

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 Thursday, March 20 through Saturday, April 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, roadways and transit 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 9 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://nctcoggis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourceReporter/index.html?appid=b014e6d39b604b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2>.

Bicycle/Pedestrian/Sustainable Development

Facebook –

1. As part of our #TopicOfTheMonth series about sustainable development and the vital role it plays in our region, we're excited to spotlight the Lake Highlands Multimodal Connectivity Project in Dallas. With a \$2.77 million investment, this initiative improved trails and intersections for bicyclists and pedestrians around DART's Lake Highlands Station. This project strengthens the community's connection to transit and promotes sustainable, walkable neighborhoods, supporting the vision of sustainability in a transit-oriented development. Read how this project continues to promote sustainable growth: <https://l.facebook.com/topic-of-the-month> – NCTCOG Transportation Department



They look like nice ones. — Trish Worrick

Written –

1. I would like to get in touch with the department responsible for speed bumps/humps in residential area and maintenance of public green spaces. — Gabrielle Donley

Instagram –

1. Did you know that some North Texas trails like the Sante Fe, Northeast Texas, and Bush Spring trails used to be rail lines? Discover more on our website, including an interactive map of trails and on-street bikeways at the link in our bio! #DFWtrails #railstotrails #NorthTexastrails #CelebrateTrailsDay #EarthMonth – NCTCOG Transportation Department (@nctcogtrans)



Bring back passenger rail. — Ben Rozelle (@benballer456)

Roadways

Online –

1. 287 in Waxahachie, TX needs to be widened to 3 lanes in each direction. Exits off I-35 to get on 287 are suicide exits. It feels like people need to be killed to make it less dangerous. The population has grown since 1976 when 287 was built. — Brian Bennett

Thank you for your comment. We will make sure to pass this along to the Regional Transportation Council. — NCTCOG Transportation Department

2. US 80 Bridge project near Forney, I635 Project near Garland/Mesquite seems to be taking an inordinate amount of time to complete. Do you give contractors incentives to complete projects early? The inconvenience to local citizens is massive. — Dean Conner

Thank you for your comment and question. To answer your question, select projects (including both listed) do include monetary incentives and disincentives designed to accelerate the completion of the project. Often, a Road User Cost value per day is established and incorporated into the competitive bidding process as the contract time component of the low-bid determination. The contractor would then be assessed the road user cost penalty if their contract bid days are exceeded. — NCTCOG Transportation Department

3. The Outer Loop needs to extend to and possibly beyond US 175 in Kaufman. — Anne Glasscock

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Public Involvement

Facebook –

1. Long-range transportation plans, funding awards and more for review/comment. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



The entirety of DFW needs better public transportation, bicycle infrastructure, and walkability. That includes DART and DCTA. The DART Silver Line is pretty cool, but it's putting the cart before the horse when DART could've built over a dozen BRT lines with dedicated lanes separated. After the silver line is completed, it's really time for DART to really start planning out proper BRT lines with dedicated lanes and busways to bridge that gap between regular buses and light rail as well as making the city of Farmers Branch and city of Frisco streetcar suburbs. — David Perry

David Perry That's fine until it's your property they want to take over or have it go down your street. — Dovie Williams

Dovie Williams I'm okay with a streetcar going around Valley View Lane and Valwood Parkway. There is a new parking structure that is sitting there until construction resumes. If they are derelict houses that are sitting unsold for years, ripping them down and building a low rise multifamily in their place won't bother me at all and I'll see it as a net positive for the future of walkability. Also, street cars are very quiet and will not bother me. I would rather hear conversations and the passing bus every few minutes than the constant roaring of traffic. — David Perry

Andy Prior — Japheth Pace

No DART in my neighborhood. — Linda Nordeck

Linda Nordeck Why not? I'm curious. — Andrea Lise

Andrea Lise It would be nice, but we have no trains or regular buses. I guess Dallas doesn't think we need it in Southeast Dallas. — Linda Nordeck

Linda Nordeck Collin County is even worse. It would be great to have affordable and reliable massive transportation options. — Andrea Lise

Andrea Lise Yes it would. — Linda Nordeck

Additional comments can be viewed here:

<https://www.facebook.com/NCTCOGtrans/posts/pfbid02pa5ByMYBtMnnCCciS94W6iAbcMa5uT4Ku2tVZKpcLcp6FFhjpQzq8F9zhPEBd1PDI>

Safety

Instagram –

1. As we continue to highlight roadway safety for our #TopicOfTheMonth series, this week we're providing helpful tips on how to avoid distracted driving. First, keep your phone's settings on silent while driving and pull over if you need to check your phone or do anything else that interferes with driving. Let your friends, family and coworkers know you won't be able to respond to texts or calls while on the road. Lastly, be aware. Pay attention to your surroundings and keep an eye out for pedestrians, cyclists and construction zones. Read more about these tips and other resources to keep you informed on roadway safety at the link in our bio! #Transportation #RoadwaySafety #DistractedDrivingAwareness — NCTCOG Transportation Department (@nctcogtrans)



I avoid distracted driving by avoiding driving. — Matt Havener (@matthavener)

Transit

Facebook –

1. Do you depend on public transportation? Help us identify your transit needs at one of our upcoming meetings. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Pay for out of their bank accounts, not steal taxpayers' money. — Brian Bennett

David Lee Morrison, here is something you may like.... Thought about you. — John Nicks

Conflict of interest since one of your board members of the NTCOG is also Chairman of the Board for DCTA, which manages ACCESS, AND is Mayor of a city in which ACCESS operates.....Let's stop the back scratching and appointing your municipal cronies to each other's boards! So unethical..... — Bonni Crisfulli

Council of Governments includes government officials on its board. Shocking! — William Robbins

Bonni Crisfulli, are you an A.I.? You post this same exact message and then don't explain yourself. Why should the head of DCTA, a regional public transit agency, NOT be a board member of the NCTCOG Transportation Department? — Matthew Banks

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2. Do you depend on public transportation? Help us identify your transit needs at one of our upcoming meetings. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Cute, this hit my feed 2 days after our meeting. 🤗 — Shawn Creamer

So sorry you missed it! There will be slides available at the link above and a virtual regional meeting on April 17 at 6 pm. Hope this helps! — NCTCOG Transportation Department

Certainly don't want any part of sales tax to go towards public transportation. If you need public transportation move to a city that fits your needs. — Linda Harding

A whole week late. Must be trying to sneak something past the residents. — Chris Wilhite

Chris Wilhite Hi, if you missed this meeting, there are slides available at the link above, as well as a virtual regional meeting on April 17 at 6 pm. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any additional questions. — NCTCOG Transportation Department

Don't put public transportation in Hunt County, nobody will ever use it. —Connie Cawthon

3. ¿Dependes del transporte público? Ayúdanos a identificar tus necesidades de transporte en una de las próximas reuniones. **Translation:** Do you depend on public transport? Help us identify your transportation needs at one of the upcoming meetings. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Señora Elia, saludos. **Translation:** Mrs. Elia, greetings. — Maria Flores

Se necesita transporte para el área de Arlington. **Translation:** Transportation is needed for the Arlington area. — Noraima Linares