

## MINUTES

### REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING

Texas Wesleyan University/Collard Street Improvements Study

2026 FIFA World Cup Update

Regional Bike Safety Action Plan

Bike, Walk, & Roll to School Days 2026

Start of 2026 Ozone Season

#### Meeting Date and Location

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) held a hybrid public meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026, at noon in Arlington. Patrons could attend in person, via phone or view the live stream at [publicinput.com/nctcogapril26](https://publicinput.com/nctcogapril26). Karla Windsor, Senior Program Manager, moderated the meeting attended by 104 people.

#### Public Meeting Purpose and Topics

The public meeting was held 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, and updated on Oct. 9, 2025. Staff presented information about:

- Texas Wesleyan University/Collard Street Improvements Study (**Sydnee Mangini**)
- 2026 FIFA World Cup Update (**Michael Morris**)
- Regional Bike Safety Action Plan (**Daniel Snyder**)
- Bike, Walk, & Roll to School Days 2026 (**Kyle Hoener**)
- Start of 2026 Ozone Season (**Daniela Tower**)

The public meeting was held to educate, inform and seek comments from the public. Comments were made by those attending who wished to speak for the record. The presentations made during the meeting as well as a video recording were posted online at: [publicinput.com/nctcogapril26](https://publicinput.com/nctcogapril26).

#### Summary of Presentations

***Texas Wesleyan University/Collard Street Improvements Study presentation:***

[Texas-Wesleyan-University/Collard-Street-Improvements-Study.pdf](https://publicinput.com/nctcogapril26/Texas-Wesleyan-University/Collard-Street-Improvements-Study.pdf)

The Texas Wesleyan University/Collard Street Improvements Study will focus on improving connectivity between East Lancaster Avenue and East Rosedale Street. The project will develop strategies to enhance safety conditions and multimodal transportation access along this corridor,

which connects two major routes that have received significant transportation investments over the past two decades.

The corridor currently has missing sidewalks and safety gaps that limit walkability and access for students and nearby neighborhoods. To address these issues, NCTCOG is coordinating with regional and local partners on a three-phase planning effort to create a safer, more walkable environment. The study is expected to be completed by winter 2028.

***2026 FIFA World Cup Update presentation:***

[2026-FIFA-World-Cup-Update.pdf](#)

NCTCOG is leading efforts to coordinate and develop the regional transportation plan for the FIFA World Cup games, which will take place this summer over a 30-day period. Staff presented an overview of what to expect and how people will travel around the region during the events. Key initiatives will include the utilization of the Trinity Railway Express (TRE) as the backbone of the transit system, supplementing service with charter buses and coordinating closely with TxDOT to manage roadway operations and safety.

The overall goal will be to move thousands of visitors safely and efficiently while showcasing the region's transportation network. Major venues and operations include AT&T Stadium, Fair Park, and the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center. System tests and rehearsals will be conducted prior to the first match, and World Cup coordination efforts are expected to support long-term improvements to transit service and regional mobility.

***Regional Bike Safety Action Plan presentation:***

[Regional-Bike-Safety-Action-Plan.pdf](#)

The Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan is a comprehensive, data-driven effort focused on reducing bicycle crashes and improving bicyclist safety across the region. Developed over the past year and a half, the plan supports the long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan by providing a more focused framework for addressing bicyclist safety issues. The plan identifies priority emphasis areas, bicycle safety corridors and intersections, and establishes a toolbox of countermeasures to guide future investments and local implementation.

The plan is needed due to ongoing safety concerns, including hundreds of bicycle crashes each year, with a disproportionate number occurring at intersections, near schools and close to transit facilities. To address these challenges, the region has taken a multi-faceted approach that combines analysis of statewide crash data with extensive public and stakeholder engagement, including meetings, outreach events and a bilingual safety survey. Informed by public input and aligned with State and regional safety priorities, the plan outlines targeted actions and next steps to improve safety, expand access and support a culture of safety for all roadway users.

To provide comments on the Regional Bicycle Safety Action Plan, visit [publicinput.com/bikesafetyactionplan](https://publicinput.com/bikesafetyactionplan).

***Bike, Walk & Roll to School Days 2026 presentation:***  
[Bike,-Walk,-& Roll-to-School-Days-2026.pdf](#)

NCTCOG staff presented an overview of national walking and bicycling initiatives, including Bike & Roll to School Day and Walk & Roll to School Day. Bike & Roll to School Day is an annual event that promotes active transportation while supporting roadway safety and broader regional mobility objectives. Held on May 6, the initiative encourages students to bike, walk or roll to school together. In addition to enhancing roadway safety awareness, the event promotes physical activity, supports health and wellness, reduces traffic congestion and improves air quality. NCTCOG supports regional participation by providing planning guidance, promotional materials and coordination resources.

For more information on Bike & Roll to School Day, visit <http://www.nctcog.org/walkbikeroll>.

***Start of 2026 Ozone Season presentation:***  
[Start-of-2026-Ozone-Season.pdf](#)

Ozone is a gas composed of three atoms of oxygen and occurs both in the Earth's upper atmosphere and at ground level. Ground-level ozone is commonly referred to as "bad ozone" and forms when emission sources emit nitrogen oxides and/or volatile organic compounds that react in the presence of sunlight. Ozone can make it more difficult to breathe, aggravates lungs and can inflame and damage the airway.

North Texas is currently in violation of two ozone standards, one for 2008 and one for 2015. The current classification under the 2015 standard is serious, with an attainment date of July 20, 2027 and severe under the 2008 standard, with an attainment date of August 3, 2027.

For more information on regional air quality, visit <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/ozone>.

## COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE MEETING

### **2026 FIFA World Cup Update**

**Samarie Goffney, Shorthorn in Arlington (Media)**

A. Test scenarios

**Question:** What are the scenarios you are planning to go over in the meeting on April 16<sup>th</sup>?

**Summary of response by Michael Morris:** For safety reasons, I don't want to go over all the scenarios. However, one example scenario might be that we have a mechanical issue with the TRE train coming out of downtown. We would then initiate a bus bridge and take folks directly to the stadium. Another scenario might be the National Weather Service indicating a thunderstorm or lightning or some other element that would trigger safety protocol in a certain part of our region. Anything we can think of, we will trigger and walk through.

**Phyllis Silver, Citizen**

A. Planning compliments

**Comment:** Michael Morris, kudos with the FIFA planning. I know you mentioned it has been three years in the making and it is exciting that you have sorted out every possible twist and turn.

**Regional Bike Safety Action Plan**

**Phyllis Silver, Citizen**

A. NCTCOG representation at DART Bike to Work Day

**Comment:** I am not a bicyclist myself, but I am a very avid pedestrian, and I feel like that is very closely aligned with bicycling. On May 15, DART is having a Bike to Work Day, and I attended last year, which was amazing. There was a wonderful table that NCTCOG set up telling us about the trails and bicycle safety. Can Daniel comment on whether NCTCOG is going to be present at the DART event this year?

**Summary of response by Daniel Snyder:** Yes, we will have someone assisting and handing out educational materials.

**Other**

**Phyllis Silver, Citizen**

A. Deadline clarification

**Comment:** Is there a deadline for comments this month. I know it is 30 days, but I would like to know the exact date.

**Summary of response by Karla Windsor:** Yes, May 12 will be the comment deadline.

**Jeremy Wilson, Citizen**

A. Traffic signal technology

Please see Attachment 1 for comments submitted via comment form.

**Summary of response by Katherine Cadena:** Thank you for your comment and for sharing your technology. The North Central Texas Council of Governments supports innovation in traffic systems but does not directly operate signals. New technologies are typically evaluated through partnerships with local cities or agencies that own and manage their infrastructure, often starting with pilot programs. We encourage you to connect with local jurisdictions interested in piloting solutions.

**COMMENTS SUBMITTED DURING THE COMMENT PERIOD VIA  
EMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA, WEBSITE & MAIL**

**Mail**

**Phyllis Silver, Citizen**

Please see Attachment 2 for comments submitted via postal mail.

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### Public Meeting Comment Form

**Instructions:**

1. Please mark the box indicating whether you would like to make an oral comment, a written comment, or both oral and written comments.
2. Please fill in your name and affiliation as well as the date and location of meeting.
3. If you are submitting a written comment, please write your comment on this form.
4. Please return this form to an NCTCOG employee at the registration desk.

- I wish to make an oral comment at the public meeting
- I wish to submit a written comment at the public meeting
- I wish to make both oral and written comments at the public meeting

Name Jeremy Wilson

Organization XTraffic

Date 04/13/26

Meeting Location North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Please provide written comments below:

Is there a established process for NCTOG to evaluate innovative traffic systems?

Our software improves the efficiency and safety of traffic signals and we are looking for cities to run pilot programs with.

To submit comments or questions by mail, fax, or e-mail, please send to:  
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 P.O. Box 5888, Arlington, TX 76005-5888 Phone: (817) 695-9240 Fax: (817) 640-3028  
 E-mail: [transinfo@nctcog.org](mailto:transinfo@nctcog.org) Website: <http://www.nctcog.org/trans>

April 13, 2026

Comments + Questions

FIFA World Cup 2026, Transportation

Comment: This presentation shows excellent planning on the part of the Transportation Committee

Question - The presentation mentions, for example on pg. 5, the number of matches and it mentions what day of the week (Thurs. + Saturday) however, except for page 11 (International Broadcast Center) mentioning January to August 2026, I don't see specific dates of the matches. During the live meeting, the date of June 14 was stated <sup>as a start date</sup>. I'm wondering if perhaps the dates were not known when the presentation was printed up or if there is another reason why the dates of the world cup matches are not stated. In any case, I would be interested to know these dates.

Regional Bike Safety Action Plan

Comment - This sounds like an excellent program to increase the culture and awareness of safety.

Bike, Walk and Roll to School Days 2026

Comment - I think it's wonderful getting the committee together to promote and encourage such a healthy and collaborative event. This is great to promote a community-minded spirit.

Question

On page 3 and page 4, the terminology "bike bus" is mentioned. During the meeting this terminology was also used. Can you let me know what a bike bus is?

## Start of the 2026 Ozone Season

Question:

Pg. 5 - What caused the spike in the 2005 levels?

Phyllis Schim 4/27/2026