

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 Friday, Oct. 20 through Sunday, Nov. 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 Bicycle and Pedestrian/Sustainable Development 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 14 new comments related to bicycle and pedestrian, roadways, and transit. You can view these new comments as well as past comments by visiting <http://nctcoggis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourceReporter/index.html?appid=b014e6d39b604b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2>.

Bicycle/Pedestrian/Sustainable Development

Facebook –

1. There's still time to provide Texas Trees Foundation with your input on the SWMD Urban Streetscape and Park Project!

Take their survey through the end of the month: <https://new.maptionnaire.com/q/9ni7elt63vk6> and attend an open house for the project on Tuesday, Nov. 14!

Southwestern Medical District Transformation — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Thanks for sharing! — Southwestern Medical District Transformation

Instagram –

1. There's still time to provide @texasreesfoundation with your input on the SWMD Urban Streetscape and Park Project! (@swmdtransformation)
Take their survey through the end of the month (see the Post Links in our bio) and attend an open house for the project on Tuesday, Nov. 14! — NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcostrans)



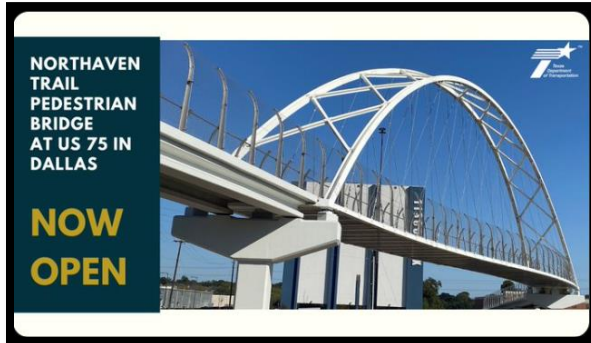
Thank you for sharing, @nctcostrans! We are grateful for your partnership. — SWMD Transformation (@swmdtransformation)

Twitter –

1. ❤️ Thanks to:
 - Velo Republic for the helmets
 - @BikeTexas for lending balance bikes
 - @dentonparks for lending pedal bikes
 - @NCTCOGtrans and @cityofdentontx for safety literature and giveaways
 - Denton Evening Rotary for planning and doing

- All of our amazing volunteers! — Bike Denton (@bikedenton)

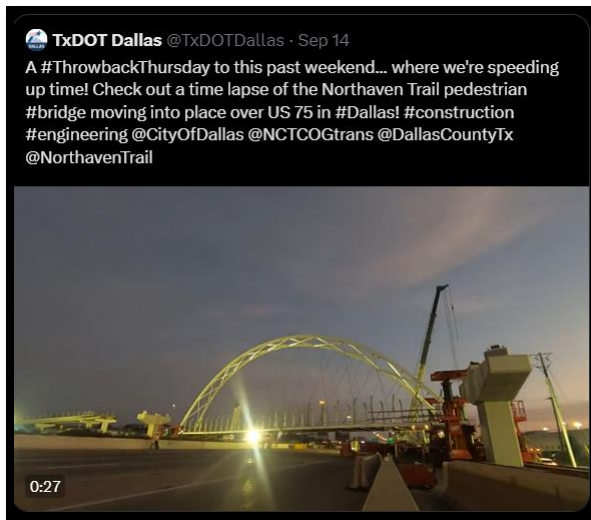
2. DALLAS - Good news! The new Northaven Trail pedestrian bridge over US 75 is open! Crews are still wrapping up work; possible short-term closures over the next few weeks. Thanks for your patience and enjoy! @CityOfDallas @NCTCOGtrans @DallasCountyTx @NorthavenTrail #DFWTraffic — TxDOT Dallas (@TxDOTDallas)



\$20 million to connect a casket store with the back of a furniture store 🧑‍🎨 — threedee 🧩 (@3df0x)

someone's never eaten at Cindi's — matt h (@matthavener)

3. With the new Northaven Trail pedestrian bridge now open, here's a look back at the cool #engineering that moved it across & over US 75 in #Dallas to connect regional trails on both sides of the highway! #DFWTraffic @NorthavenTrail @CityOfDallas @NCTCOGtrans @DallasCountyTx — TxDOT Dallas (@TxDOTDallas)



4. Ribbon-Cutting for the new bridge on Saturday, December 2 at 9 am. <https://facebook.com/share/zTQTKPevwjooP9NV/?mibextid=9l3rBW> @CityOfDallas @DallasParkRec @TxDOTDallas @TxDOT @NCTCOGtrans — Northaven Trail (@NorthavenTrail)



5. Free advice @CityOfDallas @NCTCOGtrans — Marc Ishmael (@Marclshmael65)



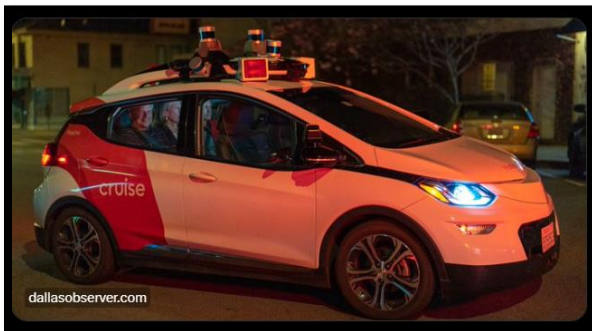
6. Ribbon Cutting for the new bridge on Saturday, December 2 at 9 AM. For more details: <https://facebook.com/events/s/northaven-trail-pedestrian-bri/230242683409921/> — Northaven Trail (@NorthavenTrail)



Innovative Technology

Twitter –

1. One day, I hope to ride in autonomous vehicles. Today, the tech doesn't appear ready & some regs are needed, including safety reporting. @KHancock4TX @NCTCOGtrans
 What is the Future of Driverless Cars in Dallas? | Dallas Observer — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)



Public Involvement

Facebook –

1. US 380 Federal/Local Partnership, FY2024 and FY2025 UPWP Modifications, and more for review/comment.



You all need to look at the completing the Service Road between mile marker 409 and Mile Marker 410 on I-20. By placing a service road over the train track. You will be expanding. Parker County was six lanes of traffic. This would help by giving an alternate route for emergency service personnel. Plus removing some of the pressure off I-20 itself.

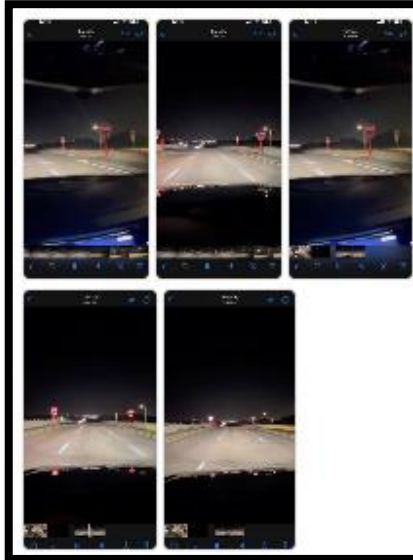
This needs to be pushed. The project was originally slated to be completed back in 2016 however has been pushed back to 2029. This project keeps getting pushed back. This project needs to be at the forefront for the development of Parker County in the life and safety of the people in this county!

#NorthCentralTexasCouncilofGovernments

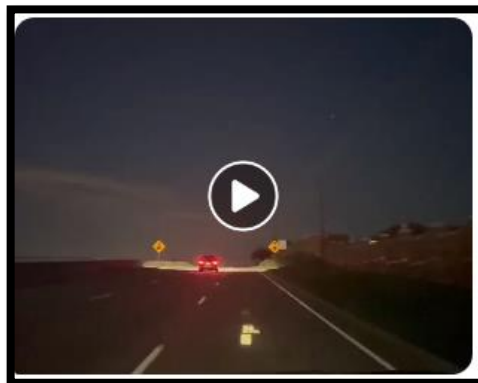
#NCTCOG #ParkerCounty #Weatherford #weatherfordtx #Lifesafety — Hegre Eric

Roadways

Facebook –



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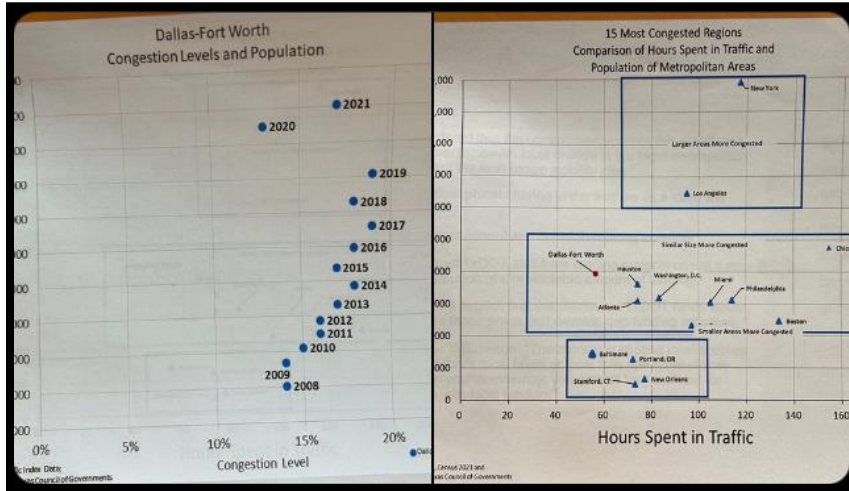
You can see, even in this video... it is difficult to see the vehicles coming off the bridge onto the service road... and this was what looks like a Jeep that is coming onto the roadway. I am traveling eastbound on south service road. Please note how dark this intersection is with no light. This is the S. Service Rd. of I 20 in Parker County... Holland lake Road and I 20. Between exit 408 and 409. — Hegre Eric

Response by NCTCOG Transportation Staff:

Thank you, Mr. Eric, for your comments you submitted on November 23. We have contacted the Texas Department of Transportation about your concern. TxDOT does not currently have a plan to install a traffic signal in this area. However, they are going to look at crashes in that area to understand the problem and see if something can be added to improve the visibility. For additional questions, please contact Shawna Russell the TxDOT Public Information Officer, at shawna.russell@txdot.gov.

Twitter –

1. Traffic congestion in DFW - we are spending less time in traffic than we used to, which is kind of surprising. Also, DFW has less congestion than cities of a similar size (or bigger size, or even smaller size except Baltimore). Here are charts from @NCTCOGtrans #transportation — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)



Now compare the pollution in DFW to other MSAs. — Dallas As A Hole (@dallasasahole)

Don't tell anyone! — Candace Evans (@DallasDirtCandy)

2. one step forward, ten steps backwards for Grand Rapids: — 🌻patrick.kennedy 🌻 (@WalkableDFW)



Love this! @CityOfDallas @DallasPlanUD @WalkableDFW @marklamster @TheLoopDallas @NCTCOGtrans @BikeDFW — Jennifer Grantham (@jen_grantham)

Email

1. John Donaghey, AIA-E

We need traffic lights as soon as possible, at the intersections of CR 546 / FM 982, and E. Lucas Branch Rd. / 546 / 437. Thank you for anything you can do.

Response by NCTCOG Transportation Staff:

Thank you for contacting the North Central Texas Council of Governments Transportation Department. Currently, both intersections are authorized for signals. Farm to Market Road 982 at Farm to Market Road 546 is currently being designed, and

the design should be completed in February 2024. However, construction may not take place for at least 18 months following the design.

Farm to Market Road 546 at Farm to Market Road 3286 is part of a roadway improvement project, Control Section Job (CSJ) 1013-01-038, which was let in January of this year. We anticipate activating this signal by the end of February 2024.

2. Joel Altsman

The congestion on this road, especially during the afternoon rush hour, is unacceptable! At a minimum, the traffic light timing at 205 needs to be improved (both directions). There needs to be another road over Lavon Lake. Fix the existing one so it can be reopened.

Response by NCTCOG Transportation Staff:

Thank you for contacting the NCTCOG Transportation Department. Your comments will be provided to the Regional Transportation Council. In addition, please contact Clarence Daugherty, Collin County Director of Engineering, at cdaugherty@co.collin.tx.us to see if traffic signal evaluations have been requested from the Texas Department of Transportation.

RTC/STTC/Executive Board

Twitter –

1. DFW - We're talking #transportation and partnerships with regional leaders! Thanks @NCTCOGtrans for hosting Texas Transportation Commissioners Alvin New and Alex Meade this afternoon during their visit to #Dallas and #FortWorth! 🙌 @TxDOTFortWorth @TxDOT — TxDOT Dallas (@TxDOTDallas)



Safety

Facebook –

1. From 2018-2022, more than 80,000 crashes in North Texas were the result of distracted driving. It's not worth your life. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Bin [REDACTED] Go. You got ppl lives at stake — FattDaddy Mike

This should be a picture of a phone or something not kids. What are we supposed to do, tie them down and duct tape their mouth shut or stick them in the trunk. Make since people. — Brian Buckner

2. Learn your rights and responsibilities when walking, biking or driving. Together, we can make our streets safer for everyone! — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Diva, you are looking fabulous 😁 — Faye Murphy

We're in pretty bad shape if you need to teach adults how to cross the street 🙄 — Frank Reese

Instagram –

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Next to impossible with multiple small children in the back seat. Unless of course you tie them up and duct tape their mouths shut. And obviously don't forget to buckle them in. 🤪👍 — esai362 (@esai362)

2. From 2018-2022, more than 80,000 crashes in North Texas were the result of distracted driving. It's not worth your life. — nctcogtrans (@nctcogtrans)



Im reading this as I drive — g5duck (@g5duck)

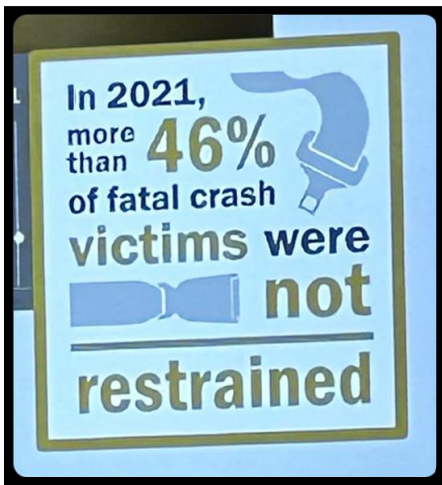
Twitter –

1. Thanks to Haltom HS and to all who participated, and a big shoutout to everybody who made this possible! Let's continue to always think of #SafeDriving and #TrafficSafety

🤪👍🙌🚗❤️ #TeenDriverSafetyWeek @TXDOT @STATEFARM @NCTCOGTrans @JacyGood @TEXpressLanes @WatchURBAC — TeensDriverSeat (@TeensDriverSeat)



2. Please wear your seatbelt. @TxDOTDallas @NCTCOGtrans #beatthestreak — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)



Other

Facebook –

1. Happy Halloween! 🎃

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan Team is brewing the next long-range transportation plan for the Dallas-Fort-Worth transportation network - Mobility 2050! The cauldron is heating up with improved programs, policies, and projects to make future travel in our region not so spooky. Find out more at nctcog.org/planinprogress #ConnectNorthTexas — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Amazing — Elle Mann

Twitter –

1. 1st place winner in a Far North Dallas #D12 HOA Halloween contest for SCARIEST pumpkin - DART CONSTRUCTION! #CottonBelt #SilverLine @FTA_DOT @NCTCOGtrans @dartmedia @TxDOTDallas — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)



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