

ACCESS NORTH TEXAS

County Public Outreach Meeting –
Tarrant County

March 20, 2025

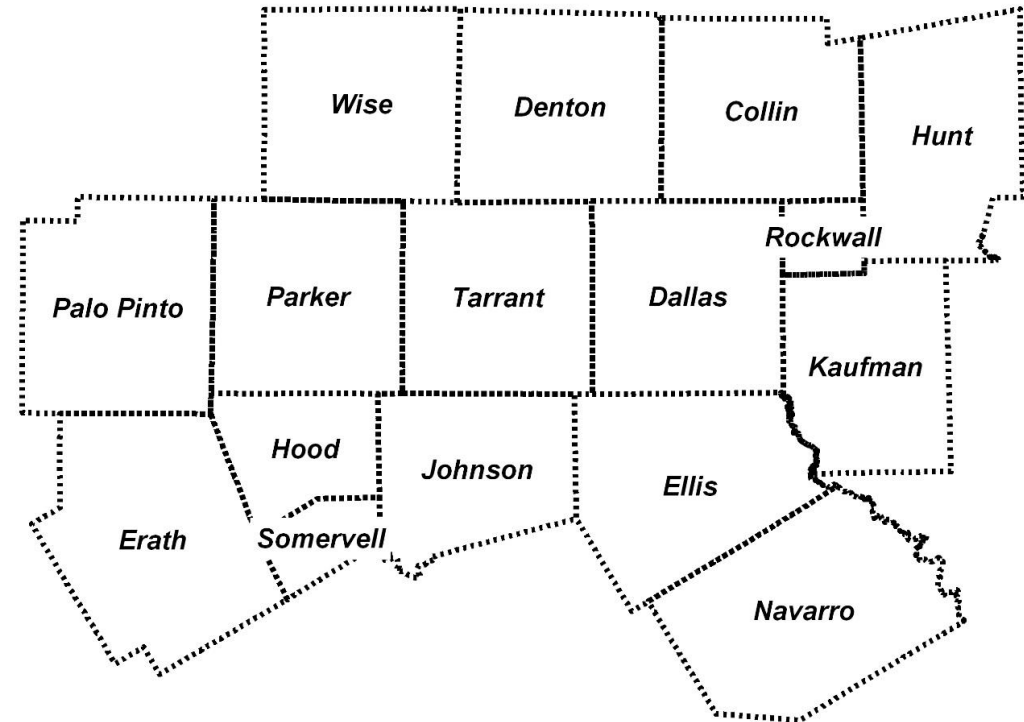
AGENDA

- Intro to Staff and NCTCOG
- Access North Texas
- The 2022 Plan
- Goals & Strategies
- County-Specific Public Transportation
- Timeline
- Public Survey
- Activities

NCTCOG

- Established in 1966 as a voluntary association assisting local governments in the North Central Texas region.
- **PLANNING** for common needs
- **COOPERATING** for mutual benefit
- **COORDINATING** for sound regional development
- The Transportation Department, federally designated as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), coordinates service and creates short-term and long-term plans.

www.nctcog.org



WHAT IS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND NCTCOG'S ROLE?

Public transportation is considered a general or specialized transportation service provided to the public on a regular basis.

Example modes: Fixed route bus, On-demand microtransit, Demand-Response Paratransit (for eligible riders), Light rail, Commuter train (ex. TRE), Streetcar

- **Who operates public transportation in our region?**

- Transit Authorities (3 large; DART, DCTA, Trinity Metro)
- Small Transportation Providers (Urbanized and Rural)
- Private companies (contracted with cities)



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- Regional Public Transportation Coordination Plan to:
 - ✓ Identify the public transportation needs of older adults, people with disabilities, individuals with lower income, and others experiencing transportation challenges.
- Specify strategies to:
 - ✓ Address needs and current challenges
 - ✓ Eliminate gaps in service
 - ✓ Avoid duplication of transit services
- Updated every 4 years



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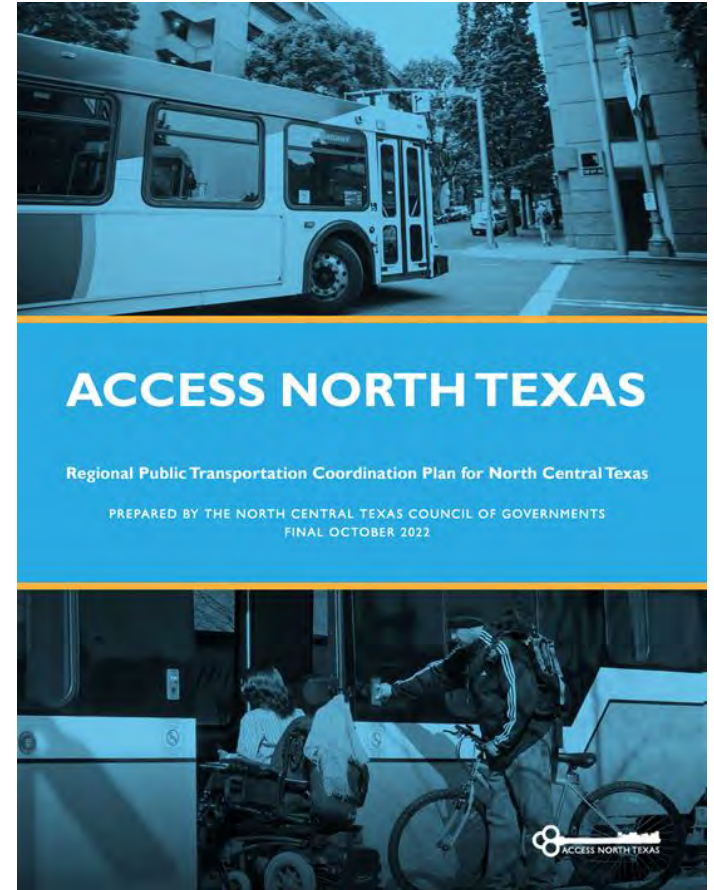
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- Meets Federal and State requirements for transit coordination within our region
- Information can be used for planning & funding decisions
- Visit www.accessnorthtexas.org to find previous versions of the plan



THE 2022 PLAN

- The most recent update was adopted by the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) in 2022
- The Plan Includes:
 - ✓ Executive Summary
 - ✓ Regional Goals
 - ✓ County-Specific Chapters
 - ✓ County-Specific Prioritized Strategies
 - ✓ Get-A-Ride Guide
- Public feedback is used to help develop the regional goals and prioritized strategies
- Surveys are available to collect public feedback



REGIONAL GOALS FROM THE 2022 UPDATE



(1) Plan and develop transportation options by assessing community needs and challenges



(2) Implement services by enhancing transportation options and expanding where service gaps exist



(3) Coordinate with transportation providers, public agencies, and stakeholders to increase efficiencies



(4) Support public transportation recovery and growth



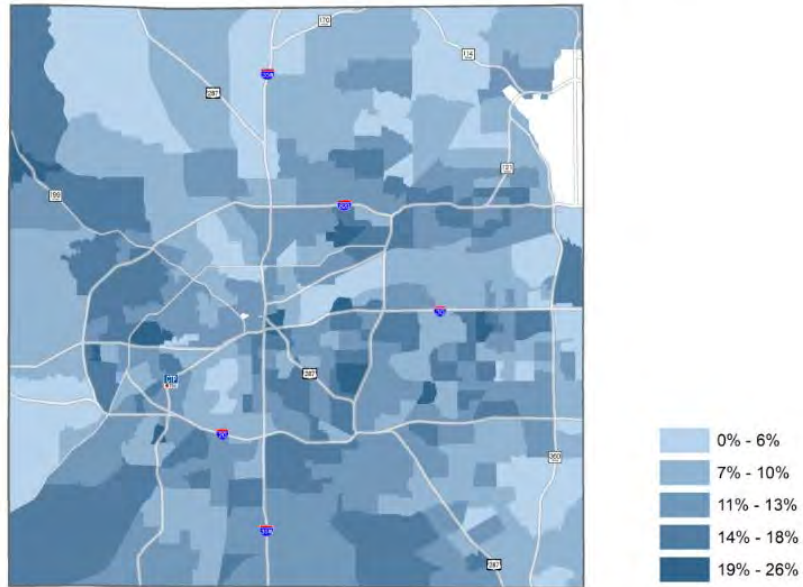
(5) Promote access and information about available transit

TARRANT COUNTY PRIORITIZED STRATEGIES FROM THE 2022 UPDATE

REGIONAL GOAL	TARRANT COUNTY-SPECIFIC STRATEGIES
Plan and Develop Transportation Options by Assessing Community Need and Challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Develop potential connections from commuter bus lines to light rail service B) Invest in programs to assist with filling gaps in public transportation and facilitate service for work-related trips
Implement Services by Enhancing Transportation Options and Expanding Where Service Gaps Exist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Improve existing public transportation options to better fit the needs of riders and households with 1 or zero cars by increasing service frequency and availability B) Increase access to employment, social (such as entertainment and shopping centers), religious, and well-being trips in areas with limited to no public transportation service C) Expand service hours to support needs of low-income individuals in the service industry and outside traditional 9am-5pm jobs D) Expand public transportation services to key destinations throughout the region without comprehensive service and support regional integration of new services.
Coordinate with Transportation Providers, Public Agencies, and Stakeholders to Increase Efficiencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Work with regional and local organizations to increase ease of travel across municipal and county boundaries B) Foster cooperation between public transit providers within counties to allow better connectivity and simplify regional trips C) Develop partnerships across transportation providers to improve access to trips in the evening and weekends
Support Public Transportation Recovery and Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Promote safe and healthy practices on public transportation services B) Explore sources of local revenue for public transportation through partnerships, sponsorships, and contracting for service
Promote Access and Information about Available Transportation Options	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Enhance communication and outreach programs to improve awareness of existing or new transportation options B) Conduct travel training to educate the public on available services and policies

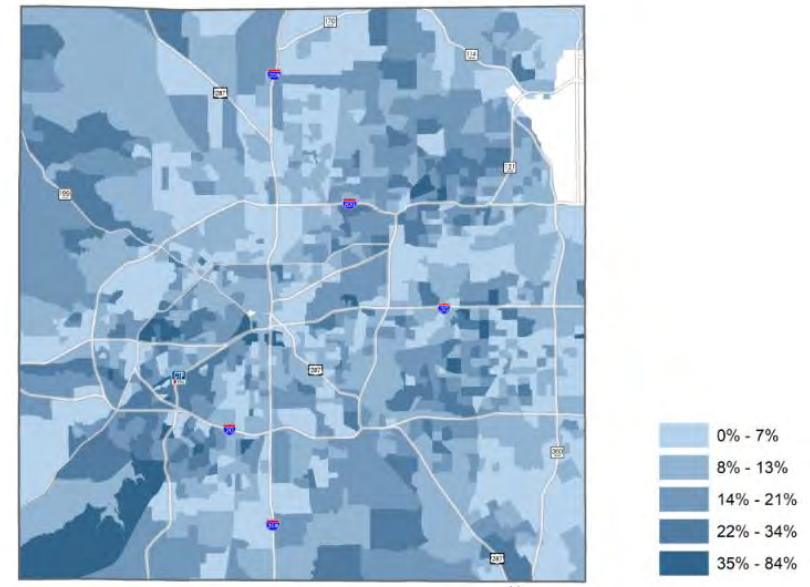
TARRANT COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

Tarrant County Persons with Disabilities



0 5 10 Miles
Source: 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
Data aggregated to the Census tract level

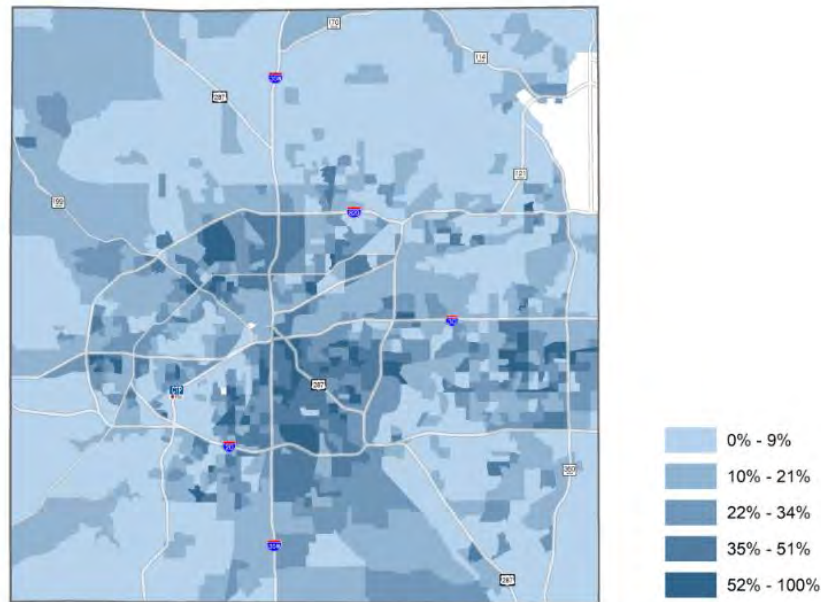
Tarrant County Population Over 65



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Source: 2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
Data aggregated to the Census block group level

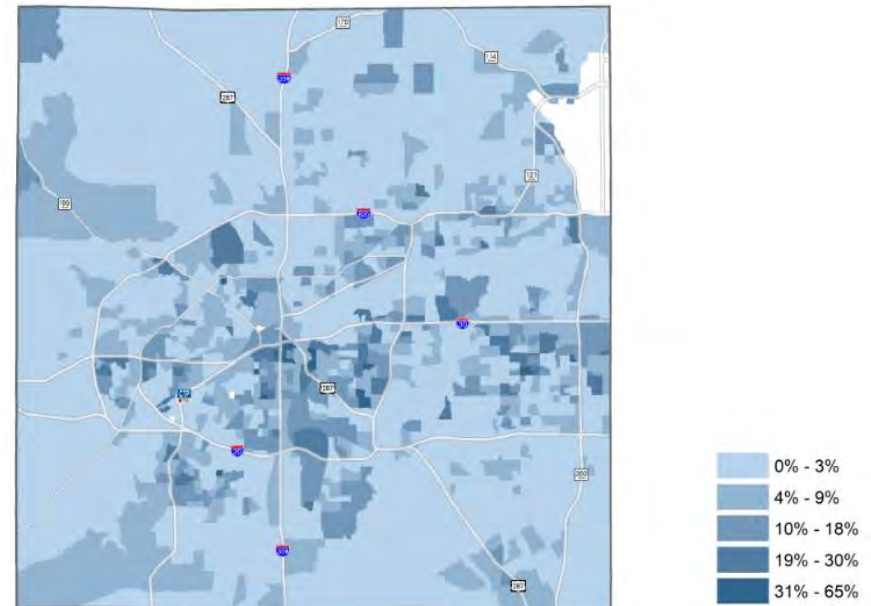
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Tarrant County Low-Income Individuals



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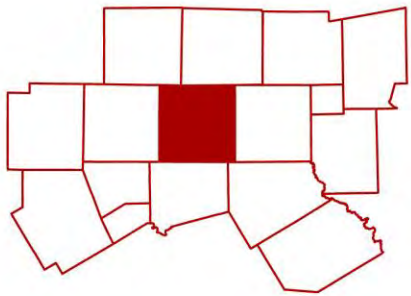
Tarrant County Zero-Car Households



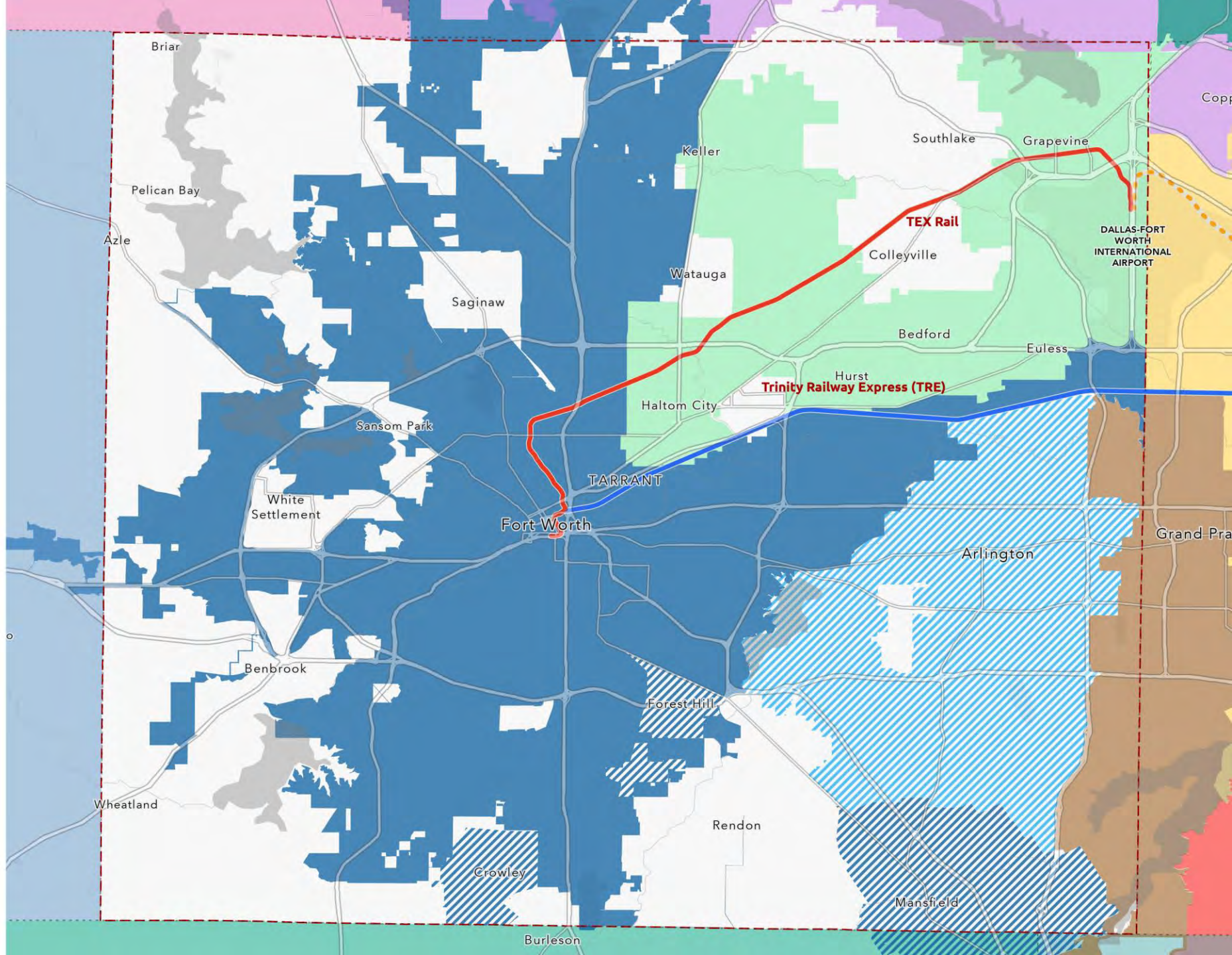
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Tarrant County Transit Providers

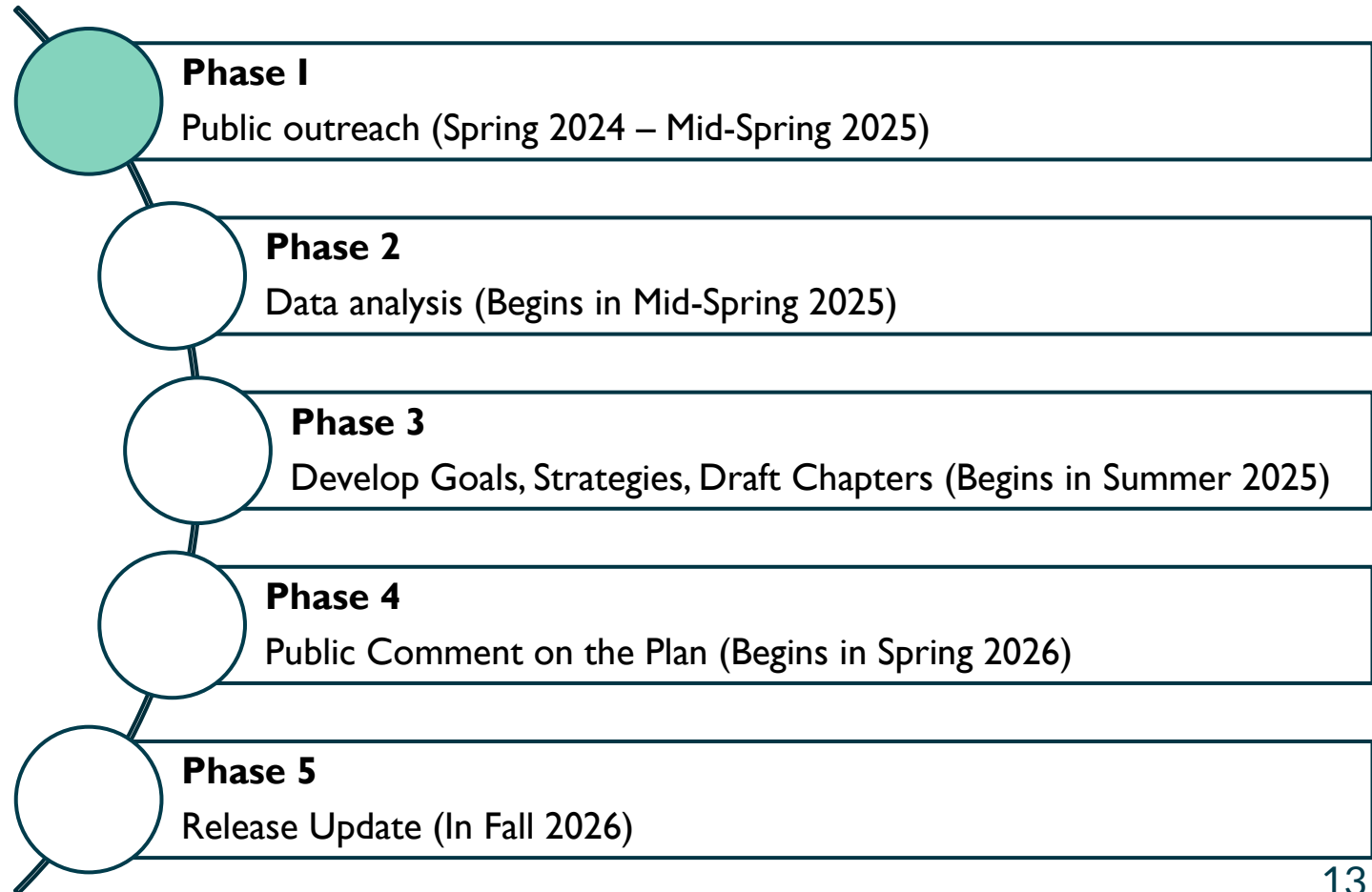
-  Trinity Metro
-  Contracted Service by Trinity Metro*
-  Northeast Transportation Services
-  Arlington On-Demand & Handitran
-  Grand Prairie Via & Grand Connection



*Mansfield service begins July 2024
Last Updated May 2024

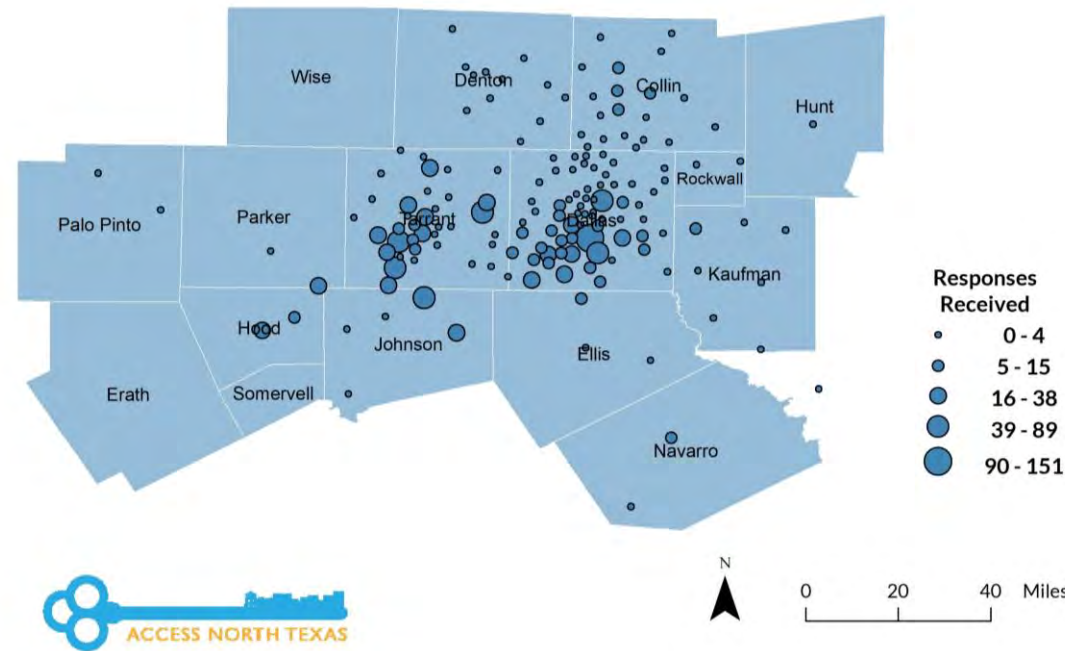


TIMELINE FOR 2026 UPDATE



ACCESS NORTH TEXAS SURVEY

2022 Access North Texas Regional Distribution of Public Survey Responses



Public Survey

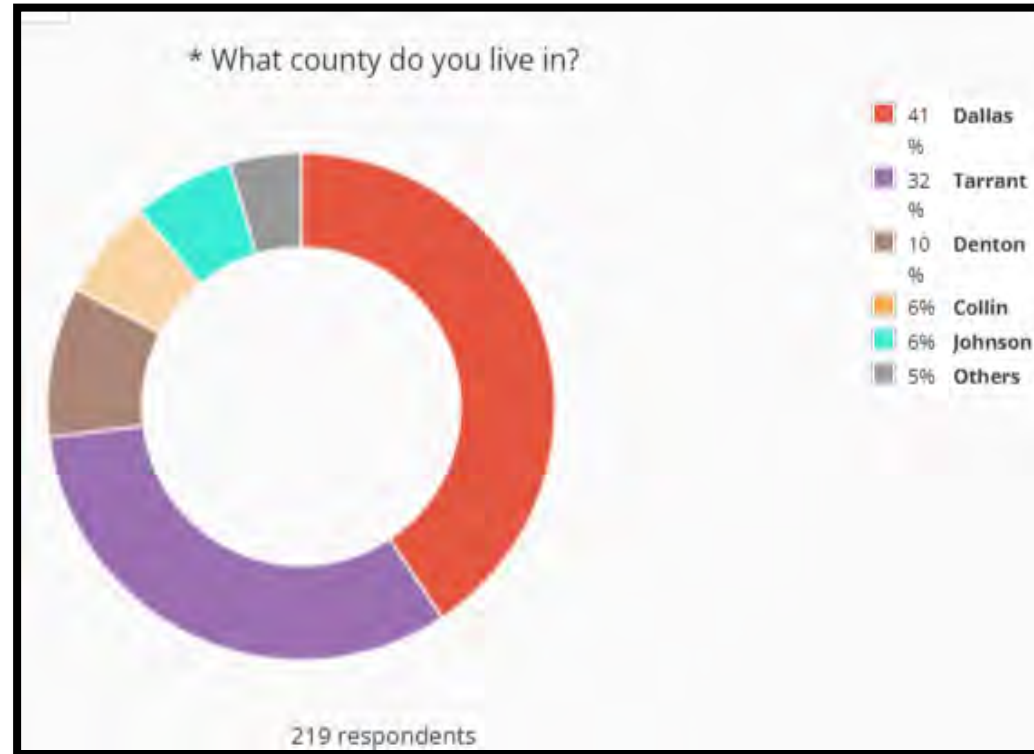
Agency Survey

Survey Translations

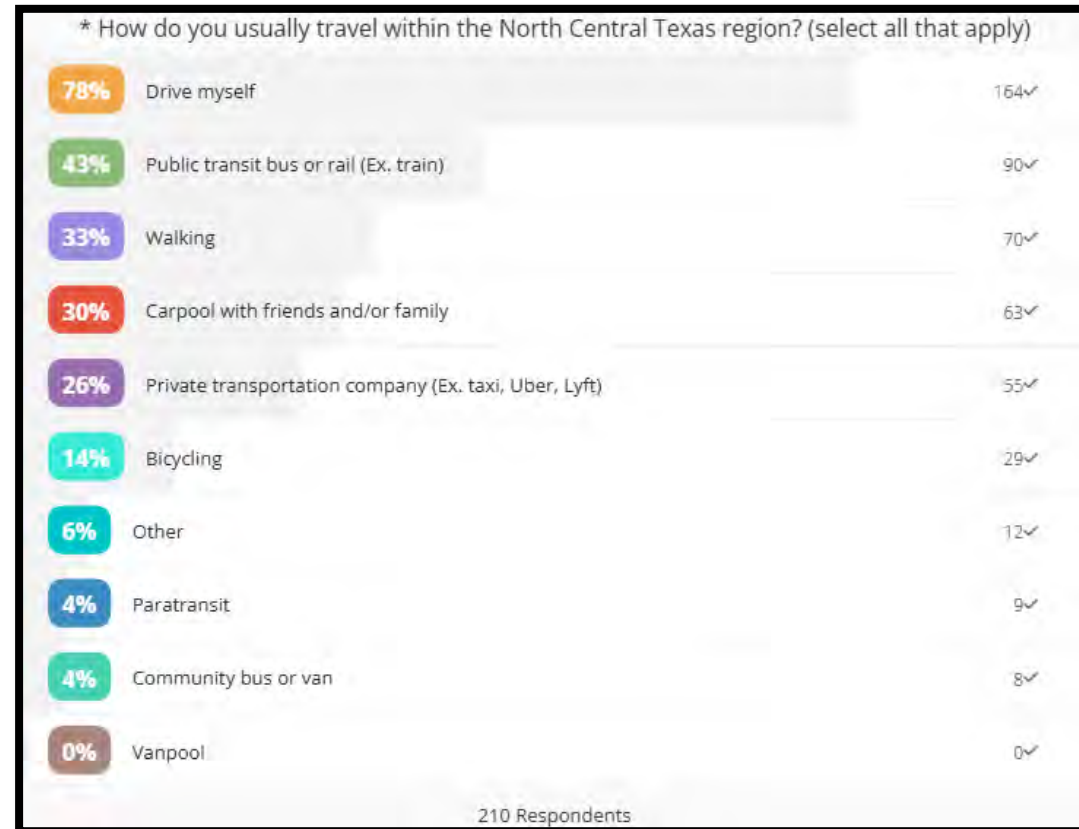
The survey was made available in May 2024 and will close in April 2025

www.publicinput.com/AccessNorthTexas

ACCESS NORTH TEXAS SURVEY – EXAMPLE FEEDBACK (2/5/2025)



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STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

Starting in Spring 2025

Review transportation providers and solicit feedback

County-specific meetings, combination of in-person and virtual

Regional meeting in April 2025 (virtual)



Source: Getty Images (both photos)

STAKEHOLDER MEETING ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

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How Can Transit Be The Answer
Identify Challenges

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Feedback to Improve Access

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Activity Three

Public Transportation Access Needs
Identify Solutions

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- Identify top 3 services and activities you would prioritize

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