

MINUTES

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

Work Zone Data Exchange Call for Projects

Feedback on Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Station Projects

Local Clean Air Projects Showcase and Funding Opportunities

Meeting Date and Location

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) held a hybrid public meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025, at noon in Arlington. Patrons could attend in person, via phone or view the live stream at <http://www.publicinput.com/nctcogJan25>. Chris Klaus, Senior Program Manager, moderated the meeting attended by 99 people.

Public Meeting Purpose and Topics

The public meeting was held 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, and amended on November 8, 2018. Staff presented information about:

- Work Zone Data Exchange Call for Projects **presented by Vickie Morris**
- Feedback on Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Station Projects **presented by Joslyn Billings**
- Local Clean Air Projects Showcase and Funding Opportunities **presented by Trey Pope**

The public meeting was held to educate, inform and seek comments from the public. Comments were solicited from those attending who wished to speak for the record. The presentations made during the meeting as well as a video recording were posted online at: www.publicinput.com/nctcogJan25.

Summary of Presentations

Work Zone Data Exchange Call for Projects: <https://www.nctcog.org/getmedia/e92cb616-e621-402c-a839-8b4b58bd08ca/WZDx-Implementation-CFP.pdf>

The purpose of the Work Zone Data Exchange is to track data for lane closures and other roadway activities and communicate them through a common avenue. The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved \$2.5 million in funding for a Work Zone Data Exchange Call for Projects. The call was open to any public sector agency in North Central Texas actively involved in work zone management, and staff is recommending all seven applicants to receive funding.

The RTC will take action on the Work Zone Data Exchange Call for Projects in February 2025. Implementation is expected to begin Summer 2025.

Feedback on Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Station Projects presentation:
<https://www.nctcog.org/getmedia/28bba9e5-2db8-476e-b06d-3bad27763275/Feedback-on-Regional-Electric-Vehicle-Charging-Station-Projects.pdf>

NCTCOG is involved in multiple electric vehicle (EV) charging station deployment projects bringing nearly \$90 million to the region. Staff is seeking feedback on how to deploy this funding from residents, public agencies and private organizations who may be interested in EV charging.

The Texas EV Infrastructure Plan will aid in building a statewide network of EV charging stations. The first phase of planning is nearly completed, with some charging sites already open. NCTCOG staff is assisting TxDOT with infrastructure location recommendations for this plan that will help fill in urban charging gaps within the 12-county Metropolitan Planning Area.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as part of the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Community Program, has allocated \$15 million for the North Texas Equitable Infrastructure Project. This funding is intended to help build up to 100 EV charging ports on public property located in the 16-county Dallas-Fort Worth region.

For more information on EV infrastructure in North Central Texas, visit <https://www.publicinput.com/nctcogEVcharging>.

Local Clean Air Projects Showcase and Funding Opportunities presentation:
<https://www.nctcog.org/getmedia/de121c6d-2f58-492f-873f-6f2a995e0007/Local-Clean-Air-Project-Spotlight-January-2025-Public-Meeting.pdf>

NCTCOG works closely with regional partners to develop and implement strategies, policies and programs to enhance air quality. NCTCOG also periodically makes opportunities available for public and private entities to compete for funding intended to reduce the emissions of their fleets and purchase cleaner vehicles and equipment.

For detailed information on past projects and current funding opportunities, visit www.nctcog.org/AQFunding.

**COMMENTS SUBMITTED DURING THE COMMENT PERIOD VIA
EMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA, WEBSITE & MAIL**

Website

Eric J. Smith, Citizen

I live in Grand Prairie in immediate proximity to the I-30 Park and Ride. While the lot has many unintended uses, like homeless encampment and site of impromptu car shows and 4th of July illegal fireworks displays, the legitimate use is almost nil. This is due to Grand Prairie resolutely not entering into any cooperation or relationship with DART (and Arlington being equally resolute against Fort Worth transit). Are there any plans for better use of this lot? Is there any chance it will be sold back to private development as the Beltline and I-30 exchange is redeveloped? If these lots are to remain, are charging stations envisioned? — Eric J. Smith

Response by NCTCOG Transportation Staff

Hi, Eric! With regard to placement of charging stations, NCTCOG is actively seeking input via the TxDOT interactive map at www.publicinput.com/nctcogevcharging. Our staff will note the suggestion of adding charging stations to this location but encourage also submitting suggestions of specific locations through the TxDOT interactive map to ensure it's inventoried publicly through this tool. NCTCOG will be evaluating opportunities to build additional chargers in the next few months. The input gathered through that map will be helpful in guiding conversations with property owners about potential for charging stations. With regard to your question about the plans for the lot in Grand Prairie, would you allow us to share your contact information with a Grand Prairie city representative for further discussion in answer to your question?

Response by Eric J. Smith, Citizen

You may share my info with Tony Shotwell, my district city councilman or anyone appropriate in the city. I should also note that New Years Eve was much more peaceful as the lot was closed, I assume by the city.

Mail

Phyllis Silver, Citizen

1. Please see Attachment 1 for comments received via postal mail.

NCTCOG Public Meeting, January 13, 2025

Overall Question + Comment:

Question for Joslyn Billings and Trey Pope that I had wanted to ask during the January 13 Public Meeting, when the *3 telephone function was not working, resulting in my inability to ask the question at that time: With the new administration in Washington, DC placing less emphasis on electric vehicles and clean air, do you see this as impacting your programs?

Comment: I am concerned because indications are that the EPA will be relaxing their clean air standards.

Work Zone Data Exchange Call for Projects

Questions: Will the work zone data cover city streets (roads) in addition to highways? Motorists are badly inconvenienced when portions of a street are closed for repair or construction with no information on site about alternate routes.

2) Is this work zone data display on people's cell phone/computer or on a signboard on the road or both?

Feedback on Regional Electric Vehicle Charging Station Projects

Questions - PJ3: How do you account for the large increase in registered attendees at the 2021 NBEW registration?

2) What do you attribute to the sharp decrease in both registered attendees and registered EV's from 2021 to 2022, 2023, and 2024?

Local Clean Air Projects Showcase and Funding Opportunities

Comment: I am pleased that the large diesel trucks outlined in this presentation are scheduled to be replaced by electric trucks. The emissions from the older large trucks must be quite high and this will be a welcome improvement.

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