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Appendix D

Public Involvement Summary

*For the 2025-2028 State Transportation Improvement Program and 2050
Long Range Transportation Plan*

Rockingham 2050 Transportation Survey

Project Engagement

VIEWS	PARTICIPANTS	RESPONSES	COMMENTS	SUBSCRIBERS
736	296	7,427	714	101

How frequently do you use the following modes of transportation?

Walking, Jogging, or Running, or wheeling (using a wheelchair or other mobility device)	41% Daily	25% At least once a week	6% At least once a month	4% A few times a year	23% Rarely/Never
Bicycling	5% Daily	16% At least once a week	8% At least once a month	12% A few times a year	59% Rarely/Never
Riding the bus	1% Daily	3% At least once a week	2% At least once a month	15% A few times a year	79% Rarely/Never
Riding the train	1% Daily	1% At least once a week	2% At least once a month	28% A few times a year	68% Rarely/Never
Driving a car	74% Daily	21% At least once a week	1% At least once a month	- A few times a year	3% Rarely/Never
Getting a ride from family or friends	2% Daily	14% At least once a week	15% At least once a month	27% A few times a year	41% Rarely/Never
Using Rideshare (Uber, Lyft, Taxi Cab, etc)	- Daily	1% At least once a week	3% At least once a month	28% A few times a year	68% Rarely/Never

284 responses

When using the following modes of transportation, what barriers do you face, if any? You may select multiple barriers for each transportation mode.

Walking, Jogging, or Running, or wheeling (using a wheelchair or other mobility device)	10% Inaccessible for me (ADA, infrastructure design, etc.)	3% Not an available service in my community	- Too expensive for me	1% Too unfamiliar for me/I'm not sure how to	18% Too unsafe for me	24% Takes too long for me to get where I'm going	4% Doesn't line up with my schedule	35% No barriers for me
Bicycling	10% Inaccessible for me (ADA, infrastructure design, etc.)	2% Not an available service in my community	1% Too expensive for me	2% Too unfamiliar for me/I'm not sure how to	37% Too unsafe for me	14% Takes too long for me to get where I'm going	5% Doesn't line up with my schedule	21% No barriers for me
Riding the bus	5% Inaccessible for me (ADA, infrastructure design, etc.)	41% Not an available service in my community	1% Too expensive for me	6% Too unfamiliar for me/I'm not sure how to	1% Too unsafe for me	16% Takes too long for me to get where I'm going	16% Doesn't line up with my schedule	12% No barriers for me
Riding the train	6% Inaccessible for me (ADA, infrastructure design, etc.)	43% Not an available service in my community	9% Too expensive for me	2% Too unfamiliar for me/I'm not sure how to	1% Too unsafe for me	9% Takes too long for me to get where I'm going	10% Doesn't line up with my schedule	17% No barriers for me

Driving a car	2% Inaccessible for me (ADA, infrastructure design, etc.)	- Not an available service in my community	7% Too expensive for me	1% Too unfamiliar for me/I'm not sure how to	2% Too unsafe for me	2% Takes too long for me to get where I'm going	1% Doesn't line up with my schedule	79% No barriers for me
Getting a ride from family or friends	1% Inaccessible for me (ADA, infrastructure design, etc.)	6% Not an available service in my community	1% Too expensive for me	- Too unfamiliar for me/I'm not sure how to	1% Too unsafe for me	4% Takes too long for me to get where I'm going	16% Doesn't line up with my schedule	64% No barriers for me
Using Rideshare (Uber, Lyft, Taxi Cab, etc)	3% Inaccessible for me (ADA, infrastructure design, etc.)	14% Not an available service in my community	26% Too expensive for me	12% Too unfamiliar for me/I'm not sure how to	3% Too unsafe for me	4% Takes too long for me to get where I'm going	3% Doesn't line up with my schedule	29% No barriers for me

334 responses

If you experience transportation barriers that weren't mentioned in the previous question, you can share them here.

No train service to Boston. CART/Ride has no drivers to Boston.

8 months ago

There are not sidewalks in all parts of my town which makes walking unsafe.

8 months ago

Certain destinations can be difficult or dangerous by bicycle due to busy roads and/or lack of shoulder or bike lane

8 months ago

I don't have any.

8 months ago

None so far.

8 months ago

infrequency or unreliability of rideshare

8 months ago

none

8 months ago

I actually do not work in Exeter but my children go to Great Bay Charter School and I drive them to school every day. I would love transportation for them but there is none.

8 months ago

My elderly father can no longer drive and transportation is unavailable for him

8 months ago

Cannot see to drive at night anymore which limits my going out to all events after dark

8 months ago

I am thrilled that you are doing this survey! I am legally blind which means I don't see text at distances and don't drive. Portsmouth has a transit but the following issues are HUGE: There is no public transit on Sundays and Sat or Sundays after 5PM. Life doesn't stop at these times. The bus doesn't go a lot of places where people are trying to buy homes --there needs to be more routes and increased frequency. Lafayette to Hanover is a major traffic pattern I and others use but getting to Islington to the shopping center is an issue, getting to C and J bus terminal on weekends to go into Boston to get to Airport or South station is an issue. More stops need to be added on Elwyn Road, on Court to get to the Park, to get to the Fish Market in town, to get to the end of Woodbury where the Market Basket is. I walk a lot but sometimes there is no bus stop to get me places. I hope the Portsmouth-Dover bus will hire a person to be a development officer to obtain money privately and from the federal government for transit. Seniors and teens, young adults all need transit. Also, the post office is a major problem There is no way to get to the Post office and I am a heavy user of it. This is a bit crazy. There could be a postal sub station at one of the grocery stores or in Market square. Whomever designed the survey here, I am grateful for, but that person does NOT understand barriers--I understand why this is not a criticism. But the survey doesn't at at major issues for people who must use transit. I am willing to speak to this person or the appropriate person if you choose. my cell phone is XXX-XXX and my name is XXXXXXXX. I want to help in any way. But you are going to miss important information because of the way this survey is designed. Example--Uber is NOT, repeat is NOT a tool for many legally blind people who do not use smart phones. That is, you cannot CALL Uber you have to send a text which many visually impaired do not have phones that do this. Also, if you have arthritis or something else you need to use voice to call. There are many visually impaired people trying to use transit. You are not going to notice them because they don't use canes. Tis is why your survey is going to miss many, many people. My thanks for your effort and time.

8 months ago

No sidewalks in my community. There is limited ADA and wheelchair accessible areas in my community.

8 months ago

hypermobility spectrum disorder makes walking long distances and cycling challenging

8 months ago

Cyclists and pedestrians face the danger of car culture. Speeding, inattentive drivers who feel like the road is theirs is a danger to others. Too much distracted driving. Minimal enforcement of laws.

8 months ago

road construction, too many cars on the roads, drivers that don't obey traffic laws, small scooters that drive in traffic instead of side of road, traffic lights that are not synced, not enough parking, sidewalk dining that limits traffic flow & decreases parking.

8 months ago

There appears to be no direct train or bus from Exeter to Portsmouth

8 months ago

none

8 months ago

There are no sidewalks, bike lanes, bike paths ect. we live on a highway

8 months ago

The traffic in Portsmouth is getting heavier and heavier due to all the new people in from out of state making driving more dangerous than it was a few years ago!!!

8 months ago

Bicycling is not practical in inclement weather. No bike paths on roads needed to travel.

8 months ago

22 yo car that needs some expensive repairs at the moment.

8 months ago

My vision may be an issue in a few more years. (For driving)

8 months ago

Cost. Availability of public transportation around town.

8 months ago

Driving at night is something I try not to do.

8 months ago

No bike path and therefore too unsafe

8 months ago

Disabled/Retired, age=80

8 months ago

wish there was a bus for Hampton that went into Portsmouth

8 months ago

No convenient ride services available as people in our community age and become unable to drive.

8 months ago

Not enough bus stops & routes. Not enough buses running. Bus stops are uncovered and open to weather.

8 months ago

No East / West bus service

8 months ago

I am handicapped, so at times, a car is my best option.

8 months ago

wish there were sidewalks

8 months ago

none

8 months ago

The roads aren't wide enough for bikes

8 months ago

None

8 months ago

No family/friends available when I need them. Too old to bike. Will be too old to drive pretty soon.

8 months ago

Lack of available public transportation or sidewalks/bike lanes to make alternatives to driving personal vehicles a viable option.

8 months ago

none

8 months ago

Although I am able to drive now, I am concerned that other options are not available to me if and when I need them. I hope to age in place.

8 months ago

Lack of sidewalks/ safe walking paths along roads

8 months ago

No sidewalks

8 months ago

I personally don't have any transportation barriers.

8 months ago

N/A

8 months ago

Family isn't always available.. I have severe anxiety with driving (afraid)

8 months ago

none

8 months ago

No barriers.

8 months ago

pedestrian conditions are unsafe: either no or. Broken sidewalks, poorly marked crossing which some drivers ignore

8 months ago

Only barriers that I typically face are scheduling and not having friends/family in the area

8 months ago

There isn't enough train and bus service.

8 months ago

I may be able to bike someplace, but do not feel safe on the same roads with my 7 and 9 year old kids on bikes

8 months ago

Long walk to nearest bus stop.

8 months ago

Walking in my area is impeded by width of roads and trees so close to edges of the road. Makes walking unsafe.

9 months ago

Na

9 months ago

In the winter, I have slipped and fallen on the red bricks downtown when they get icy. Also, sometimes when it's snowy, street corner sidewalks are blocked.

9 months ago

I would like the option to take train to work or airport, or to Boston. Amtrak schedule is not conducive and is too expensive

9 months ago

My health has made bicycling difficult and night driving often risky

9 months ago

No sidewalks or shoulders to ride bike

9 months ago

Having dedicated paths (or connecting the rail trail to other paths) would be safer and more pleasant to be away from the noise and pollution of vehicles.

9 months ago

Rideshare is WAY too expensive and I don't have many family and friends in the area who can give me rides.

9 months ago

When using Uber or Lyft. Have been stuck without being able to get a ride

9 months ago

Lack of freedom living by someone else's schedule

9 months ago

Walking is weather reliant- not often an option in the winter or on rainy days.

9 months ago

I didn't know if i should answer for work or for recreational use. Like we have a train station in town thT I am willing to use recreationally but can't for work since it does not go to the town I work in.

Lack of sidewalks for walking is also a barrier.

9 months ago

Fast moving cars on secondary roads and lack of a safe shoulder on Rte 108 between Newmarket and Durham is a problem

9 months ago

driving anxiety and stress / severe mental health symptoms associated with driving sometimes makes me choose to stay home even if it's for work or an important appointment when i can't bike

9 months ago

The absence of sidewalks and speeding traffic are barriers to walking. Minimal shoulders and speeding traffic are barriers to bicycling.

9 months ago

There are no options from seacoast area to Concord, which is a barrier for me. I wish there was!

9 months ago

There aren't any legitimate places to lock your bike up once you arrive at your destination. Bicycle safety and road rules aren't part of the local dialogue resulting in confused drivers.

9 months ago

I have bad feet so walking everywhere is difficult. I ride my bike a lot but weather hinders that a few months out of the year. I share a care with my husband and he drives me to work in inclement weather. Sometimes a co worker picks me up.

9 months ago

No bicycle infrastructure, and when there was an attempt to do it, the Becksted 5 started dismantling the small progress that had been made! Our cities are built for cars, and there is no inter-city bike infrastructure that is safe (i.e., not sketchy/the site of encampments, well lit, well traveled)

9 months ago

I would bike much more, but without fully protected bike lanes, I don't feel safe. I've known several people, over the years, seriously injured in bike\car impacts and we need complete separation between bikes and cars.

9 months ago

Barriers to bicycling at night. It might go under safety, as biking has hazards involved even in the daytime. Road conditions such as debris, manhole covers, water drains...are all harder to navigate in the dark. Bus times are not conducive to returning home at night.

9 months ago

N/A

9 months ago

Minimal parking, no train in/out of Portsmouth

9 months ago

Bike paths need to be paved.

9 months ago

Train has a very limited schedule and very limited destinations.

9 months ago

It's not that running and biking is "too unsafe for me" because I do it regardless of the fact that it could be much safer.

9 months ago

I bike to work, grocery store etc. The infrastructure is lacking in my community and motorists are not always prepared /educated to share the street.

9 months ago

Bus routes are too indirect for them to be timely. I can walk to my destination in the time it would take me to take a route which requires going to portsmouth downtown almost everytime.

9 months ago

None

9 months ago

feel unsafe walking on the side of most roads because therre are few sidewalks

9 months ago

Neighborhoods south of downtown Portsmouth off of route 1 have few non-car options that feel safe for most people. Sidewalks are spotty and inconsistent, shoulders disappear, with worsening traffic DoT should speed their Rt 1 enhancement project from Wilson to Ocean on 1

9 months ago

I'd like to ride my bike more but it can be treacherous at times

9 months ago

There are genuinely no jobs in my town. I have to drive at least 20 minutes to find work.

9 months ago

No rail trail unsafe needs work

9 months ago

I have a hard time getting around

9 months ago

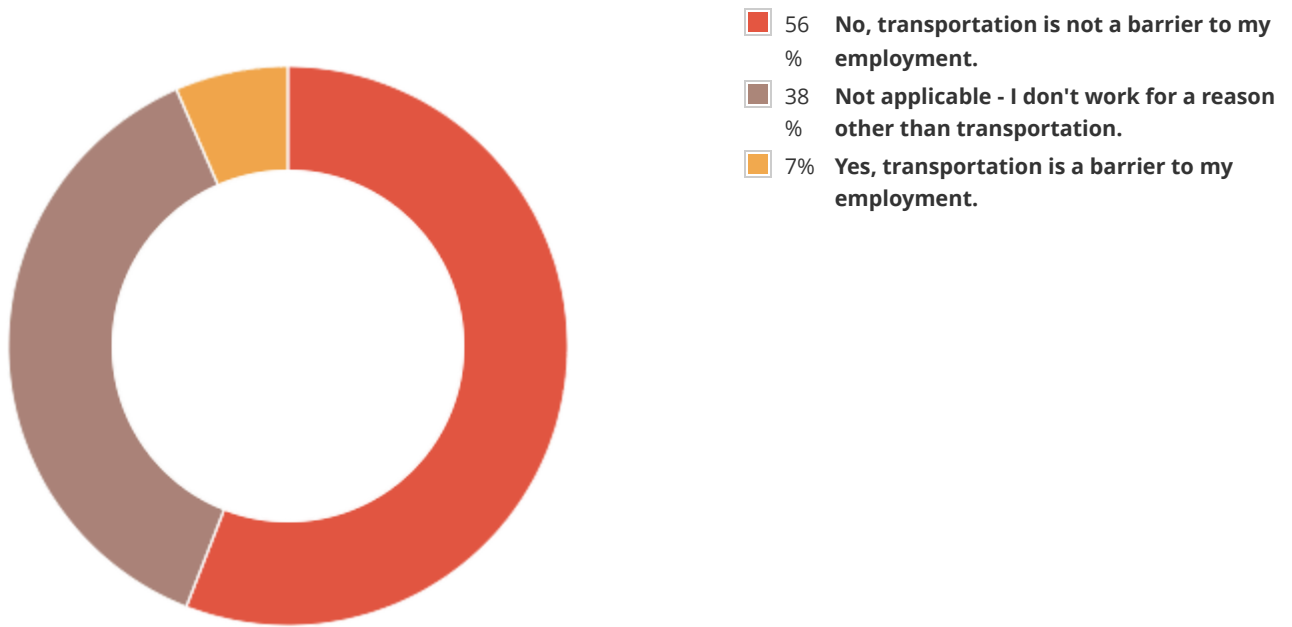
No one in my town works where I work.

9 months ago

Not available in Seabrook. Stores too far to walk and carry items h ome.

9 months ago

Is transportation a barrier to you participating in the workforce?



245 respondents

In your own words and opinion, what is the most important transportation issue your own town or city is facing?

No public transportation at all.

8 months ago

I work at the public library and many older patrons can't drive any longer and there isn't a regular way to get them to programs or socializing at the library.

8 months ago

Infrequent transportation service, missing gaps in the network, changing destinations.

8 months ago

There's no system of transportation in our town. I use Trip Link/Rockingham Meals on Wheels bus service and occasionally CART from Manchester when I have to travel to Derry for dr. appts. I tried to use Uber once and they couldn't find my location easily enough to let me book a ride.

8 months ago

I do not personally have a transportation issue, but I can imagine that elderly or people with disabilities might well have one.

8 months ago

Drivers who speed on our roads, and the lack of sidewalks in some areas

8 months ago

Not much public transportation. You really need a car and be able to drive to live in this town.

8 months ago

Increase in traffic congestion and aggressive driving

8 months ago

Traffic

8 months ago

Access to transportation for doctor's appointments, food, medicine if unable to drive or obtain a ride.

8 months ago

Lack of train service to city areas (for me). Lack of public transportation in general (for the people with whom I work)

8 months ago

Congestion on the main thoroughfares through town

8 months ago

too much reliance on cars, not enough "other" infrastructure to reduce reliance on cars, a problem that will worsen as more people are attracted to move to this region.

8 months ago

Keep road edges in good repair for bicycles

8 months ago

There is no transportation from Newmarket elsewhere as far as I know. No way to get to Portsmouth or Dover.

8 months ago

108 going towards Stratham is very congested in the morning and rush hour. I can see it getting worse as people move to the area and they build more houses.

In Newmarket, NH I want all crosswalks to have a flashing light button to increase safety. I would like there to be crossing guards during school drop off and pickup hours to aid bikers and walkers.

8 months ago

Elderly access to transportation

8 months ago

There are no public transportation resources available for people who can't drive. We rely on volunteers to take us places we need to go. With a high percentage of senior citizens, there is a pressing need for reliable, affordable public transportation options.

8 months ago

I think the biggest issue is cultural. People don't value public transit and prize convenience over their own safety and health. I wish there was a way to help people see the very real benefits to modes of transportation other than single occupancy vehicles.

8 months ago

Access to transportation with cars that handle the road well to avoid bumpy rides which my body cannot tolerate .

8 months ago

Vehicle congestion

8 months ago

Congestion. Heavily travelled road, Rt 27 and Rt 108 (Portsmouth Ave.) send traffic through the center of Exeter. At times, traffic moving East to West on Rt 27 is tied up for long periods at the traffic light intersection of 27 and 108. Emergency vehicles could be blocked at the Exeter River bridge because of stalled traffic. When leaving Exeter, traveling East on River St. the sight lines are very poor. It is difficult to see pedestrians crossing River St. from behind parked cars at the cross walk leading toward Sea Dog restaurant.

8 months ago

Lack of parking near restaurants and art venues and public parks.

8 months ago

not enough route to houses and transit on weekends

8 months ago

No sidewalks or public transportation.

8 months ago

nothing much beyond private transport here.

8 months ago

narrow bridges are the only way through town

8 months ago

Car dominance. Too many cars with only 1 passenger. Clogging downtowns because everyone wants a parking spot right in front of their destination. Not focusing on alternative options.

8 months ago

not walkable; dangerous conditions for biking; no public transportation

8 months ago

Poorly maintained roads

8 months ago

too many cars, no satellite parking

8 months ago

How to get to work safely and in a timely manner and how to use a bike or how to walk safely from home to errands and/work

8 months ago

no side walks

8 months ago

Senior transportation, and bus transportation elder

8 months ago

Lack of Public transportation, alternative transportation and the infrastructure for alternate transportation.

8 months ago

No public transportation

8 months ago

We don't have any

8 months ago

lack of sidewalks and bike paths

8 months ago

Probably providing more transportation opportunities for elderly and low income families for appointments or work.

8 months ago

We are a town and residents here don't use or want a public transportation system. Those who need those services are better served in a larger city.

8 months ago

Safe roads and speed enforced

8 months ago

Overcrowding of our roads because of nonstop people moving in from outside of state!!!! Nonstop building of condominiums on every possible space on Lafayette Road/Route 1 in Portsmouth. A mini-city being built in Yoken's parking lot (where traffic was already congested!), another one planned on the marshes by the radio station, another one going in at Christ Church, more and more homes on Sagamore Road, and on and on.....The city is creating its own traffic nightmare which will only get worse as each new pocket community it stuffs into every nook and cranny is populated. The roads and traffic lights won't be able to handle it. Already without just the above mentioned communities moving in yet, traffic is stop and go repeatedly along Roue 1 and cars are getting stuck in the middle of the intersection by the Portsmouth Hospital and U-Haul!

8 months ago

Fortunately, I am retired and still able to drive. I help out seniors that are no longer able to drive who need to go shopping or to the doctor or want to go to church. I feel the most important transportation issue is transporting those who cannot drive themselves for a nominal fee or for free. Being housebound due to lack of transportation is a growing need in the community.

8 months ago

Destinations are spread out and I am unable to walk to them (with the exception of downtown Exeter, as I live there). I cannot easily walk to a grocery store.

8 months ago

The roads need paving.

8 months ago

There is no public transit on the US-1 corridor from Seabrook to Portsmouth. It's my observation the US-1 gets very backed up sometimes during rush hour on weekdays, and often on weekends in the warmer months (not to mention the health effects to the local communities from tail pipe emissions). In this case, it would be very helpful to have a robust public transportation option that can get people out of their cars for their daily work commute. One of the barriers is the disdain people have about taking busses that they might not have about using light rail.

Personally, I love that the old B&M line has become a nice recreation bicycle commuting rail trail, and I'll be using it occasionally, as my health allows. That said, I think that the railroad right-of-way is quite wide enough to support a recreation trail AND a light rail transit line, though there are some engineering challenges to be overcome. One is power for the LRVs; this can be sourced from Canada, or from the Seabrook nuclear power station. Both are carbon dioxide emission free. Second, in order to have as low an impact on the trail, the line will need to be single track, with passing sidings placed at the widest points to allow frequent headways in both directions. Third, available parking at, or adjacent to, stations for people who must drive to their local station. Of course, ample bicycle parking for those who might prefer cycling there. Fourth, a way to allow LRV passengers to take their bikes with them for use for journeys beyond the transit line. Fifth, trail user safety; this will require demarcation separation the trail from the rail line. Hedges, a fence, or just a raised hump in between. Also, LRVs are much lighter than a conventional train and can stop very quickly if there's a person, or other obstruction on the line.

There are a lot of moving parts to this, but with sufficient planning and funding, from governmental grants, or other sources, I think this is highly doable and would be very beneficial to the seacoast region.

8 months ago

The need to have transportation services to get the elderly to doctors appointments or urgent care centers. And possibly to the grocery store, Or Walmart.

8 months ago

Lack of public transportation around town. Changes must be made to aid traffic congestion in downtown Exeter. Also parking issues even if one has an available car.

8 months ago

Public transportation like bus service

8 months ago

No public transit available

8 months ago

There is no public transportation , forcing elderly people like me to have to use a car and drive myself places. Not sure we need a big bus, Minneapolis has small van like buses for shorter routes. More sidewalks and bike lanes would be great.

8 months ago

Transportation for the elderly and disabled.

8 months ago

There is no transportation in Kingston.
Also, lack of sidewalks so it's unsafe unless I drive to Massachusetts.

8 months ago

No sidewalks

8 months ago

We don't have train connection to Exeter. We don't have a bus service locally.

8 months ago

People work and live in all directions. I would focus first on major corridors like Routes 1 and 33, both for bus transport (with) bike racks on board and safe bike corridors. There might also need to be more park and ride areas along the way.

8 months ago

I live at Hampton Beach. The sidewalks are a mess they should be brought up to Handicap standard. There are no bike lanes, Making it very dangerous to ride a bicycle.

8 months ago

No access to public transportation

8 months ago

Parking downtown

8 months ago

none available

8 months ago

No public transportation

8 months ago

Pubic transportation via Bus

8 months ago

Need for transportation services for elderly and disabled

8 months ago

We have no public transportation at all

8 months ago

Lack of public transportation

8 months ago

Bus service to major shopping areas.

8 months ago

Not enough public transport.

8 months ago

I wish the longer roads in and out of Exeter were wider at the edges for bike riding.

8 months ago

how to get public transportation used and available to folks who need to use it.

8 months ago

sidewalks,
public transportation access - trains and buses

8 months ago

Transportation for those who no longer can drive.

8 months ago

Congestion and traffic flow.

8 months ago

We need more train access from Exeter area to Boston. We also need better access to the Nashua area or more towns/cities out west from the Seacoast. It seems like there isn't a direct route from one point (Seacoast) to another point (out west like in Nashua) rather than going from highway to highway to highway.

8 months ago

Probably medical appt. for some elderly.

8 months ago

no taxi, bus or other form of transportation is available. This survey is not helpful for me as I wont be here !

8 months ago

Idiot in Portsmouth making stupid changes

8 months ago

Its unavailable to anyone who doesn't have a car.

8 months ago

Summer traffic

8 months ago

Lafayette Rd. is undergoing many zoning changes to allow for more housing. The congestion in the area of West Rd. is already dire and will be getting worse when we add 1,000 more housing units. Reviewing the number of car accidents in this area will further indicate the need to make it easier for cars to turn onto Rt. 1 from the various side roads.

8 months ago

Traffic diversion from areas designed for high levels to side streets not meant to handle the traffic flow.

8 months ago

No ev chargers

8 months ago

moving the automotive and truck traffic in the most efficient way

8 months ago

We don't have any public transportation

8 months ago

Lack of cost effective options

8 months ago

Slow down speeders

8 months ago

No sidewalk

8 months ago

lack of affordable public transportation

8 months ago

Fremont would benefit from having an accessible and affordable public transportation option, (scheduled shuttle bus, scheduled rideshare service for older citizens, the economically challenged, etc.), especially for trips to grocery and retail shopping, public community services like libraries, healthcare facilities, senior citizens centers,

8 months ago

We have none in Kingston, cabs are expensive

8 months ago

Maintenance, our town does a great job with planning and the resources available but we're a small town with limited budget.

8 months ago

N/A

8 months ago

None.

8 months ago

Raymond is a small town with no decent way to walk & bike around with my family, nevermind how difficult it is to access any sort of public transportation or ride share service. But at the least, we could use bike path lanes and better sidewalks.

8 months ago

No viable local option other than your own car.

8 months ago

Pedestrians and bicyclists versus motorized vehicles. A large enough proportion of drivers run red lights & stop signs, do not yield to (or fail to anticipate pedestrians & bicyclists in busy places like Water, Front & Main Streets and Epping Road, and speeding which makes blind spots dangerous. There is a blue sign at Epping Road & Lincoln St which blocks visibility.

8 months ago

Bad roads

8 months ago

Lack of reliable/consistent public transportation; cost of accessing and maintaining personal vehicles

8 months ago

Congestion

8 months ago

None

8 months ago

Public transport

8 months ago

Lee has no access to transportation, unless one drives a few miles for the Wildcat service in Durham. Then it takes A LONG time to get anywhere

8 months ago

People who do not drive do not have access to as much opportunity since the bus service area is small and buses are infrequent, and we lack a comprehensive and safe bike network. As we grow we need to provide more efficient ways to get around rather than widening highways. Transportation emissions are a huge problem and to address the climate crisis we need to shift away from single occupancy vehicles.

8 months ago

Too automobile focused.

Bike lanes and bicycle awareness is not great in city. Ridiculous all the work that went into vetting the Middle St bike lanes and all was lost within a year or two.

Transportation to Boston and airport: C&J is expensive.

8 months ago

Fast, frequent, low cost bus service in downtown Portsmouth to critical services and locations to ease traffic, parking, and congestion in downtown Portsmouth.

8 months ago

Limited passenger rail access. Amtrak removed multiple routes/times since pre covid, making it far less convenient to get to and from Boston (there are a lot of Boston commuters in seacoast NH)

8 months ago

Bus is too infrequent to be easier than driving a personal car, and does not reach key medium density neighborhoods that would benefit from service.

Also paying in cash or by paper cutout card is antiquated and makes it challenging to get new riders to participate.

8 months ago

People drive too fast for road/traffic conditions

8 months ago

Need for transportation options for older adults

9 months ago

Old, narrow, twisty roads. We need sidewalks. Take land, add sidewalks. People push back because it will change the personality of communities. But I argue that sidewalks build community.

9 months ago

The lack of taxes to subsidize public transit; the population is too low to fund a robust public transportation system through ticket sales.

9 months ago

Keeping roads paved and in good condition.

9 months ago

We are too dependent on cars to get every where. Our infrastructure is debilitating to us by forcing us to use a car for transport with no other options like walking or biking is often too dangerous. Route one is used by many people to access the businesses and other things however everyone is forced to drive on it because the biking and walking infrastructure makes it too unsafe. Cars are largely the only option for Long distance transportation as well because rail infrastructure is so poorly developed. There are few stations with few trains and they all run very slow and therefore are often late.

9 months ago

No public transportation and or no ride/share programs available

9 months ago

Poorly maintained roads. Too much money spent on buses.

9 months ago

Deerfield does not have any bike paths or lanes. It would be wonderful if the Rockingham Rail Trail somehow connected to Portsmouth.

9 months ago

Lack of good pedestrian walkways and frequent train service to airports, major cities, etc. I would use my car less if we had good and frequent public transport

9 months ago

Public transportation

9 months ago

Excessive traffic

9 months ago

Lack of public transport/reliance on cars

9 months ago

Lack of sidewalks and bike lanes

9 months ago

No sidewalks

9 months ago

Lack of bike paths and sidewalks to get around safely
Lack of any public transportation

9 months ago

People are not at all open or aware of the ease of biking to get around. More bike racks would be helpful, and maybe a bike share system too. If people could park for free but far away from downtown Portsmouth, they wouldn't be as whiney about parking spots.

9 months ago

Public transportation may cut down on traffic and parking issues, and make not having a car easier for some residents.

9 months ago

lack of safe alternatives to driving a personal vehicle (cycling, walking, public transit) due to a lack of investment in these options

9 months ago

Transportation for elderly

9 months ago

The most important transportation issue is fact that a major road cuts through the middle of town. The options to reduce the amount of traffic clogging the middle of town are numerous and contentious.

9 months ago

Sidewalk issues

9 months ago

There is no public transportation, and a lot of areas are suburban back roads. People who don't drive or bike are out of luck unless they're in perfect health and can walk a long way.

9 months ago

Too much traffic with not enough protected bike lanes

9 months ago

Safety...no sidewalks, main roads are state roads and provide little or no room for walkers or bikers

9 months ago

Parking

9 months ago

Limited public transportation. If I need to get somewhere at a certain time and am reliant on public transportation, I will either have to be extremely early or late because I am beholden to the schedule.

9 months ago

Lack of transportation for those who don't/can't drive.

9 months ago

No public transportation options.

9 months ago

Not enough sidewalks in Exeter. And town thinks fixing old sidewalks takes precedent over building new ones. Town does not provide sidewalks to middle or high school so it is not a safe mode of transportation for kids so everyone gets dropped off or drives. No sidewalks leading to new rec center being renovated. No sidewalks on west side of town. Exeter also does not have proper COAST presence.

9 months ago

Busy roads without a buffer from traffic, and lack of public transportation

9 months ago

More Level 3 public charging stations

9 months ago

lack of shared use lanes and paths for people using scooters, bikes, and wheelchairs

9 months ago

Making walking and bicycling safer and thus more enjoyable and appealing.

9 months ago

For Dover specifically, car rush hour is really intense. I try not to walk as a pedestrian or drive a car through the downtown area just to avoid the congestion.

9 months ago

There are no sidewalks or bike lanes anywhere and virtually no shoulders on the roads making it very difficult to safely go for a walk/jog or ride a bike.

9 months ago

Lack of long distance public transportation

9 months ago

Too many cars not enough alternative options. The local rail/trail system should not be thought of as a destination but rather as a mode of transportation not just within the town but to adjacent town as well. I think there needs to be an over growth around building up the bicycle friendly infrastructure for the entire region

9 months ago

Sidewalks, so much of newmarket has no sidewalks and if they do, they're poorly light. Outside of downtown, walking is more hazardous than it should be

9 months ago

Difficult public transportation. I would use it but it's not very up to date. There should be electric signs saying when next bus is coming and kiosks where bus stops are

9 months ago

Too many red lights

9 months ago

lack of convenient public transportation

9 months ago

I reside on a very busy section of Lafayette Rd (Route 1) where there are no sidewalks so pedestrians, those waiting for busses including school age kids, and bikes are on the street. There have been many injuries and accidents.

9 months ago

There is no access to jobs, healthcare, stores or anything else unless you own an expensive to maintain car.

9 months ago

Car congestion in downtown, and too many motorcycles revving engines at all hours of the day

9 months ago

Lack of dedicated, and fully protected, bike lanes.

9 months ago

I see the biggest barrier to being able to change from a car system only, to allow safe biking, scootering into and around town. Can some roads be defined as safe passage with low speeds and modifications for access? I would like to see the Pease Tradeport area become better designed for multi-path options.

9 months ago

I can ride my bike to downtown Exeter, but the shoulders are narrow and there are no bike lanes. I don't feel safe riding my bike near traffic.

9 months ago

Public transport access to Boston, via rail.

9 months ago

There is no other way to get around than relying on a car.

9 months ago

Lack of parking

9 months ago

Parking

9 months ago

Need more pedestrian only areas, and bike lanes

9 months ago

Bus routes could be expanded. Shoulders for road where people ride bikes.

9 months ago

We appear to be beholden to private vehicles. We need to make bike and walking a primary method of transportation followed by public transportation.

9 months ago

I don't want to ride a bike because it feels way too unsafe. I was hit by a car when I was 17 riding to my job. Local buses should run like the San Fran trolley or the Boston T. They just are always running so you can grab a quick ride. Waiting for scheduled buses and missing them is what keeps local from using them. IMHO.

9 months ago

Traffic

9 months ago

Fast public access to Boston.

9 months ago

Lack of inter-city bicycle infrastructure

9 months ago

The implementation of light commuter rail linking population centers (Concord, Manchester, Nashua, Portsmouth, Boston, etc) would be a gamechanger for our communities on the seacoast.

9 months ago

Few public transportation options, poor support for safe bicycling

9 months ago

Roadways with no shoulders with cars that are traveling way too fast. Distracted drivers. Lack of any type of public transportation.

9 months ago

Inadequate sidewalks, bike paths. I try to walk for health reasons, but for safety reasons, typically have to drive somewhere where there are sidewalks.

9 months ago

Not enough public transportation options and there is a need for more protected bike lanes.

9 months ago

Lack of public transportation

9 months ago

Inadequate bus and rail service.

9 months ago

I think we need an infrastructure that's less reliable on cars and has better bus/pedestrian/bike transportation.

9 months ago

Lack of safe biking/walking infrastructure

9 months ago

Lack of multimodal transportation and very little local govt will to spend on this

9 months ago

Lack of transportation options other than driving. It causes so much congestion in , for example, portsmouth. City keeps designing to encourage more car use (making more parking) but that doesnt solve congestion; it encourages it. And it takes away from the friendliness of the place. I would take public transportation if it were a good option, but it is too infrequent and costs would add up quickly. A better transportation system would encourage me to use it. I have started biking to places I need to go which is a great option for people who are able to bike. More biking infrastructure and adoption would be a great benefit to community friendliness as well as individual health. Advocating for biking seems like an obvious thing to do.

9 months ago

A car is needed to get around town for groceries and doctor's appointments, etc.

9 months ago

Lack of train station nearby & no buses

9 months ago

dangerous junctions

9 months ago

As people are aging they will need transportation when they can no longer drive. Uber is not always reliable as an alternative and is expensive. Young students could also benefit from local transportation.

9 months ago

Public transportation from other cities; no Amtrak, etc. Within Portsmouth, making hiking safer and more accessible would do a lot to alleviate the parking concerns.

9 months ago

Excessive speed on state-maintained Main Street in Plaistow.

9 months ago

No sidewalks

9 months ago

lack of sidewalks

9 months ago

Maintaining road quality and safety

9 months ago

No sidewalks. No public transportation. No paved bike paths and streets are too narrow.

9 months ago

Ped access, though most people will say it's parking because immediate, convenient parking in a busy downtown area is not ample.

9 months ago

Speeding drivers

9 months ago

Calming traffic on Main St

9 months ago

No trains or buses to get anywhere in Rockingham county aside from the Amtrak that is 40 minutes away and does not benefit me at all. Will take the bus from North Londonderry to Boston if I have to, but I have to drive there or get someone to drive me to the bus stop.

9 months ago

Living in Kingston having a car is the only way you can really get anywhere. there are no sidewalks for walkers and bikers, to get to a train you need to find a way of other transportation to haverhill or exeter, and the same for a bus

9 months ago

Too few public transportation options. We need a expansive bus system.

9 months ago

Lack of public transport, lack of information on options for transportation, lack of pedestrian friendliness (poor sidewalks, lack of shade). Bus and rail expansion would be incredible for our state, there are too many people being limited by their transportation options.

9 months ago

No existing infrastructure

9 months ago

The lack of comprehensive and low-cost/free bus availability for working and unhoused people.

9 months ago

Lack of.

9 months ago

No public bus

9 months ago

They took the electric car rail service out 100 years ago.

9 months ago

Seabrook has a great deal of traffic and it's not safe on most roads to walk or ride your bicycle. The rail trail should be cleaned up and made safe.

9 months ago

One main road through town to get anywhere. Massive congestion.

9 months ago

Potholes

9 months ago

Pot holes

9 months ago

LACK OF RAIL SERVICE AND BIKE-PED INFRASTRUCTURE

9 months ago

Are there any other comments, questions, suggestions, or concerns you'd like to share with our transportation planning staff that weren't covered in the survey?

Hampstead needs to become more safe for walking around, at least in the center of town and for folks with limited mobility (due to not having a car, or no longer able to drive). If there were other shared ride or shared/public transport options it would be good, even if only available a small part of a day.

8 months ago

It's very difficult for older citizens to find safe and affordable transportation. I don't own a car so I have managed to get buy with a little help from a neighbor or two and Trip Link.

8 months ago

Regarding bicycle safety, I stopped cycling years ago when I moved to Exeter because it just wasn't safe. Need more people bicycling regularly for car drivers to be aware of bicyclers even when there are bicycle lanes. Used to bike daily in Denmark and on campus in US but not here.

8 months ago

I would like to see hwy 121A in Plaistow village transformed to a much slower speed (e.g. 25 mph) with traffic calming devices throughout the village. Large trucks and motorcycle riders go far too fast through the village all the time.

8 months ago

I see (and frequently pick-up) a large number of empty alcohol containers alongside many roads in my area. Particularly alarming are all the vodka nip bottles (sold near check-out counters at state liquor stores!!). This strongly suggests that there are a significant number of impaired drivers on our roads.

8 months ago

Thank you for listening to our concerns and acting on it.

8 months ago

Coordination of transportation efforts across state seems scattered and not efficient

8 months ago

I would like to see a true commitment to bicycle infrastructure. I know it's not for everybody, but true support for cyclists would help more of us choose cycling 6-8 months of the year.

8 months ago

none

8 months ago

No

8 months ago

Along with increasing public transportation options, the towns should do more to make walking safe. In my town, there are virtually no sidewalks, and the street lighting is poor. This makes walking a risky activity, especially with drivers speeding in larger vehicles and during the winter months. I have actually considered moving so I could find a safer place to walk my dog.

8 months ago

I wish there was a way to address transportation at the really local level re- parents driving their children to school when they don't have to. The congestion, pollution, and chaos (school traffic is always so frantic. I nearly get hit by crazed parents on the regular!) that driving kids who are within walking, biking, busing distance creates is so damaging and just depressing. The loss of outside time, independence, etc. for kids has real consequences. It also contributes to the car culture as these young people learn early that they couldn't possibly walk a mile. Perhaps there is a way for the planning staff to partner with schools to turn this around.

8 months ago

I wish there was a transportation system that offered more comfort for seniors in Hampstead. I know Atkinson has such a service in that town.

8 months ago

car-centric planning is obsolete. People and alt transportation needs to be the focus

8 months ago

There are several medical/retail/business centers in Stratham yet no bus service to support access for the public.

8 months ago

Electric cars are becoming more numerous and will need access to charging stations. How to accommodate them while not further depleting valuable parking locations is an issue that needs to be addressed.

8 months ago

N/A

8 months ago

Changing the mindset of the citizenry through education and information. Adoption of the "Idaho Stop" for cyclists.

8 months ago

existing roads should be evaluated for traffic flow, limited ways to get 'across town'

8 months ago

none

8 months ago

Elder service transportation at 0 or low cost

8 months ago

Bus service around town should be implemented.

8 months ago

No

8 months ago

I do not support public transportation in Hampstead in the form of buses or trains.

8 months ago

WHY ARE TRAFFIC STUDIES AND REGULATIONS JUST BEING IGNORED? Why are doors the new Yoken's homes opening directly onto Peverly Hill Road with virtually no set back. Not only is it unsafe, it appears illegal. Who OK ed that? Market Basket is already overcrowded, and about 54 new living spaces across the street with approximately 110 more cars isn't going to help matters.

8 months ago

I believe you addressed it,; but I do not feel safe walking on the roads in Fremont. People drive to fast and there is not enough shoulder on roads to walk safely.

8 months ago

I would love to see transportation options developed that do not require a car.

8 months ago

Just that I hope consideration will be given to a light rail line sharing the old B&M right-of-way with the recreation trail.

8 months ago

there needs to be access to transportation for those with low to no vision. And also mobility issues I would think.

8 months ago

no

8 months ago

Population of Seacoast is mostly elderly....the need for short route busses, vans or cars that would be available for folks at convenient stops would be great.

8 months ago

Bike lanes on major roads

8 months ago

NO

8 months ago

We are very lucky to have the CJ bus company to transport us to Logan airport and the Boston South Station. That is a very popular option that a lot of people love. They run every hour, Their buses are new and clean. They have Wi-Fi and their service is very professional. I cannot imagine driving into Boston.

8 months ago

no

8 months ago

I would love to see dedicated bike paths

8 months ago

How about getting some type of public transportation

8 months ago

Expanding rail service to Boston, Manchester including airports and sporting events.

8 months ago

Condition of sidewalks and lack of sidewalks.

Few bike lanes - people are riding bikes on sidewalks for safety instead of on the road.

8 months ago

We need to expand all regional public transportation, to help our housing crisis.

8 months ago

In Exeter, there are a lot more people driving, walking and biking than when I first moved here. The town is working to improve intersections, but I think they missed a big opportunity when they repainted the lines and did not remove parking space and change downtown into a traffic circle like Dover.

8 months ago

The Seacoast needs to plan better for climate related flooding. It was hit very hard this past winter and it's only going to get worse as we get closer to 2050. The homes and economy will be impacted greatly.

8 months ago

survey is difficult to use

8 months ago

I think it is important that we not build a transportation infrastructure that may not really be needed in the community. Is there full understanding of the demographics and how they work? Are there other ways to meet needs? What is the volume? Who pays for this?

8 months ago

Stop meddling in current situations

8 months ago

Growing up in the Kittery-Portsmouth area, 76 years ago, we had buses that ran often and reliably to and from Kittery to Portsmouth. I would love to see this form of transportation make a return.

8 months ago

Living in a rural area with limited options for safe alternatives to personal driving to get anywhere is a challenge.

8 months ago

Parking garage

8 months ago

We need more DC fast chargers in the Washington valley area

8 months ago

no

8 months ago

no

8 months ago

We could use more and better signs indicating where the Rockingham Rail Trail is located, etc.

8 months ago

no

8 months ago

No

8 months ago

I am not keen on the term "reducing congestion" because it usually means bigger roads, more lanes with the goal of making it easier for drivers. Pedestrians and Bicyclists almost always suffer with the reduce congestion point of view.

8 months ago

Although many barriers do not affect me personally, I know of many people in the community that would benefit from improvements in public transportation- mainly the ability to access services without "jumping through hoops" to schedule rides in advance, for example.

8 months ago

No

8 months ago

You can't add more housing to downtown portsmouth without adding significantly better public transportation to service it.

8 months ago

Rail access to Manchester/Concord/Nashua area would be amazing.

8 months ago

No

8 months ago

Please don't create public transportation that will be too costly for residents/tax payers to support

8 months ago

SIDEWALKS.

9 months ago

While cycling, some of the busier roads within the town but also outside of town have virtually no shoulder at all. That makes those roads a lot more dangerous to cycle on. Even a two feet (better, three feet shoulder) significantly increases bike safety because cars going straight without making extra room still won't hit a rider. That only applies as long as those shoulders are maintained and not full of cracks, potholes, debris or deep-set drainage holes.

9 months ago

How can we better explore private/public partnerships? C & J bus lines is crushing it. People will ride a bus to Logan/ Boston, so why not other places?

9 months ago

No

9 months ago

How can Amtrak line from Maine to Boston be more frequent and cost effective?

9 months ago

Restrict homebuilding in rural areas

9 months ago

N/A

9 months ago

It would be lovely to have an Amtrak stop or a track off-shoot connector in Portsmouth.

9 months ago

I'm concerned because there are a lot of sick people or disabled people like myself who need more reliable transportation to things like doctors appointments or physical therapy.

There are existing ride services given by certain insurances, but they are extremely unreliable and often cancel without warning day-of and force people to miss appointments they've been waiting months for. It's basically a 50-50 shot they will show up at all, so there is no reliable and safe option.

9 months ago

Would like to see more bike friendly solutions

9 months ago

I would love to see more accessibility features in transportation, such as "talking" crosswalks, bumpy texture for crosswalks and curbs for those with vision impairments, etc.

9 months ago

Improve safe routes to schools for middle and high school kids. Improve access to rec park from middle school.

9 months ago

Let's re-focus on a Newmarket to Durham safe bikeway!

9 months ago

nope!

9 months ago

Lack of our modern public transport system is one of the biggest issues and would help with parking, pollution, jobs & even social isolation.

9 months ago

more crosswalks and sidewalks please

9 months ago

When I look at bus stops across 108 and other roads, I'm confused at some of the designated bus stops. They seem to not align with density and/or easy location to homes and/or subdivisions.

9 months ago

I do not see putting in wider roads as a solution to improving safe transportation, unless it is to include bike/ped or train improvements. Maintaining current infrastructure is my priority.

9 months ago

Expanding options for everything other than car reliance

9 months ago

Speed limits need to be enforced! Yes I am older an live on a road those little cars like to rev on. Oh also the loud cars and bikes disturb the peace.

9 months ago

Maybe the utility companies can open on the power and gas lines for pedestrian use. That can create a network of safe trails. We need to take note of what places like Amsterdam are doing: sidewalks, bike lanes, care lanes, metro, train, subway, etc...

9 months ago

You don't need to know this but my son started with the MBTA yesterday. He has a degree in Mechanical Engineering and he believes in Public Transportation and he is putting his money wear his mouth is. Public Transportation is an attractive career choice for young people.

9 months ago

Yes. We need to stop making this about cars vs. no cars. Simple fact is that fossil fuel is finite. Our current transportation structure is unsustainable, and instead of addressing it and being a world leader in doing so, we're falling far behind and everything just gets worse. I'll likely be dead by 2050, but I sure would like to see the system start making sense before then.

9 months ago

more public and expanded public transportation like buses.

9 months ago

No

9 months ago

No

9 months ago

Make Portsmouth more pedestrian friendly. Having Market Square pedestrian only on summer weekends would be amazing.

9 months ago

I beg you to look beyond cars. Building for cars generates more cars, it doesn't ease congestion or improve safety issues and promotes car-centric entitlement.

9 months ago

We do not need a train depot in Plaistow. We do not need to be tied in with the MBTA. NO LAYOVER!!!!

9 months ago

I think it's absurd that we neglect the needs of working people who can't afford cars but still contribute to the city. Even people who don't work or are unhoused deserve access to transportation.

9 months ago

we had rail service... efficient clean and they put in walking trails.

9 months ago

NA

9 months ago

Please stop wasting our tax money on subsidized electric vehicle charging stations. If the demand is there, the free market will build them.

9 months ago

Bike, ped, and transit should have EQUAL funding to roads. Only potholes, red list bridges, and absolutely necessary repavement. State highways should have no expansion of any kind until all of the above have been implemented along that corridor.

9 months ago

How would you rank the importance of the following priorities for our transportation system?

Keeping existing roads and bridges in good condition.	1% 1- Not at all important for our region	- 2- Not that important for our region	3% 3- No opinion/I'm not sure	37% 4- Important for our region	59% 5- Very Important for our region
Reducing congestion, traffic, or bottlenecks on roadways.	4% 1- Not at all important for our region	8% 2- Not that important for our region	8% 3- No opinion/I'm not sure	40% 4- Important for our region	38% 5- Very Important for our region
Improving the resiliency of the transportation system to extreme weather and climate-related events like flooding.	3% 1- Not at all important for our region	7% 2- Not that important for our region	17% 3- No opinion/I'm not sure	38% 4- Important for our region	36% 5- Very Important for our region
Expanding and improving the frequency, accessibility, and reliability of public transportation.	4% 1- Not at all important for our region	5% 2- Not that important for our region	12% 3- No opinion/I'm not sure	26% 4- Important for our region	54% 5- Very Important for our region
Improving or expanding passenger rail service.	8% 1- Not at all important for our region	7% 2- Not that important for our region	14% 3- No opinion/I'm not sure	29% 4- Important for our region	42% 5- Very Important for our region
Expanding and improving access to transportation for older adults and people with disabilities.	2% 1- Not at all important for our region	4% 2- Not that important for our region	14% 3- No opinion/I'm not sure	25% 4- Important for our region	56% 5- Very Important for our region
Expanding and improving the safety of the bicycle and pedestrian network.	3% 1- Not at all important for our region	3% 2- Not that important for our region	10% 3- No opinion/I'm not sure	22% 4- Important for our region	62% 5- Very Important for our region
Improving the overall safety of the transportation system.	2% 1- Not at all important for our region	2% 2- Not that important for our region	13% 3- No opinion/I'm not sure	33% 4- Important for our region	49% 5- Very Important for our region

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