

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 Wednesday, Sept. 20 through Thursday, Oct. 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 alternative fuel vehicles and transit 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 17 new comments related to roadways. You can view these new comments as well as past comments by visiting <http://nctcoggis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourcingReporter/index.html?appid=b014e6d39b604b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2>.

Alternative Fuel Vehicles

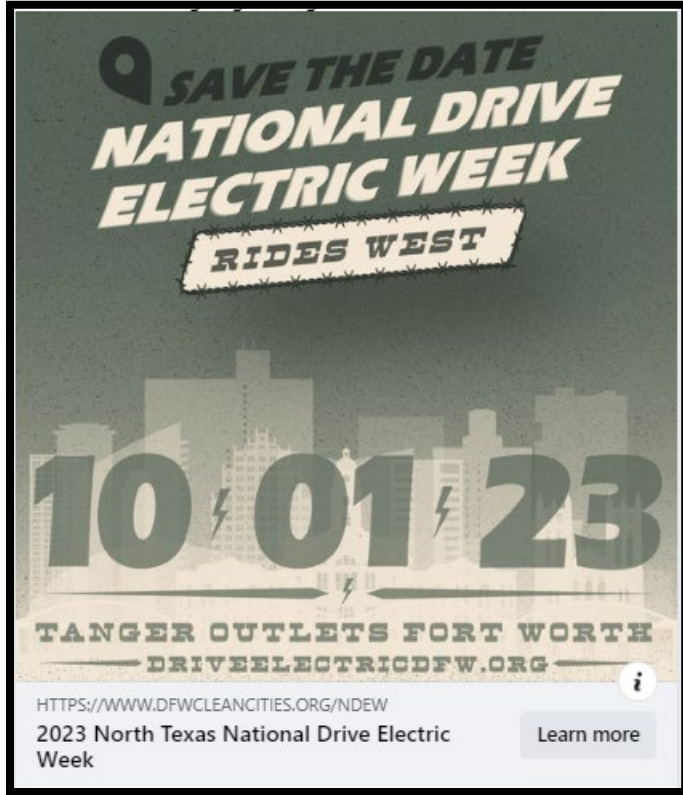
Twitter –

1. Electric vehicle owners flocked to Fort Worth to share their experiences with new models and statewide fees. The event was part of the @NCTCOGtrans celebration of National Drive Electric Week: — Haley Samsel 🍌 (@haley_samsel)



Facebook –

1. Join us for the largest gathering of EVs in Texas! — NCTCOG Transportation Department



That'll be draining!!!! — Jim Church

Never will I ever drive an electric car — Bob Flora

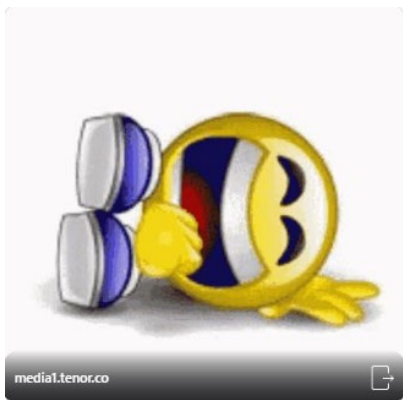
By the time they drive to the event, 30 cars will take what? 30 hours to recharge to go somewhere. Unless they meet where there a a half dozen chargers! — Ray M Craver

National "take the appliance to work" day 🤖🤖🤖 — Thomas Talbot

Battery disposal is 10 times worse for the planet than fossil fuels !!!!!!! — Wayne Banich

No electric car — Paula Heather

Exporting pollution is not offsetting pollution. — Richard Cassanova



— Jeff Eastin

Maybe work on our power grid first before you start this? Or is Texas next on the destroy list after California? — Eddie Stute

The air pollution problem is directly related to too many people. In the year 1900 there were less than 2 billion people on the planet. Now it's over 8 billion. Doesn't matter if you're drilling for oil or mining lithium, there will be pollution and a lot of it. Period, end of sentence. — Tom Horn

No one wants to talk about where the electricity originates — Rick McConaghy

This is so lame 😏 — Brooks Gage

Or not. Let's see those ford lightnings pull a travel trailer all day or less than 100 miles. — Darryl Wayne

Let's see how long the batteries last — Ruben Martinez

Hahaha NO— Lynn Tidwell

Should just call it national drive a toy car day — Chad Taylor

That's a lot of AA batteries in one spot.... Anyway I can get my hands on a big magnet I wanna test something? 😏 — David Moreno

NEVER!!!! — Ed DeYoung

The question is how many chargers — Steve Sim

How many chargers will be on site? Or tow trucks? — Jerome Dupont

Hope the fire department is nearby. — Casey Cutler

On the next 2 or 3 day snowstorm we get I love to see your energizer🔋operated cars driving around like i do on my diesel truck😂😂😂😂😂 — Sergio Salgado

Shame on you all for buying cars that are going to harm the environment with millions and millions of trash batteries. — Jerry Yost

How many generators will there be so those cars can be charged — Mike Searcy

Toy show — Jay Jackson

Bicycle/Pedestrian/Sustainable Development

Twitter –

1. Today is #NationalWalktoSchoolDay! Thank you to @NCTCOGtrans and @GreenValleyElem for having us out this morning at Green Valley Park! Students met at the park to walk or ride their bikes to school. What a beautiful morning in Nature Right Here. #naturerighthere — NRH Parks & Rec (@NRHPARD)



2. While I can appreciate this quote from Michael Morris, it's important to also recognize he had led @NCTCOGtrans for 30+years and long pushed for #autocentric policies that have resulted in the gridlocked sprawlfest that is our megaregion. — Loren S. (@txbornviking)

Texas Legislature. The status quo is not an option, warns Morris. “I can’t [point to a successful region](#) with 11.5 million people that does not have a more aggressive transit system than we do right now,” he said.

 Dallas Morning News 🌟 @dallasnews · Oct 5
North Texas' growth is creating a traffic nightmare | Opinion
dallasnews.com/opinion/editor...

3. Yep, this is walking in DFW alright. Bravo @NCTCOGtrans. — Joel Reamer Paused (@pettyintrigues)



Transit

Twitter –

1. How do you want to get through Dallas from downtown to Fair Park? by @NCTCOGtrans <https://publicinput.com/fairparklinks> — Jennifer Grantham (@jen_grantham)

2. @NCTCOGtrans is running a region wide transit study. DCTA + DART + Trinity Metro have been asked to participate in the study. i don't think COG has the power to do this, but actually enforcing emissions reductions like Minnesota is would be sick nasty <http://dot.state.mn.us/climate/mitigation.html> — Denton Transit Posting (@dTXTransitPosts)

incredibly short meeting today. @AlisonforDenton plugs the state fair (free DCTA/DART ticket if you purchase your ticket through DCTA, which makes parking a non issue) and Arts & Jazz, which is also a parking nightmare. Personally I walk to it, but if you can't, try DCTA! — Denton Transit Posting (@dTXTransitPosts)

TJ plugs western days, which is free before 5PM, accessible by train, and you can pay \$1/ball to try and dunk TJ (6:30-7), benefiting Serve Lewisville — Denton Transit Posting (@dTXTransitPosts)

3. It's opening day of the State Fair of Texas! Save money, time, and stress by riding @dartmedia (or connect to it via @RideDCTA or @TrinityMetro) straight to the gate! 🚌🎡🐒 See details and schedules at <http://dart.org/statefair>

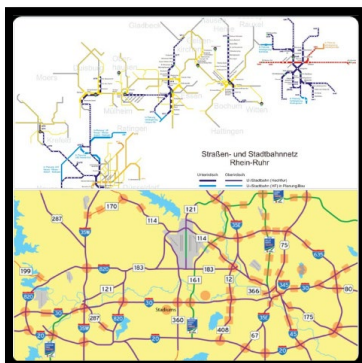


The best ride to the State Fair! Can't wait to take y'all straight to the fair gates 🐒 — Denton County Transportation Authority (@RideDCTA)

4. Join us on Oct. 9 at the North Central Texas Council of Governments to learn about upcoming plans for the regional transportation system and provide your valuable input! For more information about how you can participate in the meeting, visit <http://publicinput.com/nctcogOct23>



What do we need by 2050? A comprehensive REGIONAL #transit network that provides an alternative to driving. More lanes cannot solve congestion but having mobility choice can have a HUGE impact. The Rhine-Ruhr region of Germany has a similar size, pop., & GDP for comparison — Loren S. (@txbornviking)



5. Is it time yet? This gem is quiet now, but it will be full of over 40,000 baseball fans in a few hours. Can the @Rangers take a 3-0 lead over the @astros in the #ALCS? We hope so. Go Rangers! #GoAndTakeIt



Sure would be nice to have a public #transit option to get to the game. One could avoid traffic AND not have to worry about impaired drivers who imbibe at the game! — Loren S. (@txbornviking)

Facebook –

1. Your input is needed! Join us for the Fair Park Links Public Meeting on September 21st. — NCTCOG Transportation Department

A Facebook event poster for a public meeting. The title is "Dallas CBD-Fair Park Links Multimodal Study". The date and time are "Thursday, September 21, 6:00 pm" at the "South Dallas Cultural Center, 3400 S Fitzhugh Ave, Dallas, TX 75210". The website "www.publicinput.com/fairparklinks" is listed. The poster includes a detailed description of the study, contact information for accommodations, and a "Learn more" button. The text on the poster reads: "The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and local community partners, as part of the Dallas CBD-Fair Park Links study, are evaluating transportation issues facing the area and potential solutions. This study of multimodal transportation links connecting Downtown Dallas through Deep Ellum to Fair Park will take into account how these areas are linked, considering new designs for IH 30 and IH 345. NCTCOG is inviting the public to attend the first public meeting for the Dallas CBD-Fair Park Links study. Your input on transportation issues and solutions is important to this process." It also provides contact info for accommodations: "For special accommodations due to a disability or for language translation, call 817-695-9284 or avilson@nctcog.org at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made. Para acomodación especial por discapacidad o para traducción de idioma, llame al 817-695-9284 o por email avilson@nctcog.org al menos 72 horas antes de la reunión. Se harán adaptaciones razonables." At the bottom, it says "PUBLICINPUT.COM Your Feedback Is Needed" and "A study of multimodal transportation links conn...".

It took me a few minutes to figure out that "CBD" here probably means Central Business District. Y'all might want to double-check your choice of TLA (Three-Letter Acronyms).

😊 — Mark Whiting

CBD WHAAT??? 🐱 Think they need a better acronym for that unless they want a bunch of stoners to show up! — Temperance Miller

I am a REALTOR expert on the area and am so glad that NTCOG is getting involved in the amazing things happening in the Fair Park area. — Gary Foster

Make sure you have it in your plan on how to control the homeless from taking it over and ruining it for everyone else — Tony Jordan

Wondering when they will complete that last bit of roadwork (Hall to Elm) — William Robbins



2. — NCTCOG Transportation Department

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RTC/STTC/Executive Board

Twitter –

1. @DFWAirport State of the Airport 2023 Luncheon. Great report. Such an important element in our region's growth and prosperity. #transportation #economicdevelopment @CityOfDallas @KronaForTexas @GayDWillis13 @ridleyfordallas @NCTCOGtrans — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)



2. Dallas Regional Mobility monthly meeting with great presentation by @TxDOT & @TxDOTDallas leaders. #Transportation @NCTCOGtrans — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)

