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 Saturday, October 20, through Monday, November 19. Comments and questions are submitted for the record and can be submitted via Facebook, Twitter, fax, email and online.

This month, public comments were received on a number of topics across social media platforms and via email. The majority of comments received were about the Texas Mobility Summit hosted October 28-30 in partnership with TxDOT, UTA and the City of Arlington.

Air Quality

Twitter –

1. The Office of Environmental Quality & Sustainability won the Arlo Ambassador Award. Arlo has asthma & loves playing outdoors. We sent #airquality SM messages featuring him & he's in a Clean Air Action Day video made at Mindbender STEAM Camp. See it at @dallas_air. @NCTCOGtrans – Green Dallas (@GreenDallas)

2. Great job OEQS/@GreenDallas! @cmjsgates @LeeforDallas #airquality #outreach @NCTCOGtrans @CityOfDallas – James McGuire (@JamesBMcGuire)
Alternative Fuels

Twitter –

1. Don't miss out on the Oct 30th #PROPANE #AUTOGAS LUNCH & LEARN in #Arlington TX hosted by @PropaneCouncil & @NCTCOGtrans Discover how you can reduce your fuel costs & emissions, see vehicles options & learn about grants Register at http://ow.ly/XgX730mnef6 #transportation #fleet – Propane:FuelingTexas (@FuelingTexas)

2. Don't miss out on the Oct 30th #PROPANE #AUTOGAS LUNCH & LEARN in #Arlington TX hosted by @PropaneCouncil & @NCTCOGtrans Discover how you can reduce your fuel costs & emissions, see vehicles options & learn about grants Register at http://ow.ly/XgX730mnef6 #transportation #fleet – PropaneCouncilofTX (@LPGCouncilofTX)
Autonomous Vehicles

Twitter –

1. On behalf of @TrinityMetro attending Demo Day of Texas Mobility Summit in @CityOfArlington. Rode an autonomous vehicle for 1st time from Texas Live to the Arlington Conv Ctr & back. The @Drive_AI vehicles can seat three passengers.@ctruaustin @CityofFortWorth @TarrantCountyTX – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)

Sounds fun! What did you think? – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

Autonomous vehicles are like the best student drivers in driver’s ed :). Good experience. – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)
AV's will not solve our congestion problems. If the ride-share experiment is any indication, AV's will only make congestion worse.

We need better high-capacity transit & more walkable communities in which we can live-work-play! – Loren S. (@txbornviking)

2. @NCTCOGtrans is investing in Autonomous vehicles responding to rapid growth in the industry. @TomBamonte said with that rapid growth the council wants to prepare the metroplex region for the technology. http://www.theshorthorn.com/news/autonomous-vehicle-growth-drives-investment-from-regional-council/article_f0a49d6e-df03-11e8-9925-53d7119d0f4a.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=user-share … via @utashorthorn – Kyle R Cotton (@KyleRCotton)
Bicycle & Pedestrian

Twitter –

1. Build it and they will come. The closer North Texans live to a bicycle facility the more likely they are to ride a bicycle, according to our Bicycle Opinion Survey. More results from the survey: http://www.nctcog.org/bikesurvey. – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

This would have been really great with an infographic, a visual illustration of the data. – Stina (@christnamorex)

2. Attn: Dallas Cyclists! We saw this survey on @BikeDFW where @TxDOT & @NCTCOGtrans seek your input about bicycling in the region & what they can do to improve the bike transportation system across the Metroplex! Go to https://dfwbike.metroquest.com 🚴‍♂️🚴‍♂️@cycling – EmmittSmithGranFondo (@EmmittSmithGF)

High-speed Rail

Twitter –
1. Great to meet with our Japanese partners providing critical financing at @TexasCentral. Jack Matthews and team will partner to build a transformative high speed rail station. All our residents will benefit. @NCTCOGtrans @CityOfDallas @DallasCountyTx – Judge Clay Jenkins (@JudgeClayJ)

2. Looking forward to the next Arlington On Tap with guest speaker Michael Morris, transportation director of @NCTCOGtrans His topic: Is this Bullet Train for Real? Come find out Nov. 13 from 6-8pm. #bullettrain #dfw – Urban Alchemy (@UrbanAlchemyBar)

Twitter –

1. This week, a video camera was found along the empty stretches of Six Flags Drive. This found footage contains proof of a program that many thought was too good to be true. The truth has finally been revealed. Watch it if you dare! #HappyHalloween – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)
Great 😊 parody of Blair Witch Project 🎃 – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)

Thank you! 😊😊 – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

**Project Planning**

**Twitter –**

1. On Tuesday city council approved an application of federal grant money for several street projects in FW, including a Complete streets project on Horne Street in the Como neighborhood.
   – Fort Worth Urban (@UrbanFortWorth)

   ![Horne Street Complete Streets Project](image)

   Have you seen any renderings of the University Dr complete street proposal? – Tbake (@hondotex03)

   Right here! – Fort Worth Urban (@UrbanFortWorth)
Loren S. (@txbornviking)

Impressive. Is TxDOT funding this 100%? – 🍪 (@1DalM)

$16mm in collaborative funding by @TxDOTDallas @NCTCOGtrans @DallasCountyTx @CityOfDallas @DallasParkRec – Lee M. Kleinaman (@LeeforDallas)

3. #DoThisNow #FixTheStreets #DallasStreets #FixTheRoads #RoadFixDallas #DallasRoads @TxDOTDallas @CityOfDallas @NCTCOGtrans @NCTCOGenv @USDOTFHWA @FTA_DOT @CommerceGov @TTITAMU – Shawn Eric Gray (@ShawnEricGray)

Public Meetings & Forums

Twitter –

1. @TxDOTFortWorth and @NCTCOGtrans to hold public hearing in North Richland Hills on Monday, Oct. 29, on district transportation projects and programs that might affect bicycle use. https://www.txdot.gov/inside-txdot/get-involved/about/hearings-meetings/fort-worth/102918.html … – North Richland Hills (@CityofNRH)

2. Ready & Excited to kick off the #TexasMobilitySummit #Open4Innovation make sure to visit @C__TEDD booth demoing drone’s use in asset management @UTAcappa @utarlington @NCTCOGtrans @CityOfArlington – CTEDD (C__TEDD)
3. “Arlington downtown is home to the state’s #1 growing University both in size and quality”
   Mayor Jeff Williams’ opening remarks #texasmobilitysummit #Open4Innovation
   @CityOfArlington @NCTCOGtrans @utarlington – CTEDD (@C__TEDD)

4. #TexasMobilitySummit #Open4Innovation Demo day was the best to get some #cscfootprints
   shots @BirdRide @jump_rides @C__TEDD @NCTCOGtrans @CityOfArlington – z-ahoura
   (@ahoura_z)
5. An honor to speak at the welcoming reception of #TexasMobilitySummit with Mayor Williams @CityOfArlington, Director Morris @NCTCOGtrans and Councilwoman Willemon @C__TEDD @UTAShorthorn @UTAcappa @utarlington looking forward to a great Summit – Shima Hamidi (@hamidi_shima)

6. Excited about the 2018 Texas Mobility Summit! #Innovate #Develop #Network @TrinityMetro @TarrantCountyTX @CityofFortWorth @NCTCOGtrans @CTRUTAustin – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)
7. Looking forward to hearing reports from 1st full day of #TexasMobilitySummit; below are pics from #DemoDay @tx_live with @txdotdarran @NCTCOGtrans @CityOfArlington @TomBamonte #open4innovation @utarlington – James Bass (@TxDOTCEO)
8. Excited about Day Two of the 2018 Texas Mobility Summit! #Innovate #Develop #Network @TrinityMetro @TarrantCountyTX @CityofFortWorth @NCTCOGtrans @CTRUTAustin – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)

9. Make sure to attend the poster exhibition, demoing 10 research projects. #TransportationEquity #AffordableHousing #EconomicDevelopment #Infrastructure #AssetManagement #PublicHealth #texasmobilitysummit #open4innovation @CTRUTAustin @utarlington @NCTCOGtrans – CTEDD (@C__TEDD)

10. Yesterday Dr. Weinrich from @C__TEDD presented @NCTCOGtrans #mobilityondemand working group’s ongoing research on need for regional integration for such services in #texas #innovation in transit @dartmedia @FTA_DOT @RideDCTA @startransitsac – Amruta S (@SakiArch)
1. Great ribbon cutting event for new transit service for City of Forest Hill. Thank you Forest Hill, Comm @RoyCBrooks, @NCTCOGrans, & Team @TrinityMetro for great partnership. Kudos to O.D. Wyatt HS Band for playing at event. @FortWorth_ISD @TarrantCountyTX #RideTrinityMetro – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)
2. Gran evento del corte de listón para servicio de transito en la Cd. de Forest Hill. Gracias Forest Hill, Com. @RoyCBrooks, @NCTCOGtrans, y equipo de @TrinityMetro por esta colaboración. Gracias a la banda de O.D. Wyatt HSI @FortWorth_ISD @TarrantCountyTX #UtilizeTrinityMetro – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)

3. In effort to improve service at peak times @ridewithvia in @CityOfArlington is supplementing its standard vans with branded personal vehicles. Worked today with vehicle waiting for disembarking #TRE train riders. @NCTCOGtrans – Thomas Bamonte (@TomBamonte)
We need real and robust public transport. Not limited services like these. How about a bus network to start? – J_M_M (@J_M_M)

4. Team @TrinityMetro at the recent @trtcmobility Annual Meeting & Luncheon. Looking good team! Working hard to move transit forward in our community & region. @CityofFortWorth @TarrantCountyTX @TarrantTransit @NCTCOGtrans – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)

Other

Twitter –

1. I-30 will be closed between FM 157/Collins Street & President George Bush Turnpike from 7 PM Fri. Nov. 9, through 5 AM Mon. Nov. 12. Traffic will be detoured along FM 157/Collins Street, SH 180/Division Street/Main Street & President George Bush Turnpike: http://ow.ly/ITMi30my1Fm – City of Arlington (@CityofArlington)
2. Does it mean #DFW unis don’t develop talents/workforce?! Or workforce development hubs (unis, colleges, etc.) are not the accessible regional destination nodes? #Mobility2040 @NCTCOGtrans if graduates enjoy good regional mobility options, why should the leave the region? – z-ahoura (@ahoura_z)

Facebook –
1. From the Communications Team of the Transportation Department, we hope you have the best and safest Halloween PEZible! 🎃 – NCTCOG Transportation Department
Iron man is very handsome! – Laura Bergstrom

NCTCOG Always fun groups of people! Hi Christy Kristy Libotte Keener, Pamela & Mindy Hutensky Mize. I don’t recognize the rest but maybe they are hidden behind their masks. – Marian Pardue

Hi Marian! – Kristy Libotte Keener

Marian Pardue, the others are all hired since you left! – Barbara Maggi

Barbara Maggi I figured but there were a lot of hidden faces. – Marian Pardue

2. A good way to prevent drowsy driving is by getting a good night's rest. Most adults need 7-9 hours of sleep every night to be alert at the wheel. Count those sheep, then go to sleep! – NCTCOG Transportation Department

Hilary Nguyen !!! Can’t blame me – Daniel Thinh Tran
3. We all have a responsibility to help save lives. It's as simple as obeying traffic laws. 
#EndtheStreakTX – NCTCOG Transportation Department

If it was simple, we wouldn't be pushing for automation. How about "car-oriented development is filling Texas graveyards?". – Andy Richardson

4. As we begin to see more cold mornings and commutes, remember that it's not necessary to wait for your car to warm up. Don't idle, just drive! #TheMoreYouKnow – NCTCOG Transportation Department
Follow the instructions on the user manual. – Pak Meng Cham

Pak Meng Cham no one ever opened this book I read it with every car I owe not to proud. – Rolland Semrau