# 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 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 amended on Nov. 10, 2022.

This document is a compilation of general public comments submitted from Sunday, Oct. 20 through Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024 via website, email, social media and in person at NCTCOG's monthly Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting. This month, comments related to public involvement and bicycle/pedestrian/sustainable development were in the majority.

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 52 new comments related to bicycle and pedestrian, roadway and transit conditions. You can view these new comments as well as past comments by visiting

http://nctcoggis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourceReporter/index.html?appid=b014e6d39b604b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2.

# **Air Quality**

#### Twitter -

1. I am so excited that @NCTCOGtrans received \$2.999 million in grant funding from the @realEPAgov to help the City of Dallas replace heavy-duty diesel vehicles that are currently in service. Environmental sustainability is very important and we're taking steps towards solutions.

— Dallas City Council District 2 (@CityofDallasD2)



#### Instagram -

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reemplazar los vehículos diesel pesados que están actualmente en servicio. La sostenibilidad ambiental es muy importante y me alegro de que estemos dando pasos reales hacia soluciones significativas. #D2 #Dallas — Jesse Moreno (@dallascitycouncildistrict2)



# **Bicycle/Pedestrian/Sustainable Development**

#### Instagram -

1. Experience the latest pop-up bike lane demonstration on Quorum Dr through Addison Circle for one last weekend! Share your experience through the online user survey on site. The Town of Addison plans to make this a permanent installation. Now is the time to evaluate the pros and cons of this design and help refine what will ultimately be implemented! Installed by the Popken PopUps team, this project was designed by @kimleyhorn and funded by @nctcogtrans as part of their program to connect the new @dartdaily Silverline stations and Cottonbelt hike & bike trail to nearby bike & pedestrian connections in cities across DFW. We couldn't have asked for a better partner than the @townofaddison. Thanks for making this so much fun!! — Poken PopUps (@popkenpopups)



2. Attention cyclists! We're partnering with TxDOT on a virtual public hearing for potential projects and policies for bicycle use on the Texas highway system. 

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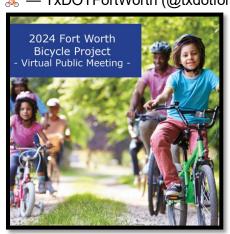
Visit www.keepitmovingdallas.com/bicycle-2024 through Nov. 25. #DFWTraffic — NCTCOG

# Transportation (@nctcogtrans)



How many members of the North Texas Council of Governors cycle to work? Try it for a week and adjust your city policy accordingly — Matthew Banks (@matthew.banks.3762)

3. We need YOU! A TxDOT & @NCTCOGtrans are hosting a virtual public hearing for bicycle use on the state's highway system. Learn more & share your thoughts to shape projects, programs & policies. Visit <a href="https://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/bicycle-2024">https://www.keepitmovingdallas.com/bicycle-2024</a> through Nov. 25. TxDOTFortWorth (@txdotfortworth)



4. Learn your rights and responsibilities when walking, biking or driving. Together, we can make our streets safer for everyone! — NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcogtrans)



Ah yes it's obviously the cyclists fault when they get killed, they should have been wearing yellow. — Alex Rawlings (@alexr4wlings)

5. Learn your rights and responsibilities when walking, biking or driving. Together, we can make our streets safer for everyone! — NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcogtrans)



Or, don't drive on a sidewalk. — bikefriendlyfarmersbranch (@bikefriendlyfarmersbranch)

#### Twitter -

1. If you've got two wheels &, we need your help! Join @TxDOT & @NCTCOGtrans for virtual public hearing on projects, programs & policies for #bicycle use on #Texas state highway system. Go to <a href="http://keepitmovingdallas.com/bicycle-2024">http://keepitmovingdallas.com/bicycle-2024</a> through Nov. 25 to see materials & comment. #DFWTraffic — TxDOT Dallas (@TxDOTDallas)



#### Mail -

# 1. Phyllis Silver

Please see Attachment 1 for comments submitted via postal mail.

# **Public Involvement**

# Facebook -

1. Hệ thống giao thông Dallas-Fort Worth đáp ứng nhu cầu của bạn tốt đến mức nào? #ConnectNorthTexas #Mobility2050 — NCTCOG Transportation Department



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too much traffic. By the way the traffic jam come from people who driving while texting! — Locy Dinh

Oh no — Nga Nguyen

Meet the Henry Nguyen

2. Do you walk, ride, bike or drive in North Texas? We need your input! — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Please see link for comments submitted via Facebook: <a href="https://fb.watch/vnPqGkoSuK/">https://fb.watch/vnPqGkoSuK/</a>

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Please see link for comments submitted via Facebook: https://www.instagram.com/p/DARJ3ROMtQg/?utm\_source=ig\_web\_copy\_link

2. The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (Mobility 2050) acts as a blueprint to guide the spending of federal and state transportation funds in the Dallas-Fort Worth region for the next 20 years and beyond. The plan recommends projects, programs, and policies that aim to improve the quality of life for all residents in the region as part of an ongoing and collaborative planning effort. Mobility 2050 is scheduled to be adopted in 2025 by the Regional Transportation Council, which serves as the policy body for the Metropolitan Planning Organization for North Central Texas. The next public meeting will be on Monday, November 11th at 12:00 p.m at 616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX 76011. For more information, go to <a href="mailto:nctcog.publicinput.com/E05628">nctcog.publicinput.com/E05628</a> Want to get involved now? Go to <a href="mailto:publicinput.com/g5178#tab-39748">publicinput.com/E05628</a> Want to get involved now? Go to <a href="mailto:publicinput.com/g5178#tab-39748">publicinput.com/E05628</a> Want to get involved now? Go to <a href="mailto:publicinput.com/g5178#tab-39748">publicinput.com/E05628</a> Want to get involved now? Go to <a href="mailto:publicinput.com/g5178#tab-39748">publicinput.com/E05628</a> Want to get involved now? Go to <a href="mailto:publicinput.com/g5178#tab-39748">publicinput.com/E05628</a> Want to get involved now? Go to <a href="mailto:publicinput.com/g5178#tab-39748">publicinput.com/E05628</a> Want to get involved now? Go to <a href="mailto:publicinput.com/g5178#tab-39748">publicinput.com/E05628</a> Want to get involved now? Go to <a href="mailto:publicinput.com/g5178#tab-39748">publicinput.com/g5178#tab-39748</a> to fill out a survey and interactive map. #nctcog #transportationplan #connectnorthtexas — Walkable Fort Worth (@walkablefortworth)



3. 🔞 🙏 🚙 We want to hear from you! Join us and @nctcogtrans on Tuesday (10/29) to discuss transportation along corridors in Oak Farms, in northern Oak Cliff. ¡Queremos escuchar tu opinión! Ven a nuestra reunión pública con @nctcogtrans el martes (29 de octubre) para discutir transporte a lo largo de corredores en Oak Farms, en el norte de Oak Cliff. #dfwtraffic #dallastraffic #VisionZeroDallas #VisionCeroDallas — Dallas Transportation & Public Works

# Department (@dalldot)



#### Twitter -

1. / A & We have five open public comment periods for transportation projects across the City of #Dallas. Give us your input! <a href="http://bit.ly/DTPWMeetings">http://bit.ly/DTPWMeetings</a> #dallastraffic #dfwtraffic — Dallas Transportation & Public Works (@DDOTransport)



2. We want to hear from you! Join us and @NCTCOGtrans on Tuesday, Oct. 29 to talk bike, pedestrian, vehicle, and transit links in northern Oak Cliff. ○ 6:30 p.m. HITT Auditorium, 1441 N. Beckley Ave. More information at <a href="http://bit.ly/DTPWMeetings">http://bit.ly/DTPWMeetings</a>. — City of Dallas (@CityofDallas)



# Nextdoor -

Please see Attachment 2 for comments submitted through Nextdoor.

#### Rideshare/Carpool

# Facebook -

1. Try Parking It is a resource for tracking your greener trips, including biking and working from home to earn instant rewards. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Oh yeah, it's not bad enough that my phone follows me wherever I go but now this alphabet-soup agency wants me to volunteer the info? (I made a Faraday cage for my phone so I can control that if I want to.) — Kit Odom

Sorry but you don't have a proper mass transit system down in Granbury. There's no way for me to park it given how far the nearest bus or train is. It's 64 miles to get from Granbury to any sort of long-distance rail or Intercity bus service up in Fort Worth itself. If you're serious about your no driving agenda, Tell Amtrak and TRE TO GET OFF THEIR HIGH HORSES and work with Fort Worth and Western railway to set up a commute train down here. In fact, it should go all the way to Stephenville. Tell Greyhound and FlixBus they must use a proper bus station and stop stranding passengers alongside the road. And they must actually get serious about getting people everywhere. And seriously, it's time for you to start getting serious about High-Speed rail. Not just the Shinkansen knockoff to Houston, get trains to where people want to go now. — Zach Bell

Wow. So much hate for this program. Y'all, here's how this works. If the COG can show numbers of folks who are finding alternate commuting solutions, it helps them to bring more dollars to the area to support more options to get around in ways other than cars. But hey, don't sign up. Just get yourself to work. If it is in a car, fine. If it is via some other form of transport, better. — Michael Tripp McNair

#### Roadways

#### Email -

1. John Donaghey

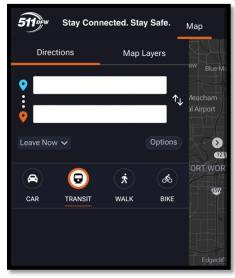
#### Dear NCTCOG,

Have you noticed how the traffic has impeded travel around the metroplex? The City of Princeton recently imposed a moratorium on any new building permits in order to allow infrastructure a chance to catch up w/ demand. Any chance we in North Texas could suggest such a radical action be implemented? The state of Oregon did much the same thing with their UGB's. Anything you can do to ease our ever-increasing congestion would be much appreciated. Our schools and emergency personnel are overloaded, and many services are suffering. HELP, PLEASE!!!

#### <u>Safety</u>

#### Instagram -

1. The updated 511DFW Travel Information System, launched on November 4th (administered by @nctcogtrans), is available to DFW travelers to guide them to make better decisions about their mode of transportation, transit routes, as well as links to Mobility Assistance Patrols (such as free roadside assistance). Other features include Traffic speeds, Toll lane facilities, Traffic signals, Highway incidents, Construction zones, EV charging stations, Off-road walk and bike paths, Traffic camera snapshots, and Special events. All routes and services from @dartdaily, @ridetrinitymetro, and @ridedcta are included. Go to 511dfw.org, or download their app, available in English and Spanish. Source: Fort Worth Report #dart #dcta #trinitymetro #dfwtravel — Walkable Fort Worth (@walkablefortworth)



#### **Transit**

#### Twitter -

1. @nctcogtrans has been awarded federal funding from the Areas of Persistent Poverty program to conduct a Transit Needs Assessment for the 76104 zip code in Fort Worth. After gathering input from the public and local stakeholders, NCTCOG is now working on drafting a Transit Needs Assessment Plan for the area. There will be public meeting to discuss the Transit Needs Assessment Study on November 19th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Ella Mae Public Library. To fill out the survey, go to <a href="mailto:publicinput.com/76104survey">publicinput.com/76104survey</a> For more information about the project, go to <a href="mailto:pct.com/76104survey">pct.com/76104survey</a> For more information about the project, go to <a href="mailto:pct.com/76104survey">pct.com/76104survey</a> For more information about the project, go to <a href="mailto:pct.com/76104survey">pct.com/76104survey</a> For more information about the project, go to <a href="mailto:pct.com/76104survey">pct.com/76104survey</a> For Malkable Fort Worth

# (@walkablefortworth)



Pedestrian Crossings Along Presta Road 1- Doilas, South of LBJ These comments were rejusted by Vickie Moins in October 15, 2024 Public Inp + Meeting

In the post, I have write to COG about the specific intersections along Proston Road that I find difficult to cross as a pedestrian. I am happy to review my reguly to make it safer by providing the specifics againg
one introsection is at the Shapping center just

South of First Lane or Preston Road. If a pedestrish (or a person in a wholekair or scooter) wanted to go to of from 11661 Preston Rock to 11700 Preston Road, at the Same moment that the green walk sign allows one to cross the street, the green light comes on allowing cars to turn. These cars are turning onto the Same road that the Pedestrien is trying to cross, I realize that pedestrians have the right of way, but reality shows that many motorists are in a having and green of coreful driving around pedestrians.

Tecommed that the lights be timed so that pedestrians have at least enough time to get to the median before cars are allowed to Start their turn into The road.

A Similar Scenario occurs when you try to Cross Preston at Forest Lane or Forest Lane ex Pristin. There are also shipping centers or both Sides of Proston just north of First Lane at a Separate + raffic Signal. There are Similar Safety issues therp.

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just north of Royal Lane Specifically, if you want to cross from 5959 Royal Lane to the other Studion where Situation where Situation where situation where situation with the green wall sigh comes on Simultaneously with the green wall sigh comes on Simultaneously with the green light for two ming Cars, we have the the green light for two ming Cars, we have the sand sight in the saction at the Preston and Royal in the saction.

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Phylliphen November 1,2024

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Since I do not have the technology to respond to the QR coke survey, I am sending this critique of the project.

The one good feature of the pilot was that it slowed down traffic in the project zone. Traffic calning, which is the purpose of a round-about, such as Blueprints at Addison Circle, is an important quality of traffic and this Project extended the traffic calming beyond the round-about.

Notification about the project to Addison resident subscribers to the weekly electronic Addison newsletter was good. Also some a partment complexes in the aven issued notices to its vesidents alerty them in advance. There were many other Addish residuts who were not aware of the installation and implementation of the project. Supervisors at the Addison Post office did not Know of the project in advance. The Post office, located on Air Port Parkway was in the project zone, plus all Postoffice delivery Vehicles have to travel in they area in order to get to their delivery destrictions

Motorists travelling through the area were un prepared. Even when the project was implemented, arrow boards only led motoreds away from the closed 1900 without an explanation that it was temporary and that it was for a bicycle lane project. Later on in the implementation phase there were paper signs indicating the nature of The project, but he small signs were more easily wend by pelestrians, rather than motorists. A brief explanation on the Sighboard (arrow board) plus Public Service. announcements on the radio and television would have been appropriate alerts for the public passing through

the alver, but there were none.

The DART Schoduling and Service Planning Department was notified by Addison Staff in advance of the Project installation and implementation. DART runs three different bus routs through the project 2001.

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I think bicyclists should have a dedicated, Safe area to travel in. I don't think this should be at the expense of inconveniencing motorists by instelling hapk barriers and reducing available car lanes to one lane. There are so few bicyclists in relation to motorists. Before inconveniencing all the motorists for the few bicyclists, the ratio needs to be Considered. I realize this would be expensive, but if there needs to be come on the road for bicyclists, then perhaps the road meets to be windened to have two lones in each direction for cars and the anarrower lane for bicyclists. The you have the issue of parked Cars. Do you need to have space for cars to park, especially in front of businesses?

I trust that a wiser solution than the Configuration of the pilot can be devised.

Trank 404.

Phyllis Silver

Please note: As of apr on Thursday, October 31
the high, have borriers were still at the round about.
All signs had Social that the Pilot Project removal
would take place on Manday, October and Theoretay, Oct. 29,
There have been no notions as to when the actual
removal dak will be.

November 1,2024

CC: Janna Tidwell, Addison, Divertor of Parks + Recreation Passion Hayes, Deput Cit, Manager, Town of Addison



November 7, 2024

Ms. Phyllis Silver 15720 Artist Way, Apt 4912 Addison TX 75001

Dear Ms. Silver:

Thank you for the insightful comments concerning the temporary bike lane pilot for Quorum Drive in Addison. The pilot completed last month was part of a broader study to improve first-mile/last-mile walking and bicycle connections to rail stations ahead of the opening of the Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) Silver Line between Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and Shiloh Road in Plano. The pilot was also conducted to gauge the ability to calm traffic and lower traffic speeds along the Quorum Drive corridor to improve safety and comfort for pedestrians and bicyclists.

The temporary bike lanes gave cyclists, pedestrians and motorists an opportunity to interact with one another and provide feedback about options for possible future modifications to roadway corridor. Those who test-drove the lanes were encouraged to submit comments through a survey, with comments being used to shape future decisions on permanent bike lanes and transportation improvements in Addison. Your feedback is important and will be considered by the Town of Addison staff during the engineering design process if a future project is advanced by the community.

Sincerely,

Kevin Kokes Program Manager

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Cc: Janna Tidwell, Town of Addison

**Author** 

**Body** 

Author Origin Date

The public meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Ella Mae Shamblee Library, 1062 Evans Ave. in Fort Worth. The 76104 study is designed to identify innovative transit solutions to increase mobility and access for residents to food, healthcare, housing, and jobs in a part of Fort Worth identified as an area of persistent poverty. The planning study will also identify strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions related to transit.

NCTCOG staff used information gathered from an online survey and an in-person public meeting to identify potential service gaps and points of interest in the 76104 ZIP code. Most of the responses fell into four main categories:

- 1. Fares and Affordability: Recommendations related to fares center on continuing efforts to align any future transit fare structure changes with regional standards and practices for affordability.
- 2. Marketing and Awareness: Marketing recommendations highlight ongoing and future outreach efforts that may be used to heighten awareness of transit services offered in the specific project area.
- 3. Safety and Accessibility: Recommendations for safety and accessibility focus on bus stop and sidewalk improvements and how NCTCOG can assist with planning and funding opportunities.
- 4. Operations Improvements: Operational recommendations take transit frequency and ontime performance into consideration, along with recent service changes and improvements.

Feedback on the draft recommendations is encouraged and will be accepted through Jan.17, 2025. All recommendations are still being developed as more feedback from local stakeholders and the public is received.

Communicati ons Specialist Sarah T.

Provide your feedback today at PublicInput.com/76104survey.

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This month's presentation topics include Transit 2.0, Mobility 2050, 511DFW Traveler Information System, and more for review/comment.

The session will be held at NCTCOG's Arlington offices, located at 616 Six Flags Drive. For those unable to attend in person, the meeting will be streamed live at publicinput.com/nctcogNov24. Participants can also join the discussion by calling (855) 925-2801 and entering code 7348. A video recording will also be made available afterward. Public comments will be accepted until Tuesday, December 10.

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. To download the app, go to arlingtontx.gov/ondemand. For special accommodations related to disabilities or language interpretation, please contact 817-695-9255 or email jcastillo@nctcog.org.

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Hi Susana, our agency serves a 12-county area, including Hood County. You're subscribed automatically by Nextdoor because you live within our service region.

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in the City of Dallas, Dallas County, Texas.

The meeting will take place on October 29 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Hitt Auditorium at the Methodist Dallas Medical Center (1441 N. Beckley Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75203).

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On November 7 from 2-4 PM join staff from the North Central Texas Council of Governments at Weatherford College for Connect North Texas: A Transportation and Air Quality Fair!

Enjoy games, snacks, and an opportunity to speak with transportation and air quality planners about the future of our regional transportation system.

We're looking for your input on key topics like: Air Quality Improvement Plan 🌬ï¸᠌ EV Charging Stations Locations âš; Mobility 2050 - The Metropolitan Transportation Plan🚉 Access North Texas - Improving Transit Coverage in the Region 🚌

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