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North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: NCTCOG Executive Board **DATE:** January 16, 2014
FROM: Mike Eastland
Executive Director
SUBJECT: Executive Board Meeting

The next regular meeting of the **NCTCOG Executive Board** will be:

DATE: January 23, 2014

Please RSVP to the Executive Director's office as soon as possible by return email or call (817) 695-9100.

TIME: 11:45 a.m. – Appointments Committee (Steve Terrell, Chair, A.J. Mathieu, Lissa Smith, Larry Marshall, Toni Rose, Ex Officio)
12:00 noon – Lunch
12:45 p.m. – Executive Board Meeting

PLACE: NCTCOG Offices
Centerpoint II Conference Center
616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, TX 76011
Transportation Council Room

I hope each of you will plan to attend this important meeting. I look forward to seeing you there!

ME:sc

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North Central Texas Council of Governments

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EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA

Thursday, January 23, 2014

12:45 P.M.

Executive Board

_____ Stephen Terrell	_____ Vonciel Jones Hill	_____ Toni Rose
_____ Kathryn Wilemon	_____ Clay Jenkins	_____ Daniel Scarth
_____ John Hunt	_____ Marcus Knight	_____ Keith Self
_____ Bobbie Mitchell	_____ Larry Marshall	_____ Lissa Smith
	_____ A.J. Mathieu	_____ Glen Whitley

Staff

_____ Mike Eastland	_____ David Setzer	_____ Lucille Johnson
_____ Monte Mercer	_____ Molly Thoerner	_____ Stephanie Cecil
_____ Tim Barbee	_____ Edith Marvin	
_____ Michael Morris		

REGULAR SESSION

Call to order time: _____

Pledges

NCTCOG Service Awards

ACTION:

Motion/ Second	Item #	Name of Item
_____/____	1.	Approval of Minutes
_____/____	2.	Resolution to Accept and Approve the Quarterly Investment Report (Monte Mercer)

- ___/___ 3. Resolution Endorsing Submittal of Grant Application and Authorization to Receive Funding from Wells Fargo for the Environmental Solutions for Communities Project (Michael Morris)
- ___/___ 4. Resolution Approving Sponsorship of North Texas Tollway Authority Toll Tags as an Abatement for Reduced Access (Michael Morris)
- ___/___ 5. Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Eco-Counter, Inc., for Purchase of Bicycle and Pedestrian (Active Transportation) User Count Equipment and Services (Michael Morris)
- ___/___ 6. Resolution Authorizing Purchase and Placement of Advertising and Publications for Transportation Initiatives (Michael Morris)
- ___/___ 7. Resolution Approving the FY2014-2015 Regional Solid Waste Funding Process (Edith Marvin)
- ___/___ 8. Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Woolpert to Provide High-Resolution Orthophotography (Tim Barbee)
- ___/___ 9. Resolution Authorizing the Application for Service Provider Certificate of Operation Authority (SPCOA) to the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) (Christy Williams)

APPOINTMENTS:

- ___/___ 10. Appointments to the Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC) and Election of Officers (Doni Green)
- ___/___ 11. Appointments to the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC) (Molly Thoerner)

STATUS REPORTS:

- 12. Research and Information Services Staff Recognized in National Competition for Work on the Texas Connector (Tim Barbee)

13. **Status Report on North Central Texas Council of Governments Population and Employment Forecasting Model (Michael Morris)**

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS:

14. **Discussion of Process for Reviewing NCTCOG Bylaws to Consider Possible Amendments (Mike Eastland)**

15. **Report on Potential Legislation to Allow Councils of Governments to Create 9-1-1 Districts (Mike Eastland)**

MISCELLANEOUS:

16. **Future Calendar and Attendance**

Adjournment: _____

**NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

Minutes — December 19, 2013

Transportation Council Room
616 Six Flags Drive
Arlington, Texas

President Terrell called the regular meeting of the North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board to order at 12:45 on December 19, 2013.

Members of the Board Present:

Stephen Terrell – President, Mayor, City of Allen
Kathryn Wilemon – Vice-President, Councilmember, City of Arlington
John Horn – Secretary/Treasurer, County Judge, Hunt County
Clay Jenkins, County Judge, Dallas County
Marcus Knight, Mayor, City of Lancaster
Dr. Larry Marshall, Councilmember, City of Benbrook
A.J. Mathieu, Councilmember, City of Joshua
Daniel Scarth, Councilmember, City of Fort Worth
Keith Self, County Judge, Collin County
Lissa Smith, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem, City of Plano
Vonciel Jones Hill, Councilmember, City of Dallas
B. Glen Whitley, County Judge, Tarrant County

Members of the Board Absent:

Bobbie Mitchell – Past President, Commissioner, Denton County
Toni Rose, State Representative

Members of the Staff Present:

Mike Eastland, Executive Director
Fred Keithley, Director of Community Services
Michael Morris, Director of Transportation
David Setzer, Director of Workforce Development
Edith Marvin, Director, Environment and Development
Molly Thoerner, Director of Emergency Preparedness
Lucille Johnson, Assistant to the Executive Director
Stephanie Cecil, Administrative Assistant, EDO
Bob Best, Audio/Video Comp Support Tech, Transportation
Justin Cox, Senior Specialist, Emergency Preparedness
Doni Green, Manager, Area Agency on Aging
Chris Klaus, Sr. Program Manager, Transportation
Debra Kosarek, Quality Assurance Manager, Workforce
Mindy Mize, Program Manager, Transportation
Ken Kirkpatrick, Counsel for Transportation
James Powell, Assistant Council, Transportation
Jack Tidwell, Manager, Environment & Development
Christy Williams, Program Manager, 9-1-1
Kelly Schmidt, Senior Criminal Justice Planner
Mick Maguire, Chief Technology Officer, Research and Information Services
Pamela Burns, Communications Supervisor, Transportation
Marcie Bruner, Specialist, Emergency Preparedness

REGULAR SESSION

ACTION:

Item 1. Approval of Minutes

President Terrell stated that the first item on the agenda was approval of the minutes from the October Board meeting.

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Judge Self), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the minutes of the October Executive Board meeting.

Item 2. Resolution Appointing an Executive Board Member

Mike Eastland, Executive Director, reminded the Board that in order to fill the vacancy created by the death of Vice-President Bill McElhaney, the Board had discussed several alternatives at the October meeting. The NCTCOG Bylaws provide that vacancies occurring on the Executive Board shall be filled by appointment by the remaining members of the Board. It was determined to invite previous Board member, Hunt County Judge, John Horn to fill the Board vacancy (designated for a county with a population less than 300,000) until June 2014. Providing Judge Horn was willing to serve, the Board directed that he be asked to attend the next Board meeting with the intention of taking formal action to appoint him to the Board. Judge Horn, in attendance at the meeting, commented that he had been good friends with Judge McElhaney and was honored and appreciative of the opportunity to serve in whatever capacity the Board deemed necessary.

Upon a Motion by Judge Self (seconded by Judge Whitley), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution to appoint John Horn, County Judge of Hunt County, to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term left by Judge McElhaney.

See Exhibit E13-12-2

Item 3. Resolution Appointing Executive Board Officers

Mike Eastland, Executive Director, reminded the Board that with the death of Vice-President Bill McElhaney, the position of Vice-President needs to be filled and that the Bylaws provide for the Board to fill any vacancy occurring within the officers of the Board. He reminded the Board that at the October Board meeting they had discussed options for filling the position and directed that an action item be placed on the agenda to appoint a member to fill the slot until June of 2014. Staff provided two resolutions to accommodate either of the two primary options discussed: 1) appointing an existing Board member to serve the remainder of the term, or 2) appointing the current Secretary-Treasurer as Vice-President and then appointing a new Secretary-Treasurer.

The Board discussed the importance of maintaining the city/county balance in the officers and various ways to accomplish that balance. It was agreed that current Secretary/Treasurer Councilmember Katherine Wilemon would move into the position of Vice-President. Councilmember Jones Hill nominated Mayor Marcus Knight to fill the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Judge Whitley put forward a motion to nominate Judge John Horn to fill the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Mayor Knight withdrew from nomination and put forward a motion to nominate Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Smith for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Mayor Pro Tem Smith declined the nomination. Councilmember Danny Scarth seconded the nomination of Judge Horn for the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

Upon the Motion of Judge Whitley (seconded by Councilmember Scarth), and unanimous vote of all members present, except Councilmember Jones Hill, who voted no, the Board appointed Councilmember Katherine Wilemon as Vice-President and Judge John Horn as Secretary-Treasurer.

See Exhibit E13-12-3

Item 4. Resolution Authorizing Receipt of Funds from the US Department of Energy for the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition Programmatic Support

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, explained that since July of 1995 the Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coalition has been housed at and supported by NCTCOG and asked the Board to authorize receipt of DOE funds in the amount of approximately \$40,000 annually for the next three years. Re-designation of NCTCOG as the host organization for the Coalition was endorsed by the Executive Board and approved by the US Department of Energy (DOE) earlier this year.

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Jones Hill (seconded by Councilmember Wilemon), and unanimous vote of all members present, except Judge Self, who voted no, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

See Exhibit E13-12-4

Item 5. Resolution Authorizing Agreement with the City of Dallas and Dallas County Concerning the Fiscal Year 2014 Highway Traffic Patrol Program

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, explained that the Dallas County Sherriff's Office operates a highway traffic program to patrol limited-access highways in a portion of Dallas County. The program has a Fiscal Year 2014 funding shortfall of approximately \$2,200,000. Dallas County, the City of Dallas, and the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) have developed a partnership funding strategy to address the funding shortfall through a mix of financial contributions and cost savings. The financial contributions from the partners include a \$1,000,000 commitment from RTC, a \$600,000 commitment from the City of Dallas, and an additional \$800,000 commitment from Dallas County.

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Jones Hill (seconded by Judge Jenkins), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

See Exhibit E13-12-5

Item 6. Resolution Authorizing Granbury Workforce Center Lease Renewal

David Setzer, Director of Workforce Development, explained that the landlord of the current Granbury Workforce facility, Stone Water Church, has agreed to extend the lease for the facility for 36 months at the current rate of \$16.39 (excluding utilities and janitorial), inclusive of the following improvements: upgraded cabinets, sink, and hot water heater and construction of separate bathrooms for the school that is located within the same building. The proposed rate for this facility is within the market price for the surrounding area.

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

See Exhibit E13-12-6

Item 7. Resolution Authorizing a New Digital Sandbox Contract for Risk Management Technology

Molly Thoerner, Director of Emergency Preparedness, explained that the Emergency Preparedness department serves as the administrative and fiscal agent for the Dallas/Fort Worth/Arlington Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) program. The Digital Sandbox Risk Analysis Center (RAC) and Site Profiler® software is used by UASI to help solve mission-critical risk management problems by measuring needs, risks, and resources through a combination of advanced technology and analytic solutions. The Urban Area, through the Emergency Preparedness Department, would like to continue to support, maintain, and enhance functionality to the RAC System through a new contract and subsequent sub-agreements with Digital Sandbox in an amount not to exceed \$300,000. Any sub-agreements will increase the capabilities of the system and will be determined by the UASI Executive Board.

Upon a Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Smith (seconded by Councilmember Marshall), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

See Exhibit E13-12-7

Item 8. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the 2014 Regional Implementation Plan

Molly Thoerner, Director, Emergency Preparedness, asked the Board to accept the 2014 Regional Implementation Plan (RIP), the required annual homeland security implementation plan for the region. The RIP was developed by The Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (REPAC) in conjunction with NCTCOG staff and has been approved by REPAC and the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC). The RIP identifies recent accomplishments with and future priorities for grant funds, including the State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) grant.

Two assessments attached to the RIP are intended to make the region review hazards, determine capabilities/gaps, and focus funding to the identified gaps. The *Threat and Hazard Identification Risk Assessment* (THIRA) identifies and assesses the region's threats and hazards. The *State Preparedness Report* (SPR) identifies the region's capabilities and gaps using the DHS core capabilities list.

Upon a Motion by Councilmember Scarth (seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

See Exhibit E13-12-8

Item 9. Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Halff Associates, Inc. as the Professional Services Provider for the FY 2013 Village Creek Watershed Flood Risk Identification Project

Edith Marvin, Director of Environment and Development, explained that in August of 2013, the Board approved authorization to seek funds from FEMA for an amount up to \$500,000 for FY 2014, including cost-share matching funds from the City of Kennedale, the City of Arlington, and Tarrant County. Included in the authorization was the submittal of grant application to FEMA for the Village Creek Watershed Flood Risk Mapping Study. The grant proposal was accepted by FEMA in September, and the funds were made available to NCTCOG in October.

In November of 2013, NCTCOG issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for consultant services for the Village Creek Watershed Flood Risk Identification Project. The Consultant Selection Committee reviewed and evaluated several responses received in response to the RFP and recommended the proposal from Halff Associates, Inc. to complete the scope of work. The consultant contract is for an amount not to exceed \$249,000.

Upon a Motion by Mayor Knight (seconded by Councilmember Mathieu), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

See Exhibit E13-12-9

Item 10. Resolution Adopting Policies and Procedures for Criminal Justice Grant Cycle FY 2015

Fred Keithley, Director of Community Services and Public Safety Communications, explained that per an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division (CJD), NCTCOG is responsible for determining local and regional criminal justice funding priorities, which are determined by the Board-appointed Criminal Justice Policy Development Committee (CJPDC). One CJD requirement is the development of Policies and Procedures that guide the application process. The Policy Development Committee reviewed and approved the Policies and Procedures for FY 2015, and encouraged Executive Board adoption.

Upon a Motion by Judge Self (seconded by Judge Hunt), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

See Exhibit E13-12-10

Item 11. Resolution Authorizing Submittal of Lifespan Respite Application to the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services

Fred Keithley, Director of Community Services and Public Safety Communications, explained that NCTCOG's Aging Program wishes to broaden the scope of its respite programs to serve care givers who provide services to

individuals under the age of 60 by submitting a lifespan respite grant application to the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services for up to \$220,000. Funds from the respite application, entitled "Take Time, North Central Texas (TT-NCT)" must be used to increase the availability of respite services in Texas for caregivers caring for individuals of any age with any chronic health condition and/or any disability and to increase caregivers' awareness of respite services.

The proposed project will serve caregivers of children and adults with disabilities who live in Collin, Denton, Parker, Palo Pinto, Johnson, Hood, Somervell, and Erath counties, and cannot otherwise access respite services. In addition, Aging intends to give preference to low-income caregivers and caregivers who live in the same homes as care receivers. In addition, it wishes to partner with three local authorities for intellectual and developmental disabilities (i.e., Pecan Valley Centers, Denton County MHMR, and LifePath Systems) to serve persons who are on those agencies' waiting lists for respite services.

Upon a Motion by Mayor Knight (seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the resolution as presented.

See Exhibit E13-12-11

APPOINTMENTS:

Item 12. Appointments to the Regional Public Safety Communications Governance Committee

Fred Keithley, Director of Community Services and Public Safety Communications, explained that there were several vacancies on the Regional Public Safety Communications Governance Committee. Most Committee members are communications and/or public safety professionals with operations and technical experience. Five persons now serving are county commissioners and city council members. The following appointments were recommended to replace members who have retired, changed positions, or moved from the region.

- Brantly Robertson, TxDPS, Communications Manager, Garland Division
- Derrick Walker, City of Garland, Communications/Radio Systems Manager
- Gary Gregg, City of Euless, Communications Director
- Lieutenant Billy Willis, Denton County Sheriff's Office, Technical Services Manager

Upon a Motion by Judge Whitley (seconded by Councilmember Marshall), and unanimous vote of all members present, the Board approved the appointments as presented.

See Exhibit E13-12-12

STATUS REPORTS:

Item 13. Status Report on Contract with KnowledgeLake to Provide Enterprise Content and Document Management System Implementation Services

Mick McGuire, Chief Technology Officer, Research & Information Services, explained progress toward the development of an enterprise content and document management system (ECM) using both KnowledgeLake software and the Microsoft Sharepoint software. This initiative takes advantage of SharePoint document storage and management tools to store and track information in a way that ensures it is being properly managed in line with State and Federal document retention guidelines.

Staff from Workforce, RIS and consultants from KnowledgeLake have developed an extensive process to implement the ECM throughout the entire agency. To ensure this initial configuration is done quickly and effectively, NCTCOG has retained the services of consultants from KnowledgeLake. This initial engagement for planning, implementation and support services and is not expected to exceed \$90,000. Over the next 18 to 24 months NCTCOG staff will continue to document and implement ECM processes.

Item 14. Status Report on the Title VI Review Conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, provided the Board with a summary of findings and recommendations for future action contained in the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) desk audit review of Title VI policies and practices. This review is periodically required to document how agencies receiving federal financial assistance ensure nondiscrimination based on race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability. In response to the review request, NCTCOG compiled records of past and current Title VI compliance efforts and submitted the documentation to TxDOT in April 2013. The initial results were received from TxDOT in June 2013 and were later incorporated into the NCTCOG Title VI Program, which the Executive Board approved on May 23, 2013. The final results, which stated that NCTCOG is in compliance with all Title VI requirements, were received in November 2013.

Item 15. Status Report on the North Central Texas Council of Governments' (NCTCOG) Recently Completed 2013 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Triennial Review

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, presented the results of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 2013 Triennial Review, which was conducted earlier this year. This is a standard process that happens every three years for entities that administer FTA programs. The purpose is to evaluate how well NCTCOG follows the federal rules in 18 compliance areas and also to review NCTCOG oversight of approximately 30 subrecipients who provide transportation services.

In September, staff submitted approximately 500 pages of documents and answers to questions for the desk review portion. On November 5-6, 2013, NCTCOG staff participated in the on-site portion of the Triennial Review. On November 27, 2013, NCTCOG received the final report. There were no deficiencies found in 17 categories. One deficiency was found in the legal category, related to procurements over \$100,000 conducted by subrecipients. NCTCOG must submit additional procedures regarding this deficiency by March 6, 2014.

Item 16. Weir Brothers, Inc. Litigation Update

Ken Kirkpatrick, Counsel for Transportation, explained that in February of 2013, staff briefed the Board regarding the failure of Weir Brothers, Inc. (a subgrantee of air quality funds from NCTCOG) to comply with its contractual requirements. The grant funding awarded to Weir Brothers, Inc. was for the destruction and replacement of certain construction equipment with new or newer equipment for air quality purposes. However, Weir Bros. failed to meet its reporting obligations to NCTCOG, and subsequent site visits revealed that Weir Bros. was reimbursed for, but never took possession of a reclaimer/stabilizer valued at \$373,541. In total, Weir Bros. received \$830,165 in grant funds through NCTCOG.

Following repeated attempts to amicably resolve the matter, NCTCOG filed suit against Weir Brothers, Inc. in March 2013, in Tarrant County, Texas. Following discovery and deposition, the parties successfully negotiated a settlement agreement and agreed judgment to avoid further litigation. These agreements were executed on September 19, 2013, and accepted by the Court on September 30, 2013. Weir Bros. agreed to repay the \$373,541 plus attorney's fees, court costs, and post-judgment interest over a thirty-six (36) month period. In addition, Weir Bros. agreed to install GPS tracking devices on the grant-funded equipment in its possession and meet all previously committed reporting and usage requirements. In the event of default, NCTCOG was entitled to abstract and execute the agreed judgment in the amount of \$838,661.79.

Since that time, and having submitted only one payment of \$12,250 to NCTCOG, Weir Brothers has defaulted on its payment and reporting obligations and failed to cure within the required timeframe. NCTCOG will now pursue the default judgment.

Item 17. Status Report on the NCTCOG United Way Campaign

Michael Morris, Director of Transportation, told the Board that in October the COG held its annual United Way Campaign. He described and showed pictures of several fun events that were held during the fund-raising effort, including the stiff competition that sometimes resulted between departments. He explained to the Board that despite his best effort to cause Fred Keithley, Director of Community Services, to win (which is actually losing in this activity) the annual United Way penny drive, he was not successful. Consequently, Mr. Morris (and not Mr. Keithley) was required to wear a brightly colored T-Shirt to the Board Meeting explaining that he lost the contest. He also commended Transportation Department staff James Powell, who, with his father, served as Co-Chair of

the Tarrant County United Way, for his efforts. He and Mike Eastland, thanked all employees who worked so hard to exceed the Agency's goal.

Item 18. Urban Shield Full Scale Exercise Briefing

Molly Thoerner, Director of Emergency Preparedness, explained that on Friday, November 8, 2013, with a combination of 26 local and state Emergency Operation Centers (EOC), NCTCOG's Emergency Preparedness Department facilitated the 2013 North Central Texas Urban Shield Full-Scale Exercise on behalf of the North Central Texas Region. The Exercise Planning Team and subject matter experts from each discipline working group hosted the exercise involving SWAT, HazMat, EOD, USAR, EMS, Citizen Corps, Fusion Centers, and EOC Management. The exercise began Friday with a combination of 26 local and state Emergency Operation Centers (EOC). Then on Saturday, November 9, exercise participants checked-in at 6:00 AM and received a briefing before being deployed to multiple exercise site locations throughout the day, and concluded at approximately 1:00 AM Sunday morning. The After Action Report and Implementation Plan (AAR/IP) is nearly complete and will capture lessons learned, areas for improvement, and current strengths and capabilities.

Item 19. Receipt of Special Recognition for Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas at the TWC Annual Conference

David Setzer, Director of Workforce Development, reported that this year, at the Texas Workforce Commission Annual Conference, Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas was recognized for "going above and beyond a Board's responsibilities by providing the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) with the funding to develop a mobile-friendly version of its online job-matching website, WorkInTexas.com." Mr. Setzer explained that this special recognition is rare, and Workforce Solutions is proud to have received this award for initiating a new concept in partnering with TWC.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Item 20. Old and New Business

Mike Eastland, Executive Director, mentioned to the Board that the recent use of the Bylaws to appoint a replacement member to the Board and to replace vacancies in the officers of the Board brings to light the fact that the Bylaws may need revision in several areas. The Bylaws could be updated to be more current and to consider enlarging the representation on the Board, as previously requested by some members of the Council of Governments. He encouraged the Board to consider if and how they would like to approach the consideration of amending the Bylaws.

Item 21. Future Calendar and Board Attendance

The Board was provided a calendar of upcoming meetings and a record of attendance.

There being no other business, President Terrell adjourned the meeting.

Approved by:

Checked by:

Stephen Terrell
President, North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Allen

Mike Eastland, Executive Director
North Central Texas Council of Governments



North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

DATE: January 15, 2014

FROM: Monte Mercer
Deputy Executive Director

SUBJECT: Resolution to Accept and Approve the Quarterly Investment Report

An Investment Report, as required by the Investment Policy, is submitted for management and Executive Board review. This Investment Report provides information on the investment activity for the quarter ended December 31, 2013.

The following schedule, which complies with the Public Funds Investment Act, shows the average rate of return, cumulative transactions, beginning and ending balances for this quarter.

In addition, a supplementary schedule regarding the State's investment activity of the Regional Toll Revenue funds as well as the NTTA Hwy 161 funds has been provided. I will be available at the Board meeting to answer any questions.

MM:mdm

NCTCOG Quarterly Investment Report

Fiscal Year 2014 Quarter 1

Ended 12-31-2013

**Investment Portfolio Detail
by Fund**

Description	Account #	Program	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Ending Balance	% of Total
TexPool	2200400001	General Operating	\$ 7,028,269.84	\$ 6,500,000.00	\$ (8,736,025.25)	\$ 795.36	\$ 4,793,039.95	8.76%
Logic	756049012-001	General Operating	438.05	-	-	0.02	438.07	0.00%
TexStar	1111-000	General Operating	7,367,548.28	-	(2,567,923.37)	720.53	4,800,345.44	8.77%
General Fund			\$ 14,396,256.17	\$ 6,500,000.00	\$ (11,303,948.62)	\$ 1,515.91	\$ 9,593,823.46	17.53%
TexPool	2200400002	Solid Waste	327,522.72	168,272.05	-	38.22	495,832.99	0.91%
TexPool	2200400003	Supplemental Environmental Projects	0.00	-	-	-	0.00	0.00%
TexPool	2200400005	Air Check Texas	764,801.35	947,414.74	-	95.98	1,712,312.07	3.13%
TexPool	2200400005	9-1-1 Operating	511,371.09	764,393.80	-	65.69	1,275,830.58	2.33%
TexPool	2200400007	Transportation Revenue Center 5 Funds	15,715,104.70	105,944.66	-	1,738.37	15,822,787.73	28.92%
TexStar	1111001	Transportation	226,533.97	-	-	22.73	226,556.70	0.41%
TexStar	2100000	Exchange Funds Principal Denton County	4,849,802.58	-	(4,849,431.61)	431.61	802.58	0.00%
TexStar	2100999	Exchange Funds Principal Pooled	15,369,186.29	5,416,923.37	(1,605.91)	1,605.91	20,786,109.66	37.99%
TexStar	3100000	Exchange Funds Earnings Denton County	2,197,958.25	431.61	(2,198,000.00)	195.64	585.50	0.00%
TexStar	3100999	Exchange Funds Earnings Pooled	2,603,495.30	2,199,605.91	-	286.80	4,803,388.01	8.78%
Special Revenue Fund			\$ 42,565,776.25	\$ 9,602,986.14	\$ (7,049,037.52)	\$ 4,480.95	\$ 45,124,205.82	82.47%
Total			\$ 56,962,032.42	\$ 16,102,986.14	\$ (18,352,986.14)	\$ 5,996.86	\$ 54,718,029.28	100.00%

**Investment Portfolio Detail
by Investment Type**

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TexPool	2200400002	Solid Waste	327,522.72	168,272.05	-	38.22	495,832.99	0.91%
TexPool	2200400003	Supplemental Environmental Projects	0.00	-	-	-	0.00	0.00%
TexPool	2200400004	Air Check Texas	764,801.35	947,414.74	-	95.98	1,712,312.07	3.13%
TexPool	2200400005	9-1-1 Operating	511,371.09	764,393.80	-	65.69	1,275,830.58	2.33%
TexPool	2200400007	Transportation Revenue Center 5 Funds	15,715,104.70	105,944.66	-	1,738.37	15,822,787.73	28.92%
TexPool			\$ 24,347,069.70	\$ 8,486,025.25	\$ (8,736,025.25)	\$ 2,733.62	\$ 24,099,803.32	44.04%
Logic	756049012001	General Operating	\$ 438.05	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.02	\$ 438.07	0.00%
TexStar	1111000	General Operating	7,367,548.28	-	(2,567,923.37)	720.53	4,800,345.44	8.77%
TexStar	1111001	Transportation	226,533.97	-	-	22.73	226,556.70	0.41%
TexStar	2100000	Exchange Funds Principal Denton County	4,849,802.58	-	(4,849,431.61)	431.61	802.58	0.00%
TexStar	2100999	Exchange Funds Principal Pooled	15,369,186.29	5,416,923.37	(1,605.91)	1,605.91	20,786,109.66	37.99%
TexStar	3100000	Exchange Funds Earnings Denton County	2,197,958.25	431.61	(2,198,000.00)	195.64	585.50	0.00%
TexStar	3100999	Exchange Funds Earnings Pooled	2,603,495.30	2,199,605.91	-	286.80	4,803,388.01	8.78%
TexStar			\$ 32,614,524.67	\$ 7,616,960.89	\$ (9,616,960.89)	\$ 3,263.22	\$ 30,617,787.89	55.96%
Total			\$ 56,962,032.42	\$ 16,102,986.14	\$ (18,352,986.14)	\$ 5,996.86	\$ 54,718,029.28	100.00%

NCTCOG Quarterly Investment Report
Fiscal Year 2014 Quarter 1
Ended 12-31-2013

Investment Portfolio Summary

Description	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Ending Balance	% of Total
General Fund	\$ 14,396,256.17	\$ 6,500,000.00	\$ (11,303,948.62)	\$ 1,515.91	\$ 9,593,823.46	17.53%
Special Revenue	42,565,776.25	9,602,986.14	(7,049,037.52)	4,480.95	45,124,205.82	82.47%
Total	\$ 56,962,032.42	\$ 16,102,986.14	\$ (18,352,986.14)	\$ 5,996.86	\$ 54,718,029.28	100.00%

Fiscal Year 2014 to Date

Pool Description	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Ending Balance	% of Total
TexPool	\$ 24,347,069.70	\$ 8,486,025.25	\$ (8,736,025.25)	\$ 2,733.62	\$ 24,099,803.32	44.04%
Logic	438.05	-	-	0.02	438.07	0.00%
TexStar	32,614,524.67	7,616,960.89	(9,616,960.89)	3,263.22	30,617,787.89	55.96%
Total	\$ 56,962,032.42	\$ 16,102,986.14	\$ (18,352,986.14)	\$ 5,996.86	\$ 54,718,029.28	100.00%

Year to Date Interest

Pool Description	Fiscal Year 2014			Fiscal Year 2013		
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Total	General Fund	Special Revenue	Total
TexPool	\$ 795.36	\$ 1,938.26	\$ 2,733.62	\$ 1,389.61	\$ 8,053.36	\$ 9,442.97
Logic	0.02	-	0.02	0.12	-	0.12
TexStar	720.53	2,542.69	3,263.22	2,271.71	14,865.03	17,136.74
Total	\$ 1,515.91	\$ 4,480.95	\$ 5,996.86	\$ 3,661.44	\$ 22,918.39	\$ 26,579.83

Interest Rate Averages

Rate Description	December-2013	December-2012	FY 2014 Qtr 1	FY 2013 Qtr 1	FY 2014 thru December-2013	FY 2013 thru December-2012
	90 Day T-Bill	0.0700%	0.0700%	0.0633%	0.0867%	0.0633%
TexPool	0.0372%	0.1506%	0.0439%	0.1576%	0.0439%	0.1576%
Logic	0.0965%	0.1785%	0.1078%	0.1853%	0.1078%	0.1853%
TexStar	0.0357%	0.1647%	0.0399%	0.1704%	0.0399%	0.1704%

All funds are invested in investment pools whose book and market value are the same.

Regional Toll Revenue (RTR) Supplementary Report ⁽¹⁾

Fiscal Year 2014 Quarter 1

Thru 11-30-2013

Investment Balances Summary

Fund Description	This Month						% of Total
	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Ending Balance		
RTR	\$ 1,311,311,255.23	\$ -	\$ (31,479,592.76)	\$ 416,687.75	\$ 1,280,248,350.22	70.60%	
RTR-REVOLVING FUND	426,394,503.66	355,152.04	(21,431,522.78)	135,815.18	405,453,948.10	22.36%	
SH161 FUNDS	102,194,517.63	-	(318,792.07)	32,280.24	101,908,005.80	5.62%	
SH162 FUNDS	27,809,472.89	-	(2,032,000.00)	8,784.33	25,786,257.22	1.42%	
Total	\$ 1,867,709,749.41	\$ 355,152.04	\$ (55,261,907.61)	\$ 593,567.50	\$ 1,813,396,561.34	100.00%	

Fund Description	This Quarter						% of Total
	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Ending Balance		
RTR	\$ 1,319,120,693.88	\$ -	\$ (39,641,903.20)	\$ 769,559.54	\$ 1,280,248,350.22	70.60%	
RTR-REVOLVING FUND	429,743,000.92	879,256.67	(25,419,928.78)	251,619.29	405,453,948.10	22.36%	
SH161 FUNDS	102,163,523.95	-	(318,792.07)	63,273.92	101,908,005.80	5.62%	
SH162 FUNDS	27,802,026.38	-	(2,032,000.00)	16,230.84	25,786,257.22	1.42%	
Total	\$ 1,878,829,245.13	\$ 879,256.67	\$ (67,412,624.05)	\$ 1,100,683.59	\$ 1,813,396,561.34	100.00%	

Fund Description	Last Quarter						% of Total
	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Ending Balance		
RTR	\$ 1,365,793,680.96	\$ 2,080,544.98	\$ (49,821,524.34)	\$ 1,067,992.28	1,319,120,693.88	70.21%	
RTR-REVOLVING FUND	443,872,897.80	1,433,859.13	(15,909,854.51)	346,098.50	429,743,000.92	22.87%	
SH161 FUNDS	121,515,386.08	-	(19,445,202.49)	93,340.36	102,163,523.95	5.44%	
SH162 FUNDS	32,794,826.49	-	(5,016,323.00)	23,522.89	27,802,026.38	1.48%	
Total	\$ 1,963,976,791.33	\$ 3,514,404.11	\$ (90,192,904.34)	\$ 1,530,954.03	\$ 1,878,829,245.13	100.00%	

Fund Description	Fiscal Year 2014 to Date						% of Total
	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Ending Balance		
RTR	\$ 1,319,120,693.88	\$ -	\$ (39,641,903.20)	\$ 769,559.54	\$ 1,280,248,350.22	70.60%	
RTR-REVOLVING FUND	429,743,000.92	879,256.67	(25,419,928.78)	251,619.29	405,453,948.10	22.36%	
SH161 FUNDS	102,163,523.95	-	(318,792.07)	63,273.92	101,908,005.80	5.62%	
SH162 FUNDS	27,802,026.38	-	(2,032,000.00)	16,230.84	25,786,257.22	1.42%	
Total	\$ 1,878,829,245.13	\$ 879,256.67	\$ (67,412,624.05)	\$ 1,100,683.59	\$ 1,813,396,561.34	100.00%	

Fund Description	Inception to Date						% of Total
	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest	Ending Balance		
RTR	\$ -	\$ 2,465,654,194.29	\$ (1,369,885,042.99)	\$ 184,479,198.92	\$ 1,280,248,350.22	70.60%	
RTR-REVOLVING FUND	-	1,015,802,301.98	(654,991,991.22)	44,643,637.34	405,453,948.10	22.36%	
SH161 FUNDS	-	150,221,700.03	(50,054,396.19)	1,740,701.96	101,908,005.80	5.62%	
SH162 FUNDS	-	50,073,900.01	(24,848,323.00)	560,680.21	25,786,257.22	1.42%	
Total	\$ -	\$ 3,681,752,096.31	\$ (2,099,779,753.40)	\$ 231,424,218.43	\$ 1,813,396,561.34	100.00%	

Rate Description	Interest Rate Averages					
	November-2013	November-2012	FY 2013 Qtr 4 thru November-2013	FY 2012 Qtr 4 thru November-2012	FY 2013 thru November-2013	FY 2012 thru November-2012
90 Day T-Bill	0.0700%	0.0900%	0.0440%	0.0950%	0.0600%	0.0950%
TexPool	0.0446%	0.1564%	0.0366%	0.1611%	0.0472%	0.1611%
Logic	0.1085%	0.1804%	0.1111%	0.1888%	0.1134%	0.1888%
TexStar	0.0405%	0.1720%	0.0438%	0.1733%	0.0420%	0.1733%
State Comptroller	0.3887%	0.5311%	0.3430%	0.5380%	0.3803%	0.5380%

⁽¹⁾ All funds are invested by the Texas Treasury Safekeeping Trust Company; interest earned in the current month is credited in the following month

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE
THE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments' Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2013 is hereby submitted in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act;

WHEREAS, the Executive Board has reviewed the document and finds it to be in compliance with the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

Section 1: The North Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Board hereby accepts the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2013.

Section 2: This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Stephen Terrell, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Allen

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on January 23, 2013.

John Horn, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Hunt County



North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

DATE: January 16, 2014

FROM: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Resolution Endorsing Submittal of Grant Application and Authorization to Receive Funding from Wells Fargo for the Environmental Solutions for Communities Project

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) applied for a grant opportunity announced through Wells Fargo and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in December 2013. This funding will allow NCTCOG to assess green infrastructure techniques along State Highway (SH) 199 through the cities of Sansom Park and Fort Worth. In addition to assessing green infrastructure, this funding will create a vision for the corridor, detail drainage and active transportation improvements, recommend improvements to stormwater drainage, and identify near and long-term implementable projects along the corridor. If awarded, the project would begin in June 2014 and is anticipated to conclude in June 2015 with the development of a Corridor Master Plan.

Staff requests authorization to receive funding from Wells Fargo and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. If awarded, NCTCOG anticipates assessing the use of green infrastructure techniques along SH 199 through the cities of Sansom Park and Fort Worth. Staff is requesting \$200,000 (\$100,000 from Wells Fargo plus \$100,000 local match) for an Environmental Solutions for Communities grant. The local match portion of the grant will be funded by Regional Transportation Council (RTC) local funds in the amount of \$50,000, and partner local governments including \$30,000 from Tarrant County, \$10,000 from the City of Sansom Park, and \$10,000 from the Sansom Park Economic Development Corporation.

A resolution endorsing submittal of a grant application and authorization to receive funding from Wells Fargo and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation is attached for Executive Board consideration. I will provide a brief presentation of this item and will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

DH:tmb
Attachment

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATION AND
AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM WELLS FARGO FOR THE
ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS FOR COMMUNITIES PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, element 5.01 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 – FY 2015 Unified Planning Work Program includes Corridor Studies and Environmental Study Support; and,

WHEREAS, Wells Fargo and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation has funds available through the Environmental Solutions for Communities Program; and,

WHEREAS, in December 2013, NCTCOG staff submitted an application for funding in response to the Wells Fargo Environmental Solutions for Communities Grant opportunity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- Section 1.** The Executive Board endorses submittal of a grant application to Wells Fargo and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the Environmental Solutions for Communities Program.
- Section 2.** NCTCOG is authorized to receive approximately \$100,000 from Wells Fargo and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, \$30,000 from Tarrant County; \$10,000 from the City of Sansom Park; and \$10,000 from Sansom Park Economic Development Corporation, if awarded.
- Section 3.** These funds will be incorporated into the FY2014 budget as appropriate.
- Section 4.** The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements to carry out this program; including agreements for receipt of local match funds.
- Section 5.** This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Stephen Terrell, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Allen

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on January 23, 2014.

John Horn, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Hunt County



North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

DATE: January 16, 2014

FROM: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving Sponsorship of North Texas Tollway Authority Toll Tags as an Abatement for Reduced Access

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved approximately \$100,000 for the purchase of toll tags. These toll tags will be used to provide improved access to low income residents residing in a retirement village. This cost is significantly less than millions of dollars in transportation improvements necessary to mitigate the change in access.

This request is the result of the truncation of Old Granbury Road at the new Chisholm Trail Parkway in southern Tarrant County. It is a very unique situation and has no historical precedence. These funds will be reimbursed by Tarrant County to RTC.

Attachment 1 contains a copy of the presentation to RTC on January 9, 2014. It contains background information, a map of the truncated roadway, resultant circuitous alternate paths, detailed performance measures on the change in access, the proposed action, and the principles RTC would use for future hardship cases. This type of loan would be available to other communities in the region if needed.

The proposed RTC action is a significantly less costly approach than an infrastructure solution. This action will permit RTC to sponsor \$250 per person for a toll tag to be used for up to three years. At this time, it is anticipated that there would be a request for approximately 400 toll tags. Again, Tarrant County will reimburse RTC on this RTC/North Texas Tollway Authority toll tag Sponsorship Program.

Attached is a resolution approving the RTC initiative to provide assistance to these retirement village residents. RTC will use RTC local funds and will be reimbursed by Tarrant County.

I will provide a brief presentation on this item and be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

MM:al

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SPONSORSHIP OF NORTH TEXAS TOLLWAY AUTHORITY
TOLL TAGS AS AN ABATEMENT FOR REDUCED ACCESS**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2014, the Regional Transportation Council proposed a cost-effective solution to maintain accessibility for a retirement village in proximity to Old Granbury Road and the Chilsholm Trail Parkway; and,

WHEREAS, this initiative has resulted in an opportunity for other parties within the region to partner with the Regional Transportation Council and the Regional Transportation Council has established principles to evaluate hardship cases in the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- Section 1.** The Executive Board approves approximately \$100,000 to be transferred to the North Texas Tollway Authority for the purchase of toll tags to meet RTC objectives. These toll tags have a maximum value of \$250 per person and are valid for a three-year period.
- Section 2.** Tarrant County will reimburse RTC for the cost of this program.
- Section 3.** The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements to carry out this program.
- Section 4.** This resolution will be transmitted to Tarrant County and the North Texas Tollway Authority.
- Section 5.** This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Stephen Terrell, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Allen

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on January 23, 2014.

John Horn, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Hunt County



SPONSORSHIP OF NTTA TOLL TAGS AS AN ABATEMENT OF REDUCED ACCESS

January 9, 2014

Regional Transportation Council

BACKGROUND

Possible Action (Today or February)

Request by Tarrant County

Chisholm Trail Project: Abatement for Significantly
Reduced Access

Very Unique Situation

Retirement Village

Approximately \$100,000 Versus Multi-Millions

Reimbursed by the County



Chisholm Trail Parkway
 Old Granbury Rd. alternate route



DIFFERENCE IN TRAVEL DISTANCE

Route (Point A to B)	Distance	Time
Previous Route using Old Granbury Road	3.3 miles	5 minutes
Non-Tolled Alternate Route (in green) using McPherson Boulevard and Cleburne Road	6.6 miles	12 minutes
Tolled Route using McPherson Boulevard and Chisholm Trail Parkway	4.5 miles	5 minutes

The non-tolled alternate route (green route) would be twice as long (in distance) compared to the existing non-tolled route along Old Granbury Road



PROPOSED ACTION

Significantly Less Expensive Option than a
Transportation Solution

Sponsorship of \$250 per Person Toll Tag with
NTTA

- Approximately 400
- Income need sign-off
- 3 year period
- Approximately \$100,000 (non-federal funds)

PRINCIPLES OF HARDSHIP CASE

Truncation of Access

Expensive/Unwarranted Transportation
Solution

Significant Changes in “Free” Access Route

Sensitive/Protected Population



North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

DATE: January 16, 2014

FROM: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Agreement with Eco-Counter, Inc., for Purchase of Bicycle and Pedestrian (Active Transportation) User Count Equipment and Services

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is launching a regional pilot program to collect counts of bicycle and pedestrian usage throughout the region in order to address performance measures of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan: Mobility 2035 – 2013 Update and to support effective bicycle and pedestrian planning at the local and regional level. The equipment is a tool for automated data collection related to the volume, direction, time of day, and types of users (bicycle or pedestrian) of shared use paths (trails). The program will obtain new baseline data for uses such as trend analysis, updating air quality calculations for active transportation facilities, and to help identify non-motorized commuting patterns and volumes in the region. Various local governments have expressed a desire to participate in this regional program for data collection and analysis as part of the pilot program efforts and/or future phases.

On October 25, 2013, NCTCOG issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Regional Bicycle and Pedestrian (Active Transportation) Monitoring Program Equipment. Two firms submitted proposals in response to the RFP. The Consultant Selection Committee (CSC) met on November 21, 2013, to review and evaluate the consultant proposals. The CSC recommends the proposal from Eco-Counter, Inc., to complete the scope of work for this project. This contract award does not include any Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation. Neither proposal included any DBE participation. This contractor has also provided equipment and services for the Metropolitan Planning Organization in Houston and the cities of San Antonio, Austin, and Plano.

A draft resolution is attached for Executive Board consideration authorizing an Agreement with Eco-Counter, Inc., for the purchase of equipment, to perform initial installation/training services, and to provide electronic data and operations/maintenance assistance over a five-year period in an amount not to exceed \$160,687. There will be \$117,314 of federal Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) funds and \$43,373 local funds utilized. Attachment 1 to this document provides additional cost and revenue information. I will provide a brief presentation of this item and will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

KK/KW:tmb
Attachment

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH ECO-COUNTER, INC., FOR PURCHASE
OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN (ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION) USER COUNT
EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation; and,

WHEREAS, in December 2008 and June 2012, the Executive Board authorized receipt of funds for bicycle and pedestrian planning activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 and FY2015 Unified Planning Work Program Element 5.03 supports bicycle and pedestrian planning as part of Land-Use/Transportation initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, on October 25, 2013, NCTCOG issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Regional Bicycle & Pedestrian (Active Transportation) Monitoring Program Equipment; and,

WHEREAS, Eco-Counter, Inc., has been recommended by the Consultant Selection Committee to complete the scope of work for this project; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has complied with federal and state regulations regarding contract and procurement proceedings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. NCTCOG is authorized to enter into an Agreement with Eco-Counter, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$160,687.

Section 2. NCTCOG will utilize \$117,314 of Surface Transportation Program – Metropolitan Mobility (STP-MM) funds.

Section 3. NCTCOG is authorized to receive and enter into necessary Agreements and receive reimbursement of \$43,373 in local funds from participating partners including the Tarrant Regional Water District (TRWD), the City of Plano, and additional cities where the counters are located, for the use and purchase of Bicycle and Pedestrian (Active Transportation) User Count Equipment.

Section 4. The Executive Director or designee is authorized to execute necessary agreements to carry out this program.

Section 5. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Stephen Terrell, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Allen

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on January 24, 2014.

John Horn, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Hunt County

NCTCOG Regional Multi-Modal Count Equipment

	TOTAL Purchase		Project Partner Equipment/Costs (Local Funds)		NCTCOG Costs (STP-MM Funds)	
Equipment: Capital Expense	17	\$96,187	4	\$21,373	13	\$74,814
Operations/Maintenance Costs (Ongoing - 5yr)		\$64,500		\$22,000		\$42,500
Grand Total		\$160,687		\$43,373		\$117,314



North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

DATE: January 16, 2014

FROM: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Purchase and Placement of Advertising and Publications for Transportation Initiatives

Staff is seeking Executive Board approval to spend up to \$628,000 to purchase and place advertising for Transportation Department needs. The source of funds are: Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Transportation Enhancement (TE) Funds, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Regional Transportation Council (RTC) local funds, Transportation Planning Funds (TPF) and Partner Contributions. Advertisements may be presented through print and online publications, radio spots, bill boards, social media, transit and kiosks. Advertising will support Transportation Department activities such as Public Meeting Notices, Ozone Season Emissions Reduction Campaign, Aviation Careers, Bike/Pedestrian Safety Program, Congestion Demand Management Program, and Vehicle Technologies Responsibility Program. By combining all Transportation Department Advertising together, it allows for lower advertising rates with media outlets and cross communication when feasible.

The Public Meeting Notices aim to provide reasonable opportunities for the public to comment on the region's transportation plans at public meetings, according to requirements of Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21). Public meetings provide opportunities for North Texans to learn about and provide input on transportation and air quality in the region and help set priorities for the future. This effort is supported under element 1.01 of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 and FY2015 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP).

The Ozone Season Emissions Reduction Campaign promotes transportation-related clean air strategies and activities in the Dallas-Fort Worth nonattainment area. Air North Texas is the ozone season emission reduction campaign and partnership that promotes a consistent and comprehensive message to the public about the importance of clean air and is a resource for clean air issues. It is supported under element 3.05 of the FY2014 and FY2015 UPWP.

Aviation Careers aims to educate regional students, parents, and other stakeholders of the importance and availability of aviation jobs in North Texas. The advertising campaign will serve to increase awareness of the North Texas Aviation Education Initiative and its affiliated website, NCTaviationcareers.com, in an effort to encourage additional users and secure sponsorship revenue from the aviation industry. It is supported under element 5.13 of the FY2014 and FY2015 UPWP.

**616 Six Flags Drive, Centerpoint Two
P.O. Box 5888, Arlington, Texas 76005-5888
(817) 640-3300 FAX: 817-608-2372
www.nctcog.org**

The Bike/Pedestrian Safety Program aims to educate on safety issues and mitigation strategies for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. It is supported under element 5.03 of the FY2014 and FY2015 UPWP.

The Congestion Demand Management Program is a voluntary educational program that markets alternatives to driving alone (such as carpooling/vanpooling, transit, biking, walking and telecommuting) on a commute trip. This year-round, voluntary program is aimed at private and public employers in the region with 100 or more employees. The marketing of the Try Parking It website is included in this effort. This effort is supported under element 5.06 of the FY2014 and FY2015 UPWP which covers Congestion Management Operations.

The Vehicle Technologies Responsibility Program aims to help minimize the region's pollution related to mobile sources by implementing a variety of programs that aim to expedite the use of advanced technologies as well as implement enforcement programs. The advertising expenses will be utilized to help educate the public about various programs and initiatives related to vehicle technologies that reduce emissions. This effort is supported under element 3.03 of the FY2014 and FY2015 UPWP.

A draft resolution authorizing the purchase and placement of Transportation Department Advertising is attached for Executive Board consideration. A Funding Table detailing funding sources, funding amounts, match sources and match amounts is also attached. I will provide a brief presentation on this item and be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

WV:tmb
Attachment

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PURCHASE AND PLACEMENT OF ADVERTISING AND PUBLICATIONS FOR TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area by the Governor of the State of Texas in accordance with federal law; and,

WHEREAS, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), comprised primarily of local elected officials, is the regional transportation policy body associated with NCTCOG and has been and continues to be a forum for cooperative decisions on transportation ; and,

WHEREAS, there has been significant regional interest to enhance coordination, communication, and awareness of various programs within the NCTCOG; and,

WHEREAS, Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century (MAP-21) and the US Code of Federal Regulations emphasize the importance of public involvement, including public meetings, in the transportation planning process and require adequate notice be given to the public of these activities; and,

WHEREAS, the Dallas-Fort Worth region is in nonattainment of federal air quality standards for ozone and NCTCOG is actively involved in the development and implementation of the State Implementation Plan for air quality; and,

WHEREAS, the North Texas Aviation Education Initiative was initiated by NCTCOG from a recognized need for additional aviation workforce and as such staff communicates this need to regional stakeholders to increase awareness and promote aviation career opportunities; and,

WHEREAS, NCTCOG was awarded Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for the Provision of Safety and Education Activities and Materials for Pedestrians and Bicycles; and,

WHEREAS, RTC Resolution R98-01 supports the development of Travel Demand Management (TDM) strategies; and TDM strategies are quick-to-implement low cost management solutions identified in the NCTCOG Congestion Management Process (CMP) – 2013 Update which is fully implemented into the planning and programming process performed as an MPO; and the Regional Trip Reduction Program is a voluntary and cooperative education program designed to reduce commute vehicle trips through the education and implementation of travel demand management strategies such as rideshare programs (carpooling and vanpooling), telecommuting and flexible work-hour programs, transit pass subsidies, bicycling, and similar strategies; and,

WHEREAS, it has become mutually agreed upon for various NCTCOG transportation department program areas to coordinate multimedia advertising in an effort to efficiently, effectively, and responsibly reach all audiences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. Agreements between NCTCOG and various multimedia outlets in an amount not to exceed \$628,000 (\$495,400 federal and \$132,600 local match), as detailed in Attachment 1, be and are hereby approved.

Section 2. The Executive Director of NCTCOG or designee is authorized to execute Agreements and necessary amendments in the name of the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Section 3. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Stephen Terrell, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Allen

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on January 23, 2014.

John Horn, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Hunt County

Purchase and Placement of Transportation Department Advertising

Program Name	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Match Source	Match Amount	Total
Ozone Season Emissions Reduction Campaign	CMAQ	\$120,000.00	RTC Local	\$30,000.00	\$150,000.00
Aviation Careers	RTC	\$10,000.00	NA	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Bike/Pedestrian Safety Program	TxDOT: Transportation Enhancement (TE)	\$200,000.00	RTC Local	\$50,000.00	\$250,000.00
Congestion Demand Management Program	CMAQ	\$64,000.00	RTC Local	\$16,000.00	\$80,000.00
Vehicle Technologies Responsibility Program	CMAQ TCEQ	\$56,000.00 \$5,000.00	Partner Contribution	\$14,000.00	\$75,000.00
Public Meeting Notifications	TPF	\$63,000.00	NA	\$0.00	\$63,000.00
Total		\$495,400.00		\$132,600.00	\$628,000.00



January 23, 2014 – ITEM 7

North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

DATE: January 16, 2014

FROM: Edith Marvin, P.E.
Director of Environment and Development

SUBJECT: Resolution Approving FY 2014-2015 Regional Solid Waste Funding Process

For the new biennium, the Texas Legislature appropriated a reduced portion of the funds generated from the solid waste tipping fees, to be returned through Councils of Governments for regional and local solid waste management activities. A formula combining population, area, percentage of the solid waste tipping fee paid, and public health factors has been used by the State to allocate to NCTCOG approximately \$2.1 million for the FY2014-2015 biennium.

The majority of the funds are earmarked for local governments and other eligible entities to implement solid waste management projects that support the *Regional Solid Waste Management Plan*.

The Executive Board is being asked to approve a resolution authorizing the FY2014-2015 Regional Solid Waste Funding Process document. The funding document is posted on our website at <http://www.nctcog.org/envir/SEELT/funding/FY1415-FUNDING-PROCESS-DRAFT.pdf>. A public meeting has been held to gather participant input regarding this funding process, as required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. NCTCOG's Resource Conservation Council seeks approval by the Executive Board.

I will provide a brief presentation of this item and will be available to answer any questions prior to requesting Board approval.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING FY 2014-2015
REGIONAL SOLID WASTE FUNDING PROCESS**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is the designated regional solid waste management planning agency for the Dallas/Fort Worth designated planning region, and the State of Texas has set specific goals and objectives for municipal solid waste management; and

WHEREAS, NCTCOG has an amended “*SEE Less Trash Regional Solid Waste Management Plan*” adopted by the NCTCOG Executive Board that has specific goals and objectives for achieving state, regional and local solid waste management strategies; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature appropriated a reduced portion of the funds generated from the solid waste tipping fees in the FY2014-2015 biennium to be returned through regional planning commissions for use by COG’s, local governments and other eligible entities on solid waste projects consistent with regional plans; and

WHEREAS, as directed by the State Legislature, the solid waste fee funds are allocated according to a formula that accounts for population, area, solid waste fee generation, and public health needs with NCTCOG’s share being approximately \$2.1 million for the biennium; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) requires a FY2014-2015 Funding Process document to be approved by NCTCOG’s Executive Board, and NCTCOG has conducted a public meeting to seek input on this Funding Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Resource Conservation Council, NCTCOG’s solid waste advisory committee, is recommending approval by the Executive Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The North Central Texas Council of Governments certifies:

1. the Agency will comply with the provisions of the financial assistance program and requirements of the TCEQ and the State;
2. that State funds will be used only for the purpose for which they were provided.

Section 2. The Executive Director of the North Central Texas Council of Governments is authorized to:

1. administer a regional solid waste planning and implementation program under the guidance of the Resource Conservation Council, NCTCOG’s advisory committee on solid waste, including pass-through of the solid waste fee funds;
2. seek and enter into appropriate contractual/interlocal arrangements with local government agencies and other eligible entities in order to implement specific regional and local solid waste projects.

Section 3. The Regional Solid Waste Funding Process, dated January 23, 2014, is approved by the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and this resolution will serve as the official review by the NCTCOG Executive Board as required by the TCEQ.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Steven Terrell, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Allen

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on January 23, 2014.

John Horn, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Hunt County



North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

DATE: January 16, 2014

FROM: Tim Barbee
Director of Research and Information Services/CIO NCTCOG

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing a Contract with Woolpert to Provide High-Resolution Orthophotography

The Executive Board will be asked to approve the 2014 Orthophotography Project. Since 2001, NCTCOG has facilitated the purchase of high-quality, color, digital aerial photography (orthos) for North Central Texas as a cost-sharing objective for local governments. For the 2014 flight, aerial photographs will be captured at six-inch or higher resolution for those member agencies who sign on to participate annually. The chosen vendor for this project is Woolpert and the project is set to begin at the end of January, pending approval. Cost of the project will not exceed \$70,000 and funding will be provided by the 10 projected regional agency participants.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH WOOLPET TO PROVIDE HIGH -
RESOLUTION ORTHOPHOTOPGRAPHY**

WHEREAS, the Executive Board is the governing body of the North Central Council of Governments (NCTCOG); and

WHEREAS, the Executive Board has approved a contract with Woolpert to Provide High-Resolution Orthophotography; and

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments has complied with federal and state regulations regarding contracting and procurement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

Section 1: The NCTCOG Executive Board approves the contract with Woolpert and Information Technology Contract Services for an amount not to exceed \$70,000.

Section 2: That this resolution shall be in effect immediately upon its adoption.

Stephen Terrell, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Allen

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John Horn, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Hunt County



North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

DATE: January 14, 2014

FROM: Christy Williams
Chief 9-1-1 Program Manager

SUBJECT: **Resolution Authorizing the Application for Service Provider Certificate of Operations Authority (SPCOA) to the Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC)**

The 9-1-1 program requests Executive Board approval to apply for a Service Provider Certificate of Operations Authority (SPCOA). This certification would allow the North Central Texas Council of Governments Regional 9-1-1 Program, or supplemental contracted systems and resources, to provide 9-1-1 database management services. After recently implementing the core services of an Emergency Services IP network (ESInet), NCTCOG has a need to transition our current legacy database to a geographically based Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) database. NCTCOG has notified the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) that we will be transitioning to a new database platform.

Current PUC rules limit 9-1-1 routing of calls to organizations and businesses that hold this certification. NCTCOG's NG9-1-1 system includes the ability for us to route and re-route 9-1-1 calls based on geography and specific incidents or events. The acquisition of this certificate would allow NCTCOG to eliminate telephone company selective routers and the costs associated with them.

Similar applications have been filed by some of the 9-1-1 districts in the state. NCTCOG is working with Mission Critical Partners and the 9-1-1 Alliance to create our application and they have undergone legal review. CSEC has also received approval to apply for a SPCOA. There is no funding request with this resolution. The request falls within CSEC rules and policies.

I will be available during the January 23rd Board meeting to respond to questions.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPLICATION FOR SERVICE PROVIDER
CERTIFICATE OF OPERATIONS AUTHORITY (SPCOA) TO THE TEXAS
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (PUC)**

WHEREAS, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is engaged in the planning, implementation, and maintenance of an emergency 9-1-1 (E-9-1-1) system for 44 Public Safety Answering Points in 14 North Central Texas counties which comprise the 9-1-1 service area; and

WHEREAS, NCTCOG 9-1-1 recognizes regional opportunities for improving the quality of life in North Central Texas through a regional 9-1-1 system; and

WHEREAS, NCTCOG 9-1-1 is following a master plan for the implementation of a Next Generation 9-1-1 system with multiple features and applications, and

WHEREAS, NCTCOG 9-1-1 has completed implementation of core services on the Emergency Services IP Network (ESInet); and

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is ready to transition to a Next Generation 9-1-1 database; and

WHEREAS, the NCTCOG ESInet now has the ability to route and re-route 9-1-1 calls; and

WHEREAS, NCTCOG is bound by Public Utilities Commission (PUC) rules which require this certification;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the Executive Director is authorized to submit an application to the PUC for SPCOA for database and selective routing.

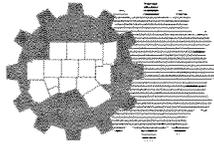
Section 2. The database application will be submitted prior to the selective routing application.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Executive Board.

The Honorable Steve Terrell, President
North Central Texas Council of Governments
Mayor, City of Allen

I hereby certify that the resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the North Central Texas Council of Governments on January 23, 2014.

John Horn, Secretary-Treasurer
North Central Texas Council of Governments
County Judge, Hunt County



North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

DATE: January 15, 2014

FROM: Doni Green
Chief Aging Program Officer

SUBJECT: Appointments to Regional Aging Advisory Committee (RAAC) and Election of Officers

The Regional Aging Advisory Committee assists the North Central Texas Area Agency on Aging (NCTAAA) in representing the interests of older persons. RAAC is comprised of 28 members, with two representatives from each county in the 14-county service area.

RAAC currently has 14 vacancies. To fill those vacancies, the NCTAAA has solicited nominations from county judges and local contractors, and received ten nominations. Of these ten nominations, three are re-nominations and seven are first-time nominations. Pat Bonds of Johnson County has been re-nominated by Judge Roger Harmon, Caye Mauney of Mineral Wells has been re-nominated by Judge David Nicklas, and J. C. Campbell of Granbury has been re-nominated by Judge Darrell Cockerham. New nominees are Tim Woodruff of Decatur, Homer Norville, Sr. of Kaufman, Bailee McCauley of Morgan Mills, Linda Ake of Dublin, Vivian Conrad of Mineral Wells, Deborah Richardson of Corsicana, and Stephen Straughan of Rockwall.

A brief outline of the Committee's responsibilities and a membership chart are attached.

During its November 12, 2013 meeting, RAAC members moved that the following persons serve as officers during Calendar Year 2014:

- President: Martin Rechnitzer of Johnson County
- Vice-President: Joe Milligan of Hunt County
- Secretary: Allen Sumners of Somervell County

We are seeking Board approval of RAAC nominees and officers. For your reference, we have attached biographical sketches for the six new nominees.

Should you or the Executive Board have questions, I will be available to respond before or during the Board meeting. I may be contacted at 817-695-9193.

Thank you.

REGIONAL AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF COMMITTEE

The Regional Aging Advisory Committee is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of NCTCOG's Executive Board. This Committee assists the Executive Board in the development and implementation of the area agency on aging plan for persons sixty years old and over in the 14 counties adjacent to Dallas and Tarrant Counties. The Committee also reviews proposals for aging services through NCTCOG's Aging Program under Title III of the Older Americans Act. This program does not serve Dallas or Tarrant Counties, which have their own Area Agencies on Aging.

NUMBER OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

28

TERMS OF MEMBERSHIP

Terms of membership are based on staggered three-year terms with approximately one-third of the membership appointed each year.

STANDARD MEETING DATE

The Committee meets quarterly.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- The composition of the Committee, according to funding agency guidelines and Committee bylaws, should include the following.
- More than 50 percent of the Committee includes older persons, older persons with the greatest economic or social need, older minority persons and participants in programs funded by the Area Agency on Aging.
- Each of the fourteen counties served by the Area Agency is represented by two persons from each county and may include local elected and appointed officials, older citizens and representatives of older persons.
- Additional persons may serve as ex-officio members because of their special knowledge or experience with aging matters. These resource members may include representatives from the Veterans Administration, State Citizen Advisory Council, and the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

**NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
AREA AGENCY ON AGING**

**PROPOSED REGIONAL AGING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(Terms expiring December 31 of year indicated)**

COUNTY	2014	2015	2016
Collin	Pat Hatchell	Harry Kepner	
Denton	Clint Blackmon	Anita Nelson	
Ellis	Carol Mraz	Karen Cox	
Erath	Linda Ake		Bailey McCauley
Hood	J. C. Campbell	Carole Cockerham	
Hunt	Joe Milligan	Denise Ayers	
Johnson		Martin Rechnitzer	Pat Bonds
Kaufman	Ed Wilson		Homer Norville
Navarro	vacant	Deborah Richardson	
Palo Pinto	Vivian Conrad		Caye Mauney
Parker	vacant		vacant
Rockwall		Brenda Cross	Stephen Straughan
Somervell	Allen Sumners		vacant
Wise		Don Majka	Tim Woodruff

Shaded areas represent appointees. The names of new nominees appear in bold.



North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

DATE: January 16, 2014

FROM: Molly Thoerner
Emergency Preparedness Director

SUBJECT: Appointments to the Emergency Preparedness Planning Council (EPPC)

The Emergency Preparedness Planning Council serves in an advisory role providing recommendations to the NCTCOG Executive Board. From a pool of nominations, the Executive Board appoints qualified local elected officials to serve a two-year term. The Council is responsible for providing policy direction and oversight functions pertaining to the development and maintenance of a coordinated and integrated regional approach to emergency management planning and response systems. The Council recommends how the region can most efficiently and effectively utilize state and/or federal funds to fill gaps in preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation capabilities.

Due to end-of-term rotations, EPPC has population category positions open on the Council. To fill these vacancies we are requesting approval to seat a total of seven (7) representatives at the next EPPC meeting. Staff will have a complete roster with biographical information available at the Appointments Committee meeting.

Should either you or the Executive Board members have questions, staff will be present at the meeting to address any questions, or I may be contacted by phone at 817-608-2322 or by e-mail at mthoerner@nctcog.org.

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North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

DATE: January 16, 2014

FROM: Tim Barbee
Director of Research and Information Services/CIO NCTCOG

SUBJECT: Research and Information Services staff recognized in National Competition for work on the Texas Connector.

Chris Story, Ali McCullough, Sonia Monga and David Raybuck are part of a team that recently earned the silver medal in the National Civic Data Challenge with their Texas Connector Application.

The Civic Data Challenge is a national competition where groups submit applications that turn raw civic health data into useful information that can have a direct impact on public decision-making. Through the challenge teams bring new ideas and skill sets to the field of civic health with the purpose of making data-driven community insights more valuable and accessible. In order to achieve an exceptional level of real world usefulness, designers, data scientists, researchers, and application developers will collaborate with local leaders and respond to the needs of specific communities or social issues. Judges for the competition included executives from such companies as Amazon, Salesforce, Craigslist, and Facebook.

The Texas Connector is an online, interactive mapping tool that links needs and nonprofits to strengthen communities across the State of Texas. It provides a snapshot of social service needs and resources to allow funders, local and state government leaders, researchers, and the non-profit community to more effectively evaluate and meet Texas growing needs. Texas Connector bridges the information gap between the areas served by nonprofits and the underserved communities of Texas. Learn more about the app at <http://www.texasconnects.org>.



North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

DATE: January 16, 2014

FROM: Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

SUBJECT: Status Report on the North Central Texas Council of Governments Population and Employment Forecasting Model

North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff has begun the process of developing future forecasts of population and employment for the North Central Texas region through the year 2040. Demographic forecasts are developed for the region approximately every four years through a collaborative process involving staff from both NCTCOG's Research and Information Services (RIS) and Transportation Departments, as well as input from local governments and partner agencies. While these forecasts are used throughout the agency and extensively by local governments and agencies to support planning decisions, the primary use for these forecasts at NCTCOG is to drive the development of the region's metropolitan transportation plans. The next plan will be Mobility 2040, anticipated to be completed in early 2016. The previous demographic forecasts currently being used in the region were approved by the NCTCOG Executive Board on February 24, 2011.

The first step in the process of developing population and employment forecasts is the establishment of Regional Control Totals. These regional estimates of future total population and employment are developed by examining and comparing future estimates of growth from a number of external sources outside the agency and are used to set the ceiling for future level of activity within the forecast horizon year, now 2040. Staff has completed this review process and will summarize the current findings.

A forecast district structure comprised of 232 districts across 12 counties is developed and used by a district-level forecasting model referred as GLUM to forecast the future number of households and employees by district in 5-year increments through the year 2040. In this forecast process, the districts have been designed to largely follow city boundaries when possible in order for forecasts to be easily aggregated to the city level, thereby allowing for easier local government review.

The final step in the forecast process is the disaggregation of future households and employment to the traffic survey zone level, which is needed in order for the forecasts to be utilized by NCTCOG travel models in estimating future traffic volumes and transit ridership. The UPLAN model, recently acquired by RIS staff, will be utilized to disaggregate the district-level forecast down to the region's 5,300 traffic survey zones. Local governments play an instrumental role in this phase of the process through local review by ensuring these forecasts of future activity are consistent with future plans for growth and development within each jurisdiction.

Staff will provide a briefing to the Executive Board on this process underway for the development of regional population and employment forecasts through the year 2040.

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North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: NCTCOG Executive Board

DATE: January 16, 2014

FROM: Mike Eastland
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Report on Potential Legislation to Allow Councils of Governments to Create 9-1-1 Districts

Several councils of governments in Texas are seriously considering asking for the introduction of a bill in the 2015 legislative session that would give them authority to create a 9-1-1 District within their territory and thus withdraw from the state's 9-1-1 program. The Capital Area Council of Governments, headquartered in Austin, obtained this type of legislation during the last regular session and has found it to be very beneficial.

The approach that is being considered calls for umbrella legislation that allows for a regional district to be formed by formal action of those entities that it would serve. If formed, the entities served would determine the composition of its governing board and would set policies and adopt its budget. The council of governments would serve as its fiscal and administrative agent and be responsible for its staffing.

Other considerations include a provision that existing Emergency Communication Districts or municipal 9-1-1 Districts could merge with a COG district with the official consent of the respective governing bodies. An individual municipality currently served by an Emergency Communication District could not opt out of that district and become a member of a COG district unless the district voted to let it do so and the COG district voted to accept it. However, all 9-1-1 districts would be permitted to contract with each other through interlocal agreements to provide enhanced public safety and to promote increased fiscal efficiency and service effectiveness.

COG districts would be allowed to assess a fee on land lines and wireless phones at up to 50 cents a month, as is now authorized by state legislation. The existing surcharge of six cents per month that all 9-1-1 entities currently remit to the state would stay in place so that appropriate 9-1-1 services can be delivered in sparsely populated regions of Texas.

The overarching reason for creating a COG 9-1-1 District would be to assure that the region has the best planned approaches and the best technology for delivering emergency services to its citizens. This could be assured if the 50 cent per month fee paid by our citizens and businesses was retained within the region where it is assessed.

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These fees are now being remitted to the State Comptroller and held in a dedicated fund. Each Legislative Session, each Council of Governments puts forth a funding request to the Commission on State Emergency Communications (CSEC) and the Commission produces a Legislative appropriation request to submit to the Legislature, which is typically less than the amount requested by the COGs. The Legislature then determines how much funding it will actually appropriate. The state is currently holding some \$140-\$160 million of 9-1-1 dedicated funds collected over the last several years.

Due to the significant amount of unappropriated funds, it is impossible for COGs to have a reliable long-term capital equipment purchase and replacement plan. The non-COG districts directly receive all funds derived from the fees collected in their jurisdictions and therefore do not operate under the disadvantaged situation that COGs do. The ability to create a COG district would give us equal footing with other districts and would guarantee our citizens the best level of service possible in a timely manner.

Planned next steps are to reach out to all potentially affected parties to discuss the proposal to have legislation drafted, determine their support for this action, receive any suggestions they may offer and, if these parties agree to move forward, begin the effort with them taking the lead to garner legislators' support.

The Regional Advisory Committee for our 9-1-1 program has given its blessing to begin the process just described and has indicated that, at this point, it believes the creation of a district in our region would offer many benefits. I want you to be fully aware of activities to date and to be assured that you will be kept informed as things progress.



North Central Texas Council of Governments

TO: NCTCOG Executive Board **DATE:** January 23, 2014
FROM: Mike Eastland
Executive Director
SUBJECT: Future Calendar

In order for you to schedule your calendars in advance, here are the next Executive Board meeting dates.

February 27, 2014	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
March 27, 2014	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
April 24, 2014	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
May 22, 2014	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
June 20, 2014	GENERAL ASSEMBLY
June 26, 2014	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
July 24, 2014	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
August 28, 2014	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
September 25, 2014	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
October 23, 2014	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
November 20, 2014	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices
December 18, 2014	Executive Board Meeting – NCTCOG Offices

EXECUTIVE BOARD ATTENDANCE

June 2013 - May 2014

Name	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	TOTAL
Steve Terrell President	P	P	P	P	P		P						6
Kathryn Wilemon Vice- President	P	P	P	P	P		P						6
John Horn Secretary/Treasurer							P						1
Bobbie Mitchell Past President	EA	P	P	P	P		EA						4
Vonciel Jones Hill	P	EA	P	P	EA		P						4
Clay Jenkins	EA	EA	EA	P	P		P						3
Marcus Knight	P	P	P	EA	P		P						5
Larry Marshall, MD	P	P	P	P	P		P						6
A.J. Mathieu	P	P	P	P	P		P						6
Daniel Scarth	P	P	P	P	P		P						6
Keith Self	P	P	P	P	P		P						6
Lissa Smith	P	P	P	P	P		P						6
Glen Whitley	EA	P	EA	P	EA		P						3
Tony Rose - Ex Officio, Non-Voting Member	EA	EA	P	P	P		EA						3
Bill McElhane Vice- President	P	P	P	P									4
TOTAL PRESENT	10	11	12	13	11		12						

Attendance Code: P=Present EA=Excused Absence A=Absence NM=No meeting