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Local Motion is a monthly email newsletter from the North Central Texas Council of Governments Transportation Department.

MOBILITY 2050: REGION'S NEXT LONG-RANGE PLAN OPEN FOR COMMENT



As the Regional Transportation Council prepares to consider the next long-range metropolitan transportation plan for the Dallas-Fort Worth area, residents can get a sneak peek at improvements planned over the next 25 years. The Mobility 2050 draft is available for review at NCTCOG.org/PlaninProgress. A blueprint for the future, Mobility 2050 proposes spending \$216.5 billion over the next 25 years, an increase of \$68 billion over Mobility 2045.

Mobility 2050 proposes spending:

- \$97.3 billion on roadways (freeways, tollways managed lanes and arterials)

- \$56 billion on bus and rail transit
- \$32.9 billion on maintenance
- \$23.9 billion on management and operations
- \$6.4 billion on strategic and policy initiatives

Tell us what you think of the recommendations in the draft plan by leaving a comment. Your feedback during this 30-day comment period is crucial to helping planners assess how the proposed policies, programs, and projects align with community needs. Additionally, NCTCOG will present information on the next long-range plan at the May 12 public meeting (see more below). The RTC is expected to consider adoption of Mobility 2050 in June. The plan will then be finalized and enter the conformity review period. Because Dallas-Fort Worth is in nonattainment for ozone pollution, the federal government must ensure the plan does not add to the region's ozone problem before it can be implemented.

Our virtual tool, [Map Your Experience](#) helps you remain involved in the planning process by gathering continuous input on transportation needs throughout the region from you and your neighbors. Whether you use the roads, rails, trails – or all of the above – you know how your own daily travel experiences may benefit from mobility and safety improvements. Help us continue planning by sharing with us how the region's transportation system could better serve you.

Alternatively, you may submit comments via email at mobility2050@publicinput.com or by mail at P.O. Box 5888, Arlington, Texas 76005-5888. As one of the core documents maintained by NCTCOG as the region's metropolitan planning organization, the metropolitan transportation plan is required to have a planning horizon of 20-25 years.

TOPIC OF THE MONTH

AN EYE ON BICYCLING



The North Central Texas Council of Governments is gearing up to celebrate National Bike Month this May. Created by the League of American Bicyclists, this annual observance promotes the numerous perks of cycling. From physical activity to reducing traffic congestion, bicycling offers significant benefits for both your personal well-being and the environment.

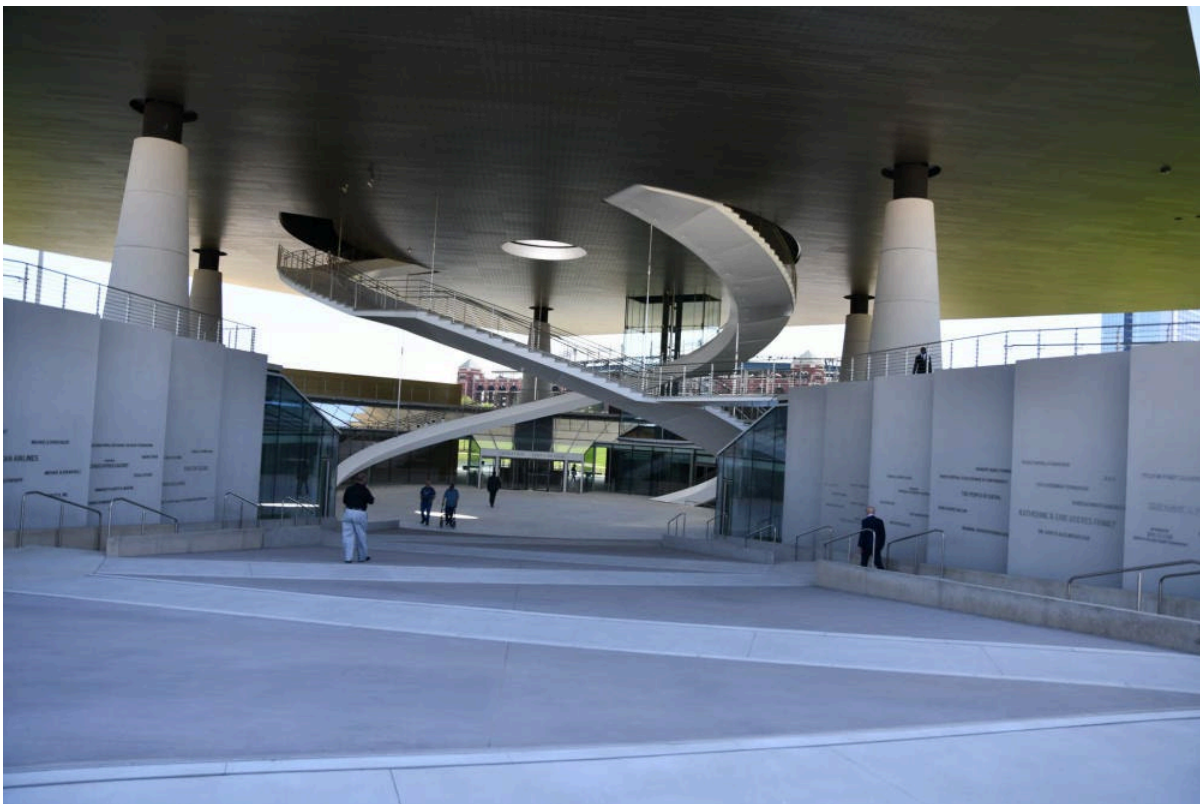
Bicycling has long been known as an excellent form of exercise. It's a low-impact activity – gentle on your joints while still providing a comprehensive workout. Regular bicycling strengthens your heart and lungs, improving blood circulation and reducing the risk of cardiovascular disorders, such as high-blood pressure and heart disease.

Other health-related benefits of bicycling on a regular basis include weight management, improved muscle strength and mental well-being.

There are opportunities for North Texans of all ages to participate in organized activities this May. National Bike & Roll to School Day is May 7. For adults, the League will celebrate with Bike to Work Week (May 12-18) and Bike to Work Day (May 16). Dallas Area Rapid Transit will celebrate Bike to Work Day at several stations throughout its network. For details, visit [DART's Bike to Work Day webpage](#).

Read more about how you can enjoy bicycling in North Texas, visit the Topic of the Month [webpage](#).

ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT'S LATEST GEM HONORS AMERICA'S HEROES



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Arlington is accustomed to having the eyes of the entertainment world focused on it. AT&T Stadium is not only the home of the Dallas Cowboys but has also hosted the Super Bowl and college football and basketball national championships and countless concerts since opening in 2009. In 2026, the stadium will welcome the best teams in

international soccer for nine FIFA World Cup matches. And don't forget the playoff and World Series baseball played at nearby Globe Life Field, home of the Texas Rangers.

Down the street from the professional stadiums is the city's latest gem to open its doors, the National Medal of Honor Museum, a place dedicated to telling the stories of the 3,528 recipients of the nation's highest military honor for valor. Current visitors to the museum can learn about a little more than 300 recipients. Over time, a rotation established by the museum will ensure the stories of the others are told.

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The RTC has made a commitment to the Griffin Leadership Institute, dedicated to "inspire, equip, and connect people to live the values of the Medal of Honor, so that everyone can have a life of success and significance and realize the full potential of our nation, according to the museum's website.

Chris Cassidy, president and CEO of the National Medal of Honor Museum, thanked the RTC and North Central Texas Council of Governments for their support and touted the museum as a facility the entire nation can enjoy.

For information, visit [the museum's website](#).

ELLIS COUNTY JUDGE NAMED NEXT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The NCTCOG Executive Board of has appointed Ellis County Judge Todd Little as the new executive director. Judge Little, who is expected to begin his duties in May, will succeed Mike Eastland, who is retiring after 32 years leading NCTCOG. As executive director, Judge Little will be responsible for managing the agency, supporting the Executive Board and overseeing the day-to-day activities of NCTCOG.

Judge Little is a third-generation resident of Ellis County and currently resides in Red Oak with his wife, Dawn, and their three children. He served as the mayor of Red Oak from 2000 to 2006 and holds a degree in financial planning from Baylor University. In July 2022, Judge Little was elected to the NCTCOG Executive Board, where he has had voting authority over policy, fiscal and vision-setting activities. Judge Little's role on the Executive Board and experience on the Workforce Development Board, upon which he has served since 2019, have prepared him well for his new role.

ACCESS NORTH TEXAS SURVEY OPEN THROUGH MAY



Help planners as they develop the next version [Access North Texas](#), the 16-county region's public transportation coordination plan. Access North Texas will be updated in 2026, and public involvement is an important part of the process. Through May, NCTCOG is seeking participation in a survey from anyone wishing to assist in the updating of the plan. The survey is available in English and Spanish at PublicInput.com/AccessNorthTexas.

Another aspect of updating Access North Texas is coordination with stakeholders and transit customers to document transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes, and others who may experience transportation challenges. The resulting plan will outline strategies to help address these needs and acts as a guide for local governments and transit agencies that would

like to implement services and/or initiatives to improve access to work, medical appointments, shopping, education, and community events.

INPUT SOUGHT ON NEXT LONG-RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN APRIL 7



NCTCOG invites the public to provide input on the region's next long-range transportation plan and other initiatives during a hybrid public meeting at noon on Monday, May 12. The meeting will be held in the Transportation Council Room at the NCTCOG offices, located at 616 Six Flags Drive in Arlington. Those unable to attend in person can view the meeting online at PublicInput.com/nctcogMay25. Residents can also participate by calling 855-925-2801 and entering code 11203. Public comments will be accepted until June 10.

For more information about topics, contact Brian Wilson at 817-704-2511 or bwilson@nctcog.org. Visit www.nctcog.org/trans for more information on the department.

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