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 Saturday, July 20, through Monday, August 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. Bicycle and pedestrian comments related to the highlight video of the Santa Fe Trail were in the majority.

Air Quality

Email

1. Richard Guldi

(1) North Texas governments are out-of-control in encouraging growth. When 75,000 people move to Dallas every year, I get no benefit. Instead, I get longer commutes, higher taxes, and more pollution. Even if my house value increases, I can't sell it, because I wouldn't be able to afford another house.

(2) North Texas continues to suffer from poor air quality. Several members of my family with asthma are nearly incapacitated on days with dirty air. NTCOG needs to make clean air a priority.

(3) Public transportation should run more frequently and be free to riders. It should be financed by higher taxes on gasoline, parking spaces, automobile registration, tires, state vehicle inspection, etc. EV's should be exempt from all of these new taxes and parking for EVs should be free and the most convenient available.

(4) Solar panels should be more strongly encouraged on governmental, corporate, and residential buildings. Buildings with solar panels should receive a lower property tax rate.

(5) All government and business buildings should be encouraged financially to use green energy - wind and solar.
(6) NTCOG should begin using energy storage batteries to take advantage of inexpensive (even free) electricity from wind during nighttime hours.

**Twitter**

1. Listen to Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coordinator, Lori Clark, talk how retailers can take advantage of available funds for alternative or electric vehicles to keep fueling infrastructure in-line with customer needs. @NCTCOGtrans #CleanCities #Mobility


2. 🌐 What's new in #convenience? We'll tell you! Catch this week's #ConvenienceMatters podcast to learn about Sustainable Cities and New Mobility with Lori Clark, Program Manager at @NCTCOGtrans

   . 🎧 >> https://apple.co/2ZJNUPn – NACS (@NACSonline)

**Facebook**

1. Ozone Action Day – Ozone in the DFW area Thursday 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/9nC9vy. Consider a clean air choice: http://bit.ly/2oAbaPt. – NCTCOG Transportation Department

   ![Image of Ozone Action Day Level Orange](image)

How can we come together to get the car trade in program back? It was by far one of the best things we have and can continue to do for the ozone and our air that we breathe in North Texas. – Caleb Bishop White

Hi, Caleb! Apologies for the delayed response and thank you for your interest in the program. We recommend reaching out to your state representatives and sharing your support and experience with the program. – NCTCOG Transportation Department
NCTCOG Transportation Department I will do this, thank you for the advice. 😊 – Caleb Bishop White

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![CONVENIENCEMATTERS.COM #185 Sustainable Cities and New Mobility – Convenience Matters
Lori Clark // Program Manager at North Central Texas Council of Governments and Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Coordinator Clean Cities coalitions are transforming local transportation markets to implement alternative fuel...](image)

**Bicycle & Pedestrian**

**Twitter**

1. Great stuff happening with the regional veloweb! – Bike Denton (@bikedenton)

2. Awesome!! – BikeDFW (@BikeDFW)

3. Check out the first video in our new series on bike trails in the region! First up: The Sante Fe Trail, the 5.3-mile stretch that goes from Deep Ellum to White Rock Lake. Stay tuned for more! – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)
Yes! Can't wait!!! ❤️❤️❤️ @IronRidersDFW – Sonjay Lifsey (@Sonja_ArmyVet)

4. Can't wait to ride! – jaynie schultz (SchultzJaynie1)

5. Great video @NCTCOGtrans! I walk along the Santa Fe Trail almost every day, and sometimes twice a day. I am very lucky to live close to the trail in East Dallas. It’s a great place to enjoy urban wildlife, especially birds. – Katherine L. Unmuth (@kunmuth)
Facebook

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great job! – Alex Cavaoverstrava

The video turned out great. It really highlights why the Santa Fe Trail is awesome. – Kristie Holt

Great video, looking forward to riding this trail. – Robert Noah

EDIT: Goes from Deep Ellum & Fair Park to White Rock Lake.” – Jason Bradberry

Pedego Dallas Electric Bikes is a great spot to rent bikes and ride this trail!!! – Brad J Snyder
2. Love this trail, ride it 2-3 times a week from White Rock to Deep Ellum and back. – Steve Gandy

3. The Santa Fe Trail is a great asset to the people of Dallas. The trailhead in Deep Ellum is less than a mile from Local Hub and takes you to Fair Park or White Rock Lake where you can connect with the White Rock Creek Trail, Ridgewood Trail, or the SoPac Trail. You can ride 40 miles + on trails! Check it out this weekend and see why it’s one of our favorite trails in Dallas. – Local Hub Bicycle Company
4. We work hard every day to make the Santa Fe Trail a great place for everyone. Thank you to the NCTCOG Transportation Department for making this amazing video. – Friends of Santa Fe Trail

**Innovative Vehicles & Technology**

**Twitter**

1. This hits my nerd sweet spot. I’m going to try to go to this. – Kate (@Katerade)
2. @HyperloopOne is hitting the road with a test pod and it’s stopping here in Arlington next week! For more information on how you can check it out, visit: http://bit.ly/2OxtoAh. – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

It's clear what solutions will work TODAY to improve mobility throughout the region. We need fast, frequent, & reliable #bus & #rail solutions! – Loren S. (@txbornviking)

HSR capacity can be nearly 20k passengers per hour per direction, assuming 18 trains/h over a double track alignment, each w/ 1100 seats.

If a Hyperloop pod had 50 seats then to match HSR capacity 400 pods would need to depart every hour at a 9 sec headway. – Loren S. (@txbornviking)

We really need to stop wasting time & energy on the "hyperloop" & other "more hype than substance" proposals.

Hyperloop is simply hype.

It's a promise, a dream, a hope, a distraction. – Loren S. (@txbornviking)

3. Transportation of the future! – Jennifer Hoff
4. From #ArlingtonTX to Laredo in 42 Minutes: @VirginHyperloop Travel Technology Will Be On Display at @ATTStadium Through Partnership with @NCTCOGtrans http://ow.ly/LbwG50voNNq – City of Arlington (@CityOfArlington)

5. @NCTCOGtrans@HyperloopOne National Roadshow Offers Area Students Hands-On Look at Tomorrow’s Transportation @CityOfDallas @CityofFortWorth @DallasEcoDev @DallasISDMedia https://nctcog.org/trans/about/news/current-press-releases/virgin-hyperloop-one-national-roadshow-offers-area – Lee M. Kleinman (@LeeforDallas)

Project Planning

Email
1. **Connie Moreno**

Quit building more roads. Repair the ones we have. Focus on modern environmentally conscious convenient mass transit options. Get the rental scooters off the roads.

**Twitter**

1. But sure @NCTCOGtrans @JudgeClayJ - let's keep building and expanding those highways.
   – Philip Goss (gosspl)

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**Public Meetings & Forums**

**Twitter**

1. Thank you @NCTCOGtrans for hosting the 2019 Parking Symposium. @WantmanGroup was honored to present beside @GrapevineTXCity. Looking forward to the next one. – Nicole Chinea (@NicoleChinea)

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**Transit**
Facebook

1. TEXRail is about to nearly double the number of trains on its tracks (link: http://bit.ly/2K4kK6S) – NCTCOG Transportation Department

For everyone reading this post, TEXRail riders can also transfer to many of Trinity Metro’s bus routes at Mercantile Center, North Side, Central, and T&P stations, as well as to DART’s Orange Line light rail at DFW Airport! – Paul McManus

2. DCTA to run trains at a 30-minute frequency, authority officials said: bit.ly/2H9qETH – NCTCOG Transportation Department

For everyone reading this post, this increase in service frequency begins on Monday, August 26! – Paul McManus

😊 – Phil Neil

Other

Twitter

1. I’m sure someone has pointed this out already but....that is a right hand. :) – Paul 🌻 (@FWGMills)
2. Our Trash Bash is in the morning, but there will still be time to attend this event afterward! http://tiny.cc/TrashBash19 – City of Benbrook, TX (@benbrooktx)

Facebook

1. Friendly reminder that the left lane is for passing only.

Also, today is #LeftHandersDay. High fives to all my fellow lefties! – NCTCOG Transportation Department
Also, our traffic rules and road designs are intended to make cars drive faster and faster, decreasing the safety of our roads and communities. – Dallas May

GUNS UP!!! WRECK ‘EM!!! – Erni Chez