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

This month, bicycle and pedestrian comments related to the Trail of the Month video featuring the Cotton Belt Trail were in the majority.

Bicycle & Pedestrian

Twitter –
1. Cotton Belt Trail will connect Plano, check it out. – LegacyConnect (@LegacyConnectMe)

Facebook –
1. Check out the fourth video in our new Trail of the Month series about multi-use trails in the region! The Cotton Belt Trail plays a vital role in the off-street connection between North Richland Hills, Hurst, Colleyville, and Grapevine. Stay tuned for more!

Resources:
Keep up the good work, forging ahead. So glad to finally see Carrollton being included or at least close to some of the longer trails. – Raynard Andrews

Great video! – Laura Bergstrom

Where’s a good place to park in Grapevine? – Howard Maher

Hi, Howard! There are numerous parking lots along the trail. Additionally, there are parks, schools and commercial parking lots nearby. We recommend taking TexRail and getting off at the station near Downtown Grapevine or organizing a group ride so that parking isn't as big of an issue! You can you use this interactive map to locate bikeways and parks, many of which have parking lots: http://nctcoggis.maps.arcgis.com/.../webapp.../index.html.... – NCTCOG Transportation Department

2. Perfect weather this weekend for enjoying the trail system! – North Richland Hills City Hall
3. We love the Cotton Belt Trail 🚴‍♂️ 🏃‍♀️ – Kevin Mitchell
4. Check out your community hike and bike trail! – Keep Grapevine Beautiful

5. Let’s get on board Carrollton "Connection". Don’t let the trail development leave us out! – Raynard Andrews
**Funding**

**Twitter –**

1. Some of the misperceptions passed around the @CAMPOTexas Policy Board are mystifying. There is a general perception that @HGACmpo & @NCTCOGtrans have succeeded at bringing greater funding to their regions than ATX. This is not true when you look at @TXDOT spending per capita. – Jay Blazek Crossley (@JayCrossley)

![TXDOT spending per capita 2006-2015 by MPO](chart)

Here is a previous post I did about the misperceptions about the Austin region that seem to weirdly dominate regional discussions. It is bizarre that our @CAMPOTexas decision makers are so uninformed about some basic facts of our transportation system.


**Innovative Vehicles & Technology**

**Twitter –**

1. #ahem #autopilot #driverassistancesystems @Tesla – N TX Tesla Owners (@NTXTeslaOwners)

![Good news: US traffic fatalities fall again.](image)
Facebook –


So, what’s the plan if the electricity running the maglev rail line goes out and you are now stuck inside a tube? They gonna cut you out before you suffocate?

(Keep in mind, the next vehicle is coming behind you on the same track at 700 mph. So, better think quickly.) – Dallas May

The portions like DFW Airport to Dallas will be interesting being so short at the speeds proposed. Not even one passenger has ever been on a Hyperloop, but it’s good to see research and development being done. These are proposed routes for High-Speed Rail lines and mass transportation options are badly needed. ETA - Enthusiasts of Transit Association – Curtis Garrison

Project Planning

Twitter –

1. Why is the unelected, unaccountable @NCTCOGtrans refusing to contribute to the expansion of @KlydeWarrenPark unless it includes a building in the middle of it, instead of a park? – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie_H_Dallas)

   it isn’t a ‘park’ anyway, but a outdoor upscale entertainment center. many people think it’s great. but the potential for even more commercialization in form of an office bldg is beyond offensive. sooooo dallas. – casscounty (@aurielambert)

   I always love the arcane way in which the cog chooses to fund a project. I believe reading tea leaves is a mandatory skill set to work there. – Philip Goss (@gosspl)

2. This all seems incredibly irresponsible. Why can’t we just have an expansion of the park? Why is @NCTCOG forcing @cityofdallas to build this structure as a prerequisite to obtaining funding? – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie_H_Dallas)
NCTCOG said it wants the building to set a legal precedent, but would not elaborate as to why the precedent is needed specifically. – Lori Brown (@LoriBrownFox4)

Would you not agree that such a statement from @NCTCOGtrans is preposterous and implausible on its face? – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie_H_Dallas)

**Safety**

**Email**

1. **Zainab Sajjad**

Hello,

Please put a sign cautioning cars regarding the oncoming traffic from Hwy on the service lane of the Renner road exit from N. President George Bush Hwy. My daily commute includes crossing the junction of N. President George Bush Hwy and Renner road. The traffic coming onto the service lane from N. President George Bush Hwy is coming at a fast speed directly into the service lane which comes as a shock to those driving on the service lane as there is no sign cautioning either for those driving on the service lane or the cars coming from the highway about the merging traffic. There should be at least a lower speed speed limit sign for the cars taking an exit. I witness cars nearly colliding every day there and I always tell myself to be careful but despite being careful I was almost a part of a dangerous accident today.
**Facebook –**

1. "Ahead" a very important word for everyone operating a motor vehicle or bike. Use your eyes and Look Ahead, use a-Head to THINK ahead and use a helmet to protect a-head. Now go ahead and Share The Road NOT The Lane. – Raynard Andrews

**Transit**

**Twitter –**

1. My current read: Human Transit by Jarrett Walker. Thank you Elizabeth Espino for the book gift! @TrinityMetro @CityofFortWorth @TarrantTransit @FTWChamber @fwhcc @fwmbcc @trtcmobility @NCTCOGtrans @TarrantCountyTX – Sal Espino (@SAL_FW)
Facebook –

1. Have you tried The Dash yet? No? There’s still time to catch a complimentary ride! You have until October 31. And beginning Nov. 1, rides are only $2 one way or $5 for a day pass. Learn more here: https://ridetrinitymetro.org/dashanddiscover. – NCTCOG Transportation Department

It’s great! – Tarrant Transit Alliance

Plus, for everyone reading this post, The Dash also connects to both the TRE and TEXRail at Central Station in downtown Fort Worth! – Paul McManus
That it does! – NCTCOG Transportation Department

Complimentary rides on the Dash have been extended through Dec. 31, 2019. – Juanity Martinez

2. We LOVE The Dash!!!

For more posts about Road Transit like this and updates, info and access to private discussions, join our Facebook group @ETA - Road Transit – ETA – Enthusiasts of Transit Association

Other

Twitter –

1. Heads up for Dallas County residents – UTA University Dems (@UTACollegeDems)
Facebook –

1. Good news! US traffic fatalities fall again.


The bad news is that death rates increased for people walking and biking. Most of these deaths occur on major roads that provide nowhere safe to travel or cross if you're not in a car.

We need to ramp up safety improvement funds for people walking and biking. Everyone deserves to get home safely.


Well the death rate can drop simply because you can only die once. If the rate of new reckless and careless drivers is slower than the death rate they almost weed themselves out. It's a shame that people can't be responsible enough to respect cyclists and other drivers to the point that "technology" is required to compensate for incompetence.
Humm that gives me another thought about our current administration. – Raynard Andrews

How did NTX fair? Seems our area is increasing in population over national averages. – Elizabeth Corazon