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 Friday, August 20, through Sunday, September 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 were in the majority.

In addition, comments were accepted through a new, online map tool. Users can drop a pin on a location in the region and leave a detailed comment. This month, there were 16 bicycle and pedestrian comments and six roadway comments. To read them, visit: http://nctcoggis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourceReporter/index.html?appid=b014e6d39b604b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2.

Bicycle & Pedestrian

Twitter –

1. We’re excited about all of the construction to connect Valleydale with the future site of the bridge over 75! We love the partnership with @CityOfDallas, @DallasCountyTx, @TxDOT, and @NCTCOGtrans to complete this project. – Northaven Trail (@NorthavenTrail)
2. Since our world changed last year, North Texans were looking for ways to stay active. Today we’re featuring The Santa Fe Trail in Dallas. It stretches 5.3 miles and goes from Deep Ellum to White Rock Lake. Stay tuned for more! @CityOfDallas @BikeDFW @DallasParkRec @GreenDallas – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

Wow - this is awesome. Please do more of these!

Are you allowed to ride e-bikes on the trail(s)? – Clayton Meeker (@Clm1403)

Hi, Clayton! Per state law, e-bikes are allowed on trails unless posted otherwise. – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

Love it - now I just need to get one. :) – Clayton Meeker (@Clm1403)

3. Bridge girders up and more construction at the @NorthavenTrail bridge location. Thanks to @TxDOTDallas the project is currently a little ahead of schedule. – Jeff Kitner (@JeffKitner)
So exciting! – Rivae Campo (@Rivaebk)

4. We're "hot on the trail" for the quiet zone field study for the Cotton Belt/Silver Line - giving input on measures to keep pedestrians, cyclists & vehicles safe & retain as much quality of life as possible. @dartmedia @NCTCOGtrans #signals #walls #gates #fencing #nohorns #bells – caraathome (@caraathome) (@caraathome)

Can I ask why we need a train to the airport when Biden is going to put 50 percent of Americans on a no-fly list? Who's going to bw riding this train? – Mike OTL (@Mike_OntheLam)

If there is a betting pool, I’m in for the year 2070. 🤑 – caraathome (@caraathome) (@caraathome)

Lol. – Mike OTL (@Mike_OntheLam)

6. The A-Train Rail Trail is 19 miles long and is the longest trail in Denton County. The A-train Rail Trail is a product of @RideDCTA collaborating with community partners including @cityofdentontx, @CityofCorinth, @CityLakeDallas and @LewisvilleTexas. – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

Do you need a bike or a car once you get our of this train at all stations? – María Eugenia (@Ma_E2021)
There are a plethora of mobility options once you get to our A-train stations. You can use your bike, try our new GoZone on-demand service, transfer to one of our Connect buses, etc. Hope this helps! – AH – DCTA (@RideDCTA)

Roadway

Email –
1. Jeorgia Brown

Hello!

I would like to request that there be a stoplight installed at the intersection of 287 and Prairie Ridge Blvd. Due to the new community being built in this area, traffic has increased in this area making it difficult and dangerous to enter, exit, or even pass through this area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Transit

Twitter –
1. Southern Montana counties are banding together to restore passenger rail service cut over 1/2 a century ago. Southern Montana. If they can do it why can’t we expand rail service in Texas? @TXLegeCouncil @TXlege @bigskyrailmt @TXRailAdvocate @GovAbbott @DanPatrick @NCTCOGtrans – Peter J LeCody (@railadv)

We are watching Texas and @TXRailAdvocate with great interest! – BigSkyRailMT (@bigskyrailmt)

How about we collaborate to connect Texas and Montana bia passenger rail?
We need north-south connectivity in this country. Reach out to @bigskyrailmt! – Dave Strohmaier (@davestrohmaier)