

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Public Works Council

Thursday, February 26, 2015
9:30 AM, William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Joe Trammel, Tarrant County
Vice Chair: Buzz Pishkur, City of Arlington

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** The Public Works Council (PWC) Chair will welcome everyone to the meeting.

Joe Trammel, PWC Chair, welcomed everyone. He asked the members, alternates, guests, and North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff to introduce themselves.

ACTION/PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The November 20, 2014 meeting summary is available online for review. Approval will be sought at the meeting.

Joe Trammel requested that Item 7 of the November summary be changed to read "The resource tracking update is in progress." Jim Lockart made a motion to approve the November 20, 2015 meeting summary with the change. Manny Palacios seconded the motion. The PWC was unanimous in its approval.

3. **Public Works Construction Standards.** The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff and the Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee will brief the PWC on the overall progress of the update to the Construction Standards made by the review groups. NCTCOG staff will also discuss the overall schedule for the update.

The working groups continue to meet and are in the process of cross-checking the work accomplished thus far. Staff will be scheduling a meeting of the Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee to discuss the process and schedule for the upcoming reviews by the Subcommittee. The project remains on track.

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4. ***integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM)***. NCTCOG staff will present an overview of iSWM program activities including recent iSWM implementation workshops.

NCTCOG is launching a series of iSWM workshops in March. A workshop will be held in Collin, Dallas, Denton, and Tarrant Counties for elected officials detailing the benefits of iSWM. These will be followed by 20-30 implementation workshops in various cities within the region for city managers and staff.

5. **Public Works Roundup Planning**. NCTCOG staff will speak about the Annual Public Works Roundup activities and request input from the PWC regarding topics and speakers for the event.

Dates and sites for the 2015 Public Works Roundup are currently being evaluated by NCTCOG staff. PWC Members made numerous suggestions for topics and possible breakout sessions. Potential sponsors will be emailed informing them of the upcoming event. NCTCOG staff will keep the PWC informed of activities for this event.

6. **Other Work Program Activities**. NCTCOG staff will provide an overview of the Sustainable Public Rights of Way program and FEMA's Cooperative Technical Partnership and the Community Rating System.

Sustainable Public Rights of Way (SPROW): The SPROW education forum will be scheduled in the summer. The subcommittee roster will be reviewed to promote active participation by members.

Cooperating Technical Partnership: NCTCOG is proud to announce that due to the success of the Village Creek Watershed Project with FEMA, NCTCOG will be a CTP on FEMA's Bear Creek Watershed Project.

Community Rating System (CRS): With the support of the Texas Floodplain Management Association, the CRS webinars have been well attended. NCTCOG is seeking funding support to continue this effort. The next webinar, Developing a Program for Public Information and an Insurance Coverage Improvement Plan, is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 12 p.m., at the NCTCOG offices.

INFORMATION ITEMS

7. **Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT)**. A PWERT representative or NCTCOG staff will give an update on recent PWERT activities.

Joe Trammel relayed that the City of Euless gave a presentation on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Emergency Services at the previous PWERT meeting. PWERT is seeking grant funding to purchase digital message boards, lighting, and generators for use during emergency response. The next PWERT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at the NCTCOG offices.

8. **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Rural Ombudsman Future Presentation.** NCTCOG staff will present basic information about the role of the Rural Ombudsman, along with information about local TCEQ resources for small cities. Plans to bring the Rural Ombudsman to a future meeting are underway.

A handout was provided to the PWC on this program. NCTCOG staff is working with TCEQ to schedule a presentation.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

9. **Future Agenda Items.** The PWC Members and NCTCOG staff may suggest future agenda items.

Information related to resources available through NCTCOG's Research and Information Services Department.

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

It was announced that there will be a regional GIS seminar in Arlington, October 2016.

NCTCOG will participate in Earth Day Texas, April 24-25, 2015.

Jack Hedge, Dallas County, will be retiring the end of February 2015.

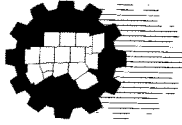
Tarrant County will host a Water Forum in October 2015.

The City of Irving announced the Highway 183 Reconstruction ground breaking is scheduled on March 3.

11. **Schedule for the Next PWC Meeting.** The next PWC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in NCTCOG's Regional Forum Room. Please earmark that date, and as we get closer to that time, NCTCOG staff will coordinate with the Chair to confirm the meeting and provide an agenda.

12. **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



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NAME	SIGNATURE	REPRESENTS
Justin Brown		Denton/Lake Cities Subregion
Chris Browning		City of McKinney
Michael Brownlee		Southwest Dallas Subregion
Paul Causey		Associated General Contractors
Jeff Chambers	<i>Jeff Chambers</i>	Southeast Subregion
Gerald Cosgrove	<i>Gerald Cosgrove</i>	City of Plano
Lyndon Cox	<i>Lyndon Cox</i>	Texas Council of Engineering Labs
Hal Cranor	<i>Hal Cranor</i>	Mid-Cities Subregion
Andy Cronberg		City of Fort Worth
Kyle Culwell	<i>Kyle Culwell</i>	Northwest Tarrant Subregion
David Disheroon	<i>David Disheroon</i>	Southwest Subregion
Perry Harts		City of Frisco
Jack Hedge	<i>R. (Amid) Beha</i>	Dallas County
Tracy Homfeld		Collin County
David Hunter		City of Denton
Sheyi Ipaye		South Tarrant Subregion
Tim James	<i>Tim James</i>	City of Mesquite
Frank Jaromin		Northeast Subregion
Chad Kopecki		City of Dallas
Wayne Lee	<i>Wayne Lee</i>	City of Irving
Jim Lockart	<i>Jim Lockart</i>	City of Richardson
Keith Marvin	<i>Keith Marvin</i>	Northwest Dallas Subregion
Ron McCuller		City of Grand Prairie
Keith Melton	<i>Keith Melton</i>	City of Arlington
Steve Miller		Southeast Dallas Subregion
Manny Palacios	<i>Manny Palacios</i>	West Subregion
Cody Petree		Northeast Tarrant Subregion
Buzz Pishkur		City of Arlington
Michael Polocek	<i>Michael Polocek</i>	City of Garland
Jim Proce	<i>Jim Proce</i>	Northeast Dallas Subregion
Jerry Roberts		Council of Engineering Companies
David Salmon	<i>David Salmon</i>	DFW North Subregion
Greg Simmons		City of Fort Worth
Tim Starr	<i>Tim Starr</i>	City of Dallas
Danny Stevens		City of Carrollton
Eric Tamayo		Northwest Subregion

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