

North Central Texas Council of Governments



Meeting Summary

Public Works Council

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

9:30 a.m.

Metroplex Conference Room

North Central Texas Council of Governments, CP II

1. **Welcome.** John Baumgartner, new Chair of the Public Works Council (PWC), welcomed everyone. Introductions were made.
2. **September 8, 2011 Meeting Summary Approval.** Jim Lockart made a motion to approve the September 8, 2011 meeting summary. John Baumgartner seconded the motion. The PWC was unanimous in its approval.
3. **Regional Public Works Program Update.** Jack Tidwell briefly reviewed the Regional Public Works Program and updated the PWC regarding the National Flood Insurance Program Training Class held at NCTCOG in late November.
4. **iSWM Update.** Jeff Rice informed the PWC that since the last PWC meeting, there have been two iSWM training classes: the iSWM Water Quality Workshop on September 15, 2011 and the iSWM Implementation Workshop on September 27, 2011. Both were deemed very successful. Further implementation training is targeted for February 2012. The PWC members were asked to consider hosting a training session.

Freese and Nichols' 2012 work scope was reviewed. As part of the work scope, water quality structural control maintenance will be investigated with the results reported to the PWC. Outreach will include iSWM implementation training, a presentation for city managers and city councils, and three brown bag luncheons covering downstream assessments, bio-retention design and maintenance and inspection.

The iSWM implementation policy change approved by the PWC at the last meeting was announced via an article in InSight and a "blast" email to the region. The website was also updated. There are currently 13 cities that have adopted in one form or another. Duncanville is the latest adoptee.

The iSWM website will soon have a new page called i-Tools that will include training presentations and iSWM case studies. Jeff gave a brief tour of i-Tools and its intended use. i-Tools will be linked to the Center for Development Excellence best practices website to increase visibility.

5. **Public Works Construction Standards Survey Status.** Jack Tidwell reminded the PWC that updating the construction standards will be a massive undertaking. Before the work commences, several specific questions are being formulated to determine if it's being used, who uses it, and how it used. The PWC will serve as a test group before the survey is released to the region. The target date is January/February 2012. The results will be tabulated and presented at the 2012 Public Works Roundup.

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6. **2012 Public Works Roundup Discussion.** Possible topics for discussion at the 2012 Public Works Roundup are: Public Works Construction Standards, Emergency Preparedness role – First Responders, water supply issues, Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), tablet technology, social media, legislative issues, dam status, and truck idling. PWC members were encouraged to send any topic suggestions to NCTCOG staff.

A request was made to have a presentation on truck idling at the next PWC meeting.

7. **Council Roundtable.** Jack Tidwell gave a brief overview of the SAME Forum held on December 1, 2011 at Brookhaven College.

TPWA's Annual Short Course is in Lubbock on February 12-14, 2012.

8. **Next Public Works Council Meeting.** The next PWC meeting will be scheduled sometime in March or April 2012.