

**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 Friday, Dec. 20, 2024, through Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, via website, email, social media and in person at NCTCOG's monthly Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting. This month, comments related to bicycle/pedestrian/sustainable development initiatives and high-speed rail 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 28 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>.

**Bicycle/Pedestrian/Sustainable Development**

**Facebook –**

1. Learn your rights and responsibilities when walking, biking or driving. Together, we can make our streets safer for everyone! — NCTCOG Transportation Department



PLEASE !! PLEASE !!!! PLEASE !! I WORKED MIDNIGHT SHIFT FOR 30 YEARS AND SAW SOOOOOO MANY CYCLISTS, JOGGERS, WALKERS COME SO CLOSE TO DEATH. PLEASE WEAR WHITE OR BRIGHT!!!! — Merrilee Soelberg Franz

My city has no signs about sharing the road. City of Plano, Texas Government, please help to protect pedestrians and cyclists from angry drivers who think they know the law. This is why we frequent Richardson, Texas. — Kayla Rae Sikora

### High-Speed Transportation

#### X (Formerly Twitter) –

1. High-speed rail is an insane, wasteful joke. Transportation bureaucrats like DFW federal appointee Michael Morris who heads the @NCTCOGtrans committee see these taxpayer-funded boondoggles as an endless source of revenue to maintain their jobs and lifestyles. Same guy who brought you outrageously expensive, foreign-owned toll roads. It's time to rethink everything. — Chris Putname (@DallasXCEO)

This article is over a decade now and nothing has changed. Morris is single-handedly responsible for DFW's traffic issues, outrageously expensive, wasteful and unsafe "transit" solutions, the proliferation of expensive, foreign-owned toll roads and is now the tip of the spear of the high-speed rail taxpayer boondoggle. He is the very problem – not the solution. And it's time for him to go and for the NCTCOG to have actual voter oversight and accountability. <https://dallasobserver.com/news/michael-morris-is-the-king-of-dfw-politics-and-the-king-says-the-highways-stay-7130012> — Chris Putname (@DallasXCEO)

California [REDACTED]. Texas HSR would be amazing. Call it a boondoggle all you want. Texas would benefit huge from these projects. 🇺🇸 — Adam M. (@adamaoc)

Always looking for ways to launder taxpayer dollars. — Nathan Petter (@MachoSStorage)

#### Instagram –

1. This month we're highlighting innovations that could revolutionize the way we live, work and play in North Texas. Did you know NCTCOG has been planning a high-speed rail line in North Texas? This line would run along Interstate Highway 30 from Fort Worth to Dallas, with a stop in Arlington, and connect to a planned Dallas-to-Houston project. Learn more on our website (link in bio) — NCTCOG Transportation Department (@nctcostrans)



I would love a Japanese N700S Shinkansen between Dallas and Fort Worth with a stop in Arlington. — (@xyzxc419)

## Transit

### X (Formerly Twitter) –

1. Has [@NCTCOGtrans](#) studied commuter-pair cities outside Dallas & Ft Worth? Forney-Frisco seems common among peers (college-educated 2nd gen immigrant office worker). Direct bus won't be faster than 1hour drive, but would be safer, cheaper, more sustainable, & reduce congestion — Hexel ([@hexel\\_co](#))

Denton & Fort Worth have the North Texas Xpress. Currently down to a single departure time in morning/evening. <https://dcta.net/getting-around/rail-bus-services/regional-routes>  
— Eric Pruett ([@BashfulBits](#))

## Alternative Fuel Vehicles

### X (Formerly Twitter) –

1. [@NCTCOGtrans](#) and [@Dallasschools](#) selected to receive over \$62.1 million in total funding to assist in purchasing 244 zero-emission vehicles as part of the new Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles Grant Program. — EPA Region 6 ([@EPAregion6](#))

