76104 Transit Needs

An *Areas of Persistent Poverty* Federal Grant Project

Stakeholder Committee Meeting | January 29, 2024

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AGENDA

❑ Welcome and Introductions

❑ What is NCTCOG

❑ Role of Stakeholder Committee

❑ Project Background & Overview

❑ Discussion Questions

❑ Next Steps

Welcome and Introductions

INTRODUCTIONS

NCTCOG Staff

❑ Gypsy Gavia, Principal Transportation Planner
❑ Julie Anderson, Senior Transportation Planner
❑ Zoë Aguilar, Transportation Planner
❑ Other staff to assist with data analysis and mapmaking

INTRODUCTIONS

Stakeholder Committee

❑ Name

❑ What is your background?

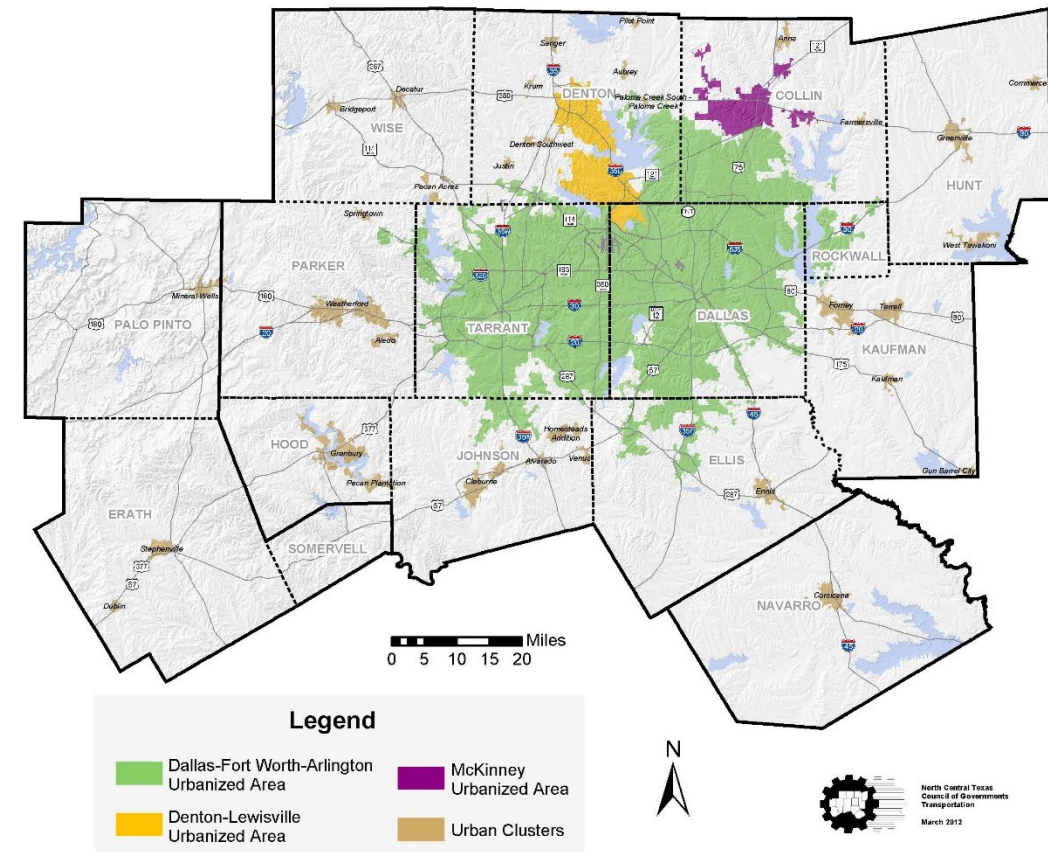❑ What is your relationship to 76104?

WHAT IS NCTCOG?

North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)

Assist local governments in planning for common needs and cooperating for mutual benefit in a 16-county region

U.S. Census Bureau
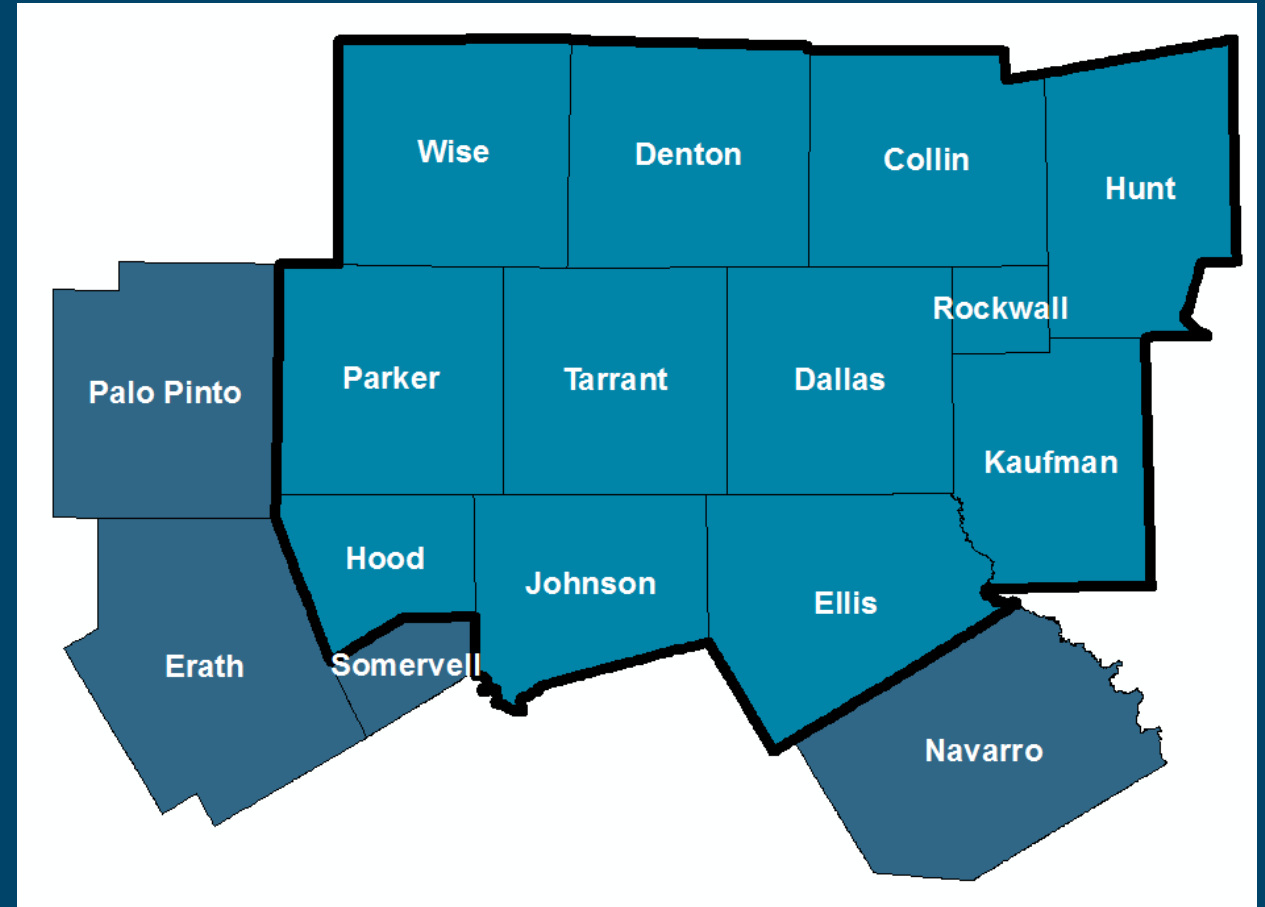Urbanized Areas and Urban Clusters (2010)

WHAT IS NCTCOG?

NCTCOG Transportation Department = Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Programs all federal funding in the 12-county Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA) + coordinates regionally significant projects and programs

12-County Metropolitan Planning Area

Role of Stakeholder Committee

STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE

The Stakeholder Committee represents the public in the planning process.

❑ Provide input and historic knowledge

❑ Review draft study and provide feedback

❑ Share information with the public

STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Anticipated Stakeholder Committee meetings:

- ❑ January 2024 – Kick-off, discussion questions
  - ▪ *Spring 2024 – Attend Public Meeting*
- ❑ Summer 2024 – Review Scenario Development *(may be via email and not in-person)*
  - ▪ *Fall 2024 – Attend Public Meeting*
- ❑ Review draft of Plan

AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS DOING WORK IN THE ZIP CODE

- ❑ BRAVE/R Together

- ❑ Ministers Justice Coalition of Texas

- ❑ United Way of Tarrant County

- ❑ Catholic Charities of Fort Worth

- ❑ My Health My Resources of Tarrant County

Project Background & Overview

UT Southwestern Medical Center
UTHealth
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler

Life Expectancy at Birth in Communities Across Texas:

2005-2014

Life and death in Fort Worth's 76104

People in Fort Worth's 76104 ZIP code on average won't see their 67th birthday. What is causing the lowest life expectancy rate in Texas? What can be done to help? Read the Star-Telegram's investigation:

EXPAND ALL

No doctors, no grocers, no help. Death comes early in these Fort Worth neighborhoods.

Life in a Fort Worth food desert, where fresh produce is 2 bus rides from home

The birth of hope: How 2 Fort Worth officers changed the lives of fatherless boys

They saw poverty and sickness, so these Dallas doctors moved into the neighborhood

Poverty Central To Fort Worth Zip Code's Lowest Life Expectancy In State

76104 near downtown Fort Worth is an historically Black area where life expectancy is 66.7 years – 12 years below the national average.

Poverty Central To Fort Worth Zip Code's Lowest Life Expectancy In State
September 24, 2020

TEXAS STANDARD
THE NATIONAL DAILY NEWS SHOW OF TEXAS

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Crossroads Lab   News   Sports   Obituaries   Jobs / Recruiting   Personal Finance

Life & Death in 76104

No doctors, no grocers,

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

LIFE IN A FORT WORTH FOOD DESERT, WHERE FRESH PRODUCE IS 2 BUS RIDES FROM HOME

Why proximity to a hospital doesn't necessarily mean a neighborhood will be healthier:

"The hospital district is right there. And a lot of these hospitals have programs and opportunities to help people without insurance or to help low income people. But there seems to be this kind of disconnect between the hospitals and the people living there. Five thousand people that live in that area don't have insurance."

Fort Worth Star-Telegram series
Aug. 2019

ZIP CODE DEMOGRAPHICS COMPARED

	76104 ZIP Code	City of Fort Worth	State of Texas
Total Population	21,571	918,915	29,145,505
Black or African American	7,544 (35%)	180,439 (20%)	3,552,997 (12%)
Hispanic or Latino	9,027 (42%)	319,836 (35%)	11,441,717 (39%)
Median Household Income	$46,098	$71,527	$72,284
Employment Rate	53.6%	64.5%	62.1%
Without Healthcare Coverage	28.0 %	17.7%	16.6%
Zero Car Households	**~12%**	**~6%**	**5.4%**

Source: 2020 Decennial Census, and 2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

AREAS OF PERSISITENT POVERTY FEDERAL GRANT PROGRAM

NCTCOG Awarded Grant to Study Transit Options for 76104 ZIP Code

8/2/2022
Area of Fort Worth has lowest life expectancy in state

PRESS RELEASE
Brian Wilson

Arlington, Texas – The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been awarded a grant of approximately $270,000 to identify innovative, affordable transit solutions to improve access to basic needs and create strategies to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions in a part of Fort Worth identified as an area of persistent poverty.
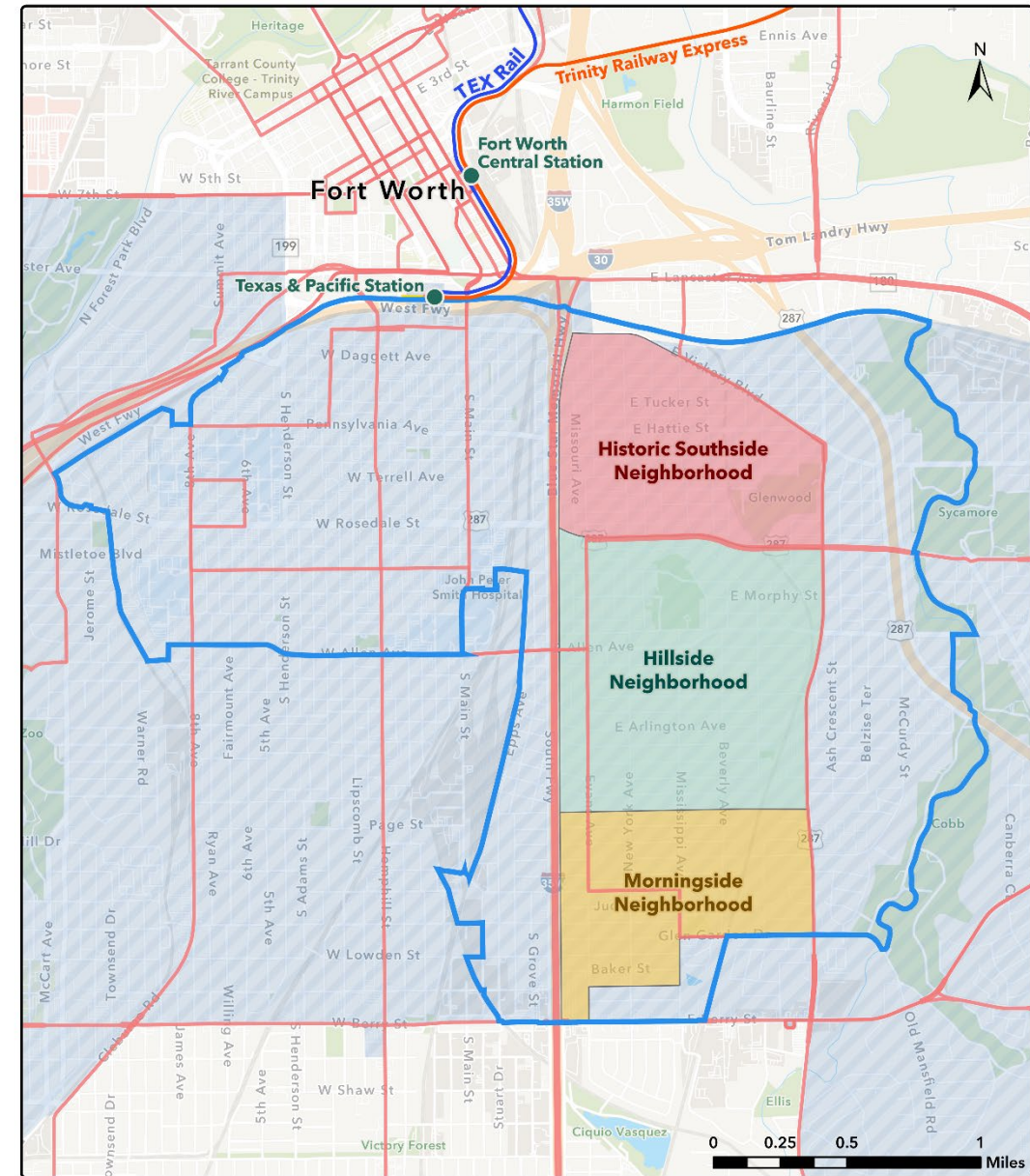
SCOPE OF WORK

Conduct a **transit needs assessment** based on **technical data** and **community input** related to access to:

- food

- healthcare

- housing

- jobs

SCOPE OF WORK

The needs assessment will be analyzed to produce **transit solutions**, including strategies to fund and implement those solutions in an existing transit service area.

76104 Transit Needs

Areas of Persistent Poverty Grant Project

- Project Boundary
- Trinity Metro ZipZone
- Trinity Metro Bus Routes

North Central Texas
Council of Governments

EXISTING TRANSIT

In the Trinity Metro transit service area

Fixed Route Bus Service

- Three 15-minute bus routes (1, 4, and 6)
- Two 30-minute bus routes (5 and 54)

On-Demand Rideshare

- Within the Southside ZIPZONE boundary
- Provides corner-to-corner travel
- $3 per passenger, per ride
- Sunday-Wednesday, 6AM-8PM
- Thursday-Saturday, 6AM-Midnight

Regional Connections/Transfer Centers

- TexRail and TRE at Central Station (via ZIPZONE, Routes 1, 5, & 6)
- Sierra Vista Transfer Center (via routes 5 & 54)

EXISTING TRANSIT

In the Trinity Metro transit service area

Trinity Metro ACCESS

- Paratransit transit service
- Door to door service
- Available to persons with a verifiable disability that cannot ride regular fixed-route service
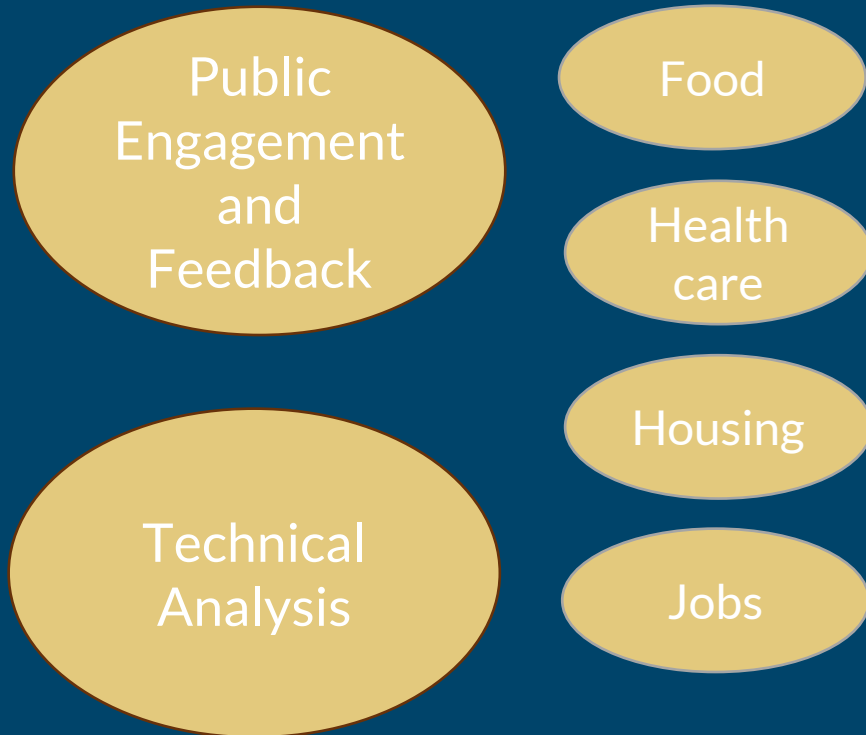- Weekday, Saturday, and Sunday service

SCOPE OF WORK

INPUTS

- Public Engagement and Feedback
- Technical Analysis
- Food
- Health care
- Housing
- Jobs

Analysis and Assessment

OUTPUTS

Transit solutions that increase access to:

- Grocery stores
- Healthcare providers
- Affordable housing units
- Jobs

Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Strategies

Discussion Questions

QUESTION/DISCUSSION 1: Barriers

What, in your opinion, is the main barrier to people in the ZIP code **being able to access** food, jobs, healthcare, or affordable housing **via transit**?

QUESTION/DISCUSISON 2: Challenges

How can **transit** help address the challenges in providing **better access** to food, jobs, healthcare, and affordable housing in the ZIP code?

QUESTION/DISCUSSION 3: Opportunities

What, in your opinion, is/are the biggest opportunities for **transit** in providing **better access to** food, jobs, healthcare, and affordable housing in the ZIP code?

QUESTION 4:

Are there events in the spring/summer that we could attend to gain more information and insights from the public?

NEXT STEPS

❑ Data collection

❑ Public engagement (spring 2024)

❑ Stakeholder feedback on draft scenarios

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