre Region Council of Governments, PA
Silver	Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, OH
Gold	Metropolitan Council, MN
Gold	Northern Virginia Regional Commission, VA
Gold	South Bay Cities Council of Governments, CT



NCTCOG SolSmart Designation



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Item 15

Exhibit: 2024-09-15-AA

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Randy Richardson
Director of Administration

Item Title: Conduct a Public Hearing Regarding the Annual Fiscal Program for FY2025 and Consider a Resolution to Approve and Adopt the Annual Fiscal Program

A public hearing regarding the FY2025 Annual Fiscal Program will be conducted followed by consideration to approve and adopt by the Executive Board. A detailed overview of the Annual Fiscal Program was presented to the Personnel and Finance Committee as well as the Executive Board at the monthly meeting on August 22, 2024.

The program structure is similar to previous years with the following characteristics:

- Total expenditures of \$329,801,532.
- Consists of state and federal grants that fund approximately 85% of programs with the remainder being local funding.
- Fiscal controls are established by individual grants and contracts, not the plan outlined in the Annual Fiscal Program.
- Annual dues from the membership comprise less than 1% of the total budget. The per capita rate has not changed.
- Authorizes the Executive Director and designees to approve and accept any funding revisions for ongoing programs as well as to approve and accept funding for new programs once approved or ratified by the Executive Board.

As in all annual fiscal programs, there is the potential to expand and contract to accommodate state and federal funding authorizations and program initiatives. Therefore, the annual fiscal program will be modified by Executive Board authorizations and amendments as needed throughout the year.

A draft resolution to approve and adopt the FY2025 NCTCOG Annual Fiscal Program is attached for Executive Board consideration.

I will be available at the Board meeting to answer any questions.

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**CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ANNUAL FISCAL PROGRAM FOR FY2025
AND CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT THE ANNUAL FISCAL PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and non-profit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Bylaws require the approval and adoption of an annual budget by the Executive Board; and,

WHEREAS, the budget is funded by federal and state programs and local contracts for services requested by member governments; and,

WHEREAS, these individual grants and contracts control funding and expenditure amounts; and,

WHEREAS, the budget is comprised of programs and initiatives approved by the Executive Board and is amended throughout the year to reflect new and revised programs and initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, the budget has been presented to the Executive Board and a public hearing held for comments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board approves and adopts the FY2025 Annual Fiscal Program in the amount of \$329,801,532.

Section 2. The Executive Director and designees are authorized to receive federal, state, and local funding for FY2025.

Section 3. The Executive Director and designees are authorized to approve and accept any and all funding revisions for ongoing programs.

Section 4. The Executive Director and designees are authorized to approve and accept funding for new programs subject to Executive Board approval or ratification.

Section 5. The Executive Director and designees are authorized to transfer funds between programs and line items as necessary as allowed by applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and grant requirements.

Section 6. The Executive Director and designees are authorized to administer and update the Council of Governments Salary Schedules for classified positions in compliance with Section 391.0117(b) of the Local Government Code.

Section 7. The Executive Director and designees are authorized to execute contracts for goods and services up to \$100,000 and to equip and provide facilities as allowed by applicable state and federal laws, regulations, and grant requirements.

Section 8. The Executive Director and designees are authorized to execute contracts for goods and services as approved and funded by the Public Employees Benefits Cooperative (PEBC) Board or the NCT9-1-1 Board.

Section 9. This resolution shall be in effect as of October 1, 2024.

Victoria Johnson, Vice President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on September 26, 2024.

Jennifer Justice, Secretary/Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Richardson

North Central Texas Council Of Governments FY 2025 Proposed Budget

Executive Board Meeting
September 26, 2024

NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget

- Characteristics of NCTCOG budgeting and contrasts with typical local government budgeting.
 - Funding is comprised primarily of grants and local contracts for services.
 - Each grant is a separate contract with its own grant period and funding amount. Grants can encompass more than one fiscal year.
 - Continuously evolving as program needs change and funding opportunities become available. Additional awarded funding approved during the budget year.
 - Scope of work, funding, and expenditure limitations are regulated by the individual grant or contract, rather than the planned program summary.
- High inter-departmental dependency and cooperation.
 - Common objectives (i.e., environmental, air quality and transportation programs).
 - Multi-disciplinary approach (i.e., operating departments, computer services, finance and accounting teams).

NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget

Orientation to the Budget Highlights

- Funding Changes of Note:
 - Texas Workforce Commission – (\$12.2 million increase)
 - Federal Highway Administration – (\$12.1 million increase)
 - Texas Department of Transportation – (\$6.7 million increase)
 - Environmental Protection Agency – (\$ 4.0 million decrease)
 - Texas Health & Human Services – (\$3.7 million decrease)
 - Federal Transit Administration – (\$2.7 million increase)
 - Local Contracts and Other Revenue - (\$2.9 million increase)

- Separate Entity:
 - NCT9-1-1 – (\$3.9 million decrease)

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Funding Sources	<u>FY 2025</u>	<u>FY 2024</u>	<u>Change</u>
State and Federal Grants	\$ 260,302,957	\$ 231,403,191	\$28,899,766
Local Contracts/Grants	14,298,623	11,386,990	2,911,633
In-Kind Match Funds	15,865,730	14,869,140	996,590
Membership Dues	831,697	812,221	19,476
Training Revenues	998,300	881,198	117,102
Separate Entities			
NCT9-1-1	20,149,028	24,063,388	(3,914,360)
Public Employee Benefits Cooperative	1,805,346	1,832,483	(27,137)
Total	\$ 314,251,681	\$ 285,248,611	\$29,003,070

NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget

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STATE	FY 2025	% of Total Funding	FY 2024	Change
Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)	\$ 138,926,066	44.21%	\$ 126,739,059	\$ 12,187,007
Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)	63,713,264	20.27%	57,025,505	6,687,759
Texas Health & Human Services (HHS)	11,692,148	3.72%	15,412,386	(3,720,238)
Governor's Office (OOG)	2,908,345	0.93%	2,373,289	535,056
Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)	1,506,658	0.48%	1,204,800	301,858
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)	1,927,340	0.61%	1,127,698	799,642
General Land Office (GLO)	1,967,935	0.63%	1,107,395	860,540
Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)	-	0.00%	29,722	(29,722)
Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)	22,172	0.01%	20,283	1,889
TOTAL STATE	\$ 222,663,928	70.86%	\$ 205,040,137	\$ 17,623,791
FEDERAL				
Federal Transit Administration (FTA)	\$ 21,684,898	6.90%	\$ 19,033,504	\$ 2,651,394
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	1,051,875	0.33%	5,025,654	(3,973,779)
Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)	13,226,501	4.21%	1,112,874	12,113,627
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	92,433	0.03%	512,512	(420,079)
United States Department of Health and Human Services (US HHS)	400,000	0.13%	400,000	-
United States Department of Commerce (US DOC)	70,000	0.02%	70,000	-
United States Department of Energy (US DOE)	892,564	0.28%	67,664	824,900
United States Department of Transportation (US DOT)	220,758	0.07%	7,091	213,667
United States Department of Defense (US DOD)	0	0.00%	133,755	(133,755)
TOTAL FEDERAL	\$ 37,639,029	11.98%	\$ 26,363,054	\$ 11,275,975
TOTAL NCTCOG STATE AND FEDERAL	\$ 260,302,957	82.84%	\$ 231,403,191	\$ 28,899,766
SEPARATE ENTITIES				
Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC)	\$ 1,840,000	0.65%	\$ 7,281,141	\$ (5,441,141)
TOTAL SEPARATE ENTITIES STATE	\$ 1,840,000	0.65%	\$ 7,281,141	\$ (5,441,141)

NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget

NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget Funding Changes

State and Federal Grant Changes – \$29.0 million net increase, primarily comprised of:

- **Workforce – \$12.2 million net increase comprised of:**
 - Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) – (\$12.2 million increase)
- **Transportation – \$18.6 million net increase, primarily comprised of:**
 - Federal Transit Administration (FTA) – (\$2.7 million increase)
 - Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) – (\$12.1 million increase)
 - Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) – (\$6.7 million increase)
 - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – (\$4.0 million decrease)
- **Emergency Preparedness – \$535 thousand net increase, primarily comprised of:**
 - Governor's Office – (\$535 thousand increase)

NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget Funding Changes

State and Federal Grant Changes – \$29.0 million net increase (Continued)

- **Area Agency on Aging – \$3.7 million net decrease comprised of:**
 - Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) – (\$3.7 million decrease)
- **Environment & Development – \$1.2 million net increase, primarily comprised of:**
 - Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) – (\$302 thousand increase)
 - General Land Office (GLO) – (\$860 thousand increase)
 - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) – (\$543 thousand increase)
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – (\$420 thousand decrease)

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NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget Funding Changes

Local Contracts & Other Revenue – \$2.9 million net increase, primarily due to:

- Transportation – (\$3.4 million increase)-various projects
- Research and Information Services – (\$836 thousand decrease)-primarily CityNet project

In-Kind Match Funds – \$1.0 million net increase, primarily due to:

- Primarily Transportation – (\$1.0 million increase) -various projects

Separate Entities (NCT9-1-1) – \$3.9 million net decrease, primarily due to:

- CSEC Grant – (\$5.4 million decrease) – Grant contract approaching end of term
- Operating Revenue – (\$1.5 million increase)
 - Increase primarily due to wireless funding

Total Change to Funding – \$29.0 million net increase

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Total Expenditures	FY 2025	FY 2024	Change
Workforce Development	\$ 137,180,861	\$ 125,107,872	\$ 12,072,989
Transportation	117,442,102	95,487,070	21,955,032
Area Agency on Aging	14,734,998	18,438,612	(3,703,614)
Agency Administration	12,810,398	11,998,104	812,294
Research & Information Services	11,732,556	11,021,457	711,099
Environment & Development	6,982,868	6,137,846	845,022
Emergency Preparedness	3,215,094	2,305,728	909,366
Community Services	2,590,964	2,239,168	351,796
Agency Management ⁽¹⁾	1,884,156	1,655,314	228,842
Separate Entities			
NCT 9-1-1	19,715,177	23,632,688	(3,917,511)
Public Employee Benefits			
Cooperative	1,512,358	1,415,189	97,169
Total Proposed Expenditures	\$ 329,801,532	\$ 299,439,048	\$ 30,362,484
Less: Interdepartmental Charges ⁽²⁾	(15,549,851)	(14,190,437)	(1,359,414)
Net Expenditures	\$ 314,251,681	\$ 285,248,611	\$ 29,003,070

⁽¹⁾ Includes Public Affairs

⁽²⁾ Includes Direct Service Charges and Indirect Overhead

NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget

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NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget Total Expenditures

Transportation- Total expenditures net increase of \$22.0 million, primarily comprised of:

- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)- (\$12.1 million increase)
 - Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant-North Texas Equitable Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (\$4.3 million increase)
 - Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant-Texas Hydrogen and Electric Freight Infrastructure- (\$2.5 million increase)
 - Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (\$3.6 million increase)
 - USDOT FY23 Safe Streets and Roads- (\$1.6 million increase)
- Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT)- (\$6.7 million increase)
 - IH 30 Designs: Automated Vehicle Readiness- (\$2.2 million increase)
 - Aerial Photography: GIS Sidewalks & FY23- Present Aerial Planning- (\$1.1 million increase)
 - Safety Program: Reduce Youth Fatalities due to Motor Vehicle Crashes (\$1.5 million increase)
 - FY21 Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE)(\$1.0 million increase)
 - Strategic Targeting of Aggressive Driving & Road Rage- (\$800 thousand increase)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)- (\$4.0 million decrease)
 - EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act-includes DERA 2018, 2019, & 2020- (\$3.6 million decrease)
 - Air Quality Initiatives: Energy Efficiency- (\$490 thousand decrease)
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA)- (\$2.7 million increase)
 - FY21 Rebuilding America Infrastructure with Sustainability & Equity (RAISE)(\$4.4 million increase)
 - Transit Projects (5310)- (\$1.9 million decrease)

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NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget Total Expenditures

Transportation - Total expenditures net increase of \$22.0 million, primarily comprised of continued:

- Local – (\$3.4 million increase)
 - Regional Transit Study Version 2.0: Planning for Year 2050 – (\$1.6 million increase)
 - Dallas County Inland Port Local Government Corporation – (\$900 thousand increase)
 - Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant – (\$598 thousand increase)
- In-Kind – (\$1.0 million increase)
 - EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act: includes DERA 2018, 2019, & 2020 – (\$5.6 million decrease)
 - North Texas Moves: Regional Rail Information System and DART, Trinity Metro, Double Track – (\$3.9 million increase)
 - Transit Projects (5307) – (\$1.1 million increase)
 - FHWA Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator: Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (RAA) Program – (\$840 thousand increase)
 - Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant: Texas Hydrogen and Electric Freight Infrastructure – (\$600 thousand increase)

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NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget Total Expenditures

Workforce Development - Total expenditures net increase of \$12.1 million, primarily comprised of:

- Child Care Funding – (\$12.4 million increase)-Primarily pass through to subrecipient

Area Agency on Aging - Total expenditures net decrease of \$3.7 million, primarily comprised of:

- TX Health and Human Services- (\$3.7 million decrease)-Primarily pass through to Meals on Wheels subrecipients

Agency Administration - Total expenditures net increase of \$812 thousand, primarily comprised of:

- Agency Support (\$608 thousand increase)
- Facilities Management (\$203 thousand increase)
 - NCTCOG headquarter lease and operating expense-(increase from prior year 2% and 3% respectively)

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NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget Total Expenditures

Research & Information Services - Total expenditures net increase of \$711 thousand, primarily comprised of:

- Fee for Service (Aerial Photography) – (\$1.9 million increase)
- CityNet- (\$1.4 million decrease)-Program ending, originally initiated in 2006

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NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget Total Expenditures

Environment & Development - Total expenditures net increase of \$845 thousand, primarily comprised of:

- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)- (\$555 thousand increase)
 - Solid Waste Management – (\$388 thousand increase)
 - Water Quality Management – (\$167 thousand increase)
- Federal Emergency Management Agency - (\$420 thousand decrease)
 - Cooperative Technical Partnership (CTP) FEMA – (\$420 thousand decrease)
- General Land Office – (\$860 thousand increase)-In conjunction with the Transportation Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) project

Emergency Preparedness - Total expenditures net increase of \$909 thousand, primarily comprised of:

- Governor's Office - (\$535 thousand increase)
 - State Homeland Security Program – (\$45 thousand increase)
 - Statewide Emergency Radio Infrastructure – (\$393 thousand increase)
 - Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) – (\$80 thousand increase)
- Transportation Department Support - (\$397 thousand increase)-Primarily related to a Department of Energy project, Planning Resilient EV Charging in North Texas.

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NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget Total Expenditures

Separate Entities

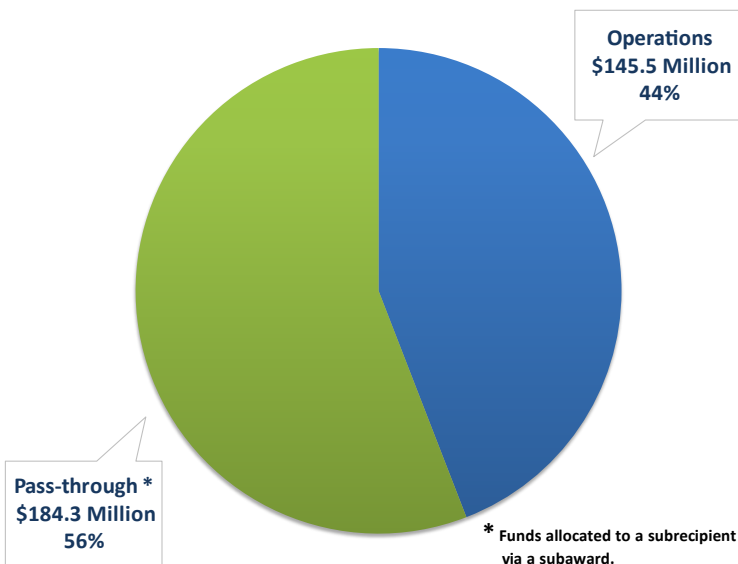
NCT9-1-1 District - Total expenditures net decrease of \$3.9 million, primarily comprised of:

- CSEC Grant-(\$5.4 million decrease)-grant contract nearing end of term
- Operating Budget-(\$1.5 increase), primarily comprised of:
 - Next Generation Core Service-(\$ 2.2 million increase)
 - Next Generation Capital Contribution-(\$1.0 million decrease)

Total Net Change to Expenditures – \$30.4 million increase

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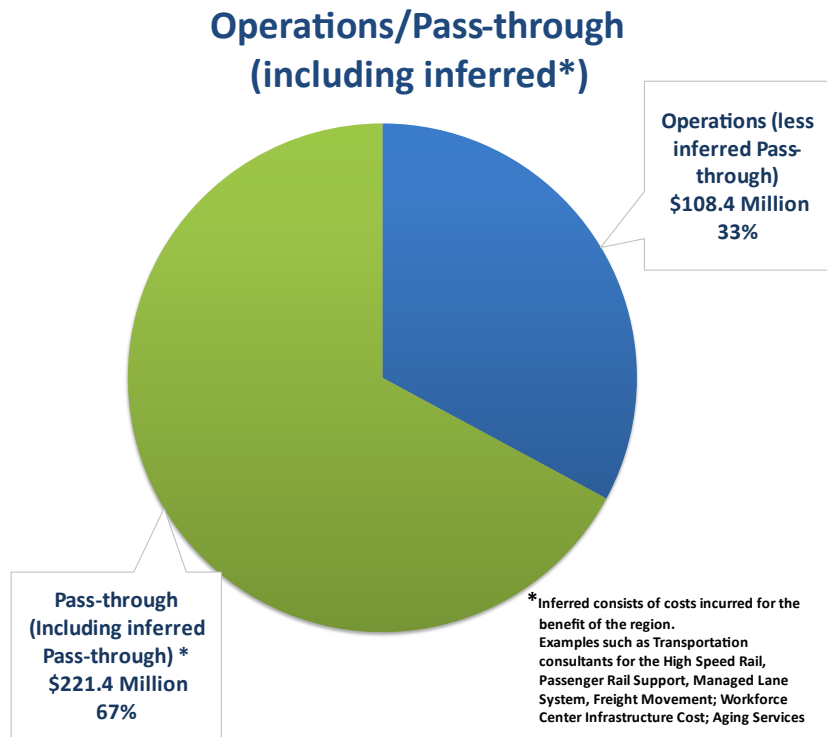
Operations/Pass-through *



* Funds allocated to a subrecipient via a subaward. Examples such as Workforce subrecipients Equus and Curantis; Transportation Transit Agencies; Aging congregate/home meals.

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Proposed Budget
Operations/Pass-through

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NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget Operations/Pass-through (including inferred)

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NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget

Personnel and Fringe Benefits

- 449 full-time positions and 65 temporary/part -time positions
 - Net Increase of 9 full -time positions
- Healthcare 4% increase
- 3.5% merit pool

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NCTCOG FY 2025 Proposed Budget

Full-time Positions	FY 2025	FY 2024	Change
	Budget	Budget	
Transportation	204	195	9
Workforce Development	58	55	3
Agency Administration	45	45	0
Research & Information Services	35	35	0
Area Agency on Aging	29	32	-3
Environment & Development	16	16	0
Emergency Preparedness	7	7	0
Community Services ⁽¹⁾	10	10	0
Agency Management ⁽²⁾	6	6	0
PEBC	6	6	0
NCT9-1-1	33	33	0
Total	449	440	9

(1) TXShare, RPA, TDI, and Criminal Justice
 (2) Includes Public Affairs

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Full-Time Staffing Update

Transportation (Net 9)

- Assistant General Counsel (1)
- Senior Transportation Planner (1)
- AQ Planner II (2)
- AQ Planner I (1)
- Communications Coordinator (1)
- GIS Data Solutions Analyst I (1)
- TR Planner I/II (2)

Workforce Development (3)

- Early Childhood Support Specialist (1)
- Industry and Workforce Engagement Specialist– Child Care (1)
- Grant Manager (1)

Area Agency on Aging (-3)

- Senior Case Manager (-1)
- Benefits Counseling and Referral Specialist (-2)

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Remaining Steps In Budget Process:

- Answer any questions today.
- Provide for public hearing and budget adoption resolution at September's Board meeting.
- Prepare budget document for filing with the Board and State agencies in September.
- Monitor FY 2024 budget year close out.
- Implement FY 2025 budget beginning October 1.
- Present status of programs and need for budget amendments throughout the year as new programs and funding become available.



North Central Texas Council of Governments

Item 16

Exhibit: 2024-09-16-TR

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Resolution Authorizing Amendment to the Contract with HNTB Corporation to Complete the National Environmental Policy Act Process for the Dallas to Fort Worth High-Speed Transportation Connections Study

On April 23, 2020, the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board approved the execution of a contract with HNTB Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000, which was amended to a not-to-exceed amount of \$12,099,657 on January 25, 2024, to advance a high-speed transportation corridor between Fort Worth and Dallas in a two-phase study. The first phase was an alternatives analysis of high-speed modes and corridors that was completed in late 2022. The second phase includes conceptual and preliminary engineering with environmental analysis and documentation as a part of an official National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process resulting in a federal government action identifying the project's next steps.

In response to Dallas City Council Resolution 24-1978 approved on June 12, 2024, regarding the downtown Dallas section of the proposed high-speed rail alignment, the Regional Transportation Council directed staff to advance engineering on an alternative west of downtown Dallas that still terminates at the environmentally approved Dallas high-speed rail station, offering the opportunity for a "one-seat" ride. The additional engineering analysis, as well as stakeholder and project partner coordination, required to advance a western alignment alternative necessitates additional funding to support consultant activities.

At its August 8, 2024, meeting, the Regional Transportation Council approved an additional \$1,650,343 in Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds to support the NEPA process. These funds will be administered through the Federal Transit Administration consistent with the existing funding.

A draft resolution has been prepared authorizing an amendment to the consultant contract with HNTB Corporation to add an additional \$1,650,343 in STBG funds to the amended not-to-exceed amount of \$12,099,657 for a new total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$13,750,000 of STBG funds (with 2,750,000 Regional Transportation Development Credits in lieu of local match). These additional funds will ensure sufficient resources are available in NCTCOG's contract with HNTB to complete the NEPA process for a high-speed rail corridor between Fort Worth and Dallas. HNTB is committed to maintaining a 31.3 percent Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal. I will provide a brief presentation of this item and will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

EP:cmg
Attachment

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT WITH HNTB CORPORATION TO COMPLETE THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT PROCESS FOR THE DALLAS TO FORT WORTH HIGH-SPEED TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS STUDY

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a Texas political subdivision and nonprofit corporation organized and operating under Texas Local Government Code Chapter 391 as the regional planning commission for the 16-county North Central Texas region; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is a voluntary association of, by, and for local governments established to assist in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG, and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth region is in nonattainment of the federal air quality standard for ozone and NCTCOG is actively involved in the development and implementation of the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and,

WHEREAS, Subtask 5.01 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program (Unified Planning Work Program) for regional transportation planning provides for conducting high-speed rail planning studies; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG initiated a Request for Proposals to hire a consultant to conduct a high-speed transportation connections planning study for the Dallas-Fort Worth region; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Board authorized NCTCOG to enter into a contract with HNTB Corporation on April 23, 2020, in an amount not to exceed \$11,000,000 of Surface Transportation Block Grant Program (STBG) funds, and a contract was executed on May 13, 2020, to conduct a phased approach subject to the availability of programmed funding for the high-speed transportation connections planning study; and,

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2024, the Executive Board authorized NCTCOG to amend the contract with HNTB Corporation to add \$1,099,657 in STBG funds to support tunneling expertise and development of alternative alignments in coordination with project stakeholders to advance the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process; and,

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2024, the City of Dallas approved City Council Resolution 24-1978 stating that the City Council does not support construction of any above ground rail lines through the Downtown, Uptown, and Victory Park areas of Dallas except for streetcar expansion projects currently under consideration and that the City Council will reconsider the Dallas to Fort Worth high-speed rail alignment upon completion of the economic impact study; and,

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2024, the RTC approved \$1,650,343 in STBG funds to advance engineering and stakeholder engagement on an alternative alignment concept west of downtown Dallas by HNTB Corporation, responding to the City of Dallas resolution while still advancing the opportunity for a “one-seat” ride through the environmentally approved Dallas high-speed rail station. The additional funding allows HNTB Corporation to complete the NEPA process as required by the study contract and to maintain the targeted Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation rate per the contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. An amendment to the contract between NCTCOG and HNTB Corporation to add an additional \$1,650,343 in STBG funds to the current not-to-exceed amount of \$12,099,657 for a new total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$13,750,000, be and is hereby approved.

Section 2. These funds shall be incorporated into the appropriate FY budgets, Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), UPWP, and other planning/administrative documents.

Section 3. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute a contract amendment with HNTB Corporation in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments as described herein.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Victoria Johnson, Vice President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Burleson

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on September 26, 2024.

Jennifer Justice, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Councilmember, City of Richardson



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Item 17

Exhibit: 2024-09-17-TR

Meeting Date: September 26, 2024

Submitted By: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

Item Title: Status Report on Metropolitan Planning Organization Revolver Funds and
Regional Transportation Council Local Pool

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is required to pay for expenses associated with projects and programs it implements before federal reimbursement can be requested. To do this, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Revolver Fund was created to hold local funds that pay these invoices. In September and December 2015, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved the programming of projects to establish the MPO Revolver Fund. The MPO Revolver Fund is reimbursed as federal/State reimbursements are received. This memo refers to this fund as the “Permanent MPO Revolver Fund.”

The Executive Board also authorized the Transportation Director to move interest between the Permanent MPO Revolver Fund, the Temporary MPO Revolver Fund, and the RTC Local Fund Pool based on need. This action also requires staff provide a semi-annual report to the Executive Board on the status of the MPO Revolver Funds and RTC Local Pool including interest transferred, if any, between funds.

On October 3, 2023, NCTCOG received \$10 million from DART; \$5 million was recorded in the Permanent MPO Revolver, and \$5 million was recorded in the Temporary MPO Revolver. On February 20, 2024, NCTCOG received an additional \$40 million from DART; \$5 million was recording in the Temporary MPO Revolver, and \$35 million was recording the RTC Local Fund Pool. On February 20, 2024, NCTCOG received \$60 million from Collin County, the entirety of which was recorded in the RTC Local Fund Pool.

Attachment 1 is a summary of the status of the Permanent MPO Revolver, the Temporary MPO Revolver, and the RTC Local Fund Pool. I will provide a brief presentation on this item and be available to answer questions from the Board.

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Attachment

Permanent MPO Revolver Balance (as of 9/6/2024)	\$	5,195,618
Permanent MPO Revolver	\$	15,000,000
From Dallas County	\$	5,623,000
From City of Dallas	\$	4,377,000
From DART Funding Partnership (\$10M total, split between Primary and Temporary MPO Revolver)	\$	5,000,000
Permanent MPO Revolver Interest	\$	308,359
Interest Earned	\$	308,359
Permanent MPO Revolver Utilization (as of 9/6/2024)	\$	10,112,742
Temporary MPO Revolver Balance (as of 9/6/2024)	\$	10,343,961
Temporary MPO Revolver Receipts	\$	10,000,000
DART Funding Partnership (\$10M total, split between Primary and Temporary MPO Revolver)	\$	5,000,000
DART Funding (\$40M total, split between Temporary MPO Revolver and RTC Local Fund - received 2/20/2024)	\$	5,000,000
Temporary MPO Revolver Interest	\$	343,961
Interest Earned	\$	343,961
Temporary MPO Revolver Utilization (as of 9/6/2024)	\$	-
RTC Local Fund Pool Balance (as of 8/2/2024)	\$	106,489,974
RTC Local Fund Receipts	\$	95,000,000
DART Funding (\$40M total, split between Temporary MPO Revolver and RTC Local Fund - received 2/20/2024)	\$	35,000,000
Collin County Funding (received 2/29/2024)	\$	60,000,000
RTC Local Fund Interest	\$	11,489,974
Interest Earned (includes interest earned from Historical RTC Local receipts)	\$	11,489,974
Committed Funds	\$	-
Historical RTC Local Fund Pool Uncommitted Balance (as of 9/6/2024)	\$	2,558,728
Historical RTC Local Fund Pool Receipts	\$	129,044,604
Receipts	\$	129,044,604
Committed Funds	\$	126,485,876
Completed Projects	\$	98,669,728
Unused Funding from Complete Projects (pending closeout and decommitment)	\$	(6,884,506)
In Progress Projects	\$	29,981,764
Committed for future SD/Landbanking Projects	\$	4,718,890

RTC LOCAL Accounts (September 6, 2024)

Permanent MPO Revolver Balance (as of 9/6/2024)	\$	5,195,618
Permanent MPO Revolver	\$	15,000,000
Permanent MPO Revolver Interest	\$	308,359
Permanent MPO Revolver Utilization (as of 9/6/2024)	\$	10,112,742
Temporary MPO Revolver Balance (as of 9/6/2024)	\$	10,343,961
Temporary MPO Revolver Receipts	\$	10,000,000
Temporary MPO Revolver Interest	\$	343,961
Temporary MPO Revolver Utilization (as of 9/6/2024)	\$	-
RTC Local Fund Pool Balance (as of 9/6/2024)	\$	106,489,974
RTC Local Fund Receipts	\$	95,000,000
RTC Local Fund Interest	\$	11,489,974
Committed Funds	\$	-
Historical RTC Local Fund Pool Uncommitted Balance (as of 9/6/2024)	\$	2,558,728

NCTCOG EXECUTIVE BOARD ATTENDANCE

June 2024 - May 2025

	Name	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	TOTAL
	Chris Hill President	P	P	P										3
	Victoria Johnson Vice President	P	P	P										3
	Jennifer Justice Secretary/Treasurer	P	P	P										3
	Bill Heidemann Past President	P	P	P										3
	David Bristol	P	A	V										2
	Carlos Flores	P	V	P										3
	T.J. Gilmore	P	P	P										3
	Bowie Hogg	A	V	P										2
	Rick Horne	P	P	V										3
	Brandon J. Huckabee	P	P	P										3
	Clay Jenkins	P	P	P										3
	Todd Little	P	P	P										3
	Cara Mendelsohn	P	V	P										3
	Bobbie Mitchell	P	P	P										3
	Tim O'Hare	P	P	P										3
	Kameron Raburn	A	P	P										2
	Nick Stanley	A	P	P										2
	Victoria Neave Criado - Ex Officio, Non-Voting Member	A	A	A										0
	TOTAL PRESENT	14	16	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
	Attendance Code:	P=Present A=Absent V=Virtual NM=No meeting *Check previous the posted attendance sheet for that month												



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2024-25 NCTCOG Executive Board Calendar

Regular Meetings start at **1:00 pm** unless otherwise posted
 Meeting Location: CenterPoint II, 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas

October 24, 2024	<i>Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices</i>
November 21, 2024	<i>Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices</i>
December 19, 2024	<i>Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices</i>
January 23, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
February 27, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
March 27, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
April 24, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
May 22, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
June 13, 2025	<i>GENERAL ASSEMBLY</i>
June 26, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
July 24, 2025	Executive Board Meeting & NCTCOG Foundation Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
August 28, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
September 25, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
October 23, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
November 20, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
December 18, 2025	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices