

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, May 20, through Monday, June 19. Comments and questions are submitted for the record and can be submitted via Facebook, Twitter, fax, email and online.

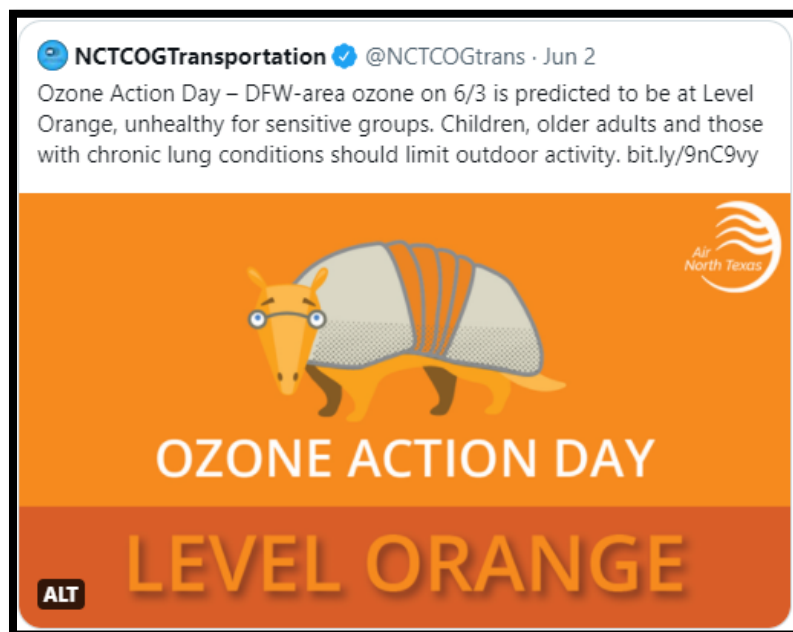
This month, public comments were received on a number of topics across social media platforms and via email. Project planning comments, including the Bachman Lake Study, were in the majority.

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 three bicycle and pedestrian comments, three transit comments and two roadway comments. To read them, visit: <http://nctcoggis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourcingReporter/index.html?appid=b014e6d39b604b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2>.

Air Quality

Twitter –

1. Or, you know, maybe we cut back on the cause of the pollution and drive less? – Andrew Wallace (@agwallace92)



2. Take precautions tomorrow, yikes! – Emily (@EmilyMcCannPIO)



3. Stay safe this weekend @garlandtxgov!

Tomorrow our Ozone levels are predicted to be at Red Level. Learn more at <http://AirNorthTexas.org>

#AirNTX #cleanair @NCTCOGtrans – GoGreenGarland (@GoGreenGarland)



Aviation

Twitter –

1. Aviation geek alert: @NCTCOGtrans and @NASA to study #drone technology and incorporate into #NorthTexas #transportation plans. #Mobility #FortWorth @FWTXmag

<https://fortworthinc.com/news/cog-nasa-to-study-drone-technology-and-incorporate-into-tran/> – Scott Nishimura (@JScottNishimura)



2. Fort Worth's high-flying mobility plans has caught the attention of @NASA. Excited for the #Drones future <https://fortworthreport.org/2021/05/27/efforts-to-integrate-advanced-air-mobility-in-north-texas-attract-attention-of-nasa/> via @NCTCOGtrans – Neetish Basnet (@NeetishBasnet)



Efforts to integrate advanced air mobility in North Texas attract attenti...
North Texas attracted attention for its embrace of creative
transportation solutions from an agency known for innovative ...
fortworthreport.org

Bicycle & Pedestrian

Twitter –

1. Hey guys, we did it!! We dodged the rain and got to celebrate #BikeToWorkDay this morning at our coffee stop!! Cannot wait to see you all at the B2WD Happy Hour this evening, 5:30-8 at

@fcbrewing !! Thanks to @meritcoffee , @NCTCOGtrans , @thatsbullzerk , and BikeDFW Board!! – BikeDFW (@BikeDFW)



2. Take the @NCTCOGtrans bike survey! – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie_H_Dallas)

Dallas & Fort Worth District 2021 Bike Hearing
Take this quick survey to weigh in on Dallas and Fort Worth's 2021 Bicycle Hearing!
live.metroquestsurvey.com

Electric Vehicles

Twitter –

1. Hello, I made a list with almost all upcoming battery electric car model launches from 2021 onwards (482 entries) with links to news articles for each model in case you are interested. – Stephan90 (@Stephan9015)

new BEV models
new BEV models total number of new BEV models = 500,Stephan90 (@Stephan9015) / Twitter note: this...
docs.google.com

Programs

Email –

1. Hung Nguyen

I have a question about Aircheck program is still going on? I am very appreciated your reply.

Response by NCTCOG Transportation staff

Thank you for contacting the NCTCOG Transportation Department.

In 2017, during the 85th Legislative Session funding for the AirCheckTexas Drive a Clean Machine Program was vetoed. At this time, no additional funding has been secured and program operations have closed. However, additional funding assistance may be available at www.nctcog.org/aqfunding.

Project Planning

Email –

1. Oscar Ward

When is this major congested intersection to be let for bid . Is it still funded ? Is design completed ? If not designed, when?

Response by NCTCOG Transportation staff

Mr. Ward,

Thank you for your public comment regarding the SH 183 at Belt Line intersection in Irving. This intersection is being evaluated by NCTCOG and TxDOT staff to determine what improvements would be appropriate. Funding is not currently available for potential improvements, but NCTCOG staff are in the process of drafting an application for a federal Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant. TxDOT and Cintra have been coordinating over the past year on a project to build additional TEXpress managed lanes along SH 183, including the section from SH 161 to Story Road where the Belt Line intersection is located. If the grant is received, the funding would be utilized to make improvements at the intersection of SH 183 and Belt Line among other improvements.

2. Alan Stewart

I would really appreciate your assistance or please forward to the appropriate department.

I live next to Preston Center Northwest Highway/Tollroad/Preston Road. I know there have been numerous studies made to remedy the traffic. Would you please forward me either the most current PDF of the proposals or links to retrieve them online.

Response by NCTCOG Transportation staff

Good afternoon. I was forwarded the e-mail inquiry below that you had sent to our Public Involvement Team. NCTCOG is currently providing various forms of technical assistance to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) as they work to complete the Northwest Highway (Loop 12) Feasibility Study. The best location for you to view the latest project information...including detailed assessments of current and projected future conditions, as well as drawings/visualizations of several initial improvement concepts...would be at the following TxDOT website: <https://nwhstudy.com/>. Also, if you wish to be contacted automatically when there is updated information and/or the scheduling of future public meetings...I would suggest e-mailing or calling TxDOT's project manager so you can be on the project's regular contact list. His name is Stephen Endres...and he can be reached either at Stephen.Endres@txdot.gov or at (214) 320-4469. I will also be happy to assist you if you have any follow-up questions/comments regarding this project.

Alan Stewart

I sincerely appreciate you contacting with this information and I contact Stephen Endres to keep updated on the roads. I am rather unusual as a 4th generation Dallasite and I grew up just north of Preston Center and now live just south of it. So for 71 years I have seen quite the changes in traffic, buildings, etc.

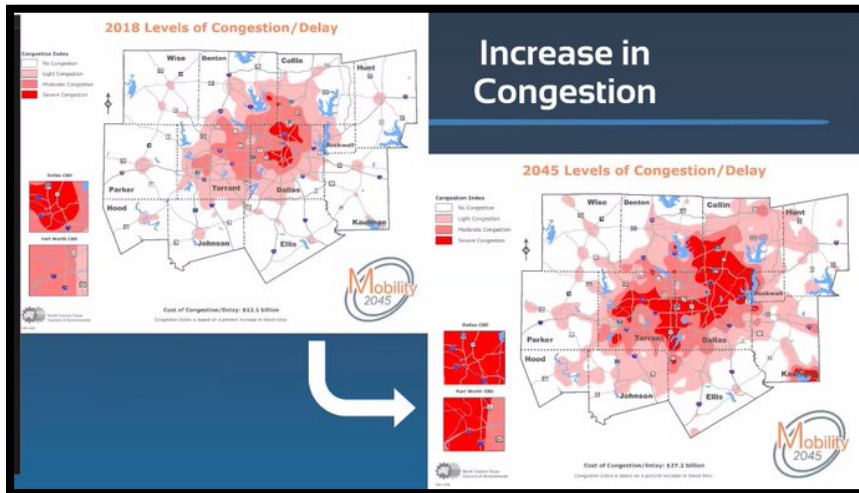
I appreciate your courtesy.

Twitter –

1. The unholy trinity of exclusionary zoning: minimum parking requirements, single-family zoning, and minimum lot sizes. They gotta go! – Nolan Gray (@mnolangray)

Don't common sense my Dallas! @NCTCOGtrans @ridleyfordallas – GerrardGerrard 🏆
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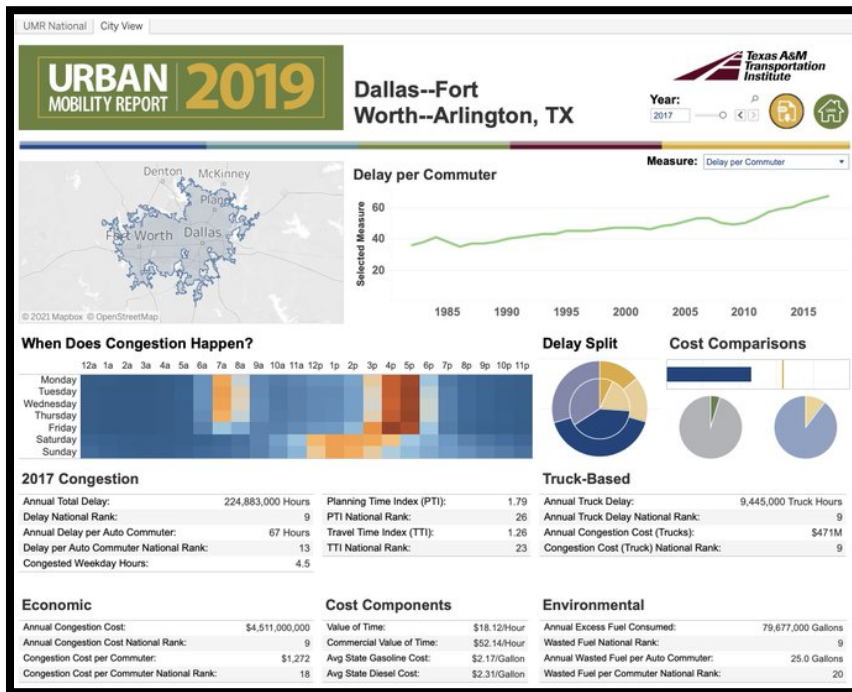
2. Oh no. – Nathaniel Barrett (@ncoxbarrett)



Why is the number for the cost of congestion so much higher than the @TTITAMU estimate (\$4.5 billion a year) in the @NCTCOGtrans flyer (\$12.8 billion)?

<https://mobility.tamu.edu/umr/congestion-data/>

DFW stats: <https://static.tti.tamu.edu/tti.tamu.edu/documents/umr/congestion-data/dalla.pdf> – Jay Blazek Crossley (@JayCrossley)



I was trying to make the point that crashes are a much bigger cost for the people of @NCTCOGtrans than congestion. That holds based on comprehensive cost of congestion, but usually in comparisons of @TTITAMU congestion costs & crash costs, economic cost of crashes is also larger – Jay Blazek Crossley (@JayCrossley)

2020 cost of traffic crashes in North Central Texas COG area					
	2019 NSC estimated economic cost per traffic crash incident	NSC estimated comprehensive cost per traffic crash incident	People Impacted by 2018 NCTCOG traffic crashes	2018 estimated economic costs	2018 estimated comprehensive costs
Total Cost				\$6,688,868,300	\$38,288,641,711
Fatalities	\$1,704,000	\$11,148,000	706	\$1,203,024,000	\$7,563,302,853
Suspected Serious Injuries	\$98,400	\$1,219,000	3,711	\$365,162,400	\$4,347,148,638
Non-incapacitating injuries	\$28,500	\$336,000	18,586	\$529,701,000	\$6,001,157,709
Possible injuries	\$23,400	\$155,000	41,551	\$972,293,400	\$6,189,035,993
No injury observed	\$12,500	\$51,000	289,495	\$3,618,687,500	\$14,187,996,518
Economic Cost Estimate Using NSC Per Death Basis	354,049	\$11,880,000	706	\$8,387,280,000	

National Safety Council Guide to Calculating Costs of Motor-Vehicle Injuries:
<https://injuryfacts.nsc.org/all-injuries/costs/guide-to-calculating-costs/data-details/>

2018 traffic crash data retrieved 06/02/21 from TXDOT's Public CRIS Query system:
<https://cris.dot.state.tx.us/public/Query/app/welcome>

3. Help craft a vision for transportation improvements in northwest Dallas. We're working with the @CityOfDallas on a study of the Bachman Lake/ Northwest Highway area. Please share your thoughts with us by visiting <https://nctcog.org/trans/plan/land-use/land-use-projects/bachman-lake-area-planning-study>. – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)



Be sure to indicate your opposition to paving over Bachman Lake to accommodate a back door entrance to @DallasLoveField . – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie_H_Dallas)

4. \$2bb to fix the sidewalks in Dallas seems like a pretty good deal when that same amount will pointlessly widen a mile of two of highway. @TxDOT & @NCTCOGtrans's funds should be reallocated. – Andrew Wallace (@agwallace92)



Public Meetings & Input

Twitter –

- 1. From DBC: "Get registered and join us tomorrow night for the quarterly virtual meeting!! 6:30-8pm <https://eventbrite.com/e/june-dallas-bicycle-coalition-meeting-tickets-141280143713>
Speakers: @CityOfDallas / @DallasParkRec with updates; @ncoxbarrett on parking reform; and @NCTCOGtrans on DFW High-Speed Transportation Connections Study" – BikeDFW (@BikeDFW)



Roadway

Email –

- 1. **Tim Bolinger**

Is there an email address or hotline to report places on DFW roadways that need attention?

For example:

1. The lane stripes on west bound LBJ at I-35 are nearly invisible from wear. Going through there at night in the rain is scary.

2. The "635" painted on the lane on the north side/north exit of the DFW airport needs repainted. I've reported the latter to the Texas Highway Department 2 times in the last few months but they haven't fixed it.

3. Locals refer to the highway on the north side of downtown as "Woodall Rogers" but if you tell someone to take the Woodall Rogers exit, they'll never find it - there isn't one.

Response by NCTCOG Transportation staff

Thank you for contacting the NCTCOG Transportation Department. Your input will be included in our public comments report, which is provided on a monthly basis to our Surface Transportation Technical Committee and Regional Transportation Council.

There is a Complaint Resolution Process for TxDOT facilities:
<https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/contact-us/complaints.html>.

Additionally, freeway number designations are used on directional signs and there is limited room on them. However, other signs can be added along the roadway to denote the name of the freeway.

Please feel free to reach out to us with any additional comments or questions.

2. John Donhy

Thank you for all traffic coordination w/ the traffic lights and turn lanes.

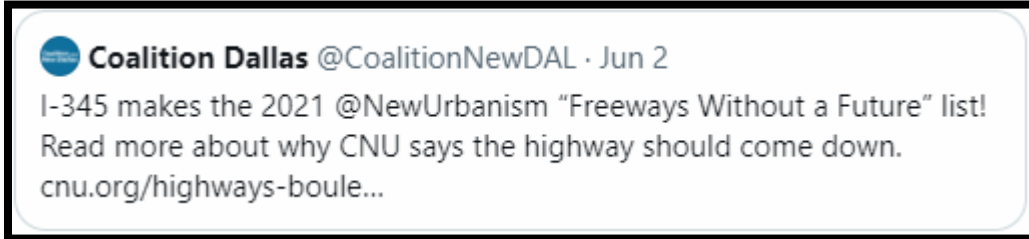
This comment is about highway construction coordination. If it is possible, keeping adjacent routes open while construction is being done.

Hwy. 121 has been a nightmare during modifications. Maybe doing short runs at a time so traffic does not stack up so bad?

Anything you can do will be appreciated.

Twitter –

1. Hey @TxDOTDallas & @NCTCOGtrans, you say there's no money allotted to fix this mistake. Just spitballin' here, but what if what if we demo I-345 & slice the columns into 2" polished table tops & sold them? I think a piece of I-345 would look great on my back patio as furniture. – Andrew Wallace (@agwallace92)

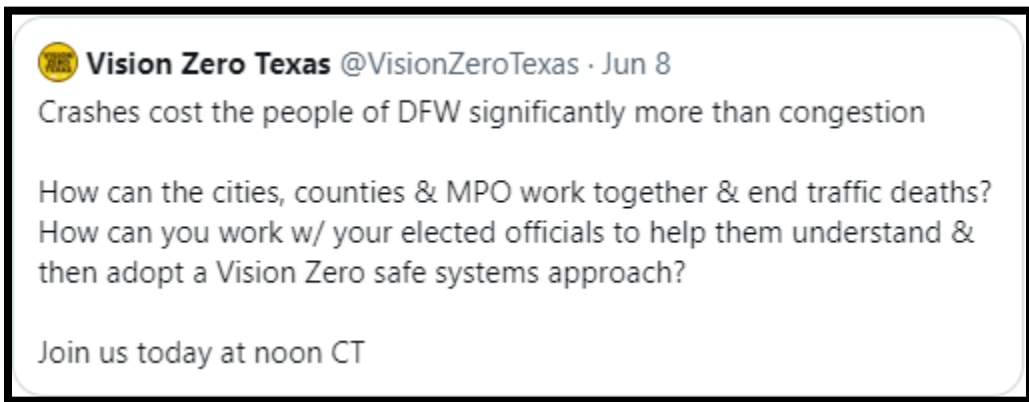


Safety

Twitter –

1. 706 people died using the @NCTCOGtrans transportation system in 2020. 706 families suffered unexpected sudden tragedies, while another 3,711 people suffered serious injuries like brain damage or loss of a limb

It doesn't have to be this way. Learn how to fix it today at noon CT. – Jay Blazek Crossley (@JayCrossley)

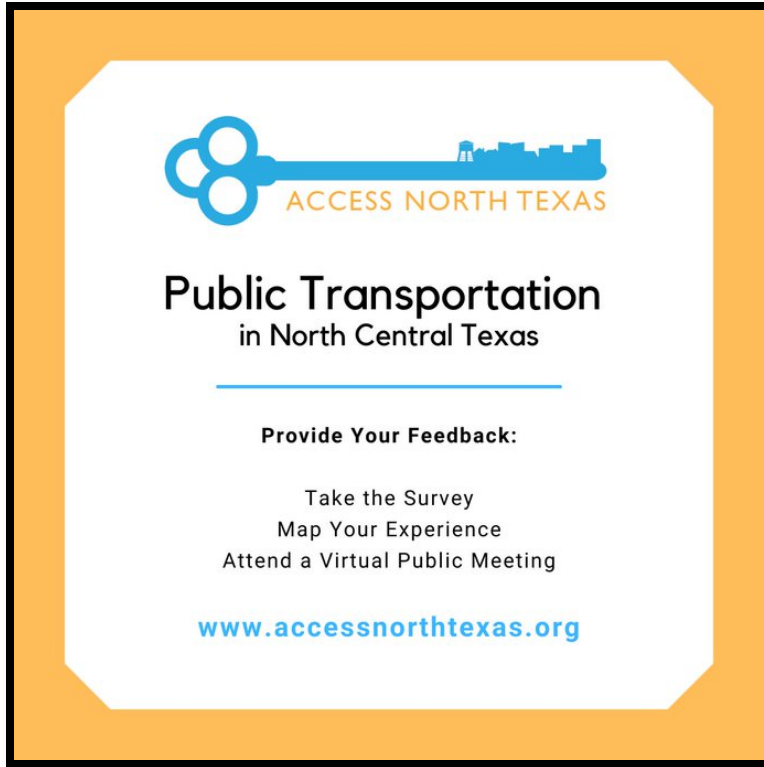


Transit

Twitter –

1. Access North Texas efforts are underway by @NCTCOGtrans. Leave your feedback on the public transportation needs in your county at <https://nctcog.org/accessntx>.

#transit #northtexas #access #mobility #publictransportation #fortworth #tarrantcounty – Tarrant Transit Alliance (@TarrantTransit)



Other

Email –

1. **Dan Mingea**

I drove by the Stone Road Planned Development yesterday, to see what all the heartburn is about. WOW!!

More houses, more traffic/road congestion/wear-tear, more air pollution, more strain on water supply and electric supply, more runoff, more roadside trash, more classroom crowding...fewer bees, fewer birds, fewer trees and flowers...all for a few more tax \$\$\$???. Lotsa mulch there...used to be flowers, grass, and trees. What a tradeoff! Let's just say NO!

Twitter –

1. #SummerFunSun with face Check out these tips for some sustainable summer fun that'll help you stay happy, cool, and improve our environment. Via: @NCTCOGtrans – Green Dallas (@GreenDallas)



Sustainable Summer Fun

Grab your popsicles, pool noodles, and lemonade, it's summertime in Texas. With the return of summer heat and higher ozone levels, it's tim...

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