



# On the Move



**2007-2035 TRANSPORTATION PLAN**

## Summary of: Survey 2, Transportation Needs and Opportunities Fall 2005

Revised 1/20/2006

### 1. Top problems and opportunities

a. Problems: What is the transportation problem you are most concerned about?

**292 responses**

b. Opportunities: What is the best change we could make for our community's future, related to transportation?

**223 recommendations**

2. General concerns. Percentage is equal to the number of specific responses divided by the total number of responses to a question (figures are rounded to the nearest whole percent).	Total responses	Yes, very big problem	Yes, medium problem	Not a problem / Not sure
If you don't have a car or can't drive, you can't get places	337	35%	29%	35%
Lack of real transportation choices	336	32%	38%	29%
Street and highway congestion	343	22%	43%	34%
Lack of information about freeway conditions	331	13%	39%	48%
Air pollution or noise from traffic	341	19%	33%	48%
Too many trucks in neighborhoods and downtowns	341	19%	34%	47%
Roadways not attractive	342	19%	34%	46%
We're not maintaining road system	343	25%	43%	32%
Safety issues: too many crashes and injuries	338	22%	40%	38%
Too many railroad crossings	334	17%	30%	53%
Other: 36 problems 19 comments				

3. Specific types of transportation. *√ if this is a problem for you or our region and give comments.* Percentage is equal to the number of responses divided by 221 (total number of surveys received). The number of responses appears in parentheses

**Driving:** 25% (94) Traffic backups 26% (100) Traffic lights not timed 43% (165) Bad pavement 16% (69) Dangerous street / highway locations 28% (105) Snow removal 64% (243) Gas prices 4% (17) Other: 18 problems 82 comments

**Public Transit** 30% (113) Doesn't go where needed 27% (101) Doesn't run enough hours 22% (82) Lack of connections between transit services 34% (128) Lack of information 8% (31) Other: 31 problems 84 comments.

**Bicycling:** 47% (179) Not safe to ride on streets 27% (103) Bicyclists don't follow rules 49% (186) Not enough bike paths to get places 4% (16) Other: 16 problems 64 comments.

**Walking:** 25% (96) No sidewalks 27% (101) Sidewalks in bad repair 29% (111) Snow on sidewalks 24% (93) Can't cross streets safely 2% (7) Other: 7 problems 79 comments

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**Travel to other cities:** 20% (75) Too few trains per day 22% (83) Trains don't go to enough cities 13% (50) Trains not on time 13% (51) Not enough Greyhound bus service 21% (80) No transit or rail to airports 4% (14) Other: 17 problems  
69 comments

**Freight transportation:** 7% (25) Trucks can't get there on time (congestion, rail crossings, etc.) 7% (25) Bad roads damage freight 6% (21) Not enough rail capacity 4% (16) Poor road connections to airport 5% (19) Poor road connections to industries 12% (47) Turnpike tolls or speeds for trucks 6% (22) Lack of Michigan load routes 1% (4) Other: 4 problems  
52 comments

**4. Specific locations of problems / opportunities:** What locations are you concerned about? Give additional locations you did not already list.

Location	Problem or Opportunity
113 locations mentioned	97 opportunities / comments mentioned

### Demographic Information

Percentage is equal to the number of responses divided by 189 (the total number of demographic entries received).  
The number of responses appears in parentheses

Age: (check age range)	Under 16 9% (26)	17-24 30% (90)	25-39 10% (30)	40-59 33% (98)	60-74 12% (36)	75+ 5% (16)
Employed 61% (181)	Currently retired or unemployed 24% (70)					
Student:	Full-time 30% (89)			Part-time 7% (21)		
I usually get around by:	Car 88% (261)	Bus or Taxi 8% (25)	Bicycle 9% (28)	Walk 18% (54)	Other: 1% (4)	
This year I also used:	Car 32% (94)	Bus or Taxi 17% (51)	Bicycle 25% (74)	Walk 42% (125)	Train 8% (23)	Airplane 24% (72)

#### Response Summary

Surveys from Libraries / Other..... 289  
 Surveys by mail..... 19  
 Surveys by web..... 9  
 Public meetings..... 64

Total number of surveys received: 381 (as 1/20/2006)

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