

North Central Texas Council of Governments

SUMMARY

Public Works Council

Thursday, May 28, 2015

9:30 AM, Regional Forum Conference Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Joe Trammel, Tarrant County
Vice Chair: Buzz Pishkur, City of Arlington

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** The Public Works Council (PWC) Chair will welcome everyone to the meeting.

ACTION/PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The February 26, 2015 meeting summary is available online for review. Approval will be sought at the meeting.

Gerald Cosgrove made a motion to approve the February 26, 2015 meeting summary. Mike Brownlee seconded the motion. The PWC unanimously approved the summary.

3. **Geographical Information System (GIS) Resources Presentation.** The Research Information Services (RIS) Department of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) will present an overview of the GIS services and products offered by NCTCOG.

Donna Coggeshall, Shelley Broyles, and Ruchi Basnet spoke of the types of data available from the RIS Department such as population estimates, demographic forecasts, development monitoring, census data, aerial imagery, and planimetrics, just to name a few. Data can be accessed via www.rdc.nctcog.org, www.dfwmaps.com, and www.gis.nctcog.org, or by contacting the RIS Department.

It was noted that traffic counts are available from NCTCOG's Transportation Department.

4. **FY 2016 Public Works Program Discussion.** NCTCOG Staff will present the draft FY 2016 Work Plan ideas, and will ask for the PWC's input on future methods of cost share distribution.

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NCTCOG staff presented the Draft FY 2016 Work Program, and briefed the PWC on the additional activities that could be added to the Work Program due to the progress being made in the Construction Standards Update. A determination was made by vote that the top two choices for additional activities were to develop partnerships with regional associations in order to explore training opportunities, and to create a cooperative purchase program for public works materials.

5. **Public Works Construction Standards.** NCTCOG staff and the Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee will brief the PWC on the overall progress of the update to the Construction Standards made by the review groups.

The PWC was updated on the progress of the Construction Standards. NCTCOG staff noted that two review groups have completed their initial edits, and that the Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee is currently reviewing one of the group's edited sections.

The PWC requested that the Review Groups' timelines be sent to them for informational purposes. They also requested that the new edition of the Construction Standards be available in both electronic and paper formats when released. The PWC requested that they receive the edited versions of the Standards (including tracked changes) along with a comment log before they vote to accept the changes.

NCTCOG's Department of Environment and Development is working with the Regional Training Center to offer classes of interest to public works staff, especially for topics like the Americans with Disabilities Act. Other classes could include the updates to the Construction Standards.

6. **integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM).** NCTCOG staff will present an overview of iSWM program activities including recent iSWM implementation workshops.

The Department of Environment and Development will be scheduling 23 meetings in the region within the next several months so discuss the benefits of iSWM. The PWC was asked to encourage their city managers to attend.

7. **Public Works Roundup Planning.** NCTCOG staff will speak about the Annual Public Works Roundup activities.

The 16th Annual Public Works Roundup is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2015, at the Colleyville Center. As always, there is no registration fee for this event, and there is no charge for lunch or refreshments. The agenda is currently being developed and will include topics such as sanitary sewer overflow prevention, street paving, and water re-use, to name a few. There will be a flood table demonstration and a segment on drones. Registration will begin June 9, 2015.

8. **Other Work Program Activities.** NCTCOG staff will provide an overview of the Sustainable Public Rights of Way program and FEMA's Cooperative Technical Partnership and the Community Rating System.

Sustainable Public Rights of Way (SPROW): The SPROW Subcommittee is currently restructuring its roster, establishing a mission statement and seeking a new co-chair. Mike Brownlee volunteered to serve on SPROW.

Community Rating System (CRS): The next CRS workshop, CRS and Natural Floodplain Functions, is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at 12 p.m., in NCTCOG's Tejas Conference Room.

INFORMATION ITEMS

9. **Public Works Emergency Response Team (PWERT)**. A PWERT representative or NCTCOG staff will give an update on recent PWERT activities.

Joe Trammel, PWERT representative, gave an update on PWERT's activities. The working group will now meet quarterly, and they have recently received four new mutual aid agreements. For information on PWERT, visit http://www.nctcog.org/ep/Special_Projects/PWERT/Index.asp.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

10. **Future Agenda Items**. The PWC Members and NCTCOG staff may suggest future agenda items.

There were no future agenda items suggested.

11. **Roundtable Topics/Other Business**. The PWC members and NCTCOG staff may share additional items as time allows.

The Texas Public Works Association will host an inspector's roundtable in Frisco. Contact Mike Brownlee for information.

McKinney is undergoing a pipeline assessment as copper service links are failing about 100 a month. They are being replaced with plastic at a cost of \$3 million dollars.

North Lake is growing and assuming maintenance on a local cemetery.

Frisco is experiencing algae growth on sidewalks.

Plano is knocking down an elevated tower that is over 30 years old.

Collin County is currently working on mobility plan updates.

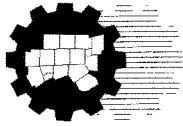
Irving is completing 183 utility relocations.

Eules hosted an HA5 lunch-and-learn event on April 30th and had good attendance.

NCTCOG staff will be distributing information on the new Clean Water Rule that was recently released.

NCTCOG staff will also be distributing information on the USACE lake levels as supplied by the USACE.

12. **Schedule for the Next PWC Meeting.** The next PWC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., in NCTCOG's William J. Pitstick Executive Board Room. Please earmark that date, and as we get closer to that time, NCTCOG staff will coordinate with the Chair to confirm the meeting and provide an agenda.



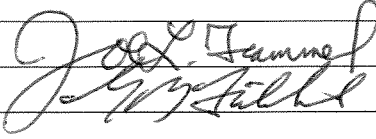
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Michael Brownlee		Southwest Dallas Subregion
Paul Causey		Associated General Contractors
Jeff Chambers		Southeast Subregion
Gerald Cosgrove		City of Plano
Lyndon Cox		Texas Council of Engineering Labs
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Kyle Culwell		Northwest Tarrant Subregion
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