

PUBLIC COMMENTS REPORT
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Purpose

The public comments report is in accordance with the NCTCOG Transportation Department Public Participation Plan, 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 updated on Oct. 9, 2025.

This document is a compilation of public comments related to various transportation and air quality initiatives that were submitted from Friday, June 20 through Sunday, July 19, 2026 via website, email, social media and in person at NCTCOG's monthly Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting.

Additionally, comments can be submitted through Map Your Experience, the Transportation Department's online mapping tool. This tool allows users to drop a pin on a location in the region and leave a detailed comment. The tool received 9 new comments related to bicycling, pedestrians, roadways and transit conditions. You can view these new comments as well as past comments by visiting:
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/4b62c8101dd7476389f3e934455b78dc#>.

World Cup

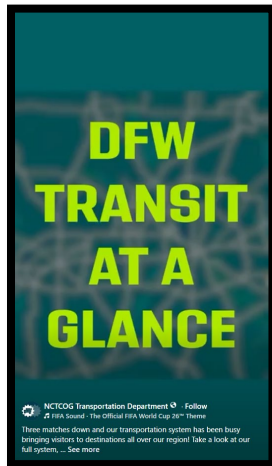
Facebook –

1. Our Topic of the Month series dedicated to the FIFA World Cup 2026 continues! This week, we're sharing tips and strategies to help keep North Texas moving during the tournament. Transit options like DART and Trinity Metro are playing a major role in connecting visitors to matches and events while helping reduce roadway congestion. Residents and employers can help, too. Simple adjustments such as carpooling, working remotely, shifting commute times or combining errands can make a meaningful difference on match days. For more tips, see the link below! - **NCTCOG Transportation Department**



It is a team effort and it's working ! - **Phil Waigand**

2. Three matches down and our transportation system has been busy bringing visitors to destinations all over our region! Take a look at our full system, plus a peek at a train ride from Dallas and Fort Worth. - **NCTCOG Transportation Department**



Each system has on demand services as well. Went from Fort Worth to Frisco to fair park to downtown Dallas and back to Fort Worth yesterday. (TexRail, DART Silver, orange, green, & TRE). - **Tina Christina**

3. Now that the FIFA World Cup is in full swing, we are seeing exactly what strong regional partnerships can accomplish. The massive teamwork and transit investments keeping fans moving today will leave a legacy that lasts long after the final whistle blows, resulting in safer, better-coordinated infrastructure and expanded mobility across our region for generations to come. To read about North Central Texas Council of Governments' role in planning for the World Cup – and beyond – read our Topic of the Month article at the link in our comments below! - **NCTCOG Transportation Department**



Great Job, NCTCOG Transportation Department! - **Barbara Maggi**

Opening a new great chapter of “Communities Coming Together” in DFW! - **Phil Waigand**

Thanks to Michael Morris! - **Elaine Petrus**

Instagram –

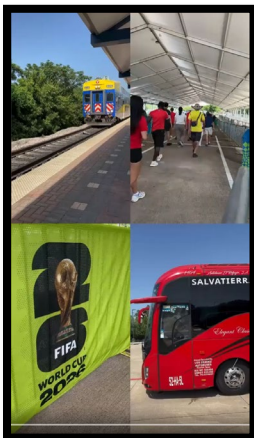
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#Vision34Corridor - James Gyurkovic Jr

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1. As the 2026 FIFA World Cup™ comes to a close in North Texas, we're taking a moment to recognize the incredible work of [NCTCOG Transportation](#) and our many regional partners. Long before the first fans arrived, this team was coordinating with transit agencies, airports, local governments, public safety partners, and the North Texas FWC Organizing Committee to develop a regional transportation plan capable of supporting one of the world's largest sporting events. Their thoughtful planning, innovation, and collaboration helped keep residents and visitors moving throughout the tournament while showcasing what regional cooperation can accomplish. We're proud of the Transportation Department for leading this historic effort and grateful to every partner who helped make it a success. Together, we demonstrated that North Texas is ready to deliver on the global stage! [#WorldCup](#) [#Transportation](#) [#RegionalCollaboration](#) [#NorthTexas](#) [#PublicService](#) [FIFA World Cup 26™ Dallas](#) - NCTCOG Transportation Department



North Texas is fortunate to have such an effective and involved Council of Governments.
Kudos!! - Leigh Johnson, CGCIO

High-Speed Rail

Letter –

1. Please see Attachment 1 for comments submitted via letter.
2. Please see Attachment 2 for comments submitted via letter.
3. Please see Attachment 3 for comments submitted via letter.
4. Please see Attachment 4 for comments submitted via letter.

Public Involvement

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1. Join us online, in person, or via phone for a public meeting on July 13 at 12 pm. See the topics for comment and learn more at the link below. - **NCTCOG Transportation Department**

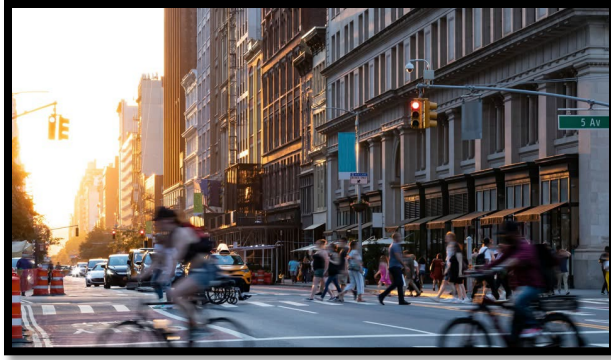


NO MORE HIGHWAY LANES! MORE TRAINS!!! - Texas Rail Advocates

Air Quality

Instagram –

1. July can be a busy month, but it offers opportunities to make choices that benefit both the community and the environment. Planning trips efficiently, monitoring air quality alerts, maintaining vehicles, reporting smoking vehicles, and staying focused behind the wheel all support cleaner air in North Texas. Read more in our latest post on Clean Air Corner (link in bio)
#AirQuality #AirNorthTexas #CleanAirCorner - NCTCOG Transportation Department



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1. Ozone season has once again reared its head in North Texas, bringing hazy skies and a reminder that summer doesn't just bring triple-digit temperatures. It also brings some of our year's worst air quality. Our ongoing Topic of the Month series is devoted to air quality this month and the many ways NCTCOG and its partners are working to create a cleaner, healthier future for North Texas. From expanding air quality monitoring to supporting alternative fuels and innovative transportation technologies, these efforts are helping improve the air we all breathe while preparing the region for continued growth. Read more at the link in our comments below. - **NCTCOG Transportation Department**



Smartcitymobilitytx.com - James Gyurkovic Jr

2. North Texas continues to make progress toward cleaner air through the growth of electric vehicles and charging infrastructure. With more than 168,000 EVs now on the road and 3,300+ public charging ports across the region, it's becoming easier than ever to drive electric. As part of July's Topic of the Month, learn how expanding EV infrastructure is helping improve regional air quality and preparing North Texas for the future of transportation. Read more below: - **NCTCOG Transportation Department**



One of the best built EVs out there. Well done. - **Brian Zelis**

NCTCOG Recognition

Facebook –

1. One employee's service led to a special honor for our entire organization.

Lt. Chris Nelson plans safer roads for North Texas communities as a Senior Planner in the NCTCOG Transportation Department– while also serving in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, where he recently returned to active duty. Still, he took the time to nominate NCTCOG and his supervisors for national recognition through the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) – a U.S. Department of Defense program. This week, that nomination resulted in three special honors: ★ NCTCOG received the Above and Beyond Award ★ Kevin Kokes and Carmen Morones received the Patriot Award for their outstanding support of employees serving in the military.

We also proudly signed ESGR's Statement of Support, reaffirming our commitment to the employees who serve both our communities and our country. We couldn't be more proud – of Lt. Nelson, of Kevin and Carmen, and of the kind of workplace we're building together. Thank you to all NCTCOG employees – past and present – who have served in the U.S. Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard, including their National Guard and Reserve components. 🇺🇸 #MilitarySupport #America250 #SupportOurTroops #ESGR #PublicService #NCTCOG - **NCTCOG Transportation Department**



Thank you and all our wonderful military members and their families for their service to this great nation! – **Christy Martinez**

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June 22, 2026

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Re: Chapter 4: The NCTCOG and not the RTC is the MPO – The Lawsuit Findings

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

As you know, I represent Hunt Realty Investments, Hunt Consolidated, Inc., Ray L. Hunt and certain other affiliated and/or related entities (collectively, "Hunt").

The Regional Transportation Council (the "RTC"), purporting to have legal existence as a legal entity separate from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (the "NCTCOG"), intervened in the action styled *County of Denton, Texas v. North Central Texas Council of Governments, et al.*, Cause No. 141-377160-26, in the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas (the "Lawsuit").

On May 5, 2026, the Court in the Lawsuit entered its Order Granting Plaintiff's and Intervenor's Applications for Temporary Injunction (the "Injunction").

The Injunction found, *inter alia*, that the NCTCOG was in violation of various federal statutes requiring certain composition and membership by and of a metropolitan planning organization (an "MPO"). *See, e.g.* Injunction at §§1-3.

Of course, the NCTCOG could not be in violation of any of these statutes unless it was, in fact and law, the MPO.

As a logically and legally necessary result, the law of the case in the Lawsuit, which persists until trial unless modified by a court with jurisdiction, is that the NCTCOG is the MPO.

It is not clear whether the RTC was advised, before or after the decision to intervene in the Lawsuit or the issuance of the Injunction, of the existing and persisting legal consequences of their participation in the Lawsuit in supposedly "obtaining" injunctive "relief."

Ken Kirkpatrick
General Counsel
June 22, 2026
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Further, I once again bring to your attention (as they may possibly relate to future NCTCOG considerations) the following facts:

Alignment “2(b),” finally removed from consideration by Michael Morris and the RTC, would have:

- undeniably threatened, irreparably harmed and severely damaged the Reunion development as well as the potential for new economic activity adjacent to Dallas’ new \$3 billion Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center;
- contravened and interfered with the City’s and Hunt’s legal and lawful rights under their Reunion Master Agreement – in place since 1975, and
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Thank you for your attention to these important matters.

Sincerely,

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June 29, 2026

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Re: Chapter 5: Denton County states that the NCTCOG is the MPO

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

As you know, I represent Hunt Realty Investments, Hunt Consolidated, Inc., Ray L. Hunt and certain other affiliated and/or related entities (collectively, "Hunt").

This letter represents the fifth installment assembling statements, positions and/or admissions that the North Central Texas Council of Governments (the "NCTCOG") – as opposed to the Regional Transportation Council (the "RTC") – is and constitutes the Metropolitan Planning Organization (the "MPO") for the 16-County North Texas region that comprises the NCTCOG.

Four weeks ago, I provided you multiple express admissions by Michael Morris that the NCTCOG, and not the RTC, is and constitutes the MPO for the 16-County North Texas region that comprises the NCTCOG.

Three weeks ago, I made you aware that the United States Department of Transportation likewise affirms on official federal government documents that "[t]he North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is the MPO of the Dallas-Fort Worth region."

Two weeks ago, I informed you that the State of Texas agrees, including on official public websites, stating that the NCTCOG is the MPO.

Last week, I pointed out that the language in the injunction in the action styled *County of Denton, Texas v. North Central Texas Council of Governments, et al.*, Cause No. 141-377160-26, in the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas (the "Lawsuit"), stating that the NCTCOG had allegedly failed to fulfill certain of its requirements *as an MPO*, which of course could not be violated (much less apply) unless it was an MPO.

This week, I reference the fact that the County of Denton (in that same Lawsuit), states in its pleadings that "[t]he NCTCOG serves as the MPO . . ." See County of Denton, Texas Amended Petition at ¶ 5.

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July 6, 2026

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Re: The RTC "vote" on February 12, 2026 to recommend paying \$65 million to the Denton County Transit Authority for the expansion of rail could not be held to comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act and is void and unenforceable

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

As you know, I represent Hunt Realty Investments, Hunt Consolidated, Inc., Ray L. Hunt and certain other affiliated and/or related entities (collectively, "Hunt").

On February 12, 2026, the Regional Transportation Council (the "RTC") considered a posted agenda item regarding a potential motion to recommend funding for Dallas Area Rapid Transit ("DART"). See <https://www.nctcog.org/getContentAsset/0e52c556-41ef-4968-95a7-b2e2546b4416/dfc3d011-8f63-43f6-9ed8-4b444333a1d0/agendartc02-12-2026.pdf?language=en-US>.

During the presentation of that agenda item solely relating to potential *DART* funding, a motion was made to amend the original motion to, *inter alia*, pay sixty-five million dollars (\$65,000,000.00) to a completely different, distinct, and separate entity, the Denton County Transit Authority ("DCTA"). See <https://www.nctcog.org/getContentAsset/0e52c556-41ef-4968-95a7-b2e2546b4416/dfc3d011-8f63-43f6-9ed8-4b444333a1d0/agendartc02-12-2026.pdf?language=en-US>.

No notice of the potential for or possibility of consideration or action to make a \$65 million payment (or any other amount) to the DCTA was posted. The DCTA was nowhere mentioned.

The actually-posted agenda would not "alert a reader to the fact that some action would be considered with respect to" a payment to the DCTA – much less a massive \$65 million payout. *Cox Enter., Inc. v. Board of Trustees*, 706 S.W.2d 956, 958 (Tex. 1986). Stated another way, no person – whether a member of the RTC, the NCTCOG, or the public, would have any notice of any discussion, deliberation or action relating to DCTA rail expansion funding at the February 12, 2026 RTC meeting.

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As a blunt consequence, and even temporarily setting aside all other actual and/or potential issues, the purported vote to recommend funding the DCTA with \$65 million could not be held under any circumstance to comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act and would thus be legally void and unenforceable. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551.101, *et seq.*; *Cox Enter., Inc. v.* 706 S.W.2d at 958.

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Re: OMB Fiscal Year 2027 Federal Budget Cancels Billions in Previously-Awarded California High-Speed Rail Funding

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We provide you an update regarding the federal government's full-scale pull-back of federal funding for high-speed rail. Most recently, the Office of Management and Budget released its proposed Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2027, which "cancel[s]" the "\$4 billion in unspent funding for California's high-speed rail boondoggle." https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/budget_fy2027.pdf.

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