

People, wildlife, and water all travel, **but what happens when their paths cross?**

A new highway is being planned to help residents commute between Denton and Collin counties. This highway will cross the Denton Greenbelt, a conservation area that:

- Allows wildlife to travel between Lake Ray Roberts and Lewisville Lake
- Protects the water quality of the Elm Fork of the Trinity River
- Provides trails for hikers, bicyclists, equestrians, and paddlers.

How can so many things occur in one place? Planners are identifying sustainability practices that can balance the social, economic, and environmental effects of the highway on Denton County and the Greenbelt. They will study several highway routes to find the best path to get people where they need to go, in the most financially responsible way, while disturbing people and nature as little as possible. They are also seeking feedback from people passionate about the Greenbelt and those who travel in Denton County.



How can you be involved?

People can speak up about plans to balance the need for transportation with the need for conservation in the Greenbelt during stakeholder meetings with the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 5 at 1 p.m.** The meeting will take place at Rancho de la Roca in Aubrey.

If you can't make the meeting, you can email your comments to **transinfo@nctcog.org** or fill out a public comment form. Progress on the project will be posted at **www.nctcog.org/REF** under the heading "INVEST."

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is a voluntary association of local governments established in 1966 to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Planners have met with Texas Parks & Wildlife Department and the US Army Corps of Engineers to discuss the new highway; they also will meet with representatives from local governments. This project is supported with a grant from the Federal Highway Administration.