



North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

## Public Works Council

Thursday, November 12, 2015

9:30 AM, William J Pitstick Executive Board Room

NCTCOG Offices, CPII

616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011

Chair: Joe Trammel, Tarrant County

Vice Chair: Manny Palacios, City of Weatherford

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

Joe Trammel, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members, visitors, and NCTCOG staff introduced themselves.

## ACTION/PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The [August 27, 2015](#) meeting summary is available online for review. Approval will be sought at the meeting.

The PWC approved the August 27, 2015 meeting summary with no comments.

3. **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. NCTCOG staff will brief the PWC on its role in reviewing the edits made by the review groups.

NCTCOG staff informed the Council that an email was sent out to Council Members containing documents from the Construction Standards Working Group 3. The PWC will have 60 days to review those documents and submit comments to NCTCOG staff. NCTCOG staff discussed the review schedule for the remaining sections with the PWC, and the PWC was provided a tentative schedule for the completion of the review process. NCTCOG noted that the Council members should provide a higher level review, and reminded the Council that the documents had been reviewed by the Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee twice.

4. **integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) and Sustainable Public Rights of Way.** NCTCOG staff will present an update of iSWM program activities including recent iSWM

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implementation workshops. NCTCOG staff will also update the PWC on the activities of the SPROW Subcommittee.

NCTCOG staff informed the PWC that two Benefits of iSWM meetings have been held since the last PWC meeting in Richardson and Fort Worth. Communities in attendance expressed interest in using iSWM principals, but need to work within their communities to complete the application process.

NCTCOG staff updated the PWC on the SPROW Subcommittee, which is working on its mission, and has elected to continue outreach efforts through an Education Forum. The PWC was informed that the Forum would occur in March, and members were asked to provide input on speakers or topics.

5. **Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER) (Formerly Cease the Grease).** NCTCOG staff will provide an overview of the WATER group and its current activities.

NCTCOG staff updated the PWC on the newly renamed WATER group. Staff noted that the group is now a cost share effort, and participants have approved a Work Program for FY2016. The group will continue its previous efforts, including a Holiday Grease Roundup and a Grease Interceptor Training for inspectors. The Grease Roundup will be held in December 2015 and the Grease Interceptor Training will be held in Spring 2016.

6. **Other Program Activities.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on FEMA's Cooperative Technical Partnership Program activities, the Community Rating System Users Group, and the need for flood photos.

NCTCOG staff informed the PWC that NCTCOG's Cooperating Technical Partnership with FEMA will be continuing throughout FY2016. While continuing work on the Bear Creek Risk Assessment Project located in the cities of Southlake and Colleyville, NCTCOG has also been awarded grants to complete Discovery projects in Denton and Cedar watersheds, as well as a grant to perform Risk Assessment in portions of the West Irving Creek and Lynchburg Creek watersheds. NCTCOG staff noted that a Request for proposals was released on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> for consultant services on these projects.

NCTCOG staff updated the PWC on the continuation of a partnership between the Texas Floodplain Managers Association (TFMA) and NCTCOG in the CRS Users Group. The PWC was notified of the next meeting, which will be held on November 18, 2015, and will be focused on Activity 510 of the CRS Program.

NCTCOG staff noted that flood photos are still being collected and can be submitted or viewed at [www.nctcog.org/envir/flooding](http://www.nctcog.org/envir/flooding).

NCTCOG staff reminded the PWC that at the previous meeting, the Council discussed the possibility of a regional program that aims to lower the cost of pavement analysis services through a cooperative regional program. NCTCOG staff informed the PWC that a Request for Proposals (RFP) is being drafted to procure these services. NCTCOG staff asked the Council to send any similar Requests for Proposals or Requests for Qualifications so that NCTCOG staff can incorporate as many regional needs as possible in the regional RFP.



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### INFORMATION ITEMS

7. **Public Works Council Roster Status.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update regarding the PWC FY 2016 roster.

NCTCOG staff asked the PWC to review the updated FY2016 roster and report any issues to NCTCOG staff. Council members reported that subregional lists need to be updated as some of the contact information is outdated.

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

PWERT members presented the PWC with information about current initiatives being pursued by the PWERT group, and provided information on the process that a city would use to become a member of PWERT. PWERT is working towards a more comprehensive Regional Asset Tracking Tool and asked that cities incorporate their information into this tool to make the tool more effective.

9. **Discussion with Atmos.** At the PWC meeting on August 27, 2015, a request was made by the Council to bring in local utility agencies to future meetings for approximately 30 minutes of discussion on field issues and how to coordinate more effectively.

Atmos energy staff opened the conversation and discussed project process and coordination, as well as safety measures. PWC members discussed lines depth and lines color, safety meetings, planning, and notification process when a line is cut.

The PWC requested that NCTCOG continue to facilitate discussions with utility agencies, and requested to bring AT&T to the next PWC meeting.

### OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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

No future Agenda items were suggested.

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

Tarrant County: Working on the Western Tarrant Transportation Initiative with surrounding entities on roadway growth. Also working on wrapping up bond program.

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Grand Prairie: Working through issues on MacArthur Blvd project.

Eules: Expecting to begin 183 project early next year.

Frisco: Updating stormwater ordinance and looking to roll out updates next year.

Lewisville: Passed bond election. Working on establishing overlay in I-35.

Irving: Working with Southgate to move utilities. Working on ADA ramps.

Dallas County: Continuing with a Call for Projects and still working on consultant contracts.

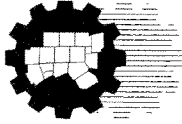
Westworth Village: Working on a new project next to trail system.

Denton: Working on Hickory Creek Watershed Protection Plan.

Weatherford: Looking into a reinvestment zone with developers. Looking to work with TxDOT to move truck traffic out of downtown area.

12. **Schedule for the Next PWC Meeting.** The next PWC meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2016, 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.

13. **Adjournment.**



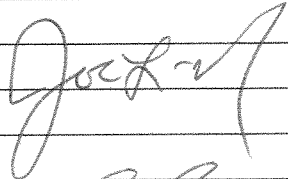
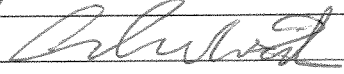
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Michael Brownlee		Southwest Dallas Subregion
Paul Causey		Associated General Contractors
Jeff Chambers		Southeast Subregion
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