



Meeting Summary

Public Works Council

Thursday, November 1, 2012

9:30 a.m., Regional Forum Conference Room

North Central Texas Council of Governments

1. **Welcome.** The Chair welcomed everyone. PWC members and NCTCOG staff introduced themselves.
2. **July 26, 2012 Meeting Summary Approval.** Ron McCuller made a motion to approve the July 26, 2012 Meeting Summary. Tim Tumulty seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.
3. **New PWC Chair and Vice Chair.** The new PWC Chair, Jim Lockart, and the new Vice Chair, Dennis Burn, were recognized. NCTCOG's Executive Board approved them for a one year term.
4. **New PWC Members.** Rob Seeds announced the newly appointed members of the Public Works Council. A brief overview of the history and structure of NCTCOG and the PWC was presented to the Council. A copy of the presentation will be posted to the PWC website.
5. **Public Works Construction Standards Update Status.** Brad Tribble reviewed the survey results which indicated the Utility Section requires the most work. An email will be sent out soliciting volunteers to establish technical committees. The update procedure will take about two years so potential participants will need to be committed to the process. Elias Sassoon volunteered to serve on a technical committee.
6. **Other Work Program Activities.** Jeff Rice reminded everyone that the TCEQ stormwater permit comment period ends November 12, 2012. Small MS4 Permit 5th year reports are also due to TCEQ by November 12, 2012.

Jeff indicated that the Sustainable Public Rights of Way (SPROW) Subcommittee is interested in providing support for the Standards update process. Work continues on the SPROW website, and it is now set up for tracking "hits". A SPROW education forum is planned for 2013.

There was a brief discussion regarding bioswells. Jeff noted that this topic was covered at an iSWM Training Class. Videos of the classes are available at the iSWM website.

7. **Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT) Update.** Tim Tumulty said that Memorandums of Understanding between entities were being signed. PWERT is currently resource typing for equipment and personnel. A table top exercise is planned.



8. **DFW Land/Water Sustainability Forum LID Design Competition Status.** Of the 22 designs submitted for the competition, the panel of expert judges selected 9 as finalists. The final event is scheduled for November 7, 2012, at the Worthington Hotel in Fort Worth. NCTCOG will film the event for outreach purposes.
9. **Roundtable Discussion.** Arlington settled the ADA lawsuit and improvements will be made in the field. Dallas County issued a call for projects that resulted in 48 projects being submitted. A new Public Works Director is being sought for Tarrant County. Grand Prairie, with the West Nile Virus concerns, is dealing with detention and retention ponds. Jeff informed them that an iSWM training class on this topic was available on the iSWM website. Weatherford asked for input on dealing with stormwater utility fees.
10. **Next Public Works Council Meeting.** In keeping with the quarterly meeting structure, the next PWC meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2012.