

Lincoln MPO 2050 LRTP Update & Lincoln Mobility Plan Project Oversight & Planning Committee (POP-C) Meeting #2

September 25, 2025
10:00 AM



Agenda

- ▶ 1. Vision & Goals Discussion
- ▶ 2. Transportation Changes & Initial Feedback
- ▶ 3. Public Engagement
- ▶ 4. Existing Conditions
- ▶ 5. Comprehensive Plan Update
- ▶ 6. Schedule and Next Steps

LRTP Vision & Goals

- ▶ POPC generally supports the existing vision and goals, recommending minor refinements:
 - ▶ Greater emphasis on mobility choice and community connections
 - ▶ Addition of themes including resiliency, health, sustainable growth, and innovative funding approaches
 - ▶ Reframe equity goal as “Access & Opportunity”
 - ▶ Core priorities of safety, maintenance, and environmental sustainability remain unchanged

DRAFT LRTP Vision:

- ▶ The vision for transportation in Lincoln and Lancaster County is a safe, efficient, and sustainable system that **expands mobility choices, strengthens community connections,** and enhances quality of life and economic vitality.



DRAFT LRTP Goals:

- ▶ **Maintenance:** A well-maintained transportation system.
- ▶ **Mobility & System Reliability:** An efficient, reliable, **resilient**, and well-connected transportation system that leverages innovation and technology for moving people and freight.
- ▶ **Livability & Travel Choice:** A multimodal system that provides **convenient and affordable** travel options to support a more compact, **healthy**, livable urban environment.
- ▶ **Safety & Security:** A safe and secure transportation system.
- ▶ **Economic Vitality:** A transportation system that **promotes** economic vitality **and sustainable growth** for residents and businesses.

DRAFT LRTP Goals (cont.):

- ▶ **Environmental Sustainability:** A transportation system that enhances the natural, cultural, and built environment.
- ▶ **Funding & Cost Effectiveness:** Collaboration in funding transportation projects that maximizes user benefits **and local funding and embraces innovative funding approaches.**
- ▶ **Access & Opportunity:** A multimodal transportation system that expands access to opportunities and enhances connections for communities with limited transportation options.

Mobility Plan Vision & Goals

- ▶ Built on Lincoln's Bike Plan foundation, expanded to include transit, micromobility, and first/last-mile connections
- ▶ Shaped by citywide priorities: people-centered, multimodal, resilient, and practical for everyday travel
- ▶ Informed by POPC and Mobility Plan Subcommittee input and best practices in safety, access, and livability
- ▶ Alignment with other Lincoln Efforts
 - ▶ LRTP: Reinforces vision of travel choice, connected networks, and economic vitality
 - ▶ Climate Action Plan (CAP): Supports complete streets, reduces auto-dependence, advances clean technologies, and aligns with emission goals
 - ▶ Vision Zero & Complete Streets: integrates safety and comfort priorities for walking, biking, rolling, and transit users

DRAFT Mobility Plan Vision:

- ▶ A connected, low-stress city network that makes walking, biking, rolling, and transit safe, convenient, and practical for everyday trips; improving access citywide and supporting a healthy, resilient, and prosperous Lincoln.

DRAFT Mobility Plan Goals:

- ▶ **Safety:** A safer multimodal network that supports walking, biking, rolling, and transit access in a manner that eliminates fatal crashes and reduces severe crashes.
- ▶ **Connected Network:** A connected citywide network linking people – both in established areas and the growing edges – to goods, services, and amenities such as jobs, schools, services, parks, and transit.
- ▶ **Access & Options:** A reliable multimodal network that supports daily travel needs for all members of the Lincoln community through practical travel choices, especially in areas with limited transportation options.
- ▶ **Healthy, Active Lifestyle:** A city designed to encourage active transportation and cultivate healthier, more livable neighborhoods.

DRAFT Mobility Plan Goals (cont.):

- ▶ **Sustainable Mobility:** A transportation system that advances clean technologies, improves air quality, uses resources efficiently, and strengthens long-term resilience.
- ▶ **Economic Vitality & Access to Jobs:** A multimodal system that builds a stronger economy through improved access to jobs, education, and key destinations, supporting talent attraction and long-term retention.
- ▶ **Implementation, Funding & Partnerships:** Cost-effective implementation of the Mobility Plan through a coordinated 'dig once' approach, backed by reliable funding and strong partnerships.

Review of Changes Since Last LRTP

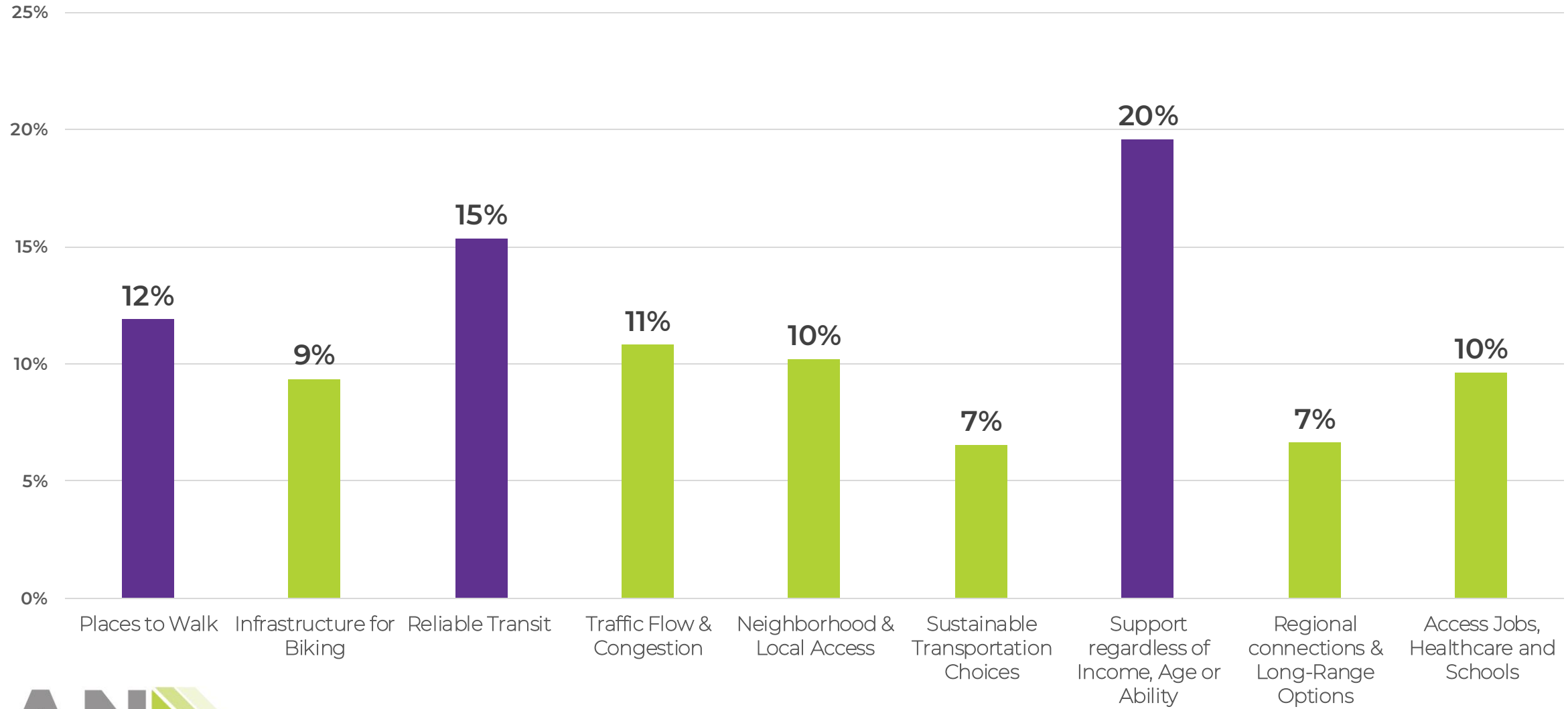
- ▶ South Beltway (NE-2) Completed; Traffic has shifted but freight is still using Nebraska Parkway (Google)
- ▶ Use of E-Bikes and Scooters is increasing rapidly
- ▶ Funding has grown, but now facing uncertainty
- ▶ Shifts in Federal Administration and Priorities
- ▶ Return to In-Person Work, with perhaps more flexibility
- ▶ People Driving Faster and Less Attentive (safety)
- ▶ Continued implementation of Roundabouts
- ▶ Do Project Rankings reflect true priorities?

Initial Feedback

- ▶ Serving all people & modes (*aging**)
- ▶ Safety
- ▶ Unsafe driving behaviors
- ▶ Transit
- ▶ Roundabouts
- ▶ Car-centric vs. Walkable
- ▶ Roadway conditions



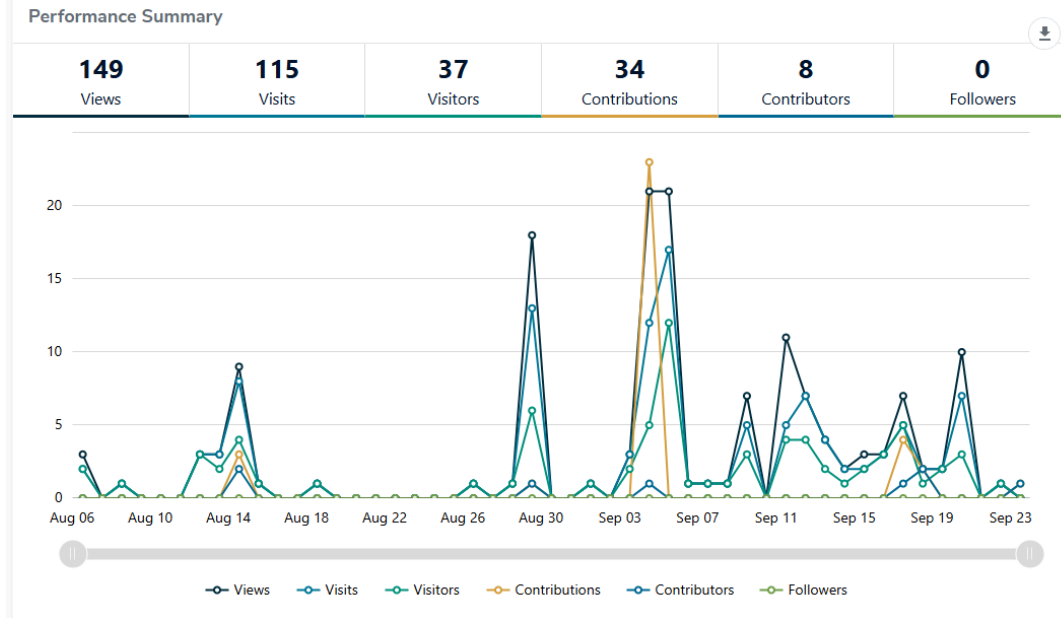
Initial Feedback



Public Engagement

- ▶ Project Website
- ▶ In Community Pop-Ups
- ▶ Public Meeting
- ▶ Focus Groups
- ▶ Communications Package for Partners
- ▶ POP-C Stakeholder Hub

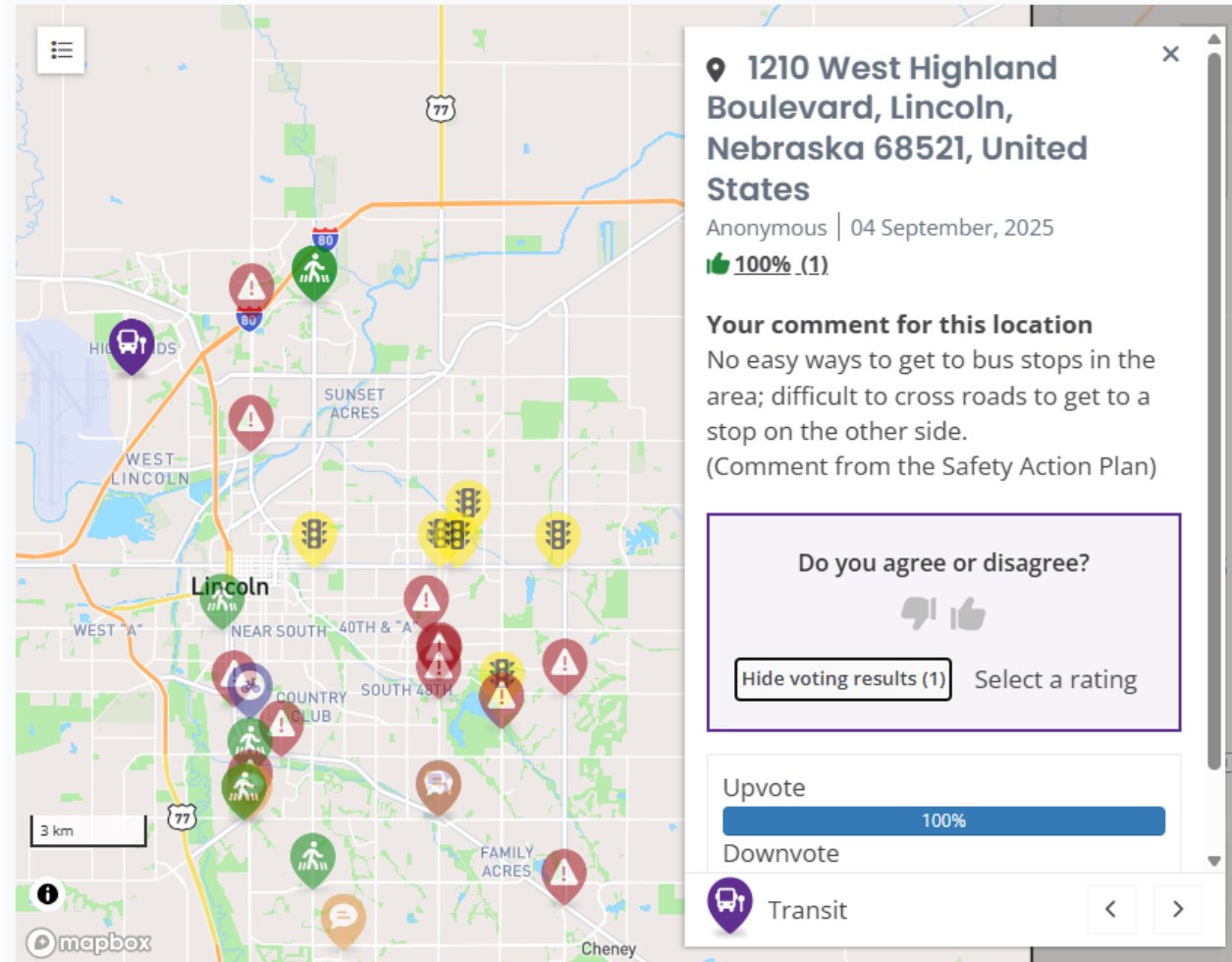
Project Website



Share Your Ideas & Experiences

Add pins where you have experienced safety issues, where you think improvements can be made for walking, biking, driving, taking transit or any other mode of travel.

32 contributions so far



Pop-Up Events

- ☑ Lincoln Unites, Sept. 7
- ☑ Latino Festival, Sept. 13
- ☑ Gateway Food Truck Festival, Sept. 20
- ▶ Holmes Lake Park, Sept. 27
- ▶ Nacho Ride (Walton), Sept. 30
- ▶ Hickman Trick/Treat on the Trail, Oct. 30



POP-C Stakeholder Hub

<https://fhu.mysocialpinpoint.com/lrtp-mobility-plan-stakeholder-hub>

► Live Demo



LRTP and Mobility Plan Stakeholder Hub

A planning effort to identify and prioritize future improvements to the Lincoln and Lancaster County transportation network.

[View the public engagement site](#)

Lincoln and Lancaster County are advancing a coordinated transportation and mobility planning effort to guide how people and goods move across the region through 2050. These plans create the framework for long-term investment decisions that support growth, safety and everyday mobility.

For agencies and partners this work will:

- Align with federal and state requirements for planning and funding.
- Provide data and analysis for coordinated decisions.
- Establish investment priorities based on technical evaluation and community input.
- Ensure consistency across jurisdictions and travel modes.

Coordinated Effort

This process connects with other major initiatives, including the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan and Safe Streets Lincoln Vision Zero Action Plan. Coordination reduces duplication, builds a unified regional strategy, and strengthens opportunities for funding and implementation.

Project Oversight and Planning Committee

+ July 31, 2025

+ September 25, 2025



What's in the Plans?

Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) Update

- Guides multimodal transportation priorities and federal funding allocations over the next 25 years
- Refreshes content and analysis while maintaining a 2050 planning horizon
- Must be adopted by the MPO Officials Committee by December 2026
- [View existing plan here](#)

Mobility Plan

- Updates and unifies Lincoln's pedestrian and

Public Meeting!

- ▶ Thursday October 23
- ▶ Culler Middle School, 5:30 – 7:30pm
- ▶ In coordination with Comprehensive Plan

Public Meeting!

- ▶ Introduce the Plans
- ▶ Highlight Existing Conditions
- ▶ Feature Goals
- ▶ Meaningfully Engage

Focus Groups

- ▶ Seek to understand how people currently travel, identify barriers and needs, and raise awareness of the planning effort.
- ▶ 10 groups of 12-15 participants between October 27-31st

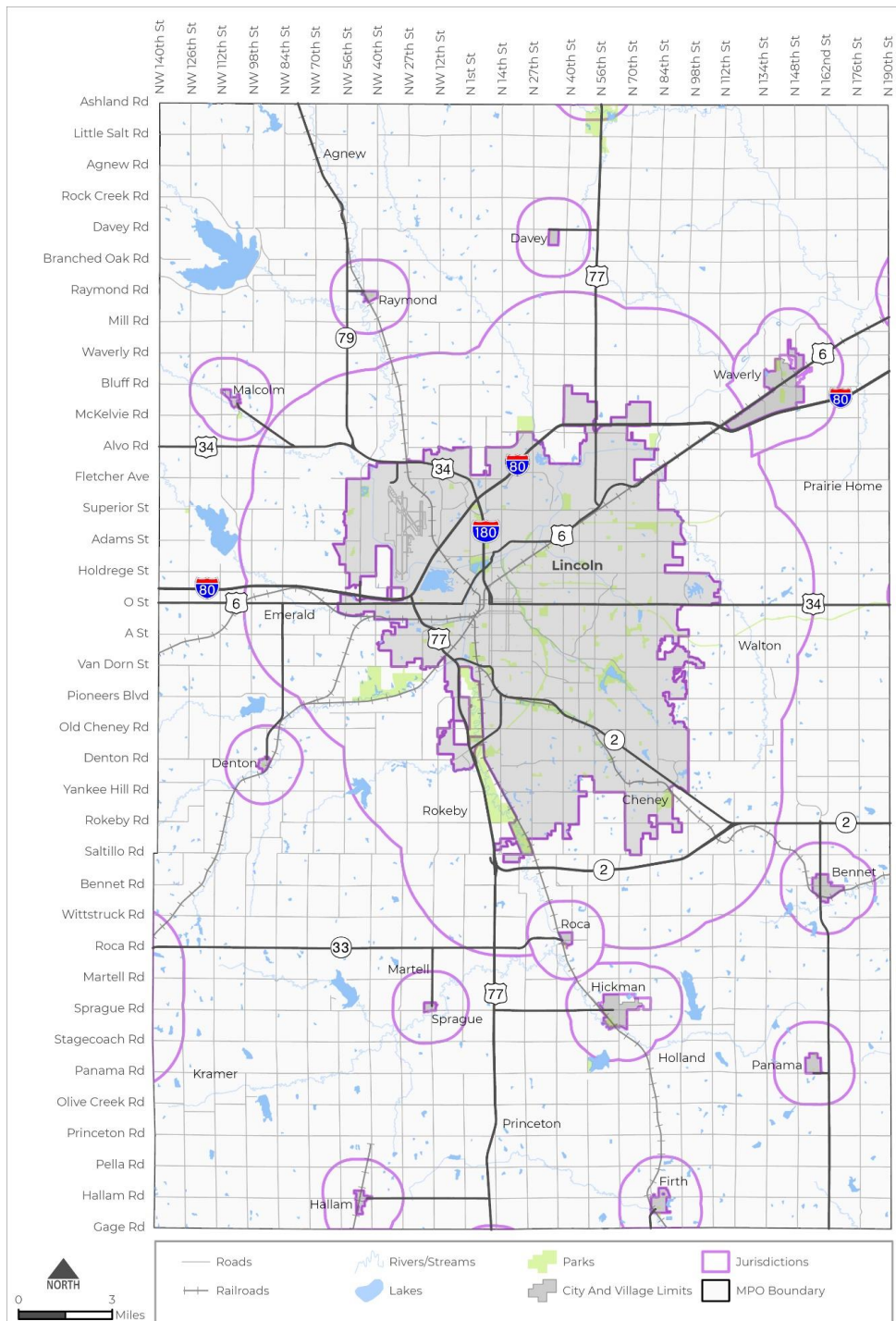
October 27	October 30	October 31
Group #1 10:50 – 12:00	Group #4 8:35 – 9:45	Group #8 8:35 – 9:45
Group #2 12:50 – 2:00	Group #5 10:50 – 12:00	Group #9 10:50 – 12:00
Group #3 3:20 – 4:30	Group #6 12:50 – 2:00	Group #10 12:50 – 2:00
	Group #7 3:20 – 4:30	

- ▶ All hosted from Community Health Endowment Suite

Focus Groups

- ▶ Working Draft Agenda
 - ▶ 1. **Intro Info** (~25 minutes)
 - ▶ What these plans will do and how they work together
 - ▶ 2. **Table Activity** (~25 minutes)
 - ▶ Share your voice/stories of ideal trip and how to improve upon Policies
 - ▶ Active Mobility Focus Group will have an additional table activity
 - ▶ 3. **Summary** (~5 minutes)
 - ▶ Why planning matters and call to action
- ▶ Follow-up
 - ▶ Thank participants with follow up reminder of call to action
 - ▶ Compile summary of input to give to POP-C for consideration

Existing Conditions



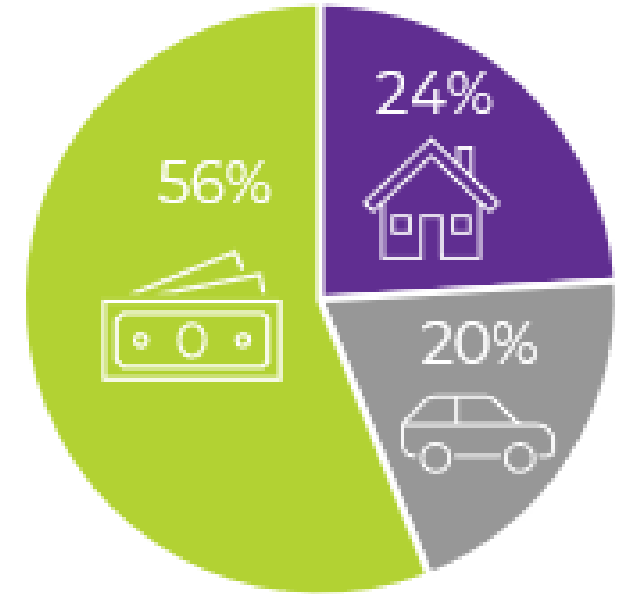
Travel Time to Work

- ▶ Lincoln City 18.3 minutes
- ▶ Lancaster Co. 18.9 minutes
- ▶ US Average 26 minutes

Fewer than 10 Minutes	16.2%
10 to 14 Minutes	20.1%
15 to 19 Minutes	23.9%
20 to 24 Minutes	17.9%
25 to 29 Minutes	5.6%
30 to 34 Minutes	7.8%
35 to 44 Minutes	2.3%
45 to 59 Minutes	3.0%
60+ Minutes	3.2%

Housing + Transportation Costs

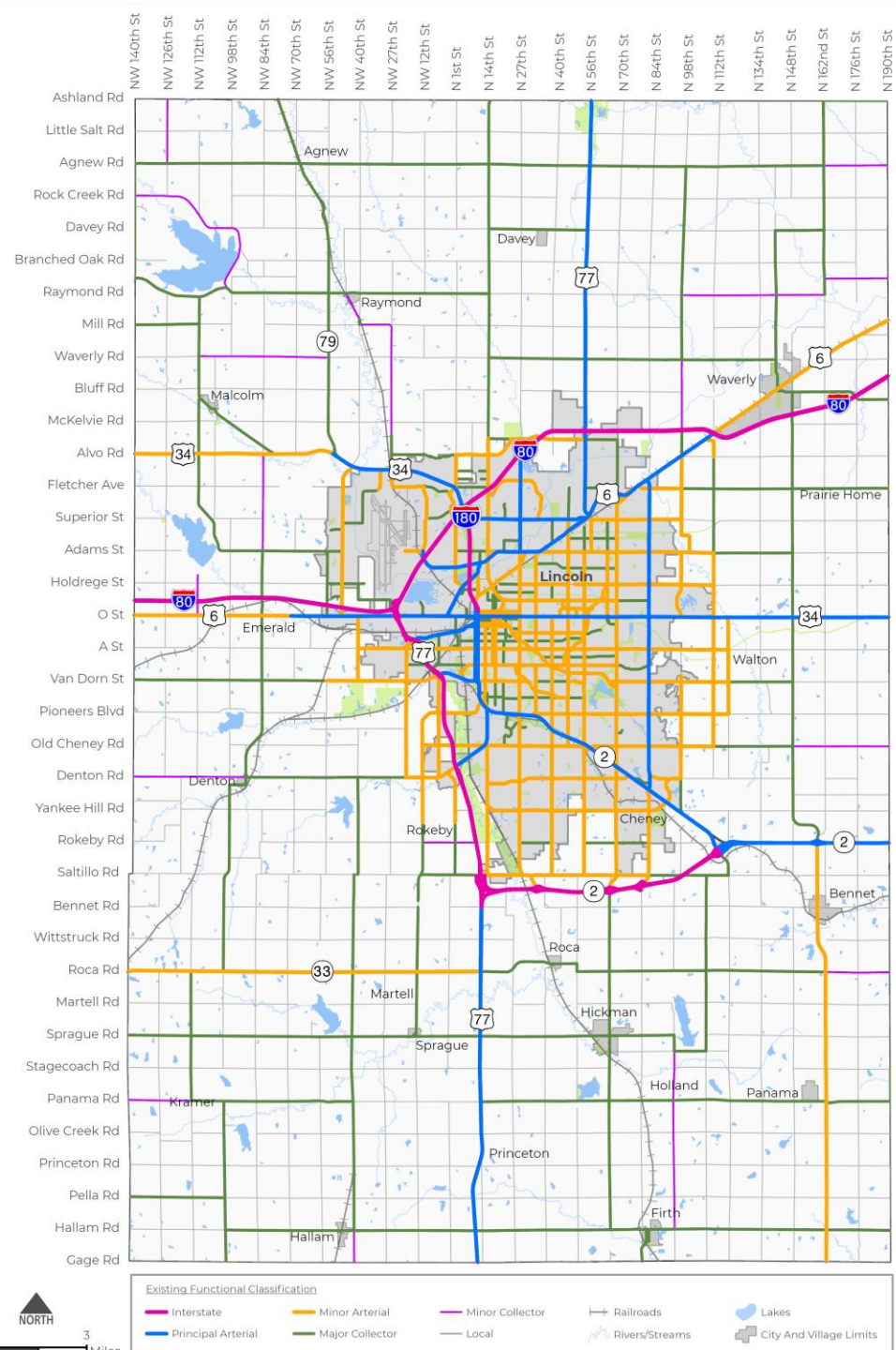
- ▶ 20% of income goes to Transportation in Lancaster County
- ▶ This is considered 5 percent higher than what is considered to be affordable
- ▶ When combined with housing costs the total burden rises to 44% of HH income



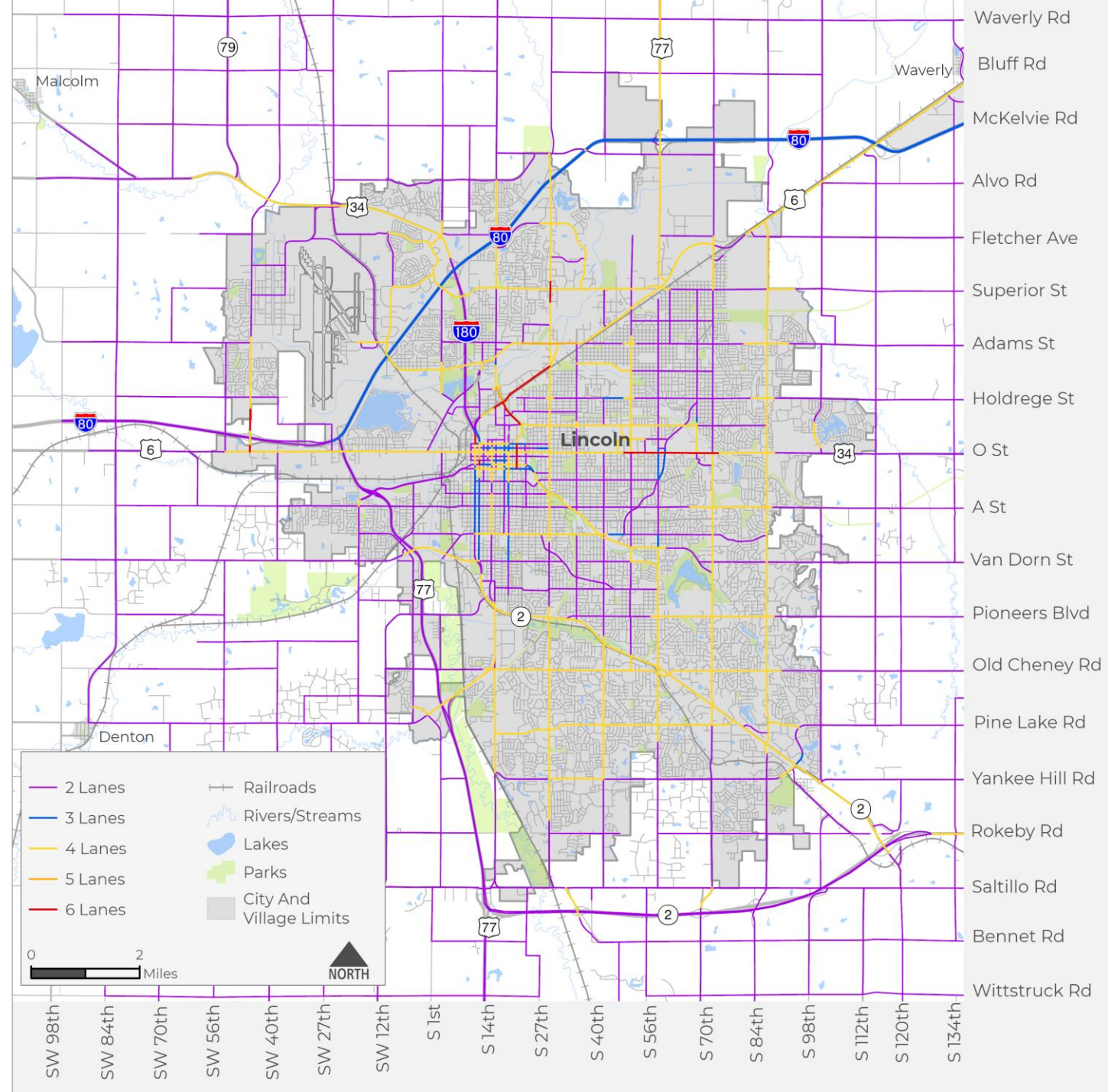
Commuter Mode Split

Commuting Method	Lincoln	Countywide	National
Drove alone (SOV)	75.7%	76.1%	70.2%
Carpooled	8.6%	8.4%	8.5%
Public Transportation (excluding taxicabs)	0.9%	0.8%	3.5%
Walked	3.2%	3.0%	2.4%
Bicycled	0.9%	0.8%	0.4%
Other	0.8%	0.7%	1.5%
Worked at Home	10.0%	10.1%	13.5%

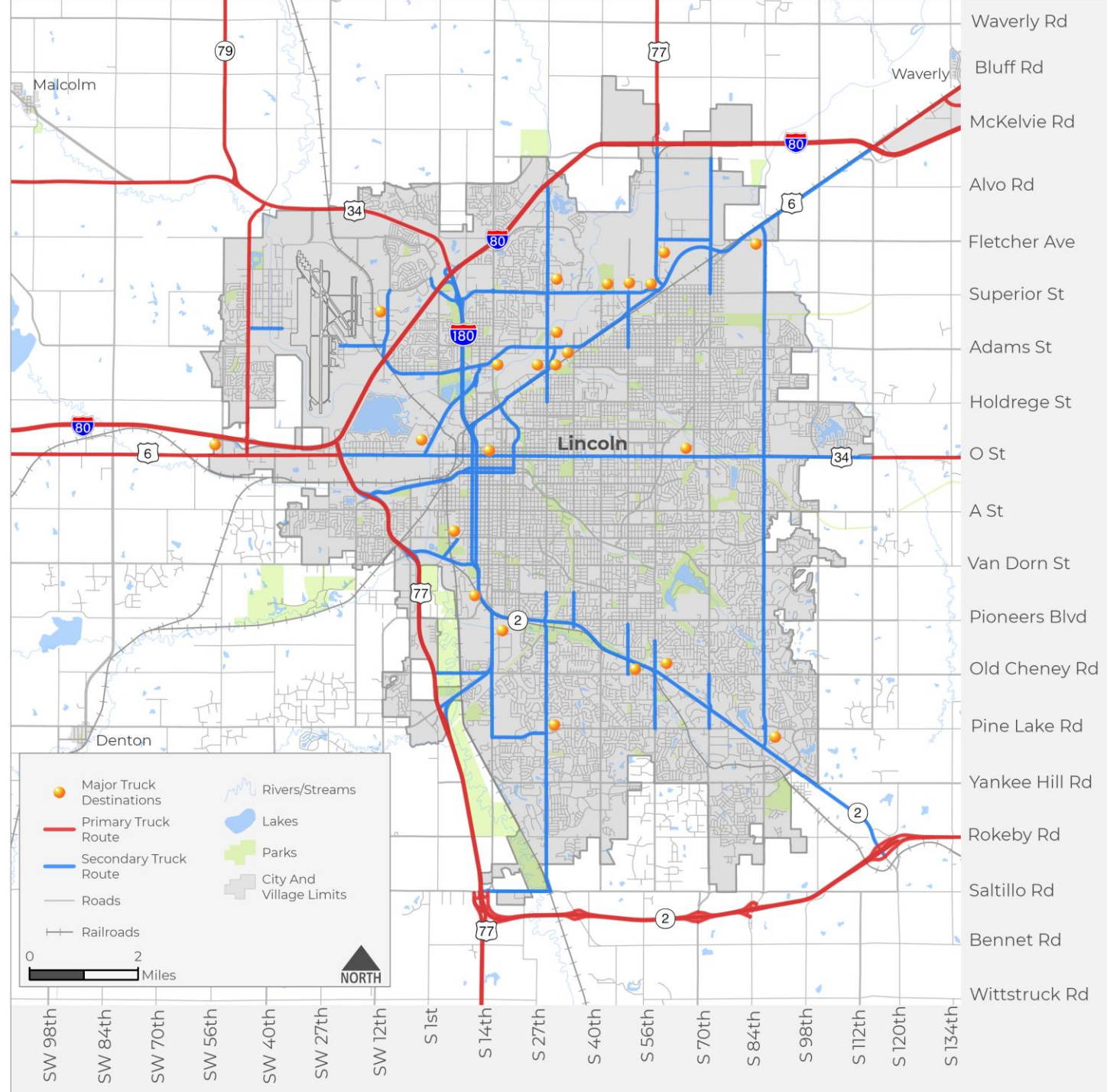
Functional Classification



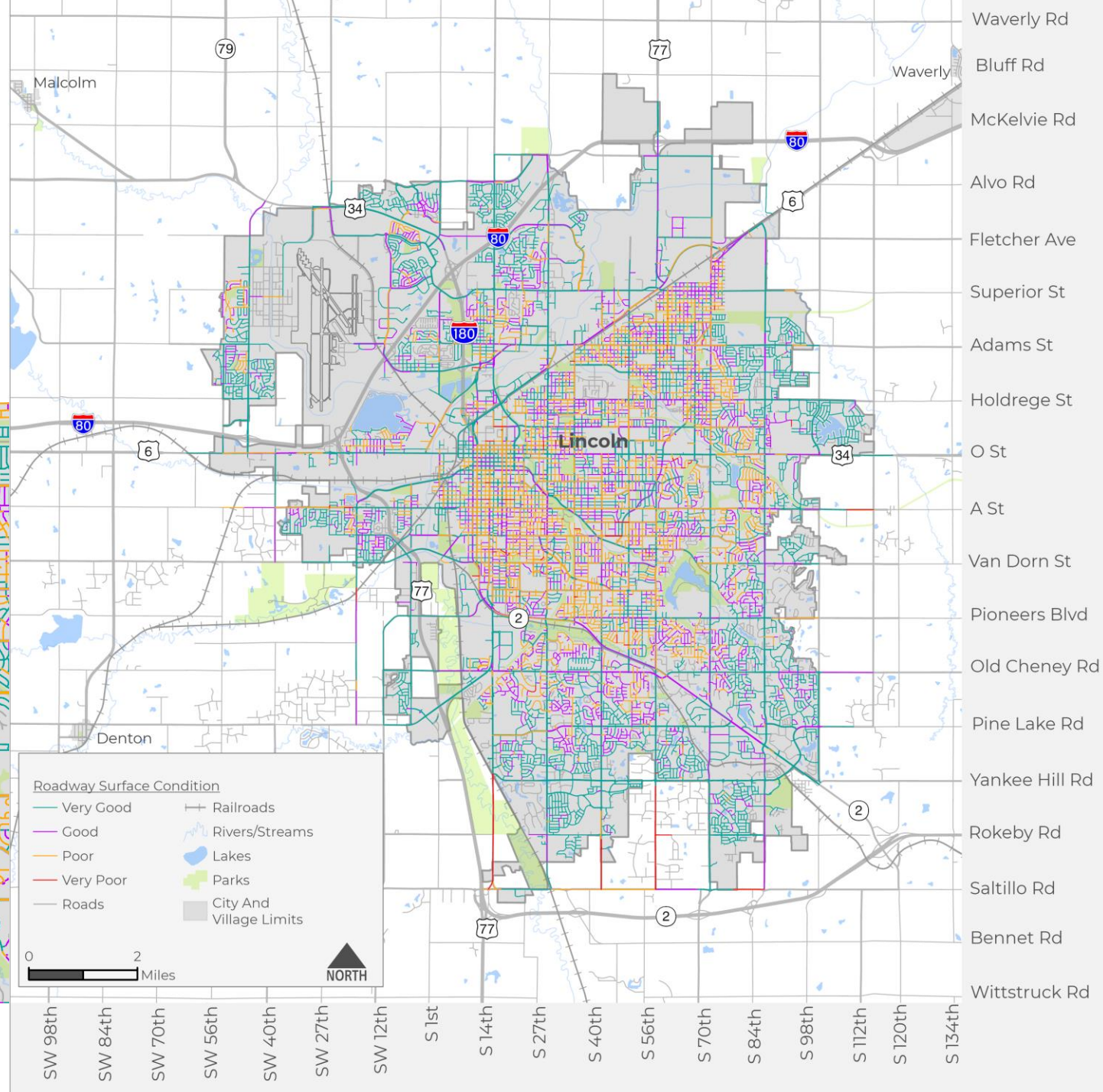
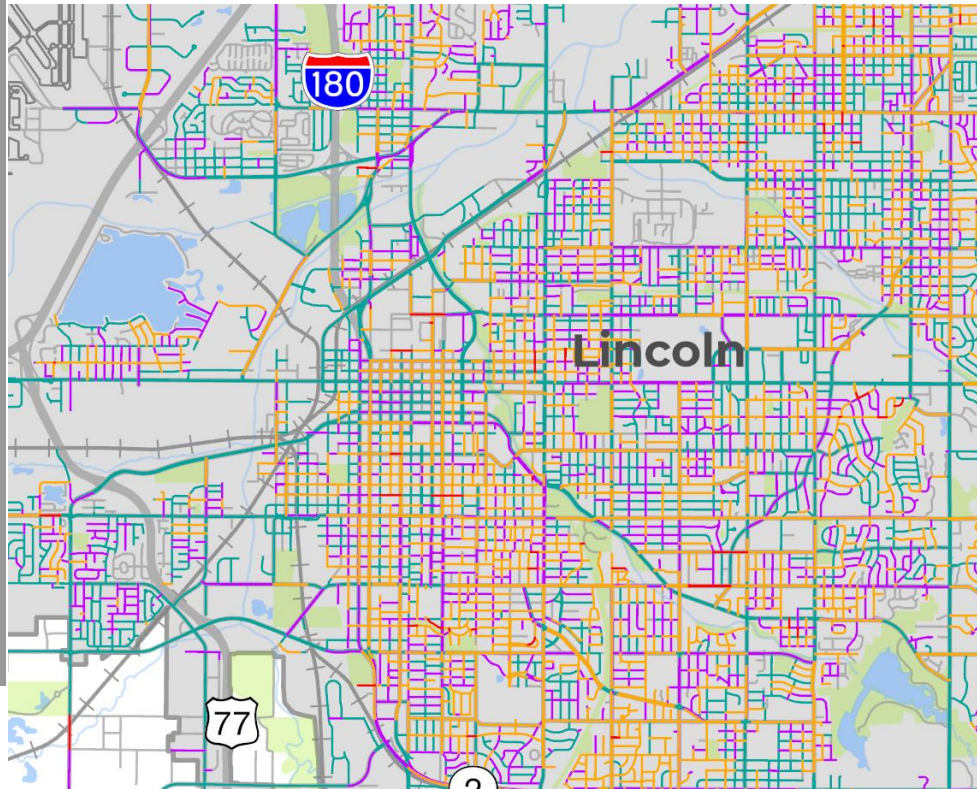
Existing Through Lanes



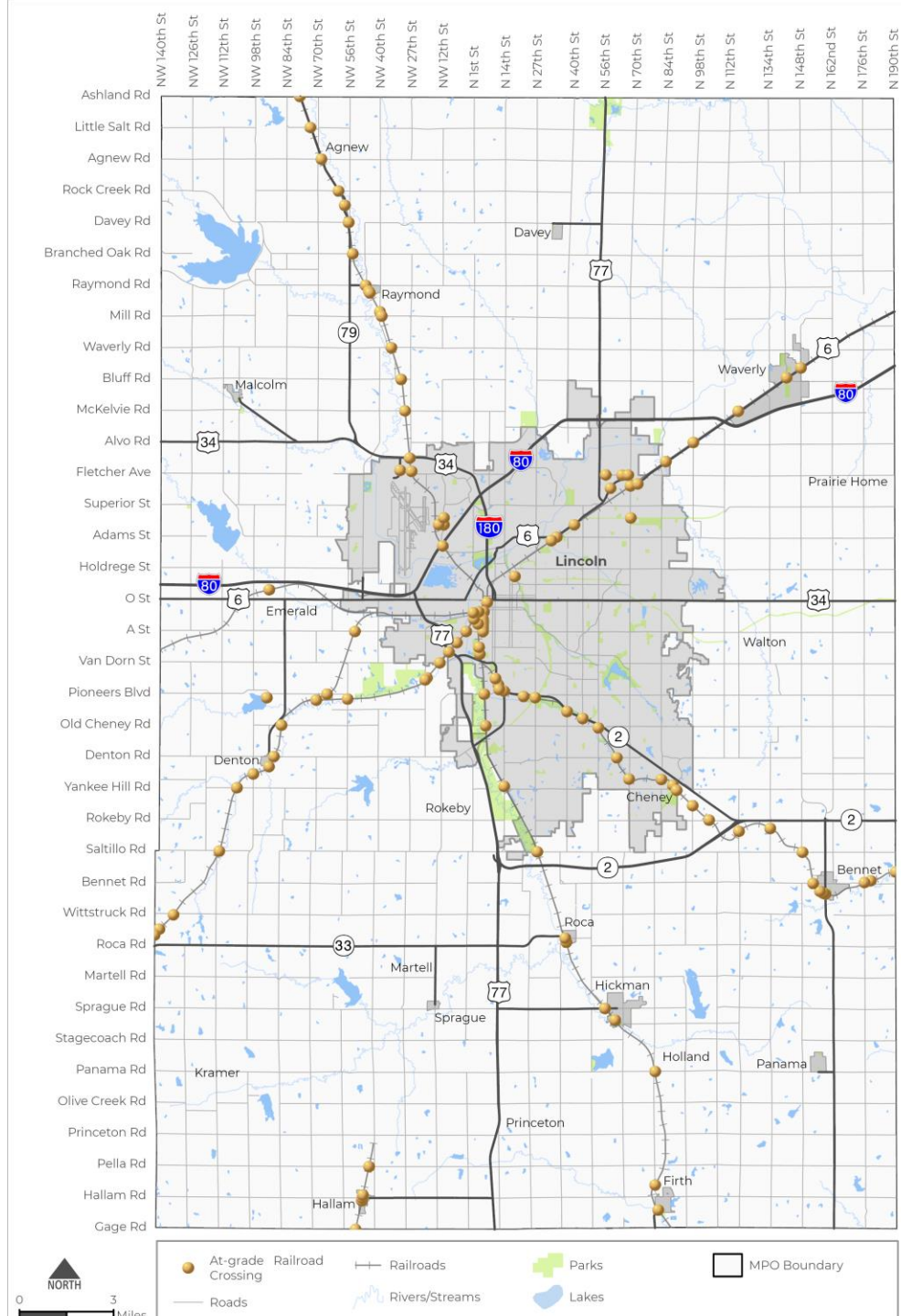
Truck Routes (Lincoln)



Roadway Surface Conditions (Lincoln)

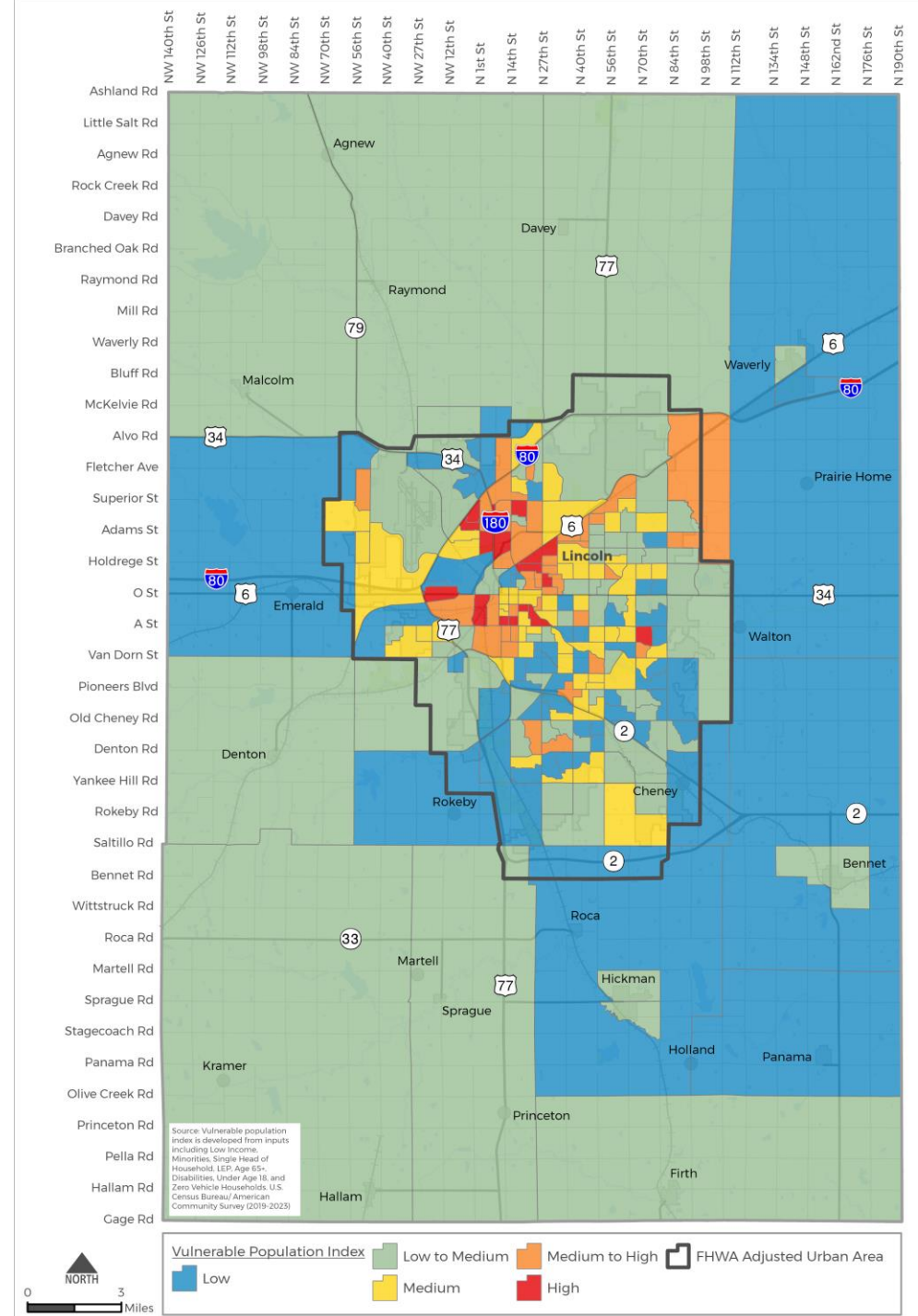


Railroads with At-Grade Crossings

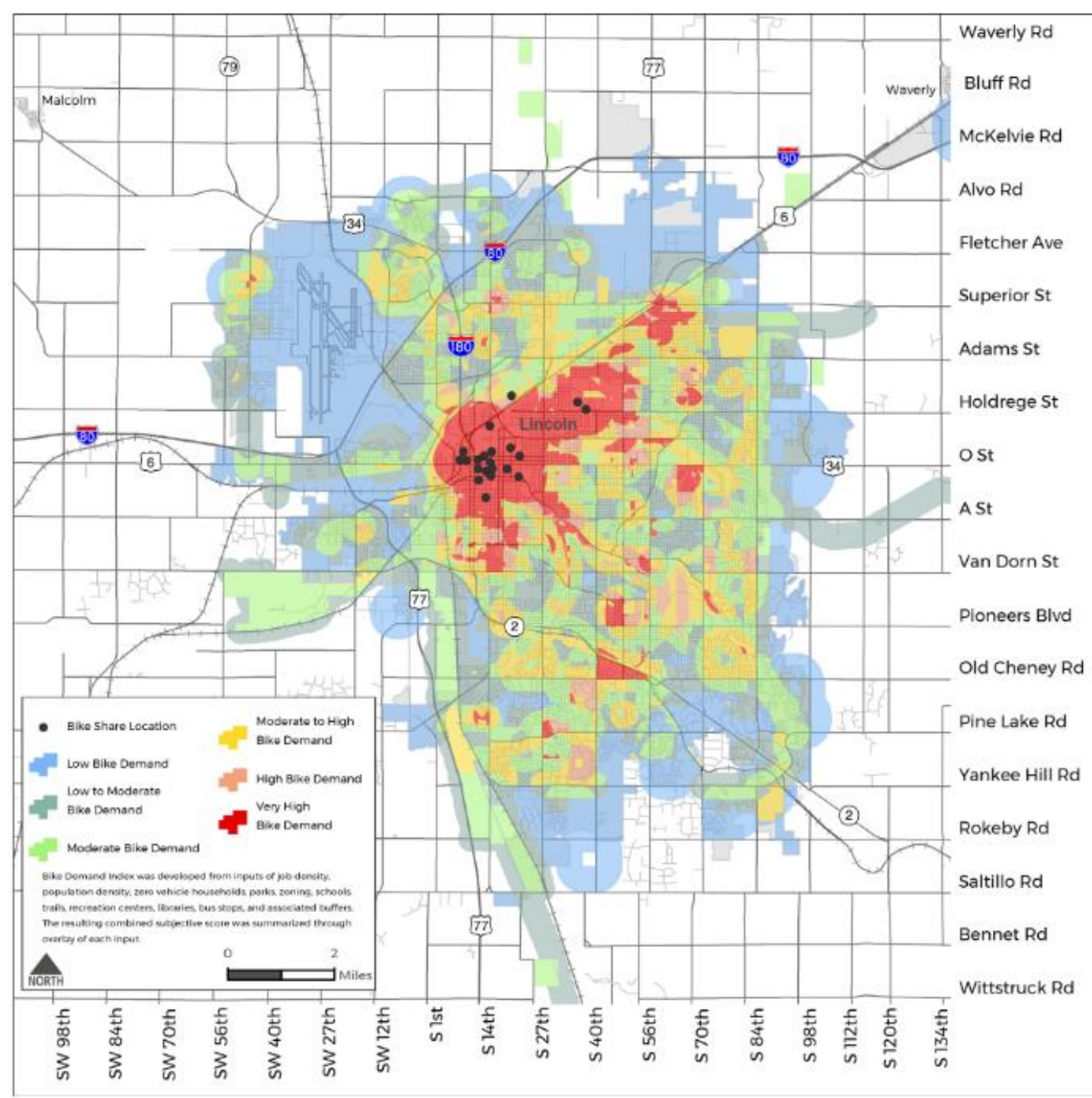


Demographics

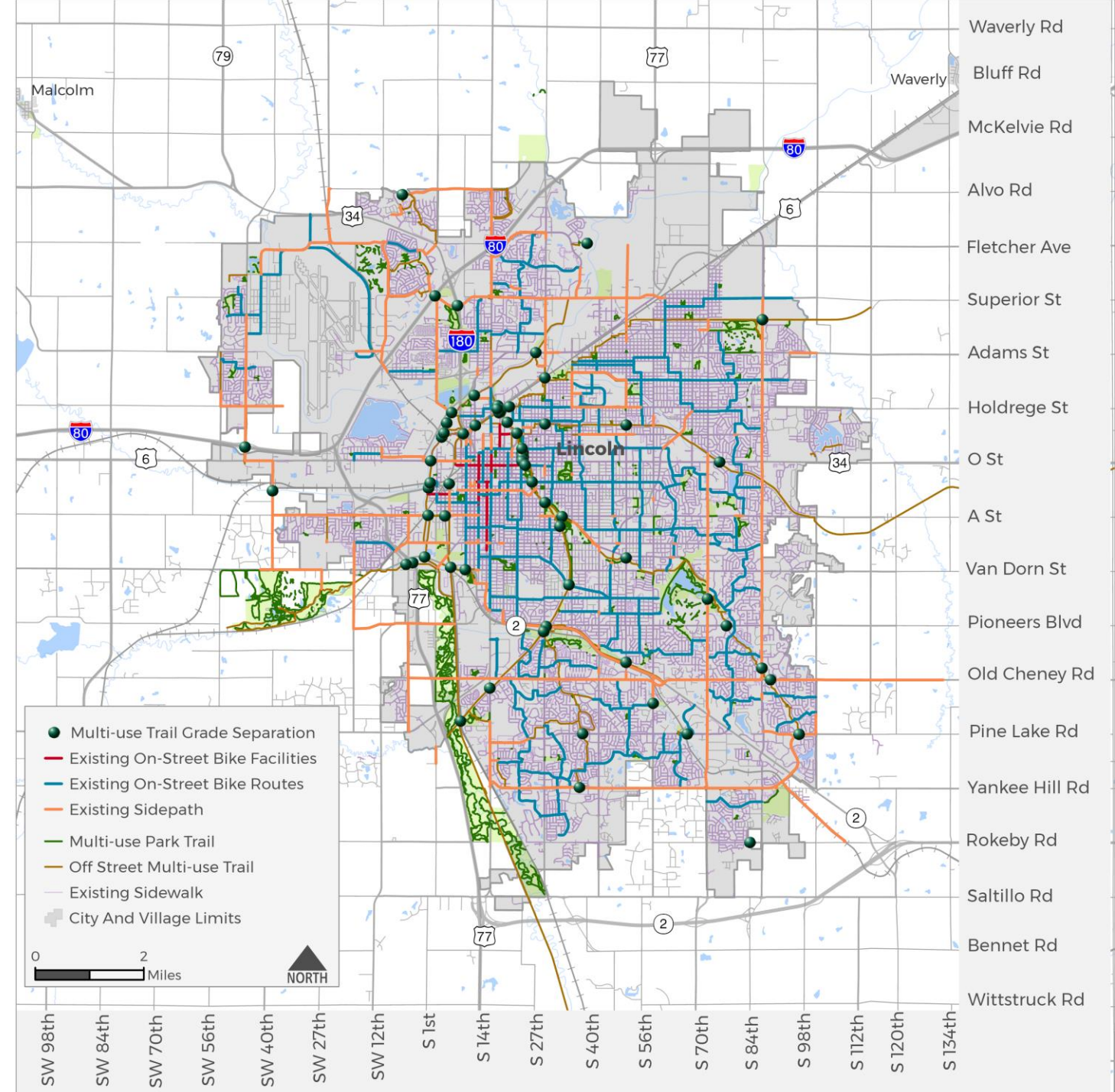
- ▶ Older Adults
- ▶ Youth
- ▶ Persons with Disabilities
- ▶ Low-Income
- ▶ Zero-Vehicle Households



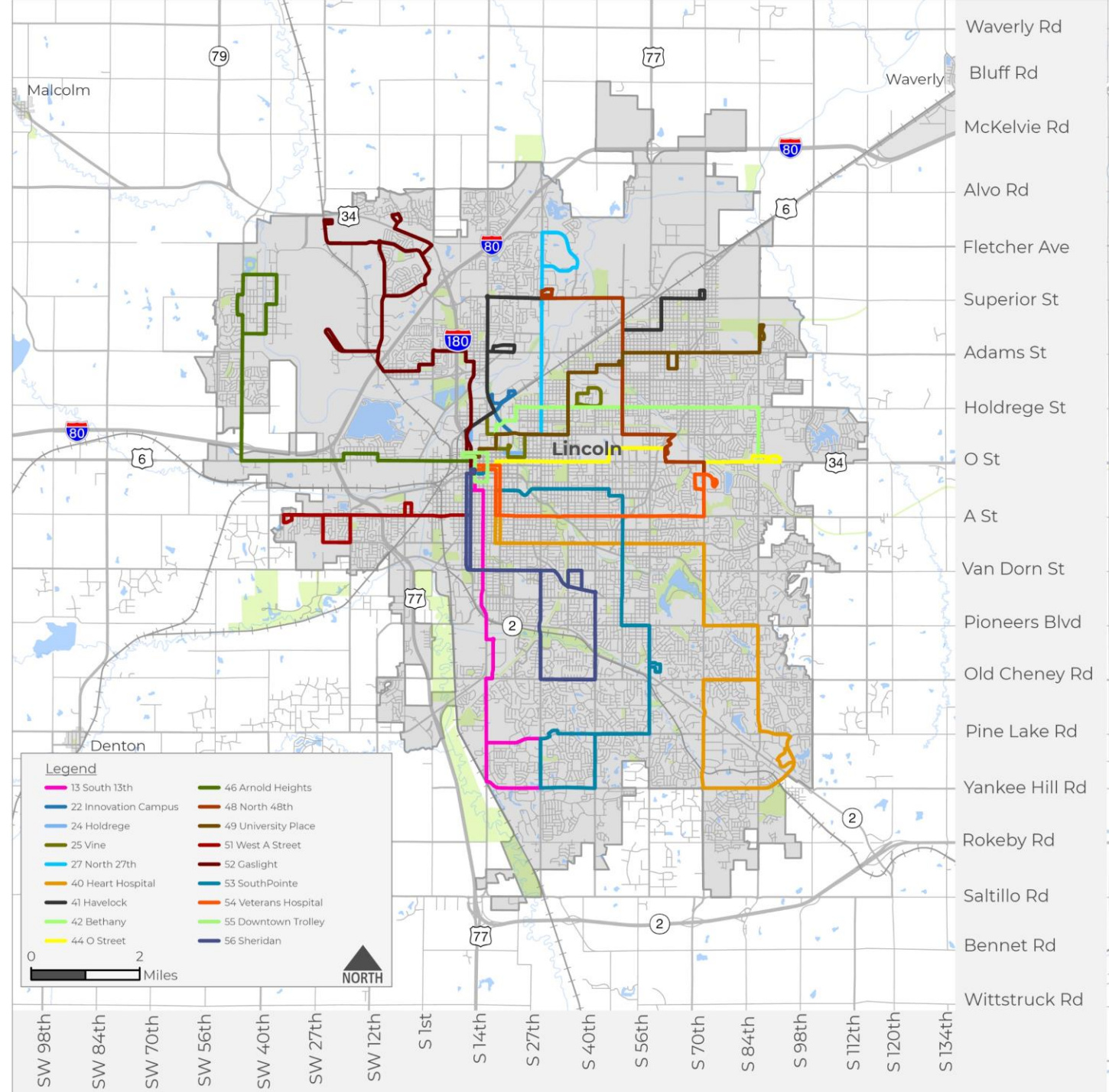
Bike Demand Index



Bike/Ped Network



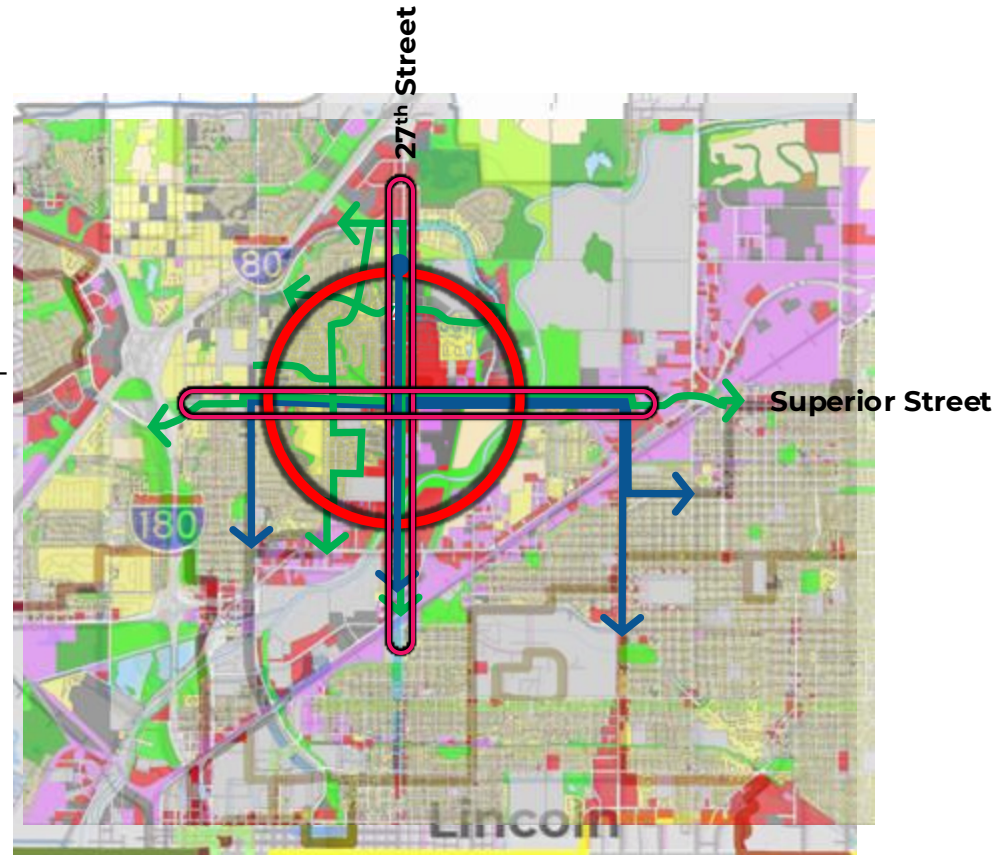
StarTran Fixed Route Network



Locating the Junctions

27th Street/Superior Street Example

- First Layer: Transit
- Second Layer: Combine Trails/On-Street Active Transportation
- Third Layer: Land Use
- Fourth Layer: Intensity
 - Vehicles
 - Boardings/Alightings
 - Peds
 - Bikes



Comprehensive Plan Update

FLU / GROWTH TIER MAPS
BIG PICTURE CONCEPTS

Phase 1

JULY

Goals:

- Collect feedback on Future Land Use and Growth Tier maps
- Collect information about big picture concepts that should be considered as part of the update

Updated maps and TAZs in November

CONCEPT REFINEMENT

Phase 2

JANUARY

Goal:

- Refine big picture concepts into updated policies and plan elements

DRAFT REVIEW &
APPROVAL

AUGUST

Goal:

- Gather feedback on draft plan

Schedule and Next Steps

- ▶ Next POP-C Meeting: November 20
 - ▶ Fall Public Input Review
 - ▶ Performance Measures & Needs Assessment
- ▶ Other Meetings and Dates
 - ▶ Mobility Plan Subcommittee, September 9
 - ▶ Model Advisory Subcommittee, September 29
 - ▶ MPO Technical Committee, October 21 at 2pm
 - ▶ Public Meeting, October 23 at 5:30

Thank you

See you November 20th !

