

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 report is a compilation of general public comments submitted by members of the public from Saturday, Jan. 20 through Monday, Feb. 19. Comments and questions are submitted for the record and can be submitted via Facebook, Twitter, fax, email, online and in person at the monthly RTC meeting.

This month, public comments were received on a number of topics across social media platforms and via email. Comments related to sustainable development were in the majority.

In addition, comments can be submitted through Map Your Experience, the Transportation Department's online mapping tool. The tool allows users to drop a pin on a location in the region and leave a detailed comment. The tool received 13 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/CrowdsourcingReporter/index.html?appid=b014e6d39b604b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2>.

Air Quality

Twitter –

1. NCTCOG is hosting its next air quality improvement meeting on Monday, Jan. 29 at 6 p.m. at the Cleburne Conference Center. For more info about the DFW Air Quality Improvement Plan & future scheduled meetings, visit <http://publicinput.com/dfwagip>. — City of Cleburne (@CityofCleburne)



2. Dallas-Fort Worth counties don't meet Biden administration's new soot pollution limits, featuring perspectives from @NCTCOGtrans, @cleanerair and @TexasTACA — Haley Samsel 🍌 (@haley_samsel)



Facebook –

1. We want your feedback on ways to improve regional air quality! — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Stop letting TCEQ approve so many Polluting type Companies. Ie: Cement Batch Plants. There is no valid reason to have so many clusters of them. Then TCEQ turns around in January 2024 has a public meeting that Texas EPA Air Quality isn't obtainable. 🧑 — Betsy Loveless

Well, we could push for more public transit options, especially in Tarrant County, including the building of light rail from a central hub downtown that connects to DFW and Dallas via the TexRail and TRE respectively. Then once that is built out, we reduce the number of lanes on highways and heavily used artery streets to induce ridership. I'll be happy to help plan this out for you. — Matt Reynolds

stop the chem trails...New Hampshire did, we can too. — Patricia Hogan Hartis

Plant trees instead of destroying the environment and land with solar panels and wind turbines! — Donetta Houston Terrell

Open the keystone pipeline and take down the oil guzzling windmills and do not put the poison solar panel farms in Texas — Luanna Ward

High-Speed Transportation

Email –

1. Katherine Homan

Since the purpose of high-speed rail is high speed without stops along the way, no interruption should occur in Arlington. Also, since Arlington historically has voted to not provide a public city bus system and voted to not join a regional public bus system or regional train system, I think if Arlington wants to interrupt our high-speed train, then Arlington should pay 100% of the ability to do so. That would include the station construction and future maintenance costs, the equipment cost to stop and start the train, and the cost to get riders to and from their spread-out sport stadiums and college campus. Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Response by NCTCOG Transportation Staff:

Good afternoon Ms. Homan, Thank you for your interest and comments on the Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Transportation Connections Study. NCTCOG appreciates your feedback and will take your comments into consideration. The proposed high-speed rail station in Arlington would only be constructed if the city joins or implements a transit service.

Other

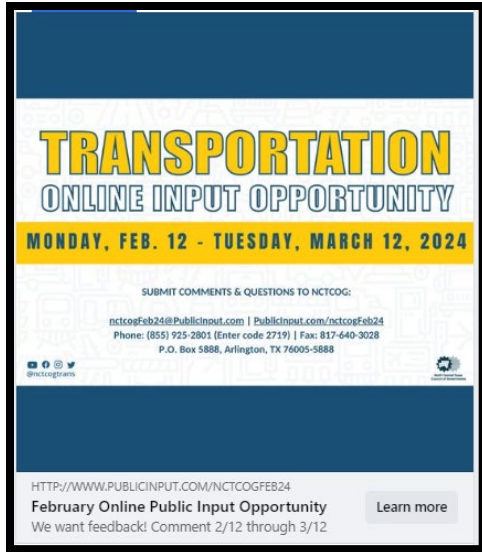
1. DALLAS - Calling all #construction #engineering #civilengineering #bridge #transportation companies in the #Dallas metro! Construction Career Day is coming up in April. Secure your sponsorship spot now! Info below. @NCTCOGtrans — TxDOT Dallas (@TxDOTDallas)

Sponsor Levels & Benefits	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond
Corporate Event Booth	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Professional Education of Skills	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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Public Involvement

Facebook –

1. Transit strategic partnerships, safe routes to schools and more for review/comment. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Build the service road from I 20 over the train tracks at mile marker 409 to mile marker 410. Place LED lights around the stop sign to keep truck tractors from blowing through the intersection — Eric Hagre

Roadways

Twitter –

1. 🗨️ Happening now: Local leaders discuss how policy decisions and highway infrastructure investments made in Northeast Tarrant and Denton counties over the last four decades have led to economic prosperity! @TarrantCountyTX @trtcmobility @NCTCOGtrans — TEXpress Lanes 🚗 (@TEXpressLanes)



Robert Hinkle, Director of Corporate Affairs for the TEXpress Lanes discusses with Michael Morris, Director of Transportation for @NCTCOGtrans, the benefits of public-private sponsorships and how they free up resources for other roadway and infrastructure projects. 💡 — TEXpress Lanes 🚗 (@TEXpressLanes)

Email –

1. Julie Kilgore

My input: Hwy 78 needs to be converted to an 8-lane elevated freeway. Improve and expand on the existing thoroughfares.

Response by NCTCOG Transportation Staff:

Ms. Kilgore, Thank you for contacting the NCTCOG Transportation department. Your comment has been sent to the appropriate program area. Your comment will be included in the public comment report which is shared with the Regional Transportation Council (RTC).

RTC/STTC/Executive Board

Twitter –

1. @NCTCOGtrans board meeting today. Working together to do the planning and coordination needed to improve our DFW region. — Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)



Sustainable Development

Twitter –

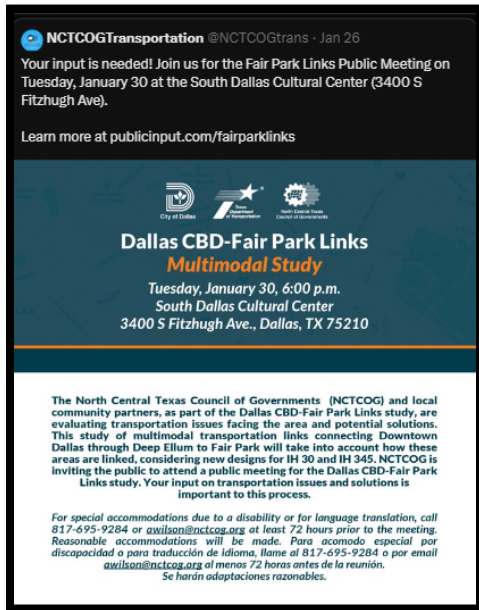
1. Your input is needed! Join us for the Fair Park Links Public Meeting on Tuesday, January 30 at the South Dallas Cultural Center (3400 S Fitzhugh Ave). Learn more at <http://publicinput.com/fairparklinks> — NCTCOGTransportation (@NCTCOGtrans)

Would love to see an extension of the @FoSFT from Hall to Gaston... (and then maybe take Oak to Swiss to Carpenter Park) ♥ @TheLoopDallas — Jennifer Grantham (@jen_grantham)



Would love to see Deep Ellum streets planned for pedestrians according to a hierarchy of speed... Main Street as a key pedestrian zone with wider sidewalks, running lanes and streetcars. Commerce Street is a key trail connection for biking. Canton and Elm are key vehicle links. — Jennifer Grantham (@jen_grantham)

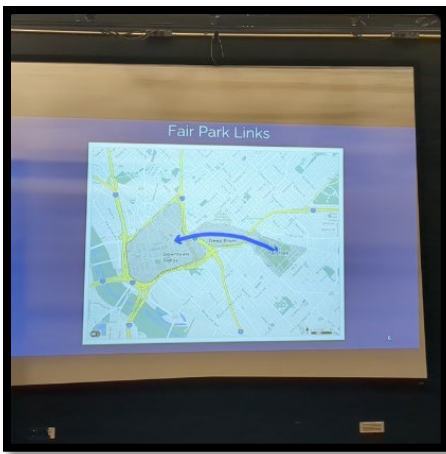
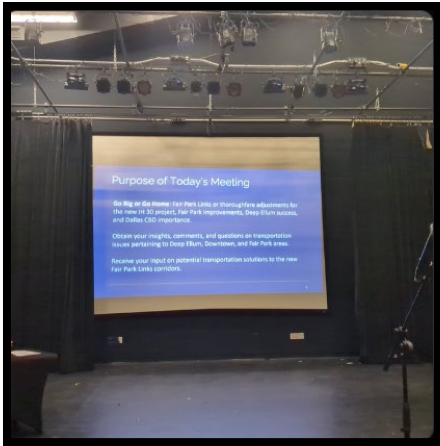
2. We'll be at this public meeting tonight representing the interests of the Santa Fe Trail ridership community. The SFT is THE pedestrian connection between Deep Ellum and Fair Park, but connections linking from the larger network need to be oriented appropriately. Stop by? — Santa Fe Trail (@FoSFT)






We're off. The energy is palpable. — Santa Fe Trail (@FoSFT)



Purpose of study: — Santa Fe Trail (@FoSFT)



3. If you want to learn more about Deep Ellum and Fair Park transportation issues and solutions, come out to a meeting hosted by @NCTCOGtrans at the South Dallas Cultural Center tonight at 6! #D2 #Dallas — Dallas City Council District 2 (@CityofDallasD2)

Dallas CBD-Fair Park Links
Multimodal Study

Tuesday, January 30, 6:00 p.m.
South Dallas Cultural Center
3400 S Fitzhugh Ave., Dallas, TX 75210

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and local community partners, as part of the Dallas CBD-Fair Park Links study, are evaluating transportation issues facing the area and potential solutions. This study of multimodal transportation links connecting Downtown Dallas through Deep Ellum to Fair Park will take into account how these areas are linked, considering new designs for IH 30 and IH 345. NCTCOG is inviting the public to attend a public meeting for the Dallas CBD-Fair Park Links study. Your input on transportation issues and solutions is important to this process.

For special accommodations due to a disability or for language translation, call 817-695-9284 or awilson@nctcog.org at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made. Para acomodo especial por discapacidad o para traducción de idioma, llame al 817-695-9284 o por email awilson@nctcog.org al menos 72 horas antes de la reunión. Se harán adaptaciones razonables.

Instagram –

1. Would love to see this ♥ — Jennifer Grantham

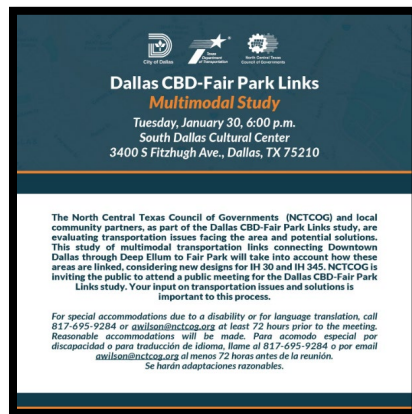


2. Can you make this a post so we can share it? — Dallas Bicycle Coalition (@dallasbicyclecoalition)

Hey there! I see you were able to share the image and tag us in your story, but if you'd still like to see this as a post, I planned to share it soon (today or tomorrow)! — NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcogtrans)

Yep, I took a screenshot, but a post is easier. Thanks! — Dallas Bicycle Coalition (@dallasbicyclecoalition)

Sure thing! I'll let you know when it's up tomorrow. 😊 — NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcogtrans)



Here you go! — NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcogtrans)

Thank you! I'll share this weekend. Focusing on critical mass today — Dallas Bicycle Coalition (@dallasbicyclecoalition)