

# North Central Texas Council of Governments



## Meeting Summary

### Public Works Council

Wednesday, March 7, 2012

9:30 a.m.

William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room

North Central Texas Council of Governments, CP II

1. **Welcome.** Roundtable introductions were made and new members recognized.
2. [December 7, 2011 Meeting Summary Approval](#). A motion was made by Jim Lockart to approve the December 7, 2011 meeting summary. Gerald Cosgrove seconded the motion. The PWC was unanimous in its approval.
3. **Regional Public Works Program Update.** Jack Tidwell gave a status report on the work program current projects that included the standards survey, public works roundup, and iSWM.
4. **iSWM Update.** Rob Seeds briefed the PWC on the February 29, 2012, iSWM Implementation Workshop. There were about 30 attendees and the class ran from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at NCTCOG. The class was similar to the one held in September 2011. These types of classes serve to initiate inter-department dialogue regarding iSWM and encourage involvement of staff at all levels, from the street maintenance worker to the city council member. More iSWM classes will be scheduled this fiscal year.
5. **Public Works Construction Standards Survey Status.** The survey has been tested several times and is now ready for public input. The link will be sent to over 300 contacts and the results presented at the upcoming public works roundup. Jack Tidwell thanked the NCTCOG staff and the Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee for their dedicated work in developing the survey. A complete revamp of the Standards was accomplished in 2002 with most of the work done in-house. It was a large, expensive task. Once the 2012 survey is completed, the Public Works Council will decide how to proceed.
6. **DFW Land/Water Sustainability Forum LID Design Competition.** Jeff Rice gave an overview of the Houston LID Design Competition. The City of Dallas is interested in hosting such a competition and there is strong local support. The proposed name of the competition is "Low Impact Development – Using the *integrated* Stormwater Management Design Approach." NCTCOG has been asked to play a supporting role. An announcement will be sent out shortly regarding the competition details.
7. **2012 Public Works Roundup.** NCTCOG staff investigated venues outside of Arlington which resulted in the Plano Convention Center. The PWC was pleased with this and agreed to have the 2012 Public Works Roundup at the Plano Convention Center on Thursday, May 24, 2012 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Potential agenda topics are: Emergency Preparedness: First Responders, Public Works Construction Standards survey results, social media, truck idling, Society of American Military Engineers, and Americans with Disabilities Act. The PWC was encouraged to contact NCTCOG staff with any additional topic suggestions.

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8. **2013 Public Works Program Discussion.** The 2013 Public Works budget will remain the same as 2012. There will be no change in the participation cost unless dictated by program changes. Items to be included are iSWM training classes; 2013 Public Works Roundup; Public Works Standards and Specifications; and Sustainable Public Rights of Way. PWC members were encouraged to submit topics for consideration.
9. **Next Public Works Council Meeting.** The next PWC meeting will be scheduled in June/July 2012.