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 Thursday, September 20, through Friday, October 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 plans for future projects, including Mobility 2045, transit systems and autonomous vehicles.

Bicycle & Pedestrian

Twitter

1. Dallas does a great job with transportation arteries but needs much more development on its capillaries. #bike #walk @NCTCOGtrans – Kirk Teske (@KirkTeske)

Facebook

1. Survey: North Texans want more dedicated bike lanes
Check out the link to the survey results the NCTCOG Transportation Department has put together in the article.


Innovative Vehicles & Technology

Facebook

1. Here’s when DFW’s bullet train, hyperloop, driverless cars and flying taxis are set to take off: http://bit.ly/2QHupls – NCTCOG Transportation Department

We can't wait!!!!! ETA - RAIL: Texas Central Advocates!!! Bullet Trains USA!!!! – Curtis Garrison

Project Planning
Twitter

1. "Make no little plans."

I sure wish @NCTCOGtrans Mobility2045 plan were as intensely focused on growing #TransitAlternatives!

Instead it really seems to set the tone for another generation of #autocentric planning... – Loren S. (@txbornviking)

2. Ahem @NCTCOGtrans & @TxDOT... – Loren S. (@txbornviking)

3. @NCTCOGtrans care to revisit the 2045 plan with actual intentional planning or should inertia continue to rule the day? – patrick kennedy (@WalkableDFW)
Congratulations, Earth, for staving off doomsday by 24 years! – MWZH (insert 40 emojis) (@MWZH!)

Major Climate Report Describes a Strong Risk of Crisis as Early as 2...
A landmark United Nations report paints a far more dire picture of the immediate consequences of climate change than previously thought and...

nytimes.com

Jan. 26, 2016 is Al Gore’s 10-year Global Warming Doomsday...
Today is Al Gore’s Global Warming Doomsday by Dr. Ed Berry
Here we are on January 26, 2016. Do you feel the heat? Do you see the clouds are gone and the sky is glowing red? Ten years

climatedepot.com

4. Had Clint Hail from @NCTCOGtrans talk to my class about AVs and the future of cities in the #DFW region @UTAcappa. The future is almost here! #MinorinUrbanPlanning #AutonomousVehicles #IntrotoUrbanLife – Tahereh (@taherehGran)

5. He’s “almost” as cool as #AVs. 😒 – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

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Public Meetings & Forums

Twitter

1. SAVE THE DATE: October 30, 2018 at 10am-2pm a #Propane #Autogas Lunch & Learn sponsored by @PropaneCouncil and hosted by @NCTCOGtrans Register now at http://www.dfwcleancities.org/dfw-clean-cities-meetings … #Dallas #DFW #cleanair – Propane:FuelingTexas (@FuelingTexas)

2. Thursday - NOCoE Webinar on ICM for Urban and Rural Applications: Join state and regional leaders in #ICM to hear about successes and lessons learned from agencies who've deployed ICM on their roadways. https://bit.ly/2Nfz0Ji  #TSMO #THISisITS @ncdot @mdsha @NCTCOGtrans @azdot – NOCoE (@NOCoEOps)
3. Michael Morris @NCTCOGtrans @NTxCommission shares that DFW congestion down 9% as population grows rapidly. Investments made in user pay road improvements are doing what they were intended to do. #NTX86th – Bob Jameson (@BobJamesonFW)

Facebook

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Transit

Twitter

1. Muchas gracias Forest Hill, Condado de Tarrant, Comisionado @RoyCBrooks, Detra Whitmore con @TrinityMetro, y el Consejo de Transporte Regional @NCTCOGtrans por este servicio nuevo de tránsito a la comunidad.

#ColaboracionesdeTransito

#UtilizeTrinityMetro – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)
2. Thank you Forest Hill, @TarrantCountyTX, Comm @RoyCBrooks, Detra Whitmore w/@TrinityMetro, & Regional Transportation Council (RTC) @NCTCOGtrans for bringing transit service to this community.

#TransitPartnerships
#RideTrinityMetro
#MasterPlaninAction
It's opening day at the State Fair of Texas and we just had the greatest idea... save money, time and stress by riding DART to the Fair! Here's the schedule for your convenience 😊:
https://www.dart.org/statefair/statefair.asp – NCTCOG Transportation Department

To add to this post, DART’s Green Line light rail, which has fair stops at both Fair Park and MLK stations, also connects to DART’s other light rail lines at Pearl, St. Paul, Akard and West End stations in downtown Dallas, as well as to the TRE at Victory Station and to DCTA’s A-Train at Trinity Mills Station, as these are all terrific and relaxing ways to
get to the fair to help reduce car traffic, road congestion, and parking hassles! – Paul McManus

Other

Twitter

1. In the @NCTCOGtrans Progress North Texas 2018 Report, congestion data suggests mobility is improving in the DFW area. The report cites the @TEXpress lanes are helping accommodate growth, #mobility and expansion. https://www.nctcog.org/trans/about/publications/pnt/2018 … – Cintra (@Cintra_USA)

2. About 40 semi trucks @ATTStadium to put on this show....that's a lot of diesel spewing... @NCTCOGtrans are they allowed to idle? – Kim Feil (@kimfeil)

3. Rethinking America's Highways - A Book Talk with Robert Poole, Director of Transportation Policy at @reason. Happening at @utarlington. @NCTCOGtrans – Ctedd (@C_TEDD)
4. Robert W. Poole, author "Rethinking America's Highways" @NCTCOGtrans argues to view highways as public utilities—like electricity, telephones & water supply; highway investments motivated by economic factors. #txlege – Mosaic Strategy (@mosaic_sp)

Conclusions

- Major highways are failing, due to constraints of politicized decision-making.
- Major highways should be reconfigured as network utilities, paid directly by customers.
- Key ingredients are there:
  - Per-mile, all-electronic tolling
  - The long-term P3 model
  - Companies with impressive track records
  - Willing investors
- What’s needed is to put the ingredients together and gain political support.