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 November 8, 2018.

This report is a compilation of general public comments submitted by members of the public from Thursday, December 20, through Saturday, January 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. Transit comments, including the opening and operation of TEXRail, as well as expansion of transit, were in the majority.

Air Quality

Twitter

1. Clear Air Partners Honored
nadallas.com/DAL/December-2018/Clear-Air-Partners-Honored/#.XB1BBAXwh2M.twitter … @NCTCOGtrans #CleanAir – Natural Awakenings (@NaturalDallas)

2. North Texas Ozone Compliance Reclassified to Serious Nonattainment
https://www.nadallas.com/DAL/January-2019/North-Texas-Ozone-Compliance-Reclassified-to-Serious-Nonattainment/#.XDyZdMEqCdE.twitter … @NCTCOGtrans #HealthyPlanet #CleanAir – Natural Awakenings (@NaturalDallas)
Autonomous Vehicles

Twitter

1. And @NCTCOGtrans funding of a regional autonomous vehicle program.

Bicycle & Pedestrian

Twitter

1. @CityOfDallas @DallasParkRec @TxDOTDallas @NCTCOGtrans @DallasCityMgr @oncor – Lee M. Kleinman (@LeeforDallas)

Innovative Vehicles & Technology

Twitter

@NCTCOGtrans thanks for the feature from your fellow #DallasFortWorth neighbor! More info? Visit – Bell #FlyBellNexus (@BellFlight)

2. TRECcast: Transportation Technology Integration With @nctcogtrans Kevin Feldt (sponsored by @bokapowell) – TREC Dallas (@TRECDallas)
Facebook


Twitter

1. Attending the January meeting of the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition (TRTC). @trtcmobility @TrinityMetro @CityofFortWorth @TarrantCountyTX @TarrantTransit @NCTCOGtrans – at Intermodal Transportation Center Station (Amtrak, Greyhound, TRE, The T) – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)
2. On behalf of @TrinityMetro at the monthly meeting of the Regional Transportation Council. @CityofFortWorth @TarrantCountyTX @TarrantTransit @NCTCOGtrans https://www.nctcog.org/trans/about/committees/regional-transportation-council … – at North Central Texas Council of Governments – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)

3. The @NCTCOGtrans is asking residents for their input on the future of transportation in our area! Find out more information and submit your ideas at https://www.nctcog.org/trans/involve/meetings …. – City of Forney (@CityofForneyGov)
**Facebook**

1. It's our first RTC meeting of the year! The meeting will begin at 1 pm today. Want to watch the meeting live? Visit http://nctcog.org/video and click "live." – NCTCOG Transportation Department

![RTC Meeting Image]

It worked out well that the first RTC meeting of 2019 just happened to be on the same day as the launch of TEXRail service! – Paul McManus

Coincidence? Probably not. 😏 – NCTCOG Transportation Department

**Transit**

**Twitter**

1. TEXRail: 5 things to know about Texas' newest passenger train line: http://bit.ly/2Tc4C6c – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)
Dedicated Bus Lines can be built and operate for a fraction of the cost...compared to light rail. – J_C_Anderson (@JYakburger)

Fast Buses vs. Light Rail: You Decide
From Cleveland to Los Angeles, bus rapid transit is revving up.
green.blogs.nytimes.com

2. Heads up! Due to the #CottonBowl in Arlington, several roads will be closed. For the full list of closures, visit: https://www.waze.com/events/cotton-bowl-2018-12-29 … – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)
Gosh darn... If only @CityOfArlington had real #transit as a choice! Sorta like what would be available if the @CottonBowlGame were actually held in the Cotton Bowl... – Loren S. (@txbornviking)

3. Transportation transformation: TEXRail to DFW a game-changer @TrinityMetro @CityofFortWorth @TarrantCountyTX @TarrantTransit @NCTCOGtrans – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)

Transportation transformation: TEXRail to DFW a game-changer
It’s a New Year and new day for transit in Tarrant County, with the Jan. 5 start of TEXRail commuter service from Fort Worth to DFW, North Richla... star-telegram.com
4. Still feeling great about yesterday’s #TEXRail Golden Ticket Event! @TrinityMetro @CityofFortWorth @TarrantCountyTX @TarrantCountyTX @NCTCOGtrans – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)

5. Want to go to @DFWAirport? You can now take the @TrinityMetro rail line from @CityofFortWorth or @CityofNRH or @GrapevineTXCity @NCTCOGtrans @VisitFortWorth @FTWChamber @MayorBetsyPrice, other officials celebrated on Dec. 31

6. It is always good to have Mariachi Mexicanisimo at the #TEXRail North Side Station celebration! Nothing like a mariachi serenade to send our good Fort Worth folks on the train! @TrinityMetro @CityofFortWorth @TarrantCountyTX @TarrantTransit @NCTCOGtrans – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)

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http://www.fortworthbusiness.com/news/officials-celebrate-opening-of-texrail-line-from-fort-worth-to/article_be72073c-0d43-11e9-977b-534c80e95067.html … RT @fwbusinesspress #travel #fortworth – Gulliver’s Travel (@gulliversfw)
8. Love the uniforms of our #TEXRail crew! Excited about #TEXRail service to @DFWAirport. Service starts January 5th. Free January 5th to January 31st. #TimetoTrain @TrinityMetro @CityofFortWorth @CityofNRH @GrapevineTXCity @TarrantCountyTX @TarrantTransit @NCTCOGtrans – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)

I agree. 👍 – J (@J_Azucena_M)

Cool uniform – Nick Martinez (@martineznicNick)

9. 👀 – Tarrant Transit Alliance (@TarrantTransit)

**Burleson Star @BurlesonStar**
North Central Texas Council of Governments has plans for City of Burleson, Texas Government -- a commuter rail to Fort Worth may be coming in the future... burlesonstar.net/news-local-new...

Burleson Mayor @kenshetter wasn't kidding! There's no time like the present. Let's make this a reality @NCTCOGtrans! – Loren S. (@txbornviking)

**Ken Shetter @kenshetter**
Replying to @kenshetter @txbornviking and 3 others

I've inquired about the possibly of a pilot project connecting @CityofBurleson to commuter rail. Thanks for asking, I’m all in!
10. @NCTCOGtrans, we need this in DFW. – Russ Bainbridge (@TriRussell)

11. Beautiful morning & day for #TEXRail! #mytexrail #timetotrain @TrinityMetro @CityofFortWorth @CityofNRH @GrapevineTXCity @TarrantCountyTX @TarrantCountyTX @DFWAirport @NCTCOGtrans – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)

I wanna try – Raul Garcia (@bigtata20002000)

12. He says the goal is to extend the rail line south to the Fort Worth Medical District and TCU area next.

cred: @UrbanFortWorth
Yes please – Aaron (@thepodcastdude)

13. #TEXRail is messing up the #TRE Schedule. They just had a game of chicken at the ITC because TEXRail was late. Again. These TEXRail-caused TRE delays need to stop! @TrinityMetro @dartmedia @DARTAlerts @TxDOTFortWorth @NTExpress @NCTCOGtrans @TarrantTransit @TrinityMetroAlt – at Intermodal Transportation Center Station (Amtrak, Greyhound, TRE, The T) – Enrique Durán Junior (@ejr_d)


Facebook

1. TEXRail: 5 things to know about Texas’ newest passenger train line: http://bit.ly/2Tc4C6c – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)
Can’t wait to use it! – Lance Heiskell

Twitter

1. Stormwater managers and ecological folks from Dallas/Fort Worth area and from all of Texas should join us! #txwater @txawwa @NCTCOGtrans @CityOfFriscoTx @CityOfArlington @TXPlantGuy – Upper Trinity Water (@UTRWD)

2. Hopefully this return to local control could serve as a precedent and #Dallas could wrest local control from @NCTCOGtrans and rid itself of bad transportation policies and highways so “vitally important to the region” but a noose on Dallas. – Andrew Wallace (@agwallace92)

Dallas Morning News 🌟 @dallasnews
If the Texas Legislature won’t help solve Dallas’ problems, it should at least get out of the way | Opinion buff.ly/2Qw8QDL
3. One day we'll fix the error that is the Benbrook Traffic Circle in where 183, 377, & Camp Bowie meet. I hope the folks at @NCTCOGtrans & @TxDOT would use this multimodal solution as inspiration. – Loren S. (@txbornviking)

![Urban Planning & Mobility](image)

**Facebook**

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![Arlington Traffic Map](image)

Harold … did you know about this? – Nermin Begovic

I remembered on the way home – Harold Hall

Heheheh ok… hopefully we won’t get stuck in it too much… - Nermin Begovic

2. Going out for lunch? The weather is beautiful! Consider keeping the car parked and walk instead. – NCTCOG Transportation Department
Trying to walk 100 and ride 100 a week...we'll see. – Stan Hart

That's an awesome goal, Stan! We're rooting for you. 🙌 – NCTCOG Transportation Department

3. Tell us what you think about proposed changes to the transportation planning and air quality efforts we're organizing for fiscal years 2018 and 2019. More information posted here: nctcog.org/input – NCTCOG Transportation Department

Help! Im in an emergency situation im about to lose my only transportation if i cant get help getting my trucks O2 sensor wires replaced. Last year I uad to pay to get the sensors themself replaced. Can you help? – Pj Priscilla Drew

Hi, Pj! Have you heard of our AirCheckTexas program? You may apply and if you qualify, we can provide financial assistance to repair your vehicle. Visit https://www.airchecktexas.org/repair to read more about income guidelines and other
requirements. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us at 1-800-898-9103. – NCTCOG Transportation Department

NCTCOG Transportation Department yes. Someone reached out to me! Thanks. I may end up off the road for a few days tho. He said it takes about 2 weeks to apply and get a voucher. Im low income so that shouldnt be a problem there. Thank you – Pj Priscilla Drew

Sorry to hear about the inconvenience. Hopefully we can get you back up and running soon! – NCTCOG Transportation Department

Yes $5 per one trip permits for work will be cheaper than repair and I will appreciate it – Pj Priscilla Drew