North Central Texas Council of Governments

Plans for public transportation service in the near-term & long-term

Facilitates coordinated public transportation service in 16 counties

Works with transit agencies that receive federal transit funding to operate service
Access North Texas

Is a plan that:

Focuses on the transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, and individuals with lower incomes

Identifies ways to enhance or expand public transportation availability and efficiency to meet identified needs over the next 4 years

Was last updated in 2013

2018 update is available online at www.accessnorthtexas.org
Progress Since 2013

New transit service in Hutchins (southeast Dallas County)

Transportation link from Hunt County to DART’s Downtown Rowlett Station

Cooperative vehicle procurement
Outreach

Reached out to over 2,350 individuals including: the public, transit riders, transit agencies, health and human service agencies, workforce agencies, businesses, educational institutions, elected officials and local government staff.

Conducted 14 outreach meetings with 611 attendees; numerous conference calls, emails and conversations.

Offered a public transportation poll in English and Spanish, received over 1,000 responses.
Regional Themes

**Availability**
- Address gaps in service
- Explore non-traditional ways to deliver public transit

**Affordability**
- Increase affordability of fares for individuals most in need
- Integrate transit funding sources

**Complexity**
- Improve seamlessness for regional trips
- Pursue simplified regional fares

**Advocacy**
- Recruit influential champions for public transit

*View the document online at [www.AccessNorthTexas.org](http://www.AccessNorthTexas.org) for details and additional information on proposed strategies*
Collin County Strategies

In areas with no public transit service, assess community needs and implement transit.

Increase service options in areas with limited access to medical appointments, job training, education, and job opportunities.

Identify, evaluate, and implement where appropriate non-traditional ways to deliver public transportation service, including partnerships among public and private transportation providers.

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Dallas County Strategies

When expanding transit service, use partnerships with local employers, medical centers, cities, and other agencies to leverage multiple funding sources.

Complete and expand projects that have a no wrong door approach to accessing transit.

DART’s GoPass app

My Ride Dallas & My Ride North Texas

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Tarrant County Strategies

Increase affordable mobility solutions

Connect communities county-wide and across the region

Expand public awareness, education, skills development, and traveler support services

Implement a holistic approach to wellness transportation

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Next Steps

Incorporate comments and finalize plan

Work with stakeholders locally and regionally to implement new or enhanced public transportation services

Ensure projects funded under Federal Transit Administration programs are included in Access North Texas
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Review the plan at [www.AccessNorthTexas.org](http://www.AccessNorthTexas.org)
Questions or Comments

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