

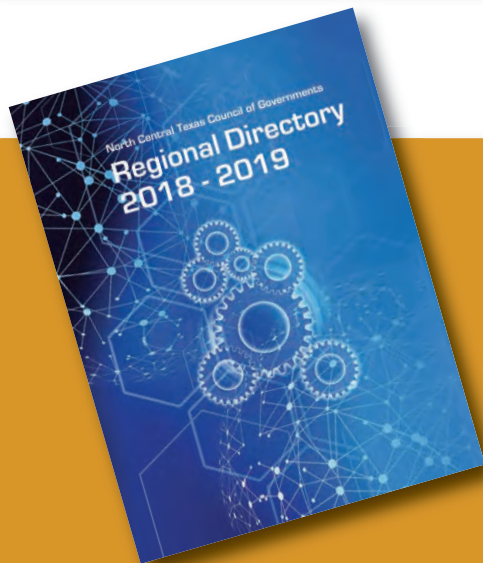


## Register for the 2018 North Texas Facilities Expo!



The 2018 North Texas Facilities Expo is here! Come out and meet exhibitors from a variety of industries including aerospace and defense manufacturing, computer and electronic manufacturing, energy, telecommunications, transportation, and many others. The Expo will be filled with educational conference sessions and exhibits aimed at meeting the facilities engineering, maintenance, and energy management needs of attendees. A portion of the Facilities Expo, known as the Managing Green Buildings, is designed to educate facilities on products and services that can help save energy and water. Not only will attendees gain a deeper understanding from exhibitors and conference sessions, but this Expo serves as great place to network with fellow peers.

The **FREE two-day Expo** will be held on **October 24 and 25, 2018**. Conference sessions start at 8:40am and the exhibit hall opens at 10am at the Arlington Convention Center in Arlington, TX. To register for the event, visit the North Texas Facilities Expo website at <http://www.fent.facilitiesexpo.com/>.



## NCTCOG's 2018 – 2019 Regional Directory Now Available!

**Member cost: \$25.00**

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For more information, please contact **Janet Smith** at 817-695-9140 or [jsmith@nctcog.org](mailto:jsmith@nctcog.org).

## Survey: North Texans Want More Dedicated Bike Lanes

North Texans want more dedicated bicycle facilities – trails and paths separated from vehicular traffic – according to a survey of 1,900 adults conducted by the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The survey was completed by telephone in both English and Spanish and had a 95 percent confidence interval.

Currently, the region boasts over 700 miles of off-street paths and more than 400 miles of on-street bikeways, with more funded or planned for the coming years. This will include efforts to connect residents to transit stations, jobs, schools, entertainment options and parks throughout the region. The Bicycle Opinion Survey covered a range of subjects, from how often people ride and their comfort level bicycling to bicycling barriers and proximity to bike facilities.

A majority of respondents (55 percent) would like to bicycle more. However, hot weather and a lack of various types of bicycle facilities were the reasons most often identified among all respondents as the top obstacles to bicycling more often. In addition, respondents reported a strong preference for bicycle facilities separated from vehicle traffic such as an off-street path or on-street dedicated bike lanes that are separated from traffic by wide buffers or physical barriers. Only a small percentage of respondents indicated they are comfortable bicycling with traffic on streets that do not have bike lanes separating them from vehicle traffic lanes. The closer respondents lived to a bicycle facility, the more likely they were to report riding a bicycle. This included both on- and off-street facilities which NCTCOG works actively with local communities to improve. The survey also sought to gauge frequency and safe riding practices. About 50 percent of those who reported they bicycled said they wear a helmet at least half of the time, but usage varied by age of the rider.

For the full results of the survey and presentation slides, visit [www.nctcog.org/bikesurvey](http://www.nctcog.org/bikesurvey).

## Improving Dementia Care in Rural Communities

NCTCOG's Aging Program is participating in a federal grant to improve dementia care in rural communities. Under the leadership of the University of North Texas Health Science Center, and partnering with the United Way of Tarrant County and the Alzheimer's Association — North Central Texas Chapter, it is conducting a series of focus groups with health care providers and family caregivers in Wise, Palo Pinto, Parker, Hood, and Somervell counties. Participants will be asked where they find information and support to best meet the needs of persons with Alzheimer's and related dementias.

Results will be used to design and deliver training and inform dissemination of resource information to both professionals and lay persons.

Alzheimer's is the sixth-leading cause of death among Americans. According to the Alzheimer's Association, in 2018 the direct costs to American society of caring for those with Alzheimer's will total an estimated \$277 billion, including \$186 billion in Medicare and Medicaid payments.

For more information about the focus groups, contact **Doni Green** at **817-695-9193** or [dgreen@nctcog.org](mailto:dgreen@nctcog.org).



## Electric Vehicle Incentives – Take Advantage Today!

Did you know that you could get up to \$13,500 for purchasing an Electric Vehicle (EV)? Right now the Federal Government is offering up to \$7,500 dollars for the purchase of a new qualified Plug-in Electric Vehicle (PEV). Texas residents are eligible to receive up to \$2,500 for a qualified EV. And if you live in the North Texas area, the AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Program provides individuals who meet program requirements, a voucher for up to \$3,500 towards an EV up to three model years old. You can find more information regarding these incentives at <https://www.dfwcleancities.org/evnt/>

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