

PUBLIC COMMENTS REPORT

WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY WEBSITE, EMAIL & SOCIAL MEDIA

Purpose

The public comments report is in accordance with the NCTCOG Transportation Department Public Participation Plan, which became effective June 1, 1994, as approved by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), the transportation policy board for the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and amended on Nov. 10, 2022.

This report is a compilation of general public comments submitted by members of the public from Sunday, Aug. 20 through Tuesday, Sept. 19. Comments and questions are submitted for the record and can be submitted via Facebook, Twitter, fax, email, online and in person at the monthly RTC meeting.

This month, public comments were received on a number of topics across social media platforms and via email. Comments related to high-speed transportation were in the majority.

In addition, comments can be submitted through Map Your Experience, the Transportation Department's online mapping tool. The tool allows users to drop a pin on a location in the region and leave a detailed comment. The tool received 28 new comments related to roadways, transit and bicycle and pedestrian needs. You can view these new comments as well as past comments by visiting

<http://nctcoggis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourcingReporter/index.html?appid=b014e6d39b604b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2>.

Air Quality

Twitter –

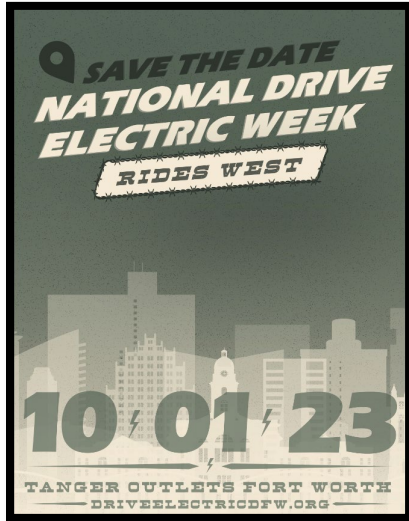
1. #TRBvolunteer Jenny Narvaez of @NCTCOGtrans quoted here also spoke to TRB about her work in #AirQuality <https://nationalacademies.org/trb/blog/address-climate-change-and-breathe-easier-with-research-on-transportation-emissions> — TRB (@NASEMTRB)



Alternative Fuel Vehicles

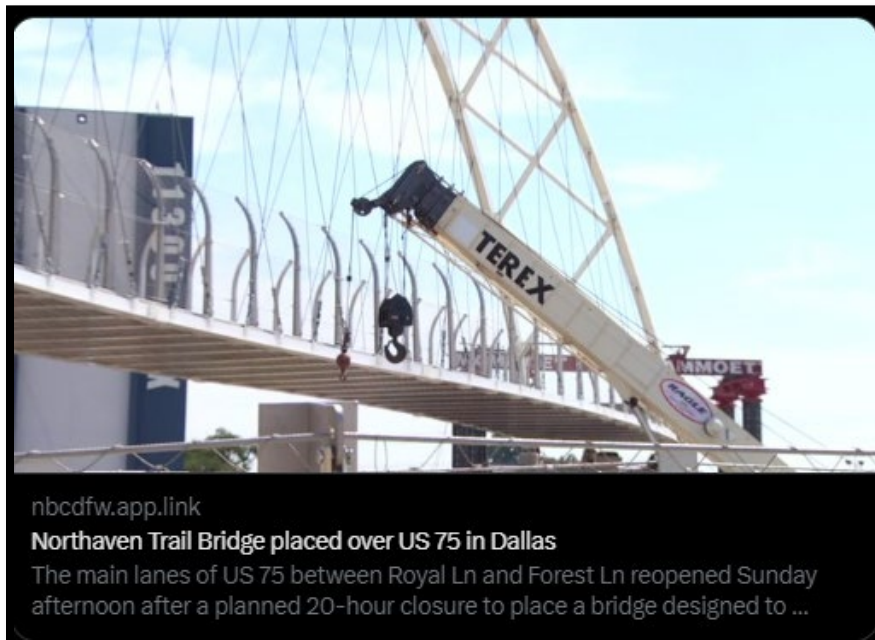
Twitter –

1. Join DFW Clean Cities & @CityofFortWorth for Drive Electric Week on Oct 1, 2-5 p.m. at @TangerOutlets! Admission is free. Bring your friends & family along for an informative & fun evening. @KFWB_TX will be there! #texasEV @NCTCOG_Official @NCTCOGtrans <http://driveelectricdfw.org> — Keep FW Beautiful (@KFWB_TX)



Bicycle and Pedestrian

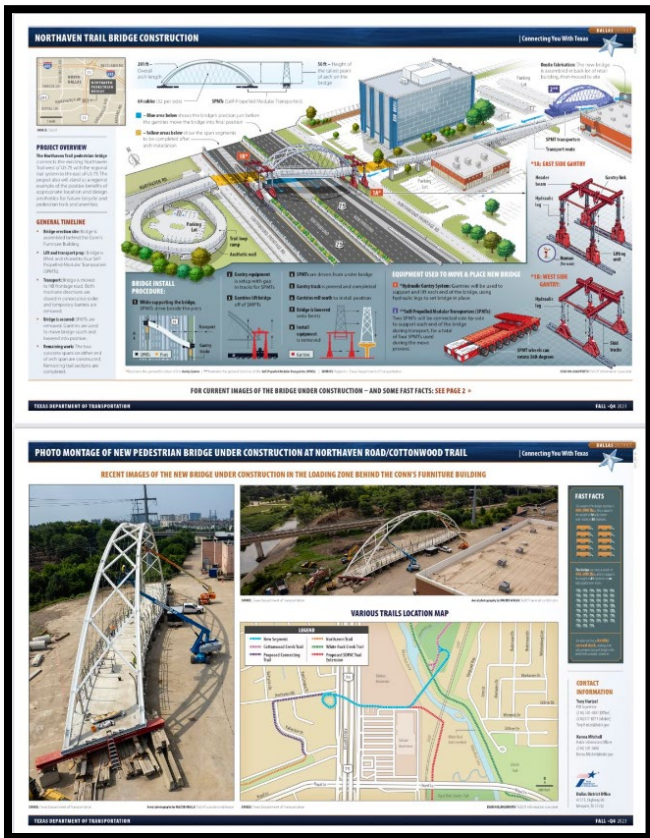
1. @NorthavenTrail @DallasHappiness @DallasParkRec @DallasMayor @TxDOTDallas @NCTCOGtrans @CityOfDallas — Lee M. Kleinman (@LeeforDallas)



2. TxDOT installs pedestrian bridge over US-75 will connect Dallas' existing bike and pedestrian trails, @NorthavenTrail @LeeforDallas @DallasParkRec @DallasMayor @CityOfDallas @NCTCOGtrans @TxDOTDallas — Ministry of Happiness – Dallas (@DallasHappiness)



3. New infographic from @TxDOTDallas on the Bridge Construction! @DallasParkRec @CityOfDallas @NCTCOGtrans – Northaven Trail (@NorthavenTrail)



That graphic is too low res to read. Got a link to full resolution? — Duke T (@DFW_F1P1)

4. A #ThrowbackThursday to this past weekend... where we're speeding up time! Check out a time lapse of the Northaven Trail pedestrian #bridge moving into place over US 75 in #Dallas! #construction #engineering @CityOfDallas @NCTCOGtrans @DallasCountyTx @NorthavenTrail — TxDOT Dallas (TxDOTDallas)

Freight

Facebook –

1. Deliveries Never Stop — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Some of the most arrogant drivers on the road. Period. — John T. Brown

Why is that semi in the passing lane obstructing the flow of traffic? 🙄 — Sebastian Cardenas

So long as THEY follow highway rules too and learn to read the sign "no trucks left lane". We will be great thank you so much. — Armando Garcia

2. Trains are Close and Fast — NCTCOG Transportation Department



My dad famous words! DON 'T GAMBLE WITH YOUR LIFE! — Richard Bronaugh
whos the engineer — Ricky Lopez

Unless you're waiting on it. Then its slow as a glacier — Ronald Harder

I got my phone a foot from my face. i don't know how it could be closer, and it doesn't appear to be moving, lol — Joe Dodson

It's getting closer as you move slower so you turn your head and finally you see him...
it's shia lebouf — Raistlin Husted



Don't try to beat the train! — Lisa Herriman

Trains even have right of way over horses — Patrick Schuster

3. Train Tracks: Not for Walking — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Amen 🙏 — Bethany Weaver

4. Trains Have the Right of way 100% of the Time. Do not try to beat the gate. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Maybe it's time to put the gates back about 50 feet from the nearest rail. People might think twice about doing something Darwin after that. — Jason Meeks

Are folks really that stupid? — David Walker

Mass times velocity equals right of way — Pete Storm

Physics. — Salvador Marquez

Except when they don't — Philip Bovis Jr.

Karen in her Subaru begs to differ and is going to wait on these tracks until she sees a manager. — Eric Waern

Really, what in the heck makes u say that lol 😞 because they can run over u . When to school in Alabama didn't we — Kent Roper

I wish it made it law to stop at the end of the trailer and not blocking the sides when we make turns we have it posted make wide turns on the trailer for a reason. — Joe Thornton

The ironclad Law of Gross Tonnage becomes operative. — David Powers

I think the general rule is that you should yield right of way to anything larger than you. — Ian Parberry

5. Trucks Can't Stop on a Dime. Big Rigs Need More Time. Allow for more time and space for truck to come to a halt. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Drive the speed limit assholes — Daniel Arredondo Sr.

Then they need to drive slower. — Peter Godey

Then why is he in the #1 lane, clearly obstructing the flow of traffic? — Kyle Garcia

So why are they always tailgating everyone — Jeremy Wells

Then why do they tailgate me going 75? — Kevin Greene

A poet and don't know it !!! — Robert Orozco

I mean what is drunk? — Jason Renshaw

6. Railroad Tracks are not for walking. A train is never too far away. Always use a crossing. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Tracey Hull they are for running and jumping off of into the Brazos 🤪 — Andrea Pena

Sad but true had a friend son had his ear buds on walking to school never new it rih — John Morales

Railroad crossings have kill more people. Com — Raymond Fierro

That's what is called HOT RAIL ! — Louis Cazares

A men — John Gibson

Yeah they are. You need to watch Stand By Me. — Albert Elrod

Tell that to the Democrats... that Trump Train is coming hard and fast!! — Travis Ward

It's all fun and games till you have a friend that committed via train.. — Jazz Jenkins

.....people from the city also need warning labels on bleach and hot objects..... 🙄 🧠
— Chassidy Davis

We used them to get to “motorcycle hill” from our neighborhood. We would have to turn the bikes off, when we got to the Jefferson bridge, so we could tell if a train was approaching and then we would all boogie across it. The early 70's during the summers 🎵 Good Times — Steve Harvath

Well if a train comes along and takes me away sounds good to me — Ken Surdity

Boots ...now those are made for walking — Andrew A Johnson

Dang train can go around me! — Donald Darr

go to the E.St.Louis riverfront.. tracks for miles... going to no one... ecological nightmare, no development of valuable property. disgusting turn of the head. no cleanup... for decades... be accountable. — William Chris Turley

As a kid in the 60s we would walk for miles on them — Barry Carlisle

As long as they aren't active. Plenty of tracks that are inactive. — Eric M. Lopez

Thanks! — Tim Howard

A sidewalk on a major street is far more dangerous. — Ronald Harder

You've apparently never sat in a siding for 2 hours waiting on Amtrak. — Michael Smith

Correct! They are for smashing pennies! Jk. I know better. 😊 — Chad Hickey

But it's fun! — Kathy Montoya

So true ❤️ — Gayle Turner Bowen

How am I supposed to TRACK my steps then? Get it? TRACK my steps. Like a train track.

I'm sorry I'm going to bed now. — Jeff Spivey

High-Speed Rail

Twitter –

1. these projects are boondoggles at best — SarahTexas2005 (@FastAsICould03)



2. See below for upcoming schedule of @NCTCOGtrans open houses. #DFWTraffic #rail #Transportation — TxDOT Dallas (@TxDOTDallas)

NCTCOGTransportation @NCTCOGtrans · Aug 21

All aboard! Phase 2 of the Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Transportation Connections Study is underway, and we need your input! Join us at an upcoming open house to learn about the project and the environmental approval process (NEPA), ask questions or make comments. See you there!

PHASE 2

We need your input **NOW** for the Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Transportation Connections Study!

ARLINGTON
NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Tuesday, Aug. 29, 5 - 7:30 p.m.

FORT WORTH
CENTRAL STATION COMMUNITY ROOM
Thursday, Aug. 31, 4 - 7 p.m.

GRAND PRAIRIE
TONY SHOTWELL LIFE CENTER
Wednesday, Sept. 6, 5 - 7:30 p.m.

WEST DALLAS
MULTIPURPOSE CENTER
Thursday, Sept. 7, 4 - 7 p.m.

HIGH-SPEED TRANSPORTATION
DALLAS-FORT WORTH

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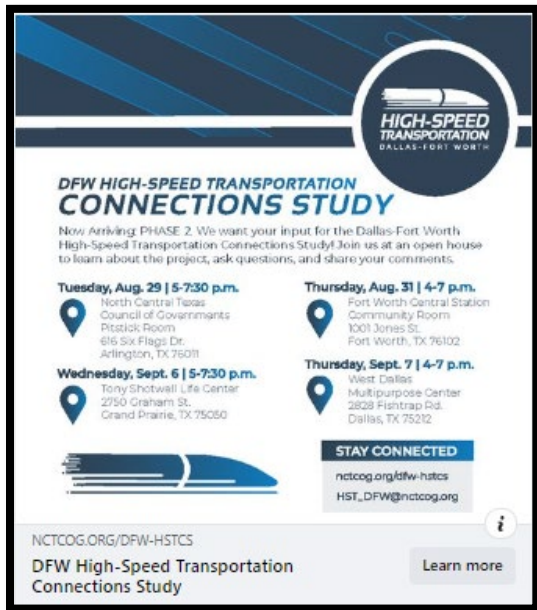
3. Phase 2 of the Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Transportation Connections Study is underway, and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) needs your input.

Join @NCTCOGtrans at an upcoming open house to learn more about the project and the environmental approval process (NEPA), ask questions, and make comments. Visit <http://NCTCOG.org/DFW-HSTCS> for more information. — Senator Nathan Johnson (@NathanForTexas)



Facebook –

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Step 1. Does this increase taxes on each city? — David Kuchurivskyy

Another train no one will ride. — Bill Andrews

NO. NOT WORTH THE MONEY IT WILL COST — Brandon Skilling

Please don't build this. Passenger rail transport is such a dated technology. It takes you from a place you're not at to a place you don't need to go. I prefer a future with self-driving electric cars. — Fred ter Haar

Needed on the south side of I-30 with a stop at Globe life/ATT— Michael McNally
just stop this junk idea now — Chuck Marsh

Boondoggle of resources for arbitrary Old School technology AKA a train no matter if it is high speed or not still goes from point A to point B. no way to access opportunities outside of the point A to point B. Billions of dollars not being utilized correctly and taxes going up for a boondoggle! Go look at the Trinity train in Grapevine to watch how many passengers are on there it is completely a billion dollar waste!!!! Government employees that see opportunity within government agencies are pushing this for their boondoggle and taking the taxes out of business owners — Stephen Chacko

Would rather see Dallas to Houston or Dallas to San Antonio with a stop in Austin, but with the way the Metroplex has grown, high speed Dallas to Ft. Worth could work. Financial and tax stuff is paramount for now. — Clint Brady

Hopefully both cities and the suburbs in between are working on last mile connections, too? It doesn't do much good to have a rail line between them if the suburbs don't have any way to get around without a car. — Ian Lesser

I went Tuesday. Thanks for the posters. — Terry Meza

Shouldn't there be input from McKinney and Collin County? — Laurence Bump

We are so behind here in the DFW area in public transport. Especially in rail. Time to move this forward. — Ed Kelerchian

Step 1. Don't — Chris Wood

Why don't they add a high speed rail lane in the middle of the lanes of I20 and I30 instead of forever adding more lanes to the highway and taking away people's and business's property to do so to only increase traffic congestion. This would create not only less road congestion long term but be better for the environment. Is not the goal to get rid of all the cars and their emissions? — Carlisa Rushin

We need it by any means — Allen T Jones

Meanwhile other countries.. not counties.. countries have had bullet trains for years
😬😬 — Momin Farooq

Safety

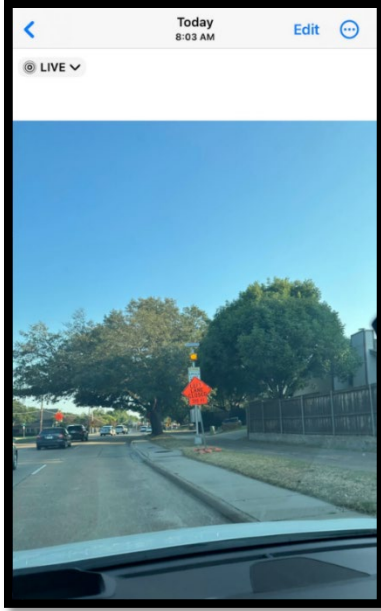
Twitter –

1. See a #safety problem?

The picture on the left is this morning 8/22/23 when @dartmedia covered a school zone with their construction sign. The picture on the right is when they did the same thing a year ago, 8/24/22 at the same location.

What level of safety is or should be enforced for kids walking to school?

@USDOT @USDOTFRA @TxDOT @NCTCOGtrans @Bethvandyne @collinallredtx
@SelfForCongress — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)

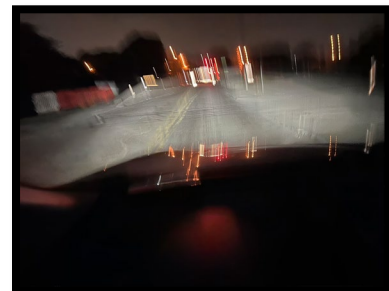
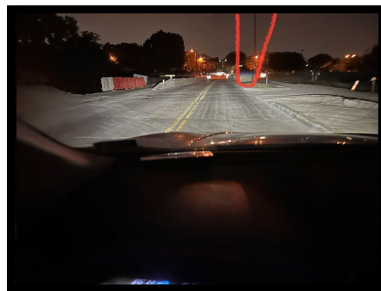
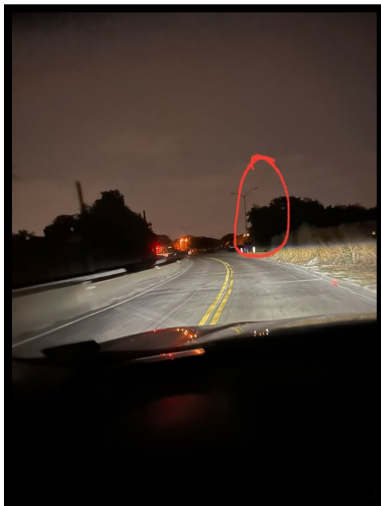


It's seems like common sense unless the City or contractor wants to be financially liable. — Joe (@Joe93070859)

The other question is, why was that lane closed for a year? Time is money and the contractors should be held to a reasonable completion date. I know I've seen unreasonable construction times in my neighborhood. — Paul Brancato (@plbrancato)

Please contact the north central station and ask for additional patrol assistance. — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)

2. 3 STREETLIGHTS are OFF along the @dartmedia rail construction site 🤯 right at the bend, plus they removed the cones to delineate north & southbound travel lanes all in SB lanes. Again, Far North Dallas #D12 asks for basic safety measures. @NCTCOGtrans @VisionZeroTexas @FTA_DOT — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)



Another Dart safety violation in the construction zone on Davenport. This follows a similar issue on Monday on Meandering way. — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)



3. We all need to slow down. Every 5 minutes, a crash in DFW. Every 12 hours, a fatality crash per @NCTCOGtrans #1 cause = vehicle speed — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)

Maybe. But 90% of mva patients I have seen over the past years is due to what seems like a distracted driver. Rear end collisions because someone was on the phone. Speed is secondary. — JohnnyBot 🙋👍 (@Johnyalamo)

2022 Contributing Factors - Serious Injury and Fatal Crashes			
Top Ten Contributing Factors — Limited Access Facilities Only			
	2021	2022	
1 Speeding (Overlimit / Unsafe Speed / Failed to Control Speed)	32.21%	30.56%	
2 Driver Related (Driver Inattention / Distraction in Vehicle / Drove Without Headlights / Road Rage / Followed Too Closely / Cell/Mobile Device Use (Talking / Texting / Other [0.28%]))	13.96%	16.24%	
3 Impaired Driving (Intoxicated: Alcohol/Drug / Had Been Drinking / Taking Medication / Fatigued or Asleep)	12.10%	11.89%	
4 Failed to Drive in Single Lane	10.45%	10.33%	
5 Faulty Evasive Action	8.35%	8.00%	
6 Changed Lane When Unsafe	7.10%	7.34%	
7 Pedestrian Related (Failed to Yield Right of Way to Vehicle)	5.24%	5.56%	
8 Disabled in Traffic Lane	5.60%	3.63%	
9 Wrong Way Driving (Wrong Way - One Way Road / Wrong Side - Approach or Intersection / Wrong Side - Not Passing)	1.42%	1.78%	
10 Ill (Sick)	0.95%	1.14%	

— Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)

It amazes me that insurance companies have not lobbied a more important & effective campaign against distractive driving. To the point of laws being passed. Or cars being required to audio alert traffic signal changes. like they do in Teslas.

— JohnnyBot 🙋👍 (@Johnyalamo)

I hardly ever see anyone NOT on their phone, and most are going too slow or too fast....there is construction everywhere and especially here off Hillcrest/McCallum the lanes literally change daily. Phone down-drive car-be safe — Connie Worthman (@BerettaMama92FS)

Right sentiment, but the comments here are right. @StrongTowns is a great follow to learn more — George Chandler (@gl_chandler)

We need alternatives to automobile dependency; robust pedestrian, cycling, and rail infrastructure would save lives. — Mario Roa (@mariohroa)

The #1 cause is actually cars. If you truly cared about stopping these deaths, you would stop fighting DART, parking reform, and highway removal. — Tyler (@trains_n_bikes)

Drivers will go the speed they feel comfortable with. The issue is street design and the built environment. — David Gouldin (@dgouldin@mastodon.social) (@dgouldin)



Central expressway and dallas north tollway (my main routes) have almost a zero police presence. It's insane. I've never seen a dallas radar in either of those roads in forever and ever. And we aren't even discussing the LBJ racetrack yet. — dreamerintexas (@dreamerintexas)

The issue is with the design of our streets and the lack of urgency to fix them. — Krista Nightengale (@Knightengale)

That sounds much more dangerous than say taking DART. — gavin (@theGAVER)

No traffic enforcement anywhere in Dallas. Write tickets, accidents and insurance rates go down & drivers hit the brakes rather than gas at a yellow light. Besides the traffic death and injury count, how much is traffic accidents costing those who have insurance? — Will of Rights (@OurUSA77)

Get cops on the streets — WildWestWarren (@WildWestWarren)

Cars are more deadly than guns, by the numbers. Few will admit this fact. It is a terrifying experience being a pedestrian in Dallas. — Real Texas Radio Podcast (@RTR_bronin)

What I often see is 2 kinds of drivers: aggressive bats outta hell & clueless drivers driving under speed limit in left lane. Disastrous mix. — Maria Guerrero (@Maria_NBC5)

DFW has the most reckless drivers. It's insane. — Chesterfield (@TheEmbassad0r)

Transit

Twitter –

1. I'm the only one wondering how my city is going to navigate the '26 World Cup without a mass transit system? @CityOfArlington@NCTCOGtrans @TrinityMetro — Hassan Abubakar (@chemabubakar)

Toll Road/ HOV Lanes

Twitter –

1. Looking to receive HOV discounts on the LBJ, NTE, NTE 35W TEXpress Lanes? Download the GoCarma app! 📲 — TEXpress Lanes 🚗 (@TEXpressLanes)

The image is a screenshot of a tweet from NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans) dated Sep 12. The tweet text reads: "Why GoCarma? Here's what one user has to say: 'This HOV discount helps me get my daughter to school every morning. We drive 15 miles to school she wouldn't have this education if it weren't for the HOV toll discount.' - Jessica R. #GettingThereTogether @TEXpressLanes". Below the text is a promotional graphic for the GoCarma app. The graphic has an orange background and features the text "Why GoCarma?" with a winged 'G' logo. A white speech bubble contains the quote: "This HOV discount helps me get my daughter to school every morning! Jessica R." At the bottom of the graphic, it says "download the app" and includes logos for the App Store and Google Play.