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Transportation & Mobility

What We Heard



Community Input

Focus groups, open houses, community events, a public survey, and an online engagement tool generated thousands of interactions. These comments provided valuable insight into transportation challenges, opportunities, and community priorities. Input played a critical role in guiding plan recommendations and establishing a transportation vision that reflects the needs of Lincoln and Lancaster County residents.

Recurring Themes

Input gathered through community engagement revealed several recurring themes:

Safety: Public input consistently emphasized the need for a safer transportation system, with improvements to intersections, crossings, roadway design, and operations to better protect all users.

Active Transportation Connectivity: Community members expressed strong support for expanding and connecting sidewalk, trail, and bicycle networks to provide safe and convenient access to destinations throughout Lincoln and Lancaster County. Residents cited “Trails and Biking” as what they liked best about Lincoln’s transportation system.

Transit and Mobility Choice: Participants highlighted the importance of reliable transit service and expanded mobility options that provide residents with more ways to travel throughout the region.

System Reliability and Maintenance: Maintaining and improving existing transportation infrastructure emerged as a priority, with attention to roadway conditions, congestion, and overall system performance. While maintenance of the system remains a critical priority, it received less focus than in past plans, when it ranked as the top concern. This change likely reflects the success of increased local investment in recent years, including Lincoln on the Move.

Growth and Accessibility: Residents emphasized the need for transportation investments that not only support future growth but also improve access to housing, jobs, services, and community destinations.

Multimodal Transportation: Engagement participants supported a balanced transportation system that accommodates walking, bicycling, transit, freight movement, and automobile travel while strengthening connections between modes.

Funding and Implementation: Stakeholders stressed the importance of strategic investment decisions, project prioritization, and coordinated implementation to maximize the long-term benefits of limited transportation funding.