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 February 12, 2015.

This report is a compilation of general public comments submitted by members of the public from Friday, April 20, 2018, through Saturday, May 19, 2018. Comments and questions are submitted for the record and can be submitted via Facebook, Twitter, fax, email and online.

Summary

This month, public comments were received on a number of topics across social media platforms and via email. The majority of comments were received regarding bicycling and Bike Month.

Air Quality

Facebook

1. Make a Clean Air Choice today and plan outdoor activities accordingly! Let’s try to keep ozone at bay this year! – Keep Grapevine Beautiful

![NCTCOG Transportation Department](image)

Ozone Action Day – Ozone in the DFW area Sunday is predicted to be at Level Orange, unhealthy for sensitive groups. Children, older adults and people with lung disease, such as asthma, emphysema, or chronic bronchitis, should limit outdoor activity. Current ozone information: http://bit.ly/2oAbaPl. Consider a clean air choice: http://bit.ly/2nC9vy.

2. Orange Ozone Action Day: May 8, 2018

Ozone is predicted to be at Level Orange in the Dallas-Fort Worth area tomorrow. Children, older adults, and people with lung disease, such as asthma, emphysema, or chronic bronchitis, should limit outdoor activity if ozone reaches Level Orange. Find out more at AirNorthTexas.org – City of Bedford, TX-City Services
Bike & Pedestrian

1. @NCTCOGtrans has provided a helpful diagram of pedestrian/bike crash zones. What’s the plan to fix? (H/t @WalkableDFW )

2. .@NCTCOGtrans seeks DFW area transportation input.
http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1102365104652&ca=06e911dc-1215-4d80-b208-f853a5ff7b5b … #BikeDFW #BikeDallas #BikeDenton – Carl Seiler (@csxyzzy)

3. Did you know bicycling daily saves, like, a bajillion gallons of fuel each year?

It's actually more like 66 gallons per 4-mile daily commute, but still. Be like Gabriel. Get out and ride! #AirQualityAwarenessWeek – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)
Just returned the aqua beast and picked my green steed up from some awesome techs... Meow on my way to #VA... Many thanks, for the quality of service and care provided by the team @velorepublic 👍👍 Hope to be back by the @RideDCTA #funday #friday 😃 #EM4Life #gmg 🚴‍♂️❤️ – Nathan Robert (@MyUNTed)

Nice bike, awesome photo! 😊 – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)
Thank you for riding with us! – DCTA (@RideDCTA)

4. May is National Bike Month and we’re challenging you to bike everywhere! Yes, everywhere.

Register at http://TryParkingIt.com for a chance to win some cash! #NationalBikeMonth – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

Registered

Interesting fact though

You can register a car minivan ... but not a bicycle – Nathan Robert (@myUNTed) 🚴‍♂️
5. #DidYouKnow

May is National Bike Month & @NCTCOGtrans is challenging you to bike everywhere.

Yep, you can even enter to win some well needed cash!!

Register at http://TryParkingIt.com

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#IBikeUNT
#NationalBikeMonth – Nathan Robert (@myUNTed)

6. May is #NationalBikeMonth! We encourage everyone to get out and ride. Bike everywhere you can, log your trips and you could win cash or other prizes. Register & get more details at http://bit.ly/2018BikeChallenge … sponsored by @NCTCOGtrans #lewisvilletx #getoutside #bike #sharetheroads – City of Lewisville (@LewisvilleTexas)

7. Walk Bike Safe Texas is focussed on road user safety in #DFW area - invite us to present on walking and biking safety at one of your neighborhood meetings! http://ow.ly/g5Yx30jTS4L Pls RT: @BikeDFW @NCTCOGtrans
8. Bike to Work Day is next Friday!! Check out how @dartmedia, BikeDFW, @NCTCOGtrans, and other local groups are energizing your ride in!! – BikeDFW (@BikeDFW)

9. @RideDCTA @TrinityMetro @NCTCOGtrans @BikeDFW @BikeTexas @GreenDallas @LiveGreenPlano – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)
10. No time for the gym? Ride your bike to work, grocery store, friend's house or free weekly yoga or Pilates classes in #WayneFergusonPlaza to get your heart pumping this #BikeMonth. Be sure and log your ride in the @NCTCOGtrans Bike Everywhere Challenge #SustainabilityTuesday – City of Lewisville (@LewisvilleTexas)
11. #DARTBike2Work at the closest DART station to work. Thanks to @dartmedia @BikeDFW @NCTCOGtrans and @RichBikeMart for putting this on and shout out to my LBS @localhubbicyle its a beautiful day today! – Willis Barton (@SW_Barton)

12. Tomorrow is #Bike2WorkDay!!! Are you ready?! Energizer Stations - check!! B2WD Happy Hours - check!! Movie under the stars - check!! @dartmedia @NCTCOGtrans @FoSFT @transitbikes @fcbrewing @Tricky_Fish__ @DtownDallasInc #BikeMonth #BikeToWork2018 #bikelove #BikeHappyHour – BikeDFW (@BikeDFW)

Facebook

1. May is National Bike Month and we're challenging you to bike everywhere! Yes, everywhere. Register at TryParkingIt.com for a chance to win some cash! – NCTCOG Transportation Department
Love this! We are biking down the beach, I'll share it! – Shalia Roberts

Yes, please share! 😊

Zach Walters you know this means lol – Fawaz Shuja Anwar

VBikes...VBikes as far as the eye can see – Zach Walters

2. It’s Air Quality Awareness Week! In addition to walking or biking for shorter trips, NCTCOG has made a handy list of other ways you can contribute to cleaner air in DFW: https://www.airnorthtexas.org/individuals – Suzanne Townsdin
3. From our friends at NCTCOG Transportation Department. Did you know May is National Bike Month?! And that there is a Bike to Work Week?! Bike to Work Week falls on the work week of Monday, May 14 to Friday, May 18—with Friday, officially the annual National Bike to Work Day. So whether you’re environmentally conscious or just love the exercise, biking to work is a great way to avoid commuter traffic, stay in shape and save some bucks on gas.

Are you biking to work? Drop your name in the comments! – Walk Bike Safe Texas

4. For National Bike Month, the NCTCOG Transportation Department is encouraging everyone to get out and ride in the month of May. Bike everywhere you can, log your trips, and you could win cash and other prizes! You can find more info and register here: http://bit.ly/2018BikeChallenge – Richardson Bike Mart
5. With so many reasons to ride, what's yours!? Sharing a few reasons to get out there on two wheels!!

BIKE MONTH 2018 WEEK 3

5/12 8am-12pm Our friends at Dirt Side Sisters and Plano Cycling & Fitness are hosting a Mother's Day Weekend Road Ride and First Aid Clinic at PC&F!! Check out the event for more information!!

5/12 1:00pm Our friends at RED STAR Bicycle Shop are hosting a Father And Son Workshop & Ride. See the event for details and price!!

5/12 8pm-10:15pm Our friends at Friends of Northaven Trail are hosting a Movie Night on the Trail featuring Ferdinand!! Take a picnic and go enjoy the beautiful weather!!

5/13 8:00am Our friends at Dallas Women's Cycling Collective are meeting up early for a Critical Lass ride to partner with Cyclofemme Dallas!! Check out Critical Lass May for details!!

5/13 8:30am-12pm Our friends at Dallas Women's Cycling Collective, Local Hub Bicycle Company, and FCS Regional Team are hosting CycloFemme Dallas, a global celebration of women!! What an awesome way to spend Mother's Day!!

5/15 6:30pm-8pm Our friends at REI are providing a class on Bicycle Commuting Basics!! During this session, they will cover benefits of bike commuting, essential gear, safety & responsibility, dressing for success, and how to get started "Biking your Drive"! What better way to get ready for Bike to Work Day 2018?! Find out more at https://www.rei.com/…/get-ready-to-bike-your-drive-bicycle-…

5/16 7:00pm the Ride of Silence takes place at multiple locations across the region (and around the world). See their webpage at http://www.rideofsilence.org/main.php for details on a ride near you, and come out to honor our fellow cyclists that have been injured and killed on the roadways.

5/18 7am-9am BIKE TO WORK DAY 2018!! BikeDFW, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (Official DART page), NCTCOG Transportation Department, local groups and bike shops are teaming up to provide ENERGISER STATIONS all over town!! Check out which DART Stations to stop
by at https://dart.org/riding/biketowork2018.asp, and check out where our friends at Friends of Santa Fe Trail will have their BTWD Energizer station along the trail!!

5/18 5pm-8pm B2WD HAPPY HOUR!! Extend your Bike To Work Day festivities into the evening and head over to one of two inaugural B2WD Happy Hours!! BikeDFW is hosting at Four Corners Brewing Co., downtown Dallas; and CityLine DFW has one happening at Tricky-Fish in Richardson!! Ride over, grab a beer, and head into the weekend the right way!!

5/18 8pm-10pm BIKE TO MOVIE!!! Finish out this day celebrating commuting by bike with a movie hosted by Downtown Dallas, Inc. at the Dallas Farmers Market!! Ride over and see E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial under the stars!!

5/19 There are THREE ways to get your ride on... Pedal to the Medal benefitting Special Olympics Texas - Greater Fort Worth Area at Texas Motor Speedway; Pedal Against PTSD Grind 2018 in Sanger, TX; and 2018 Head for the Hills Bike Rally in Cedar Hill, TX.

5/19 10am-11am Our friends at Bike Friendly Oak Cliff are hosting a fast paced presentation and discussion on Intro to Urban Bicycling at North Oak Cliff Branch Library. Get the knowledge you need to take to the streets!!

5/19 9am-1pm Our friends at Spokes For Folks are having a Wrench Day - Help Us Help Others! and could use your help refurbishing bikes for those less fortunate. No experience needed!!

5/19 10am-1pm Our friends at Friends of Santa Fe Trail are teaming up with the White Rock Alehouse & Brewery for their bi-annual Pub Ride supporting Friends of Santa Fe Trail!! If you like bikes, beer, and want to support the Santa Fe Trail and local businesses along the trail, this is where you need to be!! See event for donation amount to participate in the ride!!

Get out there and ride!! – BikeDFW
5. Our Mockingbird Bike to Work Day Energizer Station was definitely providing the energy this morning!! Huge shout out to our friends at Tacodeli, Essentia Water, The Lofts at Mockingbird Station, REI, velofix, Walk Bike Safe Texas, Dallas Area Rapid Transit (Official DART page), and NCTCOG Transportation Department for coming out and helping us celebrate!!!
Now...come out to our B2WD Happy Hour tonight from 5-8pm!!! – BikeDFW
6. We had a great time at the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (Official DART page) BikeDFW NCTCOG Transportation Department Bike Friendly Richardson Richardson Bikemart #biketoworkday Energizer Station. – Richard Wezensky

Innovative Vehicles & Technology

Twitter
1. For our followers in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. @NCTCOGtrans. Weaving smart city technology into street rehab projects. Read this: – CTR Library (@ctrlib)
2. Self-driving cars are here. Thank you @CityOfFriscoTx, Frisco’s Mayor @JeffCheney, Frisco TMA, and @NCTCOGtrans Michael Morris for working with us! Link to my presentation from this morning: https://buff.ly/2jFwDDh – Andrew Ng (@AndrewNg)

Great news. I’m in Dallas delivering a bunch of deep learning lectures in the next week. Would love to drop by and see you guys, if it works for you. – Tarry Singh (@tarrysingh)
This is SO AWESOME! I keep telling everyone, this is a Game Changer in the positive! Let's Change infrastructure, these SDC are going to be Great!! – Kimberly (@hummingbird789)

These routes are not well-traveled by #HallPark employees. Is this a test of the #selfDrivingCar tech or if #AutonomousVehicles will work in real-world #Frisco?

And this is Texas - we don't do shuttles or #masstransit - we drive our own cars so pilot's results may be limited. – Smethwick 'Mon (@smithwickmon)

3. Excited about our #transportation #technology & the #BuiltEnvironment #Panel with @NCTAPA! Speakers #TomBamonte @NCTCOGtrans #DougColeman @Toyota & #PhillipAndrews #SmartCities!! #Urbandesign & #AVs #Autonomousvehicles #landarch #Planning #Future #streets #cities #DFW #ASLA #APA – DFW ASLA (@DFWASLA)
DFWASLA + NCTAPA Transportation Technology and the Built Environment Panel is under way!! Great event! @DFWASLA @NCTAPA – Texas ASLA (@Texas_ASLA)

4. Self-Driving vehicle deployment @NCTCOGtrans transportation summit. Thanks for the ride @driveai_ - amazing technology! – Jeff Kitner (@JeffKitner)
5. Video from our @CityofSouthlake @southlaketownsq @Tesla Supercharger party featuring Mayor @laurakhill0404 @NCTCOGtrans & @bollar – N TX Tesla Owners (@NTXTeslaOwners)

Southlake, TX Supercharger Opening
May 12, 2018 -- Tesla Owners Group - North Texas gathers to celebrate the Southlake, Plano and Dallas superchargers that have all recently opened. It's a big...
youtube.com

Facebook
1. Well, we had a great day celebrating our new Tesla Superchargers in Southlake, Plano & Dallas and we hope you did too!

Much thanks to City of Southlake, TX - Government, Mayor Laura Hill, Councilmember Christopher Archer, SOUTHLAKE TOWN SQUARE and NCTCOG Transportation Department for hosting us in Southlake! Also thank you to Pure Cafe, Unleavened Fresh Kitchen and Meat U Anywhere BBQ & Catering - Trophy Club for the great breakfast treats!

The Shops at Legacy for hosting us in Plano!
Houndstooth Coffee and TreeHouse for hosting us in Dallas!

Thanks also to our volunteers who made this event look a lot easier to execute than it really was and to our contributing members who provided the funding that made this event possible. – Tesla Owners Club of North Texas

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**Project Planning**

**Twitter**

1. Residents say the politicians of LBJ East have failed them as much as the freeway itself
   https://www.dallasnews.com/news/transportation/2018/04/20/residents-say-politicians-lbj-east-failed-much-freeway … @LBJ_Now @GovAbbott @DanPatrick @DonHuffines @SenatorBobHall @AdamMcGoughD10 @TxDOTCommission @NCTCOGtrans – Lee M. Kleinamm (@LeeforDallas)
2. Michael Morris and the @NCTCOGtrans RTC for pulling it all together #txlege #360tollway #drive360south @TollTagNews @TxDOT – Chris Turner (@ChrisGTurner)

**Public Meetings & Forums**

**Twitter**

1. Calling all #NPC18 early risers. Join us today at 8:30 in rm R03 to discuss regional livable communities @APARregions @MTCBATA @NCTCOGtrans @MARCKCMetro #Livableregions – Mariia Zimmerman (@MZStrat)

2. @NCTCOGtrans wants to hear from you! The May Public Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15th at 2:30pm at the NCTCOG at 616 Six Flags Drive. More: http://ow.ly/67Hk30jMtrB – Andy Nguyen (@AndyNguyenTC)
3. The RTC meeting will begin at 1 pm today! Want to watch the meeting live? Visit http://nctcog.org/video and click "live." – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

4. Full house at this month’s RTC meeting; discussions on major transportation projects throughout the North Texas Region @NCTCOGtrans – Devan Allen (@devanjallen)
5. @NCTCOGtrans about to pass 635. Just got commitment that new money we are putting on this project won’t delay any currently slated project @LBJ_now #LBJnow – Judge Clay Jenkins (@JudgeClayJ)

Facebook

1. At an Arlington public meeting Tuesday, NCTCOG Transportation Department staff said the council would not be responsible for implementing these plans but would work with local entities, such as city governments, to support and provide funding for these projects. Funding for all the proposed projects totals about $135 billion. – Community Impact Grapevine/Colleyville/Southlake

2. The NCTCOG Transportation Department is looking for feedback from #ArlingtonTX residents for Mobility 2045, the organization’s long-term vision for the region’s transportation system.
Rideshare

Twitter

1. Roughly 24,000 trips have been booked on @ridewithvia vans in the first six months of #ArlingtonTX’s rideshare pilot program, according to the latest data. An estimated 64 percent of trips taken so far were to or from @utarlington or the immediate area: http://ow.ly/CM3S30k4MFu – City of Arlington (@CityOfArlington)

![DATA IN ACTION VIA RIDESHARE](image)

Transit

Twitter

1. Summer’s right around the corner! Be sure to check out the summer shuttle service schedules @UNTtransit & @NCTCOGtrans here: http://bit.ly/2ri4uG1 – DCTA (@RideDCTA)

2. In celebration of #CleanAirMonth, check out our recent study featured in the @NCTCOGtrans blog that highlights how our A-train helps improve air quality in Denton County! – DCTA (@Ride_DCTA)
Other

Twitter

1. NCTCOG Transportation is busy at EarthX booth 1323! @earthxorg @NCTCOGtrans #earthday – NCTCOG E&D (@NCTCOGenv)

2. You should have conducted a poll there if dallas residents support the use of Optional Tolled Managed Lanes... – LBJNow (@LBJ_Now)

2. I attended a public meeting by @NCTCOGtrans a few weeks ago and learned that the DFW area's population is expected to increase to 10-11M by 2040. There's only so much more sprawl/traffic this area can handle. – Nish Krishnamurthy (@Trackmasta28)

   At some point, mass transit will become the preferable option to getting around, even in DFW. It just has to. And hopefully DART's extensive light rail network and future investments will pay off. – Nish Krishnamurthy (@Trackmasta28)

3. Denton is doing some pretty cool things to help save the environment! Check out this week's video to see how you can get involved! Thanks @QuerenciaDenton, @NCTCOGtrans, @kdbdenton, @Harmony_Hollow!! 🐝🐝🐝💫 – We Are TWU (@We_Are_TWU)
How #WeDentonDolt on Earth Day 💚
Denton is stepping up to save the Earth one day at time! Follow us on Twitter: http://www.twitter.com/we_are_twu More info about the great people featured:...
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