United States Army Corps of Engineers and North Central Texas Council of Governments Agreement
Background

• March 2008 – RTC approved $500,000 to hire US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) staff to expedite the permitting of transportation projects in the region.

• October 2008 – NCTCOG signed agreement with USACE and USACE selected one staff member to work on agreement.

Priorities

• Trinity Parkway toll road and Trinity River Corridor Plan complementary projects.

• CDA projects and their regional transportation priority projects.

Partners

• TxDOT – Dallas and Fort Worth Districts

• NTTA

• Union Pacific Railroad

• City of Dallas

• NCTCOG
Quick Facts

• Additional projects were added to the MOA in April 2010.
• 27 permits have been issued out of 54 listed projects.
• Withdrawal of several unnecessary permits.
• Partner agencies have expressed a high level of satisfaction with the program.
• All performance measures have “exceeded expectations” for the second year.
• Success is seen in various ways
  • Reduction in mitigation requirements
  • Reduction of impact to aquatic environment
  • Reduction of time for permit decisions
  • Elimination of unnecessary permits
# Snapshot of Success

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<th>Project</th>
<th>Proposed Credits</th>
<th>Actual Credits</th>
<th>Credits Saved</th>
<th>Savings*</th>
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*Return on Mitigation Credit Savings 15-88%

* In 2009 the cost for mitigation credits in the region ranged from $18,000 to $25,000. The Ranges shown give the lowest and highest possible cost for each credit.
Total number of actions taken by USACE has increased.

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• Development of a Regional General Permit (RGP) to expedite 404 permits during the 408 permit process, saving two to three months on the overall permitting process.

• Standing Wave – permit verification issued within four days of receiving a completed application for modifications in the project.

• Santa Fe Trestle Trail – coordination led to minor changes in the project that resulted in the issuance of an NWP, saving three months processing time and 1.75 acres of mitigation.

• SH 114/DFW Connector – additional review of three projects was completed in eight days to keep project moving.

• An exact dollar amount on time savings cannot be established, in many cases the permitting time was greatly reduced.
Future Funding

• WRDA stipulates USACE can only accept non-federal funds for Section 214 agreements.
• $500K initially authorized by RTC is expected to be exhausted in May 2011.
• Approximately 25 projects will remain unpermitted if program ends in May.
• NCTCOG must provide USACE with a 90 day notice if they do not plan on continuing the program.

Funding Proposal

• NCTCOG proposes soliciting funds from current partners to extend the program.
  • TxDOT (Fort Worth and Dallas Districts)
  • NTTA
  • City of Dallas
• RTC Action will be requested in February 2011
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