## **Interactive Newsletter**

## New Feature Aims To Give Residents Louder Voice

Not everyone can attend the Transportation Department's public meetings. The gatherings are scheduled at different times and locations throughout the area to make them more accessible, but people are busy and often unable to drive across the Metroplex or to one of the region's burgeoning outlying communities.

With this in mind, we are debuting a new feature in the spring 2006 issue of Mobility Matters. "Your

opinion" will seek readers' input on important transportation issues facing the 16-county region. The new item will complement a story, often dealing with subject matter that will have a lasting effect on the Dallas-Fort Worth area. From rail to toll roads to air quality, diverse opinions are encouraged and can help shape policy.

Opinions can be e-mailed to North Central Texas Council of Governments at

mobilitymatters@nctcog.org. Select responses will be published in a subsequent issue of Mobility Matters. As the Dallas-Fort Worth region continues grappling with the reality of continued growth, creative solutions to mobility problems will be required. Residents play a significant role in solving problems brought on by additional automobiles. They drive the streets and highways every day and understand the severity of congestion. Consequently, their

opinions are critical.

This new feature will not replace the public meetings but can serve as a sounding board for residents seeking a louder voice in transportation. But perhaps most important, it will allow NCTCOG to maintain closer ties with the region's residents and transportation players. We hope you find this new content valuable.

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