

## **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 Process, 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 November 8, 2018.

This report is a compilation of general public comments submitted by members of the public from Monday, September 20, through Tuesday, October 19. Comments and questions are submitted for the record and can be submitted via Facebook, Twitter, fax, email and online.

This month, public comments were received on a number of topics across social media platforms and via email. Bicycle and pedestrian comments were in the majority.

In addition, comments were accepted through a new, online map tool. Users can drop a pin on a location in the region and leave a detailed comment. This month, there were two transit comments and six roadway comments. To read them, visit:

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

#### **Air Quality**

##### **Email –**

##### **1. Sharon Adams**

Good morning,

I have a comment about drive-throughs. Millions of gallons of gas, not to mention all the toxic emissions, are wasted and released every day for people waiting in line to place and pick up their orders from some type of fast-food or beverage establishment. While I understand the impact and change Covid has brought about, I also realize these same people attend football games, go grocery shopping, go the movies, etc. Texas has now entered the sad list of one of the most obese states in the nation. I believe, for several reasons, some type of incentive should be given for people to just park their cars, actually walk in the eatery, order, and pick up their food. This way, we can not only get Texans moving, we can also drastically reduce gas consumption and air pollution. This would be a simple fix, and a benefit for both consumers and businesses.

Would appreciate your reply. Have a blessed day –

##### **Response by NCTCOG Transportation staff**

Thank you for contacting the NCTCOG Transportation Department.

As this point in time, there are no incentives to get people out of their cars and into restaurants. We did suggest incentives to help reduce ozone back in 2005, but they did not move forward.

We appreciate your input and any ideas you may have related to incentives are most welcome.

For additional information, please contact our Air Quality Program Manager, Jenny Narvaez at [jnarvaez@nctcog.org](mailto:jnarvaez@nctcog.org)

**Twitter –**

1. Meanwhile continues to build and expand highways at a furious pace. Nope, no correlation there! – Philip (@gosspl)



**Bicycle & Pedestrian**

**Twitter –**

1. Did you know that the 11 mile Cotton Belt Trail connects North Richland Hills to the cities of Hurst, Colleyville, & Grapevine? Cyclists & Pedestrians enjoy access to transit, neighborhoods, shopping centers & parks all connected by the Cotton Belt Trail. – NRH Parks & Rec (@NRHPARD)

 **NCTCOGTransportation**  @NCTCOGtrans · Aug 27  
Happy Friday! Get out there and explore The Cotton Belt Trail as it cruises through the @CityofNRH, @TheCityofHurst , @CityColleyville and @GrapevineTXCity. [nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%...](https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%...)

2. This...is...brilliant!!! Yes please!!! @NCTCOGtrans can we promote this across the region?! – BikeDFW (@BikeDFW)



3. More exciting progress on the bridge construction. This is on the east side of the highway near the convergence point with the other trails. We love this pace, @TxDOT! Camera with flash by @ardenfitz – Northaven Trail (@NorthavenTrail)

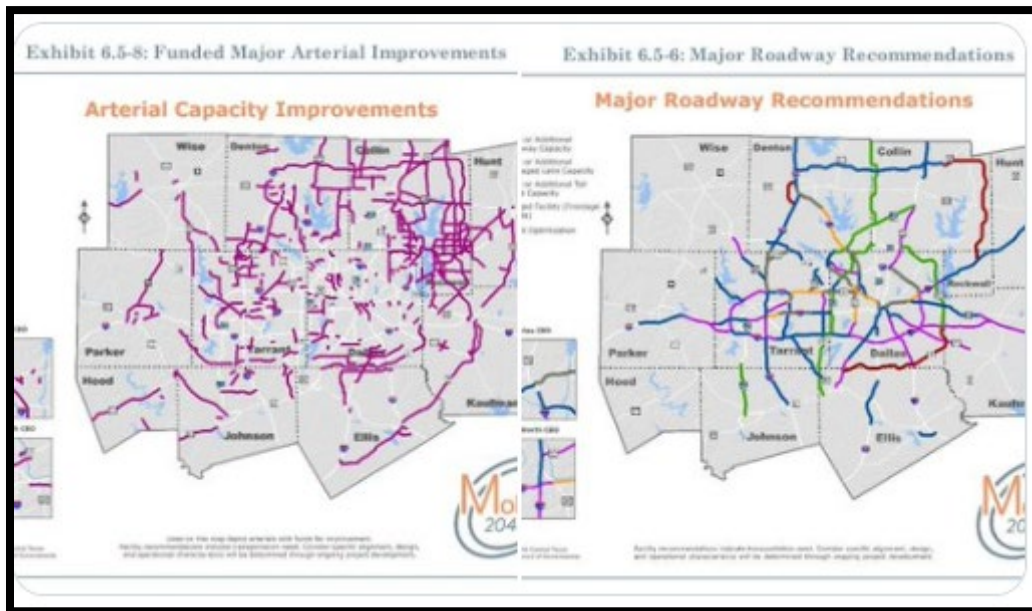


Are you sure @ardenfitz took these pictures? I thought she only biked before the sun comes up? Just kidding. Great to see the progress. Congrats @TxDOT !! – Will Dawson (@will\_dawson)

4. Construction of the bridge over White Rock Creek! 📷 by @LeeforDallas – Northaven Trail (@Northaven Trail)



5. what is pedestrian friendly about this? – patrick.kennedy (@WalkableDFW)



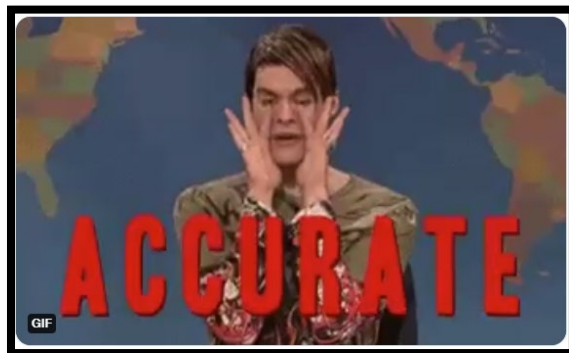
**NCTCOGTransportation** @NCTCOGtrans · Oct 13

October is National Pedestrian Safety Month! It's time to increase awareness about pedestrian safety and remind everyone that staying safe is a shared responsibility. Click the link to learn more. [ow.ly/7tGI50BSIxa](https://ow.ly/7tGI50BSIxa) ...



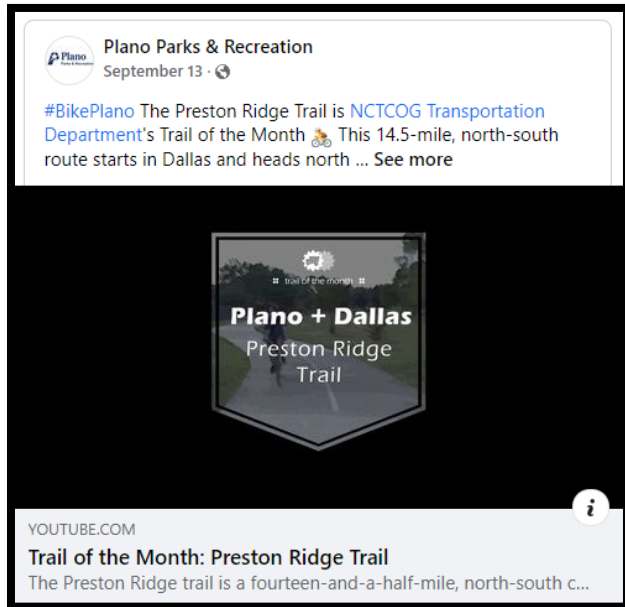
6. when they don't stop or slow down for bicyclists and pedestrians ▶▶

Okaaaayyyyyyy on-trend Content KING somebody give this social media manager a raise – Stina, Excessivley Black (@bespectacledee)



Facebook –

1. We ❤️ all the trails in Plano! – City of Plano, Texas Government



## Electric Vehicles

### Twitter –

1. Strange... no electric bike models. I guess @NCTCOGtrans is showing their true colors that they don't actually care about transportation and just about stuffing as many cars on the road as they can. – Andrew Wallace (@agwallace92)



Keep an eye on <http://EVs.live> which will have cars, trucks, motorcycles, eBikes, eScooters, and other EVs... even electric Rail... High-Speed Rail like the N700S Shinkansen Bullet Trains used by @TexasCentral – BulletTrainsUSA.com (@BulletTrainsUSA)

2. Ever had questions about electric vehicles? 🤔 🗑️ 🚗

Come attend the local National Drive Electric Week celebration at The REC of Grapevine on Sunday, October 3 starting at 4pm, hosted by @NCTCOGtrans More info

➔ <http://driveelectricdfw.org>. #NDEW2021 #texasEV – Grapevine Parks&Rec (@gograpevine)



3. 2/2: many of us ever thought possible.

Check it out! <http://ow.ly/JiGp50Gn03m>

#ElectricMobility #Freight #Technology #ThinkingTransportation #Trucking #TTIPodcast

@NACFE\_Freight @RockyMtnInst @FMCSA @Truck\_Research @TX\_TA @NCTCOGtrans @HouGalvAreaCog – Texas A&M Transportation Institute (@TTITAMU)



## **Facebook –**

1. National Drive Electric Week starts Saturday and continues all week. North Texas events include an Electric Vehicle Road Rally (a photo scavenger hunt), plus webinars on EV fleets, charging infrastructure and workplace charging. There's also a Peterbilt Facility Tour and Ride & Drive (By invitation only).

Everything culminates October 3 with the National Drive Electric Week exhibit at The REC of Grapevine that starts at 4 p.m. and includes the photo scavenger hunt award winner and an outdoor exhibit of "Revenge of the Electric Car."

Drive Electric Events

City of Grapevine Texas Government

NCTCOG Transportation Department

<https://driveelectricweek.org/event?eventid=2883> – CoServ



2. We wanted to post this yesterday, but uh... Facebook was broken. Anyway...

Special thanks to everyone who attended the largest National Drive Electric Week event in the country on Sunday! We had great conversations with future EV owners and enjoyed a screening of the film "Revenge of the Electric Car." #DFWCleanCities #NDEW2021 – NCTCOG Transportation Department





This was a wonderful event and showcase! Great Job NCTCOG Staff. – Jeremy Tompkins

Jeremy Tompkins, so glad you enjoyed it! – NCTCOG Transportation Department

### Innovative Vehicles & Technology

#### Twitter –

1. I have some issue with how the questions are asked, but I think this survey is worth taking if you live in NCTCOG's area. – Deb Wolfe (@deb\_wolfe)



### Programs

#### Twitter –

1. If you participate in #WorldCarFreeDay on September 22, consider also signing up for @NCTCOGtrans Try Parking It to earn rewards for making fewer solo driving trips: - Bike Denton (@bikedenton)



## Roadway

### Email –

#### 1. **Jeorgia Brown**

Hello!

I would like to request that there be a stoplight installed at the intersection of 287 and Prairie Ridge Blvd. Due to the new community being built in this area, traffic has increased in this area making it difficult and dangerous to enter, exit, or even pass through this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### **Response by NCTCOG Transportation staff**

Hi Jeorgia,

Thank you for contacting us regarding a traffic signal at Hwy 287 & Prairie Ridge intersection.

For a traffic signal to be installed a traffic signal warrant analysis must be conducted at the intersection. To initiate this process the City of Grand Prairie must submit a request to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) since this location is located on the state highway system. TxDOT will then conduct traffic signal warrant study. If a traffic signal is warranted, then it is a matter of funding before a traffic signal can be implemented.

The City of Grand Prairie has reached out to TxDOT to request a traffic signal warrant study at this location and will continue to reach out to TxDOT. TxDOT will only move forward with the traffic signal warrant study based on actual traffic counts. The traffic

counts at the intersection have not reached the threshold for the study. The City of Grand Prairie and TxDOT will continue to monitor traffic counts at this location.

If you have additional questions regarding this item, please feel free to contact Caryl DeVries with the City of Grand Prairie at Cdevries@GPTX.org.

If NCTCOG can address any other transportation related items, we are happy to help.

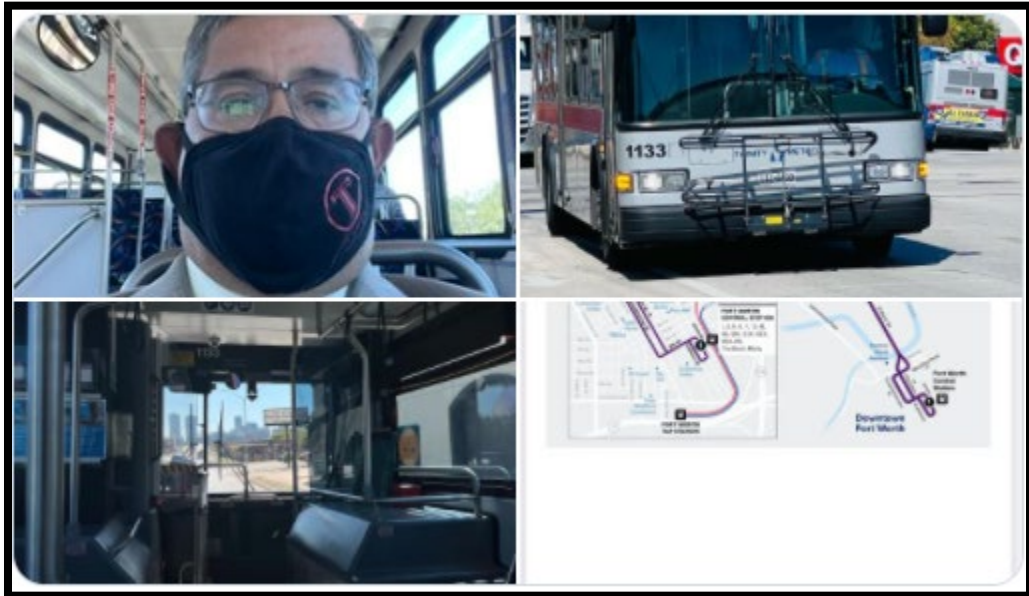
I hope you have a nice day.

Thank you.

### Transit

#### Twitter –

1. When you need to take a quick trip downtown from an office on N Main St, can travel by @TrinityMetro bus: Route 15 - Stockyards/NMain route. Highly convenient & no need to pay parking @TrinityMetro @CityofFortWorth @NCTCOGtrans @carlosfloresfw @DTFortWorth @StockyardsHrtg – Salvador Michel Espino (@SAL\_FW)



2. None of the “innovations” seem to have anything to do with mass or public transit. 😞 None seem to have anything to do with reducing carbon output. – Denton Gripes (@DentonGripes)



Other

Twitter –

1. Angie Andersen was honored at Monday's school board meeting by Brian Wilson, representing the North Central Texas Council of Governments, who presented her with a framed copy of their 2021 Transportation report, which features her award-winning artwork on the cover. @NCTCOGtrans – Cleburne ISD (@CleburneISD)

