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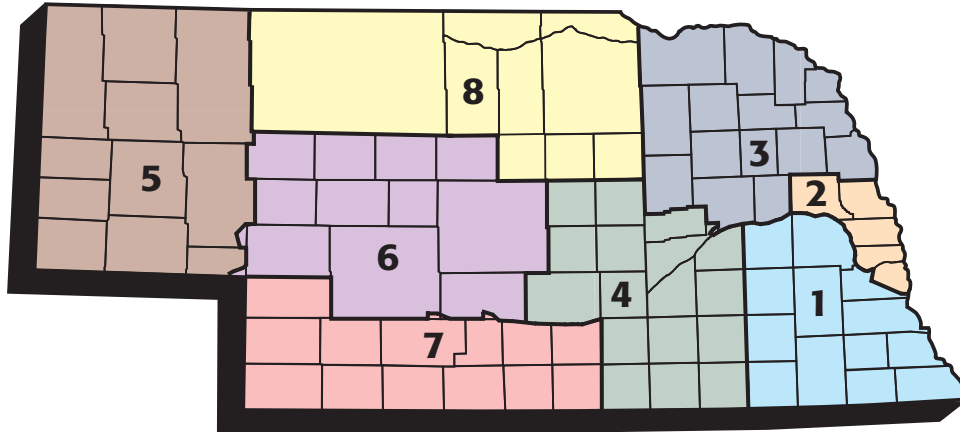
Stakeholder Survey

Open Ended Comments Report

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Nebraska Department of Roads Districts



Respondents

The Long Range Transportation Plan: Vision 2032 stakeholder survey received excellent response from the traveling public as well as from business and government representatives. Rural districts comprise 37% of Nebraska’s population, yet 52% of survey respondents were from rural districts, resulting in overall findings with somewhat of a rural slant.

Vision 2032 Stakeholder Survey Respondents by District					
District	Number of Respondents	Percent of Total Respondents	2007 Population ¹	Percent of Nebraska Population	Margin of Error (plus or minus...)
1	811	21%	408,332	23%	3.4%
2	1,052	27%	720,967	41%	3.0%
3	595	15%	178,619	10%	4.0%
4	389	10%	216,290	12%	5.0%
5	380	10%	86,072	5%	5.0%
6	230	6%	83,117	5%	6.5%
7	214	6%	54,922	3%	6.7%
8	194	5%	26,252	2%	7.1%
Total	3,865	100%	1,774,571	100%	1.6%
¹ 2007 US Census Population Estimates					
Unknown county = 348					

Executive Summary

Important transportation issues that are universal across the state, both currently and in 20 years include an overwhelming concern for maintenance of roadways, as well as capital improvement, funding and maintenance of bridges.

Concerns are arising, partly due to Nebraska's shifting population, that few funds will be available in districts of the state experiencing a population decrease, and that eastern districts, with population increases will see increasing congestion, and urban sprawl.

District 1 respondents, and District 2 to a lesser extent, are particularly concerned with providing efficient public transportation, with equal access and using multiple modes, to alleviate congestion and its inherent pollution. These possible modes that the population would like to see include an improved system of pedestrian and bike paths, expanded public transit, and a passenger rail system. Planning is also important in Districts 1 and 2 to help avoid congestion and urban sprawl.

Survey respondents in District 3 are particularly concerned with the capital improvements needed to have efficient connections to other parts of the state and for the continued maintenance of bridges.

Respondents in District 4 communicated a need for bridge maintenance and concern for safety. Districts 7 and 8 respondents expressed even more of a need for maintenance in their local areas than did other districts. District 8 respondents also conveyed concern regarding the cost of fuel, which affects both road maintenance costs and the cost of transportation in a district where travel can involve long distances.

Respondents in District 5 communicated a need for capital improvements to improve connections and the expected impact to the economic vitality of the district these improvements could have. They also see a need for bridge maintenance, a need to improve farm to market connections and to accommodate heavy truck traffic.

The tables in this report show the aggregated results of the open ended questions and significant differences found between responses from the districts of the Nebraska Department of Roads.

Long Range Transportation Plan Stakeholder Survey Open Ended Questions

Most Important Transportation Issue Facing the State of Nebraska

Question 3. Nebraska’s transportation system is made up of many different elements, which not only includes state and interstate highways, but also airports, waterways, local roads, railroads, and transit systems. Considering the entire transportation system, what do you think is the most important transportation issue facing the State of Nebraska?

This question was asked toward the beginning of the survey, as an unprompted question. The intent was to discover what Nebraskan’s think is the most important issue before the survey introduced items that the researchers wanted to measure. The 3,279 Stakeholder comments to question 3 have been categorized and grouped into the following table. Because many comments were lengthy and covered numerous issues, only the first three issues mentioned by respondents were captured. Some categories may be related, such as “population growth,” “urban sprawl,” and “planning.” The reader is urged to consider all issues as part of the whole picture of what is the most important issue for Nebraska’s transportation system.

Maintenance is by far the most often mentioned issue, with 1,765 comments, followed by capital improvement, public transit, and funding/budget.

Most Important Transportation Issue Facing the State of Nebraska	Number of Comments
Maintenance	1,765
Capital Improvement	582
Public Transit System	402
Funding/Budget	304
Rail (133 Passenger, 13 Freight, 55 General, 2 No Rail)	203
Bridge Maintenance	151
Pedestrian & Bike Paths/Lanes	148
Air Transportation	144
Safety	124
Multi-mode Transportation	96
Congestion	82
Planning	63
Connect Communities	63
Aging Infrastructure	61
Truck Traffic (16 Accommodate Trucks/38 Road Damage/Congestion/Safety)	54
Faster Project Delivery	38
Environment	34
Economic Development	34
Cost of Fuel	31
Balance Urban & Rural Needs	29
NDOR/Local Communication/Federal Regulations	23
Farm to Market (Accommodate Equipment & Farmer Owned Semi-trucks)	22
Waterways	21
Urban Sprawl	20
Speed Limit Change	16
Population Growth	16
Transportation for Elderly/Handicapped	15
Accessibility/Equal Access	15
Railroad/Highway Grade Separation	14
Alternative Fuels/Energy Efficient Vehicles	14
Longer Road Surface Life cycle	13
Moving People and Goods	10

Most Important Transportation Issue Facing the State of Nebraska

A Closer Look

Maintenance	Number of Comments
Maintenance - Roads in General	935
Maintenance - Local Roads	485
Maintenance - State Highway	453
Maintenance - Interstate	173
Total Maintenance Comments	1,765

Maintenance

There were 1,765 respondents who mentioned “maintenance” as the most important transportation related issue in Nebraska. (54% of respondents who commented and 42% of all respondents)

Respondents mentioned roads in general, or were specific in mentioning local roads, state highways, or Interstates in need of maintenance. The “local roads” category includes comments regarding maintenance to city streets and county roads. There were 57 mentions of “potholes.”

Rail	Number of Comments
Rail - Passenger	133
Rail - General	55
Rail - Freight	13
No Passenger Rail	2
Total Rail Comments	203

Rail

Of the 201 comments in support of rail, 66% mentioned the need for passenger rail within metropolitan areas, between urban areas, and even across the state. Six percent of the comments mentioned the need for moving freight by rail, with the remaining 27% stating a need for a focus on rail in general.

Truck Traffic	Number of Comments
Truck Traffic - Road Damage/Congestion/Safety	38
Truck Traffic - Accommodate/Parking/Weight Limits	16
Truck Traffic Total Comments	54
Farm to Market (Accommodate Equipment & Farmer Owned Semi-trucks)	22
Truck Traffic and Farm to Market Comments	76

Truck Traffic

Fifty four respondents mentioned “truck traffic” as the most important transportation issue in Nebraska. Of those, the largest concern was damage to roadways, followed by safety concerns and the number of trucks on the highways and interstates.

The “farm to market” issue includes comments regarding the inaccessibility of some gravel roads and bridges for large farm equipment, including semi trucks. This issue also contains comments regarding the lack of access roads to the interstate for the efficient movement of products to market.

Most Important Transportation Issue Facing the State of Nebraska

Differences by District

Some issues were mentioned significantly more in one or more districts than in others. These differences are revealing about the issues facing the district. The table on the following page displays these significant differences by district. Issues where there are no significant differences were mentioned may have similar importance in all districts.

District 1

Concern for bridge maintenance (29%), air transportation and safety (29%) received significantly more mentions in District 1 than in other districts. This district had 21% of all survey respondents.

District 2

District 2 enjoyed the most responses of all districts, with 27% of total respondents. Issues that were mentioned more in this district include: public transit system (62%), pedestrian and bike paths/lanes (78%), passenger rail (62%), multi-mode transportation (64%), congestion (51%), planning (56%), environmental impact (56%) and urban sprawl/population growth (78%). It's of interest to note that capital improvement, with 21% of the statewide total comments, was mentioned significantly less than expected in District 2, which had more focus on getting people off of the roadways and into some form of public transportation.

District 3

Capital improvement was mentioned more in District 3 than any other district, with 30% of the comments on this issue statewide; double the 15% respondent distribution of this district. Connect communities (46%), which also implies capital improvement was mentioned more in District 3 than in other districts as well.

District 4

District 4, with 10 percent of all respondents, had no significant differences in the percent of comments statewide. Issues mentioned most frequently in this district include maintenance with 211 mentions, capital improvement with 49 mentions and funding/budget with 30 mentions. There were 420 comments overall for this question from respondents living or working in the district.

District 5

Ten percent of all survey respondents live or work in District 5. Issues mentioned significantly more in District 5 than in other districts were: air transportation (31%), economic development (28%), balance urban and rural needs (31%), farm to market (accommodate semi's) (35%), and accommodate truck traffic/parking/increase weight limits (50%).

District 6

No difference was found in the percent of comments from District 6 when compared to other districts. Issues mentioned most frequently include maintenance with 121 mentions, followed by funding/budget with 24 mentions and capital improvement with 18 mentions. The district had a total of 233 comments regarding the most important transportation issue in Nebraska.

District 7

With 6% of the total respondents living or working in District 7, no differences were found in issues mentioned from respondents in this district. Out of the 225 comments on this question, 125 mentioned maintenance, and 19 expressed concern for funding/budget as the most important transportation issues facing Nebraska.

District 8

Five percent of all survey respondents were from District 8. Issues mentioned significantly more in this district were rail [for freight] (17%) and the cost of fuel (37%).

Most Important Transportation Issue Facing the State of Nebraska

Significant Differences by District in Nebraska's Most Important Transportation Issue

Significant Differences by District Most Important Transportation Issue Facing the State of Nebraska																	
District (District Distribution)	District 1 (21%)		District 2 (27%)		District 3 (15%)		District 4 (10%)		District 5 (10%)		District 6 (6%)		District 7 (6%)		District 8 (5%)		Total (100%)
Issue	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Capital Improvement	113	21%	115	21%	165	30%	49	9%	73	13%	18	3%	11	2%	6	1%	550
Public Transit System	71	18%	240	62%	16	4%	25	6%	12	3%	8	2%	10	3%	7	2%	389
Bridge Maintenance	42	29%	35	24%	23	16%	19	13%	3	2%	4	3%	9	6%	8	6%	143
Pedestrian & Bike Paths/ Lanes	25	17%	111	78%			4	3%	1	1%	2	1%					143
Air Transportation	38	29%	13	10%	4	3%	15	11%	41	31%	10	8%	6	5%	4	3%	131
Rail - Passenger	34	27%	79	62%	4	3%	5	4%	4	3%	1	1%			1	1%	127
Safety	34	29%	39	33%	18	15%	8	7%	7	6%	7	6%	3	3%	2	2%	118
Multi-mode Transportation	22	24%	58	64%	2	2%	2	2%	3	3%	1	1%	2	2%	1	1%	91
Congestion	20	26%	39	51%	9	12%	2	3%	3	4%	1	1%	2	3%	1	1%	77
Planning	18	30%	34	56%	1	2%	2	3%	3	5%	3	5%					61
Connect Communities	8	14%	7	12%	27	46%	4	7%	9	15%	1	2%	3	5%			59
Rail	6	13%	10	21%	7	15%	6	13%	5	11%	3	6%	2	4%	8	17%	47
Economic Development	9	28%	3	9%	7	22%	2	6%	9	28%	1	3%	1	3%			32
Environmental Impact	6	19%	18	56%	4	13%	1	3%			3	9%					32
Cost of Fuel	6	20%	6	20%	2	7%	2	7%	2	7%			1	3%	11	37%	30
Balance Urban & Rural Needs	5	17%	3	10%	4	14%	3	10%	9	31%	2	7%	2	7%	1	3%	29
Farm to Market (Accommodate Semi's)	3	15%			5	25%	2	10%	7	35%			1	5%	2	10%	20
Urban Sprawl/ Population Growth	3	8%	28	78%	3		1				1						36
Waterways	7	37%	4	21%	2	11%			1	5%			4	21%	1	5%	19
Accommodate Truck Traffic -Parking/Increase Weight Limits							1	7%	7	50%	1	7%	4	29%	1		14

Cells with a significant difference between the respondent distribution by district and issue distribution are highlighted in red. Counts of comments from unknown district are not included, nor are comments with fewer totals than shown on the table.

The Most Significant Transportation Issue in Nebraska Over the Next 20 Years

Question 10. What do you think will be the most significant transportation issue in Nebraska over the next 20 years?

The 3,318 Stakeholder comments to question 10 have been categorized and grouped into the following table. As in the previous open-ended questions, many comments were lengthy and covered numerous issues. Therefore, only the first three issues mentioned by respondents were captured.

Transportation issues that were mentioned more frequently as concerns over the next 20 years than current transportation issues in Nebraska (question 3) include funding/budget, which more than doubled; congestion, with triple the number of mentions; and the cost of fuel, which had over four times the number of comments. The issues of maintenance, capital improvement, and public transit are expected to continue to be top concerns in Nebraska over the next 20 years.

Most Significant Transportation Issue in <i>Nebraska</i> Over the Next 20 Years	Number of Comments
Maintenance	1,413
Funding/Budget	642
Capital Improvement	602
Congestion	272
Public Transit System	259
Rail (147 Passenger, 9 Freight, 32 General)	188
Bridge Maintenance	143
Cost of Fuel	139
Multi-mode Transportation	90
Pedestrian & Bike Paths/Lanes	75
Safety	62
Population Growth	61
Aging Infrastructure	54
Balance Urban & Rural Needs	54
Air Transportation	48
Alternative Fuels/Energy Efficient Vehicles	47
Connect Communities	50
Truck Traffic (42 Road Damage/Congestion/Safety, 7 Accommodate/Parking/Weight Limits)	49
Economic Development	44
Planning	41
Distracted Drivers	30
NDOR Local Communication/Federal/State Regulations	30
Transportation for Elderly/Handicapped	29
Faster Project Delivery	27
Pollution (Reduce Carbon Emissions)	26
Safe Driving	26
Law Enforcement	25
Farm to Market (Accommodate Equipment & Farmer Owned Semi-trucks)	23
Population Decline	16
Urban Sprawl	16
Environmental Impact	13
Snow Removal	12
Speed Limit Change	12
Sustainability - "Green"	11
Longer Road Surface Life cycle	10

A Closer Look

Maintenance	Number of Comments
Maintenance - Roads in General	1,052
Maintenance - State Highway	182
Maintenance - Local Road	96
Maintenance - Interstate	83
Total Maintenance Comments	1,413

Maintenance

There were 1,413 respondents who mentioned “maintenance” as the most important transportation related issue in Nebraska over the next 20 years.

Respondents mentioned roads in general, or were specific in mentioning local roads, state highways, or Interstates in need of maintenance. The “local roads” category includes comments regarding maintenance to city streets and county roads.

Rail	Number of Comments
Rail - Passenger	147
Rail - General	32
Rail - Freight	9
Total Rail Comments	188

Rail

Of the 188 respondents who mentioned “rail” as the most important transportation related issue in Nebraska over the next 20 years. 78% specified passenger rail, 5% specified rail by freight, and 17% mentioned rail in general.

Truck Traffic	Number of Comments
Truck Traffic - Road Damage/Congestion/Safety	42
Truck Traffic - Accommodate/Parking/Weight Limits	7
Truck Traffic Total Comments	49
Farm to Market (Accommodate Equipment & Farmer Owned Semi-trucks)	23
Truck Traffic and Farm to Market Comments	72

Truck Traffic

The Issue of truck traffic, including farm to market, continues to be seen as an issue in Nebraska over the next 20 years. Almost three out of five (58%) of these comments are concerns about road damage, congestion and safety; 10% of respondents are concerned with accommodating the industries needs. The remaining third (32%) of comments are regarding accommodating large farm equipment, including semi-trucks.

Significant Differences by District

Each district had issues where the percentage of comments from their district exceeded the percentage of respondents from the district. Significant differences are reported below and are highlighted in red on the table on the following page.

District 1

Approximately one fifth (21%) of the survey respondents were from District 1. Issues mentioned in this district have no significant difference to the statewide comments. Issues mentioned most include maintenance (269 mentions), funding/budget (127 mentions), capital improvement (121 mentions) and congestion (60 mentions).

District 2

District 2 had over a quarter (27%) of all survey respondents. Many of the issues of note in district 2 involve livability issues that are inherent in cities with a large population. Significant differences were found in mentions regarding pedestrian and bike paths/lanes (72%), planning (59%), passenger rail (56%), multi-mode transportation (56%), public transit system (50%), population growth (48%), congestion (39%) and alternative fuels/energy efficient vehicles (32%).

District 3

With 15% of statewide responses, there were no significant differences found in the percent of mentions compared to statewide. Maintenance received the most mentions, with 238 comments, followed by capital improvement (147 mentions) and funding/budget (97 mentions).

District 4

Issues with a significant difference in district 4 include bridge maintenance (15%) and safety (13%).

District 5

District 5 had 10% of survey respondents overall. No significant differences were found in this district. The most mentions was regarding maintenance (149 mentions), funding/budget (68 mentions), and capital improvement (22 mentions).

District 6

Six percent of all survey respondents were from District 6. No significant difference found in this district. The district had 105 mentions regarding maintenance, 42 regarding funding/budget, and 21 comments on capital improvement.

District 7

With 6% of all survey respondents, there were no significant differences found in comments from District 7. Issues with the most mentions include maintenance (88 mentions), funding/budget (37 mentions), capital improvement (23 mentions) and cost of fuel (11 mentions).

District 8

Five percent of survey respondents live or work in District 8. Responses in this district are similar to statewide results. In this district, maintenance received 93 mentions, funding/budget received 29 mentions, capital improvement received 15 mentions, with cost of fuel receiving 14 mentions.

The Most Significant Transportation Issue in Nebraska Over the Next 20 Years

Significant Difference By District																	
Most Important Transportation Issue in <u>Nebraska</u> in 20 Years																	
Issue	District 1 (21%)		District 2 (27%)		District 3 (15%)		District 4 (10%)		District 5 (10%)		District 6 (6%)		District 7 (6%)		District 8 (5%)		Total (100%)
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#
Capital Improvement	121	20%	126	21%	147	24%	54	9%	66	11%	21	3%	23	4%	15	2%	602
Congestion	60	22%	105	39%	35	13%	21	8%	10	4%	13	5%	11	4%	5	2%	272
Public Transit System	48	19%	130	50%	18	7%	22	8%	12	5%	8	3%	9	3%	7	3%	259
Rail - Passenger	40	27%	83	56%	3	2%	5	3%	4	3%	6	4%	1	1%	1	1%	147
Bridge Maintenance	32	22%	24	17%	23	16%	22	15%	11	8%	6	4%	10	7%	7	5%	143
Multi-mode Transportation	20	22%	50	56%	3	3%	5	6%	4	4%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	90
Pedestrian & Bike Paths/ Lanes	15	20%	54	72%	1	1%	2	3%	3	4%		0%		0%		0%	75
Safety	14	23%	16	26%	12	19%	8	13%	2	3%	4	6%	2	3%	3	5%	62
Population Growth	11	18%	29	48%	5	8%	3	5%	4	7%	1	2%	3	5%	2	3%	61
Balance Urban & Rural Needs	8	15%	8	15%	12	22%	4	7%	10	19%	3	6%	5	9%	4	7%	54
Air Transportation	11	23%	5	10%	2	4%	6	13%	11	23%	4	8%	2	4%	2	4%	48
Alternative Fuels/Energy Efficient Vehicles	14	30%	15	32%	1	2%	4	9%	4	9%	3	6%	3	6%	1	2%	47
Planning	7	17%	24	59%	2	5%	1	2%	5	12%	1	2%		0%		0%	41

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The Most Significant Transportation Issue in Your Locality Over the Next 20 Years

Question 11. What do you think will be the most significant transportation issue in your locality over the next 20 years?

There were a total of 3,383 respondents answered the question, “What do you think will be the most significant transportation issue in your locality over the next 20 years.” These have been categorized, using the first three issues mentioned.

Capital improvement was mentioned more as a local issue (806 mentions) than as a statewide issue (602 mentions), as were congestion (395 mentions locally, 272 mentions statewide) and pedestrian & bike paths/lanes (210 mentions locally, 75 mentions statewide). Significant differences between districts are discussed on the following page and displayed in the table on page 14.

Most Significant Transportation Issue in <u>Your Locality</u> Over the Next 20 Years	Number of Comments
Maintenance - Local roads, State and Interstate Highways	1,174
Capital Improvement	806
Funding	406
Congestion	395
Public Transit System	272
Pedestrian & Bike Paths/Lanes	210
Rail (161 Passenger Rail, 14 Freight, 4 No Rail)	179
Bridge Maintenance	131
Population Growth/Urban Sprawl	92
Safety	90
Alternative Transportation Options	88
Cost of Fuel	73
Planning	56
Truck Traffic - Road Damage/Congestion/Safety	54
Economic Development	52
Air Transportation	48
Transportation for Elderly & Handicapped	46
Aging Infrastructure	41
Safe Driving	39
Highway/Railroad Crossing Separation	26
Connect Communities	25
Car/Pickup	20
Federal/State Regulations	20
Pollution (Reduce Carbon Emissions)	19
Farm to Market	18
Snow Removal	17
Wildlife Population (deer)	15
Multi-modal Transportation	14
Equal Access to Public Transportation	13
Alternative Fuel	13
Faster Project Delivery	10

Significant Differences by District

Each district had issues where the percentage of comments from their district exceeded the percentage of respondents from the district. These differences in distribution are revealing about the issues that are more important in each district. The table on the following page displays these notable differences by district.

District 1

Approximately one fifth (21%) of the survey respondents were from District 1. A significant difference was found in the number of respondents in District 1 mentioning congestion (21%) and planning (36%).

District 2

With over a quarter (27%) of all survey respondents, this district had the most responses of all the districts. The issues mentioned more in this district continue to show the desire for various modes of travel, alleviate congestion and a concern for planning to avoid urban sprawl. This district had greater mention of the following issues: passenger rail (77%), pedestrian and bike paths/lanes (68%), population growth/urban sprawl (66%), public transit system (49%), planning (48%), alternative transportation options (59%) and congestion (46%).

District 3

District 3 had 15% of total respondents living or working in the district. Issues that were mentioned more in the district include: connect communities (40%) and bridge maintenance (56%).

District 4

District 4 had 10% of total survey responses, and significantly higher responses in bridge maintenance (17%).

District 5

District 5 had 10% of survey respondents overall. Issues with a significant increase in response include: air transportation (35%), highway/railroad crossing separation (42%) and capital improvement (26%).

District 6

Six percent of all survey respondents were from the District 6. No significant differences were found in this district compared to the statewide overall response. Issues mentioned most in this district include maintenance (105 mentions), funding/budget (27 mentions) and capital improvement (21 mentions).

District 7

With 6% of all survey respondents, District 7 respondents placed an more of an emphasis on maintenance of roads in the local area (9%).

District 8

Five percent of survey respondents were from District 8. Issues that were mentioned more in this district than statewide include the cost of fuel (18%) and maintenance (9%).

The Most Significant Transportation Issue in *Your Locality* Over the Next 20 Years

Significant Differences By District																	
Most Important Transportation Issue in <i>Your Locality</i> in 20 Years																	
Issue	District 1 (21%)		District 2 (27%)		District 3 (15%)		District 4 (10%)		District 5 (10%)		District 6 (6%)		District 7 (6%)		District 8 (5%)		Total (100%)
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Maintenance - Local roads, State & Interstate Highways	217	18%	154	13%	182	16%	135	11%	104	9%	105	9%	105	9%	103	9%	1,174
Capital Improvement	137	17%	173	21%	211	26%	81	10%	111	14%	21	3%	22	3%	13	2%	806
Congestion	118	30%	180	46%	34	9%	23	6%	9	2%	6	2%	7	2%			395
Public Transit System	58	18%	134	41%	8	2%	27	8%	13	4%	13	4%	7	2%	5	2%	329
Pedestrian & Bike Paths/Lanes	46	22%	143	68%	3	1%	8	4%	5	2%	2	1%			1		210
Bridge Maintenance	24	18%	17	13%	34	26%	22	17%	4	3%	5	4%	8	6%	7	5%	131
Passenger Rail	26	16%	124	77%	3	2%			1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	1	1%	104
Population Growth/Urban Sprawl	21	23%	61	66%	3	3%	2	2%	2	2%							92
Alternative Transportation Options	18	20%	52	59%			2	2%	4	5%	4	5%	2	2%	2	2%	88
Cost of Fuel	12	16%	11	15%	10	14%	3	4%	8	11%	8	11%	5	7%	13	18%	73
Planning	20	36%	27	48%	4	7%	3	5%	1	2%			1	2%			56
Air Transportation	11	23%	2	4%	1	2%	6	13%	17	35%	3	6%	3	6%	1	2%	48
Highway/Railroad Crossing Separation	1	4%	1	4%	5	19%	4	15%	11	42%	2	8%	1	4%			26
Connect Communities	4	16%	1	4%	10	40%	3	12%	1	4%			3	12%	1	4%	25

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Transportation Related Problems in Shipping or Receiving

Question 22. What kinds of transportation related problems in shipping or receiving, if any, are you experiencing?

There were 1,351 business or government survey respondents who were asked the question “How dependent is your business to freight movement?” Of these, 275 responded “little to no freight shipping/delivery dependency,” 505 responded “moderate”, and 571 responded “frequent freight shipping/delivery dependency.”

The 1,076 business or government respondents with either “moderate” or “frequent” freight shipping/delivery dependency were asked “*What kinds of transportation related problems in shipping or receiving, if any, are you experiencing?*” Answers have been grouped into the table below. The sample size was not large enough to result in significant differences by district.

Q22 Transportation Related Shipping or Receiving Problem	
Issue	Number of Comments
Road Maintenance	44
Weather Conditions	34
Timely Deliveries	33
Lack of availability of Trucks/Delivery Days Reduced	28
Capital Improvement	23
Shipping Cost	22
Congestion	14
Rail - Shortage of Service/Facilities/Cost	12
Road Construction	10
Aging/Out dated Bridges	9
Cost of Fuel/Surcharges	9
Regulations	9
Damaged Freight	7
Weight Restrictions	6
Snow Removal	5
Truck Repair due to Rough Roads	4