

## **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 Process, 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 November 8, 2018.

This report is a compilation of general public comments submitted by members of the public from Tuesday, July 20, through Thursday, August 19. Comments and questions are submitted for the record and can be submitted via Facebook, Twitter, fax, email and online.

This month, public comments were received on a number of topics across social media platforms and via email. Bicycle and pedestrian comments were in the majority.

In addition, comments were accepted through a new, online map tool. Users can drop a pin on a location in the region and leave a detailed comment. This month, there were 15 bicycle and pedestrian comments, 10 transit comment and 31 roadway comments. To read them, visit: <http://nctcoggis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourcingReporter/index.html?appid=b014e6d39b604b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2>.

#### **Air Quality**

##### **Twitter –**

1. How can we incorporate #equity in transportation projects selection? Lily Lowder points out @NCTCOGtrans, Boston MPO, and Oregon's focus on GHG emissions. Gloria Jeff noted @MetCouncilNews.

#HowWeMoveMatters #EnviroHealthMatters

Watch now: <https://nationalacademies.org/event/07-21-2021/how-we-move-matters-exploring-the-connections-between-new-transportation-and-mobility-options-and-environmental-health-a-workshop-session-5-and-6> – TRB (@NASEMTRB)



2. Want to make a difference in our community? Help us make a commitment to clean air on Clean Air Action Day, August 4! Visit <http://airnorthtexas.org/cleanairactionday> and learn how some simple steps can make the world of a difference in the North Texas region. #AirNTx #CAAD2021 – UTA Office of Sustainability (@GoGreenUTA)



3. proud to biked most of my journey in FW today as opposed to driving

not as proud for the rest of my commuting trips, though... – Tony Pham (@TonyAtCAPPA)



It's OK, Tony. We're proud you biked today, too! Every little bit counts. Stay safe. 😊 – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

4. @NCTCOGtrans has declared Wednesday, August 4, as North Texas Clean Air Action Day - urging everyone to do one thing to help improve our air quality. We suggest...going solar! See more ideas here. – Sunfinity Renewable Energy (@SunfinityRE)

 Clean Air Action Day | Air North Texas  
On Wednesday, August 4, 2021, we invite you to join us for Clean Air Action Day by doing at least one ...  
[airnorthtexas.org](http://airnorthtexas.org)

### Bicycle & Pedestrian

#### Twitter –

1. Join us today for lunch from 12-1 for our monthly virtual Lunch & Learn series. Our guest this month is Brenden Wheeler with the @NCTCOGtrans who is coming to talk about the DFW High Speed Rail Project. Register at
2. Let @CityOfArlington know that pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure needs to be a priority!! – BikeDFW (@BikeDFW)



3. Since our world changed last year, North Texans were looking for ways to stay active. Today we're featuring The Santa Fe Trail in Dallas. It stretches 5.3 miles and goes from Deep Ellum to White Rock Lake. Stay tuned for more! @CityOfDallas @BikeDFW @DallasParkRec @GreenDallas – NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

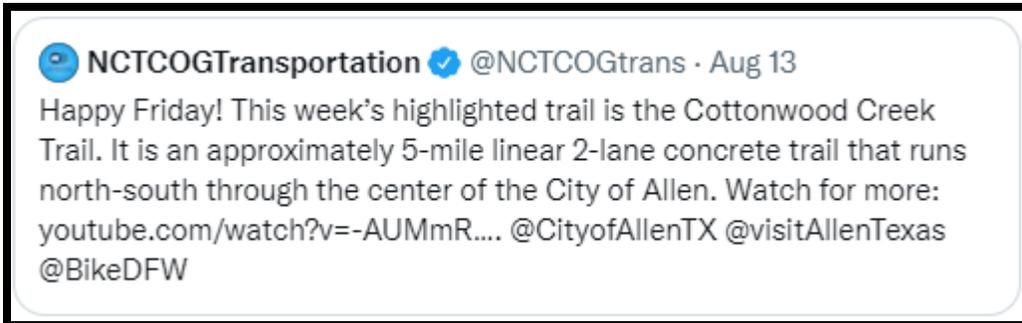


Wow - this is awesome. Please do more of these!

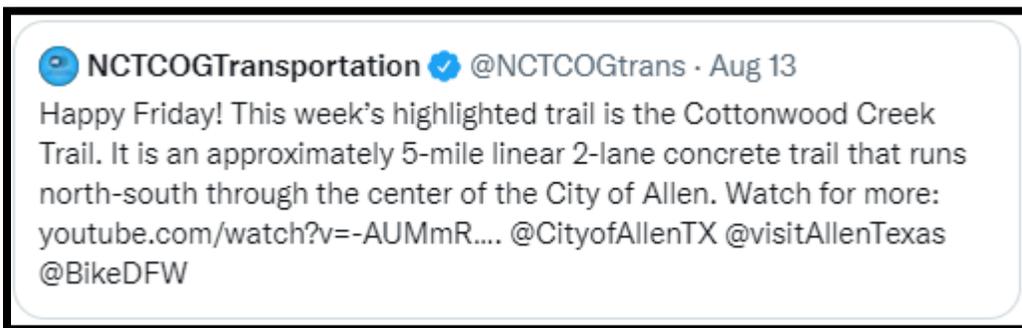
Are you allowed to ride e-bikes on the trail(s)? – Clayton Meeker (@CIm1403)

Hi, Clayton! Per state law, e-bikes are allowed on trails unless posted otherwise.  
– NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

4. Thank you for highlighting Cottowood Creek Trail, @NCTCOGtrans! – City of Allen (@CityofAllenTX)



5. My favorite trail! Just rode my bike there today 🚲 – Emily (@EmilyMcCannPIO)



6. More progress on the @NorthavenTrail bridge connection. @TxDOT crews working on the girders today. Excited about this connection! #DallasTrails – Jeff Kitner (@JeffKitner)



Can't wait to pedal over Central instead of going under! – Dena Jackson (@DenaJ707)

Spring 2023 (maybe sooner with the pace @TxDOTDallas is at now)! – Jeff Kitner (@JeffKitner)

### Committees

#### Twitter –

1. Thank you @DallasMayor @Johnson4Dallas for appointing me to @NCTCOGtrans and reappointing to RTC! These organizations provide important, long-term planning in our area and I am honored to represent @CityOfDallas in this way. – caraathome (@🏠) (@caraathome)

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## Mayor Johnson announces appointments to key organizations

DALLAS — Mayor Eric Johnson on Wednesday announced he has appointed City Councilmembers to represent the city's interests at the Regional Transportation Council (RTC), the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), VisitDallas, and the North Texas Commission.

The City of Dallas will be represented at the **RTC** — the independent transportation policy body of the **NCTCOG** — by the following appointees:

- Adam Bazaldua
- Adam McGough
- Cara Mendelsohn
- Omar Narvaez
- Chad West (City Council alternate)
- Mark Aldredge (University Park councilmember/council alternate)
- Phil Ritter (citizen representative)
- William Tsao (citizen representative)
- Dan Micciche (citizen alternate)

Aldredge, Ritter, Tsao, and Micciche were previously appointed to their positions.

Mayor Johnson appointed **Mendelsohn** to represent Dallas on the **NCTCOG's** Executive Board. Then-City Councilmember Lee Kleinman had previously served on the board.

In addition, to the **VisitDallas** Board of Directors, Mayor Johnson appointed City Councilmember **Gay Willis**. She will take the seat previously held by then-Mayor Pro Tem Adam Medrano. VisitDallas, which receives a portion of the city's Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue, is responsible for marketing the city nationally and internationally.

And the mayor appointed City Councilmember **Carolyn King Arnold** to serve on **North Texas Commission's** executive committee. The North Texas Commission is a public-private partnership that provides a forum for cities and businesses to discuss regional issues and advocate for policies.

"Dallas is the economic engine of this region, and our city's vital interests must be well-represented with these vital organizations," Mayor Johnson said. "I look forward to working with our representatives to help Dallas obtain crucial funding, provide oversight, and build for the future."

All of the positions are determined at the mayor's sole discretion and do not require City Council approval. The appointments are effective immediately.

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## Electric Vehicles

### Email –

#### 1. Gregory Clayton

To whom it may concern, I am very interested in participating in the Texas clean air act and would like to purchase a 2012 to 14 Nissan leaf but in order to achieve the driving range of 100 said miles the car will require a newer battery. The cost for a new lithium ion battery for this vehicle is at least \$10,000.. thus making the car reliable but unaffordable for me. Are there any programs out there that can help with this type of situation.

#### **Response by NCTCOG Transportation Staff**

Hi Gregory-

Thank you for reaching out. Unfortunately there are no programs I am aware of that help with battery replacement costs at this time. I would encourage you to reach out to Nissan, as many EVs have battery warranties up to 10 years or up to a certain milage.

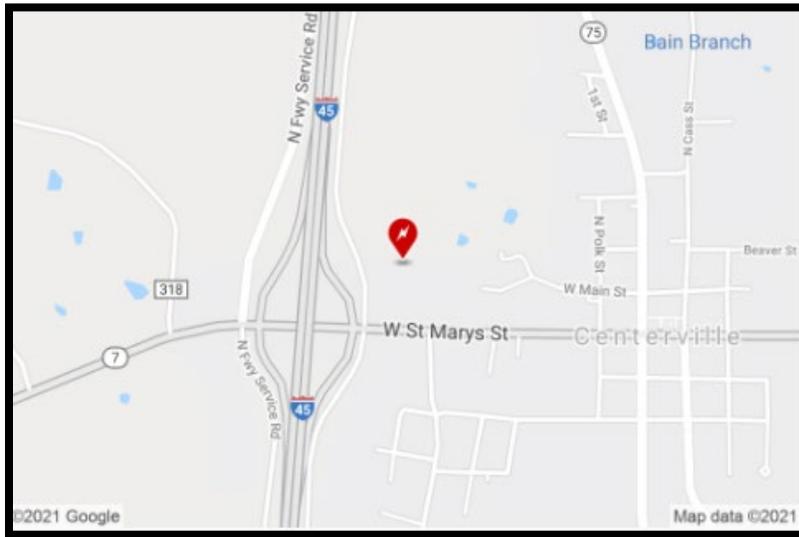
Let me know if have any other questions.

### **Twitter –**

1. Four new Tesla supercharger stalls were added in Centerville, TX before the 4th of July weekend at Woody’s Smokehouse, thanks to the swift help of Oncor Electric. The new site provides relief to the Tesla network along I-45 between Dallas and Houston:

<https://tesla.com/findus/location/supercharger/centervilletxsupercharger>. –

NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)



Great job, everyone! How do we get a few more of these dotted around DFW? The more the merrier! – Clayton Meeker (@CIm1403)

### **Innovative Vehicles & Technology**

### **Twitter –**

1. We are proud to be working with @NCTCOGtrans, a leader in #AutomatedVehicle testing and deployment, to adapt their planning processes for emerging technologies. If you’re in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, take NCTCOG’s survey here! – Kittleson (@kittleson)



## Project Planning

### Twitter –

1. @NCTCOGtrans wants your input! The Map Your Experience tool will help NCTCOG develop innovative solutions for transportation issues in the DFW area.

Input will help guide updates to DFW's long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan

<https://nctcog.org/trans/plan/mtp/map-your-experience>

#Denton #DentonTX – Alison Maguire - Denton City Council District 4 (@AlisonforDenton)

2. @NCTCOGtrans quiere tu opinión! La herramienta Map Your Experience ayudará al NCTCOG a desarrollar soluciones innovadoras para problemas de transporte en el área de DFW.

<https://nctcog.org/trans/plan/mtp/map-your-experience/participacion-publica-interactiva>

#Denton #DentonTexas #DentonTX #DFW #DFWtransporte – Alison Maguire - Denton City Council District 4 (@AlisonforDenton)

3. My DFW folks please share this with your family friends and neighbors! This is crucial if we want to see changes in our roads, bike lanes, and sidewalks ! – Anna Laura Harmjanz (@alharmjanz)



4. Give your input on the future of I-345! (the connection of Central Expwy & I-45) @TxDOT is still accepting comments on the feasibility study through Sun 8/22.

For more info: <http://345study.com>

Give comments here: <https://surveymonkey.com/r/i345PM2> @CityOfDallas @NCTCOGtrans – caraathome (@🏠) (@caraathome)



## Safety

### Email –

#### 1. **Joe Wilkinson**

I drive daily throughout parts of Tarrant County. There are several areas where I typically see traffic backing up. One is a bottleneck westbound on North Loop 820 at intersection with northbound East Loop 820. There are several bad areas on I35W. One is headed north out of downtown near intersection with 121 going east. Another is heading south into downtown near Belknap. And another is heading south on I35 near Western Center Blvd.

I don't know if this is something you guys have any say-so on, but the speed limits are very poorly enforced. I see multiple examples of very fast, aggressive, and dangerous driving every day. And there seem to be no consequences for those drivers. It does make the experience of driving the freeways anxiety provoking. Kind of like being in a Mad Max movie at times!

## Transit

### Email –

#### 1. **Brian Woods**

I had good transportation service to my appointments Amerigroup now does the reservations and use Logisticare van service for transportation must be another company they are using. The van service arrived at my house early and had to go to the infusion center in Fort Worth, Texas for both appointments and we arrived early yet I had the same driver and knew where I was going. I think I solved the transportation problem and I will be getting a bus pass from Trinity Metro van service/ ACCESS paratransit van service thank you for your help trying to solve the problems.

#### 2. **Karen Roberts**

Can you share with the city council my idea that expanded public transportation efforts should be focused around the Lancaster area train station. Buses to and from the train depot could transport passengers to business districts in the city. Late buses could facilitate after hour work related meetings and late work shifts. My dream is to have the commuter passenger line reopen in Granbury. It used to go from there to Fort Worth. We could incorporate stops along the way, for example, Cresson, and maybe Benbrook.