

## **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 Process, 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 November 8, 2018.

This report is a compilation of general public comments submitted by members of the public from Monday, October 20, through Thursday, November 19. Comments and questions are submitted for the record and can be submitted via Facebook, Twitter, fax, email and online.

This month, public comments were received on a number of topics across social media platforms and via email. Sustainability comments, including for Thanksgiving and clean vehicles, were in the majority.

#### **Project Planning**

##### **Email –**

###### **1. Chuck Erwin**

I am a firm believer in alternate roads, NOT modes. We must spend more on highway and freeway expansion, and less on rail and buses. Lane diets should be avoided completely. Every vehicle stuck in traffic belches out a toxic blend of fumes going nowhere. That dirties our air. The answer to reducing congestion is more highway construction, and bringing funding for each mode in line with it's tripshare. When a minor mode (transit) gets 40+% of transportation dollars, it's little wonder why our highways are becoming more and more congested. This must end. In addition, DFW must pursue a freeway or tollway beltway around the entire metroplex. Loop 12 should also be a freeway, and the segments of 121 should be connected without dumping onto 183 and 820. Many other freeways should be built as well

###### **2. Oscar Pearson**

Having sent requests for information and support on this item and not received a reply, I decided to send you an email.

We realize that we are way behind in roads going east and west in Denton County. Especially from the 380 corridor north. We have a thoroughfare plan in place that seems to garner little if any attention by county officials.

Even with the 380 completed to Collin County, once open it will be overcrowded. And with the influx of thousands of homes north of 380 it would behove officials to get on board with helping build roads now, now later after homes and traffic are already congested.

Thank you.

##### **Response from NCTCOG staff**

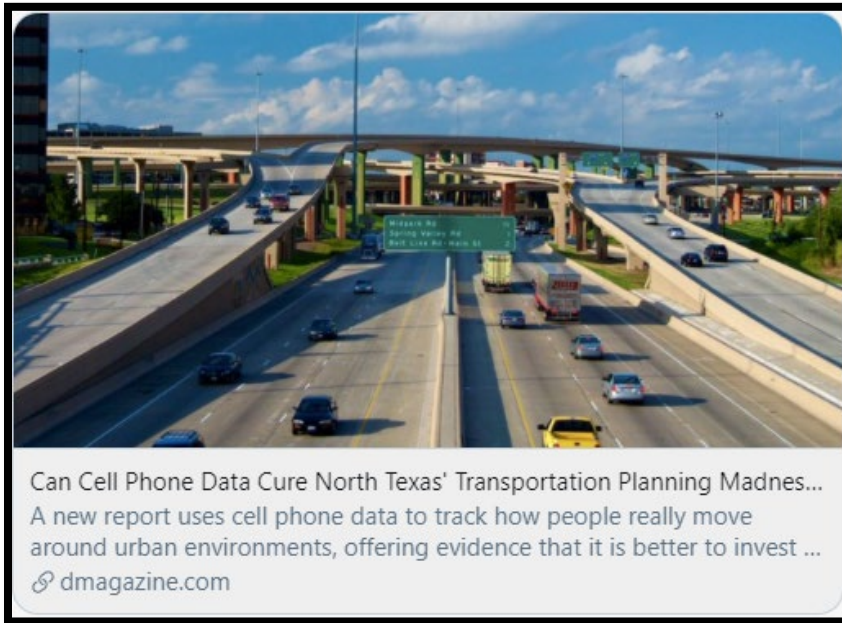
Mr. Pearson

Thank you for contacting the NCTCOG Transportation Department. We will include your below comments in our report for the Regional Transportation Council.

Should you have additional questions related to U.S. 380, please contact Stephen Endres with the Texas Department of Transportation. (I've copied him on this email.)

**Twitter –**

1. Can Cell Phone Data Cure North Texas' @NCTCOGtrans-driven Transportation Planning Madness? – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie\_H\_Dallas)



2. In case you were wondering, our regional planning is entirely centered on how far how fast people can drive: <https://nctcog.org/trans/plan/mtp/2045/travel-time-contour-maps-by-county>

Is this equitable? Does it yield positive outcomes? These are rhetorical questions. – housing not highways (@WalkableDFW)

Why is @NCTCOGtrans using this metric as a primary planning objective? – Wylie H Dallas (@Wylie\_H\_Dallas)

**Facebook –**

1. The November public input opportunity is now! We want to hear from you on a few topics, including the COVID-19 Infrastructure Program, which is designed to provide funding for projects in the region in order to assist with boosting the economy. For more information on that and other topics, visit: [nctcog.org/input](http://nctcog.org/input). – NCTCOG Transportation Department

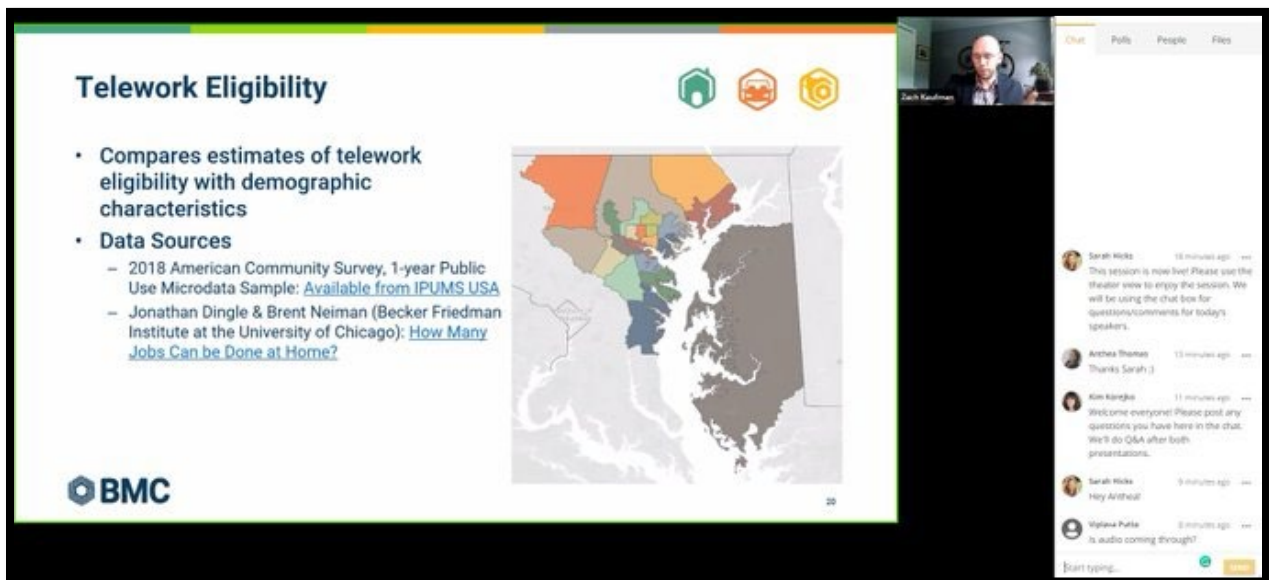


Stop the toll roads. – Wm Atkins

**Public Meetings and Forums**

**Twitter –**

1. Join @Iteris's COVID-19 Data - Part II Session to hear @BaltoMetroCo's Zach Kaufman & Shawn Kimberly showcase the Baltimore Regional Recovery Dashboard and @NCTCOGtrans's Amanda Wilson, Francisco Torres, and James McLane share performance metrics tracked during COVID-19 & recovery – Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (@Assoc\_MPOs)



**Sustainability**

**Twitter –**

1. As you make plans to observe Thanksgiving, @NCTCOGtrans has several great tips for a greener holiday. Let us know how you plan on making yours more sustainable. #KGVBTX – KGVB Texas (@KGBVTexas)



2. @EPA recently announced the selection of the @NCTCOGtrans to receive \$300,000 in funding to help reduce food waste by diverting food waste from landfills and expanding anaerobic digester capacity North Texas. You can read more at – KGVB Texas (@KGBVTexas)



**Facebook –**

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2. 2020 has been a year unlike any other and with the presence of COVID-19 still looming, celebrating the holidays we love may look different for many of us. Being environmentally conscious is still important, so whether you're celebrating a socially distanced family Thanksgiving or preparing to shop for holiday gifts, there are steps you can take to protect our air quality and the environment. Check out these tips from NCTCOG Transportation Department on how to have a safe and eco-friendly Thanksgiving. <https://loom.ly/TxW0iaA>. – Keep Fort Worth Beautiful



3. From our friends at NCTCOG Transportation Department:

Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities (DFWCC) is seeking information on clean vehicle technologies that can comply with Buy America requirements set forth by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)/DFWCC has a history of using FHWA Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) funding to facilitate a variety of “clean vehicle technology” projects – most projects have involved purchase of new, low-emitting vehicles to replace older vehicles. However, no commercially available vehicles meet FHWA definitions of Buy America compliance.

NCTCOG/DFWCC would like your help with any information on clean vehicle technologies that meet these requirements. Responses are accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday November 13 to [cleancities@nctcog.org](mailto:cleancities@nctcog.org).

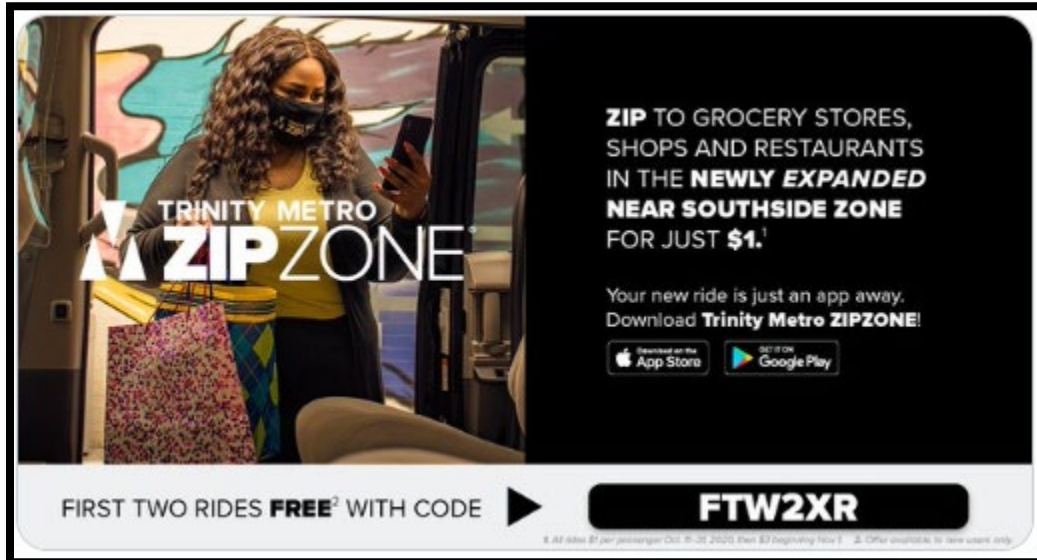
For full details and submittal instructions, see [www.dfwcleancities.org](http://www.dfwcleancities.org). – Texas NGV Alliance

### **Transit**

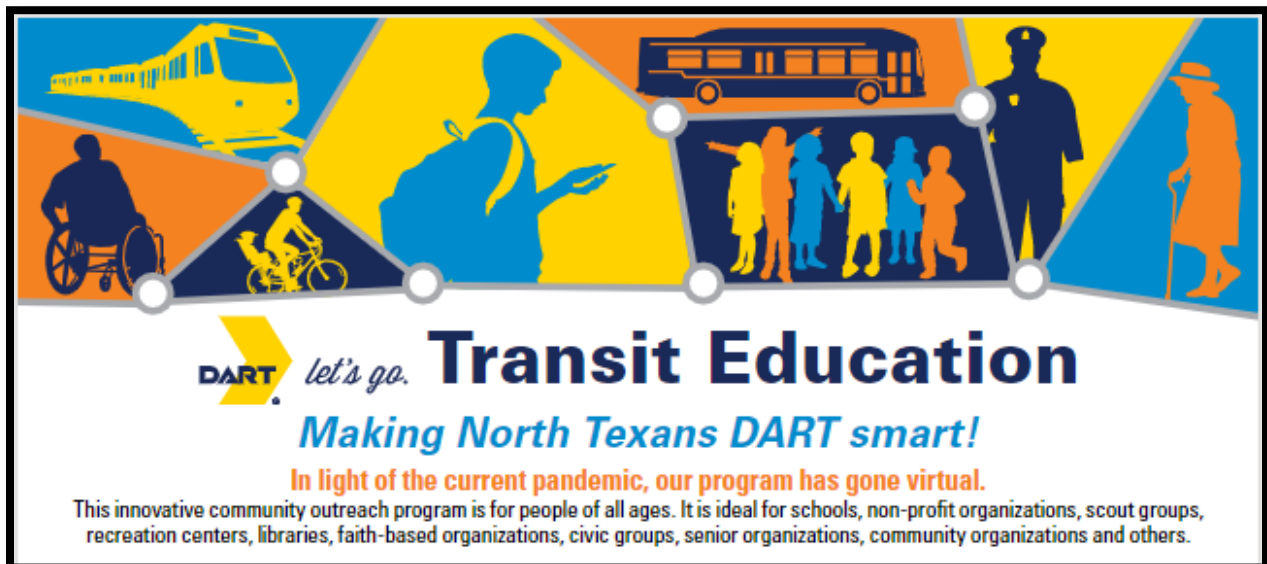
**Twitter –**




1. From @TrinityMetro: Zip IN. Zip SOUTH. Zip MORE at the newly expanded Near Southside ZIPZONE. All rides are \$1 Oct. 11-31. To learn more, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/y3dpq5gg>. @nearsouthside @CityofFortWorth @FTWChamber @fwhcc @FWMBCC @NCTCOGtrans – Salvador Espino Michel (@SAL\_FW)




2. Hey @garlandtxgov parents and educators! Looking for some at-home virtual education? Check out the presentations and tours available from @dartmedia and other sustainability education at <http://GoGreenGarland.com> @NCTCOGtrans @GarlandLibrary @gisdnews – GoGreenGarland (@GoGreenGarland)



3. Please review attached flyer from @TrinityMetro on A Better Connection as it moves to redesign its bus network. @TrinityMetro seeks your valued input. @CityofFortWorth @TarrantCountyTX @NCTCOGtrans @TarrantTransit – Salvador Espino Michel (@SAL\_FW)



TRINITY METRO



**You spoke. We listened.**  
Throughout the process of determining the goals for the new network, five key trade-offs were established: System Priorities, Waiting or Walking, Fixed or Flexible Service, Downtown or Grid Network, and Peak or All-Day Service. We have now developed three options that we'd like your feedback on. These options show how we could design the network depending on which priority is most important, using the same budget we have today.

**A, B or C? Tell Us!**  
RIDE [TRINITYMETRO.org/ABC](http://TRINITYMETRO.org/ABC)

**Contact us at:**  
[RIDE.TRINITYMETRO.org](http://RIDE.TRINITYMETRO.org)  
or @TrinityMetro

**Alternative Networks**

- A. System Simplification
- B. Walk More, Wait Less
- C. More ZIPZONES

**Facebook Live Public Meeting Schedule:**  
[www.facebook.com/trinitymetro/](http://www.facebook.com/trinitymetro/)  
Nov. 11 – 6:30 p.m.  
Nov. 14 – 11 a.m. (Spanish Language)  
Nov. 18 – 12 p.m.  
Dec. 2 – 6:30 p.m.  
Dec. 9 – 12 p.m.

**ABC Open House at Fort Worth Central Station**  
See potential maps, ask questions and provide feedback!  
Located at 1001 Jones St., Fort Worth, TX 76102  
Dec. 1 – 2-7 p.m.

4. East Lancaster Corridor Planning Meeting today on Webex from 3:30 pm to 5 pm.  
@CityofFortWorth @TrinityMetro @TarrantCountyTX @TarrantTransit @NCTCOGtrans – Salvador Espino Michel (@SAL\_FW)

## East Lancaster Avenue Corridor Planning The Conversation Continues

### *Participate in building the future!*

Join East Lancaster Avenue property owners and stakeholders to continue the discussion about potential improvements in land use, new development, and transportation along the East Lancaster Avenue corridor.



To begin planning for a potential Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system within the East Lancaster Avenue corridor, the City of Fort Worth and Trinity Metro are convening a series of public meetings to hear from East Lancaster stakeholders about their vision for the corridor.

Participants will learn more about the current conditions of the East Lancaster corridor – and the opportunities for future improvements.

Please make plans to attend this virtual meeting and share your ideas for the East Lancaster Avenue corridor.

### Meeting Details

**Wednesday, November 11, 2020**  
**3:30 – 5 p.m.**

**Register through Webex**  
[www.Webex.com](http://www.Webex.com) select "Join"  
Meeting Number: 126 833 7851  
Meeting Password: eastlanicester  
Phone in number: 817-392-1111

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