

AGENDA

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Friday, October 25, 2024

North Central Texas Council of Governments

1:30 pm Full STTC Business Agenda

(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connections Password: rangers!)

1:30 – 1:35

1. Approval of September 27, 2024, Minutes

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 5

Presenter: Gus Khankarli, STTC Chair

Item Summary: Approval of the September 27, 2024, meeting minutes contained in [Electronic Item 1](#) will be requested.

Background: N/A

1:35 – 1:40

2. Consent Agenda

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 5

2.1. Development of Transportation Mobility Plans for FIFA 2026: AT&T Stadium (Nine Matches), International Broadcast Center (Pending) and Fair Park (Fan Fest)

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: FIFA has requested detailed Transportation Mobility Plans and the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is requesting consultant assistance in documenting existing plans into the FIFA format and detail.

Background: NCTCOG staff has been requested to take the transportation lead by the Dallas Host Committee for transportation-related FIFA activities. Plans are already in place and need to be documented into a nationwide common format. First drafts are necessary by March 2025 with consultants staying under coordination until September 30, 2026. The cost is anticipated to not exceed \$1 million. RTC Local is the funding source.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2.2. Endorsement of Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: May 2024 Cycle Selected Project

Presenter: Dora Kelly, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff is seeking endorsement of the project evaluated through the May 2024 Cycle of Transit Strategic Partnerships Program to provide funding to Feonix Mobility Rising for the pilot of a Transportation Assistance Hub in portions of Dallas and Ellis counties.

Background: In the May 2024 cycle, one project was reviewed as a carryover from the previous November 2023 cycle. It was presented to the Surface Transportation Technical Committee in September. Feonix Mobility Rising is proposing to address transit needs by using mobility navigators to connect riders with existing services and offer access to a volunteer driver program for mobility impaired residents and seniors where no other service is available or accessible. The selected project aligns with regional goals set forth in 2022 Access North Texas, the regional public transportation coordination plan for the 16-county North Central Texas area, which documents the transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, and individuals with lower incomes across the region. As part of the Transit Strategic Partnerships Program, staff requested Regional Transportation Council approval on October 17, 2024, for Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding under Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities in an amount not to exceed \$475,000 in federal funding. Please see [Electronic Item 2.2](#) for more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative, Transit

2.3. Strategic Highway Network Route Proposed Additions

Presenter: Roman Rangel, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval to add a roadway location within the Dallas-Fort Worth region to the Strategic Roadway Network (STRAHNET).

Background: STRAHNET, a subset of the National Highway System (NHS), is a network of highways, including the Interstate System, that provide connecting routes to military installations, industries, and resources in times of peace and war. The Texas Department of Transportation

(TxDOT) and the Department of Defense (DOD) have been coordinating the addition of existing roadway locations to STRAHNET as part of the DOD's efforts to improve connectivity between Fort Bliss and Fort Cavazos and their designated seaports of embarkation in Port Beaumont and Port Arthur. As a result of this effort, a roadway location within the Dallas-Fort Worth region has been selected as a proposed addition to STRAHNET. A map and table detailing the proposed addition is included in [Electronic Item 2.3](#).

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Goods Movement, Roadway

2.4. Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas Round 4 – Project Funding Recommendations

Presenter: Shawn Conrad, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request approval of the Blue-Green-Grey application recommended for funding.

Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) issued the Round 4 Blue-Green-Grey funding opportunity on July 15, 2024. Applications were due on August 16, 2024. Eligible projects are within the 12-county Metropolitan Planning Area and incorporate three elements – Blue (water), Green (environment), and Grey (transportation infrastructure). The goal of the Blue-Green-Grey program is to support innovative pilot projects that provide resources for cities and organizations to replicate these ideas throughout the metroplex. The total of available funds is \$250,000 RTC Local. A project evaluation committee reviewed the nine applications received and is recommending three projects for a total funding recommendation of \$248,200 RTC Local. The recommended projects were presented at the September 27, 2024, Surface Transportation Technical Committee meeting as information as well as the Transportation Public Meeting on October 15, 2024. Additional information is provided in [Electronic Item 2.4](#).

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Roadway

1:40 – 1:50

3. **Endorsement of Community Noise Mitigation Program Grant Submission**

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Committee endorsement of the submittal of grant applications to the Department of Defense Community Noise Mitigation Program and a recommendation to the Regional Transportation Council for local match funds.

Background: The United States Department of Defense has announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Community Noise Mitigation Program. This program is intended to assist local governments impacted by military fixed-wing aviation noise through the installation of noise mitigating insulation at covered facilities, with specific funding set aside for reserve bases that have transitioned to a new type or model of aircraft. The Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth (NAS JRB Fort Worth) is in the process of transitioning from F-16 to F-35 aircraft. Staff will provide an overview of the proposed grants to be submitted by the North Central Texas Council of Governments. Total project cost is approximately \$4 million. The grant application will request 90 percent of the cost in federal funds, supported by a local match of Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Local funds and an equivalent amount provided by two participating school districts – Lake Worth and White Settlement Independent School Districts (ISD) – for the required 10 percent local match. If awarded, the grant applications will include noise insulation construction in six facilities in these two ISDs. These facilities include schools that are experiencing high levels of indoor noise as a result of military aviation operations. RTC Local funds previously approved by the RTC as part of the Regional Joint Land Use Study, has been used for upfront costs that will cover 5 percent of the match. The Lake Worth and White Settlement ISDs will pay the remaining 5 percent portion of the local match. Staff will request Committee action to backfill RTC Local funding for the Regional Joint Land Use Study. An overview of the proposed project is included in [Electronic Item 3](#).

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

1:50 – 2:00

4. Strategic Selection of Traffic Signal Equipment

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Gregory Masota, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request Committee recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval on a strategic selection process based on the traffic signal equipment inventory to select equipment upgrades.

Background: In 2022, North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff conducted a comprehensive inventory of approximately 7,000 traffic signals across the Dallas-Fort Worth region. As part of this initiative, they collaborated with partner agencies to establish minimum standards for traffic signal equipment. RTC has allocated funding to begin upgrading signals that fall below these standards. To maximize the impact of this funding, staff is proposing a strategic selection process based on the regional inventory to prioritize locations for upgrades. While the inventory identified numerous signals requiring equipment improvements, the available funds will not cover all necessary upgrades. Additional information is provided in [Electronic Item 4](#).

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety

2:00 – 2:10

5. Call for Projects to Reduce Diesel Emissions

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Jason Brown, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will request action on a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council approval to open a new, competitive Call for Projects (CFP) to award rebates through the North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 utilizing Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) funds.

Background: Over the past years, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been successful in receiving grant funding for multiple proposals submitted to the EPA under the National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program authorized by the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act. The latest award based on NCTCOG's proposal submitted in December 2023 identifies open and competitive CFPs to distribute funds. The North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 funding initiative provides rebates to replace older, high-emitting diesel-powered vehicles, engines, and equipment in addition to locomotive engine idle reduction technology, owned by public and private fleets in the ten-county ozone nonattainment area. A schedule and project selection criteria

for the CFPs is proposed. These initiatives are an extension of clean vehicle and technology improvements listed as Weight-of-Evidence in the current State Implementation Plan.

[Electronic Item 5](#) provides additional details.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Air Quality

2:10 – 2:30

6. Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 20

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: An overview of current transportation items will be provided.

Background: Efforts continue to advance transportation in the region. Staff will highlight the following:

1. Safety Review of Older Freeway Sections: Five Examples
2. Regional Transportation Council Recognition
3. Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program ([Electronic Item 6.1](#)) and ([Electronic Item 6.2](#))
4. Executive Board Follow-Up: White Paper on Federal Eligibility of Broadband As a Travel Demand Management Strategy
5. North Central Texas Council of Governments Not Pursuing Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grant Opportunity
6. Current Hold on Regional Transportation Council Policy – Temporary Suspension of Dynamic Pricing of Managed Lanes During Reconstruction

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Administrative

2:30 – 2:40

7. Swyft Cities Certification of Emerging and Reliable Transportation Technology Program Update

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Mike Johnson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: As part of the Certification of Emerging and Reliable Transportation Technology (CERTT) Program, staff will provide information on the recent progress of Swyft Cities and their advancement through the program.

Background: In May 2022, the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) adopted Policy P22-02 to develop a process for the Transportation Infrastructure Certification Program (now named CERTT). This program serves to guide a consensus-building path among the RTC, interested local governments,

and transportation technology providers in bringing innovative transportation solutions to our region with the end goal of a commercial application serving a long-range transportation need. Swyft Cities advanced through Round 2 of the CERTT Program in spring 2023 and received several proposals from interested local governments. Since that point, Swyft Cities has been engaged with the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and interested local governments in advancing potential project locations, determining appropriate technology certification oversight structures, considering public-private partnerships, balancing roles and shared risk, and developing a potential funding package for initial deployment. Recently, NCTCOG submitted a letter of commitment to the United States Department of Transportation supporting the City of Arlington's "Improving Access, Safety, and the Environment with Aerial Automated Transit Networks" grant application and their request for the 2024 Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation (SMART) grant submittal. [Electronic Item 7](#) provides more information.

Performance Measure(s) Addressed: Safety, Transit

2:40 – 2:50

8. Fast Facts

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Item Summary: Brief staff presentations will be provided. Please reference the material provided for each of the following topics.

1. *Daniel Snyder* - North Central Texas Council of Governments 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects Informational Webinar (www.nctcog.org/tap2025)
2. *Analisa Garcia* – 2024 Ozone Season Update ([Electronic Item 8.1](#))
3. *Jared Wright* – Texas Department of Transportation Rider 48 Report: Evaluation of Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Capacity ([rider-48-report.pdf \(txdot.gov\)](http://rider-48-report.pdf.txdot.gov))
4. *Trey Pope* – Engine Off North Texas Status Report ([Electronic Item 8.2](#))
5. *Savana Nance* – Local Clean Air Project Spotlight: Arlington Multi-Modal Delivery Demonstration Success ([Electronic Item 8.3](#))
6. *Savana Nance* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities (www.nctcog.org/AQfunding)
7. *Savana Nance* – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events (<https://www.dfwcleancities.org/events>)
8. Written Progress Reports:
 - Partner Progress Reports ([Electronic Item 8.4](#))

- September Public Meeting Minutes ([Electronic Item 8.5](#))
- November Public Meeting Notice ([Electronic Item 8.6](#))
- August – September Public Comments Report ([Electronic Item 8.7](#))

9. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.
10. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for ***1:30 pm on December 6, 2024.***

MINUTES**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE****Friday, September 27, 2024**

The Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) met on Friday, September 27, 2024, at 1:30 pm, in the Transportation Council Room of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG). The following STTC members or representatives were present: Rifat Alam, Joe Atwood, James Bell, David Boski, Tim Palermo (representing Tanya Brooks), Daniel Burnham, Farhan Butt, Brenda Callaway, Travis Campbell, Clarence Daugherty, Pritam Deshmukh, Phil Dupler, Chad Edwards, Eric Fladager, Chris Flanigan, Austin Frith, Ricardo Gonzalez, Gary Graham, Tom Hammons, Barry Heard, Matthew Hotelling, John D. Hudspeth, Jeremy Hutt, Thuan Huynh, Joseph Jackson, Joel James, William Janney, Major Jones, Gus Khankarli, Eron Linn, Clay Lipscomb, Paul Leudtke, Stanford Lynch, Chad Marbut, Alberto Mares, Brian Cabrera (representing John Mears), Brian Moen, Mark Nelson, Jim O'Connor, Alfredo Ortiz, Cintia Ortiz, Martin Phillips, Kelly Porter, Minesha Reese, Elizabeth Reynolds, James Rogge, Parisa Hosseni (representing Greg Royster), Kathryn Rush, Jeff Kelly (representing Davis Salmon), Brian Shewski, Ray Silva-Reyes, Errick Thompson, Jennifer VanderLaan, Autumn Permenter (representing Gregory Van Nieuwenhuize), Daniel Vedral, Caroline Waggoner, Todd Weinheimer, Jana Wentzel, and Robert Woodbury.

Others present at the meeting were: Abhishek Acharger, Vickie Alexander, Berrien Barks, Natalie Bettger, Joslyn Billings, Lori Clark, Shawn Conrad, Tara Crawford, Amber Ellis, Kevin Feldt, Jane Filarawicz, Analisa Garcia, Amy Johnson, Dawn Jones, Drew Kelly, Dan Kessler, Chris Klaus, Kevin Kokes, Siddheah Kudale, Dan Lamers, Travis Liska, James McLane, Brian Moen, Michael Morris, Jenny Narvaez, Joe O'Brien, Dipak Patel, Christopher Poe, Ezra Pratt, Vercie Pruitt-Jenkins, Ramon Rangel, Gwen Schaulis, Joe Schweitzer, Dana Shumard, Simney Soncheck, Toni Stehling, Aaron Tainter, Trenton Tidwell, and Brendon Wheeler.

1. **Approval of August 23, 2024, Minutes:** The minutes of the August 23, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted in Electronic Item 1. Jim O'Connor (M); Clarence Daugherty (S). The motion passed unanimously.
2. **Consent Agenda:** There were no items on the Consent Agenda.
3. **2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region:** Daniel Snyder provided an overview and requested action to open the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas region including eligibility, criteria, and schedule.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval of the elements related to program rules, eligible activities, eligible project areas, schedule, funding and use of Transportation Development Credits for the 2025 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for the North Central Texas Region. Paul Luedtke (M); Kelly Porter (S). The motion passed unanimously.

4. **Vision Zero Health Policy:** Daniela Tower requested action on staff's recommendation for the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) to approve the "Vision Zero for Human Health" Policy (P24-02).

A motion was made to recommend the Regional Transportation Council approval of the Vision Zero for Human Health Policy to develop local partnerships, pursue upcoming federal and other funding opportunities, extend the non-regulatory monitoring network, develop and provide a collective source for health-related air quality information, enhance public engagement and information. The motion also included direction for staff to change the program's name by removing "Vision Zero" from its title. Clarence Daugherty (M); Paul Luedtke (S). Melissa Baker, Jim O'Connor, and Daniel Vedral opposed the motion. The motion passed.

5. **Update on Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Projects and Request for Matching Funds:** Jared Wright provided an update on the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Discretionary Grant Program (CFI) Community Award and other upcoming electric vehicle (EV) charger investments in the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) region. He also requested a recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval for NCTCOG to use Transportation Development Credits (TDC) to satisfy match requirements for the FHWA CFI Community Award.

A motion was made to recommend Regional Transportation Council approval for the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) to use up to 607,577 in Regional Transportation Development Credits as non-federal match for NCTCOG administrative costs and hiring of specialized technical teams to implement the CFI Community Program Award; and direct staff to administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), the Statewide TIP and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes. Melissa Baker (M); Daniel Burnham (S). The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Director of Transportation Report on Selected Items:** The following topics were listed on the agenda:

1. Member Orientation - Prior to the Regional Transportation Council Meeting Scheduled for October 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.
2. Draft 2025 Regional Transportation Council Legislative Program and Status of Transit 2.0
3. Housing Policy for Metropolitan Planning Organizations ([Electronic Item 6.1](#)) (https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bipartisan-infrastructure-law/metro_planning.cfm)
4. Houston to Dallas High-Speed Rail Receives \$63.9 Million Federal Grant ([Electronic Item 6.2](#))
5. Safety Review of Older Freeway Sections
6. Northeast Texas Rural Rail Transportation District Correspondence to the Texas Department of Transportation ([Electronic Item 6.3](#))
7. United States Department of Transportation Correspondence on Federal Aviation Administration ([Electronic Item 6.4](#))
8. Work-Zone Data Exchange Implementation Call for Projects
9. Current Hold on Regional Transportation Council Policy – Temporary Suspension of Dynamic Pricing of Managed Lanes During Reconstruction

Michael Morris briefly highlighted each item.

7. **Miles Matter Program Update and Auto Occupancy/High-Occupancy Vehicle Quarterly Report:** Natalie Bettger updated the Committee on the Miles Matter Program, as well as the auto occupancy/high occupancy vehicle quarterly report.
8. **Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas – Round 4 – Project Funding Recommendations:** Shawn Conrad provided information regarding the Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas Round 4 funding opportunity, proposals received, evaluation process, and projects selected to advance for funding approval.
9. **Mobility 2050: Key Updates and Ongoing Development:** Amy Johnson reported on efforts to develop the next Metropolitan Transportation Plan, Mobility 2050, including a review of the project selection process and draft plan revenue forecast.
10. **Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: Selected Project from the May 2024 Cycle:** Dora Kelly summarized the project evaluated through the May 2024 cycle of the Transit Strategic Partnerships Program to provide funding to Feonix Mobility Rising for the pilot of a Transportation Assistance Hub in portions of Dallas and Ellis counties.
11. **Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants Program:** Analisa Garcia briefed the Committee on the Federal Highway Administration's Notice of Funding Opportunity for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Low Carbon Transportation Materials Grants Program, including information regarding application and eligibility requirements.
12. **Fast Facts:** Staff provided brief presentations on each of the following topics:
 1. *Aliyah Shaikh* – February 2025 Transportation Improvement Program Modification Submittal Deadline
 2. *Camille Fountain* – Fall 2024 Traffic Incident Management Executive Level Course Announcement
 3. *Daniela Tower* – 2024 Ozone Season Update
 4. *Joslyn Billings* – Air Quality Funding Opportunities
 5. *Joslyn Billings* – Upcoming Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Events
 6. *Jackie Castillo* – August Public Meeting Minutes
 7. *Jackie Castillo* – October Public Meeting Notice
 8. *Jackie Castillo* – July-August Public Comments Report
 9. Written Progress Reports: Partner Progress Reports
13. **Other Business (Old or New):** No items were provided.
14. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Surface Transportation Technical Committee is scheduled for **1:30 pm on October 25, 2024.**



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Endorsement of Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: May 2024 Cycle Selected Project

Surface Transportation Technical Committee

10.25.2024

Dora Kelly, Senior Transportation Planner

Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: Program Elements/Eligibility

The purpose is to implement public transportation services and support transit project ideas that address goals from Mobility 2045 Update and Access North Texas.

Eligible Applicants	Must be an entity that can receive federal funds, such as: • Transit Authorities • Public Transit Providers • Local Governments • Non-profits (encourage partnership with an existing transit provider)	Project Elements	Must be within Urbanized Area (UZA) Encourage partnerships and collaboration between non-service providers and transit providers Address innovation, Access North Texas, recent transit study recommendations, accessibility, environmental justice and transit-dependent populations, and risk
Project Length	Typically, 2-3 year pilots (cannot be used for operating shortfalls)		

Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: Program Funding Overview

	Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington UZA		Denton-Lewisville UZA	
	Section 5307	Section 5310	Section 5307	Section 5310
Total Available¹	\$1,998,204	\$8,905,741	\$798,896	\$713,890
May 2024 Cycle Project Requests	\$0	\$475,000	\$0	\$0
Remaining Funds in Transit Strategic Partnerships Program	\$1,998,204	\$8,430,741	\$798,896	\$713,890

¹ Program funding includes estimated amounts from Federal Transit Administration FY2024 Apportionment set-aside for regional transit projects.

In the May 2024 cycle, no projects were received and only one project was reviewed as a carryover from the previous November 2023 cycle.

May 2024 Cycle Submitted Project: Recommendation Status

Applicant	Project	Description	Federal Total	Status
Feonix Mobility Rising	Transportation Assistance Hub <i>(2-year pilot)</i>	With Mobility Navigators, connect riders with existing public and private transportation services and create sustainable mobility plans to meet rider needs. In Southern Dallas County and portions of Ellis within the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington Urbanized Area, offer access to volunteer drivers to fill gaps in service to mobility impaired residents and senior citizens where no other service is available or accessible.	Not to exceed \$475,000 <i>Local match provided by Feonix Mobility Rising</i>	Recommended for Funding <i>(Endorsement)</i>

Regional Transportation Council approved on October 17, 2024

May 2024 Cycle Submitted Project:

Submitted Project Overview



Service Area:

Southern Dallas County (south of I-30/Hwy 80) and part of Ellis County (I-35 corridor)

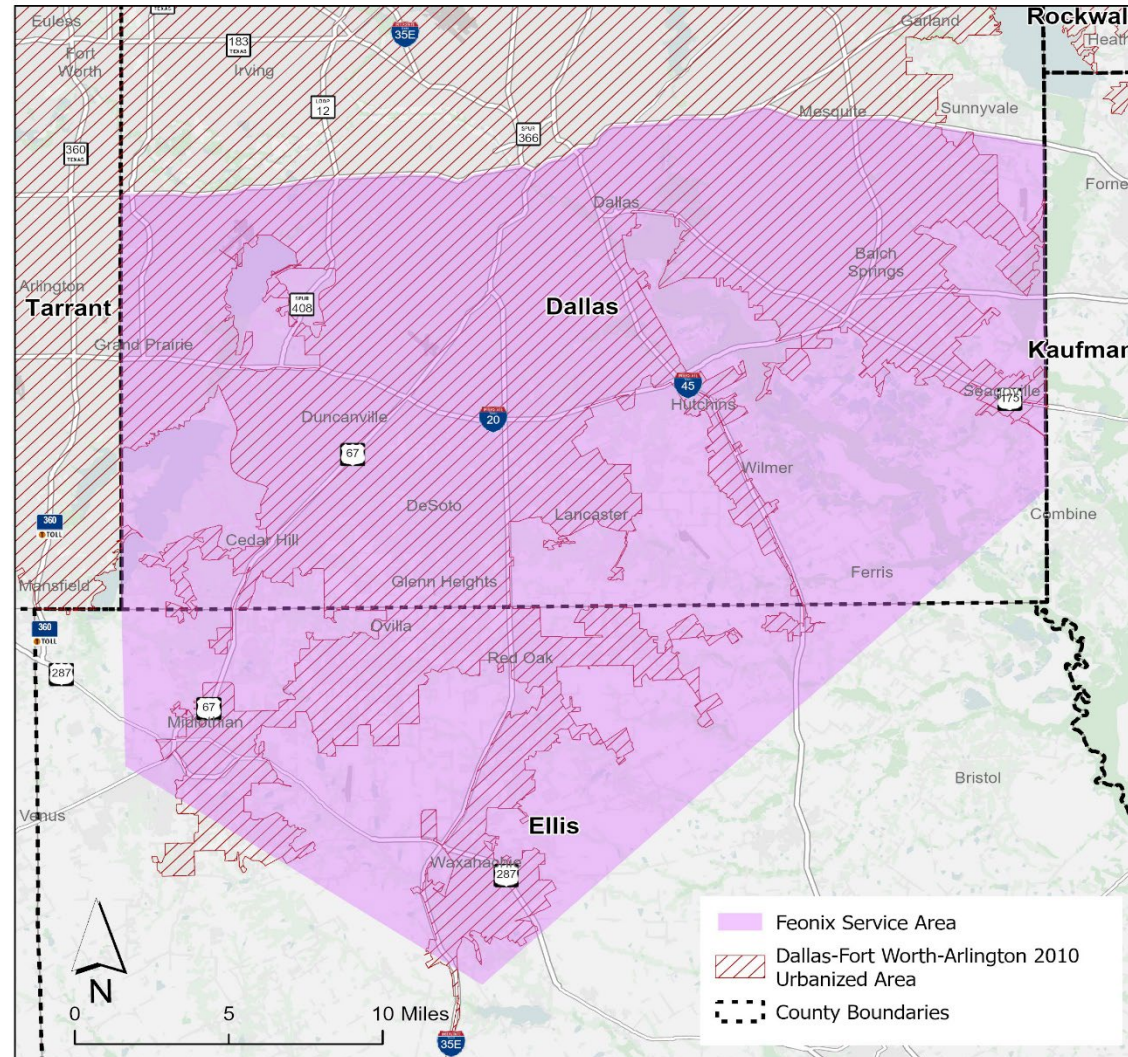
Target Populations:

Older Adults (65+) and Individuals with Disabilities

Community Partners Include:

- Dallas County Department of Health and Human Services
- Dallas County Commission, District 4
- Dallas Area Rapid Transit
- STAR Transit
- My Ride Dallas

Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: Filling the Transportation Gap



Transit Strategic Partnerships Program: Committee Schedule

Deliverable	Date
May 2024 Cycle – Project Reviewed	May 31, 2024
Public Meeting	August 12, 2024
Surface Transportation Technical Committee - Information	September 27, 2024
Regional Transportation Council – Action	October 17, 2024
Surface Transportation Technical Committee – Endorsement	October 25, 2024
Executive Board Approval	January 23, 2025

Action Requested:

STTC Endorsement of RTC Action:

To use existing Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5310 Enhancing Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program funds from the Transit Strategic Partnerships Program in an amount not to exceed \$475,000 Federal, \$275,000 Local (\$750,00 Total) to fund the recommended project.

Administratively amend the Transportation Improvement Program and other planning/administrative documents as appropriate to incorporate this project.

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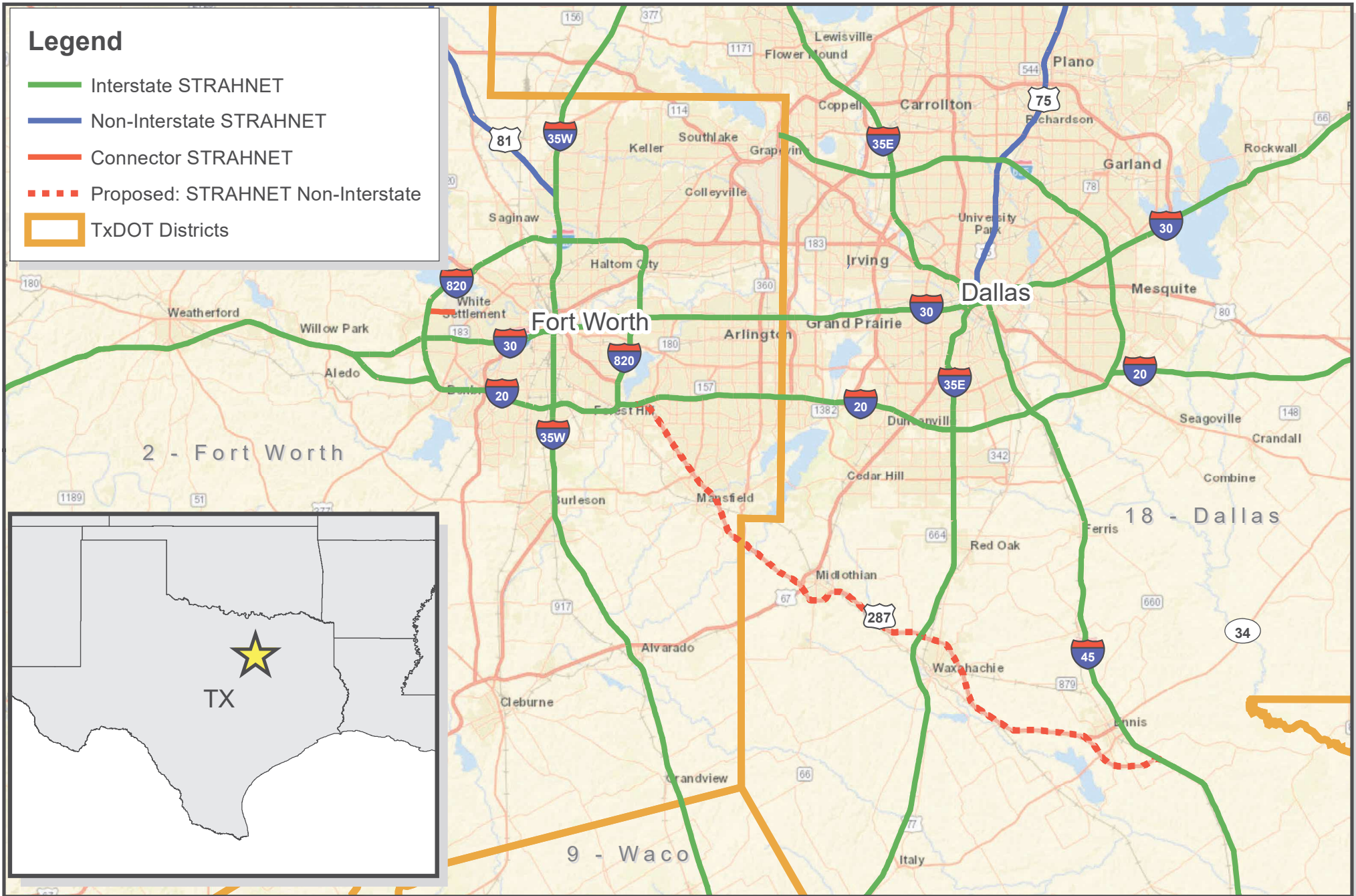
Program Email: TransitSPP@nctcog.org

<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/funds/cfps/transit-strategic-partnerships-program>

STRAHNET: Proposed Routes Texas Non-Interstate (US 287)

Legend

- Interstate STRAHNET
- Non-Interstate STRAHNET
- Connector STRAHNET
- Proposed: STRAHNET Non-Interstate
- TxDOT Districts



Proposed Strategic Roadway Network (STRAHNET) Addition

Counties	Route Number	From (name or mile point)	To (name or mile point)	Length (miles)	Proposed STRAHNET action	Brief Justification
Ellis, Johnson, Tarrant	US 287	I-20	I-45	50.7	Add	Add NHS as STRAHNET Non-Interstate



Blue-Green-Grey Application for New Ideas Round 4 Project Funding Recommendations

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Shawn Conrad, Program Manager

ELECTRONIC ITEM 2.4

*Hatcher Station Community Garden, BGG Round 2 Award (2018)
Image courtesy of DART*

Application for New Ideas Round 4

Funding: \$250,000 total (RTC Local); no local match required

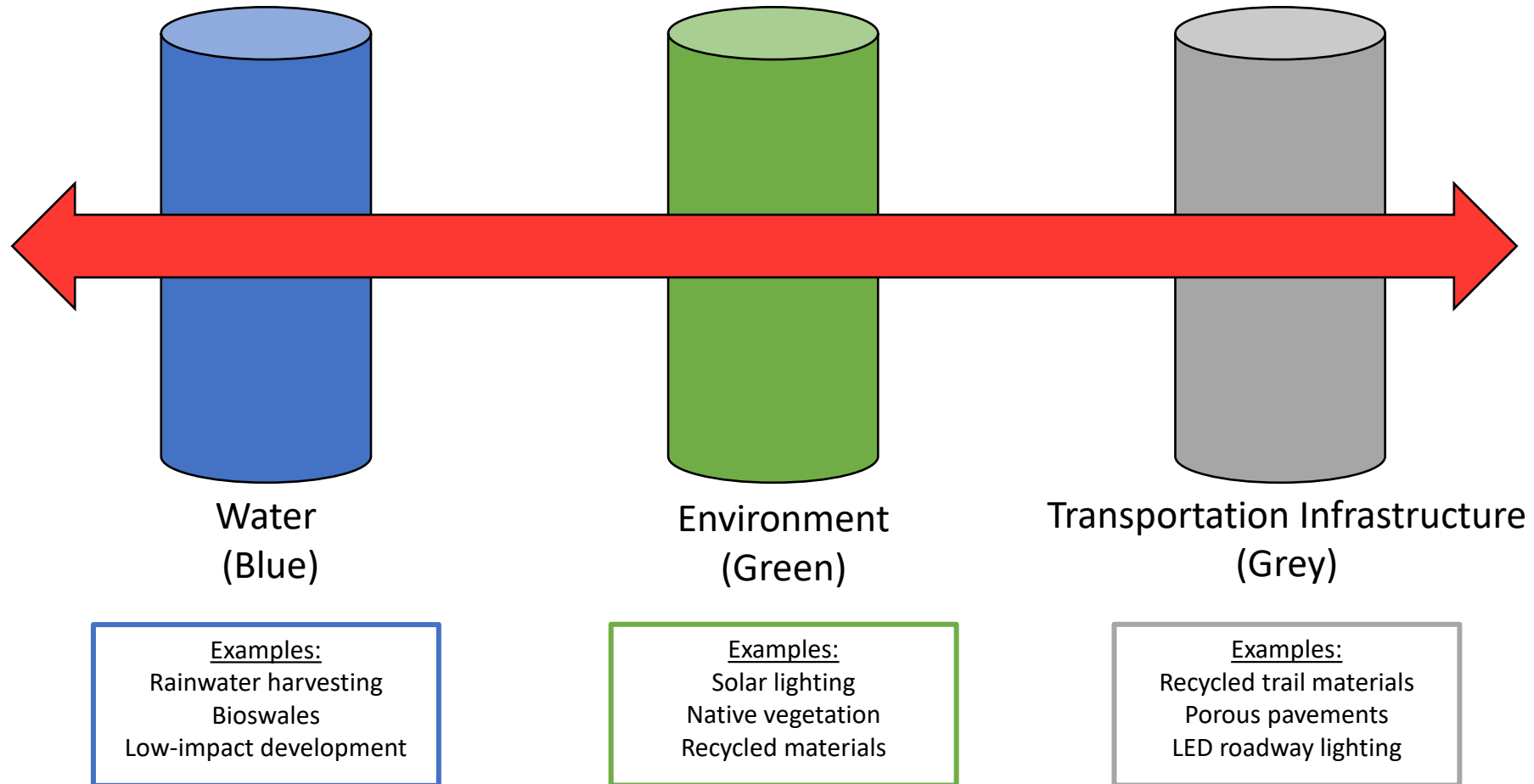
Anticipated awards: ~3

Call opened: July 15, 2024

Call closed August 16, 2024 at 5 PM



Silo Busting Projects



Previously Funded Projects

Funding Years

2017

Farmers Branch
Conceptual Bus
Stop Designs

Southlake BioPod –
Burney Lane
Reconstruction

University Park
Micro-Detention
Project

2018

DART Hatcher
Station Community
Garden Pilot
Program

Bishop Arts Bicycle
Parking Retrofitting
Pilot

Watauga
Biofiltration System

2021

City of Allen Inlet
Floatables Filter

City of Dallas Bottom
District Green
Neighborhood
Design Guidelines

University of
Arlington
Biofiltration Swales
Testing

Project reports can be found here: www.nctcog.org/greeninfrastructure

Previous Funding Rounds

Funding awarded to date:

FY 18: \$109,170

FY 19: \$138,500

FY 20: \$201,410



Bishop Arts Green Bicycle Parking

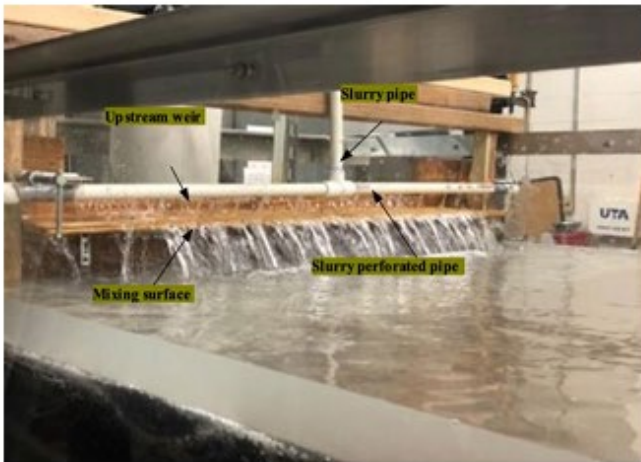
BGG Round 2 Award (2018)

Image courtesy of Amanda Popken Design



Round 4 Project Review Committee

- Five NCTCOG staff members
- Met on September 3, 2024
- Reviewed nine submitted applications
- Recommended three applications for funding



UTA Engineered Media for Biofiltration Swales BGG Round 3 Award (2021)
Image courtesy of University of Texas-Arlington



Farmers Branch Green Bus Stop Designs BGG Round 1 Award (2017)
Images courtesy of City of Farmers Branch



Scoring Criteria

- Incorporation of Blue (water), Green (environment), and Grey (transportation infrastructure) components
- Impact
- Innovation and significance
- Applicability, adaptation, transferability, and practicality
- Collaboration with various stakeholders



Recommended Funding

Project Name	Description	Cost	Average Rank
Allen - Inlet Filter Pilot Program	Implementation of designs previously funded through BGG for innovative inlet filters to reduce floatables in stormwater runoff from roadways	\$75,000	1.8
DART - Vermiculture Food Waste Composting at Lawnview Station	Install innovative fermentation / vermiculture food waste composting at Lawnview Station for use at community gardens	\$90,000	2
Frisco - Median Bioswale Retrofit Parkwood Blvd	Innovative application of a bioswale in a roadway median for stormwater management as demonstration project	\$83,300	2.3
TOTAL RECOMMENDED		\$248,300	
<i>Projects Not Recommended for Funding</i>			
UT Arlington - Critical Source Area ID for Nonpoint Pollution			5.2
Lewisville - LLELA Kayak Launch Redesign			5.3
Water is Alive - Healing the Earth with Microbes and Plants			5.7
Green Arlington Foundation - Pumps for Parks			6.5
<i>Projects Withdrawn by Applicant</i>			
Dallas County - Goat Island Preserve Parking Lot Rehab & Beautification			NA
Fort Worth - Mobile Collection Unit Digital Billboards			NA



Round 4 Schedule

Call for Applications Opens	July 15, 2024
Pre-application Workshop	July 17, 2024
Applicants submit questions for FAQ	July 15, 2024 – August 1, 2024
NCTCOG staff available to meet for preliminary application review	July 15, 2024 – August 1, 2024
Applications Due	August 16, 2024 @ 5 pm
Application Review and Scoring	September 2024
Recommended Projects Presented to STTC - Information	September 27, 2024
Recommended projects presented at Transportation Public Meeting	October 15, 2024
Recommended Projects Presented to RTC – Information	October 17, 2024
Recommended Projects Presented to STTC - Action	October 25, 2024
Recommended Projects Presented to RTC – Action	November 14, 2024

Requested Action

Regional Transportation Council Approval:

- Approve \$248,300 total RTC Local for three projects
 - Allen Inlet Filter Pilot Program
 - DART Vermiculture Food Waste Composting and Lawnview Station
 - Frisco Median Bioswale Retrofit Parkwood Boulevard
- Administratively amend the TIP/STIP and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes.



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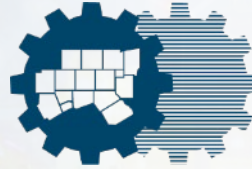


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NCTCOG PRESENTATION

Endorsement of Community Noise Mitigation Program Grant Submission

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OCTOBER 25, 2024

Community Noise Mitigation Program

- ❑ Authorized by U.S. Congress in FY22 Appropriations Bill
- ❑ Purpose: reduce impact of fixed wing military aviation noise on covered facilities
 - Schools, daycares, facilities serving senior citizens, hospitals, private residences within noise contours of military installation
- ❑ \$75M available; \$18.75M available to reserve installation (\$5M reserved for bases with new model of aircraft)
- ❑ Multiple applications allowed per agency but must be prioritized based on noise levels
- ❑ NCTCOG staff would like to pursue applications for six school district facilities in Lake Worth and White Settlement ISDs



Community Noise Mitigation Program

Funding Availability

\$75 Million
National

\$18.75 Million
Guard/Reserve
Installations

\$5 Million
Guard/Reserve Bases with
New Aircraft

Cost Sharing

90% Federal | 10% non-Federal

Covered Facilities Eligibility

1. School, Daycare, Facilities Serving Senior Citizens, Hospitals, Private Residences
2. Within a military base noise contours
3. Experiencing average indoor noise level 45+ dB
4. Multi-Jurisdictional Group of Above Entities



NCTCOG Community Noise Mitigation Applications

Lake Worth and White Settlement ISDs

Initially met with three school districts, two chose to participate

Acoustical testing performed to determine indoor noise level/eligibility

- Effie Morris Early Learning Academy (LWISD)
- Howry STEAM Academy (LWISD)
- LWISD Operations Building
- Brewer Middle School (WSISD)
- Liberty Elementary School (WSISD)
- WSISD Transition Center

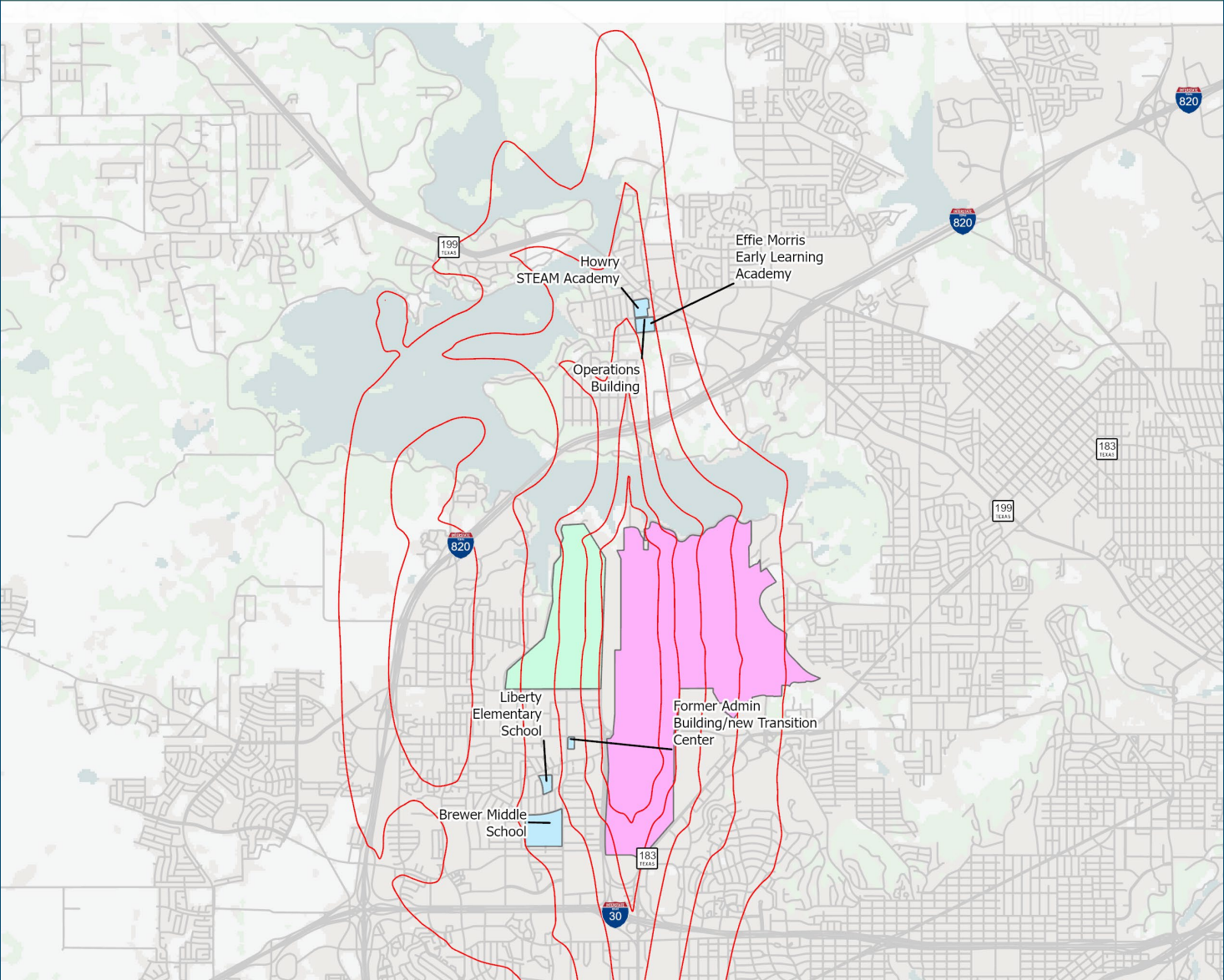
Recommendations to reduce indoor noise include primarily replacing window and doors with higher Sound Transmission Classification (STC) rated materials

Advanced pre-application consultant work with RTC Local funding previously approved for Regional Joint Land Use Study activities



Participating Facilities

Schools Within NAS JRB Fort Worth Noise Contours



NCTCOG Community Noise Mitigation Application

Anticipated Budget

Facility	Total Construction Budget	Federal (CNMP)	ISD Non-Federal Match	NCTCOG Non-Federal Match*
Effie Morris Early Learning Center	\$597,756	\$537,980	\$29,888	\$29,888
Howry STEAM Academy	\$350,032	\$315,029	\$17,501	\$17,502
LWISD Operations Building	\$244,378	\$219,940	\$12,219	\$12,219
Brewer Middle School	\$1,110,440	\$999,396	\$55,522	\$55,522
Liberty Elementary School	\$1,320,053	\$1,888,048	\$66,003	\$66,002
WSISD Transition Center	\$425,340	\$382,806	\$21,267	\$21,267



Schedule

Date	Milestone
July 25, 2024	NOFO Released
October 22, 2024	Applications Due
October 24, 2024	Executive Board
October 25, 2024	STTC Action (Endorsement)
November 14, 2024	RTC Action



Requested Action

- Endorse NCTCOG grant applications for the Community Noise Mitigation program.
- Recommend RTC approval of the use of approximately \$210,000 in Regional Transportation Council Local funds used to advance pre-application consultant activities to backfill Regional Joint Land Use Study activities.
- Approve staff to administratively amend the TIP/STIP and other planning/administrative documents to incorporate these changes should the project be selected for funding.



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STRATEGIC SELECTION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 25, 2024

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REGIONAL TRAFFIC SIGNAL EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

Overview

NCTCOG conducted a regional inventory to establish a Regional Traffic Signal Minimum Standard and identify traffic signals that don't have equipment to meet the standard.

List of Equipment Included in the Regional Traffic Signal Equipment Standard:

- Cabinets
- Controllers
- Coordination (GPS Clocks)
- Communication
- Vehicle Detection
- Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA)
- LED Signal Bulbs



PARTNER AGENCY ELIGIBILITY

- Public Sector Partner Agencies within the 10-County Non-Attainment Area (Cities, TxDOT, Etc.)
- Actively using INRIX traffic signal performance platform.
- Confirm agency agrees to share traffic signal and detector data in standard format that is consistent with Traffic Management Data Dictionary (TMDD) 3.03(d).



PRIORITIZATION AND FUNDING TABLE

Goal: Utilize existing funding RTC has allocated for traffic signal equipment upgrades.

Prioritization Order	Cost	Revenue
	Total Funding Allocated	\$30,720,000
1. Coordination (GPS Clocks)*	\$507,000	\$29,633,000
2. Communication	\$4,430,000	\$25,203,000
3. Vehicle Detection	\$102,960,000	(\$77,757,000)
4. Flashing Yellow Arrow (FYA)	TBD	TBD
5. Controllers*	TBD	TBD
6. Cabinet	TBD	TBD
7. LED Signal Bulbs	TBD	TBD



*RTC funded coordination and controller as part of 2022 M&O Allocation in the amount of \$720,000. Due to inflation, these cost are have increased to \$1,087,000.

TxDOT Dallas has already implemented communication districtwide, the above number reflects this.

Proposed Filter and Criteria for Remaining Funds



Filter 1: Regional Traffic Signal Priority Arterials (Y/N) (FHWA functional classification: principal, minor, collector roads with 8 or more signals)

Filter 2: Vehicle Detection Working Properly (Y/N)

Criteria 1: Signals with worst average control delay per vehicle from INRIX signal analytics (Ranking)



METHOD

Step 1: Overlay vehicle detection improvements on traffic signal priority arterials GIS layer.

Step 2: Analyze remaining Average Control Delay per vehicle

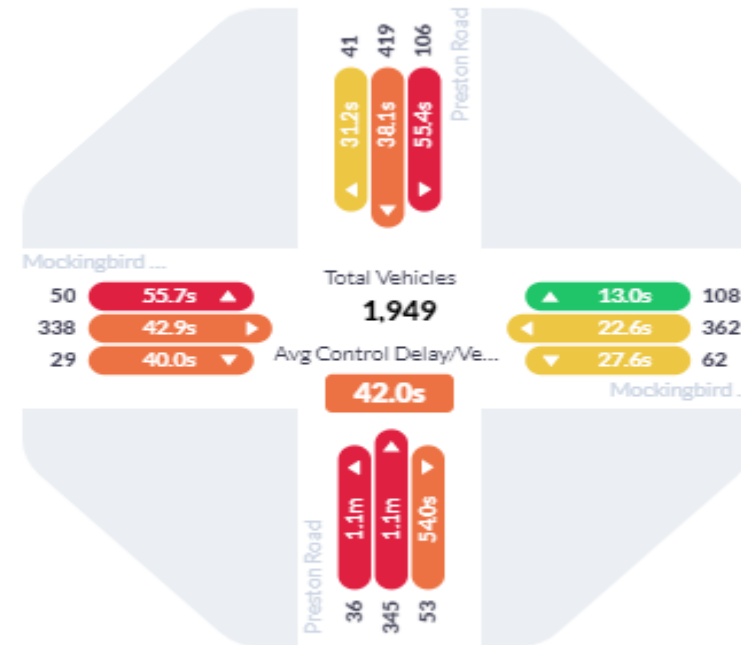
Step 3: Select locations for improvement based on criteria



INRIX SIGNAL ANALYTICS SNAPSHOT

Average Control Delay/Vehicle (24 hour): The average control delay per vehicle is the average time that a vehicle is delayed at a signalized intersection due to traffic control devices, primarily caused by stopping, deceleration, acceleration, and queueing at traffic signals.

- A ≤ 10 seconds
- B > 10 - 20 seconds
- C > 20 - 35 seconds
- D > 35 - 55 seconds
- E > 55 - 80 seconds
- F > 80 seconds



PARTNER AGENCY COORDINATION

Equipment upgrades

- Draft Listing of Equipment Upgrades
- Coordinate with operating agencies to account for any completed upgrades.
- Refine locations for equipment upgrades
- Continue to next prioritized location on the list



PROGRAMMING FUNDING IN THE TIP

Projects Over \$150,000:

- Enter agency as implementing agency in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).

Projects Under \$150,000:

- NCTCOG will consolidate these projects into a larger project in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- Procurement through Buy Board or similar mechanism.



SCHEDULE

Action	Meeting	Date
Action - Funding Approval	RTC	February 2024
Public Meeting		October 15, 2024
Action - Approval of Project Selection Process	STTC	October 25, 2024
Action - Approval of Project Selection Process	RTC	December 12, 2024
Scoring by NCTCOG		Nov. – Dec. 2024
TIP Modification Requests Due		December 6, 2024
TIP Modification Approval	STTC	February 28, 2025
TIP Modification Approval	RTC	March 13, 2025
FHWA Approval Expected		June/July 2025



ACTION REQUESTED

A recommendation for Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of the process, criteria, and schedule for the strategic selection of traffic signal equipment.

Administratively amend NCTCOG and State Transportation Improvement Programs (TIP / STIP), as well as other planning and administrative documents.



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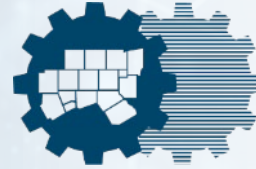


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NCTCOG PRESENTATION

Call for Projects to Reduce Diesel Emissions

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

October 25, 2024

Jason Brown, Program Manager

RELEVANCE TO REGIONAL PLANNING

Purpose:

Performance Measure:

Air Quality

Mobility 2045:

Air Quality Program AQ2-001:

Reducing emissions from public sector and private sector fleets is important to efforts to improving air quality in the region as mobile sources emit roughly two-thirds of ozone-forming nitrogen oxides emitted each day and are a major source of other air pollutants.

[Mobility 2045 Chapter 4 – Environmental Considerations](#)

[Appendix C – Environmental Considerations](#)

Air Quality Emphasis Areas:



High-Emitting Vehicles/Equipment



Idling

Hard Accelerations

Low Speeds

Cold Starts

Vehicle Miles of Travel



Energy and Fuel Use



New Funding and Applicant Eligibility

Funding Source: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
National Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program

Call for Project	North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024
Project Types	Replace Onroad and Nonroad Diesel Engines/Vehicles/Equipment; Install Locomotive Shore Power and Other Idle Reduction Technologies
Available Funding for CFP*	\$1,635,949
Applicants	Private Fleets and Companies; Public Entities such as Municipalities and Airports
Geographic Area	10-County Nonattainment Area**, Area of Air Toxics Concern***
Clean Fleet Policy	Must Adopt RTC Clean Fleet Policy or Similar

*A committed project from a call for partners of \$1,188,065 was included in the overall EPA \$2,824,014 award.

**This includes Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, and Wise counties.

***This includes Dallas, Denton and Tarrant counties. Source: [2022-2023 DERA Priority County List](#)



Project Eligibility

North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 Call for Projects

Eligible Activities	Funding Threshold		
<u>Replace Onroad Diesel Vehicles and Engines*</u> - GVWR: 16,001 and Up; - EMY: Older - 2009 (Also EMY 2010 - Newer if Replacing with Zero Emission); - Must Operate > 7,000 Miles/Year during 24 Months Prior to Application	<u>Replacement Type</u>	<u>Vehicles/Equipment</u>	<u>Engines</u>
	New is Zero Emission Powered:	45%	60%
	New is CARB Certified Low-NO _x Powered:	35%	50%
	New is EPA Certified Diesel Powered:	25%	40%
<u>Replace Nonroad Diesel Equipment*</u> - Must Operate > 500 Hours/Year during 24 Months Prior to Application; - Eligible Tiers Vary	New is Zero Emission Powered:	45%	60%
	New is CARB Certified Low-NO _x Powered:	35%	50%
	New is EPA Certified Diesel Powered:	25%	40%
<u>Locomotive Engine Replacement and Shore Power Installation**</u>	40% Cost Coverage		

*All old vehicles/engines/equipment must be scrapped; other model years eligible on case-by-case basis. California Air Resources Board (CARB); Engine Model Year (EMY); Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR)

**All equipment and installation must be completed by EPA SmartWay Verified Technology Vendor.



Project Eligibility Continued

North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 Call for Projects

Eligible Activities	Funding Threshold	
<u>Replacement of Diesel Transport Refrigeration Unit (TRU) Trailer</u> • TRU trailer Replacement ONLY	<u>Replacement Type</u>	<u>Maximum Funding Level</u>
	New Zero Tailpipe Emission eTRU* Trailer includes Charging Unit	45%
<u>Replacement of Drayage</u> ** • GVWR: 33,001 and Up; • EMY: Older - 2009 (Also EMY 2010 - Newer if Replacing with Electric); • Operates on or transgresses through port or intermodal rail yard property for the purposes of loading, unloading, or transporting cargo	2017 or Newer: Diesel, Alternative Fuel, Gasoline Powered	50%
	2021 or Newer: Zero-Emission or CARB Certified Low-NOx	
<u>EPA Verified Highway Idle Reduction Technologies</u>	When combined with new or previous installed exhaust aftertreatment retrofit	100%

*New unit will operate solely on grid, battery, or other zero emission power sources

**Drayage truck operator must hold a valid and current vehicle registration and driver's license issued in the United States. Operator must have proof that your existing truck has been covered for primary liability insurance over the last year.



Eligibility and Scoring Criteria

North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024 Call for Projects

Characteristics	Rebate Program Purpose: Reduces administrative burden as compared to a subgrant program.	
	Competitive application process Purpose: Choose the best activities for our region.	
Eligibility	Operate in Required Geographic Area	
	Clean Fleet Policy Adoption Purpose: Reserve Funding for Fleets that are Engaged Beyond Grant Opportunities; Consistent with RTC Adoption of Clean Fleet Policy	
Scoring Criteria	Criteria	% of Total Score
	Cost Per Ton NO_x Emissions Reduced Purpose: Maximize Emissions Reductions	65%
	Rebate Recipient Oversight Criteria Purpose: Balance Project Benefits with Administrative Burden	25%
	Priority Project Location Criteria Purpose: Preference to Projects Operating in Environmental Justice areas and Disadvantaged Communities	5%
	Project Resilience and Workforce Development Criteria Purpose: Preference to Projects with Ability to Protect Funded Investments; Prepare the Workforce for the Project	5%

Schedule

Milestone	Date
STTC Recommendation of RTC Approval	October 25, 2024
RTC Approval	December 12, 2024
Open Call for Projects	December 16, 2024
Call for Projects Applications Deadline (Rolling 90-Day Application Deadline to Fully Award Funds)	March 14, 2025
Executive Board Approval	April/May 2025
Enter into Rebate Agreements	May/June 2025



ACTION REQUESTED

Recommend RTC Approval Of:

North Texas Diesel Emissions Reduction Project 2024

1. Open Call for Projects
2. Details
 - Eligibility Screens
 - Scoring Criteria
3. Schedule
 - Call for Projects Estimated Open: November 18, 2024
 - Rolling 90-Day Application Deadline to Fully Award Funds



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**2025 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM
89TH TEXAS LEGISLATURE**

Legislation to Actively Pursue

- Ensure fair-share allocation of funds for roadway capacity improvements to metropolitan regions or allow the use of Public-Private Partnerships
- Support innovative funding methods to expand rail and transit options within the region:
 - Require expenditure of a portion of the Texas Mobility Fund for regional commuter rail and Class I railroad improvements
 - Support dedicated funding for public transportation and rail via TxDOT budget rider
 - Allocate funds to the existing Texas Rail Relocation and Improvement Fund

Legislation to Actively Pursue with Others

- Protect existing transportation authority dedicated funding
- Provide tools to aid transit agencies in supporting transit-oriented development (TOD) and/or funding to supplement TOD financing/public-private partnerships while allowing for cities to maintain the lead and local control in development decisions
- Return approximately \$80 million in air quality user fees to counties for Local Initiatives Projects
- Review with TxDOT and the Legislature options related to the creation of a new State high-speed rail authority
- Improve the safety of the statewide transportation system for all users; lower excessive speed limits, reduce aggressive driving, eliminate driving under the influence, enforce seat belts; advance automated speed enforcement over 90 mph
- Modernize messaging in construction zones through technology and electronic signage; support automated speed enforcement in construction zones
- Provide counties and cities with expanded tools for land use control to preserve future transportation corridors and safety needs

Provide Testimony Upon Request

- Identify and pursue additional revenue for all modes of transportation
- Support use of Public-Private Partnerships for roadway and transit projects, and tolled managed lanes through a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)/local decision-making process
- Support a budget rider for Texas MPOs to receive \$100,000 per year for the next two years to complete a safety action plan within their metropolitan region
- Encourage measures that improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and focus on areas with pedestrian movements
- Explore transit and its ability to enhance community safety
- Oppose legislation to increase freight truck weight limits above current law
- Retain eminent domain authority in current statute to allow planning and development of new and/or expanded transportation corridors, including high-speed rail, commuter rail, freight rail, roadways, and trails
- Support system reliability, congestion relief, and encourage trip reduction strategies for regular workdays and special events
- Support high-speed rail development in Texas and its superior safety history
- Utilize innovation in higher-speed transportation, transit, autonomous vehicles, and freight

- Support the continued collaboration between local governments, the military, the State, and FAA to advance regulations for compatible land use, infrastructure, and the safe operations of unmanned aircraft
- Support broadband expansion as a mode of transportation
- Support legislation that improves air quality, including enhancing the emissions inspection/maintenance program, especially for heavy-duty vehicle trucks, reducing heavy-duty truck idling, ending vehicle emissions inspection fraud, and supporting tire disposal programs
- Modernize and increase flexibility in the Local Initiative Projects (LIP) through a limited program focused on transportation and air quality improvements
- Protect the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) Trust fund and revenue balance to ensure funds are used for TERP purposes, including zero emission vehicle infrastructure investments
- Modernize TERP and ensure flexibility to accommodate innovative approaches to improving air quality and reducing emissions, including the purchase of heavy-duty zero emission vehicles such as hydrogen fuel cell and battery electric vehicles and associated infrastructure

RTC REQUESTED ACTION

RTC Approval Requested on the 2025 RTC Legislative Program for the 89th Texas Legislature

Authorize NCTCOG Staff to Bring Back Transit Authority Funding Item to Incorporate Changes, if Needed, Resulting from:

- Regional Transit 2.0 Funding Recommendations, or
- Transit Authority Board/Member City Recommendations, or
- Local Government Elected Official Partnerships in DART Cities

by the End of February 2025.





Certification of Emerging and Reliable
Transportation Technology

Swyft Cities Update

Mike Johnson | Surface Transportation Technical Committee
Meeting

October 25, 2024



CERTT PROGRAM

Certification of **Emerging** and **Reliable** Transportation Technology

Provide **transparent process** for RTC coordination with providers of new technology

Periodic solicitation/opportunity for new technology applications

Ensure **level playing field** for providers and local governments

Convert certification facility into commercial application, meeting long-range transportation needs



RTC Policy P22-02

Process:

- 1) NCTCOG staff to ensure technology solution conforms to policy guidance and long-range transportation need (MTP).
- 2) NCTCOG staff to brief RTC; RTC to take action on initiating process.
- 3) Solicit local government interest in submitting potential locations.
- 4) Technology provider to determine preferred location to pursue.
- 5) RTC to initiate development activities; NCTCOG staff to provide support.



CERTT Applicant Status

Applicant/ Technology Provider	Technology/Mode	Market Solution	Purpose/Benefit	Status
TransPod (Round 1)	Hyperloop (ultra-high-speed pod in near vacuum environment)	Statewide/ Intercity/ Regional	People and Goods/ Air Quality, and Congestion Reduction	Periodic staff coordination; TransPod is pursuing statewide corridor effort
JPods (Round 1)	Personal Rapid Transit (elevated pod/modern gondola)	Local/Sub- Regional	People/Air Quality and Congestion Reduction	Completed staff coordination; JPods is pursuing local interest outside of CERTT Program
Swyft Cities/ Whoosh (Round 2)	Personal Rapid Transit (elevated pod/modern gondola)	Local/Sub- Regional	People/Air Quality and Congestion Reduction	Regular staff coordination; Swyft Cities is actively pursuing projects and certification structure



Swyft Cities/Whoosh

Personal rapid transit (PRT) system using overhead fixed-cable gondola-like pods (6 passengers/pod)

Low-speed network that runs along/within existing public right-of-way

Proofs of concept in Christchurch, NZ

Use of private financing and can support planning of special districts, P3s, etc.

Local applications could include service extensions from transit hubs, barrier crossings, dense/mixed use center circulator



CERTT Proposals Received: Interest in Swyft Cities/Whoosh Technology

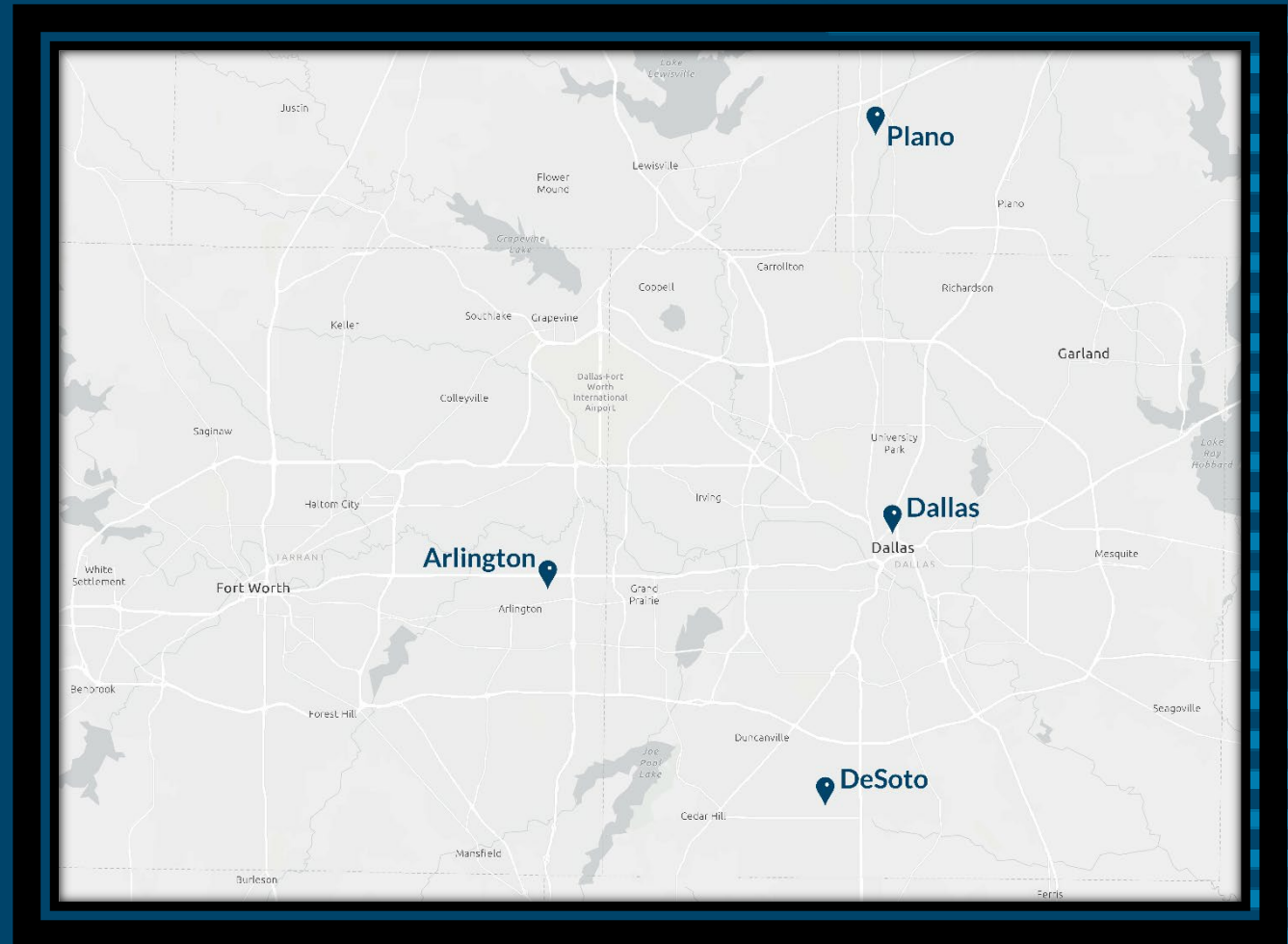
Arlington

Dallas

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Plano

Others have reached out to
Swyft Cities directly



Recent Progress

- Interest at national ASCE Conference
- Investigation of process/requirements for new technology certification
- Staff coordination with Swyft Cities and local governments in project development discussions and identification of roles/risks
- NCTCOG provided Letter of Commitment for City of Arlington's SMART Grant application (feasibility study)
- Included consideration for Swyft Cities and other technologies in scoping for Legacy Area ATN Planning Study in Plano



Next Steps

Swyft Cities: steps 4 and 5 continue in tandem

- Swyft Cities pursuing initial project and certification
 - Planning, funding, certification, and organization model that meets the needs of all parties
 - Initial project not intended to be only location
- NCTCOG staff continue providing support to Swyft Cities and local governments in project development discussions

TransPod: working to identify statewide program/interest

CERTT: continued monitoring for new technology proposals



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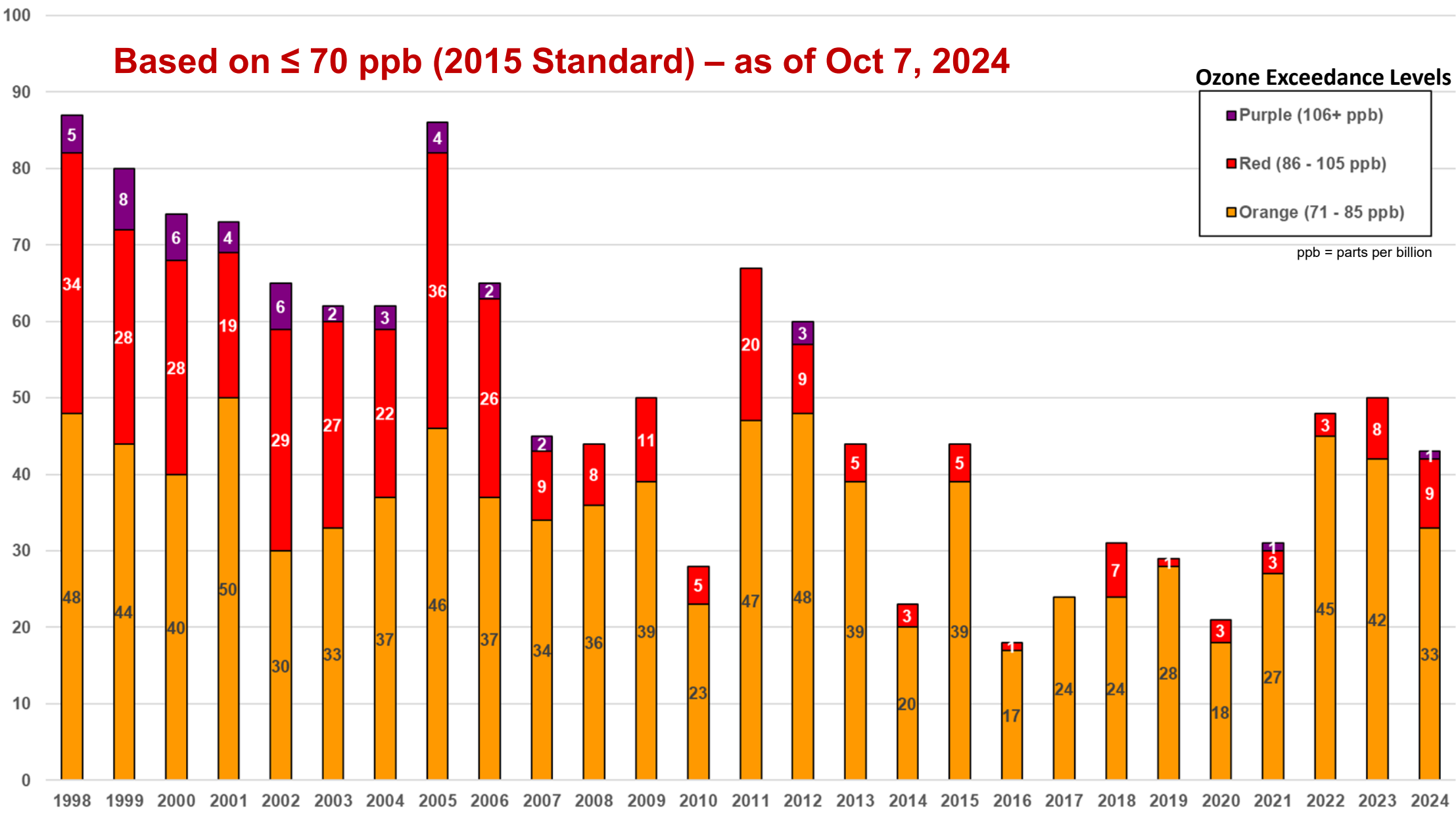


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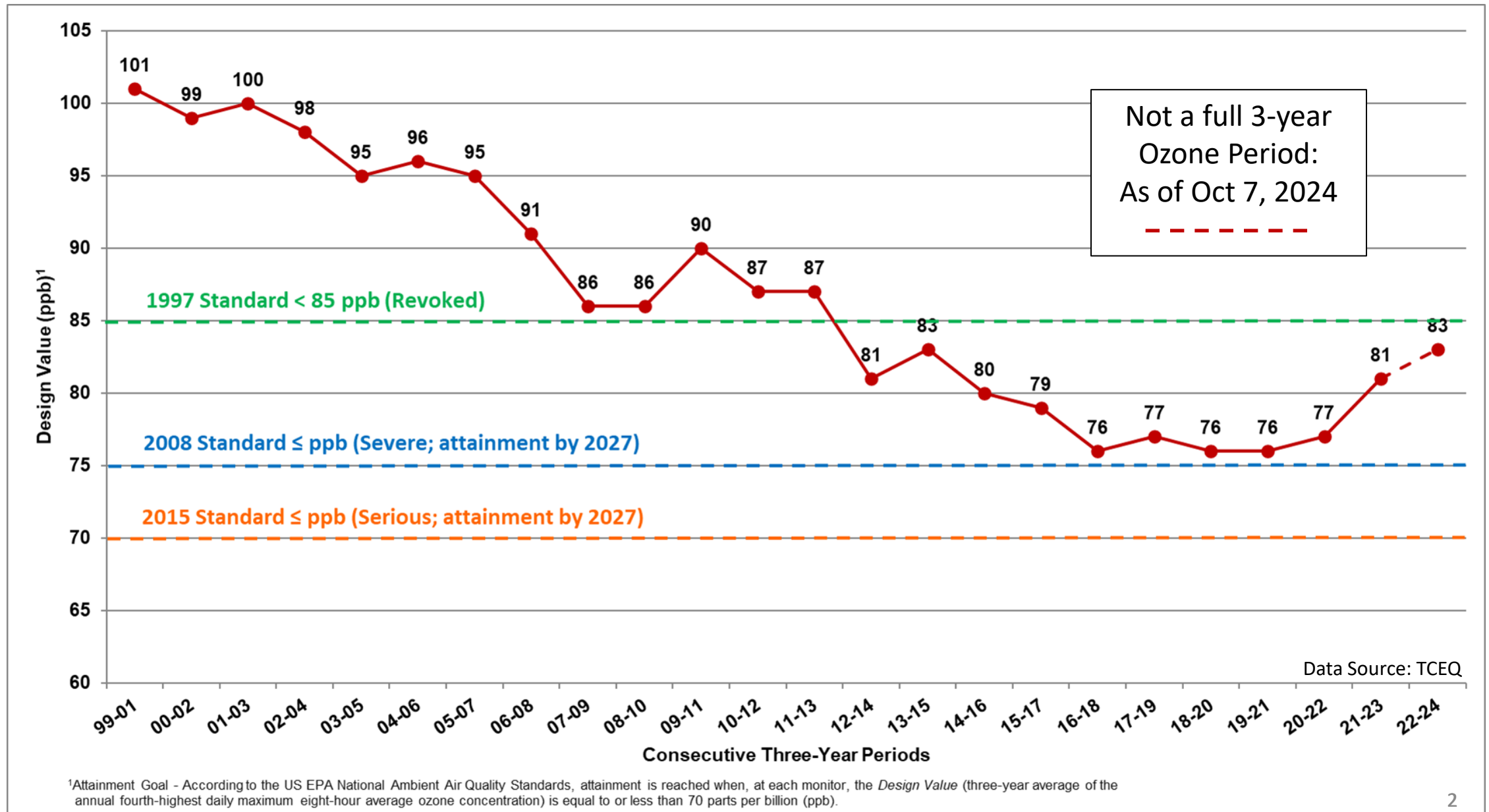
8-HOUR OZONE NAAQS HISTORICAL TRENDS

Based on ≤ 70 ppb (2015 Standard) – as of Oct 7, 2024



Exceedance Level indicates daily maximum eight-hour average ozone concentration.
Exceedance Levels are based on Air Quality Index (AQI) thresholds established by the EPA for the revised ozone standard of 70 ppb.

8-HOUR OZONE NAAQS HISTORICAL TRENDS



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NCTCOG PRESENTATION

Engine Off North Texas Status Report

Surface Transportation Technical Committee

October 25, 2024

Trey Pope, Air Quality Planner

Engine Off North Texas

Goal

Reducing unnecessary engine idling in our region with the main focus on heavy-duty diesel vehicles

Education

Provide local government guide, ordinance template, brochures, posters, and webpage

Support

Provide tools and resources to help facilitate idle reduction



Legend

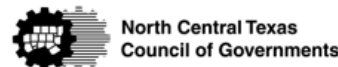
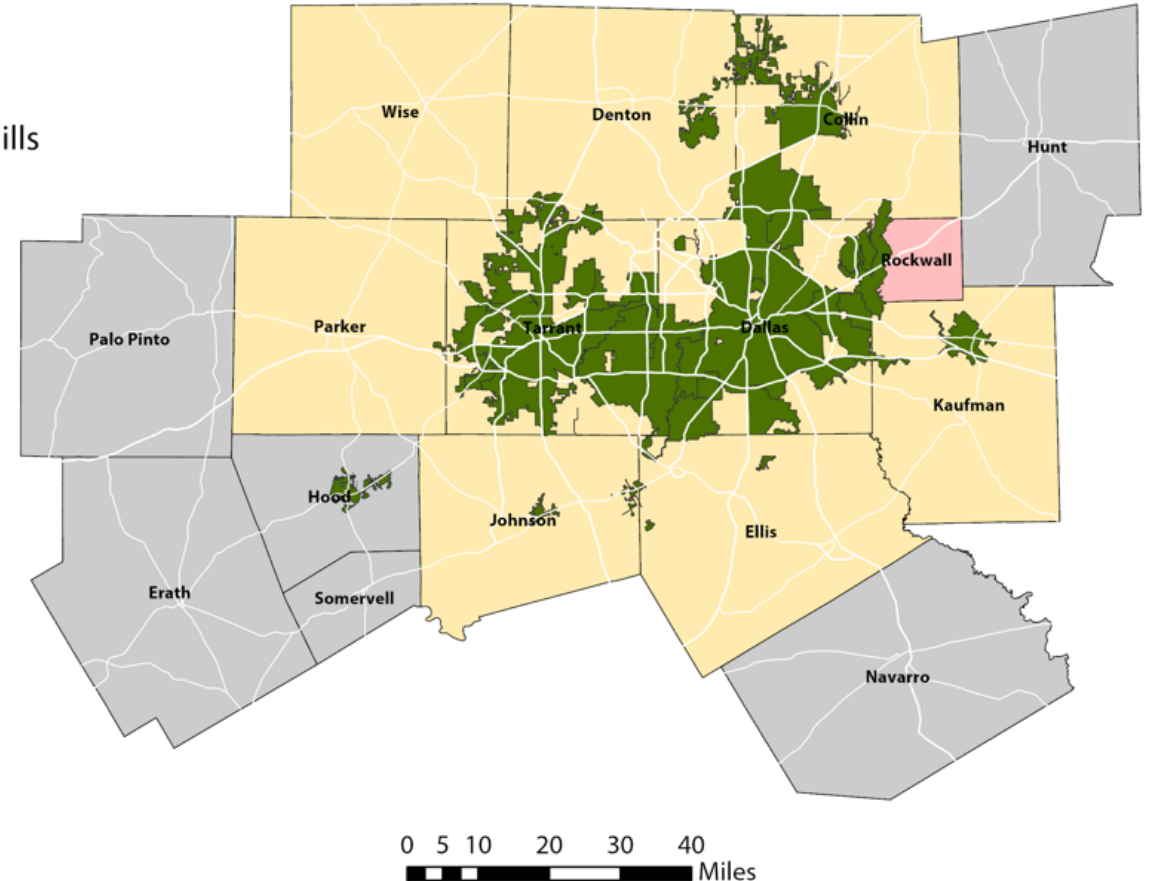
Cities With Idling Restrictions

Arlington	Little Elm
Benbrook	McKinney
Cedar Hill	Mesquite
Celina	North Richland Hills
Dallas	Pecan Hill
Duncanville	Plano
Euless	Richardson
Fort Worth	Rowlett
Granbury	Sunnyvale
Grand Prairie	Terrell
Hurst	Trophy Club
Keene	University Park
Lake Worth	Venus
Lancaster	Westlake

Counties Designated Nonattainment Under 8-Hour NAAQS

- 2008 Only
- 2008 and 2015

North Texas Idling Restrictions



Engine Off North Texas Toolkit

Resources are available by request **free of charge** from the North Central Texas Council of Governments.

Request regulatory signs, brochures, and posters at www.engineoffnorthtexas.org;

- click on “Engine Off North Texas Toolkit”, then
- click on “Request Engine Off North Texas Materials”

Complete and Submit Microsoft Forms Document

NCTCOG staff will coordinate with contact person to pick up/deliver items that cannot be mailed.

Resource	Audience	Purpose
Regulatory Signs	Truck Drivers	Deter truck drivers from idling in high idling areas
Brochures	Truck Drivers	Inform truck drivers of anti-idling ordinances, idling negative effects, and anti-idling strategies
Posters	General Public	Provide information about idling complaint hotline, can be posted at truck stops and public buildings
Local Government Guide	Local Government	Provide guidance regarding implementation of an idling policy in local jurisdiction
Infographic	Truck Drivers, General Public, Local Government	Use in presentations or website to provide information for truck drivers, general public, law enforcement, and local government
Complaint Hotline 877-689-4353	General Public	Submit idling complaint to NCTCOG
Engine Off North Texas Website www.EngineOffNorthTexas.org	Everyone	Access to all resource and provides information to all audiences



Coming Soon:

Correspondence to Local Governments which:

- Summarizes the purpose of Engine Off North Texas
- Provides information on the ordinance or TCEQ Memorandum options
- Provides a link for local governments to connect with NCTCOG staff
- Provides information to request local government guide, regulatory signs, posters and brochures



TO: City Managers/City Administrators

DATE: October 25, 2024

FROM: Jason Brown, Program Manager

SUBJECT: NCTCOG's Engine Off North Texas Program

Through the Engine Off North Texas (EONT) Program, designed as a transportation air quality initiative, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) encourages local governments to reduce unnecessary heavy-duty vehicle engine idling from commercial business fleets or personal-owned vehicles within their jurisdictions, whether through adopting and enforcing an idle restriction ordinance, encouraging installation of idle reduction infrastructure such as electrified parking spaces, or implementing other idle reduction strategies. EONT offers guidance and materials available upon request – free of charge – to all local governments and businesses within NCTCOG boundaries.

The Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approved the Locally Enforced Motor Vehicle Idling Restrictions Resolution (R21-06) on October 14, 2021. A copy of this resolution, that could provide more flexibility to address idling issues within your jurisdiction, is enclosed. This resolution encourages adoption and implementation of an idling restriction ordinance as an option that is not limited to signing the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Locally Enforced Motor Vehicle Idling Limitation Memorandum of Agreement. This would allow local jurisdictions to implement an idle restriction ordinance without excluding them from competing for idle reduction infrastructure funding from TCEQ.

If you are interested in connecting with NCTCOG to find out more, please use the website link to the EONT Contact Form at <https://forms.office.com/r/MhLDQ7kzW8> or scan the left QR code at the bottom of this memo to identify a direct contact with whom we can coordinate EONT efforts, like how to adopt, implement, and enforce an idle restriction ordinance. Additionally, use the website link to the EONT Materials Request Form at <https://forms.office.com/r/rZveiJuih5> or scan the second QR code at the bottom of this memo to request Engine Off North Texas brochures and/or posters.

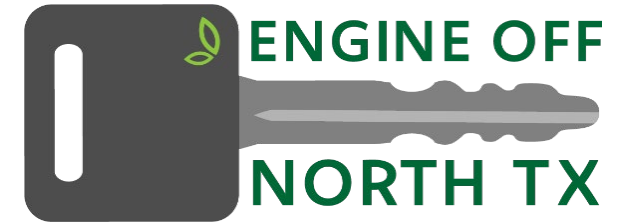
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Local Clean Air Project Spotlight: Arlington Multi-Modal Delivery Demonstration

Surface Transportation Technical Committee

October 25, 2024

North Central Texas Council of Governments

Photo Source: City of Arlington

Arlington Multi-Modal Delivery Demonstration

Community:

- Zip code 76010; Historically disadvantaged community with a below-poverty rate of 26%*

Benefits:

- Demonstrate, test, and evaluate efficiency, scalability, and environmental impacts of using zero-emission robots to deliver critical goods to disadvantaged communities
- Harness lessons learned to develop blueprint for decarbonization
- 139 deliveries made from September 9 -13

Read More:

[www.arlingtontx.gov/city_hall/departments/transportation/Uncrewed Aircraft Systems](http://www.arlingtontx.gov/city_hall/departments/transportation/Uncrewed_Aircraft_Systems)

*2020 Census



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DALLAS DISTRICT PROGRESS

Monthly Report on Dallas District Projects | Topics *** COLLIN CO. | DALLAS CO. | DENTON CO. | ELLIS CO. | KAUFMAN CO. | NAVARRO CO. | ROCKWALL CO.

Save Me With A Seat: A Lifesaving Campaign

STATEWIDE — Car seats have the potential to be lifesavers, but only when they are installed and used correctly. In September, through the Save Me With a Seat campaign, TxDOT focused on raising awareness about car seat safety during National Child Passenger Safety Week (Sept. 15-21). By partnering with retired NASA rocket scientist Shayla Rivera, TxDOT aims to educate parents and caregivers about the importance of properly securing children in their car seats.

"It is extremely important that parents scheduled a car seat check," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, nearly 46% of car seats are installed incorrectly. TxDOT offers free safety checks year-round, encouraging parents to visit [SaveMeWithASeat.org](https://www.savewithaseat.org) to find their nearest specialist and schedule an appointment.

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The booth at the Save Me With a Seat campaign, where TxDOT focused on raising awareness about car seat safety during National Child Passenger Safety Week.

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SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation

SEPTEMBER 2024 LET PROJECTS

	CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	EST. COST (M)	BID (M)	+/- (%)	EST. TOTAL COST (M)	CONTRACTOR
1	0163-01-070	BS 31D	SH 31 WB at Post Oak Creek	Bridge replacement	\$4.51	\$4.44	-1.43%	\$5.58	Talbert Co. LLC
2	0196-03-289	I-35E	SS 348 to I-635	Rehabilitate existing roadway	\$20.03	\$22.25	11.10%	\$24.04	Gibson & Associates, Inc.
3	0451-04-026	SH 205	Collin C/L to north of SH 66	Preventive maintenance	\$4.63	\$4.17	-9.92%	\$5.42	Texas Materials Group, Inc.
4	0918-47-288	Barnes Bridge Rd.	Barnes Bridge Rd. at Duck Creek.	Bridge replacement	\$2.66	\$2.29	-13.90%	\$3.26	Ashlar Contracting Co.
5	0918-47-360	Spine Rd.	Eagle Ford/Shady Ridge camp within Cedar Hill State Park	Reconstruct existing roadway	\$3.37	\$3.67	9.17%	\$4.04	Eurovia Atlantic Coast LLC
*	0918-00-392*	Various	Various locations in the Dallas District	Install traffic signal	\$4.51	\$4.86	7.71%	\$5.55	Durable Specialties, Inc.

* Unmapped.

EST. SEPTEMBER 2024 TOTALS

\$39.69 \$41.68

** District FY 2024 Letting Cap.

DISTRICT FY CUMULATIVE LETTINGS

\$41.68 \$39.69

DALLAS DIST. FY LETTING VOLUME CAP

\$1,301,360,000**

OCTOBER 2024 PROJECTED LETTING PROJECTS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

	CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	EST. COST (M)
1	0092-07-062	SH 356	SH 183 to Elm Fork Trinity River	Rehabilitate existing roadway	\$6.99
2	0172-04-050	US 287	Johnson CL to Newton Branch	Rehabilitate existing roadway	\$15.22
*	0081-05-053	FM 428	Various Loc. in Collin, Dallas, Denton to Ellis, Navarro, Kaufman, Rockwall Counties	Seal coat, pvmt. markings, mill & inlay	\$17.60

* Unmapped.

ESTIMATED TOTAL \$39.81 M

COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS (FROM SEPTEMBER 1-30, 2024)

	CSJ NUMBER	HWY	LIMITS	TYPE OF WORK	EST. COST (M)	COMPLETED DATE
1	0918-47-359	West Spine Rd.	In Cedar Hill Park	Rehabilitation of existing road	\$2.2	9/3/2024
2	0281-01-037	SH 78	From BS 78F to US 380 in Collin	Intersection improvements	\$4.0	9/6/2024
3	3427-03-007	FM 3356	From FM 455 to Grayson County line	Rehabilitation of existing road	\$5.8	9/24/2024
*	0918-47-438	Various	Dallas County AO Stripping Plan 2023	Reflectorized pavement markings & markers	\$4.0	9/5/2024

* Unmapped.

ESTIMATED TOTAL \$15.8 M

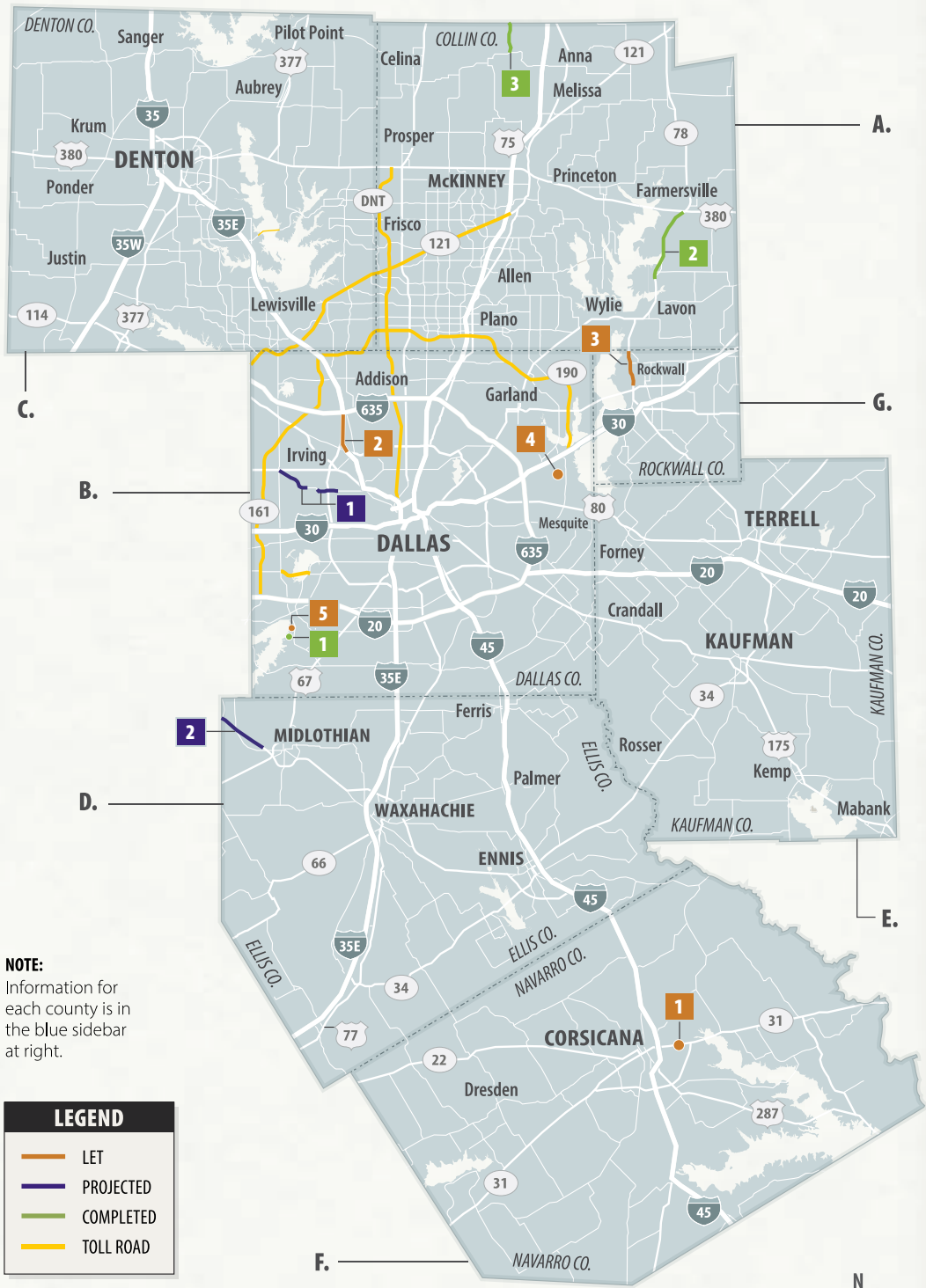
SOURCE: Texas Department of Transportation

TxDOT graphic



DALLAS DISTRICT PROJECTS MAP

Colored and numbered boxes correspond with the charts on page 2 and show projects that have let in September 2024, are projected to let in October 2024, or have recently been completed.



NOTE:
Information for each county is in the blue sidebar at right.

LEGEND

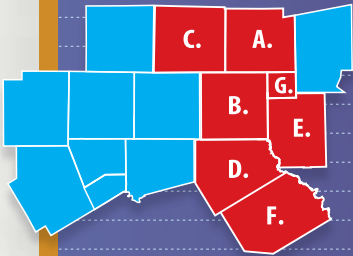
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SOURCE: TxDOT research
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: NCTCOG



2024 DALLAS DISTRICT ESTIMATE TOTALS

VEHICLE REGISTRATION | 4,272,434
*POPULATION ESTIMATE | 5,560,191
LANE MILES | 11,456

A. | COLLIN COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 892,924
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 1,229,632
LANE MILES: 1,578

B. | DALLAS COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 2,101,685
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 2,716,721
LANE MILES: 3,563

C. | DENTON COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 763,677
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 1,036,720
LANE MILES: 1,822

D. | ELLIS COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 201,810
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 228,511
LANE MILES: 1,627

E. | KAUFMAN COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 151,162
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 161,562
LANE MILES: 1,225

F. | NAVARRO COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 54,161
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 55,873
LANE MILES: 1,276

G. | ROCKWALL COUNTY

VEHICLE REGISTRATION: 107,015
*POPULATION ESTIMATE: 131,172
LANE MILES: 365

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The campaign's **Are You Ready for Takeoff?** experience made stops across Texas, including in Roanoke on Sept. 24. Families enjoyed space-themed activities while learning how to install and use car seats correctly. The Roanoke event saw 5 families participate, ensuring the safety of 7 children, while 6 public outreach feedback surveys were completed.

In 2023, 47 children under 8 were killed in Texas traffic accidents, and 320 more were seriously injured. With campaigns like **Save Me With a Seat**, TxDOT hopes to reduce those numbers by promoting the proper use of car seats, a key part of its broader #EndTheStreakTX initiative, which aims to encourage safer driving habits across the state. ■



AT LEFT: Two attendees to the event prepare to "take off" – while at the same time having fun as well as learning the more nuanced importance of the proper installation and use of safety car seats.

AT LOWER LEFT: The space-themed activity check list and instructions stand-out colorfully.



SOURCE: TxDOT



TxDOT photos

Save me with a seat.org

ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION:

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46% of car seats are installed incorrectly.

IN 2023:

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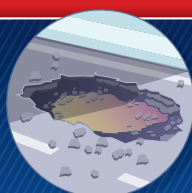
47 children under 8 were killed in Texas traffic accidents, and **320** more were seriously injured.

SOURCE: TxDOT

TxDOT graphic

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MINUTES**REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING****Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail: Advancing Environmental Process****Miles Matter Program****Meeting Date and Location**

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) held a hybrid public meeting Monday, Sept. 9, 2024, at noon in Arlington. Patrons could attend in person, via phone or view the live stream at www.publicinput.com/nctcogSept24. Natalie Bettger, Senior Program Manager, moderated the meeting attended by 318 people.

Public Meeting Purpose and Topics

The public meeting was held 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, and amended on November 8, 2018. Staff presented information about:

- Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail: Advancing Environmental Process – **presented by Brendon Wheeler/Rebekah Gongora**
- Miles Matter Program – **presented by Natalie Bettger**

The public meeting was held to educate, inform and seek comments from the public. Comments were solicited from those attending who wished to speak for the record. The presentations made during the meeting as well as a video recording were posted online at: www.publicinput.com/nctcogSept24.

Summary of Presentations

Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail: Advancing Environmental Process presentation:
https://www.nctcog.org/getmedia/b6b62ecd-7fe6-4f2d-bebd-29cfd5da9df3/Dallas-Fort-Worth-High-Speed-Rail_Advancing-Environmental-Process.pdf

The High-Speed Transportation Connections Study traverses Dallas, Irving, Cockrell Hill, Grand Prairie, Arlington, Pantego, Dalworthington Gardens, Hurst, Euless, Bedford, Richland Hills, North Richland Hills, Haltom City and Fort Worth.

The study's purpose is to:

- Evaluate high-speed transportation alternatives, including alignments and technology
- Connect Dallas-Fort Worth to other high-performance passenger systems in Texas
- Enhance and connect the Dallas-Fort Worth regional transportation system
- Obtain federal environmental approval of the viable alternative

The study is currently in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Environmental reviews are conducted during this phase to assess the potential environmental implications of the proposed actions. Once this process is completed, NCTCOG will be able to investigate financial and operational options through public/private partnerships for implementation. Additionally, TxDOT is conducting a study on IH 30 between IH 35W in Fort Worth to Cooper Street in Arlington. The study is currently in the alternatives analysis phase, where improvement concepts are being evaluated. Future phases will include the development of a design schematic, an interstate access justification report and environmental studies. Public involvement opportunities will be available throughout the study process. TxDOT aims to achieve environmental and federal approval by the end of 2027.

Since 2020, 300 meetings have been held throughout the region related to high-speed rail. This includes public meetings, open houses and working group sessions, as well as coordination meetings with federal and State agencies. Additional engagements include a technical forum, discussions with transportation agencies and railroads, meetings with city and elected officials, stakeholder interviews and community group meetings.

The next steps for the study include advancing engineering for the western alternative in downtown Dallas and continuing stakeholder coordination. For more information on the High-Speed Transportation Connections Study and to sign up for project notices, visit www.nctcog.org/dfw-hstcs.

Miles Matter Program presentation:

<https://www.nctcog.org/getmedia/805a36ff-631b-437f-b245-e6c85d4f5e6b/Miles-Matter-Program.pdf>

The Miles Matter Program is an incentive program for travel behavior that uses the GoCarma app to promote high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) travel, congestion avoidance and off-peak travel. The program coincides with transportation policy objectives and provides personalized rewards. Drivers gain points for desired travel habits, which can then be redeemed for gift cards.

The program has evolved over time, commencing in 2006 with the establishment of the NCTCOG Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Tolloed Managed Lane Policy, which first implemented manual HOV verification while examining automated verification options. TxDOT and NCTCOG signed a deal with Carma Technologies in 2017 to implement occupancy detection using the GoCarma app, which went live in 2020. The GoCarma app simplifies the HOV discount process for drivers in the 120-mile TEXpress Lane network. The software uses proximity detection with Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) and GPS to automatically verify HOV status in real time, removing the need for roadside enforcement. The system has processed over 5.4 million toll transactions, certifying the HOV status of over 75,000 cars in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. The software is completely transparent about transactions, and strong privacy protections are in place to secure user data.

The Miles Matter Program launched in September 2024, with approximately 500 participants drawn mostly from existing Carma users. Participants will earn points by completing surveys, taking odometer readings and driving on IH 35W during specific hours. The project is expected to conclude in December 2025.

For more information or to participate, visit www.gocarma.com/dfw.

COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE MEETING

Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail: Advancing Environmental Process

Michael Ilagan, Citizen

A. Dallas City Council resolution

Comment: I didn't quite pick up why the Dallas City Council made a resolution to move that rail alignment. My biggest concern as a Dallas resident is how do I access this train? I know exactly how to access the TRE and DART, but I don't see how this train connects to either of those right now. Do I have to take an Uber or a Lyft to get to the Cedars or do I have to drive to the Cedars? It might be easier for me just to take the TRE to get to Fort Worth than to take an Uber or a Lyft or drive and find parking down in the Cedars. It just seems like a comedy of errors at some point.

Summary of response by Brendon Wheeler: From city council meetings and our discussions, there's concern that a 70-foot viaduct would further divide that part of downtown and hinder development, including the new convention center. There's also a negative view of the infrastructure costs. You're right about the connectivity to the approved Dallas high-speed rail station, which is about two-thirds of a mile from Union Station. There are no planned connections beyond sidewalks and street links. In 2020, the city studied moving Union Station services to a new multimodal center at Lot E but decided to keep Union Station as the hub. More discussions will follow to close the gap between the rail stations.

B. Rail connectivity

Comment: These solutions are going to hurt ridership if there is not better connectivity to something. I never go to the Cedars frankly, and I've lived here for 18 years. I don't know what kind of parking they have down there, but if they're not going to connect it to anything, they had better have a lot of parking. I guess that means I must drive through traffic to get to that spot to get to Fort Worth, which, you know, at some point it is about the same as the TRE.

Summary of response by Brendon Wheeler: Thank you for your comment. As a project team, we understand there's a lot of work to be done to make sure things outside of this project come together to form a cohesive transit system experience. Otherwise, like you said, no one will use it regardless of how much it costs.

C. DART GoLink System and connectivity solutions

Comment: I have one suggestion. In addition to applauding the effort here, regardless of how it ends up, you know, DART has just implemented a new GoLink system that gives users a car service to get from a point to a train station. So, one of the connectivity solutions may be for me to lobby DART to get a GoLink car to take me from Union Station to your Cedar Station. But my point is that maybe there are existing solutions. It might help alleviate some of my anxiety over how to use this thing if it ever gets there.

Response by Natalie Bettger: Thank you for your comments.

Sydria James, Citizen

A. Ticket prices

Question: If, in the future, a new form of public transit connects to downtown Fort Worth, but you're commuting to Arlington, would it be economical to use that? Or would it be like taking a 30-minute flight?

Summary of response by Brendon Wheeler: NCTCOG's role is to plan the corridor. We're not operators, so I couldn't speak to what ticket prices could be. I know between Dallas and Houston, Texas Central has maintained ticket prices will be competitive with airfare, somewhere in the range of 80% of an airline ticket between Dallas and Houston. If you look at Florida's Brightline, ticket prices vary based on monthly packages, the time of day you're traveling or if you want the premium car or the north car. So, between Fort Worth to Arlington or Fort Worth and Dallas, it's hard to say what the ticket prices will be. I imagine they're going to be more expensive than TRE tickets. TRE provides commuter service, where high-speed rail is intended to provide inner city connectivity. That's not to say you can't use high-speed rail to get to a Cowboys game in Arlington. It'll probably depend on what you're trying to do and if it fits into your personal life.

Adrian Enriquez Sanchez, Citizen

A. Development in rural communities

Question: Are there any proposed projects or potential developments to connect slightly more rural communities to these urban areas like Dallas and Fort Worth? I'm asking specifically for Corsicana, Fairfield, Palestine, Jacksonville, etc.

Summary of response by Brendon Wheeler: Currently, not to my knowledge. These conversations along the Dallas to Houston corridor would be better handled by Amtrak and Texas Central. The more stations a high-speed rail has, the slower it travels. Globally, high-speed rail systems often balance express routes with those that make more stops. For example, the Beijing-to-Shanghai line in China has express trains and others that stop more frequently. It's an economical decision from an operator's standpoint. As far as I know, Amtrak and Texas Central haven't indicated plans for additional stations.

Phyllis Silver, Citizen

A. Project feedback

Comment: Brendon, you and your team are doing a great job. I realize that there are still a lot of loose ends, but to me personally, it is very inspirational that with all the negative comments and roadblocks, you all come up with so many different alternatives. The project's engineering is also very inspirational. I truly believe that even with all the obstacles, you all will come up with a way that's mutually agreeable to everybody.

Summary of response by Brendon Wheeler: Thank you. We appreciate your comment.

Ally Surface, Citizen

A. Job preparedness and construction impacts

Question: What types of jobs should we as school districts prepare our students for in reference to this project? How will this construction impact our families in the Eagle Mountain, Saginaw and Blue Mound area?

Summary of response by Brendon Wheeler: This is a regional project., From the outset, we believe three high-speed rail stations in the metroplex and the connectivity that it offers to statewide systems really is a nexus not unlike DFW airport back in the seventies. From that standpoint, I think the whole region benefits. The project impacts do not directly extend that far to the north or the west. The farthest west of this project is downtown Fort Worth and then along the IH 30 corridor to Arlington. Then there's the Dallas to Houston corridor that extends south of Dallas towards Houston. No direct project impacts, but I think economically the sky's the limit. According to research from international examples, high-speed rail, especially when connected to transit systems, promotes economic development at transit system stations, even if they are many miles away. This is due to the inner-city access and the inner region access that high-speed rail provides.

Andy Taft, Citizen

A. Project feedback

Comment: Connecting Fort Worth and Arlington to the high-speed rail project is critical. Many thanks to all who are keeping this aspect of the project front and center.

Summary of response by Brendon Wheeler: Thank you for your comment.

Mark Wolf, Citizen

A. Transit for short distance

Question: For such a short distance (Fort Worth to Dallas) why force high speed? Why not just run a dedicated, nonstop TRE timed to the HSR arrival from Houston and not be so complicated about it?

Summary of response by Brendon Wheeler: For a brief response, I'll note an early commenter's point about the connectivity between Union Station and Dallas high-speed rail station. That's two thirds of a mile on city streets and we're expecting riders from all walks of life to use the service. So, from that aspect, creating a seamless connection is important. A dedicated TRE service really connects Dallas and Fort Worth better than it is today, but the purpose of this project isn't to connect Dallas to Fort Worth, it's to provide inter-regional access to downtown Dallas, Arlington and Fort Worth to the rest of the State. The inner-city movement is critical for this one-seat ride.

Olin Jaye, Citizen

A. Project's current roadblocks

Question: What is the remaining major roadblock to the Texas Central Partners - Dallas to Houston? The remaining right-of-way acquisition or political resistance in Grimes County and Texas?

Summary of response by Brendon Wheeler: Since NCTCOG oversees the Fort Worth to Dallas piece, I don't know that we can speak too much to the Dallas to Houston segment. I know Amtrak is continuing to advance their partnership with Texas Central and they're finishing up their due diligence on that planning work. I can't really speak about any future hurdles. I do know they have an environmentally clear document, are working on their funding package, own some of the right of way and are looking on how best to advance that project.

Teresa Moore, Citizen

A. Project feedback

Comment: I am excited about this opportunity to expand transportation options for all of our new residents, visitors and students!

Summary of response by Brendon Wheeler: Thank you for your comment.

Michael Weiss, Citizen

A. Construction costs

Question: How are you planning to pay for the high-speed rail connection if it is constructed? Will the riders pay for all of the construction and maintenance costs, or will it be up to Cities to heavily subsidize it with higher taxes?

Summary of response by Brendon Wheeler: This ties into an earlier question about ticket prices. High-speed rail starts to operate much more like an economical supply and demand model, much like our flights do. When it comes to flights, a lot of those are paid for through ticket prices. High-speed rail, however, can generate a lot of value at the station locations. We have examples from around the world. If you look even at Brightline in Florida, as I mentioned, the value for high-speed rail is provided in the land development opportunities. We're going from an origin to a destination, so those destinations are really where the value of the transportation mode is gained. So, for private operators around the world, they're seeing the benefit in owning, investing and developing as destinations and as a multimodal connectivity point to provide seamless access. Ticket fares do not cover the full cost of the infrastructure. We believe the development of the station really leverages a lot of that funding revenue. Between Fort Worth and Dallas, we don't expect this to be a fully public enterprise. California's high-speed rail system is going the full public funding route. As I mentioned, Brightline West is mostly private with some government loans and grant funding. We expect that this project between Fort Worth and Dallas will be somewhere in the private/public partnership area, where some funding may be public and a lot more of the funding coming from the private sector.

Ann Zadeh, Citizen

A. Community involvement

Comment: There've been a couple questions from audience members about places they can go to advocate for some of the things they're looking for. There's an organization in Dallas called DATA, the Dallas Area Transit Alliance. There is an organization in Tarrant County called Sunrise Movement. There are lots of opportunities to get involved.

Summary of response by Natalie Bettger: Thank you for your comment.

**COMMENTS SUBMITTED DURING THE COMMENT PERIOD VIA WEBSITE,
EMAIL, SOCIAL MEDIA & MAIL**

Email

Ernest Stokely, Citizen

I am writing to express my strong support for public transportation. As we now approach gridlock with our auto-centric transportation corridors, it is more important than ever that we seek and support innovative alternatives of public transportation. It may be that the future lies in multiple modes of public transportation, or we may coalesce around one or two major modes. Whatever the direction, we cannot keep adding private autos onto the roads as the solution to our transportation needs. Innovation must be the key. I strongly support your efforts in North Texas.

Emily Williams

Thank you for your work to ensure that North Texas is not left behind on high-speed rail! What considerations will be made to increase availability for UT Arlington students to commute to-and-from the possible Arlington station? As a UTA alumnus, I previously utilized the MAX bus system from Centreport Station to UTA campus and was saddened to find it was discontinued. I hope future students will have the opportunity to utilize public transportation to attend UTA.

AJ Austin, Citizen

Hello, great presentation and thank you for your dedication to this project!

Comment 1-To reiterate the main point of concern for the traveling public- the high-speed rail routing and station in Dallas MUST be addressed. The high-speed train must use the EBJ Dallas station- nobody is going to walk 2/3 of mile in the Texas summer. Having to call an Uber or a bus is not seamless, pleasant nor cheap! This will further encourage the "one-seat ride" process and encourage an easy transfer to local and regional rail (TRE and DART).

Question 1-Is there any serious discussion to extend the TRE to Weatherford, TX along the UP mainline routing? The growth of Northern Texas will continue westward. (think park-n-ride).

Question 2- Is there any serious discussion to extend the TEXRAIL (or TRE) southward towards the medical district and/or Crowley/Burleson (think a park-n-ride).

Julie Villaescusa, Citizen

Please see attachment 1.

Website

Rob Severance, Citizen

Thank you for the information.

Michael D Ilagan, Citizen

I'm concerned about the location of the station in Dallas. I'm not sure the business community will travel south of downtown to catch a train. Will the DART stop at the train station for high-speed rail? If Dallas residents on the north side find station access inconvenient, ridership will suffer. And I might just stick with taking the TRE since it has stops on the north side of Dallas.

Facebook

1. High-speed rail and travel behavior study for review/comment. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Having a public transit meeting, in the largest city in the U.S. without public transit. Way to be accessible haha — Matthew Banks

Matthew Banks Hi Matthew, the meeting will also be accessible online at publicinput.com/nctcogSept24 where people can participate by phone, email or the website. A live recording will also be available after the meeting, and the comment period is open until October 8. We also offer this accommodation: Need a ride to the public meeting? Request a \$6 roundtrip ride from the DFW CentrePort Station to NCTCOG with the Arlington Transportation app! Download the app at: www.arlingtontx.gov/ondemand. — NCTCOG Transportation Department

Matthew - Ok well I guess the NCTCOG Transportation Department told you. What's more hypocritical is that their office is located in the largest city in the United States that does not have mass transit. That way they can all tell people, "Do as we advise but not as we do." — Rob Dentremont

Rob Dentremont Your statement is a lie. Arlington taxpayers are forced to fund THREE DIFFERENT FORMS OF 'PUBLIC TRANSIT': HandiTran 'Arlington On-Demand' (the taxpayer-funded door-to-door TAXI) 'Mavs Mover' (UTA student vans) — Mi Licater

Mi Licater which one do I use to get to Globe Life Field and AT&T Stadium from a DART station? — Rob Dentremont

Rob "Arlington On Demand" — Mi Licater

Mi Licater I'm sorry, I don't consider Uber variants public transit. Also, if people being able to travel without cars triggers you this much, be thankful you weren't born in the 19th century 🤖 — Matthew Banks

Mi - You called my bluff, good job. I will never use that service, but I hope it provides close to as much value as it consumes. Probably not, I get it. But I have faith in DART...as a kid in the northeast, mass transit was a big help. Not an easy problem to solve here. — Rob Dentremon

NO, WE ARE TAXED ENOUGH ALREADY. — Mi Licater

The question always ... who picks up the tab ... I might go public transport ..it has to be way cheaper than it would be for me to drive my car (even excluding maintenance). Also, it would need to go to burbs at least 10 times ..back and forth ... 5a 6a 9a 4:30p 5:30p 9:30 10:30. That way public tx could be used to go to work from the burbs — Harry Higley

Instagram

1. High-speed rail and travel behavior study for review/comment. — NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcogtrans)



Why is a public transit meeting being hosted in a city completely without public transit?
— Matthew Banks (@matthew.banks.3762)

2. @nctcogtrans will be holding a public meeting to discuss the Dallas-Fort Worth high-speed rail and Miles Matter Program. The Miles Matter Program is a system that aims to engage 500 people who travel along the IH 35W corridor. The first round of participants will begin September of 2024. Participants will be offered incentives to adjust their commute time outside of the peak travel period. Need a ride from CentrePoint Station? Request a round-trip ride for \$6 with the Arlington Transportation App. For more details, including online surveys related to this

meeting and online accessibility, check out Stories/Linktree. #parkandride #arlington #fortworth #publictransportation #dallastransit #highspeedrail — Walkable Fort Worth (@walkablefortworth)



Questions for September 9, 2024 NCTCOG HSR Meeting

Please answer these questions on the proposed Dallas – Fort Worth High-Speed Rail project.

Question 1

Your Grant Application contains the following:

A growing workforce trend is the increasing prevalence of the “super-commuter.” In its 2012 publication, “The Emergence of the Super-Commuter,” the New York University Rudin Center for Transportation defined super-commuters as individuals who live beyond the census-defined combined statistical area of their workplace. This includes commutes of more than 90 minutes or 180 miles from home.

In 2009, Harris (Houston) and Dallas (Dallas) Counties ranked first and second, respectively, as the top U.S. counties for super-commuting. Super-commuters accounted for 13 percent of the workforce in both counties. Of this super-commuting population, approximately 97,000 super-commuters traveled between Dallas and Houston, which represented more than a 50 percent increase in super-commuting since 2002. Since the 2012 publication, the number of super-commuters has increased as businesses prioritize talent over

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“The Emergence of the Super-Commuter” actually says:

“However, because OnTheMap does not identify the travel patterns of individuals in the non-local labor shed, this study cannot ascertain whether all of these individuals can be considered “super-commuters” in the truest sense, since the study interpreted an actual super-commute as an occasional (clarify in parenthesis) long-distance trip, such as once or twice per week, made for work purposes by a variety of intercity travel modes. These figures and trends on “super commuting” should be interpreted as potential or likely super-commuters, since the data only reflects residential location.”²

Would you agree that the super-commuter report does not say that “approximately 97,000 super-commuters *traveled* between Dallas and Houston”? But rather the report says these super-commuters *could potentially have traveled*?

¹ Your Grant Application p 8

² [supercommuter_report.pdf \(nyu.edu\)](#) p 6

Would you agree that Texas Central mischaracterizes this report on their website when they say that “Nearly 100,000 Texans, sometimes called “super-commuters,” travel back and forth between Houston and Dallas/Fort Worth more than once a week [\(source\)](#). ”³

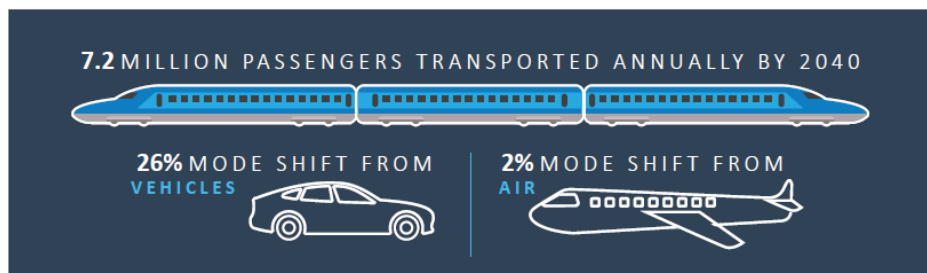
Would you agree that 97,000 Texans traveling back and forth between Houston and Dallas Fort Worth more than once a week would equal to at least 55,000 trips a day? This is much higher than traffic counts on I45 show near Streetman, Texas (which include truck traffic and local/thru traffic). How is this possible? (97,000 Texans traveling back and forth is 194,000 trips a week and the lowest possible whole number more than once a week is twice a week which is 388,000 trips a week or 55,428 trips a day.)

Your statement that “approximately 97,000 super-commuters traveled between Dallas and Houston” appears to be a mischaracterization of the numbers from the 2012 report “The Emergence of the Super-Commuter”. Did NCTCOG make this mischaracterization on their own, or are they just blindly copying what Texas Central has said about this report?

Why does NCTCOG think that a pre-COVID, pre-ZOOM report that is over a decade old has any bearing on high speed rail in Texas?

Question 2

Your Grant Application contains the following graphic:



FRA Corridor Identification and Development Program – FY 2022

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Where did this data come from?

Why would there be a higher mode shift from cars than from air?

Have you heard that worldwide, most hsr passengers come from conventional rail, then air, then cars? Why would only 2% of air passengers switch to hsr?

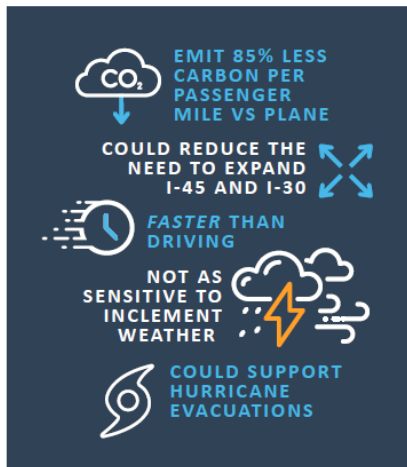
What is the highest mode shift from cars worldwide? Why do you think that Texas would be higher than other HSR lines worldwide? It is because Houston and Dallas both have poor public

³ [The Project - Texas Central](#) obtained August 28, 2024

⁴ Your Grant Application p 8

transportation compared to other countries? Do you think that good local public transit helps or harms HSR ridership?

Where did you get the data for this graphic:



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Is the 85% less carbon per passenger mile vs plane based on Texas’s electricity that is produced by coal and natural gas or is this taken from other countries, such as France, which have mostly nuclear power?

Are you aware that the FEIS did not even bother to calculate emissions savings from air?

“On a relative basis, shifting to HSR from bus or aircraft travel would result in minor reductions of criteria pollutants. Therefore, omitting reductions of criteria pollutants from aircraft and bus travel from the net estimate of emissions due to travel shift to HSR is a conservative assumption since fewer emissions reductions would result by only considering passenger vehicle travel. Accordingly, emissions reductions were not calculated for bus and aircraft travel modes.”⁶

Do you think it’s weird that FEIS did not bother calculating emissions savings from air? Do you think it’s weird that FEIS has only 2% mode shift from air?

Why do you think that hsr could support hurricane evacuations? Where has this happened and how did it work?

Question 3

Are you aware that the FRA’s Texas Central HSR FEIS does not add in emissions from cars around the stations? Do you think this is correct?

Are you aware that the DCMAGLEV project concludes “The SCMAGLEV Project would likely result in an increase to corridor wide criteria pollutant and greenhouse gas emissions, particularly in areas

⁵ Your Grant Application p 10

⁶ FEIS p 3.2-14

around station locations due to increased traffic, but would reduce overall mobile source emissions regionally.”⁷

Why wouldn't the Dallas-Houston HSR reach the same conclusion – there would be more car emissions in the cities due to the HSR?

Question 4

Do you think there will be adequate parking at the Dallas station for cars taking the HSR to Fort Worth and Houston?

The FEIS shows that there will be 5,290 parking spaces available for passengers at the Dallas station (a total of 6,340 vehicles including staff parking and off-site valet parking).⁸

The FEIS states that 25% of the passengers will drive and park, with 1.2 passengers per vehicle.⁹ At 7.2 million passengers per year, there would be approximately 2,000 cars per day arriving to park at the station. At 13 million passengers (which Texas Central is currently touting as shown in a flyer sent to Houston's Mayor Whitmire¹⁰) more than 3,500 vehicles would arrive to park at the Dallas station each day. According to the FEIS, 75% of passengers (and their cars) would stay an average of 3 days on their trip.¹¹

How is NCTCOG planning to address parking for Dallas-Fort Worth passengers?

Do you think the Dallas station is adequately sized for passengers to Houston and Fort Worth?

Question 5

If the Dallas-Houston HSR is never built, or the Dallas-Fort Worth HSR is built first, who will build the Dallas station?

Thanks,

Julie Villaescusa

julie.villaescusa@gmail.com

⁷ <https://bwmaglev.info/project-documents/deis#draft-environmental-impact-statement-deis> SCMaglev DEIS p 4.4-9

⁸ FEIS Appendix F part 1 p 87 (p 109 of document)

⁹ FEIS Appendix F part 1 p 80 (p 102 of document)

¹⁰ Highspeed_Onepage_2020_FINAL.pdf

¹¹ FEIS Appendix F part 1 p 86 (p 108 of document)



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PRESENTATIONS

TRANSIT 2.0: INITIAL RESULTS IMPACTING TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES

The North Central Texas Regional Transit 2.0: Planning for Year 2050 Study is being conducted by the consultants McKinsey & Company and InfraStrategies LLC. The study includes efforts to develop strategies for fostering partnerships and effective collaboration among transit authorities and city leaders throughout North Texas. Potential policy positions will be presented on how transportation authorities can evolve to meet regional needs in the future.

MOBILITY 2050: THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS

NCTCOG is working on the next long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). Staff have initiated the development of Mobility 2050 and will provide an overview of public input heard so far, financial planning and the project evaluation process. For more information, visit: nctcog.org/PlanInProgress.

511DFW TRAVELER INFORMATION SYSTEM

511DFW is a traveler information system for the Dallas-Fort Worth region to provide data on roadway conditions, transit options and roadside assistance.

The system provides information in English and Spanish through the Mobile Application (for Android and iOS devices), at 511DFW.org, or by dialing 511 from a phone within the DFW region. NCTCOG will provide an overview of the new system expected to go live in November 2024.

ONLINE REVIEW + COMMENT

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE LIST OF FUNDED PROJECTS

No in-person presentation. Handout will be posted online at www.publicinput.com/nctcogNov24

RESOURCES + INFORMATION

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For special accommodations due to a disability or for language interpretation, contact Jackie Castillo at 817-695-9255 or jcastillo@nctcog.org at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. Reasonable accommodations will be made.

Need a ride to the public meeting? Request a \$6 roundtrip ride from the DFW CentrePort Station to NCTCOG with the Arlington Transportation app! Download the app at: arlingtontx.gov/ondemand.

Attend in person, watch the presentations live at publicinput.com/nctcogNov24 or participate via phone by dialing 855-925-2801 then code 7348.

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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 Tuesday, Aug. 20 through Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024 via website, email, social media and in person at NCTCOG's monthly Regional Transportation Council (RTC) meeting. This month, comments related to public involvement and air quality 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 52 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>.

Air Quality

Twitter –

1. Learn more about Ozone Action Day! @NCTCOGtrans — Dallas Climate Action (@DallasClimate)



2. Today is an Ozone Action Day, Level Orange! Unsure what that means? Watch this informative City of Dallas video to learn what an #OzoneActionDay is and how we can help keep our air quality safe. If you want more information, visit our partners @NCTCOGTrans. —

Green Dallas (@GreenDallas)



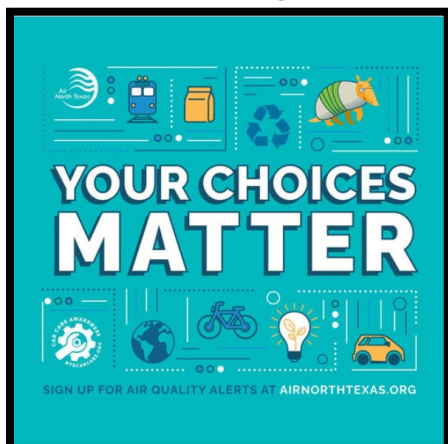
Facebook –

1. Ozone Action Day – Ozone in the DFW area on Thursday, August 22, is predicted to be at Level Orange, unhealthy for sensitive groups. Children, older adults and people with lung disease, such as asthma, emphysema, or chronic bronchitis, should limit outdoor activity. — NCTCOG Transportation Department



I am going to drive to Wichita Falls to save the planet by riding my bike. Won't affect ozone in DFW, right? — Steve Pyle

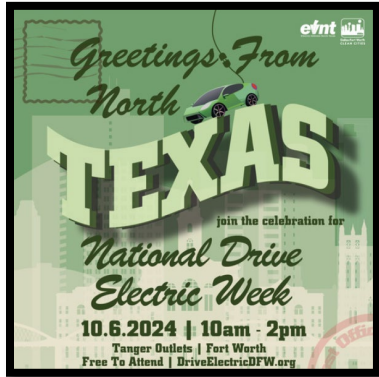
2. Be a part of the regional air quality solution! Keep your vehicle properly inspected and maintained all year round to ensure the air we breathe is clean. Learn more at www.airnorthtexas.org — NCTCOG Transportation Department



You forget to park the jets. They put out way more bad air than my 4cy engine. —
Marcia Brown Richmond

No more toll lanes! — Gordon Scruggs

3. Are you interested in learning more about EVs from actual owners? Come out to our North Texas National Drive Electric Week celebration! — NCTCOG Transportation Department



■ NO — Bruce Williams

Bruce Williams yes. ■ U. — Matthew Bass

EVs. Lol — Shawn Whitehead

Do one in Dallas, too — Marie Tedei

😲 shocking! — Bill Ellis

Who declares this ■? — Larry Bartoli

Why? — Keith Kellermeyer

Keith Kellermeyer because people like to complain about Ev's until they try them. Once they try them people realize the benefits and power an Ev has and people typically change their minds in a more favorable fashion toward Ev's. — Matthew Bass

Matthew Bass so much toxic waste — Keith Kellermeyer

Keith Kellermeyer mine it once and enjoy it for a long time. Recycle it for future use. Battery recycling by Redwood recently achieves a 95% recycling recovery rate for batteries. Companies like Panasonic can purchase those materials for new packs. — Matthew Bass

Texas Barbecue night to be announced when the next one catch's fire — Rod Gaskill

Can't wait — Jesse Garza

Junito Rodriguez — Pedro Tirado Caban

Pedro Tirado Caban: This is amazing!! Thank you for letting me know. — Junito Rodriguez

Janet Baska — Jeff Baska

I'll save you guys the trip - I've owned two and I'll never buy another one, you're welcome. — Donny Baker

Donny Baker So, you bought one and hated it so much that you bought another one. — Steve Yates

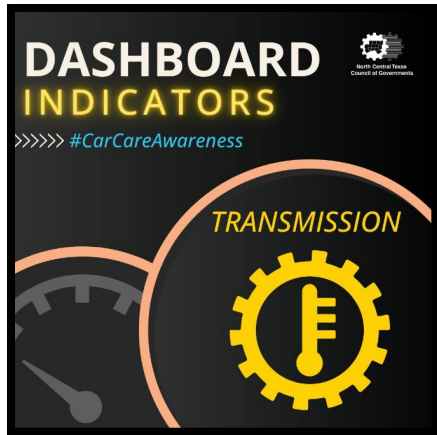
Nice way to receive an introduction — Amos Lapp

Instagram –

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2. If you see this transmissions indicator light, there is a potentially serious issue with your transmission, affecting vehicle emissions and the health of your transmission. Don't ignore it! Learn more at ntxcare.org #CarCareAwareness #CarCareTips #TipTuesday — NCTCOG Transportation (@nctcogtrans)

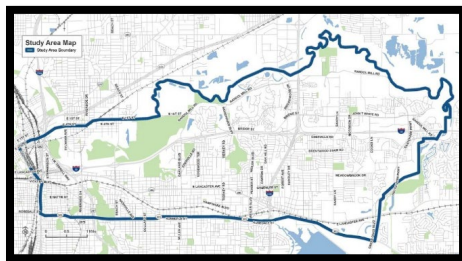


Oh thats the Ford Indicator, its how you know you drive an authentic Ford and not some knock off — Austin Hamill (@greatvalue.exe)

Bicycle/Pedestrian/Sustainable Development

Instagram –

1. The Fort Worth Eastside Transportation Plan (FWETP) is a plan that engages the community in the selection of a preferred alternative for a rebuilt roadway for Lancaster Avenue, Brentwood Stair Road, and Bridge Street. The goal is to improve mobility in East Fort Worth by enhancing pedestrian, bicycle, transit and roadway connectivity and interoperability and by eliminating mobility barrier, while reducing bike and pedestrian crashes. It is of the project's priority to be "respectful of the community, pedestrian-oriented, creates a sense of place, and catalyzes investment." The study will evaluate the potential of high-capacity transit (HCT). On August 12, Fort Worth city staff met with representatives from @ridetrinitymetro, @txdot, and @nctcogtrans to discuss transit improvement initiatives along East Lancaster Avenue (State Highway 180), stretching from Pine Street to South Handley Drive. For more info, including how to submit questions and meeting recaps, check out www.fortworthetp.com Source: www.fortworthetp.com, Irving Weekly #eastfortworth #walkablefortworth #meadowbrook #lancaster #eastlancaster #fortworthcycling #fortworthbikers — Walkable Fort Worth (@walkablefortworth)



High-Speed Transportation

Twitter –

1. A Federal #highspeedrail Authority (HSRA) could assist Texas to reinvigorate their key high-speed route. Should the Federal or State government own the right of way? #Rail #Speed @Amtrak @HouGalvAreaCog @NCTCOGtrans — Ian Ollis 🌐 (@ianollis)

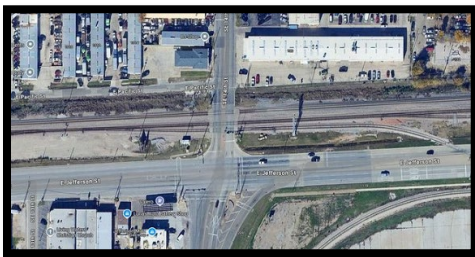
Threads –

1. My strong opinion is @nctcogtrans should've chosen conventional HSR train (e.g. Amtrak Acela) instead of bullet HSR train between DALLAS and Ft Worth. For starters, it's wrong to assume bullet train (top 250 mph) will automatically be faster than conventional (top 125mph) for all trips. NCTCOG claims bullet HSR would take 23 minutes between Dallas and Ft Worth. Great! Let's do math: 36 miles / 23 mins = 93 mph. Why spend \$11B on bullet train that'll never go faster than conventional? — Hexel Colorado (@hexel.co)



Other considerations: City Council rejected last bullet train proposal due to elevated track's impact on development around Union Station downtown. Latest proposal skips Union Station altogether. " @amtrak voiced concerns about the elimination of pedestrian connections in the alternative route." Q: Y'know what rail option ☒ Won't hurt downtown development, ☒ Easy access at Union Station, ☒ Can interface with Amtrak, and ☒ Won't cost equivalent of 5 DART Silver Lines? A: Conventional rail
<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/transportation/2024/09/10/plans-for-dallas-fort-worth-bullet-train-that-bypasses-downtown-moves-ahead/> — Hexel Colorado (@hexel.co)

Here's a bright idea: If NCTCOG has the capacity to throw ideas around for various bullet train alignments, why not throw conventional rail back into the mix? You may say, "but we already moved past that decision phase." That's an arbitrary constraint. Is there a law against putting conventional rail back on the table? If you're willing to propose sophisticated bridges and complex engineering solution, surely we can figure out how to add a few more tracks along UP railway. — Hexel Colorado (@hexel.co)



More considerations: Dallas to Fort Worth in 23 minutes is a lot less impressive considering @amtrak Texas Eagle already does the same run in 35 minutes daily, which is already faster than drive time of 40-45mins printed on NCTCOG promo. And that's with their old rolling stock going what amounts to 61 mph. Imagine how much faster the trip would be if we got their new Acela trains! Acela top speed is 160 mph, and we only need 93 mph to make 23min run; bullet train is overkill. — Hexel Colorado (@hexel.co)

1. We want to hear from you! Join us for a public meeting about #transportation safety along Abrams Road and Skillman Street. #dallastraffic #dfwtraffic #VisionZeroDallas #VisionCeroDallas — Dallas Transportation & Public Works Department (@DDOTransport)



Facebook –

1. How well does the Dallas-Fort Worth transportation system meet your needs? — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Please see Attachment 1 for comments submitted via Facebook.

2. How well does the Dallas-Fort Worth transportation system meet your needs? — NCTCOG Transportation Department



Crockett county? — Darrell Leslie Long

The road infrastructure needs a complete rebuild. The roads are terrible. One question. Why are the construction companies not made to rebuild roads that have not met standards when they were new. There are many roads that just shake our cars and trucks to pieces. Don't you require a warranty on the construction companies finished product? — Don Keith

Not at all in Hunt County, I live in Commerce Texas. — Patricia Hall

The Dallas -Fort Worth Transportation system should partner with the Revo Ride Share App through us, to give more rides. — Bob Galveston

Auto — Sidney Morrison

Lmao — Gayla Smith

We need scheduled transport from the suburbs to the city. — Mildred Hestand

There is public transport?? 🤔🤔🤔 — Maaike Derksen

3. Do you walk, ride, bike, or drive in Dallas-Fort Worth? We need your input! — NCTCOG Transportation Department



All streets in Texas are terrible. The speed limit is to fast and dangerous — Gladys Layne

Instagram –

1. How well does the Dallas-Fort Worth transportation system meet your needs? — NCTCOG Transportation Department



It does not — Elle Plaster (@elleplaster)

I would like to get to the Botanical Gardens in Fort Worth from Bedford. And back. I volunteer there. Round trip by Uber costs me \$40 on a good day. At present I can only afford once a week. — Anne Hollingworth (@miniart18)

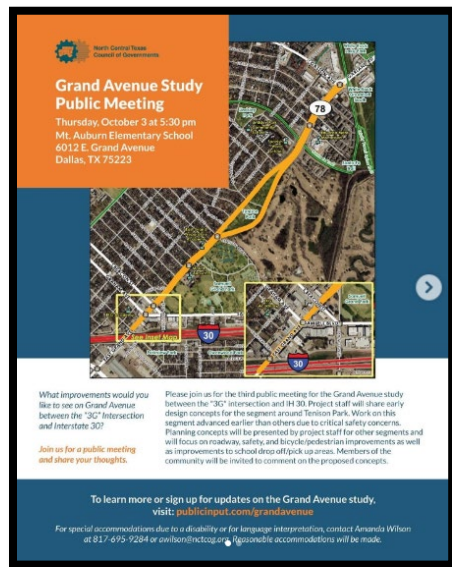
Hunt county has no public transportation at all. I'm sure many of the surrounding counties are in the same boat. — Adalis (@adalis.m.m)

It doesn't. It's 100 years behind every major city — Kelly Shanley (@kellygirlirish)

Lolol since when has NCTCOG given a [REDACTED]? — Christopher Burge (@chrisburgetx)

2. @nctcogtrans is hosting a public meeting to discuss the proposed redesign of Grand Avenue. This road is a major divider in East Dallas, situated by multiple schools, parks, trails, and other amenities that should be safe to walk and bike to. Come to the meeting and make your voice heard. Details: Thursday, October 3 5:30pm Mt. Auburn Elementary 6012 E. Grand Avenue —

Dallas Bicycle Coalition (@dallasbicyclecoalition)



Nextdoor –

Please see Attachment 2 for comments submitted through Nextdoor.

Roadways

Twitter –

1. @GregAbbott_TX @DallasMayor @MayorMattie @Fox4 @NBCDFW If we can spend billions on the border & immigrants, then we can spend the \$\$ on fixing the loop 12 problem. A four-lane elevated loop all the way around & then using the existing roadway as on/off - local traffic would fix it. [REDACTED] investment - but necessary for the future as DFW & TX business grows. It'll be inevitable at some point; so why not now, & stop the pedestrian deaths? Trying to 'slow down' traffic in the long term is both stupid and anti-growth. & TX growing is inevitable too. Go with the flow, not against it. @NCTCOGtrans @NCTCOG_Official— Jeff Klumpp (@jKlumppster)

Email –

1. Trish and John Donaghey

Per The Princeton Herald in July, a four or six-lane divided hwy will replace FM 982 in Collin Co., work to begin in 2027. Question: How are four or six lanes going to get onto two-lane bridges across Lake Lavon from Princeton to Lucas to Allen? Concerned re: total gridlock.

2. Vandra Hall

Good morning, our neighborhood is impossible to safely leave or enter with only one way. Redbird Lane is extremely narrow and traffic on FM 1187 is extremely heavy. Please help save lives and decrease accidents by installing more traffic lights. The speed limit is 50 mph, but traffic can be clocked at 70 mph. We need your help. We must work together to solve this

problem.

RTC/STTC/Executive Board

RTC –

Please see Attachment 3 for comments submitted during the RTC meeting on September 12, 2024.

Twitter –

1. I'm excited to represent the City of Dallas on the @NCTCOGtrans Regional Transportation Council. This important coalition of local leaders empowers member-municipalities to pursue transportation projects and planning essential to the success of the DFW region. #D2 #Dallas — Dallas City Council District 2 (@CityofDallasD2)



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Estoy emocionado de representar a la Ciudad de Dallas en el Consejo Regional de Transporte @nctcogtrans. Esta importante coalición de líderes locales empodera a los municipios miembros para llevar a cabo proyectos de transporte y planificación esenciales para el éxito de la región DFW. #D2 #Dallas — Jesse Moreno (@dallascitycouncildistrict2)



Transit

Email –

1. Cindy Lewis

I am 71 and a new resident in the Branch neighborhood of Princeton, TX 75407. Are there any plans to bring public transportation to our area? If I have sent this to the wrong department, could you please forward it for me?

Response by NCTCOG Transportation Staff:

Thank you for reaching out to us about public transportation in Princeton. Your concerns about connectivity and accessibility in this area are very important and we appreciate you sharing them. Identifying gaps such as this can help us better understand where the need for expanded public transportation service exists. The following is a description of existing public transportation services in the City of Princeton:

Collin County Transit is a service managed by the McKinney Urban Transit District (MUTD) and powered by Dallas Rapid Area Transit (DART) Mobility Service. The service provides on-demand shared rides to qualifying riders from McKinney, Melissa, Celina, Lowry Crossing, Princeton and Prosper. Qualifying criteria to apply for the service is to be an individual with low household income, 65 or older, or a person with a disability. To learn more, you can visit their website at [MUTD Eligibility Form \(dart.org\)](https://mutd.org/eligibility-form).

We recognize there is still additional demand for public transportation services in the area. In coordination with a wide range of stakeholders, we document in Access North Texas the transportation needs of older adults, individuals with disabilities, individuals with lower incomes and others with transportation challenges within our 16-county region and outline strategies to address those needs for the next four years. If you would like to participate in our plan's survey and outreach, please visit our page at www.AccessNorthTexas.org.

If you have any questions, please reach out to either me or Zoë Aguilar at zaguilar@nctcog.org.

Instagram –

1. Friends - we've got to get Arlington moving right 🇺🇸 🚆 🍷 🧐 ✨ Our campaign continues to grow and we are needing some extra hands with research and outreach... smvmt.us/Tarrant Meet week we have:

- ✨ the @nctcogtrans transportation meeting Monday 9 at noon (note takes and report back)
- ✨ canvassing at UT Arlington around our public transportation petition Tuesday 10 at 9 am (smvmt.us/arlington & smvmt.us/ntxrail)
- ✨ Arlington city council meeting Tuesday night at 6 pm (public comments and report back)
- ✨ Sunrise Tarrant public transportation team meeting Wednesday 11 at the downtown library at 6 pm
- ✨ 🇺🇸 🎨 Art build for the campaign Friday 13 at 6 pm at the UTA architecture building courtyard (message us for more details)

If you are ready to help organize young people around public transportation in Arlington and across Tarrant County - Join us! 🖐️ smvmt.us/Tarrant — SUNRISE MVMT. -Tarrant County

(@sunrisetarrant)



Attachment 1



Wm Atkins

Well you've ruined I-35 from downtown Fort Worth to the racetrack and you've ruined NE Loop 820 with you ridiculous, overpriced toll roads that working folks cannot not afford.

But they work out well for your buddies at North Texas Mobility Partners.

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Albert Mantell

I can go anywhere in Ft.Worth. However my family is in Arlington. No public transportation goes there.

4d Like Reply [Send message](#) Hide



Crystal Main

Fix I-20 in parker. It's a death trap

6h Like Reply [Send message](#) Hide



Joe Zihlman

The real problem with public transportation is..... SAFETY from crime. They don't call DART the "Mugger Mover" for nothing.

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Violet Alexander

[Joe Zihlman](#) you can have officers ride the cars intermittently. Put up cameras. Other cities have solved that problem, Texas is smart enough to solve it too.

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Joe Zihlman

[Violet Alexander](#) you would think so, but go ride DART unarmed and see how you feel.

6h Like Reply [Send message](#) Hide



Violet Alexander

[Joe Zihlman](#) I have rode the DART from Plano to Dallas when I was working. During daytime hours, it was fine. In the evening, after 7pm, it was sketchy. That's when you especially need authority's presence felt. I will say AGAIN, other cities have found a way to deal with these issues and I know Dallas/Ft Worth can figure out a solution to provide effective and safe public transportation for its people.

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Reply as NCTCOG Transportation...



Murrell Masengill

It absolutely does not. Going into town by bus to get to a place that's outside 635 is an agonizing journey taking at least 90 minutes.
Dallas needs to start addressing the inevitable gridlock. Unrestrained developments are not good.

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Michael Esaili

None whatsoever for Ellis County!

19h Like Reply [Send message](#) Hide



Forest Aten

What? Dallas and Ft. Worth have a "transportation program"?? LOL

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Yvonne Frazier

Transportation system in Fort Worth is on a scale of 1-10 I'll say a 1

13h Like Reply [Send message](#) Hide



Todd Taylor

Mass transit is a massive drain on economy. Anywhere. It is a drain on taxpayers. It generates absolutely little revenue. Totally taxpayer funded for unsafe transit for the few. This isn't New York. By the way, how's their budget on transit? [REDACTED] that beaurocratic, get rich quick scheme about to unfold for a bullet train between Dallas and Houston. Should not even be considered 🤔

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Leslie Rathbun

It doesn't. There is no public transportation where I live.

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Violet Alexander

[Leslie Rathbun](#) me too, that's a shame.

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Reply as NCTCOG Transportation...



Violet Alexander

There is NO public transportation in Allen. If you don't have a car, you're out of luck.

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Linda Willard Jones

The only options for travel in Hunt County are SH 380, US Hwy 69, Tx Hwy 34 and I-30. SH 66 is not viable to Dallas. If you have a car or qualify for The Connect Van those are the only transportation options available in Hunt County. There is no way to go west of Greenville except I-30 and SH 380. Transportation to Plano, Garland or Ft Worth area is time consuming and for those not working costly.

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Mitchell Wilson

Johnson county is more rural than anything. And not that good.

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2



Gil McGuire

Don't know anything about it, but assuming it's costly!

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Teresa Mears Daubach Box

Add Fannin County to your project. There is a big need.

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Cathleen Bee

In the 14 years I've lived in McKinney I've never seen anything that looked like a public transportation vehicle.

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Kal Silverberg

I've worked and lived in Fort Worth for 38 years. The transportation options I have today are the same they were 38 years ago. I don't have another 25 years to wait.

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Michael Seiber

I don't want anything to do with Dallas Fort Worth transportation .. Dallas is just greedy and wants to increase taxes to pay for lousy service . No thank you!!



Katy Mac Kenzie

Hahahaha. It is a complete joke, absolute rubbish.

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Linda Bridges Cook

It would be wonderful if it was finished. Otherwise, it slows down traffic to a crawl, scary when people are not slowing down for backups, curves and narrow lanes are nerve-wracking. Don't get me started with the rain! Otherwise, it'll feel good when it quits hurtin!

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Joe Zihlman

This is really kind of funny. In the 1930s when my father was a child in Oak Cliff part of Dallas. He could get on a electric street car. Go downtown. Go to the interurban station. He could then go as far north as Denton. Far south as Waco, far west as Mineral Wells and as far east as Terrell. And now they want to build it again.

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Brian Charboneau

[Joe Zihlman](#) Exactly ! We could use that again - and in-city rail, too. Just faster now - and all the way to that far north suburb, Oklahoma City.

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Walter Tee

After they tore it all up [Joe](#)

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Sharon Thomas Viets

I'll be dead and buried by 2050!

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Judy Wilbanks

It doesn't. They were too busy and I air time was 2 months.

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Marilyn Thompson Maddux

I can not recommend public transportation because of the high number of person to person crimes. I rode a few in Dallas and in Fort Worth but did not feel comfortable and will not ride public transportation now.

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Gary Gadd

Point to point transportation plans are plentiful. What about transportation from those to stops are readily available and prompt? That part is always missing and is always the key to success. Note the ridership on existing DFW area trains.

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Kathryn Goelzer

Your project should be called "Motility2050."



Dire Warning: It's In The Seed of Men

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Stephen Taylor

The transportation system in north texas sucks just like every other trashbag city.

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Walter Tee

DFW metroplex transit is horrible

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Violet Alexander

[Walter Tee](#) in Allen it's nonexistent!

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Michael Esaili
None whatsoever for Ellis County!

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Forest Aten
What? Dallas and Ft. Worth have a "transportation program"?? LOL

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Yvonne Frazier
Transportation system in Fort Worth is on a scale of 1-10 I'll say a 1

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Todd Taylor
Mass transit is a massive drain on economy. Anywhere. It is a drain on taxpayers. It generates absolutely little revenue. Totally taxpayer funded for unsafe transit for the few. This isn't New York. By the way, how's their budget on transit? Fuck that beaurocratic, get rich quick scheme about to unfold for a bullet train between Dallas and Houston. Should not even be considered 😊

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Leslie Rathbun
It doesn't. There is no public transportation where I live.

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Violet Alexander
[Leslie Rathbun](#) me too, that's a shame.

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Reply as NCTCOG Transportation...



Violet Alexander
There is NO public transportation in Allen. If you don't have a car, you're out of luck.

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Joe Zihlman

The real problem with public transportation is..... SAFETY from crime. They don't call DART the "Mugger Mover" for nothing.

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Violet Alexander

[Joe Zihlman](#) you can have officers ride the cars intermittently. Put up cameras. Other cities have solved that problem, Texas is smart enough to solve it too.

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Joe Zihlman

[Violet Alexander](#) you would think so, but go ride DART unarmed and see how you feel.

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Violet Alexander

[Joe Zihlman](#) I have rode the DART from Plano to Dallas when I was working. During daytime hours, it was fine. In the evening, after 7pm, it was sketchy. That's when you especially need authority's presence felt. I will say AGAIN, other cities have found a way to deal with these issues and I know Dallas/Ft Worth can figure out a solution to provide effective and safe public transportation for its people.

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Reply as NCTCOG Transportation...



Murrell Masengill

It absolutely does not. Going into town by bus to get to a place that's outside 635 is an agonizing journey taking at least 90 minutes.
Dallas needs to start addressing the inevitable gridlock. Unrestrained developments are not good.

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Author	Body	Author Origin	Date
June M.	what is NCTCOG?	TC Wilemon District	2024-09-05 01:44:14.628 136+00:00 2024-09-05
Joyce S.	North central Texas council of governments	Arlington Lago Vista	01:49:34.077 418+00:00 2024-09-05 11:36:01.133
Earl M.	Think TexPress Lanes...they are the ones. I looked it up & found the meeting's PRESENTATION TOPIC is on Dallas-Fort Worth High-Speed Rail but they didn't mention that in the original posting! Why not?	Lively Park	920+00:00
June M.	Why say the meeting is on "transportation planning initiatives"?? Earl Or going back further think the outfit that helped EPA decide Kaufman County needed to be included with Dallas in vehicle emissions controls by having the Sheriff's Deputies stop people driving home from work so NTCOG temps could question us about where we were coming from and where we were going. Another level of unaccountable government which claims it isn't any level of government, it just "facilitates".	TC Wilemon District	2024-09-07 03:57:30.817 746+00:00
Ed H.	Hi June, apologies, I was simply including the description for the meeting that we typically use in other public meeting posts, since "transportation planning initiatives" covers multiple topics. But thank you for your feedback, in the future I'll include the current month's topics to be discussed in the event description here.	Beautiful Acres	2024-09-09 03:14:02.805 495+00:00
Communications Specialist Sarah T.	Please keep informed about SwyftCities possible projects for DFW area. It looks like the technology of the future!	NCTCOG Transportation Department	2024-09-09 14:13:13.717 390+00:00
Karen S.	www.swyftcities.com	Oak Grove	2024-08-24 18:29:40.398 245+00:00
Peggy M.	Thanks	Parkhill Prairie	2024-08-24 18:34:34.010 333+00:00
Ray B.	Thank you ðŸ˜Š	Garden Acres	2024-08-24 18:43:03.543 033+00:00
Jade M.	Hiring??! Thanks!	Lake Carolyn	2024-08-24 19:47:47.500 418+00:00
Tee R.	Thank you	Gateway Estates	2024-08-24 19:56:52.742 329+00:00

Karen P.	Thank you for hopefully making a ride program more inclusive for us.	Falls	2024-08-24
			20:55:01.159
Susan E.	Brad T you forgot your hatâ€¦	Oak Creek	701+00:00
		Estates	2024-08-24
Andrei C.	Just build bike lanes	Grapevine	20:59:41.296
		Lakes of	978+00:00
Susie S.	Mary	River Trails	2024-08-24
		New Phase	21:16:47.334
Alejandro T.	John clueless? How about some facts proving he's clueless Daniel Kay we need negative nancies to keep positive patties from cluelessly selling the farm. Thats the pt of free speech.	East Side of Wylie	855+00:00
			2024-08-24
Alejandro T.	BTW. Wth does this council do? Develop transportation infrastructure and services?	Hillcrest	21:41:46.405
		Estates	446+00:00
Aubrey K.	Cool interesting Clellie Have you ever heard of the frog in the warming water? If you throw a frog in boiling water it jumps out. Understanding, the boiling water will kill him if he stays. But, the frog that sit's in warming water (telling everyone how the climate has always changed, since the dawn of creation. while they are living on oil & gas leases or at least support the use of fossil fuels.. turning a blind eye to Science and those who have spent their lives researching and documenting these climate changes warning the public) sits in the warming water, drinking white wine and eventually gets cooked from the inside out as the environment slowly heats the water & boils. We understand which frog you are, with 49% of our country so far gone with their heads stuck in theirwe are all doomed.	Hillcrest	2024-08-24
			22:03:55.679
Willdon N.	Willdon never said that what weâ€™re doing to the Earth is not harmful. I just said weâ€™ve always had climate change which does include weather and weather has always changed since the beginning of time. These are facts that are written. If theyâ€™re really worried about climate change, they could start by not cutting all the trees down. We need to breathe. could start with many other other factors if theyâ€™re really worried about climate change for example they could stop flying around in their expensive jets and planes, and start driving their electric cars like they want everyone else to do ,drive one and take the road trip. Stay out of the air, lead by example donâ€™t just talk about stop	Oak Trail Shores	848+00:00
			2024-08-24
Clellie C.		Greenway Parks	22:10:37.021
			243+00:00
			2024-08-24
			22:50:17.247
			582+00:00
			2024-08-24
			22:58:06.624
			234+00:00
			2024-08-24
			23:08:57.502
			186+00:00
			2024-08-24
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putting stuff in plastic bottles go back to glass, glass is better for you to drink out of, encourage people to grow their own gardens they own chickens, pigs, cattle feed them with the right way with the grass encourage people to be more self efficient would help the environment a lot, so many things that could be done. If environment something that is really cared about? if you only two blocks from something take a walk ride a bike no need to drive a car two blocks away. Don't litter ,teach your children not to litter clean up after yourself so many things that they could do so many things before they start doing things that take people jobs. Every Sunday my mom organized a bunch of kids from the neighborhood we went and picked up litter tin cans turned them in got money once a month. She threw a neighborhood party for the kids for the hard work. They did so many things that we could do to help our environment should've complaining back in the day we got our milk from the dairy brought to us in glass bottles returned the glass bottles. They were sterilized and reused.

Paula Sue C.	Mary it is exactly that! Thank you Mary ðŸ“ It does show a desire for accountability. And there is no other reason for the interaction.	Western Hills North	2024-08-24 23:41:15.500 686+00:00 2024-08-24
Margaret W.	Would be nice to know what is happening or going to happen, I know I'm not in the preferred age bracket for the survey but need to voice my frustration in completing it. I've had to start over 4 times and ready to give up. Any ideas to save it before finishing? The map is very difficult. I'm not ADA eligible but this couldn't be accessible	Lost Creek Estates	23:48:13.599 340+00:00
Jean R.		Villas at Fossil Creek	2024-08-24 23:51:45.016 291+00:00
Carol G.	Welcome to our neighborhood!	The Bridges of Deer Creek	2024-08-25 00:03:40.987 632+00:00
Joe F.	Oh just what I wanted some government people with ideas---- Yuck!!! LOL	Oak Creek	2024-08-25 00:21:08.136 034+00:00
Nicholas O.	Sounds good	Meadow Creek	2024-08-25 00:39:09.608 416+00:00
Nancy H.	Thanks for sharing.	Poetry	2024-08-25 00:49:14.455 408+00:00
Lana R.	THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH!!	Homestead	2024-08-25 02:16:23.951 623+00:00
Vishal G.	hi Sarah, very interested to know more about the kind of transportation projects that are in the works.. is there a way i can have a one-on-one discussion with you?	Sunset Pointe	2024-08-25 02:56:27.211 922+00:00

Tyler W.	Larry Hey Larry, the Dallas Area Transit Alliance has been following this very closely. Check us out at https://dallasareatransitalliance.org/ The Dallas Morning News has also been following this as well. Check out Amber Gaudet's coverage on their website. Long story short, many of the upper suburbs served by DART have passed resolutions calling for funding decreases, but these are non binding unless the DART board of directors agrees. We believe there is no small chance the DART board could vote to approve cuts, but the main goal of these resolutions is to build momentum to challenge the state legislature to pass a new law restructuring how DART can be funded. Let me know if you have any more questions.	Addison	2024-08-25 03:29:59.104 595+00:00
Tyler W.	Sandy that would be Trinity Metro, they run the busses in your area.	Addison	2024-08-25 03:31:27.495 973+00:00
Tyler W.	Joey and aren't they awesome? West 7th bike lanes are really handy imo	Addison	2024-08-25 03:32:40.296 488+00:00
Tyler W.	Stephanie Hi Stephanie, you may want to check out DART's paratransit services. They are specifically for helping disabled people stay mobile and independent.	Addison	2024-08-25 03:34:00.332 149+00:00
Abigail P.	How come Dallas doesn't have smaller buses for areas where you don't need a full bus, like other cities? Joey it's already difficult to drive my car... Because of all the traffic.	Mira Lagos	2024-08-25 03:49:35.531 739+00:00
Tyler W.	If Mansfield and Arlington got a bus system I'd be able to see my friends and family so much easier	Addison	2024-08-25 03:56:22.379 610+00:00
Daniel E.	Thanks appreciate you keeping us on the loop. Look forward to getting more updates and info. Abigail https://humantransit.org/2020/04/whats-wrong-with-an-empty-bus.html	Lions Den	2024-08-25 04:15:59.399 453+00:00
Tyler W.	This is a great article that explains why it is often more efficient to run the biggest bus you could possibly need at all times. DART uses the same busses all around because it's easier to switch them between routes if one breaks down.	Addison	2024-08-25 04:17:37.124 549+00:00
Tamera R.	Thank you	Forest Glen	2024-08-25 07:11:29.216 059+00:00
Ed T.	Thank you so much!	Parkview	2024-08-25 08:06:15.865 203+00:00

Barbara K.	Gae Thank you for voicing a question many of us who live in Hood County/Granbury would like to have answered.	DeCordova Bend Estates South	2024-08-25 13:44:56.018 032+00:00
Barbara K.	Jeannie	DeCordova Bend Estates South	2024-08-25 13:48:58.576 345+00:00
Lisa K.	Does this include St Paul? Mass transit is a great idea, however ;last time I rode a city bus there where young guys on the bus yelling outloud that they had drugs with them in thier backpack for sale. Is that what city transportation is for? I call it the thug/drug bus. They use it as thier own personal store on wheels. It's sad, because people who actually need the city bus won't ride because of that	Vista Oaks	2024-08-25 14:08:24.541 279+00:00
charli F.		West Byers	2024-08-25 14:19:04.789 024+00:00
Beverly B.	Are there any plans to make I 20 through Weatherford wider traffic is a nightmare I just wanted to say that the NCTCOG is doing a great job as far as making the area more accessible to bicycles. When the Fort Worth to Dallas trail (now Discovery Trail) was announced I thought that it'd be impossible, but now it's almost complete - a little behind because of the pandemic but still pretty miraculous.	Western Lake Dr	2024-08-25 14:28:02.292 932+00:00
Ron H.	A north-south trail, perhaps through Arlington or Grand Prairie, would be on my "druthers" list, but I know there's only enough to go around.	Westchester	2024-08-25 15:01:17.046 684+00:00
Susan M.	Great organization! My dad served on the board for several years many years ago. Thank you for all that you continue to do to serve our community, Warren - I've not been involved, just aware that they've done nothing except post words online. Can you please list what they have done to increase car-free biking, and cite documented before and after numbers? Particularly I'm interested in how the employees lead by example vs. do as we advise not as we do.	Parker Estates Plano	2024-08-25 15:04:25.978 929+00:00
Rob D.	I'm happy you are a fan but I see a lot of disappointment here. P.S. Watch https://youtu.be/L8CmXc7dNbs?si=QNamx5QYm00G87Jq and see a sad example of car-dependent biking that the bike	Highland Terrace	2024-08-25 17:47:06.289 849+00:00

advocates here defend. Bikes creating more traffic, not reducing it.

Duane H.	Hello, Sarah, very glad to see youâ€™ll be reaching out via Nextdoor app, itâ€™s a great way to get word out on programs, plans, and initiatives being considered and those being undertaken. I too can be cynical of the NCTCOG functions but it hasnâ€™t anything to do with the fine and capable and hardworking NCTCOG staff. Iâ€™m very familiar with NCTCOG and itâ€™s functions and encourage you not to let less than supportive comments to get under your skin at all. I donâ€™t mean you should ignore them, just donâ€™t take any of it personally. I look forward to seeing more come out to the masses from NCTCOG via Nextdoor!	Old Agnes, Scott, Weiland	2024-08-25 18:39:06.905 223+00:00
Duane H.	Ben, they are far from useless. Many millions of your federal tax dollars are disseminated via the COG, and the decisions of the RTC are far ranging. Of course the tax dollars always come with strings attached of environmental, social, cultural, etc issues the fed bureaucracy wants to promote. If we want the money weâ€™ll do as they say.	Old Agnes, Scott, Weiland	2024-08-25 18:44:40.800 599+00:00
Carlynn P.	Another government organization that plans and recommends green projects. They donâ€™t build anything! Read between the lines folksâ€™ plans and recommends! Another waste of federal tax dollars. We already have state departments that do this!	Sequoia Courtney	2024-08-25 19:36:54.859 395+00:00
Richard B.	Carlynn Your statement is incorrect. This organization represents the needs and interests of local government better than what the state will do. https://www.nctcog.org/trans/funds	Watters Crossing	2024-08-25 20:06:18.050 701+00:00
Stephanie E.	https://www.nctcog.org/about-us Carlynn You are wrong. Please find another conspiracy theoryðŸ‘€	Kidd Springs	2024-08-25 20:29:53.992 065+00:00
Carlynn P.	Richard So tell me what have they accomplished in Collin County?	Sequoia Courtney	2024-08-25 22:30:18.794 098+00:00
Carlynn P.	Stephanie Hey, why donâ€™t you enlighten me with what they have planned and implemented and where the funds came from?	Sequoia Courtney	2024-08-25 22:31:25.460 561+00:00
Susan P.	Please extend President George Bush Tollroad (190) on the east side of the metroplex down through to Highway 80. Any plans to do that in our lifetimes? Just cut across the lake to the east and then south from there. Easy peasy! :D	Ables Springs	2024-08-25 22:47:41.264 977+00:00

		Lake Weatherford	2024-08-25 23:28:04.043 613+00:00
JoAnn J.	Poor Sarah! I bet she dreads posting here again.		
	Hello Sarah! Thank you for introducing yourself. I have signed up to attend a meeting at the Grapevine Public Library on Wed September 4th at 6.30 pm given by Trinity Metro!!!		2024-08-26 00:14:29.191
Norma W.		Dove Park	457+00:00 2024-08-26
		Newport Village	02:20:22.365 930+00:00
Jenny N.	As usual it probably doesn't include Arlington Carlynn not going to hold your hand. I provided links for you, that contain many more links within leading to a large amount of data, specifically the Strategic Plan 2021-2025.		2024-08-26
Richard B.	Jenny but it does. https://1drv.ms/b/s!AnpeOQbyUvKYhF6ZYO1tO0TG2_cS	Watters Crossing	02:23:33.707 526+00:00
			2024-08-26
Richard B.	One app for all your Word, Excel, PowerPoint and PDF needs. Get the Microsoft 365 app: https://aka.ms/GetM365	Watters Crossing	02:28:44.481 242+00:00
	Richard yes, I read through much of it and could not find anything they've actually done. Stand by what I said. You don't have to hold my hand, just answer my question.		2024-08-26
Carlynn P.	Marcus voluntary association	Sequoia Courtney	03:19:08.924 591+00:00
			2024-08-26
		Highland Terrace	09:05:57.862 191+00:00
Rob D.	So no full-time, salaried employees work there?		2024-08-26
		Owens Park	13:15:37.239 925+00:00
Robert C.	Thank you for the efforts to keep us informed. Carolyn, please understand, you do not want the COG to DO anything. It is not their place to DO. That would mean removing from the local agencies the decisions and controls on what is and is not done. That is and should be what the local agencies and TxDOT does. The COG is just a funnel through which Federal funds flow to local governments to influence projects and initiatives the federal bureaucracy wants to drive into our communities. The overarching controls at the COG is by the RTC which is completely represented by appointees from all local governments in the 12 or 16 county north Texas area.		
		Old Agnes, Scott, Weiland	2024-08-26 14:49:33.503 026+00:00
Duane H.			2024-08-26
		Newport Village	15:41:40.310 240+00:00
Jenny N.	Duane thank you. And probably Democrats Duane Sounds a lot like the Department of Education federal bureaucracy that does nothing, but a large organization that puts out policies for states. I stand by what I said.		2024-08-26
Carlynn P.		Sequoia Courtney	17:36:47.265 469+00:00
		NCTCOG	2024-08-26
Communications	Lee Yes! Parker is one of the counties in our region.	Transportation	17:46:47.090 995+00:00

Specialist Sarah T.		Department NCTCOG	
Communications Specialist Sarah T.	Hi Jean, could you let me know which survey you're having trouble with?	Transportation Department	2024-08-26 17:57:39.670048+00:00
Communications Specialist Sarah T.	Hi Lisa! Yes, Collin County is one of the counties in our region as well.	Transportation Department	2024-08-26 18:12:06.489611+00:00
Communications Specialist Sarah T.	JoAnn Lol! No, this is great! I'm excited to see all of this conversation and engagement, especially as a social media person. :)	Transportation Department	2024-08-26 18:14:33.719804+00:00
Jean R.	Communications Specialist Sarah Thompson	Villas at Fossil Creek	2024-08-26 18:54:15.168378+00:00
Jean R.	About what I use to move thru the county. Walking, biking, car, public trans, etc	Villas at Fossil Creek	2024-08-26 18:55:25.709125+00:00
Communications Specialist Sarah T.	Jean Do you mean this one? publicinput.com/AccessNorthTexas	NCTCOG Transportation Department	2024-08-26 19:03:40.248608+00:00
David J.	Or can you send me the link of the one you're having trouble with?		2024-08-26
Duane T.	Until yâ€™all figure out why everyday at some point I am idling at a red light with a dozen other cars, when there is no cross traffic I have no faith in your ability to do anything at all. Richard never put your trust in Government employees and you Richard fall right in line. They will say or do anything to keep their job, even though many jobs are just wasteful spending.	Valentine Oaks	21:10:38.906161+00:00
David J.		Summer Creek South	2024-08-26 21:40:41.699734+00:00
Tim B.	Well, it's hard to turn in my driveway cause they keep resurfacing the highway FM 2101. Will they fix it?	Hwy 34 - County Rd 3327	2024-08-27 01:34:57.191573+00:00
Steve M.	Any idea where we can see future plans for the intersection at 423 and 380?		2024-08-27
Joan T.	I wish there was an affordable transportation between Grand Prairie and Mansfield. Iâ€™m a senior citizen living on a fixed income and like to shop in Mansfield, most of my doctors appointments are in Mansfield, and I belong to the senior citizen group at the MAC in Mansfield. I live in Grand Prairie on the border of Mansfield. If I could get transportation from	Valencia on the Lake	04:04:14.145051+00:00
			2024-08-27
			21:11:58.018
		Mira Lagos	071+00:00

	Grand Prairie to Mansfield that is affordable I would be very grateful.		
Stephanie A.	Sherry we don't have enough room for cars to drive let alone tear up everything for bicycles	Boyce Rd/Wilson Rd	2024-08-28 01:00:32.407 780+00:00 2024-08-28
Albert T.	lol	Lake Pat Cleburne	05:39:45.994 522+00:00 2024-08-28
Charlotte I.	Thank you!ðŸ˜Š	Midway Park Euless	15:16:45.121 974+00:00 2024-08-28 15:47:42.266
Lisa K.	Communications Specialist Sarah Thompson thank you. Yall gonna add a dirt trail between towns so those of us with muni bikes or similar things who ride responsible are able to get around or what about trolly they hold many people run on a track using electricity so shouldn't really polite the air much	Vista Oaks	812+00:00 2024-08-28 15:53:38.396
Ashley R.	right idk how it works fully but it's a thought	Wright	196+00:00 2024-08-28
Syondra S.	Do yâ€™all have any work from home jobs opening Thank youâ€¦ do you also consider the impact of the terrible congestion of traffic and impact to air quality as people sit on the highways and byway moving 4 miles in 30 minutes? The impact of communities growing at an incredible rate but developers not held responsible for improving the adjacent roads to the new developed community? Please guide me to the people responsible for allowing so many developers to boom through farm and ranch land without improving the Farm-to-Market or Ranch-to-Market roads that are adjacent to these 2000+ homes developments? If each developer improved these adjacent roads as they develop the homesteads the idling traffic would not be an issue. Why is it they can do this without creating turn lanes into their develop,ents? Without widening the immediate roads and improving the water runoff? Or is this just a denton county issue?	Northpark Village	23:08:31.249 266+00:00
Wanda R.	Jennifer security on the public transportation that we already have would be good too. But these things are probably not what they do.	Paloma Creek	2024-08-29 15:21:19.652 608+00:00 2024-08-29
Wanda R.		Paloma Creek	15:24:29.425 080+00:00 2024-08-29
Nena W.	Sucks thereâ€™s zero decent public transportation in Tarrant County except Ft Worth and TRE	South Bear Creek	16:12:25.785 096+00:00 2024-08-29
Diane R.	Nena They were thinking of a Fort Worth Area Rapid Transit a/k/a: FART ðŸ˜™. Did not go over to good ðŸ˜™%o!	Brentwood Place	17:38:18.876 692+00:00

Nicole A.	This is very needed Think about what AI could do for traffic control if instead of fixed signs for construction, emergency vehicles, lane designations for intersections, road hazards- maybe help	Avery Pointe	2024-08-30 01:40:17.294 377+00:00
Robert D.	Phil I drive that route almost everyday and Kroger isn't even in yet But all those condos apts or duplexes are being built It is an absolute mess especially if there is a train!!! Sarah, I guess you see that there are a few A-holes on ND. I will reserve my judgement until I can see what the NCTCOG is all about. Thanks for becoming a part of ND and just ignore the tough guy behind the keyboard.	Pantego	2024-08-30 17:09:48.909 937+00:00
Shirley H.		Lexington Place	2024-08-30 18:22:04.687 894+00:00
Dennis G.		Nelmwood	2024-08-30 23:26:22.747 486+00:00
Dennis G.	Lori , https://www.answers.com/united-states-government/How_many_ways_to_spell_Lori	Nelmwood	2024-08-30 23:29:23.857 852+00:00
Alejandro T.	Clellie at least pollution is clearly visible and/or measurable so it can be addressed	Hillcrest Estates	2024-08-31 00:46:25.207 727+00:00
Lloyd S.	Skyler - o where do u get such silly notions and the gall to spread them publicly???	Denia	2024-08-31 01:30:01.107 640+00:00
Tim C.	More public transportation is a nice thought, except it doesn't stop on the way home to pick up the kids at school, or the drugstore to pick up a Rx, or the grocery store for dinner makings, or the home store for that quick list of items needed before getting home. Even trying it, takes much much more time, that real people don't have. Public Transportation (a-la-busses, trains) fights bankruptcy more often than not, too. Life has to change before mass transit here will become mainstream effective. It's a niche, that isn't used regularly enough even by those espousing it. I do like the TRE to Fair Park for a day at the State Fair... once a year or so. Except it doesn't have tracks or a station in Arlington, Mansfield, S. Grand Prairie, Cedar Hill, ...	Lakeshore Village	2024-08-31 07:49:05.742 952+00:00
Joe H.	COGs should look at toll charges that stay with us forever.	West Kessler	2024-08-31 19:35:50.826 448+00:00
Joe H.	How about NTCOG look at EV vehicles to include driver less vehicles and charging stations?	West Kessler	2024-08-31 19:54:43.259 314+00:00
Joey K.	Ron Bicyclers and motorcycles used to follow traffic rules and now they think they only apply to cars	Argyle	2024-09-01 01:28:14.176 092+00:00

	Richard it gives a buffer for city council members and state representatives so they can pass the buck and not have to talk about how it affects local traffic and taxes and toll roads and mass transit that most people don't want and must pay for. How many people in your neighborhood use Amtrack but still have to pay for amtrack's massive losses in the northeast part of the country. How many taxes do you pay in sales taxes to dart and other mass transit that you never use Vote to bring back accountability to your towns or continue to let government take more and more of your money and your children's money. Nextdoor is considering blocking the truth while I am only showing choices for my neighbors to consider and make their own decisions		2024-09-01 01:50:12.135
Joey K.		Argyle	164+00:00 2024-09-04 03:36:02.234
DC R.	Syondra DM	Addison	932+00:00 2024-09-09 16:27:37.055
Tracy I.	Syondra Hi Syondra, wondering if you found anything working from home?	Viridian	386+00:00
	8	Hemingway	2024-09-18
Sarah B.	8*9*â ¹⁸ <â,	At Craig Ranch	01:11:49.016 297+00:00 2024-09-18
H. Alan S.	Diane That idea stinks. Nena Tarrant County has bus routes.	Saddleclub Estates	14:19:50.208 879+00:00
			2024-09-18
H. Alan S.	https://ridetrinitymetro.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/SYS-MAP_0922CB-2.pdf Richard Carlynn is right. This is to give the appearance of local representation while pushing mass transit and electric vehicles and soon they will seek to tax us for every mile because electric vehicles and mass transit don't pay road taxes. This will be the excuse to track all of our movements while traveling. The government will track us like communist countries do so they can do what they "know " is best for us. A sad prediction.	Saddleclub Estates	14:23:45.292 941+00:00
Joey K.	Great idea and I believe if they were on the sidewalk, people and children would not have a safe place to walk. Bicycle lanes is an option but for any option, it needs to be upheld. Bicycling in the road is not safe.	Argyle	2024-09-19 16:20:50.979 666+00:00
Susan M.		Queens Gate	2024-08-23 16:34:13.004 034+00:00 2024-08-23
Harley P.	Thx	Ridglea Hills Granbury	16:53:56.785 037+00:00 2024-08-23
Laurel B.	May I suggest a Granbury DFW Airport shuttle to make regular bi-hourly runs to and from the airport?	Historic District	17:04:39.040 984+00:00

Lori P.	Lori J, first, based on the responses this agency post at least seems to be posted to the correct region, but generally they post statewide when they don't apply statewide. Secondly, leaving the comments open results in people replying with comments which are totally off-topic and frequently the comment section will end up being a dumpster fire that is just "not neighborly". And last, due to the resulting dumpster fires it used to be generally understood that these agencies would automatically close the discussion to help keep nextdoor a friendlier platform for its users.	Morris Lane	2024-08-23 17:13:48.784 720+00:00
Jason C.	Scam	Ash Lane	2024-08-23 17:20:23.148 828+00:00
Lori P.	Jana I know how to hide posts. Agency posts should close discussion, and up until a few months ago they always did.	Morris Lane	2024-08-23 17:30:27.521 865+00:00
Melissa R.	Marcus Thank you for your very informative and thorough explanation. Educating people helps allay negative knee-jerk reactions.	Timberview Estates West	2024-08-23 17:34:15.110 809+00:00
Linda S.	Marcus and nothing like what we have in this whole country. It is from people not being accountable and worse us not having knowledge or any control or backbone over the turn it took. I am impressed that he is not just concerned but alarmed. We all should wake up. They are turning our Texas into New York. If you aren't alarmed by all the massive apartments going up along the highways with very little parking, then maybe you should reconsider your thinking. Or do you have a personal helicopter and water and sewage supply and access to personal needs. You are complaining about him complaining. Interesting..	Dalworthin gton Gardens	2024-08-23 17:50:29.867 218+00:00
Collette P.	Need something in Anna. Some kind of bus service. No big system needed. This town is growing so maybe something in the future	Anna Town Square	2024-08-23 18:11:20.460 759+00:00
Vicki W.	Thank you Sarah.	Creekwood	2024-08-23 18:23:54.809 006+00:00
Joey K.	They need to publish the meetings and allow public questions	Argyle	2024-08-23 18:24:47.947 172+00:00
Joey K.	Susan I think their purpose is to push mass transit and make it difficult to drive your own car unless you have lots of money to pay for tolls. They are also invested in pushing high speed rail and eliminating rural way of life.	Argyle Preston	2024-08-23 18:30:50.971 616+00:00
Candace E.	Nice! But hope you are not paying them!	Forest South	2024-08-23 18:32:17.021 166+00:00

Joey K.	Brian these people are taking road lanes and converting them into bicycle lanes. Example 7th street in Fort Worth	Argyle	2024-08-23 18:34:33.473 640+00:00
Julie H.	Hi Sarah! Welcome to Carrollton!	Riley Ranch Richland Hills	2024-08-23 18:34:45.766 228+00:00
Amy B.	Tyler I wonder what their excuse was 30 years ago when I lived in Arlington and wondered about public transportation. They just told me "we don't see a need for it". Having this available for transparency to what you do and what will be happening to our roads should be very welcoming to those who ask "WHY?" when there was ample opportunity to voice one's opinion.	Community Service Area 3	2024-08-23 18:39:24.579 962+00:00
Javier G.	Thank you for being forward.	Clairemont	2024-08-23 18:49:46.938 904+00:00
Marilyn J.	Bring sidewalks back Stephanie thank you for your comment. You may be interested in our Access North Texas public survey, which helps identify transportation needs within the region, including needs of individuals with disabilities. Here's the link for that, and for more information on Access North Texas: https://www.nctcog.org/trans/plan/transit-management-and-planning/general-public-information/transit-planning-activities/transit-planning-projects/access-north-texas	Chapel Creek	2024-08-23 18:58:17.614 987+00:00
Communications Specialist Sarah T.		NCTCOG Transportation Department	2024-08-23 19:03:54.422 339+00:00
Rob F.	Sherry please no. The usage of current bike lanes is almost nothing. What a waste of money and space.	Pitman Creek Estates Irwin	2024-08-23 19:41:30.413 079+00:00
Maryanne R.	While I was in graduate school in the "90s, I relied heavily on the then North Texas COG for info in doing my research papers. They were an invaluable source.	Keasler Red Bird South	2024-08-23 19:52:03.807 466+00:00
Thomas H.	Mary oh good! I can't wait until the board of the Federal Reserve posts on Nextdoor!	Crescent Oaks	2024-08-23 19:55:49.050 691+00:00
Sherry O.	Rob thanks for your response	Newman Village	2024-08-23 20:03:41.016 422+00:00
Ruth M.	Looking forward to having more reliable info about community projects.	Lions Den	2024-08-23 20:04:03.395 940+00:00
Sandra S.	Excellent job,	University Hills	2024-08-23 20:09:00.294 194+00:00

Pat C.	Julie Not true! Wow, thank you all so much for the friendly welcome, and all of the great questions and feedback! It may take us several days to find the right answers for you, and we'll address some of these topics in future posts. Thank you for sharing your concerns and suggestions for improving our communities.	Merriman Park/University Manor	2024-08-23 20:12:55.153 954+00:00
Communications Specialist Sarah T.	Have a great weekend!	NCTCOG Transportation Department	2024-08-23 20:12:58.593 839+00:00
Pat C.	Meant to address Muriel!	Merriman Park/University Manor	2024-08-23 20:13:44.288 149+00:00
Pat C.	Julie what is disgraceful?	Merriman Park/University Manor	2024-08-23 20:14:36.341 841+00:00
Mark W.	Dan, I disagree, everything would be fine if we had another nail salon, vape shop and liquor store. ðŸ¥´ ðŸ˜˜ ... Phil, this is where Southlake planning in the early years hit the mark. No apartment buildings are allowed within the city limits.	Heatherwood	2024-08-23 20:32:46.578 550+00:00
Mark W.		Heatherwood	2024-08-23 20:36:29.518 901+00:00
Communications Specialist Sarah T.	Hi Paul! I got my BA at Texas Woman's University. Thank you for the welcome!	NCTCOG Transportation Department	2024-08-23 20:46:13.626 040+00:00
CAROL W.	Awesome. Thanks for the outreach. We need more sensor driven traffic lights, too many of the current timed ones waste a lot of time which causes more pollution.	The Reserve at Westridge	2024-08-23 20:51:18.238 334+00:00
Alan K.		Whisperwood	2024-08-23 20:55:22.820 779+00:00
Josh D.	Are you able to talk with DCTA to get GoZone transportation in Sanger Texas	Sable Creek	2024-08-23 21:00:05.843 668+00:00
Erik R.	That is cool. Thank you for doing this	Colson Estates	2024-08-23 21:00:12.482 187+00:00
Julie B.	Pat had to move at great expense.. essentially Dallas does not have public transportation. Joey mass transportation as an alternative to automobile congested highways has its advantages. DFW is no longer a rural area. It rivals all of the major metropolitan cities in the country. A stitch in time saves nineâ€” even if we are late to the partyâ€”.	Skillman St	2024-08-23 21:06:44.762 608+00:00
Barbara K.		DeCordova Bend Estates South	2024-08-23 21:51:42.690 262+00:00

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Paula Y.	LOVE NTCOG	Misty Meadows	22:08:26.353
			430+00:00
Allesandra S.	We're does the funding come from?		2024-08-23
		The Village	22:37:57.884
			718+00:00
Collette P.	Tell me more. What area does this service cover? What's the expense?		2024-08-23
		Anna Town Square	23:15:48.508
			282+00:00
Skyler R.	Gobal warming is a lie started over ine hundred years ago by the evil oligarchs as means to take over the world		2024-08-23
		Timbercreek Estates	23:18:15.764
			527+00:00
Brenda D.	Thank you Sarah!		2024-08-23
	I've never lived in the city that doesn't have mass transportation. All of the FW area needs this not just	CCCC	23:27:36.026
Julie K.	downtown and to trains.		423+00:00
		Summerfields North	2024-08-23
	We need world class transportation!! Subways and lite rail!!!		23:28:12.126
Sandra N.	Then we would have fewer cars on the roads!		419+00:00
		Twin Hills	2024-08-23
			23:29:45.329
Judith G.	Thank you so much!!		596+00:00
		Casa Linda Estates	2024-08-23
			23:30:43.993
Jean R.	Yes I'm well aware of NCTCOG and look forward to learning more	Villas at Fossil Creek	950+00:00
			2024-08-23
			23:51:15.875
Tyler W.	Amy I know right! Such a shame		939+00:00
	https://dentonrc.com/news/state/as-dangerous-heat-grips-texas-solar-power-and-batteries-keep-the-electric-grid-humming-along/article_6bf718a0-6097-11ef-aa20-1ff6dd844bc9.html?utm_campaign=blox&utm_source=face	Addison	2024-08-23
Ikenna E.	book&utm_medium=social		23:54:09.827
			267+00:00
Richel N.	That light rail is a waste of money.	Martha Pointer Park	2024-08-24
	Read that DART is in a precarious position because it is losing money and several cities are reducing or eliminating funding.		00:04:31.810
Larry C. Carla	What's the reality of the situation?	King's Manor	618+00:00
Carpenter M.	Bike people need to be respectful of us too on pedestrian trails!		2024-08-24
		Eldorado Heights II	00:08:49.559
			495+00:00
Rebecca C.	Thank you for tour work in theses areas. We need bus transit in Arlington, TX!		2024-08-24
			00:09:33.342
			768+00:00
			2024-08-24
			00:46:00.576
		2153	874+00:00
			2024-08-24
			00:48:50.198
		Coldwater Creek	147+00:00

Sandra G.	Welcome Sarah	Barbara Jordan	2024-08-24 00:51:43.127 701+00:00
Carla Carpenter M.	NCTOG - At some point you guys need to check roads, air pollution, 18 wheelers driving on a residential road with a 25 ton weight limit, and many other issues in a northern Denton County unincorporated area. The traffic exhaust is killing us. No one cares. The pollution is even affecting folks out at Isle Du Bois state park. A nature killing, terrible smelling racetrack from hell.	2153	2024-08-24 00:55:07.818 897+00:00
Su B.	Is ND considering folders of interest so we don't have to be bothered with nonintrest items...this is one folder I would be intrested in. Before you start throwing darts...simply a suggestion...then we could go to a folder that intrest us...free items; lost animals; contractors etc.	East Stacy in Fairview	2024-08-24 01:26:03.244 573+00:00
Sherry H.	Good to know, thanks!	Robson Ranch Richland Hills	2024-08-24 01:41:03.072 520+00:00
Melinie T.	@Sarah Thompson- Welcome to the DFW Region as our MPO! I am looking forward to the updates you will provide us on transportation projects!	Community Service Area 4	2024-08-24 02:55:44.439 730+00:00
Olivia M.	Can someone recommend a salon where they weave hair neatly?	Forney	2024-08-24 02:56:57.888 835+00:00
Joey K.	Barbara the tax dollars spent on mass transit could buy every rider their own car. I am tired of buying for others without a choice.	Argyle	2024-08-24 03:04:54.635 527+00:00
Paul H.	Communications Specialist Sarah Thompson I wrote a long reply but somehow it went into cyberspace. I am not good at it and hate texting.	Rayzor Ranch	2024-08-24 03:11:29.350 756+00:00
Joey K.	Marcus who elects the board I have never seen it on anything when I vote and I have been voting since 1974	Argyle	2024-08-24 03:31:22.113 373+00:00
Bill J.	Jay depending on what type of roads youâ€™re talking about, highways are the responsibility of TxDOT and your county roads are responsibility of the county in which they exist. The city is responsible for feeder roads and connectivity, but many times TxDOT will take several to 10 years to get their projects lined up, approved and funded. We are dealing with this currently in Burleson, with highway 174 and I-35. The city of Burleson paid for some of the architectural drawings and a few other upfront costs, and luckily NTCCOG is paying for some funding of our roadways	Hillery Heights	2024-08-24 04:40:20.088 047+00:00
Barbara K.	Joey no one is asking you to buy anyone anything. A mass transit system is for the benefit of the entire community and yes, tax dollars pay for it but taxes pay for the roads you drive	DeCordova Bend	2024-08-24 04:41:20.084 747+00:00

	on, the hospitals and schools you would presumably use, and the police and fire departments that are thereto serve and protect as well. I'm not sure I understand why you seem to be against something that would benefit the greater good? Tauhidah depending on which cities you're talking about, and the path of connectivity that would be required, the costs are usually tremendous, especially if you're talking about commuter trains, which easily jump up into the billions of dollars. Acquisitions of privately owned land and easements are required, and many times utilities have to be relocated, which drastically bumps up the costs too	Estates South	
Bill J.	Brad T one of our city of Burleson council members is a board member of NCTCOG, currently serving as Vice President, and formerly was the secretary. NCTCOG actually picked up part of the tab on one of our major road projects	Hillery Heights	2024-08-24 04:42:47.563 902+00:00
Bill J.	Ok Frisco, my wife (Kea) and I are now officially here and have now been here a week. We look forward to meeting out and about in the community. I'm here to be an asset to each and every one of you. To help protect and empower you, your family and small business	Hillery Heights	2024-08-24 04:52:52.862 627+00:00
William F.	Thanks and see you all soon.	Frisco Square	2024-08-24 04:53:39.146 946+00:00 2024-08-24 06:10:04.982 448+00:00
Arrie J.	Jennifer and in Grand Prairie. Jana we had a \$3 car wash on Beltline near I-20, which because \$4 last summer \$6. I went to great a quick wash on Wednesday that wash is now \$22 or \$27. I politely declined. I can go (possibly, I haven't been in a while) on Carrier Pkw and Westchester and have a full service wash for less than that.	Park Valley	2024-08-24 06:15:57.074 154+00:00 2024-08-24 09:19:24.049 649+00:00 2024-08-24 10:15:23.567 585+00:00
Jared M.	We are full. Allesandra most public transportation in this area is 14% funded by transportation fares & 86% funded by the state.	Cottonwood Heights	2024-08-24 10:15:23.567 585+00:00
Bobby P.	NCTCOG coordinates projects across multiple agencies. The TEXRail train to DFW's terminal B is a great and fast service from Fort Worth, as well as the TRE train to Dallas. I have used DART as well, but safety inside the DART trains is a concern. I believe more security officers were going to be hired.	Bear Creek Park	2024-08-24 11:18:19.556 308+00:00 2024-08-24 11:19:57.128 256+00:00 2024-08-24 12:09:22.039 341+00:00
Celia H.	Skyler well I think climate changes always happened now I'm sure there's things we are doing that isn't helping like pollution	The Parks At Boat Club	2024-08-24 11:18:19.556 308+00:00 2024-08-24 11:19:57.128 256+00:00 2024-08-24 12:09:22.039 341+00:00
Clellie C.		Weatherford - Midway	2024-08-24 12:09:22.039 341+00:00
Andy N.	https://youtu.be/L4Dvm3OXVWE?si=VP8THPLL5DbuzhpB	Heron's Bay II	2024-08-24 12:09:22.039 341+00:00

Andy N.	Cool	Heron's Bay II	2024-08-24 12:10:10.401 023+00:00 2024-08-24
Clellie C.	Willdon thatâ€™s called pollution not climate change	Weatherford - Midway Royal Valley Estates	12:13:05.737 004+00:00 2024-08-24 12:47:01.284 719+00:00
Karen D.	Chad itâ€™s called greyhound Bobby in other words Paid by non riders		2024-08-24 13:08:34.248
Joey K.	Tax payers	Argyle	238+00:00 2024-08-24 13:12:32.631
Joey K.	Sandra move to Chicago or New York Hello Sarah! Thanks for the work you and NTCOG do on behalf of our community. Is Parker County included in the organization? Weâ€™re growing fast and need lots of help and input to better plan for the future!	Argyle	521+00:00
Lee K.	Looking forward to seeing your posts.	Silverstone Pearson Ranch	2024-08-24 14:04:08.214 209+00:00 2024-08-24 14:16:30.042
Jana S.	Arrie yes less than 10 would be great!	Gardens	920+00:00 2024-08-24
Robin B.	Thank you for keeping the public informed!	Windsor Place	14:24:36.370 441+00:00 2024-08-24
Laura P.	Richard that is actually part of the long range planning, all the way to hwy 175. Yep, if you want to live in a first world country, move elsewhere.	Kemp	14:42:06.249 057+00:00
David A.	Sandra No need to build subways here, the ground is not right for it. But lay rail down the medians of the interstates, have the stations be the hubs of bus networks, like Perth, Australia does, and you'd get a long way. Rob - I too have been involved with NCTCOG for decades. They are a highly effective organization that gets a lot done:	Trails of Willow Creek	2024-08-24 14:56:31.076 695+00:00
Warren C.	the roads you drive on, mass transit, bicycle / pedestrian access, and much more. We are fortunate to have them.	Jackson	2024-08-24 15:00:57.574 197+00:00 2024-08-24
Charley & Linda H.	Thanks	Ridgeview	15:12:05.148 234+00:00

	John - Hopefully you will be able to enjoy the metroplex easier if / when DART rail goes from Plano to McKinney.		2024-08-24
Warren C.	DART has some issues, but all in all is a great asset to the Metroplex. Warren that would be nice. Gopass offers low cost rides for a greatly reduced rate. I was talking about Dallas . I dont go anywhere me my wife and my Glock aren't welcome . I was actually approached at the PNC ATM thats at the Walmart parking lot on MRP and lake forest by a guy wanting me to help him out with cash. McKinney is a favorite city for juggers. I hopped out of my truck because I couldn't reach the ATM easily and he noticed my Glock 17 on my hip. He turned and ran to his Alfa Romeo Giulia . An 80 thousand dollar automobile. Last time we went to Dallas the almost identical thing happened.	Jackson	15:12:06.471 036+00:00
John W.		Mansions McKinney	2024-08-24 15:30:06.601 557+00:00
Peggy M.	Tell Mr Chris Wallace hello for me.	Northcrest Park	2024-08-24 15:46:28.900 761+00:00
Willdon N.	Clellie Pollution causes climate change.. duh	Greenway Parks	2024-08-24 15:58:09.084 238+00:00
Bobby T.	Thank you for the update	Auburn	2024-08-24 16:00:26.718 386+00:00
Ann F.	Thank you very much!!	Lexington Place	2024-08-24 16:07:56.746 662+00:00
Patricia C.	Thatâ€™s great! We need public transportation to come to our neighborhood so my disabled son has a way of getting out to work or the city. Allison I fought against our city to get the open council meetings moved to the evenings where actual employeeed adults could attend and comment. They had been conducted for decades at 11:30 am (pre-council mtg, where all the real business is conducted) and 3 pm for the general meeting. I held organized protests in front of city hall. I campaigned and supported candidates that agree with moving the meetings to the evening. We eventually won out. I also campaigned on term limits and single member districts. Eventually we found enough candidates to get that that done. I am so grateful to our former mayor and the best city council weâ€™ve had in decades do the right things.	Ridgeview Park	2024-08-24 17:01:48.010 500+00:00
Brad T U.		Stoneridge Wyndson	2024-08-24 17:16:22.902 722+00:00
Stanton F.	Keep up the good work	Estates- BPE-CWP	2024-08-24 17:22:24.832 010+00:00

Clellie C.	Will don no weâ€™ve always had climate change from the beginning of time. Yes, pollution, and other things are a problem, you know, actually in Weatherford 60 years ago in the winter we had blizzards look at it now the weather itself has always changed, and it always will because every so many years the earth rotates away from the sun and it rotates in a tilt Clellie Weather and climate are not the same thing. You know that, right? Catastrophic climate change wonâ€™t harm the planet. The insignificant little beings that inhabit it? Not so lucky as the planet.	Weatherford - Midway	2024-08-24 17:30:23.583 068+00:00
Monty S.	https://www.usgs.gov/faqs/what-difference-between-weather-and-climate-change#:~:text=Weather%20refers%20to%20short%20term,refers%20to%20long%20term%20changes.	Oakhurst	2024-08-24 17:40:43.227 787+00:00
Jose S.	Thank you so much for the communicationðŸŽ‰ðŸŽ‰ðŸŽ‰ðŸŽ‰ Monty sorry I donâ€™t trust those sources. This was something taught school over 42 years ago, and used to be able to Google it and they would say that it was it was only changed in the last few years yes the building I donâ€™t approve of the tearing down of trees. That is our oxygen just like just like now theyâ€™re doing it in the Amazon, which is really bad for all of us, you can also look up what happens if the Earth move to far away from the sun and it will say we will freeze and if we move to close, we will burn but they also admit the Earth does every so many years tilt away from the sun so I mean, I mean, I could say so much more, but I donâ€™t want to turn out to be a full-blown argument between anyone	Sachse Creek	2024-08-24 17:47:55.292 763+00:00
Clellie C.	Remember if âœ“We The Peopleâœ“ want our country back the way it was intentionally planned by our forefathers, then âœ“We The Peopleâœ“ need to start paying attention to matters like these and come together on decisions in all matters. This is the reason for the voting system.	Weatherford - Midway	2024-08-24 17:49:18.081 464+00:00
Roger D. Norvel and Eva R.	thank you	North Richland Hills Near Donald Rd & US-380	2024-08-24 18:05:52.057 695+00:00 2024-08-23 04:51:12.792 659+00:00
Phoenicia H.	Looking forward to your updates!	Paloma Creek Creek	2024-08-23 05:02:28.481 284+00:00
Ramon C.	Thanks	Crossing Estates	2024-08-23 05:19:56.953 955+00:00

Sherri H.	Nancy You lost me at "make people". Save the trees and historical buildings, but commercial buildings become obsolete. Some need to be demolished and reuse the land for another building or purpose. Sounds like the UN's Agenda 2030 is being implemented. (Let's see if Texans will accept living in 15-minute cities.)	Westchester	2024-08-23
			05:39:05.717 556+00:00
Katie G.		Cross Oak Ranch	2024-08-23
			05:40:16.080 428+00:00
Sherri H.	Les Agree 100%. No public transit.	Westchester	2024-08-23
			05:40:20.349 412+00:00
Susan E.	Katie	Oak Creek Estates Grapevine	2024-08-23
			05:47:43.239 016+00:00
Natalie K.	Brad T - Correct. Not elected. Appointed. Hoping to see positive changes and improvements!!!!!! Thats what Palestine Texas did ! Developed a HUGE WIDE LOOP ready for Development expansion WAAAY AHEAD of the Game. Infrastructure was built FIRST in that Town & they Kept ALL the Beautiful Trees !!! Weatherford is organized as well. They saw ALL of Fort Worths Mistakes of putting "The Cart Before The Horse" Glad Ill be living elsewhere in the Wide Open Countryside ðŸŒ³	Arlington Downs	2024-08-23
			06:05:06.125 912+00:00
Jean R.		Ridgmar	2024-08-23
			06:23:35.134 433+00:00
Jean R.	Matt They build it with our money & then Charge US to use it !!!	Ridgmar	2024-08-23
			06:35:41.465 942+00:00
Jean R.	Matt WOW !!!! Tracey I agree with you 100%. Owe me tires and my children and husband and many other people too!!! Wish they really would.	Ridgmar	2024-08-23
			06:37:40.634 997+00:00
Nancy J.		Willow Ridge	2024-08-23
			06:42:20.371 546+00:00
Vickie H.	Thank you for what you do and for reaching out to all of us for input. Susan I will assume that you have fully researched the United Nations' Agenda 2030 plan and that you understand and consent to the impact the plan's sustainable development goals will have on your right to travel and your right to own private property.	High Pointe	2024-08-23
			07:00:39.654 586+00:00
Katie G.		Cross Oak Ranch	2024-08-23
			07:08:45.583 157+00:00
Brad T U.	1984 was a warning, not a road map	Stoneridge	2024-08-23
			07:14:30.213 889+00:00

Frances D.	Thank you	Countryside	2024-08-23 07:31:14.792 988+00:00
Diane R.	Save more trees, please.	West Haven	2024-08-23 08:33:41.305 379+00:00
Rick R.	Thanks. One of my distant RASOR RELATIVES was the project Engineer on the bridge pictured above. So proud of her.	Trailwood	2024-08-23 09:02:33.629 516+00:00
Daniel B.	Brad Hi, we're from the government and we're here to help. COMPLY SHEEPOPLE!	Alexandra Meadows	2024-08-23 09:23:48.545 426+00:00
Daniel B.	Jay Because people are too busy to go to city pLanning meetings in the middle of the day to know what counselimen are up to with thier tax dollars	Alexandra Meadows	2024-08-23 09:27:17.177 158+00:00
Clellie C.	I donâ€™t see bus transportation coming into Weatherford any time soon, maybe in the future some where down line but we do need. something I see so many people on here who have no transportation needing help, parker County transportation is basically for the elderly and now they will pick you up and take you where you need to be on time. God knows how long itâ€™ll be before they pick you back up. How long a ride you will have to take when they do pick you up.	Weatherford - Midway	2024-08-23 10:21:25.511 403+00:00
Cindy K.	Jennifer citizens of Arlington vote NO every time it shows up on the ballot	Turf Club Estates	2024-08-23 10:25:17.324 602+00:00
Christy U.	Thank you Sarah	Meadow Oaks South	2024-08-23 10:55:39.935 000+00:00
Cathylou J.	Welcome	Pleasant Grove	2024-08-23 11:13:54.545 092+00:00
Can A.	Julie Dart is a joke.	The Reserve At Timber Creek	2024-08-23 11:21:00.031 895+00:00
Share S.	Katie Often times we need to dig past the critics and the noise to get at the whole truth in context and not viral snippets used for bait and click. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/You%27ll_own_nothing_and_be_happy	Terrell	2024-08-23 11:29:11.523 077+00:00
Share S.	Katie https://www.wri.org/insights/why-community-land-rights-belong-sustainable-development-goals	Terrell Merriman Park/University Manor	2024-08-23 11:29:31.595 132+00:00
Robert H.	You had me at â€œSpecialistâ€!		2024-08-23 11:30:44.883 306+00:00

Cynthia S.	Ohhhh honey, they need a marketing dept. Ya thank öŸ~ Š Attorneys fees öŸ~ ¤	Lakewood - Hickory Creek	2024-08-23 11:34:49.701 555+00:00 2024-08-23
Von G.	Is there a plan to have public transportation in Arlington? Von The plan is wait for Jerry Jones to pass on to the great Jerry World in the Sky unfortunately.	Brettonwoo ds	11:40:29.295 821+00:00
Tyler W.	A lot of Arlington's tax revenue is locked in to paying off the cowboys stadium, no room for public transit under the current legislation. Matt not sure about all that, there has been a lot of work down in little elm and west frisco, we are still on 2 lane pot filled roads here.	Addison	2024-08-23 11:46:16.522 059+00:00
Travis J.	The county is being ran into the ground by Chris Hill. What Rockwall bridge are you talking about? lâ€™m happy to hear about all of your transportation projects.	Lakepointe	2024-08-23 11:51:25.994 853+00:00
David J.	My son is a transportation and urban planner in L.A. he keeps me informed about all of the big projects going on there, especially the train projects.	Saginaw Northwest	2024-08-23 11:54:46.273 514+00:00
Reinhard W.	Good put HWY 144 and HWY 377 interchange on something that needs to be fixed	Pecan South of Weatherfor d	2024-08-23 11:56:00.167 175+00:00 2024-08-23 12:07:22.554 791+00:00
Kim S.	Thanks for informing this group		2024-08-23
Glenda S.	Hello Sarah. I look forward to the information, news, and exciting developments you will share	Village Of Fairfield	12:24:19.521 270+00:00 2024-08-23
Nena W.	Tyler you mean Rangers stadium	South Bear Creek	12:36:26.722 078+00:00 2024-08-23
Linda W.	Extend the lightrail east to Rockwall and south to DeSoto and Waxahachie. Thank you . I do know about COG and appreciate the coordination with local jurisdictions. Glad to know you will be posting information.	Sterret/342 /Butcher	12:38:39.365 084+00:00 2024-08-23
Lee S.		Lakewood Point	12:55:53.009 639+00:00 2024-08-23
Vanessa M.	Thank you:)	LTNA	13:14:01.631 179+00:00 2024-08-23
Jana S.	Jay yes, a simple car wash here is 12 and up! It's crazy!	Gardens	13:17:18.756 647+00:00 2024-08-23
M E C.	Thank you. Look forward to your updates and information.	Crandall	13:19:44.219 575+00:00

Jana S.	Lori if you want to quit seeing it tap on the 3 dots in the upper right corner of this post and it will give YOU options to not see it any more. You do you, don't try to boss us and NCTCOG! Having dealings with COG for more than 20 years as a small cities representative, I have found that COG is one of the most useless organizations government has ever created. They have 0 responsibility and 0 power of enforcement. The only thing I ever found that they were good at was talking the subject to death and wasting time.	Gardens	2024-08-23 13:20:20.649 641+00:00
Ben W.	But they pay there employees well so I guess it keeps them off the streets	Country Manor	2024-08-23 13:21:06.591 521+00:00
Jana S.	Diane Trees? What are trees? Oh, yeah, something that keeps you from building [REDACTED], gets in your way, things you cut down indiscriminately.ðŸ˜ˆ'	Gardens	2024-08-23 13:25:56.142 149+00:00
Rose M.	Great! Thanks!	Lakes of River Trails North	2024-08-23 13:29:05.671 068+00:00
Jana S.	Share you do realize Wikipedia can be edited at will by anyone, right?	Gardens	2024-08-23 13:30:05.601 036+00:00
Re H.	Any progress on getting pubic transportation in Arlington?	Forest Grove	2024-08-23 13:33:09.009 875+00:00
Fabiola G.	Yes ðŸ˜ˆðŸ˜ˆ½ Public transportation itâ€™s much needed here in Arlington!!	East Brown Blvd	2024-08-23 13:39:09.910 191+00:00
Jana S.	Ricardo use the 3 dots in the upper right corner of a post or comment and you will get a list of options and can choose how you want to block them.	Gardens	2024-08-23 13:40:22.925 775+00:00
Karolina H.	John It's difficult for pedestrians to use the sidewalk because of the bike. They run you over. Having mobility issues the bikes kept me from using Fish Creek trail. It was mid-morning & they come racing trough & run you off the sidewalk. I gave up a long time ago. So yes, bikes need their own lanes.	Webb Britton Estates	2024-08-23 13:42:42.828 083+00:00
Kay J.	Brad OK, here we go. It's always at least one negative Nancy in the bunch. Somebody always have to make it about politics.ðŸ˜ˆ"	Lakewood	2024-08-23 13:44:56.621 230+00:00
Andrea P.	Jay lâ€™ve alway thought the city planners have no clue. Bring in more people for more tax money etc but they never think of traffic flow. It unfortunately happens everywhere. No forwarding thinking	Country Meadow Watchdogs	2024-08-23 13:45:16.413 121+00:00
liliane p.	Great news	Bedford / Harwood	2024-08-23 13:48:18.460 519+00:00
Mary O.	Would like to talk to you about the noise from Touch And Goes from Joint Base. Mary O'Donnell	Western Hills South	2024-08-23 13:51:46.936 431+00:00

Allison R.	Brad T Thank you Brad! You are spot on! We can go to their meetings and voice our opinion and nothing will be done! It's a joke, the fleecing of America, and we all sit back and smile!	Ashmore Farms	2024-08-23 13:53:14.409 078+00:00
Linda B.	Looking forward to it ! Thank you.	Trophy Club	2024-08-23 13:53:21.588 721+00:00
Sandra B.	Sounds bad	Astor Heights	2024-08-23 13:57:07.350 562+00:00
Karolina H.	Deb I from N. TX but lived in the Houston/Galveston area for many years. At that time there was no charge to the public to use the HOV lanes. The only requirement was there be at least 2 people in the car.	Webb Britton Estates	2024-08-23 13:57:49.781 197+00:00
Mike B.	great idea Next Door needs more of this type communication from our government agencies.	Southern Southlake De Cordova Bend	2024-08-23 14:06:06.981 624+00:00
Pamela S.	Thank you for your updates. We appreciate your efforts.	Estates	2024-08-23 14:07:37.463 590+00:00
Pam P.	Thank you, very much appreciated!!!	North Lake Drive	2024-08-23 14:14:06.605 710+00:00
Tracy E.	Being that Frisco doesn't have a transportation system it would just be a SPAM to us u.	Preston Ridge	2024-08-23 14:15:55.409 501+00:00
Tracy E.	Jana or they can open their own group instead of posting in this main chat	Preston Ridge Dominion At Panther Creek	2024-08-23 14:17:25.055 115+00:00
Larry L.	Such a grand job on I-35W planning! Tracy you don't have roads? Oh my. Horses and trails!		2024-08-23 14:21:17.805 705+00:00
Brian C.	I'm sure you use roads that are under the Texas regional system though.	Rosemeade Estates	2024-08-23 14:21:23.777 310+00:00
Larry L.	Wish list time! Have ntcog purchase existing toll roads, set them free, and pay off with bond package. Allow the NTTA to continue developing more toll roads. Incentivize future planning	Dominion At Panther Creek	2024-08-23 14:27:35.147 197+00:00
Stephanie E.	As a newly disabled person, I'm excited to learn more about my transportation options.	Kidd Springs	2024-08-23 14:34:54.122 296+00:00
Tracy E.	Brian well Brian, the roads surrounding me are roads that was sold during a midnight vote by the city then turned into tollways which we had no say in it. Now they want you to encourage land use their there what ever they think they are going to do and it was also mean taking land for something	Preston Ridge	2024-08-23 14:34:56.038 587+00:00

	that we don't need or want. So please except their token of a statue. But forewarned.		
Tracy E.	Brian ahh, I see why you're snarky attitude, you live in Carrollton Texas a bedroom community can't offer anything like what these people are wanting so you don't have to worry	Preston Ridge	2024-08-23 14:37:30.100 002+00:00
Tyler W.	Nena I mean both yeah, but I believe enough of the cowboys stadium will be paid off in the next 6-8 years that they would have room to join Trinity metro at a .5% sales tax funding mechanism. Unfortunately I can't remember where I read that so don't quote me just yet Can my Uber is subsidized.. saved my life twice needing immediate medical care with no one to ask. Handi Ride requires a 24hr advance reservation.	Addison	2024-08-23 14:38:54.851 538+00:00
	DART attempted to drop the program but even the few of us with the privilege of a "beta" program made them realize that was a mistake~ for now.		
	Suggested that a trial program implies either a revision or a completion of the project, to deaf ears.		
	Buses from underserved areas are gone as their data was based on the census.		
	Also a promote-from-within mindset, so children of DART executives with no experience~ I could go on ðŸ™”		
	Seeing no hope for change altho in the fall hoping to speak at a meeting.		
	My closest stop is across Skillman (6 lanes) then walking on someone's lawn.		
	They suggested Sprout's [managing on SS] so asked if the program director had been to Sprout's vs shopped there.. "it's to expensive."		2024-08-23 14:50:05.388
Julie B.	Fixing this may not be in my lifetime at 77yo.	Skillman St	887+00:00
Julie B.	Larry got no answer re Federal infrastrure monies yet a bond election outting Dallas in greater debt. Stephanie high-end areas may offer DART GO to light rail but my balance is weak, fell, no assistance until a passenger came by.	Skillman St	2024-08-23 14:52:16.811 986+00:00
Julie B.	Ask lots of questions. Hopefully they will keep and expand their Uber (beta) offering.. it's scary.	Skillman St	2024-08-23 14:56:27.677 689+00:00

Raymond W.	Thank you for your much needed service! Raymond Watkins lewisville, Tx	Quiet times	2024-08-23 15:02:56.621 147+00:00
Alex E.	Free quotes	Bella Casa	2024-08-23 15:04:27.003 923+00:00
James M.	Efficient land use?	Lochwood	2024-08-23 15:08:37.902 519+00:00
Duane C.	You hiring?	The Parks At Boat Club	2024-08-23 15:08:55.344 974+00:00
James M.	Lori No dissent, right? No questions.	Lochwood	2024-08-23 15:09:20.381 430+00:00
Jean A.	Looking forward to these updates in my feed!	Rogers and Center	2024-08-23 15:09:55.958 533+00:00
Pat C.	Brian Are you on a high horse?	Merriman Park/Univer sity Manor	2024-08-23 15:12:18.302 652+00:00
Alex E.	Duane yes what area I need help need labors	Bella Casa	2024-08-23 15:12:44.993 192+00:00
Bharathi H.	Thanks Sarah! Great to receive the updates and posts!	Knolls Of Frisco	2024-08-23 15:13:12.170 977+00:00
Pat C.	Larry Good idea!	Merriman Park/Univer sity Manor	2024-08-23 15:13:52.960 451+00:00
Duane C.	Alex sorry i donâ€™t do labor jobs	The Parks At Boat Club	2024-08-23 15:15:48.452 111+00:00
Duane C.	Anyone looking to move to north Fort Worth? Check out my home lâ€™m selling. https://nextdoor.com/p/jp4mt34Jbc-L?utm_source=share&extras=OTg1NTYyOTg%3D&utm_campaign=1724425954784	The Parks At Boat Club	2024-08-23 15:16:42.291 527+00:00
Pat C.	Tracy Cannot follow your train of thought!?	Merriman Park/Univer sity Manor	2024-08-23 15:17:53.889 171+00:00
Pat C.	Alex Very nice patio work!!	Merriman Park/Univer sity Manor	2024-08-23 15:18:41.672 488+00:00
Share S.	Jana verify if info is incorrect with a reliable source.	Terrell	2024-08-23 15:18:51.176 530+00:00

Jennifer E.	Cindy Why is that?	Junius Heights	2024-08-23 15:20:31.734 165+00:00 2024-08-23 15:23:52.283 761+00:00
Alex E.	Pat thank you is my passion love concrete Stephanie Iâ€™ve been handicapped for decades. I enjoyed a city that used to cherish the elderly and handicapped. But, the last four years have proven to me that the city thinks we are a burden and want us to leave.	Bella Casa	2024-08-23 15:28:21.900 889+00:00 2024-08-23 15:30:05.720 583+00:00
Diane R.		West Haven Foster Village North	
Terri L.	Thanks for all the great information. Itâ€™s good to have this information disseminated on an open forum. Previously the general public had no real access to or knowledge of these actions. Whether all of these layers of governmental bureaucracy are necessary is a different subject.	Creekside At Cross Timbers	2024-08-23 15:44:07.845 548+00:00 2024-08-23 15:48:18.739 957+00:00 2024-08-23 15:53:08.187 132+00:00 2024-08-23 15:59:46.043 202+00:00
Jeff B.		Richland	
Gail C.	I would like to opt out of your communications.		
Charles M.	Gail click the 3 dots on top of this post, go down to unsubscribe.	Greenville	
Willdon N.	Matt Those are your choices to drive in those lanes. Why complain? Who determines bus stops and scheduling for those stops? I've noticed that there are many places the Fort Worth buses stop, but many asking the way the drivers pass by, forcing riders to walk much further than necessary.	Greenway Parks	
Sandy K.		Bomber Heights	2024-08-23 16:10:37.728 726+00:00 2024-08-23 16:11:05.313 444+00:00
Theresa W.	Is there a speed rail in D/FW's future? Julie Give Dart some credit, for trying to modify the routes being used by the majority of people. Very sad, when huge buses have no riders. Morning, Noon, Afternoon, and Night. Only the driver. Now, that's a waste. Routes in N. Dallas, where everyone have more than one car were not being used. I rarely used the one 1 block away, now it's gone. Now I have to walk another block to catch a bus. oh well, worth it ...I use bus, train to airport .. never drive anymore.. Much more convenient and cheaper. I do agree that Main streets like Northwest Hwy, need to have service for the entire road, instead of the route jumping North for 1 mile, wandering around and then coming back to the highway. Those without up to date information on the route makes it difficult to know	Gateway Estates	
Willdon N.		Greenway Parks	2024-08-23 16:11:47.203 324+00:00

	where to catch it. Long walks, on a main thoroughfare. Especially around shopping centers, where people want to go and ride public transportation.		2024-08-22
Bettye T.	Thank you for connecting with our neighborhood . I look forward to your communications	JL Hill	22:32:09.226 433+00:00
Deborah S.	Thank You Most Kindly..	Estates West	2024-08-22 22:38:28.388 350+00:00
Jay M.	Dan We have a car wash on the corner of 380 and 75, of course you need a bank loan to go through it, but it is what it is. We need one for the hoi polloi.	Sable Creek	2024-08-22 22:45:07.041 488+00:00
Shirley J.	Thank you, this is a great way to keep our community informed.Š~Š	The Villages At Spring Lake	2024-08-22 22:45:11.177 751+00:00
Jay M.	Honest question...Why is it developers are allowed to build out thousands of homes and apartments creating gridlock on existing roads, and only then do they start tearing up the roads to widen, expand, etc., and continues the chaos for 2-3 more years. Why not build out the roads first, then permit development. It's like Ready, Fire, Aim all the time. Highway 5 between Melissa and Anna is a prime example, thousands of apartments and new housing increasing density 20-fold, and then they start tearing up the 2-lane roads after it's a major problem. What is the logic behind that?	Sable Creek	2024-08-22 22:55:06.914 071+00:00
Tauhidah C.	Welcome Sarah! The only question or suggestion I have is why does the DFW area lack public transportation? This is one of the largest and one of the fastest growing metroplexes, but the city is not pedestrian friendly at all. It's a little disappointing that you have to get in your car and drive almost everywhere in order to get around.	Falcons Lair	2024-08-22 22:56:52.611 218+00:00
Annie B.	This is a new business for me, I hope to learn a lotŠ~Š	The Vistas Harbor	2024-08-22 22:59:47.938
Nathan S.	Very cool!	Lakes	072+00:00
LISA M.	Thank you, appreciate the outreach! I know all about your organization. When my husband retired from 44 years in the title insurance business, he chaired a group of stakeholders for the Chamber of Commerce here in Waxahachie working on initiatives for our city. He grew up with Mike Eastland who was head of your organization. I'm sure you know him; however, he is probably retired. Our city has a very close relationship with your organization. My husband's name was Mike Ramsey. He passed away 2	Royal and 75	2024-08-22 23:00:48.589 822+00:00
Bonney R.		Downtown	2024-08-22 23:02:28.729 545+00:00
		West Main St	2024-08-22 23:02:49.655 903+00:00

years ago.

I would really be interested in chatting with you.

		Meadow Ridge - Harvest Run	2024-08-22 23:08:12.135 614+00:00
Steven P.	Ella thatâ€™s because itâ€™s a slush fund and waste of taxpayer \$\$ that the voters had no decision in whatsoever. The dart board had a meeting last night and I received a phone call that allowed me to listen in and even talk to an operator to submit questions. I could participate from home and it was a great and easy way to get involved. I hope you could do something like that!		2024-08-22 23:09:57.070 949+00:00
Jennifer T.		Crestview Meadow Ridge - Harvest Run	2024-08-22 23:11:17.846 784+00:00
Steven P.	Rob that just shows how effective they have been		2024-08-22 23:21:22.276 194+00:00
Laura K.	Sounds great - thanks for posting this!	Bear Creek Ranch	2024-08-22 23:24:17.515 310+00:00
Brad T U.	Ella why? They are not an elected body. Itâ€™s a cabal. They are the ones instituting the UNâ€™s Agenda 21 and now Agenda 2030. They label it as sustainable development, but that is total B S	Stoneridge	2024-08-22 23:26:08.891 332+00:00
Brad T U.	Ella I have been on the news exposing the lovely corruption that inhabits the halls of our local government institutions. Trust me.	Stoneridge	2024-08-22 23:36:40.764 580+00:00
Theresa B.	How you find out what are air quality is at Providence Village with all the Ranch and Farm land being sold and mature trees uprooted and replaced with new houses, apartments and businesses and yearling trees planted. All the construction and traffic on 380 and Supreme Farms being sold and the dirt is being overturned and has created alot of dust and vehicle emissions in our area. We are now coughing up junk we never have and brown dirt covers cars parked outside. And you cannot keep furniture dusted. All in the name of Progress. If you can help, bring George Bush over to Highway 80, Iâ€™ll	Providence Village	2024-08-22 23:39:49.532 063+00:00
Richard B.	put your children through college!â€™! .. or at least buy your fruit basket	Villages of Fox Hollow Granbury Historic District	2024-08-22 23:40:18.148 748+00:00
Debara H.	Thank you so much for all you do.. Thank you for the outreach. North Texas spend an unacceptable amount of time in traffic commuting or just taking care of their families. Rapid population growth and lack of political will be some elected officials has increased that largely wasted time waiting in traffic. Iâ€™m all for better		2024-08-22 23:47:43.269 561+00:00
Scott U.		Trail Lake	

roads but also efficient public transportation options.

I look forward to your future post and thanks again keeping North Texans informed on transportation infrastructure projects and proposals.

Jeff M.	we look forward to any planned expansion of the Avondale Haslet bridge over Hwy 287.	Highlands At Willow Springs	2024-08-22 23:51:24.434 036+00:00
Nellie C.	Thank you.	Lakewood	2024-08-22 23:56:23.338 869+00:00
John D.	Brad T why be like that? Clueless Iâ€™m sure Lori please help me understand why they should close discussions? Shouldnâ€™t the citizens who pay their salaries have input and opinions?	Palmer	2024-08-23 00:00:58.090 266+00:00
Lori J. R.	Thanks! Another Lori, spelled correctly ðŸ˜‰	Dallas North Estates 1 NCTCOG	2024-08-23 00:01:38.291 593+00:00
Communi cations Specialist Sarah T.	Jennifer We do! Our public meetings are hybrid, and there are several ways you can submit comments. Here's information about our upcoming public meetings: https://nctcog.publicinput.com/#events	Transportat ion Departmen t	2024-08-23 00:01:39.844 835+00:00
Thelma K.	Great!! It would be nice to have some transportation in Weatherford the economy so high people canâ€™t afford to buy cars, it	Timber	2024-08-23 00:02:56.216 188+00:00
Clellie C.	would really help them out so they could at least work Man I would love to visit with you about the recent proposal to expand Hwy 377 and access roads through Granbury!	Weatherfor d - Midway	2024-08-23 00:04:57.206 723+00:00
Greg H.	Letâ€™s visit!	Acton	2024-08-23 00:07:38.753 132+00:00
Pamela W.	Thanks!!	Hunter Trail Glen Meadow	2024-08-23 00:08:16.247 489+00:00
Sean N.	How do I opt out of these?	Estates/Ro sser Park NCTCOG	2024-08-23 00:19:42.223 769+00:00
Communi cations Specialist Sarah T.	Sean I believe you can unsubscribe if you click on the three dots at the top right of the post. Sorry to see you go!	Transportat ion Departmen t	2024-08-23 00:23:47.056 346+00:00

Gale G.	Thank you ! Great	Forney	2024-08-23 00:26:03.696 533+00:00
Connie C.	I need a retired person who can pay my bills, most are auto pay, 972-740-2920. Thanks.	Frisco Lakes	2024-08-23 00:34:15.620 046+00:00
John R.	Sherry please. NO. Bike lanes. Keep em on the sidewalk. I miss living in Dallas. I was born and raised there. But, the crime got so bad we couldn't enjoy the downtown area without being accosted by people wanting to rob us or terrorize us. We moved to McKinney and we can enjoy all the things the city has to offer.	Pleasant Acres	2024-08-23 00:34:21.242 650+00:00
John W.		Mansions McKinney	2024-08-23 00:36:09.711 522+00:00
David C.	Thanks for keeping us informed. We must be. Welcome. Where did you go to school. I am a retired communications Professor. Thank you for keeping us up to date.	Frisco Lakes	2024-08-23 00:44:24.893 131+00:00
Paul H.		Rayzor Ranch	2024-08-23 00:45:05.264 648+00:00
Donna B.	John that's not even feasible with pedestrians and disabled on sidewalks. Sidewalks are not made for bicycles.	Clubview	2024-08-23 00:48:19.638 317+00:00
Kim C.	Hello. What's happening with the train service that was planned to come thru Burleson 15 years ago? Thanks for the information. OMG! have you seen the PURPLE HAZE POLLUTION covering all of downtown DALLAS. It's disgusting and harmful to breathe, sooner or later all these "climate deniers" will figure it out.. When they get lung cancer from breathing. WE NEED MORE ALTERNATIVES, WE NEED ARMED POLICE or ARMED DRIVERS on ALL DART BUSES & TRAINS. PLEASE, more bike paths on streets and alternatives to driving vehicles need to be encouraged. What's funny Matt? Ever heard the story about the frog in the pot of warming water? Rrrriiiippppeett, rrrriiiippppeett. now that will be funny when your @sp is cooked. Like a burrito in a microwave in a tin wrapper on wheels.	Alsbury Estates	2024-08-23 00:52:47.989 477+00:00
Willdon N.		Greenway Parks	2024-08-23 00:55:07.314 816+00:00
Alice K.	Looking forward to hearing from you, if you need anything, I am retired and happy to help. So where is the buses and the rail to the north Dallas area and Collin and Denton and Grayson Counties??? Guess us hard working Americans and Veterans don't deserve city transportation of any kind !!!	Woodhaven	2024-08-23 00:56:54.061 702+00:00
Chad B.		Shepherds Hill	2024-08-23 00:59:04.478 406+00:00

Jane M.	Sarah Thompson, the problem I have with this post, is that you told us your agenda, occasionally come on to say thank you, but I am not reading any real replies from you to some of the neighborsâ€™ more serious concerns. Perhaps legally you are not allowed to. You appear to be a mouth piece of appeasement to the public, for this organization. ~OR~ perhaps this actually is not in your job description for this particular post. It may be someone elseâ€™sâ€™ job. Thank you. Otherwise I would hope for the best. John riding bikes on sidewalks is prohibited in most areas. Not necessarily advocating for bike lanes, but projects that enhance safety, increased hike/bike trails, etc. What is your objection to bike lanes just out of curiosity? Some folks would rather have a bike lane than share the road with cyclists others prefer sharing the road with the cyclist (edited for clarity). Cyclist are permitted to use an entire lane.	Gatewood Garland	2024-08-23 01:03:06.213 933+00:00
Sherry O.		Newman Village	2024-08-23 01:05:49.878 586+00:00
Kara R.	Thank you for posting, so all of the neighbors can be updated on new information that we would not know otherwise. Kara She had an opportunity to address real concerns some of the neighbors politely addressed, but she did not. Perhaps she will later. Or perhaps this actually is not in her job description for this particular post. It may be someone elseâ€™sâ€™ job. Thank you.	Bent Tree to Jewel	2024-08-23 01:06:55.551 664+00:00
Jane M.		Gatewood Garland	2024-08-23 01:08:49.158 949+00:00
Marcus C.	Jane stop with your negativity!!	Hillside Villas	2024-08-23 01:10:12.584 257+00:00
Liz P.	A nearby Amtrak for city of Arlington connecting Arlington to Dallas or Fortwoth. Chad newsflashâ€¦ theyâ€™re building the silver line from DFW Airport heading east through the northern suburbs and north Dallasâ€¦ Grayson County wonâ€™t be included unless they want to be a part of dart Theyâ€™re not paying anything into dart now so thatâ€™s why dart doesnâ€™t go there..	Arlington	2024-08-23 01:10:41.621 507+00:00
Marcus C.		Hillside Villas	2024-08-23 01:13:16.296 893+00:00
Eliett S.	Thanks for proactively informing us. Smart use of social mediaðŸ™‚	Parkwood Ranch	2024-08-23 01:15:27.488 824+00:00
Marcus C.	Brad T nothing like an uninformed curmudgeon full of negativity to give their two cents worth Sarah Thompson, thank you for your time. The concern I have with this post is that you told us the agenda, occasionally come on to say thank you, but I am not reading any real replies from you to some of the neighborsâ€™ more serious concerns. Perhaps legally you are not allowed to. You appear to be a mouth piece of appeasement to the public, for this organization. ~OR~ perhaps this actually is not in your job	Hillside Villas	2024-08-23 01:15:59.768 233+00:00
Jane M.		Gatewood Garland	2024-08-23 01:16:07.622 933+00:00

Communications Specialist Sarah T.	description for this particular post, to talk about possible resolve of these concerns. It may be someone else's job. Thank you. Otherwise I would hope for the best. Jane Thank you for your comment. We've had a lot of fantastic feedback and great questions today! Some questions have been easier to answer than others, and some will take time will I find those answers. It's also our first day on Nextdoor, so it may take us a few days to find our feet. Thank you for your patience in the meantime. :)	NCTCOG Transportation Department	2024-08-23 01:19:48.808 485+00:00
Amye L.	Thank you	Sachse Creek	2024-08-23 01:23:11.141 559+00:00
Dansarki Y.	Well done Sarah and thank you. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is a voluntary association of, by and for local governments, and was established 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.	Verandah	2024-08-23 01:23:15.751 149+00:00
NCTCOG serves a 16-county region of North Central Texas, which is centered around the two urban centers of Dallas and Fort Worth. NCTCOG has over 230 member governments including 16 counties, numerous cities, school districts, and special districts. Click here for more information about membership in NCTCOG. NCTCOG's General Assembly, which annually elects the Executive Board, is composed of one elected or appointed official from each governmental member of the Council whose annual dues are current. The Executive Board, comprised of 18 locally elected officials, is the policy-making body for all activities undertaken by the Council of Governments, including program activities and decisions, regional plans, and fiscal and budgetary policies. The Board is supported by technical, study, and policy development committees and a professional staff headed by Mike Eastland, Executive Director.			
Marcus C.	Communications Specialist Sarah Thompson, thank you. Note that not one real concern was addressed, so I realize it may take a team effort to reply, in "due time". Even if we are disappointed with the replies/answers, will want facts, not patronizing or appeasing. Thank you and your team again.	Hillside Villas	2024-08-23 01:25:19.104 254+00:00
Jane M.		Gatewood Garland	2024-08-23 01:29:23.466 516+00:00

Brenda S.	Why isn't County Government included in your list of government agencies. They do own land outside of city limits and might be a help with more. Just saying.	Linkwood Estates	2024-08-23 01:33:28.388 665+00:00
Julie L.	I loved the transpotation presentation at the City of Arlington last month w all the new different modes of transportation in downtown Via ride shares, college student transportation shuttles, plus the new electric cars, and electric car food delivery trials and the proposal for partnering to have possible Drone deliveries for certain items. Lots going on in our city!	Graham Square & Embassy Court	2024-08-23 01:34:42.354 617+00:00
Wally T.	Appreciate notices thank you ma'am	Bethany Lake Estates	2024-08-23 01:40:33.330 127+00:00
Jane M.	Marcus , thank you. NextDoor Citizens have real concerns, hopes, sincere questions/ NCTCOG may or may not have answers.	Gatewood Garland	2024-08-23 01:43:51.555 930+00:00
Jane D.	Thank you, Sara. Looking forward to your posts!	Mayfair	2024-08-23 01:56:07.118 821+00:00
Mary S.	Awesome! Thanks!	Pelican Bay	2024-08-23 01:57:48.820 445+00:00
Steven V.	ðŸ™Œ	Cross Oak Ranch	2024-08-23 02:13:00.873 772+00:00
Estela L.	Nice	Sleepy Hollow	2024-08-23 02:15:18.571 792+00:00
Gae S.	Granbury has a number of individuals who commute to Ft.Worth. Is there any chance of restoring fast rail service from Granbury to Ft. Worth along existing rail lines? We are retired and had to drive to Ft. Worth three times this week. I'm sure we're not alone.	Pecan	2024-08-23 02:16:33.376 979+00:00
Diana R.	Looking for suggestions for Cardiac Rehab in the NRH, Keller, Southlake area.	Forest Glenn West	2024-08-23 02:18:32.375 808+00:00
Jan G.	Great! Thank you!!	Southside Lake	2024-08-23 02:19:14.666 413+00:00
Travis J.	Eastern Collin County needs more parkways to move traffic.	Lakepointe	2024-08-23 02:30:43.369 585+00:00
Janet L.	Thank you! Look forward to your posts!	N Powell - N Riggins	2024-08-23 02:30:59.845 085+00:00

Welcome Sarah,
Be a steward of the people who use (or try to use)
transportation services in North Texas.

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Retired Transit Manager.

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Bob J.	Ask Mr. Morris how he feels things are progressing? I'm retired, I can ask that now.	Oakhill Park	02:42:16.769 334+00:00
			2024-08-23
Brad T U.	Marcus ignorance is not a redeeming quality I suppose you call building hov lanes with outrageous fees & that cripple traffic while you take years to complete them can improve transportation in our communities? Your board has lined their pockets in the name of our community good! It's a crock!!!	Stoneridge	02:44:32.284 922+00:00
Deb G.	My only opinion is save the land if we are to go green and you allegedly can for land use. Make people use and reuse old buildings instead of tearing up the land for new building when we have plenty of empty buildings and malls ect. Trees produce oxygen (good for air quality)and ect.	The Oaks Arlington	2024-08-23 02:44:45.679 837+00:00
Nancy J.		Willow Ridge	2024-08-23 02:52:11.829 148+00:00
Paul G.	Brad T Underwood No you have not. Jennifer Trust me, you don't want it. Rowlett had no Dart train and limited bus routes and virtually no vagrants when I moved here 15 years ago. Dart extended the rail out here several years ago and the vagrants, corner beggars and tent folk soon followed. Apparently the homeless qualify for heavy transit discounts and instead of remaining in highly urban areas, they migrate out until they find a new landing spot. Not conjecture. Fact!! Do not subject your own town to this debacle.	Lakewood Heights	2024-08-23 02:58:33.173 244+00:00
Les W.		Flower Hill	2024-08-23 03:02:07.138 398+00:00
Charity N.	Thank you for reaching out with this info. Soooo yall are putting more work on the trinity metro employees and still don't wanna pay more money?? That's so odd! I literally just left from working with them as a service controller due to not making enough money and now yall want to give more work? lol yall funny!	Glendover Park	2024-08-23 03:04:50.427 215+00:00
Shon W.		Benbrook Lakeside	2024-08-23 03:16:48.709 741+00:00
Mary W.	Thank you Sarah. I look forward to the updates.	Harwood	2024-08-23 03:19:08.147 055+00:00
Sheniqua D.	Thank you Ms. Sarah	Villages of Carmel	2024-08-23 03:21:40.160 558+00:00

	you're auto-subscribed to receive our posts in your feed I like to know about transportation projects in the city BUT I don't like Nextdoor forcing us to receive posts you did not enrolled for! Used DART for years. Found myself moving when the one route in my neighborhood was cut.	High Hawk At Martin's Meadow	2024-08-23 03:25:19.848 946+00:00
Ricardo C.			
Julie B.	It's a mess now. Hope you can fix it!	Skillman St	2024-08-23 03:25:33.859 544+00:00
Melissa R.	Brad I think you missed your nap.	Timberview Estates West	2024-08-23 03:28:15.967 432+00:00
Mary W.	Brad T NCTCOG posting on this platform provides an opportunity for accountability	Harwood	2024-08-23 03:28:19.733 791+00:00
Matt M.	Brad T can I get a link?		
	How about ties to Bill Gates and Klaus Schwab?	Arbor Creek	2024-08-23 03:37:16.140 156+00:00
	Richard little elm will go bankrupt soon during Great Depression if Frisco doesn't annex this struggling high crime lakeside city and if more Bridges aren't built across Lewisville lake (even toll or crowdfunded) to connect it.		
	This situation gets ignored because of Rockwall I-30 bridge and no bush extension causing multiple hour backups!		
	2 local tourist major employers shut down last week laying off 200 people.		
	Should have done universal here and more like legacy west in the fields not universal.		
	Beach isn't enough of a draw to keep town alive!		
Matt M.		Arbor Creek	2024-08-23 03:46:07.705 331+00:00
Les W.	Matt Little Elm was beautiful before The Great Expansion. A shame. A little burg turned into another run-of-the-mill bunghole.	Flower Hill	2024-08-23 03:55:05.923 017+00:00
	Deb my friend paid \$45 in fees to get in/out of Fort Worth from Frisco recently! Horrible.		
Matt M.	I'm spending \$3k on tolls for church and family mostly all on Lewisville lake bridge so expensive & time gas consuming even with toll tag!	Arbor Creek	2024-08-23 03:58:52.946 918+00:00

Matt M.	Travis itâ€™s bad but us and 380 plus south little elm west Frisco get ignored because of Rockwall bridge situation and [REDACTED]	Arbor Creek	2024-08-23 04:00:17.340 682+00:00 2024-08-23
Matt M.	Julie like the drones.	Arbor Creek	04:01:32.414 867+00:00 2024-08-23
Rushant S.	Great ! Looking forward....	Valley ABC Oak Creek Estates	04:01:35.471 841+00:00 2024-08-23
Susan E.	Brad T	Grapevine	04:02:51.417 792+00:00 2024-08-23
Dan H.	Welcome to the neighborhood Are you in charge of that train that nobody uses and is only good for creating traffic jams and making everyone late? If so make your next project fixing those tracks on Beach street. PS you owe me some new tires and a front end alignment.	Uptown	04:12:24.860 450+00:00 2024-08-23
Tracey S.		Fossil	04:17:27.434 377+00:00 2024-08-23
Julie B.	And back in Dallas ðŸ””	Skillman St	04:32:06.118 706+00:00 2024-08-23
Cathy L.	Thank you for looking and improving our mobility.	S Great SW Pkwy	04:32:48.496 230+00:00 2024-08-23
Julie B.	Muriel DART is a mess!	Skillman St	04:32:59.636 844+00:00 2024-08-23
Julie B.	Susan it's disgraceful what we do not have.	Skillman St	04:33:40.256 976+00:00 2024-08-23
Jeannie B.	Very excited to hear this . Ricardo Ricardo you can block those so you no longer get those posts.	Westwood Park	04:40:14.371 815+00:00
Julie L.	All the cities partner and use NEXTDOOR as a voluntarily used platform, to keep the public informed-as the said information in Sara's post. That's a refreshing post to me as well as the 639 likes so far in 1 nite by 1130. I find important public information interesting. ND has turned into a site for so many people asking for free handouts, rehoming and finding hundreds of stray animals. The balance of topics is off. Originally it was created for sharing a variety of helpful information.	Graham Square & Embassy Court	2024-08-23 04:44:59.909 903+00:00

Sheldon H.	Thank you so much !	Forest & Audelia	2024-08-22 18:40:57.499 650+00:00
Elaine C.	Thanks for including us in the air quality updates	Lakeside Cedar Creek Country Club	2024-08-22 18:43:38.202 616+00:00
Gina B.	Appreciate notices and updates, thanks Sara!	Denham Village	2024-08-22 18:46:34.823 868+00:00
Janet P.	I look forward to seeing your posts.	Lakeside Estates	2024-08-22 18:47:04.038 450+00:00
Sandra D.	Thank you	Stoneridge	2024-08-22 18:49:23.517 245+00:00
Brad T U.	You are an unelected bureaucratic body with zero accountability to the public	Fossil Park Merriman	2024-08-22 19:05:16.462 718+00:00
Mark L.	Are citizens allowed to attend the cog meetings? So glad you're joining ND.	Park/University Manor	2024-08-22 19:12:49.016 855+00:00
Pat C.	When I worked in commercial RE, I spoke to your office often. Your people are always so very helpful!	Merriman Park/University Manor	2024-08-22 19:18:45.783 768+00:00
Pat C.	Brad T And you need to check your facts!! Will you be including bicycle transportation as part of your planning?? Would love to see some projects and improvements bicycle traffic and safety.	Newman Village	2024-08-22 19:19:37.558 796+00:00
Sherry O.	1. Why is your office in Arlington, largest city in the United States without mass transit? 2. How many of your employees bike or carpool to the office? Or lead by example in other ways?	Highland Terrace	2024-08-22 19:25:53.770 846+00:00
Rob D.	Brad T I've been familiar with NCTCOG since the late 90's, have never seen a thing from them other than words.	Highland Terrace	2024-08-22 19:30:42.286 982+00:00
Rob D.	Certainly no leadership by example.	Stevens Park Village NCTCOG	2024-08-22 19:32:28.411 776+00:00
Susan A.	All meetings and agendas are posted on the NCTCOG's website. The public is welcome to attend.	Transportation Department	2024-08-22 19:35:02.345 273+00:00
Communications Specialist Sarah T.	Mark Absolutely, and our next public meeting is on September 9. We have many public input opportunities, which you can find here: https://nctcog.org/trans/involve . We'll also share meetings and events here on Nextdoor.		2024-08-22 19:41:27.283 616+00:00

Jennifer E.	Please get public transportation in Arlington.	Junius Heights Fountain Park Estates	2024-08-22 19:42:36.214 783+00:00 2024-08-22 19:51:49.509 408+00:00
Randy G.	Randy Gardner	Cooper Crossing	2024-08-22 19:59:05.256 654+00:00
Betty B.	Thank you	Hillcrest Forest NCTCOG	2024-08-22 20:00:15.057 254+00:00
Deanna D.	Sounds great!	Transportation Department	2024-08-22 20:04:29.611 342+00:00
Communications Specialist Sarah T.	Sherry Yes we do! You can find information on our Bicycle-Pedestrian projects here: https://nctcog.org/trans/plan/bikeped	Creek Hollow	2024-08-22 20:09:53.865 476+00:00
Dan N.	Other than needing a car wash, everything is fine. Thanks, I'll read your posts to help stay informed. I'm familiar with NCTCOG transportation planning and participated with the environmental group during my tenure with DART and	Hampton Hills	2024-08-22 20:11:01.590 515+00:00
Tad H.	TxDOT. How about your organization do something to get a grade crossing in place on Bonds Ranch Road just west of RT287 before all of the additional apartments and houses are occupied and making a dangerous situation even more so.	Fossil Creek Estates	2024-08-22 20:11:23.184 042+00:00
Phil S.		Plantation Resort	2024-08-22 20:15:07.533 704+00:00
Hugh S.	Please don't bring public transit, liquor stores, or Section 8 housing to FrisWoke. EXCELLANT! Thank you, Sarah I'm glad to be on your message strand. Transprotation should be coordinated regionally. To prove that: How many prople do you know that work and live in different cities?	Legend Point	2024-08-22 20:15:52.127 702+00:00
Dan L.	Jennifer and Burleson, please and thank you. I tested in your office when I applied for a 1st Responder Dispatcher position, but I still know little about NCTCOG so it will be interesting to learn!	Gardens	2024-08-22 20:22:39.816 877+00:00
Jana S.		Junius Heights	2024-08-22 20:25:56.672 034+00:00
Jennifer E.	Jana Oh I don't live in Arlington. I just want public transportation to get to the games and back.		2024-08-22 20:26:52.726
Jana S.	Dan we can certainly share some (or many) of ours from the Burleson/Crowley area.....just sayin'.... ðŸ™‚ðŸ™‚,	Gardens	198+00:00

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Pam M.	Thank you Sarah. Will look forward to your posts.	Heights At	20:30:21.573
	Some of the responses here from adults are shocking.	Westridge	872+00:00
			2024-08-22
Lori P.	PLEASE!! PLEASE!! PLEASE!!		20:32:18.600
	@NCTCOG remember to close discussion on your posts!!!	Morris Lane	655+00:00
			2024-08-22
Ricky B.	Lori just curious why you say that?	High	20:38:26.814
	Are you in any way connected with the Dart ride services I	Meadows	207+00:00
	get? This is the van that takes me from my home to doctors		2024-08-22
Muriel R.	and community center	Frankford	20:43:00.495
	Pat show me the ballot application that shows board of		236+00:00
	trustees for the North TexasCOG?		2024-08-22
Brad T U.	It does not exist		21:04:16.512
		Stoneridge	466+00:00
			2024-08-22
Rebecca T.	Thank you!	Greenland	21:12:44.455
		Hills	762+00:00
			2024-08-22
Anna H.	Thank you for sharing, this will be informative for all	Dolphin	21:15:28.764
	communities and Associations @2025, 2	Heights	316+00:00
	Brad T you seem to feel passionately about this Brad. You		2024-08-22
	should definitely show up to their meetings and share your	North Oak	21:17:53.016
Ella C.	voice!	Cliff	773+00:00
			2024-08-22
Jadore A.	Hugh they donâ€™t have anything to do with a liquor store or	Woodhave	21:26:48.668
	section 8. I see through your comment. Sad	n	195+00:00
		Willowston	2024-08-22
Susan W.	Finally! Hopefully we'll have Public transportation soon... To	e Estates At	21:46:43.990
	catch up with other big cities.	Mansfield	373+00:00
			2024-08-22
Baburaj A.	Thanks very much!		22:10:49.913
		Erin Lane	030+00:00
			2024-08-22
cathy c.	Appreciate you reaching out Sarah, as well as future		22:17:33.215
	notifications.	Merit	142+00:00



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