

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 document is a compilation of general public comments submitted from Sunday, July 20 through Tuesday, August 19, 2025, via website, email, social media and in person at NCTCOG's monthly Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting. This month, comments related to public involvement and freight 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 0 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://nctcogis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourceReporter/index.html?appid=b014e6d39b604b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2>.

High-Speed Rail

X.com (Formerly Twitter) –

1. Congressman Jake Ellzey puts bad language in the surface transportation reauthorization bill for DFW-Houston high speed rail. North Texas transportation leaders want it gone
<https://tinyurl.com/yeucdf6r> @NCTCOGtrans @RailPassengers @TexasCentral – Peter J LeCody (@railadvo)



Bicycle/Pedestrian/Sustainable Development

Facebook –

1. Back-to-school season is in full swing and this month we're highlighting back-to-school safety for our #TopicOfTheMonth series. We're kicking things off by sharing some reminders for safe habits for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. If you're walking or biking to school, stay alert! Always use crosswalks, follow traffic signals, wear bright clothing and make eye contact with drivers. For drivers, remember to slow down in school zones, watch for pedestrians and be aware during early morning and afternoon hours. Read more back-to-school safety tips at the link below in the

comments! Read more: : <https://www.nctcog.org/.../about/educate/topic-of-the-month>. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Would y'all ever do a bike bus event? That would be great! — Trini Vasquez

Trini Vasquez Thank you for sharing your idea! We'll pass that along. — NCTCOG Transportation Department

BlueSky –

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Drivers should pay attention to the road. Expecting every pedestrian to wear only bright clothing to please the almighty automobile is the stupidest thing I've ever seen. — Zander 🚗 🗺️ (@kohiwonomu.bsky.social)

Public Involvement

Facebook –

1. NCTCOG Transportation Department shared: Your input is important! TxDOT is updating its 10-year transportation plan, and we want to hear from you. Join us next week on Wednesday, July 23 for a virtual public hearing. Get information on the plan and how to join here: bit.ly/3gywpfX — Texas Department of Transportation



We need legislation passed to fund the TXDOT Rail Division using a percentage of our gas tax to make us eligible for federal funding for intercity passenger rail projects. 20 million Texans live in the eastern half of our state, and there's no viable intercity passenger rail service. We need Houston to the Rio Grande Valley, Rio Grande to Corpus Christi/San Antonio, passenger rail service. This is a dead zone for intercity passenger rail service, and it could be the most ridden route. The Rio Grande Valley is 2.5 million people on both sides of the border, and a huge market for traveling workers that needs to be tapped with passenger rail. — Bobby Fisher

Nextdoor –

1. NCTCOG is seeking input on transportation planning initiatives during an upcoming hybrid public meeting at noon on Monday, August 11. This month's presentation topics include the Heartland Flyer Funding, Safe Routes to School Regional Action Plan, Multimodal Delivery Project, and FY 2025 Public Transportation Funding Programs of Projects. The session will be held at NCTCOG's Arlington offices, located at 616 Six Flags Drive. For those unable to attend in person, the meeting will be streamed live at publicinput.com/nctcogAug25. Participants can also join the discussion by calling (855) 925-2801 and entering code 11270. A video recording will also be made available afterward. Public comments will be accepted until Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. Residents planning to use transit to attend the meeting can take advantage of \$6 roundtrip rides from the CentrePort/DFW Airport Station to NCTCOG via the Arlington Transportation app. To download the app, go to arlingtontx.gov/ondemand. For special accommodations related to disabilities or language interpretation, please contact 817-573-1719 or email hwitcher@nctcog.org. For more information and details on this month's presentation topics, visit <https://www.publicinput.com/nctcogAug25>. — NCTCOG Transportation Department

What is NCTCOG? — Kw R.

NCTCOG stands for the "North Central Texas Council of Governments." We are the transportation department of NCTCOG, which serves as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the 12-county DFW region. We hold monthly public meetings to inform and gather input from our neighbors about transportation and air quality policies, programs and plans for North Central Texas. If you'd like to learn more, here is our website: nctcog.org/trans.

Thanks for the info. — Kw R.

Will there be discussion about Hood County at this meeting? — Tina B.

Well, this is notice after the fact. Shows up on Aug 14th. — R. Denise B.

Freight

Facebook –

1. Recuerda que las vías del tren no son para caminar, puedes esperar que el tren pase por cualquier riel a cualquier hora. www.freightntx.org **Translation:** Remember railroad tracks are not for walking, you can expect a train on any track at any time.



Dios lo Bendiga siempre, amen. **Translation:** God bless you all always, amen. — De León Garza Elena

Situaciones adversas pueden ocurrir en cualquier momento, tenemos que prepararnos físicamente igual espiritualmente, Amen. **Translation:** Situations can happen at any time, we need to be prepared physically and spiritually, Amen. — Irene Borges

¡¡¡Hay que, tener respeto con estas máquinas!!! **Translation:** We need to respect these types of machinery!!! — Teresa Puga



Dice la regla del reglamento de transporte los trenes corren a cualquier hora en cualquier via y en cualquier dirección de acuerdo a la regla 99. **Translation:** Railway regulations state that trains run at any time on any track and in any direction according to rule 99. — Antonio Bautista

Aire aparte de estúpida repulsiva y fea para acabarla de chingar. **Translation:** The air besides being bad and nasty, its disgusting, to top it off. — Jose Marban

2. Recuerden si no puedes ver sus espejos, ellos no pueden verte. **Translation:** Remember if you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Tengo 2 camioneros mi hijo y mi esposo Ellos, tienen muchos testimonios de lo que sucede, en carretera. Los Camioneros, mueven la economía del País. Ellos arriesgan sus Vidas, con tanta gente irresponsable en la carretera. Por favor tomen conciencia y cuídenlos. 🙏 **Translation:** My son and my husband are truck drivers. They have many stories of what happens on the road. Truck drivers are very important to the country's economy. They risk their lives with so many irresponsible people on the road. Please be more aware and look after them. 🙏 — Milly Santana

Amén 🙏 Dios los bendiga siempre el y que regresen con bien a su hogar 🏠 **Translation:**
Amen 🙏 May God bless you always, and may you make it home safely. 🏠 — Manuela Najera

ESACTO. **Translation:** Exactly. — Alexia Slzr

3. Remember, if you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Make blind spot cameras and sensors like they've mandated on cars. — T.J. Mahan

So, then they will need more mirrors and cameras on their vehicles, today's technology provides all kinds of safety devices, no excuses the driver is responsible for every single move of the vehicle. — Rod Dey

4. Remember railroad tracks are not for walking; you can expect a train on any track at any time.
www.freightntx.org — NCTCOG Transportation Department



So true! — Diane O'Donnell

5. Recuerden que los camiones no pueden frenar en seco, los camiones de carga pesada necesitan más tiempo. **Translation:** Remember Trucks can't stop on a dime, big rigs need more time. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Ya miraron simios no se metan en frente de un camión de carga no le corten el paso y ellos dejan un espacio considerable entre un camión y otro por si debe frenar lo pueda hacer con seguridad sin accidentes así k ya lo saben **Translation:** Don't get in front of a truck to cut them off. In case you need to brake leave a considerable space between a truck and another, so you can do it safely without accidents. Now you know. — Medina Ortiz

Safety

Facebook –

1. **Look Out Texans** Conoce tus derechos y responsabilidades al caminar, andar en bicicleta o conducir. ¡Juntos podemos hacer nuestras calles más seguras para todos! **Translation:** Know your rights and responsibilities when walking, biking, or driving. Together we can make our streets safer for everyone. — NCTCOG Transportation Department

To view the short video on this post, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/NCTCOGtrans/videos/1431295311332504/>



K BONITO GESTO D LA MAESTRA. **Translation:** What a nice gesture from the teacher. — El Chavo De Matamoros

Transit

Facebook –

1. As July's Topic of the Month focus on transit comes to an end, we're wrapping up by looking ahead at the future of transportation. Transit is evolving in our rapidly growing region. Alongside projects such as the DART Silver Line, NCTCOG's Transit 2.0 next generation transportation planning initiative is driving a more connected, transit-focused future. Read more about the future of transit in North Texas in the link below. Read

more: <https://www.nctcog.org/.../about/educate/topic-of-the-month> — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Always looking to the future...never the present. — Sammy Allen

Sammy Allen Live in the present, look and plan the future. — Frank Parnel

NO MORE HIGHWAY LANES! MORE TRAINS!!! — BulletTrainsUSA.com

BulletTrains USA.com train down middle of divided highways along with solar panels!!!!!! Less eminent domain, less relocation and \$100s billions saved. — Frank Parnel

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE!!! Convince Frisco, Prosper and Celina to expand DART through DNT all the way to 380!!!! Potential stops: Love Field Airport, Legacy East & West, the Star District, Universal Theme Park, PGA, Frontier Park... Bus routes are welcome! — Cesar Bonilla

Cesar Bonilla No, you don't want it. Go get your own company. — Sonja Cleek Oonk

Website –

1. As someone who lives in Euless and works in Arlington, I want to express my full support for the creation and funding of public transportation in the area. We need to do everything we can to provide people with more options for mobility through buses, light rail, and cycling infrastructure.

Especially with the sharp demand for transportation that will be coming to the area in 2026 with the world cup and the Grand Prix, not to mention the traffic that already persists every time there's any event in the AT&T or rangers stadium. People need to be able to get to these events or even commute to work without necessarily having to clog the roads with more car traffic. The more people who decide to leave their car behind in favor of fast reliable transit, will make the roads better for those who cannot. Additionally, I don't care how much this costs, functionality and service to the people needs to come first. Transit only works when it's well funded and faster than sitting in traffic. — Kyle Gardner

Thank you for your comment.— NCTCOG Transportation Department

Other

Facebook –

1.Can't believe it's almost back-to-school season! NCTCOG Transportation Department shared: The first day of school is creeping up! Here's when kids will get back to class. — WFAA



Could we maybe start looking into starting a bike bus?? https://youtu.be/rKBRXcU9MYk?si=bG_AR6vVTWoVHSr9 — Trini Vasquez

Hi Trini. Bike buses would be great, but instead of pressuring the children, let's pressure the grown-ups first. Children will want to emulate the grown-ups.
<https://youtu.be/L8CmXc7dNbs?si=QNamx5Qym00G87Jq> — Rob Dentremon

X.com (Formerly Twitter) –

1.Michael Morris, P.E., Director of Transportation for the @NCTCOGtrans, provided an overview of transportation improvements in Denton County, the fastest growing part of the U.S., as part of the April meeting of the Denton County Mayors Council. — Andy Eads (@Andy_Eads)



It's great to see leaders really focusing on projects like this for the progress of the country.
@Andy_Eads — Stacey Wilson (@Stacey_lifes)