



Review of Public Engagement Throughout Study

Public and Agency Engagement

Over 300 meetings held since 2020

- Public meetings and open houses
- Technical Working Group meetings
- Federal and state coordination, monthly FTA/FRA meetings
- Technology Forum and one-on-ones with providers
- Transportation agencies and railroads
- Study area cities
- Elected officials
- Stakeholder interviews
- Community groups and organizations





Public and Agency Engagement

Official Project Public Meetings – 14

- Virtual meetings in September 2020 (2), January 2021 (2), May 2021 (2)
- In-person open houses in October 2021 (4), August/September 2023 (4):
Dallas, Grand Prairie, Arlington, Fort Worth

NCTCOG Hybrid Public Meetings (5) in February 2021, December 2022, April 2023, October 2023, May 2024

Elected Official Briefings (2) – January 2021, May 2021

All public meeting documents are available online at www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs under Presentations and Public Outreach Efforts

Additional Engagement

DFW High-Speed Update Newsletter

- Latest updates on progress
- Includes upcoming events for the public to attend

Online Speaker Request Form

Staff continue to present to community groups and organizations



DFW HIGH-SPEED UPDATE

WINTER 2023

Your High-Speed Rail; Your Input.

To engage the community and collect input on the Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Transportation Connectors Study, open houses were held in Fort Worth, Arlington, Grand Prairie, and Dallas this fall. More than 200 people attended, and the presentations and meeting materials are available on the website of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) at nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs.

"Our goal continues to be hearing the community's thoughts and concerns. Listening carefully affirms our direction for a successful completion of Phase 2," said Ian Bryant, AICP, HNTB Project Manager.

"We heard several common themes at each open house, and we are using community input to bolster our understanding of how this project could be successful," Bryant continued.

Expressing diverse opinions during the open houses, attendees commented on the proposed I-30 alignments, economic development opportunities, environmental effects, traffic congestion, and right-of-way acquisition.

Phase 2 public comments are varied. Open house participants in the study area saw the potential of a high-speed rail system providing energy-efficient public transit as an alternative to personal vehicles.

Laura from Dallas shared concerns about the effects of construction on ecosystems like the Trinity River. Beth from Fort Worth supports the project but is concerned about flooding and water quality.

"Environmental considerations are being addressed in depth during documentation for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), a requirement of this federally funded initiative," said Dan Lamers, PE, NCTCOG Senior Project Manager.

NEPA considers the potential effects a project may have on the environment or community and proposes mitigation measures as needed. Learn more about NEPA here.

See Community, pg. 2

Let Your Voice Be Heard!
Let's Talk About Travel Across DFW. We Want Your Feedback!
www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs

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Fall 2023 open house locations



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DFW HIGH-SPEED UPDATE

Phase 2 Public Comment Topics



*Comments are listed based on the topic selected by the commenter. Comments were categorized as "other" when the commenter designated theirs as such or did not select a category. Some comments are listed under multiple categories.

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Phil from Fort Worth wants to reduce the number of gas-powered vehicles on the road and supports this "necessary project for sustainable development."

Michael from Arlington noted, "the environmental impact of taking cars off the road would reach outweigh any construction impacts from this rail line."

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Arlington Health Central Texas Council of Governments open house

The project team is also studying enhanced connections from the proposed Dallas high-speed rail station to Dallas Union Station, which would provide easy access to DART rail and bus networks connecting the greater Dallas area. A station location is also planned in the Arlington entertainment district.

The majority of the alignment (see pg. 4) is within the I-30 right-of-way, with portions of the track elevated, tunneled, or trench-cut-grade. "We are closely examining each piece of the alignment and proposing station locations and track elevations that would most benefit the community. Looking at the big picture of a regional transportation asset such as this is a core charge of NCTCOG," said Lamers.

Access the **open house report online** to read the complete list of public comments and responses.

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Public Comments

- General comment form online asks for zip code, topic
- Online mapping tool asked for feedback on areas of significance and concern
- 263 Total comments to date
 - Not in Favor – 2%
- FAQs and responses to questions from previous meetings available

www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs see under Project Information (FAQs); Presentations and Public Outreach Efforts (Open House Summary)

DFW High-Speed Transportation Connections Study
The DFW High-Speed Transportation Connections Study will review high-speed passenger service options in the Dallas to Fort Worth corridor.

[Open Project Documents](#) ▾

1) Please enter your comment below: * Required

Please do not place any personally identifiable information (name, phone, or email) within your comment.

Topics that apply to your comment: (Select up to 3)

Environment Environmental Traffic Right of Way Other

How up to date with the project * Required

Last Name * Required

Last Name

First Name



Example of comment form

Knowledge meter before and after 2023 open house

Project Information

- Project information online in English and Spanish
- Sign up for project notices
- View future public meeting dates
- Request a speaker
- Provide comments or questions:
 - Electronic comment form online
 - In writing to DFW-HSTC Study, P.O. Box 5888, Arlington, Texas 76005
 - Email: HST_DFW@nctcog.org

The screenshot shows the website for the North Central Texas Council of Governments. The header includes the organization's name, a logo, and navigation links such as 'About Us / Contact Us' and 'Select Language'. Below the header is a search bar and a navigation menu with categories like 'AGENCY ADMINISTRATION', 'AGING SERVICES', 'ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT', 'EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS', 'ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT', 'EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR', 'NCT 9-1-1', 'PUBLIC SAFETY', 'REGIONAL DATA', 'WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS', and 'TRANSPORTATION'. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Transportation > Regional Planning & Projects > Transit Management and Planning > General Public Information > Transit Planning Activities > Transit Planning Projects > High-Speed Rail > DFW High-Speed Transportation Connections Study'. The title of the page is 'DFW High-Speed Transportation Connections Study'. Below the title, it states 'Current study of high-speed options Dallas to Fort Worth:' and lists several bullet points: 'Analyzing Potential Routes', 'Evaluating Potential Vehicles', 'Developing Operations/Service Plans', 'Preparing Preliminary Engineering', and 'Compiling Environmental Documentation'. To the right of the text is a logo for 'HIGH-SPEED TRANSPORTATION DALLAS-FORT WORTH'. At the bottom of the page, there is a paragraph explaining that the council initiated the study in the spring of 2020 to evaluate high-speed transportation between Dallas and Fort Worth, with a goal of connecting to other proposed high-performance passenger systems in the state and enhancing the regional transportation system. A sidebar on the right contains a menu with items like 'Regional Planning & Projects', 'Congestion Management', 'Maps, Models & Data', 'Quality of Life', 'Funding & Business', and 'Plans, Studies, Reports'.

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