

INTERAGENCY TRANSPORTATION REPORT – MAY 2022

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MAY 12, 2022, REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL ITEMS OF INTEREST ([LINK TO COMPLETE AGENDA AND MATERIALS](#))

- **CHANGING MOBILITY: DATA, INSIGHTS, AND DELIVERING INNOVATIVE PROJECTS DURING COVID RECOVERY**
 - Michael Morris, NCTCOG Director of Transportation, presented data regarding travel behavior, roadway trends, transit trends, bicycle and pedestrian trends, airport trends, and the funding impact COVID has had on the region. As of February 2022, Bicycle and pedestrian travel has increased by 28%, while freeway volumes, toll road, airport passengers, and transit ridership has decreased by 2%, 13%, 21% and 43% (in the order listed).
- **AIR QUALITY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR VEHICLES**
 - There are several funding opportunities for projects that address air quality, including clean vehicle projects, available through federal, state, local, and non-profit entities. Additionally, NCTCOG has evaluated all applications received for the "Electric Vehicle Charging Station Call For Projects". The amount requested exceeded the available funding and NCTCOG does not plan on holding a second round of applications. More information and specific funding opportunities can be found at <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources>
- **FISCAL YEAR 2022 MULTIMODAL PROJECT DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM**
 - This grant program is \$2.85 billion dollars for three combined funding opportunities: the National Infrastructure Project Assistance Grants Program (MEGA), the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects Grant Program (INFRA), and the Rural Surface Transportation Grant Program (RURAL). For the eastern subregion, NCTCOG proposes submitting the South Dallas County Inland Port Multimodal Connectivity Project and partnering with TxDOT to resubmit the IH 30 Canyon project. For the western subregion, NCTCOG proposes to resubmit the East Lancaster Avenue Complete Streets and Transit Technology Project.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW

The August 2022 RTC meeting will be held on August 18, 2022 at the Irving Convention Center during the annual City of Irving Transportation Summit. The

August RTC meeting has traditionally been held as part of this Summit but has not happened in the last two years due to Covid-19 concerns.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **next RTC meeting is in-person** and is scheduled for **June 9, 2022** at 1:00 PM in the Transportation Council Room at the NCTCOG headquarters (616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, Texas 76011).



I-345 PUBLIC MEETINGS START MAY 24TH

TxDOT is hosting a third and final series of public meetings on the I-345 feasibility study starting on May 24th.

In Person - Tuesday, May 24th 5:30 to 7:30 (Open House)

St. Philip's School and Community Center
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75215

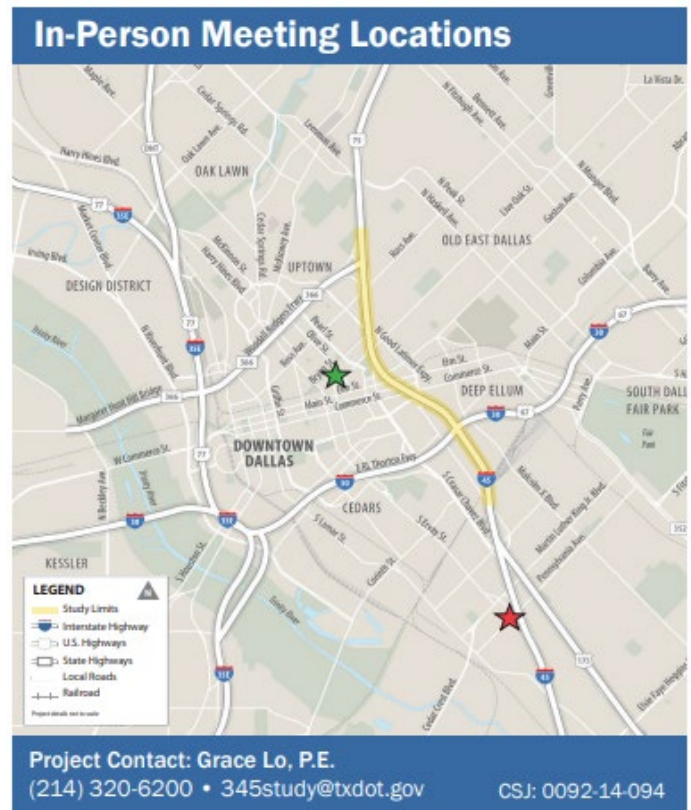
In Person - Thursday, May 26th 3:00 to 6:30 (Open House)

Sheraton Dallas Hotel – Dallas Ballroom
400 Olive Street
Dallas, Texas 75201

Virtual - Tuesday, May 24th from 5:30 PM to June 27th at 11:59 PM (on-going)

Not a live event. Materials can be viewed any time at

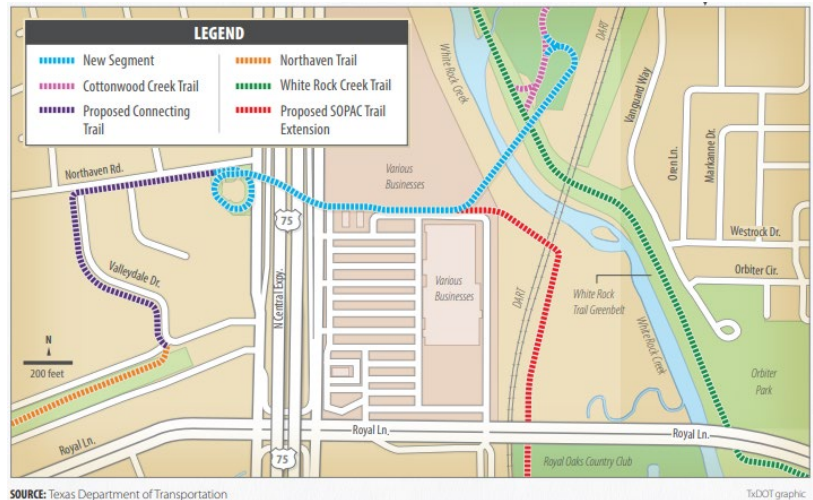
www.keepitmovingdallas.com/I345



NORTHAVEN TRAIL BRIDGE WORK

Work on the Northaven Trail Bridge over US 75 has started. This project will connect two bicycle/pedestrian trails to extend opportunities for recreational uses and to reduce barriers to alternative methods of transportation.

The project will join the Northaven Trail to existing trails east of US 75 and the regional trail system.



Schedule of Work

Spring 2022	- Relocate water line on the west side of US 75 - Finish column work on southbound frontage road on the west side of US 75
Late spring 2022	Pour deck over northbound frontage road on the east side of US 75
Early summer 2022	- Construct retaining wall on the east side of US 75 - Pave White Rock Creek Trail and install railing on the east side of US 75
Summer 2022	- Set beams and pour deck over southbound frontage road on the west side of US 75 - Construct retaining wall and parking lot on the west side of US 75 - Arch preassembly
Early fall 2022	Arch installation
Late 2022	Install pedestrian railing on the bridge and on both sides of US 75
Early 2023	Substantial completion

CONCEPTUAL RENDERINGS OF THE NEW NORTHAVEN TRAIL BRIDGE OVER US 75



Preliminary renderings of the Northaven Trail Bridge over US 75

TxDOT graphics



OVERNIGHT LANE CLOSURES PLANNED FOR U.S. 75 IN RICHARDSON FOR SILVER LINE BRIDGE

On Friday and Saturday nights from 7:00 PM to 5:00 AM, both northbound and southbound HOV lanes of US 75 will be closed for construction of the DART Silver Line bridge in Richardson. These **closures will continue through July 24th**.

MAY 20TH IS DART's ANNUAL BIKE TO WORK DAY

Friday, May 20th is Bike to Work Day. This is a national event to encourage people to try bicycle commuting as a healthy and safe alternative to driving.



UPCOMING MEETING

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at the DART Headquarters at 1401 Pacific Ave., Dallas, Texas 75202.



APRIL 27, 2022, PROJECT SPECIFIC AGREEMENT WITH DALLAS COUNTY

City of Dallas authorized Council Resolution No. 22-0642, for the Project Specific Agreement for MCIP Project No. 30247, for transportation improvements including installation of a new traffic signal and crosswalks at Summit Parc Drive (West Ridge Drive) and Clark Road to improve safety at this intersection along the Clark Road Corridor.



BOARD MEETING HELD APRIL 20TH

The NTTA Board of Directors held their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2022.

The Board approved recommendations by the Customer Service, Projects and Operations Committee to:

- **Advertise for:** a collections consultant; a TollTag provider; an engineering design firm from additional roadway cameras; engineering design services for additional Dynamic Message Signs; and, construction services for rehabilitation of the mainlane at President George Bush Turnpike and Pioneer Parkway.
- **Approve contracts for:** construction services for wall improvements at President George Bush Turnpike and Pioneer Parkway; construction services for a wall repair contract on the President George Bush Turnpike Western Extension; construction services for Dallas North Tollway bridge repairs; Environmental engineering services for the President George Bush Turnpike East Branch; IT license renewal; and 360T TollTag store lease extension.
- **Approve an Interlocal Agreement** with DART for Silver Line over the Dallas North Tollway

The Board also approved the Internal Audit Charter and the Internal Audit FY2022 updated workplan, the Bond trustee and master custodian services agreement, the master custodial account agreement, and appointment of a master custodian.

The Board received briefings on the Consolidated Monthly Performance Report and the Executive Director's report on contracts, supplements, and change orders less than \$300,000 that were executed in March 2022.

UPCOMING MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled at **10:00 on Wednesday May 18, 2022** at the NTTA headquarters in Plano (5900 West Plano Parkway, Plano, Texas 75093).



GUEST SPEAKER

State Representative Yvonne Davis was the guest speaker at the May 2022 Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition (DRMC) meeting. Representative Davis is in her 15th term as the Texas State Representative for District 111. She is currently the most senior member on the House Committee of Transportation and is a Vice Chair of Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence committee.

UPCOMING MEETING

The May DRMC meeting is scheduled for **June 3, 2022** in person at 11:00 AM at the NTTA Headquarters at 5900 W. Plano Parkway, Plano, Texas 75093.



DFW AIRPORT IS 2ND BUSIEST AIRPORT IN THE WORLD

Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) welcomed more than 62.5 million passengers in 2021 making **DFW the second busiest in the world by passenger volume** according to Airports Council International (ACI).

DFW saw a 58.7% growth over 2020 and has its sights set on returning to 2019 numbers in 2022. This increase showcases DFW's collaboration with airline partners who continue to expand their routes and services at the Airport. As one of the only airports in the U.S. to increase service and the number of destinations served over the past two years, DFW focuses on customer experience as the Airport continues as a leader in the industry. The Airport has implemented numerous advancements to enhance the customer's experience like ultraviolet-C (UV-C) lighting within the ventilation system to better clean circulated air, automated self-bag drops, smart restrooms and other innovative solutions to best serve customers.

The ACI report also recognized DFW as the world's most connected airport for the second consecutive year by offering more convenient connection opportunities than any other hub airport in the world. DFW also was listed as **the third busiest airport in terms of flights for the third consecutive year**.

DFW HITS CARGO MILESTONE

Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) announced at the 2022 International Air Cargo Association (TIACA) Executive Summit in San Francisco that the Airport **achieved a major milestone of moving one million U.S. tons of cargo in calendar year 2021**. This milestone is significant because of its impact on the local economy as well as being an indicator of growth for the Airport and the North Texas region.

This feat was driven by ongoing shifts in the global supply chain, including a shift from ocean to air freight. The Airport has also worked to streamline processes and gain efficiencies, avoiding the congestion seen at other major air cargo gateways.

A key component in DFW's strategy is to invest in systems that accelerate digitization of the cargo ecosystem, including the DFW Cargo Cloud. The DFW Cloud is an open-architecture digital data-sharing platform that allows cargo community members to seamlessly and securely exchange data, reduce paperwork and facilitate efficient transactions and handoffs between partners.

UPCOMING MEETING

The next board meeting will be Thursday, June 2, 2022. For more information, including agendas and actions, please visit www.dfwairport.com/board.