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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL ONLINE INPUT OPPORTUNITY

Funding Program: Safety, Innovative & Emergency Projects

Online Public Input Opportunity Dates

Monday, March 12 - Tuesday, April 10, 2018 - The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) posted information at www.nctcog.org/input for public review and comment.

Purpose and Topics

The online public input opportunity was provided 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 February 12, 2015. Staff posted information regarding:

1. Funding Program: Safety, Innovative & Emergency Projects

The NCTCOG online public input opportunity was provided to inform and seek comments from the public. Comments and questions could be submitted by email at transinfo@nctcog.org, online at www.nctcog.org/input, by mail at P.O. Box 5888, Arlington, TX 76005 and by fax at 817-640-3028. Printed copies of the online materials were also made available by calling 817-608-2365 or emailing cbaylor@nctcog.org.

Summary of Presentation

Summary of Funding Program: Safety, Innovative & Emergency Projects:


In April 2017, a process to select projects via several funding programs was presented to the Regional Transportation Council. Projects were categorized into 11 programs, and project selection is proposed to occur in stages throughout 2017 and into early 2018.

The purpose of the Safety, Innovative and Emergency Projects Program is to support operations, safety, innovative construction and emergency improvements.

Staff is proposing to allocate more than $32 million in RTC funding to various projects, including the Regional Safety Program, South Shady Shores Road, Wycliff Avenue, the IH 30 Managed Lanes and Meacham Airport.

All partnership details will be finalized before the RTC takes action on the Safety, Innovative and Emergency Projects Program in April 2018.
WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY WEBSITE, EMAIL & SOCIAL MEDIA

Shady Shores Project

Email

1. John Smith, Town Administrator of Hickory Creek

The potential new bridge would link fire, police, and rescue through the south end of Shady Shores Road. During the flooding of Lake Lewisville, all police assist had to travel via I35 thus taking more time to arrive on scene. Any bridge improvements would help dramatically during flooding. Thank you for your time.

2. Jennifer Gwinn

I am in favor of a new bridge. S. Shady Shores Road is prone to flooding at this location and is a key emergency response pathway to the three (3) schools in our Town's limits which consists of approximately 1600 students, teaching and support staff.

3. Lynda Avon

Shady Shores rd often floods when it rains, making it Difficult to get anywhere. It is imperative that the SS project be a priority as it affects our Security (police/ambulance/fire). Our community keeps growing and our roads are in terrible shape as well as the flooding. I would like to see our tax dollars put to work on the roads.

4. Steve Horstman

I am writing to emphasize the importance of the effort to raise the bridge that boarders Lake Lewisville on S. Shady Shores Lane in Shady Shores, TX. This bridge has been flooded and disabled for months at a time. Each time there are substantial repair costs after the flooding. While impassable, the travel time from Fire Station #1 in Lake Dallas to Shady Shores and the three schools within it is more than doubled. Please prioritize funding for this critical effort.

5. Bob Kersten

I support the shady shores bridge initiative. It is highly needed and would be of great benefit to the community. thanks

6. Mike Personius

As a property owner in the Town of Shady Shores, I want to strongly encourage the funding of the upgrades to Shady Shores Road. This road has become a primary traffic artery in this area over the last several years. It is no longer a country backwater road, only used by a few residents. Having the roadway subject to extensive closure due to flooding seriously impacts not only the residents, but also through-traffic and emergency services. As the owner of a mobile home community here in the town, I speak for dozens of residents in requesting these improvements to be funded. The impact of these improvements will be dramatic, significantly improving the safety, well-being, and environment of the broader community. Thank you for your sensible consideration of this matter. Mike Personius

7. Jerry Adams
S. Shady Shore road is prone to flooding at this location and is a critical link to Fire Station #1 in Lake Dallas that supports the Town of Shady Shores a town of over 2600 residents. S. Shady Shores Road is prone to flooding at this location and is a key emergency response pathway to the three (3) schools in our Town’s limits which consists of approximately 1600 students, teaching and support staff.

8. Mary Ingles
I am in favor of this project. I vote YES!

9. Jorge & Erin Pesante
We have been inconvenienced too many times with S. Shady Shores Rd flooding, not to mention being cut-off from Fire Dept. - Please allow us this money to fix this. S. Shady Shore road is prone to flooding at this location and is a critical link to Fire Station #1 in Lake Dallas that supports the Town of Shady Shores a town of over 2600 residents. S. Shady Shores Road is prone to flooding at this location and is a key emergency response pathway to the three (3) schools in our Town’s limits which consists of approximately 1600 students, teaching and support staff.

10. Robert Patrick Fort
SS Bridges Project, a joint project between the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) Denton County, the City of Lake Dallas and the Town of Shady Shore to raise S. Shady Shores Bridge million in federal funds. S. Shady Shore road is prone to flooding at this location and is a critical link to Fire Station #1 in Lake Dallas that supports the Town of Shady Shores a town of over 2600 residents. S. Shady Shores Road is prone to flooding at this location and is a key emergency response pathway to the three (3) schools in our Town’s limits which consists of approximately 1600 students, teaching and support staff.

11. Steve Falldine
Hello, we are residents of Shady Shores in Denton County. We would like to ask PLEASE appropriate the funds necessary for the road/bridge project - not only is it wildly inconvenient when the road floods, but it causes a real danger when that route is cut off - emergency vehicles' response time to our community is drastically and dangerously lengthened. Also, when the road floods and it is shut down for weeks/months, that forces traffic to be re-routed to the only other road leading in and out of Shady Shores, and that increased traffic is now, slowly but surely, deteriorating that other road to the point that it has become very beat up. We really NEED this project approved. - - - - Thank you for helping fix Shady Shores Rd!!

12. Brian Tomlin
I am writing this note to suggest that the Shady Shores Bridges project in Shady Shores Texas move forward with bridge improvements for the following reasons: S. Shady Shore road is prone to flooding at this location and is a critical link to Fire Station #1 in Lake Dallas that supports the Town of Shady Shores a town of over 2600 residents. S. Shady Shores Road is prone to flooding at this location and is a key emergency response pathway to the three (3) schools in our Town's limits which consists of approximately 1600 students, teaching and support staff.

13. William Bailey
S. Shady Shores Road is prone to flooding whose frequency has increased in recent years. The loss of this road for extended periods of time limits access to our community as well as delays emergency access to parts of our town. The road becomes inaccessible for weeks at a time when flooded.

14. Joe Kessler

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15. Frank Graham

For obvious public safety reasons, the stretch of Shady Shores Road including the bridge needs immediate "reconstruction". Years ago in an area of Hickory Creek that was unreachable during flooding, the Lake Cities Volunteer Fire Dept. would literally leave emergency vehicles in the affected neighborhood when flooding was forecasted and show several residents how to operate the trucks. Today that would be impossible, as several neighborhood are affected and the equipment is very sophisticated. The previous method, though, shows how much importance should be placed on public safety.

16. Matt Michel

We have recently purchased a home in Shady Shores and are about to move in. We couldn't help but not the flood barriers across South Shady Shores Road and with recent rains, it is apparent why they are in place. This road floods. With all of the infrastructure improvements in Denton County, how can improving this road be missed? It serves thousands of people, including access to several schools. When, not if the road flood, fire trucks and paramedics cannot access the town or the schools. Are you kidding me? This needs to be addressed immediately. If not and if worse comes to worst, things will not be pretty for those who had the ability to prevent a disaster, but failed to act.

17. Kyle Peteet

For the proposed project of raising Shady Shores bridge - S. Shady Shores Road in Shady Shores, TX is prone to flooding at the bridge location and is a key emergency response pathway to the three (3) schools in our Town's limits which consists of approximately 1600 students, teaching and support staff. I am in support of approving this project.


This comment is in regard to the much needed Shady Shores bridges project. South Shady Shores road is very prone to flooding at this location and is a critical link to Fire Station #1 in Lake Dallas that supports the Town of Shady Shores a town of over 2600 residents. This location is also a key emergency response pathway to the three (3) schools in our Town's limits which consists of approximately 1600 students, teaching and support staff. As a Shady Shores resident, I would sincerely appreciate NCTCOG’s support for the much needed bridges.
19. Darlene Covich

I support the SS Bridges Project to raise South Shady Shores Bridge! I have been inconvenienced too many times by its flooding. Thank you.

20. Beth Bergeron

Please raise the S. Shady Shores Bridge! S. Shady Shore road is prone to flooding at this location and is a critical link to Fire Station #1 in Lake Dallas that supports the Town of Shady Shores a town of over 2600 residents. S. Shady Shores Road is prone to flooding at this location and is a key emergency response pathway to the three (3) schools in our Town's limits which consists of approximately 1600 students, teaching and support staff.

21. Maggie Preston

This artery is critical to the residents of Shady Shores. Many of us use South Shady Shores road as a means to commute back and forth to work. Some of us have mission critical careers such as law enforcement, firefighters, and hospital employees. The portion of the road in discussion has been flooded several times, thereby preventing our residents, as well as the fire department from an efficient means to travel between Lake Dallas and Shady Shores. A few years back it was closed for 5 months, which is unacceptable for those of use who use this road. The population of this area has grown tremendously, which furthers the cause for the repair and raising of the road. The funds should be appropriated as soon as possible to raise the road to an level which will not deter our transportation. I have lived in Shady Shores for 30 years, and would hope that the funding would be approved without question. Thank you for hearing my comments.

22. David Nielsen

I am a Shady Shores resident and back the S. Shady Shores Bridge project 100%. I have lived here through many closures of this bridge to heavy rains and flooding. When it is closed it limits the accessibility to schools, homes, churches, etc. and increases response time to emergencies. When flooded it cuts off the fastest route for Fire Dept. #1 to respond to emergencies. If there were every an emergency at Olive Stephens Elementary or Bettye Myers Middle Schools while the bridge was flooded out, it could be catastrophic. Rainy season is coming!! If we get rain like last year, it will flood, close for months, and make emergency response times greater, which again, could be catastrophic.

23. Susan Krnic

To whom it may concern: As a resident of Shady Shores, Texas for over 17 years, S. Shady Shore road has flooded on numerous occasions. The road is a critical link to Fire Station #1 in Lake Dallas that supports the Town of Shady Shores (a town of over 2600 resident). The road is also a key emergency response pathway to the three (3) schools in our Town's limits which consists of approximately 1600 students, teaching and support staff. I urge you to consider funding and supporting a new bridge on S. Shady Shores Road.

24. July Linett

This is regarding the proposed correction to the South Shady Shores Road. This area was flooded for weeks and caused dangerous conditions for local residents as well as limiting
access out of the area and into the area for safety, including fire response vehicles. It must be fixed.

25. Gary Brown

Need for improvements to raise S. Shady Shores Road out of the floodplain. In recent years this road has been closed several times for extended periods due to flooding from Lake Lewisville. This leaves very limited access to several neighborhoods and schools and is a critical link to Fire Station #1 in Lake Dallas that supports the Town of Shady Shores with over 2600 residents. Shady Shores Road is a key emergency response pathway to the three (3) schools in our Town's limits which consists of approximately 1600 students, teaching and support staff.

26. Ashley Hagen

S. Shady Shores road is prone to flooding at this location and is a critical link to Fire Station #1 in Lake Dallas that supports the Town of Shady Shores a town of over 2600 residents (including myself). I moved to the area in October of 2017 and fully support MUCH NEEDED improvements to S. Shady Shores road.

27. Matthew Haines

Dear NCTCOG, I am writing you to express my support of the South Shady Shores Project. South Shady Shore road is prone to flooding at the locations that this project would address and is a critical roadway link to Fire Station #1 in Lake Dallas that supports the Town of Shady Shores a town of over 2600 residents. This road is also a key emergency response pathway to the three (3) schools in our Town's limits which consists of approximately 1600 students, teaching and support staff. Thank you for your consideration and support!

28. Linda and Lucien Duplantie

SS Bridges Project In support of the above project, we would like to mention, flooding is a major concern and this project is the right solution instead of having to close Shady Shores road, restricting access to not only local residents but emergency vehicles having to provide services to schools and residents. It will also help the growth of Shady Shores welcoming new property owners in this beautiful community. Thanking for your attention and consideration. Residents of Cielo Ranch

29. John T. Williams

We support the raising of South Shady Shores Rd higher than its current level in the low lying areas, which are prone to flooding. The flooding shuts down access to the South and prevents emergency vehicles from getting to us from that direction. The bridge should be raised to prevent this from happening.

30. Leslie Rogers

Concerning the raising of s. Shady Shores above flood level. My husband and I live in Cielo Ranch. We bought the house days before the 2015 flood began. We watched as the water ate up to our back steps which is 100 yards or so from normal full lakeshore. That was the least of our concern. We moved in just days before they closed s. Shady Shores. We had no idea how to get into and out of our neighborhood. Then they tore down post oak over pass which was the way we would go to head south on 35. Now we were completely lost. We were extremely
concerned on how emergency services like fire and rescue would reach our home. This all was very alarming and we wondered if we had made a mistake. There are many older and retired residence in our neighborhood and we had great concern for their needs. It may not seem like it if you don't live out here, THIS IS A MAJOR ISSUE FOR RESIDENTS!

31. Eric

Please ensure north-south access to our town of Shady Shores by helping raise S Shady Shores Bridge above flood levels. Thank you for considering. Eric Schulz "S. Shady Shore road is prone to flooding at this location and is a critical link to Fire Station #1 in Lake Dallas that supports the Town of Shady Shores a town of over 2600 residents." "S. Shady Shores Road is prone to flooding at this location and is a key emergency response pathway to the three (3) schools in our Town's limits which consists of approximately 1600 students, teaching and support staff."

32. Doyle Clemmons

Please help us with funding to elevate the bridge on Shady Shores Rd. Our schools need quick response For emergencies and our residences need fire trucks to be Responsive. This road is so low a couple days of heavy rain Put it under water.

33. Stephanie

About 12 houses in my neighborhood share the exact same address: 104 Brown Terrace, Shady Shores, TX 76208. Despite the multiple house sitting on several different streets, the addresses are only separated by unlabeled lot numbers and accessible by makeshift 10 ft wide gravel "roads". The "roads" have no street names, no street signs, no directions, and managed by the residents because city has neglected them, which has led to personal expenses and property disputes and confusion. Because there’s no address or road names, emergency responders (police, fire department, ambulances) can't find my home, nor can they access it because of the road conditions. This is an enormous safety concern for my family, and needs to be remedied. Plats and surveys show the roads as public 30 ft wide right of ways. They should be named, paved and maintained to be accessible to emergency personnel. Additionally, they could use stop signs and a speed limit sign.

34. Bob Hart, City of Corinth

The City of Corinth is supportive of the effort by the Town of Shady Shores, Denton County, and the City of Lake Dallas to raise the Shady Shores Road Bridge. The roadway often floods and when flooded, impedes fire and EMS response from the Corinth managed fire department. In addition, the roadway is an important arterial for police patrol and response. The City of Corinth provides police services to the Town of Shady Shores through an interlocal contract. Thus the roadway is important for the provision of emergency services between the City of Corinth and the Town of Shady Shores; therefor, the Corinth City Council is supportive of the effort to raise the roadway and bridge to reduce the danger of flooding

35. Doug Busey

Since the Army Corp changed, raised, the floodplain of Lake Lewisville they should be responsible for funding the repair of roads that flood.
36. Rebecca Morgan

I respectfully ask that the project to raise the bridge on S. Shady Shores Road proceed. South Shady Shore Road is a critical link to the Fire Station [located in Lake Dallas] that services our community. This road has spent far too much time underwater. When the road is flooded emergency response time goes down as the Fire Trucks and Ambulances have to take alternate routes putting our 2600 residents and approximately 1600 students, teaching and support staff of the 3 schools located in our town at risk.

Response to all comments by Carli Baylor, NCTCOG

Good afternoon,

Thank you for your comment. The Shady Shores project is recommended for RTC approval on April 12, 2018.