

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Center of Development Excellence Steering Committee

Monday, July 2, 2018

2:00 PM, Transportation Council Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

1. **Welcome and Introductions** – Edith Marvin, Director of Environment and Development, NCTCOG.

Edith Marvin welcomed the group with opening remarks and led introductions.

2. **Case Study Presentation - Strong Towns** - Michael Kovacs, City of Fate, and Kevin Shepherd, Verdunity, will present on the Strong Towns program with a discussion to follow. (20 min.)

Michael Kovacs and Kevin Shepherd presented on the Strong Towns program, highlighting some North Texas case studies. The presentation will be available online after the meeting. Some next steps for the Strong Towns program include a Regional Summit in North Texas, tentatively scheduled for October 3, 2018.

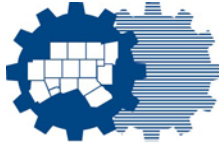
CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT EXCELLENCE ACTIVITIES

3. **Center of Development Excellence (CDE) Update** – NCTCOG will provide an update on the CDE.

Derica Peters, NCTCOG, gave an update on ongoing CDE activities, including: two Lego activities that have been conducted, maintenance of the technical tools library, an updated case study map that has been created, continued exploration of the Hindsight 20/20 project, and the distribution of a regional survey.

4. **Center of Development Excellence (CDE) Regional Survey Results** – NCTCOG will present and discuss the preliminary results of a survey that solicited feedback on the regional needs and priorities that may be addressed through the CDE.

Derica informed the group about the survey and survey results. The survey was initially released in early June; over 100 responses have been returned thus far. Preliminary trends revealed a lack of regional awareness about the CDE and a desire for the CDE and/or NCTCOG to provide resources related to infrastructure, transportation, and planning. NCTCOG staff informed the group that the survey will stay live, may be distributed again, and that the group will continue to be informed on results and trends.



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5. **Discussion of CDE Next Steps** - Discuss next steps for Center of Development Excellence.

Michael Morris, NCTCOG, presented on the Principles of Development Excellence and Celebrating Leadership in Development Excellence (CLIDE) Awards. He asked the group to consider whether these principles and CLIDE Award categories were still appropriate and whether they should evolve in order to coincide with the state of our maturing region. He asked the group to consider whether there were alternatives that could be added to the selection in order to modernize the categories. Some topics the group suggested included silo-busting, equity, technology and smart cities, schools/education, and resiliency. Michael responded that the NCTCOG staff will continue to solicit feedback and consider next steps to update the categories.

PARTNER UPDATES

6. **North Central Texas Stewardship Forum (NCTSF) Update** – Yarcus Lewis, City of Plano, will update the group on the NCSTF including educational roundtables.

Yarcus informed the group that the NCTSF is still exploring topics for roundtables aimed at providing guidance for staff that work on sustainability initiatives. Another project that has been proposed is a Sustainability 101 Seminar for Elected Officials.

7. **American Planning Association (APA) Update** – Douglas McDonald, President of the Texas APA Chapter, will present on chapter updates.

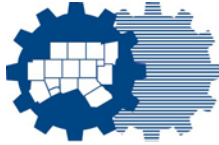
Douglas gave the following updates: the chapter has gained over 300 members recently, the University of Texas at Arlington is undergoing the process for accreditation renewal, the University of North Texas undergraduate planning program is facing approval, the chapter is preparing to host an elected/appointed officials training, the chapter is planning for the annual state conference in Galveston in October, the chapter is working with the Texas Municipal League to prepare for the next legislative session, and they are working on revamping their awards.

8. **Greater Dallas Planning Council (GDPC) Update** – Clifton Miller, GDPC, will give an update on GDPC activities.

Clifton Miller presented a handout that described current areas of focus, including: the Mobility 2045 plan, City MAP, Southern Gateway, I-30 Expansion, and the I-345 proposed project.

9. **NCTCOG Transportation Sustainable Development Program Updates** - Shawn Conrad, NCTCOG, will present on program updates.

Shawn gave program updates on projects the Sustainable Development program team are working on, including the following: a regulatory pedestrian safety plan, the Fort Worth Active Transportation plan, the FTA planning grant, safe routes to school, a school siting guidebook, a gentrification white paper, the Blue-Green-Grey grant is currently under open call for applications, and they are planning a Form-Based Code Training.



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10. **NCTCOG Environment and Development Department Updates** – Derica Peters, NCTCOG, will present department updates, including the Center of Development Excellence case studies map.

Derica showed the group the new case studies map; it is located at www.developmentexcellence.com. She showed the topics the case studies are categorized by, including CLIDE Award winners, energy, water, and solid waste.

11. **Next meeting date** - Discuss next meeting date.

Mike Eastland, NCTCOG, concluded the meeting with some final remarks. He asked the group to think about how we want to transform the image of our region and the thought process behind decision making. He encouraged the group to continue meeting to talk about taking the next steps to take the region where we want it to be.

The group discussed a continued desire to meet quarterly. NCTCOG staff told the group they would look into potential dates in the month of October.

