

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, June 20 through Saturday, July 19, 2025, via website, email, social media and in person at NCTCOG's monthly Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting. This month, comments related to freight and bicycle/pedestrian/sustainable development 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 17 new comments related to bicycle and pedestrian, roadway and transit conditions. You can view these new comments as well as past comments by visiting

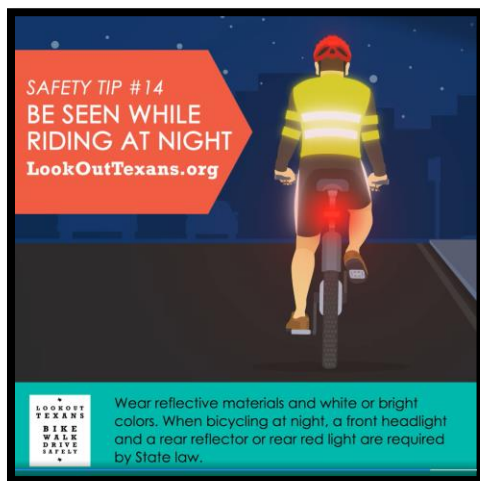
<http://nctcoggis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CrowdsourceReporter/index.html?appid=b014e6d39b604b3ca329d9094ed1e9e2>.

Bicycle/Pedestrian/Sustainable Development

Facebook –

1. Look Out Texans Learn your rights and responsibilities when walking, biking or driving. Together, we can make our streets safer for everyone! — NCTCOG Transportation Department
To view the short video on this post, visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/NCTCOGtrans/videos/602622096122699/>.



I'm wearing a dayglo vest and have solid and flashing LED lights and the driver claims to not have seen me, and the police decline to cite them for anything. 😞 — Williams Robbins

Amen 🙏 — Elisa Davis Mcfadden

2. Take a short survey to share your experience bicycling on North Texas roadways. Enter to win a \$100 gift card. publicinput.com/bikesafety – NCTCOG Transportation Department



Switch to a Harley. — Alfi Morgan

3. Conoce tus derechos y responsabilidades al caminar, andar en bicicleta o conducir. ¡Juntos podemos hacer nuestras calles más seguras para todos! **Translation:** Know your rights and responsibilities when walking, biking, or driving. Together we can make our streets safer for everyone!

Aquí donde vivo Amarillo, Texas. Los ciclistas han agarrado de conducir al lado izquierdo enfrentando el tráfico. Y dicen que es para que los miren. Y yo digo que es ilegal. Porque yo soy motociclista y la ley dice que vehículo que tenga ruedas debe circular ala derecha conforme ala ley. Porque ha mi experiencia si el carro viene ha 30 millas y tú vas a 20 millas el madrazo es de 50 millas de frente eres hombre muerto. Porque en el impacto se conjugan las 2 velocidades. Y la policía no hace nada por impedirlo. Ustedes que piensan tengo la razón...o....no. **Translation:** I live in Amarillo, Texas. Cyclists seem to ride on the left side of the road facing traffic, they say it's to be seen, and I say it's illegal, because I'm a motorcyclist and the law states wheeled vehicles must ride on the right side of the road according to the law. In my experience, if the car is coming 30 mph and you are going 20 mph, the impact is 50 mph head on, you're a dead man. The impact is the combination of the two speeds and police officers don't do anything to stop it. What do you think am I right...or.... not — Nicolas Arreola



4. As July's Topic Of The Month series continues to explore the perks of using public transportation for summertime work and play, this week we're focusing on North Texas' vast network of bike-pedestrian trails and how they can contribute to your next transit trip. Paved trails for pedestrians and cyclists provide first- and last-mile connections, making it easier to reach transit stops. And our three major transit providers allow bikes on board to help cyclists and pedestrians move around easier. Learn more about bike and pedestrian trail connections at the

link in the comments below! Learn more: <https://www.nctcog.org/.../about/educate/topic-of-the-month> – NCTCOG Transportation Department



It'd be better if they were all connected and ran past more commercial places, such as grocery, retail, restaurants and business parks. – Paul Hopkins

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Par de payasos!!! **Translation:** Pair of clowns!!! – Nena Campos

Public Involvement

Facebook –

1. Transportation planning, public participation & more for review/comment. – NCTCOG Transportation Department



Matthew Banks — Tammy Benson-O'brien

Patricia Griffin — Kellye Pmcg

What is the location of this meeting please? — Johnnye Parrish

Johnnye Parrish Hi Johnnye, our location is 616 Six Flags Drive in Arlington, or you can watch the presentations live online and participate at <https://www.publicinput.com/nctcogJuly25>. Let us know if you have any additional questions! — NCTCOG Transportation Department

NCTCOG Transportation Department Thank you. — Johnnye Parrish

And conflicts of interest galore..... — Bonni Crisfulli

Nextdoor –

1. NCTCOG is seeking input on transportation planning initiatives during an upcoming hybrid public meeting at noon on Monday, July 14. This month's presentation topics include the Mobility 2050 Transportation Plan, 2025 Public Participation Plan update, Regional 10-Year Plan update, 2026-2028 Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goals, and North Texas Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Call for Projects. The session will be held at NCTCOG's Arlington offices, located at 616 Six Flags Drive. For those unable to attend in person, the meeting will be streamed live at [publicinput.com/nctcogJuly25](https://www.publicinput.com/nctcogJuly25). Participants can also join the discussion by calling (855) 925-2801 and entering code 11574. A video recording will also be made available afterward. Public comments will be accepted until Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. Residents planning to use transit to attend the meeting can take advantage of \$6 roundtrip rides from the CentrePort/DFW Airport Station to NCTCOG via the Arlington Transportation app. To download the app, go to [arlingtontx.gov/ondemand](https://www.arlingtontx.gov/ondemand). For special accommodations related to disabilities or language interpretation, please contact 817-573-1719 or email hwitcher@nctcog.org. For more information and details on this month's presentation topics, visit <https://www.publicinput.com/nctcogJuly25>. — NCTCOG Transportation Department

Where's the ride (bus) for north Fort Worth or across the tracks into Keller? — Dick K.

There isn't one. — Jason Coble

Maybe get us some roads without tolls. — Pat F.

That won't happen. — Jason Coble

John that didn't happen with N. Dallas Tollway. My grandfather, who died in 1970, took my grandmother on it just once. She didn't like the fast driving. Originally a train track. Don't know how far that went, but they keep extending it. — Janie Qualls

Freight

Facebook –

1. Remember, if you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you. freightntx.org — NCTCOG Transportation Department



My daddy taught me that 62 years ago when he was teaching me to drive. — Nancy Paul

2. Remember railroad tracks are not for walking; you can expect a train on any track at any time. freightntx.org — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Absolutely ¹⁰⁰ — Roberto Saucedo

Thank you so much for another valuable public service. — Rob Dentremon

3. Recuerden que los camiones no pueden frenar en seco, los camiones de carga pesada necesitan más tiempo. **Translation:** Remember, trucks can't stop on a dime, big rigs need more time.

freightntx.org — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Ay muchas personas que no entienden eso yo siempre mantengo la distancia para no tener accidentes. **Translation:** There are many people who don't understand this. I always keep my distance to avoid accidents. — Maria Belmonte

4. Recuerden si no puedes ver sus espejos, ellos no pueden verte. **Translation:** Remember, if you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Yo respeto a estos enormes camiones de carga, y les deseo siempre feliz baja en cada una de sus entregas cuídense mucho, su familia los espera. **Translation:** I respect these big trucks, and I always wish safe travels on every delivery. Take care of yourselves, your families are waiting for you. — Blanca Franco

High-Speed Transportation

Facebook –

1. NCTCOG Transportation Department shared: Heartland Flyer gets \$3.5M to keep Fort Worth-Oklahoma City route alive for a year. fortworthreport.org — Fort Worth Report



Sad that the state has given you the authority to take toll road money to pay this. — Wm Atkins

X.com –

1. Well done, @NCTCOGtrans! — RAIL Magazine (@RAILMag)
Shared: The Heartland Flyer will live to see another year. — Thunder (@ThunderWolf08)



They need to extend to Kansas like they promised years ago. That would increase ridership and probably convince Texas to fund it. — flak siesta (@flakbait_inc)

They also need to add another round trip or two. Allowing people to day trip with it would be a massive boon. — Thunder (@ThunderWolf08)

True. I rode for fun a few years ago and did not like having to get a hotel and wake up super early to make the return trip. — flak siesta (@flakbait_inc)

I'm sick and tired of [REDACTED] republicans hating on public transit, it anything that benefit's the American people!! — D-man (@chromatica99)

Thank goodness. I have a particular fondness for this route. It could be much more frequent, and it could go farther, but it gives me hope. — Evil Urbanist | FUND SEPTA (@himbo_urbanist)

Yay!!! Now I can plan on taking it from OKC to Fort Worth. — Sabrina (@iTropicalfire)

Holy [REDACTED] rare Texas W(in). — backlash995 (@BACKLASH92)

If the state and federal governments don't want to fund these corridors than Cities and metros regions probably have to foot the bill. — Will (@WillErazo440)

As an Amtrak Cascades user, would like to see governments in Salem and Victoria step up, but I do concede since WA gets the majority of the service, Olympia does pay for the most.

@RideTheSunbeam — AltairMECO (@Trainman2520)

Too bad it can't continue north to Wichita or Kansas City. — MALGIS (@MALGIS31)

I'm glad to hear that this train will continue to operate... at least for another year. May it continue to thrive! — Hand-in-Shot Productions (@shot_hand)

Congrats to them. — NOT PAAC / PRT (@PGH_BUS_INFO)

YEEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH BABY LET'S GOOOOO! COMMON AMTRAK W(in) — Cambridge H. Lutece (@cam_lutece)

2. N Texas Council @NCTCOGtrans steps in to fund the @Amtrak Heartland Flyer when the state, awash with money, says no.

<https://texasrailadvocates.org/post/if-state-of-texas-cant-save-the-heartland-flyer-the-regional-transportation-council-will> — Texas Rail Advocates (@TXTrailAdvocate)



3. The Heartland Flyer gets a 1 year reprieve thanks to @NCTCOGtrans!

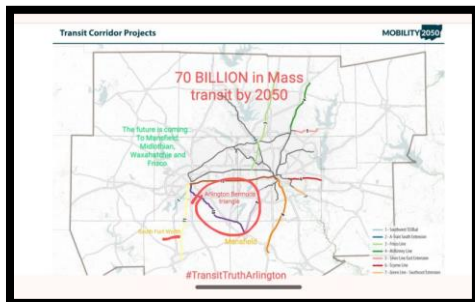
<https://www.texasrailadvocates.org/post/if-state-of-texas-cant-save-the-heartland-flyer-the-regional-transportation-council-will> — Peter J LeCody (@railadvo)

4. NCTCG voted to provide \$3.5M for the Heartland Flyer, ensuring passenger train service between OKC and Ft. Worth, Texas for a year! ODOT appreciates @NCTCOGtrans for the funding and their passion for passenger rail and will work with TxDOT on the next steps. — Oklahoma Department of Transportation (@OKDOT)

Transit

LinkedIn –

1. This is the map of Mass Transit in North Texas put out last month as part of the **NCTCOG Transportation Mobility 2050**. You will notice that a giant hole remains in the center of the 4th largest Metroplex containing the Entertainment district of #Arlington between the 9th and 12th largest American cities. The World's 2nd Busiest Airport is here Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW), the Dallas Cowboys Texas Rangers Baseball Club. There is a 70 BILLION dollar discussion the City has excused itself from. The question to ask is who is correct and who is not. Transit is coming to North Texas. Just not to the City with the most to gain, with the biggest opportunity to transform this aging quite rapidly suburb. The Irony is that the #DallasCowboys will have a transit line to City of Frisco. The other irony is Arlington was founded directly on a Transit route which remains. So, 70 BILLION, and the future of your North Texas Mobility - #Vision34Corridor — James Gyurkovic Jr.



Project- and Program-Specific

X.com –

1. This is a BIG WIN for @CityOfDallas, @DallasParkRec, @Johnson4Dallas and Far North Dallas residents! Federal funds awarded by RTC to complete the final section of the Cotton Belt Trail in #D12 & fund the #MarniKanerTrail extension so it connects to #PrestonRidgeTrail & #CottonBeltTrail to become the 4-mile #NorthDallasTriangle! @NCTCOGtrans – Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)
To view the shared video, visit: <https://x.com/LoriBrownFox4/status/1939830135663820945>

NOW WHEN – Crystal (@crystalXhaze)

Critical segments of the Cotton Belt Trail are already built, some 2nd phase segments have been designed but not constructed yet, and this last part is now funded to start design work, along with Marni Kaner Trail extension. I'm hoping we have the Marni Kaner extension designed & constructed within 2 years. Staff hasn't given me a timeline for fully finishing the North Dallas portion of the Cotton Belt Trail. – Cara Mendelsohn (@caraathome)

Link to full story: <https://www.fox4news.com/news/dallas-cotton-belt-trail-north-dallas-triangle> – Lori Brown (@LoriBrownFox4)

That's great. North Dallas wins again as others suffer from corrupt HOAs and people PRETENDING to be an HOA in Mesquite. Funny that the city, county, or ANYONE in the universe can't "make" HOAs honest. How much does a local politician cost these days? Please contact me. Thank you. – Gorsedd (@Rogue5459)

Yet not one single penny for the homeless of Dallas..... Sounds like a "win" only for the rich. Such an abomination! – Bonni M. Crisfulli (@BonniCrisfulli)

Other

Instagram –

1. Wishing everyone a safe and happy Fourth of July today! – NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcogtrans)



❤️ ❤️ – The Song for the City of Frisco TX ❤️ (@welcometofriscosong)

LinkedIn –

1. Thanks to the Transportation fun committee for hosting the Mario Kart tournament at lunch today! 🎮 🚗 🌞 – NCTCOG Transportation



How's that for multimobility? Ha. Love it! – Vivian Fung, AICP