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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 February 12, 2015.

This report is a compilation of general public comments submitted by members of the public from Wednesday, September 20, 2017, through Thursday, October 19, 2017. Comments and questions are submitted for the record and can be submitted via Facebook, Twitter, fax, email and online.

Air Quality

Twitter

1. Discover ways to make an impact in North Texas for clean air via @NCTCOGtrans http://bit.ly/2xGuHTs #WorldEnvironmentalHealthDay – EARTHx (@earthxorg)

2. New @USDOT , @USDOTFHWA publication featuring work by @NCTCOGtrans and @CAMPOTexas on climate resilience https://library.ctr.utexas.edu/Presto/catalogid=35484 … – CTR Library (@ctrlib)

3. For more information, visit http://AirNorthTexas.org. – Granbury, Texas (@cityofgranbury)
4. Particulate matter (PM) is currently at Level Orange in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Children, older adults and people with lung disease, such as asthma, emphysema, or chronic bronchitis, should limit outdoor activity.

For more information, visit AirNorthTexas.org. – City of Granbury City Hall

**Alternative Fuels**

Autonomous Vehicles

Twitter
1. @NCTCOGtrans Dallas-Fort Worth Region Plots Practical Course for Autonomous Vehicles – TARC (@txregionalism)

2. #Texas cities showcase #transportation #innovation http://bit.ly/2xIJ5Ro @NCTCOGtrans – SPI (@myspi)
High-speed Rail

Twitter
1. @RideDCTA @WacoTransit @TheTFortWorth @UrbanFortWorth @DallasEcoDev @WacoTransit @dartmedia @NCTCOGtrans @NCTCOGenv @dartmedia – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)

LuxHomesDallas @luxhomesdallas
The Texas Bullet Train being built by @TexasCentral will have a huge economic impact for our state. Support it here! bit.ly/tx-econ

Bicycle and Pedestrian

1. Lauren Rambo

Please prioritize cyclists and pedestrians. To keep our city attractive, healthy, and vibrant, we must improve walkability and bike-ability. This will improve air quality, quality of life, and attract new businesses. Thank you for taking public input!

Twitter
1. @limebike_dallas @DallasTrolley @Uber_DFW @TollTagNews @NCTCOGtrans @UrbanFortWorth @DowntownDallasInc @UptownDallasInc – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)

VerizonGreen @VerizonGreen
Grab your helmet this weekend! Here are a few good reasons to dust off your #bike and go for a ride! via @DCNRnews #GoOutside

2. @UrbanFortWorth @BikeDFW @BikeFriendlyFW @BikeTexas @Wylie_H_Dallas @greensourcedfw @GreenCarReports @TakeCareOfTX @NCTCOGtrans – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)
Wow imagine the carbon reduction & traffic reduction from an effective mode of two wheel urban transportation! – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)

@lloydalter this is a great idea for urban development to get the masses involved in two wheel transportation & reduction of traffic. – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)

3. Thanks for coming out this morning! – Matt Dufrene (@Matt_Dufrene)


4. Here’s to future Safe Routes to School improvements at WJ Turner! thanks to @NCTCOGtrans @cityoffortworth @BZPFortWorth @FortWorth_ISD – Matt Dufrene (@Matt_Dufrene)
5. Thanks to @NCTCOGtrans, schools like @FortWorthISD’s Turner Elementary will have safe walking and biking routes. – BlueZonesProject FW (@BZPFort Worth)

Facebook

1. Great Bike Rodeo today with the police and NCTCOG Transportation Department. And what a bounce house!! Thanks to Cadence Cyclery for helping today! – BikeDFW
2. Education Monday

BikeDFW is committed to education by…providing classes to our community. Learn to Ride, Traffic Skills 101, and Commuting Skills provide instruction for all level of riders, provided by League Certified Instructors (LCI’s), in a fun, informative atmosphere. Our newest opportunity is partnering with the NCTCOG Transportation Department to host bike rodeos held in the community. We work with the kids on turn signals, how to yield, and obeying traffic laws. This last Saturday, about 30 kids came with their parents, and with the help of the Flower Mound Police Department on instruction; Cadence Cyclery providing free bicycle safety checks; and the NCTCOG providing free helmets, it was a success. We look forward to continuing this partnership in the coming year!

Watch this space on Monday’s for more posts like this!! – BikeDFW

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1. Richard Muir

Please review noise levels along west side PGB between Jupiter and lookout richardson. Increase in traffic volume and widening of lanes has cause elevated noise in the Crowley park Neighborhood. The current barrier along the frontage road does not address the noise coming off the elevated toll road. There are no vegetation or plants to suppress the noise along the toll road. There are no walls or barriers to suppress noise levels along the toll road. I have discussed this with local city authorities. They suggested contacting other government departments.

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Project Planning
If you have questions please contact me.

2. Bryan Patrick

Why does the tollways not offer a monthly pass? If dart which provides the actual transportation does I feel the tollways should also have a maximum per month a family had to pay to use the roads. A monthly pass would help my family out.

Public Forums

1. Tired of sitting in traffic on I-635? Join @garlandtxgov @TxDOTDallasPIO @NCTCOGtrans & our office for a #Transportation Forum! #HD107 – Victoria Neave (@Victoria4Texas)

![Victoria Neave Image]

Roadway Improvements

1. Big new Dallas freeway improvements getting started and more on the way after a vote today! Latest live now!! NBC5 @NBCDFW NBCDFWNow – Ken Kalthoff (@KenKalthoffNBC5)
2. Have ideas on how to make 7th st. a more safe & well-connected place in Fort Worth? Here's your chance to be heard! http://bit.ly/7thStFW – NCTCOGTransportation (@nctcogtrans)
Great adventure today looking at the good, the bad, & the ugly for making the 7th Street corridor more pedestrian friendly! – Loren S. (@txbornviking)

3. How can @cityoffortworth make West Seventh Street a safe and well-connected place to visit? Share your ideas today! http://bit.ly/7thStFW – NCTCOGTransportation (@nctcogtrans)

Public lightrail from downtown to Camp Bowie & Ridglea. Think St Charles in #NOLA – Thomas West (@TPickensW)

Traffic
1. @UrbanFortWorth @RideDCTA @TexasCentral @limebike_dallas @dartmedia @NCTCOGtrans #DFW scores #5 in US! Let’s @T4America get DFW moving – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)

Autoblog 🏎️ @therealautoblog

@INRIX study identifies the single worst hotspot in the country for traffic jams. And here are the 10 worst cities: bit.ly/2gawnhN

2. @RideDCTA @WacoTransit @limebike_dallas @dartmedia @NCTCOGtrans @UrbanFortWorth @TheTFortWorth – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)

Smart Cities Dive @smartcitiesdive

In 2016, commuters lost an estimated $300B, or about $1,400 per driver, to waiting in gridlock. smartcitiesdive.com/news/self-driv...

Transit

Twitter

1. @UrbanFortWorth @FWBikeSharing @RideDCTA @dartmedia @DfwTransit @NCTCOGtrans @limebike @TxDOTFTWPIO @FTWChamber – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)

The T Fort Worth @TheTFortWorth

TEXRail construction in full swing with trains set to run by late 2018
dallas.cranis.com/article/news/t...

2. DFW has spent $12B+ on highway lanes over the past decade. Imagine how competitive we’d be if instead we invested in #TransitAlternatives! – Loren S. (@txbornviking)
3. Don't forget, you can take the TRE from Fort Worth (even on Sunday) and transfer to the DART line and be dropped off right at the State Fair – VisionFW (@VisionFW)

4. When you find out you can avoid parking by taking @TheTFortWorth and @dartmedia to the State Fair – NCTCOGTransportation (@nctcogtrans)

Too bad I can't take it to work in downtown Fort Worth. – TriRussell (@TriRussell)

The T? – Fort Worth Urban (@UrbanFortWorth)

You can ride the TRE to Victory Station, then hop on the Green Line to Fair Park Station or MLK, Jr. Station. – dartmedia (@dartmedia)

6. @NCTCOGtrans @dartmedia @TxDOT a new report about traveler behavior including riders being satisfied with the DART Red/Orange line 🚄 😊 - CTR Library (@ctrlib)
Texas Bullet Train (@TexasCentral)

Remember when @NCTCOGtrans chief Michael Morris lied to us, saying this was impossible without Trinity toll road? – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie_H_Dallas)

7. Good to know if you're heading to the game today! #RedRiverShowdown – Jennifer Lindgren (@JLindfrenCBS11)

NCTCOGTransportation @NCTCOGtrans

Howdy and welcome. Longhorns and Sooners! Consider riding transit down to the Cotton Bowl! Here's the perfect guide: bit.ly/TXOUttransit

Transportation Projects

1. @NCTCOGtrans #5 regional priority is building a tunnel under the Park Cities. – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie_H_Dallas)
1. @NCTCOGtrans is seeking public input on trip-planning technologies as part of effort to improve @511dfw. Survey: https://goo.gl/2X5o2m – City of The Colony (@TheColonyTexas)

**Other Comments**

1. Rhiannon Friedman

Can you help explain to me how to go about updating contact information on the DBE Vendor list? Our company address an email has since changed and needs to be updated. Thank you.

**Response by Emily Beckham, NCTCOG**

Ms. Friedman,

Unfortunately, we do not currently have a way to simply update the information that has changed for your firm; however, you can re-submit your information at http://surveys2.nctcog.org/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=m6L19l3, and we will replace your existing information.

If you have additional questions about the Transportation procurement process, please contact Emily Beckham, Grants and Contracts Supervisor, at ebeckham@nctcog.org or (817) 608-2308.

**Twitter**

1. When #NDEW2017 is over and you want to celebrate how successful it was.
Thanks to everyone who participated! – NCTCOGTransportation (nctcogtrans)

Just when I thought I might get a pumpkin brownie. I'll make my own after I drive to the store in my gas guzzling, oil swilling truck. – g (@gingerann7869)

2. Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava designed the Margaret Hunt Hill bridge, which opened in Dallas, TX in 2012. #HispanicHeritageMonth – NCTCOGTransportation (@nctcogtrans)
Aptly named “CallousTravesty” – Larry (@LarryBrautigam)

3. Seems fitting as the Ft. Worth city council has their 1st of 2 public hearings tomorrow to debate improved funding for @TheTFortWorth – Loren S. (@txbornviking)

4. From Arlo to you, happy #NationalCoffeeDay! #sipsip – NCTCOGTransportation (@nctcogtrans)

😊 - CTR Library (@ctrlib)

Cheers! – NCTCOGTransportation (@nctcogtrans)
5. Check out what's happening in October at NCTCOG!
http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1105493007542&ca=dc3c56d7-99e7-490c-ab24-30c2d1067745 ... @NCTCOG911 @NCTCOGenv @NCTCOGtrans @NCTCOGEP #regionalism – TARC (@txregionalism)

6. Bondurant real estate bros, as in lawless? – Nik (@NikNault)

NCTCOGTransportation @NCTCOGtrans
You don't have to imagine what Downtown Arlington looked like with this 1940 throwback!

Photo: UTA Special Collections

7. You don't have to imagine what Downtown Arlington looked like with this 1940 throwback!

Photo: UTA Special Collections – NCTCOGTransportation (@nctcogtrans)
Amazing! Where was this taken? – SpprtRdclHbts (@sam_hoefert)

We believe the photo was taken on Main st. in downtown Arlington. – NCTCOGTransportation (@nctcogtrans)

Correct, looking down Center and Main streets, Arlington, Texas. You can see the Mineral Well in the very back. – UTA Archives (spcoutes)

8. @NCTCOGenv @NCTCOGenv @NCTCOGtrans @NCTCOGEP @NCTCOG911 – Kim Feil (@kimfeil)

Kim Feil @kimfeil
Our taxes pay for this so...Email NCTCOG for CURRENT DFW Fracking Airshed Info barnettshalehell.wordpress.com/2017/10/17/our...
9. #AMPO2017 #PublicInvolvement Meet & Greet – at The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa – Anthea Thomas (@MPOAnthea)

Nice shots Anthea! – MetroQuest Software (@MetroQuest)

10. Thanks for the love! ❤️✈️🎉 – Dallas Love Field (@DallasLoveField)

NCTCOGTransportation @NCTCOGtrans

Go, @DallasLoveField, it’s your birthday and we gon’ party like it’s your birthday! ❤️✈️🎂🎉.100 looks great on you! #DALCentennial

11. @NCTCOGtrans @T4America @RideDCTA – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)

Sustainable Homes 🌿 @SustHomes

Should organisations be paying employees to take #sustainable travel options? hubs.ly/H08VlbR0

12. Carpooling is – NCTCOGTransportation (@nctcogtrans)
Stop trying to make fetch happen, @NCTCOGtrans. It's not going to happen.
#MeanGirlsDay – DFWConnector (@DFWConnector)

.@DFWConnector *internal dialogue* – NCTCOGTransportation (@nctcogtrans)

.@NCTCOGtrans *leaves to support Grapevine businesses* – DFWConnector (@DFWConnector)
Facebook

1. Will you be in Texas? – Electrical News

2. We went pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Month! – NCTCOG Transportation Department
Awhhh! Look at you all! I recognize about 1/3 of you. COG sure has changed. ❤ – Marian Pardue

Hi, Marian! There may be new faces, but we still have the same heart. 😄 – NCTCOG Transportation Department

3. Be sure to head out to Garland tonight if you want input into Dallas’ transportation plan! – Wylie H Dallas

NCTCOG Transportation Department
October 10 at 2:23pm · 📢
We want your feedback! Public meetings will be held 6 pm Oct. 10 in Fort Worth, 2:30 pm Oct. 11 in Arlington and 6 pm Oct. 16 in Garland.

October Public Meetings
Long-range plan, funding, technology updates and more for review/comment.
NCTCOG.ORG/INPUT
It always amazes me how they manage to host one of the meetings in Ft. Worth yet NEVER in Dallas. – Philip Goss

4. You don't have to imagine what Downtown Arlington looked like with this 1940 throwback!

Photo: UTA Special Collections – NCTCOG Transportation Department

Such a shame that Arlington city leaders demolished 3 city blocks of this beautiful downtown in the name of progress and replaced it with 3 ugly buildings. Jmo – Steve M. Barnes
5. A look back at Downtown Arlington Texas in the 1940s from the UT Arlington Libraries Special Collections. – City of Arlington, TX – City Hall

6. NCTCOG Transportation Department, thanks for sharing this photo of Downtown Arlington! We think this might be a shot of Main St. Can anyone confirm? City of Arlington, TX - City Hall UT Arlington Libraries Fielder House Museum – Downtown Arlington Texas
7. Check out this throwback photo of Downtown Arlington in 1940 from Special Collections, UTA Library! – UT Arlington Libraries

8. Remember, texting and driving can cost you a pretty penne in Texas. Happy #NationalPastaDay 😅 - NCTCOG Transportation Department

So you get free Italian if you get caught? – Zach Mayfield

Only if you’re rocking an old school blackberry like the girl in the pic – Abby Angeluccie

You can pay with pasta? – Patrick Smith
Anything is pastable! – NCTCOG Transportation Department