

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 Process, 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 November 8, 2018.

This report is a compilation of general public comments submitted by members of the public from Saturday, June 20, through Sunday, July 19. Comments and questions are submitted for the record and can be submitted via Facebook, Twitter, fax, email and online.

This month, public comments were received on a number of topics across social media platforms and via email. Transit comments related to resumption and expansion of services were in the majority.

In addition, comments are currently being accepted through a new, online map tool. Users can drop a pin on a location in the region and leave a detailed comment. The tool is in test mode and open to the public through August 2020. This month, there were 17 Bicycle and Pedestrian comments, 13 Roadway comments and 3 transit comments. To read them, visit:

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

Air Quality

Facebook –

1. CORRECTION: The previously posted PM Action Day alert is for SATURDAY, due to the cloud of Saharan dust moving into our region this week. Children, older adults and people with lung disease, such as asthma, emphysema, or chronic bronchitis, should limit outdoor activity. For more information, visit AirNorthTexas.org. – NCTCOG Transportation Department



wralweather @wralweather · 1d
The latest Saharan Dust Model shows the dust making its way into North Carolina this coming weekend. If current trends persist the dust appears substantial enough to dim our incoming sunlight. We will follow this all week. @WRALWeather

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Madame Hardy Retweeted

Juh-G @Cred_Just_ible
Replying to @wralweather and @katcampbellwx
Awesome! I always wondered what it was like to live during the times of the Civil War, Spanish Flu, Great Depression, Civil Rights Movement, Watergate, and the Dust Bowl. Not all at once, mind you, but ya know, "beggars/choosers" and all.

– Christopher Morris

2. Please keep in mind the following Air Quality information for this weekend! – City of Denton Sustainability



3. Read this!

What is an Ozone Action Day and why are they issued? <https://bit.ly/2N1uVuC> – NCTCOG Transportation Department



To whom it may concern,

Why are we seeing an aqi of only 28-32-25 today on your site? Earlier today my wife showed me values ranging from 191 to 170 and now, at 8 in the evening she still has a 150 value? Her source was Google. Thank you, Jason – Jason Lynch

Hi, Jason! There could be a few factors related to what you're seeing. Could you send us a good way to contact you so that we can follow up? Feel free to send us a private message. – NCTCOG Transportation Department

Bicycle & Pedestrian

Twitter –

1. This includes Denton. Add comments to the map on how your biking experience could be made better! – Bike Denton (@bikedenton)



Facebook –

1. Did you know you can access everything you need to know about the Dallas-Fort Worth area's extensive trail system thanks to the NCTCOG Transportation Department? From Trail of the Month videos to interactive maps, local cycling groups, and more, learn about our regional bicycle and pedestrian trails organized by county. Visit Plano 🚲 🚶 – Plano Parks & Recreation

Innovative Vehicles & Technology

Facebook –

1. Currently testing version 4.0 of the eCarra app. Built for the electric mobility community. Introducing subscriptions, food delivery, on demand shuttle services and much more!
#electricmobility #tesla @cityofdallas NCTCOG Transportation Department – Rock Robinson IV



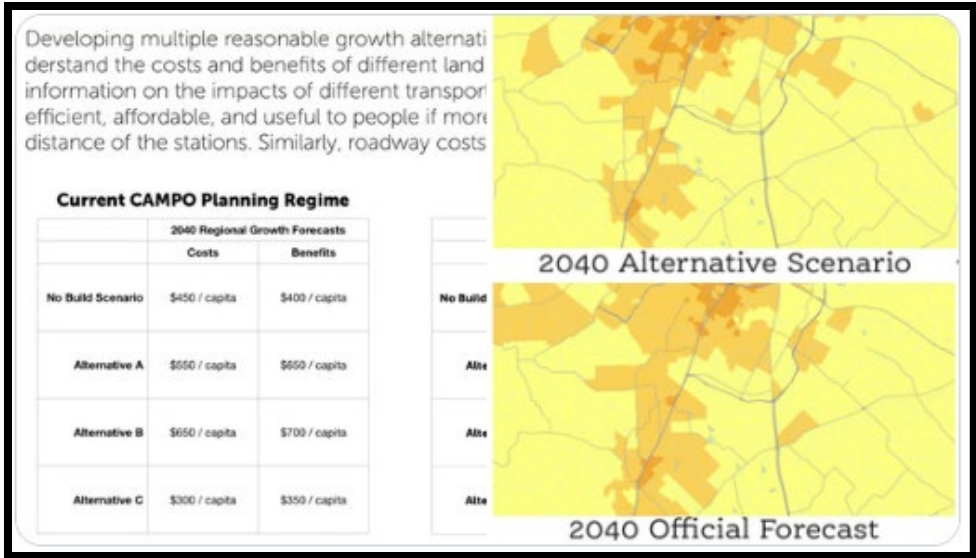
Project Planning

Twitter –

1. One of the most important ways @TxDOTHouston could have a more meaningful EIS process for I-45 would be to use multiple reasonable regional growth scenarios to analyze costs, benefits, & travel demand models of various I-45 proposals against different reasonable future scenarios. – Jay Blazek Crossley (@JayCrossley)

We have proposed such a shift in the Austin region, asking @CAMPOTexas to adopt a scenario planning concept to yield better information in these crucial long term decision making exercises. @HGACmpo (&@NCTCOGtrans & @AlamoAreaMPO) should also do this.

<https://drive.google.com/a/farmandcity.org/file/d/17Y9kyOwMKZ8WmFHI4Lp5FCDbU5Q7kPHj/view?usp=sharing> – Jay Blazek Crossley (@JayCrossley)



Thanks for tagging us. In the next few months, we'll be getting started updating our long-range plan and can look into this work. – Alamo Area MPO (@AlamoAreaMPO)

Great

- 1- @FarmAndCity is happy to help if we can or just meet about it
- 2-We're working on a broader report on this concept for all TX MPOs so I'll send it to y'all in draft form by August
- 3-Maybe I'm wrong about the answers, but just ask MPOs seriously question current methods

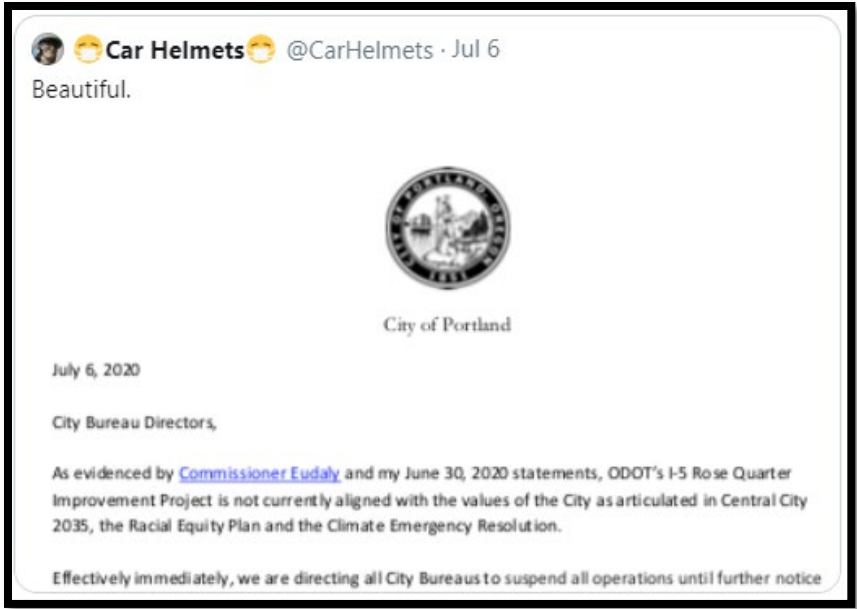
Have you seen the 2045 demographics? – Charlie Henry (@ShiftModal)

CAMPO 2045 Demographics

campotexas.maps.arcgis.com

yes – Jay Blazek Crossley (@JayCrossley)

2. Hint hint on I-345 @TxDOT @NCTCOGtrans @CityOfDallas #TearItDown – Andrew Wallace (@agwallace92)



3. A deck park is rising in southern Dallas. Can it heal a highway's deep gash through Oak Cliff? @NCTCOGtrans provided \$40m for the structure. One of my proudest accomplishments during my tenure at RTC . @CityOfDallas – Lee M. Kleinman (@LeeforDallas)



Great, great work Lee!!! And everyone else who has played a part in this. – Darren Boruff (@Darren_Boruff)

No! But Corporate relocation jobs would help. – Tony (Silverback King) Morris (@TA_Morris)

The deck park in itself can't, but the community, private sector, and city hall working together can. – Erik with a K Morrison (@erw150)

Public Meetings, Input & Forums

Twitter –

1. TONIGHT (July 9) The City of Dallas and @NCTCOGtrans will host a virtual information session for minority and women-owned business enterprises in the hauling and transportation industries. Here's how to join - <http://dallascitynews.net/office-business-diversity-hosting-information-session-women-hauling-transportation> – City of Dallas (@CityOfDallas)



INFORMATION SESSION
FOR MINORITY AND WOMEN OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES
IN THE HAULING AND TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRIES.

THURSDAY JULY 9, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.

HOW TO JOIN:
WEBEX: bit.ly/2NXZ1hB
DIAL IN: 408-418-9388
ACCESS CODE: 126 935 8148

PRESENTED BY:
Office of Business Diversity
Office of Environmental Quality

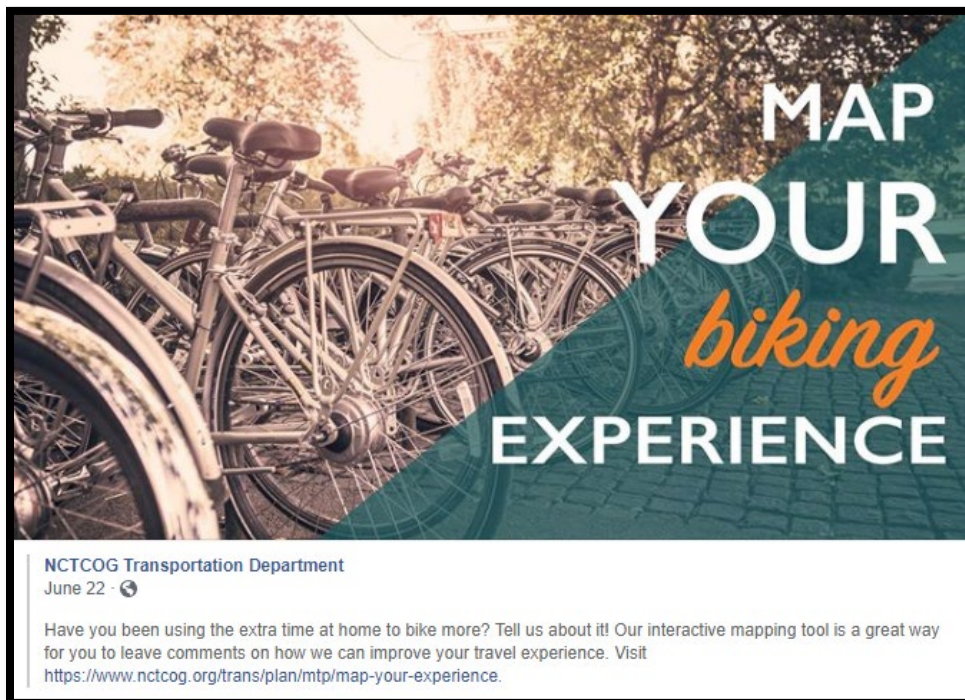
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City of Dallas
North Central Texas Council of Governments

The flyer features a blue background with a white truck icon in the top left and a large yellow truck illustration on the right side.

Facebook –

1. Did you know that NCTCOG Transportation Department has a free mapping tool? You can chart your walk or bike ride! Keep track of those miles!! – Keep Grapevine Beautiful



**MAP
YOUR
biking
EXPERIENCE**

NCTCOG Transportation Department
June 22 · 🌐

Have you been using the extra time at home to bike more? Tell us about it! Our interactive mapping tool is a great way for you to leave comments on how we can improve your travel experience. Visit <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/plan/mtp/map-your-experience>.

The Facebook post features a background image of several bicycles parked in a row on a cobblestone path, with trees and sunlight in the background.

Safety

Twitter –

1. Have a safe weekend #lewisvilleTX! #WorldEmojiDay – (@LewisvillePD)



Transit

Email –

1. Tammy Flores Chan

Grand Prairie needs public transportation and connectivity to other public transportation services in surrounding cities so those without cars and needing jobs can get to jobs. There used to be a grant called something like the reverse access job commute grant. That, or something like that needs to be offered. An idea would be to run a van or bus to specific intersections on HWY 180 to connect with stop at Loop 12 and 180 and to connect with newly created bus stops in Arlington on Division and in Fort Worth in Lancaster. This would help people gain access to jobs. Maybe you could offer grants to nonprofits to create this system where we could purchase a van or bus and hire drivers and pay a driver to transport people to the nearest stops in other cities. Please contact me if you have questions.

Response by NCTCOG Staff

Thank you for reaching out to us about public transportation needs in Grand Prairie. Although the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) repealed the Job Access Reverse Commute (Section 5316) grant, job related activities are still eligible for funding under FTA's Urbanized Area Formula Grants (Section 5307). Grand Prairie is a direct recipient of federal funds and are eligible to utilize their Section 5307 funds for public transportation. Currently Grand Prairie is not a member of a transit agency but uses federal funds to implement transit service through the city's Grand Connection, which provides public paratransit services in the area. The Grand Connection provides a door-

to-door, demand response service for any resident of Grand Prairie who is at least 60 years of age or has a physical or mental disability. For more information please visit Grand Connection's website.

We recognize there is still additional demand for public transportation services in the area. In coordination with a wide range of stakeholders, we document in Access North Texas the transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes and others with transportation challenges within our 16-county region and outline strategies to address those needs for the next four years. For projects that seek to address challenges in the region and implement strategies from Access North Texas, NCTCOG will be introducing our Strategic Partnership Program (formally known as Call for Projects) late-Summer 2020.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Gypsy Gavia at ggavia@nctcog.org or 817-695-9134.

***Please note a majority of our staff is currently working at home. If you call, kindly leave a message, and we will get back to you shortly.**

2. Crystal Taylor

Grand Prairie does not offer public transportation. IF this were to change, what kind of change could GP residents expect? How were previous cities impacted?

Response by NCTCOG Staff

Thank you for reaching out to us about public transportation in Grand Prairie. Cities usually have two options when it comes to implementing public transportation, either they will join or partner with an existing transit agency, or they will provide service through a city department or contractor. In order for a city to be a member of a transit agency, a ballot initiative would have to be passed by the citizens of the city. The city would then dedicate a portion of the city's sales tax revenues to support the transit agency. For members of Trinity Metro (formerly the Fort Worth Transit Authority), the required commitment is one-half cent of the city's local sales tax. For members of Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART), the required commitment is one cent of the city's local sales tax.

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We also recognize there is still additional demand for public transportation services in the area. The North Central Texas Council of Governments is implementing a Tarrant County Transit Study that focuses on non-member transit cities, such as Grand Prairie, to develop a comprehensive public transportation plan, including funding and institutional structure options, that can be strategically implemented in the region. This study has recently begun and will be completed in Spring 2021. For more information about the

current Tarrant County Transit Study, please contact David Garcia at dgarcia@nctcog.org or 682-433-0444.

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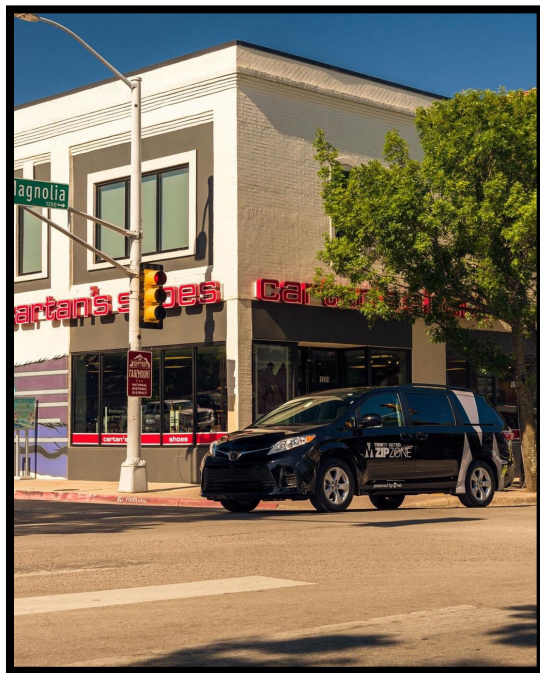
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Twitter –

1. From @TrinityMetro: Good morning! Yesterday we resumed regular service on most bus routes and Trinity Metro TEXRail. To view a list of all service updates, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/ydguanoc> @CityofFortWorth @TarrantCountyTX @TarrantTransit @NCTCOGtrans – Salvador Espino Michel (@SAL_FW)



2. From @TrinityMetro ZIPZONE is coming to the @nearsouthside on July 19. To get the latest updates about this service delivered to your inbox, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ybasoz4y> @CityofFortWorth @TarrantCountyTX @TarrantTransit @NCTCOGtrans – Salvador Espino Michel (@SAL_FW)



3. From @TrinityMetro: From Trinity Metro: The latest edition of our bi-weekly newsletter is live on our blog. Click here to read it [Right pointing backhand index https://tinyurl.com/yc4dnqt5](https://tinyurl.com/yc4dnqt5)
@CityofFortWorth @TarrantCountyTX @NCTCOGtrans @TarrantTransit – Salvador Espino Michel (@SAL_FW)



Other

Twitter –

1. RIP to a great American hero & icon John Lewis @TrinityMetro @CityofFortWorth @TarrantCountyTX @NCTCOGtrans @TarrantTransit @FTWChamber @fwhcc @FWMBCC @VisitFortWorth – Salvador Espino Michel (@SAL_FW)

