

Study Looks at Collin County's Long-Range Transit Needs



The North Central Texas Council of Governments has partnered with HDR Engineering to study transit needs in one of the region's fastest-growing counties. The Collin County Transit Study, which began in April 2020, is focused on assessing transit needs throughout the county, expected to grow from approximately 1 million people to almost 1.7 million by 2045. The study will address local and regional connections, and identify transit options, funding availability, near-term implementation and private-sector involvement.

Projected Growth in Collin County

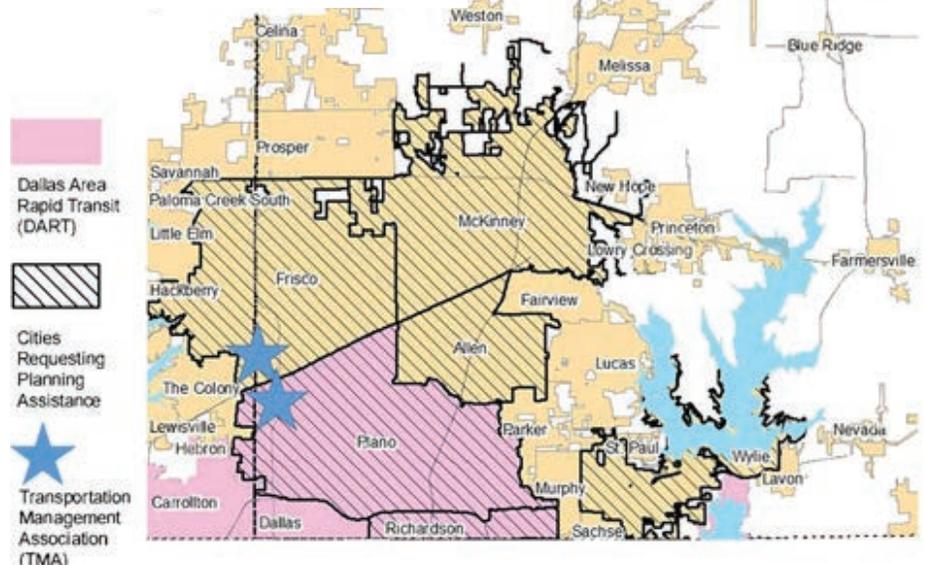
Population increase of 70% by 2045 - **1,689,000**

Employment increase of 45% by 2045 - **835,000**

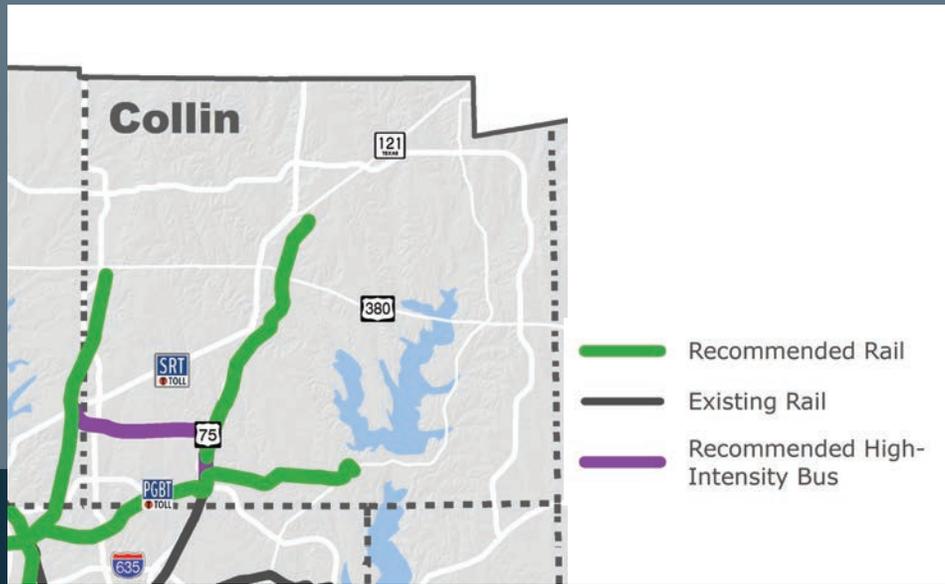
Providing mobility options is vital in such a fast-growing county. As Collin County moves into the future, additional mobility options, such as transit, microtransit and regional rail, will enhance the community through reduced congestion, improved land use and enhanced economic development.

The study area includes all of Collin County, with a focus on Plano, Frisco, McKinney, Allen, Wylie and Richardson, the cities requesting planning assistance. A portion of the county is served by DART, while there are also two Transportation Management Associations.

Collin County Transit Planning Study Area



Mobility 2045 Major Transit Recommendations (Collin County)



Mobility 2045 includes recommendations of passenger rail along US Highway 75, Dallas North Tollway and President George Bush Turnpike. There's also a recommendation for high-intensity bus service between US 75 and the Dallas North Tollway.

The county is served by a combination of services, including Collin County Rides, Frisco Demand Response Service, Collin County Transit and Dallas Area Rapid Transit. Current efforts involve assessing transit needs throughout the county, beginning with the review of existing transit providers and services offered in the county. Transit services recommended as a result of this study will meet the needs of the various market segments analyzed, including the elderly, individuals with disabilities, disadvantaged populations, commuters and households with limited access to personal vehicles.

Collin County Transit Study to Identify:



Governance
Options



Future Transit
Needs



Funding
Options



Implementation
Strategies

For more information on transit needs in Collin County, visit:
<https://www.nctcog.org/transitstudies/Collin>