

Appendix C Public Involvement



Long Range Transportation Plan



Public Involvement Plan

NOTE: This document is a summary of technical work that informed the development of the 2050 update of the LRTP. Some information may differ in material ways due to changes to the final LRTP document following the completion of this technical memo. The information found within this memo was accurate at the time of completion.

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Purpose and Overview

The Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency’s (TPA) Public Involvement Plan (PIP) guides public participation regarding the TPA’s Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP), known as Vision 2050. The TPA’s goal for public participation is to enable and encourage public awareness and input in the planning and prioritization process. The PIP provides a blueprint for the TPA to gather and consolidate public comments on the plan, recommendations, and potential projects within the plan, which may be adjusted as the LRTP is amended to ensure optimum public input and feedback. The PIP generally details when, who, and how information is gathered within the county and region and guides TPA staff on how to evaluate the success of public outreach. This is consistent with the objectives of the TPA’s broader Public Participation Plan (PPP), which establishes various strategies to achieve the goal of successful public participation and engagement within the following objectives:

- Use regularly scheduled meetings of the TPA Governing Board, advisory committees (including sub or ad hoc committees), and the Transportation Disadvantaged Local Coordinating Board as opportunities to inform, involve, and seek input from the public.
- Provide comprehensive coverage of business conducted at meetings.
- Use an array of strategies to engage the community, focusing on geographic and demographic diversity and inclusion of traditionally underrepresented populations.
- Continuously evaluate effectiveness of outreach strategies.
- Provide notice and opportunities for public understanding and reviewing of TPA draft documents and proposed amendments. Provide and promote multiple opportunities for public comment.
- Promote and ensure access to traditionally underrepresented groups and communities, including low-income, minority, elderly, transportation disadvantaged, and those with limited English proficiency.
- Plan, promote, and support public participation in the planning and prioritizing of transportation plans and issues concerning Palm Beach County and the Southeast Florida region.

Planning Area and TPA Responsibilities

The Palm Beach TPA is a federally-mandated public agency that works with partners across Palm Beach County, Florida and the region. The TPA’s mission is to plan, prioritize and fund the transportation system with a vision of a safe, efficient and connected multimodal transportation system for users of all ages and abilities.

The TPA directs federal and state funds in the urban areas of Palm Beach County and consists of a 21-member Governing Board. The Board approves roughly \$300 million of federal and state transportation dollars each year to implement projects that advance our regional vision for the nearly 1.5 million Palm Beach County residents. Palm Beach County is part of the Miami Urbanized Area. As such, the TPA coordinates with the Broward Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) in regional planning efforts. This



includes the Southeast Florida Transportation Council, which oversees regional transportation planning through the tri-county MPOs.

The Planning Area of the TPA is the entirety of Palm Beach County, including the Miami Urbanized Area, the Belle Glade and Pahokee urban areas, and the full remaining rural portions of the County.

The TPA:

- is responsible for transportation planning for the entire county
- directs federal & state funds in the urban areas
- is a part of the Miami-Ft Lauderdale-West Palm Beach urban area that is coordinated through the Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC), a collaboration between the Miami-Dade TPO, Broward MPO and Palm Beach TPA

The TPA Team and Regional Partnerships

In order to achieve the detailed objectives in the PIP, stakeholders must be identified with a jurisdictional, direct, or other interest in Vision 2050. Regular coordination with local governments, as well as regional and state agencies, enables and encourages comprehensive public awareness and input. Key stakeholders include representatives of the following entities:

TPA Governing Board: The TPA Governing Board is comprised of 21 locally elected officials – 15 elected officials from our 13 largest municipalities, five of our seven Palm Beach County Commissioners, and one Port of Palm Beach Commissioner. The Board approves the TPA’s core work products and provides direction for agency staff.

Technical Advisory Committee: The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is made up of technical staff representing the various local governments within Palm Beach County, primarily planners and engineers. Members provide technical review, comments, and recommendations regarding items to be considered by the Governing Board, including transportation plans, programs, studies, and other appropriate documents and regional transportation issues.

Citizens Advisory Committee: The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) is responsible for providing the TPA Board with a “citizen’s eye” view of ongoing transportation issues in Palm Beach County. Because one of the core missions of the TPA is to gather local input and desires for transportation within the county, this committee is an important conduit for serving these public interests and submitting their views and concerns to the TPA Board.

Vision Zero Advisory Committee: The TPA’s Vision Zero Advisory Committee (VZAC) serves in an advisory capacity to the Governing Board mainly to advance elements of the TPA’s Vision Zero Action Plan oriented around pedestrian and bicycle safety. VZAC is a mix of technical and civilian members who provide important input on safety and address key concerns within the county.

Southeast Florida Transportation Council: The Southeast Florida Transportation Council (SEFTC) is a formal partnership between the Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) to coordinate regional transportation planning for all travel modes.



Federally, our three counties are recognized as “one traveling public”, making this partnership is an essential tool for public participation and engagement. SEFTC is made up of representatives of each MPO Board and serves as a formal forum for policy coordination and communication. The SEFTC contains the Regional Transportation Technical Advisory Committee, a staff-level advisory committee and three staff-level subcommittees that inform the council on modeling, public participation and transportation system management and operations. The council’s mission is to coordinate regional transportation goals, needs, funding, and policies that support the economic health and quality of life of the region.

Objectives for Public Participation

- Community Engagement Strategies
- **Continuous Involvement** – The TPA will offer public meetings and workshops to gather input for Vision 2050 in various geographical parts of Palm Beach County both in- person and virtually. These meetings will be held during a range of times to accommodate schedule needs. Needs and desires for those communities will be taken into account and TPA staff will reach out to interested stakeholder groups to gather input from specific interest groups.
- **Regular Engagement** – Each phase of Vision 2050 will offer opportunities for input and feedback. This may include public meetings and workshops, surveys, an interactive comment map, Call for Projects and in-person meetings. Staff will share these opportunities via social media, the agency’s biweekly newsletter, advisory committee and Board meetings, community presentations and other formats as needed. This will be broken out into three key phases:
 - **Informational Phase** – Notify the public and stakeholders of the LRTP’s purpose, timeline and major milestones as well as how they can get involved and stay informed throughout the process.
 - **Decision-Making Phase** – Identify specific opportunities for the public and stakeholders to provide input at key decision-making points that will affect the development of the plan such as lists of projects, scenario planning and budget.
 - **Review Phase** – Allow the public to review and provide input on a draft version of the plan.
- **Representative Input** –The target is to reach as many pockets of Palm Beach County as possible, with a special emphasis to traditionally underserved areas. Efforts will also be made to reach these populations through outreach events and virtual feedback.

- **Statistically Significant Random Sample Survey** –An independent, statistically significant random sample survey will be conducted to understand citizen priorities and preferences that may not directly communicate with the TPA frequently.

Informational Strategies

- **Approachable Information** – Since the LRTP can be a complicated topic for the general public to easily grasp and understand, especially as it relates to the long-term impact, a conscious effort will be made to make the language and materials surrounding the LRTP as easy to digest as possible. This includes simple and consistent branding that is ADA compliant. Materials for the LRTP will include approachable information that avoids jargon and terms not commonly used by the general public. Simplified graphics will be shared when possible to show how and when input can be gathered.
- **Digital Tools** – the TPA will use several digital tools to supplement in-person input. This includes the TPA’s website, GIS mapping for review and input that will integrate the agency’s Comment Map, a biweekly newsletter, social media, and online surveys.
- **High-Impression Outreach** – Boosted social media posts that are focused within the geographic area of Palm Beach County will be used to reach more people and to gather more input. This will be used for the Comment Map, surveys and any other online tools as needed.

Engagement Methods

TPA staff will hold up to 30 meetings with stakeholders including homeowner’s associations, chambers of commerce, School District of Palm Beach County Board members, County Commissioners, and municipal government elected officials.

Staff will also host up to 20 in-person or virtual staff meetings with infrastructure owners and other major partners (FDOT, Palm Beach County Traffic and Planning Divisions, local municipalities, Palm Tran, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority, etc.) to give frequent updates and receive feedback.

Staff may exceed this number of meetings as input is gathered and staff work with stakeholders to develop the draft plan. This will also include workshops with the public, virtual webinars, in-person workshop opportunities for advisory committee members, tabling at community events, social media, etc.

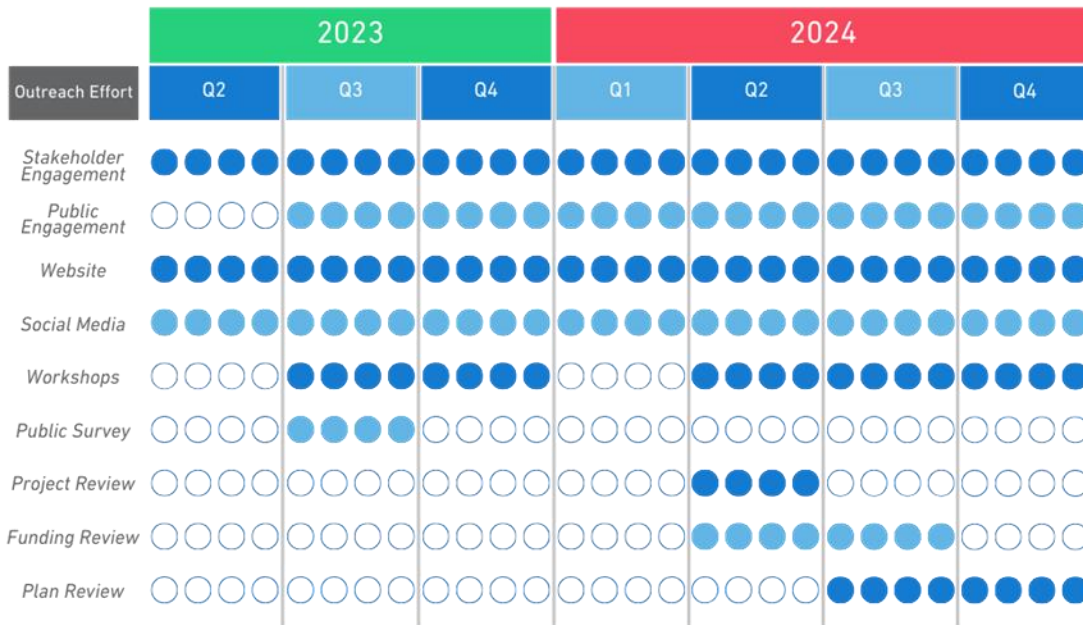
Input will also be gathered online through the digital tools mentioned above.

Evaluation

- April – June 2024: Comments will be gathered through the TPA’s Comment Map, survey responses and workshops.
- July – August 2024: Comments will be gathered on the funding plan to determine how best to fund projects submitted through the Call for Projects. This will shape the draft and final plan.
- September – October 2024: Comments will be collected for the draft plan before being adopted in December 2024. This will include at TPA advisory committee meetings, Board meetings, with stakeholders and general public review of the document on the TPA website.

Schedule

Public Participation Schedule



Workshop and Public Input Opportunities

The Palm Beach TPA hosted more than 30 workshops and presentations across Palm Beach County during the LRTP process to gather public input and feedback. Workshops were held in-person, virtually and in a hybrid format to allow for flexibility in attendance. All workshop materials were also posted to the TPA website following the event for public review and comment.

Those who attended LRTP Workshops included members of the general public, staff of transportation partners such as municipalities and transit partners, Governing Board members and special interest groups. Each workshop included boards to describe where the TPA was in the LRTP process, upcoming events and how to continue to stay involved.

TPA staff also presented to various groups throughout the LRTP process including Chambers of Commerce, the Palm Beach County League of Cities, neighborhood coalitions, business groups and more.

Printed resources were shared with participants to encourage them to stay involved and find more ways to interact online including the TPA’s Comment Map, Vision 2050 Interactive Map and reviewing documents at PalmBeachTPA.org/LRTP.



Meeting	Location	Audience	Date
LRTP Kickoff	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	TAC members	3/1/2023
LRTP Kickoff	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	CAC members	3/1/2023
LRTP Kickoff	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	VZAC members	3/1/2023
LRTP Kickoff	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	Governing Board members	3/16/2023
LRTP Briefing	Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches 401 N Flagler Dr. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	Business Development Board of Palm Beach County	4/10/2023
LRTP Kickoff	360 S Rosemary Ave. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches	4/25/2023
LRTP Briefing	The Club at Ibis 9055 Ibis Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33412	North County Neighborhood Coalition	5/23/2023
Goals & Objectives Overview	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	TAC members	6/7/2023
Goals & Objectives Overview	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	CAC members	6/7/2023
Goals & Objectives Overview	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	VZAC members	6/8/2023
Performance Measures and Targets Workshop	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	General Public	8/17/2023
Call for Projects	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	TAC members	9/6/2023
Call for Projects	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	CAC members	9/6/2023
LRTP Briefing	West Palm Beach Lake Pavilion 101 S Flagler Dr. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	Palm Beach County League of Cities	9/27/2023
Mobility Vision Workshop	Palm Beach Gardens City Hall 10500 N Military Trl. Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410	General Public	10/16/2023



Mobility Vision Workshop	Palm Springs Village Hall 226 Cypress Ln. Palm Springs, FL 33461	General Public	10/17/2023
Mobility Vision Workshop	Delray Beach Golf Club 220 Highland Ave. Delray Beach, FL 33445	General Public	10/18/2023
Mobility Vision Workshop	Greenacres Community Center 501 Swain Blvd. Greenacres, FL 33463	General Public	10/23/2023
Mobility Vision Workshop	Spanish River Library 1501 Spanish River Blvd. Boca Raton, FL 33431	General Public	10/25/2023
L RTP Workshop	Virtual via Zoom	General Public	11/14/2023
L RTP Workshop	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	General Public	11/16/2023
Mobility Vision Workshop	Boynton Beach City Hall 100 E Ocean Ave. Boynton Beach, FL 33435	General Public	11/28/2023
L RTP Presentation	Royal Palm Beach Village Hall 1050 Royal Palm Beach Blvd., Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411	Royal Palm Beach Village Council	1/18/2024
PBC Office of Sustainability Workshops	Belle Glade Civic Center 725 NW 4th St. Belle Glade, FL 33430	General Public	2/21/2024
PBC Office of Sustainability Workshops	Westgate Park & Recreation Center 3691 Oswego Ave. West Palm Beach, FL 33409	General Public	2/28/2024
Needs Plan Workshop	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	TAC members	3/6/2024
Needs Plan Workshop	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	CAC members	3/6/2024
Needs Plan Workshop	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	VZAC members	3/7/2024
PBC Office of Sustainability Workshops	Pahokee Marina 190 N Lake Ave. Pahokee, FL 33430	General Public	3/13/2024
L RTP Presentation	Wellington Village Hall 12300 Forest Hill Blvd. Wellington, FL 33414	Wellington Village Council	4/18/2024
L RTP Workshop	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	General Public	5/23/2024
L RTP Workshop	Virtual via Zoom	General Public	5/23/2024



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LRTP Workshop	Palm Beach Gardens City Hall 10500 N Military Trl. Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410	General Public	6/20/2024
LRTP Workshop	Belle Glade Library 725 NW 4th St. Belle Glade, FL 33430	General Public	6/25/2024
LRTP Workshop	Boynton Beach City Hall 100 E Ocean Ave. Boynton Beach, FL 33435	General Public	6/26/2024
LRTP Workshop	Spanish River Library 1501 Spanish River Blvd. Boca Raton, FL 33431	General Public	6/27/2024
LRTP Workshop	Royal Palm Beach Library 500 Civic Center Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411	General Public	7/2/2024
Cost Feasible Plan Workshop	Virtual via Zoom	General Public	8/13/2024
Draft LRTP Presentation	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	TAC members	10/2/2024
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Draft LRTP Presentation	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	VZAC members	10/3/2024
LRTP Workshop	Virtual via Zoom	General Public	10/16/2024
LRTP Workshop	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	General Public	10/17/2024
Draft LRTP Presentation	Palm Beach TPA 301 Datura St. West Palm Beach, FL 33401	Governing Board members	10/31/2024





PALM BEACH Transportation Planning Agency

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TRANSPORTATION
SURVEY



Transportation Survey

The TPA wants to hear your views on the transportation system in Palm Beach County. This survey will feed the update of the TPA's Vision 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan.

Para ver esta encuesta en español, haga clic en el ícono en la parte superior de esta página y seleccione Español-México..



Q1. Are you a resident of Palm Beach County?*

Yes

No

Q2. How satisfied are you with the quality of life in Palm Beach County?

*



Q3 instructions

Question 3 will allow you to rank your top priorities, from 1) highest, to 8) lowest.

Mobile users, to arrange your priorities:

1. Select an option to move
2. Drag by touching the 3-line "grip" on the right side of the option and hold as you drag to the preferred rank position.

The grip is circled in red on the image below. The blue highlight indicates when a priority is selected and can be moved to a new position.



Q3. At this moment, which of the following would you consider to be the highest priority for county leaders?*

Please rank from 1 (highest) to 8 (lowest).

1	Improving public education	☰
2	Bringing better paying jobs to the area	☰
3	Providing more affordable housing	☰
4	Addressing traffic congestion	☰

Q3. At this moment, which of the following would you consider to be the highest priority for county leaders?*

Please rank from 1 (highest) to 8 (lowest).

Providing more affordable housing



Bringing better paying jobs to the area



Addressing traffic congestion



Fighting crime and drugs



Reducing taxes



Managing the county's growth and development



Protecting the environment and county's water supply

Reset

Q4. What is your satisfaction with Palm Beach County's transportation system?*

i.e. Your ability to travel and commute throughout the county.



Q5. To what extent has your commute experience negatively affected your quality of life as well as ability to do things important to you?*





Q6. Of the following, which would you say is the highest priority for transportation?*

Please rank from 1 (highest) to 7 (lowest).

- Expanding services for people who are economically disadvantaged
- Transit and planning funding to pay for it
- Preparing current transportation systems for climate change and sea level rise
- Providing more services in high growth areas
- Improving traffic safety
- Upgrading and expanding bus services
- Adding new transportation options, such as streetcars and light rail

Reset

Q7. How often do you travel to neighboring counties in the Tri-County Southeast Florida region?*

- Almost Daily - (20+ times/month)
- Frequently - (11 to 20 times/month)
- Regularly - (6 to 10 times/month)
- Occasionally - (1 to 5 times/month)
- Rarely - (less than once a month)

Never

Q8. When traveling in the Tri-County Southeast Florida region, what is the highest priority for transportation planning?*

Providing more access to micro mobility options (i.e. scooters, e-bikes, etc.)

Improving major regional destination connectivity (airports, seaports, sporting venues, shopping centers, etc.)

Improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety

Adding new transportation options, such as electric autonomous shuttles

Reducing roadway congestion

Upgrading and expanding public transportation

Other

Q9. What do think about the current amount of tax money being spent to expand and improve public transit services and transportation infrastructure in Palm Beach County?*

Too much About the right amount Too little



Q10. Do you favor or oppose creating special taxing districts that would increase property taxes in particular areas in the county?*

They would pay for projects to improve traffic flow, expand bus services, or provide more transit options within that specific district.

Favor

Oppose

Unsure / No Answer



Looking at some ideas that are being considered for the future population growth and increased traffic, do you think it is a good idea or bad idea to...

Q11. Close one lane to car traffic on some major local roads and designate them exclusively as a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) carpool lanes to reduce travel times?*

Good Idea

Bad Idea

Unsure / No Answer



Q12. Close one lane to car traffic on some major local roads and designate it exclusively for public transit to reduce travel times*

Good Idea

Bad Idea

Unsure / No Answer

Q13. Change zoning laws to allow more development near main roads to minimize commuting needs while making travel more efficient?*

Good Idea

Bad Idea

Unsure / No Answer

Q14. Have the local county government fund on-demand ride services throughout the county that provides riders with transportation to and from bus stops as well as train stations*

Good Idea

Bad Idea

Unsure / No Answer



Q15. Install more charging stations and other technology needed for utilizing electric cars?*

Good Idea

Bad Idea

Unsure / No Answer



In order to improve and expand various transit, transportation services, and infrastructure...

Q16. Would you favor or oppose replacing the current HALF penny infrastructure sales tax with a HALF penny sales tax that supports transportation?*

The sales tax is charged to consumers and tourists on goods and services purchased.

Favor

Oppose

Unsure / No Answer



Any other feedback you'd like to share about the transportation system?

400 

What is your Zip Code?*

Submit

Public Survey Responses

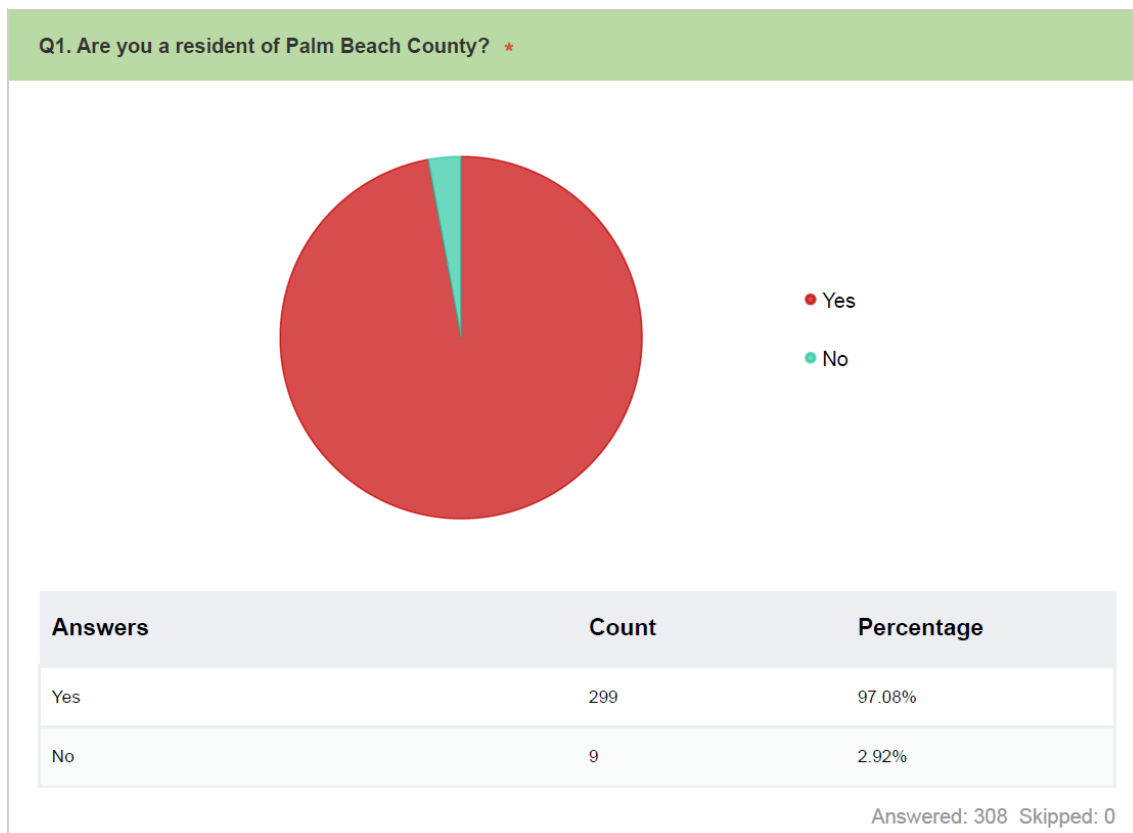
The Palm Beach TPA shared an online survey from August 2023 to October 2024. The survey was shared in the following ways:

- PalmBeachTPA.org/LRTP
- Transportation Tuesday Bi-Weekly Newsletter
- Palm Beach TPA social media - Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, X (formerly Twitter)
- TPA Governing Board and advisory committee meetings
- Public Workshops and Meetings (listed above)

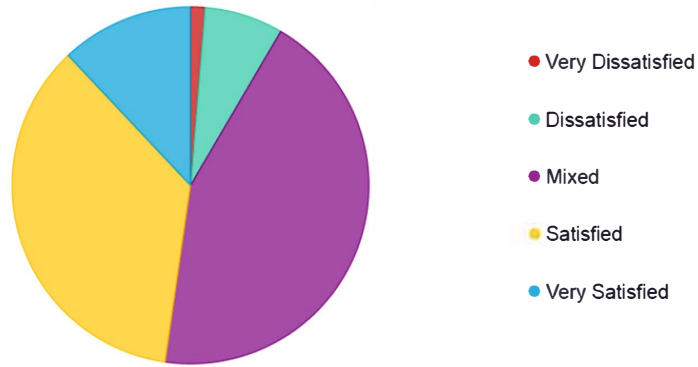
The survey gathered 308 responses and informed the TPA on various topics including satisfaction with the current transportation system, priorities in transportation, and whether a designated funding source for transportation would be supported. Survey responses have been post processed for consistency.

To ensure anonymity of responses, respondents were not asked to provide individually identifiable information. However, residents shared their zip code at the conclusion of the survey to gather data on location within Palm Beach County.

Q1. Are you a resident of Palm Beach County?



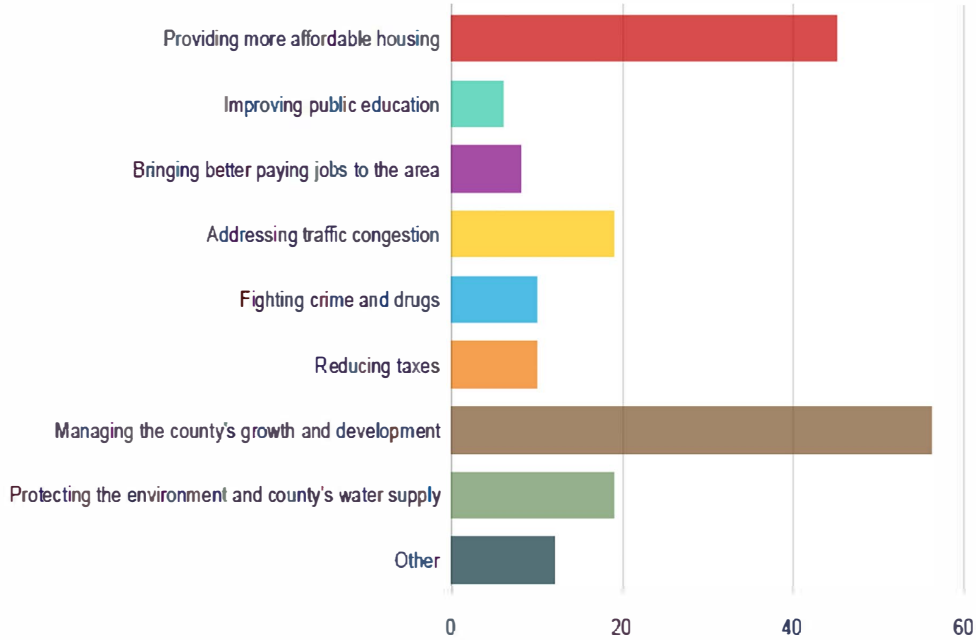
Q2. How satisfied are you with the quality of life in Palm Beach County?



Answers	Count	Percentage
Very Dissatisfied	4	1.3%
Dissatisfied	22	7.14%
Mixed	135	43.83%
Satisfied	110	35.71%
Very Satisfied	37	12.01%

Answered: 308 Skipped: 0

Q3. At this moment, which of the following would you consider to be the highest priority for county leaders?

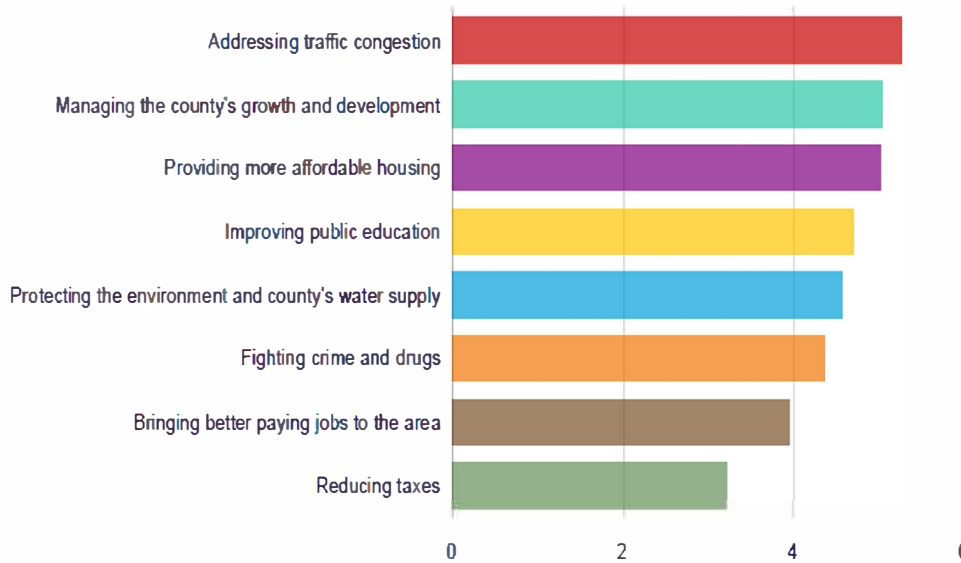


Answers	Count	Percentage
Providing more affordable housing	45	14.61%
Improving public education	6	1.95%
Bringing better paying jobs to the area	8	2.6%
Addressing traffic congestion	19	6.17%
Fighting crime and drugs	10	3.25%
Reducing taxes	10	3.25%
Managing the county's growth and development	56	18.18%
Protecting the environment and county's water supply	19	6.17%
Other	12	3.9%

Answered: 185 Skipped: 123



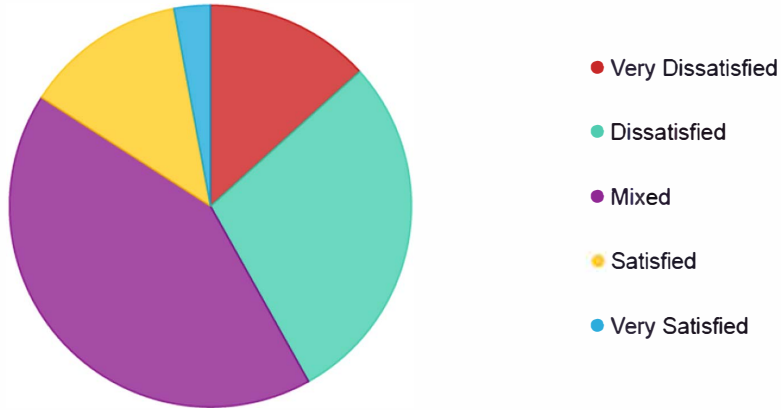
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Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Average score
1	Addressing traffic congestion	14.75% 18	17.21% 21	15.57% 19	17.21% 21	14.75% 18	11.48% 14	4.1% 5	5.25
2	Managing the county's growth and development	25.41% 31	13.11% 16	9.02% 11	10.66% 13	9.84% 12	6.56% 8	15.57% 19	5.02
3	Providing more affordable housing	22.95% 28	21.31% 26	5.74% 7	9.84% 12	5.74% 7	9.02% 11	9.02% 11	5.01
4	Improving public education	7.38% 9	13.11% 16	20.49% 25	14.75% 18	13.11% 16	13.11% 16	10.66% 13	4.68
5	Protecting the environment and county's water supply	9.84% 12	13.93% 17	18.03% 22	12.3% 15	11.48% 14	12.3% 15	4.1% 5	4.55
6	Fighting crime and drugs	8.2% 10	9.84% 12	13.93% 17	9.84% 12	19.67% 24	16.39% 20	18.03% 22	4.35
7	Bringing better paying jobs to the area	3.28% 4	4.92% 6	13.11% 16	17.21% 21	18.85% 23	13.11% 16	23.77% 29	3.93
8	Reducing taxes	8.2% 10	6.56% 8	4.1% 5	8.2% 10	6.56% 8	18.03% 22	14.75% 18	3.20



Q4. What is your satisfaction with Palm Beach County's transportation system?*

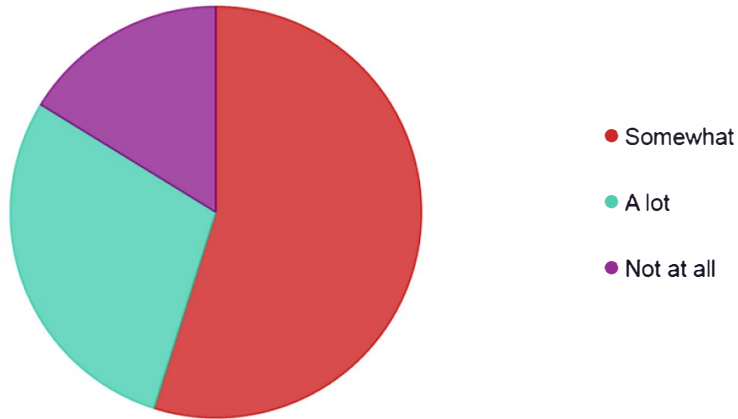


Answers	Count	Percentage
Very Dissatisfied	41	13.31%
Dissatisfied	88	28.57%
Mixed	130	42.21%
Satisfied	40	12.99%
Very Satisfied	9	2.92%

Answered: 308 Skipped: 0



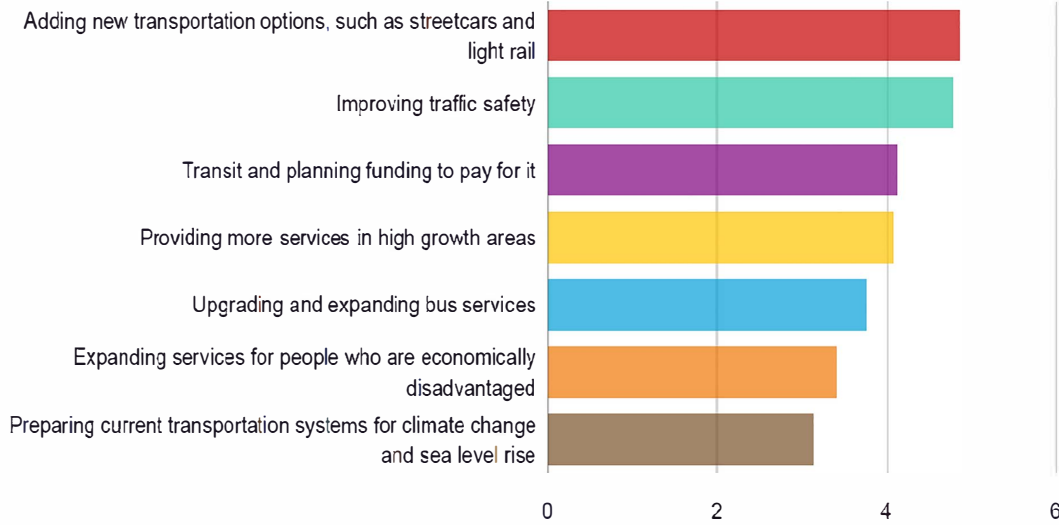
Q5. To what extent has your commute experience negatively affected your quality of life as well as ability to do things important to you?*



Answers	Count	Percentage
Somewhat	169	54.87%
A lot	89	28.9%
Not at all	50	16.23%

Answered: 308 Skipped: 0

Q6. Of the following, which would you say is the highest priority for transportation?*

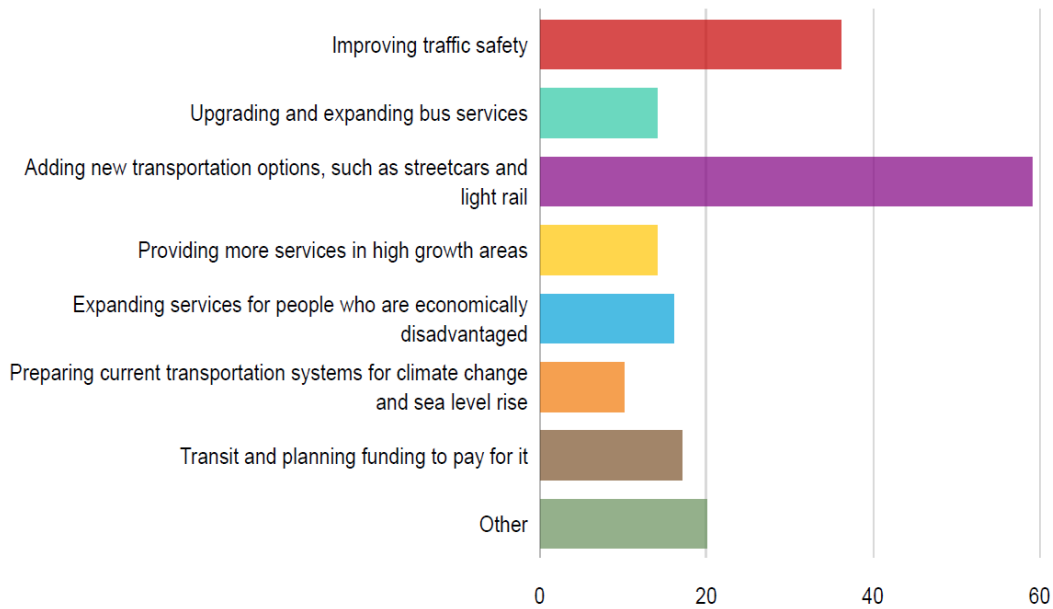


Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Average score
1	Adding new transportation options, such as streetcars and light rail	27.05% 33	18.85% 23	13.93% 17	13.11% 16	12.3% 15	7.38% 9	7.38% 9	4.84
2	Improving traffic safety	30.33% 37	16.39% 20	12.3% 15	9.84% 12	10.66% 13	12.3% 15	8.2% 10	4.76
3	Transit and planning funding to pay for it	9.84% 12	19.67% 24	15.57% 19	16.39% 20	13.11% 16	14.75% 18	10.66% 13	4.10
4	Providing more services in high growth areas	9.84% 12	17.21% 21	17.21% 21	19.67% 24	9.84% 12	13.11% 16	13.11% 16	4.06
5	Upgrading and expanding bus services	7.38% 9	12.3% 15	18.03% 22	13.11% 16	20.49% 25	15.57% 19	13.11% 16	3.74
6	Expanding services for people who are economically disadvantaged	9.02% 11	5.74% 7	10.66% 13	18.03% 22	21.31% 26	17.21% 21	18.03% 22	3.39
7	Preparing current transportation systems for climate change and sea level rise	6.56% 8	9.84% 12	12.3% 15	9.84% 12	12.3% 15	19.67% 24	29.51% 36	3.11

Answered: 122 Skipped: 186



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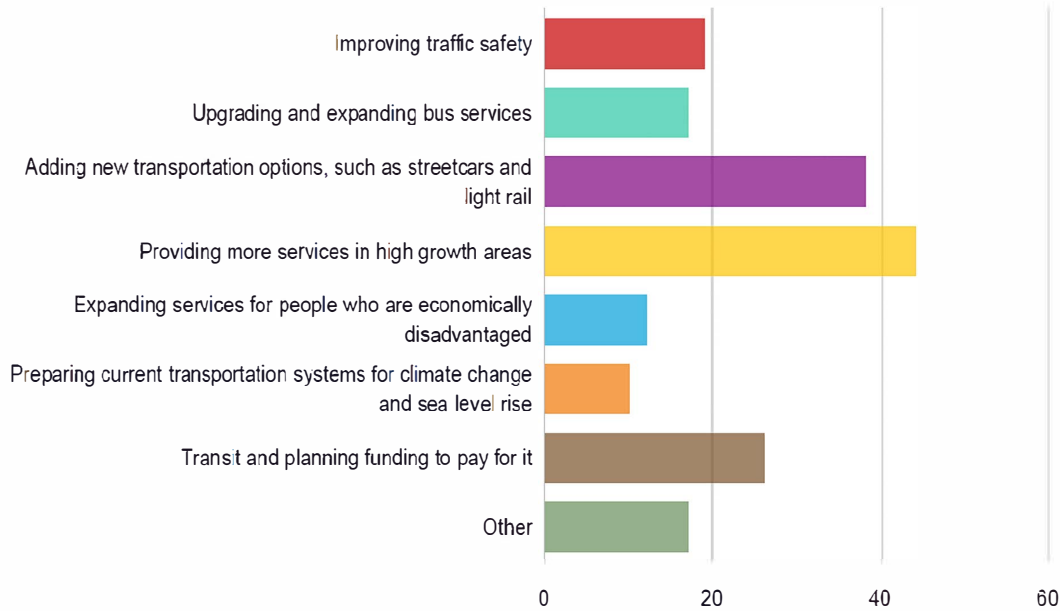


Answers	Count	Percentage
Improving traffic safety	36	11.69%
Upgrading and expanding bus services	14	4.55%
Adding new transportation options, such as streetcars and light rail	59	19.16%
Providing more services in high growth areas	14	4.55%
Expanding services for people who are economically disadvantaged	16	5.19%
Preparing current transportation systems for climate change and sea level rise	10	3.25%
Transit and planning funding to pay for it	17	5.52%
Other	20	6.49%

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Q7. Of the following, which would you say is the second highest priority for transportation?

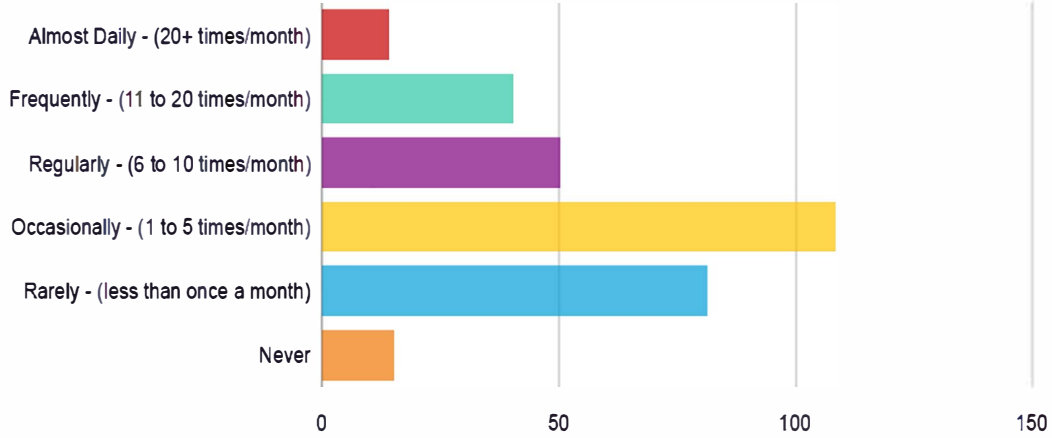


Answers	Count	Percentage
Improving traffic safety	19	6.17%
Upgrading and expanding bus services	17	5.52%
Adding new transportation options, such as streetcars and light rail	38	12.34%
Providing more services in high growth areas	44	14.29%
Expanding services for people who are economically disadvantaged	12	3.9%
Preparing current transportation systems for climate change and sea level rise	10	3.25%
Transit and planning funding to pay for it	26	8.44%
Other	17	5.52%

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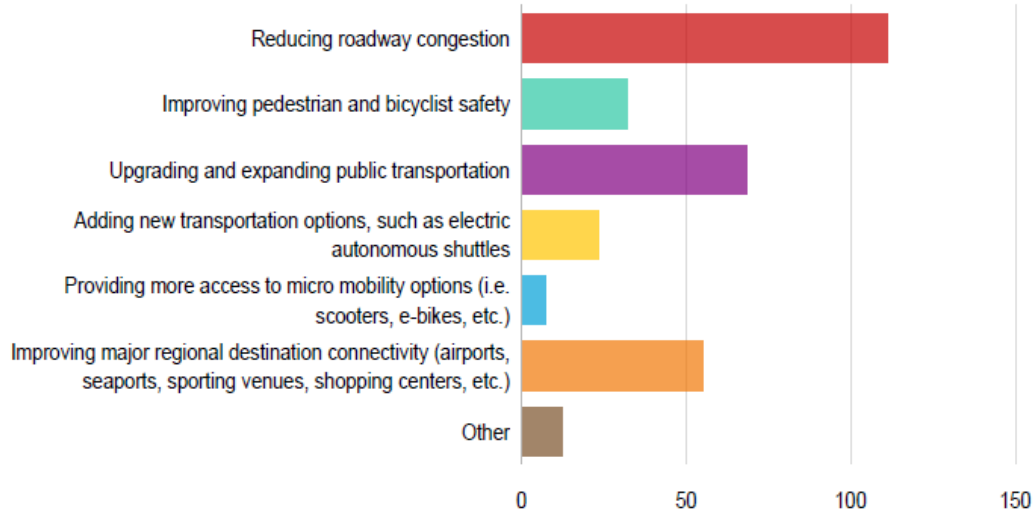
Q7. How often do you travel to neighboring counties in the Tri-County Southeast Florida region?*



Answers	Count	Percentage
Almost Daily - (20+ times/month)	14	4.55%
Frequently - (11 to 20 times/month)	40	12.99%
Regularly - (6 to 10 times/month)	50	16.23%
Occasionally - (1 to 5 times/month)	108	35.06%
Rarely - (less than once a month)	81	26.3%
Never	15	4.87%

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Q8. When traveling in the Tri-County Southeast Florida region, what is the highest priority for transportation planning?*

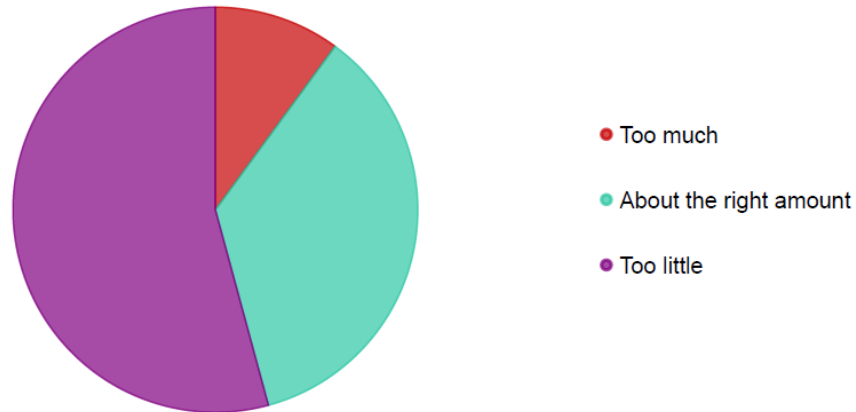


Answers	Count	Percentage
Reducing roadway congestion	111	36.04%
Improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety	32	10.39%
Upgrading and expanding public transportation	68	22.08%
Adding new transportation options, such as electric autonomous shuttles	23	7.47%
Providing more access to micro mobility options (i.e. scooters, e-bikes, etc.)	7	2.27%
Improving major regional destination connectivity (airports, seaports, sporting venues, shopping centers, etc.)	55	17.86%
Other	12	3.9%

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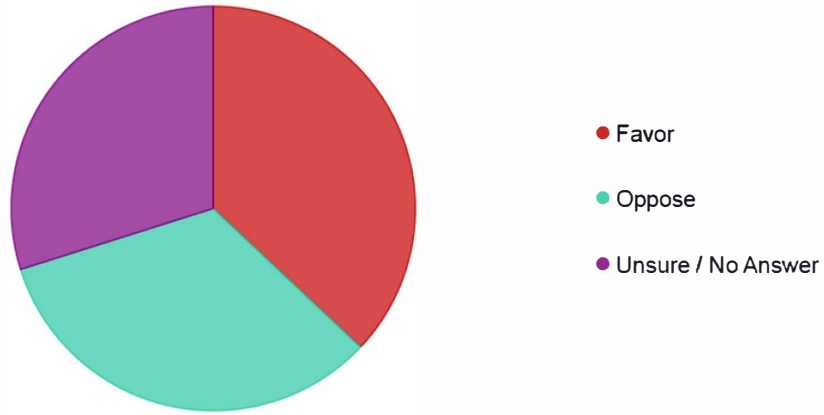
Q9. What do think about the current amount of tax money being spent to expand and improve public transit services and transportation infrastructure in Palm Beach County?*



Answers	Count	Percentage
Too much	31	10.06%
About the right amount	110	35.71%
Too little	167	54.22%

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Q10. Do you favor or oppose creating special taxing districts that would increase property taxes in particular areas in the county?*

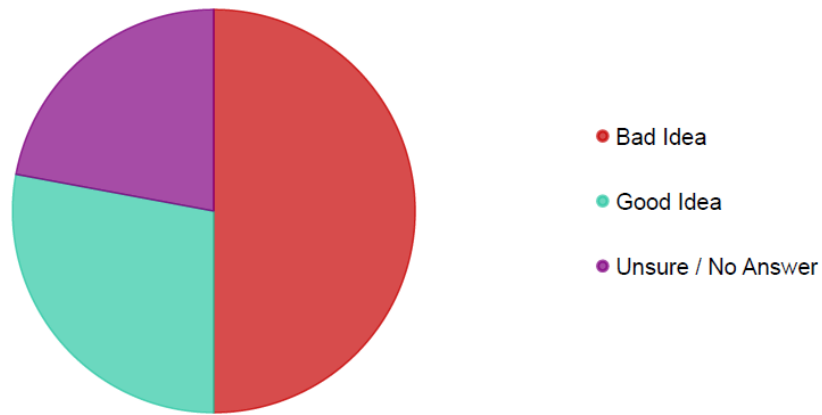


Answers	Count	Percentage
Favor	114	37.01%
Oppose	102	33.12%
Unsure / No Answer	92	29.87%

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Looking at some ideas that are being considered for the future population growth and increased traffic, do you think it is a good idea or bad idea to...

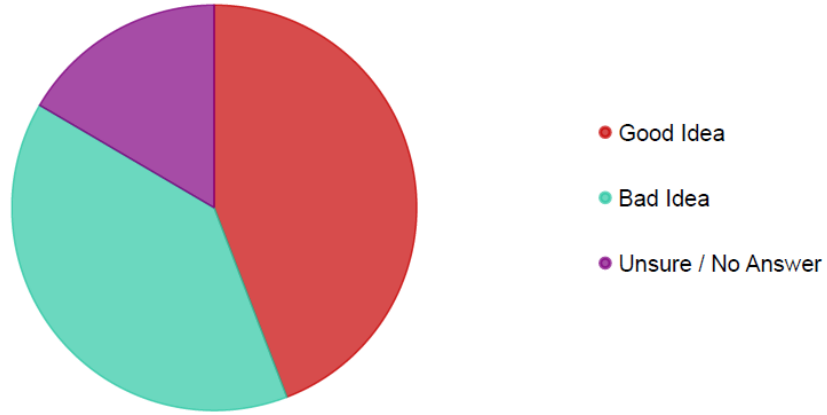
Q11. Close one lane to car traffic on some major local roads and designate them exclusively as a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) carpool lanes to reduce travel times?*



Answers	Count	Percentage
Bad Idea	154	50%
Good Idea	86	27.92%
Unsure / No Answer	68	22.08%

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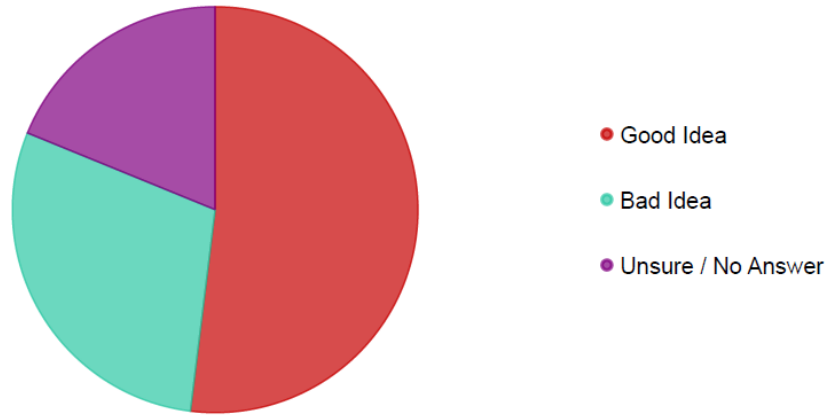
Q12. Close one lane to car traffic on some major local roads and designate it exclusively for public transit to reduce travel times*



Answers	Count	Percentage
Good Idea	136	44.16%
Bad Idea	121	39.29%
Unsure / No Answer	51	16.56%

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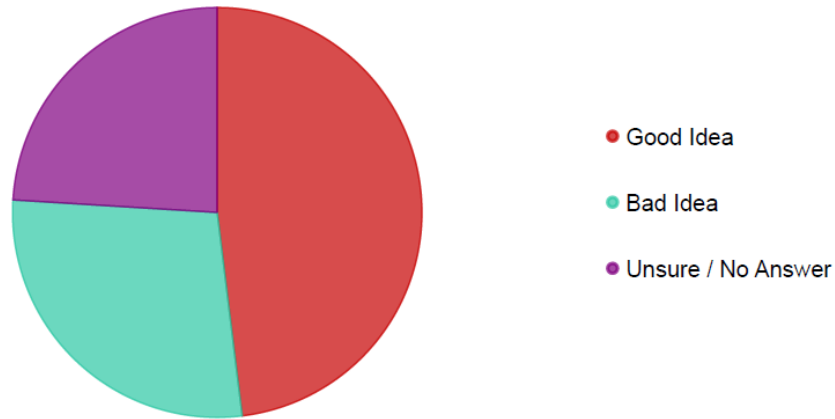
Q13. Change zoning laws to allow more development near main roads to minimize commuting needs while making travel more efficient?*



Answers	Count	Percentage
Good Idea	160	51.95%
Bad Idea	90	29.22%
Unsure / No Answer	58	18.83%

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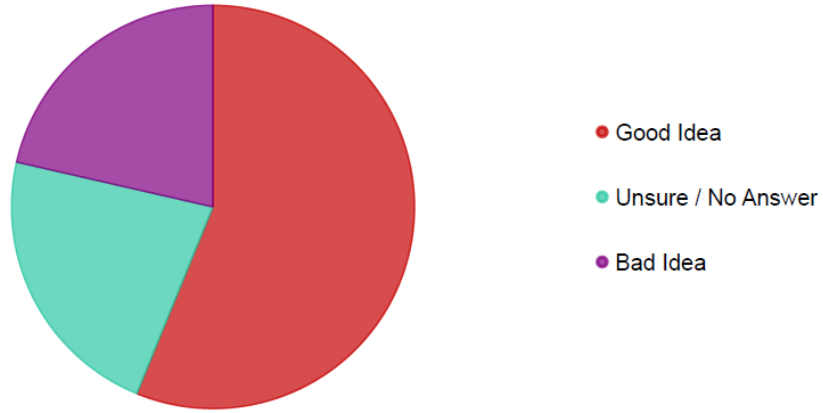
Q14. Have the local county government fund on-demand ride services throughout the county that provides riders with transportation to and from bus stops as well as train stations*



Answers	Count	Percentage
Good Idea	148	48.05%
Bad Idea	86	27.92%
Unsure / No Answer	74	24.03%

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Q15. Install more charging stations and other technology needed for utilizing electric cars?*



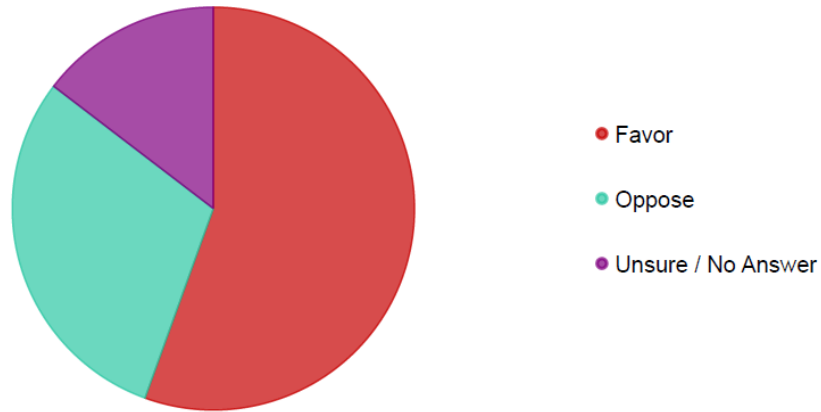
Answers	Count	Percentage
Good Idea	173	56.17%
Unsure / No Answer	69	22.4%
Bad Idea	66	21.43%

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In order to improve and expand various transit, transportation services, and infrastructure...

Q16. Would you favor or oppose replacing the current HALF penny infrastructure sales tax with a HALF penny sales tax that supports transportation?*

The sales tax is charged to consumers and tourists on goods and services purchased.



Answers	Count	Percentage
Favor	171	55.52%
Oppose	92	29.87%
Unsure / No Answer	45	14.61%

Answered: 308 Skipped: 0

Public Survey Responses by Zip Code

The TPA's public survey gathered more than 300 responses from across Palm Beach County. Responses include feedback on a variety of topics, including main takeaways such as:

- The highest priority for county leaders was indicated as managing the county's growth and development (#1) and providing more affordable housing (#2)
- There was mixed satisfaction with the county's current transportation system, with more dissatisfaction than satisfaction
- The highest priority for transportation leaders were adding new transportation options, such as streetcars and lightrail, (#1) followed by improving transportation safety (#2)
- The highest priority for travel within the Tri-County Southeast Florida area was indicated as reducing roadway congestion
- More than half of respondents said too little tax money is being spend to expand and improve public transit services and transportation infrastructure in Palm Beach County (54%)
- More than half of respondents said it is a good idea to install more charging stations and other technology needed for utilizing electric cars (56%)
- More than half of respondents said they would favor replacing the current half penny infrastructure sales tax with a half penny sales tax that supports transportation (55%)

Zip Code	Count	Zip Code	Count
33401	31	33477	3
33411	26	33445	2
33460	17	33437	2
33461	15	33432	2
33418	12	33478	2
33463	11	33403	2
33404	11	33484	2
33408	11	33455	1
33415	10	33442	1
33407	10	33132	1
33410	9	34401	1
33473	9	34412	1
33470	8	33480	1
33426	8	33449	1
33458	8	33483	1
33412	7	33430	1
33435	7	34983	1
33414	6	33431	1
33436	6	33496	1
33486	5	33535	1
33487	5	19119	1
33446	4	34994	1
33444	4	33063	1
33469	4	33498	1
33413	4	33476	1
33467	4	10001	1
33462	4	98466	1
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33417	4	34984	1
33405	4	33409	1
60 Zip Codes		306 Respondents	



Public Comment Map

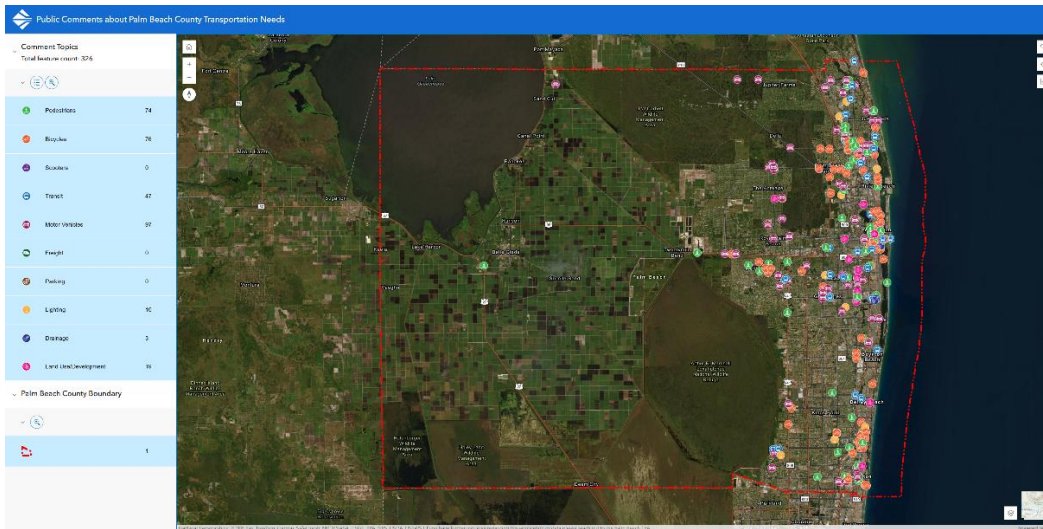
The Palm Beach TPA has hosted an online comment map at PalmBeachTPA.org/comment-map since 2020. This map was enhanced during the 2050 LRTP process to gather more comments related to the Plan, projects and future ideas. Users can submit a written comment of an observation, safety concern, suggestion or improvement and place a pin on the map of the location to be reviewed by TPA staff.

The comment map includes categories for topics including:

- Pedestrians
- Bicyclists
- Scooters
- Transit
- Motor Vehicles
- Freight
- Parking
- Lighting
- Drainage
- Land Use/Development

The Comment Map has gathered hundreds of comments - some of which have led to quick fixes in the community, while others were studied for inclusion in future transportation planning, such as the LRTP. A summary of comments from January 2023 through November 2024 are included in the pages to follow.

This public involvement tool will continue to be used following the adoption of the 2050 LRTP and shared as a best practice among fellow MPOs to collect feedback and input.



Submitted Date	Name	Comment
12/9/2024	Gerald Roth	<p>Please support the extension of Okeechobee from Southern Boulevard to Cheetham Hill Boulevard to be made a part of the 2026 to 2030 Draft Tentative Work Program and not wait until 2050. This is known as LRTP ID number PAL0060 or Project Cross reference 2045-PBC076.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
12/9/2024	Daniel Yepes	<p>Hi ,</p> <p>the Okeechobee extension to Arden isn't just a convenience matter, it's a hugely important safety concern.</p> <p>a community over over 2,000 homes (5,000 or more residents) is bottlenecked to one access point, and at least 4 times this year alone, we've been stuck inside the community due to emergency events.</p> <p>this would not only help our Arden residents, but would alleviate congestion along Southern from many people traveling E-W, and hopefully decrease accidents along Southern as well.</p> <p>this is a huge safety matter, and something that our community has been waiting for 5 years already, we need this on top priority for the safety of taxpayers.</p> <p>PAL0060 2045-PBC076</p>
12/9/2024	Marcel Sakamoto	<p>Dear sirs,</p> <p>As a homeowner of Arden community for 5 years, I'd like to express my concern with the fact that we only have one way to get in and out our community, which is Southern Blvd.</p> <p>In several occasions, that road had to be partially or totally closed and because of that the access to and from the community was interrupted. Luckily, we didn't have to evacuate the community due to hurricane threats because with only one option that'd be very risky.</p> <p>According to the developers of the community, there's an exit planned for the northern section but it requires Okeechobee Blvd to be extended. This extension doesn't seem to be in the short term plan for this agency and I'd like to beg you to reconsider that.</p> <p>Best,</p> <p>Marcel Sakamoto.</p>
12/9/2024	Jessica Rubio	<p>I am expressing my support for the extension of Okeechobee known as LRTP ID number PAL0060 or Project Cross reference 2045-PBC076 to be made a part of the 2026 OR SOONER draft tentative work program and NOT wait until 2050. The need for a second entrance/exit to the Arden community is imperative. This year let alone we have had several unfortunate circumstances, which have affected the Arden community residents' safety due to road closure of our only road Southern Blvd (SR 80) preventing us not being able to exit our community.</p>
12/9/2024	Julio Gomez	<p>I support the extension of Okeechobee to be made a part of the 2026 to 2030 Draft Tentative Work Program and not wait until 2050. This is known as LRTP ID number PAL0060 or Project Cross reference 2045-PBC076.</p>

Submitted Date	Name	Comment
12/9/2024	Sheree Smith	It is imperative we have a north exit out and into the community of Arden. It is unsafe and quite frankly scary being a resident and not being able to get home or leave home multiple times so far in the one year of living here. This should be a top of priority agenda item.
12/9/2024	Matt Pinchick	Hello PBC TPA, I am writing with my full support for the extension of Okeechobee to be made a part of the 2026 to 2030 Draft Tentative Work Program and not wait until 2050. This is known as LRTP ID number PAL0060 or Project Cross reference 2045-PBC076. It is a major safety concern for everyone, especially the residents in Arden. Matt Pinchick
12/9/2024	Carlos Reconco	It is necessary to have an extension to Okeechobee Rd.
12/9/2024	Vladimir Piskunov	We need this extension ASAP. And more communities are being built in our area that will benefit from this extension. I was commenting on the extension of Okeechobee to be made a part of the 2026 to 2030 Draft Tentative Work Program and not wait until 2050. This is known as LRTP ID number PAL0060 or Project Cross reference 2045-PBC076. Our community (Arden) and a neighboring community that is going to be developed soon will need this extension (already do).
12/9/2024	Dawn Prezioso	I live in the Arden community. I signed my contract in 2018, after I was assured a second entrance/exit to my community of 2330 homes was in the planning documents and on the county radar. I moved into my home January, 2019 and have been trying to get an answer, since then, as to the status of the Okeechobee extension and second entrance/exit. Our community dearly needs an alternative to SR80. I never imagined this project would be pushed out 10-20 years by the county. The new school will be occupied 2025-2026; as a community we have experienced complete shutdowns of SR80 due to fatal accidents. These necessary shutdowns have lasted 6-7 hours. Meanwhile, no one can enter or leave the community. Emergency vehicles can't get through; pregnant mothers can't get out. Please consider adding the Okeechobee extension project to the 2026-2030 planning cycle. It is unthinkable that a secondary tragedy may occur inside our community or at the elementary school because of a shutdown of SR80 and no way to get in or out.
12/9/2024	Elizabeth Hogston	Please consider a second exit out of the Arden neighborhood community. There have been a handful of accidents on southern blvd and the community has been blocked in for hours - days. It is unsafe to continue like this as there are other emergencies, children to be picked up from school, etc etc. thank you for considering!!!
12/9/2024	Carlos Barroso	I support the extension of Okeechobee Boulevard to be made a part of the 2026 to 2030 Draft Tentative Work Program and not wait until 2050. Living in Arden, we need a north exit out of our community, which is planned for 2,300 homes with a new public elementary school this year.

Submitted Date	Name	Comment
12/9/2024	Andrew Weitzman	Extending Okeechobee boulevard is vital for the new school at Arden? As we've seen several times this year, traffic comes to a complete stop for numerous hours at a time when there's an accident on Southern, leaving traffic into and out of Arden delayed. What happens if there's a medical emergency at the school? How would an ambulance get through?
12/9/2024	Nancy Sarkisian	I support the extension of Okeechobee to be made a part of the 2026 to 2030 Draft Tentative Work Program and not wait until 2050. This is known as LRTP ID number PAL0060 or Project Cross reference 2045-PBC076.
12/9/2024	Jan McLoughlin	Regarding LRTP ID#PAL0060 or Project Cross reference 2045-PBC076 I am a homeowner in Arden and would very much like to express my support for the extension of Okeechobee Blvd to be made for the 2026 to 2030 Draft Tentative Work Program and not wait until 2050. Thank you for your consideration to this urgent matter. Jan McLoughlin
12/9/2024	Ben Brown	Project Reference # 2045-PB076 As a resident of the community of Arden. I implore the members PBC TPA to add the Okeechobee extension to the 2026-2030 Draft Tentative Work Program also know as the 5 year plan. Currently anytime there is an accident or tragedy on Southern Blvd. The Arden resident are trapped in or out of the community. Many times we have been trapped for 5-6 hours. Southern is our only access road. The Okeechobee extension would provide a second exit to Arden and another road for the locals to use to travel. The extension would also help to alleviate the traffic volume on Southern which in turn would help reduce the number of accidents. Loxahatchee and the surrounding area is one of the fastest growing parts of the county. Without the Okeechobee extension we will continue to have delayed response times from emergency personnel and have major disruptions to our daily life.

Submitted Date	Name	Comment
12/9/2024	Neal Bennett	I am writing to request that Palm Beach County add the Okeechobee Road extension project to the next five year work program. Growth in the area west of Seminole Pratt Whitney Road is exploding. There are nearly 2,000 homes in my community (Arden) alone and hundreds more are in the pipeline. Right now, Southern Boulevard is our only access to work, school, shopping, and emergency resources. Arden and other communities in the works have an exit to the proposed Okeechobee extension on the books and have already given the right of way to have it built. In the past four months, there have been two major incidents that shut down eastbound Southern Blvd for hours. Kids could not get to school and others to work. My wife missed a medical appointment and god forbid if there had been an emergency. The Okeechobee extension project would provide a needed second route for residents of Arden, along with the neighborhoods along Lion County Safari Road and the newly planned neighborhood just to our east. This is not just a convenience issue...its a safety one. We already have an issue with police and fire response times here...an issue that could be fatal if something were to happen during another "shut down" of Southern. There are well over 5,000 residents in Arden alone and that number will continue to grow. Please do what needs to be done to make this happen.
12/9/2024	Helen Beouk	Need to fast forward a 2nd exit out of Arden every time a accident southern blvd gets shut down and if you have a emergency, I need to pick up a child from school you can't this is not acceptable
12/9/2024	Vince Ayre	Okeechobee extension should be included in 5 year plan as there is currently only one exit for a community with 2000 homes. We've had two accidents this year that would not allow emergency responders to be able to access the community for over two hours. If there's a medical emergency you can bet that life would be lost. How many lives need to be claimed before something is done about this? What are the residents worth?
12/9/2024	Anson Huckleby	Please consider moving the Okeechobee extension to Southern Blvd up to 2026. This extension is so important for many reasons but is also critical for a Northern entrance exit into Arden. This is critical access for emergency first responders and could literally be the reason someone lives or dies while waiting for EMS, Police or Fire response.

Submitted Date	Name	Comment
12/9/2024	Marie Santo	<p>Please help the Arden community get a second exit out of our community! Currently we only have the road to Southern Blvd. There have been 3 major accidents on Southern, closing off our access. Luckily no one from Arden had an emergency at the same time causing yet another deathly situation. Please put the extension of Okeechobee Boulevard from SR 80 to Cheetham Hill Boulevard on the 2026 to 2030 work program so that the Arden exit can be built within the next 5 years. This would allow a north exit for Arden.</p> <p>This is known as LRTP ID number PAL0060 or Project Cross reference 2045-PBC076.</p> <p>If you lived in Arden, wouldn't you consider it an emergency to have another exit from the community? Thank you</p>
12/9/2024	David Casey	<p>Support to push forward a plan to extend southern to okeechobee blvd so Arden can have a much needed second exit for emergencies and convience</p>
12/9/2024	Jessica Buster	<p>I would like to request the plan for a second entry/exit to Arden to be implemented sooner rather than later. As I'm sure you're well aware, any closure on southern boulevard completely blocks us from exiting and heading east, or heading west to come home. Our children go to school east of Arden and during the last horrible fatality we did not know if we would be able to get them home. Please put this issue on the agenda for an earlier time frame for construction.</p>

Submitted Date	Name	Comment
12/9/2024	Cynthia Meier	<p>Road extension and the creation of a second exit for the Arden community. This project is not just a matter of convenience but a critical safety improvement that will benefit our residents and the broader community.</p> <p>Currently, Arden residents rely solely on a single exit to Southern Boulevard. This limitation poses significant challenges and concerns:</p> <p>Safety and Emergency Response: In the event of an emergency, such as a medical crisis or a fire, the lack of an alternative exit could delay response times for emergency vehicles. This is particularly concerning given the growing size of our community. A second exit would provide much-needed redundancy and ensure timely access for first responders.</p> <p>Traffic Congestion and Inconvenience: The single exit often leads to traffic bottlenecks, especially during peak hours. This congestion not only causes delays for residents but also increases the risk of accidents. A second exit to Okeechobee Road would help alleviate this issue and provide a smoother and safer commute for everyone.</p> <p>Community Growth and Development: As Arden continues to grow, the current infrastructure will become increasingly inadequate. Proactively addressing this now will help accommodate future needs and enhance the quality of life for residents.</p> <p>I urge you to prioritize the approval of the Okeechobee Road extension and the additional exit for our community. This initiative aligns with the city's goals of promoting public safety, improving infrastructure, and supporting the well-being of its residents.</p> <p>Thank you for considering this critical matter. I, along with many of my</p>
12/9/2024	Carlene Williams	<p>I would like to see an extension of Okeechobee Blvd with an entrance/ exit from the Arden community. This would ease the traffic on Southern and provide an alternate if Southern shuts down due to accidents. this will also assist in medical response giving us two alternative entrance / exit. Having juat one exit from Arden is a safety hazard with the numerous residents in Arden. Please hear our concern as this is very important to have this in the 2026 plans. Thanks</p>
12/9/2024	Melissa Poirier	<p>I am in support for the extension of Okeechobee to be made a part of the 2026 to 2030 Draft Tentative Work Program and not wait until 2050. Ref: LRTP PAL 0060</p>

Submitted Date	Name	Comment
12/9/2024	Kim Boyajian	<p>The extension of Okeechobee Boulevard from SR 80 to Cheetham Hill Boulevard would allow a north exit for Arden.</p> <p>I am writing this to express support for the extension of Okeechobee to be made a part of the 2026 to 2030 Draft Tentative Work Program and NOT wait until 2050. This is known as LRTP ID number PAL0060 or Project Cross reference 2045-PBC076.</p> <p>After the accidents continue to happen on Southern Blvd - it is imperative that we have another exit/entrance out of our community! Please help!</p>
12/9/2024	Brad DeHart	<p>I am a resident of the Arden community and have been for the past 5 years. In those 5 years I have lost count of the number of times Southern Blvd has been blocked or shut down due to wrecks or construction blocking our access to our community or eastern Palm beach county. We desperately need a north exit to an Okeechobee extension. This would not be for daily travel, but would be there for emergency situations where Southern isn't an option. Thank you for your consideration.</p>
12/10/2024	Catherine Koon	<p>I am very concerned about the one access out of the Arden community. It is unsafe to only have one exit and my fear is that something really bad is going to have to happen for this issue to be addressed. Please let's be proactive and not let a tragedy occur. Thank you.</p>
12/10/2024	Julie Brown	<p>As recent events have made clearly evident, the extension of Okeechobee Blvd from SR 80 to Cheetham Blvd (LRTP ID number PAL 0060) needs to be made a priority and include in the 5 year plan.</p>
12/10/2024	Katherine Gill	<p>Being a Resident in Arden, we need another way in/out of the community other than Southern Blvd. Extending Okeechobee Blvd.</p>
12/10/2024	Gianna Connolly	<p>The extension to oakachobee is needed beyond belief! Due to road closures my daughter was not able to attend school one day, late another day, and I was unable to pick my son up from school on another day. It is absolutely upsetting that we do not have another way out from Arden!!</p>
12/10/2024	Anastasiia Grianka	<p>Please, we all in Arden very in need north road to go out of community. This is very important to all of us to bring a new road as soon as possible. Next year we will have a new school and need to have options as for safety reasons as well</p>
12/10/2024	Jen Zita	<p>Arden residents need a second exit (Okeechobee extension) for the safety of the residents to exit the community in an emergency situation and for EMS and fire to access the community when southern blvd is closed. This is an urgent matter that should be in the five year plan. Thank you.</p>
12/10/2024	Daniel Jackson	<p>We need the Okeechobee extension to state road 7 urgently</p>

Submitted Date	Name	Comment
12/10/2024	Sue Loyzelle	<p>RE: Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency meeting on December 12, 2024 or any other meetings related to this topic.</p> <p>I support the extension of Okeechobee Boulevard from SR 80 to Cheetham Hill Boulevard to be moved to the next 5 year work program. This change would allow a north exit for Arden community for which I am expressing support for.</p> <p>Please make the extension of Okeechobee to be made a priority as part of the 2026 to 2030 Draft Tentative Work Program, I do not think it is in anyones interest to wait until 2050 and this is a life safety issue for our community. (LRTP ID number PAL0060 or Project Cross reference 2045-PBC076.)</p> <p>Thank you, Sue Loyzelle</p>
12/10/2024	Anaie Amorim	Please consider expediting the expansion of Ocheechobee Blvd to create access to the area. We are in much need of alternative routes as this area is growing. RE: PAL 0060
12/10/2024	Elizabeth Ferrier	<p>I support for the extension of Okeechobee to be made a part of the 2026 to 2030 Draft Tentative Work Program and not want to wait until 2050.</p> <p>Re: LRTP ID number PAL0060</p> <p>Project Cross reference: 2045-PBC076.</p>
12/10/2024	Maria Lopez	Arden community needs a second exit!!!!!!
12/10/2024	Daniel Ruiz	I am an Arden resident and we ask that the Okeechobee extensions be added to the next 5-year plan as it has been proven it is needed by the residents. There has been many accidents and road closures affecting all of us here. You shouldn't have approved a massive project like Arden without having the infrastructure in place.
12/10/2024	Melody Lynch	Arden desperately and urgently needs a back extension to Okeechobee Blvd. Southern Blvd. very sadly keeps having wayyy too many accidents so if the road is blocked and someone has an emergency, we have no way to get to the nearest hospital nor can any emergency personnel get to us in a safely, timely manner. It's very scary & concerning. Thank you.

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12/10/2024	Corey Kanterman	<p>As a resident of the Arden community in unincorporated Loxahatchee, I urge the governing board to not only add the extension of Okeechobee Boulevard from SR 80 to Cheetham Hill Boulevard to the 2026-2030 Draft Tentative Work Program but to fast track this vital project.</p> <p>As I am sure you are aware, there was a recent tragic accident that killed 3 PBSO deputies on Southern Boulevard. This occurred just down the road from the entrance to our Arden community. No one could leave or return to our community for over 6 hours as our community is essentially land locked. Even if we were allowed to head west or return from the west on Southern Blvd that day, the trip would take approximately 2 hours to reach eastern parts of the county. If there were an emergency in our community, how could first responders reach us?</p> <p>Our community has many first responders, medical professionals, and others who just want to know that they can get to their jobs, appointments, and children at school. We have been trapped inside /outside our community numerous times over the last few years due to serious accidents on Southern Blvd. Further, we will soon be 2400 homes and if there were ever to be a situation that required evacuation in our neighborhood, everyone exiting through a single exit would be hugely problematic.</p> <p>Everyone living in Arden was made aware of the plan to extend Okeechobee Blvd to create a thoroughfare that would allow for a second entrance/exit for our community. That plan seems to have fallen by the wayside but circumstances dictate that the project should not only be added to the five year plan, it should be immediately green lit and fast tracked by all stakeholders.</p>
12/10/2024	Reid Lentz	Please prioritize Okeechobee extension as part of next 5 year plan, not 2050 plan. Living here almost 3.5 years now, I have been stuck inside my neighborhood for various accidents that have shut down Southern Blvd - one even caused me to miss a critical eye appointment. Southern cannot continue to be the only main east / west thoroughfare.
12/10/2024	Caitlin Wiggins	The urgency to add the okeechobee entrance to Arden.

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12/10/2024	Sandy Fan	<p>Hi, I wanted to address the issue about extending road for Okeechobee blvd. I have lived in Arden now for 2 years and the road on Southern has just increasing become more difficult to exit and enter safely into my community. We had 2 instances in 6 months time where it shut down our entrance and exit for several hours which became difficult/ to impossible for me to leave my residence to pick up my children from school. Luckily, I was able to have friends and family help pick them up and watch them until I was able to leave my residence.</p> <p>I was also late for my job by several hours a few months ago where it shut down the road for several hours. Our community is too large to only have 1 exit/entrance, for safety and not to create chaos, I truly would love to see that this community helps us be able to live in a area that cares about our needs and safety. Thank you for listening and I really hope you guys can be able to consider the extension of Okeechobee blvd.</p>
12/10/2024	Nga Le	<p>To whom this may concern. I am a resident of the lovely neighborhood, Arden. In the last 10 months that my husband and I have lived here, we noticed a lot of traffic to and from home. Unfortunately, there's only one road that leads to home and if there's an accident or road closure, we get stuck for hours. It not only takes away time from our day but also raises the concern of a safety issue. It we have to be home to tend to our parents or little children, we need to know that we have a way to get home. If we fall for emergency responders, we need to know that they have an accessible road to get to us when in need.</p>
12/10/2024	Karen Barry	<p>I am writing to you about the extension of Okeechobee Boulevard. As a resident of Arden for five years, we have seen an increase need to have an alternate way out of our neighborhood, not only due to the inconvenience of being stuck in the neighborhood or in town if there is a fatality on Southern Boulevard, but also for emergency purposes. We have a elementary school being built and if God forbid Southern Boulevard is shut down, and there is an emergency that compose a serious safety risk to not only the residence of (arden) but to the children at the school. We've experienced a few fatality accidents two of those in the past 3 to 4 months timeframe where parents have been unable to leave to pick up their children or unable to get back home. If you lived in (arden) and had a family member that was sickly, pregnant, etc. I think you would feel the same way and understand the urgency to open up the Okeechobee extension to give (arden) residence a way out or in in case of emergencies This has nothing to do with inconvenience. This is posing a safety issue at this point. As someone who works in a local hospital in the cardiology department, I can assure you that if somebody was having a heart attack in Arden and Southern Boulevard was closed that person outcome would be greatly affected.</p>

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12/10/2024	Tasha Mobasher	<p>five-year plan.</p> <p>Dear Commissioner Baxter,</p> <p>I am writing to express the community's growing concern regarding the Okeechobee extension and its absence from the county's current five-year plan. Given the importance of the PBC TPA meeting on December 12, 2024, I strongly urge you to prioritize this project and advocate for its inclusion in the five-year plan during this crucial discussion.</p> <p>While I commend your efforts in securing funding for the study of the Okeechobee extension in 2025, many residents are concerned that the timing of your town hall on December 17—five days after the PBC TPA meeting—does not allow sufficient opportunity to influence decisions that will be made at the meeting.</p> <p>The Okeechobee extension is critical to addressing urgent infrastructure needs and improving transportation within our district. Delaying its implementation risks further strain on our existing systems and fails to address the pressing concerns of your constituents.</p> <p>I respectfully ask for your presence and advocacy at the December 12 meeting to ensure the importance of this project is fully understood by all decision-makers. Please consider how this project can be fast-tracked and incorporated into the five-year plan to meet the immediate needs of our community.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued service to our district. Sbaxter@pbc.org</p>
12/10/2024	Kristine Danley	<p>Our household is very concerned for the safety of Arden residents in the event of an emergency. We have watched Arden grow into the wonderful community that it is for over 4 years now. The amount of major accidents has grown and the need for a north exit/entrance has become absolutely imperative. In the event of an emergency residents need to have access to be able to leave or get back into the community. Having our access blocked is detrimental to the safety of our community.</p> <p>Parents have been concerned not being able to pick their kids up from school because they have been blocked on Southern. This last most recent accident shut down Arden for hours and continues to impact residents weeks later. Everyone should be able to access their home and be able to leave in the event of an emergency. Our baby has severe food allergies and if anything were to happen where they would need care or help we would not want to be blocked and trapped.</p> <p>Please help keep our kids and families safe and do the right thing. We need this additional road access now!</p>

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12/10/2024	Simone Grosseau	<p>I am a resident of Arden, and am urging you to add the Okeechobee extension to the current five-year plan. The recent accidents have shown that a single exit onto Southern Boulevard is not sustainable. Southern Boulevard being blocked for not hours but days causes a huge disruption to people's lives.</p> <p>Adding the Okeechobee extension sooner than later is therefore a necessity as a second exit for the residents of Arden wouldn't only benefit us but would relieve a lot of the traffic pressures on Southern Boulevard, thereby reducing the wait for those that are forced to go down that road.</p> <p>I appreciate you taking the time to read and consider my comment.</p>
12/10/2024	Liliana Underwood	<p>I would like to request an extension of Okeechobee, I live in Arden and when is an accident in Southern I get locked out in our community we only one way of access to our community.</p> <p>Thank you in advance!</p>
12/10/2024	Serojine Bobb	<p>I am writing to express the community's growing concern regarding the Okeechobee extension and its absence from the county's current five-year plan. Given the importance of the PBC TPA meeting on December 12, 2024, I strongly urge you to prioritize this project and advocate for its inclusion in the five-year plan during this crucial discussion.</p> <p>While I commend your efforts in securing funding for the study of the Okeechobee extension in 2025, many residents are concerned that the timing of your town hall on December 17—five days after the PBC TPA meeting—does not allow sufficient opportunity to influence decisions that will be made at the meeting.</p> <p>The Okeechobee extension is critical to addressing urgent infrastructure needs and improving transportation within our district. Delaying its implementation risks further strain on our existing systems and fails to address the pressing concerns of your constituents.</p> <p>I respectfully ask for your presence and advocacy at the December 12 meeting to ensure the importance of this project is fully understood by all decision-makers. Please consider how this project can be fast-tracked and incorporated into the five-year plan to meet the immediate needs of our community.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued service to our district.</p>

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12/11/2024	Janice Ridenour	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am an Arden resident and respectfully request that the Okeechobee extension be moved up from a long term plan to a short term plan as we and Belle Glade residents are basically trapped when there is a road closure. Sadly this is happening more and more frequently and since it is on a future plan, we ask that it be more of a priority now.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Janice Ridenour</p>
12/11/2024	Simona Vintila	<p>We really need the extension of Okeechobee Blvd. Southern is becoming very crowded and all the time when an accident happens, we, people that live in Arden community, have a hard time going to work or to school with the kids. Especially after the tragic accident, when 3 police officers lost their lives, and Southern was blocked for many hours and the traffic was restricted for many days after, the necessity and urgency of extending Okeechobee Blvd became such an urgent matter. My neighbor across the street had a medical emergency and couldn't get to the hospital and waited 30 min for ambulance to arrive. This can be a matter of life and death!</p>
12/11/2024	Rigi Andrade	<p>As a resident of the Arden community in unincorporated Loxahatchee, I urge the governing board to not only add the extension of Okeechobee Boulevard from SR 80 to Cheetham Hill Boulevard to the 2026-2030 Draft Tentative Work Program but to fast track this vital project.</p> <p>As I am sure you are aware, there was a recent tragic accident that killed 3 PBSO deputies on Southern Boulevard. This occurred just down the road from the entrance to our Arden community. No one could leave or return to our community for over 6 hours as our community is essentially land locked. Even if we were allowed to head west or return from the west on Southern Blvd that day, the trip would take approximately 2 hours to reach eastern parts of the county. If there were an emergency in our community, how could first responders reach us?</p> <p>Our community has many first responders, medical professionals, and others who just want to know that they can get to their jobs, appointments, and children at school. We have been trapped inside /outside our community numerous times over the last few years due to serious accidents on Southern Blvd. Further, we will soon be 2400 homes and if there were ever to be a situation that required evacuation in our neighborhood, everyone exiting through a single exit would be hugely problematic.</p> <p>Everyone living in Arden was made aware of the plan to extend Okeechobee Blvd to create a thoroughfare that would allow for a second entrance/exit for our community. That plan seems to have fallen by the wayside but circumstances dictate that the project should not only be added to the five year plan, it should be immediately green lit and fast tracked by all stakeholders.</p>

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12/11/2024	Karen Meadows	Arden needs an additional entrance/exit out of the community. Please make it part of your 5 year plan. When Southern blvd has an accident and lanes are closed, We are a prisoner in our own community. No one can get to work/bring kids to school or pick them up from school/or if there's a medical emergency, ambulance cannot reach us. This is a real serious Situation. No community only has one entrance/exit. We need a second one. Please please add this to the five-year plan.
12/11/2024	Ellen Kaminsky	If is imperative that the Okeechobee extension is built . The Arden community is too large to have only one entrance and exit. It is a safety issue for emergencies
12/12/2024	William Derks	<p>farmer. I'm here to raise awareness regarding the needs of our growing rural community. Most people there like to say preserve and protect. I am asking you to help us with that.</p> <p>Overall, we ask you to open the main arterial roads to reduce the cut through traffic through our dirt roads. Northlake, for example, is backed up during daily rush hours much worse than other communities. And because the SR7 extension has not passed the legal challenge, there are now efforts to invoke eminent domain along Coconut Road to widen it and relieve the gridlock on Northlake caused by the building of Avenir.</p> <p>Similarly, the Arden community off of SR 80 near Lion Country Safari was built with one entrance and property owners are pushing for the extension of Okeechobee rd. to reach their northern edge. Please don't let this happen. It will have a negative impact on neighboring communities within ITID and Loxahatchee Groves. Speed limits on Okeechobee Road are mandated by Loxahatchee Groves and there's already too much traffic on there already. All the Arden needs is an emergency exit. So, I have a proposal. Since your 2050 public input map currently shows the extension of Okeechobee running west past the Arden and through the Palm Beach aggregates and joining up at state Route 80 near 20-mile Bend, here is an alternative. Build a road starting at SR80 on the southwest corner of Arden and make it run directly north all the way until it reaches 60th St. That could be their emergency exit. The existing plan appears to require the taking of homes.</p> <p>And while you're at it, you could continue that road all the way up to 94th st N on the edge of Corbett and turn east until it reaches SPW which will connect with the promised extension that leads to B line highway which is also critical. You could call that an outer loop of Acreage. It would also serve as an outlet for the future development of GL homes, which plans to start building in the next few years. In fact, I believe they plan to build 4700 homes in the northwest quadrant of Loxahatchee. If GL were ever built, there would be a great deal of community backlash because of the already overcrowding of our</p>

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11/5/2024	Pedestrians	Need sidewalk on 2nd east of congress - mobile home park and a dirt path only exists for pedestrians and bicycles	General Observation
10/19/2024	Transit	connect the town of palm beach to the city of palm beach having a system that supports 2 major pedestrian hubs it would alleviate a lot of traffic on and around the bridge as well.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
10/19/2024	Land Use/Development	Land could be used to better support the nearby college by hosting shops and restraunts as well as some mixed used affordable housing	General Observation
10/19/2024	Transit	A low cost for profit light rail line should be ran from west palm beach to wellington and later onto glades. This system should start with a brt with a dedicated bus lane then slowly be upgraded to light rail as funding is generated	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
10/19/2024	Land Use/Development	The sea of parking lots surrounding this are should just be condensed into a parking building or just get rid of it altogether. The valuable land that the lots currently take up could better be used for high density mixed use development.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
10/19/2024	Land Use/Development	development	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
10/8/2024	Motor Vehicles	WESTBOUND LANES HAD SIMILAR ISSUE A YEAR OR SO AGO. POSSIBLE UNDERGROUND INFRASTRUCTURE FAILURE.	Maintenance Required
10/1/2024	Motor Vehicles	Need for a signalized intersection. Drivers exiting Chickasaw Rd and Woodlake Blvd. People can't safely get out of neighborhoods due to increased traffic from Aldi's Store. Additional housing on Chickasaw Rd. will create more traffic.	Safety Concern
8/19/2024	Bicycles	cycling	Safety Concern
8/19/2024	Bicycles	All of Forest Hill Blvd should have bicycle lanes for various group rides. Please do not remove for wider sidewalks	Safety Concern
8/19/2024	Bicycles	Saturday uses Wellington Trace to return on a longer ride. Please do not convert shoulders to wide pathways.	Safety Concern
8/19/2024	Motor Vehicles	between the I-95/Okeechobee Blvd Interchange and Tri-Rail Tracks/Tamarind Ave.	General Observation
8/14/2024	Transit	School zone without signs	Safety Concern
8/8/2024	Pedestrians	there needs to be bus pull outs on both sides of SR-80 and a pedestrian crosswalk to the southside.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
8/1/2024	Motor Vehicles	Shopping Plaza, causing gridlock of drivers on B Rd and in the shopping plaza. Currently there is only a southbound left and a southbound through/right turn lane.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
8/1/2024	Motor Vehicles	Binks Forest Dr is congested and a majority of drivers making the easbound left at the signalized intersection of Binks Forest Dr are trying to get to the Publix Shopping Plaza.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
8/1/2024	Motor Vehicles	Consider lowering the speed limit from 35 to 30 MPH for W Camino Real Traffic Calming from SW 18th Ave to Camino Garden Ln.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
8/1/2024	Pedestrians	Jeffrey Street.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
8/1/2024	Pedestrians	Pedestrian Bridge needed at military trail and Spanish river.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Pedestrians	There is no way for Roosevelt Estates Residents to cross Banyan and Australian to get to the tri-rail station. Roosevelt Estates is a Food Desert.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Bicycles	WPB0043. Supportive of North Flagler Drive Complete Streets (Phase II).	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Bicycles	WEL0011. Supportive of Wellington Bicycle Lane network improvements.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Bicycles	TA-23-3. Supportive of Spruce Ave from 36th St to 40th St.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Transit	PLMT0152. Supportive of Route 10 - Bus Stop Improvements.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Transit	PLMT0086. Supportive of Jupiter MOD Zone.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Pedestrians	PBG0021. Supportive of Lake Victoria Gardens Ave from Alt A1A to Kyoto Gardens Dr multimodal improvements.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Pedestrians	multimodal improvements.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
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7/30/2024	Pedestrians	multimodal improvements.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Motor Vehicles	multimodal improvements.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Motor Vehicles	Rd multimodal improvements.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Motor Vehicles	Avenue road construction.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Pedestrians	multimodal improvements.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Transit	PAL0200. Supportive of Route 46 - Signal System Upgrades and Maintenance.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Motor Vehicles	Commerce to Indiantown Rd.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Motor Vehicles	Rd to W of Tidal Point Blvd.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Motor Vehicles	Roebuck Rd.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Motor Vehicles	to Alt A1A.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Bicycles	enhancements and bridge.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution

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7/30/2024	Motor Vehicles	JPT0001. Supportive of Toney Penna Dr from Military Trl to Central Blvd corridor mobility and accessibility improvements.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Transit	GRE0001. Supportive of Central Palm Beach Multi-Modal Connector.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
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7/30/2024	Transit	Pierce.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Transit	Beach to Jupiter.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Transit	FDOT0023. Supportive of Amtrak Service along FEC Railway and South Florida Rail Corridor, Miami, Jacksonville.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Motor Vehicles	2045-TPA013. Not supportive of SR 7 from Okeechobee Blvd to 60th St.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/30/2024	Motor Vehicles	Alt A1A.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/14/2024	Bicycles	No bike lane when bikes are at high velocity down bridge. Dangerous to merge into traffic and difficult to slow down.	Safety Concern
7/14/2024	Bicycles	It is dangerous heading west from the bridge and turning south onto Flagler.	Safety Concern
7/11/2024	Bicycles	motorists, provide a separated bike lane along Miner from Lawrence to High Ridge. Provides bicycle access for those communities to the High Ridge/Tri-Rail station area.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
7/11/2024	Pedestrians	Sidewalk ends, requires crossing midblock to other sidewalk.	Safety Concern
7/11/2024	Bicycles	installing a bike lane.	Safety Concern
7/3/2024	Pedestrians	everyday	Safety Concern
7/3/2024	Pedestrians	There should be a designated crosswalk across Greenview Shores Blvd.	Safety Concern
7/2/2024	Bicycles	Non-vehicular access only for ped/bike connection through neighborhood.	Safety Concern
7/2/2024	Pedestrians	Non-vehicular access only for ped/bike connection through neighborhood.	Safety Concern
7/2/2024	Motor Vehicles	Consider lowering the speed limit from 35 to 30 MPH.	Safety Concern
7/2/2024	Motor Vehicles	Evaluate turning movements when bridges rise causing gridlock.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
6/19/2024	Pedestrians	work and Palmetto Plaza is horrendous (att). See video. Imagine being in a wheelchair. This area is still its 1980's design. https://youtu.be/N6s6c8dAAFo?si=w7T6Fm623YqRTuts	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
6/18/2024	Transit	issues.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
6/18/2024	Pedestrians	connected to sidewalk/bridge.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
6/18/2024	Pedestrians	go on when bridge is open.	Safety Concern
6/10/2024	Motor Vehicles	highway. Congestion is too heavy and we need a north south highway corridor in the western part of PBC.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
6/5/2024	Motor Vehicles	Extremely backed up traffic because of train	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
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6/5/2024	Pedestrians	Create better crossing option for connectivity between sanborn and rpp	Safety Concern
6/5/2024	Land Use/Development	Convert from 55+ to student housing	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
6/5/2024	Pedestrians	Widen sidewalks and add street trees to improve walkability	Safety Concern
6/5/2024	Motor Vehicles	palmetto	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
6/5/2024	Motor Vehicles	Dangerous area for drivers turning left to head south on 441. Drivers already driving in that direction are going ~50mph, making left-turns tricky.	Safety Concern
5/31/2024	Motor Vehicles	turning left can back up to Ocean Ave and beyond when heading North bound. Heading South bound the Ocean Ave left turn from Dixie backs up past Lantana Rd.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
5/31/2024	Motor Vehicles	the same size. Between 2:45-5:45 It can take up to 3 light cycles to get through this section heading east. Heading west the traffic is backed up to the end of the plaza.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
5/8/2024	Lighting	major safety concern.	Safety Concern
5/8/2024	Lighting	are very dark in some areas.	Safety Concern
5/8/2024	Pedestrians	Provide wider sidewalks or multi-modal paths instead of widening the roadway.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
5/6/2024	Motor Vehicles	have the right of way or are just in a rush. Stop signs or lights needed to help drivers navigate the intersection better.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
4/20/2024	Motor Vehicles	Impatient drivers trying to speed down road to try and get ahead of people going the speed limit to make a right at the light here. Double left is great but maybe have a right turn only too to satisfy those impatient drivers.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
4/19/2024	Pedestrians	are no sidewalks along prosperity farms road, therefore we are unable to get to a cross walk.	Safety Concern
4/17/2024	Bicycles	from traffic calming measures to slow speeds of motor vehicles. Bike lane would feel safer if separated by double stripe.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
4/15/2024	Pedestrians	Add a mid-block crossing just north of PGA Blvd on US 1.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
4/15/2024	Pedestrians	No pedestrian facilities to really get to or from the PalmTran stop at the mall. Have to walk on the road or grass. Seen to many close calls.	Safety Concern

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4/11/2024	Motor Vehicles	Stop West Palm Beach with the nonsense lawsuits and complete St Rd 7 as it was promised decades ago to build the communities that are now fighting it!	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
4/10/2024	Motor Vehicles	moved back to Dow Ln will help prevent accidents at the entrance of Atlantis- the front sign is still damaged from several accidents there	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
4/10/2024	Motor Vehicles	Please put in speed bumps, traffic circle, or wall along Stribling to mitigate noise. Or reduce speed limit as it is a residential road.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
4/10/2024	Pedestrians	side of road	Safety Concern
4/10/2024	Bicycles	been on one side of the road. There is no where to pull off to get out of way for emergency vehicles or if you break down.	Safety Concern
4/9/2024	Drainage	Flooding Issues	Safety Concern
3/28/2024	Motor Vehicles	Congress Ave. From Northlake to A1A needs to be completed to remove stress on Northlake. Widening is like loosening your belt to combat obesity.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
3/26/2024	Transit	Existing/future bus stops require sidewalk connections for ADA compliance	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
3/19/2024	Motor Vehicles	abrupt lane closure is unexpected. Perhaps Blue Heron can be narrowed to improve access for people walking and riding bikes?	Safety Concern
3/13/2024	Transit	there was a major backup of 50-60 cars before exiting east. The backup was created by a major lag for cars heading northbound on Parker Ave. The turn lane contained a line of 60+cars	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
3/7/2024	Motor Vehicles	in the new. Since the completion of the new turn lane there has been rampant speeding and reckless driving. Raised medians with trees would prevent this behavior.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
2/20/2024	Bicycles	without I-95 ramps. There are no bicycle lanes, though, forcing bikes into the roadway.	Safety Concern
2/17/2024	Motor Vehicles	Difficulty exiting the Lake Worth Shopping Plaza in Greenacres in all directions.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
2/9/2024	Pedestrians	vehicles speed along this road. Very dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists.	Safety Concern
2/5/2024	Pedestrians	Vehicles Speed - School Zone	Safety Concern
2/5/2024	Pedestrians	And my walk light was on!! Maybe one of those crossing announcers or yellow pedestrian yield signs would help.	Safety Concern
2/4/2024	Motor Vehicles	lanes with their own lights. I've seen several near misses here because people are confused as to who is going straight and who is turning.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
2/3/2024	Land Use/Development	make Okee have rail or a BRT. This is one of the few places where dense development and transit could work	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
2/3/2024	Pedestrians	Crestdale Rd without any sidewalks on the strip between Military Trail and Applecrest force our children to walk in the street. Crestdale Rd is a popular cut through in PBG	Safety Concern
1/31/2024	Transit	people of all ages. It needs publicity about benefits: health, environment, & more. Limit to a reasonable size/amount the belonging that a passenger can carries on a bus.	General Observation
1/27/2024	Bicycles	Lack of or discontinuous bike lanes constitute a serious obstacle to navigating the Boca Raton area on a bicycle. Adding or 8mproving bike lanes should be included in street widening, resurfacing, and other maintenance projects.	Safety Concern
1/26/2024	Motor Vehicles	Unsafe conditions for making turns out of Saratoga Springs development.	Safety Concern
1/9/2024	Bicycles	An access point (trailhead) to connect to the Owahee Trail system is needed now and when the SR7 expansion is constructed.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
1/9/2024	Bicycles	between Winding Waters /Dyer Park to the SWA Trail system (and Owahee Trail) using an existing culvert under Florida's Turnpike that easily can accommodate bike & ped users.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
1/9/2024	Pedestrians	bike lanes are filled with dirt and grass with occasional nails and glass. Consider a shared use path between Military and Haverhill?	Safety Concern
1/9/2024	Bicycles	There is room to provide wider bicycle lanes on Military Trail. Consider reducing lane widths to 11-ft and provide 7-ft buffered bike lanes. This will help provide safer bike connectivity to Dyer Park from surrounding communities.	Safety Concern
1/9/2024	Bicycles	For added safety, please consider a shared use path along SR 710 to connect Dyer Park to the Owahee Trail and Bluegill Trail systems	Safety Concern
1/9/2024	Bicycles	design can be made safer for pedestrians and bicyclists. Please consider a pedestrian bridge to connect the Owahee Trail and Bluegill Trail.	Safety Concern
1/9/2024	Bicycles	systems. The bike lane on Northlake Blvd feels unsafe. Heavy traffic (even on Sundays) speeding cars. Reduce travel lane widths to 11-ft to provide 7.0-ft buffered bike lanes.	Safety Concern
1/8/2024	Transit	Road east of Drexel Road) appears to be mission. It is listed as a stop on the PalmTran website and on Google Maps.	Maintenance Required
1/4/2024	Bicycles	Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, and Wellington. Helpful for new campus opening soon as well.	Safety Concern

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1/4/2024	Bicycles	We need more recreational bike paths that cross busy streets, visit shopping and recreational areas, connect communities.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
12/10/2023	Transit	Extend Tri-Rail north to Lake Park, which has land available for a station	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
12/9/2023	Transit	flooding situations.	General Observation
12/7/2023	Motor Vehicles	Walmart Plaza, Greenacres. This is a free-for-all where traffic is allowed to go in any direction. People pull out of the plaza in pairs .	Safety Concern
12/2/2023	Bicycles	Extremely heavy cyclist traffic with no dedicated bike lanes and a drawbridge with grates that are not bike-friendly	Safety Concern
12/2/2023	Bicycles	Bike lanes do not exist on Belvedere road, forcing cyclists looking for an east-west route onto higher-traffic Southern or Okeechobee	General Observation
12/2/2023	Bicycles	The eastbound bike lane on PGA Blvd disappears between Military Trail and I-95, making riding through this area very dangerous	Safety Concern
12/2/2023	Bicycles	US1 and I-95	Safety Concern
12/2/2023	Transit	businesses along this corridor, including the massive NextEra Energy headquarters, requires walking from PGA or taking the Martin County connector bus, adding significant travel time	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
12/2/2023	Bicycles	either onto the 40mph highway or a narrow sidewalk. Would like to see the traffic lanes re-striped to include a shoulder for cyclists again.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
11/29/2023	Pedestrians	Missing sidewalk gap	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
11/7/2023	Motor Vehicles	north of Lake Worth and Jog Rd. in Greenacres. This needs to be addressed ASAP. It is dangerous and out of control.	Safety Concern
11/2/2023	Motor Vehicles	turn west on to Glades from Ponderosa and speedway with drivers traveling east/west on Glades. A light/traffic calming circle could installed to slow traffic for safety purposes.	Safety Concern
10/30/2023	Bicycles	underutilized cycle route into Boca from the west. It could and should be a Bikeway a la Walnut St in Fremont CA shown here: https://youtu.be/e6hm04-c2sM?si=5P6XUGvi5vsvy4yng	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
10/30/2023	Bicycles	south and east that want to go east have only a horrendous 1m sidewalk. Travel lanes should be narrowed and curbed to make room for extending the path to 2nd Ave.	Safety Concern
10/28/2023	Pedestrians	Broken sidewalk	Maintenance Required
10/28/2023	Transit	Feels unsafe in the pedestrian walkway.	Safety Concern
10/18/2023	Drainage	Beach.	General Observation
10/18/2023	Transit	results in buses stopping in the right lane of Dixie and Lake / Lucern ave for longer than normal time as a standard stop. Bus block traffic, poor visibility. Just bad	General Observation
10/17/2023	Motor Vehicles	affordable mass transit--light rail, bus, etc. Consider senior transit discounts on off-hours. Much clearer signage needed on major highways.	Safety Concern
10/11/2023	Bicycles	shoulders for bicycles. One area in need is the west side of the road just north of the I -95 and south of Elm Ave. There is plenty of land to run the shoulder through this area	Safety Concern
10/6/2023	Bicycles	Dedicated US-1 Bike Lanes	Safety Concern
10/6/2023	Bicycles	Dedicated Bike Lane	Safety Concern
10/6/2023	Pedestrians	Pedestrian Safety	Safety Concern
10/6/2023	Transit	Tri-Rail Extension	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
10/1/2023	Pedestrians	adjacent to the RR.	General Observation
10/1/2023	Bicycles	Bike lane needed, not sharrow. Widen multi use path for bikes.	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
10/1/2023	Pedestrians	Sidewalk needed on the west side of parker	General Observation
9/29/2023	Transit	Boca Raton could reduce congestion on the highways and main corridors, and encourage density along there	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
9/27/2023	Drainage	Drainage is poor here along Flagler	General Observation
9/27/2023	Bicycles	Bike lanes needed	General Observation
9/27/2023	Pedestrians	Better Crosswalk Needed to Connect Lake Trail, or go under bridge	Safety Concern
9/27/2023	Bicycles	Bike lane or sharrow needed	Safety Concern
9/27/2023	Motor Vehicles	Tunneling Needed for through traffic to the Island re traffic	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
9/27/2023	Pedestrians	Clear Lake Trail improvements for pedestrians and cyclists	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
9/27/2023	Bicycles	Bike lane needed	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
9/27/2023	Pedestrians	Cross walk needed	Safety Concern
9/27/2023	Pedestrians	No sidewalk on west side of the road	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
9/27/2023	Bicycles	Lack of east/west bike lanes to connect north/south lanes on lake, olive, etc.	General Observation
9/27/2023	Land Use/Development	Surface lot, poor zoning in downtown	General Observation
9/27/2023	Transit	County Rail Extension on East Corridor Needed	General Observation
9/27/2023	Transit	Center	General Observation
9/27/2023	Pedestrians	Dangerous, unfriendly crossing	Safety Concern
9/27/2023	Bicycles	Bike facilities / bike lane needed	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution

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9/27/2023	Land Use/Development	Fern Street Roadway Connection Across RR tracks	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
9/27/2023	Transit	Proper transit hub needed, several outdoor bus stops is not a real transit hub	General Observation
9/27/2023	Motor Vehicles	Road diet needed, constant speeding above 25 mph designation here.	Safety Concern
9/27/2023	Bicycles	Please add bike lane, sidewalk is not big enough for pedestrians and scooters	Suggesting an Improvement or Solution
9/26/2023	Motor Vehicles	signs are semi useless as people blow through them. Please consider using flashing stop signs or speed bumps or make road one way to lower the speeding cut through cars	General Observation
9/26/2023	Pedestrians	Light at blue heron and park only functions as a cross walk when you press button. Many occasions cars run the light as it is at a curve and they kiss it. Light needs to be moved to actual intersection versus middle of block	Safety Concern
9/26/2023	Lighting	Add lighting	Safety Concern
9/20/2023	Pedestrians	Can the pedestrian at grade crossing be opened to save time moving between both platforms and the bus terminal?	General Observation
5/20/2023	Transit	A weekend beach bus is needed in Jupiter since parking gets filled up.	Not provided
5/20/2023	Pedestrians	pedestrians and bicycles.	Not provided
5/20/2023	Pedestrians	pedestrians and bicycles.	Not provided
5/2/2023	Pedestrians	Improve crosswalks on this corridor	Not provided
4/18/2023	Bicycles	more opportunity for cyclists to be hit. Why is there a well lit crossing just east of this area? More protected citizens?	Not provided
4/15/2023	Pedestrians	Flashing lights for pedestrians at this busy 4-way residential intersection	Not provided
4/14/2023	Motor Vehicles	Haverhill rd going north. Drivers don't recognize Steeplechase residents going south on Haverhill. They think they can turn left in front of someone. Thank you	Not provided
4/14/2023	Motor Vehicles	boat	Not provided
4/14/2023	Motor Vehicles	We desperately need a traffic light at this entrance	Not provided
4/14/2023	Pedestrians	Fairchild Gardens Parkway and PGA Blvd. Walking across is very dangerous.	Not provided
4/14/2023	Motor Vehicles	seen several close calls.	Not provided
4/12/2023	Transit	Martin County MARTY bus service comes along the route every day. Is there a way to set up "flag" bus stops on route 1 so that Palm Beach County riders can use that service?	Not provided
4/12/2023	Bicycles	Bike lane is not connected to get past 95, construct from Congress to us1	Not provided
4/11/2023	Pedestrians	Please add sidewalks	Not provided
4/4/2023	Motor Vehicles	though the intersection. The east bound light on Gateway over 95 is green for approximately 15 seconds, not enough time to move more than 6 cars when 20 more are in line.	Not provided
3/22/2023	Pedestrians	Tree hanging low over sidewalk needs trimming across from Benjamin School	Not provided
3/22/2023	Motor Vehicles	Convert Olive/Dixie to 2 way streets	Not provided
3/2/2023	Transit	some kind of light rail, street car or brt would greatly reduce commute times	Not provided
3/2/2023	Lighting	please add some street lights to this very dark road!	Not provided
3/2/2023	Transit	This area can use public transit and street lights !	Not provided
3/1/2023	Motor Vehicles	lanes. In addition this the adjacent property to the roadway and fence is quite unsightly and should be improved.	Not provided
2/11/2023	Lighting	markings on the road are poor, cannot be seen at night And this stretch of road needs more lighting at night. Thank you	Not provided
2/10/2023	Land Use/Development	A 1/4 mile South of Northlake Blvd, on Military Trail, there is a row of bushes in the median. These bushes are a safety issue for residents of Gardenoaks. It blocks our view of vehicles headed south on Military Trail. VERY DANGEROUS	Not provided
2/10/2023	Motor Vehicles	meet it. Will provide 2 more routes (other than Northlake) to go north and east from western communities	Not provided
2/10/2023	Motor Vehicles	western communities to the east. An additional entrance/exit to Avenir could also be added to PGA. Would alleviate congestion on Northlake and provide additional travel routes	Not provided
1/30/2023	Motor Vehicles	Main entrance to Avenir needs traffic light ASAP. Death trap trying to get out.	Not provided
1/30/2023	Motor Vehicles	Traffic light needed at Avenir Drive and Northlake	Not provided
1/30/2023	Motor Vehicles	Traffic light needs	Not provided
1/29/2023	Motor Vehicles	Please add a traffic light at the intersection of Avenir and Northlake. Very dangerous intersection with growing traffic.	Not provided
1/29/2023	Motor Vehicles	Northlake Blvd. it is extremely dangerous making a left turn out of Avenir into Northlake.	Not provided
1/29/2023	Transit	beg you	Not provided
1/28/2023	Motor Vehicles	gardens	Not provided
1/28/2023	Transit	Add traffic light at the exit of Avenir	Not provided
1/28/2023	Motor Vehicles	Please put a traffic light at Northlake Blvd and Avenir Drive	Not provided
1/28/2023	Motor Vehicles	Traffic light needed, northlake and avenir	Not provided
1/28/2023	Motor Vehicles	Traffic light at Northlake and Avenir Drive. This is a death trap!	Not provided

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1/28/2023	Lighting	Stop light needs to be added	Not provided
1/28/2023	Motor Vehicles	Desperately need a light at Avenir Drive and Northlake. This intersection is an accident or death waiting to happen.	Not provided
1/28/2023	Motor Vehicles	The entrance to Avenir NEEDS a traffic light already.	Not provided
1/28/2023	Transit	moving into the Avenir development, there is no just more traffic but also more people who need to turn left onto Northlake.	Not provided
1/28/2023	Motor Vehicles	PGA west of military excessive potholes. Please fix	Not provided
1/28/2023	Bicycles	Terrible lanes end into traffic and dangerous	Not provided
1/24/2023	Bicycles	Jog road and the traffice circle north of PGA Blvd needs to be paved. It has potholes and is very uneven and rough. Dangerous for cars and bicycles	Not provided
1/4/2023	Bicycles	lane, the current trial is not conducive for walkers and bikes and other vehicles. Also, better landscaping and shade is needed along the trail.	Not provided

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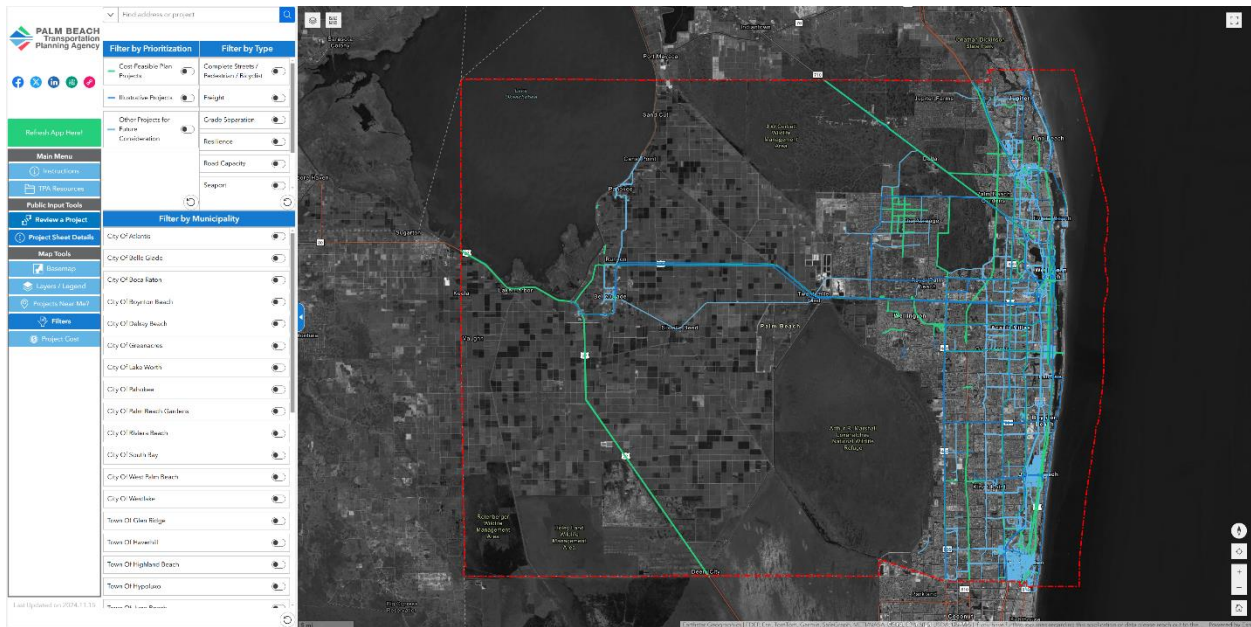
Vision 2050 Interactive Map

As part of the LRTP process, TPA staff created an additional interactive map to review submitted projects, find projects near a certain location and share whether something is missing.

Projects can be filtered by the three Prioritization categories included in the LRTP - Cost Feasible, Illustrative, and Other Projects for Future Consideration. Other filters include Project Type (Complete Streets/Pedestrian/Bicyclist), Freight, Resilience, etc.), Municipality or searching by address or project.

Each project is clickable and details the LRTP ID, FDOT FM ID if applicable, Project Cross Reference if applicable, and any details including the sponsor, description and cost. Funded amounts are shown in green and unfunded amounts are shown in red.

A Project Review Form is also available to share direct feedback with TPA staff regarding a specific project and whether it is supported or not.



VISION 2050

This form will automatically populate with any selected project's information for your review.

Please indicate your support and let us know why!

Project ID

LI-21-2

Project Name

Prosperity Farms from 800' N of Northlake Blvd to Donald Ross Rd

Project Description

Construct 4' designated bike lanes

Do you support the project as proposed?*

Yes

No

Submit



Vision 2050 Project 📄 ⬆️ ✕

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Prosperity Farms from 800' N of Northlake Blvd to Donald Ross Rd

LRTP ID LI-21-2
FM ID 4498471
Project Cross Reference(s) TPA-LI

Project Details

Sponsor Palm Beach County
Sponsor Type Municipal
Project Description Construct 4' designated bike lanes
Project Need
Project Type Complete Streets
Prioritization CFP: TPA

Project Cost Table (in \$1,000s)

Phase	Cost (\$FY24)	CFP			
		FY 25-29	FY 30-35	FY 36-40	FY 41-50
PDE	\$ 5	\$	\$	\$	\$
PE	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
ROW	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
CST	\$7,700	\$5,975	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$7,700	Total			\$5,980
		Unfunded			\$





TPA 2023
PUBLIC OPINION
RESEARCH RESULTS
Palm Beach County, Florida

Opinion Research Overview & Key Findings

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Methods

July 31 – August 4, 2023

Data was gathered through a combination of secure SMS/text-to-web surveys and telephone interviews performed by specially-trained opinion research interviewers

Data was stratified and results weighted so that the differences in vital characteristics, such as age, race, gender and geography, are represented in proportion to their percentages of the county's electorate

Conducted in English and Spanish languages with 502 randomly-selected registered voters in Palm Beach County, Florida, using a combination of valid residential, VOIP and cellular telephone listings

Due to rounding, not all results add up to 100%, and the data is presented in a different order than the questions were asked

+/- 4.37% overall estimated margin of error, with a confidence interval of 8.74% within which the results can vary

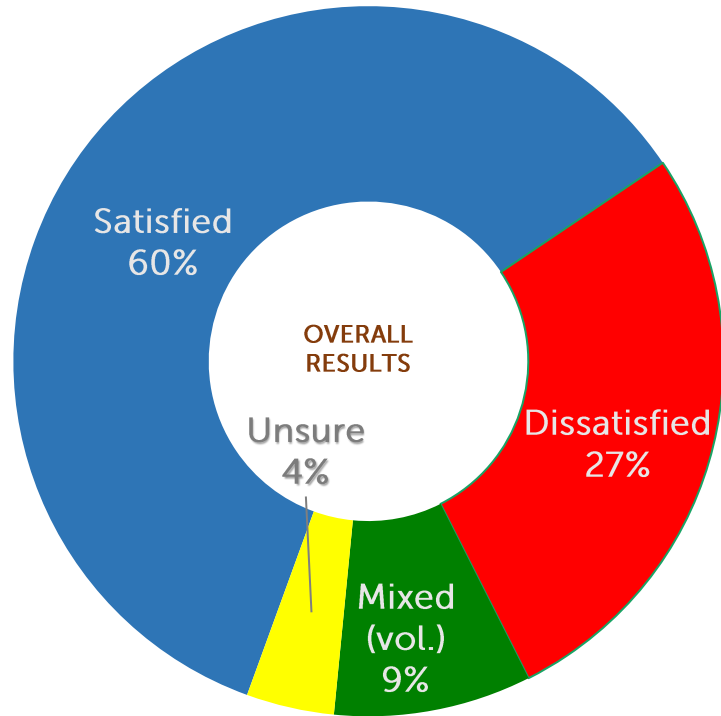
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Opinion Environment

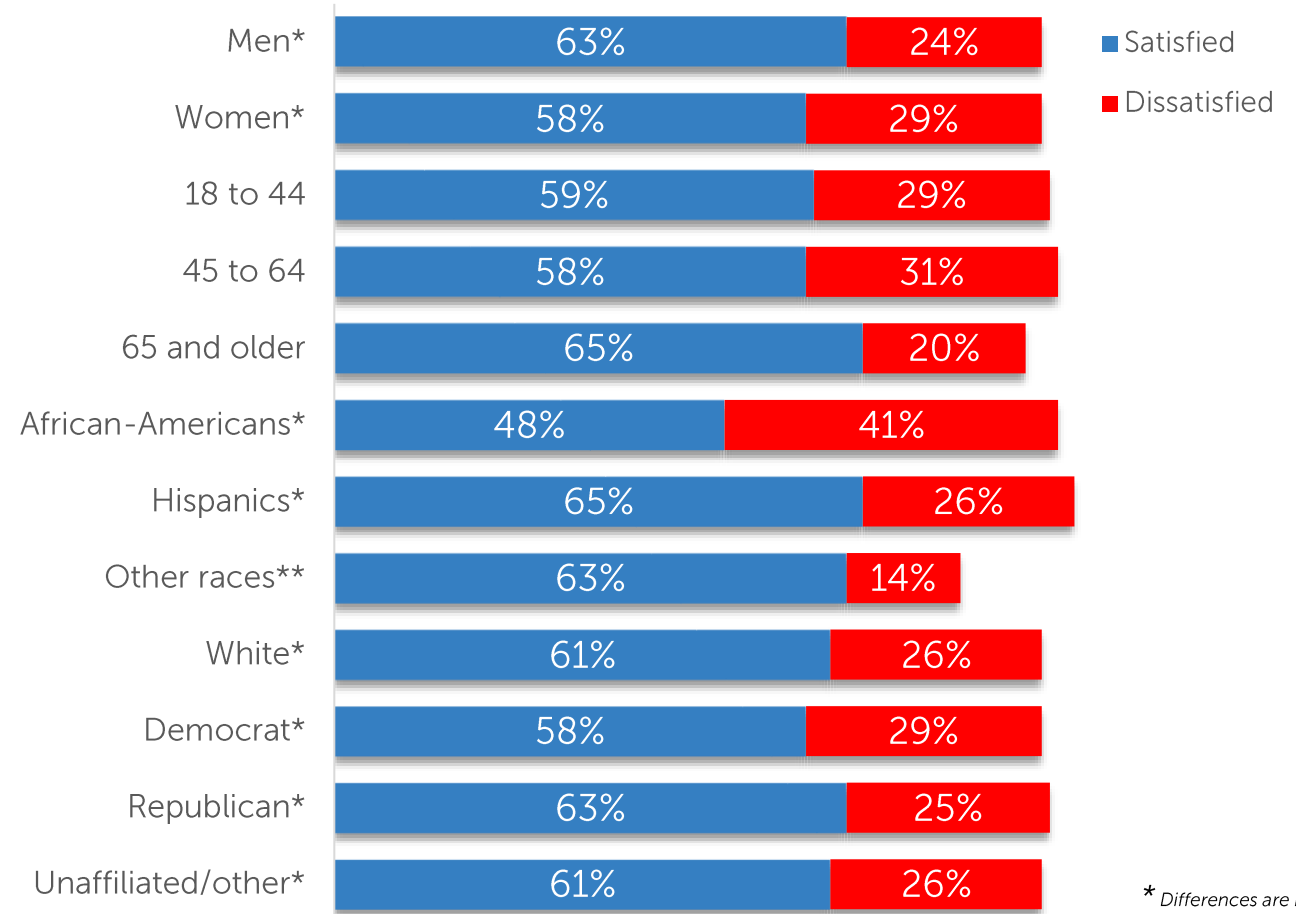
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Mood of Voters



Generally speaking, at this time would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the quality of life in Palm Beach County?

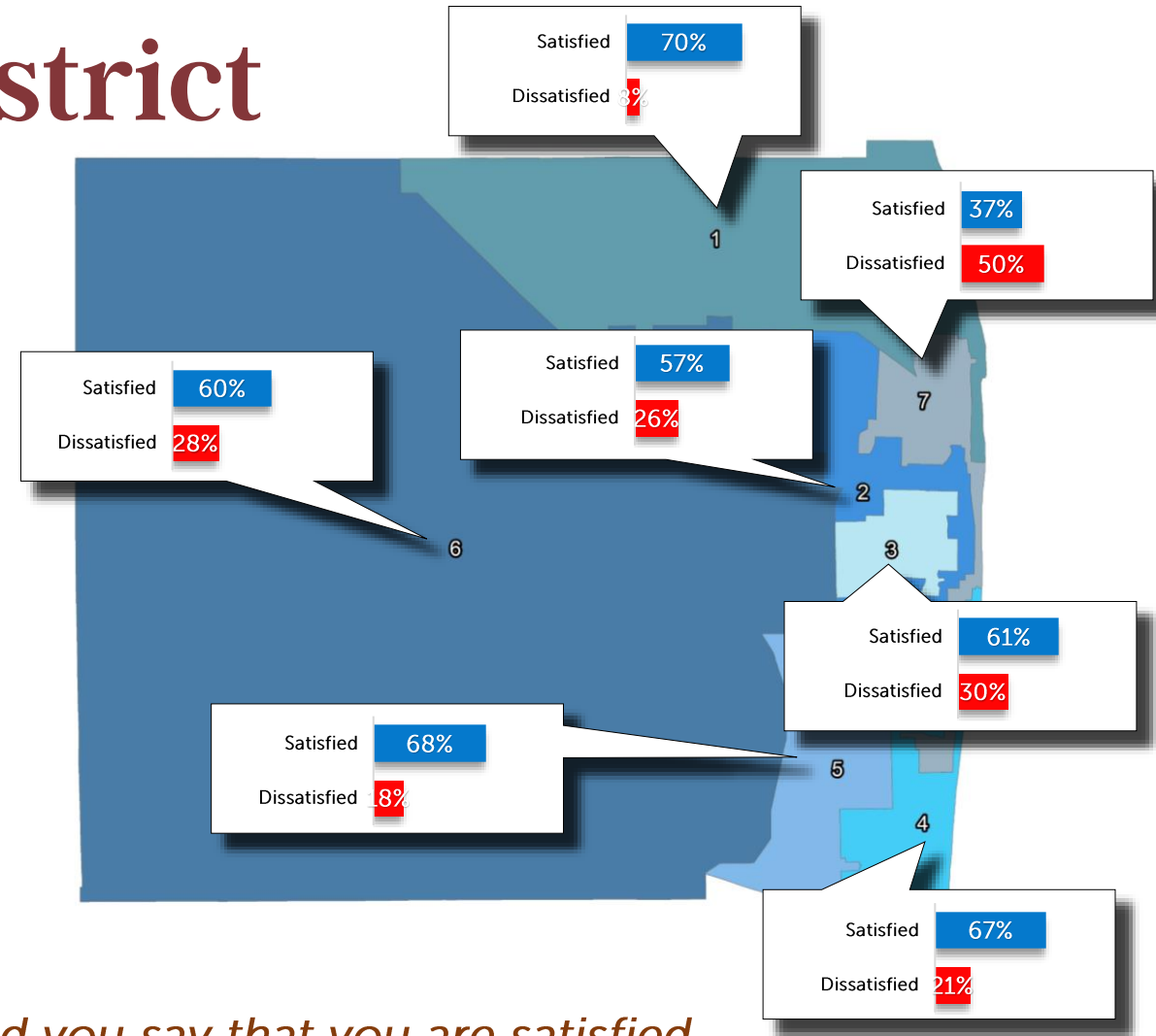
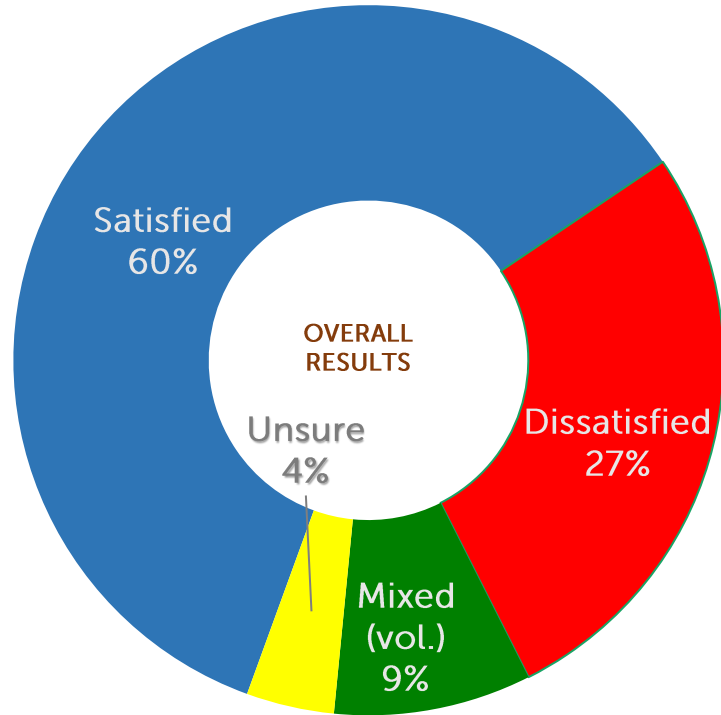
SELECT SUB-GROUP RESULTS



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Mood of Voters – by district



Generally speaking, at this time would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the quality of life in Palm Beach County?

Top Priorities

OVERALL RESULTS
26%

Providing more housing that is affordable

NOTABLE SUB-GROUP RESULTS:
41% 18 to 44
38% African-Americans
36% Hispanics
56% Frequent transit users**
38% Dissatisfied with quality of life in Palm Beach County

11% Managing the county's growth and development

NOTABLE SUB-GROUP RESULTS:
31% Stay-at-home/caretakers**
17% Republicans
18% District 3
20% District 4

9% Improving public education

9% Fighting crime and drugs

8% Reducing taxes

8% Protecting the environment and the county's water supply

6% Addressing traffic congestion

5% Bringing better paying jobs to the area

NOTABLE SUB-GROUP RESULTS:

9% Other races**
11% Republicans
11% District 2

16% All/combination (vol.)

2% Other (vol.)

1% Unsure

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*At this time, which of the following would you say should be the highest priority for county leaders?**



Top Priorities – district *

OVERALL RESULTS
26%

Providing more **housing** that is affordable

11% Managing the county's **growth** and development

9% Improving public **education**

9% Fighting **crime** and drugs

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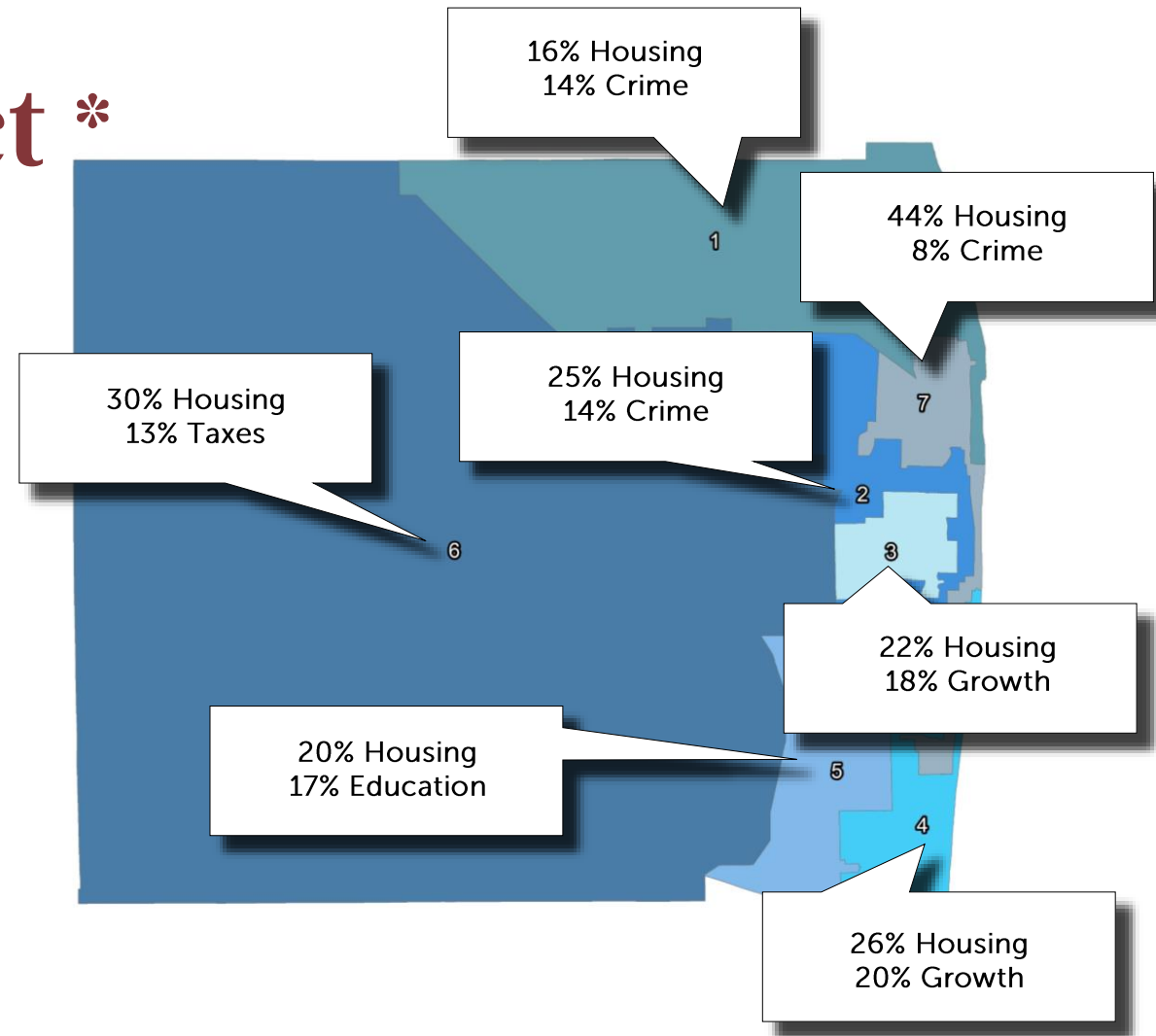
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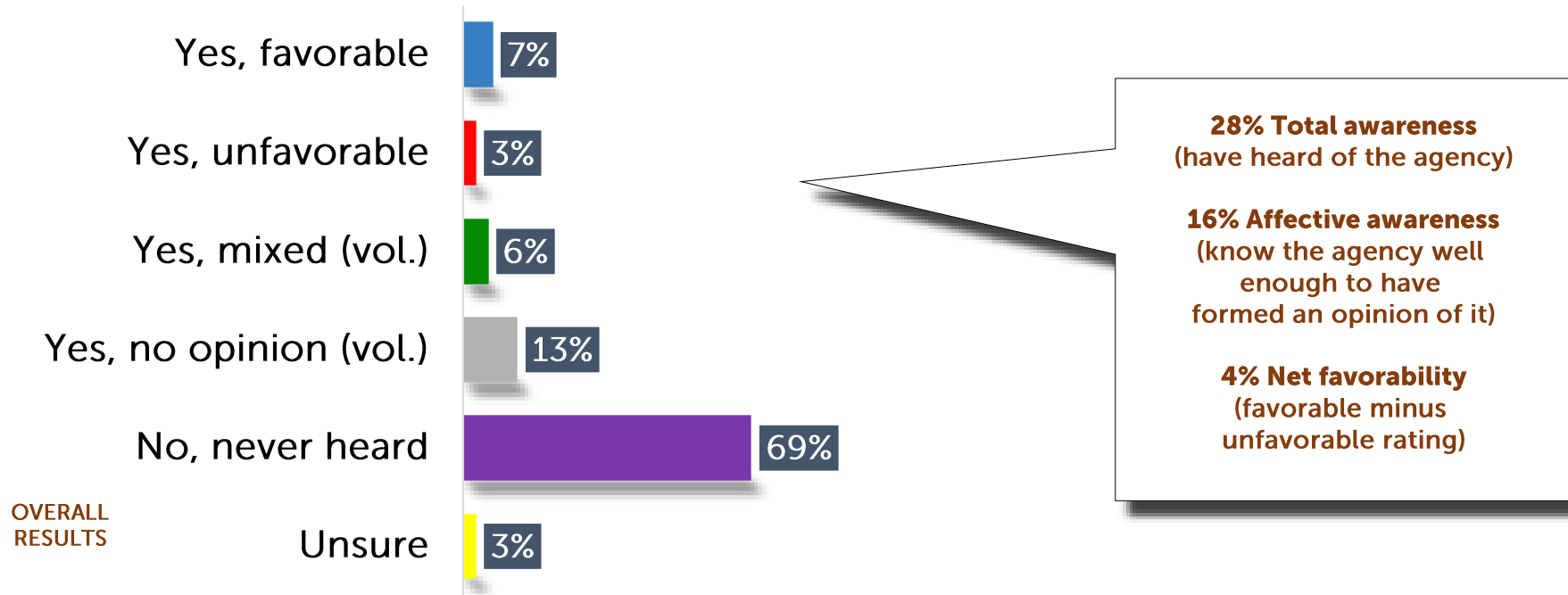


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Palm Beach TPA Awareness & Favorability



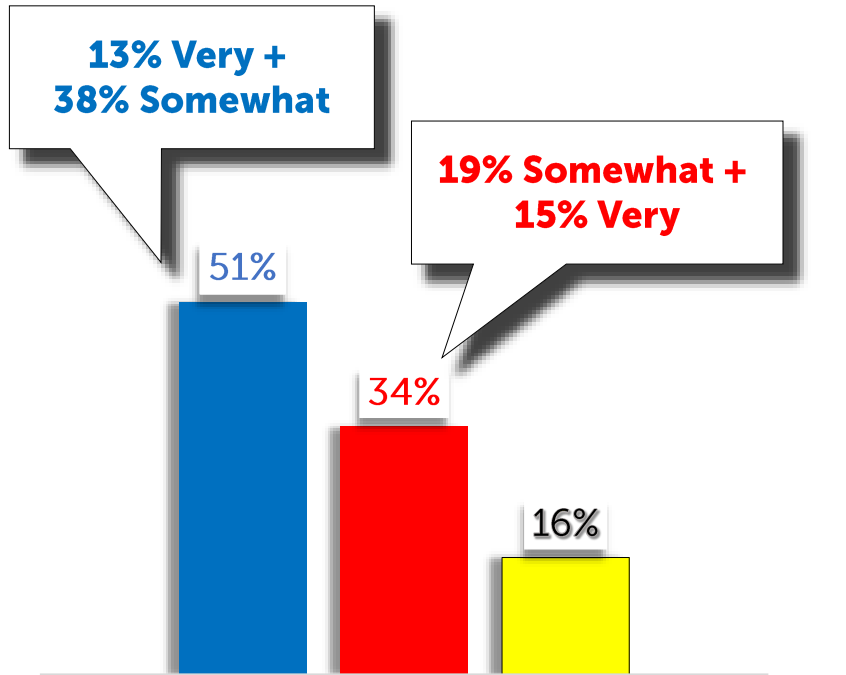
Prior to this survey, have you ever heard of the agency named the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency, or Palm Beach TPA, as it is known?

Transportation and Commuting

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Transportation Systems

OVERALL RESULTS

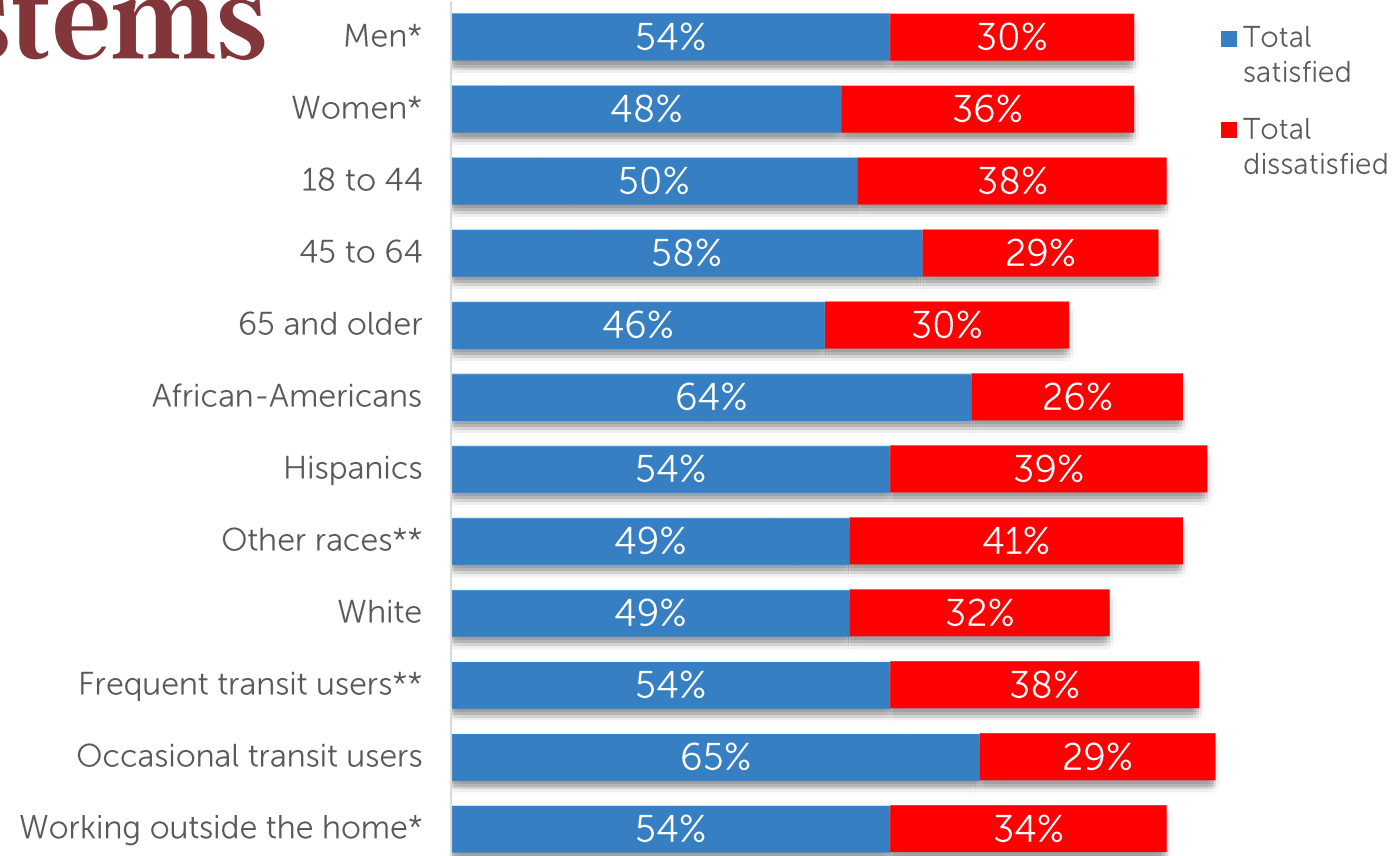


■ Total satisfied ■ Total dissatisfied ■ Unsure



Looking at a specific aspect, would you say that you are very or somewhat satisfied or somewhat or very dissatisfied with Palm Beach County's transportation systems, such as your ability to travel and commute throughout the county?

SELECT SUB-GROUP RESULTS



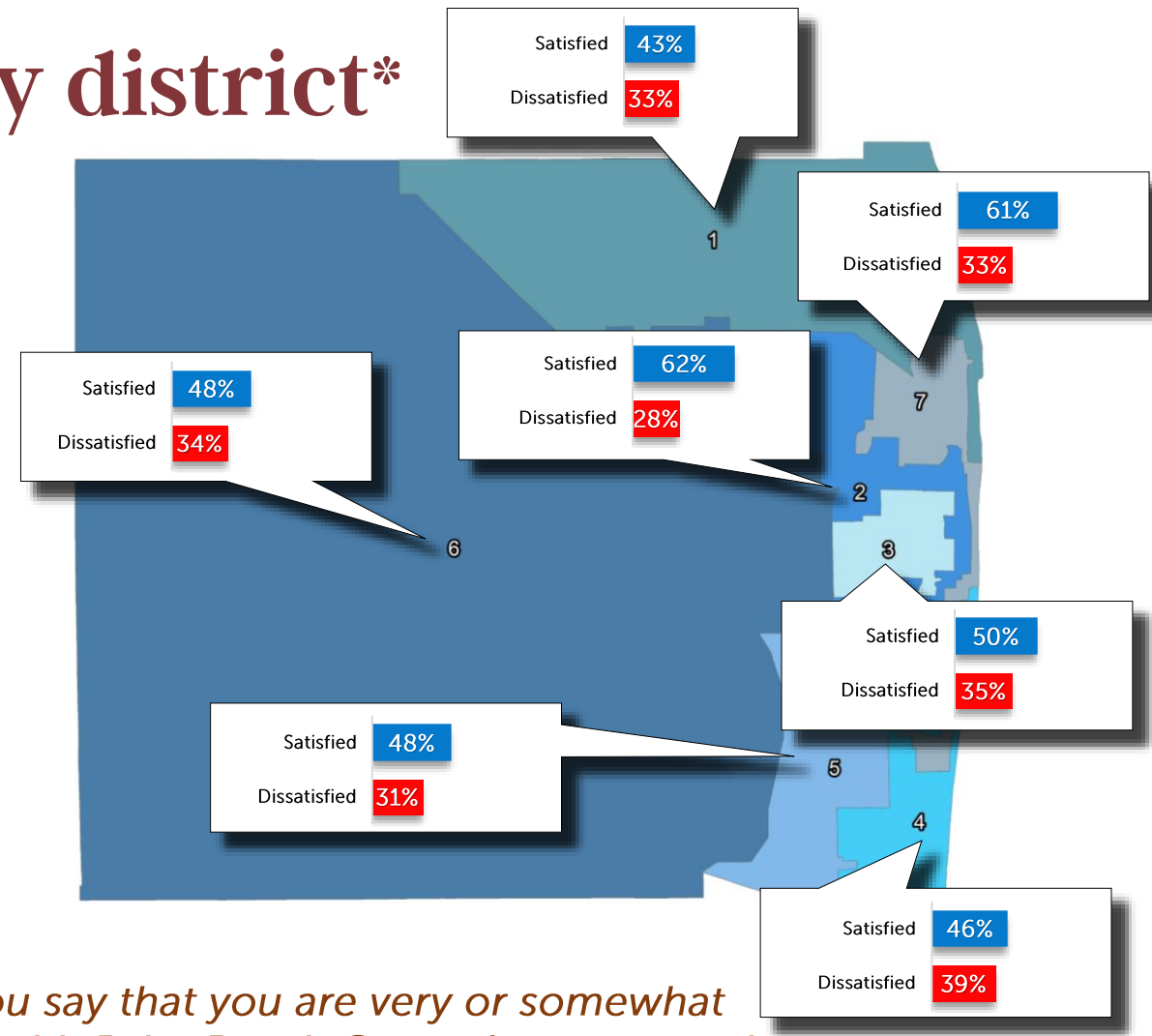
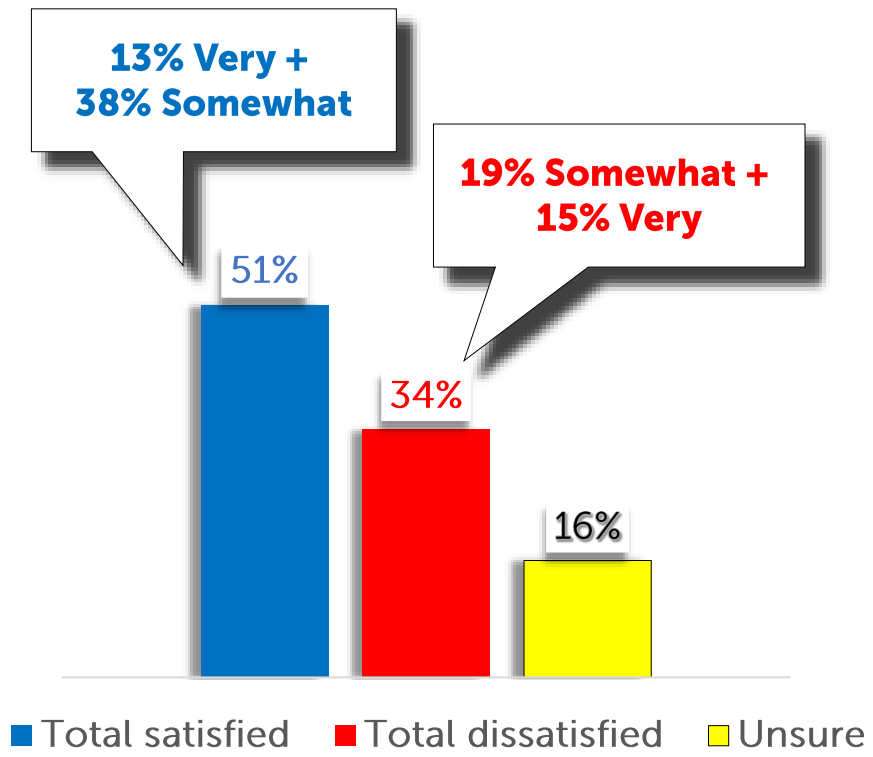
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Transportation Systems – by district*

OVERALL RESULTS

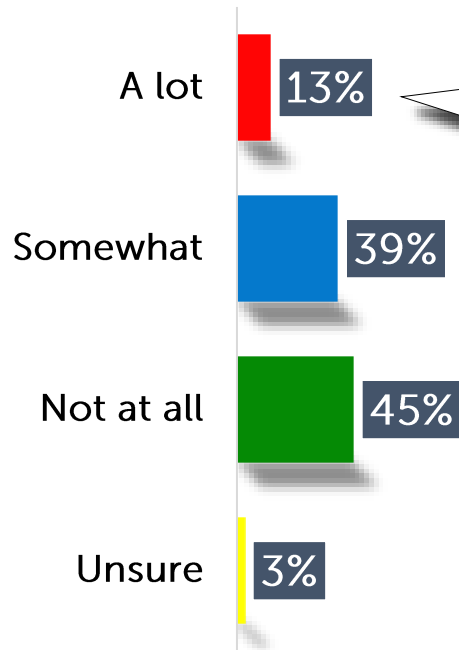


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Impact of Commuting Problems – by district*

OVERALL RESULTS



NOTABLE SUB-GROUP RESULTS:

- 18% 18 to 44
- 19% Hispanics
- 41% Other races**
- 17% Working outside the home
- 33% Frequent transit users*



How much have your problems with commuting and travel outside the home negatively affected your quality of life and ability to do the things that are important to you?

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Highest Priorities for Transportation & Transit

FIRST TEST:

SECOND TEST:

n=455, not asked to respondents who were unsure in first test

28% 15%⁽²⁾ Addressing traffic congestion

15% 11%^(3t) Adding new transportation options, such as streetcars and light rail

15% 11%^(3t) Expanding services for people who are economically disadvantaged

11% 17%⁽¹⁾ Improving traffic safety

7% 10% Upgrading and expanding bus services

6% 8% Preparing current transportation systems for climate change and sea level rise

5% 8% Providing more services in high growth areas

2% 8% Transit and planning funding to pay for it

7% 2% All/combination (vol.)

1% 2% Other (vol.)

5% 7% Unsure

CONSOLIDATED
NOTABLE SUB-GROUP RESULTS
(1st & 2nd Tests combined):

*Chosen in either of
the tests by...*

42% OVERALL

45% Women

45% 18 to 44

47% Whites

53% Work both in/out of home

45% Do not use transit

60% Republicans

49% District 4

50% District 6



*Which of the following would you say should be the highest priority for transportation and transit planning?**

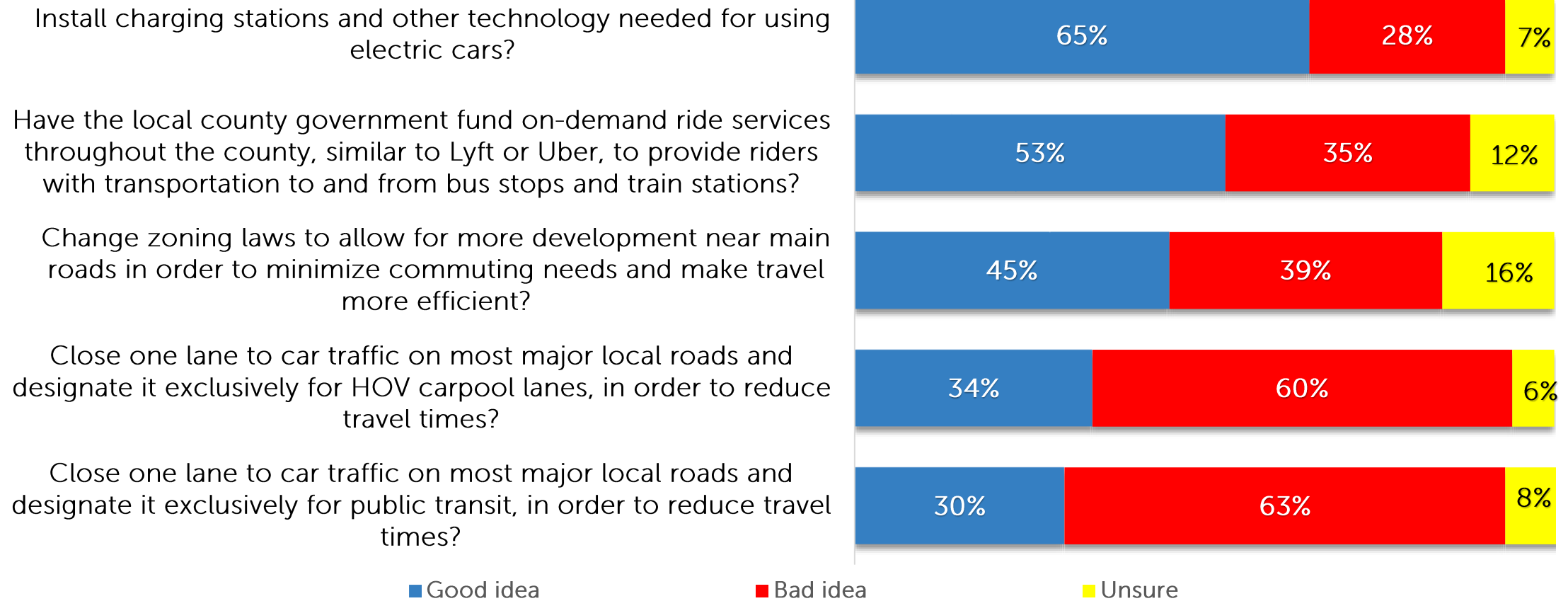
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Current and Future Services

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Existing Plans & Services OVERALL RESULTS



Do you think it is a good or bad idea to...

Existing Plans & Services – top by district

Install charging stations and other technology needed for using electric cars?



Have the local county government fund on-demand ride services throughout the county, similar to Lyft or Uber, to provide riders with transportation to and from bus stops and train stations?



Change zoning laws to allow for more development near main roads in order to minimize commuting needs and make travel more efficient?



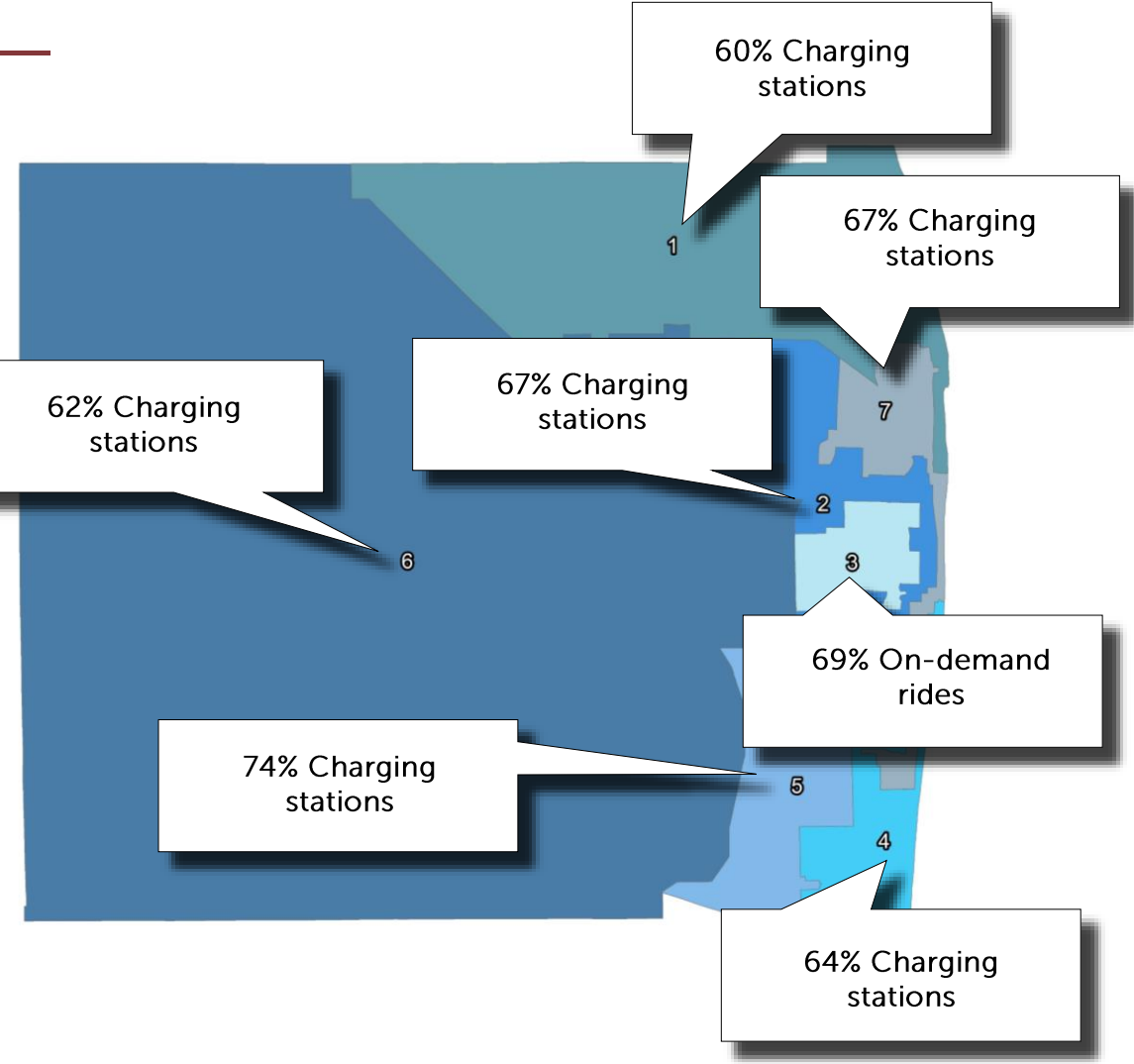
Close one lane to car traffic on most major local roads and designate it exclusively for HOV carpool lanes, in order to reduce travel times?



Close one lane to car traffic on most major local roads and designate it exclusively for public transit, in order to reduce travel times?



■ Good idea ■ Bad idea ■ Unsure



Do you think it is a good or bad idea to...

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Future Plans & Services

OVERALL RESULTS

Invest in emerging technology to reduce the impact that transportation has on the environment and improve air and water quality?



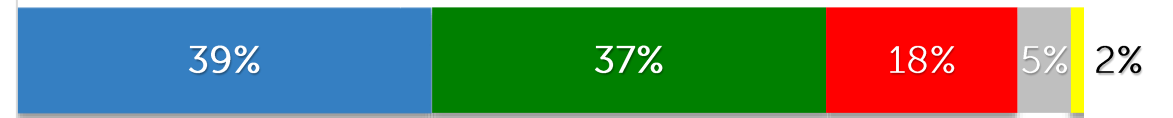
Make improvements to streets and roads, so they are safer and more enjoyable for pedestrians and bicycles?



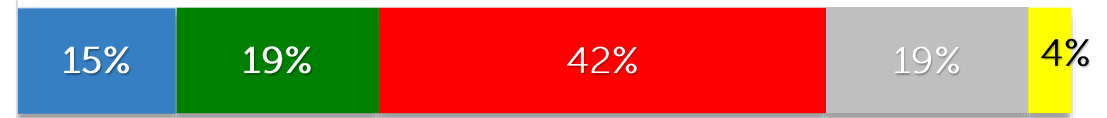
Improve the conditions for bus riders, by adding more covered shelters, seating and trash receptacles at bus stops?



Expand recreational opportunities, such as building more paths for walking, hiking and cycling?



Install new technology on our roadways that will support connected and autonomous vehicle systems, such as self-driving cars?

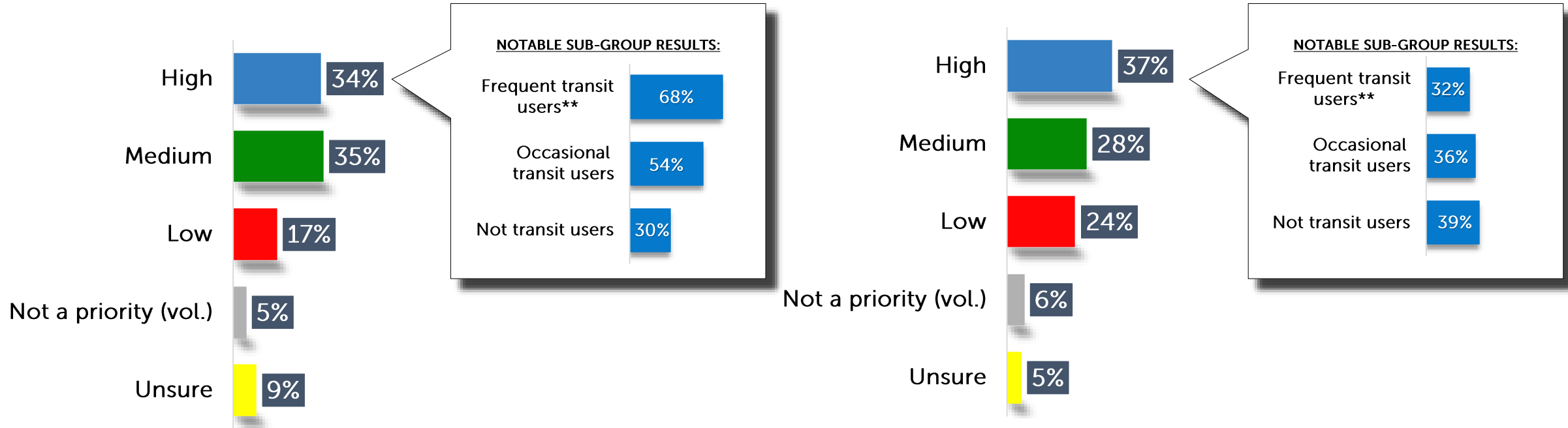


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How much of a priority should it be to...

Split Sample Testing



VERSION A: How much of a priority should it be to...Add new public transit services, **like more frequent bus service?**



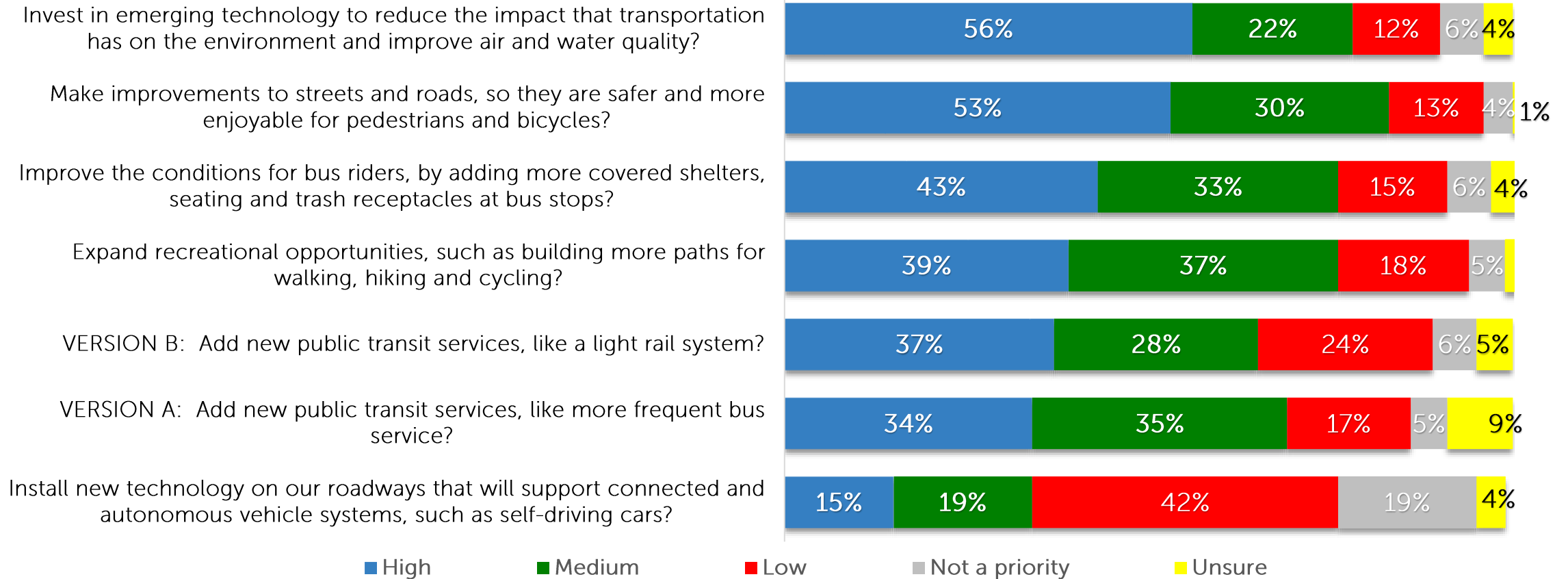
VERSION B: How much of a priority should it be to...Add new public transit services, **like a light rail system?**

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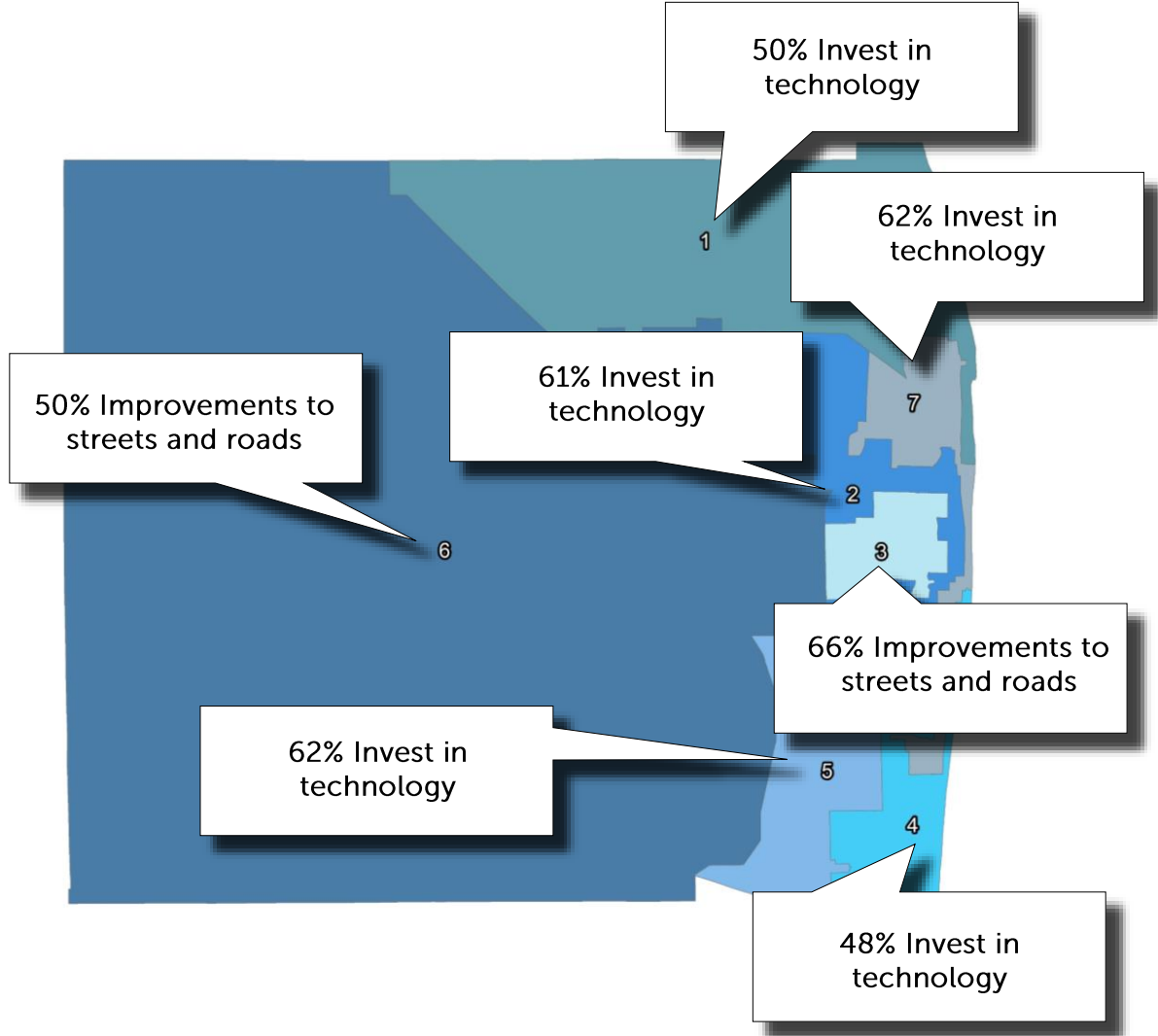
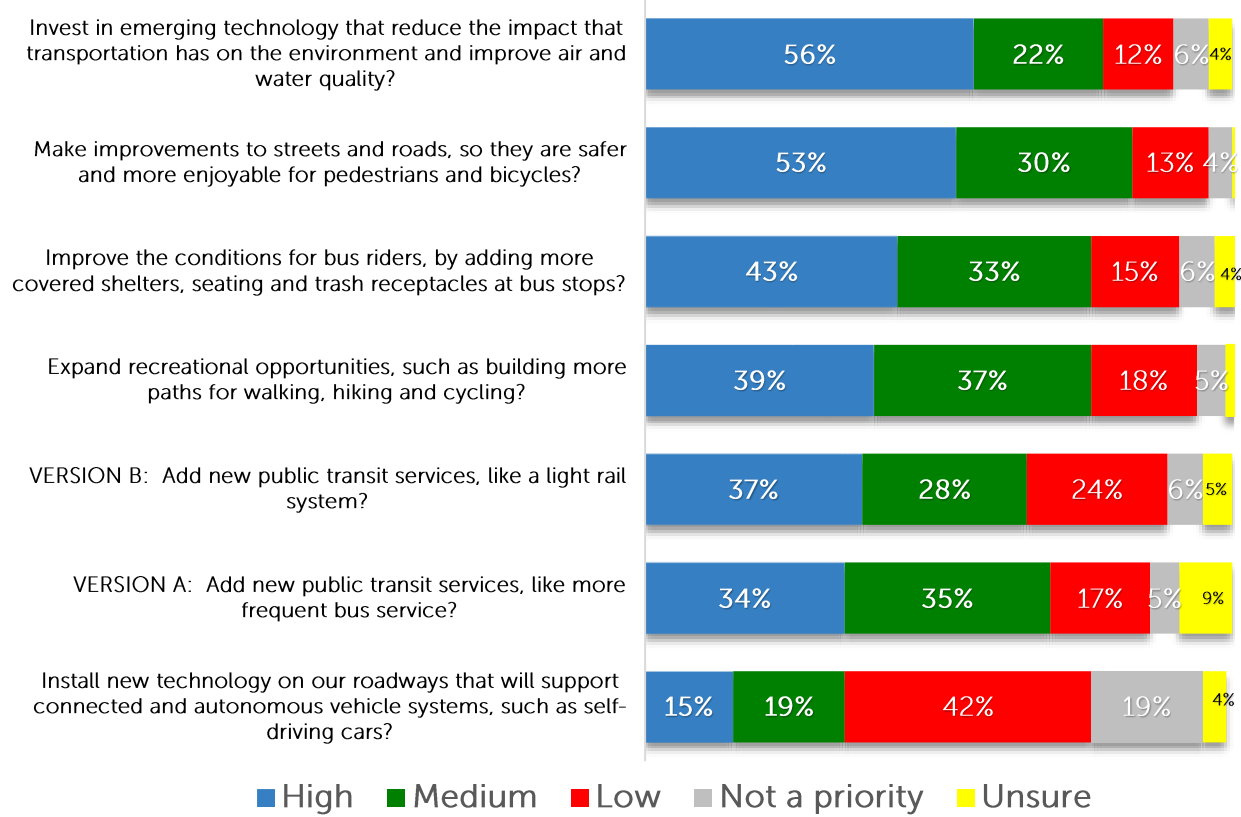
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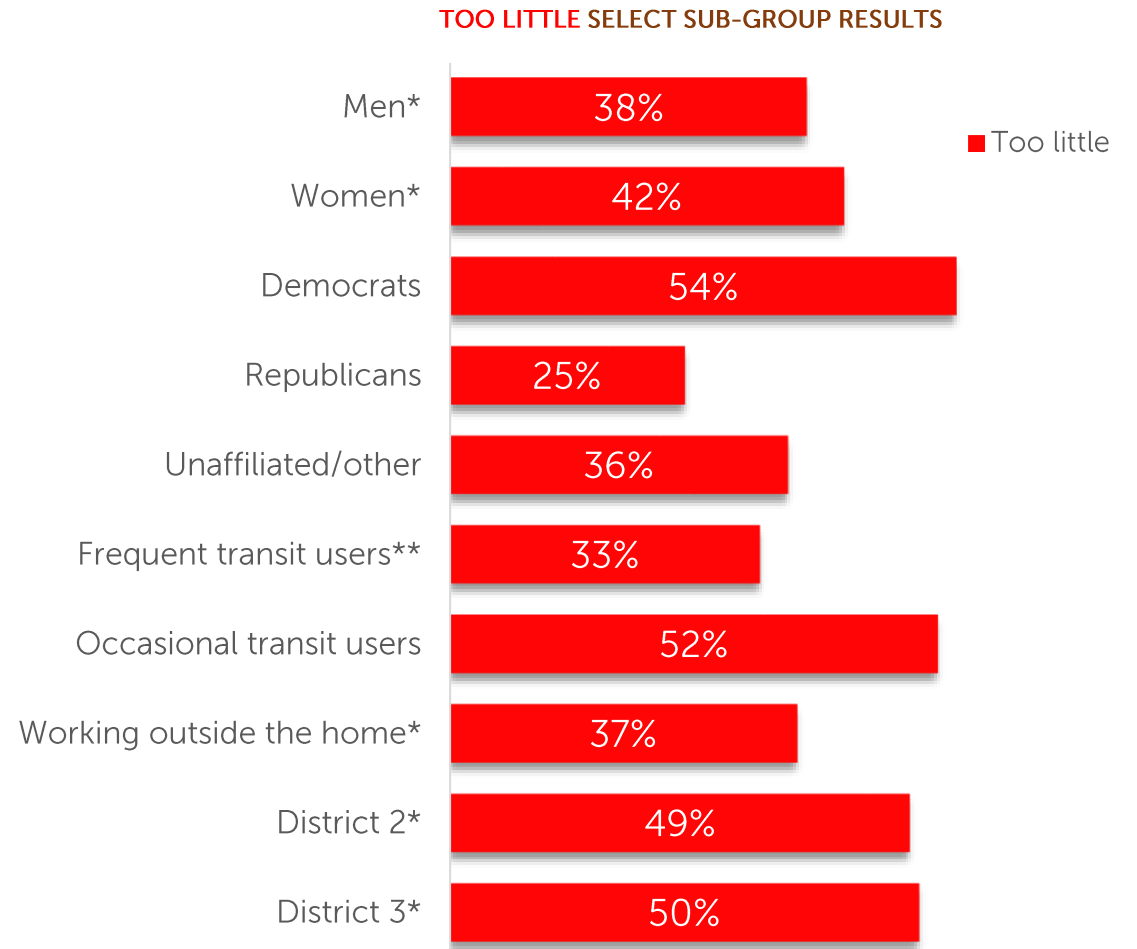
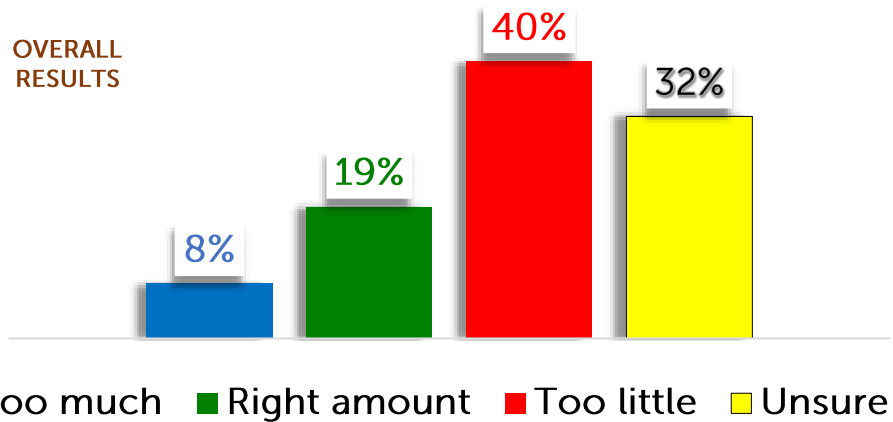


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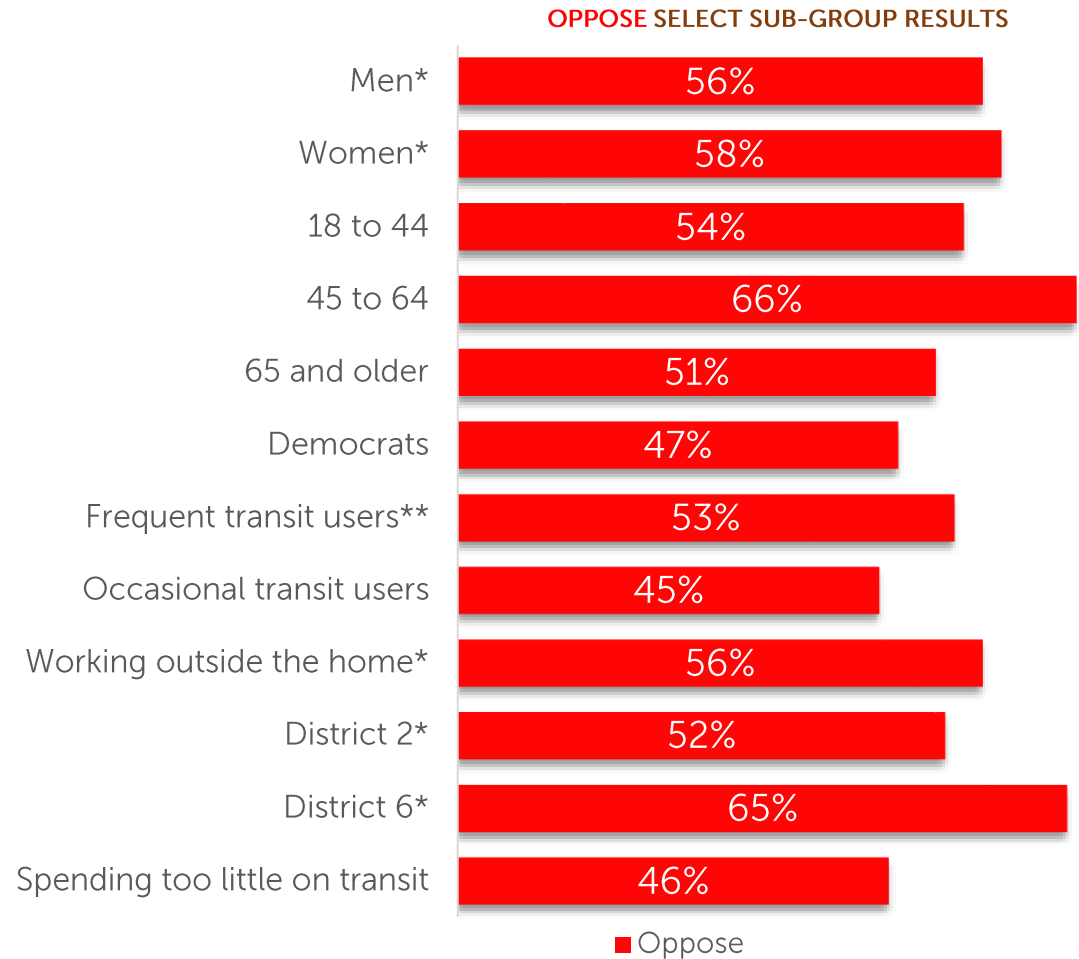
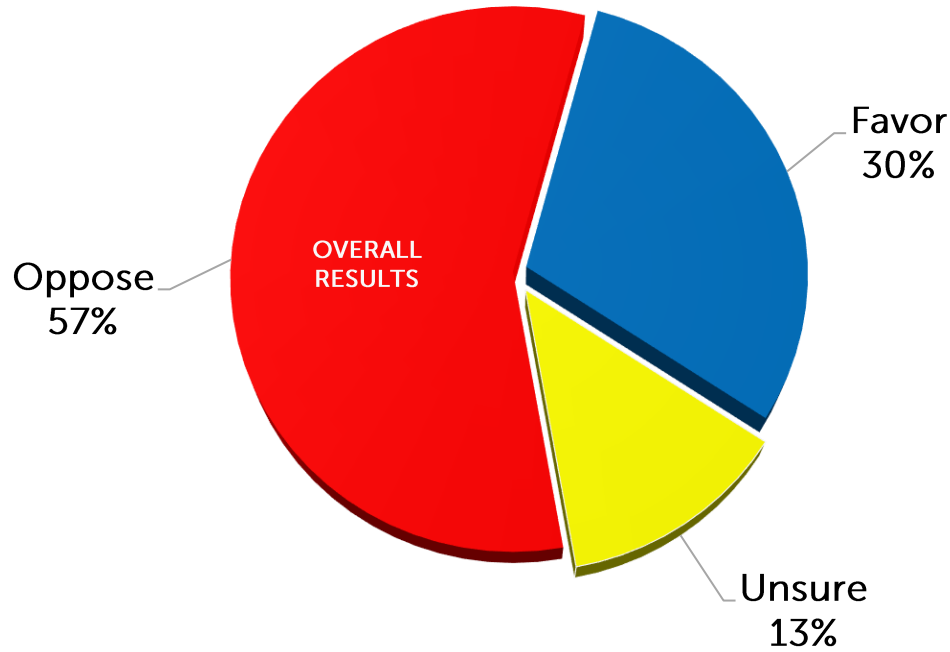
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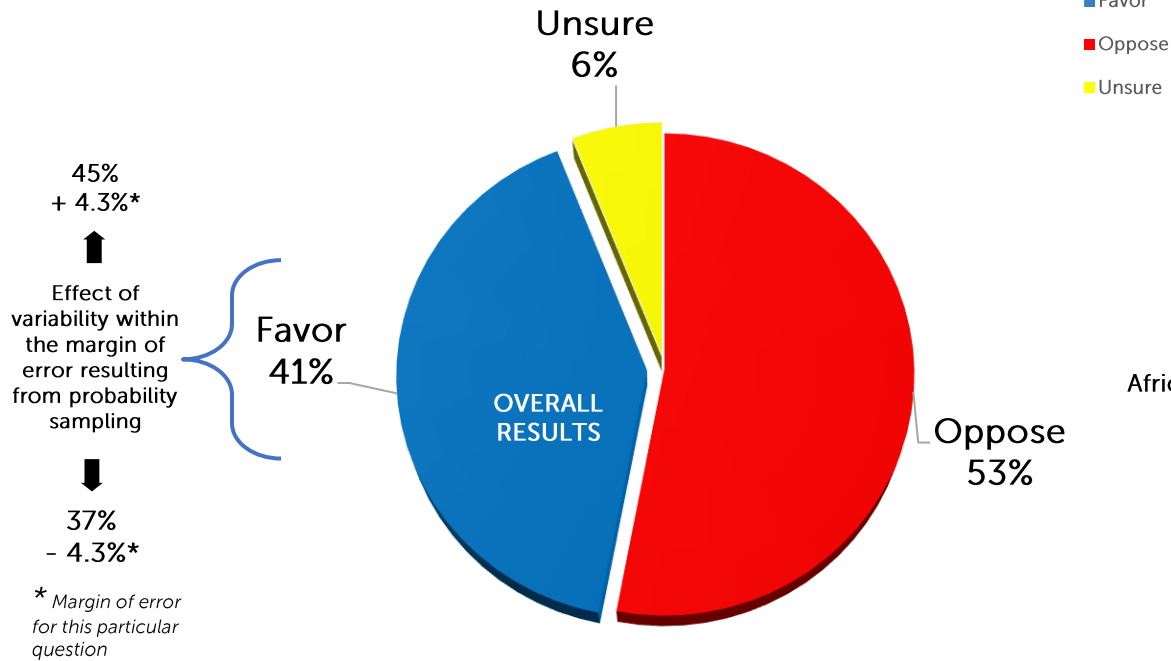
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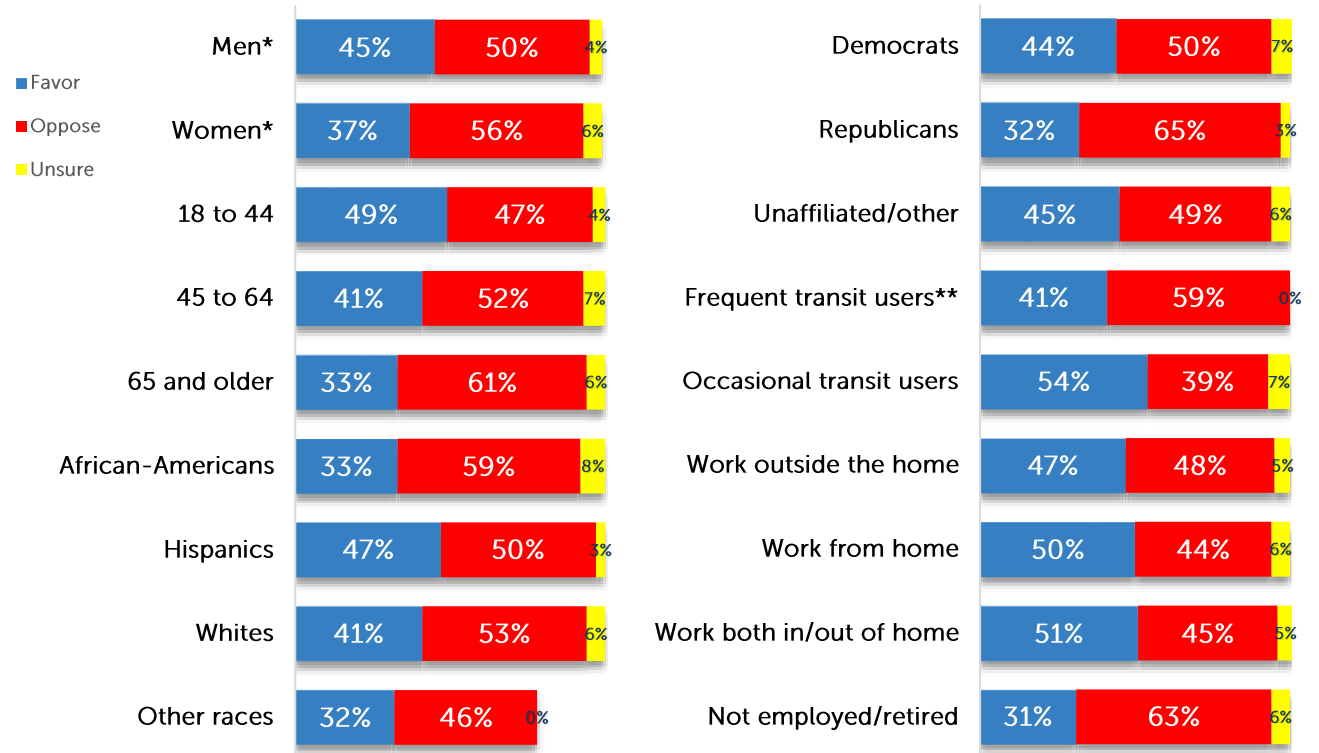


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One Cent Sales Tax



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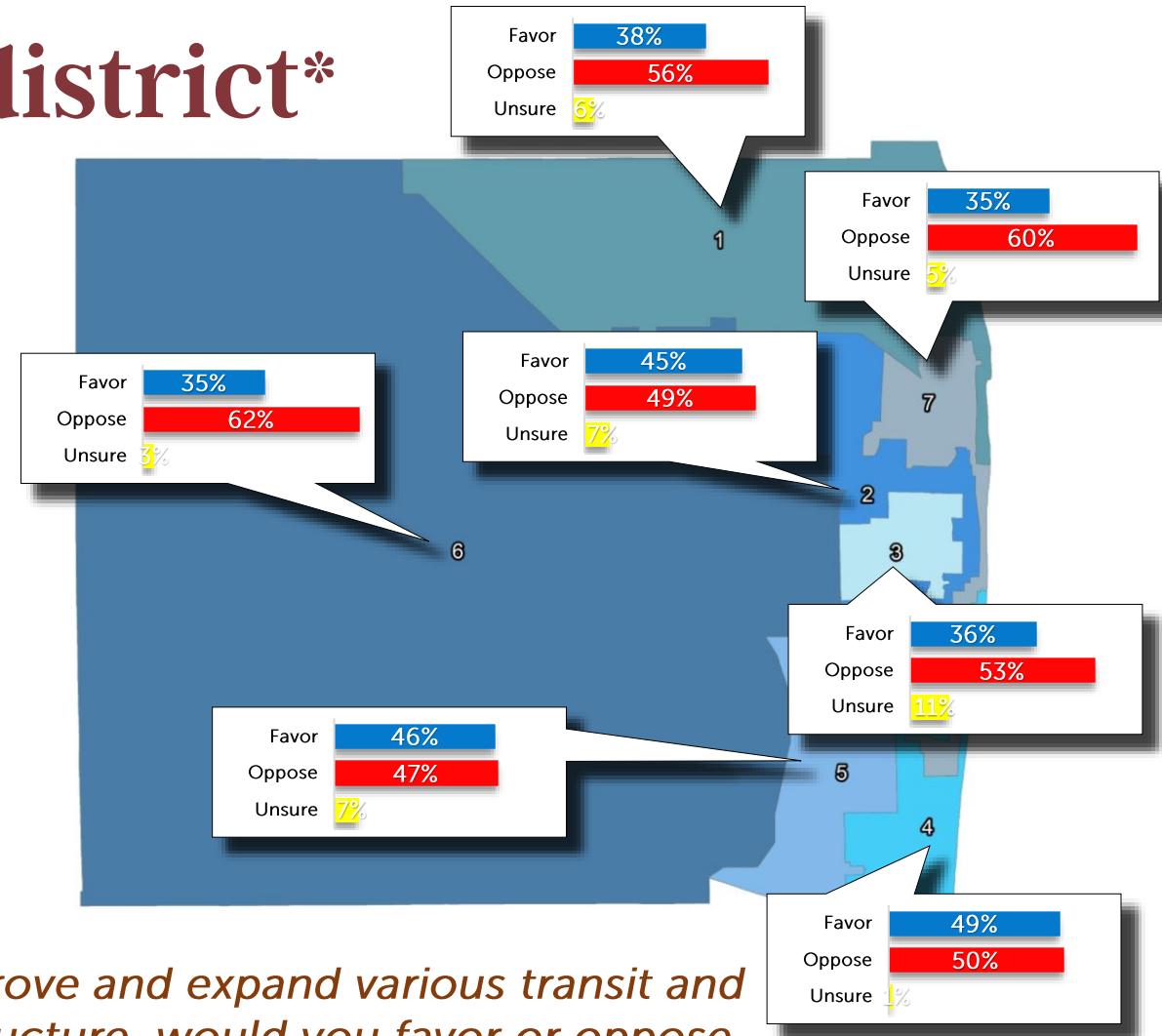
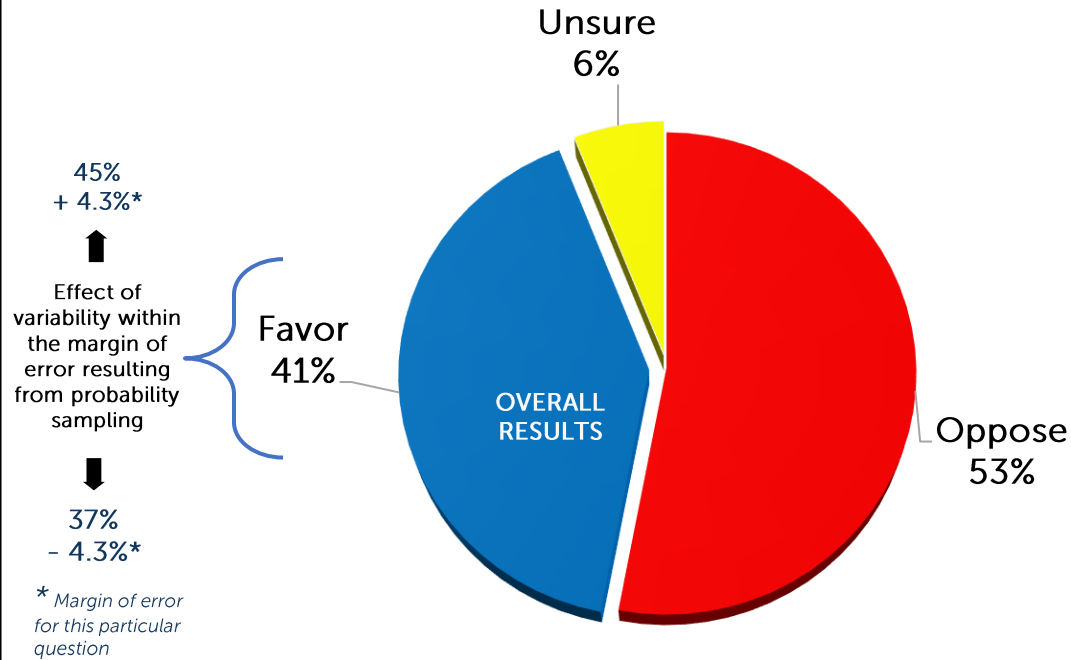


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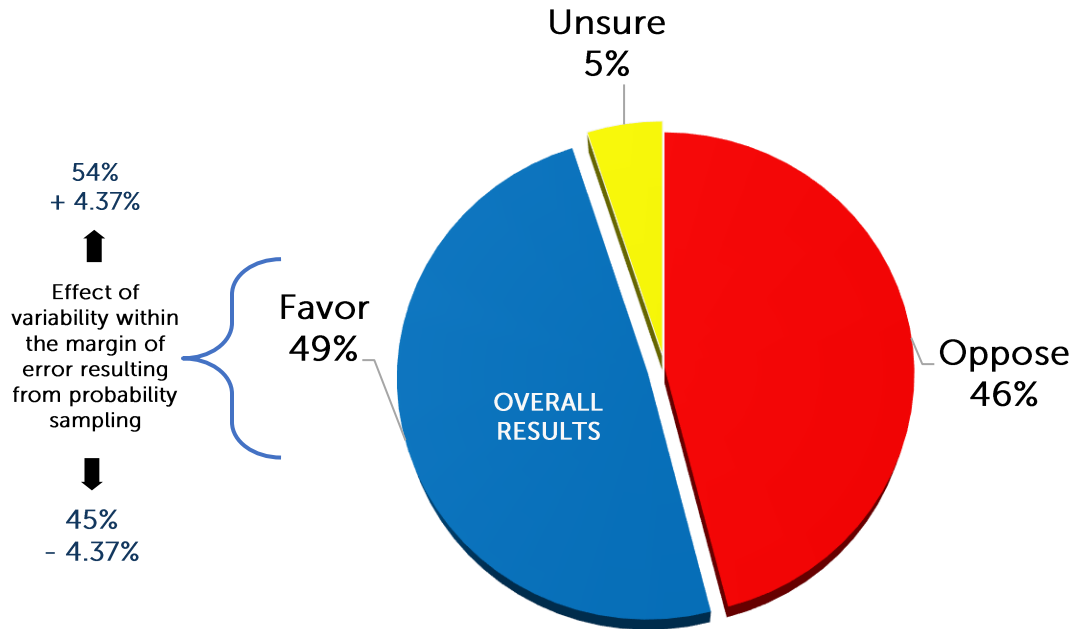
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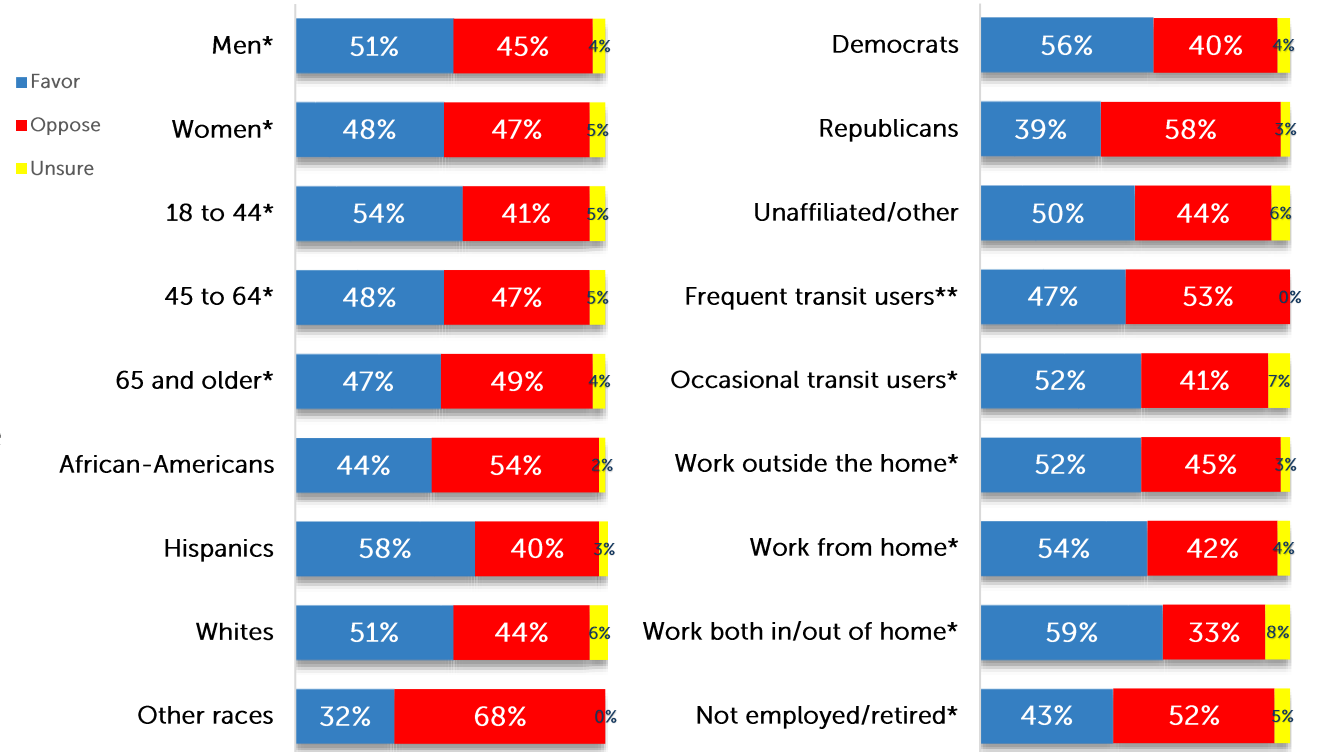
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Half-Cent Sales Tax



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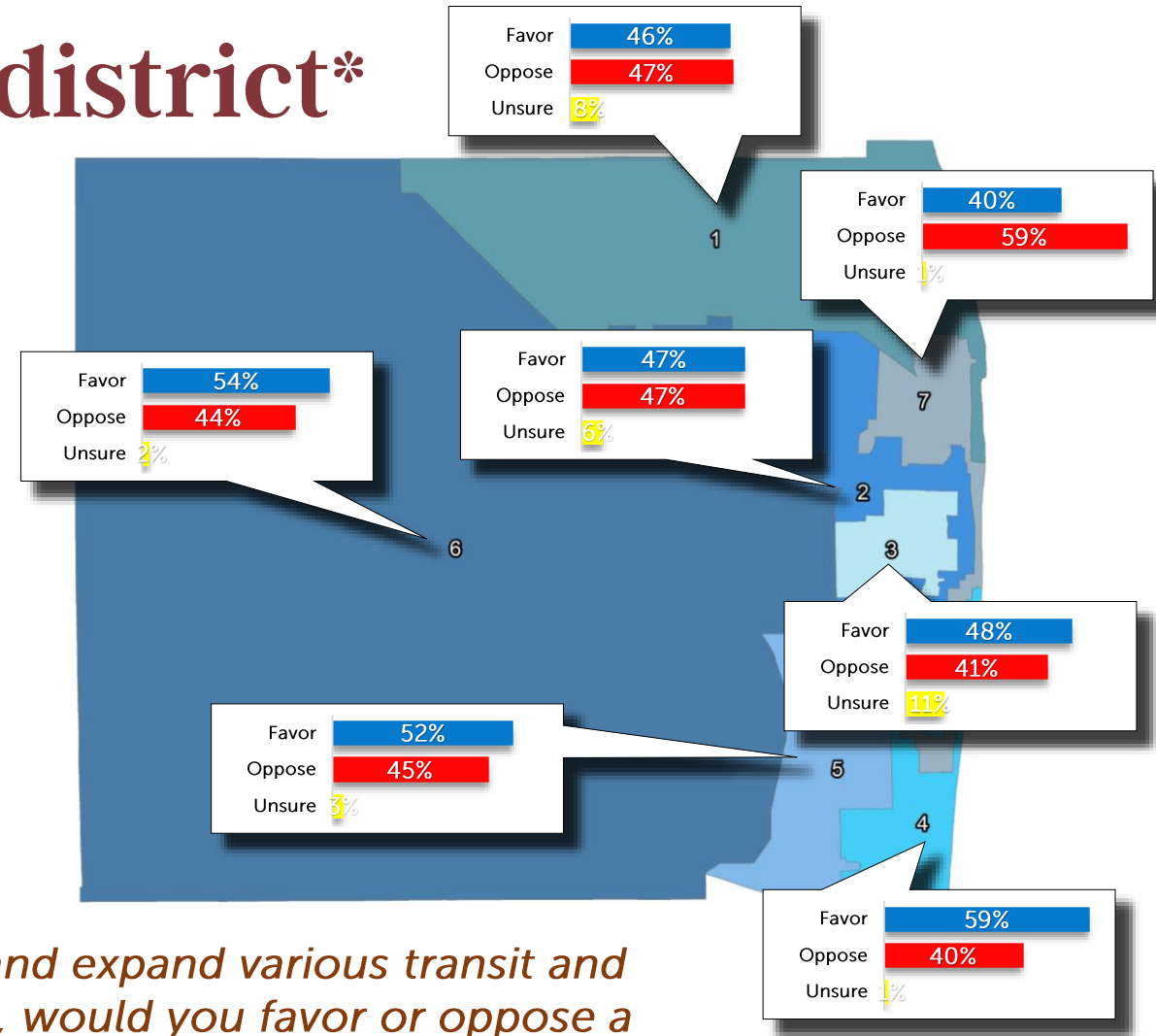
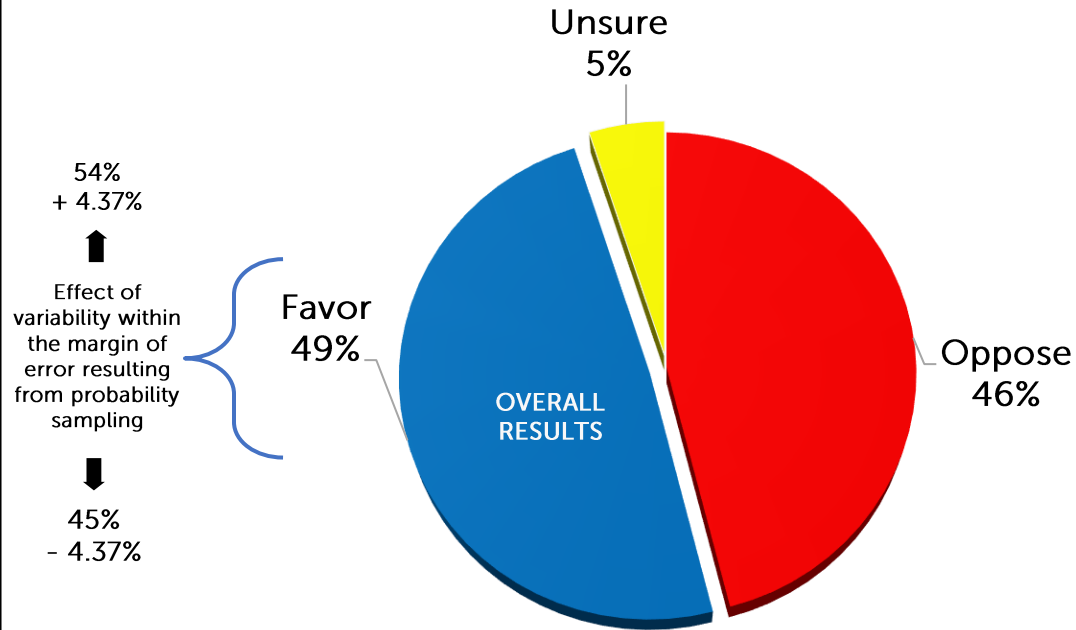


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Half-Cent Sales Tax – by district*



Q: *Generally speaking, in order to improve and expand various transit and transportation services and infrastructure, would you favor or oppose a one half-cent increase in the sales tax that is charged to consumers and tourists on goods and services purchased?*

* Differences are not statistically significant

Conclusion

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Key Findings Recap

The mood of the electorate was a largely complacent one, which indicates that there were not any overarching issues or trenchant matters that could have tainted responses to the critical questions

At the time of the study, the need for housing eclipsed all other priorities, so planning discussions and initiatives that integrate the topic will resonate most loudly with voters

That said, the topic of commuting may warrant more examination with different measures to fully understand the shadow it casts over the topic of transportation planning

A narrow majority were satisfied with the current transportation system, but there were numerous results indicating that voters were open to – and, in some cases pining – for upgrades & improvements, especially those that will preserve the environment or facilitate the uses of emerging technology, such as electric cars and on-demand services

There was some support observed for improvements to public transit, but self-reports of ridership were quite modest, which suggests that, even those voters who support such ideas may not yet envision themselves as benefitting from them

Many were ambivalent about current road expenditures, which indicates that some public engagement on the topic may be needed or fruitful, in order to ensure an informed electorate when a tax issue is placed before voters

The idea of special taxing districts may be too esoteric to be reliably gauged with a single question, but results suggested knee-jerk opposition to the idea

While there was very limited support for a full one cent sales tax to make upgrades and improvements, initial support for the half-cent sales tax was promising, but a decision to pursue it should not be undertaken without considering other factors...

OTHER VIABILITY CONSIDERATIONS:

- Likely turnout scenarios, and the attitudinal & philosophical predispositions of such voters
- Financial resources available to run the campaign
- Human resources available to wage the campaign in the field & raise funds
- Access to paid media
- Access to earned media
- Likelihood and strength of organized opposition, if any
- Competition for the attention of voters from candidates
- Competition for the largesse of voters from other monetary-request campaigns
- Availability of surrogates to give credence and gravitas to the plan





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TPA PUBLIC OPINION STUDY

Palm Beach County, Florida

Registered Voters

7/31/2023 – 8/4/2023

N=502, +/- 4.37%

(due to rounding, not all results may add up to 100%)



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Q. 1. Generally speaking, at this time would you say that you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the quality of life in Palm Beach County?

- 60.1% Satisfied
- 26.9 Dissatisfied
- 8.8 Mixed/both (volunteered)
- 4.2 Unsure/no answer

Q. 2. At this time, which of the following would you say should be the highest priority for county leaders? Is it...

(randomly rotated)

- 26.2% Providing more housing that is affordable
- 9 Improving public education
- 4.6 Bringing better paying jobs to the area
- 5.8 Addressing traffic congestion
- 9.2 Fighting crime and drugs
- 8.2 Reducing taxes
- 10.7 Managing the county's growth and development...or...
- 7.5 Protecting the environment and the county's water supply
- 16.3 All/combination (volunteered)
- 1.6 Other (volunteered)
- .9 Unsure/no answer

Q. 3. Looking at a specific aspect, would you say that you are very or somewhat satisfied or somewhat or very dissatisfied with Palm Beach County's transportation systems, such as your ability to travel and commute throughout the county?

51.1% TOTAL SATISFIED

- 13.2% Very satisfied
- 37.9 Somewhat satisfied

33.4% TOTAL DISSATISFIED

- 18.8 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 14.6 Very dissatisfied

- 15.5 Unsure/no answer

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Q. 4. How much have your problems with commuting and travel outside the home negatively affected your quality of life and ability to do the things that are important to you? Would you say they have adversely or negatively affected you a lot, somewhat or not at all?

12.9% A lot
39.4 Somewhat
45.1 Not at all
2.5 Unsure/no answer

Q. 5. Which of the following would you say should be the highest priority for transportation and transit planning? Is it...

(randomly rotated)

10.7% Improving traffic safety
6.8 Upgrading and expanding bus services
14.6 Adding new transportation options, such as streetcars and light rail
27.9 Addressing traffic congestion
4.6 Providing more services in high growth areas
14.9 Expanding services for people who are economically disadvantaged
5.7 Preparing current transportation systems for climate change and sea level rise...or...
2.1 Transit and planning funding to pay for it
7 All/combination (volunteered)
.8 Other (volunteered)
4.9 Unsure/no answer – skipped next question

Q. 6. Among the remaining options, which of the following would you say should be the second highest priority for transportation and transit planning? Is it...

n=455

(randomly rotated)

16.8% Improving traffic safety
9.5 Upgrading and expanding bus services
11.4 Adding new transportation options, such as streetcars and light rail
15.3 Addressing traffic congestion
8.4 Providing more services in high growth areas
10.8 Expanding services for people who are economically disadvantaged
8.3 Preparing current transportation systems for climate change and sea level rise...or...
7.9 Transit and planning funding to pay for it
2.2 All/combination (volunteered)
2 Other (volunteered)
7.3 Unsure/no answer

Q. 7. Generally speaking, do you think that there is too much, about the right amount or too little tax money being spent to expand and improve public transit services and transportation infrastructure in Palm Beach County?

8.4% Too much
18.9 About the right amount
40.4 Too little
32.4 Unsure/no answer

Q. 8. Generally speaking, do you favor or oppose creating special taxing districts that would increase property taxes in particular areas in the county, in order to pay for projects that would improve traffic flow, expand bus services, or provide more transit options within that district?

29.9% Favor
57 Oppose
13.1 Unsure/no answer

Looking at some ideas that are being considered for the future population growth and increased traffic that will result...

(RANDOMLY ROTATED NEXT 5 QUESTIONS)

Q. 9. Do you think it is a good or bad idea to...Close one lane to car traffic on most major local roads and designate it exclusively for HOV carpool lanes, in order to reduce travel times?

33.7% Good idea
60 Bad idea
6.4 Unsure/no answer

Q. 10. Do you think it is a good or bad idea to...Close one lane to car traffic on most major local roads and designate it exclusively for public transit, in order to reduce travel times?

29.7% Good idea
62.5 Bad idea
7.8 Unsure/no answer

Q. 11. Do you think it is a good or bad idea to...Change zoning laws to allow for more development near main roads in order to minimize commuting needs and make travel more efficient?

45.1% Good idea
39.2 Bad idea
15.7 Unsure/no answer

Q. 12. Do you think it is a good or bad idea to...Have the local county government fund on-demand ride services throughout the county, similar to Lyft or Uber, to provide riders with transportation to and from bus stops and train stations?

53.4% Good idea
35.1 Bad idea
11.5 Unsure/no answer

Q. 13. Do you think it is a good or bad idea to...Install charging stations and other technology needed for using electric cars?

65.4% Good idea
27.6 Bad idea
6.9 Unsure/no answer

Here are some various types of projects being implemented. After each one, indicate whether you think it should be a high, medium or low priority for use of public tax dollars. Here's the first one...

(RANDOMLY ROTATED NEXT 6 QUESTIONS)

Q. 14. How much of a priority should it be to...Expand recreational opportunities, such as building more paths for walking, hiking and cycling?

38.5% High
36.9 Medium
18 Low
4.9 Not a priority (volunteered)
1.6 Unsure/no answer

(SPLIT SAMPLE – randomly assigned to version A or B)

Q. 15A. How much of a priority should it be to...Add new public transit services, like more frequent bus service?

34.4% High
35.2 Medium
16.5 Low
5.2 Not a priority (volunteered)
8.7 Unsure/no answer

Q. 15B. How much of a priority should it be to...Add new public transit services, like a light rail system?

36.9% High
28 Medium
24.3 Low
5.8 Not a priority (volunteered)
5 Unsure/no answer

Q. 16. How much of a priority should it be to...Make improvements to streets and roads, so they are safer and more enjoyable for pedestrians and bicycles?

52.9% High
29.5 Medium
13 Low
3.7 Not a priority (volunteered)
.9 Unsure/no answer

Q. 17. How much of a priority should it be to...Improve the conditions for bus riders, by adding more covered shelters, seating and trash receptacles at bus stops?

42.7% High
33.4 Medium
14.8 Low
5.7 Not a priority (volunteered)
3.5 Unsure/no answer

Q. 18. How much of a priority should it be to...Invest in emerging technology that reduce the impact that transportation has on the environment and improve air and water quality?

55.9% High
21.6 Medium
12 Low
6.1 Not a priority (volunteered)
4.4 Unsure/no answer

Q. 19. How much of a priority should it be to...Install new technology on our roadways that will support connected and autonomous vehicle systems, such as self-driving cars?

15.4% High
18.8 Medium
42.3 Low
19.3 Not a priority (volunteered)
4.2 Unsure/no answer

Turning to funding for transit and transportation projects and improvements...

(ROTATED NEXT 2 QUESTIONS)

Q. 20. Generally speaking, in order to improve and expand various transit and transportation services and infrastructure, would you favor or oppose a one-half cent increase in the sales tax that is charged to consumers and tourists on goods and services purchased?

49.4% Favor
46.1 Oppose
4.5 Unsure/no answer

Looking at another option...

Q. 21. Generally speaking, in order to improve and expand various transit and transportation services and infrastructure, would you favor or oppose a one cent increase in the sales tax that is charged to consumers and tourists on goods and services purchased?

40.9% Favor
53.6 Oppose
5.5 Unsure/no answer

Q. 22. Prior to this survey, have you ever heard of the agency named the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency, or Palm Beach TPA, as it is known? Follow-up, if yes: Generally speaking, would you say that you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Palm Beach TPA?

7.2% Yes, favorable
3.2 Yes, unfavorable
5.5 Yes, mixed opinion (volunteered)
13 Yes, heard/no opinion (volunteered)
68.5 No, never heard
2.7 Unsure/no answer

Finally, a few short questions for statistical purposes...

Q. 23. Which of the following age groups includes your age? Is it...

33.8% 18 to 44
32.3 45 to 64...or...
33.3 65 and older
.6 Unsure/no answer

Q. 24. Which of the following do you consider to be your main race or ethnic background? Is it...

14% African-American
1.3 Asian or Indian

- 12 Hispanic or Latino – skipped next question
 - 65.8 White...or...
 - 2.7 Something else
 - 1.5 Two or more races (volunteered)
 - 2.6 Unsure/no answer
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Q. 25. Are you of Hispanic origin or descent?

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- 5.2% Yes
 - 90.7 No
 - 4.1 Unsure/no answer
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Q. 26. Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Are you...

- 38.5% Employed, working mainly outside the home
 - 10.2 Employed, working mainly from home
 - 12.9 Employed, sometimes working at home and sometimes outside the home
 - 4.6 A stay-at-home caretaker, parent, spouse or homemaker...or...
 - 31.9 Not employed at this time
 - 1.9 Unsure/no answer
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Q. 27. How often do you use the public bus system or other transit services in Palm Beach County? Would you say that you use them frequently, occasionally or not at all?

- 2.7% Frequently
 - 17.3 Occasionally
 - 77.7 Not at all
 - 2.3 Unsure/no answer
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Gender:

- 46.2% Men
- 53.8 Women



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RE: Proposed 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) / Palm Beach Gardens Oct 30, 2024 Objection Letter

Dear Valerie,

As you know, Palm Beach County Engineering and Public Works Department (EPW) has been working with the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA) staff on the long range transportation projects the County wants to be included in the Local Desires list of the 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and providing the needed information and technical data in support. This correspondence is intended to formally provide supporting data for the list of projects objected to by the City of Palm Beach Gardens (City), as outlined in the City Manager's letter to you dated October 30, 2024.

The City's letter voiced concerns about projects outside their municipal jurisdiction. Although appreciated, it is not within the scope of the City's responsibility to encroach on the policies and visions of the County and their neighboring municipal staff and leadership.

It is important for the City to keep in mind that road improvements are not only based on current traffic volume/demand. The road improvement projects in the LRTP are intended to accommodate future traffic demand based on the projected and anticipated future development and growth including comprehensive plan changes.

Most of the County roads listed in the Local Desires category either already have the needed Right of Way (ROW) or may require some ROW acquisition. In fact, some of the intersection improvement projects objected to by PBG are funded for construction in the current county 5-Year Program. Specifically, the design for the two intersection improvement projects at Donald Ross Rd/Military TRL and PGA Blvd/Central Blvd, which are listed below, are in the advanced stages. The City has not provided any detailed information indicating that these projects will have a detrimental impact on the City's roadway/mobility system or private properties or infrastructure as "assumed" in the City's objection letter.

It is imperative to keep in mind that this is a long-range transportation planning exercise, which includes projects intended to be built in the next 25-30 years. At this stage, the impacts of these projects on the surrounding private or public property cannot be fully ascertained. These potential impacts will be assessed when these projects are programmed for construction and actual engineering design process goes into

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effect. At this stage, it is not prudent for the government leadership and technical staff to preempt, otherwise, essential transportation improvement projects merely based on passive/pessimistic and uninformed assumptions.

The City staff indicated the County may be violating its own comprehensive plan policies because it included some roads that were designated as Constrained Roadway At Lower Level of Service (CRALLS). The CRALLS designation is merely a policy option intended to promote/encourage/allow the urban in-fill and high density developments that would otherwise fail to meet the adopted Traffic Performance Standards (TPS). Furthermore, CRALLS designation of a roadway does not preclude it from future widening, if such an improvement is determined to be the best solution to mitigate traffic congestion and improve mobility for the betterment of the safety and wellbeing of the public. Since the adoption of the proportionate share legislation, the CRALLS has lost its appeal. Following are the responses from the EPW which were recently sent to the TPA staff:

The City of Palm Beach Gardens has raised concerns with the following projects. These projects exist in the Local Desires list but will not appear in the Cost Feasible model network or draft plan.

- Prosperity Farms Road from Lighthouse Drive to Burns Road and Burns Road to PGA Blvd (PAL0016, PAL0017) – in the Local Desires category.
 - The County maintains that five lanes are needed based on 2040 TPS volumes on the segment between Lighthouse Drive and Burns Rd. Most of the segment between Burns Rd and PGA Blvd is already five lanes.
- Donald Ross Road at Military Trail (PAL0133) – additional Northbound left turn lane (resulting in three left turn lanes)
 - The project description is wrong. The improvement is to add a 3rd left turn lane on the west approach (eastbound to northbound left turn lane). This is an active Five Year Road Program (5YRP) project currently under design. This improvement is urgently needed based on the 2040 TPS traffic volumes/demand.
- PGA Blvd at Central Blvd (PAM0152) – additional southbound right turn lane (resulting in two right turn lanes)
 - This is an active 5YRP project awaiting design completion. County maintains that two southbound right turn lanes are needed. Southbound right turn volumes are projected to be 1,000 vehicles per hour in 2040 based on the TPS database.



- Northlake Blvd from I-95 to Congress Ave (PAL0012) additional turn lanes north and east bound.
 - Intersection improvements may be required at Congress Ave, including additional 2nd northbound through and eastbound right turn lanes. FDOT may be including lane additions along Northlake Blvd as part of their I-95 interchange improvements which will also include a divergent diamond interchange.

Please contact David Ricks, County Engineer, with any questions.

Sincerely,

Verdenia C. Baker, County Administrator

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October 30, 2024

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RE: Proposed 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan

Dear Ms. Neilson:

City staff has reviewed the Palm Beach County Transportation Planning Agency (“TPA”) 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan (“2050 LRTP”). The LRTP serves as the official Long Range Transportation Plan for the County with emphasis on short-and long-term implementation, and also serves as the primary database for transportation modelling used by Palm Beach County for the purposes of projecting transportation impacts and necessary improvements.

Over the last several months, there has been a significant amount of communication and coordination between the City of Palm Beach Gardens (“City”) staff and TPA staff regarding the proposed 2050 LRTP. Several vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian, and general mobility improvements were submitted by the City staff for inclusion in the 2050 LRTP. City staff also appreciates the proactive coordination process of providing projects submitted by various agencies within the City’s jurisdictional limits for review. Many projects were interesting and noteworthy for staff. Several projects submitted within the City’s boundaries are also concerning to City staff. This letter serves as a formal objection to projects within the City’s jurisdictional limits that would have a detrimental impact on the City’s roadway/mobility system as well as private properties and existing infrastructure. Specifically, City Staff has concerns with the following:

- PAL0012 – Northlake Blvd (I95 to Congress) – Lane Addition
- PAL0015, PAL0016, PAL0017 – Prosperity Farms Road (Lighthouse Drive to Burns Road, Burns Road to PGA Blvd) – Lane Addition (Widen from 3L to 5L, intersection improvements)
- PAL0133 – Intersection of Donald Ross Road and Military Trail – additional NB left-turn lane (ultimately three left turn lanes)

There is a lack of detailed information with regard to the above-mentioned projects to know the specific actual impacts, however the segments listed for lane additions do not appear to have sufficient right-of-way available. Therefore, several types of impacts can be assumed (private property boundaries, Interstate 95 turn lanes and ramps, existing turn lanes, landscape buffers and existing mature landscaping, access driveways, parking areas, and existing bridges). Further, Northlake Boulevard and Prosperity Farms Road are both

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listed under Policy 1.2-f in the Transportation Element of the Palm Beach County Comprehensive Plan with a Constrained Roadway at a Lower Level of Service (CRALLS) designation. This means that the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has set as a policy that these roadways should not be widened, and consequently the submitted projects are inconsistent with the County Comprehensive Plan. Traffic counts on both of these roadway segments for 2023 indicate that the roadways are operating below the adopted daily and peak hour trip capacities.

We understand that TPA staff has not placed these projects in the Illustrative Funding List, and that they are in the Local Desires category, meaning they would not be eligible for federal funding through TPA programs and some discretionary grants. However the 2050 LRTP, known as "Vision 2050", sets the vision and tone for the County's long range transportation goals. The noted projects of concern are not in line with the principles and priorities that the City promotes with regard to safety and mobility. For these reasons, we request that these projects be removed from the 2050 Local Desires category.

In addition to the noted projects that are within the City's jurisdiction limits, City staff also noted several projects throughout the County that are concerning to the City for similar reasons as the impacts noted above (impacts to private properties, existing infrastructure, driveway, buffers and landscape, etc.). Specifically:

- PAL0001 – Center Street (Loxahatchee River Road to Alternate A1A) – Lane Addition (widen 2L to 3L)
- PAL0006 / PAL0008 – Donald Ross Road (Us-1 to A1A; Ellison Wilson Road to US-1) – Lane Addition (widen 3L to 5L, widening to the median)
- PAL0029 – Community Drive (Military Trail to Village Boulevard) – Lane Addition (widen 2/3L to 5L)
- PAL0038 – Palm Beach Lakes Boulevard (Village Boulevard to Australian Avenue) – Lane Addition (add 4th NB/EB through lane)

We appreciate the ongoing communication and opportunity to comment prior to the upcoming adoption of the 2050 LRTP by the TPA Governing Board.

Sincerely,



Ronald M. Ferris
City Manager

cc: Palm Beach Gardens Mayor & City Council
R. Max. Lohman, City Attorney, City of Palm Beach Gardens
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October 1, 2024

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RE: *VISION 2050 Long-Range Transportation Plan*

Dear Valerie,

We are writing to express our strong desire that the widening or the 2 to 4 lane addition of Okeechobee Boulevard from 140th Avenue N to Crestwood Boulevard (PAL0063) and from Seminole Pratt Whitney Road to 140th Avenue N (PAL0062) remain unfunded as reflected on page 108 in the “Local Desires” segment of the ***VISION 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan*** put forth by the Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency (TPA). We also appreciate and support TPA staff comments on the project worksheets relative to these two-lane addition projects reserving support until “demonstration of a project purpose and need beyond adding vehicular capacity. Specifically, the sponsor must address how the project would provide low-stress multimodal accommodations and leverage emerging technology that may yield similar mobility benefits.”

Earlier this year, the Town Council similarly authorized a letter of objection about the proposed expansion of 40th Street North and 140th Street in the County’s thoroughfare right-of-way identification map (TIM). As a rural community the Town has struggled over the years with the impact from increasing development surrounding our community in all directions. Perhaps the most significant of these impacts is the tremendous amount of traffic seeking alternate east and west as well as north and south short-cuts through our town roads which have not been designed for such elevated traffic patterns. The roads are intended to support local travel of our roughly 3,300 residents.

In fact, the purpose of Town’s incorporation was to protect the rural character of our community from the encroachment of urban development patterns, including the adverse impacts of such cut-through traffic. In addition to working with the County over the years, particularly with respect to Okeechobee Boulevard, the Town adopted Ordinance 2021-04, restricting cross-jurisdictional access points that provide for ingress and egress between areas located within the Town and areas located outside the Town.

The adopted regulations have been incorporated into the Town’s Unified Land Development Code as follows:

Sec.100-040. – Private ingress/egress arrangements

(7) Private ingress/egress arrangements shall not provide ingress to and egress from areas within the Town from and to areas outside of the Town’s corporate limits. Any ingress to and egress from areas within the Town from and to areas outside of the Town’s corporate limits must be through a publicly dedicated street.



Village of North Palm Beach
Village Manager's Office

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Date: January 22, 2025

Ms. Valerie Neilson, Executive Director
Palm Beach Transportation Planning Agency
301 Datura Street
West Palm Beach, FL 33401

Cc:
Ms. Verdenia Baker, County Administrator
Palm Beach County

Subject: Village Concurrence with Palm Beach Gardens' Letter of Objection

Dear Ms. Neilson and Ms. Baker,

The Village of North Palm Beach concurs with the concerns expressed in the October 30, 2024, letter from the City of Palm Beach Gardens. While we recognize the County's detailed technical analysis and long-term vision outlined in the December 11, 2024, correspondence, we believe the objections raised by Palm Beach Gardens warrant additional consideration and collaborative discussion.

Specifically, regarding the proposed projects on Prosperity Farms Road from Lighthouse Drive to Burns Road and Burns Road to PGA Boulevard (PAL0016, PAL0017) listed under the Local Desires category:

The County has stated that five lanes are necessary based on 2040 TPS volumes for the segment between Lighthouse Drive and Burns Road. However, it is important to note that this segment is approximately one mile, and the subsequent segment from Burns Road to PGA Boulevard is nine-tenths of a mile. While much of the latter segment is already five lanes, the current segment between Lighthouse Drive and Burns Road is only three lanes. Expanding this segment to five lanes would significantly impact the adjacent residential community, affecting quality of life, traffic safety, and neighborhood character.

The Village disagrees with the assertion that municipal input on these projects is beyond the scope of responsibility. Each municipality has a vested interest in how transportation projects impact safety, mobility, and the quality of life within its jurisdiction and the region. Dismissing these valid concerns as outside the scope could be viewed as lacking collaboration, a fundamental principle in the County's approach to teamwork and shared regional planning.

Furthermore, while it is acknowledged that the impacts of these projects will be assessed in future stages, it is neither prudent nor responsible to discount stakeholder concerns at this stage of planning. The long-range transportation process should actively incorporate the input of all affected parties, ensuring decisions are made with the benefit of comprehensive feedback and analysis.

The Village strongly recommends further dialogue among the County, the TPA, and municipalities to collaboratively address these concerns. Convening a forum to revisit and discuss municipal objections would reflect a commitment to the teamwork and cooperation needed to achieve the County's transportation and mobility goals.

We remain committed to working together for the betterment of Palm Beach County and are ready to participate in discussions that promote a shared vision and equitable solutions.

Sincerely,

Village Manager
Village of North Palm Beach