PUBLIC COMMENTS REPORT

WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY WEBSITE, EMAIL & SOCIAL MEDIA

Purpose

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 Monday, May 20 through Wednesday, June 19, 2024 via website, email, social media and in person at NCTCOG's monthly Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting. This month, comments related to air quality 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 58 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=b014e6 d39b604b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2.

Air Quality

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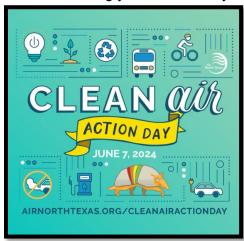
1. Ozone Action Day – Ozone in the DFW area Wednesday, June 5, is predicted to be at Level Orange, unhealthy for sensitive groups. Children, older adults and people with lung disease, such as asthma, emphysema, or chronic bronchitis, should limit outdoor activity. — NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)



Officially summer — JW-MEME LORD (@ntxwxsnr)

Another orange armadillo day. — Bojo Pigeon (@BojoPigeon)

2. Clean Air Action Day is here! Join the mission to help protect our air quality in North Texas. What is one thing you can do today? #CAAD2024 — Clay Lewis Jenkins (@JudgeClayJ)



#RideDCTA #DentonCounty — Denton County Transportation Authority (@RideDCTA)



Facebook -

- 1. Clean Air Action Day is this Friday! Join us as we pledge to take action to improve air quality:
- 1. Visit <u>airnorthtexas.org/cleanairactionday</u> 2. Make the commitment to cleaner air by choosing at least one action you can take 3. Share with us on June 7 by using #CAAD2024 NCTCOG Transportation Department



What are you all doing, NCTCOG Transportation Department? Any chance of leadership by example on your part? Or is this initiative "For thee but not me?" — Rob Dentrement

2. We invite you to join us for Clean Air Action Day by doing at least one thing to help improve air quality. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



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Fire all democrats — Dennis Zahradnik

You have to live in China if you want clean air — David Williams

Instagram -

1. Join us on Friday, June 7, 2024, for Clean Air Action Day! Low Take a step to improve air quality by doing at least one thing to help. Pledge your action(s) at AirNorthTexas.org/CleanAirActionDay and tell us your plans. Share how you celebrate with #CAAD2024 and tag us @NCTCOGtrans. Let's make a difference together! — Grapevine Parks & Recreation (@gograpevine)



2. At DCTA, we celebrate Clean Air Action Day every day. \Leftrightarrow In celebration of today, along with @nctcogtrans, here are some great ways to contribute to cleaner air in Denton County!

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Bicycle/Pedestrian/Sustainable Development

Twitter -

1. District 12, we need your input! Join us on Monday (6/3) for a virtual meeting to discuss the Dallas Bike Plan. #dfwtraffic #dallastraffic #VisionZeroDallas #DallasBikePlan — Dallas Department of Transportation (@DDOTransport)



2. TONIGHT! To see past meeting presentations and comment opportunities, visit: https://dallascityhall.com/departments/transportation/bikeway/Pages/Bike-Plan-Engagement.aspx #dallastraffic #dfwtraffic #DallasBikePlan #VisionZeroDallas — Dallas

Department of Transportation (@DDOTransport)



3. We want to hear from you! The #DallasBikePlan is in its final phase. Vote for routes through Uptown and Deep Ellum, and comment on bike networks through North Dallas, the International District, and University Hills in southern Dallas. #dfwtraffic #dallastraffic — Dallas Department of Transportation (@DDOTransport)



4. We need your input on: * The #DallasBikePlan * Lake June Road corridor safety improvements http://linktr.ee/dallasdot #dallastraffic #dfwtraffic #VisionZeroDallas — Dallas Department of Transportation (@DDOTransport)



5. A drunk driving suspect slammed into two cyclists on a group ride at DFW Airport, and it was all caught on camera. Some may find the video difficult to watch. — FOX 4 NEWS (@FOX4)



Unfortunately, all trails near DFW terminate and cyclists are forced onto high speed roads. @NCTCOGtrans This should be an extremely high priority. There needs to be grade separate trails to allow cyclists to pass or enter DFW without interacting with cars. — DCbyLonghorn (@WMATASoldier)



High Speed Rail

Twitter -

1. Dallas throws up a roadblock to high speed rail to @cityofArlington and @cityofFortWorth @FortWorthReport @TxDotDallas @NCTCOGtrans — Robert Francis (@RobertF1414)



Public Involvement

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1. Tell us how the Dallas-Fort Worth transportation system is working for you! ## 66 \times \text{*} #ConnectNorthTexas #PlaninProgress — NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcogtrans)



Why are all funding partners Highway Authorities? Is the plan to ask everyone where the new roads should go or which interchange is the most annoying? — Tim C (@jibeho 470)

Facebook -

1. Transportation Work Program modifications for review/comment. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Do any NCTCOG Transportation Department employees bike to work? Or carpool? Or take the bus? — Rob Dentremont

2. Submit your comments for the June Online Input Opportunity! Learn about current transportation initiatives and participate in the planning process for the North Texas region. Visit publicinput.com/nctcogJune24 to submit your feedback. Comment period is open until Tuesday, July 9. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Rigged survey questions. — Wm Atkins

3. Tell us how the Dallas-Fort Worth transportation system is working for you! ♣ ♣ ↑ ConnectNorthTexas #PlaninProgress — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Having a train stop at the AA Center has worked out so incredibly well! Now get the same for the Cowboy's and Rangers' stadiums — Nancy Wyrick Hamouch

Cynthia Huge safety risk to passengers, none of whom would be armed if they attend an event at the AAC, or had been to bars in the vicinity... because the Right to self-defense has been stolen from patrons of these establishments. Bright lights IN the train cars, DARKNESS outside. Every passenger is visible to anyone on the street, nearly impossible to see potential troublemakers due to the glare of the windows if you're in the train car. I pay attention to my intuition... too many others do not. \bigcirc — Mi Licater

Gordon Arlington taxpayers are already forced to fund THREE different forms of 'public transit': HandiTran Mavs Mover (UTA student shuttle) Via (or whatever they've renamed it.) — Mi Licater

Helen Mitchell Union Pacific owns the track, and is under no obligation to share it. The reason Amtrak is ALWAYS late is because we (taxpayers) own ONLY the rolling stock, (the cars and engines) and NOT the track right-of-way. The track owner has traffic priority. Amtrak runs at the mercy of the railroads. An excellent example of government forcing taxpayer 'investment' of a mode of transportation that was abandoned by private ownership when that business model ceased to be profitable. So what does government do? BUYS IT. Trillions of dollars of sand have been poured down that rat hole ever since. — Mi Licater

The population is getting older and will become shut-ins with no decent transportation system. — Kathy Welch

The drive to go to a concert at the Meyerson Symphony for me often times takes 80-90 minutes. Riding the Orange/Red line Dart, it is 60 minutes from my door to the lobby of the concert hall, without having to pay for parking as a bonus! Can't wait for the Silver Line to open. — Xiaolan Zhou

Xiaolan Zhou I cannot picture any location near the orange line that would take 1 1/2 hours to drive to the Meyerson. I have performed in the Meyerson many times and frequently ride bus and train between N Dallas and E Ft Worth, including the orange line and TexRail when on Sundays. I'd recommend Google maps and perhaps some surface streets. — David Smith

David Smith You are lucky then. During rush hour, and if there's even a fender bender (which happens often), even the Google map or Waze wouldn't help because everyone else is heading that way too. — Xiaolan Zhou

Roadways

Facebook -

 We asked, you answered, we listened. Now we need your feedback on our draft of Connecting Texas 2050, our statewide long-range transportation plan. The public comment period is open through June 9, with a virtual public hearing on May 28. Learn more about the plan at https://ow.ly/Jvpa50RRqLP #TxDOTNewsroom — Texas Department of Transportation



Why don't tollways have a method to report or auto ticket drivers who speed on toll roads, the easiest speeder to catch, tollgate to tollgate can ticket those who go 80+,

higher fees for faster driver's. Would save lives, increase revenue for patrol cities along tollways from offending vehicles. It's not rocket science to figure speed point a to point b etc. — Jeff Schmidt

Instagram -

1. Just a few days left to complete Community Survey #1. Your feedback will help shape future transportation and infrastructure priorities! Take the survey by May 26 at 5:00 pm by visiting www.AccessButlerPlacePlan.com/getinvolved (link in bio) #AccessButlerPlacePlan #Accessibility #Reconnect #FortWorth #Community #Transportation #FWHS #Mobility #Infrastructure #Downtown #Neighborhoods #Engagement #GetInvolved #Planning @CityofFortWorth @DowntownFortWorth @NCTCOGTrans @TxDOT



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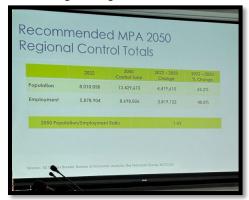
1. Guess what? There will be more closures alongside Loop 820 for the next round of the Southeast Connector Project @cityofFortWorth @FortWorthReport @NCTCOGtrans @TxDOT — Robert Francis (@RobertF1414)



RTC/STTC/Executive Board

Twitter -

1. @NCTCOGtrans Regional Transportation Council meeting with population forecast. DFW will continue growing. — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)



Transit

Twitter -

1. Important! An interesting safety system that the Public Transport Company of Zurich, Switzerland is working on — Tree of Knowledge (@ToK ScienceTree)



.@dartmedia @NCTCOGtrans — Cara Mendelsohn [(@caraathome)

- 2. https://t.co/ljMVXNInvg @CityOfDallas @dartmedia @DARTAlerts @NCTCOGtrans @NCTCOG_Official @TollTagNews @NTTATravelAlert @CityofAllenTX @cityofplanotx LEO (@__leoyrh)
- 3. FRA daily long-distance train study wraps up meetings. Could have big impact on Dallas-Fort Worth as a passenger rail hub https://texasrailadvocates.org/post/feds-wrap-up-first-step-in-expansion-of-long-distance-passenger-rail-vision @amtrak @USDOTFRA @RailPassengers

@TXRailAdvocate @TXRailroads @NCTCOGtrans — Peter J LeCody (@railadvo)



This is all part of a series of tipping points that show high-speed rail is now being taken seriously by Congress, the Admin. and many other labor and industry stakeholders. #BuildHSR — US High Speed Rail (@USHSR)

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1. A NEW DEAL FOR TRANSIT It's wild that in the richest nation in the world, communities across the country – rural, suburban and cities – still don't have access to affordable, efficient public transit. Electrification of our cars is essential, but not enough – we must move to a model where people can use public transit to get around in their daily lives. In cities and in rural areas, investments in buses and clean transit are investments in young people, working people, and people of color. That's why we must invest in electrifying and expanding public transit across the country. Join our Green New Deal for public transportation campaign and help us win a city where everyone has freedom to move, access to transportation. Smvmt.us/Tarrant Shout out to @nctcogtrans y'all rock ## #transportation #publictransport #communityfrontline #climatecrisis #environmentaljustice —

SUNRISE MVMT. – Tarrant County (@sunrisetarrant)

