



Summary of Feedback Received During the Public Comment Period for the Draft Strategic Mobility Plan

February 2021

Overview

The draft version of the Connect Dallas Strategic Mobility Plan was available for public comment for three weeks in early 2021, from January 18, 2021 to February 5, 2021. Public comments were collected through an online survey posted to the project website. The objectives of the public comment period were to 1) solicit tailored feedback regarding the plan's strategies and priorities, and 2) provide the opportunity for the public to propose edits or additions to the plan's content. A total of 219 people provided feedback on the draft plan. The survey contained two primary questions. Summaries of the responses to each of those questions are provided in the following sections.

1. Please provide your comments on the draft plan in the text box below. If your comments pertain to specific pages or sections, please identify them before your comment. (Example: "Pages 42-45: I would like to see more discussion about...")
2. Dallas' infrastructure needs far exceed its resources, and tough decisions will need to be made about how to allocate limited funding to best meet City goals. How would you rank the following types of transportation improvements for priority for future funding?

Question 1: Please provide your comments on the draft plan in the text box below.

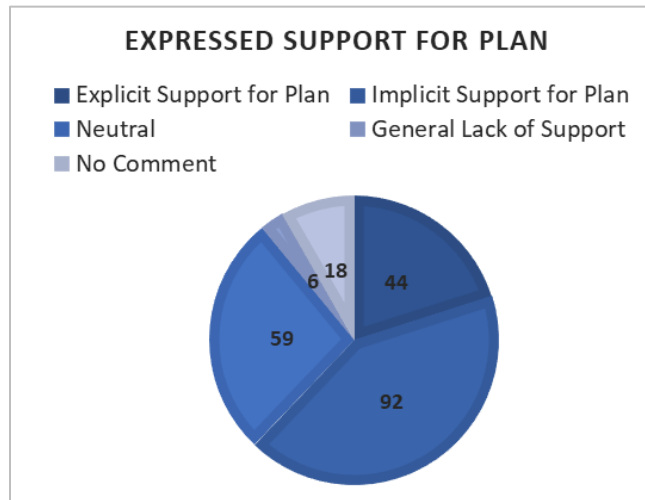
There were 219 responses to this question. Of the 219 responses, 18 were that the respondent did not have any comments (e.g., n/a, No comment, etc.).

Finding: There was Broad Support for the Plan

Of the remaining comments, the overwhelming majority of respondents indicated or explicitly noted their support for the plan's goals, vision, and strategy, as well as a desire for the City to implement and abide by the plan. Only nine indicated an issue with the plan's goals or strategy, as shown in Figure 1. Examples of comments that indicated support are listed below.

- "Great to see Dallas taking the right policy steps toward building a more connected, and equitable city."
- "I commend the plan for selecting option A as the path forward for the city. I would like to see the city implement the plan immediately."
- "If the city can commit to this, Dallas will be a much better place to live."
- "Maintaining emphasis on data-driven decisions is much appreciated and critical to continue"
- "Overall, the plan is very well done -- great job!"
- "Thank you for detailing this draft plan. It's clear you've incorporated the feedback you've received from the community meetings you've held along the way. I am very pleased to see your emphasis on Vision Zero."
- "This is one of the most comprehensive and forward looking plans I have seen in a long time. Great Job to staff and citizens who put in lots of house to make this happen."

Figure 1– Respondent Support for Plan



Finding: Several Corrections or Specific Changes to the Plan were Requested

A number of responses provided some insights and suggestions for edits to the plan itself. Below are a list of potential action items for the City’s consideration.

- Identify next steps for micro-mobility and the dockless scooter program (N=15).
- Several people called for more discussion in the plan about sidewalks (funding, maintenance, improve sidewalks, development standards, etc.) and the need for more funding for sidewalks (N=4).
- Identify the next steps to prepare for the next bond program.
- “Section 3. This section was difficult to follow.” Provide an infographic or detailed summary about how the projects were ranked/prioritized.
- Improve labeling of maps and increase information provided about each project.
- “I would like to see more discussions on street diets and what could happen to the lanes that aren’t needed.”
- “I would have liked to see an executive summary of the plan.”
- Some respondents expressed concern that the plan was too long.
- The existing bike facilities needs to be updated in the Strategic Mobility Network maps.
- DART staff submitted a number of corrections and comments on transit-related items.

Question 2: How would you rank the following types of transportation improvements for priority for future funding?

In addition to soliciting general comments about elements within the draft plan document, participants of the survey were also asked to prioritize seven broad categories of transportation improvement for future funding, on a scale from Lowest to Highest, or 1 to 5. (i.e. lowest = 1, highest= 5). This question was intended to gauge how well the Illustrative Funding Strategy in the draft plan aligns with community priorities. Figure 2 shows the average score for each transportation improvement category.

The categories that participants could choose from were as follows:

- Livable Streets (e.g., adding bike lanes, reducing the number of travel lanes, improving landscaping and streetscape)
- Sidewalks (e.g., filling sidewalk gaps, improving ADA access)
- Safety Improvements (e.g., intersection improvements, pedestrian signals, lighting) Safety Improvements (e.g., intersection improvements, pedestrian signals, lighting)
- Transit Enhancements (e.g., transit signal priority, queue jump lanes, improved connections to bus and rail stops)
- Upgrading Unimproved Streets (e.g., adding curb and gutter)

Figure 2 – Ranking of Transportation Improvements

