

## 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 Saturday, February 20, through Friday, March 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. Transit comments and project planning 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. The tool was in test mode and was open to the public through August 2020. This month, there were 6 bicycle and pedestrian comments, five transit comments and 21 roadway comments. To read them, visit:

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

#### Aviation

##### Facebook –

1. Want to learn what local communities are doing with drones? Attend our free and virtual March 6th workshop from 10 am – 12 pm CST and learn from actual public safety officials. To register visit: [knowbeforeyoufly.eventbrite.com](https://knowbeforeyoufly.eventbrite.com). To learn more about UAS in DFW, visit [www.northtexasuas.com](http://www.northtexasuas.com). #Drones #NorthTexasDrone – NCTCOG Transportation Department



When is the next workshop? – Michelle Ebanks

Hi, Michelle! The next one will be April 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We host these workshops on the first Saturday of each month, so if you can't make that one, there will be others! – NCTCOG Transportation Department

## Bicycle & Pedestrian

### Twitter –

1. @NorthavenTrail Bridge construction over Central Expy contract awarded @TxDOTDallas @DallasParkRec @CityOfDallas @DallasCountyTx @NCTCOGtrans @TMD\_DallasComm @cmjsgates @AdamMcGoughD10 @JJKoch – Ministry of Happiness - Dallas (@DallasHappiness)



awesome – Jedworks (@Jedworks)

## High-Speed Transportation

### Twitter –

1. @NCTCOGtrans are studying alternatives for a proposed high-speed transportation system between Dallas and Fort Worth. Watch their presentation and leave your feedback by March 9. Visit <http://nctcog.org/trans/involve/meetings/february-public-input>. #transitmatters #transportation #dfw #fortworth #tarrantcounty – Tarrant Transit Alliance (@TarrantTransit)
2. you ever just think about the high speed rail system :,) – Sunrise Movement 🇺🇸 (@sunrisemvmt)

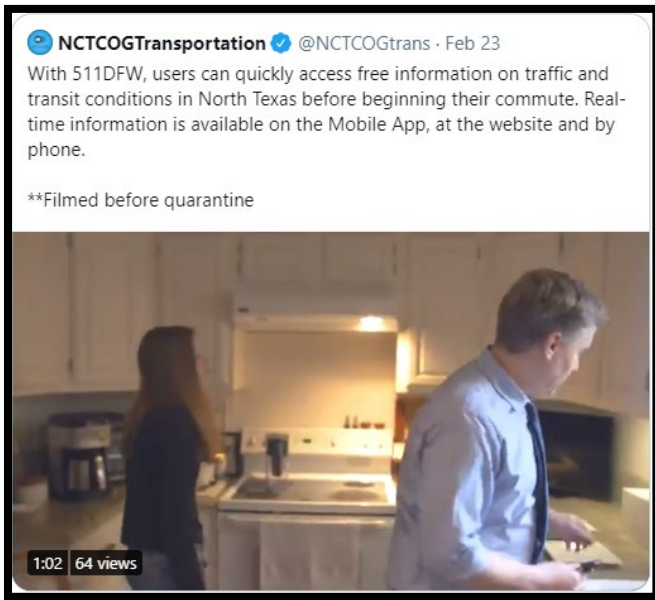


Have to show separate city stops in Fort Worth and Dallas. As you show in DC & Baltimore. Yes, would be awesome to have high speed rail among these places.  
 @NCTCOGtrans @NCTCOG\_Official @TrinityMetro – Andrew Blake (@andrewccblake)

**Programs**

**Twitter –**

1. Wow. Get transit info on 511DFW? – Peter J LeCody (@railadvo)



Yep, that's right! 😊 – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

**Project Planning**

**Email –**

1. Nate Simmons

Hello,

I was told by a representative from the City of Lake Worth that when TXDOT presented their multi year plans to Connect Hwy 199 with Hwy 820 the City denied their plans.

I am not sure how a city has the power to deny plans presented by TXDOT. I was told that the City of Lake Worth informed TXDOT they did not want any Elevated Roadways in their City.

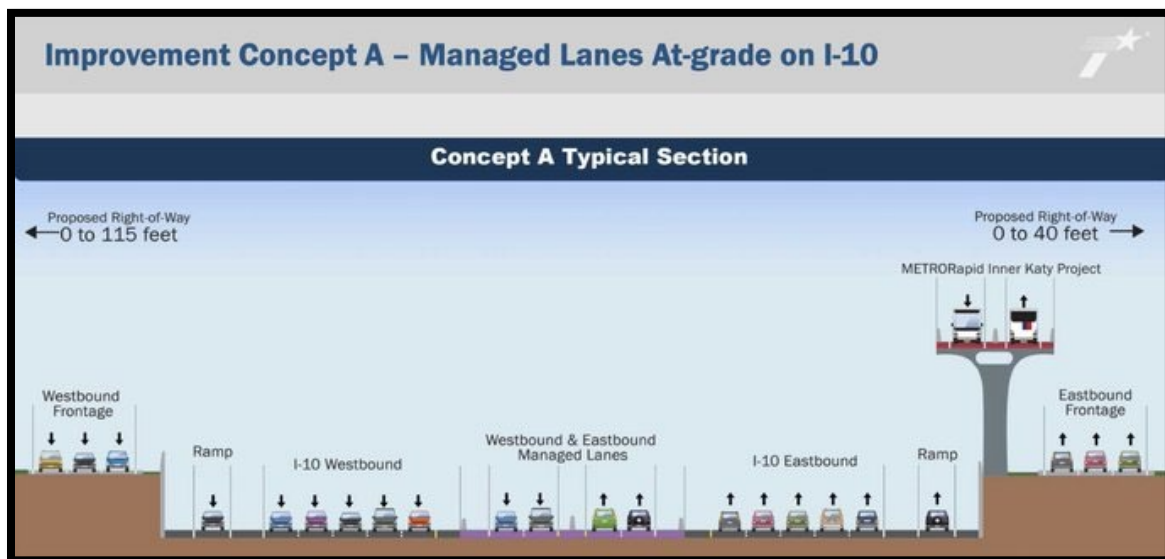
Is there a work around to alleviate the major bottle neck in the Hwy 199 transportation corridor inside the City of Lake Worth?

Anyone who drives this corridor knows the growing traffic count and feels it every day. Navigation Apps that many drivers use now re-route drivers onto Side Streets to circumvent the bottleneck along Hwy 199 between the Lake Worth Bridge to the North and Hwy 820.

The City does not want to loose traffic to their businesses but it is hurting the entire region. I feel this has to be addressed at the highest level and I hope to see some positive changes soon. For now it looks as if the City of Lake Worth has damaged the reputation of the entire region by not being forward thinking in their growth strategies.

**Twitter –**

1. The next TxDOT proposal for Houston: widening I-10 through the Heights. – Christof Spieler (@christofspieler)



@WalkableDFW @NCTCOGtrans @NCTCOG\_Official Are highway funds allocated to urban regions in TX (HOU, D/FW, SA/AUS) so each receives roughly similar % of funds as as the % they put in (via regional taxes)? Or do we tend to have some who are net contributors or net recipients? – Andrew Blake (@andrewccblake)

generally, but then the \$ get moved around, horse-traded, etc. For example, \$2 billion of the Austin 35 expansion was originally designated for North Texas and b/c it was "more of a priority" and "more ready," there it went. – patrick.kennedy (@WalkableDFW)

2. If it doesn't include removing I-345, I'm not interested. 😞 – Boots v2.0: Titanium Edition 🤖 (@bootsified)



3. City of NRH is grateful for partnership with @US\_EDA and assistance from @NCTCOGtrans to improve Iron Horse Blvd. Engineering design work will begin later this year, with construction to commence in 2022. – North Richland Hills (@CityofNRH)



Why dont yall use some money and fix bedford eules along 820. – smeeeebs 🇺🇸 (@smeeeebs)

Reconstruction of Bedford Eules Road is included in NRH 2020 Steet Bond Program. Engineering design work for that project has begun. Construction will commence early next year. <http://nrhtx.com/2020bond> – North Richland Hills (@CityofNRH)

**Public Input**

**Twitter –**

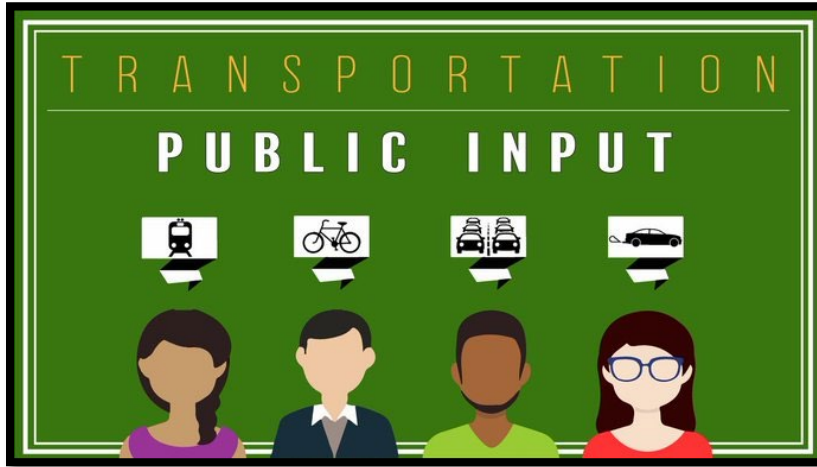
1. NCTCOG Transportation Department (@NCTCOGtrans) launched a new interactive mapping tool for North Texans to provide input on transportation needs to help NCTCOG staff develop innovative solutions for transportation issues.

“Map Your Experience” today! – Tarrant Transit Alliance (@TarrantTransit)





2. We have made a few updates to our Mobility 2045 plan, a plan for how people may travel around the Metroplex in 2045. We want to hear your thoughts on it! View the presentation and tell us what you think! <https://nctcog.org/trans/involve/meetings/march-public-input> – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)



Here's what I think without reading - you won't care what we think and everything will be tolled. Am I close? – Chris Paul (@ChrisAPaul)

Hi, Chris! We absolutely do care! We take comments from the public regularly and provide them to decision makers and our policy board, the Regional Transportation Council. – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

...and do the public continue to demand more toll roads? They must. – Chris Paul (@ChrisAPaul)

Comments range from specific suggestions to general requests for transportation improvements. We work with state and local partners to identify funding, but many of the projects that are needed are underfunded, so options for building them cost effectively become limited. – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

### Roadway

#### Email –

##### 1. Nate Simmons

Hello,

Why is it that when the NTTA Express Lane were installed there is a continual bottleneck when traveling West on 121/183 and taking the 820 West exit? When this project was designed this was a known high traffic count area.

Any time night or day that you travel this way and take the exit onto 820 West there is a back up.

Is there a solution in the works to resolve this constant bottleneck?

## 2. **Jon Donhy**

FYI: some city traffic lights are still not coordinated. I sat at a vacant intersection in Allen the other day, like we used to wait.

### Transit

#### Email –

##### 1. **D.J. Gee**

Absolutely not. We do not want public transportation in DeSoto or Cedar Hill. Traffic is already bad enough without making things worse.

#### Facebook –

1. DART in collaboration with the North Central Texas Council of Governments will conduct a fare equity survey to gather a range of customer data from public transit users beginning on Monday, March 22. <https://www.dart.org/news/news.asp?ID=1575>

NCTCOG Transportation Department – Dallas Area Rapid Transit (Official DART page)



Stop making the buses late or not showing up at all provide better service – Richard Granger

It's quite simple DART NEEDS TO LOWER THEIR FARE PRICES they are the most expensive in texas – Joshua Omuruy

#### Twitter –



1. Dallas' DART transit system to save \$190 million in interest costs from @USDOT's first railroad rehab loan under Pres. Joe Biden & Secretary @PeteButtigieg  
<https://contractornews.com/109/usdot-loans-more-than-900-million-for-dallas-regional-rail-project> @DARTDallas @DARTAlerts @dartmedia @Plano\_TX @trtcmobility @NCTCOGtrans @TxDOT @TxDOTDallas – Contractor News (@news\_contractor)



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