NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Minutes — April 25, 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 Heidemann, 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 Heidemann called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 12:45 pm on April 25, 2024. Mike Eastland took attendance and determined that a quorum was physically present.

Members of the Board Present:

9. Todd Little

10. Linda Martin

13. Tim O'Hare

15. Nick Stanley

11. Cara Mendelsohn

14. Kameron Raburn (V)

12. Bobbie Mitchell

1. Bill Heidemann

2. Chris Hill

3. Victoria Johnson

Andrew Piel

5. Jorja Clemson

6. Carlos Flores

7. Clay Jenkins

8. Jennifer Justice (V)

Members of the Board Absent:

- 1. J.D. Clark
- 2. Bowie Hogg
- 3. Victoria Neave Criado

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Monte Mercer, Tim Barbee, Doni Green, Michael Morris, Susan Alvarez, Randy Richardson, Jerri Watson, Ken Kirkpatrick, James Powell, Michael Bort, Tom McLain, Chris Klaus, Vickie Alexander, Shannon Stevenson, Dawn Dalrymple, Jessie Shadowens-James, David McCallister, Kelly Schmidt, Marcie Bruner

Visitors Present:

Rob Barthen | GrantWorks

REGULAR SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

President Heidemann 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.

ACTION:

Item 1 Approval of Minutes

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

Judge Hill entered the meeting.

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Mendelsohn (seconded by Commissioner Mitchell), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the minutes of the March Executive Board meeting.

Item 2 Resolution to Accept and Approve Quarterly Investment Report

Randy Richardson, Director of Administration, requested Board acceptance and approval for the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter that ended March 31, 2024. The report is required by the Investment Policy

and Public Funds Investment Act and shows an average rate of return, cumulative transactions and beginning and ending balances for the quarter.

Exhibit: 2024-04-02-AA

Upon a Motion by Judge O'Hare (seconded by Judge Little), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 3 Resolution Authorizing Contracts for Executive Search Consulting and Related Services

Jon Blackman, Sr. Operations Manager, requested Board authorization to enter into contractual agreements for Executive Search Consulting and Related Services utilizing the TXShare cooperative purchasing program.

The contracts will retain the services of one or more firms that offer:

- Service Category #1 Executive Search & Recruitment Services
- Service Category #2 Leadership Assessment
- Service Category #3 Succession Planning
- Service Category #4 Board Services
- Service Category #5 Interim Executives
- Service Category #6 Other Related Consulting Services

A Request for Proposals (RFP) #2024-019 was issued and returned thirteen (13) responsive proposals. Upon evaluation from the committee comprised of representatives from NCTCOG and the cities of Keller, Allen and McKinney, contracts are being awarded to Strategic Government Resources, Inc., Cooperative Personnel Services dba CPS HR Consulting, Baker Tilly US, LLP, and MGT of America Consulting, LLC for maximum five (5) year terms and will be available for use by NCTCOG and members of the TXShare cooperative purchasing program.

Exhibit: 2024-04-03-AA

Commissioner Mitchell made a motion to Approve the resolution as presented, which was seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Councilmember Mendelsohn requested that the Motion be amended to request that the vendors supply a community engagement fixed price or hourly rate standardized for all TXShare members. The motion as amended was approved.

Item 4 Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Freese and Nichols, Inc. for the Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure Project

Susan Alvarez, Director of Environment and Development, requested Board authorization to enter a contractual agreement between NCTCOG and Freese and Nichols, Inc., for hydrologic and hydraulic consulting services supporting the integrated Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure (TSI) project, in an amount not to exceed \$975,000. She explained that \$250,000 was authorized by the Board on May 18, 2023, for a consultant to support transportation planning elements of the Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure project. This modeling will identify areas of current and future flood risk in the project area. A procurement of a professional services firm was initiated to assist with the integrated Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure project and received four (4) responsive proposals. Upon evaluation by the Consultant Selection Committee, Freese and Nichols, Inc. is being awarded.

This will be a joint project between NCTCOG's Environment and Development and Transportation departments and funded jointly with Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Funds (FIF) and federal Surface Transportation Block Grant funds awarded by the Regional Transportation Council for a total project cost of \$6 million. Freese and Nichols, Inc. is committed to meeting a minimum Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation goal of 32% for this project.

Exhibit: 2024-04-04-ED

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

Item 5 Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant Program Applications to the United States Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization for submittal of two FY2025-2026 Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program applications to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) in the amount of \$105,000,000: AllianceTexas Smart Port Project under the INFRA Grant Program, and Dallas County Inland Port (DCIP) Multimodal Connectivity Project under the RURAL Grant Program. NCTCOG will also be a co-applicant for the State Highway (SH) 183 Segment 2E Project, to be submitted by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) with a request of \$457,424,730 from the MEGA Grant Program. Submission of these projects to USDOT were approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) at its April 11, 2024 meeting. TxDOT will be the implementing agent for the AllianceTexas Smart Port Project and SH 183 Segment 2E Project, and Dallas County will be the implementing agent for the DCIP Multimodal Connectivity Project.

Details of each project are identified below:

2024-04-05-TR Attachment 1

Multimodal Projects Discretionary Grant (MPDG) Program

Solicitation Overview (FY 25-26) - INFRA, MEGA, & RURAL Grants

	PROJECT					COST	/ FUNDING	STATUS	40000	
TITLE	DESCRIPTION/LIMITS			NON-FEDERAL			FEDERAL			
		NEW	E/W	RTC/TXDOT	Local/Private	N	RFC/TXOOT	Grant Amount/Type		TOTAL COST
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DCIP Multimodal Connectivity Project	Rebuild Belt Line Rid & Surince Rid to 4-lane hoods wir side paths for better leased Port mobility, safety, 6 access.	NO	EAST	\$36,340,0001	\$16,546,000 *	61%	\$9,130,000 1	\$25,000,000 (RURAL)	39%	\$87.015.000
AllianceTexas Smart Port Project	Deliver comprehensive infrastructure assets including 6H straylintermodal Pleay direct connectors, smart factiveling displayments it may be called a capacity to unleash Albanco logistics optimization concept.	NO	WEST	\$25,973,6994	\$132,400,000 *	60%	\$23,450,000 *	\$80,000,000 (INFRA)	40%	\$261,823,699
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SH 183 Segment 2E Project	Extend multi-tane concurrent TEXpress facility from PM up to PGBT/SH size, along with strategic maintaine is ramp upgrades to enhance safety, capacity is connectivity.	YES	вотн	\$194.648.8217	\$0	20%	\$321170.555 *	\$457.424.730 (MEGA)	80%	\$973,244,106
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Upon a Motion by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Clemson (seconded by Mayor Martin), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 6 Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Fiscal Year 2024 Safe Streets and Roads for All Planning Grant Application to the United States Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization for the submittal of a planning grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) under the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Discretionary Grant Program in the amount of \$5 million. He explained that the grant application funding will be used to conduct supplemental planning activities to further develop the regional Pedestrian Safety Action Plan and the regional Roadway Safety Plan and is anticipated to cost \$6.25 million, with \$1.25 million in Regional Toll Revenue available for local match. Benefits of the project include high frequency of crashes, safety concerns with crossing guards, and development of a regional process for placing school crossing guards and markings as well as best practices for integrating technology and enhancement to provide early warnings to motorists when approaching school zones. The Regional Transportation Council approved the submission of this planning grant application on April 11, 2024.

Exhibit: 2024-04-06-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge O'Hare (seconded by Councilmember Flores), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 7 Resolution Endorsing Submittal of Fiscal Year 2022-2024 Congestion Relief Grant Program Application to the United States Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board endorsement for the submittal of a grant application to the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) under the Congestion Relief Grant (CRG) Program in the amount of \$20 million (\$20 million CRG Program; four million Transportation Development Credits; 20 percent local match). The CRG Program reduces highway congestion, economic and environmental costs associated with congestion, including transportation emissions, and optimizes existing highway capacity and usage of highway and transit systems. NCTCOG's application will focus on shifting single vehicle trips to different modes or off-peak periods as well as freight trips to off-peak periods. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved the submission of the project to the USDOT under the CRG Program on April 11, 2024.

Exhibit: 2024-04-07-TR

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

Item 8 Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Fiscal Year 2024 Low or No Emissions and Bus/Bus Facilities Grant Programs Applications to the Federal Transit Administration

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board authorization for submittal of grant applications to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) under the FY2024 Low or No Emissions and Bus/Bus Facilities Competitive Grant Programs in the amount of \$55,472,890 with 5,906,168 in Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) in lieu of local match for NCTCOG, for the upcoming 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup events and buses and infrastructure for Trinity Metro. Fifty (50) electric vehicles and eleven (11) charging stations would be procured for the 2026 Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) World Cup events which would then be transitioned to public transit agencies throughout the region to replace buses near or at the end of their useful life with electric vehicles. Additionally, the grant application will also propose to procure electric buses and infrastructure on behalf of Trinity Metro (9 electric vehicles and 1 charging station). Trinity Metro will provide \$2,840,916 in local match for their buses and infrastructure. The Regional Transportation Council approved the submittal of the regional project on April 11, 2024.

Exhibit: 2024-04-08-TR

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

Item 9 Resolution Approving Creation of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Grant Management and Regional Transportation Council Initiative Fund

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board approval to create the NCTCOG Grant Management and Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Initiative Fund (Management Fund) with RTC Local funds. An initial allocation of \$3,000,000 RTC Local funds, approved by the RTC, will be obligated to the Management Fund from the RTC Local Pool. The Director of Transportation is authorized to allocate additional RTC Local funds to the Management Fund as needed. This funding strategy will help maximize grant funding for project implementation and reduce reporting burden under federal awards. An annual report of the fund will be presented to the RTC and Executive Board.

Exhibit: 2024-04-09-TR

Upon a Motion by Judge Little (seconded by Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Clemson), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

Item 10 Resolution Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to Expedite Environmental Permitting

At the request of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested that the Board authorize a new Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), funded by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), to expedite environmental permitting for transportation infrastructure projects in the Dallas-Fort Worth region in an amount not-to-exceed \$750,000. The RTC approved the Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) funds for the next 3-year increment of this program which is expected to carry the program through June 2027.

Exhibit: 2024-04-10-TR

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

Item 11 Resolution Approving Modifications to the <u>FY2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work</u> <u>Program for Regional Transportation Planning</u>

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, requested Board approval to amend the <u>FY2024 and FY2025 Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning</u> (UPWP). He presented the proposed modifications which included new initiatives, project updates, and funding adjustments which were approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) at its April 11, 2024 meeting. The UPWP is required by federal and State transportation planning regulations and provides a summary of the transportation and related air quality planning tasks to be conducted by Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) staff over a two-year period, to be carried out between October 1, 2023, and September 30, 2025, and identifies associated funding.

Exhibit: 2024-04-11-TR

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

Item 12 Resolution Endorsing FY 2025 Criminal Justice Priorities for North Central Texas

Kelly Schmidt, Criminal Justice Program Administrator, presented the FY 2025 Criminal Justice priority projects for Board endorsement. She explained that NCTCOG has an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) of the Office of the Governor's Public Safety Office (PSO). Under this contract, NCTCOG is responsible for determining regional criminal justice priorities. Submitted applications were reviewed, discussed and scored by the Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee (CJPDC). Priority lists were then developed in each category and will be submitted to the PSO, which provides the funds for local project implementation each year.

Criminal Justic	e Program	- Justice	Assistance	Grant*

Projected Funding:	\$2.13M
Recommended Non-competing Continuation grants (8 projects):	\$702K
Recommended New or Renewal Requests (23 projects):	\$1.77M
Balance:	(\$342K)

General Victim Assistance:

Projected Funding:	\$25.99M
Recommended Non-competing Continuation grants (52 projects):	\$20.59W
Recommended New or Renewal Requests (12 projects):	\$4.7M
Balance:	\$780K

Juvenile Justice*:

Projected Funding:	
Recommended Non-competing Continuation grants (6 projects):	\$808K
Recommended New ex Personal B	\$586K
Recommended New or Renewal Requests (4 projects):	\$363K
Balance:	(\$141K)

Truancy Prevention:

Projected Funding: Recommended Non-competing Continuation grants (5 projects): Recommended New or Renewal Requests (2 projects):	\$763K \$534K \$172K	
Balance:	\$57K	

Violence Against Women:

Projected Funding:	\$1.61M
Recommended Non-competing Continuation grants (11 projects):	\$0/1K
Recommended New or Renewal Requests (3 projects):	\$227K
Balance:	ΨΖΖΙΝ

^{*}All projects meeting the pass/fail threshold in these categories will be recommended for funding, should the allocation increase.

Exhibit: 2024-04-12-CJ

Judge O'Hare left the meeting.

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

APPOINTMENTS:

Item 13 Appointments to the North Central Texas Economic Development District Board (NCTEDD)

Prit Patel, Sr. Economic Development Manager, requested that the Board appoint the following three (3) appointments for vacant seats on the North Central Texas Economic Development District (NCTEDD) Board.

Three-Year Term Appointment Request	Board Category
Nate Dyhre, Director of Economic Development, City of Mineral Wells	Palo Pinto County
Chris Strayer, Executive Director, Parker County Economic Development Corporation	Parker County
Michael Talley, Senior Vice President, City of McKinney Economic Development Corporation	100,000 - 250,000 Population

The NCTEDD Board guides the work of the region's Economic Development District, which is managed and staffed by NCTCOG.

Exhibit: 2024-04-13-EDO

Upon a Motion by Judge Hill (seconded by Councilmember Johnson), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the appointments as presented.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 14 Old and New Business

Mike Eastland informed the Board that Pinnacle Bank was foreclosing on the loan held by Liberty Centerpoint, LLC which owns the buildings in which NCTCOG offices are located. Staff has been in contact with representatives of Pinnacle Bank, and the bank has made assurances that it will honor the NCTCOG leases and there will be no disruptions to our business operations. He also said that the May Executive Board meeting was cancelled and that the regular Board meeting would resume on June 27th. Additionally, he reminded everyone of the June 14th General Assembly that would take place at the Hurst Conference Center.

Judge O'Hare returned to the meeting.

Item 15 Attendance and Calendar

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

President Heidemann adjourned the meeting at 1:33 pm.

Approved by:

Bill Heidemann, President

North Central Texas Council of Governments

Mayor, City of Corinth

Checked by:

Mike/Eastland, Executive Director

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