PUBLIC COMMENTS REPORT WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY WEBSITE, EMAIL & SOCIAL MEDIA

<u>Purpose</u>

The public comments report is 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 (MPO) and amended on Nov. 10, 2022.

This document is a compilation of general public comments submitted from Sunday, April 20 through Monday, May 19, 2025, via website, email, social media and in person at NCTCOG's monthly Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting. This month, comments related to bicycle/pedestrian/sustainable development, safety and public involvement were in the majority.

Additionally, comments can be submitted through Map Your Experience, the Transportation Department's online mapping tool. This tool allows users to drop a pin on a location in the region and leave a detailed comment. The tool received 19 new comments related to bicycle and pedestrian, roadway and transit conditions. You can view these new comments as well as past comments by visiting

http://nctcoggis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourceReporter/index.html?appid=b014e6d39b60 4b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2.

Bicycle/Pedestrian/Sustainable Development

Facebook -

1. Take a short survey to share your experience bicycling on North Texas roadways. Enter to win a \$100 gift card. <u>http://www.publicinput.com/bikesafety</u> — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Thank you. – Mark Metcalf

Finally! Texas has so much land, very good potential in great urban mobility infrastructure. $- {\rm Tash}\,{\rm Taylor}$

Hopeful for safer conditions for cyclists, better bike lanes and motorist speed enforcement. — Nicholas Littlejohn

Build more interconnected neighborhoods. Stop with the apartment compounds, integrate them with the community so people can bike through them. — Taha Akhawala

I was a runner 🚴 and a cyclist before my accident. I obeyed all highway signs and lights, but people still tried to run me over. Most people driving cars don't care. — Pat Brennan

Let me get this right. You want me to rank 17 different scenarios! That's where I left your survey. \gg – A Robert Sund Wolff

Electric bicycles should be required to purchase a yearly permit to be used on streets and trails. They should be classified as powered vehicles. – Russell McKay

Need bicycles on roadways in drivers ed and questions on driver's exam on bicycles on roadways and public education regarding bicycles on roadways for those already licensed. - Carl Malmberg

About time! - Rick Mann

I don't understand why cars don't stop and allow me to run through stop signs. I shouldn't have to stop for them. — Douglas Potts

Please convince this gang that they and the rest of us will be safer if they don't drive cars before and after their biking. <u>https://youtu.be/L8CmXc7dNbs?si=QNamx5QYm00G87Jq</u> – Rob Dentremont

Additional comments can be viewed here:

https://www.facebook.com/NCTCOGtrans/posts/pfbid02GwoLQVHwpD9prXGBtJ824u v36okzefE5WYs5rxmf4mnqx9djXmNaqpYxTHQWWb42I.

<u>Instagram –</u>

1. Your Voice Matters! Help make North Texas safer for bicyclists and enter for a chance to win a \$100 VISA gift card! The North Central Texas Council of Governments is creating a regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan to reduce bicyclist crashes involving motor vehicles and to improve safety across the region. Share your feedback and help shape the future of safe bicycle travel throughout North Texas: publicinput.com/bikesafety (link in bio). #BikeSafety #NorthTexas #NCTCOGTrans - NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcogtrans)



Is this link still live? - Julene (@ju_paul)

Yes the survey is live, are you unable to access it? – NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcogtrans)

2. Did you know the North Texas region has several trails along rail lines that connect to @ridedcta, @dartdaily and @ridetrinitymetro rail stations? Discover more on our website, including an interactive map of trails and on-street bikeways (link in bio). #DFWtrails #railstotrails #NorthTexastrails #CelebrateTrailsDay #EarthMonth — NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcogtrans)

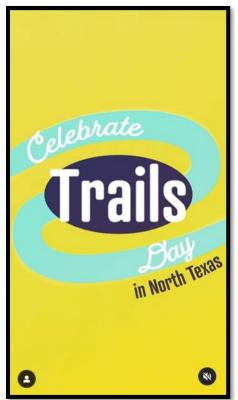


Check us out! We love serving our community and providing excellent public transportation. 🚊 ; 🚙 — Denton County Transportation Authority (@ridedcta)

3. Tomorrow is Celebrate Trails Day! With more than 1,900 miles of existing off-street trails and on-street bikeways, the North Texas region has plenty to offer those looking to get outdoors this weekend. Learn more about trails, future plans, safety, and more at <u>NCTCOG.org/bikeped</u> – NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcogtrans).

To view the video, visit

https://www.instagram.com/reel/DI4V_UYyZWw/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igsh=MzRIOD_BiNWFIZA%3D%3D.



We can't wait to get outside to #CelebrateTrails with everyone! 💙 🗩 — Rails to Trails Conservancy (@railstotrails)

Public Involvement

<u>LinkedIn –</u>

1. The wait is over! View the Mobility 2050 Draft Plan and share your feedback at https://lnkd.in/gvuQdSjh. #ConnectNorthTexas $_{66}$;;; \wedge — NCTCOG Transportation To view the short video on this post, visit: <u>https://www.linkedin.com/posts/nctcogtrans_connectnorthtexas...</u>.



Thanks for sharing, **NCTCOG Transportation**! — American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) – DFW Section

<u> Facebook –</u>

1. Mobility 2050 draft plan, safety corridors & more for review/comment. - NCTCOG Transportation Department



I hope to be there! - Jock Bethune

True mobility in North Texas requires Amtrak's Heartland Flyer to not only survive, but receive substantial upgrades to increase speed and frequency. — Matthew Banks

Road diets needed. A lot of them. – David Perry

Grand Prairie needs public transportation. - Benny Hamm

As every city continues to overbuild, more resources like power grids to water to roads become a BIG problem. Most of you seem to not have a problem with that. Then your solution is to increase more roads and ask for super trains, etc. If the land was yours, you wouldn't want that. That starts land grabbing away from those who do own the land. Nothing makes sense anymore. People scream about climate change, but the same people move into the state causing these problems. — Dovie Williams They need to change 35 and 287 on and off ramps and 287 exit to 77 in Waxahachie. Population has. doubled from 1976. DART needs to be safer to ride. — Brian Bennett

Let's not forget conflicts of interest. Denton County is rife with it. - Bonni Crisfulli

There are too many 1 passenger cars, not enough roads. Texans will not give up their cars. Until we look to public transportation, there will never be a solution. - Bill Burgan

Stop unbridled development. Reduce road patterns looking like Dallas and Waxahachie. — Jackie King

Stop building toll roads. No mass transit unless they're paid by private funds. — Mark Liberto

Stop robbing the taxpayers. — Mark Liberto

NO MORE HIGHWAY LANES! MORE TRAINS!!! - BulletTrains USA.com

No hope until bikers figure out how not to need cars for their biking. https://youtu.be/L8CmXc7dNbs?si=QNamx5QYm00G87Jq — Rob Dentremont

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<u>Safety</u>

<u>Facebook –</u>

1. Look Out Texans Learn your rights and responsibilities when walking, biking or driving. Together, we can make our streets safer for everyone! — NCTCOG Transportation Department To view the short video on this post, visit:

https://www.facebook.com/NCTCOGtrans/videos/602622096122699/.



Everyone should do their part by being aware of pedestrians and cyclists if you're driving, pedestrians and motorists if you're cycling, and motorists and cyclists if you're walking or jogging. Vote for city officials that support safer infrastructure such as greenways, road diets, and abolishing or at least greatly reducing parking minimums. — David Perry



Looks like a lot of noise. - David Lee Morrison

David Lee Morrison Thank you for bringing this to our attention. The link should be working now! - NCTCOG Transportation Department

2.. May is National Bicycle Safety Month. As spring unfolds, let's take extra precautions and remember to share the road with cyclists, so everyone can enjoy the great outdoors safely. **#TxDOTBikePed** – Texas Department of Transportation (repost: NCTCOG Transportation Department)



We do this by generating actual cycling infrastructure so that anyone who's using a bike, people riding for fun, adults going to work, students going to school, may get to their destination quickly and safely. It's not impossible. — Matthew Banks

3. As our **#TopicOfTheMonth** series continues to spotlight Roadway Safety, this week we're sharing valuable resources to keep you informed and safe on the roads. NCTCOG's Look Out Texans program encourages drivers to share the road with bicyclists, pedestrians and other drivers. 511DFW is a valuable tool to plan travel routes and stay updated

on traffic conditions. Additionally, Drive Aware North Texas offers educational materials on attentive driving. Read more about these resources and others on our website: <u>https://www.nctcog.org/.../about/educate/topic-of-the-month</u>.



Here is a safety tip for you bikers... Get you one of those New York style bike chains (really thick links, really heavy) and keep it across your chest and over the shoulder like a sash as you ride. When some prick passes you up with a little chin music, one hand swing that chain down hard on his/her side mirror. There is nothing so satisfying as watching gravity guided by your hand come down on and obliterate a mirror! They instantly become more courteous drivers from that moment on! — Neal Thomas Iskenderian

4. Remember, if you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you. <u>www.freightntx.org</u> – NCTCOG Transportation Department





— Arcelia Guzman

5. Look Out Texans Learn your rights and responsibilities when walking, biking or driving. Together, we can make our streets safer for everyone! — NCTCOG Transportation Department To view the short video on this post, visit:

https://www.facebook.com/NCTCOGtrans/videos/1349214889462099/.



And I totally agree with you 100%. - Robert Johnson

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https://www.facebook.com/NCTCOGtrans/videos/697806812663909/.



Muy. Bonito. Me gusta. Mucho 😻 Translation: Very. Nice. I like it. A lot. — Maria Jiménez

7. Look Out Texans Conoce tus derechos y responsabilidades al caminar, andar en bicicleta o conducir. ¡Juntos podemos hacer nuestras calles más seguras para todos! Translation: Know your rights and responsibilities when walking, biking, or driving. Together we can make our streets safer for everyone! — NCTCOG Transportation Department

To view the short video on this post, visit:

https://www.facebook.com/NCTCOGtrans/videos/1033136371519244/.



Si, No manejar de noche. Hay muchos Ciegos manejando de noche los de los carros y los de las bicicletas también. Mejor no salgas de noche. Ese es el derecho. **Translation**: Yes, Don't drive at night. There are many blind people driving at night those of cars and those of bicycles too. Better not go out at night. That's the right. — Salvador Contreras

Q raro q Trump si sabe lo q significa eso pero no sabe lo dice la constitution. **Translation**: How strange that Trump knows what that means but doesn't know what the constitution says.. — Ray Alcocer

Air Quality

<u> Facebook –</u>

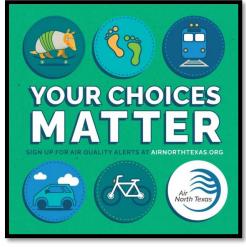
1. Clean Air Month and Bike Month are the perfect time to recommit to clean air habits. If biking isn't an option every day, consider carpooling, taking public transportation, or combining errands into one trip. Every action counts. Read more in our latest post on Clean Air Corner: https://www.airnorthtexas.org/.../pedal-toward-cleaner-skies.



Or not relying on your car for biking. <u>https://youtu.be/L8CmXc7dNbs?si=QNamx5QYm00G87Jq</u> — Rob Dentremont

<u>Instagram –</u>

1. Join Air North Texas in improving North Texas air quality. Learn how to reduce the number of harmful pollutants that enter our air. — NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcogtrans)



No. No they don't. Your agenda is the only thing that matters — Tricia Bouvette Lukaska (@tricialukaska)

<u>Roadways</u>

<u>Website -</u>

1. My grandson will be in 9th grade this year. They have been working on the Lone Star Bridge at Hwy 287 south since he was in 5th grade. Why isn't it finished? — Carol Oldham

Please reach out to Mohammad Al Hweil with your question. — NCTCOG Transportation Department

<u>Transit</u>

<u>Email –</u>

1. Arlington has no mass transit. - Thomas Simmons

High-Speed Transportation

<u>Website -</u>

1. What are the long-range plans to extend the light rail to McKinney? - Steven Spainhouer

Our long-range transportation plan, currently Mobility 2045 Update, recommends the extension of regional passenger rail from Parker Road to north McKinney. The corridor is also featured in the 2021 Collin County Transit Study. In response to stakeholder interest, we will soon start a study specifically focused on the McKinney corridor. This study, scheduled to start later this summer, will update ridership forecasts in the corridor, analyze land uses and potential transportation connections, and provide strategies for implementation, with a particular focus on how riders along the rest of the corridor reach the rest of the network as efficiently as possible. – NCTCOG Transportation Department

<u>BlueSky –</u>

1. DFW's new terminal F is more like a B-minus. But maybe that's okay. <u>www.dallasnews.com/arts-enterta...</u> – Mark Lamster (@mlamster.bsky.social)



This is fine, but a missed opportunity. This is a great chance to extend the <u>@ridetm.org</u> TEXrail from B to F parking, and continue south to stop at CentrePort, swing by the stadium, and join up in the UP ROW to stop in dt Arlington Dream Park, Handley, Texas Wesleyan, and dt FW. <u>@joelburns.com</u> – James Lancaster (@jamesalancaster.bsky.social)

An opportune way for anyone on the TRE to get to/from the airport, in addition to potential access by FW-Houston bullet train by the stadium. And if the bullet train stops at I-45, Tarrant still needs this kind of connectivity. @nctcogtrans.bsky.social — James Lancaster (@jamesalancaster.bsky.social)

