PUBLIC COMMENTS REPORT WRITTEN COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY WEBSITE, EMAIL & SOCIAL MEDIA

<u>Purpose</u>

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 Wednesday, Nov. 20 through Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024 via website, email, social media and in person at NCTCOG's monthly Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting. This month, comments related to bicycle and pedestrian initiatives, sustainable development and transit 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 15 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=b014e6d39b60 4b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2

Air Quality

<u>Twitter –</u>

1. Is that a present under a tree? No! It's a battery light on your dashboard. Colder weather can make an already weak battery give out. If you see that light, get it tested so it doesn't leave you stranded! Learn more at http://ntxcarcare.org #CarCareAwareness #CarCareTips — NCTCOG Transportation (@NCTCOGtrans)



'Tis the season! Check your vehicles now, well ahead of any potential wintry weather later this season. #dallastraffic #DFWTraffic — Dallas Transportation & Public Works (@DDOTransport)

Bicycle/Pedestrian/Sustainable Development

<u>Twitter –</u>

1. Don't Forget to Comment! 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 http://keepitmovingdallas.com/bicycle-2024 through Nov. 25. @txdotfortworth (@TxDOTFortWorth)



Facebook –

1. Learn your rights and responsibilities when walking, biking or driving. Together, we can make our streets safer for everyone! — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Who came up with that name. Follow with a ! and it's great advice for Texans in crosswalks with the walk signal while oncoming, turning traffic has a flashing yellow arrow and wants to play chicken with you. — Rob Dentremont

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Yeah, sure. Lack of hi-viz is the problem. 🙄 — Lex Jenkins



People make fun of high vis but it has a time and place. I agree in the dark it could save lives. I see a lot of kids riding the electric kick scooters at night and they are hard to see. — Natalie Stenger

<u>Other</u>

<u>Twitter –</u>



Public Involvement

<u>Facebook –</u>

1. 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: <u>https://fb.watch/vnPqGkoSuK/</u>

Rideshare/Carpool

<u>Facebook –</u>

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



Stuff it — Keith Davis

<u>Safety</u>

<u>Twitter –</u>

1. $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ Join us to discuss transportation safety improvements along west Camp Wisdom Road. Acompáñanos para dialogar sobre posibles mejoras en la seguridad del transporte a lo largo de Camp Wisdom Road. #dallastraffic #dfwtraffic #VisionZeroDallas #VisionCeroDallas — Dallas Transportation & Public Works (@DDOTransport)



Instagram –

1. Last month, voters approved a \$60M bond to enhance safety and mobility in Johnson County. This supports the efforts of the @txdot and the @nctcogtrans, which focus on planning and engineering. Freese and Nichols is honored to have participated in the planning process, continuing our legacy of trusted advisory in #transportation for multiple counties. Read more at the link in our bio. — Freese and Nichols (@freesenichols)



<u>Transit</u>

<u>Twitter –</u>

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Administration (@FTA_DOT)



Instagram –

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2. As you can see according to an old paper from the Wichita Daily Times, the streetcar has been a long-told tale in Tarrant County- and it looks like it may finally be reality. Mayor Mattie Parker's Urban Rail Committee and Trinity Metro are discussing an idea of introducing streetcars to Fort Worth again. In 2010 (swipe for a photo of a promotional streetcar in downtown Fort Worth on Nov. 18, 2010), there was an unsuccessful plan for a 2.5-mile street system that connected downtown to nearby tourism spots. On a recent survey done from @nctcogtrans, residents feel "frustrated and limited" when it comes to transportation in the region. About 48% of respondents indicated expanding public transit options is the biggest challenge they see impacting the region in the future. Conclusively, after deliberations continue between DART and six of its 13 member cities that support pulling back their funding to the agency by 25%, with an alarmingly increase of riders on DART and Trinity Metro, the need for improved public transit is loud and clear. NCTCOG just received a \$1 million grant from the

@federaltransitadministration to plan for transit-oriented development along the Trinity Railway Express, the 34-mile commuter rail connecting Dallas and Fort Worth. The federal funding will help the council assess opportunities for affordable housing, mixed-use development and pedestrian facilities to improve how people connect to transit stations. Swipe to see a recent map of the proposed high-speed rail connecting Dallas and Fort Worth. Source: Fort Worth Report, NCTCOG, Mass Transit Magazine #nctcog #dart #streetcars #trinitymetro #nctcog #dartdaily #ridetrinitymetro #fortworthhistory — Walkable Fort Worth (@walkablefortworth)



3. Help us identify transportation needs in your community! Access North Texas documents transportation needs with a focus on older adults, people with disabilities, and individuals with lower income across the region. Take the survey to provide your input: publicinput.com/AccessNorthTexas #AccessNorthTexas — NCTCOG Transportation



Definitely making rail loops around the major cities, it makes nonsense having to pass through downtown for every trip — M&M (@mnm_op_g)