

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO NAVAL AIR
STATION JOIN RESERVE BASE FORT WORTH:
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NORTH TEXAS

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO NAVAL AIR STATION JOINT RESERVE BASE FORT WORTH

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INTRODUCTION

In Texas, public transportation is primarily provided through public transportation authorities, formed per state law by cities calling an election to dedicate a portion of sales tax to such authority to implement transit service. Of the communities surrounding Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base, only Fort Worth is a member of the public transit provider, Trinity Metro. There is not transit service directly to the main gate of the base. The 2018 Joint Land Use Study recommended measures to alleviate traffic congestion issues on the base and in the surrounding communities through promoting shuttles to and from the base during drill weekends and seeking public transportation options to/from Dallas Fort Worth International Airport.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION EFFORTS

Project staff serves in an additional capacity as staff to the transportation planning entity for the DFW region. This concept was discussed in meetings with NAS JRB Fort Worth leadership, with the base providing comments that it would be difficult to find a way for buses to drop off passengers and then get turned around to continue on the route. In addition, if buses were to drop off passengers at the main gate, this would necessitate long walking distances to any buildings that personnel were trying to access.

During the implementation grant period, a study began for the State Highway 183 project, which included access off of SH 183, via Pumphrey Drive leading to the main gate. At the request of project staff, this planning study will include investigating public transportation options.

NAS JRB Fort Worth separately pursued an arrangement with the rideshare app Uber in which select Uber drivers secure access to enter the base in order to pick up and drop off riders. In the absence of public transportation options, this arrangement provides personnel on base without access to a vehicle with a way to travel within the larger community.

NEXT STEPS

The SH 183 project study is ongoing and any recommendations from that study will be pursued at the appropriate time.