



North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Trinity River COMMON VISION Steering Committee
Thursday, September 13, 2018
9:30 AM, Pitstick Executive Board Room
NCTCOG Offices, CPII
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011

1. **Welcome and introductions** (Mia Brown)

The meeting began with introductions of all present.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Presentation on COMMON VISION**

- a. Overview of COMMON VISION and the Corridor Development Certificate (CDC) Program (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown presented an overview of the Trinity COMMON VISION program history and the goals of the program.

3. **COMMON VISION Work Program Overview and Activities Update.** NCTCOG staff will provide an overview and update of the listed activities of the Trinity River COMMON VISION Program:

- a. CDC Permitting Update (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown told the committee that 11 CDC applications were received during the fiscal year. This brings the total applications since the beginning of the program to 206.

- b. NCTCOG hosting of the 23rd annual FEMA 4-day National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) course (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown let the Committee know that this year NCTCOG would host the FEMA 4-day National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) course for the 23rd year in a row, and that registration for COMMON VISION communities opened last week.

- c. Elected Officials Seminar and Community Rating System (CRS) Meeting (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown gave the Committee a recap of the Combined Elected Officials Floodplain Seminar/CRS Users Group that was held July 18, 2018. The topics were new NCTCOG regional floodplain efforts, a NOAA Atlas 14 update from the USACE, and a presentation from FEMA's Resilience Action Partners on flood economics and their IMMersed virtual reality tool.

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- d. FY 18 Flood Management Task Force (FMTF) Work Program Results
 - i. NFIP/CDC Model Consolidation Committee (Jake Lesue/Stephanie Griffin)

Jake Lesue from Dewberry gave an overview of the process to update the hydrology and hydraulics of the Trinity River within the CDC corridor, along with georeferencing the model to the original CDC 1991 topography. He also gave future long-term considerations for the CDC model. Stephanie Griffin from Grand Prairie gave the update on the activities of the NFIP/CDC Model Consolidation Team, for which she is the team chair.

- ii. East Fork Trinity Community Integration (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown gave an overview of the effort for East Fork Trinity communities to voluntarily join the Trinity Common Vision program. There were four community interest meetings from April 2016 to January 2017. The Trinity Common Vision Steering Committee voted to approve the continued pursuit of the East Fork Integration in September 2017. On June 22, 2018, a meeting was held for the communities to discuss a draft resolution and program requirements. On September 19, 2018, a training on the CDC Manual and application process will be held in Mesquite. After this training, NCTCOG staff will work with the communities to review the resolutions with their city/council officials and pass them through their city councils or commissioners' courts.

- iii. Process Improvements for LOMR Submissions (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown told the Committee that FEMA Region 6 staff had been attending FMTF meetings to help come up with short and long-term solutions to issues voiced by the FMTF, namely LOMR processing times and communication between FEMA and the communities.

- iv. Administrative Coordination for the Regional Flood Warning Software Platform (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown informed the Committee that North Texas SHARE now has a cooperative contract available for OneRain's Contrail software as a result of a request from the FMTF. The FMTF wanted a software that works with their communities' warning hardware in the field, could be on a shared platform so that they can view each other's data, and would be available at a lower cost on a cooperative contract. The first ten communities to sign up will receive a \$500 discount off of the annual subscription fee.

ACTION ITEMS

- 4. **Summary of 2017 Common Vision Steering Committee Meeting** (Mia Brown)

A motion to approve the summary as presented was carried.



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5. **Approval of FY 19 Trinity River COMMON VISION Work Program.** The Flood Management Task Force (FMTF) met June 29th and assisted NCTCOG with the selection of work program items presented for the upcoming fiscal year. The FMTF then approved the work program composition on August 10th and recommended Trinity River COMMON VISION Steering Committee approval. (Mia Brown)

A motion to approve the FY19 Trinity COMMON VISION Work Program was carried.

PRESENTATION ITEMS

6. **Trinity Water Trails Proposal.** Steve Smith, Board Chair of the Trinity Nature Conservancy, will present the One River proposal for an integrated paddling trail system on the Trinity River in the Metroplex.

Steve Smith gave a presentation on the Trinity Nature Conservancy's One River proposal. He described three goals: unite the North Texas paddling community into a single cohesive organization, aggregate all North Texas Trinity River canoe launch sites into a single paddling trail of over 100 miles, and receive National Park Service designation as a National Recreation Trail. Mr. Smith requested feedback from the Steering Committee, agreement to allow each entity's part of the river to be included in the initiative, and a letter of support for the application to the National Park Service. He also described the support that will be available to the communities, such as volunteers to help maintain the launch sites and the possibility of future private/public funding to upgrade and maintain the trail. Discussion by the Steering Committee was very positive, with members voicing support for the initiative.

7. **Related Activities Update.** An update will be provided on related topics outside of this work program to include:
 - a. 16-County Watershed Management Initiative (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown gave the Committee the background and purpose of the initiative. A roundtable was held March 14th, 2017, with the county floodplain administrators, who came up with a menu of 13 regionally recommended watershed management standards. NCTCOG staff presented legislation from the 77th Regular Texas Legislative Session that amended the Texas Water Code that gives counties authority to enforce these standards. A forum was held July 12th, 2017, with county floodplain administrators and district attorneys to discuss the legislation. The NCTCOG Executive Board endorsed the initiative in October 2017. Dallas, Denton, and Kaufman Counties have each partially or fully adopted the standards. NCTCOG staff are currently working with other counties to address their questions as they consider adopting from the menu of standards.

- b. Participation in FEMA's Cooperating Technical Partnership (CTP) Program and North Texas CRS Users Group (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown gave an overview of the Cooperating Technical Partners grant funded by FEMA, and NCTCOG's role and history as a partner. She then gave updates on NCTCOG's ongoing projects. Discovery in the East Fork Trinity is currently underway. Flood risk identification projects in Tarrant County and the cities of Cleburne, Benbrook, and Weatherford are currently underway. NCTCOG was awarded FY18 projects from FEMA for a flood risk identification project on 17.5 miles of Marys Creek in Parker County, which will begin next calendar year.

- c. Integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Update (Edith Marvin)

Edith Marvin gave an overview of the iSWM program and its membership, as well as the certification program. Six communities are iSWM Silver Certified (Fort Worth, Grand Prairie, Denton, Frisco, Kennedale, and Irving), and more communities are seeking certification. She mentioned that at their July meeting, the iSWM Subcommittee requested online training modules for developers. Also, the Subcommittee is working with the Public Works Standard Drawings Subcommittee to provide input for drawing updates.

- d. NOAA Atlas 14 Update (Jerry Cotter)

Jerry Cotter, USACE, gave the Committee an update on the NOAA Atlas 14 effort, and emphasized that one of the biggest reasons the effort is important is that the new data can guide how to design infrastructure to lessen impacts of major flooding. The NOAA Atlas 14 data will be released on September 28, 2018.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- 8. **Roundtable Topics/Other Business.** The Steering Committee and NCTCOG staff may share additional items as time allows.

Glenn Clingenpeel of Trinity River Authority urged the members to think about who owns flood risk and to be vigilant in keeping up with bills in the upcoming legislative session.

Alan Johnson of FEMA Region 6 urged the communities to adopt standards to reflect the new precipitation data from NOAA Atlas 14.

Craig Ottman of Tarrant Regional Water District mentioned that they are actively working with OneRain to incorporate their data into the new shared software platform.

Garry Fennell of Irving said that their trail program is now connecting to Coppell with a grant from Dallas County.

Bob Troyer, Mayor Pro-Tem of Lewisville, mentioned that the city is building canoe/kayak access at Hebron Parkway.

Richard Fregoe, Grand Prairie City Council, thanked NCTCOG for their efforts, and thanked Stephanie Griffin for participating in the FMTF and taking on the role of team chair of the NFIP/CDC Model Consolidation Team.



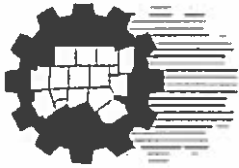
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Stephanie Griffin, City of Grand Prairie, mentioned that EpicFest is next weekend.

Alberta Blair, Dallas County Public Works Director, thanked NCTCOG, USACE, and FEMA for their efforts and partnerships. Dallas County is excited for upcoming initiatives.

9. **Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Mia Brown by phone at (817) 695-9227, or by email at MBBrown@nctcog.org.

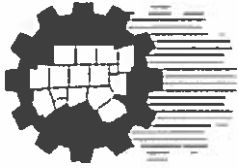


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Member Sign-in Sheet

Contact	Signature	Agency
Sheri Capehart		City of Arlington
Jerry Cotter		USACE
Edward Cary William III		Trinity River Authority
Rudy Durham	 Bob Troyer Deputy Mayor of Proctor	City of Lewisville
Mike Eastland		NCTCOG
Richard Fregoe		City of Grand Prairie
Robert Dye		City of Farmers Branch
Kelly Allen Gray		City of Fort Worth
Lee Kleinman		City of Dallas
Wm. David Palmer		City of Irving
Leah King		Tarrant Regional Water District
Kevin Falconer		City of Carrollton
Bobbie Mitchell		Denton County
John Wiley Price		Dallas County
Gary Roden		City of Coppell
Michael Segner		Texas Water Development Board
B. Glen Whitley		Tarrant County
Ronald Wanhanen		FEMA Region 6



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Jon M. Bunner	CITY OF DUNCANVILLE
ROSALINDA ADAMÉ	Dallas County
Konzala Narra	Dallas County
Steve Smith	Trinity Nature Conservancy
Jeff Kelly	City of Lewisville
Erika Pelletier	National Parks Conservation Assoc.
Angie Smith	City of Rowlett
Amy Cannon	City of Arlington
Lisa Biggs	City of Fort Worth
Adam Kay	Jones/Carter
Stephanie Griffin	Grand Prairie
Alan Johnson	FEMA RG
Angela Davidson	Halff
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Jake Lesué	Dewberry
Garry Fenrell	City of Irving
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Mike Grace	Dallas County