# The meeting will begin shortly



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# Coordinated Land Use and Transportation Planning Task Force

Virtual Meeting | October 21, 2020



# **Today's Meeting**

#### **NCTCOG Updates**

Regional Growth Demographics - Setting the Stage Curb Management Regional Planning Guide

#### **Rethinking Right of Way for Business Support**

NCTCOG Active Transportation Data, Mansfield, Fort Worth, Dallas

### Transit-Oriented Development Planning Pilot – Federal Transit Administration Grants

DART, Trinity Metro, DCTA, NCTCOG TOD Survey Results

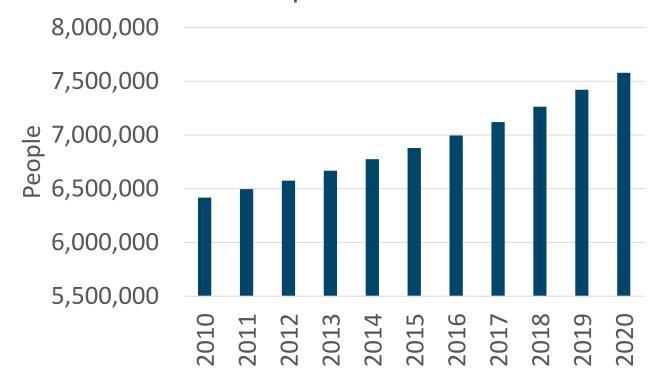


# North Texas 2010 to 2020 Growth



# Regional Growth – 2010 to 2020

#### 12-County North Central Texas Population



Over 1.1 million new residents, 18% increase since 2010

Like adding the whole population of Rhode Island

## Total population over 7.5 million people

Bigger than the countries of:

- Libya (6.8 million)
- Finland (5.5 million)
- New Zealand (4.9 million)

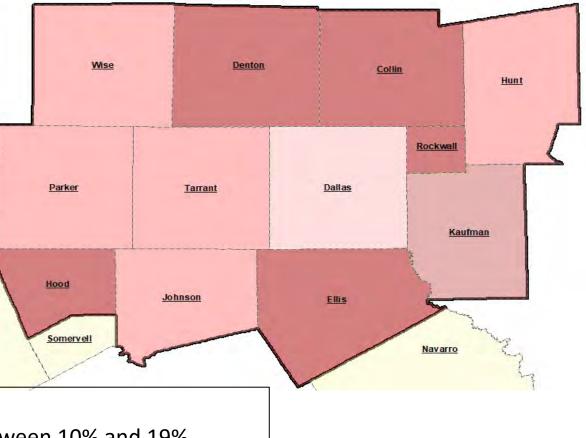
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# Regional Growth – 2010 to 2020

County	Growth Rate	Population Increase
Denton	35.99%	238,506
Rockwall	35.75%	28,003
Collin	33.34%	260,799
Ellis	32.20%	48,170
Hood	30.69%	15,708
Kaufman	24.35%	25,170
Johnson	17.87%	26,966
Parker	16.83%	19,673
Hunt	15.27%	13,151
Tarrant	14.10%	255,026
Wise	10.44%	6,173
Dallas	9.45%	223,681
<b>Regional Growth:</b>	18%	1,161,026



Growth rate of 30% or higher

Growth rate between 10% and 19%

Growth rate between 20% and 29%

Growth rate lower than 10%



Legend:

# Fastest Growing Cities 2010 to 2020

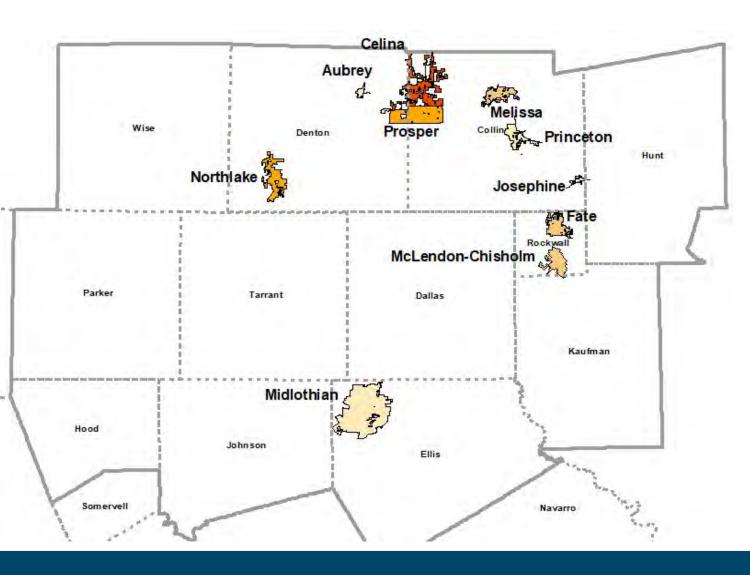
City	Growth Rate	Population Increase
Celina	255.52%	15,402
Prosper	201.18%	18,957
Northlake	185.96%	3,206
McLendon- Chisholm	175.31%	2,407
Melissa	161.77%	7,595
Fate	158.94%	10,226
Princeton	109.93%	7,483
Aubrey	107.32%	2,785
Josephine	98.28%	798
Midlothian	91.16%	16,443

#### <u>Legend</u>

— MPA Boundary

--- County Boundaries





## Growth by Area 2010 to 2020

Urban Area

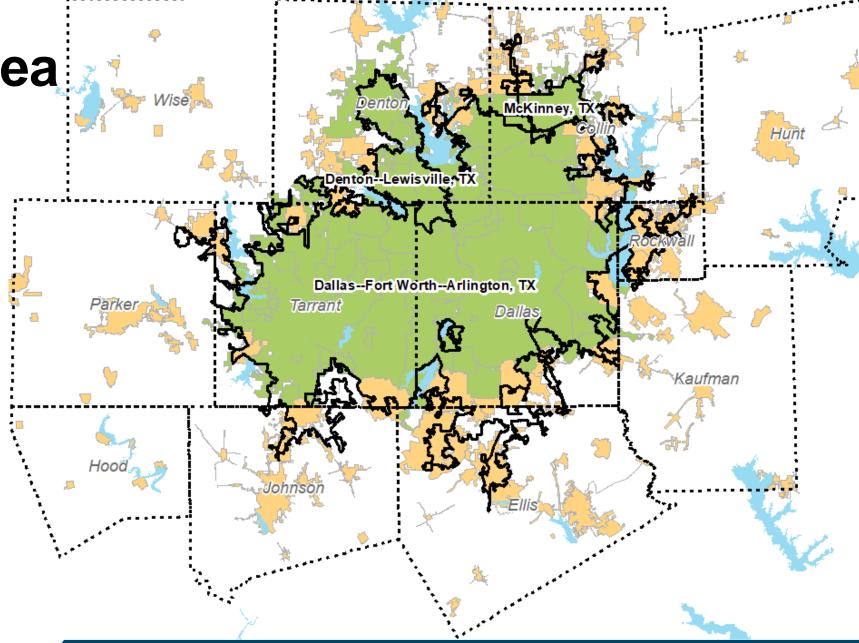
14% growth rate 705,188 total gain

Suburban Edge

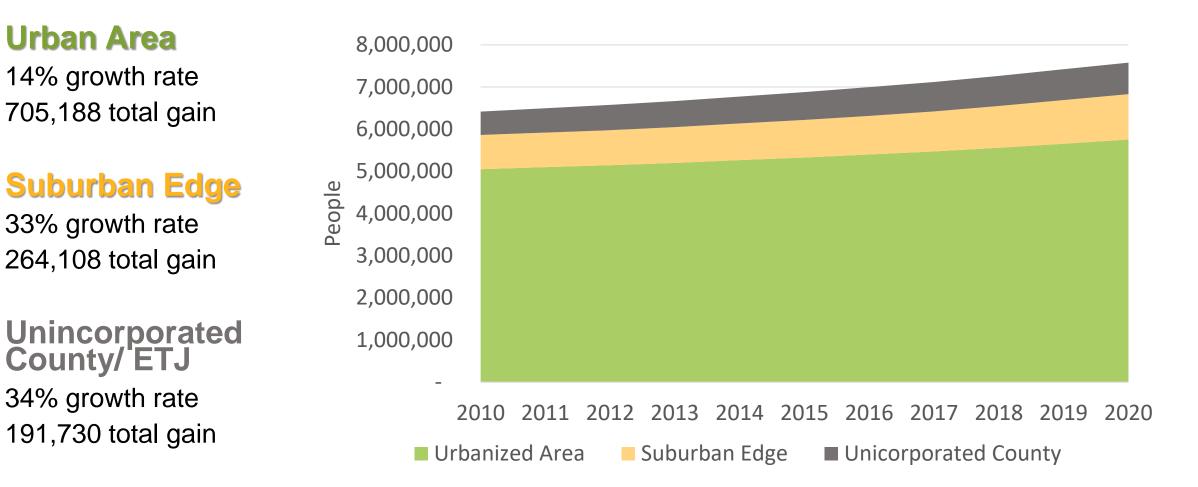
33% growth rate264,108 total gain

Unincorporated County/ETJ 34% growth rate 191,730 total gain

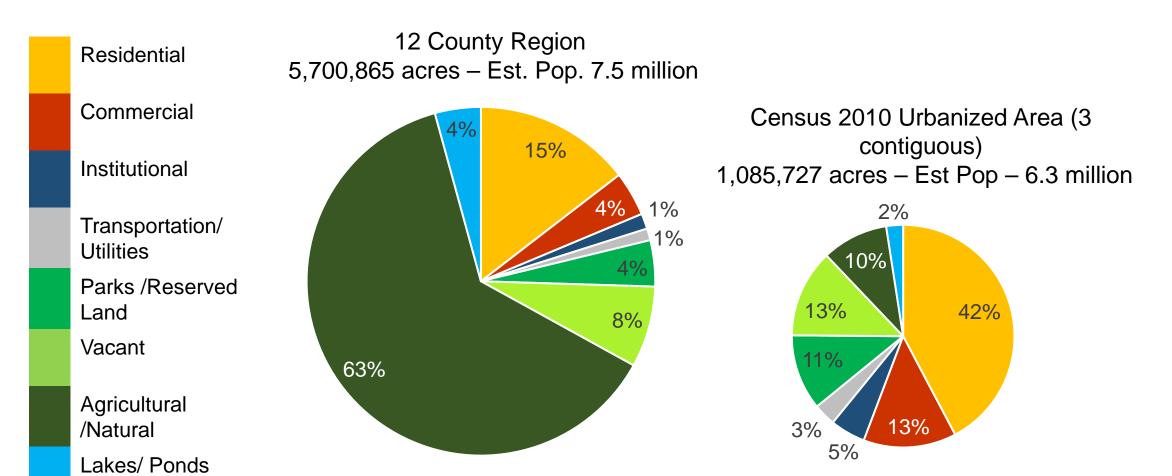




# Growth by Area 2010 to 2020



# Land Use Classification – 2015



Source: NCTCOG Regional Data Center - https://data-nctcoggis.opendata.arcgis.com/search?tags=landuse



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# CURB MANAGEMENT REGIONAL PLANNING GUIDE

#### Coordinated Land Use and Transportation Planning Task Force

October 21, 2020



## What is Curb Management?

Any intentional practice to bring order to the curb and determine specific priorities for space.

Ranges from signage/striping distinguishing the public ROW to permanent curb changes, geofencing, or designated pickup/drop-off areas.



## Why is Curb Management Important?







Improves level of service for multiple competing modes



Facilitates data collection for planning

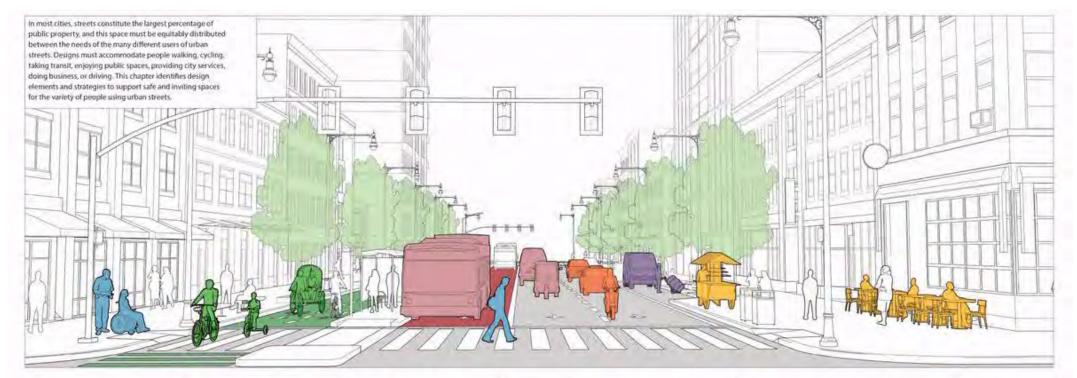


Enables planning for new technologies using the curb



Can facilitate monetizing the curb

## Balancing Competing Curb Uses

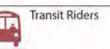


Pedestrians

Pedestrians include people of all abilities and ages, sitting, walking, pausing, and resting within urban streets. Designing for pedestrians means making streets accessible to the most vulnerable users. Design safe spaces with continuous, unobstructed sidewalks. Include visual variety, engage building frontages, design for human scale, and incorporate protection from externe weather to ensure an enjoyable street experience.



Cyclists include people on bicycles, cycle-rickshaws, and cargo bikes. Facilities should be safe, direct, intuitive, clearly delineated, and part of a cohesive, connected network to encourage use by people of all ages and confidence levels. Cycle tracks that create an effective division from traffic, are well coordinated with signal timing, and are incorporated in intersection design form the basis of an accessible and connected cycle network.



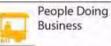
Transit riders are people using collective transport such as rail, bus, or small collective vehicles. This sustainable mode of transportation dramatically increases the overall capacity and efficiency of the street. Dedicated space for transit supports convenient, reliable, and predictable service for riders. Accessible boarding areas promote iale and equitable use. The space dedicated to a transit network should be aligned with demand, meeting service needs without sacrificing streetscape quality.



Motorists are people driving personal motor vehicles for on-demand, pointto-point transportation. This includes drivers of private cars, for-hire vehicles, and motorized two-and three-wheelers. Streets and intersections must be designed to facilitate safe movement and manage interactions between motor vehicles, pedestrians, and cyclists.

#### Freight Operators and Service Providers

Freight operators and service providers are people driving vehicles that move goods or conduct critical city services. These users benefit from dedicated curb access and allocation of space for easy loading and unloading as well as dedicated routes and hours of operation. Emergency responders and cleaning vehicles need adequate space to operate, which must be accommodated while ensuring the safety of all other street users.



People doing business include vendors, street stall operators, and owners or renters of commercial storefronts. These users provide important services that support vibrant, active, and engaging street environments. Adequate space should be allocated to these uses. Provide regular cleaning, maintenance schedules, power, and water to support commercial activity and improve local quality of life.



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## NCTCOG Curb Management Workshop

Held February 5, 2020 with attendees from across the region

#### Topics:

- Importance of curb management
- Planning for a dynamic curb
- Planning for curb in a variety of settings

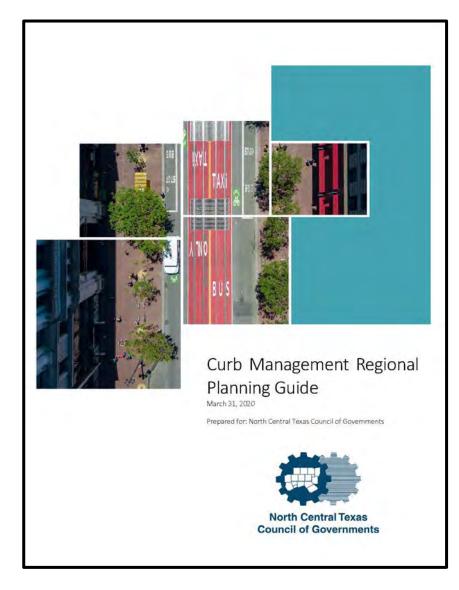
Workshop materials online at: <u>www.nctcog.org/parking</u> Parking Events and Symposiums

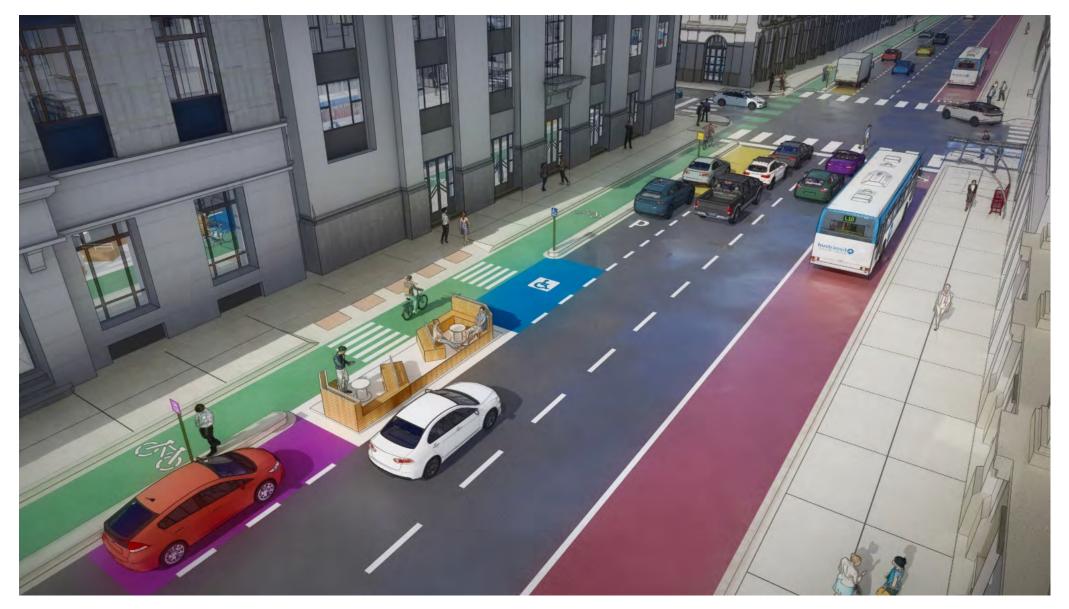


Completed March 2020

Includes:

- Curb management best practices
- Tools for planning in a variety of contexts, assigning priorities, and evaluating tradeoffs
- Data collection and evaluation guidance







Land Uses Best Suited for

Curb Management

Central Business Districts

Downtowns

Entertainment Districts

(theaters, stadiums, arenas)

Mixed-Use Developments

**Shopping Destinations** 

Airports

Hospitals

College Campuses

Land Uses that Typically

Don't Need Curb

Management

Single Family Residential Neighborhoods

**Big Box Stores** 

Who are the primary user groups?

What types of land uses are present?

What are the primary activities occuring at the curb?

What are the communities' goals for the curb? Consider citywide mobility & planning goals. Commerical, retail, offices
Restaurants, bars, cafes
Mixed-use developments

Pedestrians

Transit (bus or rail)

Cyclists

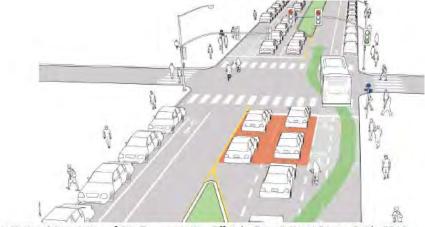
Vehicles
Delivery

Transportation and mobility
Social gathering: street furniture, public art, parklets, street festivals, food trucks
Retail & shopping: restaurants, outdoor dining, cafes, shops
Pickup/drop-off: TNCs, deliveries
Parking

Reduce single occupancy vehicle mode share
Improve pedestrian walkability
Increase transit service
Reduce vehicle congestion
Accommodate pickup/drop-off activities
Improve safety for bike and pedestrian activity
Reduce conflicts between various modes and activities
Provide on-street parking for surrounding land uses
Reduce on-street parking
Increase turnover of on-street parking
Encourage economic development
Provide space for social gathering
Bringing order and safety

#### Available online at

#### www.nctcog.org/parking





Source: National Association of City Transportation Officials, Transit Street Design Guide, 2016





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# COVID-19 Impacts on Active Transportation

#### Pedestrian and Bicycle Travel on Trails in North Texas

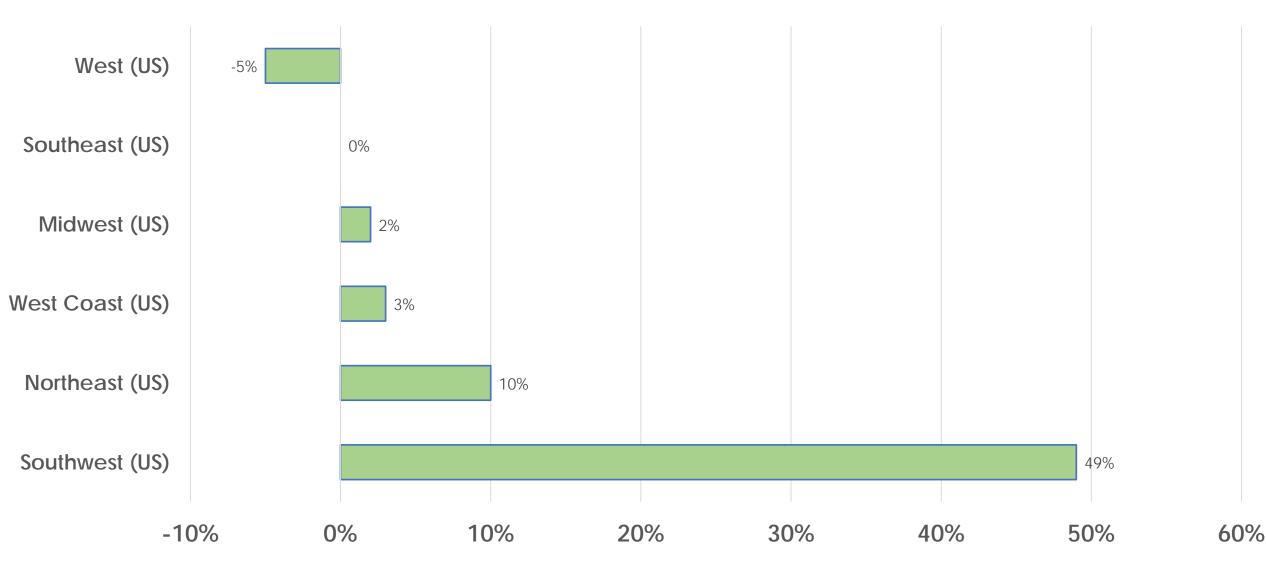




October 21, 2020 Kevin Kokes, AICP



## Bicycle Count Trends by Region (Percent Change Sept 2020 vs Sept 2019)



Source: Eco-Counter. The "Southwest" region includes Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona.

#### **Selected Bike and Pedestrian Count Sites**

#### The Dallas Morning News

NEWS + PHELIC HEALS

#### Where your last name falls in the alphabet will determine when you can use the Katy Trail

For four days of the week, residents can only use the trail on specific days, but it's open to all from Monday through Wednesday.



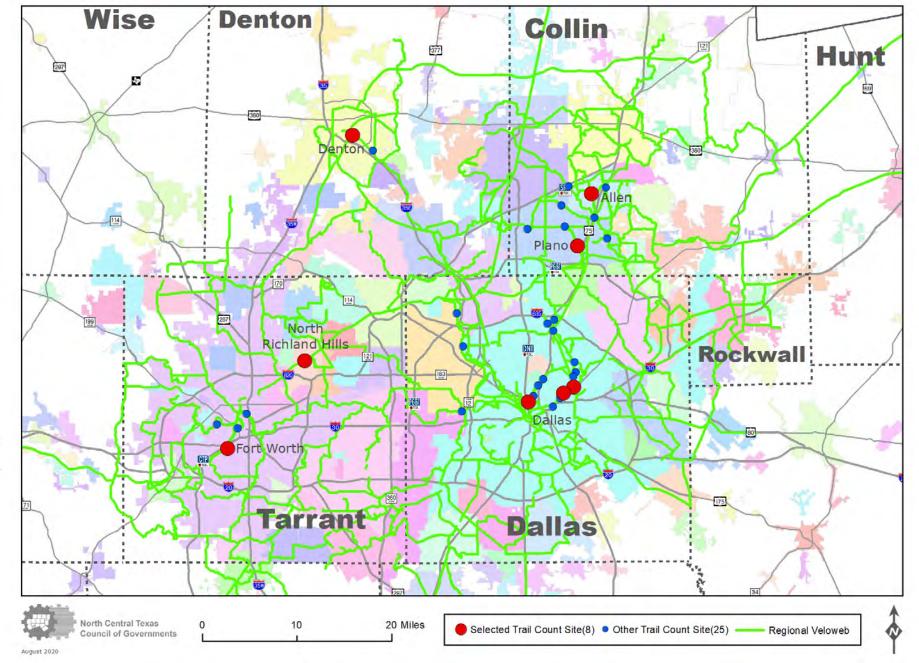
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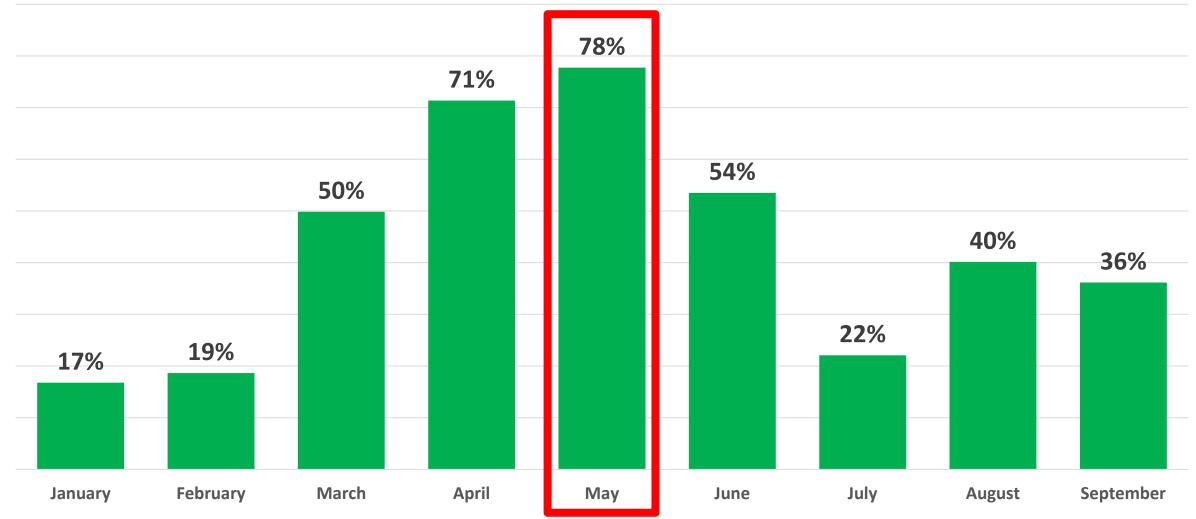
#### **Bicycle Sales Booming During Coronavirus Pandemic**

By Brooke Rogers May 26, 2020 at 4-55 pm Filed Under: Bike, Business Booming, Coronavirus, deadly virus, News, Pandemic, People Outside, sales, Social Distancing, Trails



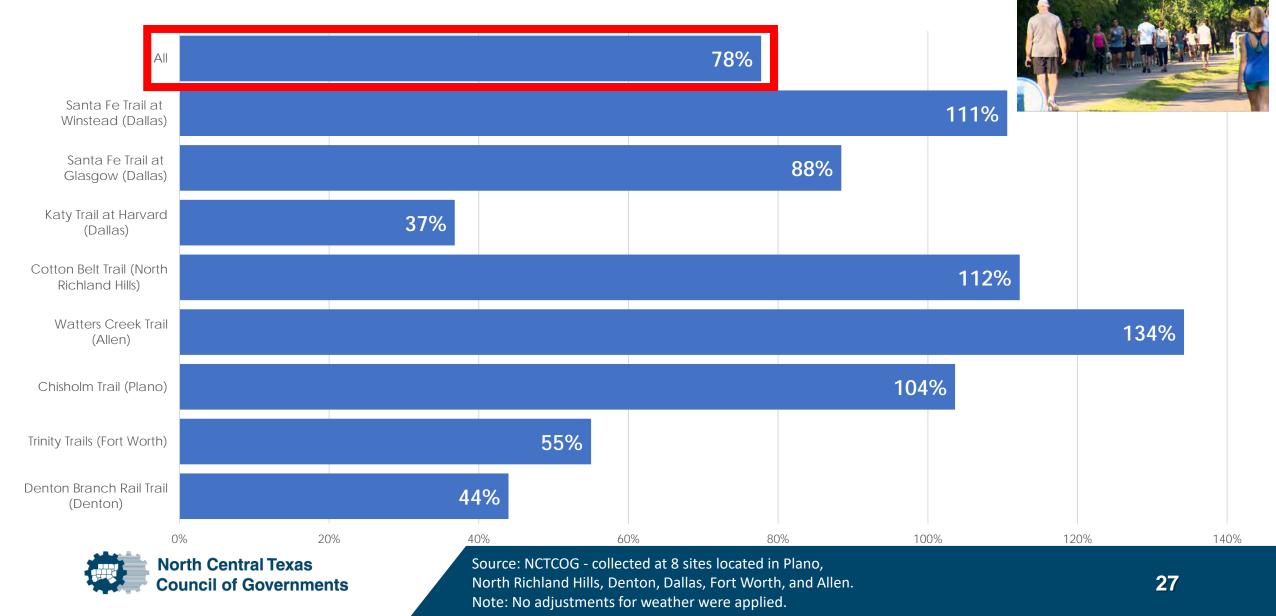


### Monthly Trail Usage (Percent Change 2019 vs 2020)

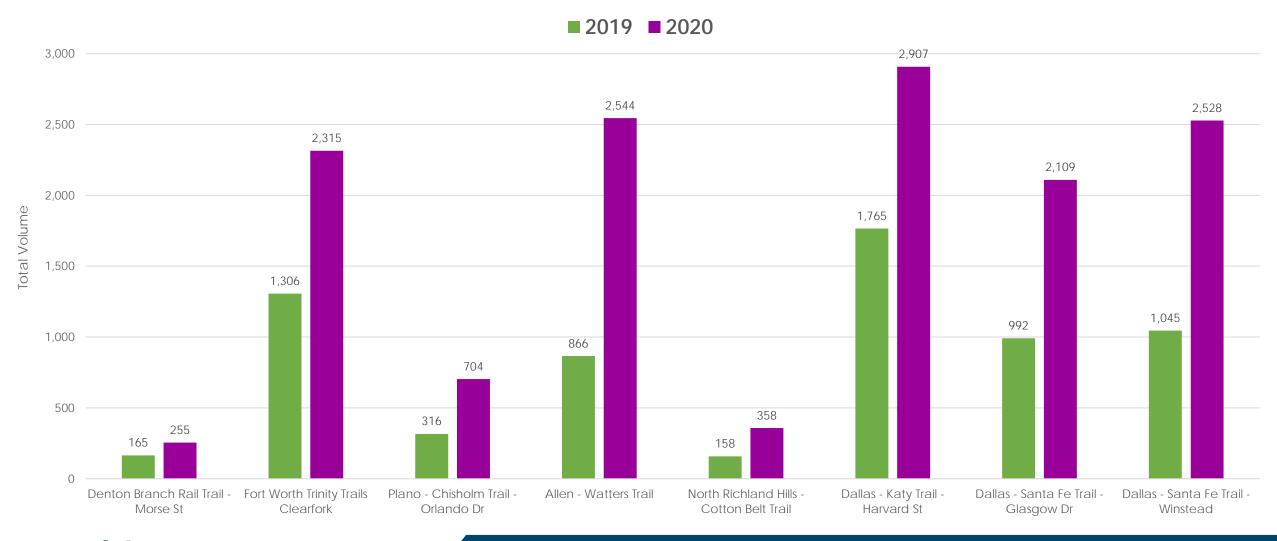


Source: NCTCOG - collected at 8 sites located in Plano, North Richland Hills, Denton, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Allen. Note: No adjustments for weather were applied.

### Full Week Trail Volumes by Location (Percent Change May 2019 vs May 2020)

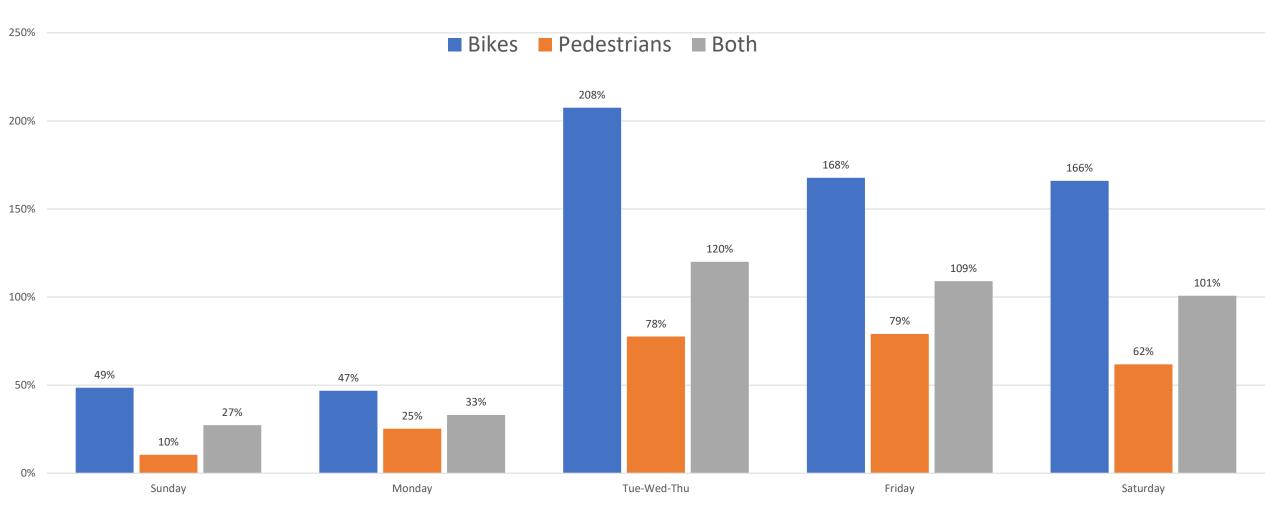


### Daily Average Trail Volumes (May 2019 vs May 2020)



North Central Texas Council of Governments Source: NCTCOG - collected at 8 sites located in Plano, North Richland Hills, Denton, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Allen. Note: No adjustments for weather were applied.

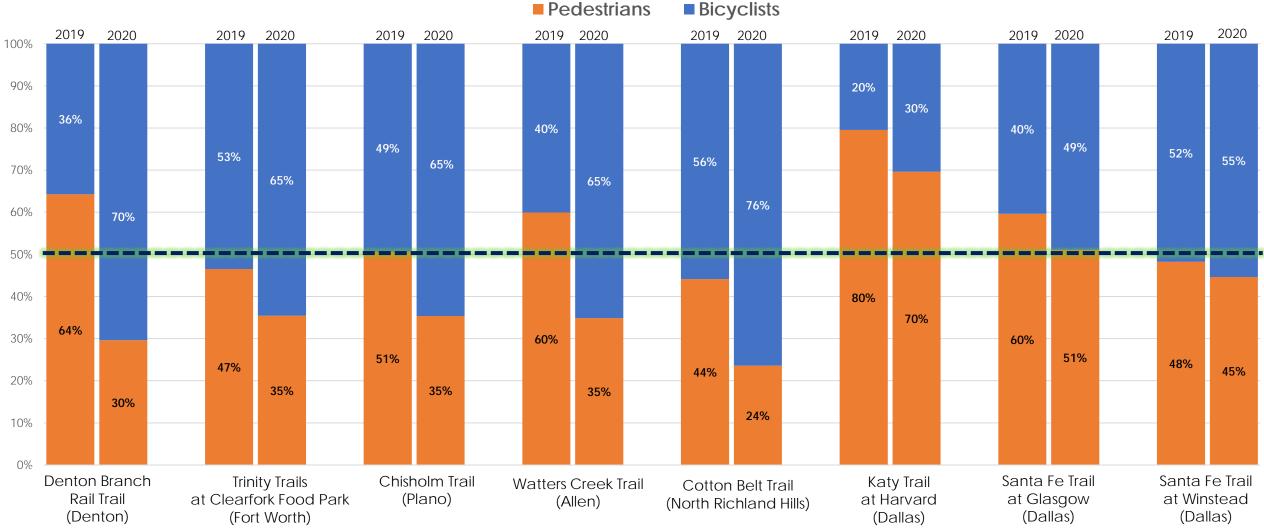
## Day of Week (Percent Change May 2019 vs May 2020)





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### Mode Share (May 2019 vs May 2020)

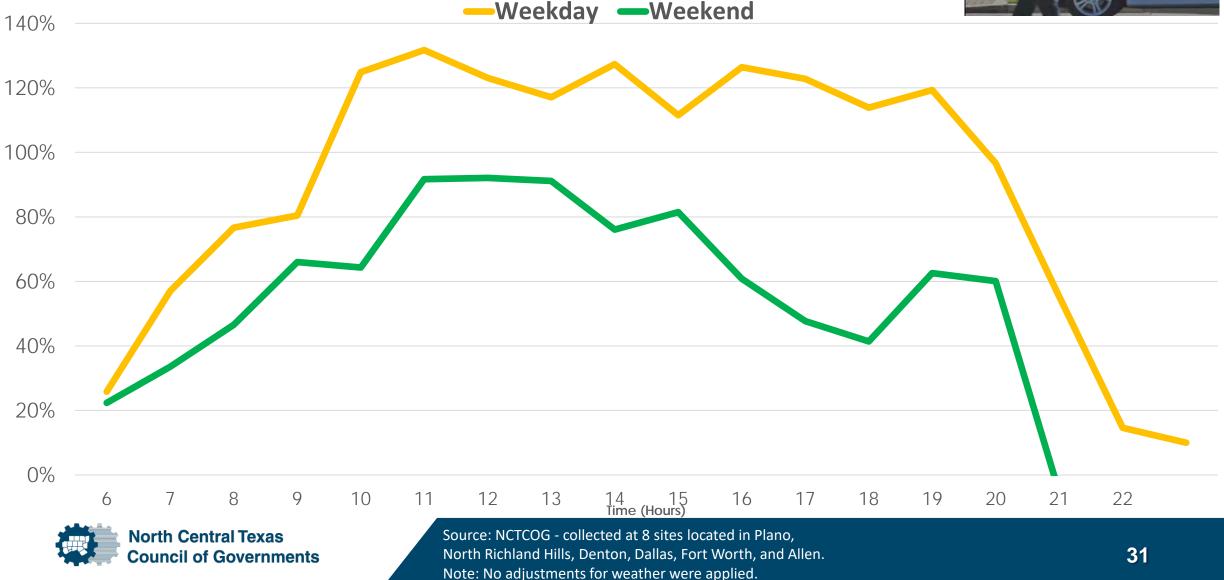


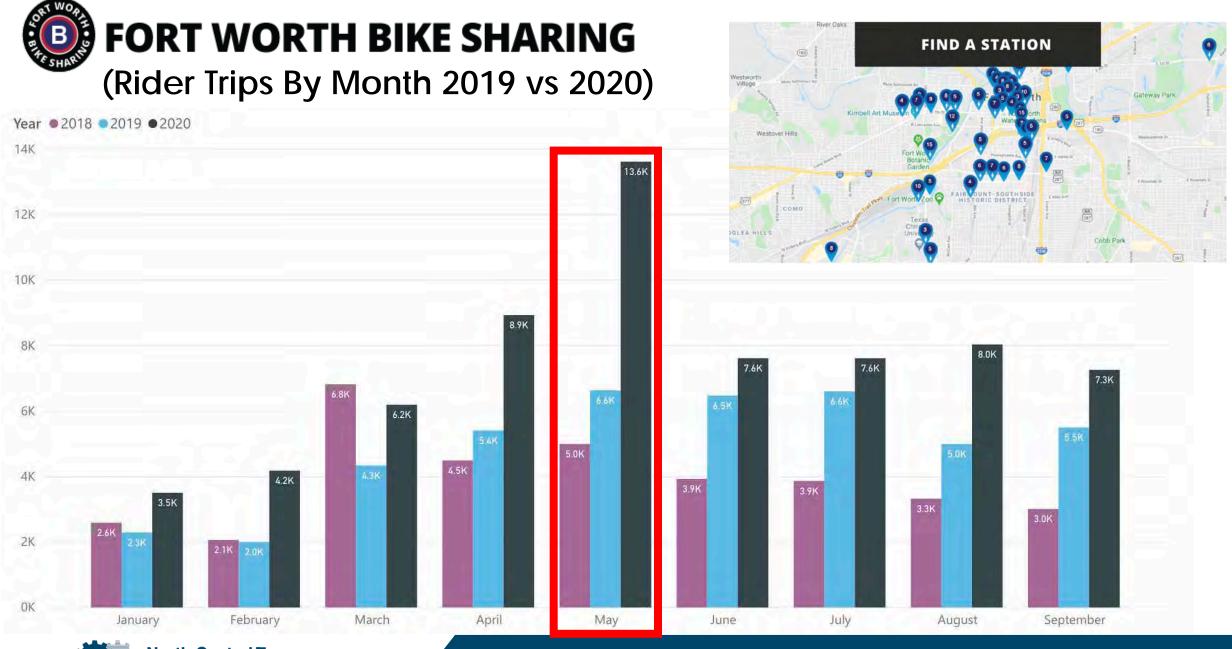


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### Hourly Profile (Percent Change May 2019 vs May 2020)







North Central Texas Council of Governments

Source: Fort Worth Bike Share 350 bikes. 46 stations.

## **Dallas Slow Streets Pilot Program**

#### ➤ 30-day pilot projects

- Closing neighborhood streets to thru traffic, and opening them to activities such as walking, running, and bicycling
- Neighborhoods responsible for the installation and removal of barricades, and the cleanup of streets as needed
- Must be open to local traffic, deliveries, and emergencies
- ➢ City partnership with Better Block Foundation, BikeDFW, and the Coalition for a New Dallas





## Parklets Program

Regional Transportation Council funded Bike Parking Pilot (Blue-Green-Grey Initiative) in lieu of on-street parking spaces





A rendering for a forthcoming parklet outside of Veracruz Cafe in Bishop Arts. DSGN Associates

LOCAL NEWS

The City of Dallas Will Launch a Temporary Parklet Program Next Week May 2020



## **Contact Information:**

#### Kevin Kokes, AICP

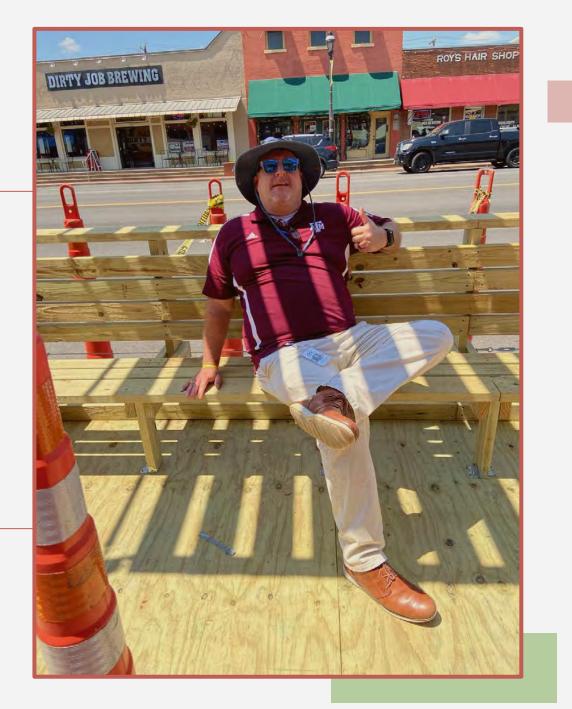
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# MANSFIELD PILOT PARKLET PROGRAM

NCTCOG October 21, 2020



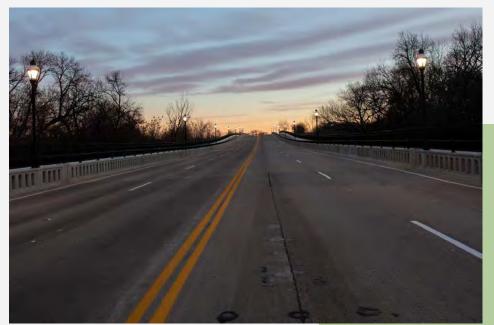
### THE TEAM



### NICOLETTE ALLEN

Downtown Coordinator Assistant to the City Manager, CNU-A







### THE PROGRAM

Permit process to allow persons to apply for a \*temporary\* permit to construct in public ROW

Pilot Program to evaluate effectiveness/popularity

Instituted in Historic Downtown Main Street - has heavy traffic and (often) speeding

- Potential Traffic Calming?
- Outdoor Gathering Space?
- Increased Pedestrian Activity?



### ACTIVATION ON MAIN STREET







MUSIC ALLEY MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

### PICKLE PARADE

### HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS PARADE



December 2020: Hometown Holidays, FEATURING: Merry Main Street Midway Downtown Association requested meeting to bring Parklet idea to the City indicated potential support for the program Researched Parklet programs, guidelines, and requirements in cities with established programs (San Francisco, Seattle, Fort Worth, Dallas)

Approved by City Council and first application approved July 27, 2020 -Construction began August 13, 2020

### PROGRAM EVOLUTION

Staff already looking at parklets and other projects for activation opportunities on Main Street, especially sidewalk/streetscape improvements

Had group give presentation to City Council to expedite process - received full support for staff to develop program Created Design Guidelines, Permit Application, and Information Pamphlet - reviewed by all development departments

PILOT PARKLET PROGRAM PERMIT APPROVAL MANSFIELD Permittee Dave Goodwin Date: August 4, 2020 Downlown Mansfield, Inc. 900 N. Wahnt Creeks *Dir.* 2676, Ste. 100 Mansfield, Texas *Totos*.

This letter is a statement that the above referenced Permittee has permission to construct a Parklet per the design standards approved by Mansfield City Council on July 27, 2020. The Permittee must notify the City of Mansfield 24 hours prior to the start of construction. If reasoning the parklet will block or disturb traffic, a Traffic Safety and Control Plan must be submitted. The Permittee authorized representative must schedule an inspection with the City Please send any notification or submission to: Matt Jones MAIT matt.jones/ Attn: Nicolette Allen Nicolette Allen Mansfield City Hall 1200 East Broad St. Mansfield, Texas 7606 Please contact Nicolette Allen at (817) 276 - 4264 or <u>nicolette allen innesfieldresss nov</u> if there Thank you.

Nicolette allen





### CHALLENGES

### INSURANCE

Will insurance be a barrier to entry?

### **DESIGN/GUIDELINES**

Making solid design guidelines, ADA accessibility concerns. Coming to an agreement with all development staff.

### FUNDING/TIME

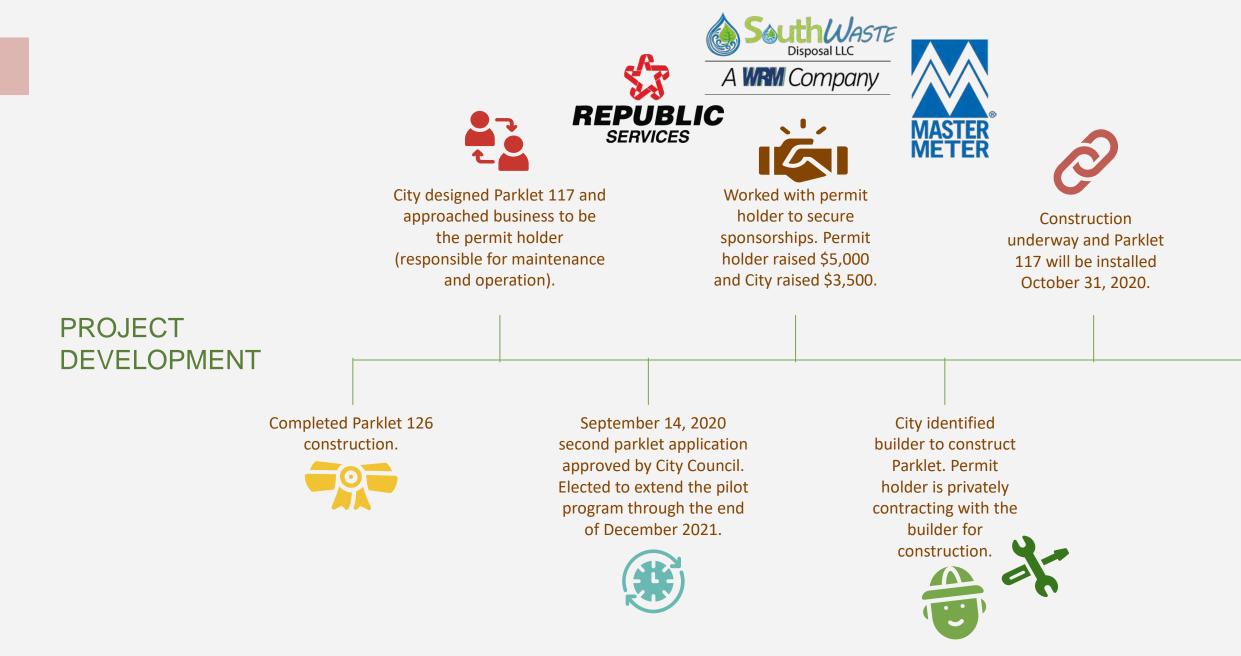
Structures are expensive to construct, even using relatively inexpensive materials.

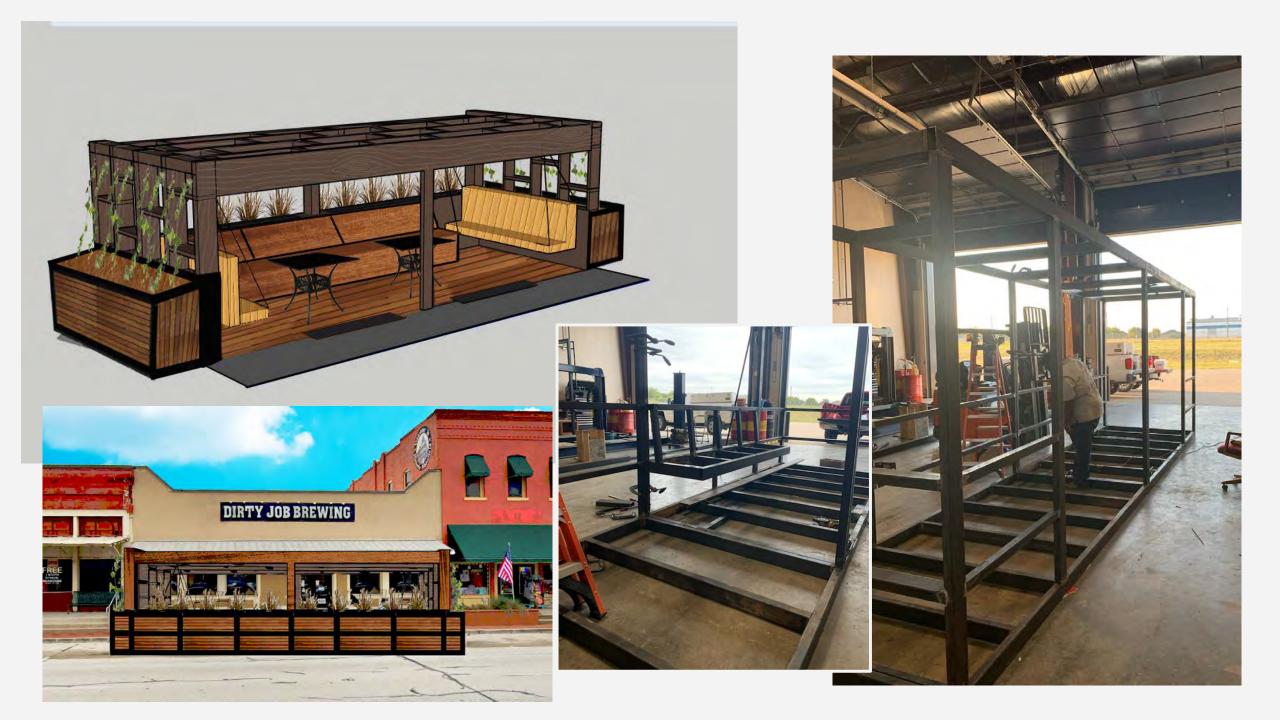
Pilot Program was originally scheduled through the end of the year (Dec 2020). Now extended through Dec 2021.

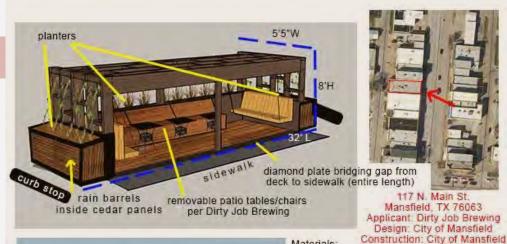
### ALCOHOL

Can you drink in your parklet?











muhly grass along streetside edge of parklet climbing vines planted in end cap planters

Materials: Composite wood deck and bench Deck frame made of 2" square metal tubing Cedar pergola Cedar slats set into metal tubing frame to create wall panels Rain barrels in end caps to improve crash safety

Will include reflective tape on streetside corners and curb stops

Parklet will be set 2' in from drive lane and 6" back from sidewalk curb (allow for drainage)

A prefab hanging porch swing will be hung on each end, additional metal framing will be added as needed for support No utility obstruction or nearby 2' setback sidewalk (6" frame height) frame 5'5" total 6' 3' setback from curb stop/end of space curb stop 12"

fire hydrant cedar composite muhly grass climbing ivy

### THANKS

### Questions?

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mansfieldtexas.gov/parklets



## City of Fort Worth Pilot Parklet/Street Patio Program

Tanya Brooks, Assistant Director Transportation and Public Works Department October 21, 2020 North Central Texas Council of Government

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FORT WORTH.

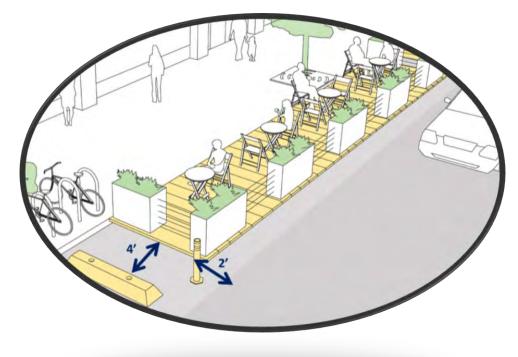
- Annual global event that is celebrated the third Friday of September by more than 30 different countries and over 160 cities.
- Near Southside hosts the event annually in Fort Worth along Magnolia Avenue and Main Street.
- September 2019 was the first time that the City's T/PW Department participated in event.
- The Department's parklet focused on educating visitors about multimodal traffic safety.





## What is a Parklet?

• A **pedestrian space** created by building temporary sidewalk extension within an on-street parking space with amenities such as seating, art, and landscaping.





## Fort Worth Pilot Parklet/Street Patio Program

- Initiated in response to interest from stakeholders within Fort Worth entertainment districts and commercial corridors.
- Stakeholders had interest in parklets as a tool to expand seating capacity for businesses impacted by COVID-19 capacity restrictions.
- Pilot design guidelines crafted for sensitivity to business financial constraints

## Pilot Parklet/Street Patio Checklist

Eligibility is determined based on meeting all requirements as verified by Transportation Management staff field visit.

- □ I understand the Parklet/Street Patio is a 6 month temporary pilot program starting on June 15, 2020 and ending on December 15, 2020.
- D Parklet is located within entertainment district, mixed use or along a commercial corridor
- □ Parklet is located on a roadway with 30 mph or less speed limit.
- □ Parklet is located on a street with dedicated parking.

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- □ Adjacent sidewalk has a minimum unobstructed pedestrian zone of 6 feet.
- Parklet is limited to a minimum of two and a maximum of three parallel parking or three perpendicular (head-in/back-in) spaces.
- □ Parklet maintains at least 60 feet of clearance from any bus loading zone.
- D Parklet maintains at least 15 feet from any fire hydrant.
- D Parklet maintains at least 30 feet from an intersection.
- □ Parklet maintains at least 30 feet from a crosswalk.

□ Parklet maintains at least five feet of clearance to on-street utility access points, i.e. stormwater drainage, electrical poles, underground utility access, electrical transformer vaults, etc.

Proposed Parklet is not in a designated Valet Zone; Commercial Loading Zone, or Transportation Network Zone.

## Parklet Design – NACTO Guidelines

#### Required

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- Ensure visibility to moving traffic and parking cars.
- Parklet must be buffered using wheel stops, 4 feet from the parklet on either side.
- Parklet must have vertical elements that make them visible to traffic, such as flexible posts or bollards.
- Parklets have a desired minimum width of 6 feet, or a 2-foot setback from the width of the parking lane.
- The design of the parklet must not inhibit drainage of stormwater runoff.
- There should be small channels between the base and the platform to facilitate drainage under the platform.
- Parklets must have a flush transition at the sidewalk and curb to permit easy access and avoid tripping hazards.

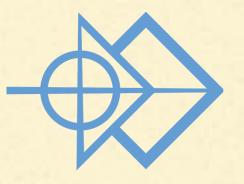
#### Recommended

- Avoid corners and be placed at least one parking space away from the intersection corner.
- If proposed site is near a corner, considerations should include: turning traffic volumes, sightlines, visibility, and daylighting.
- Parklet should be heavy enough to make theft impossible or unlikely.
- Sit selection should consider a level of surveillance both during the day and at night.
- Parklet should incorporate seating, either integrated into the design itself or moveable tables and chairs.
- Designs for the substructure of the parklet must accommodate the crown of the road and provide a level surface for the parklet.



### Dallas BISHOP ARTS Parklet

A Bike Parking Initiative While Creating Outdoor Space in a Pandemic



Amanda Popken Development

### THE DRIVING FORCES

Green Blue Grey Grant - NCTCOG
 Parking in Walkable Historic Districts is always a problem
 Bike Parking needs to be an experience as elegant and elevated as Valet Parking
 These Districts tend to also need outdoor social space & enhanced greenery

## TIMELINE



### THE DRIVING FORCES

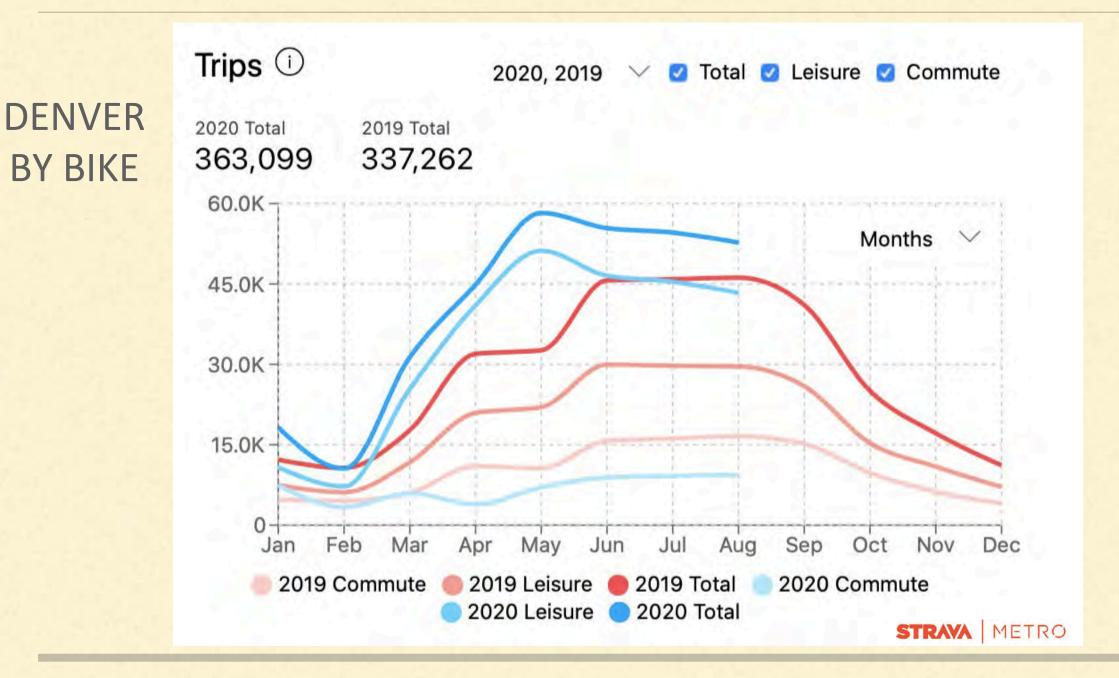
Virus transmission is lower outdoors than indoors

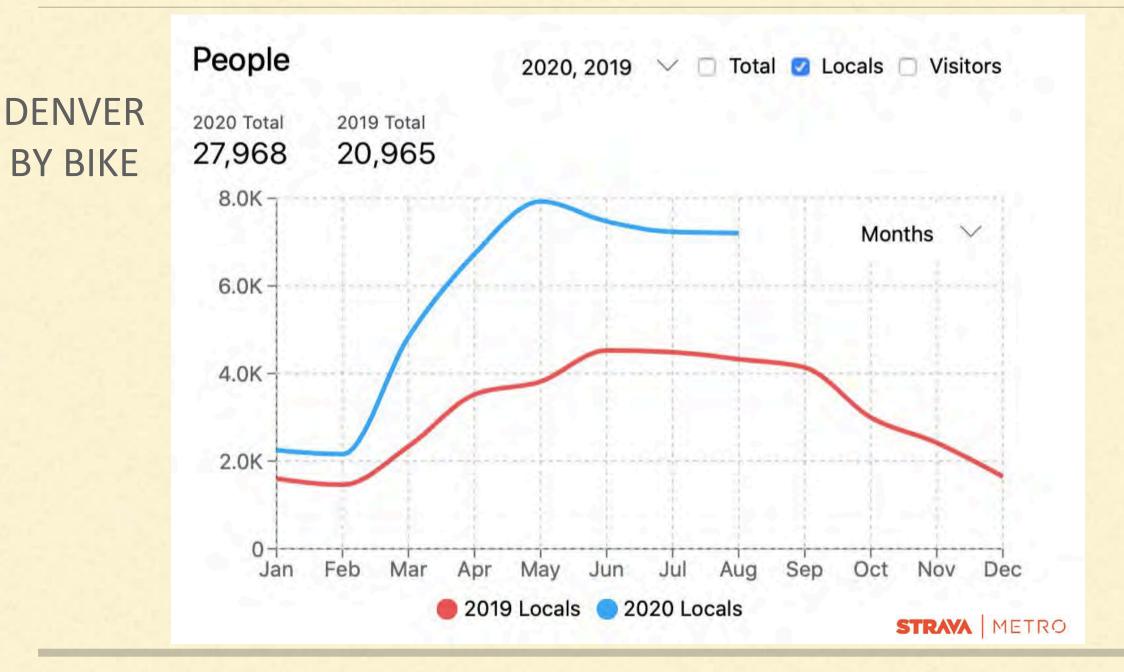
Patio space allows businesses to serve more customers

Isolation is becoming a public health crisis

Being outdoors: alleviates stress, raises endorphins & Vitamin D levels

More people are biking now than ever

















### DALLAS PARKLET PROGRAM



**Temporary Parklet** Application available (May) Bring movable furniture indoors at night Small fee (# parking spaces used, alcohol served) 10 day permit (with extensions) Program may be extended into Spring 2021 Permanent Parklet Program in development Proposed Program to Council November/December 2020

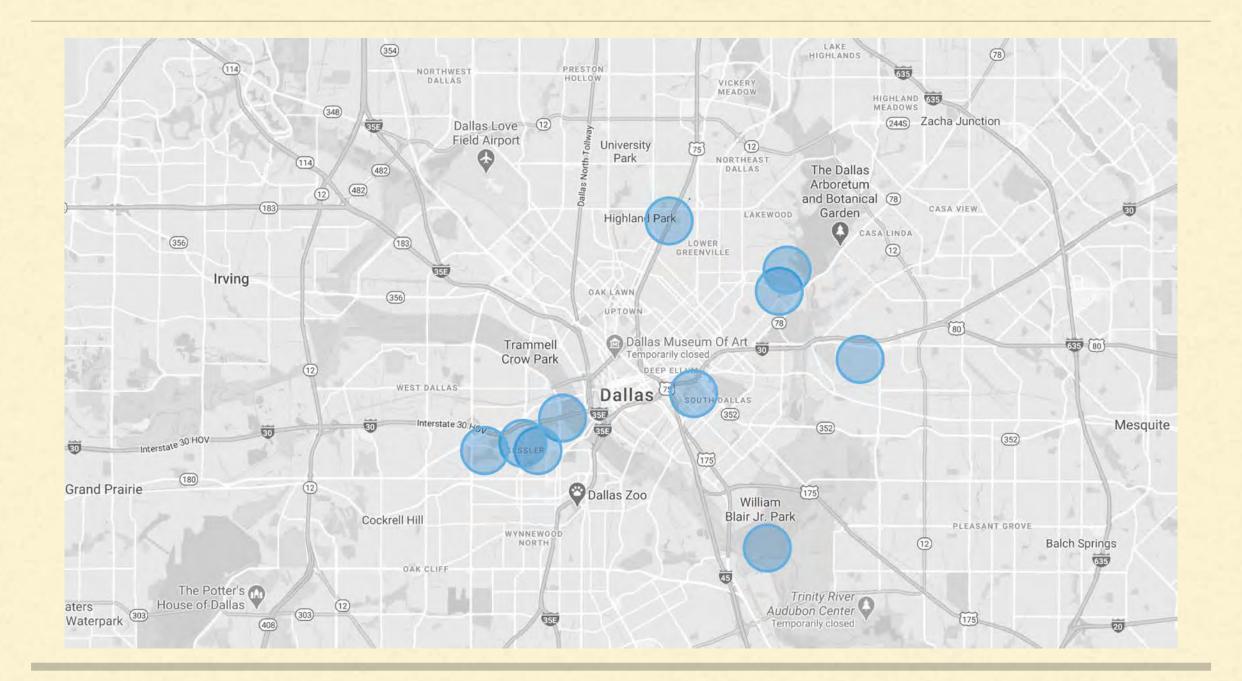
## DALLAS SLOW STREETS PILOT

10 residential streets
Road closed to all but local traffic, emergency vehicles, city service vehicles

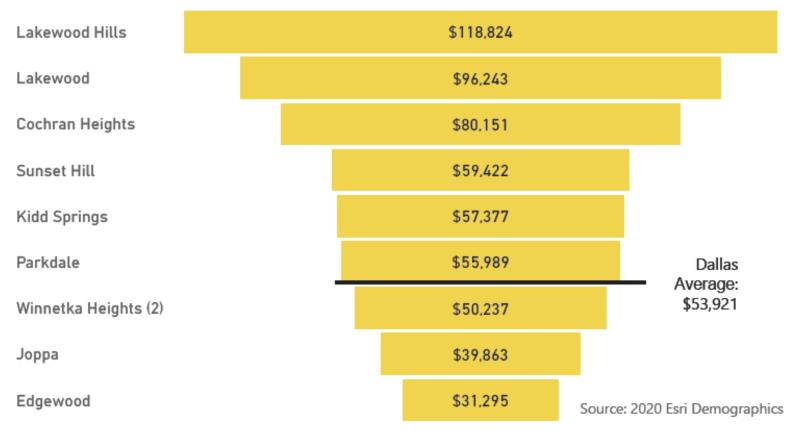
30 day Permits

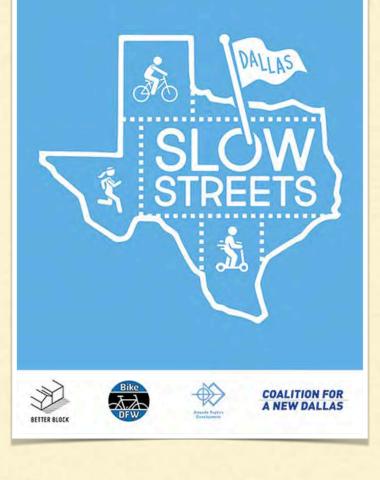
One block - intersection to intersection
Administered through Public Work Dept
Better Block, Bike DFW, Coalition for New Dallas





#### Slow Streets Median Household Income



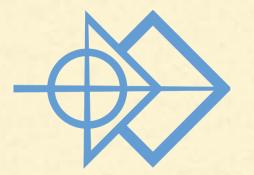


DALLAS SLOW STREETS - IMPACT REPORT

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## **DALLAS PARKLETS & SLOW STREETS**

### For Social Distancing & Safe Space Outdoors



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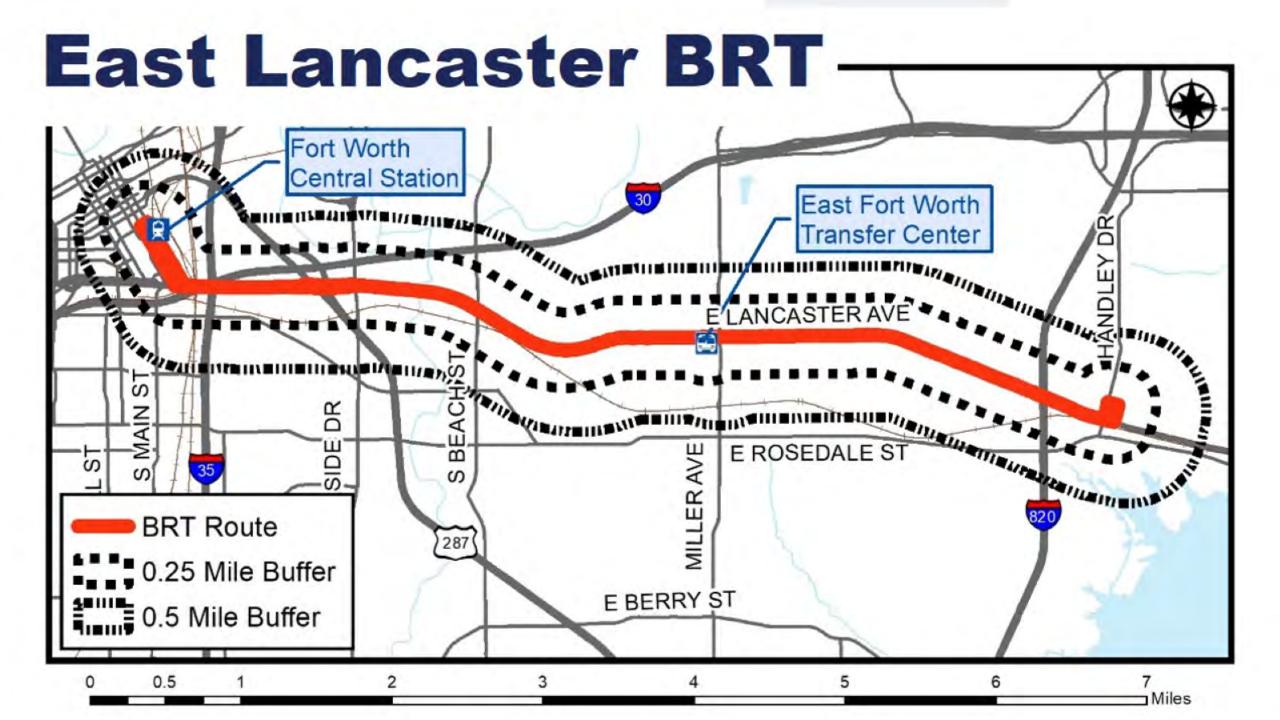
## Dallas Area Rapid Transit

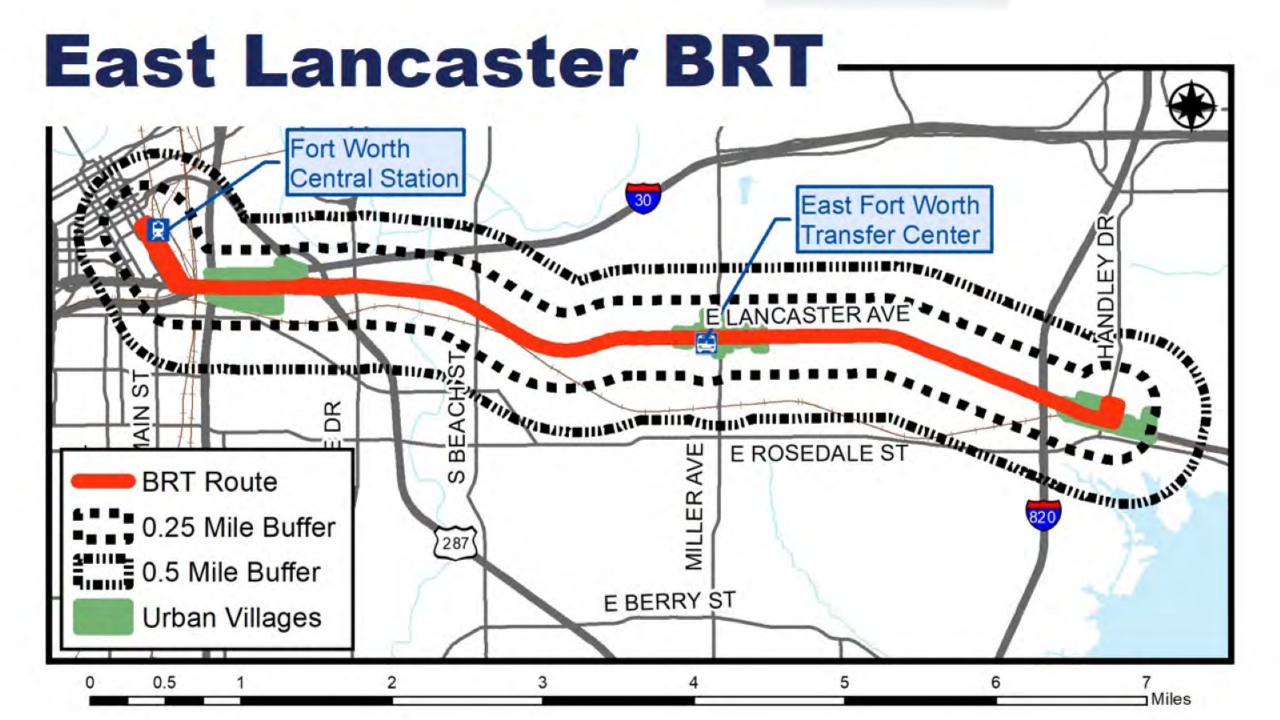
Jack Wierzenski Director of Economic Development

# Lancaster Avenue Transit Oriented Development Plan

Phil Dupler Director of Planning







### Bus <u>Rapid Transit (BRT)</u>



**Dedicated Lanes** 

**Bus-Only Lanes** 





**Transit Signal Priority** 



### Bus <u>Rapid Transit (BRT)</u>

that has been to

Level Boarding



Pre-purchased Fares

TRINITY METRO

**Rail Like Stations** 



### **Existing Transit on Lancaster**

"The Spur" launched in 2011 featuring some features of BRT:





### **Background - Grant**

Pilot Program for Transit Oriented Development Planning Section 2005(b)

- Application Submitted November 12, 2019
- \$23 million total awarded June 11, 2020
- 23 projects nationwide
- Local projects
  - DART \$1 million for TOD along the D2 subway project
  - DCTA \$600,000 for TOD along A-Train corridor
  - Trinity Metro \$600,000 for TOD planning along East Lancaster



### **Project Proposal**

Comprehensive Transit Oriented Development Plan for East Lancaster Avenue

Future Bus Rapid Transit Line as the Nucleus

Goals:

- Enhance Economic Development
- Facilitate Multimodal Connectivity
- Increase Access to Transit

- Enable Mixed-Use Development
- Identify Infrastructure Needs
- Encourage Private Sector Investment



### **Specific Deliverables**

Inventory of Existing Conditions:

- Land Use, Housing, Business/Industry types
- Infrastructure, Parking, Sidewalks, Water, Sewer, Stormwater, etc.

Assessment of Existing Development Capacity

Assessment of Development Regulations and Revenue

- Recommendations for zoning ordinances, subdivision rules, building codes, etc.
   Multimodal Connectivity Plans
- Mobility Hubs, Bicycle Lanes, Bikeshare Stations, Bus Transfer Points, Pedestrian Facilities, Crosswalks, etc.
- Street Layouts



### **Specific Deliverables**

Strategy for funding, investing in and maintaining necessary public infrastructure

**Recommended TOD Best Practices** 

Examples from successful BRT corridors
 Station Area Concept Plans
 Phased Implementation Plan



### **Project Schedule**

**Request for Proposals - October** 

- Expert in Transit Oriented Development
- Experience on Bus Rapid Transit

Tentative Schedule

- Consultant Selection Fall 2020
- First Round of Public Input Winter 2021
- Intermediate Rounds of Public Input Spring/Summer 2021
- Final Plan/Last Round of Public Input Fall 2021
- Project Completion December 2021



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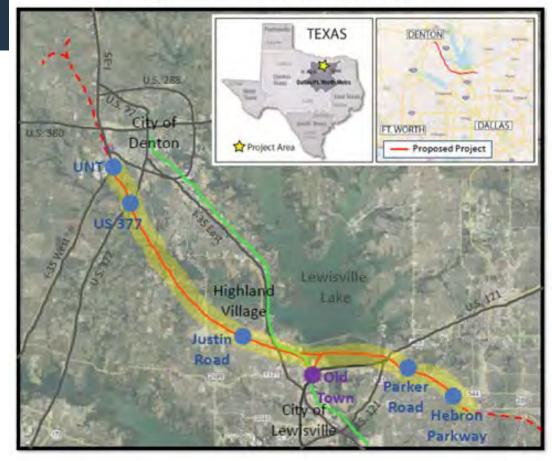


#### KCS TOD Study Area

DCTA's TOD Study Objectives:

- Include Private Sector Participation
- Enhance Economic Development and Ridership
- Facilitate Multi-Modal Connectivity and Accessibility
- Increase Access to Transit Hubs for Pedestrian & Bicycle Traffic
- Enable Mixed-Use Development
- Identify Infrastructure Needs Associated with the Project

Kansas City Southern Rail Line: Denton County Future Corridor Rail Alignment and Potential TOD Study Areas



# LEGEND KCS Existing Rail Alignment KCS Existing Rail Alignment – Proposed Project Corridor Potential TOD Study Areas / Potential Future Transit Stations Potential TOD Study Areas / Existing Transit Stations Existing DCTA's A-train Commuter Rail Line



#### DART Red and Blue Lines TOD Survey 2019 Results

Coordinated Land Use and Transportation Planning Task Force October 21, 2020



#### Background

Are TODs influencing travel behavior, demographics, and location choice preferences?

#### **Three populations**

Residents Businesses Employees

#### Report and data online:

www.nctcog.org/TOD (FTA Pilot)

Part of Federal Transit Administration TOD Planning Pilot Grant



#### Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)



Higher density with a mix of uses designed for convenient walk and bike access from a high-frequency transit station.

#### **Study Area**

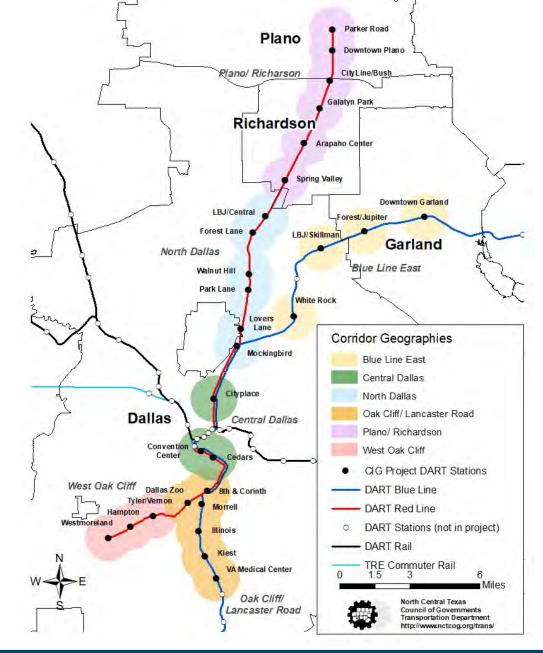
28 DART Stations on Red and Blue Lines (FTA TOD Planning Pilot Grant)

Cities of Dallas, Richardson, Garland, and Plano

One-mile radius around stations

Data collected August 2019 – February 2020





#### Sampling and Response

	Random Sampling	Responses
Residents	Source:146,196 addresses from USPS database Sample:15,198 mailed packets (online option) and 51,877 calls	1,540 complete
Businesses	Source:16,596 addresses InfoUSA database Sample:12,853 Mailed packets (online option) and called 10,231 w/ valid phone numbers	1,039 complete
Employees	Source: Subset of business data Sample: 389 businesses distributed to employees by email or paper	550 completed

#### **Survey Content**

Today's focus:



Travel and Transit Use Location Impacts TOD Challenges and Opportunities

#### **Survey Topics**

- Travel patterns and behaviors
- Travel preferences and hypothetical improvements
- Location preferences
- Housing characteristics
- Demographics
- Parking perceptions and availability
- Travel Demand Management programs
- Business characteristics

#### **TOD Residents' Transit Use**

TOD residents are more likely than most DFW residents to commute via transit

**13%** of TOD residents used for their commute in the week prior to the survey. Compared to only **2.8%** of all residents in Dallas County.

(Census ACS 2018 5-year Estimates - Selected Economic Characteristics)

Non-work trip DART use slightly higher than commuting for some trips

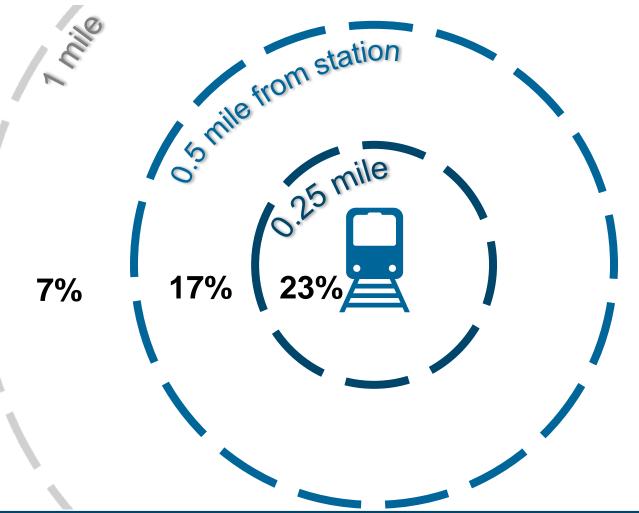
23% use for restaurant, bars, coffee shops, 20% for retail Lower for a few like social services 9% and child-care 12%



#### **TOD Residents' Transit Use**

Respondents who live closer to DART rail stations are more likely to commute by transit

Percent who commute using a train or bus





#### **Resident Travel Mode Split**

Thinking about last week, how did you get to and from work or school each day?

Driving alone		81.4%
Train/light rail	9.4%	
Walking	6.8%	
Car/vanpooling	5.8%	
Bus	4.4%	
Teleworking	3.0%	
Biking	2.6%	
Taxi/Uber/Lyft	2.6%	
Motorbike/scooter	0.6%	

0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100%

#### DFW Metro Area (Census ACS 2018 5-yr)

Mode	Percent		
Drove Alone	80.8%		
Carpooled	9.5%		
Public Transit	1.3%		
Walked	1.3%		
Bicycle	0.1%		
Taxicab, Motorcycle, other	1.2%		
Worked at home	5.8%		



#### **Locations for Active Transportation**

Employers within a half-mile of DART stations are more likely to report customer foot traffic as an influence on their location decision

**16%** of high-density station areas (57-305 people per acre) residents report commuting by walking or bicycling while only **6%** report the same at lower densities

Likelihood of a walk or bicycle commute by housing type:

**12%** for majority multi-family housing areas

9% for mixed housing areas

**4%** for majority single-family housing areas



#### **Factors in Home Choice**

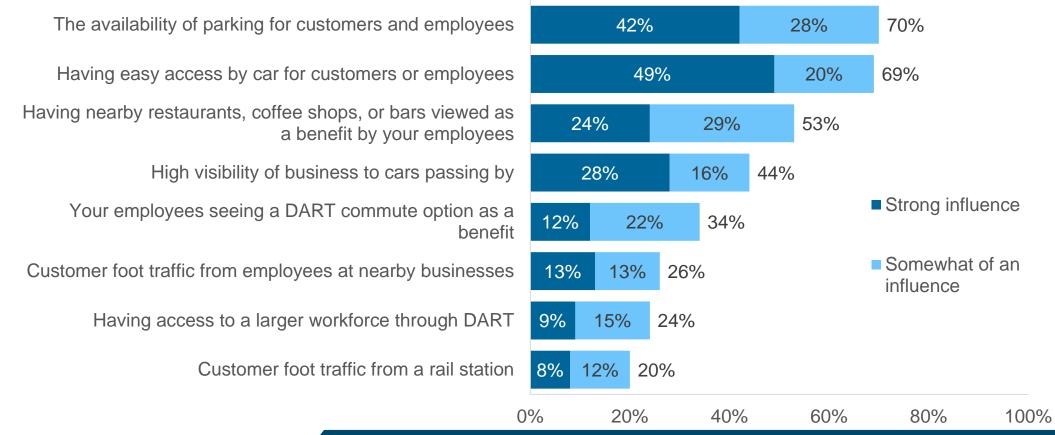
What were the factors most important to you when you were looking for a home?

	Cost of housing	82%		1	6%	98%	
*15 out of 36 factor	S Low crime rate within neighborhood		78%		18%	6	96%
shown	Sidewalks throughout the neighborhood	57%		36%	6	93	3%
	Quiet neighborhood	51%		38%		89%	
Essential	Parks and open spaces nearby	48%		41%		89%	
	Easy access to the freeway	46%		40%		86%	
	Low level of car traffic on neighborhood streets	42%		43%		85%	
Somewhat	Restaurants, etc. w/i walking distance	39%		43%	82%	)	
important	Nearby theaters, libraries, music venues etc.	35%		47%	82%	)	
	Close to workplace	44%		37% 33% 7			
	Food/grocery shopping within walking distance	46%				9%	
	Neighborhood character and architecture	37%		41%	78%	78%	
	More living space	37%	3	9%	76%	%	
	Lots of parking	36%	39	39% 75%			
	Easy access to DART service	39%	3	35% 74%			
	00	% 20%	40%	60%	80%		100%



#### **Transit Business Location Influence**

How much of an influence was each item in choosing this location? (showing 8 of 13)





#### **TOD Challenges**

TOD residents still use cars more than transit

81% of residents commute by driving alone

23% of residents stated their place of employment was within walking distance but only 6% reported a walk commute

Residents cite need for frequent stops, long trips, too many transfers, as barriers to transit use

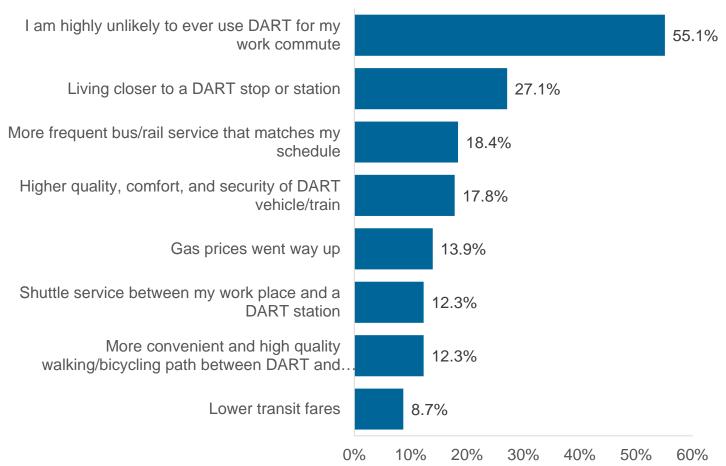
Business and Employees see transit as less influential 70% of businesses said easy parking and access by car was a strong or somewhat strong influence in location versus only 34% saying the same for DART access



## **Employees Unlikely to Change Commute**

If you usually drive to work now, what might lead you to switch your commute to DART?

3% wrote in that their job makes DART use unlikely





#### **TOD Opportunities**

Understanding of demographic impacts

**27%** of residents age 18-34 report typically walking or biking to restaurants/bars/coffee shops whereas only **18%** of older groups report the same

Residents prefer walkability and being close to daily activities

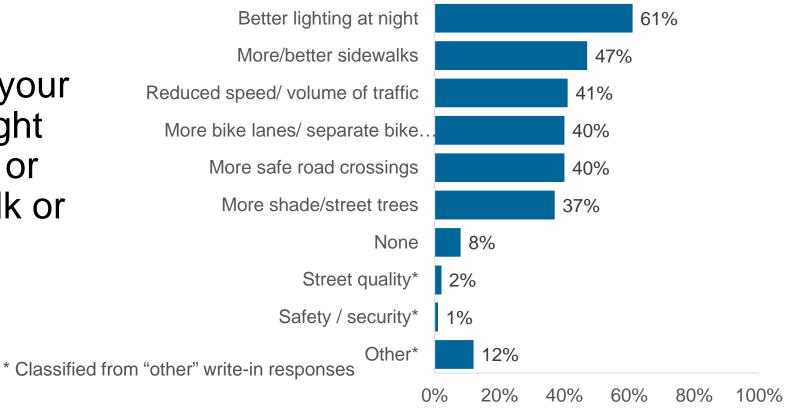
**93%** see sidewalks as important to neighborhood, would prefer to walk or bike to many destinations

Businesses have capacity to be smarter about parking 87% said they have enough or more than enough parking



#### How to increase walking or biking?

What street improvements in your neighborhood might better encourage or enable you to walk or bike more?





#### Summary

- Better understanding of challenges and opportunities for TOD in the region
- Insight on general topics of walking, biking, and relationship to land use
- Detailed data set: future analysis in interest areas

Full report online: <u>www.nctcog.org/TOD</u> (FTA Pilot)





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