



Appendix D

Public and Stakeholder Documentation

In March 2019, the Danville MPO and EPR-PC officially started the process of updating the region’s Long Range Transportation Plan. The approved scope of work called for a Public Involvement Plan, “for accomplishing this planning effort, to include, but not limited to compliance with Federal Title VI/Environmental Justice requirements.”

The following serves as an initial Public Involvement Plan, to help guide and inform the transportation planning process. Please refer to the latest Project Management Plan for guidance and details for other aspects of the transportation planning process.

ENGAGEMENT DOCUMENTS

The Public Involvement Plan includes two MPO documents. Those federally required plans include the:

- Public Involvement Participation Plan and Notification Procedures Manual
- Title VI Plan: Environmental Justice and Limited English Proficiency

PROCESS GOALS

The process vision is to “deliver a Long Range Transportation Plan that supports the region’s goals and objectives, with a comprehensive vision for the Danville-Pittsylvania urbanized transportation system.” Public engagement ties into each of the higher process goals:

Process Goal	Public Engagement Considerations
Deliver the 2045 LRTP update on time and on budget, according to the approved scope of work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a process consistent with MPO • Clearly define engagement goals and objectives, to focus time and resources
Deliver a plan that receives support from community stakeholders, MPO officials, local and regional staff, as well as federal and state agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a process that will engage various stakeholders and officials. • Ensure that those participants have a stake in the process.
Meet the 3c’s transportation planning process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet all federal public engagement requirements. • Develop a process consistent with MPO documents, such as the Title VI Plan.
Develop a community engagement process that is innovative, broad reaching and equitable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a Public Involvement Plan that is detailed, thoughtful and comprehensive. • Address challenges from the 2040 LRTP update and adopt new strategies for engagement.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT GOALS

For an efficient and successful public engagement process, there should be well-defined goals that guide the development of public meetings, interview questions, surveys, online materials and other engagement tools. The 2045 Long Range Transportation Planning process will include five engagement goals:

Educate and Inform

This goal applies to all phases of the planning process. As part of all engagement tools and efforts, a core goal will be to educate the public and stakeholders on the transportation planning process. Throughout the process, there will be an emphasis on communicating the importance of the LRTP and participating in the process. Main engagement tools will include the project website, newsletters, press releases, social media and community events.

Needs and Opportunities

In the initial phases of the process, as part of Task 1 Data Collection, a primary goal will be the identification of transportation needs and opportunities. This engagement will include more open-ended questions. One objective will be to attain a local knowledge of the community and its transportation system. Questions will be designed to identify areas of concern, perceived transportation deficiencies and opportunities. Engagement tools will include a comments page on the project website, the first open house event and interviews with stakeholders.

Goals and Measures

This may be the most critical engagement goal, as the system of performance measures and targets will serve as the system for evaluating projects. MPO officials, the public and stakeholders will help determine the rules for identifying priorities. This goal will be a priority for the longest engagement period, from July to December 2019. Engagement tools will include social media and online tools, the second open house event, the first survey, displays at community events and the second round of interviews with stakeholders.

Project Selection

In the next step, staff will begin to evaluate new and existing transportation recommendations with the approved set of performance measures and targets. For this Task 4 effort, January to May 2020, public engagement will focus on collecting feedback on the prioritized list of recommendations. Engagement tools will include the third open house, social media and online tools, a second survey, new comment options on the project website and a third round of stakeholder interviews.

Draft and Final Plan

At the end of the planning process, public engagement will begin to wind down. The main objective is to inform the public and offer a final review of the 2045 LRTP. Engagement tools will include the final open house, displays at community events, online materials, news blasts and public hearings.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

Throughout the transportation planning process, there will be eight components to public engagement, as described below. These different tiers are designed to accomplish different engagement goals, feeding into the transportation planning process. The tiers start with the most basic, required efforts and expand to more innovative and extensive engagement activities.

MPO Meetings

The Danville MPO has a governing body whose voting members are made up of three members from the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors, two members from the Danville City Council, the Danville City Manager, and a member from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). The Policy Board meets to determine policy matters and vote on issues brought to them by the Chairman and/or MPO Administrator. The MPO Technical Committee/Project Management Team is a group of local, regional and state staff that reports to the Policy Board on technical matters. Each of the MPO Technical and Policy Board meetings includes a public comment period. These meetings will provide the most basic public access to the process.

MPO Technical Committee

The Danville MPO's Technical Committee will be the formal working group throughout the planning process. There are multiple Technical Committee meetings scheduled, to vet deliverables and guide progress on the plan.

MPO Policy Board

The MPO Policy Board is the decision-making body for the process and the group responsible for approving the final planning document. The intention is to conduct several joint meetings with the MPO Technical Committee, for a more efficient process and greater communication between groups

Meeting Schedule

Meeting #1:

The MPO Technical Committee and Policy Board will hold a kick off meeting, to review the planning process and officially begin the 2045 LRTP update.

Meeting #2:

The consultants will present on the “state of the system” at a joint meeting. This will be a presentation of the Task 1 deliverables.

Meeting #3:

The MPO Technical Committee and Policy Board will meet to review, discuss, and decide upon a framework of goals, measures and targets.

Meeting #4:

A continuation from meeting #3, the MPO Technical Committee and Policy Board will

consider performance measures and targets to use in guiding the evaluation of projects.

Meeting #5:

The MPO Technical Committee and Policy Board will hold a work session to discuss the vision plan development.

Meeting #6:

The MPO Technical Committee and Policy Board will hold another work session to review project evaluation.

Meeting #7:

MPO officials will review the Draft Plan.

Meeting #8:

The MPO Policy Board will hear final presentations and hold a public hearing.

Project Website

A project website will provide information to those seeking to learn more about the 2045 LRTP update. The website will include a public comment box for those wanting to provide general comments online. Online materials will comply with the Public Involvement Participation Plan and Notification Procedures Manual, as well as the Title VI Plan: Environmental Justice and Limited English Proficiency document.

Public Involvement Participation Plan and Notification Procedures Manual

“Public notices advising citizens in the MPO urban planning study area of the availability of draft transportation plans and transportation improvement programs in local public libraries and public offices will be continued in addition to website availability.”

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Title VI Plan: Environmental Justice and Limited English Proficiency

“Include the Title VI Notice to the Public (see Appendix 2) in relevant press releases and on the West Piedmont Planning District Commission website.”

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

In order to comply with 49 CFR Section 21.9(d), the Danville MPO shall provide information to the public regarding their Title VI obligations and apprise members of the public for the protections against discrimination afforded to them by Title VI. The paragraph below will be inserted into all significant publications that are distributed to the public, such as future versions, and updates of the Long-Range Transportation Plan, Transportation Improvement Program, and Unified Planning Work Program.

The text will be placed permanently on the West Piedmont Planning District

Commission's website (<http://www.wppdc.org>).

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Newsletters

Staff will share project information in newsletters, press releases and through other existing announcements, to provide updates and direct the public to additional materials. These notices will include staff phone numbers and addresses to forward comments on the process.

Public Involvement Participation Plan and Notification Procedures Manual

"Throughout the public involvement process, the Consultant will prepare media releases for local newspapers, radio, and television. The Consultant will prepare one media release near the beginning of the project to announce the project, its intent and duration, and to describe the upcoming telephone survey. Similar media releases will be prepared prior to the group forum, public information meeting, and public hearing, announcing the schedule of the upcoming event and providing a brief update on project progress."

Surveys

The consultants will develop two community survey instruments. The first will collect feedback on Goals, Measures and Targets. The second will be a companion to the website, offering opportunities to comment on project selection and evaluation.

Social Media

The consultants will develop social media strategies with online data collection programs, such as MindMixer, to collect feedback throughout the process. These tools will collect feedback on Goals, Measures and Targets. These online tools will also collect comments on project selection and the draft plan.

Interviews

The consultants will hold three rounds of stakeholder interviews. The interviews are designed to align with the first three project milestones. The first round will focus on transportation needs and opportunities. The second will collect comments on Goals, Measures and Targets. The final set of interviews will be designed to evaluate project selection.

The stakeholder interview will also help to meet standards from the Title VI Plan.

"In addition to meetings and written communication as part of its efforts to reach out to low-income and minority communities, the MPO will utilize alternative methods of outreach, such as personal interviews, audio/video recording, and other feasible forms of communication."

Community Events

There will be displays and presentations at community events and to existing community groups, as defined by MPO staff. These efforts will help to inform and educate. There will be materials on site, to allow for public comments, designed for the specific engagement phase.

Open House Events

There will be three public open house events. These events will comply with the Public Involvement Participation Plan and Notification Procedures Manual, as well as the Title VI Plan: Environmental Justice and Limited English Proficiency document.

Public Involvement Participation Plan and Notification Procedures Manual

“Public meetings sponsored by the Danville MPO will be held at convenient and accessible locations and times. A citizen information forum period will be provided during each regular Policy Board meeting.”

“A meeting notice will be provided in printed form and electronically, where practicable, to local news media, one week in advance of each regular Policy Board meeting. Reasonable access to available information about Danville MPO sponsored transportation studies in the urban planning study area will also be provided.”

Open House #1:

The first meeting will focus on issues and opportunities. The consultant will also seek to consult with other agencies and officials who are affected by transportation in a roundtable discussion format on this day. Preliminary date: June 2019.

Open House #2: COVID

The second meeting will focus on weighting goals to aid the MPO in prioritizing projects, while also affirming existing projects and seeking new project ideas for the region’s transportation system.

Preliminary date: August 2019.

Open House #3:

The final meeting will be to present and obtain feedback on the draft plan. Preliminary date: June 2020.

ENGAGEMENT SCHEDULE

Refer to the attached table for the Public Involvement Schedule.

DOCUMENTATION

Staff will track all public engagement efforts and comments. All comments will be recorded into a public engagement database that stores: the comment, its source, the date and actions taken to incorporate the comment into the process. The engagement database will be included as an appendix to the 2045 LRTP.

Public Involvement Participation Plan and Notification Procedures Manual

“Documentation will be required throughout the consultation process including maintaining event logs.”

AGENDA

March 4, 2019

Meeting of the

Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Eastern Conference Room
Danville Regional Airport Terminal, Airport Road, Danville
at 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Election of MPO Chairman for 2019
3. Election of MPO Vice-Chairman for 2019
4. Approval of minutes from December 19, 2018 MPO Meeting
5. Consideration and approval of adding Virginia Department of Rail & Public Transportation (DRPT) required Transit Asset Management (TAM) language to the Danville-Pittsylvania MPO Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)
6. Consideration of EPR proposal for update of the US 58 Access Management Plan
7. Consideration of EPR proposal for update of the Danville-Pittsylvania MPO Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP)
8. Discussion of Oak Hill Road(Berry Hill) Relocation – Ron Scearce
9. VDOT Comments/Updates
10. Other Business
11. Adjourn

AGENDA

April 17, 2019

Meeting of the

Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Eastern Conference Room
Danville Regional Airport Terminal, Airport Road, Danville
at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes from March 4, 2019 MPO Meeting
3. Presentation on 2045 MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRPT) Update, Will Cockrell, EPR
4. Update on Oak Hill Road Planning
5. Consideration and approval of proposed FY 20 Unified Transportation Work Program(UWP)
6. Resolution 2019-1 to Amend FY 19 Unified Transportation Planning Work Program (UWP)
7. Resolution 2019-2 to Adopt FY 20 Unified Transportation Planning Work Program (UWP)
8. Resolution 2019-3 Statement of Certification for 2019
9. CTB Spring Six Year Plan Meeting, Lynchburg District
10. Comments/Updates from VDOT
11. Other Business
12. Adjourn

AGENDA

July 18, 2019

Meeting of the

Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Eastern Conference Room
Danville Regional Airport Terminal, Airport Road, Danville
at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes from April 17, 2019 MPO Meeting
3. Update on 2045 MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRPT) Will Cockrell, EPR
4. Consideration of a revision to the FY 2018-2021 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) to incorporate state performance measures
5. Comments/Updates from VDOT and DRPT
6. Other Business
7. Adjourn

AGENDA

October 9, 2019

Meeting of the

Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Eastern Conference Room
Danville Regional Airport Terminal, Airport Road, Danville
at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes from July 18, 2019 MPO Meeting
3. Update on 2045 MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRPT) Will Cockrell, EPR
4. Update on Riverside Drive STARS Study, VDOT Staff
5. Update on FHWA Technical Assistance Program, Joe Bonanno, Regional Planner
6. Comments/Updates from VDOT/DRPT/FHWA
7. Other Business
8. Adjourn

AGENDA

December 18, 2019

Meeting of the

Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Eastern Conference Room
Danville Regional Airport Terminal, Airport Road, Danville
at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes from October 9, 2019 MPO Meeting
3. Update on 2045 MPO Long Range Transportation Plan (LRPT) Will Cockrell, EPR
4. Update on 58 West Access Management Study, Dave Hoback, MPO Administrator
5. Adopt VDOT/FHWA Required 2020 Safety Targets
6. Preliminary Consideration of Potential MPO Applications for 2020 Smart Scale Round
7. Comments/Updates from VDOT/DRPT/FHWA
8. Other Business
9. Adjourn

AGENDA

March 18, 2020

Meeting of the

Danville-Pittsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Eastern Conference Room
Danville Regional Airport Terminal, Airport Road, Danville
at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Election of MPO Chairman & Vice-Chairman for 2020
3. Approval of minutes from December 18, 2019 MPO Meeting
4. Presentation: Long Range Transportation Plan Update, Will Cockrell, EPR
5. Consideration of 2020 MPO Smart Scale Applications
6. FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Update
7. Consideration of FY 21 MPO Work Plan New Studies
8. Other Comments/Updates from VDOT and DRPT Staff
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

AGENDA

June 24, 2020

Meeting of the

Danville-Pittsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Eastern Conference Room
Danville Regional Airport Terminal, Airport Road, Danville
at 6:30 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/97237934286?pwd=WUdrZ1NsTlcyK3dBOTNSd1p6V1cvQT09>

Meeting ID: 972 3793 4286

Password: 756810

Telephone: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes from March 18, 2020 MPO Meeting
3. Adoption of FY 21-24 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Resolution 2020-1
4. Adoption of 2020 MPO Self-Certification: Resolution 2020-2
5. Adoption of FY 21 MPO Unified Work Program (UWP): Resolution 2020-3
6. Adoption of Resolution to Carryover PL Funds from FY20 to FY 21: Resolution 2020-4
7. Update on US 58 West Access Management Study: Jessica Dimmick, EPR
8. Update on 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan Update: Will Cockrell, EPR
9. Other Comments/Updates from VDOT and DRPT Staff
10. Other Business
11. Adjourn

AGENDA

July 22, 2020

Meeting of the

Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

To Be Conducted Via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/94740059444?pwd=NGhnaXIMNFItUHh3NXNNbnZITXMwUT09>

Meeting ID: 947 4005 9444

Password: 622431

Telephone: +1 929 205 6099

at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Election of MPO Chairman for remainder of 2020
3. Approval of minutes from the June 24, 2020 meeting
4. Approval of a FY 2018-21 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) amendment to incorporate new statewide/districtwide maintenance project funding (DMPO-WP 20-1)
5. Adopt Resolutions of Support for Smart Scale Applications by the City of Danville, Pittsylvania County and the MPO:
 - Pittsylvania County Smart Scale Applications: Resolution – 2020-5
 - City of Danville Smart Scale Applications: Resolution – 2020-6
 - MPO Smart Scale Applications: Resolution – 2020-7
6. Comments/Updates from VDOT/DRPT/FHWA
7. Other Business
8. Adjourn

Figure 67 Project website homepage

AGENDA

August 20, 2020

Meeting of the

Danville-Pittsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

6:30 PM

Eastern Conference Room
Danville Regional Airport

Zoom
Meeting ID: 984 0935 9024
Passcode: 575731
Telephone: 1-929-205-6099

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes from the July 22, 2020 meeting
3. Presentation of the completed 2045 MPO Long Range Transportation Plan: Will Cockrell, EPR
4. Adopt 2045 Danville-Pittsylvania Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP): Resolution 2020-8
5. Adopt 58 West Access Management Study: Resolution 2020-9
6. Presentation/Update on VTRANS Statewide Transportation Plan, Chris Wichman, Office of Intermodal Planning & Investment (OPI)
7. MPO Title VI Policy Update
8. Comments/Updates from VDOT/DRPT/FHWA
9. Other Business
10. Adjourn

2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

HOME FAQs RESOURCES ENGAGE DRAFT LRTP

View the Draft Plan

2045 LRTP

The Danville MPO assembled a draft of the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and is preparing for a public hearing on August 20th, 2020. The nine-chapter document is posted here on this site and is available at public locations, such as Danville City Hall and the Pittsylvania County Office Building. You can also view the plan at the West Piedmont Planning District Commission offices, at:

1100 Madison Street
Martinsville, VA 24115

[Click here to view the Draft 2045 LRTP](#)

On July 7th, 2020, the Danville MPO held a virtual town hall. [Click here](#) to view a recording of the town hall event.

The LRTP Process

The Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization (DMPO) updates this important regional transportation plan every five years, providing a visionary blueprint for transportation improvements in the City of Danville and the adjacent areas of Pittsylvania County. This document, called the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is required for any transportation project or service to receive federal funding. Without that funding, many roadway and multi-modal improvements would not be possible. This plan addressing most aspects of the urban area's transportation network, identifying improvements to roads, bike and pedestrian facilities, transit, bridges and other transportation elements that make the Danville-Pittsylvania area a great place to live, visit and work.

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Danville MPO

The Metropolitan Planning Organization is an entity encouraged by federal legislation whose mandate is to help ensure that current and future expenditures for transportation programs and projects have a basis or foundation in a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive planning—the "3-C" planning process.

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Public Hearing Notices

The Danville MPO will hold a virtual public hearing on its updated 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to inform residents about the transportation planning process and provide an opportunity to offer public comments. The plan serves as a guide for the region in creating a more efficient, responsive, and environmentally sensitive transportation system over a 20-year planning horizon. Public feedback is encouraged and crucial in guiding the development of this plan. [Watch the meeting online.](#)

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Danville-Pittsylvania MPO Hosts Open House for LRTP 2045

(Danville, VA- June 10, 2019) The Danville-Pittsylvania Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold an open house for the public on the evening of June 27th, from 5-7 pm. Local businesses and residents will have the opportunity to talk with local transportation officials and staff, to help shape the region's transportation future through an update to the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (2045 LRTP).

The open house will be held at the Pepsi Building, at 661 Craghead Street.

The region looks ahead to assess future transportation projects, vital for our region's economic recovery. The plan considers all modes of transportation, including highways, transit service, bicycle and pedestrian routes, rail access and air travel. The plan update began in March 2019 and will be completed in August 2020, allowing time to evaluate the existing plan, conduct a robust public input process, weigh projects based on local goals, and thoroughly vet a final list of projects, which may significantly reshape the region.

The Danville-Pittsylvania MPO is the forum for cooperative transportation decision-making among the City of Danville and Pittsylvania County, in partnership with state and federal transportation officials. The MPO considers long-range regional projects and combines public input, technical data, and agency collaboration to develop forward-thinking solutions.

For more information on the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan and the process of its creation, please visit [danvillempo2045.com](https://www.danvillempo2045.com).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DANVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (DMPO)
Virtual Town Hall Event

DATE: Tuesday, July 7, 2020

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Online event @ <https://www.danvillempo2045.com/>

PURPOSE: The Danville Metropolitan Planning Organization (CVMPO) will hold a live, online Town Hall meeting on the evening of July 7, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. to inform local residents about the transportation planning process and how to comment on the update to the MPO's 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan. This plan serves as a guide for the region in creating a more efficient, responsive, & environmentally sensitive transportation system over the next 20+ years, and your feedback is crucial in guiding this plan.


For more information on the 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan, please visit the <https://www.danvillempo2045.com/>.

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Figure 68 MetroQuest survey questions

Slide Type	Question	Options
Map Markers	Please place map markers wherever you feel there are problems related to the transportation system within the yellow boundary lines. Problems could include many things, such as congestion, safety concerns or lack of bike lanes or sidewalks to name just a few.	Safety Issue; Infrastructure; General Comment; Bike/Ped Issue
Budget Allocation	The project types listed here are general categories of transportation projects that could be funded through this planning process. Consider this activity to be like voting for the kinds of projects the region should invest in over the next	Roadway Safety Improvements; Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects; New or Expanded Road Projects; Intercity Bus or Rail Projects; Transit Projects; Air Service Projects
Standard Survey	What is your primary mode of transportation?	Car; Bike; Walking; Public Transportation; Carpooling; Ride sharing services, like Uber
Standard Survey	What are the three most pressing transportation issues in the region?	Open-ended question
Standard Survey	Which of the following improvements would most increase your ease in getting to where you want to go in the region?	Roadway improvements, e.g., safety enhancements, widenings, building new roads; Bike/ped improvements, e.g., installing bike lanes, installing crosswalks, constructing multi-use paths; Transit improvements, e.g., providing more frequent bus service, installing bus shelters and schedules;
Standard Survey	Do you feel that any of the following are not adequately provided in the region? Check all that apply.	Park and ride facilities; Airport connections; Intercity bus; Passenger rail, i.e., Amtrak; Car share services, e.g., Zipcar; Ride sharing services, e.g., Uber and Lyft, or taxis; Bike share; Electric scooters
Wrap-Up	In which city or county do you live?	City of Danville; Pittsylvania County; North Carolina; Other Virginia Locality
Wrap-Up	Enter your email below to receive updates.	Open-ended question
Wrap-Up	Is there anything else you would like to add?	Open-ended question



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Virtual Public Hearing on Danville MPO

Draft 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

Thursday, August 20, 2020 @ 5:30 PM


The Danville MPO will hold a virtual public hearing on its updated 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan to inform residents about the transportation planning process and provide an opportunity to offer public comments. The plan serves as a guide for the region in creating a more efficient, responsive, and environmentally sensitive transportation system over a 20-year planning horizon. Public feedback is encouraged and crucial in guiding the development of this plan.

For more information on the plan please visit <https://www.danvillempo2045.com>

To join the virtual town hall, please visit:

<https://zoom.us/j/9467211183?pwd=akZYdkgxTTl6T2JlYjVHSUE4dnFldz09>

Meeting ID: 946 7211 1183; Password: 218388; Telephone: 929-205-6099



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Figure 69 MetroQuest survey results

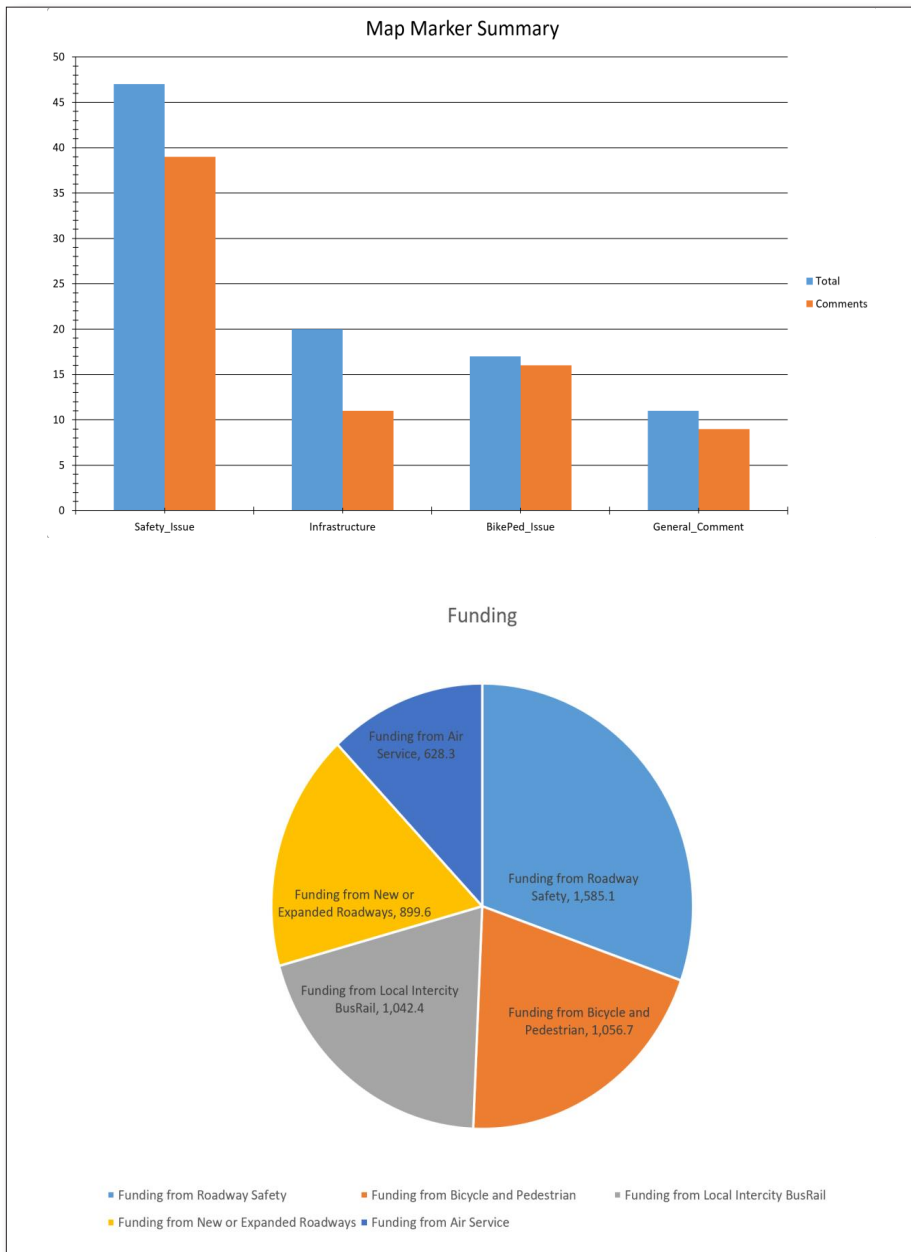


Figure 70 MetroQuest survey results

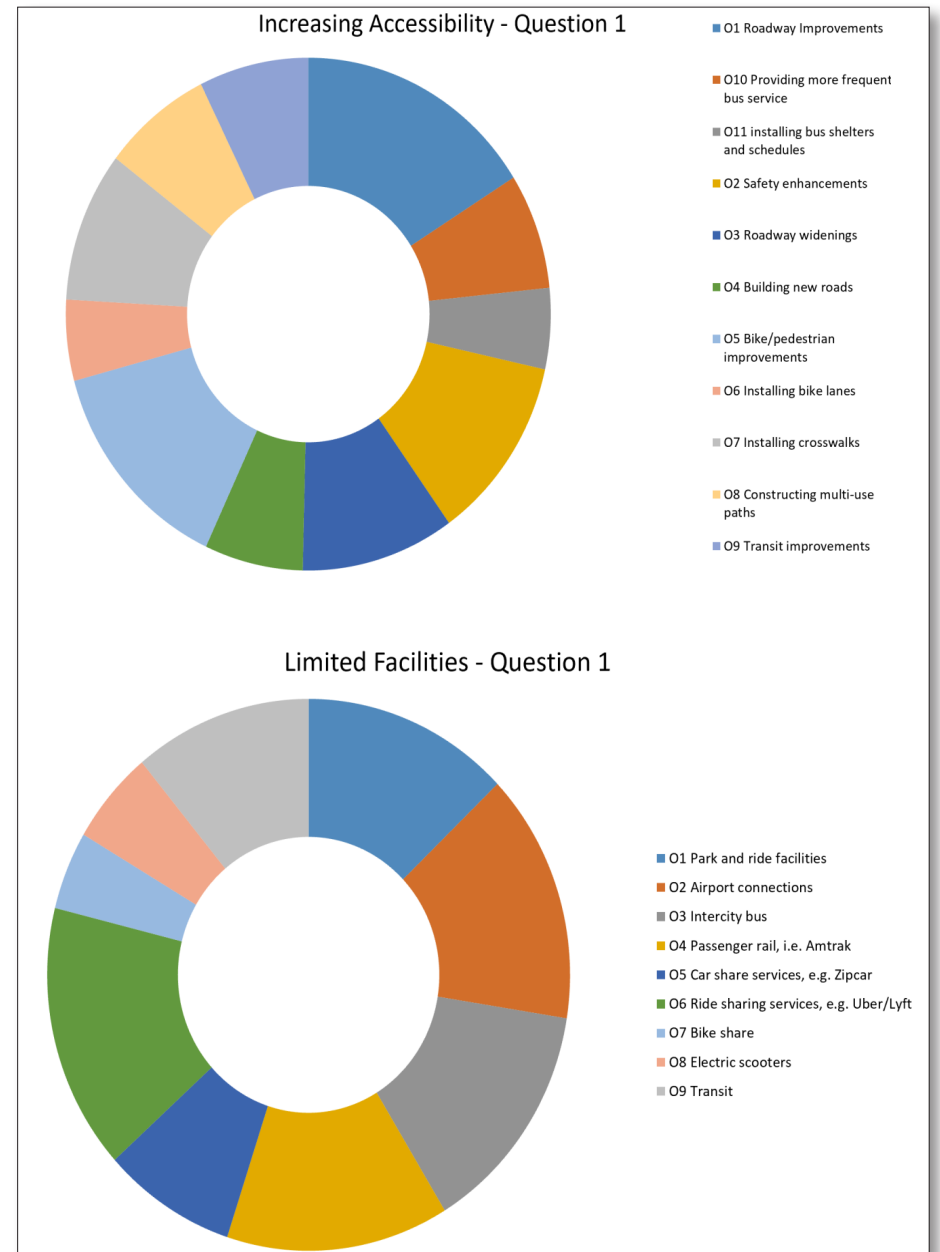


Figure 71 MetroQuest survey results

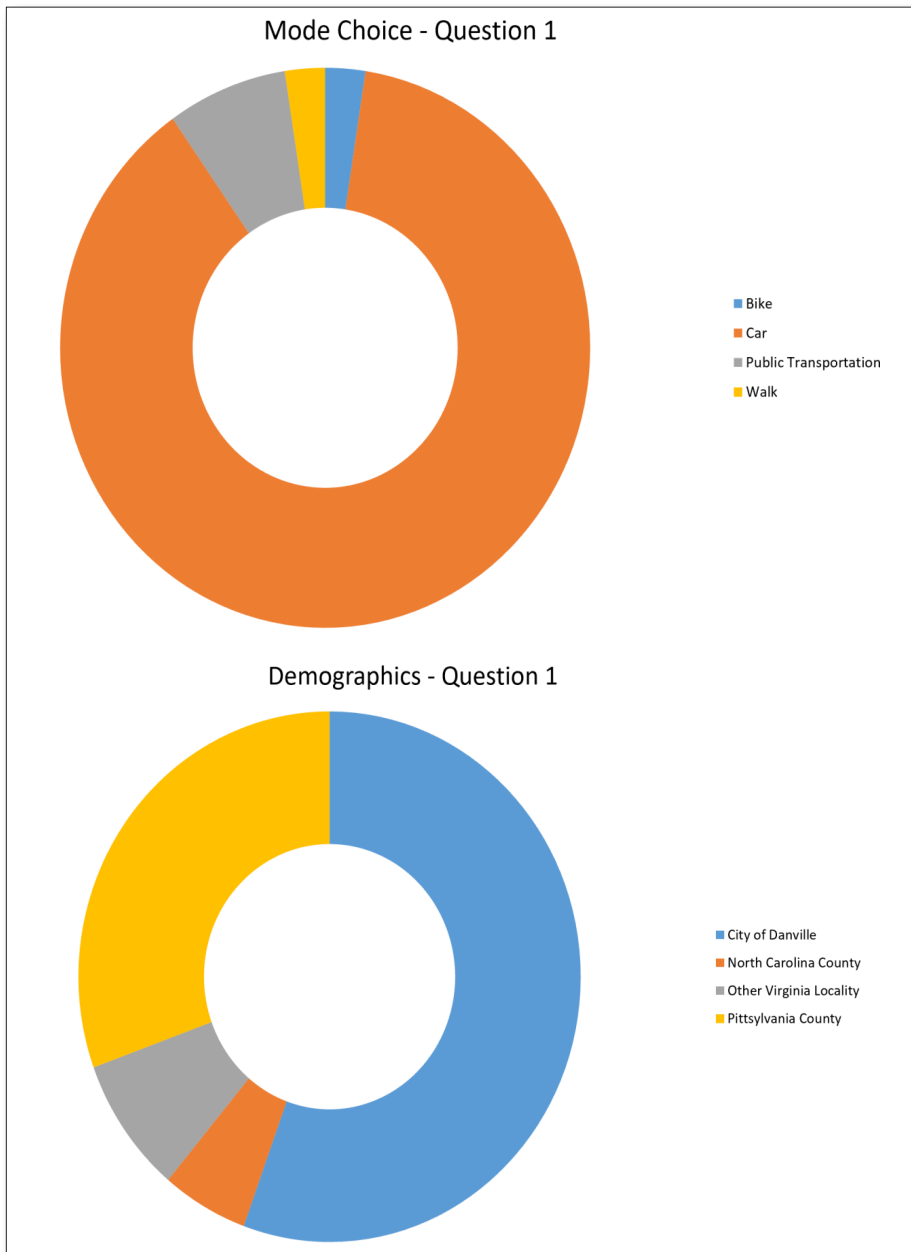


Figure 72 MetroQuest survey results

Comments
Feedback
Don't need more roads
This survey was difficult to navigate, especially the map.
Thank you
Thank you for asking for my input!
No
If public transportation was better, more people would use it. Also it is difficult and dangerous to walk and bike in a neighborhood without sidewalks (most neighborhoods)
I appreciate the improvements to downtown and the River District! Overall, I think Danville is doing what we can with the resources we have!
No
I look forward to being apart of the future planning of the city. Danville has so much potential!
In order to help grow our transportation system. We need jobs and recreation for our citizens. You have to have things going on in the city/county that will encourage citizens to use public transportation. Another thing...I think the bike sharing program was wonderful. But at the same time, you have to expand the trail. No one want to walk/ride the trail to see trees. Have vendor stations where you can stop and get a bottle of water, food, ice cream or even a t-shirt.

Figure 74 MetroQuest survey results

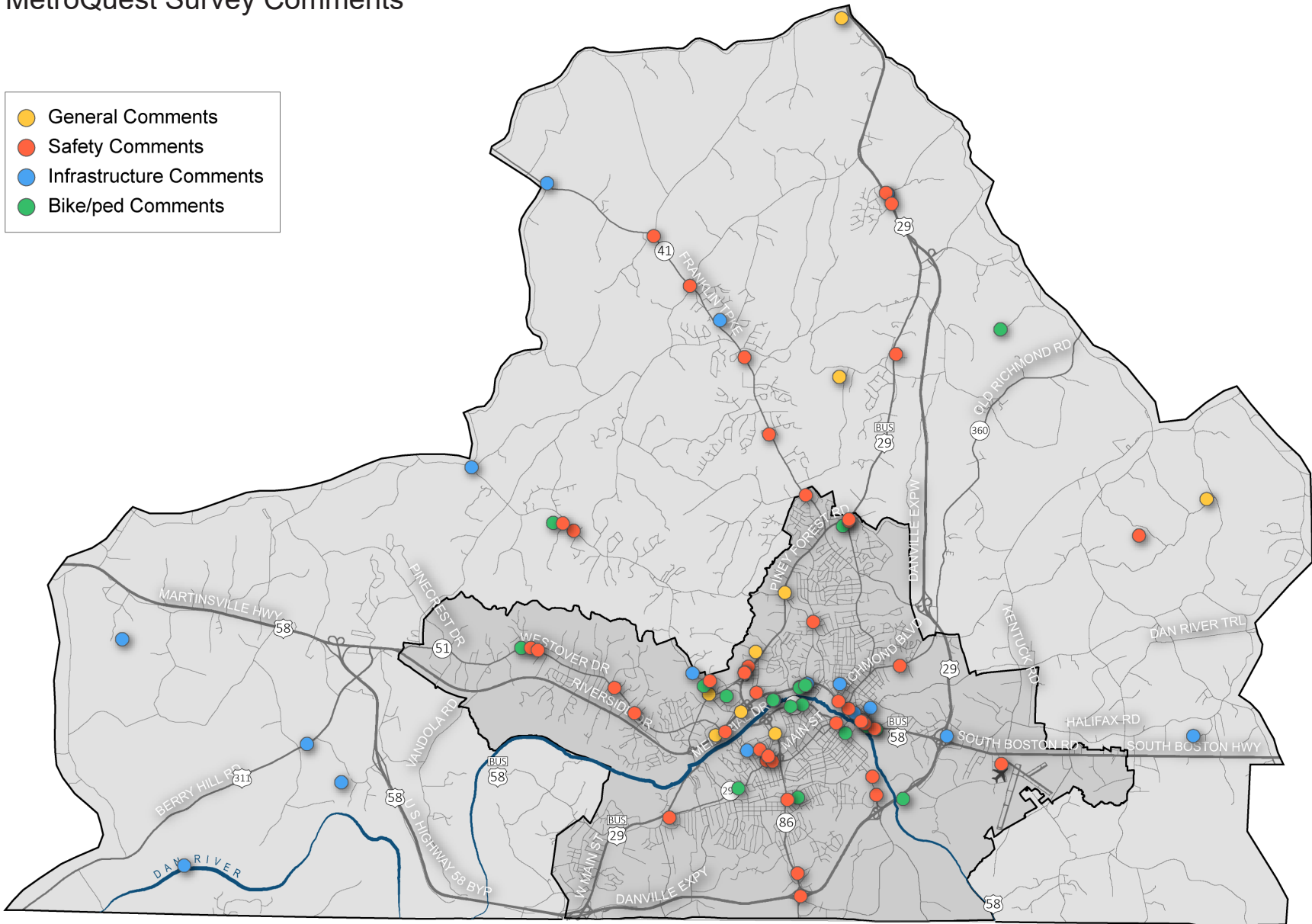
Feedback
There are a lot of traffic accidents, it seems. A lot of people have limited transportation options. Danville can be disconnected from the rest of the state, as well.
Lack of Interstate Highway, Lack of inter-city bus service, lack of air service
Avoiding bikers in the downtown area.
Flooding during heavy rains along Riverside.
Not enough major roads aside from Piney Forest/Business 29.
More public bussing, road repair
1. No local commercial air service. It was great when we had this in the 1970s.
2. Many streets are hazardous for walking - no sidewalks on busy highways; no safe place to walk on Central Blvd. bridge, but I see people walking across it at times.
3. Amtrak needs to add more routes and stops; bring back Business Class.
Safety improvements, increased seat belt use and increased economic development opportunities
Finish the Danville Expressway/make it an interstate so that businesses will locate here; Consider having commercial air service in and out of Danville; Lack of delivery services into the county.
Road conditions, lack of interstate access, poor traffic flow patterns (using stop lights to control speed instead of Safety.
Safety, maintenance of roadways, congestion on roadways.
Transportation for the elderly
Medical transports
Bypass around Charlottesville
Complete Bypass around Danville
Improved road access along W. Main near Dan River Mills facility
Rural transportation options, expand transit routes, employment transportation.
Lack of public transportation on 29 towards Lynchburg,
Lack of public transportation on 29 to Chatham, Gretna, Altavista and Lynchburg, Secondary road widen, Road
Short distance 1
More buses 2
Coverage 3
Public transportation availability/affordability. Maintaining existing roads.
roadway conditions/infrastructure
No public transportation in the county to the city, lack of sidewalks on main thoroughfares like Riverside Drive, and the bus system seems limited in terms of times it runs and ease of use (accurate app features)
Infrastructure of highway system to accommodate movement of goods.
Maintenance of public street within the city and county..
Driver education.
1. Lack of mobility-many are without cars and lack reliable public transit service
2. Need increased access to and improved quality and connectivity of bike and ped infrastructure
3. Safety issues - lots of poorly designed roadways that create safety issues for drivers, bicylists, and pedestrians; also lots of safety risks for travelers during storms due to inadequate infrastructure
reserve a ride doesnt alwys come , bus route dont go to county no transportation in county
No public transportation in the county, difficult bus schedule, no direct bus transfer to certain locations (takes long to get to places having to switch buses)
Road improvements

Figure 73 MetroQuest survey results

Regional accessible public transportation;
Regional public transportation; aged access points and infrastructure; washed out roads
Safer, less distracted driving by citizens. Better pedestrian/cyclist solutions. Public transportation.
Traffic safety
Public transportation
Infrastructure
Flexible, dependable transportation for people with disabilities.
Rentable electric scooters and bikes would be a great addition to the City.
Frequency of bus service, safe accommodations for people walking and biking, and safety
Availability of public transportation. The system does very well for the funding it receives. Para (handivan/reserve a ride) system is exceptional compared to neighboring cities and makes a valiant attempt to be responsive Danville's needs. It needs to be expanded!
Sidewalks and infrastructure planning with businesses. Landowners need to work with city planners and public transportation to view accessibility as an asset, not a liability to a business property. Every business needs an accessible entrance from street to building entrance. Incentivize accessibility.
Bring back Grayhound bus stop
Safety, paved roads,
No diverse selections of transportation. Ex. Metro System. No transportation after certain hours.
Transportation to medical facilities and to grocery stores

MetroQuest Survey Comments

- General Comments
- Safety Comments
- Infrastructure Comments
- Bike/ped Comments



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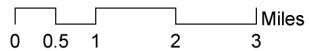
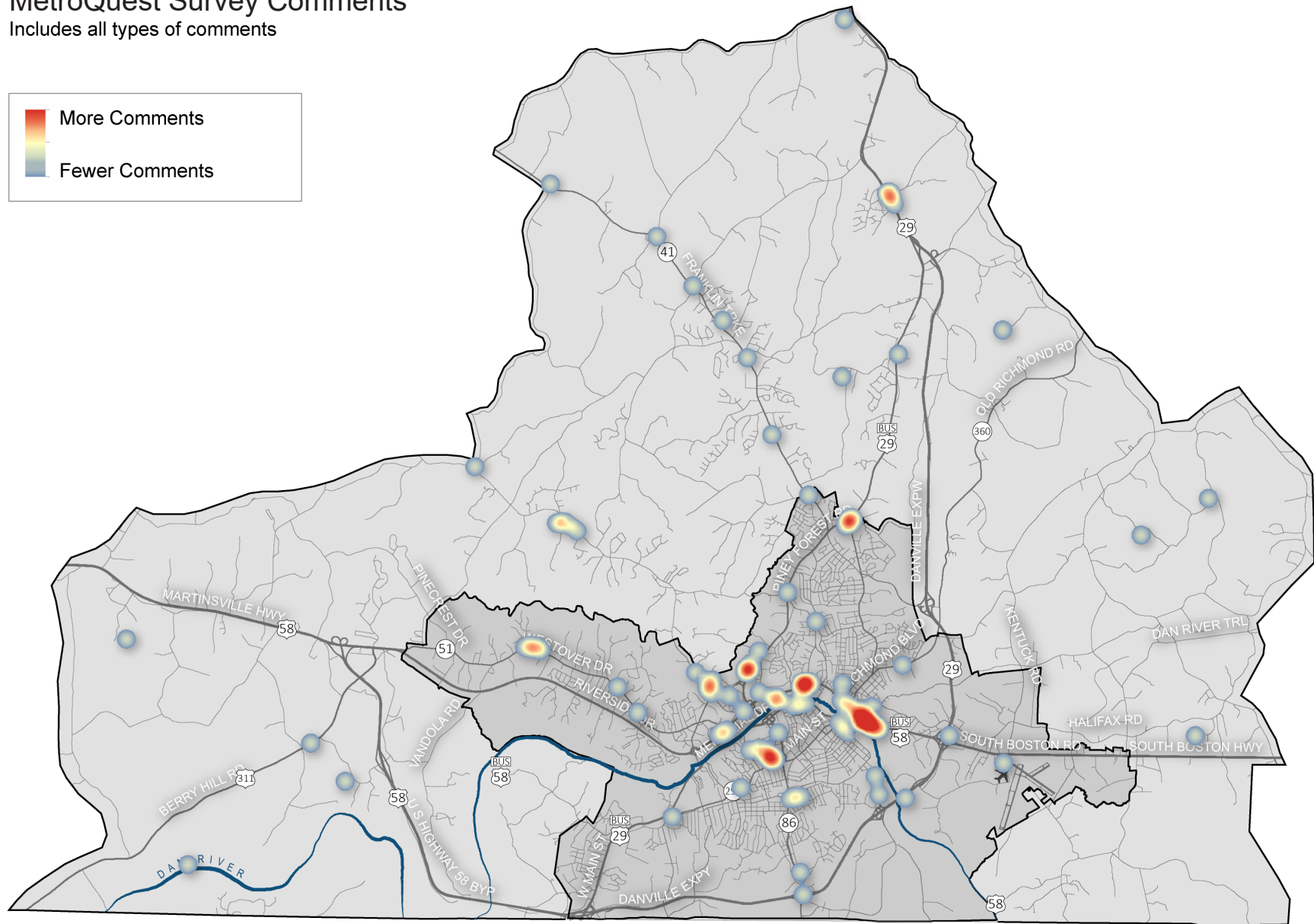
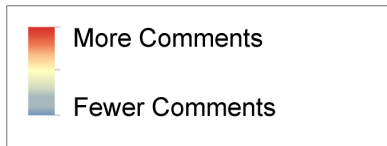
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Figure 76 MetroQuest survey results

MetroQuest Survey Comments

Includes all types of comments



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Figure 77 Public outreach postcards



Danville MPO 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan

The 2045 LRTP will inform how millions of dollars in local, state and federal funding will be invested to improve the region's roads, bike amenities, bus services and more.

We want your ideas, visions and opinions on how to make smart investments in transportation projects that will improve the region's economy and make walking, biking, driving and riding the bus easier, safer and more efficient.



For more information, log on to www.danvillempo2045.com or hold up your smartphone camera to the QR code to the left

Figure 78 Feedback received from postcards

Comment	Source
Road diets, dockless e-bikes and e-scooters, r-cuts and roundabouts at key intersections, access management along commercial corridors, more bike lanes (especially protected bike lanes), expanded trail network, expanded bike share, encourage TOD and link land use to transportation, Expanded intercity bus and rural transit service	Postcard: Public Open House #1
Wheelchair friendly pedestrian crossings at all Railroad tracks (behind Food Lion near Ballou Park), Schoolfield area: Edgewood Drive, Strokesdale Avenue, Wood Avenue, Wooding, Clearview Drive.	Postcard: Mailed to EPR from Virginia Department for the Blind & Vision Impaired
Sidewalks on: Riverside (both sides) with safe pedestrian crossings, Memorial Drive, Piney Forest, Mt. Cross between DQ and Walmart, Piedmont Dr- Post Office to Lowes Drive	Postcard: Mailed to EPR from Virginia Department for the Blind & Vision Impaired
Commuter Service (Like Crozet to Charlottesville): Danville, Brosville, Axton, Martinsville. Danville, Blairs, Chatham, Gretna. South Boston, Danville. Keep funding Reserve-a-Ride!	Postcard: Mailed to EPR from Virginia Department for the Blind & Vision Impaired
Bring back Greyhound! More "on demand" options (taxi, uber, etc.), Add 4 person biking rental on park walkways and downtown to create a novel option to explore Danville. (Like at the beach). With 4 peddlars they can do the hills	Postcard: Mailed to EPR from Virginia Department for the Blind & Vision Impaired
Walking across a parking lot is not safe. Include in all parking lot design/new construction for business --> sidewalk from entrance to street. Bus stop plan: can a person who is blind walk from a stop to the front door of a business?	Postcard: Mailed to EPR from Virginia Department for the Blind & Vision Impaired

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