

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 report is a compilation of general public comments submitted by members of the public from Tuesday, Jun. 20 through Wednesday, Jul. 19. Comments and questions are submitted for the record and can be submitted via Facebook, Twitter, fax, email, online and in person at the monthly RTC meeting.

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

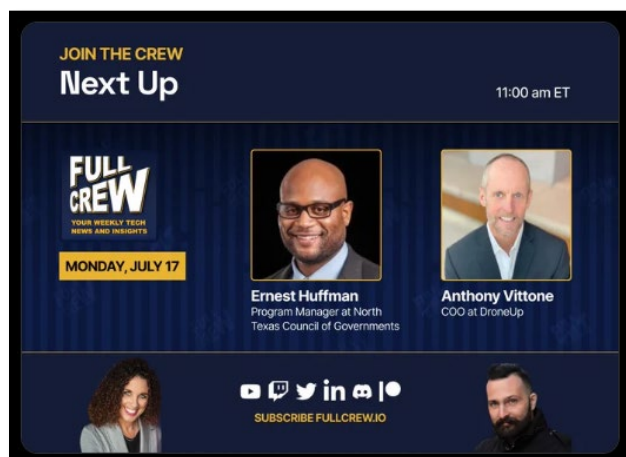
In addition, comments can be submitted through Map Your Experience, the Transportation Department's online mapping tool. The tool allows users to drop a pin on a location in the region and leave a detailed comment. The tool received 59 new comments related to roadways, transit and bicycle and pedestrian needs. You can view these new comments as well as past comments by visiting

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

Aviation

Twitter –

- ▶ Next up: 🗣️ Full Crew with Ernest Huffman of @NCTCOGtrans and Anthony Vittone of @godroneup 📺 <https://youtube.com/live/AcUdHiycBA>
#drones #uas #aam #uas #technews



Bicycle/Pedestrian/Sustainable Development

Twitter –

1. I just filled out this Deep Ellum Parking District Study Survey. @DEF_Texas @NCTCOGtrans <https://publicinput.com/deparkingstudy> — Jennifer Grantham (@jen_grantham)

Facebook –

1. Have experience with parking in Deep Ellum? Take this short survey to share your travel and parking feedback: www.NCTCOG.org/DEParkingStudy — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Plus, riding DART's Green Line light rail to Deep Ellum Station or bus routes 1, 214, or 249 make for terrific and relaxing ways to help reduce car traffic, road congestion, air pollution, and parking hassles! — Paul McManus

Instagram –

1. Have experience with parking in Deep Ellum? Take this short survey to share your travel and parking feedback. See the link in our bio (Deep Ellum Parking Study). #DeepEllum #DFW #survey #dallas #parking — nctcogtrans



Plus, riding DART's Green Line light rail to Deep Ellum Station or bus routes 1, 214, or 249 all make for terrific and relaxing ways to help reduce car traffic, road congestion, air pollution, and parking hassles! — paul.mcmanus.10

Freight

Facebook –

1. Trucks Can't Stop on a Dime. Big Rigs Need More Time. Allow for more time and space for truck to come to a halt. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



I mean what is drunk? — Jason Renshow

2. Train Tracks: Not for Walking — NCTCOG Transportation Department



A sidewalk on a major street is far more dangerous. — Ronald Harder

You've apparently never sat in a siding for 2 hours waiting on Amtrak. — Michael Smith

Correct! They are for smashing pennies! Jk. I know better. 😊 — Chad Hickey

But it's fun! — Kathy Montoya

So true ❤️ — Gayle Turner Bowen

How am I supposed to TRACK my steps then? Get it? TRACK my steps Like a train track. I'm sorry I'm going to bed now. — Jeff Spivey

3. Trains Have the Right of way 100% of the Time. Do not try to beat the gate. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



I think the general rule is that you should yield right of way to anything larger than you — Ian Parberry

Roadways

Facebook –

1. 📍 The North Tarrant Express 35W #AllianceConnector completes the connection between central #FortWorth and Alliance Texas in North Tarrant and Denton Counties, improving the infrastructure along the interstate to facilitate safer, faster, and more reliable movement of people, goods, and services.

Missed out on opening day? Check out the recap 📌
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUfK1q6jQFk>

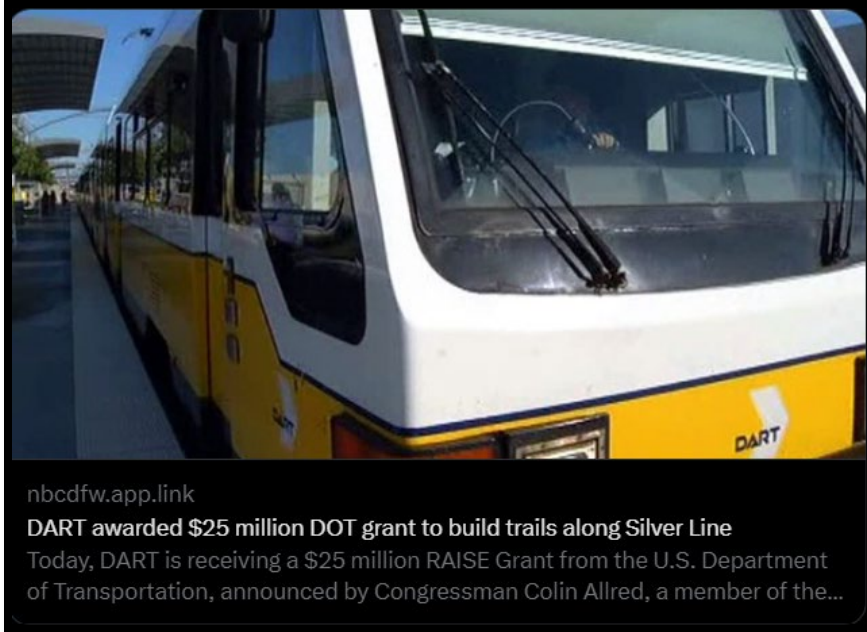
Texas Department of Transportation NCTCOG Transportation Department Cintra Ferrovial Hillwood Development North Texas Commission

#KeepTexasMoving — TEXpress Lanes

Transit

Twitter –

1. Thank you to the all the nearby HOAs, @NDCC & @NCTCOGtrans for writing letters of support to accompany this application to build the Cotton Belt trail from #D12 Meandering Way to Plano. — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)



That's great news! Is there a planned timeline for when the D12 section of that trail will open? — David Gouldin (@dgouldin@mastodon.social) (@dgouldin)

No, DART said at last week's community meeting they are at 60% design. — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)

2. "Fort Worth, Texas, is already America's fastest-growing major city. Now, it is becoming a new commercial real estate boomtown." — Mayor Mattie Parker (@MayorMattie)

That is great! We need more public transit. — Ale Checka (@plainy)

Agreed! @TrinityMetro leadership is partnered with @CityofFortWorth and @NCTCOGtrans we focus on big projects including:
-Expand @TEXRAIL1 to the Medical District
-Revamp of our bus stops across the city
-Revitalizing corridors like East Lancaster with public transit options — Mayor Mattie Parker (@MayorMattie)

Good! Love the new bike paths in Riverside (wish it connected to Race street). Would love to see some improved bus routes/public transit connected us in Riverside to the rest of the city. Lots of exciting stuff going on in FTW — Ale Checka (@plainy)

In cities where riding the bus isn't synonymous with poor, there's a wider (class of) ridership, greater equity for riders and a real value for the buck. — Jody Britt Wasson (he/him/his) (@jodybrittwasson)

3. Do we track ridership projections v actual ridership of DFW transit agencies? Also, I question how ridership is counted. My house to city hall takes 2 buses & 2 trains. Why am I counted as 4 riders? Is that how all agencies count? Should look into this. @NCTCOGtrans — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)



Ps- DART confirmed a person would be counted as 4 riders in their ridership count using that example. If DART counts linked rides, they don't share that info. How do other agencies count ridership? — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)

You wouldn't be counted 4 times because you'd buy a single pass, linking all your connecting trips. Also, if u really don't like idea of taking a bus *and* train, you can always park & ride at station of your choice. — Hexel (@hexel_co)

Why so many HOV in all highways I'm sure they did the math already or just a way to spend our tax dollars and wasteful spending with kickbacks. — Joe (@Joe93070859)

Ridership is tracked using unlinked trips i.e. number of individuals using an individual transit vehicle. Linked trips would be hard to measure (I think?) DART is almost certainly tracking projected vs actual ridership but doesn't publish this comparison. — Nathaniel Barrett (@ncoxbarrett)

What you should look into is how DART's routes don't actually serve the people who use the service. We need to quit funding it like it's an option for people who have cars, and start treating it like the primary mode of transportation it is for so many Dallasites. — Ry ✘ (@ryrysomeguy)

Only bad things will come from the continued underfunding of public transportation in major metros likes DFW. — Ry ✘ (@ryrysomeguy)

Facebook –

1. Here's some traffic info as you plan your Fourth of July activities!



Plus, for everybody reading this post, riding DART's, Trinity Metro's, and/or DCTA's trains, buses, and/or on-demand services wherever possible to these events make for terrific and relaxing ways to help reduce car traffic, road congestion, air pollution, and parking hassles! — Paul McManus