



**Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC) Meeting Minutes**  
**NCTCOG / Transportation Council Room**  
**June 13, 2024**  
**9:30 AM – 11:30 AM**

**Pledge to United States and Texas Flags (9:40 am)** EPPC Council

**Welcome New Members & Opening Remarks (9:41 am)** EPPC Council

**Roll Call (9:43 am)** Attendee Introduction

**Approval of December 2023 and March 2024 Meeting Minutes (9:45 am)**  EPPC Members  
• *Did not make quorum to vote. Tabled until September 2024 EPPC meeting.*

**Business Items (9:45 am)**  EPPC Members

- *Did not make quorum to vote. Tabled until September 2024 EPPC meeting.*
- *An electronic vote was conducted on these business items and the results were as follows:*
  - Approval and Acceptance of SERI Grant (Tabled from March meeting)
    - Item passed via electronic vote with 20 yea, 0 nay, and 0 abstention.
  - Approval of REPAC Nominations (Tabled from March meeting)
    - Item passed via electronic vote with 20 yea, 0 nay, and 0 abstention.
  - Approval of EPPC Nominations
    - Item passed via electronic vote with 19 yea, 1 nay, and 0 abstention.
  - Approval of EPPC Vice Chair
    - Item passed via electronic vote with 19 yea, 1 nay, and 0 abstention.

**Administrative Business (9:46 am)** Maribel Martinez, NCTCOG

- **NCTCOG Regional Service Excellence Awards 2024**
  - Lauren Sanchez, City of Cedar Hill, DeSoto, Duncanville, Lancaster
  - Alisha Gimble, City of Richardson
  - Addison Holmes, City of Carrollton
  - Irish Hancock, City of Arlington
  - Irving OEM

**Information Items (9:55 am)** Justin Cox, NCTCOG

- 2024 SHSP Update
  - Grant guidance has been released:
    - All homeland Security grant programs were cut in funding, this includes UASI.
    - The grant guidance was released.
    - Minimum percentages for national priority areas have been removed except for election security (3%).
    - Priority areas include Cyber, Soft Targets, Intel & Info Sharing, Combating DVE, Community Preparedness, and Election Security.
    - 30% of funding must be allocated to one of the priority areas. We can choose which priority we want it to go to. This will help us in 2025 when we look at our working groups. We can pick and choose which priority areas we would like to fund.
    - 35% of funding for LETPA project
  - State allocation was cut: \$18,210,451 to \$16,389,406
- NCTCOG allocation: \$1,372,500

- We were planning for \$1.5 million, and we did not receive it. Different projects were cut.
  - We are pushing congress to get our funding back.
  - Public Education did not get funded.
- 2024 SHSP Project Priority List Funded
    - Regional Planning (NCTCOG) - \$522,900
    - Metro X (NCTCOG) - \$298,200
    - Metro X LETPA (NCTCOG) - \$257,250
    - PWERT Interdiction Trailer (Irving) - \$68,816
    - SWAT Comms Project (Mesquite) - \$30,000
    - SWAT Comms Project (Hurst) - \$50,000
    - EOD Slash and Go Training (Arlington) - \$127,955
    - SWAT Comms Project (Irving) - \$17,379
    - The \$1.5 million would have funded the PWERT light tower, Fusion Center CIKR Analyst, PubEd Enhancement, and CCP Enhancement. However, due to the OOG's cut in funding, these projects did not get funded.
    - The \$1.5 million was based on the past several years' projections. Next year we will be planning for the \$1,372,500 as in 2024's allocation.
    - There are multiple entities that are trying to get congress to bring back the 2023 level of funding so that we don't have to worry about these types of cuts.
    - In 2024 there were some competitive projects:
      - Wise County DVE received \$15,000
    - In 2025 we are planning for the same regional amount.
    - We will need to meet 30% of regional priority areas in 2025.
      - Election Security will be competitive statewide. You will see a separate announcement for the Election Security grant.
      - The OOG may not submit Cybersecurity IJ for SHSP. This may have to be joined with another IJ project.
      - Per Maribel, although the Public Education KnowWhat2Do annual website fee did not get funded, we are working to get it funded with Emergency Preparedness' budget.
- SHSP Grants Dashboard
    - Blue - money has been submitted for reimbursement.
    - Red - money needs to be reimbursed.
    - By the September EPPC meeting, there should be a lot more progression (blue) on the chart of projects completions.
  - Special Events Data Call
    - We received a cut in funding nationwide.
    - We encourage our jurisdiction to participate in the Special Events Data Call.
    - The Special Events Data Call normally takes place in August or September, more information to come.
    - This is important for our risk profile ranking with DHS and can help improve funding for UASI and SHSP.
    - The more events we have, the higher our score will be.
    - We encourage everyone's participation in this data call, and to send in their events.
    - If it gets released in September, we will bring it back to you in September.
  - Working Group Show & Tell
    - Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT) – Equipment was brought to COG.
    - Emergency Management – Equipment was brought to COG.
    - Some equipment was purchased on their own, and some was purchased with Homeland Security funds.

### **COG Updates / Announcements (10:10 am)**

NCTCOG Staff

- We have been working on the grants for the next fiscal year and are having a lot of workshops/training with our working groups.
- Recent weather impacts – Three of our working groups have been deployed due to severe weather impacts.

- UAS teams' activation – some drone teams were activated through our UAS teams.
- The State of Texas is going to have a 3-day workshop for active hurricane season, June 25-27, 2024.
- A regional sheltering framework discussion will be held at COG on June 26, 2024.
- The state is preparing for an active hurricane season. We will activate our regional sheltering framework if needed.
- EOC/Cyber Exercise workshop, more information to come.
- One of the final meetings in preparations for the RFP for Metro X is next week. Some working groups have provided some things that they want to test and prepare for large special events. We will compile them next week and establish a larger Metro X multi-day, multi-disciplinary project in 2025. Metro X is not just for our region, we will include some of our federal partners such as: FEMA, FBI, Secret Service, CISA, and airports.
- SERI Grant – Parker Co. received a \$1.75 million award. It ranked # 1 in the state. The grant will be back in 2 years.

### Upcoming Events (10:16 am)

National Homeland Security Conference; Miami, FL	July 22-25, 2024
REPAC Meeting	August 8, 2024
Cyber/EOC/Fusion Workshop	August 15, 2024
IAEM Region 6 Conference; Killeen, TX	September 19-20, 2024
IAEM Annual Conference; Colorado Springs, CO	November 15-21, 2024

### Member Comments / Public Comments (10:17 am)

- There are three Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) open in the region including Sanger, Plano, and Dallas.
  - Perry Bynum suggested getting the information out to the public.
- Justin will check to see if/how EPPC voting can be done by email.

### Resources

December 2023 Meeting Minutes

March 2024 Meeting Minutes

REPAC Nominations

REPAC Roster

EPPC Roster

EPPC Population Brackets

EPPC Nominations

Emergency Preparedness: [www.nctcog.org/ep/](http://www.nctcog.org/ep/)

State Training Website: [www.preparingtexas.org](http://www.preparingtexas.org)

### Meeting Adjourned (10:19 am)

#### Next Meeting

September 12, 2024

NCTCOG Transportation Council Room

Networking: 9:00 AM

Meeting: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM