

## **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 Thursday, January 20, through Saturday, February 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 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 29 bicycle and pedestrian comments, 20 roadway comments and one transit comment. To read them, visit: <http://nctcogis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourcingReporter/index.html?appid=b014e6d39b604b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2>.

#### **Alternative Fuels**

##### **Twitter –**

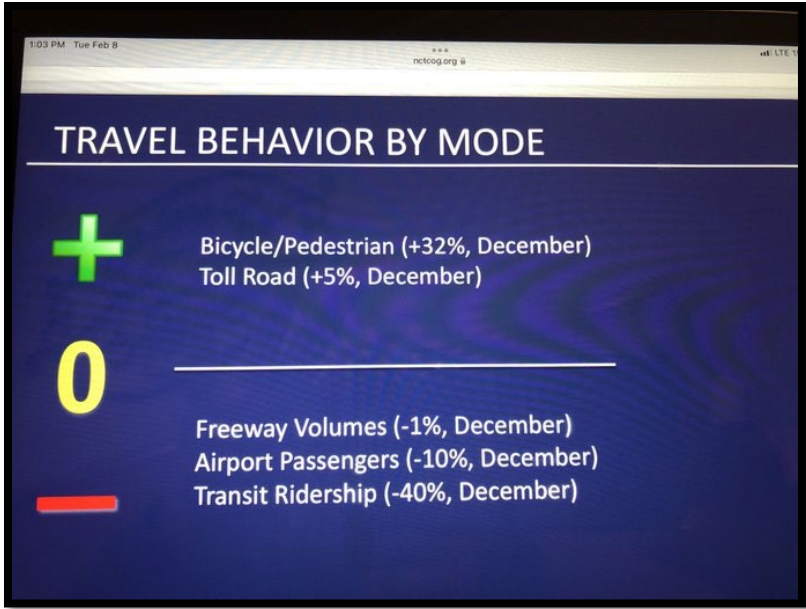
1. I'm at @NCTCOGtrans Executive Committee Meeting and we just unanimously approved match funding for 2 @CityOfDallas heavy diesel vehicles to be replaced by compressed natural gas with @EPA funding. #cleanair – caraathome (@🏠) (@caraathome)

At today's @NCTCOGtrans meeting, we just approved funding for a regional study of mixed-use developments using surface transportation block grant funds. @DallasMayor @ChadWestDallas @caseyt07 @CityOfDallas – caraathome (@🏠) (@caraathome)

#### **Bicycle & Pedestrian**

##### **Twitter –**

1. 🚲🚶 32% increase in reasons to support bicycle & pedestrian infrastructure and safety! @NCTCOGtrans #sidewalks #protectedbikelanes – caraathome (@🏠) (@caraathome)



**Innovative Vehicles & Technology**

**Twitter –**

1. Why does this make us feel like we are in the middle of @BacktotheFuture now? 🚀  
 #smartcities #airtaxi #gamechanger @CityOfDallas @Johnson4Dallas @DRC @NCTCOGtrans @NCTCOG\_Official @NDCC – Dallas International District (@DallasIntDist)

**THIS JUST IN!**

The Dallas City Council passed a resolution of support for the *Autonomous Transportation System* of the **Dallas International District**. This resolution allows us to proceed with creating a shared parking entity, work on plans for a system, and keep the project moving in partnership with NCTCOG. There are no costs to the city as this is the first step in creating a system that will be funded through many sources, public and private.

**DALLAS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT**

## Roadway

### Email –

#### 1. John Donaghey

Hi NCTCOG,

An intersection of continuing concern:

East/West Lucas Rd. at Southview Drive.

The guard rail damage is constant since the right turn from East Lucas Rd. onto West Lucas Rd. is too tight. Cars can barely make it w/out swinging into the far lane. Trucks cause most of the rail damage.

Then there is the visual problem of seeing the traffic turning from Southview Dr. onto West Lucas Rd. Cars turning from West Lucas Rd. onto East Lucas Rd. must risk life and limb when turning on the yellow flashing arrow not to be in the intersection when the next car arrives.

Please list this problem area for study.

### Twitter –

#### 1. Umm... 😬 – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)



It's one piece of the multi-modal transportation options that North Texas residents have been demanding for years. When is Michael Morris going to start advocating for separated sledding lanes?!? – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie\_H\_Dallas)

2. These arterial mini-highways make up the single largest expenditure in @NCTCOGtrans current financial plan despite its hypocritical call for more sustainable transportation in the region – Kingston for Commissioner (@PhilipTKingston)



I'm getting dangerously close to becoming a one issue voter: shrinking arterials – Eric Haney (@EricHeartsMath)

Not a bad one if you have to pick – Kingston for Commissioner (@PhilipTKingston)

### **Facebook –**

1. Lewisville City Council gives consensus on changes to I-35 corridors:  
[https://starlocalmedia.com/.../article\\_034b3198-808d-11ec...](https://starlocalmedia.com/.../article_034b3198-808d-11ec...) – NCTCOG Transportation Department



Fix bonds ranch and 287 its caos every day at every hour – Carlos Avelar

## Transit

### Twitter –

1. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (@NCTCOGtrans)-Dallas Area Rapid Transit (@dartmedia) will receive \$800,000 to plan for TOD at nine DART Silver Line regional rail stations that connect major centers around Dallas. – Texas Infrastructure (@TXInfrastruct)
2. New DART routes start today! To make it easier for you, enjoy a week of free rides. Learn more here: <https://wfaa.com/article/news/local/dart-bus-routes-changing-what-to-know/287-909a6ffe-be24-45ba-b5d5-40cf6ef78bdc>. – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)



FREEEEEE????? Let's take a ride 🚌 – Stina, Excessively Black (@bespectacledcee)

Free-ee-eee-ee-eee-ee. – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)



3. Today: @NCTCOGtrans Regional Transportation Council mtg discussing how @dartmedia isn't able to fulfill their vanpool service. @TrinityMetro @RideDCTA have stepped up to take

over, thankfully eliminating the possibility of regional sanctions or removal of federal funds. –  
caraathome (@🏠) (@caraathome)

**Action Requested**

RIC Approval:

- For DCTA and Trinity Metro to replace the current vanpool service provided by DARE.
- To revise administrative documents as appropriate to incorporate project modifications.

**Recently Approved Vanpool Program Coverage**

Agency	Origin	Destination
AgriLife	AgriLife Center	AgriLife Center
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**Temporary Vanpool Program Coverage without DART**

Agency	Origin	Destination
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**Background/ Overview**

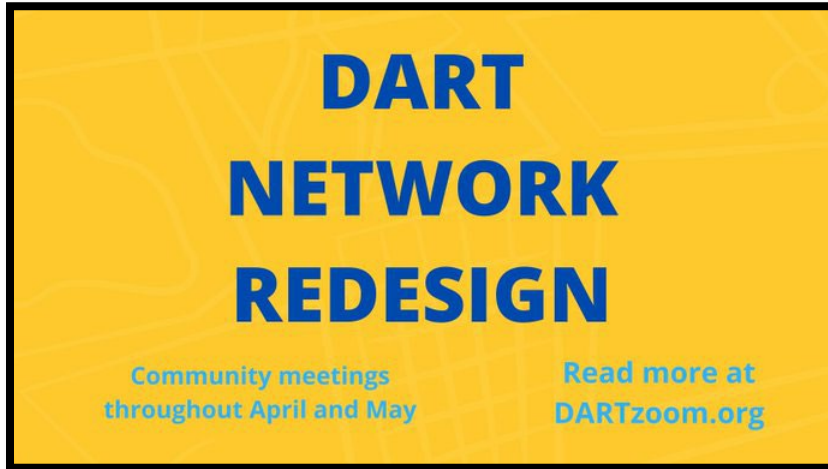
- Regional Vanpool Program is authorized by State Implementation Plan (SIP) Requirement.
- May 18, 2020: RRC approved program service area boundaries.
- December 2020: DART notified NCTCOG that their vanpool vendor failed to secure vehicles.
- January 2022: DART notified NCTCOG that they are terminating their vanpool vendor contract.
- January 2022: NCTCOG, DARE, SCTA, and Trinity Metro met to discuss transition of DART's vanpool to ensure continued coverage.



4. @NCTCOGtrans looks to @dartmedia to implement one of the dumbest mass transit projects in US history – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie\_H\_Dallas)

communityimpact.com  
Regional Transportation Council looks to extend DART rail line from Pl...  
The proposed McKinney to Plano line would be 18 miles long and the transportation council estimates it would have 7,000-8,000 riders a ...

5. DART is undergoing the largest system wide re-design ever! There are a series of meetings where you can learn more in advance of the public hearing. Visit <https://dart.org/meetings/publicmeetings.asp> for the meeting schedule. – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)



After have to walk 1.1 miles to get to the NEAREST bus stop to get me about back home, I'll still have to walk a mile and a half to get to my complex, and arriving 7 minutes before the bus was supposed to be here it didn't show up 😡🙄. How is this better? – Latecia Dondaldson (@Ladiyla)

### Other

#### Twitter –

1. @KFWB\_TX and the @CityofFortWorth recently went home winners of the @NCTCOGtrans North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge. Let's continue to cleanup and prevent litter in our city, and find ways to keep Fort Worth beautiful. <https://bit.ly/3orJcUB> – Mayor Mattie Parker (@MayorMattie)



2. We got a shoutout from Michael Morris and @NCTCOGtrans for the awesome development at Grapevine Main Street Station. @HotelVinTexas makes us the crown jewel of TEXRail.

(Ok, we embellished that last part. But he was thinking it.) – GrapevineEcoDev (@GrapevineEcoDev)



### **Facebook –**

1. Hi, everyone! Introducing Dan Lamers. He's the senior program manager over metropolitan transportation planning. He's a tiki culture- and sports-loving planner with 36 years of service to the Transportation Department. He's working hard on updates to our Mobility 2045 plan and would love to hear from you! Read more about him here:

<https://www.nctcog.org/.../mobilit.../people-behind-the-plan>. #PeopleBehindThePlan – NCTCOG Transportation Department



Hi Dan! I'm so proud of you and all you have accomplished. You've come a long way since our Mobility 2010 planning. Great job! – Kelli Gilbert-Brosig