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Linking Conservation and Transportation Planning Workshop

WORKSHOP GOALS

1

Provide an opportunity for experts in the transportation and conservation fields in Texas to meet and begin to understand each other's goals and challenges in meeting those goals.

2

Introduce information, ideas, and facilitate dialog that will assist in the integration of transportation and conservation planning in North Central Texas, and state-wide.

3

Begin a planning process and develop a strategy to support an on-going process that engages all agencies into a participatory mode that supports the integration of conservation and transportation planning.

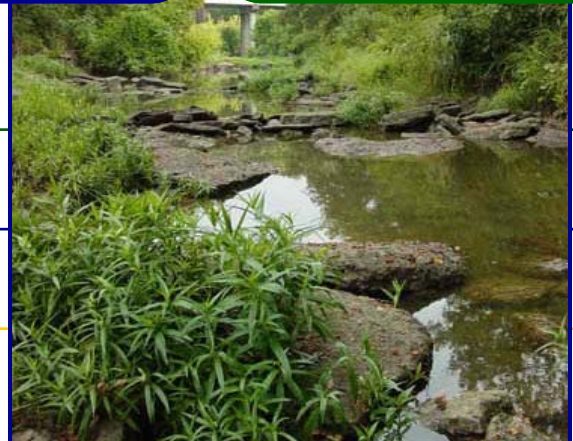


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AGENDA

DAY 1

8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration	Transportation Council Room
9:00 - 9:30 am	Welcome and National & Local Perspective Question: Why are we having this workshop, what past efforts are we building on, and what do we hope to achieve?	Mike Culp, FHWA Michael Morris, NCTCOG
9:30 - 9:45 am	Overview of Workshop Question: How will this workshop facilitate expected outcomes?	Sandy Wesch-Schulze (Facilitator)
9:45 - 10:30 am	Introductions (1 minute per participant) 1) What are your expected outcomes from workshop? 2) What is most important for us to do to better integrate conservation and transportation planning?	Sandy Wesch-Schulze (Facilitator)
10:30 - 10:45 am	Break	Transportation Council Room
10:45 - 11:15 am	Approaches to Biodiversity Conservation Planning Question: What is conservation planning and how can it benefit transportation planning? What is the next step towards a true integration of conservation planning into the transportation planning process?	Patrick Crist, NatureServe
11:15 - 12:15 pm	Overview of NCTCOG & State Transportation Planning Process Question: What is the current transportation planning process, where are the challenges/obstacles and opportunities in integrating conservation goals?	Dan Lamers, NCTCOG Barbara Maley, FHWA
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Lunch	Transportation Council Room
1:15 - 2:00 pm	National Initiatives Question: What outcomes from regional and national initiatives/research programs can we build on that could assist in the integration of conservation and transportation planning?	Mike Culp, FHWA Kimberly Majerus, FHWA Resource Center <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAFETEA-LU Transportation Act & You• Eco-Logical Multi-Agency and Federal Highway Administration Initiative• Case Studies• Q&A
2:00 - 3:10 pm	Introduction to Data & Technology Resources Question: What are the types of standard conservation data and methods that are currently being used and ones that could be utilized by the transportation planners?	Bob Gottfried, Texas Parks & Wildlife Shara Howie, NatureServe Kimberly Majerus, FHWA James Sharp, Trust for Public Land <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Summary of Data Resources Available Texas Wildlife Diversity Database, NatureServe, Other Data• Summary of Technology Available Greenprinting, NatureServe Vista
3:10 - 3:20 pm	Break	Transportation Council Room

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3:20 - 4:00 pm	Significant Regional Transportation Initiatives Question: What outcomes from local transportation initiatives and research programs can we build on that could assist in the integration of conservation and transportation planning?	Tamara Hollowell, NCTCOG Lyndsay Krodell, NCTCOG <ul style="list-style-type: none">• North Central Texas Ecological Framework• NCTCOG Sustainable Development Program, Alternative Futures, Context Sensitive Solutions
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Wrap-up and Review of Day 1 Question: What did we learn, where should we go from here in order to develop realistic, high priority next steps?	Sandy Wesch-Schulze (Facilitator)
5:00 pm	Adjourn	Sandy Wesch-Schulze (Facilitator)
5:15 pm	Participant Dinner	Humperdinks, 700 Six Flags Dr. Arlington, Texas 76011

DAY 2

8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration and Networking	Transportation Council Room
9:00 - 10:00 am	Day 1 Refresher & Day 2 Introduction Question: What did we learn, where should we go from here in order to facilitate integration of conservation planning into the transportation planning process?	Sandy Wesch-Schulze (Facilitator) Mike Culp, FHWA Dan Lamers, NCTCOG
10:00 - 11:00 am	Significant State and Regional Conservation Initiatives Question: What outcomes from local initiatives and research programs can we build on that could assist in the integration of conservation and transportation planning?	Steve Bender, Texas Parks & Wildlife Sharon Osowski, EPA Region VI Jack Tidwell, NCTCOG Karen Walz, Vision North Texas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vision North Texas, See Healthy Ecosystems• Texas Ecological Assessment Protocol• Texas Wildlife Action Plan• Discussion, Q&A
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Discussion & Begin Integrated Planning Exercise Question: Based on what you have heard so far what questions have come up and do you have any ideas on ways that you could do planning differently?	Sandy Wesch-Schulze (Facilitator) Mike Culp, FHWA Dan Lamers, NCTCOG
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch	Transportation Council Room
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Continue Integrated Planning Exercise	Patrick Crist, NatureServe
2:00 - 2:15 pm	Break	Transportation Council Room
2:15 - 3:15 pm	Develop Next Steps Question: What are some concrete, realistic and measurable next steps and who participate in carrying out these tasks? Where do we go from here and what do we want to accomplish (highest priorities)?	Sandy Wesch-Schulze (Facilitator)
3:15 - 4:00 pm	Feedback	Sandy Wesch-Schulze (Facilitator)
4:00 pm	Adjourn	

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