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Transit System Delivers Smooth Ride During FIFA World Cup 2026™



North Texas has concluded a successful run of nine FIFA World Cup 2026™ matches, efficiently moving over a million visiting soccer fans during the tournament's monthlong run in the region. The North Central Texas Council of Governments Transportation Department worked with the North Texas FWC Organizing Committee and local, state and federal partners to ensure the transportation system could accommodate visiting soccer fans, along with the nearly 9 million residents who rely on the system every day.

"Executing a seamless experience for global fans required monumental teamwork, and the innovative transit strategy delivered by the NCTCOG Transportation Department, regional transit agencies and the Regional Transportation Council was vital to this success," said Monica Paul, president of the North Texas FWC Organizing Committee. "By aligning our federal, state and local partners under a single, coordinated vision, we didn't just move people efficiently, we proved that our region can deliver at the highest level to successfully host the biggest sporting event in the world."

GETTING TO MATCHES

One of the fundamental responsibilities of any host city is to safely and efficiently move people. The backbone of the World Cup mobility plan was the currently available rail assets in the region. For match days, the Trinity Railway Express was instrumental in transporting fans and volunteers to the stadium. The TRE's CentrePort Station served as the transit nerve center for the tournament, where most fans arrived via commuter rail. Once fans reached CentrePort Station, they boarded 125 charter buses bound for the matches at AT&T Stadium, renamed Dallas Stadium for the tournament.

More than 40,000 fans rode charter buses between CentrePort Station and the Bus Hub during the tournament. Most of these fans – approximately 30,000 – arrived at CentrePort on the TRE. The NCTCOG Transportation Department developed a plan with the expectation that, while most fans would drive to matches, the international flavor of the World Cup meant a sizable percentage of fans would use public transportation.

For more information, click [here](#).

Topic of the Month

AN EYE ON: School Safety



With summer winding down and families across North Texas preparing for a new school year, thoughts turn from vacations and pool parties to classrooms, school buses and morning routines.

It's the perfect time to put school safety top of mind. Creating a safe trip to and from school is a responsibility we all share, and whether students walk, bike, ride the bus or drive themselves to campus, everyone has a role to play in helping ensure they arrive safely every day.

For our August Topic of the Month, we delve into how the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is helping communities create safer routes to school and how parents, students and drivers can all do their part to make the journey to and from the classroom a safe one. Read more [here](#).

NCTCOG, Fort Worth Partner to Launch Effort to Curb Excessive Speeding



The North Central Texas Council of Governments and the City of Fort Worth launched an effort Aug. 1 to curb excessive speeding, which remains the top contributor to serious and fatal crashes in the Dallas-Fort Worth region.

The effort is part of the Regional Transportation Council's \$57 million safety program, which allocated \$7 million to efforts to reduce speeding.

Under this new pilot program, the Fort Worth Police Department will increase enforcement on stretches of Loop 820 and Interstate Highway 30 from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. This timeframe represents when roadways are statistically among the most dangerous.

To identify high-risk corridors, NCTCOG located roadways with speeds exceeding 80 mph and combined the results with roadway fatality statistics. NCTCOG then sought partnerships with enforcement agencies in areas with high instances of excessive speeding to test how an increase in police presence could improve safety. Fort Worth is the first city to partner with NCTCOG in this effort. For more information, click [here](#).

Study Launches to Explore M-Line Trolley Extension to Knox-Henderson



NCTCOG has launched a study to explore the technical and financial feasibility of extending the historic M-Line Trolley to Dallas' Knox-Henderson neighborhood.

In partnership with the McKinney Avenue Transit Authority (MATA), the study will support the extension of the M-Line Trolley, a beloved piece of Dallas history, which began service in 1989 and follows a historic streetcar route along McKinney Avenue.

The system has grown to include connections to Klyde Warren Park, the Arts District and Dallas Area Rapid Transit's (DART) light rail system. A northern extension would expand this network to reach Knox-Henderson, one of Dallas' fastest-growing neighborhoods. If implemented, this extension would improve connections between Knox-Henderson, Uptown and downtown Dallas, while providing greater access to the Katy Trail and Cole Park.

Public outreach events and input opportunities will be announced this fall and will continue until the project concludes in late 2027. Members of the public, partner agencies, businesses and other key stakeholders in the area are encouraged to stay engaged throughout the study and help shape the future of this important connection

for central Dallas. For more information and updates on the project, please visit the following webpage: [MATA M-Line Trolley Extension Feasibility Study](#).

Join the Conversation on Transportation and Regional Planning Aug. 10



NCTCOG invites the public to provide input on transportation funding initiatives, a stormwater infrastructure study and walking and biking initiatives during a hybrid public meeting at noon on Monday, Aug. 10.

The meeting will be held at the NCTCOG offices, 616 Six Flags Drive in Arlington. Those unable to attend in person can view the meeting online at PublicInput.com/nctcogAug26. North Texans can also participate by calling 855-925-2801 and entering code 6009. Public comments will be accepted through Tuesday, Sept. 8.

NCTCOG will provide recommendations from the Transportation & Stormwater Infrastructure Study to reduce future flood risks in the growing Dallas-Fort Worth region. Staff members will also present proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Public Transportation Programs of Projects funded through four Federal Transit Administration programs,

along with funding recommendations for improvements at US 67 and Chisholm Trail Parkway/Nolan River Road in Cleburne.

Finally, an overview of efforts encouraging schools across the region to participate in Walk & Roll to School Day on Oct. 7, will be presented. The Transportation Improvement Program, which lists funded transportation projects through 2030, will also be available online for public review and comment.

Residents planning to use transit to attend the meeting can take advantage of \$6 roundtrip rides from the CentrePort/DFW Airport Station to NCTCOG via the Arlington Transportation app, which can be downloaded at [ArlingtonTX.gov/ondemand](https://www.ArlingtonTX.gov/ondemand). For special accommodation related to disabilities or language interpretation, call 817-695-9109 or email kcadena@nctcog.org at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

ICYMI: Funding Available to Replace Heavy-Duty Trucks

There is still time for local fleets to receive rebates for zero-emission vehicles as part of the North Texas Zero Emissions Vehicles Call for Projects. Through this call for projects, NCTCOG is offering a up to \$55.4 million to public and private entities replacing “vocational vehicles,” such as such as box trucks, step vans, refuse haulers, street sweepers, utility trucks, transit buses, flatbed trucks, fire trucks, coach buses, bucket trucks and dump trucks. The replacements must be battery-electric or hydrogen fuel cell electric. Visit [NCTCOG.org/NTxZEV](https://www.NCTCOG.org/NTxZEV) for the application materials and resources. **The next deadline to submit applications is 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21.** Subsequent application deadlines will be at 5 p.m. every third Friday of the month, until all funds are exhausted.

Local Motion is a monthly email newsletter from the North Central Texas Council of Governments Transportation Department. For more information about topics, contact Brian Wilson at 817-704-2511 or bwilson@nctcog.org. Visit www.nctcog.org/trans for more information on the department.

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