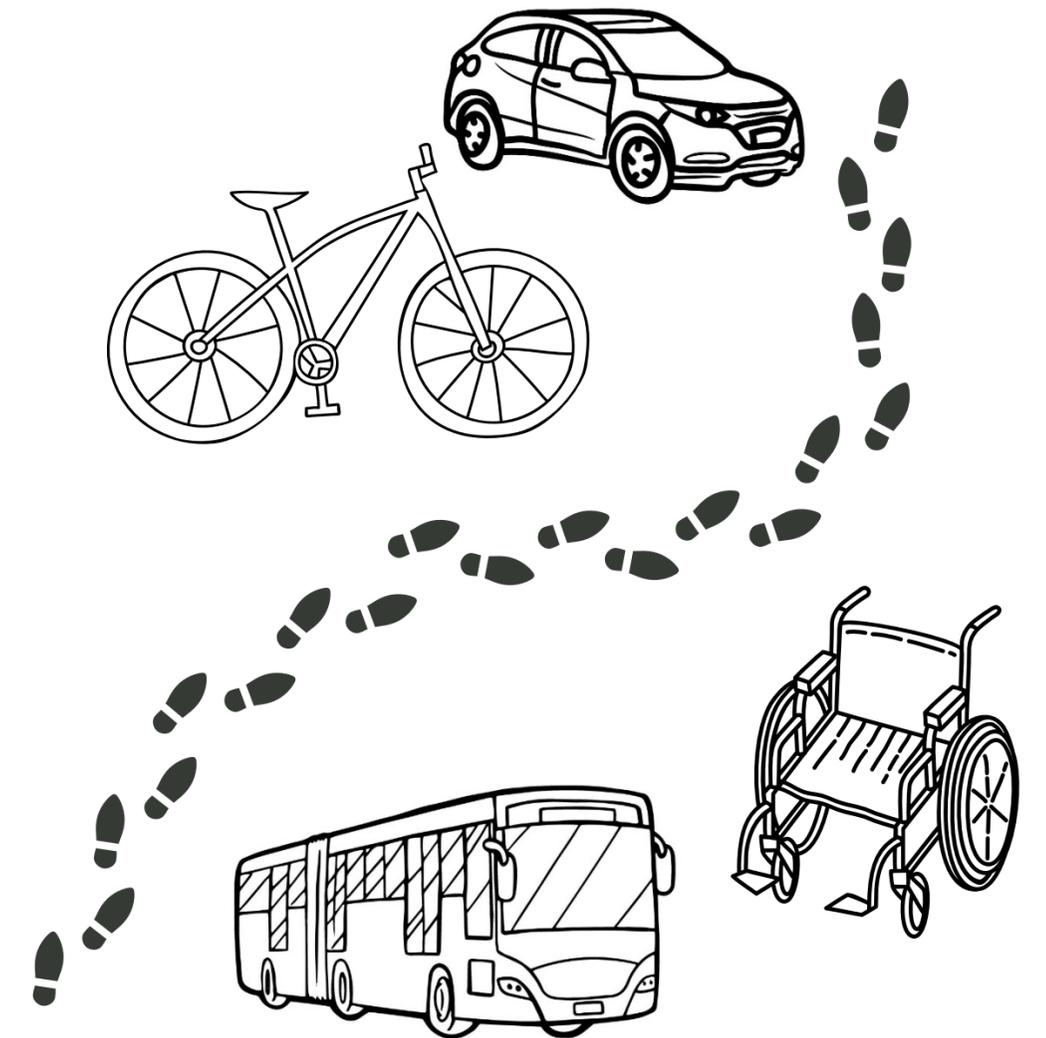


Transportation-Related Feedback from our March Meeting

April 10th, 2024



Overview

- Over 170+ comments total
- Over 30+ comments about transportation
- Main themes: Housing, Transportation, and the Environment
- Identified current needs, anticipated trends, and future needs
- Participants of all ages attended!

Top 10 Identified Needs

Housing affordability and availability

Investing in a regional public transportation system

Preparing our infrastructure for climate change

Intentionally incorporating walkable, livable community elements

Maintaining food access

Improving land use coordination planning

Age-friendly services and programs

Anticipating and preparing for demographic change

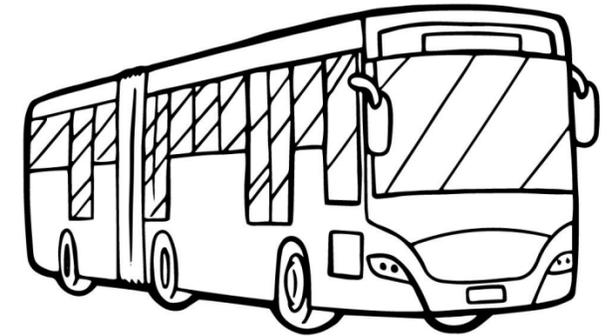
Improving our energy infrastructure

Mitigating and adapting to sea level rise

*All of these, in some way, involve transportation!

Demand for Regional Public Transportation

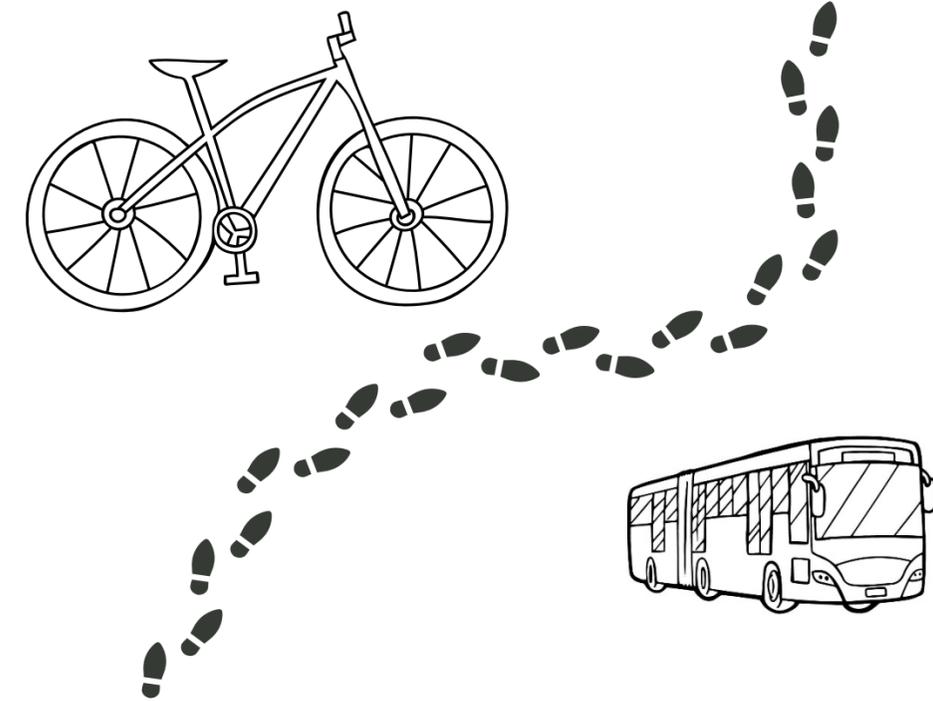
- Over 18 responses out of 170+
- Noted across generations – non-drivers are all ages
- Enhancing community connections and preventing isolation at all ages
- Need for east -to -west connections
- Easing congestion by decreasing # of vehicles on the road
- Desire for more passenger rail service
- Desire for on -demand transportation options



“Expand the Amtrak Line”
“Better regional public transportation system”
“More widespread transit with local and long-distance destinations”
“Public transportation that can bring people to local markets and affordable activities to boost the local economy”

Creating Car-free Community Connections

- Seniors and young people alike – an all-ages need!
- Transit & Land Use Connectivity between housing and community events & activities to avoid isolation
- Development & land use strategies that put people multi-modal distance from their destinations
- Active transportation paths and trails with everyday + recreational functionality



“I have no choice but to drive a car and will probably have to move back in with my parents”

“More affordable housing in connected places”

“Better transit options for seniors”

Electric Vehicle Preparation & Adaptation



- ~5 comments out of 170+
- Preparing for EV's as it pertains to tourism and travel
- Charging infrastructure preparedness and implementation
- Making sure our region is on track with surrounding areas in terms of EV charging infrastructure

“Inadequate EV infrastructure”
“EV infrastructure prep”

How do housing, transportation, and environmental issues impact you today?

- “No stuff for young people to do without needing a car. Please save me from Walmart.”
- “Lack of public transportation”
- “Cost of car ownership”

What will shape the future of the region over the next 25 years?

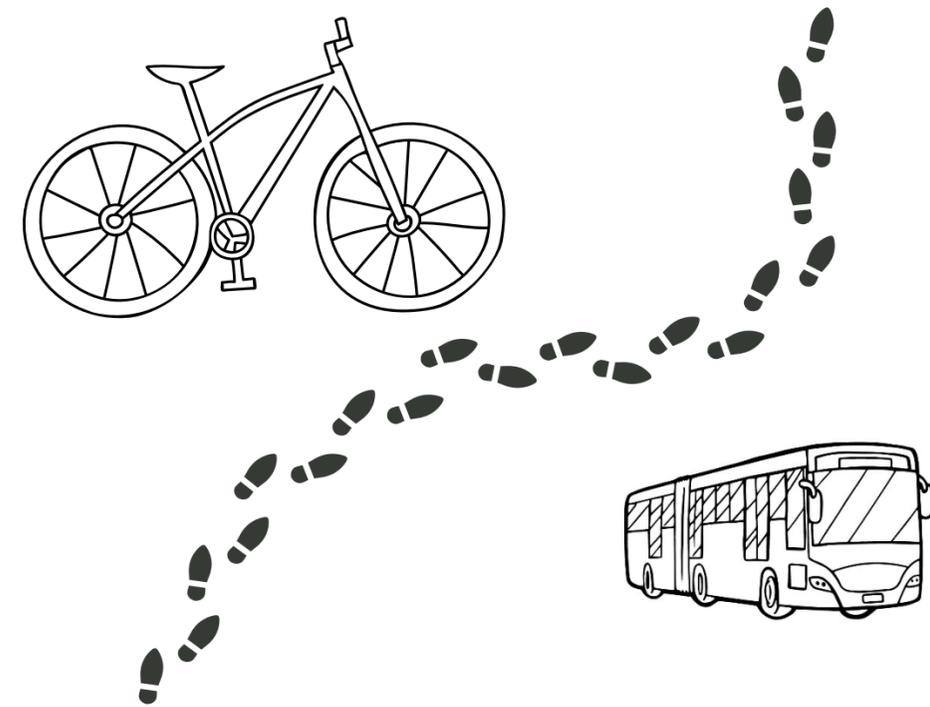
- “Climate change.”
- “Sea level rise.”
- “The need for everyone to own a car due to land use planning.”

What do we need to do to make the region better in the next 25 years?

- “More transit: less cars on the road, less congestion.”
- “Rail service to major urban areas or at least hubs that will ease travel.”
- “Better transit options for seniors.”

Next steps

- Long Range Transportation Survey – be on the lookout!
- More outreach opportunities on the way – regional master plan scoping will determine outreach plans
- Outreach will be collected throughout plan development





Thank you!