



North Central Texas Council of Governments

# SUMMARY

## Public Works Council

Thursday, May 18, 2017

9:30 AM, Metroplex Conference 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 (Tarrant County) led the meeting. Kori Mullen (NCTCOG staff) welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## ACTION/PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. **Meeting Summary.** The February 16, 2017 meeting summary is available online for review. Approval will be sought at the meeting.

The meeting summary was approved with no comments.

3. **Public Works Council Subcommittees.**

- **Sustainable Public Rights of Way.** NCTCOG staff will update the PWC on the activities of the SPROW Subcommittee. (Allison Henry)

Allison Henry (NCTCOG staff) informed the group of upcoming field site visits with SPROW related projects. NCTCOG staff also requested feedback on transportation to and from these field visits. The council members voted on the use of a shuttle to leave from NCTCOG offices.

- **Public Works Construction Standards.** NCTCOG staff and the Public Works Construction Standards Subcommittee members will brief the PWC on the overall progress of the update to the Construction Standards. (Kori Mullen)

Kori Mullen (NCTCOG staff) informed the group that Division 100 and Division 200 are complete pending PWC review. It was noted that Divisions 300/400, 500/600, and 700/800 of the Construction Standards have completed the review process and are under NCTCOG review to be added to NCTCOG website as draft versions. These

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draft versions are subject to change due to public comment. The public comment period will occur prior to release and final adoption by the PWC and NCTCOG Executive Board. The Fifth Edition of the Public Works Construction Standards will be available to purchase as a PDF with an anticipated release date of fall 2017.

- ***integrated Stormwater Management (iSWM) Activities and Consultant Contract.*** NCTCOG staff will present an update of iSWM program activities including the proposed work scope for the next year. (Derica Peters)

Kori Mullen (NCTCOG staff) informed the group that the City of Fort Worth is now an official Silver-Certified city. The City of Kennedale was awarded Silver Status at their City Council meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Kori announced Halff Associates as the consultant for the Implementation Subcommittee and that the contract and task orders are currently under review. Currently, Halff Associates is focusing on preparing Construction Control Standard Details.

4. **Autonomous Vehicles and Impacts to Infrastructure.** Lauren Isaac, Director of Business Initiatives, at EasyMile will provide a presentation on autonomous vehicles, specifically how they will affect infrastructure and the foreseen growth to the transportation industry that these vehicles will bring. EasyMile is a high-tech startup specialized in providing both software powering autonomous vehicles and the last mile smart mobility solutions.

Lauren Isaac (EasyMile) presented information to the Council about the benefits and history of autonomous vehicles. Lauren also discussed factors that are limiting the widespread growth of autonomous vehicles, including technology readiness, insurance, infrastructure, and regulation. Lauren introduced the EZ10, a driverless and electric shuttle. In March, Arlington's City Council approved a one-year pilot program bringing this technology to the city beginning in June 2017.

5. **Oncor Proposed Rate Revision for LEDs Presentation.** On March 17, 2017, Oncor filed an Application for Authority to Change Rates, commonly known as a rate case, to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC). Discussion on the proposed rate case that would impact solar and LED street light projects in Oncor service territory, which includes the North Central Texas region, will be provided. (Invited Representative from the Steering Committee of Cities Served by Oncor)

Kristina Ronneberg (NCTCOG staff) presented the PWC with an overview of the Oncor proposed rate revision that could help more entities get cost savings for retrofitting street lights to light-emitting diode (LEDs). To learn more about the full rate case docket, please visit: <http://www.puc.texas.gov>. Please contact Kristina Ronneberg, NCTCOG, at (817) 695-9226 with questions.

6. **18th Annual Public Works Roundup Update.** NCTCOG staff will present an update on the May 10, 2017 18th Annual Public Works Roundup that was held at the Grapevine Convention Center. (Kori Mullen)

Kori Mullen (NCTCOG staff) thanked the council, speakers, and sponsors for attending the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Works Roundup on May 10<sup>th</sup> at the Grapevine Convention Center. We look forward to seeing you next year!

7. **2017 Public Works Work Program Update.** NCTCOG staff will update the PWC on additional activities approved for the 2017 Work Program, including training opportunities for contractors, inspectors, and public works members. NCTCOG staff will introduce training opportunities posted on NCTCOG's Training and Development Institute (TDI) Instructor Portal and give an update on training opportunities with regional associations.

Kori Mullen (NCTCOG staff) informed the council members of upcoming trainings, construction best practices and field issues courses, in the July and August timeframe. NCTCOG is currently requesting applications for instructors through the Trainings and Development Institute. To apply for these trainings, please visit: <https://trainatcog.silkroad.com/>.

Kori Mullen (NCTCOG staff) shared upcoming training events in the region. Kori announced that ADA training dates have been confirmed for August 7-8<sup>th</sup> and October 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be an AGC/TxDOT Regional Safety Seminar in Grapevine on June 15<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a Dallas Area Forecast Meeting and Fish Fry on Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at T-K-O Equipment Co. which is located at 2850 Hardrock Road in Grand Prairie at 5:30 pm.

8. **FY 2018 Public Works Program Discussion.** NCTCOG staff will request the Council's input on the FY 2018 Work Program, and will update the PWC on the FY 2018 cost share distribution.

Kori Mullen (NCTCOG Staff) discussed the FY 2018 program elements, including basic level support activities anticipated for continuation and the proposal of potential additional program activities. Kori requested feedback from the PWC on additional activities to include in the FY 2018 work program. It was recommended to create a NCTCOG website page with a list of all upcoming trainings to be sorted by types of trainings and updated frequently. It was also recommended to host public works construction roundtables. NCTCOG staff will send a list of work program activities to be voted on at the August meeting to the PWC before the meeting.

Commitment Response Forms will be sent out via email in July for participation in the FY 2018 Regional Public Works Program. Cost shares for FY 2018 will remain the same at the FY 2017 cost shares.

9. **FY 2018 Public Works Council Membership Update.** NCTCOG staff will discuss the committee appointment process and will advise PWC members of the seats that will be up for reappointment for FY 2018.

Kori Mullen (NCTCOG Staff) described the council structure and discussed membership seats in lieu of membership reappointments. Kori announced which Public Sector Standing Member seats, Public Sector Subregional Representative seats, and Private Sector seats are up for reappointment. Kori also informed the council of the current member representing each of these seats and introduced the reappointment process. A request for membership nominations will be sent out to our PWC members in June. These nominations will be voted on for approval by our PWC members at the August PWC meeting and the NCTCOG Executive Board September meeting.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

### 10. Other Program Activities.

- **Cooperative Technical Partnership Program and the Community Rating System Users Group.** NCTCOG staff will provide an update on FEMA's Cooperative Technical Partnership Program activities and the Floodplain Administrators/Community Rating System Users Group. (Mia Brown)

Mia Brown (NCTCOG staff) announced that Flood Risk Review meetings have been scheduled with Irving, Corinth, and Shady Shores to close out their FY 15 Projects. NCTCOG staff announced Discovery webinars and upcoming June Discovery Meetings for the FY 15 Denton and Cedar Discovery projects. NCTCOG staff will be releasing an RFP for the FY 16 projects. The final FY 17 Business Plan was submitted to FEMA at the end of March and NCTCOG staff is reaching out to prospective communities for the Flood Risk Projects in Benbrook and Weatherford, and are proposing to perform Discovery on the Richland-Chambers watershed.

Next Floodplain Administrator's/CRS Users Group Meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 23, from 12 pm to 2 pm in the 911 Training Center here at NCTCOG. The topic will be "Enforcing Historical Violations," and will feature a panel of speakers.

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

Manny Palacios (City of Weatherford) prepared an update for the PWC regarding PWERT. Manny let the Council members know that PWERT membership is continuing to grow. The next PWERT meeting will be June 14, 2017, at 9:30 am at NCTCOG offices. At this meeting PWERT members will be discussing updating bylaws and forming committees for bylaws, trainings, and grant funding.

- **Regional Pavement Procurement.** NCTCOG staff will brief the PWC on how members can use the pavement analysis services, as well as provide an update on who is using this service. (Craig Johnson)

Craig Johnson (NCTCOG staff) reminded the PWC of the Pavement Procurement process. The goal of the program is to reduce costs and admin processes as well as to improve the quality and service. COG will negotiate master agreements for the entities, with three-year set budget contracts that have the opportunity for two-year extensions, in order to keep prices low.

NCTCOG staff informed the Council that there are five active pavement services: City of Dallas, City of Castle Hill, City of Hurst, City of Midlothian, and the City of Mesquite. NCTCOG will focus on increased awareness of SHARE Services and keeping NCTCOG members informed of the service and options.

- **Texas Public Works Association Update.** A TPWA representative or NCTCOG staff will update the PWC on upcoming TPWA local events and meetings. (Donna Renner)

Donna Renner (TPWA) introduced the *Annual TPWA Conference–"Rollin' on the River"* Annual Conference June 14-16, 2017, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas. Registration is available online. Donna also introduced upcoming NCTX chapter events, including community service, fund raising for scholarships, and general meetings. The next general meeting is June 20<sup>th</sup> in Frisco, TX at the North Texas Tollway Authority.

Donna informed the Council of a membership special that TPWA is holding now. If you have never been a member, your first year's dues will be half priced. For more branch information please visit, <https://www.nctx-tpwa.org>.

## **OTHER BUSINESS AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

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

The PWC recommended a special meeting to be held in June 2017 for a roundtable discussion on legal and local government perspectives on current proposed legislation bill (HB 2838 & SB 1004) on cellular facilities and network nodes in the public right-of-way. This legislation could impact cities ROW. NCTCOG staff will work to set this meeting up and share the date and agenda with the PWC and interested parties.

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

Tarrant County: will be attending Public Works Roundtable May 25<sup>th</sup> in Fort Worth.  
NCTCOG: Allison Henry announced SAME Save-the-Date for Friday, February 2, 2018.  
NCTCOG: Tamara Cook announced the release of the Green Infrastructure Guidebook on NCTCOG website.  
NCTCOG: Kori Mullen announced Survey for Priority Shared Services and requested feedback from PWC on needs and priorities for potential shared services offerings.

- 13. Schedule for the Next PWC Meeting.** The next PWC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 17, 2017, at 9:30 a.m., in NCTCOG's Metroplex Conference Room.

- 14. Adjournment.**

If you have any questions regarding the meeting or agenda items, please contact Kori Mullen by phone at (817) 695-9215, or by email at [kmullen@nctcog.org](mailto:kmullen@nctcog.org).

Thank you.



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Joseph Alvarez		Northwest Tarrant Subregion
Mike Brownlee	JMB	Denton/Lake Cities Subregion
Mindy Carmichael		City of Arlington
Paul Causey		Associated General Contractors
Chris Cha	<i>Chris Cha</i>	Council of Engineering Companies
Jeff Chambers		Southeast Subregion
Bobby Clay		East Subregion
Gerald Cosgrove	<i>Gerald Cosgrove</i>	City of Plano
Lyndon Cox		Texas Council of Engineering Labs
John Crawford		City of Carrollton
Mike Curtis		Mid-Cities Subregion
David Disheroon	<i>David Disheroon</i>	Southwest Subregion
Fred Ehler		Denton County
Alan Fourmentin		Northeast Subregion
Mike Garza	<i>Mike Garza</i>	Northwest Dallas Subregion
Stephanie Griffin		City of Grand Prairie
Tracy Homfeld		Collin County
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Eric Johnson	<i>Eric Johnson</i>	Associated General Contractors
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Jim Proce		Northeast Dallas Subregion
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