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 Process, 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 May 12, 2022.

This report is a compilation of general public comments submitted by members of the public from Sunday, Nov. 20, through Tuesday, Dec. 19. Comments and questions are submitted for the record and can be submitted via Facebook, Twitter, fax, email, online and in person at the monthly RTC meeting.

This month, public comments were received on a number of topics across social media platforms and via email. Comments related to public meetings were in the majority.

In addition, comments can be submitted through Map Your Experience, the Transportation Department's online mapping tool. The tool allows users to drop a pin on a location in the region and leave a detailed comment. This month, there were 5 comments related to roadway conditions,11 comments related to bicycle and pedestrian conditions and 1 comment related to transit conditions. To read them, visit:

http://nctcoggis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourceReporter/index.html?appid=b014e6d39b604b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2.

Bicycle and Pedestrian

Twitter -

1. In 2020 this was something I asked @NCTCOGtrans about... maybe their thinking has since changed regarding an e-bike rebate? But it seems likely the @CityOfDallas is deflecting...





It sounds like it's an issue of who manages the program and capacity, which there are ways to work with and around that. We'll see what we can do! — Krista Nightengale (@Knightengale)

2. Sure wish @txdot or @NCTCOGtrans could pull their heads out of the sand and create an e-bike incentive. But the we also need a massive expansion of safe biking infrastructure for riders.

Doing both would be FAR cheaper than their continued plans to expand autodependency. — Loren S. (@txbornviking)



Public Meetings/Forums

Twitter -

1. North Central Texas Council of Governments wants your input on transportation planning! The public is invited to a hybrid in-person and virtual public meeting at noon Dec. 12. Learn more: http://publicinput.com/nctcogDec22 @NCTCOGtrans — TxDOT Dallas (@TxDOTDallas)



2. Panel #2 at the Transportation Crossroads Conference on the Future of Transportation with @NCTCOGtrans' Michael Morris, @TxDOT's Darran Anderson, and Hillwood's Russell Laughlin, and moderated by @BurnsMcDonnell's Andrew Reid. #NDCC #Transportation — North Dallas Chamber (@NDCC)



- 3. Some great discussions about the future of #NorthTexas #Transportation at the @NDCC #TransportationCrossroads Conference. @TxDOT @dartmedia @TollTagNews @HillwoodDevelop @NCTCOGtrans Tom LeBeau (@tmlebeau)
- 4. Started the day at the @NDCC North Dallas Chamber of Commerce #Transportation Crossroads Conference. Great to see folks and hear some interesting speakers! @NCTCOGtrans @TrinityMetro @TxDOTDallas @TollTagNews @JeffKitner caraathome (@caraathome)



Safety

Email -

1. Trish Donaghey

We NEED a traffic light at the intersection of FM 982 and FM 546 south of Princeton, TX in unincorporated Collin Co. Around 5p, I counted 50 cars heading E stopped at the T at this intersection. Traffic running N and S were spaced just enough so the build up continued for a long time. Trying to turn N or S at the stop sign by Branch FD is risking your life and hoping NOT to get broadsided by traffic going N or S with NO stop sign. HELP!

Response by NCTCOG Transportation staff:

Thank you for letting us know about the traffic you are seeing at FM 982 and FM 546. As you know, there has been rapid growth in unincorporated Collin County. The first step is to contact Clarence Daugherty, Collin County Director of Engineering at cdaugherty@co.collin.tx.us to see if a traffic signal evaluation has been requested from the Texas Department of Transportation. Jennifer Vorster, Area Engineer for the TxDOT Collin County Area Office may also have information about this traffic signal. She can be reached at 972-542-2345.

Thank you for your comments.

Twitter -

1. Great event that we hosted in October! Thanks @NCTCOGtrans for being part of the solution to end the streak and distracted driving! — TEXpress Lanes (@TEXpressLanes)



Transit

Facebook -



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Price — George Knudson

Twitter -

1. More shopping, less driving this holiday season - all @TrinityMetro ZIPZONEs will have weekend hours Nov. 26-Dec. 18. There is also a promo code to get your first 2 rides free at http://ridetrinitymetro.org/zipzone. #HopOn

Ride share deadheading increases VMT. This is absolutely not "less driving". — David Gouldin (@dgouldin@mastodon.social) (@@dgouldin)

Email -

1. Frank Smith

Where is there discussion of needed to increase mass transportation in New areas (farm lands into cities). ??? Like monorails down the center of dual lane hiways. Electric busses for interurban travel.

Currently, all there is is the outmoded LA freeway thinking on this board.

Response by NCTCOG Transportation staff:

Thank you for providing your input to the North Central Texas Council of Governments Transportation Department. We recently completed our 2022 update to the region's long-range transportation plan, Mobility 2045: The Metropolitan Transportation Plan for North Central Texas. It can be located here: www.nctcog.org/mobilityplan. In this plan, you can find out more about our recommendations on how we aim to improve regional mobility and enhance mass transportation.

If you have additional comments, please let us know.

High-Speed Transportation

Twitter -

1. Watching @NCTCOGtrans public meeting. High Speed Corridor recommendation between Downtown Dallas, Arlington Entertainment District, and Downtown Fort Worth along I-30 corridor. — Hexel (@hexel_co)





Extremely needed, and now even more with the upcoming 2026 World Cup being played in Arlington (most people are probably staying in Dallas or Fort Worth) — エマニュエル (@mongulbunny)

Cedars station? — matt h (@matthavener)

NOOO make the station union station AARGHhh — ConnorAlt (@AlternateConnor)

Is this meant to connect with the proposed Texas Central Cedars station? — Eric (@EricTheTexan)

I think so but that should go to union station too ② — ConnorAlt (@AlternateConnor)

2. The @NCTCOGtrans is kicking off an environmental impact study of high-speed rail between Dallas and Fort Worth. — Fort Worth Report (@FortWorthReport)

Roadway Projects/Planning/Programs

Twitter -

- 1. It's officially open! The Southern Gateway project rebuilt and widened ten miles of I-35E and US 67, and the construction included non-tolled commuter lanes to help during rush hour. Thank you to all who attended. #txclearlanes @CityOfDallas @TxDOT @NCTCOGtrans TxDOT Dallas (@TxDOTDallas)
- 2. I wonder who has read the @urbaninstitute Recommendations for Increasing Transportation Equity in Southern Dallas? @dartmedia @caseyt07 @atkins_tennell @NCTCOGtrans @EquityDallas @DallasTRHT @EvertonBailey @CoalitionNewDAL @VealeMr #transportation https://urban.org/sites/default/files/202212/Recommendations%20for%20Increasing%20Transportation%20Equity%20in%20South%20Dallas.pdf caraathome (@caraathome)

