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MTIP 2050

Appendix B

**Public Involvement &
Engagement Summary**

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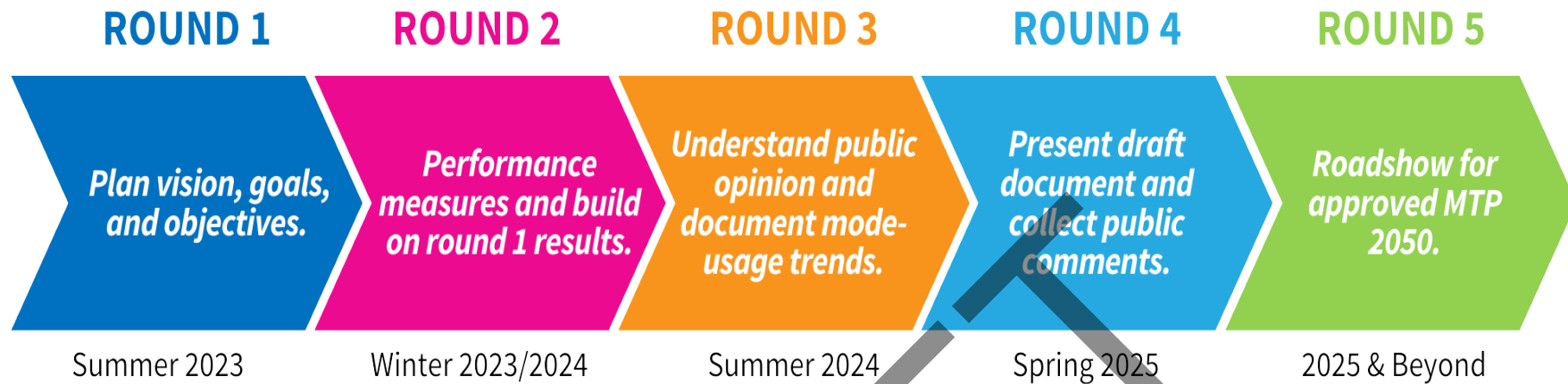
Public Engagement Overview

Public and stakeholder engagement was integral to the development of Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050). This long-range plan represents a collective vision for the region based on input from the public and WAMPO's stakeholders and partners. This appendix is meant to document public and stakeholder engagement associated with the development of MTP 2050. For information about WAMPO's other engagement activities and its Public Participation Plan, please visit www.wampo.org/public-participation.

Over the two-year process of developing the plan, engagement was divided into five distinct rounds, each serving different purposes and building upon one another.

- The first round of public engagement helped to determine the plan's vision, goals, and objectives and introduced the long-range planning process to the public.
- Round two built upon and confirmed public sentiment collected during the previous round and identified which performance measures were most desired to be tracked.
- Round three sought to understand public opinion regarding the regional transportation network and documented mode-usage trends.
- The fourth round **will involve** the public review of the draft plan to ensure it is consistent with the input received throughout the planning process. A 30-day public comment period **will be held from March 8, 2025, through April 7, 2025**. Public comments received during this period **will be** incorporated into the plan and considered by the Transportation Policy Body before they **vote** to approve the plan.
- The last round of public engagement, round five, is an ongoing roadshow for the approved plan. The term 'roadshow' describes an outreach activity that involves visiting multiple locations and events to promote something. WAMPO will attend community, local agency, and member jurisdiction events and meetings to present the approved MTP 2050.

Figure B.1: MTP 2050 Public Engagement Timeline



Public Participation Plan (PPP)

WAMPO is committed to meaningful stakeholder engagement, in accordance with its Public Participation Plan (PPP), which was last updated in 2022. MTP 2050 public engagement efforts were guided by the WAMPO PPP.

Updates made to the PPP in 2022 focused on improving the accessibility of information and opportunities to contribute ideas. The PPP outlines WAMPO's strategies and techniques for informing and engaging the public throughout the continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive (3-C) transportation planning process. The goal and purpose of a PPP is to maximize public participation and an MPO's effectiveness at reaching audiences. Public input is essential for developing transportation policies, programs, and projects. WAMPO ensures an open, cooperative process, actively involving all affected parties to provide meaningful input that influences transportation decisions, while also addressing the community's diverse transportation needs and concerns.

WAMPO maintains robust public participation by utilizing various technologies/mediums and collaborates with community partners. Brochures and planning materials are developed in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, in accordance with WAMPO's Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan. In addition to publishing a quarterly e-newsletter and maintaining multiple social media accounts, the agency continuously improves its website to ensure it is mobile-friendly and easy to navigate, serving as a regional information resource. Board and committee meeting materials are posted online, and meetings are accessible in-person and virtually.

WAMPO's commitment to diversity and equity is reflected through the organization's policy to assure full compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice, Executive Order 13166 on Limited English Proficiency, and related statutes and regulations in all programs and activities. Focusing on fair and meaningful engagement with traditionally underserved populations, WAMPO adheres to the Department of Transportation's

Environmental Justice (EJ) guidelines. This includes hosting public meetings in strategic locations, coordinating with local organizations, considering transit access for meetings, providing materials in multiple languages, and having bilingual staff present when possible. Meeting notices and information are shared through print media, targeted outreach, and partnerships with grassroots organizations.

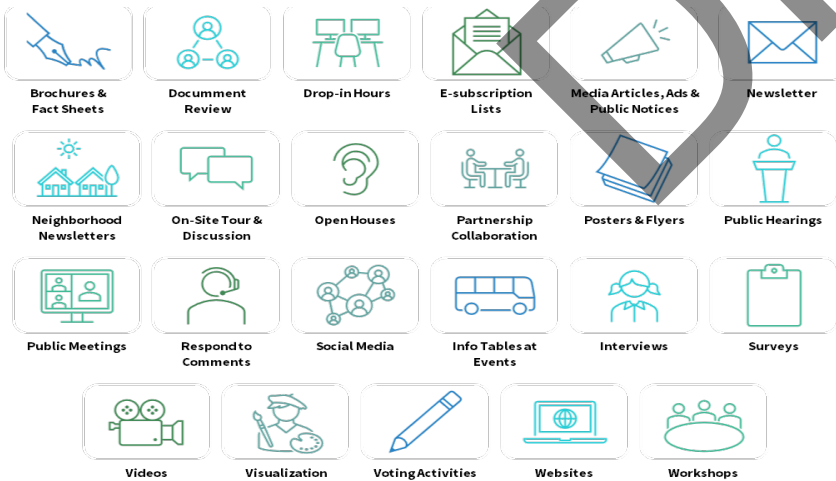
For up-to-date information about WAMPO public participation, please visit www.wampo.org/public-participation.

For up-to-date information about WAMPO’s Title VI Program Manual and Limited English Proficiency Plan, please visit www.wampo.org/title-vi.

ENGAGEMENT METHODS

There are many techniques that can be used in public participation processes. The WAMPO Public Participation Plan (PPP) Techniques Toolbox acts as a guide for involving the public in the transportation planning and decision-making process. Please see the full Public Participation Plan for more details about each technique.

Figure B.2: WAMPO Public Participation Plan Techniques Toolbox



Public Engagement for MTP 2050

Strategies used to increase outreach and engagement throughout the development of MTP 2050 included in-person and virtual meetings, pop-up events, videos, social media, listening sessions, surveys, and more. The following list highlights some of the outreach techniques that were most frequently used for MTP 2050.

- **Brochures, Fact Sheets, Flyers, and Visualization:** Brochures and fact sheets were developed to provide key points of interest in an easy-to-read manner. Flyers were used to convey information about the long-range plan and public involvement opportunities. WAMPO posted signage, when possible, at city halls, public libraries, community centers, and public events. Visualization techniques were used throughout the public engagement process to help people understand complex information in a graphic format; this included diagrams, photos, charts, static maps, and interactive mapping.
- **Media Articles, Advertisements, Public Notices, and Newsletters:** Staff worked with local media, including newspapers, radio, and TV, to provide information about WAMPO’s planning processes. Press releases for notable planning activities (including surveys and public comment periods) were sent to those local media. The WAMPO newsletter is distributed quarterly online through WAMPO email lists and included MTP 2050 progress updates throughout the plan development.

➤ **Information Tables at Events, Partnership Collaboration, and Open Houses:** WAMPO staff attended numerous public events and community gatherings. At these events, staff set up a table with material about WAMPO and transportation planning and provided opportunities for public involvement. Through partner collaboration, WAMPO staff attended public meetings of other organizations, such as local civic groups and city councils. An open house for MTP 2050 will be hosted during the 30-day public comment period and will include various informational stations where participants can ask questions and provide feedback.

➤ **Social Media and Website:** Social media is a fast way to connect with people, including those who would not normally interact with WAMPO through “traditional” forms of agency communication. Social media posts were developed for MTP 2050 to convey engagement opportunities and updates. The WAMPO website, www.wampo.org, provides information about all WAMPO activities. Additionally, staff created a dedicated MTP 2050 webpage as a one-stop shop for all MTP 2050 information, www.wampo.org/mtp2050. WAMPO is active on the following platforms:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wampoks>
- Instagram: <https://instagram.com/wampoks>
- X (formerly Twitter): <https://x.com/wampoks>
- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/wampoks/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@WAMPOKansas>

➤ **Surveys:** Surveys are a good way to gather opinions from a wide swath of the public. Surveys for the development of MTP 2050 were conducted both online and via paper forms; more than 1500 were completed. It should be noted that the surveys were an engagement tool for collecting feedback from the public and the results collected are not intended to express a scientific, statistically valid representation of all the region’s residents.

➤ **Videos:** Videos are a useful and visually engaging tool to inform the public of planning processes and input opportunities. Prior to the first round of public engagement, WAMPO released a one-minute video announcing the launch of the MTP 2050 planning process and encouraging the public to provide input. During the plan development, WAMPO released ten (10) additional informational videos. All videos are available on WAMPO’s YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/@WAMPOKansas

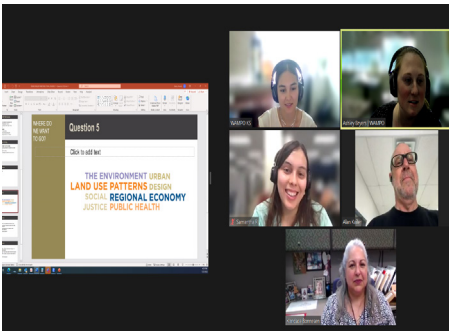
The following pages provide details about the specific engagement techniques used in each round of engagement.



ENGAGING UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATIONS

A guiding principle of WAMPO's public engagement efforts is the invitation and consideration of perspectives from those traditionally underrepresented in transportation planning processes. Some examples include individuals who speak languages other than English, low-income and minority individuals, people with disabilities, those under 18, and older adults. Engagement for MTP 2050 strived to reach out to and connect with underrepresented communities early and often.

During each round of public engagement, WAMPO staff attended multiple pop-up and community events to interact with people where they already were. All materials were made available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. At events with a high number of Spanish speakers, staff proficient in Spanish were present to ensure that attendees had an opportunity for meaningful engagement.



ENGAGING STAKEHOLDERS

In addition to engagement with the general public, stakeholder involvement played a major role in the development of MTP 2050. WAMPO staff worked alongside and sought guidance from transportation planning partners, including the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), Wichita Transit, local governments, and community organizations.

These stakeholders, particularly WAMPO's member jurisdictions, helped shape the vision, goals, and objectives of the plan. Throughout the plan development process, staff frequently provided progress updates, including at regularly scheduled Transportation Policy Body (TPB), Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), Executive Committee (EC), and ICT Safe: A Regional Transportation Coalition meetings, as well as at project-specific steering committee meetings.

The MTP 2050 Plan Advisory Committee (PAC) was established at the beginning of plan development to offer feedback on the formation of the plan and provide recommendations. The committee was composed of representatives from member jurisdictions, community organizations, and regional planning partner staff. The PAC was formed to help engage stakeholders and the public, conduct public engagement discussions, and provide expertise and guidance to WAMPO staff.

ENGAGEMENT AT A GLANCE

Throughout the development of MTP 2050, WAMPO staff devoted many hours to public outreach and involvement, continuously working to inform, consult, involve, and collaborate with all people who live and work in the WAMPO region, whether or not a round of public engagement was officially underway. While it is impossible to quantify all staff outreach, the [graphic below](#) provides a high-level look at WAMPO's engagement during the plan development process.

Round One: May 13, 2023 - July 31, 2023

VISION, GOALS, AND OBJECTIVES

The first round of public engagement was conducted from May 13, 2023, through July 31, 2023. Engagement methods included a public survey, stakeholder listening sessions, in-person pop-up events, website and social media posts, informational presentations at public meetings in the WAMPO region, and a video encouraging the public to provide input.

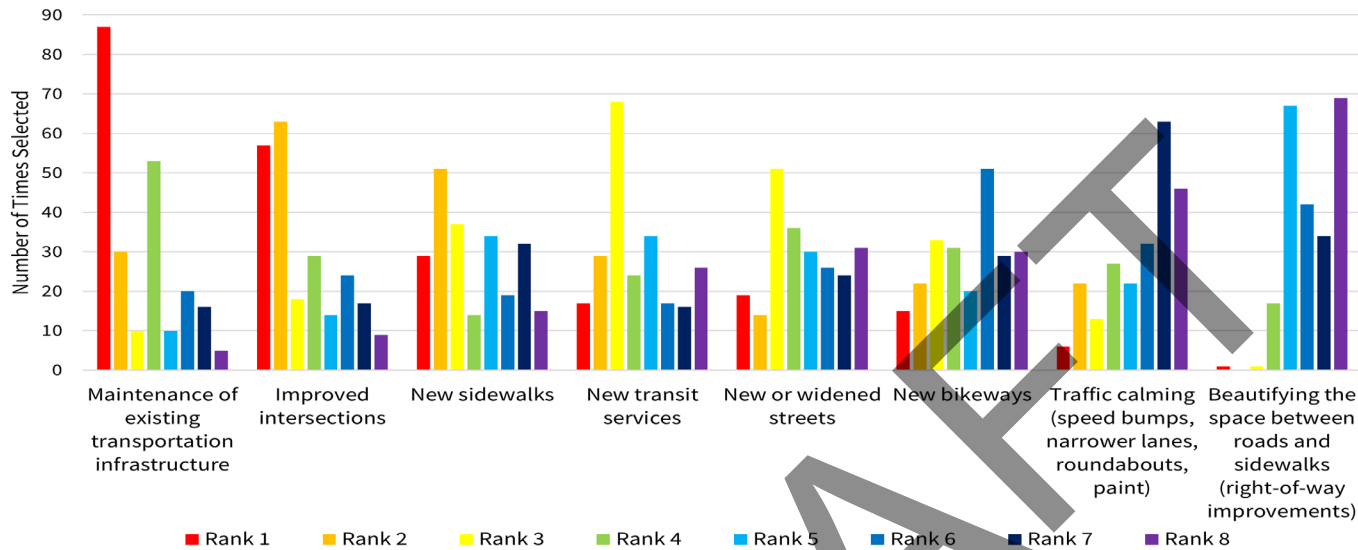
WAMPO staff collected 832 survey responses and hosted 11 listening sessions. Surveys were made available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, both online and on paper forms collected at various community events. WAMPO promoted the survey through articles published by KSN, the Wichita Business Journal, KAKE, the Community Voice, the Active Age, and the Derby Informer. WAMPO staff also gave TV and radio interviews to KAKE, KSN, KWCH, KMUW, KFDI, Univision, and La Raza.

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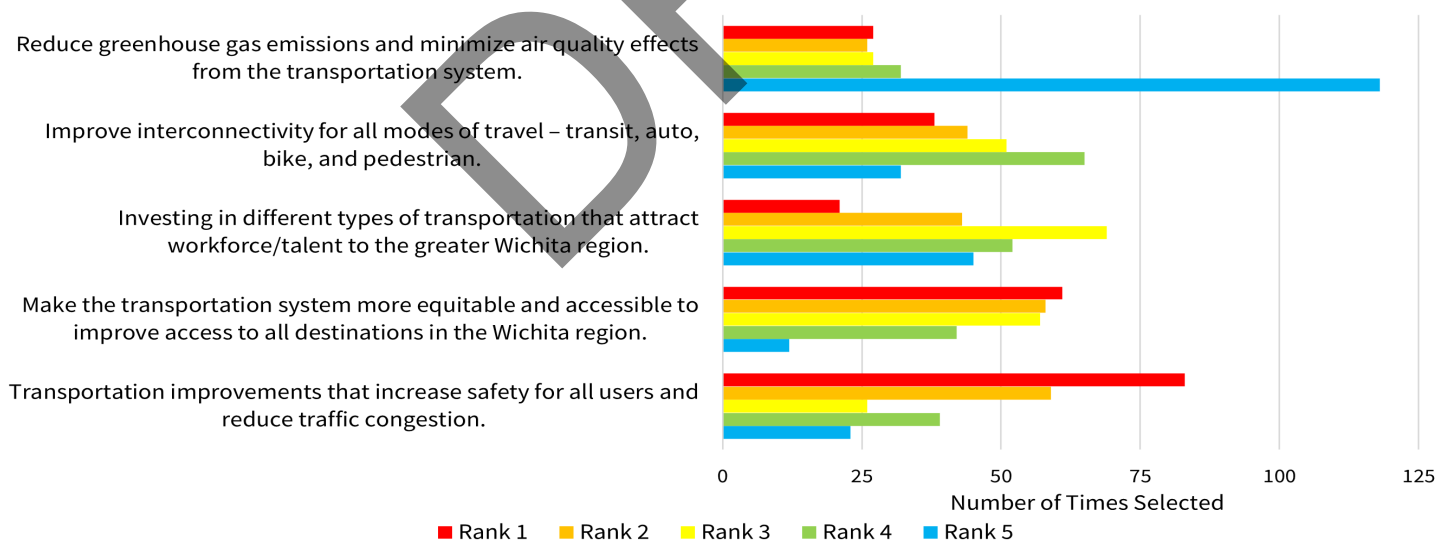


Round 1 Survey Results

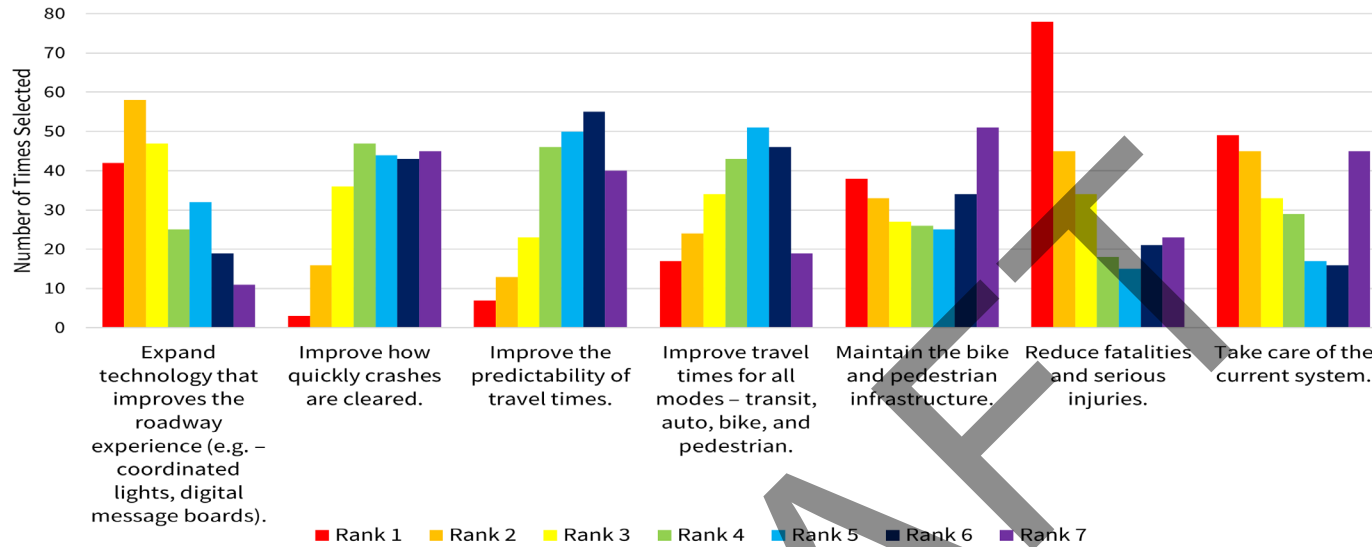
How do the following uses of transportation investments rank in importance? Please rank 1 - 8



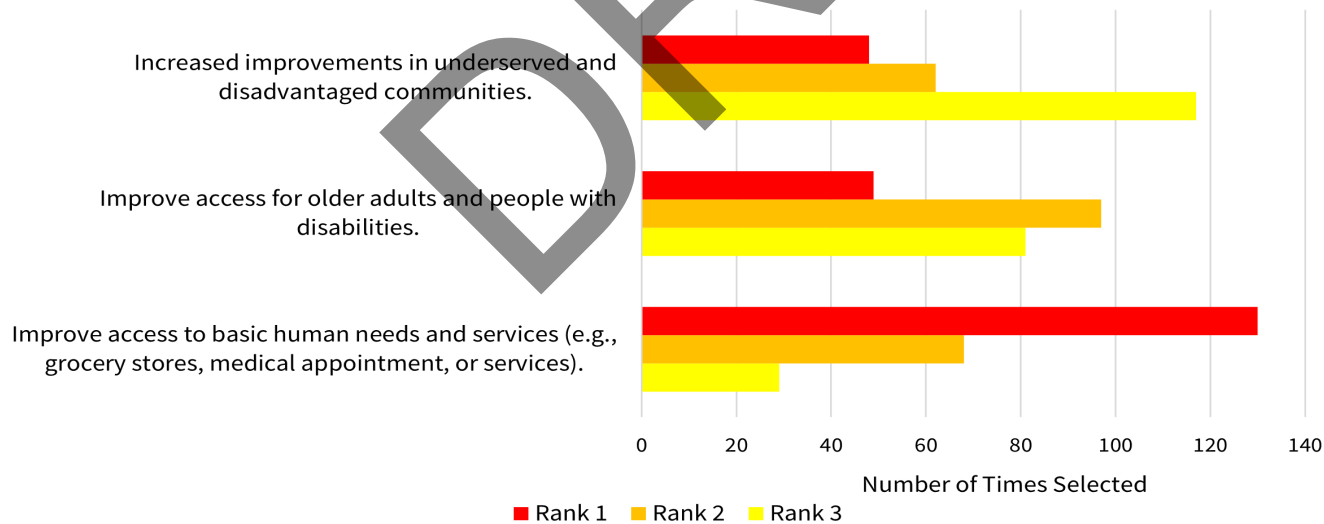
What do you see as your priorities for transportation investment in the greater Wichita region? Please rank 1 - 5



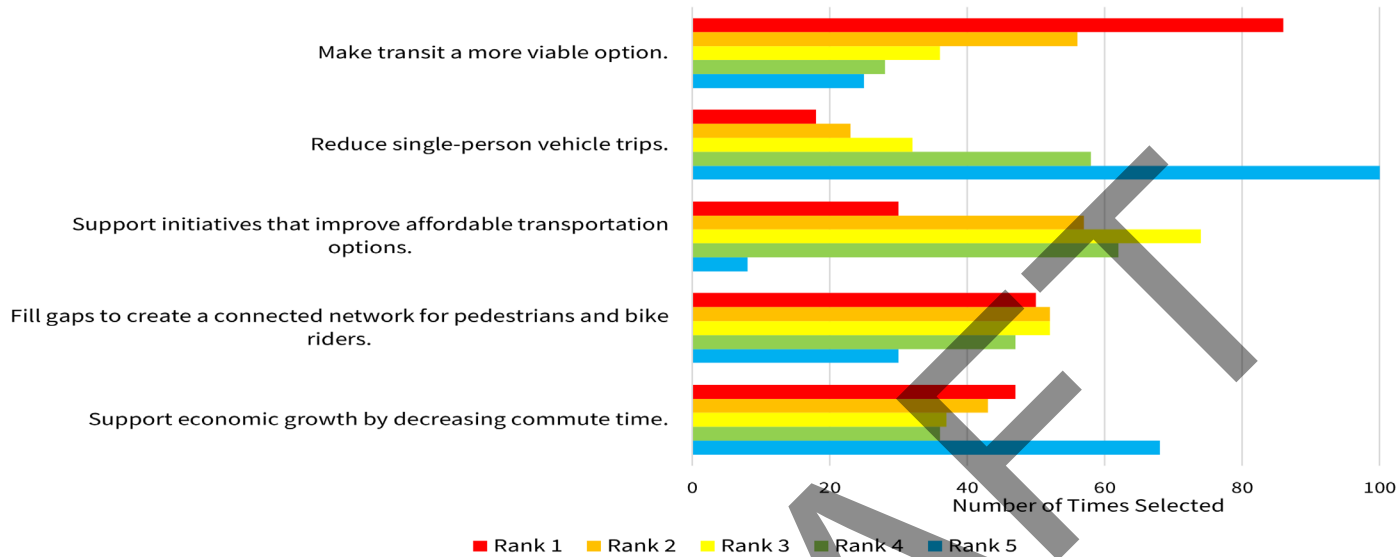
What transportation improvements are most important to you as they relate to safety and reliability? Please rank 1 - 7



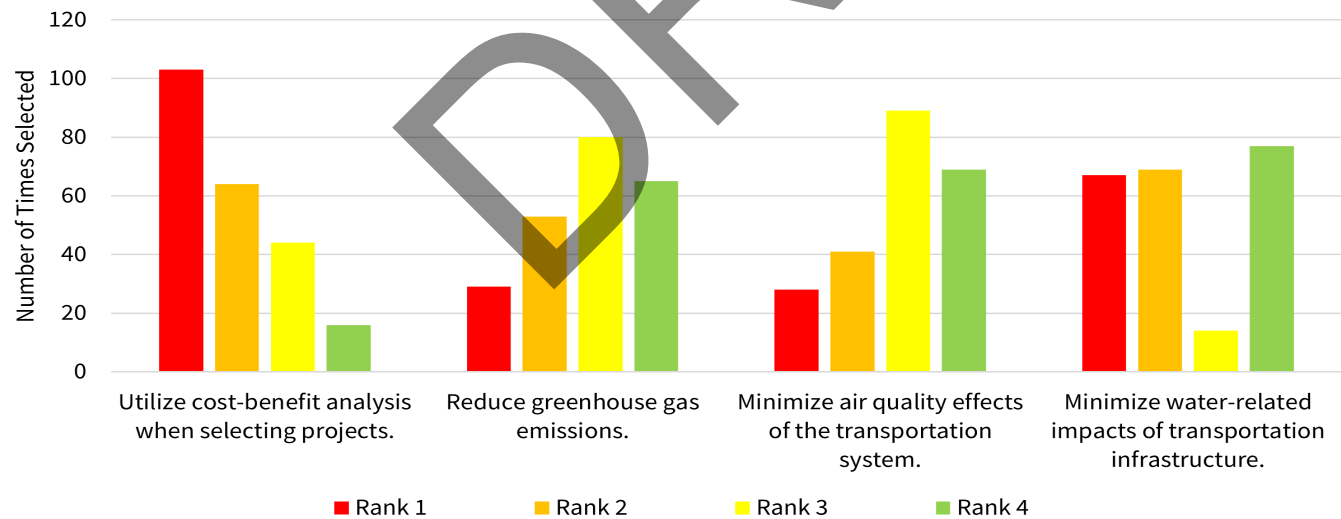
What improvements are most important to you as they relate to equity and accessibility? Please rank 1 - 3



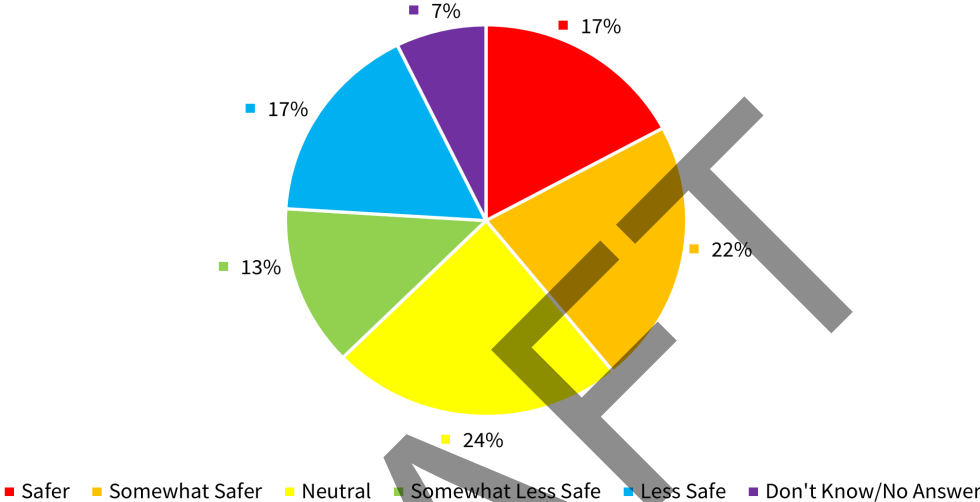
What improvements are most important to you as they relate to making the transportation system more connected and multimodal? Please rank 1 - 5



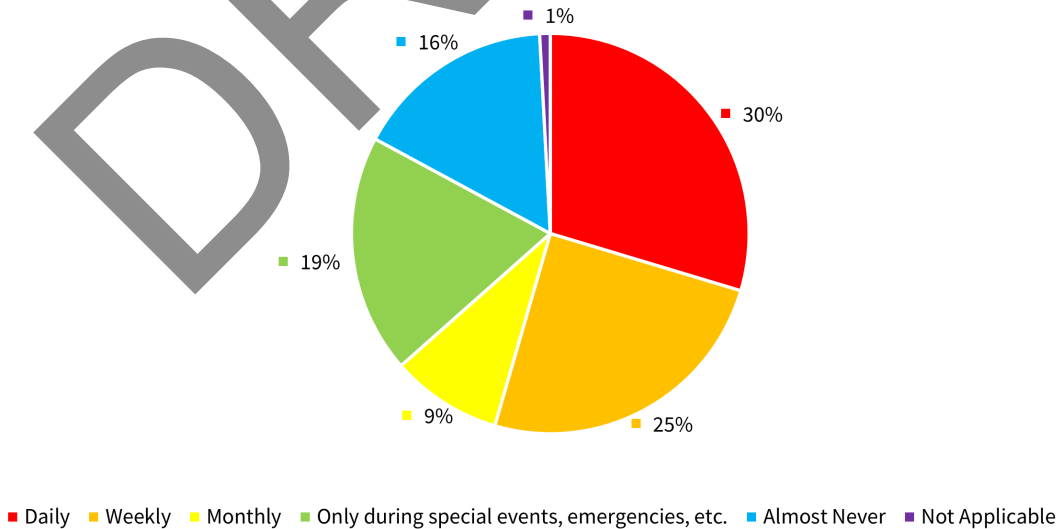
What improvements are most important to you as they relate to environmental and financial stewardship? Please rank 1 - 4



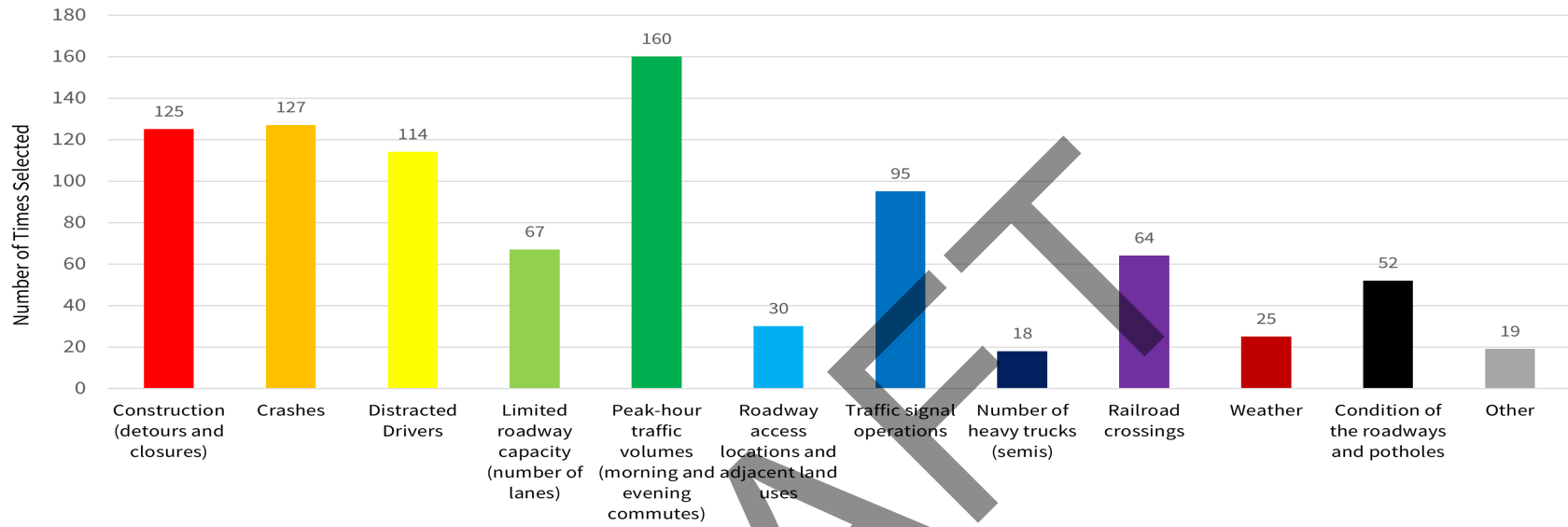
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How often do you experience traffic congestion in the Wichita metro area?



What do you believe are the primary reasons for traffic congestion in the Wichita metro area?

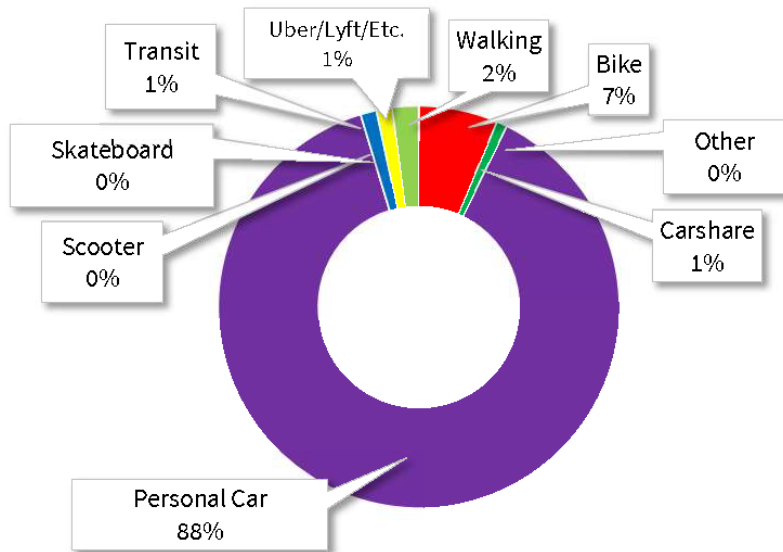


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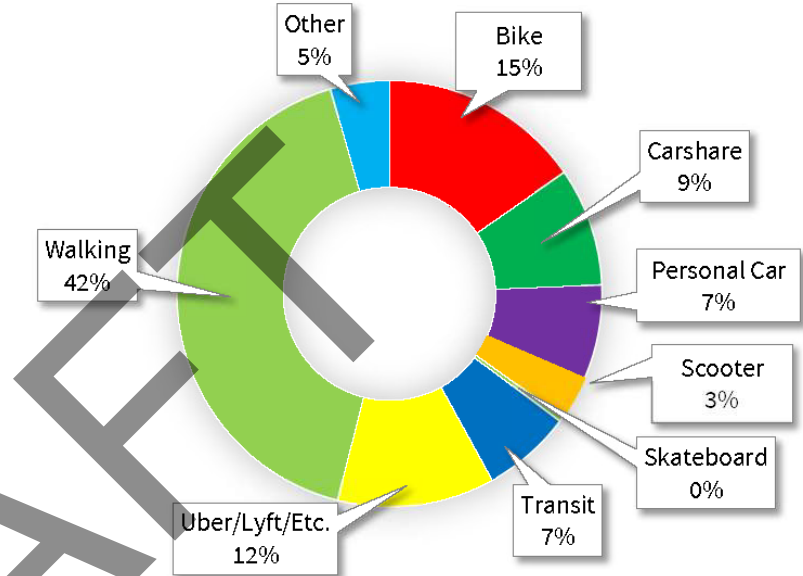
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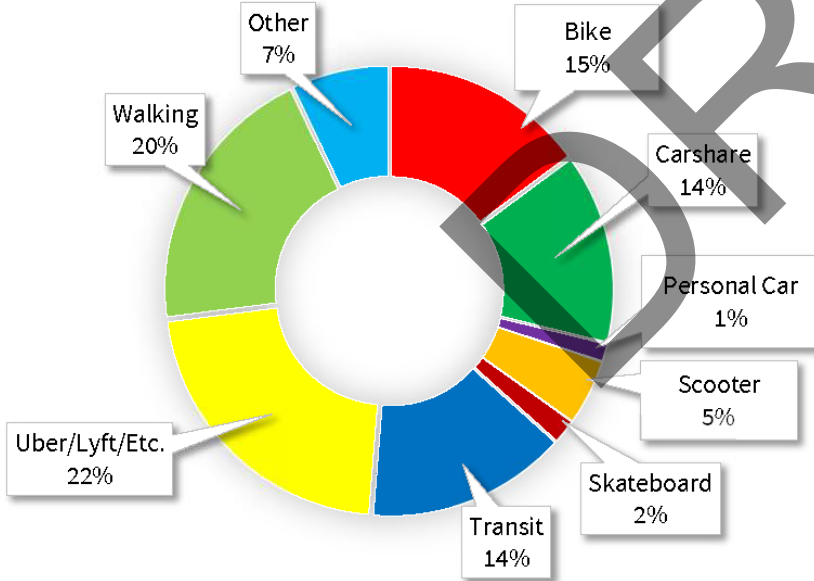
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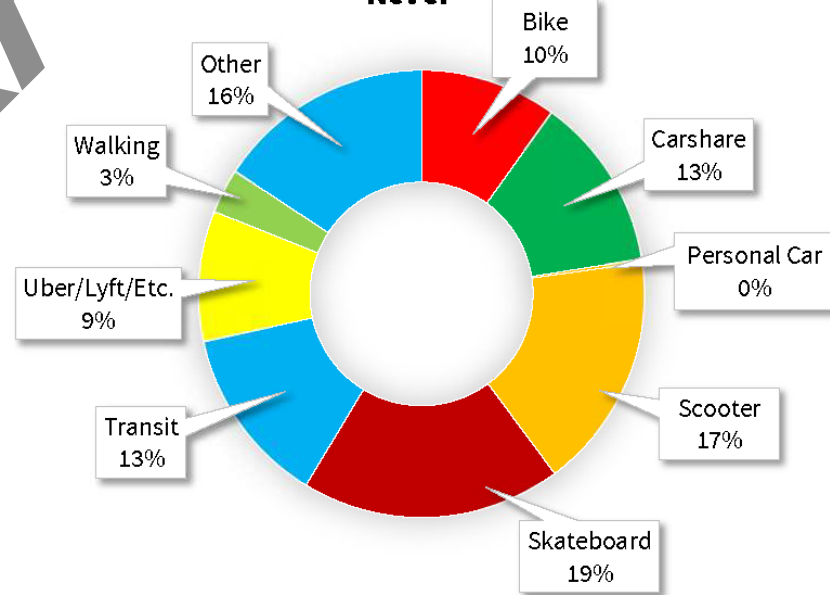
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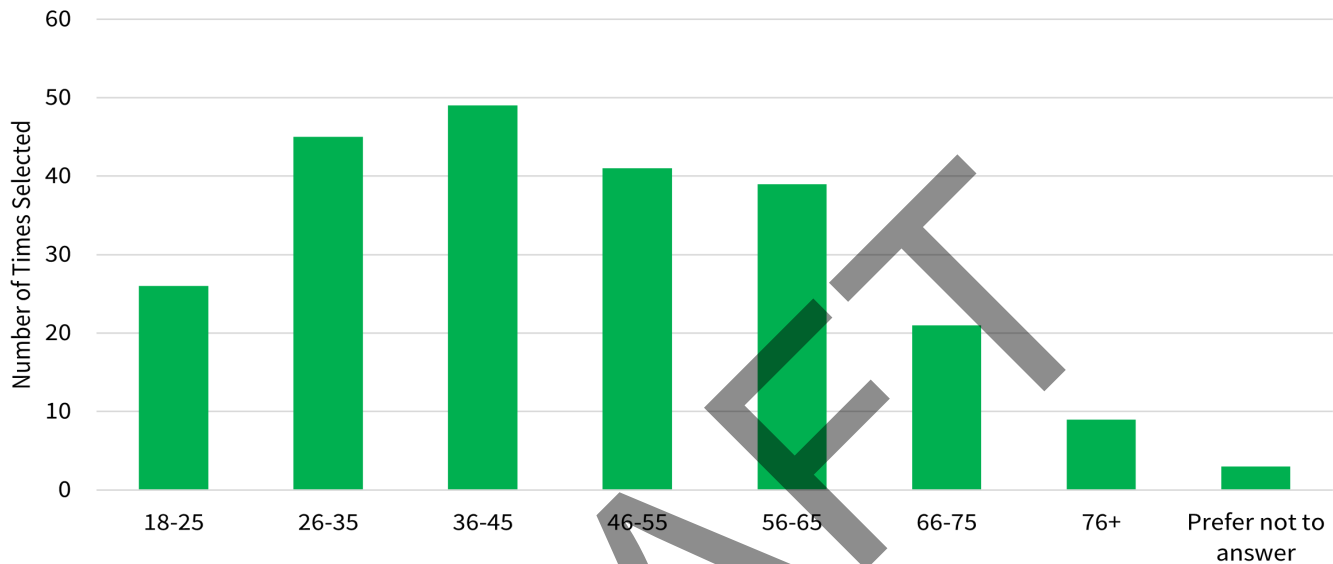
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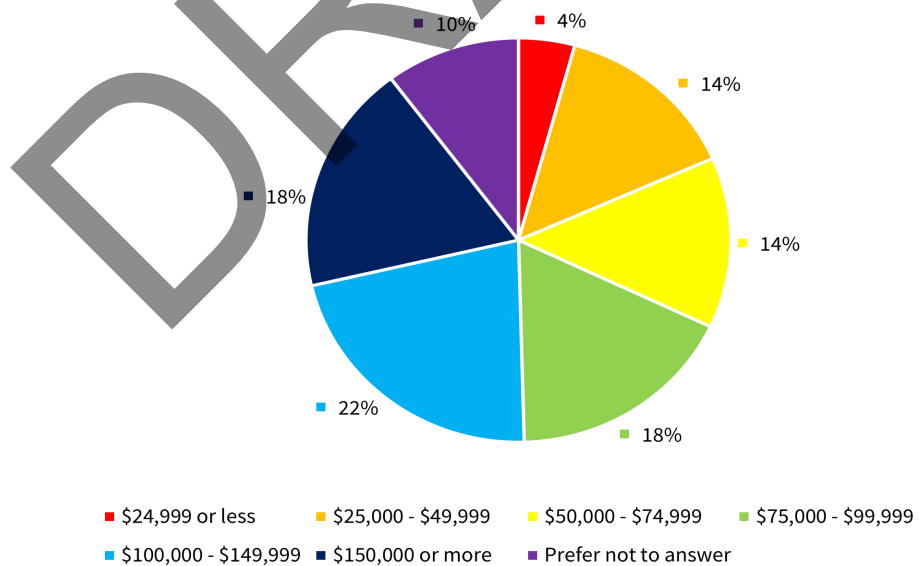
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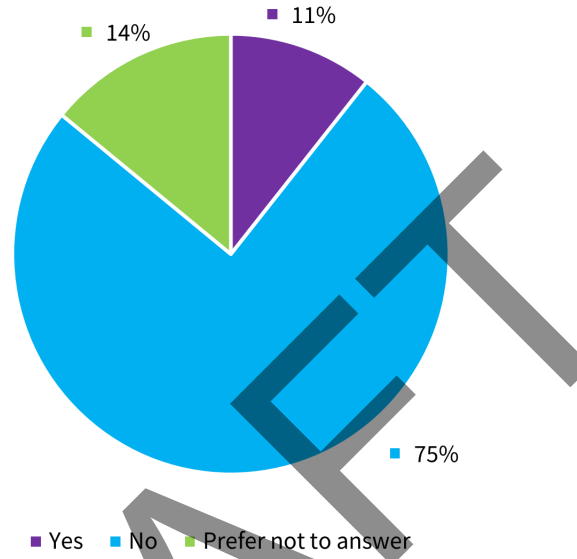
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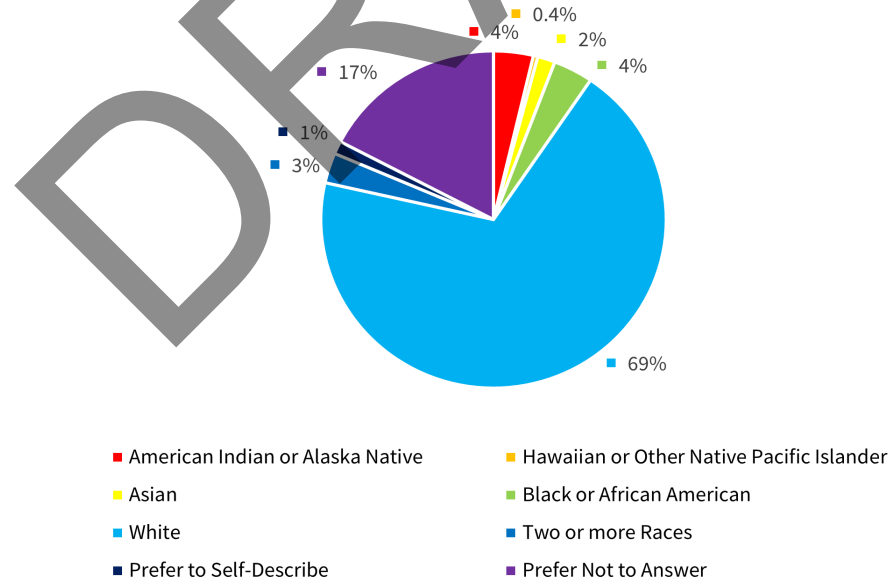
What is your household income?



Are you Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin?



How would you describe yourself? (Select all that apply)



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Stakeholder Listening Sessions

WAMPO identified several stakeholder groups and sought input from key community members with expertise and experience working with each group. These groups represented a range of interests from underserved communities to economic development. Below is a list of the stakeholder groups that were consulted and the dates of their respective listening sessions, followed by a summary of key themes from the listening sessions.

Listening Session Groups and Meeting Dates:

- Freight: 06/22/2023 (online)
- Seniors: 06/26/2023 (Downtown Senior Center, 200 S Walnut St, Wichita, KS 67213)
- Hispanic/Latino: 06/27/2023 (Evergreen Public Library, 2601 N Arkansas Ave, Wichita, KS 67204)
- Bicycle/Pedestrian: 06/27/2023 (Advanced Learning Library, 711 West 2nd St N, Wichita, KS, 67203)
- Black/African American: 06/27/2023 (Advanced Learning Library, 711 West 2nd St N, Wichita, KS, 67203)
- Economic Development and Transportation: 06/29/2023 (online)
- Safety and Health: 06/29/2023 (online)
- Four (4) General Public Listening Sessions: 06/27/2023 - (Advanced Learning Library, 711 West 2nd St N, Wichita, KS, 67203); 07/06/2023 (online); 07/07/2023 (online); 07/20/2023 (online)

Listening Session Themes

- Driving is the preferred way of getting around in the Wichita metro area, for its convenience, ease, and efficiency.
 - » Specific projects mentioned included 21st St. (east and west of Broadway) and several highway projects: K-254, East Kellogg, K-96, ARC-95, and the North Junction.

- There is significant support for investing in other means of getting around, specifically biking, walking, and transit, for both short- and long-distance trips within the metro area.
 - » Lack of an ability to drive was cited as a barrier to getting to work, school, or other important destinations.
- Maintenance of all transportation networks – roads, bike paths, and sidewalks – is important.
- More attention should be paid to how streets and other transportation assets contribute to quality of life, sense of place, community identity, and attracting a 21st-century workforce.
- Transportation-related education for all road users – drivers, bicycle riders, and pedestrians – is increasingly important, as the same space is shared by different types of users. This is especially important in areas with newer types of street configurations, such as roundabouts, on streets with bicycle lanes, and at intersections between bicycle paths and streets.
- Improvements to the overall public transit system were mentioned in several sessions. Specific projects/services/activities mentioned include:
 - » Amenities at bus stops (lighting, fixtures, signage, enclosures, etc.)
 - » Service - more destinations, more frequent service, service later at night and on weekends
 - » More partnerships (e.g., school districts, senior centers)
 - » Advertising/marketing
 - » Services across the entire metro area, not just in individual cities
 - » Rideshare programs
 - » Kneeling/accessible buses

- Neighborhood-scale investments were requested by several groups, including crosswalks, lighting, traffic calming, gutters, sidewalks, curb appeal, ramps, pothole repair, flooding mitigation, and bike lanes, especially in neighborhoods that prefer walking over driving.
- Bicycle riders would like to see more dedicated bicycle facilities in neighborhoods, as well as dedicated facilities to connect destinations and communities across the Wichita metro area.

To view full summary of each MTP 2050 Listening Session, please visit https://bit.ly/Summaries_Compiled_Formatted_.

Round Two: December 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024

PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND BUILD ON ROUND 1 RESULTS

Following the success of the first round of public engagement for MTP 2050, WAMPO conducted a second round from December 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024. During this second round of public engagement, a refined version of the Round 1 survey was introduced. Staff curated the survey based on feedback and insights gathered during Round 1, adding clarity to ensure specific and clear input on transportation issues and expanding the survey to include questions pertaining to local performance measures.

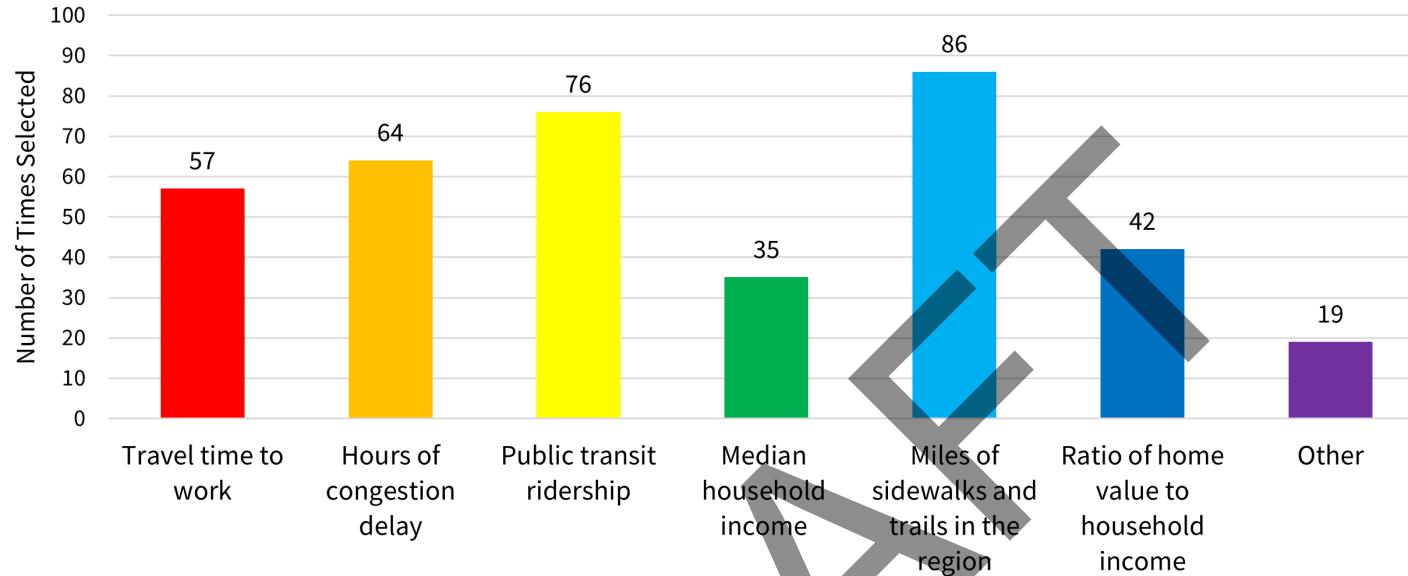
During this second round of engagement, a total of 171 adult surveys were completed, as well as 50 surveys completed by children (details on the children's survey are documented below). WAMPO staff engaged with the public about MTP 2050 and how it will help shape the transportation network.

The second MTP 2050 survey was made available to the public in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, posted on the WAMPO website, and advertised through social media posts on a wide range of platforms to encourage participants to take the survey online. WAMPO staff attended numerous events throughout the region to engage with members of the community. At these events, staff informed members of the public about WAMPO and the long-range transportation planning process. Staff also facilitated an activity in which attendees could mark locations on a map where they experienced transportation safety or congestion issues.



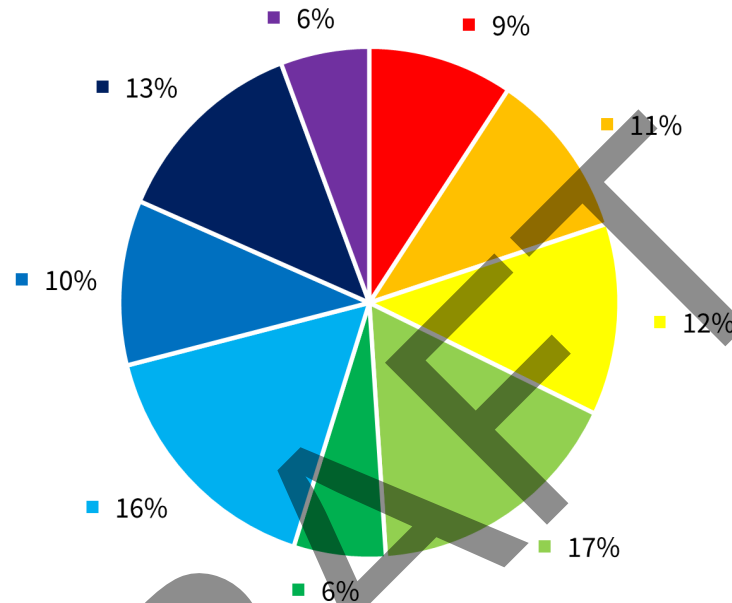
Round 2 Survey Results

What statistic(s) would you most like us to start/continue tracking?



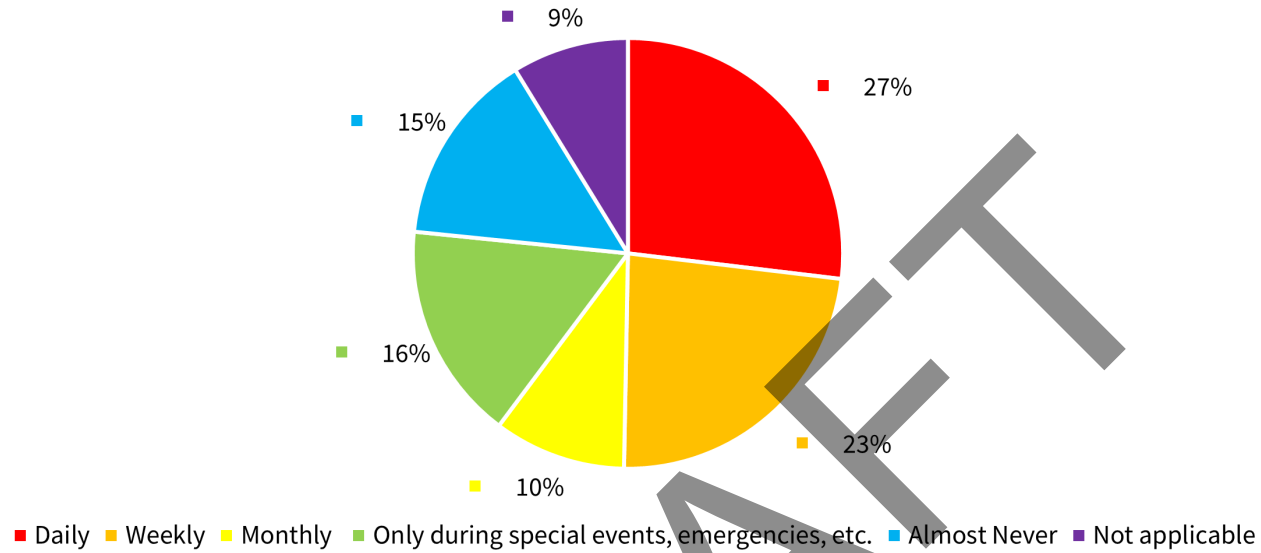
The most common responses provided after selecting 'Other' include: vehicle pollution; value added to housing units with safe bike- and walkability; daily per capita vehicle miles traveled; transportation-disadvantaged and insecure individuals; incidents involving pedestrians or bicycle riders; noise pollution caused by traffic; and cost-burdened households (responses edited for clarity and conciseness).

What transportation improvements are most important to you?

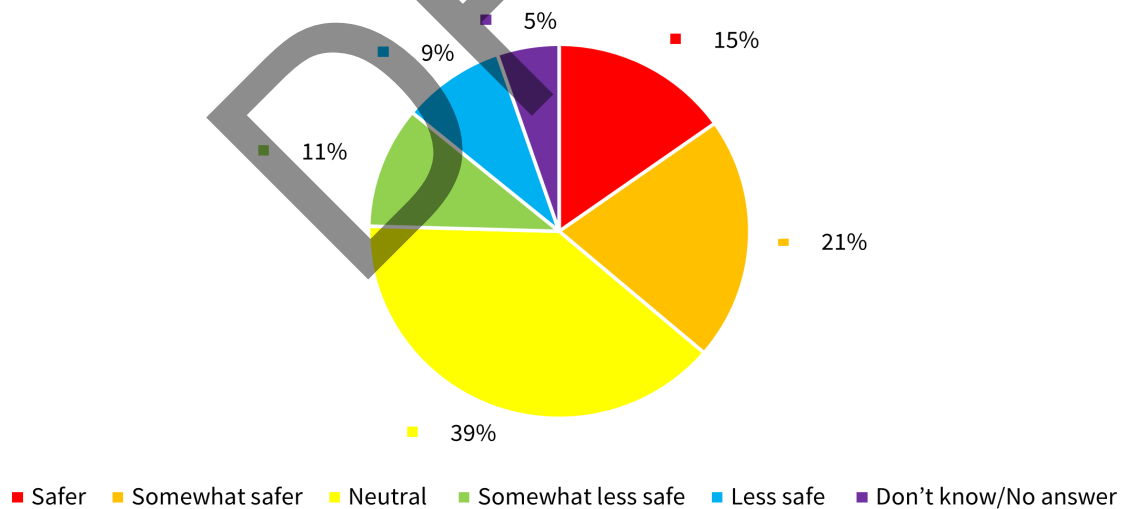


- Expand technology that improves the roadway experience (e.g., coordinated lights, digital message boards).
- Improve travel times for all modes – transit, auto, bike, and pedestrian.
- Maintain and expand the existing bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
- Reduce fatalities and serious injuries.
- Maintain the current transportation system.
- Improve access to basic human needs and services (e.g., jobs, grocery stores, medical appointments, or services).
- Improve access for underserved communities, older adults, and people with disabilities.
- Increase opportunities for public transit.
- Minimize environmental effects of the transportation system.

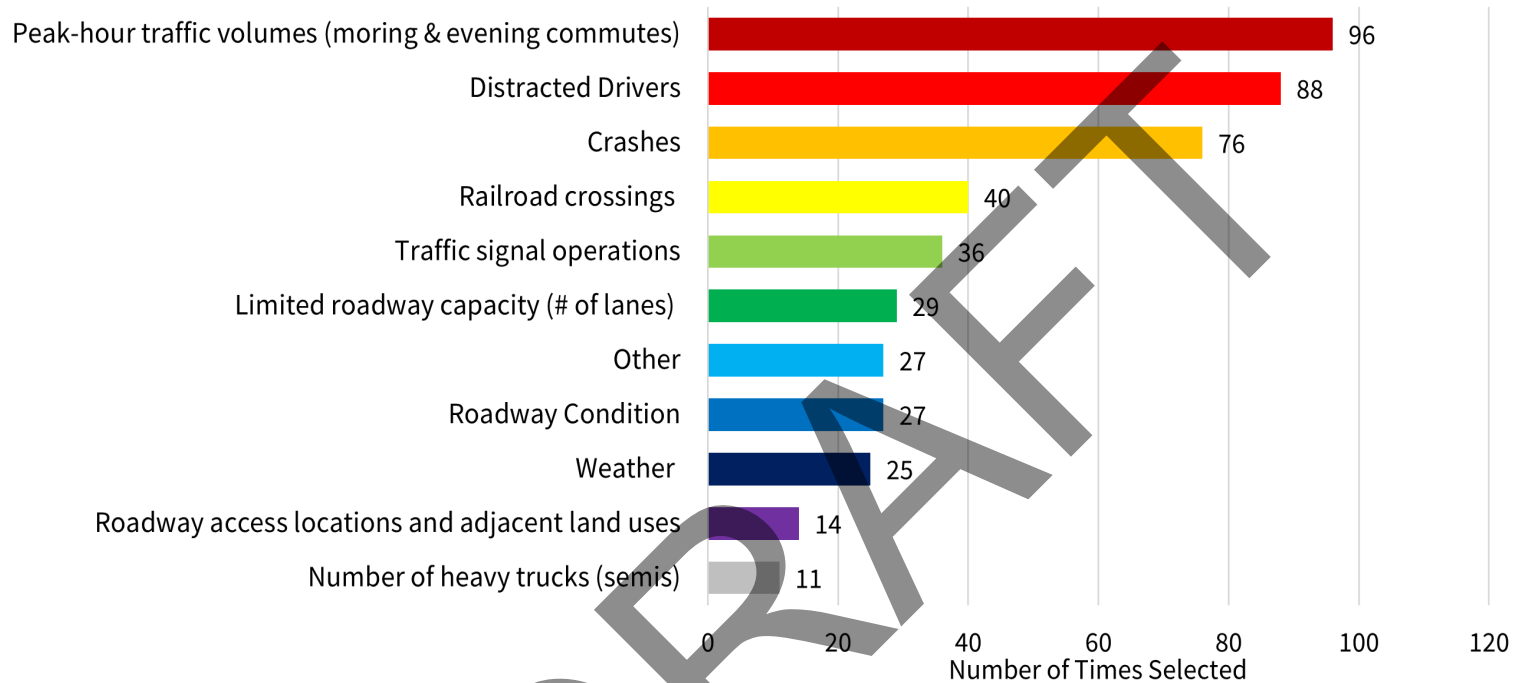
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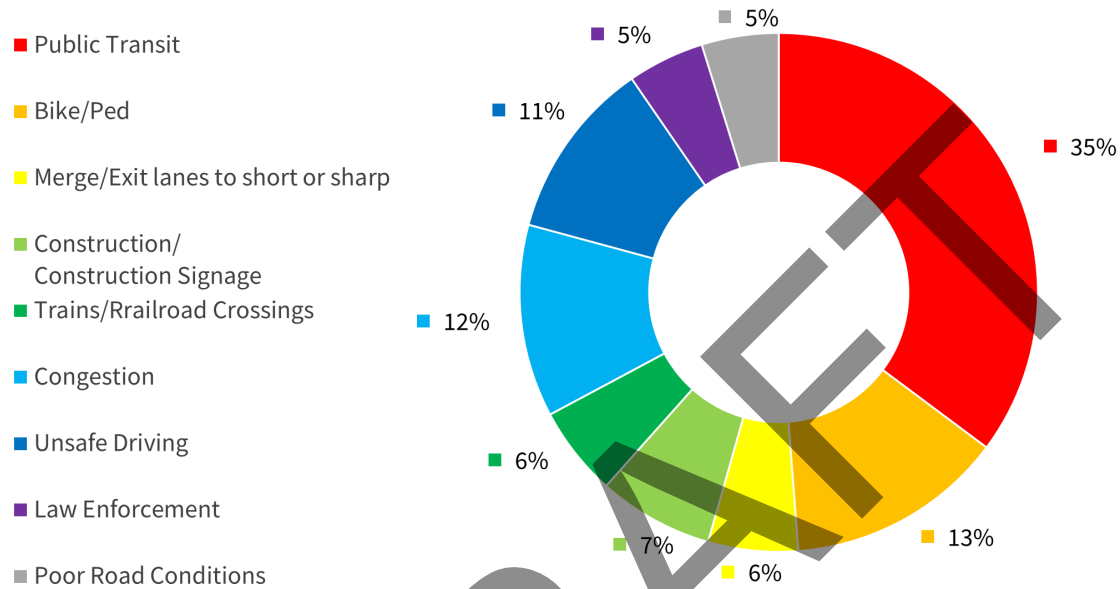


What do you believe are the primary reasons for traffic congestion in the Wichita metropolitan area?

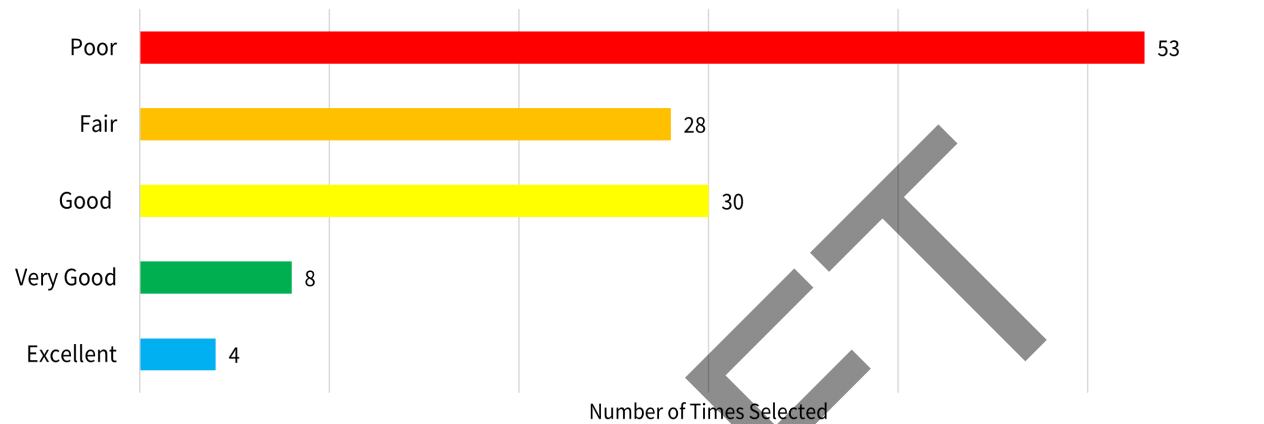


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What specific transportation challenges or issues have you experienced in the Wichita metropolitan area?



How would you describe the walkability and accessibility of neighborhoods?



Where could the existing roadway network be expanded? - Most Requested Locations

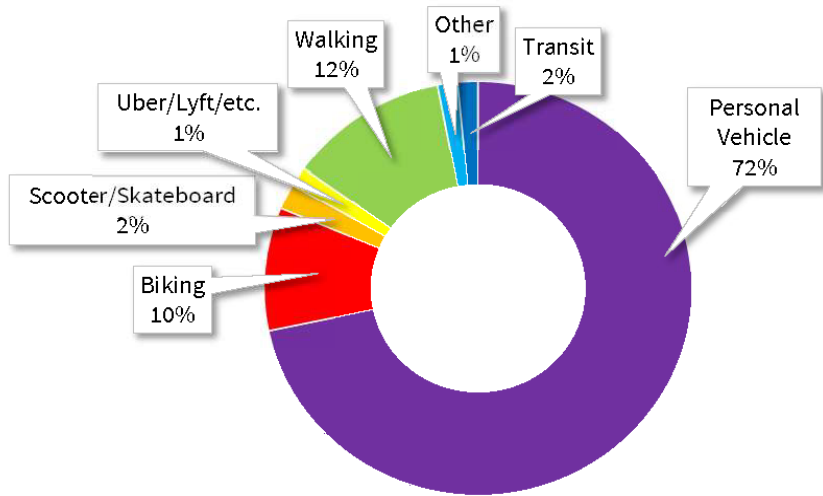
- I-135 & Kellogg
- I-235 & Kellogg
- East Kellogg through Andover
- Douglas to connect pre-existing bike lanes and sidewalks
- The intersection of K-96 and Rock Road
- Pedestrian routes on Douglas from Central to Webb
- Pedestrian routes on Webb from Central to 13th Street
- Tyler from 21st to 37th
- Central from I-135 to Oliver
- Oliver from 17th to Kellogg
- Sidewalks and bike lanes around Wichita State University

What location(s) could benefit from an added crosswalk? - Most Requested Locations

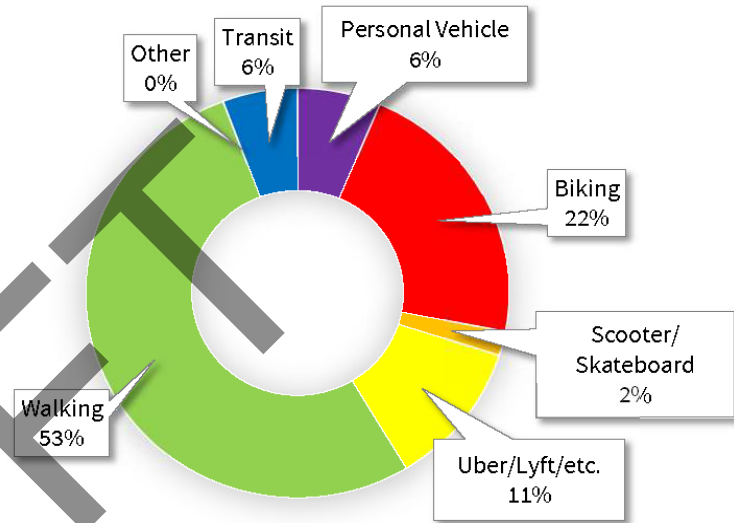
- 13th and I-235
- 21st and I-235
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- 27th and Amidon
- 4th and Meridian
- 21st and Webb
- 37th and Webb

What types of transportation do you use?

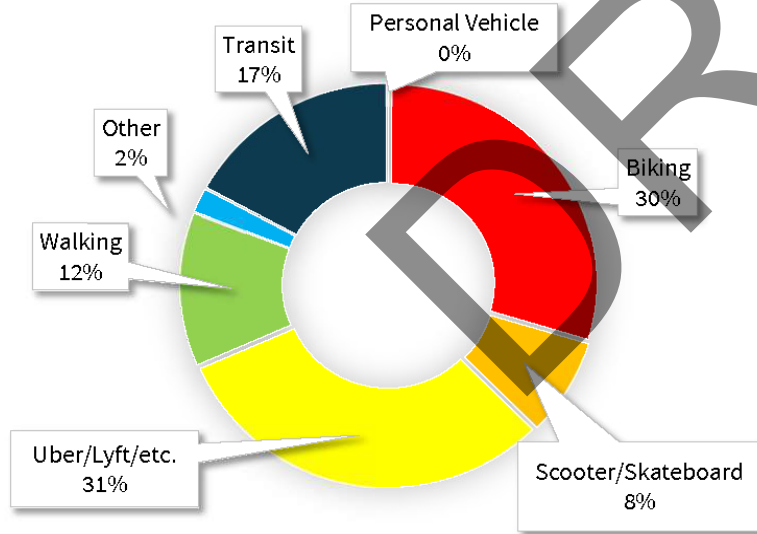
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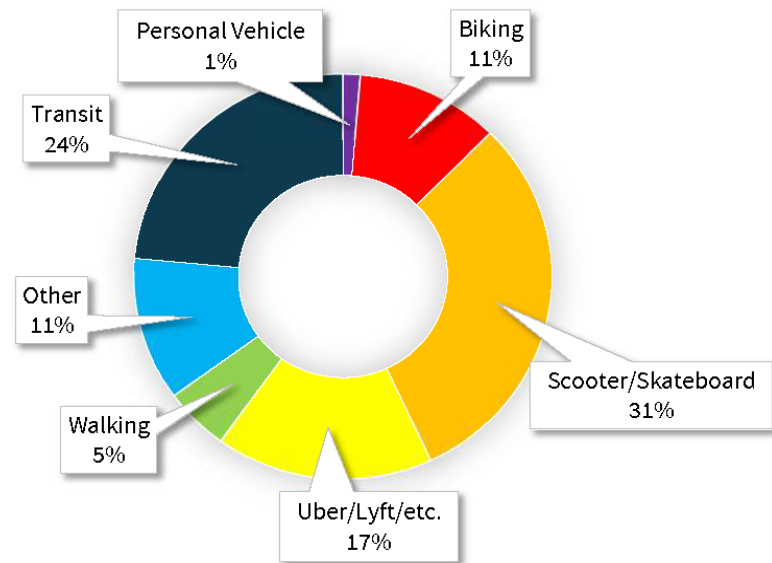
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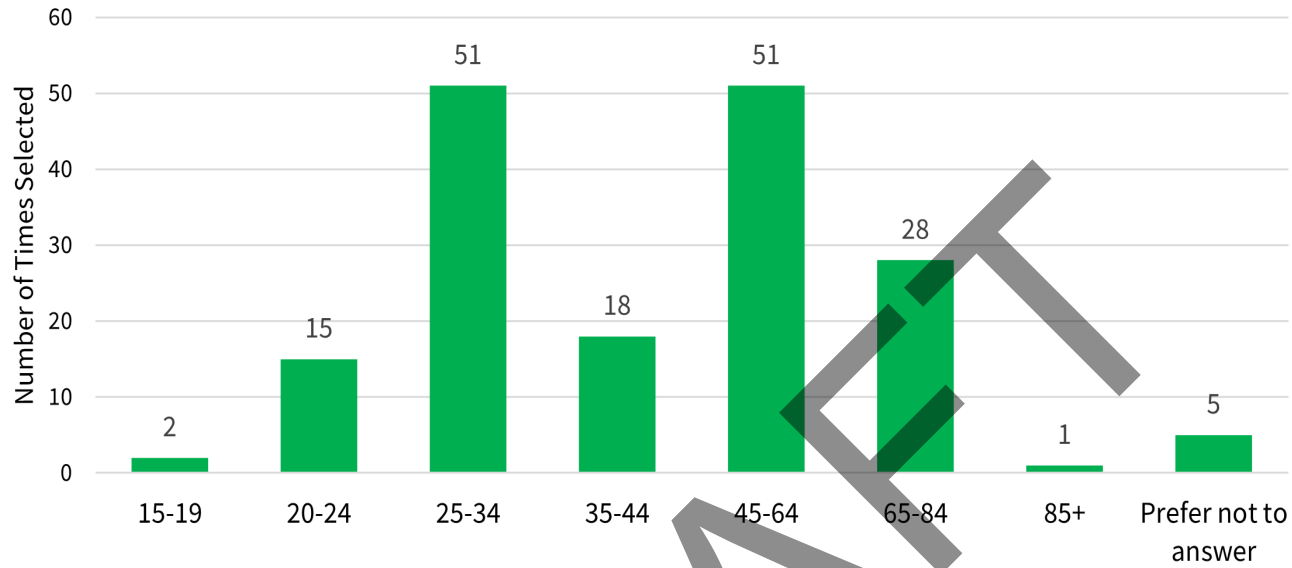
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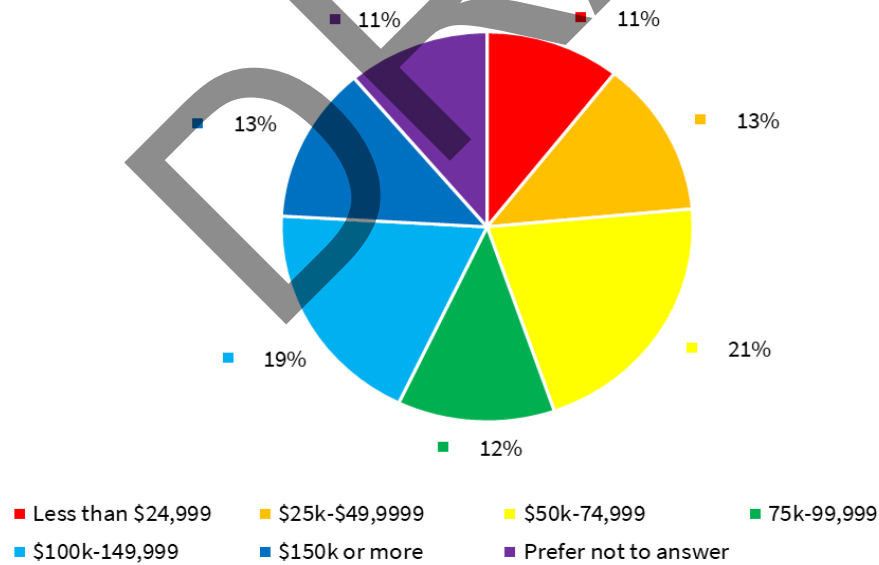
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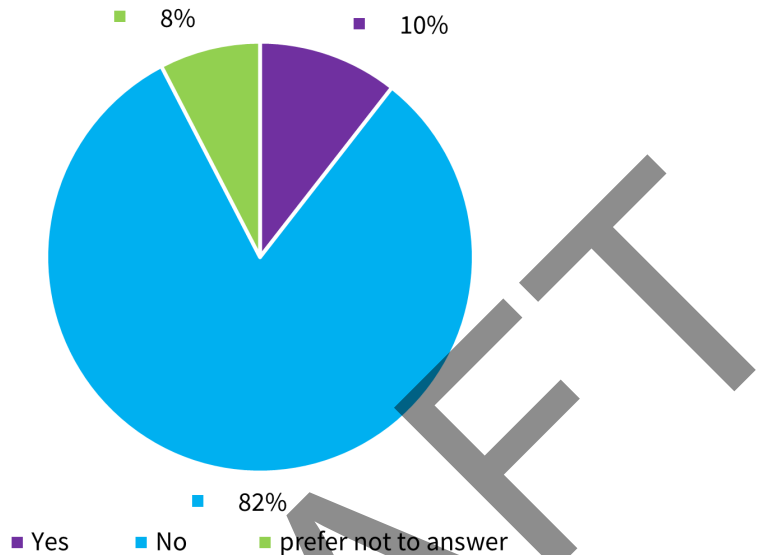
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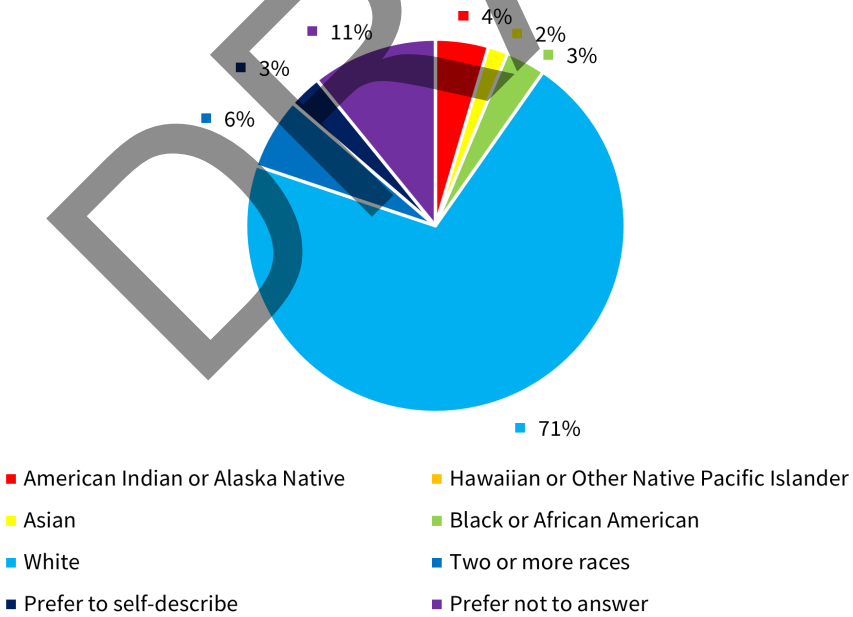
What is your household income?



Are you Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin?



How would you describe yourself? (Select all that apply)



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KIDS' ENGAGEMENT

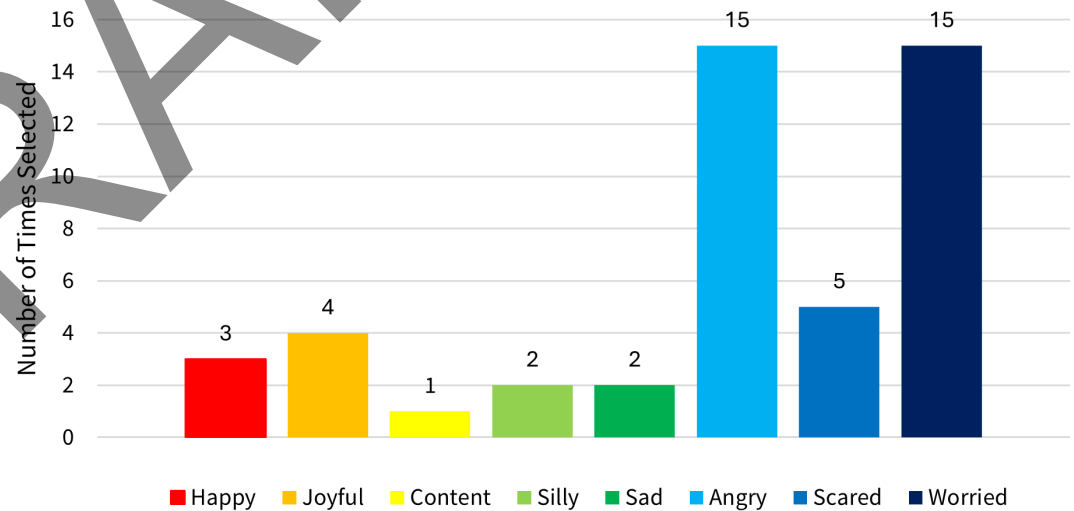
In addition to adults, WAMPO made efforts to engage with a younger demographic and developed a survey suited for engaging with children in the WAMPO region that contained questions about the children's feeling of safety and their ideas for transportation infrastructure improvements, utilizing graphics and pictures to communicate transportation issues in an understandable way.

Collaborating with local teachers, staff visited three elementary-school classrooms in the area to talk to students about transportation planning, different modes of transportation, and the importance of active participation in the transportation-planning process. Staff conducted an interactive activity in which students were able to design their own cities while focusing on the significance of safe roads, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and public transit options. During these visits, WAMPO staff administered the kids' survey that was developed to gather public input from children, after they had learned about the transportation planning process. A total of 50 kids' surveys were recorded.

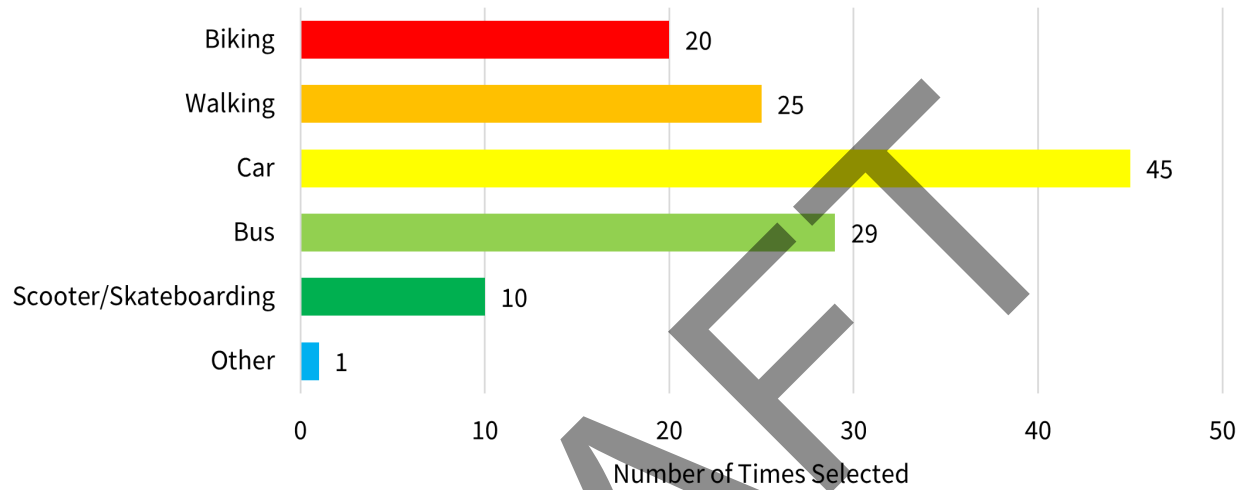
Kids Survey Results



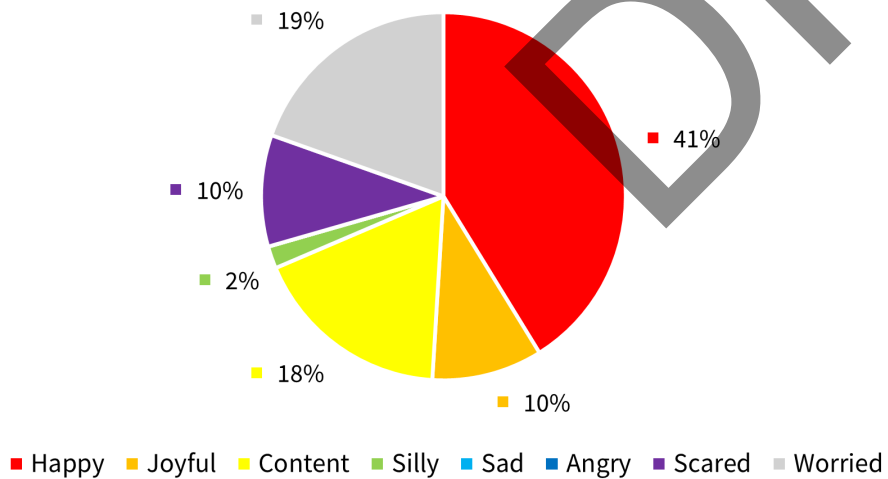
How does this picture make you feel?



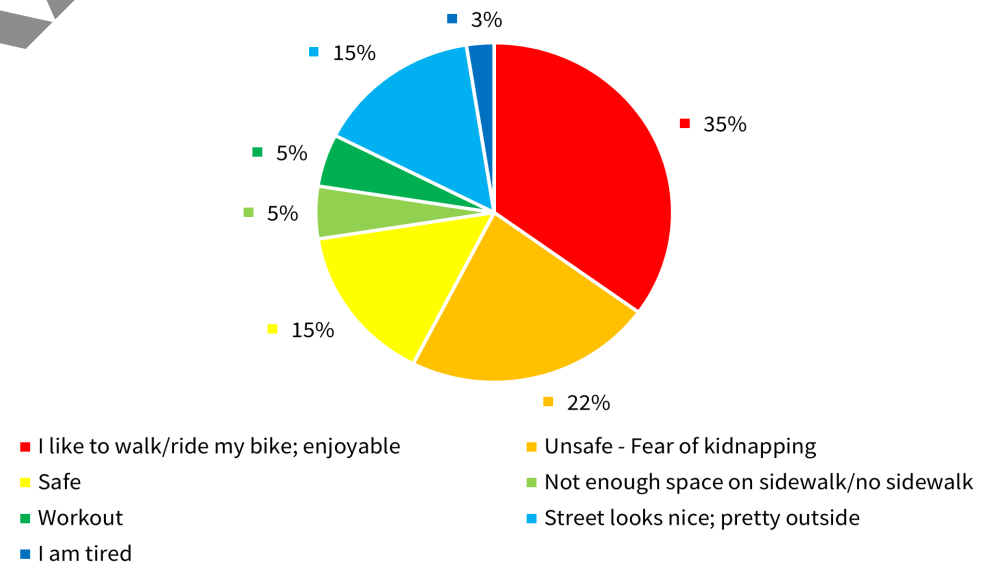
How do you get from place to place? (Select all that apply)



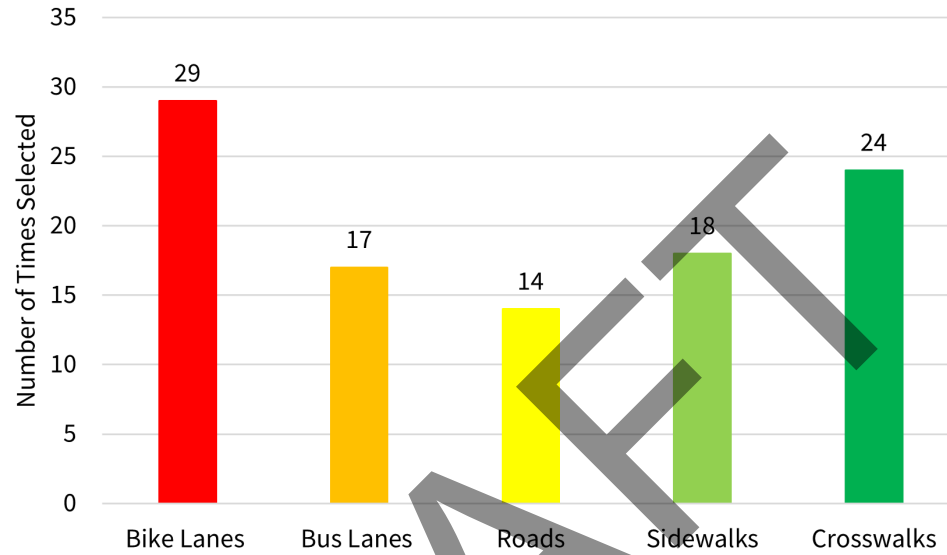
How do you feel when you are walking or riding a bike in your neighborhood?



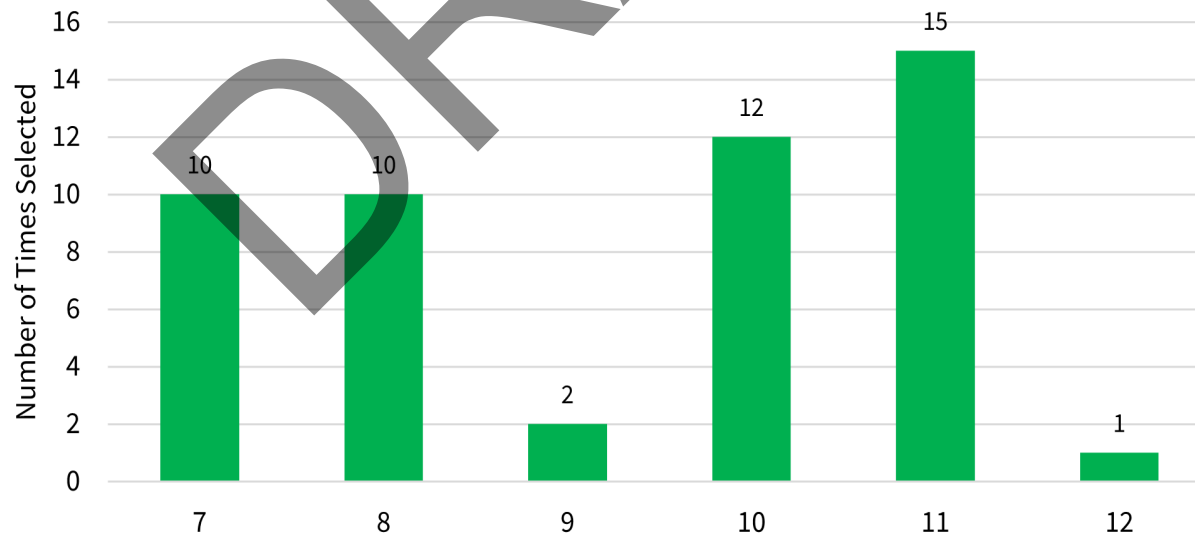
Why?



What do we need more of?



What is your age?





Between Round 2 and Round 3

CANDIDATE PROJECT REVIEW

In addition to the outreach activities undertaken during official rounds of public engagement, in Spring 2024, between Rounds 2 and 3 of MTP 2050 public engagement, WAMPO held a candidate-project-review period.

As part of the transportation planning process, WAMPO updates its short-range Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) every two years and its long-range Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) every five years. From September 15, 2023, through February 2, 2024, WAMPO held a combined Call for Projects for the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2025-2028 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and for Metropolitan Transportation Plan 2050 (MTP 2050). One hundred and two (102) candidate projects were submitted from eleven (11) WAMPO member jurisdictions for consideration for both the short-range TIP and long-range MTP planning horizons.

Valuing transparency and collaboration, WAMPO developed maps for each candidate project location, which were made available, along with project-scope information, on the MTP 2050 project website, www.wampo.org/mtp2050, for review and public comment from April 1, 2024, through April 30, 2024. No public comments were received.

Round Three: May 20, 2024 – June 30, 2024

PUBLIC OPINION AND DOCUMENT MODE-USAGE TRENDS

WAMPO conducted the third round of public engagement for MTP 2050 from May 20, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

The purpose of this round of public engagement was to gather opinions on transportation issues & policy alternatives and to document transportation-mode usage trends within the WAMPO region. The first two questions sought to determine which modes (e.g., driving, walking, bicycling, public transit) are most used and which may be more desired in the future. Subsequent survey questions were separated into the categories of Public Transit, Nonmotorized Transportation (Bicycle/Pedestrian), Freight and Movement of Goods, and Demographic Information. Responses to the mode-specific questions will also be used to inform other WAMPO long-range planning efforts besides MTP 2050. For example, responses to the public transit questions were considered during the development of the Regional Transit Implementation Plan (Appendix E).

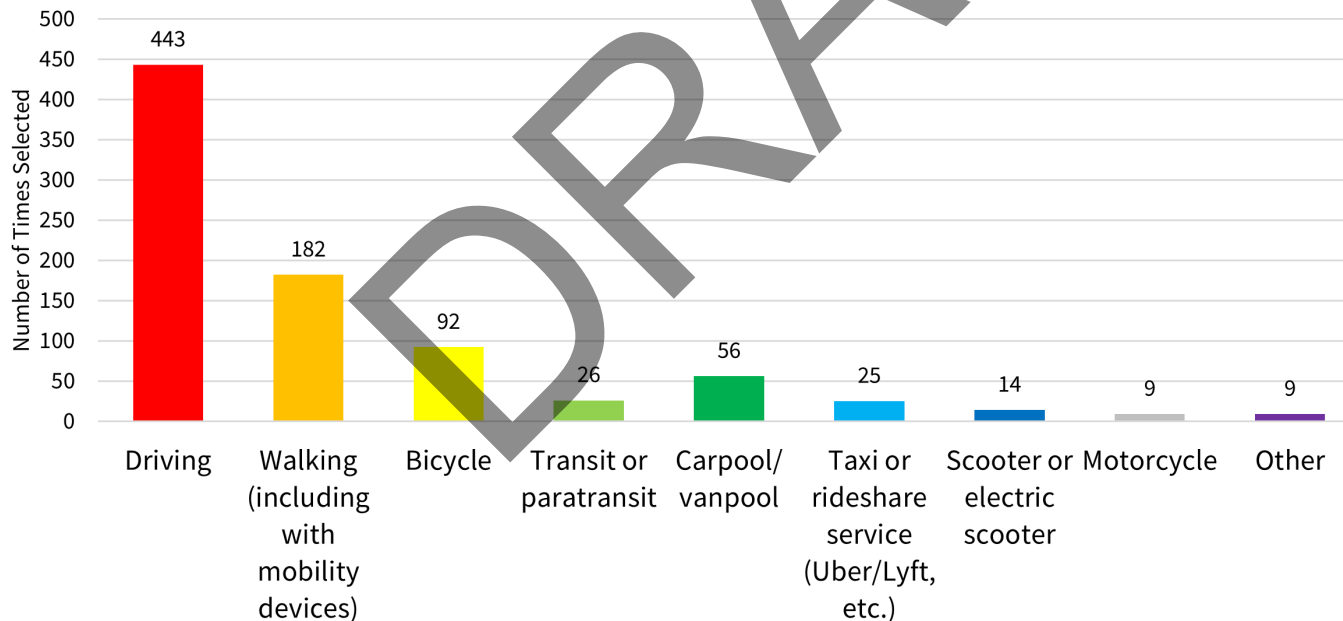
During this round of public engagement, WAMPO staff utilized several strategies to engage with the public about MTP 2050 and how it will help shape the transportation network. The third MTP 2050 survey was made available to the public in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, posted on the WAMPO website, made available on paper at various in-person events, and advertised through social media posts to encourage participants to take the survey online.

Member jurisdictions and other local agencies also greatly contributed to WAMPO's outreach efforts by featuring the survey on websites, in newsletters, and on social media.

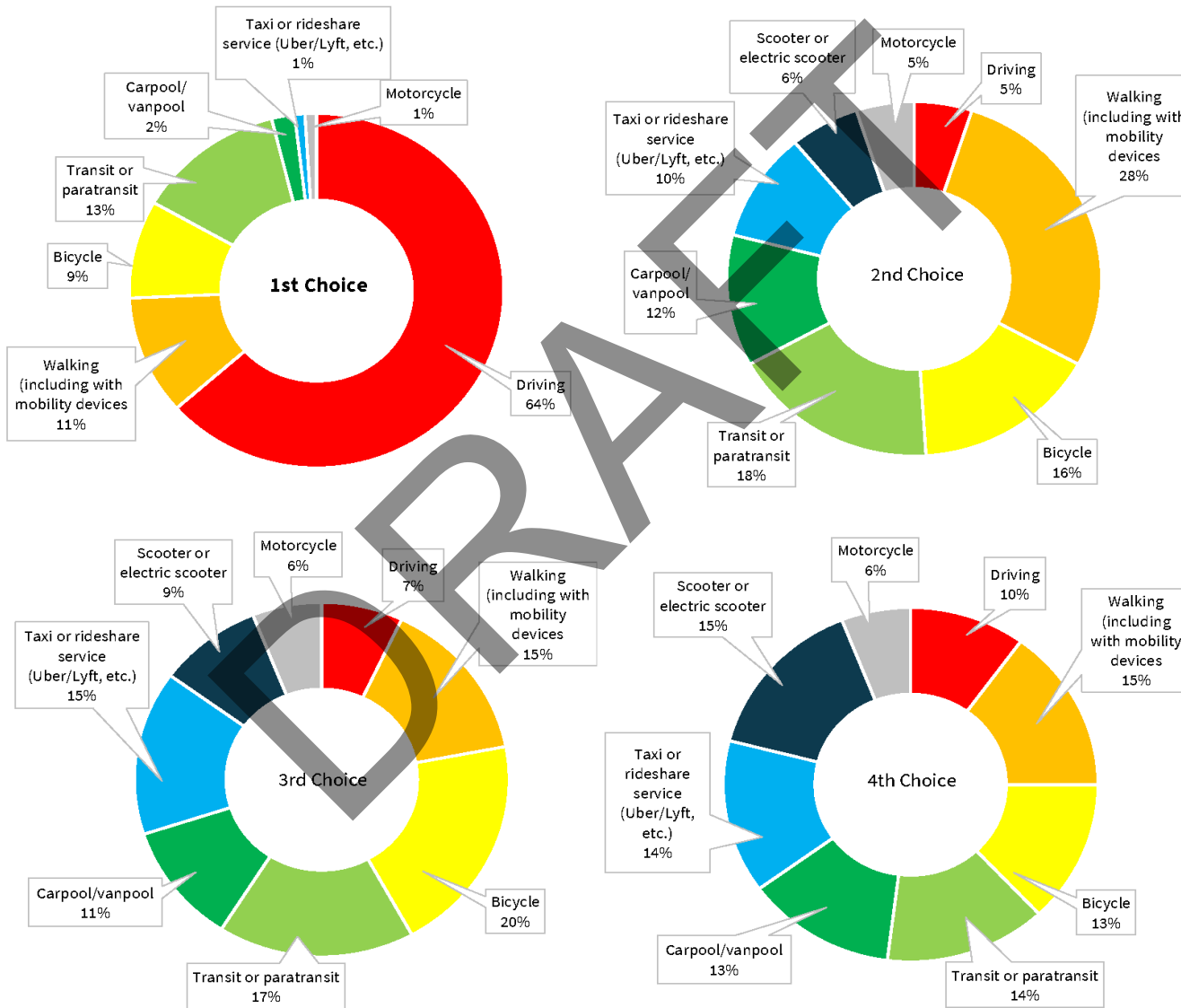
WAMPO staff attended events throughout the region to engage with members of the community and collect responses to the survey on paper. At these events, staff informed members of the public about WAMPO and the long-range transportation planning process. A total of 474 survey responses were recorded and analyzed.

Round 3 Survey Results

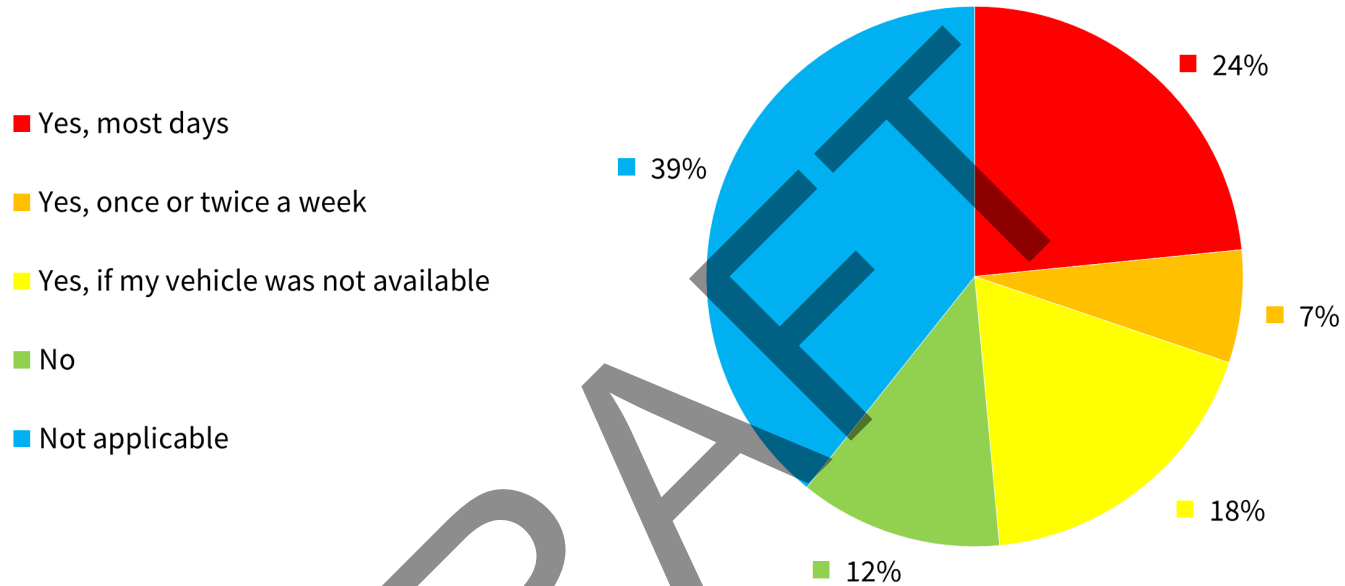
During a typical week, which of these forms of transportation do you use? (Select all that apply)



In your ideal transportation network, which of these forms of transportation would you be most likely to choose? Please rank your top four (4) preferences (with 1 being your first choice).



If you live outside of Wichita but work in Wichita, or live in Wichita but work outside of Wichita, would you use public transit to get to you job if it were available?

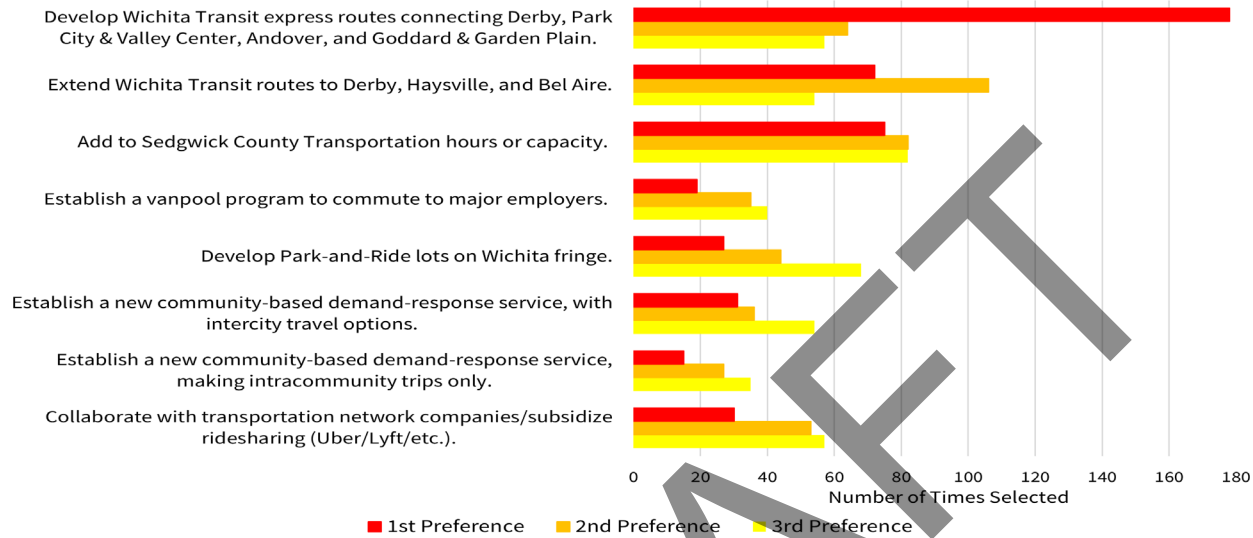


When do you typically start and end your workday, if you work outside your home?

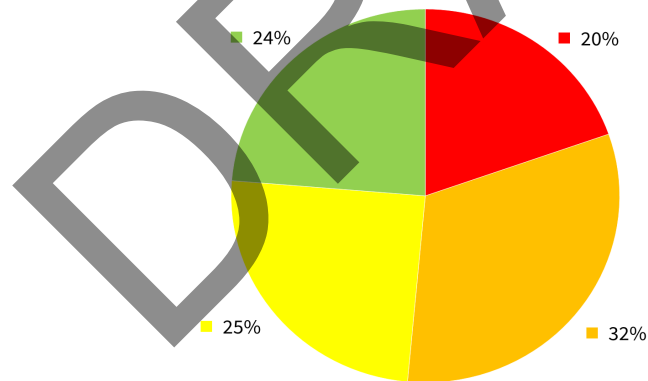
Start Time - Most Frequently Selected	
Time	Selection Frequency
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM	4%
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM	9%
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	24%
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	36%
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	10%
All other times selected	17%

End Time - Most Frequently Selected	
Time	Selection Frequency
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	6%
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	17%
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	42%
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	10%
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	5%
All other times selected	20%

Which of the following regional-transit-service alternative concepts do you support most? Please rank your top three (3) preferences.

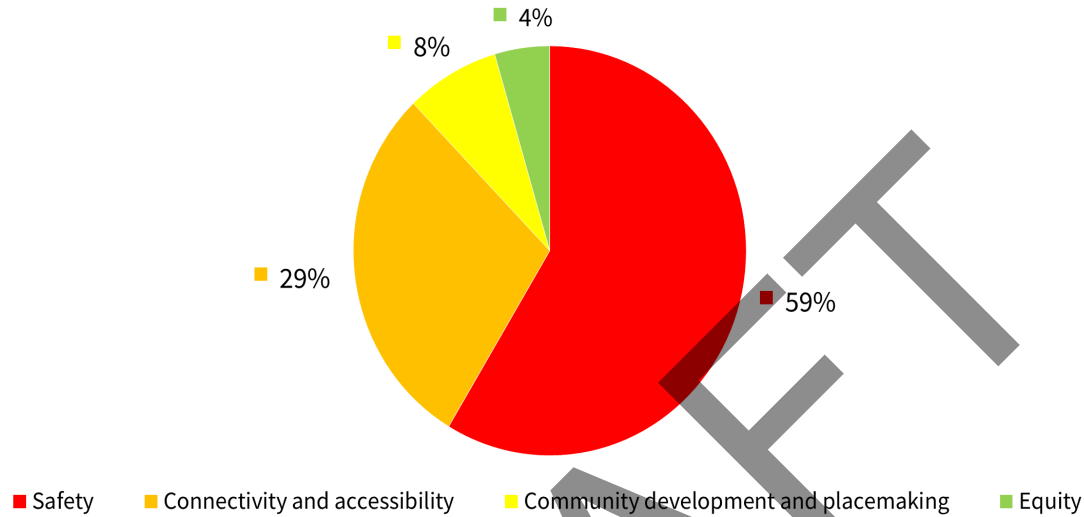


How would you describe your confidence as a bicyclist?

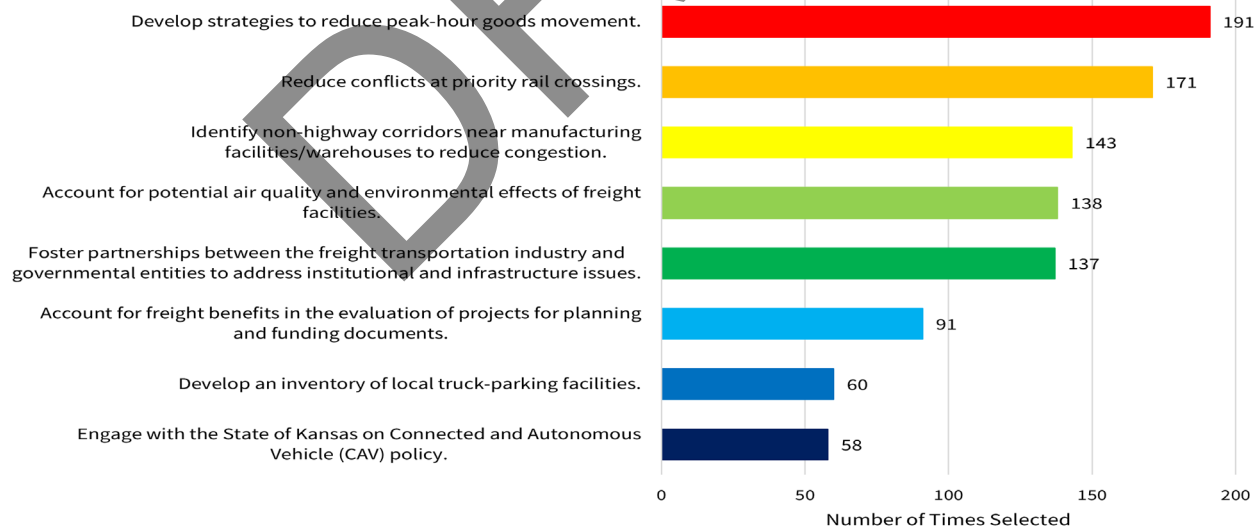


- Highly Confident - Willing to ride on almost any type of street.
- Somewhat Confident - Will ride on most streets but prefer trails or streets with bicycle infrastructure.
- Interested but Concerned - Would like to ride but am concerned about safety or connectivity.
- Non-bicycle-rider - Do not currently ride a bicycle and am not interested.

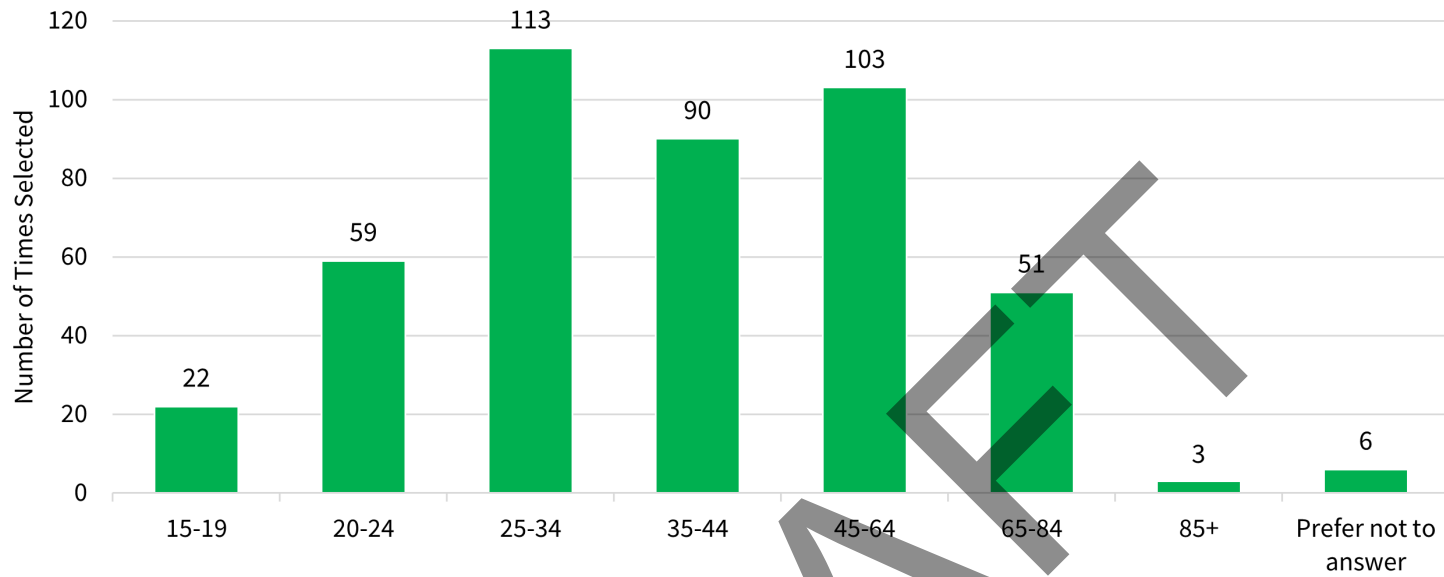
In your opinion, which of these is the most important feature of a successful bicycle/pedestrian network?



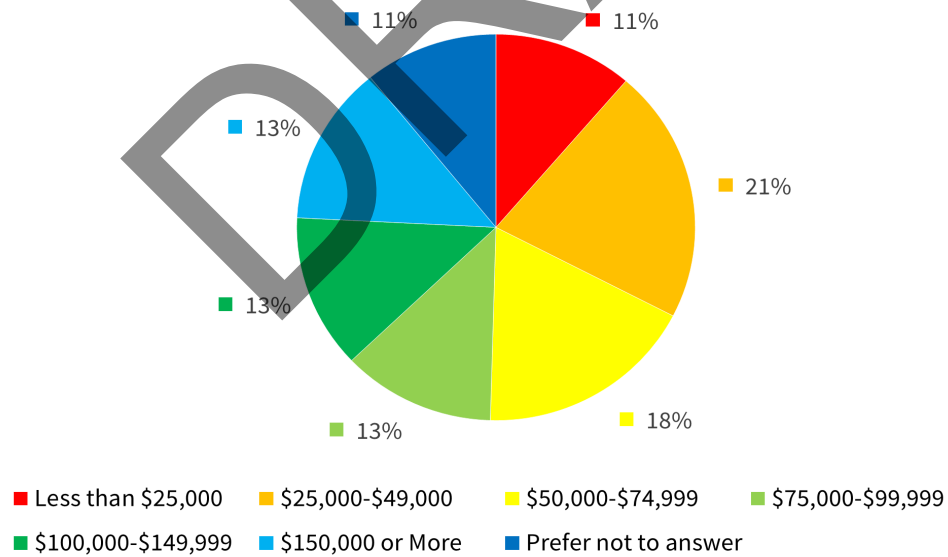
In your opinion, which specific planning and policy actions should WAMPO recommend to advance freight-related strategies and improvements in the region? (Select up to three)



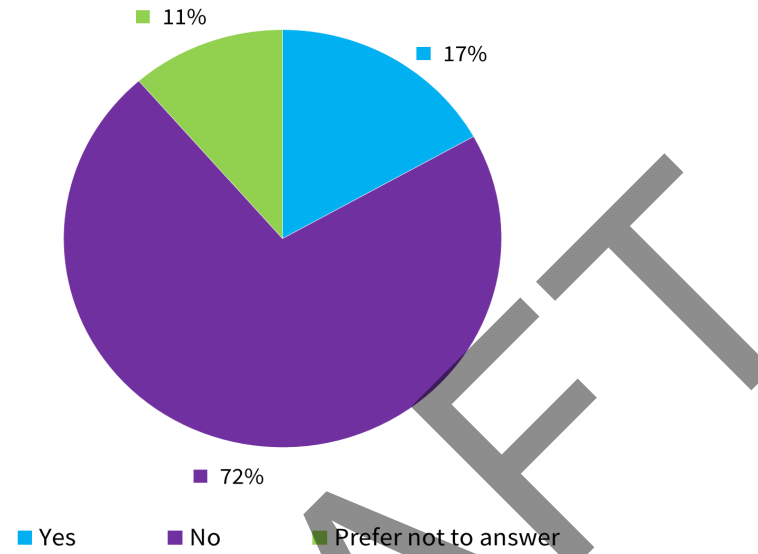
What is your age?



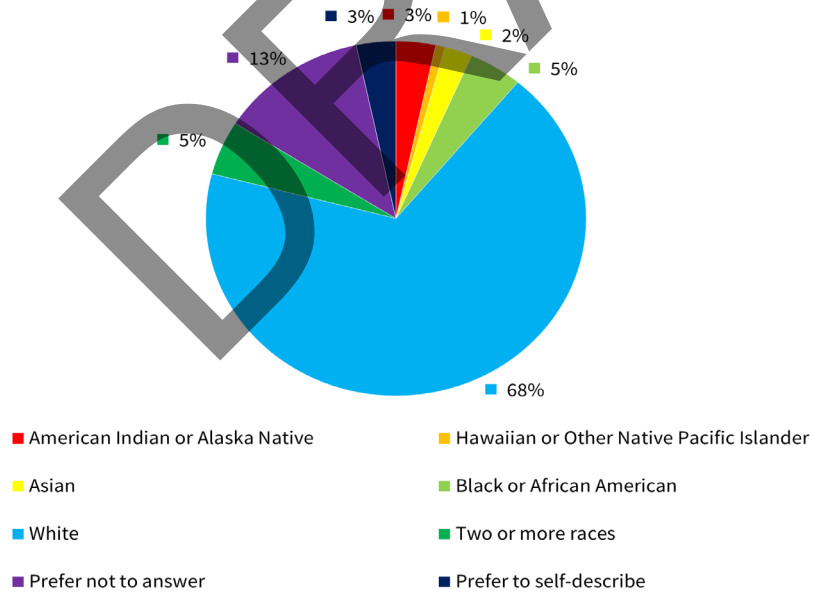
What is your household income?



Are you Hispanic, Latino, or of Spanish origin?



How would you describe yourself? (Select all that apply)



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Do you have any other comments you would like to share? (optional)

WAMPO staff received more than 100 written comments from the general public and stakeholders as part of the third round of public engagement. The most common themes of the open-response comments and some examples of comments related to each theme are presented below:

Theme: Public Transit Improvements and Increased Service

- “More busses and shade and benches at bus stops; Bus route for Final Fridays/First Fridays to all art galleries.”
- “I would use public transportation if it were more available.”
- “Making bus schedules more accessible; Monthly/yearly bus cards you can scan when you board; Security and safer bus stops; Bus maps.”

Theme: Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure

- “I’d like to ride a bike more but am fearful of being on major city streets.”
- “Protected bike lanes, walkable development.”
- “Make Wichita walkable!”
- “Douglas should be one lane each way with dedicated bike and walking lanes.”

Theme: Passenger Rail Expansion and Freight Enhancement

- “Develop a rail corridor from Towne East through downtown/Delano and to the airport...”
- “Please please please can we expand passenger trains to and within Wichita?”
- “Railroad crossings- Not a vibe.”

Theme: Roadway Expansion, Modernization, and Technology Integration

- “If one of the goals is to reduce our emissions to meet the government standards so we can continue getting good funding for our roadways, we need to look at intersection idle times, start and stop light distances, and encourage alternative transportation.”
- “I think the lights at K-96 and 21st need to be evaluated....”

Between Round 3 and Round 4

PHASED RELEASE OF DRAFT MTP 2050

Between the third and fourth rounds of public engagement, in the summer and fall of 2024, as WAMPO staff worked toward completing a draft of the full plan, draft chapters and appendices were posted on the WAMPO website for public review. This approach ensured transparency and allowed community members, stakeholders, and policymakers to review and provide input on the proposed strategies and projects. By making such information readily available, WAMPO fosters an inclusive planning process that seeks to incorporate diverse perspectives and insights, ultimately leading to a more robust and effective transportation plan for the future.

The phased release of MTP 2050 chapters/appendices allowed for a more manageable review process, enabling community members, stakeholders, and policymakers to focus on specific sections and provide detailed feedback. By breaking down the plan into draft sections that were available for public review, WAMPO encouraged active participation and thorough evaluation, ensuring that the final plan is comprehensive and reflective of the community's needs and priorities.

Round Four: March 8, 2025 – April 7, 2025

PRESENT DRAFT DOCUMENT AND COLLECT PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Round Five: 2025 & Beyond

ROADSHOW FOR APPROVED MTP 2050

Following the adoption of MTP 2050, WAMPO staff plan to carry out a roadshow to introduce the newly approved document to the public. A “roadshow” is an outreach activity involving visits to multiple locations and events to promote something specific. This may include presentations at city council and other public meetings, attending community pop-up events, and social media advertisements to encourage ongoing use of the plan. WAMPO strives to act as a regional forum for transportation information and transportation decision-making. Ongoing discussion of MTP 2050 following initial adoption will ensure the plan remains relevant.

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