MINUTES
Regional Transportation Council
PUBLIC MEETINGS

FY 2018 and FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

2017-2018 CMAQ/STBG Funding: Transit Program

Public Transportation Agency Programs of Projects

Meeting Dates and Locations

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) held public meetings as follows:

1. Tuesday, June 13, 2017 – 6:00 pm – Meadows Conference Center (Dallas); attendance: 6; moderated by Dan Lamers, Senior Program Manager
2. Wednesday, June 14, 2017 – 2:30 pm – North Central Texas Council of Governments (Arlington); attendance: 15; moderated by Michael Morris, Director of Transportation
3. Tuesday, June 20, 2017 – 6:00 pm – Hurst Public Library (Hurst); attendance: 6; moderated by Dan Kessler, Assistant Director of Transportation

Public Meeting Purpose and Topics

The public meetings were held 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 February 12, 2015. Staff presented information about:

1. FY 2018 and FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) – presented by Vickie Alexander (Dallas); Dan Kessler (Arlington and Hurst)
2. 2017-2018 CMAQ/STBG Funding: Transit Program – presented by Adam Beckom (Dallas and Hurst); Christie Gotti (Arlington)
3. Public Transportation Agency Programs of Projects – presented by Leah Brown

The NCTCOG public meetings were held to educate, inform and seek comments from the public. Comments were solicited from those present who wished to speak for the record. The presentations made at the meetings are available at www.nctcog.org/input, and a video recording of the public meeting held in Arlington June 14, 2017, was posted at www.nctcog.org/video.

Each person who attended the public meetings received a packet with a meeting agenda, a sheet on which to submit written comments and copies of the presentations.
Summary of Presentations

A. FY 2018 and FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Draft Recommendations

- What is a Unified Planning Work Program?

**Unified Planning Work Program for Regional Transportation Planning**

- Required by Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act
- Summarizes Annual MPO Funding
- Addresses Regional and Local Issues
- Inventories Planning and Programming Activities
- Allocates Available Funds to Specific Tasks

- Air Quality Planning Area
• Unified Planning Work Program Format

Unified Planning Work Program
Task 1 – Administration and Management
Task 2 – Transportation Data Development and Maintenance
Task 3 – Short-Range Planning and Programming, and Air Quality and Transit Operations
Task 4 – Metropolitan Transportation Plan
Task 5 – Special Studies and System Operations

Implemented through:
• 28 Subtasks
• 150-200 Programs and Projects

Funded through:
• 20 Revenue Sources
• 141 Grants

• FY 2018 and FY 2019 Major Planning Initiatives

FY2018 and FY2019 Major Planning Initiatives
► Mobility 2045
► Air Quality Conformity
► 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program
► Survey Data Analysis/Travel Model Enhancement
► Automated Vehicle Technology
► Freight Planning
► High Speed Rail
► Performance Measures Development
► Harry Hines Boulevard Corridor Study
► MATA M-line Extension
• CMAQ/STBG Funding Programs

CMAQ/STBG Funding Programs

- The Programs include:
  - Federal/Local Funding Exchanges
  - Automated Vehicle Program
  - Strategic Partnerships
- Planning and Other Studies
  - 10 Year Plan/Proposition 1 Adjustments
  - Sustainable Development Phase 4: Turnback Program, Context Sensitive, Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Projects
  - Transit Program
  - Assessment Policy Program(s)/Project(s)
  - Local Bond Program Partnerships
  - Safety, Innovative Construction, and Emergency Projects
  - Management and Operations (M&O), NCTCOG-Implemeented, and Regional/Air Quality Programs

*Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program/ Surface Transportation Block Grant*

• Planning and Other Studies Portion of CMAQ/STBG Funding Program

Planning and Other Studies Portion of CMAQ/STBG Funding Program

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<td>• M-Line Extension to Knox Street Study (Dallas)</td>
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• CMAQ/STBG Funding Program: Proposed Planning and Other Studies

CMAQ/STBG Funding Program: Proposed Planning and Other Studies

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<td>2019</td>
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<td>Local Funds/Transportation Development Credits (TDCs)¹</td>
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1: The City of Dallas may wish to use TDCs being allocated to the City through the MTP Policy Bunde effort.
2: In addition to the $3,000,000 previously funded for a total of $5,000,000
3: Regional TDCs

• Unified Planning Work Program FY 2018 and FY 2019 Funding Summary

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<th>FY2018 and FY2019 US FTA (Sec. 5303)</th>
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B. 2017-2018 CMAQ/STBG Funding: Transit Program

- Background on the Project Selection Process

BACKGROUND ON THE PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

- On April 13, 2017 a process to select projects via several funding programs was presented to the Regional Transportation Council (RTC).

- The projects were categorized into approximately 11 programs based on similar goals.

- After coordination with partnering agencies, each program will go before the Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) and RTC for action.

- Project selection is proposed to occur in stages throughout 2017 and possibly into early 2018.
• CMAQ/STBG Project Funding Programs

CMAQ/STBG\(^1\) PROJECT FUNDING PROGRAMS

• The Programs include:
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\(^1\) Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ)/ Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG)

• CMAQ/STBG Funding Program: Transit Program

CMAQ/STBG FUNDING PROGRAM: TRANSIT PROGRAM

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<th>To assist regional partners with innovative transit projects and provide alternative modes of transportation throughout the region.</th>
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| Current Requests    | • High-Intensity Bus Transit in the IH 30 and IH 35W Corridor  
 |                     | • Cotton Belt Corridor  
 |                     | • Carpenter Ranch Station- Irving |
| Next Steps          | Anticipated for action in Summer or Fall 2017. |
C. Public Transportation Agency Programs of Projects

- Public Transportation is Part of a System

Public Transportation is....
Part of a comprehensive transportation system

- Types of Public Transportation Service

Types of Public Transportation Service

- Fixed Route
- Commuter
- Demand Response
- Rail
• Urban Areas and Urban Clusters (2010)

- Federal Formula Funding Programs for Urban Areas

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<td>5310</td>
<td>Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities</td>
<td>Serve needs of targeted populations</td>
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• Awarding Federal Formula Funds in the Region

**Awarding Federal Formula Funds in the Region**

Region receives ~$115M in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) formula funds annually through multiple partial apportionments (award cycles)

- 1st award cycle (January 2017) = $65.5M
- 2nd award cycle (Summer 2017) = TBD

Two NCTCOG processes are used to award funds

- ~ 2% set aside for a competitive Call for Projects (issued every 2 years)
- ~ 98% available annually through Programs of Projects (POP) process

• Partial Fiscal Year 2017 Programs of Projects

**Partial Fiscal Year 2017 Programs of Projects**

The Programs of Projects (POP) describes how public transportation providers in the region will use FTA funds.

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<td>Other Capital Items</td>
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• Transportation Development Credits

**Transportation Development Credits**

Transportation Development Credits (TDCs) are a non-cash financing tool that eliminates the federal requirement for a local cash match.

Can only be applied to capital projects (e.g., vehicle or equipment purchase, preventive maintenance, etc.)

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) awards TDCs.

• Investing in Public Transportation

**Investing in Public Transportation**

Reduces roadway congestion and improves air quality.

Has a positive economic impact within communities.

Provides access for people with mobility impairments.
• Fort Worth Transportation Authority (FWTA) Transit System

Member Cities

- Fort Worth
- Blue Mound
- Grapevine (Partner)
- River Oaks (Partner)

Mission Statement

“We will provide quality public transportation to meet the mobility needs of our region.”

Core Services

- Fixed route bus service
- Para-Transit bus service (MITS)
- Trinity Railway Express (TRE) service
- Downtown bus circulator service (Molly)
• Federal Fund Uses

Federal Fund Uses

- Preventive maintenance on vehicles
- Purchase of buses
- Preventive maintenance on TRE
- Operational support for MITS
- Transportation improvements
- Safety and security

• What's New?

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- New FWTA website
• What's Next?

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• Coming in 2018

**Coming in 2018**

- New and improved bus service being planned for other quadrants in Tarrant County starting in 2018.
- TExRail – 27-mile commuter rail from downtown Fort Worth to DFW International Airport’s Terminal B with seven new rail stations starting late 2018.
FY 2018 and FY 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Draft Recommendations

Stephen Stanley, Citizen (Dallas)

A. Transportation funding

Comment: I’ve heard discussion in Washington D.C. regarding potential budget cuts. Do you all have any updates?

Summary of response by Dan Lamers: I do not have any updates on specific proposals, but all of the money Vickie is presenting this evening has been allocated through the FAST Act.

Summary of response by Vickie Alexander: These are just our planning dollars. We also utilize other funding sources outside of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

2017-2018 CMAQ/STBG Funding: Transit Program

Michael King, Cedar Crest Country Club Estates (Dallas)

A. Funding for IH 35E project

Question: Can you explain how Transportation Development Credits are being utilized to build the deck park over by the Dallas Zoo?

Summary of response by Adam Beckom: The Texas Department of Transportation has been coordinating with the City of Dallas to finalize plans for the deck park over IH 35E. The Regional Transportation Council has allocated $40 million to build the structure for the deck park, but the city must provide a local match in order to move forward with construction. Since we don’t want to hold up the IH 35E project, we are proposing Dallas use their TDCs to match the RTC’s $40 million. If the bond program is approved later this year, the City of Dallas can use their bonds to fund the deck park project and set aside the TDCs for another project or initiative.

Question: Is TxDOT expanding IH 35E?

Summary of response by Dan Lamers: Yes, the entire project will cost almost one billion dollars and essentially replace the existing HOV lane with a reversible express lane.

Public Transportation Agency Program of Projects

Lori De La Cruz, Citizen (Hurst)

A. Funding for Arlington transit services

Question: Is the City of Arlington transit service that goes from the Trinity Railway Express Centreport/DFW Airport Station to the University of Texas at Arlington included in this Program of Projects?
Summary of response by Leah Brown: This Program of Projects includes funding for all of the transit services in the urbanized areas. Additionally, the City of Arlington also has Handitran, which specializes in providing services to seniors and persons with disabilities.

Summary of response by Dan Kessler: Arlington has the same challenges as other communities in the region that don’t collect a sales tax in order to provide transit services to their patrons. Citizens need to let the state legislature know transit is a high priority. Our local elected officials are very supportive of expanding transit services, but we just don’t receive a lot of traction in Austin for public transit.

Wally Eakins, Citizen (Hurst)

A. On-demand taxi services

Question: What are your Department’s thoughts regarding on-demand taxi services for major rail and bus lines?

Summary of response by Dan Kessler: We are studying a lot of different technologies, including feeder and people mover systems. Arlington is even currently testing a driverless vehicle, which could eventually serve as a feeder for a rail line. The push for on-demand service will continue to become more prevalent as we move along.

B. Transit advertising

Question: Is money used to advertise for transit agencies?

Summary of response by Dan Kessler: We do a fair amount of marketing for transit agencies. But when you’re outside a transit service area, it becomes difficult to advertise services.

Matthew Kenney, Citizen (Hurst)

A. Transit services in Hurst

Comment: I grew up in the Hurst area. Why don’t we already have a local transit system here?

Summary of response by Dan Kessler: It all comes back to resources. Local governments don’t always have the financial resources to put public transit systems in place. The majority of transit is funded through sales tax, and the state limits how much sales tax a city can charge. The federal government will traditionally help fund the construction of transit, but local governments are usually responsible for operational costs, which isn’t feasible for some cities here in the region. However, the TEX Rail project is currently under construction, and there will be a rail corridor that runs parallel to SH 121 from Downtown Fort Worth all the way to DFW Airport.

Kenneth Jackson, UTA CAPPA (Arlington)

A. Baby Boomers and the transit system

Comment: I’m doing a thesis on baby boomer retirement and how it will impact the transit system. Is anyone at NCTCOG studying this?
Summary of response by Michael Morris: Our elected officials want patrons to have freedom of choice and continue to be mobile as they grow older. We have to take new initiatives. Additionally, as you work on your thesis, you might consider studying the millennial population as well. There is data that shows up to 20 percent of the millennial population does not have a driver’s license. They want to utilize Uber, bicycles and transit. I applaud your topic.

Summary of response by Angela Smith, Fort Worth Transportation Authority: We have a lot of different alternatives, but there aren’t always enough drivers or buses to accommodate requests. A lot of baby boomers are living close to transit stops, and there are a lot of people thinking about ways to accommodate the increasing demand.

Summary of response by Leah Brown: I work more on the funding side, and we’re receiving more requests for funding to meet the needs of this particular population. We’re also seeing a growing demand for services from smaller communities that aren’t members of the transit authorities.

Summary of response by Curvie Hawkins, Fort Worth Transportation Authority: We’re meeting new cities and exploring new partnerships. In fact, one of our newer partners is the City of River Oaks, and there is concern about mobility of older citizens in these smaller communities. Their populations are aging and as they’re aging, their options are becoming more limited.

Lynn Hayes, Federal Transportation Administration (Arlington)

A. Funding for seamless connections

Question: Have you received any requests to fund first-mile or last-mile initiatives?

Summary of response by Michael Morris: We’re receiving more interest in ensuring seamless connections. You’re going to see technology help with this initiative, and we’ve already started with pilot studies. We’ve begun to see autonomous vehicles being tested for first-mile and last-mile connections.

Other

Peter Schroer, Citizen (Arlington)

A. IH 345 corridor

Question: Does your Department have any input on IH 345?

Summary of response by Michael Morris: TxDOT has taken the lead, and we’re assisting them as we rethink the IH 30 corridor from Downtown Dallas all the way to Mesquite. The facility needs to be rebuilt due to age and context. However, I want to assure you the IH 30 project will not be put before the IH 635E project.

Michael King, Cedar Crest Country Club Estates (Dallas)

A. NCTCOG involvement with the IH 345 corridor project

Question: Where does NCTCOG stand with the IH 345 corridor?
Summary of response by Dan Lamers: IH 345 connects IH 45 with US 75. There has been a proposal to tear the interstate down and create a more walkable community area. However, tearing down IH 345 would have tremendous traffic ramifications due to the amount of people who travel that roadway to get to and from work everyday. We would like to fix what needs to be fixed at a lower cost and then conduct a long-term study to determine the effects of tearing down the roadway.

Ron Sullivan, City of Forney (Arlington)

A. Funding for growing cities

Question: How are you all planning for the rapid growth occurring in local cities like Forney?

Summary of response by Christie Gotti: We allocated several million dollars in funding for your part of the region through a ten-year planning effort that was completed in December 2016. It involved an extensive discussion. We coordinated with Kaufman County, and they expressed what their needs were. We came up with a project list that is available on our website. If there are specific items the city is interested in, please let us know.

Stephen Stanley, Citizen (Dallas)

A. Autonomous vehicle studies

Question: Does NCTCOG fund any autonomous vehicle studies?

Summary of response by Dan Lamers: We have a staff member who focuses on autonomous vehicles. We have not yet funded any major efforts. However, we are coordinating with local cities on these type of studies. In order for technological advancements to work, everyone must share their data, and we do offer some assistance to cities to offset certain data-sharing costs.

Tanda Rasco, Citizen (Dallas)

A. Electric vehicle infrastructure

Question: Are there plans to create infrastructure for charging electric vehicles?

Summary of response by Dan Lamers: The RTC does not have authority to pay for electric vehicle infrastructure so it would have to be provided by the state or federal government.

Citizen (Arlington)

A. Surveys

Question: Do you all conduct surveys related to people’s wants and needs for transportation?

Summary of response by Michael Morris: We do surveys all the time and in different forms. Amanda Wilson surveys patrons on our public involvement contact list. You have a survey in your packet from the federal government that’s related to our certification review. We’ve surveyed people on how they get to and from the DFW Airport. We believe data is critical in order to understand what people want and need.
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☐ I wish to make both oral and written comments at the public meeting

Name  David S. Arbuckle
Organization  Texas Central
Date  6-14-17
Meeting Location  Arlington, TX NCT COG

Please provide written comments below:

The NCTCOG plays a vital role in coordinating and completing regional transportation and mobility projects in a timely and efficient method. By harnessing the large and small cities across the metropolitan expanse of DFW, the region benefits much more than it would with disparate singular efforts. It provides a platform for cohesion and cooperation which would be extremely difficult to achieve without the existence of the NCTCOG.

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To submit comments or questions by mail, fax, or e-mail, please send to:
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Name: Loni de la Cruz
Organization: 
Date: June 20, 2017
Meeting Location: Hurst Public Library

Please provide written comments below:

1. Please bring mass transit to Hurst-Euless-Bedford plus North Richland Hills area - NE Tarrant County.

2. Excited about Cotton Belt coming through NRH!!

3. Need a TRE stop in Fort Worth between Euless and Arlington.

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WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY WEBSITE AND EMAIL

Jenifer Reiner, June 1, 2017

Is there a more current map?

Response by Carli Baylor, NCTCOG

Hi, Jenifer

Thank you for contacting the NCTCOG Transportation Department. Please find attached the most current corridor studies map.

Let us know if you have any additional questions.

Jenifer Reiner, June 6, 2017

Please send the link to the SH 199 project webpage, as well as, the presentation made on May 31, 2017. Also, please send the contact information or project name and number for the TXDOT study of the interchange of Loop 820 and SH 199. Thank you!

Response by Carli Baylor, NCTCOG

Hi, Jenifer

You can obtain a copy of the presentation from last week’s meeting on our webpage: www.nctcog.org/planningprojects.

Emmanuel Lewis, June 6, 2017

How is our air?

Elaine Laisure, June 10, 2017

What plans do you have for I20/I30 between Weatherford and Fort Worth? It is often grid locked or accidents back up for hours. There is NO OTHER MAIN ROAD from Weatherford to Fort Worth. Thousands of houses are being built in Brock, Aledo, Walsch Ranch, Morningstar Willow Park and other communites, yet no short term fix for Traffic!! Build a NTTA or non-foreign run Toll Road SOON!

Robert Porter, June 14, 2017

Good morning. I attended a public meeting yesterday (June 13, 2017) in Dallas and made an oral suggestion to the panel. This email is intended to follow up on and expand the suggestion a bit.

The purposes of this suggestion are to promote the reduction of congestion, crashes and air pollution; and to improve the use of our transportation budgets through the adoption of a policy for the distribution of Transportation Development Credits (TDCs).
When the RTC considers how to distribute TDCs among NCTCOG members, include a policy to promote the awareness and practical uses of vehicle-to-vehicle (V2V) and vehicle-to-infrastructure (V2I) communications in our local communities.

Assumption: V2V deployment will precede V2I, so emphasis on adoption of various V2V devices will help to drive the justification of V2I implementations where they will be most beneficial.

Examples of promoting the awareness and practical uses of V2V and V2I:

Pilot projects that measure the impact on congestion for selected intersections when various types of V2V devices (e.g. Vehicle Awareness Devices [VAD], Aftermarket Safety Devices [ASD] and factory installed) are present at various penetration levels.

Program to install VADs or ASDs in portions of a member’s fleet.

Program to encourage deployment of V2V devices in commercial fleets.

A public information program that increases awareness of the driving public of the value of V2V in new vehicles and aftermarket devices in existing vehicles.

Program that engages members with other entities throughout the US that are piloting projects which are likely to have applicable results for our local communities.

**Tanda Rasco, June 14, 2017**

Dear Mr. Kessler:

I appreciate the public hearings you are having and enjoyed attending Tuesday's meeting. At the meeting I mentioned electric vehicle charging infrastructure. I wonder if NCTCOG (or other entities, such as city and county governments) could pay charging stations such as at high speed rail terminals, park & ride lots, etc...? Just food for thought. I am also sending this to the public comment e-mail on the form you provided.

Thank you all again!
COMMENTS SUBMITTED VIA SOCIAL MEDIA

Transit Comments

1. Dear @TxDOT please stop the madness! We don't need more lanes, we NEED transit options! #bus #BRT #rail @NCTCOGtrans @TheTFortWorth @dartmedia — Loren S. (@txbornviking)

2. So true. It is very hard to meaningfully engage with car/highway-centric @NCTCOGtrans here in North Texas. — Wylie H Dallas (@Wiley_H_Dallas)

3. Here in North Texas, our transport dictator, @NCTCOGtrans' Michael Morris, keeps telling us we have to keep building/expanding highways. — Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie_H_Dallas)

4. Dump the Pump. Ride Transit! — The T Fort Worth (@TheTFortWorth)
5. If as little as 1% of car commuters switched modes an entire traffic network can reap huge dividends. TDM is answer! http://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2013/02/17/traffic-which-boston-area-neighborhoods-are-blame/h5qqR3CrHDM3xCNsTqdYxH/story.html … — Chris Hamilton (@ChrisRHamilton)

6. I dump the pump every day and you can too! If you're in Fort Worth, take advantage of bike share, @TheTFortWorth bus routes, and walk! — Meghan Riddlespurger (@meghan_ridds)

**Bike/Ped Comments**

1. Nice seeing @NCTCOGtrans sharing fun awareness on some #TransitAlternatives! — Loren S. (@txbornviking)
2. Data on actual bike riding, not commute trips? Also ideally we need goals achieved by bike, not distance or time spent. — Jay Blazek Crossley (@JayCrossley)

More likely to find a stats/method geek @Valhalla to mine&adapt existing data than a new valid run. — james myers (@arstechnica)

not seen what's current in modeling, recent Kinder study was a mess. @NCTCOGtrans had better avail info than @hgaccog last I played — james myers (@arstechnica)

3. Dallas-Fort Worth Bicycle-Pedestrian Facilities Awarded $34 million @CityOfDallas @NCTCOGtrans http://www.nctcog.org/trans/outreach/media/pr/2017/TransAlt.asp … — Lee M. Kleinman (@LeeforDallas)

4. Seems like some good news today in the fight for better #TransitAlternatives — Loren S. (@txbornviking)

5. Your tips are out of sync!!! What are you thinking when you wait for tip 21 “watch for children in school zones — Joni Hester

6. n.pr/2sKGQkF @NCDOT @NCTCOGtrans @nevadadot @NewHavenDOT @NottmTravelwise @NUSDTransDept @OakDOT @PadresTraffic @ParkingatAU #cx

Massachusetts Goes Dutch To Protect Cyclists From... Last week, Massachusetts became the first state to promote the Dutch Reach — a method that originated in the Netherlands to prevent injuring a cyclist from opening... npr.org
Air Quality

1. Happy #WorldEnvironmentDay! Learn how we can lower ozone levels in the region here: http://bit.ly/2qZ0mZI — NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

@NCTCOGtrans We know how to lower ozone: prioritize funding for electric rail over highway expansion! — Texans for HSR (@TXforHSR)

2. @NCTCOGtrans Clean diesel provides most bang for buck for clean air for Texas w/ VW funds – Webinar June 8 http://www.dieselforum.org/webinar/making-the-most-of-the-vw-settlement-in-texas-more-clean-air-for-the-dollar … — Diesel Tech Forum (@DieselTechForum)
3. Taking Steps Toward Improving Air Quality [Link]

4. 23 June, @CleanAirTexas Action Day, @NCTCOGtrans, #CAAD2017, take a step toward improved air quality. Carpool, bike, walk or public transit. — Seagoville EDC (@SeagovilleE)

5. What steps will you take to improve air quality on Clean Air Action Day, 6/23? Share your action on our website at [Link] — NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

NCTCOGtrans 1) Credit-based congestion pricing on all freeway lanes 2) Transpo Impact Fees on inefficient housing locations 3) Safe streets #CAAD2017 — Jay Blazek Crossley (@JayCrossley)

6. Take the pledge to make a difference for cleaner air in North Texas. #CleanAirActionDay is June 23! NCTCOG Transportation Department — Green Scene Home Inspections
High-speed Rail Comments

1. Michael Morris @NCTCOGtrans and Brad Lonberger @GatewayPlanning present #Highspeedrail station for @DTFortWorth to link @TexasCentral Rail — Scott Polikov, FAICP (@spolikov)

@spolikov @NCTCOGtrans and 3 others Is this presentation available online? — Fort Worth Urban (@UrbanFortWorth)
2. @NCTCOGtrans lege review: over 20+ bills filed to inhibit high speed rail, none harmful passed. @TexasCentral's on the move! #txlege — DRC Public Policy (@DRCpublicpolicy)

3. Retweeted DRC Public Policy (@DRCpublicpolicy): @NCTCOGtrans lege review: over 20+ bills filed to inhibit high... http://fb.me/21ip1bvDQ — Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie_H_Dallas)

RTC Comments

1. Love the enthusiasm for today's meeting! Welcome to RTC, @PlanoMayorHarry. :) — NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

Judge Clay Jenkins @JudgeClayJ
My friend @PlanoMayorHarry first day on@NCTCOGtrans Welcome and I'm looking forward to continuing the N Tex momentum!

Great! Must meet demands of tollway /121 #thanks — Seddi Said (@Sedsaidit)
2. Thank you for your service and all of your hard work these past nine years, Mayor Maso! — NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

3. ..@MonicaRAlonzo @sandygreyson @LeeforDallas and I about to get $35 million for Southern Dallas Gateway @NCTCOGtrans 👍 — Judge Clay Jenkins (@JudgeClayJ)
4. Grateful for the opportunity to serve on RTC at @NCTCOGtrans for 9 years. — Matthew Merchant (@MatthewMerchant)

@MatthewMerchant Thank you for your service! — NCTCOG Transportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

**Funding Comments**

1. MM of @NCTCOGtrans telling 40+ local electeds that by killing HB2861 state lawmakers rejected any federal $ in Trump's potential $1T plan — Philip Hiatt Haigh (@philip_inRL)

@philip_inRL @NCTCOGtrans What did HB2861 have that was a final deal breaker/maker requirement? — Dallas May (@1DallM)

@1DallM @NCTCOGtrans Would've allowed public-private partnerships like the I-635 Texpress lane for 635E (75 to I-30). Now project is $400M short — Philip Hiatt Haigh (@philip_inRL)
2. Retweeted Philip Hiatt Haigh (@philip_inRL): MM of @NCTCOGtrans telling 40+ local electeds that by killing... http://fb.me/8GH8ptOo2 — Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie_H_Dallas)
   @Wylie_H_Dallas @NCTCOGtrans @philip_inRL Scare tactics. CLOG pwned by road lobby, TTI. — larry (@LarryBrautigam)

**Aviation Comments**

1. RT @evankirstel @NCTCOGtrans @Airbus @FAANews #commercial #UAS #laws soon to favor business like #Amazon #UPS. Need revenue generating plans — Marko Sakal (@markosakal)

   ![Image](image)
   **Evan Kirstel @evankirstel**
   Check out how easy it'll be to hail one of Airbus' conceptual autonomous flying taxis
   mashable.com/2017/06/17/vah... #AutonomousVehicles

2. #Argodesign Air #Ambulance #UAS #Drone coming to the skies over you @NCTCOGtrans https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=138051900081684&id=137187660126037 ... — Marko Sakal (@markosakal)

**Other Comments**

1. Check out the latest NCTCOG "Know Your Region"
   http://www.nctcog.org/pa/YourRegion/YourRegion.pdf ... @NCTCOG911 @NCTCOGtrans @NCTCOGenv @NCTCOGEP #regionalism — TARC (@txregionalism)
2. @CarriePrysock honored by @NCTCOGtrans on great work at NTTA. Now @CityOfDallas 🌟 — Judge Clay Jenkins (@JudgeClayJ)

3. @NCTCOGtrans review of TX pop as relates to US - we're only getting bigger! 🏬 — DRC Public Policy (@DRCpublicpolicy)

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Source: US Census Bureau

Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act: $50.7 Billion for FY2016 through FY2020 apportionments to states largely based on FY2009 levels, based upon year 2000 Census.
4. It's Public Meeting Day! 😊 — NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

@NCTCOGtrans Great #GIF use there. — Southwest ELGL (@SWELGL)

@SWELGL Back at ya! — NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)
5. Thank you to all who came out to the public meeting today. 😊

Thank you for all of the information. — Kenneth Jackson

Of course! We're so glad you came, Kenneth! — NCTCOG Transportation Department