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## **NCTCOG Hosting Virtual Meetings to Discuss High-Speed Transportation Jan. 27-28**

Residents encouraged to participate in study of potential technologies that could transform how they move throughout North Texas

**Jan. 21, 2021** (Arlington, Texas) — North Texans have two opportunities in January to learn and comment about the ongoing study of high-speed transportation in Dallas-Fort Worth.

The North Central Texas Council of Governments has scheduled virtual public meetings for noon Wednesday, Jan. 27, and 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28 to allow residents a chance to learn more about the Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Transportation Connections Study and provide input to planners. The study is evaluating high-speed transportation alternatives to modernize and enhance travel between Dallas, Arlington and Fort Worth. The effort outlines potential transportation choices to accommodate the expected population growth from 7.5 million today to more than 11 million by 2045.

Among the options are traditional high-speed rail, magnetic levitation trains and hyperloop technology. High-speed transportation would reduce congestion on the region's roadways and decrease travel time between Dallas and Fort Worth. The technology selected will offer a connection to other planned high-speed transportation systems, eventually linking passengers to regions such as Houston and South Texas.

The public meeting presentation may be viewed at [www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs](http://www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs). Residents without access to the internet may call 855-756-7520 (toll-free) during the meetings to listen and weigh in. Those choosing the call-in option should use extension 70384# Jan. 27 and extension 70385# Jan. 28. Comments and questions can be submitted before or after the public meeting by email at [hst\\_dfw@nctcog.org](mailto:hst_dfw@nctcog.org) or online at [www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs](http://www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs).

Comments received between Jan. 22 and Feb. 22 will be considered and included as part of the official Public Meeting Record. Comments received after Feb. 22 will be considered but will not be included in the official record. Presentations will be the same for both meetings and be posted before the meeting on the project webpage. For printed copies, email [hst\\_dfw@nctcog.org](mailto:hst_dfw@nctcog.org).

This is the second round of public meetings on this study, which is examining an area that includes Dallas and Tarrant counties, as well as the cities of Dallas, Irving, Cockrell Hill, Grand Prairie, Arlington, Pantego, Dalworthington Gardens, Hurst, Euless, Bedford, Richland Hills, North Richland Hills, Haltom City and Fort Worth. NCTCOG hosted two virtual meetings in September.

<b>Details</b>	
What:	DFW High-Speed Transportation Connections Study Virtual Meetings
When:	Noon Jan. 27, 2021
When:	6 p.m. Jan. 28, 2021
How to Participate:	Watch online at <a href="http://www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs">www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs</a> or call 855-756-7520. Use extension 70384# Jan. 27 and extension 70385# Jan. 28.

**About the North Central Texas Council of Governments:**

NCTCOG is a voluntary association of local governments established in 1966 to assist local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit, and coordinating for sound regional development. NCTCOG's purpose is to strengthen both the individual and collective power of local governments and to help them recognize regional opportunities, eliminate unnecessary duplication, and make joint decisions.

NCTCOG serves a 16-county region of North Central Texas, which is centered in the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth. Currently, NCTCOG has 238 member governments including 16 counties, 169 cities, 22 school districts and 31 special districts. For more information on the NCTCOG Transportation Department, visit [www.nctcog.org/trans](http://www.nctcog.org/trans).

**About the Regional Transportation Council:**

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) of the North Central Texas Council of Governments has served as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for regional transportation planning in the Dallas-Fort Worth area since 1974. The MPO works in cooperation with the region's transportation providers to address the complex transportation needs of the rapidly growing metropolitan area. The Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant and Wise counties. The RTC's 44 members include local elected or appointed officials from the metropolitan area and representatives from each of the area's transportation providers. More information can be found at [www.nctcog.org](http://www.nctcog.org).

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