

MINUTES

Regional Transportation Council PUBLIC MEETING

Mobility 2045 Update

Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Trail Branding and Wayfinding Project

Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan Update

DFW Clean Cities Update: 2021 Annual Survey

Meeting Date and Location

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) held a hybrid public meeting Monday, February 7, 2022, at noon at the North Central Texas Council of Governments in Arlington. Patrons could attend in person, via phone, or view the live stream at www.nctcog.org/input. Dan Lamers, Senior Program Manager, moderated the meeting, attended by eight 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:

1. Mobility 2045 Update – presented by Amy Johnson
2. Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Trail Branding and Wayfinding Project – presented by Shawn Conrad
3. Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan Update – presented by Kate Zielke
4. DFW Clean Cities Update: 2021 Annual Survey – presented by Jared Wright

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 are available at www.nctcog.org/input.

Summary of Presentations

Mobility 2045 Update presentation:

<https://nctcog.org/nctcg/media/Transportation/DocsMaps/Involve/InputMeetings/2021/10/MTPUupdate.pdf>

Mobility 2045 is the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) that defines a long-term vision for the region's transportation system and guides spending of federal and State transportation funds. This includes funding for highways, transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, and other programs that reduce congestion and improve air quality.

The Plan was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) on June 14, 2018, and Transportation Conformity was achieved on November 21, 2018. Mobility 2045 has nine goals, and its vision is to improve the region's mobility today and tomorrow by embracing technology and innovation.

NCTCOG staff is working on an update to Mobility 2045 and focused on confirming project and performance measure refinements as well as finalizing financial forecasts. Updates to the Plan include, incorporating the use of new technologies, safety and travel demand management (TDM) strategies, and addressing equity and barriers to opportunity.

The official comment period will take place in April and May of 2022, and the RTC will take action on the Mobility 2045 Update in June 2022.

Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Trail Branding and Wayfinding Project presentation:

<https://nctcog.org/getattachment/trans/involve/meetings/Archive/Trail-Branding.pptx.aspx?lang=en-US>

The Regional Trail Branding and Wayfinding project will create unified branding and signage for the Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Trail, a 66-mile paved bicycle and pedestrian trail which runs through the cities of Fort Worth, Arlington, Grand Prairie, Irving, and Dallas. The project, which is expected to be fully completed by early 2024, will help build regional consensus for ongoing marketing and operations for the trail and provide recommendations for support infrastructure.

The project has the following goals:

- Create a unified branding and signage package that includes cobranding of local trails
- Provide infrastructure recommendations for holding major regional and national events
- Provide integrated regional 911 signage system and lighting recommendations
- Provide electronic message boards and real-time display trail counter recommendations
- Build consensus for ongoing marketing and operations

Engagement activities include stakeholder meetings as well as several virtual open houses. Once the trail is completed, project staff will coordinate with the five cities to advance sign fabrication, identify promotional strategies, develop 911 signage, and install real-time display counters for data collection.

For more information on the Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Trail Branding and Wayfinding project, visit www.nctcog.org/FWtoDALTrail.

Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan Update presentation:

<https://nctcog.org/getattachment/trans/involve/meetings/Archive/Title-VI.pptx.aspx?lang=en-US>

The Title VI Program documents how NCTCOG considers civil rights in planning and includes procedures individuals can use to file a complaint of discrimination. Significant updates to this program include a summary of outreach efforts since last submission, a list of transit-related Title VI investigations and complaints, a schedule of subrecipient Title VI submissions, and impacts of the distribution of State and federal funds for public transportation projects.

Significant updates to the Language Assistance Plan include details on the limited English proficiency population and literacy rates for the 12-county Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan

Planning Area as well as a four-factor analysis that evaluates the extent to which language assistance measures are required.

The 45-day public comment period for the Title VI Program and Language Assistance Plan updates closes on Wednesday, March 23.

DFW Clean Cities Update: 2021 Annual Survey presentation:

<https://nctcog.org/getattachment/trans/involve/meetings/Archive/DFWCC-Annual-Survey.pptx.aspx?lang=en-US>

NCTCOG is the host organization for Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities (DFWCC), a US Department of Energy (DOE) initiative to reduce total energy impacts in the transportation sector. As part of these efforts, DFWCC surveys local fleets each year about alternative fuel use and other fuel-saving activities. Objectives for the survey include providing opportunity for recognition, informing about future events and conveying needs, and meeting regional goals set by the DOE.

The 2020 survey results included the following statistics

- 1 ton/day ozone-forming Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) reduced
- 23.95 million gasoline gallons equivalent (GGE) reduced
- 125,058 tons greenhouse gas emissions reduced

The 2021 Annual Survey is now open and can be found at www.dfwcleancities.org/annualreport.

ORAL COMMENTS RECEIVED AT MEETING

No oral comments received at the meeting.

COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY WEBSITE, EMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA & MAIL

Website

Mobility 2045 Update

Pamela Burns, DCTA

A. Health Accessibility Program

Question: How can we find out more about the Health Accessibility Program

Summary of Response by Amy Johnson: The Health Accessibility Program's purpose is to help address access to food and health services through technology solutions. If you have additional questions, feel free to reach out to me. Kate Zielke on our staff is also a great point of contact for this initiative.

Summary of Response by Kate Zielke: This is a new program. We have begun exploring food deserts and have identified a large number of residents in regional communities who struggle to have access to nutritious foods and healthcare. The zip code 76104 faces a lot of health struggles despite being near Fort Worth's health district.

Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Trail Branding and Wayfinding Project

Al Henderson, City of Fort Worth

A. Wayfinding solutions

Question: What wayfinding solutions are being considered for the Fort Worth to Dallas Regional Trail?

Summary of response by Shawn Conrad: We haven't started developing signage for the project. Discussion regarding branding and signage will begin this March.

Mail

Other

Phyllis Silver, Citizen

Please see attachment for comments submitted via postal mail.

February 2022 Public Input Opportunity - due March 8, 2022
Phyllis Silver

Comment

This is excellent detail about Title VI. The documents also contain good definitions and details about the role of the COG and related entities.

Comments and Questions about Attachment #11, Environmental Justice Index User Guide - These comments/questions pertain to the page numbering, not the content of the guide.

There is a page with a page # "0" on the lower right hand side. This page has a map of the counties. The reverse side of this sheet has a "1" as the page number and it is a continuation of the narrative under Supplemental Layers, which began on page 0. There is another page 1 with subject headings "About The Environmental Justice Index" and "Methodology." This narrative continues on page 2, which discusses Environmental Justice Index variables. Page 3 discusses Displaying the Results. There is another page 2 which contains a chart showing Layer and Regional Percentage with an explanation of calculating the Ratio to Regional Percentage. This continues on a page, also numbered "3" and this page has a section on Applications for Equity Analysis, Planning or Outreach.

In summary, the numbers 1, 2, and 3 are used twice in this user guide.

The remaining pages do not have duplicate page numbers.

This document was not presented to the Board, therefore perhaps if it had been done, the sequence of the pages may have been clearer. In any case, I did want to question the fact that some of the page numbers are repeated at the beginning of the user guide.

Now I am seeing that these page numbers are repeated in the Table of Contents for this User Guide. I would recommend

that the numbering system be changed. Even looking at the Table of Contents, the numbering system looks confusing. Within the Methodology section, in the Table of Contents, the number sequence shows as 1, 2, 3, 0, 2.

Thank you.

Phyllis Silver
2/15/2022



Addendum

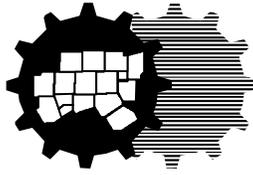
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Comment

I favor ^{both} the natural and the abstract patterns. I would avoid the angular pattern and perhaps the minimal pattern, as people will be exercising vigorously on the trail. Since the angular and minimal patterns can cause a dizzying effect on some people when their heart rate increases due to exercise, these patterns can cause an adverse effect in some people.

As for the wording of my vision, I like the word "welcoming."

Phyllis Silver



North Central Texas Council Of Governments

March 7, 2022

Ms. Phyllis Silver
15720 Artist Way, Apt. 4912
Addison, TX 75001

Dear Ms. Silver:

North Central Texas Council of Governments staff received your remarks following the February 2022 Public Input Opportunity. Thank you for your praise of the 2022 Title VI Program Update. You expressed concerns regarding the page numbering in the Environmental Justice Index User Guide. Your comments pointed out the page numbers restarted at "0" on a page that contained a map of the counties.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention. We did not intend to number the pages in this way. We must have overlooked this mistake during our last update of the document.

Since receiving your comments, we have corrected the error and published an updated user guide. The page numbering starts at "1" after the Table of Contents, and it proceeds in a normal fashion through the rest of the document. We will use this updated user guide in the final version of the 2022 Title VI Program Update.

We greatly appreciate your feedback on this matter.

Sincerely,

Kate Zielke
Principal Transportation Planner
Title VI Coordinator

TO:cmg