

Appendix A – Public Survey Results

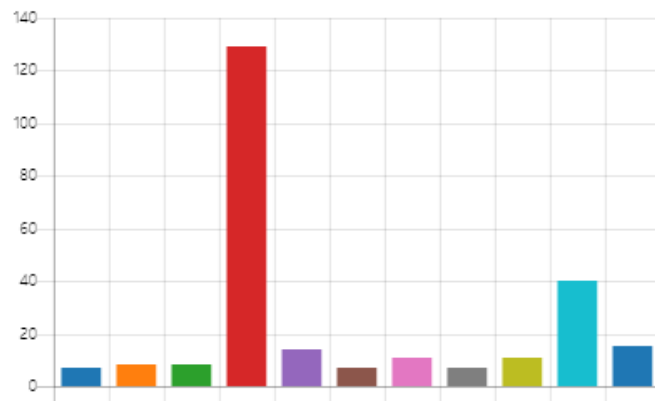
In July 2019, OMEGA released a public survey to initiate the planning process for the update of the Long-Range Transportation Plan and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. This survey was available both online and as a paper copy if requested. The survey was publicized on local television stations, radio stations, newspapers, social media, and the OMEGA website. The survey was closed on November 30. There were a total of 257 responses.

Q1: In what county do you live?

1. In what county do you live?

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● Belmont	7
● Carroll	8
● Columbiana	8
● Coshocton	129
● Guernsey	14
● Harrison	7
● Holmes	11
● Jefferson	7
● Muskingum	11
● Tuscarawas	40
● Other	15

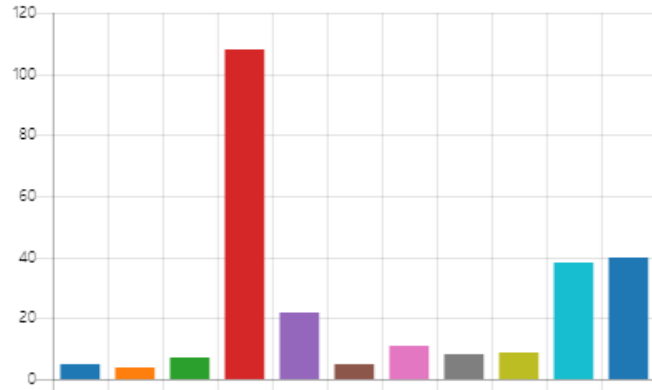


Q2: In what county do you work?

2. In what county do you work?

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Belmont	5
Carroll	4
Columbiana	7
Coshocton	108
Guernsey	22
Harrison	5
Holmes	11
Jefferson	8
Muskingum	9
Tuscarawas	38
Other	40

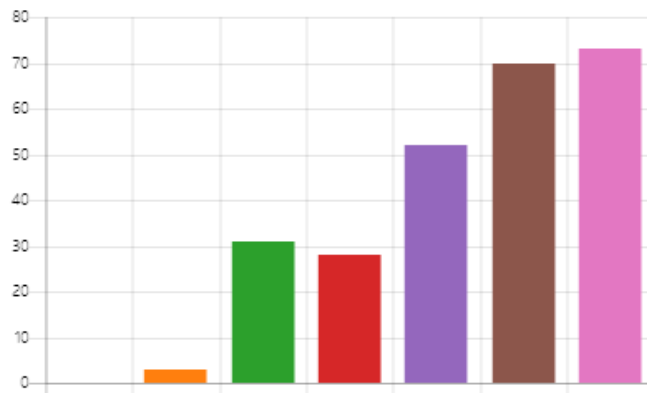


Q3: What is your age group?

3. What is your age group?

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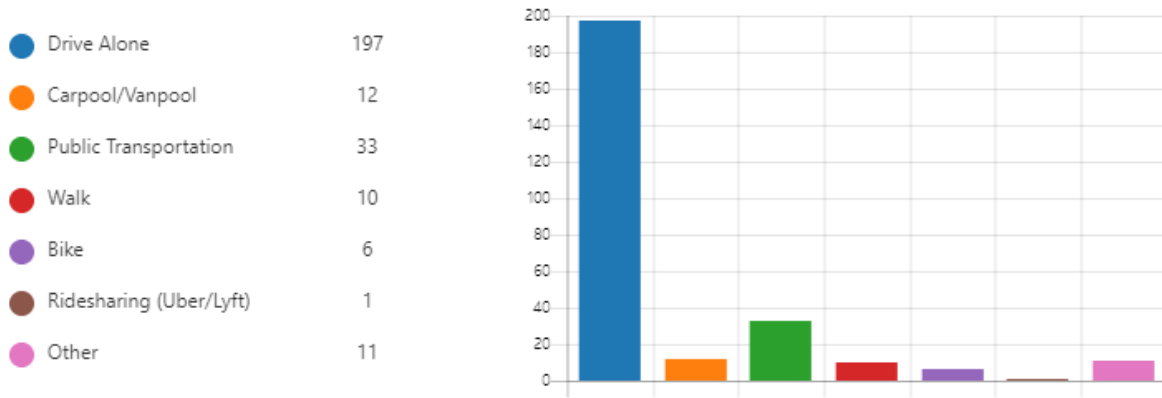
0-14	0
15-24	3
25-34	31
35-44	28
45-54	52
55-64	70
65+	73



Q4: How do you typically get to your primary destination (work, school, shopping, etc.)?

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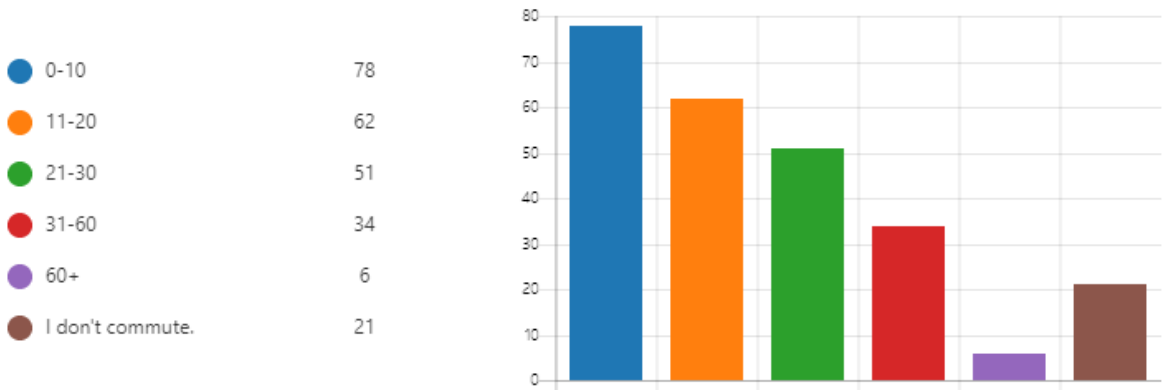
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Q5: How long does your normal commute take (in minutes)?

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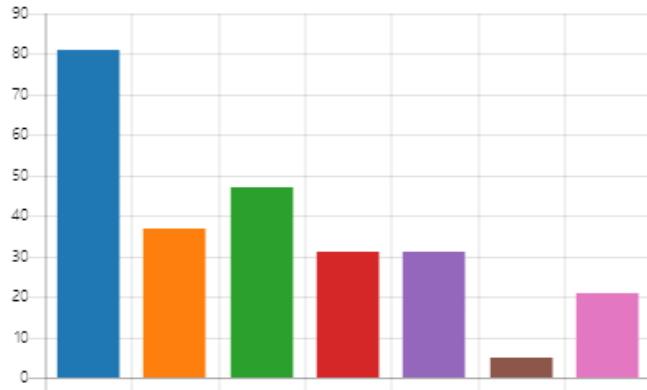
Q6: How many miles is your normal commute?

6. How many miles is your normal commute?

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- 0-5
- 6-10
- 11-20
- 21-30
- 31-60
- 60+
- I don't commute

81
37
47
31
31
5
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Q7: Have you used public transportation within our region within the past year?

7. Have you used public transportation within our region within the past year?

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- Yes 81
- No 165

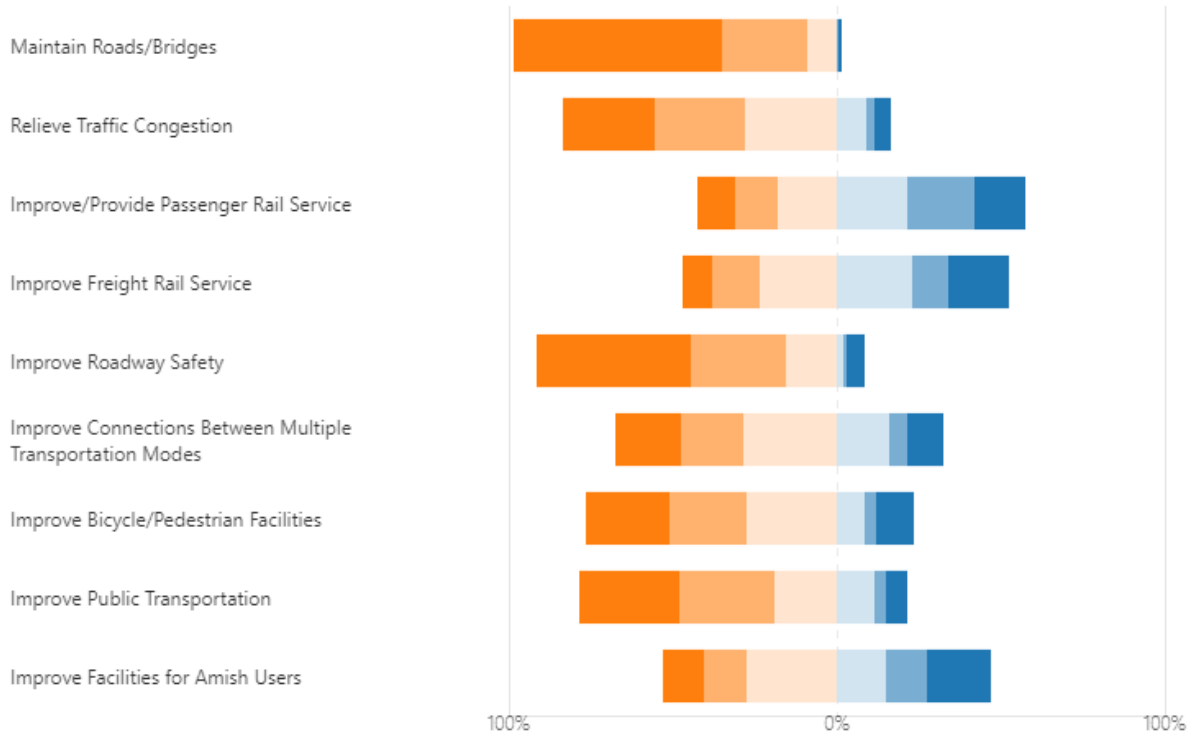


Q8: Transportation Priorities

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Extremely Important Very Important Important Less Important Not Important No Opinion

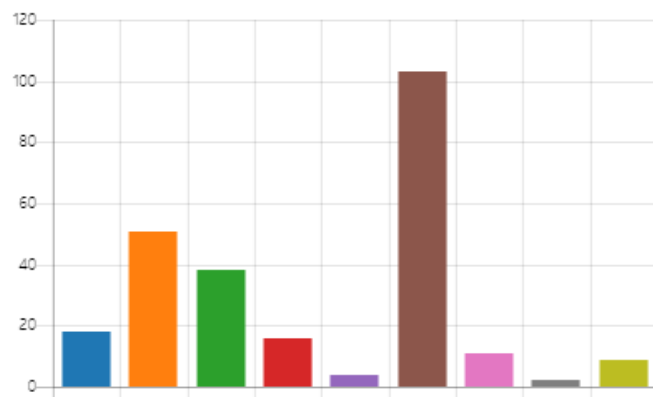


Q9: Of the topics listed, what is the most important to you?

9. Of the topics listed, what is the most important to you?

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Relieve Traffic Congestion	18
Improve Roadway Safety	51
Improve Public Transportation	38
Improve Bicycle/Pedestrian Fa...	16
Improve Facilities for Amish U...	4
Maintain Roads/Bridges	103
Improve/Provide Passenger Ra...	11
Improve Freight Rail Service	2
Improve Connections Between...	9



Q10: In your opinion, Ohio's transportation system is...

10. In your opinion, Ohio's transportation system is...

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- As good as it needs to be 25
- Needs minor improvements 111
- Needs major improvements 121



Q11: In what areas are improvements needed?

11. In what areas are improvements needed?

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Responses

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1	Rail service to small towns
2	infrastructure (cracking bridges, rough roads)
3	I feel that Guernsey County needs to make it easier/safer/more accessible for people who would like to bike and walk.
4	Safety and congestion mitigation. The network needs to be robust and multimodal.
5	I-70 and congestion
6	Every new construction or maintenance project is a chance to improve walking/biking. Currently, most projects perpetuate the poor designs of the past rather than modernize. These are missed opportunities and not the best use of our tax dollars.
7	Bike lanes or separate trails/paths so bicyclists can avoid the roads completely.
8	4-lane expansion on US 36
9	Funding to local governments to address road and bridge problems
10	The system must be made multimodal and less auto centric in urbanized areas
11	Intersection design, relieving traffic congestion, preventative maintenance
12	Greater emphasis on multi-modal transportation infrastructure, including bicycling, trails and rail.
13	In areas where economic development is taking place or planned to take place.
14	More funds needed for roadway improvements although the new gas tax will provide a very modest increase for repairs. Columbus to Pittsburgh corridor four lane needs completed.
15	The need for a truck lane on the interstate highway system is important because of the increased number of trucks on the highways.
16	Township Roads
17	Correct water runoff.

18	many of the major highways and some bridges are in disrepair. They need attention. Paving, storm water drainage, and wider intersections where oil and gas trucks travel need attention
19	major routes need major repairs
20	Maintenance of roadways in rural roads.
21	Better road maintenance and the state needs to better serve local communities by providing additional funds for state routes that go through the cities.
22	Asphalt repair and replacement
23	Annual Maintenance is way behind in trying to keep the road surfaces in even fair condition.
24	More visible road lines, better signage
25	Safety, roads, bridges, bike/walkways
26	infrastructure maintenance, road/highway development with pedestrian safety and future transit modes in mind, expanded public transit, public transit that links multi-counties and crosses state lines, hyperlinks - fast automated transit linking major cities within the state (and INCLUDING SMALLER TOWNS)
27	Improve safety and greatly improve pedestrian/bicycle infrastructure.
28	Ohio's rail freight and rail passenger system is a disgrace--the "big" railroads (CSXT and NS) seem focused on how to NOT serve and are doing no effective Marketing. Passenger service?? A forlorn joke. Even Michigan, yes, Michigan is well ahead of Ohio in promoting rail service.
29	Road conditions are deteriorating.
30	Funding seems to be an issue. Applicants for funding need more training.
31	more funding to repair village streets
32	Improved highway connectivity between a few cities, such as a secondary route from Steubenville to Columbus and Steubenville to Canton.
33	The County and Townships roads are in need of repair
34	Safety and facilities for bikes and pedestrians
35	potholes; congested in major cities, not enough airport traffic. not enough trails for hiking/biking/ walking to work. train service between more cities.
36	Traffic congestion, road conditions improved
37	Secondary roads in Licking need paved. Some are half paved, then muddy stone. Very unacceptable in this day and age!
38	I-70 between the Columbus, OH area and the Wheeling, WV area seems overly congested. The frequency and severity of accidents, causing long traffic delays, seems to be on the rise. Potential relief of some congestion on I-70 on this half of the State should be considered.
39	Repairs
40	Audit ODOT for wasted money. Regular maintenance on roads
41	Improved infrastructure (rehabilitated roads and bridges)
42	Remove statue in Somerset. Create a true round about at intersection of 22 and 13.
43	More width and signage, especially on state and county roads; more options for public transportation.
44	Traffic flow patterns.
45	Interchange between I-77 and Rt. 250 in New Philadelphia needs major redesign.
46	Always room for additional safety measures as well as repairing State Routes that need repaired specifically intersections that are used for heavy truck traffic
47	Many Bridges need replaced or renovated. More funding is needed to keep up with the cost of repairing and repaving.
48	Railroad service in Eastern Ohio to emerging petrochemical manufacturers and to develop passenger excursions. We need to get more of the load weight of semi-tractor trailers onto rail cars to reduce the cost of road repair. Bike and walking paths that link communities and promote recreational tourism.
49	to keep the maintenance up by cleaning ditches and chip and seal where it can.
50	Maintain roads

51	Need affordable transportation
52	Affordable Transportation options
53	need affordable public transportation
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57	Prioritizing the Pittsburg to Columbus corridor. Improving timeliness of road and bridge repairs.
58	Determining where funds go.
59	Tuscarawas County desperately needs pedestrian/bicycle paths and improved public transportation.
60	Better funded service in all areas, new/more service in rural areas, intercity rail passenger service.
61	Bridge maintenance
62	For example, we have no simple rail. For what cities lose in busing a rail could line the sidewalk in some cases and transport people back and forth, and it could be cleaner than petrol. A lot of these house line congested roads like maple avenue in Zanesville and gas is just burning as traffic is stuck at a red light for almost no reason. Then poor people have the worse routes ever to get to their supplies. We need to remove a lot of downtown traffic lights and rural traffic lights to align with reality a little better and then continue to offer more modes then car routes because congestion really can be disgusting.
63	Traffic congestion intersections
64	Road slips
65	bridges and roads need repair. interstate highways need to be 3 lanes wide.
66	The roads and bridges are so bad with pot holes everywhere and bridges in need of major repairs plus not enough public transportation throughout the area plus we can have passenger trains buses and boats along the river even if it's across the area especially in areas where you have no bridge and have to drive many miles north or south just to go across the river
67	Better road upkeep.
68	Actually, fix roadways not just hinder traffic while pretending to do same, Additional roads are not necessary
69	Focus on the State Routes.
70	.
71	Bicycle paths, smoother roads
72	Crews are patching same holes every year, multiple times per year. Use a compound that will last, that can withstand all seasons.
73	Bring back the trains and put busses everywhere!
74	Efficiency gains may be made by completing networks and proactively learning where new growth is/will occur.
75	state route 16 upgrade
76	Inattentive driving--cell phone usage is out of control. I even typically see sheriff deputies on them while driving--not hands free--very poor examples to public
77	Temporary "patches" made to roads are a waste of time. They really do not improve the road for long. My biggest beef with Carroll county roads are the county roads that have little to no markings anymore. In the winter and in rain, it's very difficult to tell where the road is.
78	Safety
79	Increased funding for Rural Transit programs
80	road maintenance and bicycle facilities
81	I think more patrol officers are needed to catch reckless drivers, people using cellphones, speeders and people who drive like they are idiots.

82	Better facilities for bike/pedestrian traffic in rural areas. I'm not sure if spending tax dollars in these rural isolated areas to improve or provide facilities for bicyclist and pedestrians can be justified.
83	Enforce Speed Limits
84	Teaching Amish kids safety rules
85	Road Safety
86	4-lane in Carroll County. Small shuttle services within village of Carrollton with drop off spots.
87	More funding for counties and municipalities to maintain their roads and bridges. Potholes, patching, paving, and snow removal. Lack of sidewalks in business districts. More commute focused bike route options in addition to recreational.
88	Railways and highways into those areas of Eastern Ohio targeted by petrochemical energy producers and manufacturers.
89	Better roads all the way around.
90	Fix/maintain deteriorated roads and bridges before they need complete replacement.
91	Safety and resiliency
92	In less populated areas. The cities are ok
93	More resources to local governments for local streets
94	High truck traffic close to oil/gas facilities and roads cannot accommodate traffic
95	I can't name specifics but believe there are always ways to improve upon what we are doing otherwise we would be living in a perfect world.
96	Roads Bridge passenger rail
97	More public transportation, maps of available hiking/biking Trailways.
98	Connection between multiple transportation modes. More public transportation
99	Buggy lanes, tractor hauling Amish. Electric bikes, harder to pass. Amish road safety
100	Improve capacity on rural interstates and dependable funding for planning & paving projects
101	Creating a network for residents in rural communities so crossing county lines is efficient and cost effective.
102	rural funding
103	congestion and safety
104	More public transportation for those without personal vehicles.
105	improve Amish roadways; improve bikeways, public transport. Especially to airports
106	extra lanes for horse/bicycle traffic
107	Need more options for public transportation.
108	Funding needs to be in place where systems can plan instead of planning for 6 months, then chasing down grants. It would also be nice to see the different county systems set up transfers between each other if someone wants to change between (for example) CCCTA and TuscBus.
109	Rural road care
110	Accessibility and availability
111	"Separate lanes for passenger vehicles and semi-trucks and other work vehicles. More roads having lights for nighttime driving."
112	bridges and resurfacing county and townships
113	Buggy lanes; tractor hauling Amish; electric bikes (hard to pass); Amish road safety
114	Improve connections
115	Traffic Congestion
116	Improve Connections
117	Transportation vehicles and office
118	Congestion in bigger cities
119	For disabled, there is no transportation if you are under 60 (Coshocton County)
120	Amish need to use a blinking light or orange safety sign. We have a lot of Amish and a lot of them have no way to be seen at night, not to mention horse poop everywhere! Also paving the roads so we don't have to drive like we are drunk because we are trying to dodge potholes.

121	Sidewalks and public transportation
122	Public Transportation
123	Public transportation for rural areas, primarily for work
124	Safety during inclement weather and add more public transportation routes such as bus lines to more rural areas, like Zanesville, Coshocton, Newark, Cambridge, and New Philadelphia
125	storm drains need cleared
126	take people to dialysis @ 5:00am
127	main street storefronts
128	Main street in Coshocton the buildings and roads
129	need more done on the street get fix
130	Coshocton - Walnut Street
131	accept all needs for people
132	shuttles can always be updated.
133	potholes need fixed, more public transit
134	Potholes need fixed and more public transit
135	Bike/Walking paths - Designate walk area for Ridgewood students to school - Wall Street
136	Better lighting, wider roadways
137	local transport
138	maintain roads
139	roads
140	Roads
141	All Areas
142	Transportation gas voucher for long runs to those that drive themselves (instead of waiting for ride)
143	Roads
144	Remove potholes
145	Easier ability to receive transportation if/when needed for out of town, very rural residents
146	Handicap access
147	Streets in Coshocton
148	Streets that are littered with potholes aren't getting fixed when streets that are relatively fine, are getting fixed
149	Free local transportation
150	Gas voucher would work better than public transit
151	need more buses and take people to shop and to jobs
152	side roads
153	Having an escort/caregiver go with me on public transit
154	road work improvements
155	N/A
156	Pave potholes, better lighting at interchanges
157	Making available transportation more comfortable for the disabled and their accompanying counterparts
158	Public transportation should include trips to restaurants, shopping at out of town malls, trips for entertainment purposes, not just for medical appointments.

Q12: How much of an impact does economic growth have on the region's transportation network?

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● Significant Impact	184
● Some Impact	62
● No Impact	4

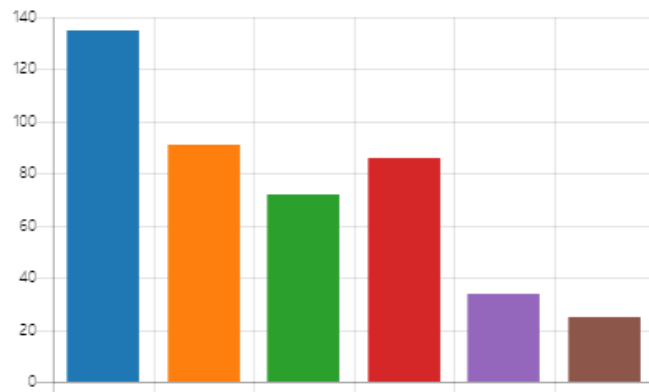


Q13: What improvements would make your commuting experience better?

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● Making pavement smoother	135
● Improving the visibility of pav...	91
● Increasing shoulder width	72
● Additional lighting at intersect...	86
● Additional signage	34
● Other	25



Q14: Have you noticed more unsafe driving behaviors due to distracted driving in the past three years?

14. Have you noticed more unsafe driving behaviors due to distracted driving in the past three years?

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● Yes	223
● No	28

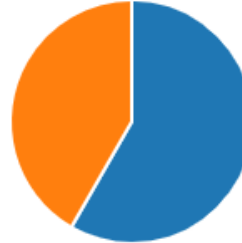


Q15: Have you noticed more unsafe driving behaviors due to impaired driving in the past three years?

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- Yes 144
- No 103



Q16: In your opinion, what is the most important transportation concern facing the region today?

16. In your opinion, what is the most important transportation concern facing the region today?

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Responses

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Survey ID #	Responses to Question 16
1	Distracted driving
2	Lack of rail transport
3	infrastructure and distracted driving
4	maintaining infrastructure
5	Distracted drivers
6	maintaining the existing infrastructure and provide alternative options for people to travel
7	Roads not fixed well
8	Distracted driving
9	Fixing the bridges on county roads
10	Maximize economic benefits of recreational trail (towpath) as the potential to bring wealth to the region
11	Distracted driving. I assume at some point I will be hit on my bike. Drivers texting or posting or otherwise playing with their phones make this almost inevitable. I wear bright clothing and have flashing lights but have still had close calls. I don't know if laws/penalties like the ones that protect highway workers would help, but they seem like a reasonable first step.
12	The increasing large truck traffic competing with cars/trucks
13	Lack of funding
14	Distracted driving
15	Funding to appropriately maintain roads and bridges.
16	Multi-modal transportation options, including bicycling, walking and rail
17	Lack of state investment in improving areas where economic development and new business investment has taken place.

18	Poor paving and aging traffic signals.
19	Increase the attention span of drivers.
20	The ever-increasing oil and gas trucks on the highways. A lot of them running red lights and not observing all of the highway signs and rules
21	The township & county roads are in great need of improvements.
22	Public transportation
23	Paving, paving, paving
24	money to maintain roads and bridges
25	Help local communities in maintaining their streets and highways.
26	Road Maintenance.
27	Aging roads
28	Lack of alternatives transportation option. No ride hailing service, public transportation is a Joke. No strong taxi services. Don't even have adequate pedestrian facilities for people walking. In this region, you can still survive without your leg, but not without your personal vehicle.
29	The condition of our infrastructure.
30	Safe roads
31	Roads/bridges. No public transportation for those who need it. Roads are not safe to bike or walk or for Amish
32	Areas and times of service are too limited in the public transit systems and public transit is not gearing up for future transit, like automated vehicles or high-speed connector trains.
33	Not enough accommodations for pedestrian/bicyclist. Roads need more work done to them (lack of funds?)
34	Decline of aggressively marketed and effectively operated rail service.
35	Deteriorating road surfaces and bridges.
36	Drug users driving.
37	keeping people off of their phones while driving
38	Highway and bridge maintenance
39	Distracted drivers due to cell phone use
40	Let's assist with aiding the purchase and development of the Dennison to Dover rail line. This will create more opportunities for economic development through tourism and commerce.
41	lack of funding for infrastructure improvement.
42	Infrastructure needs updated.
43	Multiple road closures at the same time, creating more congestion. Add school busses to the mix and getting around Muskingum County is going to be an even bigger pain in the patoot
44	People looking at their phones while driving! Not paying attention to the road!
45	Preparing for transportation needs to support the local economy and better connectivity of the Pittsburgh area to Jefferson, Muskingum, and Franklin counties.
46	Repairing of existing roadways.
47	the need for a 4-lane highway in Harrison county
48	Road safety (potholes, etc.)
49	distracted and impaired driving.
50	Continue to upgrade roads, in particular with regard to oil and gas counties. Also, a better plan to alleviate congestion in communities with a major retail presence.
51	Distracted driving, there is not enough education to the motoring public of how dangerous distracted driving is. Awareness needs to be raised for this important issue, possibly the investment of signs along the Interstates and high-volume traffic State/U.S. Routes (such as the distracted driving corridor along I-90).
52	dangerous intersections.
53	Safety is #1. Bridge & road safety needs attention. Distracted driving is a problem. I would love to see more bike paths to make it easier & safer for people to bike.

54	Living in Holmes county E bike safety is a major concern. I am constantly coming up behind E bikes on a road with no bike lane and they are traveling so fast it is hard to pass, also there are so many bicycles on the road and it's hard to judge which are regular bikes and which are e bikes. Example: When they first came out, and I didn't know they existed, I was passing a buggy on a small country road. I saw in the far away distance a bike coming the other direction. I completely misjudged and by the time I had passed the buggy the bike was closer than I liked it. It was an e bike and I had thought it was a regular bike.
55	Lack of revenue to repair bridges, roads and highways
56	Roads are not keeping up with the economic development of specific areas.
57	The lack of attention being paid to Eastern Ohio's transportation needs today and in the future.
58	safe width of the roads and a lane for buggies, bike and walkers.
59	Poor road maintenance
60	Distracted driving. People looking at their cell phones/texting.
61	Access to transportation
62	access to transportation
63	Having access to transportation
64	having access to transportation
65	Having access to public transportation
66	The amount of traffic as compared to the improvements to the transportation system.
67	Fast access to metropolitan areas.
68	pedestrian/bicycle paths
69	cell phones
70	Distracted driving
71	Lack of funding.
72	Impaired driving
73	no sustainable way to move people on rail and bike which may be important to alleviate poverty, reduce congestion and pollution and put more money into other areas of the economy instead of continually investing in an un sustainable model that is centered around car
74	No transportation in most places
75	Traffic patterns and congestion
76	Condition of roads and bridges
77	keeping up with the maintenance of the roads. they get repaired but they don't last
78	Unsafe roads and distracted drivers
79	Distracted drivers.
80	terrorists (aka tourists)
81	Deteriorating infrastructure.
82	Our Amish population is increasing, and it is hard to pass them at times. Also, the shoulders are narrow, so bicycles have no room to get over for passing cars.
83	Get the Amish off the roads or at least make them have more laws like we do.
84	The lack of options for long distance travel hurts the economy. Not everyone can afford a car, and the congestion and parking dilemmas that occur when too many people drive also delay commerce.
85	cell phone usage
86	Ohio 16 upgrade to four lanes. Traffic on this highway is at an all-time high. Unable to pass due to congestion. Time for this upgrade to happen!
87	In all honesty, probably the idiots who don't care what the laws are.....they speed, they pass on double yellow lines, they blow through red lights, etc. You can't fix stupid. I just pray they don't kill someone with their stupidity.
88	road maintenance and drivers using electronic devices

89	Rural areas that have a lot of senior citizens need transit for transportation. Especially for out of town trips to doctors. It is a great service for seniors who no longer drive.
90	Congestion and the time it takes to resolve this complicated condition.
91	Need to enforce speed especially in New Bedford (COS). Speed is 35 and you see a lot going over that
92	Electric bikes
93	Bicycles, judging distance
94	4 lane and rail improvements.
95	Increase in freight/semi-truck traffic creating congestion
96	distracted driving
97	The rising cost of road repair due to heavy truck traffic. Much of the weight of semi-truck loads should be transferred to rail, thus decreasing the damage. More inter-modal facilities should be built so that goods and products could be delivered shorter distances by truck.
98	4 lane highway on SR 16 south of Coshocton
99	Our region is lacking the funds to maintain our infrastructure. Additional funding should come from the users.
100	Resilient infrastructure
101	Increased traffic
102	Gas and oil drivers disregarding safety rules already in place.
103	Truck traffic
104	As always FUNDING...
105	Roadways can't handle today's traffic.
106	lack of flow with signal lights
107	Public transportation
108	Price of gas. Amish need to know public safety rules. Bicycle riders need helmets. To be able to see 500 feet ahead of you. Bikes need helmets. E bikes harder to pass
109	Distracted drivers using cell phones while driving
110	Funding and education
111	Safety
112	resurfacing and bridges
113	Wider shoulders for Amish users
114	safer walking paths for Ridgewood students. Wall Street - West 15th to Middle and High School. Thank you!
115	My wife does not drive so having a ride to go shopping would be something she would like very much!
116	#1 Road lighting on rural county roads