

EXECUTIVE *Committee* MEETING

September 25, 2025



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AGENDA



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1. Welcome.....Honorable Jose Segarra, President
2. Call to Order.....Honorable Jose Segarra, President
3. Oath of Office.....Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director
4. Opportunity for Public Comment

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Minutes: August 2025
6. Expenditure Report: August 2025

PRESENTATION

7. Leadership Central Texas GraduationDavid Rodriguez, CTCOG
Economic Development Planner
8. IGSA Briefing.....Carydaniel Cegledi, PAIO Chief, USAG Fort Hood

ACTION ITEM

9. **09-25-PRS001** a Resolution of the Central Texas Council of
Governments Supporting October 2025 as National Pedestrian Safety
Month

REPORTS

10. Area Agency on Aging.....George Losoya, Director
11. Housing.....Carmen Lim, Director

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- 12. Planning & Regional Services.....Uryan Nelson, Director
- 13. Workforce Development Board.....Linda Angel, Workforce Board Executive Director
- 14. Workforce CentersLouis LeDoux, Workforce Center Chief Operating Officer
- 15. Executive Director’s Report.....Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director, CTCOG
 - Update on the State and National Initiatives

ADJOURN



MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2025

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The August 21, 2025, Central Texas Council of Governments Annual Executive Committee Meeting was called to order by the Councilman Jose Segarra, City of Killeen, President at 12:12 pm.

Executive Committee Officers in Attendance:

President	Councilman Jose Segarra	City of Killeen Councilmember
1 st Vice President	Russell Schneider	Precinct 3, Bell County
Secretary/Treasurer	Judge Jody Fauley	San Saba County
Parliamentarian	Commissioner Bobby Whitson	Precinct 2, Bell County

Executive Committee Members in Attendance:

Mayor Michael Blomquist, City of Harker Heights	Mayor Nathan Fuchs, City of Cameron	Keith Sledd, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance
Councilmember Stephanie O'Banion, City of Belton	Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City Of Killeen	Ricky Tow, City of Cameron
Martha Tyroch, General Land Office	Judge Bill Whitmire, Milam County	Judge James Yates, Hamilton County
Judge Roger Miller, Coryell County	Judge David Blackburn, Bell County	Commissioner Dickie Clary, Hamilton County
Mayor Gary Chumley, City of Gatesville	Judge Jett Johnson, Mills County	City Manager Brad Hunt, City of Gatesville

CTCOG Staff Members and Guests in Attendance:

Jim Reed, CTCOG	Uryan Nelson, CTCOG	Helen Hill Yancey, CTCOG
Jesse Henage, CTCOG	Louis LeDoux, WFSC	Anita Janke, CTCOG
Vorakarn Saipornchai, CTCOG	Linda Angel, WFCT	Jwana Sartor, CTCOG*
Kylee Young, CTCOG	Carmen Lim, CTCOG	

Oath of Office

No Oath of Office was administered.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Michael Blomquist, City of Harker Heights, to accept the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda included the August 2025 Expenditure Report, the May 2025 Meeting Minutes, the July 2025 Meeting Minutes, Approval of Amendments to the Development District of Central Texas (DDCT) Bylaws, Approval of the Development District of Central Texas (DDCT) Members, Approval of Central Texas Regional Transportation Advisory Group Membership, and the ratification of resolutions from July 24, 2025 meeting. These resolutions included: 07-25-PRS001 a Resolution Authorizing Participation in Investment Pools Utilizing Central Texas Emergency Communications District; and 07-25-PRS002 a Resolution Authorizing Central Texas Emergency Communications District Participation in the Texas 9-1-1 Alliance; 07-25-ADM001 a Resolution Authorizing Indebtedness – CTCOG Credit Cards. Martha Tyroch, General Land Office, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

Action Items

- A motion was made by Councilmember Stephanie O'Banion, City of Belton, to approve Resolution 08-25-PRS001, which sought to Resolution Approving the Central Texas Emergency Communications District Policy, Procedures, and Performance Measures. Keith Sledd, Heart of Texas Defense Alliance, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.
- A motion was made by Mayor Nathan Fuchs, City of Cameron, to approve Resolution 08-25-PRS002, which sought to Approving Declaring the Establishment of the Central Texas Emergency Communications District. Mayor Debbie Nash-King, City of Killeen, seconded the motion. All were in favor; none opposed.

Reports

Workforce Development Board: Dr. Linda Angel, Executive Director of CTWB, provided the committee with an update on recent federal and state workforce developments. A 27% reduction was reported in the supplemental nutrition (food stamp) program, along with a 12% reduction across other programs. In contrast, childcare program funding increased by 19%, with an additional 10% increase allocated for program management. Without the childcare funding, the Workforce budget would have faced a shortfall of approximately half a million dollars. The next Workforce Board meeting will be held in September at A&M Central Texas, and the annual Workforce Awards Luncheon is scheduled for October 30th, with invitations to be distributed by email. The 2nd Chance Employment Pathways program continues to be highly successful, gaining significant media attention and resulting in job offers for participants across multiple counties, including offers at higher wage levels. Additionally, the Wrenches to Wheels program remains a strong success, providing middle school students with the opportunity to build and take home a bicycle—many of whom are experiencing bike ownership or learning to ride for the first time.

Workforce Solution Central Texas: Louis LeDoux, Chief Operating Officer of WFSCT, provided the committee with an update on regional unemployment and workforce activity. For the week ending July 26, 2025, a total of 19,009 UI claims were filed, resulting in a regional unemployment rate of 4.7%, slightly lower than last year's rate of 4.9%. At the Summer Surge Job Fair held in July in Bell County, 41 employers and 82 recruiters engaged with 411 job seekers, including 183 veterans, with 50 individuals receiving on-site job offers. Looking ahead, the largest hiring event of the year, the Red, White, and Blue Job Fair, will take place on November 5 at Fort Hood and is expected to attract approximately 1,400 job seekers and 140 employers. Additional employer participation is still being encouraged for this event. In July, Workforce Centers also served 10,791 customers, providing a total of 27,710 services. Mr. LeDoux noted that while advancements in artificial intelligence may influence the job market, they cannot fully replace human workers at this time.

Area Agency on Aging: Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of CTCOG, delivered the Area Agency on Aging update on behalf of George Losoya, Director of the AAA/ADRC. The update included HHSC site visits on August 4 and 21 and highlighted the Fall Prevention Partnership, which collaborates with the statewide Texas Takes on Falls Coalition and local partners such as Baylor Scott & White and the Central Texas Regional Advisory Council. The FY26 ADRC Contract and Budget have been approved by the state, and disaster relief initiatives continue, including Grab-and-Go meal services in San Saba County through September 30, 2025, \$200 gift card assistance for income support, accessibility improvements, and \$60,000 in veteran home repair grants. Additionally, the TVC Grant has been extended through December 31, 2025, with a \$200,000 budget and a goal of serving 175 individuals, with the potential for additional funds through July 2026 if targets are met. Upcoming events include the Coryell Senior Expo in Gatesville, AS+K About Suicide training at CTCOG, the Bell County Senior Expo on September 23, the Alzheimer's Walk on September 27, and the Caregiver Conference on November 4.

Housing: Housing: Carmen Lim, Director of HAP, provided the committee with an update on program participation and funding distribution. Currently, approximately 2,170 families are enrolled, with the majority residing in Bell County, followed by Coryell, Lampasas, and Milam counties. Efforts continue to reach families in San Saba, Mills, and Hamilton counties, where no clients are currently being served. Funding distribution for the month showed the highest payments to Bell County at \$171,404, followed by Coryell at \$71,195, Lampasas at \$4,042, and Milam at \$1,526. Additionally, the Veteran Assistance Support of Housing (VASH) Program has requested 25 additional vouchers to support eligible veterans.

Planning and Regional Services: Uryan Nelson, Director of PRS, provided the committee with several updates. The next Homeland Security Advisory Committee (HSAC) meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2025, in San Saba County. The FY26 NOFO has been released to the OOG, with regional grant applications totaling approximately \$300,000 and an interlocal agreement between CTCOG and OOG PSO for \$24,675. Peace Officers Training Classes included 5 sessions in June, 4 in July, and 6 scheduled for August. 9-1-1 addressing requests in July increased 2.1

times over June, totaling 554 requests due to large subdivisions in Bell County, while the 9-1-1 system recorded 25,078 calls and 194 texts. The 2025 Leadership Central Texas Program successfully completed its first two days, with graduation scheduled for September 25, and the next DDCT meeting is set for October 2, with staff continuing to distribute newsletters on upcoming activities and funding opportunities. Several EDA and USDOT grant projects are underway, including the Belton Rockwool EDA Grant to redevelop the former Rockwool Insulation site, the Rockdale ISD EDA Grant of \$5.2 million for a College and Career Academy (with bid documents approved and initial reimbursement requested), and a \$6 million EDA Economic Adjustment Assistance grant for Rockdale to develop an industrial park. Additionally, an \$8.12 million USDOT RAISE grant for Cameron will establish a Quiet Zone, complete streets improvements, and downtown revitalization. The Safe Streets & Roads for All initiative identified 109 projects, with the grant ending July 18, 2025, and closeout and in-kind follow-ups currently in progress.

Executive Directors Report: Jim Reed, AICP, Executive Director of CTCOG, provided an overview of how CTCOG determines engagement in projects, categorizing activities into three types. The first, "Must Do," includes statutorily designated responsibilities such as the Development District of Central Texas, Criminal Justice, 9-1-1, Resource Conservation, Air Quality, Planning, CDBG Administration, Homeland Security, TCEQ Solid Waste Program, Criminal Justice Training, 9-1-1 Emergency Communications, and Technical Assistance. The second, "Chosen to Do," comprises activities assigned by member entities, including the Killeen-Temple Metropolitan Planning Organization (KTMPPO), Area Agency on Aging (AAA), Central Texas Aging, Disability & Veterans Resource Center (ADVRC), Workforce programs, Section 8 Housing, Veterans Assisted Supportive Housing, Veterans Directed Healthcare, and Safe Streets for All; once chosen, these become essential CTCOG responsibilities. The third, "Asked to Do," includes member-requested initiatives such as Texas Veterans Commission grants, CDBG Grant Administration, Killeen Housing Authority, City Management Contracts, Housing Self-Sufficiency Program, Contract Staffing, EDA Grants, GIS Mapping Projects, CARES Act, ARPA, Broadband Planning, and Fiscal Agent Activities, which are evaluated based on staffing capacity, timing, and completion of Categories 1 and 2. Mr. Reed also updated the committee on Emergency Communications District resolutions, noting that all counties and cities have passed them except Bell County; once Bell County passes the resolution on September 2, 2025, 9-1-1 operations will transition to CTCOG. Invitations will be sent for both the CTCOG Executive Committee Meeting and the

Emergency Communications District Board meeting, with officers and members being the same for both. Mr. Reed concluded by reminding attendees of the upcoming Executive Committee meeting on September 25, 2025.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 01:06 PM by Councilman Jose Segarra, President.

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Judge Jody Fauley, Secretary/Treasurer

EXPENDITURE REPORT

August 2025



Expenditure Report

Fiscal Year: 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026

Descriptions	August Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures	Annual Budget	Remaining Budget
Personnel	\$ 540,320	\$ 1,038,662	\$ 7,286,735	\$ 6,248,073
Employee Benefits	303,428	615,155	5,385,760	4,770,605
Contract services	3,498,021	3,650,730	9,748,189	6,097,459
Travel	19,979	38,001	313,681	275,680
Housing Assistance Payments	1,834,498	3,684,774	22,660,350	18,975,576
Other	2,384,508	4,630,864	27,178,634	22,547,770
In-kind	184,390	184,390	480,726	296,336
Indirect costs	143,180	280,266	1,855,744	1,575,478
Totals	<u>\$ 8,908,324</u>	<u>\$ 14,122,842</u>	<u>\$ 74,909,819</u>	<u>\$ 60,786,977</u>

Detail of Other Expenditures
Fiscal Year: 07/01/2025 – 06/30/2026

Descriptions	August Expenditures	Cumulative Expenditures
Participant Salaries	\$ 22,964	\$ 46,298
FICA Taxes	1,034	3,901
Workers Compensation	378	1,108
Building Expense	28,597	77,333
Consumable Supplies	4,306	12,158
Employee Development	7,625	10,389
Insurance and Bonding	5,592	6,684
Rent	104,061	208,121
Printing	2,580	3,036
Furniture/Equipment Rental	8,126	9,614
Maintenance and Repairs	1,621	5,518
Communications	7,813	9,277
Postage	5,854	13,537
Utilities	10,319	11,936
Public Relations	8,484	15,367
Dues and Subscriptions	8,603	10,918
Quality Assurance	28,700	33,054
Other Expenditures	13,267	14,824
Work Related Expense	52,436	58,232
Gasoline	205	553
Janitorial	4,976	8,694
Client Transportation	20,970	29,070
Client Child Care	1,964,665	3,954,664
Other Support Services	4,240	6,640
Inventory Furniture	32,955	36,522
Software & Software Updates	11,882	22,893
	<u>\$ 2,384,508</u>	<u>\$ 4,630,864</u>

ACTION ITEM

09-25-PRS001

**A RESOLUTION OF THE
CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS
SUPPORTING OCTOBER
2025 AS NATIONAL
PEDESTRIAN SAFETY
MONTH**

CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS



MEETING DATE: 9/25/2025

AGENDA ITEM: A Resolution of the Central Texas Council of Governments Supporting October as National Pedestrian Safety Month

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF ITEM:

The Central Texas Council of Governments (CTCOG) joins the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) in designating October 2025 as National Pedestrian Safety Month. CTCOG is dedicated to supporting and promoting pedestrian safety education in partnership with local jurisdictions, school systems, and community partners. These efforts are essential for encouraging safe habits among children and youth, empowering the next generation to navigate streets safely and become advocates for safer, more walkable communities.

THIS ITEM REPRESENTS A:

- New Issue, Project, or Purchase
- Routine, Regularly Scheduled Item
- Follow-up to a Previously Discussed Item
- Special Item Request by Board Member
- Other

PRIMARY CONTACT/STAFF MEMBER: Anita Janke, PMP, Regional Planner

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Total Estimated Cost: N/A

Source of Funds: N/A

Is Item Already Included in Fiscal Year Budget? Yes No

Does Item Represent a New Expenditure? Yes No

Does Item Represent a Pass-through Purchase? Yes No

If so, For What City/County/etc.? [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

PROCUREMENT:

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ACTION REQUESTED:

N/A

BACK-UP DOCUMENT ATTACHED:

Yes – the resolution

BACK-UP DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED: (to be sent prior to meeting or will be a handout at the meeting)

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**A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS SUPPORTING
OCTOBER 2025 AS NATIONAL PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH**

Resolution # 09-25-PRS001

WHEREAS; the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has designated October 2025 as National Pedestrian Safety Month; and

WHEREAS; October 2025 is also recognized as International Walk to School Month, with October 8, 2025, designated as National Walk and Roll to School Day; and

WHEREAS; these designations emphasize the critical importance of protecting our most vulnerable road users by encouraging safe, healthy, and environmentally friendly forms of active transportation; and

WHEREAS; between 2020 and 2023, there were 44 fatal crashes and 116 serious injury crashes involving pedestrians reported in the CTCOG region. This represents 160 of our neighbors, family members, and friends who were killed or seriously injured simply while walking in our communities. This unacceptable loss demands immediate attention; and

WHEREAS; National Pedestrian Safety Month and International Walk to School Month highlight the urgent need for safer roads, lower vehicle speeds, safer vehicles, more effective post-crash care, and improved infrastructure to reduce injuries and fatalities among pedestrians; and

WHEREAS; the availability of safe, accessible, and well-maintained pedestrian infrastructure, including trails, sidewalks, crosswalks, pedestrian signals, and traffic calming measures, is essential for reducing crashes involving pedestrians and promoting more active transportation in our communities; and

WHEREAS; pedestrian safety is a shared responsibility that requires the commitment of all road users and policymakers to ensure our streets are safe for everyone; and

WHEREAS; the promotion of pedestrian safety education—especially in schools—is vital to fostering safe habits among children and youth, empowering the next generation to navigate streets safely and to become advocates for safer, more walkable communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Central Texas Council of Governments that the Month of October 2025 be declared as National Pedestrian Safety Month in the Central Texas Region.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 25th day of September, 2025, by the Central Texas Council of Governments Executive Committee.

Jose Segarra, President

Judge Jody Fauley, Secretary/Treasurer



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