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**THANK YOU FOR
TELLING US WHAT
YOU THINK!**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD SUMMARY

Thank you for participating in the 2023 Public Comment Period for the 12-Year Program and helping us exceed our goal of 10,000 participants!

In total, we received 10,573 survey responses, which is our highest-ever total for the Public Comment Period. Your input will help align regional and statewide transportation priorities with your needs.



ONLINE PUBLIC FORUM

An Online Public Forum was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, which was broadcast on both PAcast and Facebook Live and attended by over 3,000 people. The broadcast featured English closed captions, Spanish open captions, and American Sign Language interpretation, as well as a call-in number for those without internet access. In total, participants submitted over 80 transportation questions before and during the Forum's 60-minute, live Q&A session. All of the questions and responses are posted on the STC website along with the regional and statewide results summaries.

OUTREACH TECHNIQUES



Statewide Online Public Forum



Statewide Transportation Survey



Staffed Pop-up Events



Print and Broadcast Media



Website Announcements



PA Bulletin Announcement



Email Blasts



Social Media Campaign



Online Toolkit



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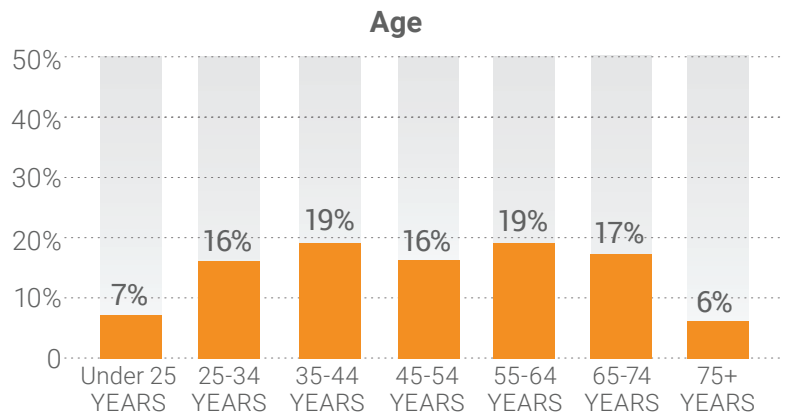
ABOUT THE SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

The 2023 Public Comment Period for the update of the 12-Year Program began on March 1, 2023, and concluded on April 30, 2023, generating 10,573 survey responses. We also received 4,248 mapped points, with 127 already being addressed by planned projects. Although the Public Comment Period has concluded, the Transportation Survey will remain open until September 30, 2023, in order to provide the public with additional opportunities to get involved in statewide and regional planning processes.



Male	3,718	55%
Female	2,765	40%
Third gender/nonconforming	77	1%
I prefer to self-describe	9	1%
I prefer not to answer	208	3%

Responses to demographic questions were optional. Nearly 6,800 of the 10,573 participants opted to respond, and the above results reflect those responses.



HOW DO YOU TRAVEL?

We asked you how you travel and how often you use each mode. The ranking below is based on the amount and frequency the respondents use each mode. Statewide, respondents identified driving alone as their most frequent mode of travel, followed by walking and bicycling.

DRIVE ALONE

You are the only person occupying the vehicle.

BICYCLING

Includes any bicycling for purposes other than recreation or exercise; includes electric or gas-powered pedal bikes.

AVIATION

Includes helicopters, commercial and private airplanes.

PASSENGER RAIL

Includes light rail, subways and Amtrak.



WALKING

Includes walking for purposes other than recreation or exercise; includes motorized or standard wheelchair.

PUBLIC TRANSIT

Includes buses and paratransit.

CARPOOL/ RIDESHARE

Includes carpool, van pool, taxi and Uber/Lyft.

MOTORCYCLE

Includes motorized two or three-wheeled bikes such as scooters and mopeds, but not electric or gas powered pedal bicycles.



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WHAT ARE YOUR TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES?

We asked you to rank 10 transportation priorities to learn what is most important to you. Statewide, road pavement was the top priority, bridges remained the second-highest priority, and walking replaced traffic flow in third place.

- 1 ROAD PAVEMENT**
 Repairing, restoring, reconstructing and maintaining Pennsylvania's 120,000 miles of state and local roadways to improve your travel
- 2 BRIDGES**
 Repairing, replacing and maintaining Pennsylvania's 31,000 state and local bridges
- 3 WALKING**
 Accessible and connected routes to get you where you need to go safely
- 4 TRAFFIC FLOW**
 Using technology to improve traffic flow and construction of new roads and additional travel lanes to safely move people and goods more efficiently
- 5 INTERSTATE HIGHWAY**
 Specific, prioritized investments in reconstructing Pennsylvania's 1,868 miles of interstate highways
- 6 TRANSIT**
 Accessible and timely public transportation that covers an extensive service area and crosses regions
- 7 PASSENGER RAIL**
 Intercity and commuter rail service across Pennsylvania with out-of-state connections
- 8 BICYCLING**
 Safe bicycle routes and facilities throughout the commonwealth to get you where you need to go
- 9 FREIGHT**
 Modern highways, railways, airports and waterways to support the economy and ensure the efficient movement of goods and services
- 10 AVIATION**
 Modern facilities, operations and a wide range of commercial airline choices at airports

THE MOST COMMON OTHER
 PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED INCLUDED:



Safety
 Initiatives



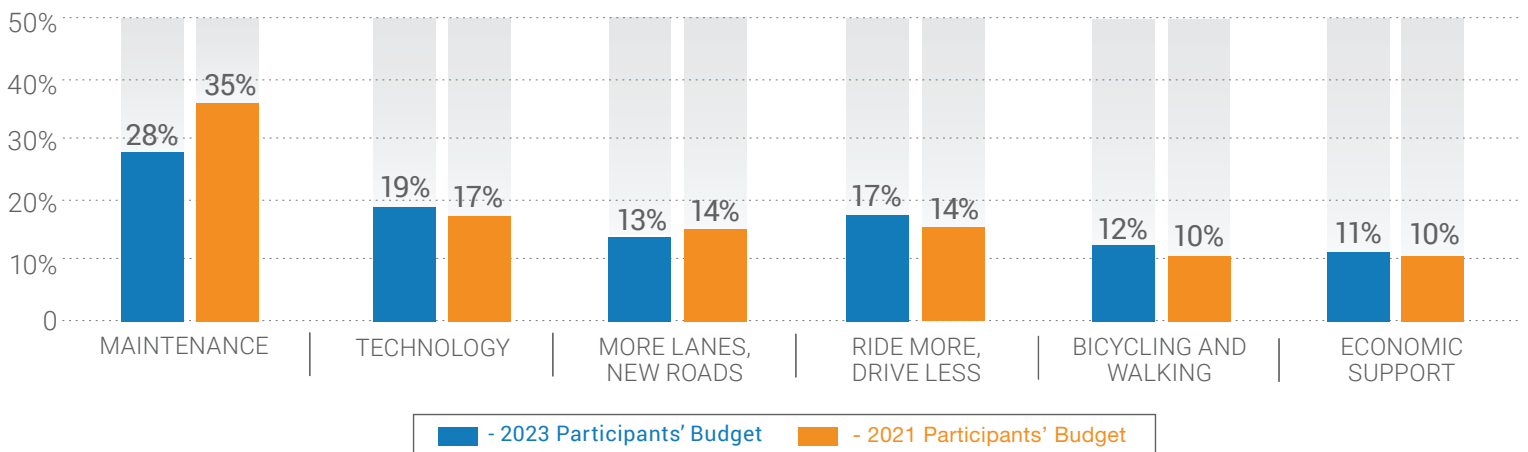
Environmental
 Sustainability



Electric Vehicle
 Infrastructure

HOW MUCH WOULD YOU SPEND?

We asked you to distribute our budget between six funding categories. Your responses show that you want more money to be spent on technology; public transit and passenger rail; pedestrian and bicycle access; and more economic support. You can use this chart to see how your responses compare with the 2021 survey.





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HOW CAN PENNSYLVANIA INCREASE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING?

We asked you to “suggest how Pennsylvania can increase transportation funding.” 1,089 survey respondents provided feedback, many including multiple ideas, for a total of 1,337 comments.

THE MOST SUGGESTED FUNDING SOURCE WAS:



1 Reallocation of Money



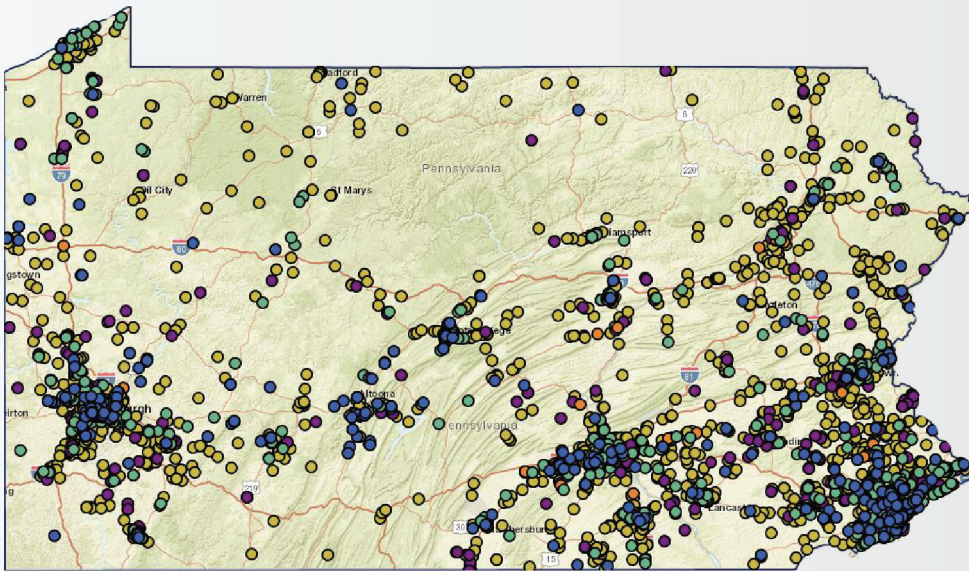
2 Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)



3 Tolling

WHAT ARE YOUR TRANSPORTATION ISSUES?

We asked you to map and describe your transportation issues, which generated 4,248 responses submitted statewide, with 127 of those concerns already being addressed by planned projects. Over 50% of issues submitted were roadway concerns, followed by pedestrian and bicycle issues at 25%.



Number of Issues Identified

The icons below correspond with the same color dots on the map.



2,284 ROADWAY



378 BRIDGE



1,082 BIKING/WALKING



41 FREIGHT



463 TRANSIT



127 CONCERNS ALREADY ADDRESSED

The map of transportation issues is interactive and can be viewed in more detail, including the comments submitted for each map point, at www.talkpatransportation.com/2023SurveyResults/map.html. Summaries by planning region and raw data are also available at www.talkpatransportation.com/stay-informed/survey-results.

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