



**Meeting Summary**

**NAS JRB Fort Worth Regional Coordination Committee  
October 21, 2024  
1:30 p.m.**

**YMCA Camp Carter  
6200 Sand Springs Road  
Fort Worth, TX 76114**

The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth (NAS JRB Fort Worth) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 21, 2024. The meeting was hosted by YMCA Camp Carter.

**Voting Members in Attendance**

Councilmember Dr. Larry Marshall, Chair, City of Benbrook  
Dan Chisholm, Vice Chair, City of River Oaks  
Jeff James, Secretary, City of White Settlement  
Jack Adkison, City of River Oaks  
Councilmember Michael D. Crain, City of Fort Worth  
Councilmember Macy Hill, City of Fort Worth  
Dillon Maroney, Tarrant County  
Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White Settlement  
Maegan P. South, Tarrant County  
Councilmember Gary Stuard, City of Lake Worth

Ken Botts, White Settlement Area Chamber of Commerce  
Kenneth B. Ross, Lockheed Martin  
Maritta Sumner, Governor's Committee to Support the Military

**Others Present**

Linda Archer, YMCA Camp Carter  
JJ Balderas, YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth  
Brandy Barrett, City of Westworth Village  
Gloria Christin, East Lake Worth Neighborhood Association  
Phil Dupler, Trinity Metro  
Evan Escher, Trinity Metro  
James Hoelke, Lockheed Martin  
Doug Howard, City of Benbrook  
Sarah Kelty, Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors  
Brian Libbey  
Lt. Col. David Merrill, Fort Wolters  
James Myrick, City of River Oaks  
Dan Novak  
Amelia Owre, NAS JRB Fort Worth  
Paul Paine, Fort Worth Stockyards, Inc.  
T.J. Patterson, City of Fort Worth  
Jim Smith, City of Lake Worth  
Bethany Warner, City of Fort Worth  
Faron Young, Mayor, City of White Settlement

**Non-Voting Members in Attendance**

Mike Coleman, At-Large  
Charlie Cripliver, The Office of Representative Kay Granger  
Jennifer DeWitt, The Office of Representative Craig Goldman  
Trent Dowd, Lake Worth ISD  
Ricardo Gonzalez, Texas Department of Transportation  
Courtney Holt, The Office of Senator Kelly Hancock  
Capt. Beau Hufstetler, NAS JRB Fort Worth  
Dan Kessler, North Central Texas Council of Governments  
Ricky Langton, YMCA Camp Carter  
Kit Marshall, Greater Fort Worth Association of Realtors  
Capt. Mark McLean, Texas Military Preparedness Commission

**NCTCOG Staff in Attendance**

Jessica Cordova  
Kyle Roy  
Amanda Wilson

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## **Meeting Summary Outline**

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. Approval of July 15, 2024, Meeting Summary (Action)
4. 2025-2026 Officer Nominating Committee
5. Challenge Coin Recognition
6. Camp Carter
7. Legislative Program for 89th Texas Legislature
8. Appointment to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission
9. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update
10. White Settlement DCIP Update
11. Community Noise Mitigation Program Update (Action)
12. Staff Reports, Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG
  - Transportation Project Implementation Update, Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
  - Scheduling Update
  - Media Alerts
  - Correspondence
  - Attendance Report
13. Public Comments

### **Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance and Texas Pledge**

Chair Larry Marshall called the Committee to order at 1:30 p.m.

### **Item 2. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chair opened the meeting with committee and audience member introductions. He noted several new members. He also explained that he had assumed the position of RCC chair due to a change in the appointed representatives for the City of Westworth Village. Former Chair Mike Coleman will continue to serve as a non-voting member at-large.

### **Item 3. Approval of July 15, 2024 Meeting Summary (Action)**

The motion to approve the meeting summary was made by Councilmember Michael D. Crain. Councilmember Macy Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 4. 2025-2026 Officer Nominating Committee**

The Chair announced the Nominating Committee's slate of 2025-2026 officers. Dr. Larry Marshall, Dan Chisholm, and Jack Adkison served on the committee. The new officers will begin their terms following an election at the January 2025 meeting.

Chair: Dr. Larry Marshall, City of Benbrook  
Vice Chair: Dan Chisholm, City of River Oaks  
Secretary: Jeff James, City of White Settlement  
Treasurer: Gary Stuard, City of Lake Worth

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### **Item 5: Challenge Coin Recognition**

The Chair introduced Paul Paine, former Commanding Officer of NAS JRB Fort Worth, who also served as a past RCC Chair as well as a NCTCOG Senior Program Manager for Defense Community Planning. A challenge coin was presented to Mr. Paine on behalf of the RCC for his meaningful contributions to the RCC mission. Capt. Beau Hufstetler, NAS JRB Fort Worth Commanding Officer, also thanked Paul for his contributions and presented him with a branded ballcap. Dan Kessler also expressed his gratitude to Mr. Paine for his work at NCTCOG to advance the RCC mission.

Mr. Paine spoke about the importance of the RCC and paid tribute to Chuck Silcox, the first RCC Chair, whom Paul worked with in the RCC's first year. He reflected on the RCC mission and the challenges of developing land with compatible uses in an urban area. Mr. Paine said the award was a great honor and thanked the RCC members.

### **Item 6. Camp Carter**

JJ Balderas, the Vice President of Camping Services for the YMCA of Metropolitan Fort Worth, presented on the benefits and amenities of Camp Carter, which hosted the meeting. He said Camp Carter was "a hidden gem" in the heart of Fort Worth and noted how rare it was to have a natural space and hiking trails in the middle of an urban environment. He encouraged attendees to consider the campgrounds for retreats, meetings and other activities. Camp Carter is in the middle of broadening its offerings to include year-round access to the grounds for camps and events. Camp Carter is now offering special events for both children and adults and reinventing its overnight and day camp experiences. It is also making a renewed committee to disability access, including a new inclusive cabin for the blind.

Several RCC members remarked on the novelty of having Camp Carter in the heart of Fort Worth near Burger's Lake. Mr. Balderas said the camp had been open since 1976 and invited everyone to participate in upcoming events.

### **Item 7: Legislative Program for 89th Texas Legislature**

Amanda Wilson presented a draft legislative position for the upcoming State legislative session, which will convene on Jan. 14, 2025. The position allows staff and the RCC chair to take action to support bills that align with the RCC's legislative goals. The position has four goals:

1. Create effective processes to protect the safety of military flight operations prior to approval of proposed development projects that may directly impact military operations, such as wind turbines, communications towers, lighting, foreign government entity investment adjacent to military installations, and sensitive land uses;
2. Extend the 15-mile buffer near a military installation exception for landowner release from a city's extraterritorial jurisdiction to all military installations in the state;
3. Mitigate the impact to cities, counties and school districts of lost property tax revenue for the disabled veteran exemption;
4. Provide continued and full funding for the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant program and the Texas Military Value Revolving Loan Fund.

Amanda requested feedback on the position in advance of the next meeting on Jan. 27, 2025, when the RCC will need to approve the position.

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Fort Worth Councilmember Michael Crain provided background on the second goal. He said a bill was passed in the previous legislative session that allows landowners to release themselves from a city's extraterritorial jurisdiction; however, cities with military installations were granted a five-mile buffer in which property releases are not permitted, except in the case of San Antonio, which was granted a 15-mile buffer. Therefore, the City of Fort Worth is also seeking a 15-mile buffer. Dan Kessler added that the extended buffer could help the city regulate the location of wind farms.

### **Item 8. Appointment to the Texas Military Preparedness Commission**

Capt. Mark McLean, a new member of the Texas Military Preparedness Commission (TMPC), provided an overview of TMPC and its current initiatives. He explained that TMPC was founded in 2003 as an initiative of then-Governor Rick Perry, who was concerned about protecting military installations in Texas from a future Base Realignment and Closure review. In 2012, TMPC came up with the idea to have economic impact studies of each installation and has partnered with the Comptroller's Office on these studies in recent year. In 2023, the economic impact analysis showed a \$151.2 billion impact on the state's economy with over 213,000 military and Department of Defense (DoD) civilian personnel. Capt. McLean also explained how the Texas Military Value Revolving Loan Fund can assist defense communities with projects that enhance military value, create economic development opportunities, or provide infrastructure accommodate new or expanded military missions.

He also discussed the Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant (DEAAG) that assists defense communities that have been positively or negatively impacted by a change or announced change by the Department of Defense. NAS JRB Fort Worth has received several DEAAG awards in recent years. Amelia Owre, the Community Planning Liaison Officer for NAS JRB Fort Worth added that DEAAG applications were originally created for projects "outside the fenceline" and volunteered that NAS JRB would be willing to partner on any projects with military value. Capt. McLean offered STEM education programs and youth sports facilities for military families as examples of successful applications.

### **Item 9. NAS JRB Fort Worth Update**

Capt. Beau Hufstetler, NAS JRB Fort Worth Commanding Officer, provided an update on recent activities at the base, including October Fest, Fall Fest, a visit by the Dallas Cowboys, and the Navy Ball. He said the base would host a Thanksgiving dinner giveaway in November and noted there would be a ceremony to mark the arrival of the first F-35 aircraft to the 301st. He advised that a power outage at the base was planned for later in October to allow for maintenance to its electrical grid. Tree trimming on base was also planned for October. Also, renovations were currently underway for two barracks buildings along with a \$2.5 million repair to a roof. Finally, NAS JRB was voted the "#1 Smaller Base" in the US Navy's Southeast Region and received the Institution Excellence Award.

Following his update, Capt. Hufstetler and Ms. Owre presented awards to local partners on behalf of the Blue Angels. The Blue Angels wished to express their gratitude for assistance from the following partners at their April airshow: Westworth Village, White Settlement, Fort Worth, and NCTCOG. Dan Kessler further acknowledged the Regional Transportation Council and NCTCOG Executive Board for their financial support. Capt. Hufstetler said he had submitted a request for the Blue Angels to return to the region in 2026.

### **Item 10. White Settlement DCIP Update**

Jeff James, White Settlement City Manager, provided a briefing on the city's grant project from the Defense Community Infrastructure Program. The grant was awarded in fall 2022, but an environmental study slowed the project down and increased its cost by \$1 million for a total cost of \$2.6 million. The federal award was \$1.27 million, and the city provided the remaining non-federal local match. However, Mr. James said the study had been completed, and a construction contract had been awarded in early October to Fort Worth Civil Contractors. Construction is expected to begin in 60-90 days. Dan Kessler expressed his gratitude to Mr. James and the White Settlement City Council for stepping into cover non-federal costs.

### **Item 11. Community Noise Mitigation Program (CNMP) Update**

Amanda Wilson provided an update on NCTCOG's efforts to submit several applications to the Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation's Community Noise Mitigation Program. After meetings with local school districts, Lake Worth and White Settlement ISDs presented six schools for potential applications, and staff agreed to submit an application for each school. Therefore, acoustical testing was performed at the following locations to determine indoor noise level/eligibility

- Effie Morris Early Learning Academy (LWISD)
- Howry STEAM Academy (LWISD)
- LWISD Operations Building
- Brewer Middle School (WSISD)
- Liberty Elementary School (WSISD)
- WSISD Transition Center

Recommendations to reduce indoor noise included replacing windows and doors with higher Sound Transmission Classification (STC) rated materials. Advanced pre-application consultant work was performed with existing funding earmarked for JLUS implementation activities, and NCTCOG staff said they would seek Regional Transportation Council funding to backfill JLUS activities. Fort Worth Councilmember Macy Hill asked for more information about the local match requirements and sources. Amanda explained that the match was expected to be provided by each school district. The motion to approve the applications for submittal was made by Councilmember Hill. RCC Vice Chair Dan Chisholm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Item 12. Staff Reports**

- **Transportation Project Implementation Update, Dan Kessler, NCTCOG**
  - SPUR 341: Fencing and tree clearing are scheduled for late 2025. Estimated cost is \$1.7 million.
  - Meandering Road: 90% milestone achieved. Letting expected in late 2025.
  - Las Vegas Trail: 60% milestone achieved on PS&E. Letting expected in 2026.
  - SH 183: 60% schematic underway. Environmental clearance expected in mid-2025.
  - SH 199: 2028 letting expected for the segment from Roberts Cutoff to University.
  - IH 30: 95% schematic underway. Environmental clearance expected in 2026. Breakout projects still need to be identified.
  - Bomber Spur: This project has been incorporated into the IH 30 design. Project staff still need to determine how bring the project across SH 183.

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- **Scheduling Update:** The next RCC meeting will take place Monday, Jan. 27, 2025, at the Pecan Grove Conference Center in White Settlement.
- **Media Alerts:** Included in the packets.
- **Correspondence:** Included in the packets.
- **Attendance Reports:** Included in the packets.

### **Item 13. Public Comments**

Jim Smith, Lake Worth City Councilmember, offered remarks about the benefits of vocational training for service members. Gloria Christin, a member of the East Lake Worth Neighborhood Association, explained that her neighborhood is located near the base's runway and asked about assistance for residents to help mitigate noise and other effects from the base. Sarah Kelty asked whether flooded homes in White Settlement had received assistance from flood insurance programs.