

ENGAGEMENT

SUMMARY

The McHenry County Moves 2050 Long-range Transportation Plan public engagement efforts began in the Fall of 2021 and ran through January 2022. We focused on asking community members about all the ways they get around, their transportation concerns and priorities, and ways we can improve the current system. The input received will help us create solutions that will make it easier for everyone, and everything to get where they need to go. This document summarizes what we did, what we heard, and who we heard from.



ONLINE FORUM

441 Visits



PROJECT SITE

1,059 Visits



OUTREACH

41 Engagements



WORKSHOPS

65 Attendees

PAPER SURVEY

45 Responses

DIGITAL SURVEY

665 Responses

VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

65 Comments

ONLINE MAP

15 Comments

790

TOTAL SURVEY RESPONSES

148,019 COMMUNITY TOUCHPOINTS



Community Events



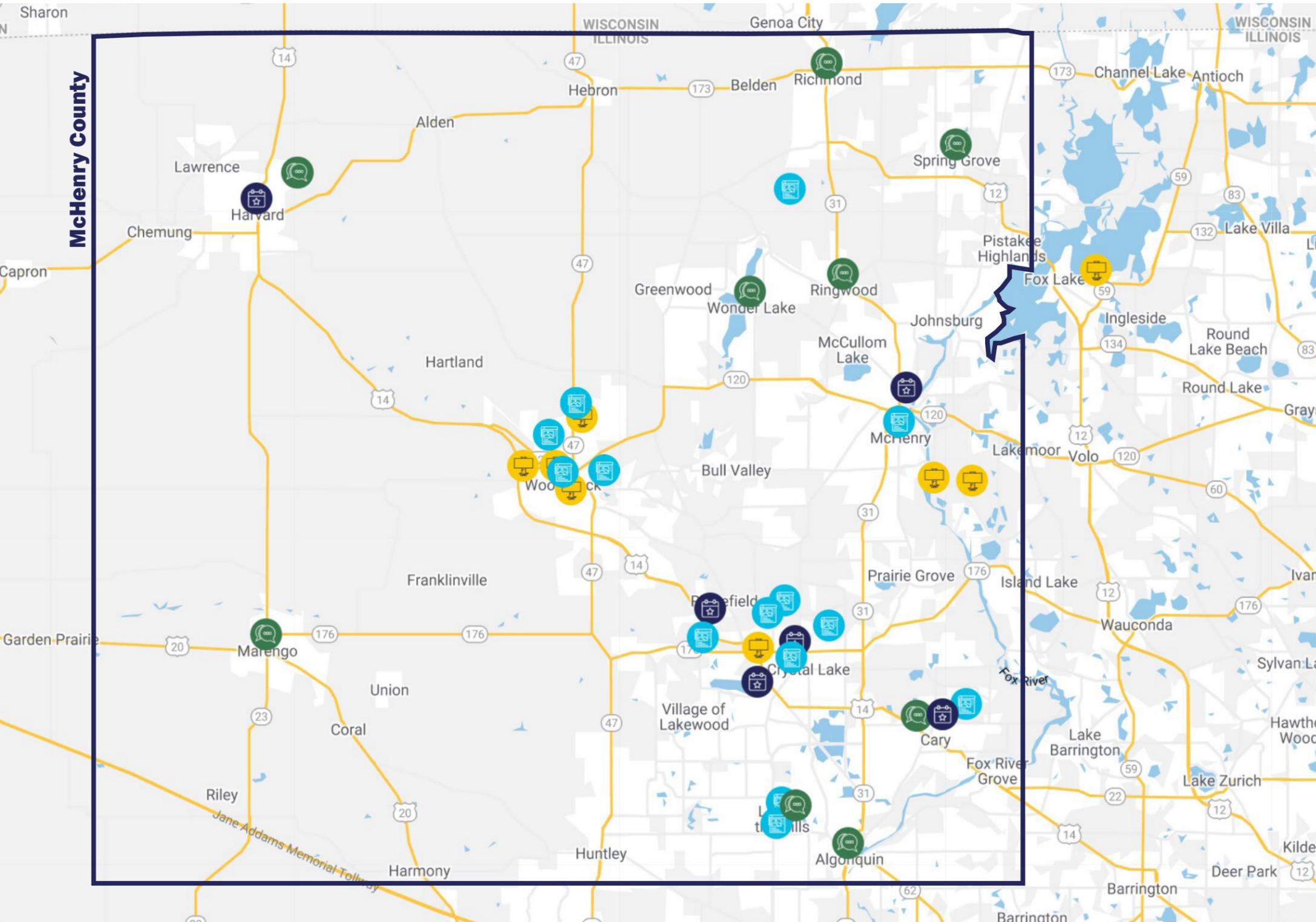
Informational Signage



Flyer/Poster Installations



The team also placed sidewalk stickers at various locations, sent dozens of stakeholder emails, met with local businesses, agencies, and engaged with local high school students and MCRide users.



SOCIAL MEDIA



Location-based Targeted Ads

- Richmond
- Algonquin
- Lake in the Hills
- Spring Grove
- Ringwood
- Cary
- Marengo
- Wonder Lake
- Harvard + 10-mile radius

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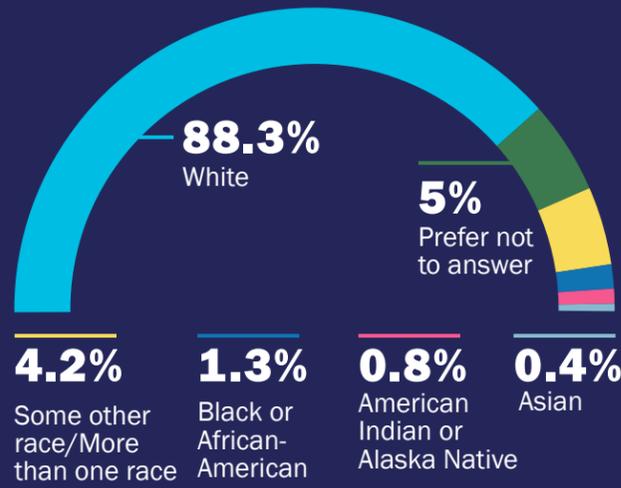
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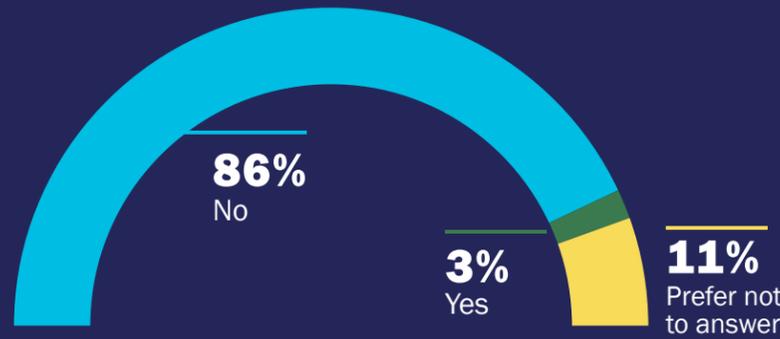


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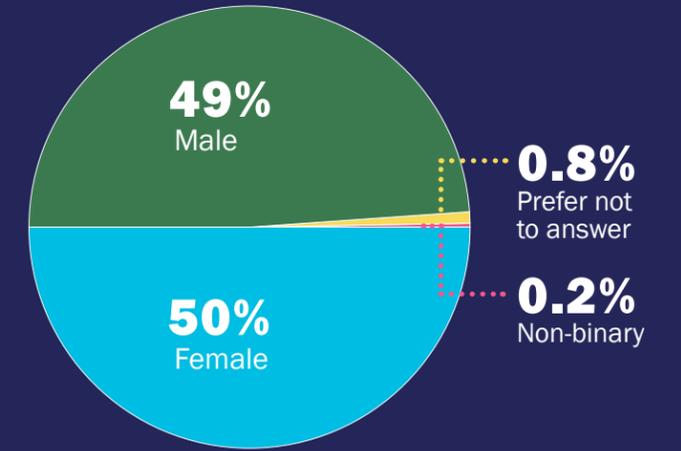
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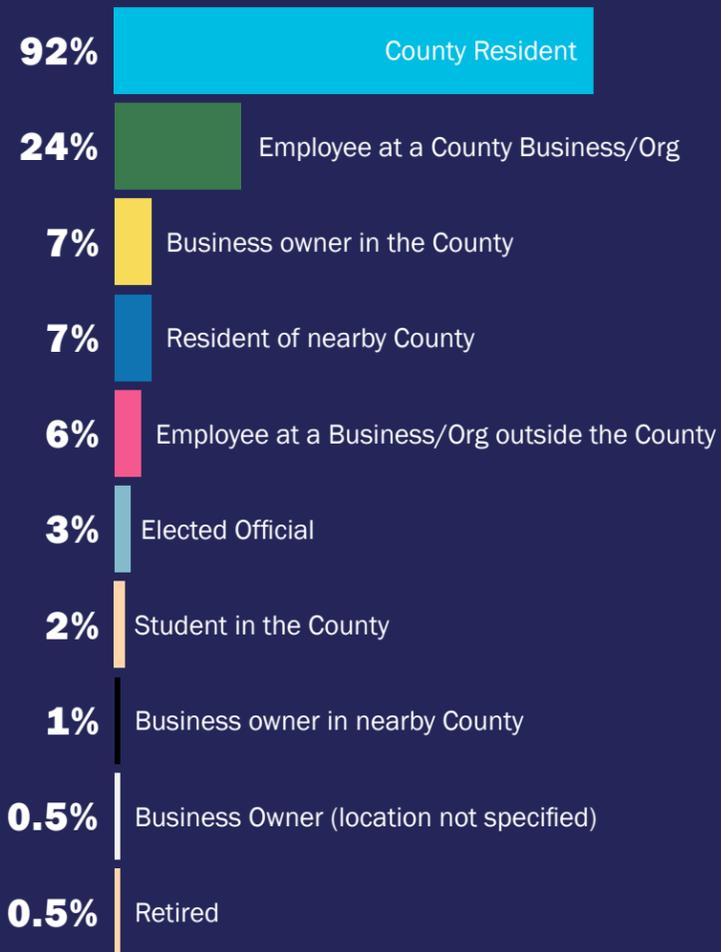
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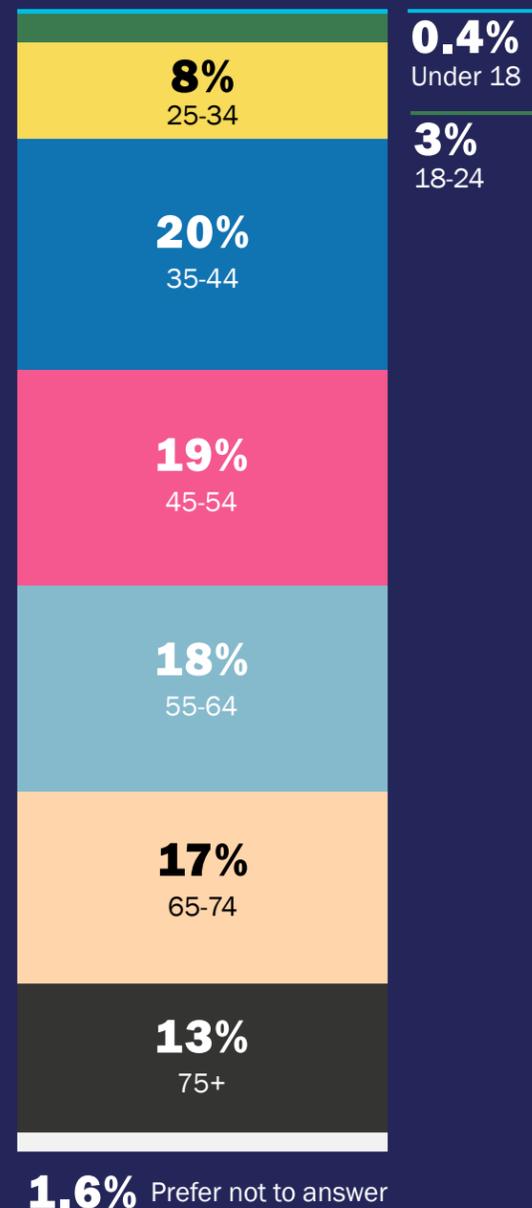


I AM A...



Respondents could select more than one option.

WHAT IS YOUR AGE?



WHERE ARE YOU FROM?



STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS

We hosted **THREE VIRTUAL STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS IN OCTOBER 2021**. Representatives from local cities, counties, townships, transit agencies, colleges, the Conservation District, and the Chamber of Commerce all joined us to learn about the Plan and provide their input.



COUNTY TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES

Generally, stakeholders felt that the current network does not meet all the needs of the County's residents.

Why doesn't it?

More options for elderly and disabled, more bike and walking paths may help.

Long-term and short-term County challenges?

Funding, infrastructure maintenance, and lack of options to get around.

How can we encourage other ways to travel aside from cars?

Education on other services available and how to use them, separate and safe bicycle and pedestrian paths.

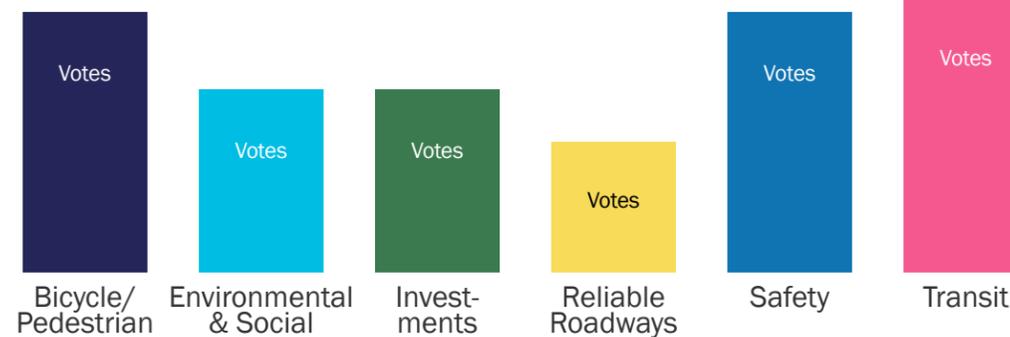
“I think options are present, but there is not really one cohesive and all-inclusive option. Handicap and on-demand options are still limited.”

“No. Need more bike path connections, improved safety for pedestrians and bikers. Traffic congestion needs relief in some areas.”

“Funding. We are largely funded through MFT and that is not a growing resource.”

MCHENRY'S TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

WHAT DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE A PRIORITY DURING THE PLANNING PROCESS?



Stakeholders were asked to share their thoughts on the current transportation network, including problems, expectations, and what they like about it.

- There was a general feeling that aging infrastructure is the top transportation problem in the County. However, when asked to prioritize these topics, the top two choices were bicycle and pedestrian and transit.
- Transit as a top priority aligns with the general feeling that the network did not meet expectations from 10-20 years ago; many expected to see more transit options.

EQUITABLE CHOICES

How can we help underrepresented groups or economically disadvantaged groups that might have fewer mobility and access options?

“Housing cost is a big challenge and increases transportation cost. If you have to work 2 hrs to pay for your commute, that is a problem.”

“Improve Pace and Senior Services, especially handicapped residents.”

“Safety improvements near equitable communities and underrepresented groups.”

BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN

There was a general feeling that more people don't bicycle throughout the County because of the lack of consistent, dedicated, and safe bike and walking paths.

How can we encourage more bicycling?

Provide safe parking, invest in bicycle infrastructure, incentives, driver education, and bike sharing programs.

What works well in other communities?

“Tunnels and (pedestrian) bridges for major intersection crossings.”

“Minneapolis and Madison are terrific examples of bike friendly cities that have paths going into all major areas. Lots of connectivity.”

WHAT WE

HEARD

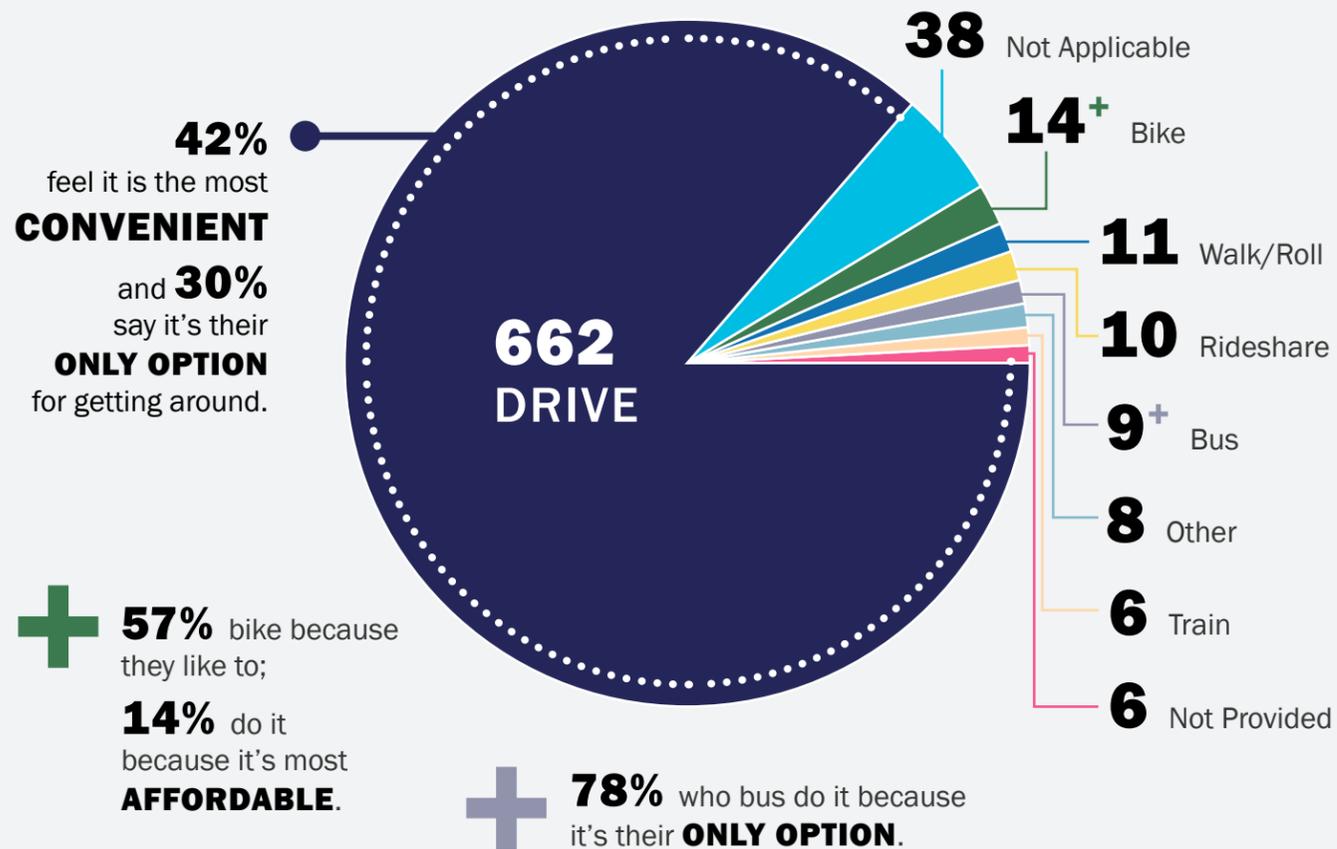
MOVING AROUND
MCHENRY COUNTY



WHERE DO YOU USUALLY GO TO WORK AND SHOP?



HOW DO YOU GET AROUND THE COUNTY?



IN & AROUND THE COUNTY

36% Work

66% Shop

AT HOME (Online Shopping)

28% Work

7% Shop

OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY

26% Work

9% Shop

AROUND MY NEIGHBORHOOD

10% Work

18% Shop



WHEN THINKING ABOUT HOW WE GET AROUND...

94% feel that increasing transit options for all users is important or very important.

75% feel moving bike paths/trails away from the road is important or very important.

71% feel providing increased mobility access improvements to support those that can't afford a car is important or very important.



OUR TRANSPORTATION NETWORK



Only **10%** of respondents said the “network generally works well.” Other respondents mentioned lack of connectedness or flow, education and awareness.

62%

said the network is too car-dependent and they wanted more options to get around.

21%

commented on roadway and intersection safety improvements.

12%

commented on high traffic volumes and lack of connectedness/flow.

“There is way too little public transportation, and the roads are getting more and more jammed, and there’s more negative impact on the environment.”

WHAT IS THE TOP TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM IN THE COUNTY?



“Put in under and overpasses to keep main arteries moving. Widen roads before it’s a nightmare. Add more bridges over the Fox River. Not toll bridges either.”



“Community minibuses around town to parks, restaurants, shopping, train depots and municipal buildings. County public bus routes. Safe bike lanes on major roads.”



“Support revenue policies to fund building and maintenance of modern infrastructure. This is a state and federal problem more than a county problem. Toll roads are a POOR option.”

BUDGET ACTIVITY

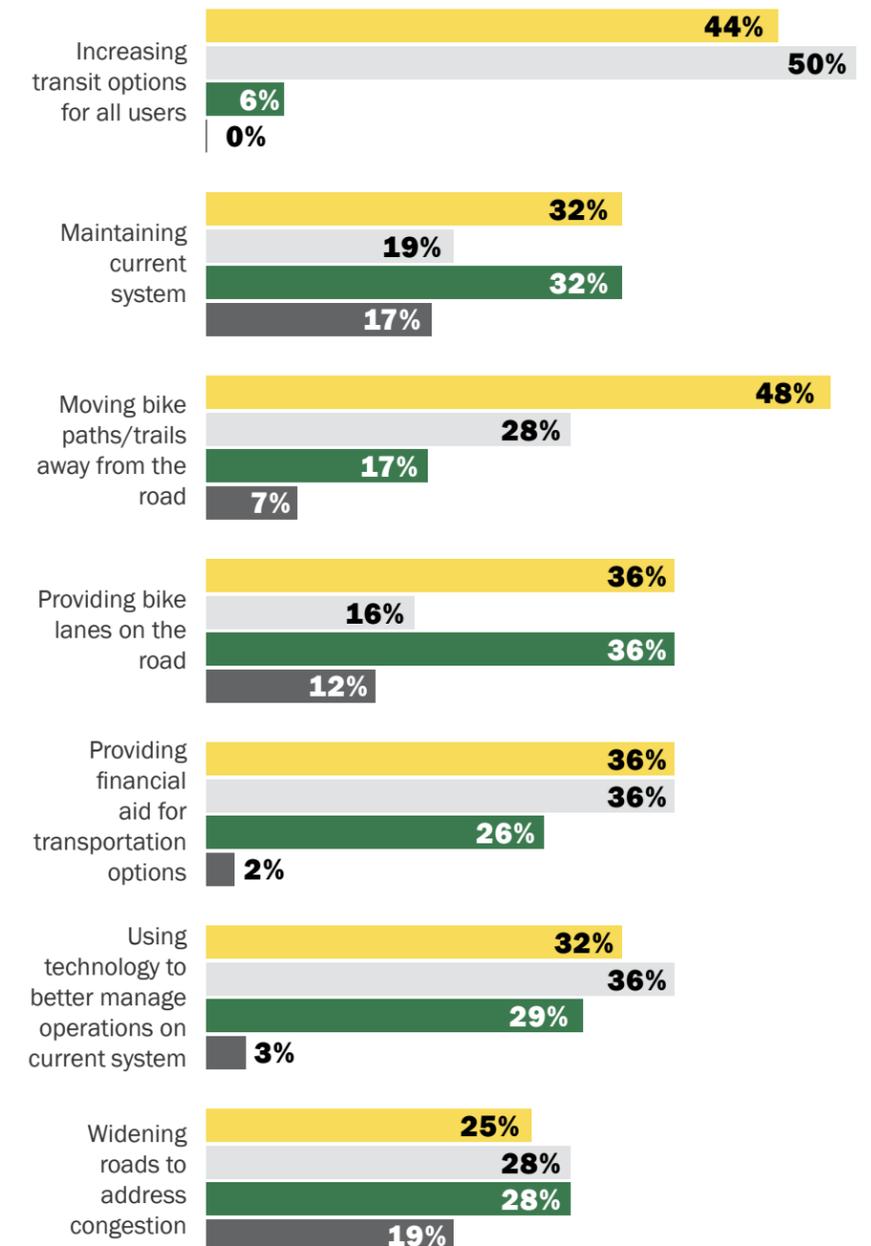
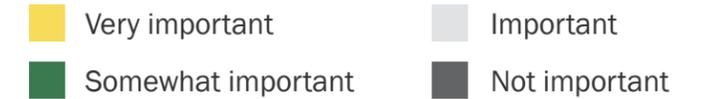
HOW WOULD YOU ALLOCATE FUNDING FOR THESE PRIORITIES

For this activity, participants had \$100 to allocate between the six priorities. The more money in an area indicates a higher priority



TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING SPENDING OPTIONS:

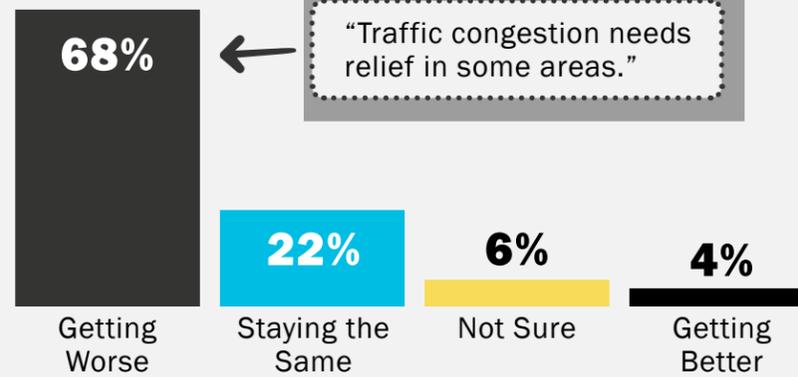


SAFETY



Users gave safety 3.38 out of 5 stars.

DO YOU FEEL TRAFFIC IN MCHENRY COUNTY IS...?



HOW WOULD YOU RATE CONGESTION LEVELS IN MCHENRY COUNTY?



WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE SAFETY CONCERNS?

1. Vehicle Crashes
2. Speeding/Reckless Driving
3. Intersections
4. Pedestrian/Bicycle Crashes
5. Motorcycle Crashes
6. Emergency Response Times

WHAT ARE THE TOP THREE ISSUES PREVENTING SAFER TRANSPORTATION?

1. Distracted driving
2. Lack of dedicated bicycle lanes and paths
3. Intersections
4. Lack of enforcement for traffic violations and speeding
5. Lack of pedestrian crossings
6. Impaired drivers
7. Lack of education for safe driving
8. Poor intersection design (i.e. lack of traffic control)

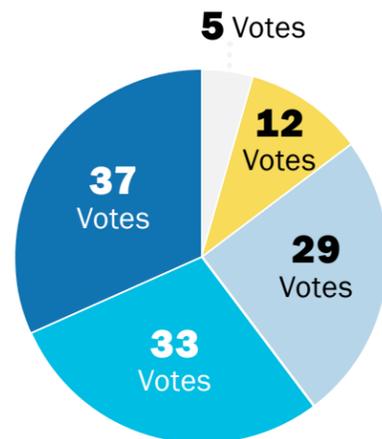
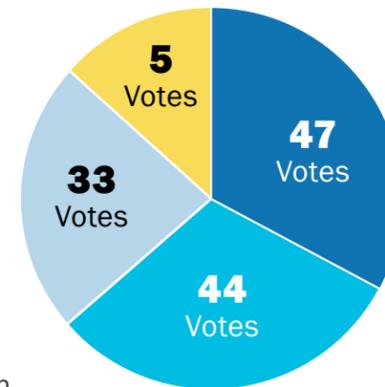
DID YOU KNOW?

Our goal is to create an enhanced vision for transportation in our area by building on successes from the previous 2040 Plan, and identifying new solutions that will provide a wide range of safe, equitable, sustainable, and convenient travel choices in and across our county!

WHEN DRIVING AT NIGHT, WHAT HELPS YOU FEEL SAFER ABOUT YOUR TRAVEL?

- Lights at intersections
- Lights along the roadway
- Signs that light up
- Flashing lights to get my attention

Respondents could select more than one option.



WHEN DRIVING ON RURAL ROADS, WHAT HELPS YOU FEEL SAFER?

- Rumble strips on shoulders
- Paved shoulders
- Rumble strips down center of the road
- Slower speeds (45mph or less)
- Gravel shoulders

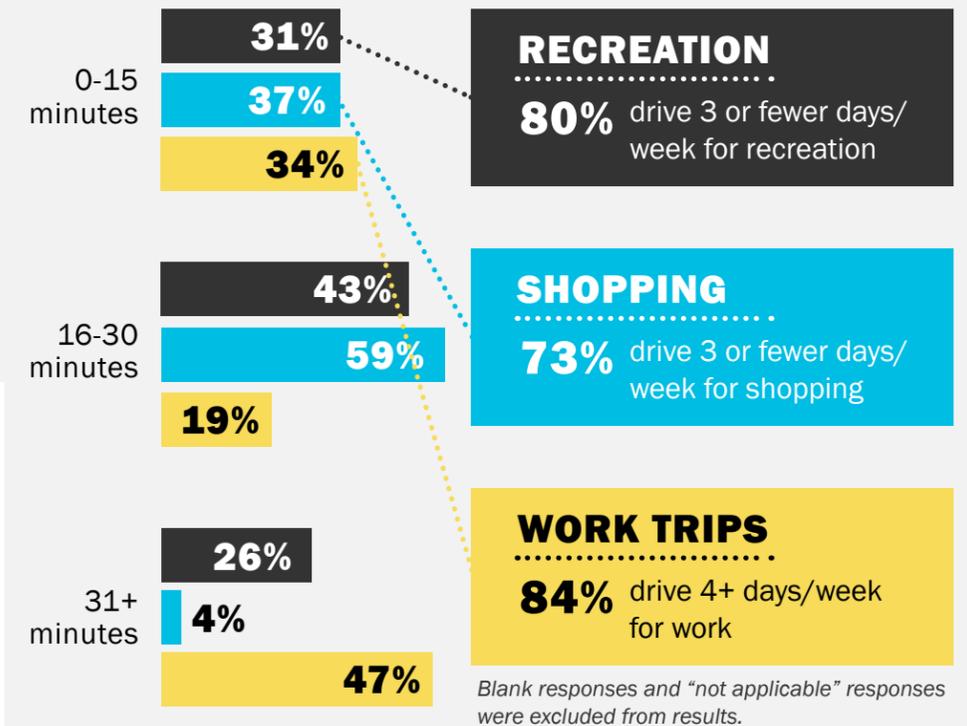
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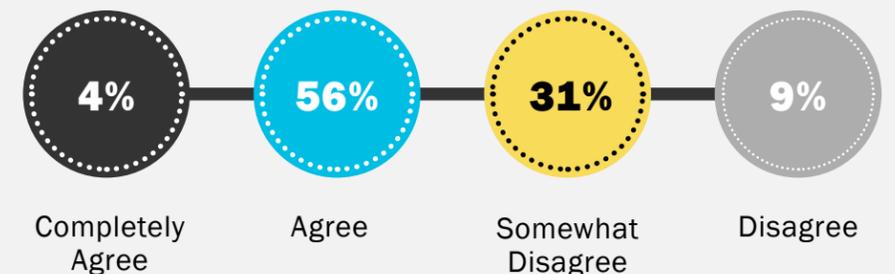
ROADWAY

90% of respondents **DRIVE** to work.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE YOU TO DRIVE FROM POINT A TO POINT B FOR THE FOLLOWING:



DO YOU FEEL YOUR TRAVEL TIME IS RELIABLE FROM ONE DAY TO THE NEXT?



Blank responses and “not applicable” responses were excluded from results.

TRANSIT

Do you use public transit?



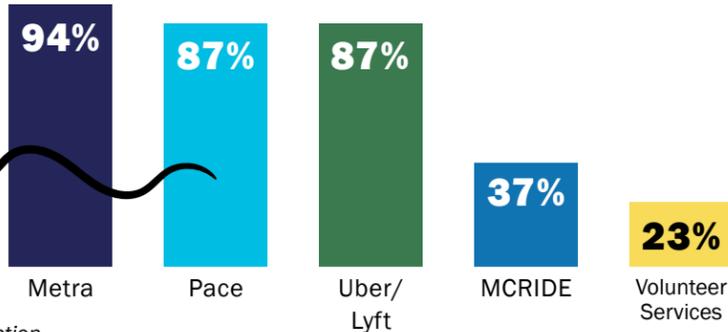
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of those who responded "Yes" ride Metra.

ARE YOU AWARE OF TRANSIT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COUNTY?

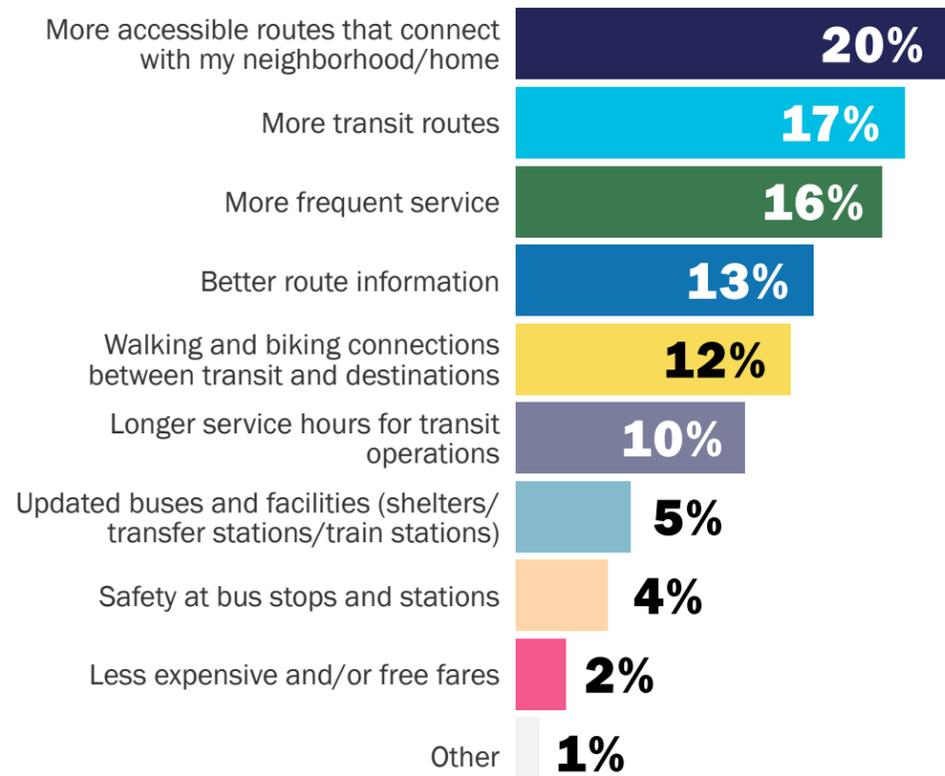
87%

are aware of Pace, but no respondents mentioned that they use this transit service.



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WOULD YOU INCREASE YOUR USE OF TRANSIT IF THE FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENTS WERE MADE?



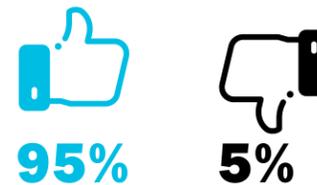
BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN



Users gave the bicycle & pedestrian network 2.5 out of 5 stars.

WOULD YOU USE YOUR BIKE OR WALK/ROLL MORE IF WE HAD MORE SIDEWALKS AND PATHS?

DO YOU OWN A BIKE?



60%

use their bike daily or at least once a week.

95% YES

5% NO



MOST RESPONDENTS ARE RIDING THEIR BIKE FOR RECREATION, EXERCISE, OR SHOPPING!



Most respondents that selected yes said that adding new bike lanes, trails, and sidewalks was the most important improvement that needed to be made for them to bicycle or walk more, followed by improvements to existing bike lanes, trails, and sidewalks, and safer design and connections.



Respondents that selected no responded with the following:

- Poor weather and time
- My bicycle is my main mode of transportation. I ride it anywhere and on any road I need to use. I could not possibly ride more but I would enjoy a better bicycle network and it would entice others to also use their bicycle more.

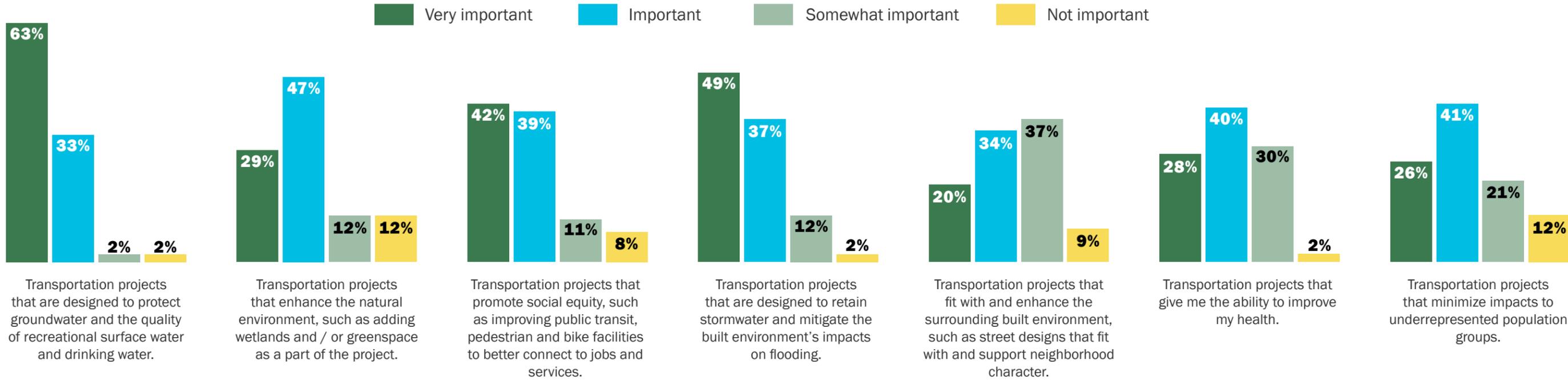


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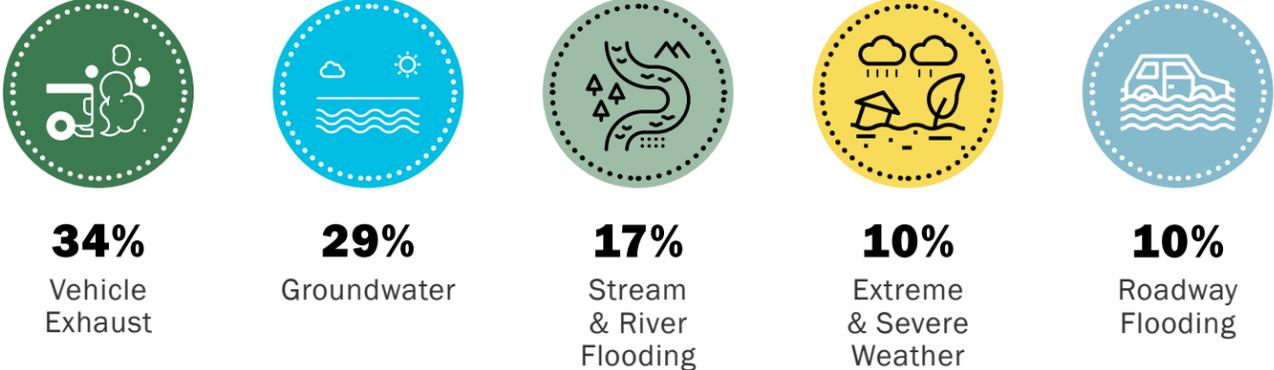
“I feel like if we have more availability for bike paths and walking paths, we could reduce traffic congestion, pollution, and help protect the environment.”

It’s critical for us in McHenry County to help address climate change where we can! The transportation system is a big part of that.

RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL STRATEGIES:

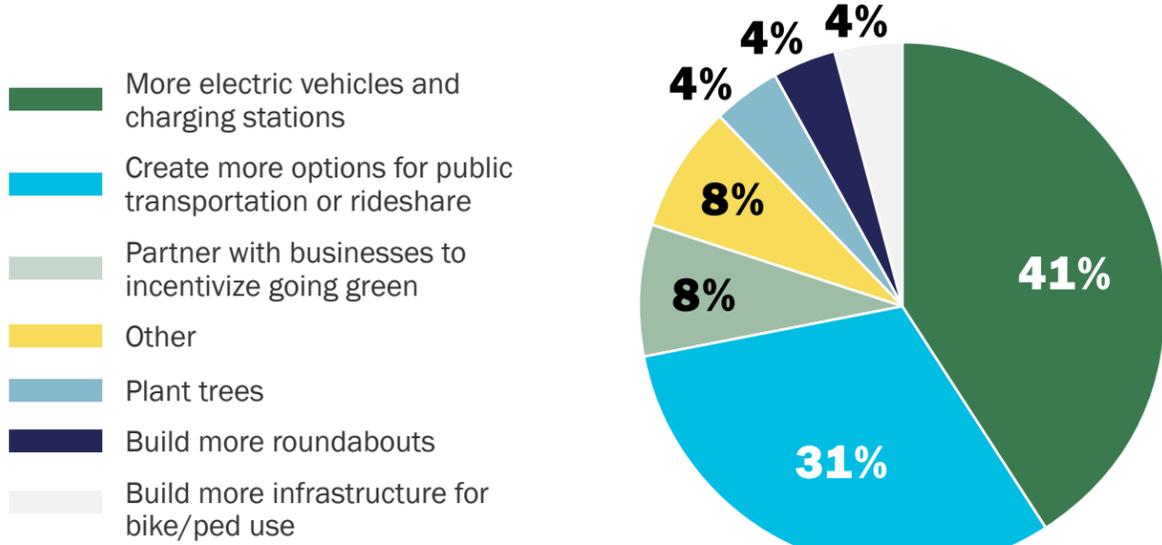


WHICH OF THESE ENVIRONMENT ISSUES CONCERNS YOU THE MOST?



“Support EV through development of charging stations. Look for ways to expand McRide and make public transit more accessible.”

WHAT COULD MCHENRY COUNTY DO TO REDUCE ITS EMISSIONS PRODUCED BY THE TRANSPORTATION NETWORK?



Some comments fit into multiple categories.

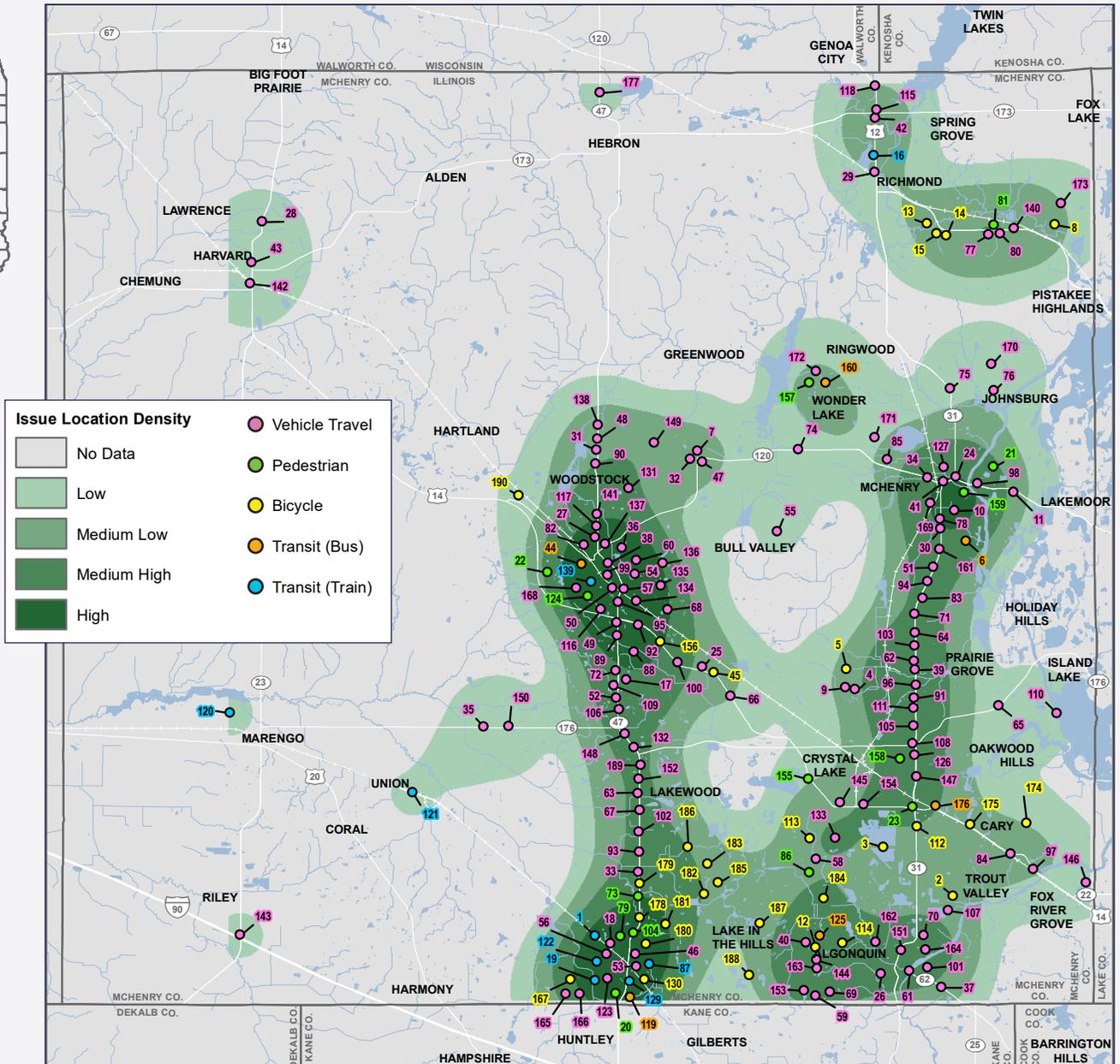
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SUMMARY

LOCATION SPECIFIC AND OPEN-ENDED COMMENTS

INTRODUCTION

This document is a supplement to the McHenry County Moves 2050 Engagement summary, providing more details on location-specific comments that were received during the public survey. The survey was open between October 2021 and January 2022. Nearly 800 people provided their input on that survey, and many of the respondents used a comment mapping tool to give their ideas on the McHenry County transportation system. This supplemental document provides a summary of those comments received. The included map indicates the location of each comment, along with an identification number and comment type symbol. There is a corresponding table that provides additional description of the specific comment and references the comment identification number.



LOCATION BASED COMMENTS

ID	TYPE	COMMENT
2	Bicycle	Southward extension of the shared use path along Cary-Algonquin Road recommended to continue the bicycle-pedestrian system network along this County highway. This is important as a connection to Rotary Park & the Illinois Route 31 path to the west (in conjunction with a future Klaser Road path) and an eventual connection to the Prairie Trail. It also would help provide a link between downtown Cary and downtown Algonquin.
3	Bicycle	Future shared use path along the south side of Rakow Road between the existing shared use path along the east side of IL Route 31 and the Prairie Trail at Pyott Road is recommended.
5	Bicycle	Suggest future northward extension of the Walkup Road shared use path. Would serve as a safer way for cyclists in several unincorporated subdivisions to travel towards downtown Crystal Lake, Veteran Acres Park, and connect to the Prairie Trail. Iso suggest bike lanes along Pleasant Hill Road and Edgewood Road to enhance safety and comfort level for cyclists riding between the Walkup Road path and the Prairie Trail.
8	Bicycle	Would really see a benefit in the overall bike/pedestrian path plan by extending a path from downtown Spring Grove to Chain O'Lakes State Park.
12	Bicycle	This area is extremely difficult to navigate if attempting to shop without a car. Biking is basically not an option here
13	Bicycle	Utilize existing Glacial Park lands to create a bicycle and walking path in and around glacial Park as well as connecting to Chain O Lakes State Park
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130	Bicycle	There is so much more that needs to be done to improve pedestrian and cycling safety and infrastructure. I live in Huntley and there is a huge need to develop interconnecting multi-use paths to remove pedestrians and cyclists from unsafe conditions
156	Bicycle	In Woodstock I would make one comment as that area I am also familiar with. So there is a well constructed bike path running from Crystal Lake along US 14 to Woodstock. And it is wonderful. I have ridden it many times. But, in Woodstock once the trail intersects with the old US 14, across from Farm/Fleet, it turns right and rounds the corner to the Walmart. The trail then transitions into a narrow unsafe sidewalk (for cycling), all the way to IL47. But then the path/sidewalk is terrible all the way to the Woodstock Square.
167	Bicycle	In Sun City Connect us to the Huntley multi-use trail system where we can avoid crossing Route 47.
174	Bicycle	Nothing is connected. Bike trail in Cary on Three Oaks Road just west of the library has TWO telephone poles side by side blocking the path.
178	Bicycle	There should be a network of paths connecting different areas of the community. These paths should NOT be directly next to the roads (the sidewalk along route 47 between main street and reed in Huntley is extremely dangerous).
179	Bicycle	I'd love if there were running paths along route 47, etc so that I could run or bike safely.
180	Bicycle	I'd love if there were running paths along algonquin, etc so that I could run or bike safely.

ID	TYPE	COMMENT
181	 Bicycle	I'd love if there were running paths along reed, etc so that I could run or bike safely.
182	Bicycle	I'd love if there were running paths along miller, etc so that I could run or bike safely.
183	Bicycle	I'd love if there were running paths along ackman, etc so that I could run or bike safely.
184	Bicycle	I'd love if there were running paths along randall, etc so that I could run or bike safely.
185	Bicycle	I'd love if there were running paths along lakewood, etc so that I could run or bike safely.
186	Bicycle	I'd love if there were running paths along haligus, etc so that I could run or bike safely.
187	Bicycle	I'd love if there were running paths along frank, etc so that I could run or bike safely.
188	Bicycle	I'd love if there were running paths along square barn, etc so that I could run or bike safely.
190	Bicycle	And the same applies after downtown Woodstock west on what was the old US 14 out to where it meets the current US 14 and to Rose Farm road. Rose Farm road is a good cycling road connection and it would be nice to have a connection from downtown Woodstock to Rose Farm also. Following this road (the old US 14) would offer a safe straight line connection from one end of Woodstock to the other.
45	Bicycle	I would love to bike more. It doesn't feel safe on 14
112	Bicycle	Better bike lanes for road biking...less rumble strips. More flashing left arrows (I.e. rte 31)
113	Bicycle	Better bike lanes for road biking...less rumble strips. More flashing left arrows (I.e. Randall)
114	Bicycle	Better bike lanes for road biking...less rumble strips. More flashing left arrows (I.e. Algonquin Road)
175	Bicycle	Can't safely get from Cary to CrystalLake.
128	 General	Fix Rt12/53 asap as that is the major issue.
104	 Pedestrian	My biggest concern is no sidewalks or crosswalks on 47 for pedestrians. Many of the stores such as Walmart, Walgreens, Jewel are Hard to access on foot traffic with no options to cross the street.
20	Pedestrian	There is so much more that needs to be done to improve pedestrian and cycling safety and infrastructure. I live in Huntley and there is a huge need to develop interconnecting multi-use paths to remove pedestrians and cyclists from unsafe conditions with trucks and cars. The south end of McHenry Co. in Del Webb Huntley has been completely ignored in being provided pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. These unsafe conditions have created barriers to an aging community where residents are too afraid to cross any streets for fear of being run down by vehicles. A higher rating would be given once improvements have begun.
21	Pedestrian	Sidewalk access to Hilltop elementary is only available on the north side of Lincoln road, which means I have to cross Lincoln twice to walk my children to school. This road also goes from 30mph to 40mph which makes no sense. Lots of middle school children walk and there is no police enforcement. There are also varying sidewalks along route 120. There's no good way to get into town without a vehicle.
73	Pedestrian	Driving is easy and convenient. Having a train to Chicago is nice. Biking and walking are not very safe or convenient. It would be nice to have more crosswalks across 47. It would be nice to have more sidewalks generally.
81	Pedestrian	We have 1 stoplight in all of Spring Grove. Biking/walking is not safe across highway 12 but there is no other option such as a tunnel, overpass, or even a pedestrian signal. We're in a rural area with a busy highway that is lacking safety measures.

ID	TYPE	COMMENT
86	 Pedestrian	We need more crosswalks to enhance accessibility for people who would like to cut down on gas costs and carbon emissions (as well as those who have no other means to get around). A good example is a crosswalk across Randall Road at Ackman. This would be nice so the community (especially those in the apartment complex across the street) can pick up prescriptions, milk, or even a pizza and not have to resort to their cars.
124	Pedestrian	lack of crosswalks across major roadways (e.g., Rt. 47 in Woodstock)
22	Pedestrian	I live near Emricson Park in Woodstock. There are no bike lanes in my area and I live near very busy roads with frequent semi-traffic and 40mph+ speed limits. We keep more than 300' of public sidewalk cleared for walkers and bike riders, but the City does not plow any sidewalks outside of the square, the cemetery does not plow sidewalks, and Emricson Park is often not plowed or safe for walking on the paths in the winter. It would be much safer for our active community in the winter if the sidewalks were plowed and salted.
23	Pedestrian	They are almost impassable in winter. Also, more sidewalks and better connected sidewalks. So often, I am walking somewhere and the sidewalk just ends in the middle of the block. Particularly along Rt 14 and Rt 31!
155	Pedestrian	There are few safe places for walkers and no place for bicyclists for it's nearly 2 mile length from IL 31 on the east to Dole Ave. on the west. The only accommodation is a sidewalk primarily on one side. During the warm season it's dangerous because that sidewalk is directly adjacent to the busy hwy. In winter it's even worse as snow is plowed right onto sidewalks which are right on the edge of the hwy. Alternate paths/sidewalks are badly needed as this is a shopping corridor and for most part there are no side roads close or parallel to it's alternates.
157	Pedestrian	No sidewalks in Wonder Lake to move from place to place.
158	Pedestrian	No sidewalks in Crystal Lake to move from place to place.
159	Pedestrian	No sidewalks in McHenry to move from place to place.
79	Pedestrian	Also, some busy streets (i.e. Rt 47) need to be more pedestrian friendly . . . sidewalks, pedestrian...right of way lights.
6	 Transit (Bus)	we have no public transportation to reach Midway or Ohare. Many cannot afford to use a limo service, or to drive there. It would be nice to offer a Bus/shuttle service to our area airports.
44	Transit (Bus)	I would like to see an expanded Pace route further south. I live about two miles south of the Woodstock Square and often take the Metra. It is sometimes difficult to arrange extended parking at the station with the local PD and the county ride share program is an advantage, but I am often on hold for long periods of time and the ability to schedule rides when I need them is never guaranteed. By expanding the Pace route further south, it would enable people like me to get transport transport to and from the Square without having to arrange a ride share or coordinate with PD.
119	Transit (Bus)	Bus stops along Del Webb Blvd. to take you to 47 and shopping on Randall Road.
125	Transit (Bus)	put busses on Randall road and/or Algonquin road
160	Transit (Bus)	The PACE bus doesn't come to Wonder Lake except for senior citizens, so I'll probably end up using Uber more often. I'd love to be able to safely walk from place to place.
176	Transit (Bus)	No public transportation going up and down Route 14.
1	 Transit (Train)	T2: Metra Milwaukee District West Line Extension to Huntley.... Union, and Marengo.

ID	TYPE	COMMENT
16	 Transit (Train)	Connect Metra North with the Metra Northwest in Richmond at a large, multi-modal transit station and finish the Rt 12 highway south from the Wisconsin border terminating at said transit center.
19	Transit (Train)	Prioritize completing Chicago's "Black Hawk Route" rail connection. Provides Amtrak service to Huntley / surrounding McHenry Co. residents. The connection through the county and stops in the county would be an asset between two major regional employment hubs. A 1.5hr trip to/from downtown expands commuting options for both work and leisure to those who would otherwise need to travel to a UP-NW station or drive.
87	Transit (Train)	How about a train to/from Huntley to Chicago? Shuttle buses to the train station. What public transportation do we have. In Huntley- none
120	Transit (Train)	Lack of a train station in Marengo
121	Transit (Train)	Lack of a train station in Union
122	Transit (Train)	Lack of a train station in Huntley
129	Transit (Train)	Also we need a Metra stop in Huntley to take people to downtown Chicago. Many people in Del Webb work and people in Huntley like to travel to Chicago.
139	Transit (Train)	New wider train trestle in Woodstock
4	 Vehicle Travel	Intersection is challenging during peak hours at the high school. Would a roundabout help address the school-related intersection capacity issues and safety concerns, without negatively impacting Walkup Road capacity during non-high school peak times?
7	Vehicle Travel	This intersection is dangerous and has issues with cars backing up. It would be much better to see a traffic circle here instead of a 4 way stop.
9	Vehicle Travel	A stoplight is needed here.
10	Vehicle Travel	Please address the rush hour traffic north bound Hwy 31 at Bull Valley Road, and Hwy 31 through downtown McHenry. NO MORE signal lights in McHenry. Any new housing construction areas need to connect to existing access roads to Hwy 31.
11	Vehicle Travel	Please address the rush hour traffic, northbound Chapel Hill road at Hwy 120. South bound Chapel Hill road has too long of a left turn arrow and north bound traffic cannot get through the intersection.
17	Vehicle Travel	Route 47 expansion in Woodstock begins soon for limited section between Hwy 14 and Route 120. Expansion to 4 lanes critically needed from Route 176 to Charles Road to alleviate traffic and encourage community growth.
18	Vehicle Travel	Complete the continuation of Algonquin Rd. (IL-62) west connecting to Coyne Station Rd... Marengo Rd... Opens E/W route to relieve congestion on Main St. Huntley, Makes viable the area west of Route 47 for community expansion Provides main access to potential transit station on MD-W spawning transit oriented investment.
24	Vehicle Travel	Generally good, fits the population. McHenry is a terrible bottleneck with 31 and 120, but not sure what you can do about that.
25	Vehicle Travel	Nearly everything that I do has been built off of Rt. 14. I think that our development is stymied by smaller roads being disconnected and areas being roadlocked. For instance the difficulty of getting south makes me choose Crystal Lake over Algonquin for shopping when both are equidistant from me. Roads not being wide enough makes it difficult for pedestrian/bike traffic, It seems dangerous to drive where people bike and walk since there are not dedicated bike paths and sidewalks in my area.

ID	TYPE	COMMENT
26	 Vehicle Travel	Have lived on the Eastside of Algonquin since 1987. The population growth on the westside of Algonquin, Huntley, Crystal Lake, Cary. Have made the traffic unbearable of years. In the 1950s, 60s, 70s,80s there were traffic studies done. It showed a bridge was needed from Rt 25 to Rt 31. Way before the population boomed and houses were built. The villages along the proposed roads and bridges, refused to look at the future growth and here we are with the transportation problem, since the 1950s. Please look for the future not the present.
27	Vehicle Travel	I will add that the traffic congestion on Rt. 47 along the whole corridor in Woodstock is bad!
28	Vehicle Travel	Route 14 needs to be 4 lane from Walworth to Woodstock
29	Vehicle Travel	Route 12 needs to be 4 lane south of the boarder to Fox Lake or south on 31 which was supposed to be the route 53 west extension.
30	Vehicle Travel	Route 31 needs to be 4 lane from Crystal lake to Mchenry and somehow bypass Mchenry.
31	Vehicle Travel	Stoplights needed at 47 & Charles
32	Vehicle Travel	Stoplights needed at 120/charles rd/greenwood rd
33	Vehicle Travel	route 47 needs to be 4 lane from Huntley to Charles
34	Vehicle Travel	cyrstal (sic) lake road needs to be 4 lane from crystal lake to 120
35	Vehicle Travel	176 needs to be four lane east to west throughout the county
36	Vehicle Travel	Eastwood in Woodstock is very congested. There needs to be a solution to alleviate traffic on the road.
37	Vehicle Travel	Rt. 62 during 4 am to 2 am is terrible. Cars speeding, reclise (sic) driving and no, none , zilch inforcement (sic) by police or sheriff. Shame.
38	Vehicle Travel	Traffic in Woodstock is a disaster
39	Vehicle Travel	I have lived in McHenry County for the past 31 years and although the population has drastically increased the roadways are not keeping up by far. Rt 31 between Crystal Lake and McHenry is awful with its congestion and keeps getting worse. False promises have been made to go to 4 lane with intersection improvements but never kept. There are no longer good options to travel between towns as the small two lane roadways are outdated and decades behind.
40	Vehicle Travel	Too much traffic on Randall & Algonquin Roads particularly at rush hour & on weekends.
41	Vehicle Travel	Overall the McHenry County Transportation Network is decent. Thankfully we have bike paths and trains and buses to help uncrowd our busy roads. However some areas are too congested such as Route 120 & Route 31 in McHenry
42	Vehicle Travel	some areas are too congested such as Route 12 through Richmond
43	Vehicle Travel	some areas are too congested such as Route 14 in Harvard
46	Vehicle Travel	Roads are generally in good condition. Route 47 needs widening or bypass around Huntley. The lights on Route 47 through Huntley are mistimed and it's extremely hard to NOT stop at nearly every light.
47	Vehicle Travel	I regularly travel threw many intersections that i consider scary for which I think should have a stop light. Example one: When t was my turn to proceed south into the intersection of Ill. Rt.120, Charles Road, and Greenwood Road I took a second second look just in time as a west bound car went right thru the intersection at full speed without stopping.

ID	TYPE	COMMENT
48	 Vehicle Travel	Example two: Intersection of Charles Rd. and Ill. Rt. 47 - A McHenry County Sheriff's car went right thru the intersection without stopping while the driver was playing on the laptop in the vehicle and did NOT have the flashers on when it was my turn to proceed.
49	Vehicle Travel	Lastly, the Ill. Rt. 47 drive thru Woodstock is aggravating due to several locations of expanding to two lanes and then reducing to one lane and all the cars that speed up and then change lanes several times to get ahead of the traffic congestion which seems almost constant.
50	Vehicle Travel	Many of our roads are in bad shape, highways weren't planned for growth (ie rt 47 through Woodstock), and there seems to be a lack of any clear foresight for the future.
51	Vehicle Travel	Many of our roads are in bad shape, highways weren't planned for growth (ie rt 31 to McHenry), and there seems to be a lack of any clear foresight for the future.
52	Vehicle Travel	Streets like Rt. 47 and some others need to be widened.
53	Vehicle Travel	Route 47 and main st in Huntley really is a struggle to get through
54	Vehicle Travel	Poor overall road conditions; think Rte. 47 through Woodstock
55	Vehicle Travel	Poor overall road conditions; roads in Bull Valley etc.
56	Vehicle Travel	Our infrastructure had not expanded with residential growth. We live in Huntley and while the residential growth has come to the route 47 corridor the road expansion has not. This is inhibiting commercial growth, no retail/restaurant development will take place on a 2 lane road where entry and exit are difficult
57	Vehicle Travel	In this county it's all road. However, in critical locations the roads are too few lanes. Consider 47 going north to the Sec. of States office. The two lane choke point at the train over pass.
58	Vehicle Travel	Rakow Rd and the Randall expansion south of our county. Usually the cut you and city roads are plowed in winter and the lights are synced.
59	Vehicle Travel	Randall road is too packed after 3:30 p.m. a nightmare if you are traveling from I-90 north on Randall
60	Vehicle Travel	Traffic on Route 47 through Woodstock is terrible. Roads are not great.
61	Vehicle Travel	Bridge over Fox River on Algonquin Rd in Algonquin Structure needs to be checked out
62	Vehicle Travel	Route 31 is a traffic bottleneck at times especially driving to Crystal Lake from McHenry
63	Vehicle Travel	Route 47 from Huntley through Woodstock is a mess.
64	Vehicle Travel	More major roads that are single lane, need to be multiple lanes (31)
65	Vehicle Travel	More major roads that are single lane, need to be multiple lanes (176)
66	Vehicle Travel	More major roads that are single lane, need to be multiple lanes (14)
67	Vehicle Travel	Rt-47 needs widening from Woodstock to I-90
68	Vehicle Travel	All the roads are in incredibly horrible condition. Every street or road in Woodstock is filled with potholes & worse. I need a front end alignment just to go to a store. The main artery Route 47 is one lane & is always congested.
69	Vehicle Travel	Traffic on south bound randall in the morning during the week is ridiculous. Vice versa coming home. Build a bigger interchange please.

ID	TYPE	COMMENT
70	 Vehicle Travel	Implement the northern bypass in Algonquin. The western bypass isn't enough
71	Vehicle Travel	The two main north-south roads, Rt. 31 are one lane through most of the county. This restricts traffic.
72	Vehicle Travel	The two main north-south roads, Rt. 47 are one lane through most of the county. This restricts traffic.
74	Vehicle Travel	Highway 120, between Wonder Lake and McHenry are expecting the housing development to bring hundreds, if not thousands of more drivers daily.
75	Vehicle Travel	There should be right turn arrows automatically at all possible intersections. Example: 31 & johnsburg road when johnsburg road has right of way
76	Vehicle Travel	There should be right turn arrows automatically at all possible intersections. Example: johnsburg road and spring grove road when spring grove road has right of way
77	Vehicle Travel	We could use a few more left turn lanes. Example: Route 12 and Winn Rd.
78	Vehicle Travel	Main roads like 31 still need to be improved to 4 lane all the way.
80	Vehicle Travel	Winn road and 12 needs a turn lane with an arrow for left turns traveling north and south on Winn Road.
82	Vehicle Travel	You need to widen 47 through Woodstock already. It's insanely slow and congested. Woodstock is a major traffic artery and it's long overdue to be treated as such. From between 120 and the corner of 14 & 47 its abysmal how much traffic congestion there is. I'm sick of hearing how Woodstock and the railway can't figure out who pays for what with the viaduct by McConnell Road. Get it done.
83	Vehicle Travel	Route 31 needs widening from Crystal Lake to McHenry, Maintenance needs to be kept up with pavement overlays etc.
84	Vehicle Travel	I can only speak to driving. Traffic congestion is a little better here than surrounding counties (especially Lake), but there are a few dangerous sections that I wish could be improved (i.e. the turn at Rt. 14 and Main Street in downtown Cary).
85	Vehicle Travel	The roads in my neighborhood, Lakeland Park, are like gravel. We need our roads paved. We have huge pot holes. The road I live on has not been done in over 20 years. Fix the roads.
88	Vehicle Travel	For Eastwood, it could be widened or there could alternate road adjustments or planning. But I am not a transportation expert.
89	Vehicle Travel	There are some areas that need expansion of existing roads. Rt 47 between Huntley and Woodstock would be one example.
90	Vehicle Travel	Widen 47, Charles Rd to Huntley
91	Vehicle Travel	Route 31 between Crystal Lake and McHenry really needs to be widened to 4 lanes.
92	Vehicle Travel	Route 14 traffic light timing when trains come through gets messed up and makes major delays during the morning commute.
93	Vehicle Travel	Expand the available lanes on roads where possible - expand Ackman to 47.
94	Vehicle Travel	Rt 31 needs to be expanded from Crystal Lake through or around McHenry.
95	Vehicle Travel	widen Highway 47 north of Lake Drive.

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96	 Vehicle Travel	Make IL 31 four lanes all the way WITHOUT lowering the speed limit.
97	Vehicle Travel	Fix the ability to turn in all of the new lights on route 14.
98	Vehicle Travel	Reroute traffic congestion, such as 120 through Mchenry.
99	Vehicle Travel	Reroute traffic congestion, such as St. 47 through Woodstock
100	Vehicle Travel	Would like to see 14 around Woodstock completed to 4 lanes.
101	Vehicle Travel	A new bridge is needed North of Algonquin. Route 62 should have been widened East of Rt-25 40 years ago
102	Vehicle Travel	Expand Route 47 to 4 lanes throughout the County
103	Vehicle Travel	Widen major routes like 31
105	Vehicle Travel	Widen rt 31(north of rt 176 into McHenry)
106	Vehicle Travel	Widen rt 47(North of rt 62 to rt 14
107	Vehicle Travel	build northern bypass in Algonquin.
108	Vehicle Travel	All State and county roads should be 2 Lanes in each direction with middle turn lane. It's ridiculous that state routes like 176 and 31 are 1 lane in each direction.
109	Vehicle Travel	Two main issues: The two main north-south roads, Rt. 47 are one lane through most of the county. This restricts traffic.
110	Vehicle Travel	Also the handful of bridges over the Fox River restricts traffic.
111	Vehicle Travel	Two main issues: The two main north-south roads, Rt. 31 are one lane through most of the county. This restricts traffic.
115	Vehicle Travel	There needs to be a bypass highway of sorts in the county. Driving through the county takes way longer than it should because of the congestion that exists on the highways through McHenry and Crystal Lake. Trying to get from 12/173 to Crystal Lake is a much slower process than it should be.
116	Vehicle Travel	Put a 4-lane road through Woodstock on 47
117	Vehicle Travel	Widen Rt.47 especially in Woodstock.
118	Vehicle Travel	I would study and revise one intersection/area in particular: Richmond Road/North Burlington Road/Truck Weigh Station on Route 12. This is an incredibly dangerous area, especially in the summer with traffic going to Lake Geneva. I would relocate the weigh station, or relocate the entrance and exit of the weigh station and add additional areas for waiting trucks. I would close North Burlington Road access to Richmond Road and make use of Wilson Road instead, for southbound traffic and install a traffic light there.
123	Vehicle Travel	An I-90 spur either up into McHenry County from the South or East OR an I-90 diagonal spur linking Madison and Chicago and running through McHenry county.
126	Vehicle Travel	By pass Crystal Lake. Fewer stop lights.
127	Vehicle Travel	What a mess the zigzag is in downtown Mchenry!
131	Vehicle Travel	Also, Raffel Road near Sweetwater neighborhood has a number of potholes in which patching has not helped.

ID	TYPE	COMMENT
132	 Vehicle Travel	47 from Woodstock to Huntley should have been widened 20 years ago
133	Vehicle Travel	some areas are too congested such as pretty much all of the streets in Crystal Lake
134	Vehicle Travel	Add roundabouts in Woodstock at Lake Ave
135	Vehicle Travel	Add roundabouts in Woodstock at Bull McConnell Rd
136	Vehicle Travel	Add roundabouts in Woodstock at Bull Valley Rd
137	Vehicle Travel	Add roundabouts in Woodstock at 120
138	Vehicle Travel	Add roundabouts in Woodstock at Charles Rd
140	Vehicle Travel	Fix Rt12/53 asap as that is the major issue.
141	Vehicle Travel	Highway 47 through Woodstock needs work which I understand will take place, can't happen soon enough.
142	Vehicle Travel	Travel primarily Highways 14 and 23 from Harvard. Roads pretty good shape. Major county roads around Harvard good.
143	Vehicle Travel	New I-90 interchange on 23 is great.
144	Vehicle Travel	Too bad you don't have a zero star! It usually take longer to get out of McHenry County than to actually get where I am going if it is a local/regional trip. Randall Rd are all over-crowded, under developed and generally poor quality.
145	Vehicle Travel	Too bad you don't have a zero star! It usually take longer to get out of McHenry County than to actually get where I am going if it is a local/regional trip. Hwy's 14 are all over-crowded, under developed and generally poor quality.
146	Vehicle Travel	Too bad you don't have a zero star! It usually take longer to get out of McHenry County than to actually get where I am going if it is a local/regional trip. Hwy's 22 are all over-crowded, under developed and generally poor quality.
147	Vehicle Travel	Too bad you don't have a zero star! It usually take longer to get out of McHenry County than to actually get where I am going if it is a local/regional trip. Hwy's 31 are all over-crowded, under developed and generally poor quality.
148	Vehicle Travel	Too bad you don't have a zero star! It usually take longer to get out of McHenry County than to actually get where I am going if it is a local/regional trip. Hwy's 47 are all over-crowded, under developed and generally poor quality.
149	Vehicle Travel	Too bad you don't have a zero star! It usually take longer to get out of McHenry County than to actually get where I am going if it is a local/regional trip. Hwy's 120 are all over-crowded, under developed and generally poor quality.
150	Vehicle Travel	Too bad you don't have a zero star! It usually take longer to get out of McHenry County than to actually get where I am going if it is a local/regional trip. Hwy's 176 are all over-crowded, under developed and generally poor quality.
151	Vehicle Travel	The rt 31 bypass has been very helpful on moving traffic
152	Vehicle Travel	47 needs a lot of work. Traffic is horrible.
153	Vehicle Travel	Randall Road was one of the areas which has just recently been widened.
154	Vehicle Travel	US 14 is quite automobile congested as it runs thru Crystal Lake.

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161	 Vehicle Travel	Rt 31 between Crystal Lake and McHenry is awful with its congestion and keeps getting worse . False promises have been made to go to 4 lane with intersection improvements but never kept. There are no longer good options to travel between towns as the small two lane roadways are outdated and decades behind.
162	Vehicle Travel	I think Algonquin Rd needs to be widened. It takes a long time to get from LITH to Barrington on Algonquin Rd.
163	Vehicle Travel	I'd really focus on the timing of stop lights. Especially when you add more lights on Randall, for example. It increases travel time even with more lanes. Plus, it increases idle time which hurts our air quality!
164	Vehicle Travel	In general I feel the roads managed by McHenry County are fairly good. I would like to see more Fox river crossings around Algonquin IL. I'm concerned what the impact will be if that specific bridge (in Algonquin IL) were to ever need to be closed or narrowed due to concerns of failure or river flow washout.
165	Vehicle Travel	In Sun City I would implement the "Road Diet" plan. Turn our four lane boulevards into two single lanes with a center turn lane and an outer multi-use lane. The traffic moves too fast, people feel unsafe biking and crossing these wide streets.
166	Vehicle Travel	In Sun City Enforcement of speed limits, lower them to 30 mph. Add a few all-way stop intersections. Slow the traffic down.
168	Vehicle Travel	Many roads in the area of Woodstock are deteriorating and need to be redone. Some just need to be repaved, but many need a full rip out and relay.
169	Vehicle Travel	Many roads in the area of McHenry are deteriorating and need to be redone. Some just need to be repaved, but many need a full rip out and relay.
170	Vehicle Travel	Many roads in the area of Johnsburg are deteriorating and need to be redone. Some just need to be repaved, but many need a full rip out and relay.
171	Vehicle Travel	Many roads in the area of McCullom Lake are deteriorating and need to be redone. Some just need to be repaved, but many need a full rip out and relay.
172	Vehicle Travel	Many roads in the area of Wonder Lake are deteriorating and need to be redone. Some just need to be repaved, but many need a full rip out and relay.
173	Vehicle Travel	Need more 4 lane roads to help ease congestion. Need more roads that run parallel to other roads. The place that comes to mind is highway 50 and Wilmot road just north of the border. Wilmot helps ease traffic on the 4 lane highway 50.
177	Vehicle Travel	Route 47 from the Wisconsin border to the tollroad needs to be widened. Now, not 5 years from now
189	Vehicle Travel	Widen 47 now

GENERAL COMMENTS

COMMENT

There seems to be no public transportation. I have to drive everywhere. The train deal in Huntley (that went down) had lots of our neighbors hoping that they could accept jobs in the city. I guess not

"1) Email me, I've written a proposal for exploring a pedestrian friendly railroad crossing in Woodstock on the south end of town. burgerc09@gmail.com

2) When you talk about Environmental impacts, which obviously includes pollution, remember that it also includes impacts to disconnected wildlife populations and habitats, for turtles, small to medium size mammals and insect. And that road ways degrade the quality and alter the hydrology of wetted environments, like fens, and wet prairies. Then environments are incredibly important to amphibians, and birds.

3) I understand the biggest problem of Truck Traffic, that is box truck, tanks, etc. is that of pollution and road degradation. Since I have already marked Environmental impacts, what I mean to highlight here is the problem of an increasing number of B Trucks, both Pick-up Trucks (and SUVs) and Commercial B "Vans", both of which pose threats to pedestrians, in part because of lacking pedestrian infrastructure. The high ends of Pick-up Trucks and Commercial "Vans", make accidents both more likely and more deadly for the pedestrians. And Commercial "Vans" especially so, since the 'delivery based' services most of them are being driven for necessitates distracted driving from phone app use, and in very residential which increases pedestrian risk, where pedestrian infrastructure is lacking."

"1. Install bike safety signage on roads across the county to improve awareness and safety for cyclists. For example, signs stating that motorized vehicles are required to provide at least 3-feet of clearance when passing. Signs like this could help improve safety by validating that bikes have a right to be on the road and reassure drivers of what space is needed when they pass. The County could focus on County roads and coordinate with townships, municipalities to create/provide signs and bicycle safety stakeholders to pay for the signs. The more widespread these signs are across the county, the safer roads can be for cyclists.

2. Provide bike lanes that are well marked on the pavement and with roadside signage,

3. Build separate bike paths where possible to improve accessibility to communities across the county.

ASAP. Ideally develop AND IMPLEMENT a collaborative Regional Bicycle Transportation Plan with all municipalities, townships, and bicycle stakeholders to share funding (and pursue grants) to create a regional bike trail system such as Lake County and DuPage County that enable safe travel across the entire county."

2 - inconsistent Pace service. not many other options

4 lanes with adequate traffic control to permit left turns.

5 ft. Width for major county byways

53 extension would have helped.....

A better network of connect paths and roads that can be crossed safely, paths that are plowed.

A car is pretty much a necessity in McHenry County

A carbon fee & dividend approach is really the only way to solve the harmful environmental impacts. But since we aren't doing that, plan B is going through with environmental apocalypse.

A few months ago I needed transportation due to the inability to drive and not having a car. The pace bus came through for me... picking me up and dropping me off within a reasonable time frame. Only downside I found was having to call everyday to set up a ride a week ahead so that I was guaranteed a ride. I was grateful to have the bus available when I needed alternative transportation during my recovery.

COMMENT

"A light rail system connecting all of the population centers, shopping, Metra, etc. to allow people to get away from having to drive everywhere.

Also, change the code so that residential and shopping can be mixed like it used to be. Now we have huge residential areas, and then huge shopping areas so far away you have to drive. When I was a kid we used to walk to the grocery in one direction, the department store in a different direction, and had a local convenience store for milk and things. For most of our neighborhoods today that is not possible."

A long term vision must be set and then the discipline to follow the plan must be kept up.

A more connected network (e.g., trails connected safely across the county); safer options for cyclists

add a regularly scheduled bus route.

Add bike lanes and connecting trails.

Add bike lanes and make bike paths that connect the different communities.

Add lanes where practical, e.g., turn lanes.

Add more options that go more distances, are available and accessible on shorter notice, an app that can help with easibility of payment

Add multipurpose paths on new construction and retrofit current areas

Add options educate us as to what is available.

Adding right and left turn lanes wherever possible. Timing traffic lights so traffic flows more smoothly.

"Adequate. We do not live in Chicago. Don't see the need for a "transportation network"."

affordable and convenient options for those with disabilities, of course

Again, buses?

Allow the unions to be more competitive, and hold them accountable for timelines and costs. No nepotism and favoritism that destroys our economy!

An overall traffic study, improvement if main roads to support traffic crossing river.

Anticipate where the congestion will be in 5-10 years and get ahead of it. Although this, I've seen, sometimes leads to further congestion.

Any new commercial/residential development should be required to provide walkability around the development as well as around the exterior of the development

Apply for more money from the state and federal government.

Appropriate to the population distribution and density.

As far as I know there are pace busses available but I've never used the system. One time when I was in Woodstock I needed a ride and was within walking distance to a pace bus stop if I needed to use it I would have. As far as ride sharing or ordering an uber or lyft.. I don't have a lot of luck finding a ride from them around here usually so I think there are not enough local drivers. I like the train system I can get on in Woodstock or crystal lake and take it to other towns for food or shopping, this option is not as convenient as driving my own vehicle.

As more people chose to move westerly into the county, traffic will become and increasing issues.

As the suburbs grow, the roads need to be widened to accommodate the growth.

As we age would like an easy-to-use way to get places

COMMENT

Aside from going to Chicago with the Metra, the public transportation options in and around McHenry County are poor at best. As a result, I have to use my car. I'd also love to use my bicycle more to get to and from places, but many roads do not have bike lanes or even sidewalks for when I choose to walk (look at Three Oaks Road between Rte. 31 and Rte. 14 as a perfect example of no sidewalks). Some intersections are absolutely dangerous to cross on foot or on bicycle as well. The intersection of Three Oaks Road and Route 31 is terrifying. Our county is very car dependent and built for cars, not for other options.

Ask current riders and drivers what routes they think would-be better. Ask where they need to go and when. Get more buses and better routes. Do more advertising/PR to let people know where you go and when.

At the point we are in time, it is difficult to reverse the effects of suburban development. However, by prioritizing density, REAL bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure (separated lanes), and transit-oriented development, we can move in the right direction. It is equally important to consider equitable accessibility options in each development. Continuing to expand roads will not solve our problems.

Bad roads, lack of transport options

Ban bicyclists on all roads having speed limits over 30 MPH. Bicyclists should be limited to residential streets. Over the years I have seen many instances of bicyclists riding on roads posted for 55 MPH and two lane with semi traffic and also in sections of the roads with double yellow, on crests of roads and in curves. This is very reckless and dangerous not only for the bicyclist but also for cars, pickups, semis who have to slow down or cross over the center line.

Basically have to drive anywhere

Basically, I have few complaints. Most of the roads are in good condition and the county does a good job keeping them open. But some do need repairs, and sometimes that takes forever it seems. A perfect example of that is Johnsbury Road at Riverside Drive. That bridge should have been replaced and widened several years ago.

Because bikers don't use paved bike paths or obey road laws causing drivers to over compensate and get in accidents.

"Because it is very car centric. I ride my bike, weather permitting, but often there are few good places to lock bicycles. I don't mind riding in traffic, but think more people would ride if there were more bike lanes/paths.

Fortunate to live on the train line, so can walk to the Metra. Only real public transportation."

because there are not tons of options

Being a senior who may need to get to doctors etc. there is no bus service to take me out of the county. I may need that at some time.

Beside Metra don't know of other options.

Besides the Metra train system, I'm not sure how the busses work in the County.

better communication with the various forms of government.

Better conductivity of bicycle trails and better means of crossing busy roads

Better roadways!

Better scheduling and marketing and incentives

Better synchronize the traffic lights and not change when no traffic is waiting.

Between stoplight timings and poor construction planning, it is fairly horrendous. The bypass is a big joke, and the new one joining up with Algonquin rd will be an absolute nightmare. I work at Good Shepherd and Harper. 14 is a nightmare and coming home from Harper? a 20-25 minute drive can go for almost an hour. Majority of time spent on 62 west of 25

Bike lane/bike way network

Bike lanes and buses.

Bike lanes, bike lanes, bike lanes and greater education of automobile drivers as to road laws.

bike paths, railroads

Bring in more fixed route buses

COMMENT

Bring public transportation bus lines to the county. Increase train stations.

build and expand road systems, add a western north - south highway.

Build more sidewalks and create a bus system. Electric buses are cheaper and easier to maintain, it also would create more jobs.

Build roads BEFORE subdivisions, dont wait until traffic is horrible to look for a solution. We are always 10 years behind with expanding roads.

Build the Woodstock bypass to keep truck traffic off of the streets

bus options to local towns. More taxi cab services

Bus routes

Bus routes.

Bus service not as good as it could be

Buses , but there are so many roads. I live by route 12 and 134. A bus going up and down all big roads would be nice but how do you do that?

Can't get where I need to be and Can't carry all the supplies I need to purchase for my farm.

Center turn lanes or left/right turn lanes

Certain areas always bottleneck, especially rush hour traffic in FRG and downtown Cary.

Change how some of the traffic lights work so on main roads there isn't so much back up

"Change zoning laws regarding single family homes to require TOD and/ or COD in all new developments. Support Municipalities to do the same. Increase housing density as well as retail opportunities integrated with housing (IE- shops below apartment building; corner stores & child care centers in neighborhoods. Connect sidewalks/paths to destinations for walking or rolling.

As more people can work from home, these changes can help families go down to 1-car households."

Change zoning laws. More multi-family homes and nothing should be built before the roads directly affected by that development are expanded or altered to handle the influx of drivers. I also think there are a lot of alternative to traffic lights like roundabouts and merging ramps that could be used to attenuate congestion.

"city planning...

appropriate money distribution for work done on time updates on where and what are problem areas and dates of completion"

collaborate with additional counties to lower the costs

"Community mini busses around town to parks, restaurants, shopping, train depots and municipal buildings.

County public bus routes.

Safe bike lanes on major roads."

"Construction events are very long.

Congestion in Algonquin is ridiculous!

Longmeadow Parkway is the longest project in the world.

Bike paths are not connected that well."

Construction of cycling paths on roadways and more walking paths for the population.

Continue to develop and prioritize other modes of traffic besides auto (public, bike, walk, etc).

Continued repairs

Coordinate more stoplights. Make yellow lights shorter to deter running the lights. Keep the time to the opposing green light the same for safety (ie, replace the last few seconds with red all directions). More traffic circles to reduce red light delays. Enforce correct lane usage (turning into nearest lane, not lingering in the left lane when not passing). Restrict on-street parking to one side of the street on busily-traveled streets (moving the centerline). Prohibit parked vehicles from extending into traffic lanes (delivery trucks and lawn service trailers).

COMMENT

Correct the historic lack of political will power necessary to get our share of modern Chicago area roads. Stop throwing your hands in the air and pointing at Springfield and/or Long Grove etc. as having greater needs as McHenry county residents growing old in traffic delays.

County is very car dependent which leads to few transportation options and terrible traffic.

County roads better than state roads ☐

County roads can only be considered in fair condition generally speaking.

County study and solicitation of funds: grants, taxes etc.

County-wide difficult to get from rural to more suburban areas (SE to NE is the most convenient). Driving is the most effective for time sensitive and efficient travel.

Crappy roads

Create a better by-pass around Woodstock from North to South direction.

Create bus service between the cities in McHenry County so people can shop or go for medical care in other towns.

Create bypasses for some of the congested areas

Create incentives along with federal and state for more EV

Create more affordable transportation options & to more clearly advertise the options currently available.

Create more transportation alternatives for residents, including public transit options as well as better bike and pedestrian ways.

Create some

"Crystal Lake needs to fix the streets and sewer covers the right way . When semi truck/trailer drive down McHenry ave. Our homes are shaking do to hitting sewer tops and then hit incorrectly patched spot and then hit another sewer cover ! It is bs

The city of CL paves the street nice by the creek where no one lives and will not patch the hole that keeps collapsing where habitat from humanity hooked into the sewer system 464 s McHenry ave"

"Cycling infrastructure is limited to non-existent and often has poor surface conditions.

Many major roads are over capacity. The surface condition of many secondary roads is not good.

Why charge \$ to park at metra stations if you are trying to encourage use of public transportation."

Demand that the sheriff's department along with municipality police departments begin enforcing current laws. This includes drivers with no lights on during dusk/night driving and individuals talking and texting while driving. I see this constantly and if I were an officer of the law I would make both a priority.

"Denser, walkable development

Fewer greenfield subdivisions

15-minute neighborhoods

Human scale streets and commercial development"

Designate or build sidewalks and or bike paths in my area (Lake In The Hills)

desire for more bicycle routes to connect municipalities, shopping centers, and living centers.

Develop a better bus system

Develop a rideshare hybrid with the PACE bus system. More people would take advantage of PACE if they could access it easily like Uber or Lyft.

Dial a ride is not reliable for anyone but the leisurely rider. cannot use for anything with time constraints (work; appointments) . Only beneficial for a select few riders.

Direct marketing to let them know transportation options and more nonfixed-route options.

Do not allow strip malls to push traffic management onto county roads. Stop allowing developers to build retail developments where ever they want without considering the impact on local traffic.

COMMENT

Do we even have a network. I can't believe you are asking this when you know how bad it is.

Do you go through out the entire county ?

Doesn't seem like a great deal of public transportation. Meager schedule

Doesn't seem to be many options for Mass transit between rural areas

Don't build anymore stores & houses in McHenry area around Randall Rd

Don't live visit less than once a month

Don't trust ride shares or public transportation due to current world hate

dont use it

Drive less.

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Biking and walking are not very safe or convenient. It would be nice to have more crosswalks across 47. It would be nice to have more sidewalks generally. it would be nice to have more Bike paths connecting with existing paths."

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Driving is really the only option.

Due to the sprawling nature of the county's development, it is essentially required that one owns a car to live/work. There are very few transit options and aside from connections like Prairie Trail, very limited bicycle/pedestrian infrastructure.

Easier handicap access to buses for people using walkers

Easy to get around the county, roundabouts are great, Rt. 47 congestion between Country Club and Lake St. is only issue I deal with.

"Electric stations and incentives for electric cars.

Educating the public , bike rentals,."

Eliminate all obstacles to vision (trees, bushes, fences, signs) near intersections along high speed roadways.

Eliminate single family zoning.

Emphasize that bikes have a right to be on the roadways as much as cars; we'll never build enough bike paths and lanes - normalize bikes as transportation, not just exercise!

Enact a Complete Streets ordinance for the County and urge all the home rule towns to do the same.

Encourage car-pooling, public transportation, biking/walking, etc. Have businesses incentivize alternative transportation by employees and customers. Add bike lanes as a requirement on all new roadwork being completed. Widen sidewalks where applicable. Develop a "culture" of alternative transportation in our youth/set the example for our youth. Encourage businesses to offer spots to secure your bike such as bike racks. Have community events focused around alternative transportation.

Encourage housing within walking distance of shopping and entertainment.

Encourage more businesses to open in smaller communities, so we don't have to leave town to get what we need.

Encourage Uber like businesses, mid morning train to Chicago from Woodstock (like 10 AM). Free Metra parking with a 72 hour option. A train option that get you to O'Hare quickly with extended parking at that location.

Enforce existing laws

Establish a bus service

Establish bus routes that run on a consistent schedule with walkable access to nearby bus stops for each subdivision.

COMMENT

"Establish many more bike trails/routes and accommodations.

Establish a bus transportation system throughout the county."

Everyplace I drive too in Illinois is south of Spring Grove and the volume of southern traffic exceeds the capacity of our current roads. In the Chicago area the northwest quadrant is BY FAR under serviced by modern roads. BUILD THE RT. 53 extension and the continuation of the RT. 12 Freeway from the Wisconsin border. Burlington Wi. Is more accessible than any town/city in McHenry county. WHY?

Everything is focused on cars and roads. I am. I am aware of any other options

Expand # of lanes for major highways

Expand and enhance road system, add traffic circles.

Expand Metra lines further into towns (Johnsburg, Spring Grove, Richmond). Increase frequency to allow people to use them more

Expand public transportation options, reduce number of vehicles on the roads.

Expand roads and/or have other accessible routes available. (RT.47 Expansion beyond Woodstock. In Huntley...an access road from Reed Rd. to connect to Sass Rd/formerly Kreutzer. Widen Main St. west toward the Highschool and all the roads leading to the highschool campus.

Expand route types outside of just vehicles

Expand rail and bus service. Also, expand Bike lane options.

Few bike and walking trail options

First, make the public aware of what is in place, the details of stops along a route, frequency, cost, etc. Second, provide higher level of frequency on routes that appear to be popular. Truly create a network where a bus isn't going to just a transportation hub. It's great that I can get on a bus at I90 to go to Schaumburg, but then how am I suppose to get to my office in Rolling Meadows. Too many dead ends. Is there a bus that goes to O'Hare airport?

Fix and then maintain the roads we have, and improve the main arterial roads/highways. And to go with #2 for safety, lower the speed limits. Let's not widen highways just to increase the speed and result in worse accidents than we already have. Slow things down and patrol them - and write tickets, not just warnings.

Fix the roads!

Fix the roads!!!

Fix them

Fixed bus routes threw the major veins of our city.

For about half the county, the mass transit system could possibly work. However, there are not enough bus or train options to make it a reliable means of transportation most places.

For as large of the population is in McHenry County, and a significant percent of Senior Citizens, public transportation in McHenry County is inadequate. Further as I approach an age in which I can no longer drive, I will become a home bound Senior Citizen

"For driving the roads are in poor shape.

Few or no options for those that do not have their own transportation and need to get to work on time."

"For families who do not have a car it is very difficult to get around town, much less the county. More public transportation options are needed.

Also, some busy streets (i.e. Rt 47) need to be more pedestrian friendly . . . sidewalks, pedestrian right of way lights."

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For the most part it is very good. The new Randal road is very good but there are some smaller roads where traffic can get a little bad. Also there are some places where sidewalks would be very beneficial.

COMMENT

For the most part McHenry county has done a pretty good job. That was until they started building "roundabouts". Give me a stop sign or yield sign any day. And stop spending millions on bike paths for 1-2 bicycles..

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Fortunately, at this point in our lives, we are self sufficient with our transportation needs, and the roadway system is good.

Fund infrastructure

Fund it like it was a war. With money we don't spend on wars.

Generally it's pretty poor; nothing connects, everything's really spread out and car-dominant

Get more public transportation to all areas

Get rid of subsidies for useless public transportation, cut gasoline taxes.

Going down 90 is terrifying. If I go the speed limit or even 5 over it doesn't even feel like I'm moving because so many cars are racing by me. I think people are hurrying too much everywhere on our roads and need to be more present when behind the wheel.

Good availability of bike trails but no good public transportation.

Good for cars, not great for all other modes of transportation.

Good question.

Good that service is available throughout the county. But rather limited and takes a long time to get places. I live in Marengo, so nothing is really close.

Grant awarded to our county for development of our public transportation system?

Great for driving. Bike routes are useful for recreation but not shopping. Train is great for travel to Chicago. Would be hard to get around without a car.

Great options!

Great roads, but no train station close to Huntley

Greenways

HANDICAPPED

Have a scheduled route for McRide stops. Also have more availability for residents to schedule a ride

Have convenient and inexpensive public transportation readily available.

Have developers put in wide sidewalks and sufficient roads connecting the new housing to the rest of the community for pedestrians, bicycles, automobiles.

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Have local bus service and transport to airport

have more frequent bus/dial a ride options within each zip code. right now they follow a rigid pattern thru out the county.

Have more options for public reliable and safe transportation.

Have more options!

COMMENT

Have more public transit RTA options and more pedestrian crosswalks ESPECIALLY in the Johnsburg area. More sidewalks as well on Johnsburg Road. There are many people with disabilities and especially visual disabilities that are in this area that walk and need to get to Angelos or Mobil for basic needs.

Have more scheduled and unscheduled buses available for riders.

Have more. Buses. How about a light rail system connecting us to other counties, such as Lake and Kane?

Have set standards for zoning and implement reuse of certain developments that have stayed dormant.

have to drive over 20 minutes just to get a train to the city, plus find a place to park, etc. Going to Chicago by train from Huntley by train or by car is a major time consuming hassle. Going anywhere without a car is a hassle.

Having a disabled son who works part time and shops in community there are no real option outside dial a ride which is not able to keep up with demand and unreliable.

HIRE PEOPLE TO FIX THE PROBLEM

Honestly, any type of efficient public transit is so difficult when we're so spread out, but even with that said, I do wish we could have more. I'm not sure exactly how that would be implemented or what that would look like. Cost-to-benefit of a more localized light rail within the country county that connects our biggest hubs? Maybe there's not enough benefit to that. I'm just spit-ballin. But if a light rail that ran more frequently than the Metra was available between say CL, McHenry, Woodstock, Harvard, Cary, etc. Something with more frequency and more east-west than the Metra would be so useful. Again, maybe there's not enough benefit though to justify that major, major cost. But that's my thought. I know light rail out near Denver when I used to live out there made getting around some of the suburbs a lot easier.

Hopefully through time this solution will come as the electric/hybrid vehicles become a more affordable option.

"I actually have two concerns - travel needs of the elderly and vehicular safety.

I think we should pump a lot of money into free rides for the elderly. They've paid taxes and contributed to society for a long time - let's give them a break!

Vehicular safety is my other concern, but I think the solution is outside of your control. Police at all levels should crack down hard on speeders and unsafe drivers. The absolute root cause of traffic accidents is unsafe drivers. Accidents can't be eliminated by traffic pattern design or solved with infrastructure projects. Vehicular safety can only be achieved by changing people's bad habits, and ticketing is a step in the right direction."

"I admit I do not use it but I do work with a population that relies on it and I see and hear their displeasure and frustration. This stems from not enough convenient routes and not enough repeat times for the routes that exist. See my TOP Problem in the nest question.

I will add that the traffic congestion on Rt. 47 along the whole corridor in Woodstock is bad!"

I am able to get around the county fairly well, there are some well known spots of traffic congestion and it would be nice if there was a more straight shot way to get to a major highway (also a positive for this area too though, less people and less population is nice). I live fairly close to route 31 in McHenry and there is considerably more traffic noise that comes from the intersection of 31 and Charles J Miller that we have grown to really dislike since we can hear the hum of traffic from our backyard now. I'd just say hopefully any future road construction and improvements would consider asphalt back concrete and other things to less the noise for residents

I am avid cyclist most of the year, riding through out the county in warmer weather for leisure. Also in the warmer weather as often and practical as possible I use the bike for errands all around town

I am blessed with a vehicle and license. Many are not and makes employment difficult.

COMMENT

I am disabled and have to fight to get a bus to get me to work in the mornings. While it is great you have the bus to use it's nearly impossible to get through to make a reservation on the phone.

I am not aware of any public transportation.

I am not out and about due to the pandemic. On my short errands, I have seen pace buses and hope they will continue to be available for disabled, no. Drivers, and seniors.

i an handicapped and unable to drive. I know the transportation services here are quite a bit better for so many more than me but I am not able to get around unless someone takes me. I use a walker all the time to get around my house and the outside so it is hard to get anywhere alone.

I believe in public transportation. Also the public transportation should have hours that start early in the a.m. up through 7 p.m. throughout the county, not just one city as in McHenry, or Woodstock as the only option.

I believe these issues are being resolved.

I cant drive and taking a taxi to McHenry Hospital northwestern is over 62 dollars both ways. Getting around by taxi is expensive when you are retired and have many Doctor appts. Pace wasnt dependable.

I didn't actually know we had a transportation network. So I can't speak about it if I have never heard about it. Maybe publicize it more so people know about it.

I didnt know there was a network of transportation, only cars

I didn't know you had a transportation network anymore. I thought the bussing that you had for Wonder Lake dissolved a few years ago.

I do like to ride my bicycle. There are some nice trails but they need to be connected to the pathway system around my neighborhood. I live in Sun City Huntley. We seem to be the forgotten ones when it comes to multi use pathway and connectivity to systems outside our area.

"I do not live in McHenry County. I live in Boone County and come to work in McHenry County every day. I also like to shop periodically in downtown Woodstock and sometimes go to restaurants in Crystal Lake. I lived in Crystal Lake for 10 years and always used my car for transportation unless I went to downtown Chicago, in which I took the train."

I do not use any other type of transportation them using my car. I would bike if I had a safe and secure path instead of riding on roads with not even a sidewalk.

I do not want busses and trains in my town. I like my small town just how it is.

I don't have a solution

I don't know.

I don't really know - count on municipalities and the county to work on maintaining and developing plans/remedies.

I don't think buses are the solution for our rather spread-out area. Perhaps some shuttle buses from certain points to Metra/downtown Cary and then other shuttle buses to nearby shopping areas

I don't use it but my elderly parent uses the pace bus and loves it

I don't use the transportation system but have heard from people I know that sometimes getting the bus to come pick you up can be problematic.

I drive as part of my job. The roads are excellent and I have no complaints. I live in the country and I don't typically enjoy the bar scene but do drive to the restaurant in the area.

I drive everywhere I need to go, but there are many trips that are less than 3 miles away and I would prefer to walk or ride a bike, but there is no infrastructure (sidewalks/bike paths/bike lanes) to allow that

I drive my car exclusively to get around. The roads in McHenry County are very good and allow me to safely travel within the County or leave it at times to go to other Counties.

I feel that anyone can get where they need to go without too many issues. Randall road is busy but there are too many subdivisions which equals many in and out roads. 47 is busy in Woodstock but again there are many businesses that need entrance and exits onto Route 47. Fix the pot holes on the roads we have.

COMMENT

"I feel that the county's transportation network is average. Better services need to be in place for getting to towns/ cities around our County as well as in our hometown. Too many people must rely on their own cars to get to places.

Actually, I'm retired and am very fortunate that I am able to walk to get to some conveniences but am required to drive for such things as grocery stores and medical services. More in-town transportation services need to be available to accommodate people and to cut down on the number of automobiles on the roads."

I grew up in Des Plaines and we were able to take city buses from the high school to downtown and then home. It was a very good system. There is nothing like that here.

I hate those damned traffic circles! Please no more.

I have a disabled adult daughter. I would love to have a safe, reliable door to door option.

I have lived in McHenry County for the past 31 years and although the population has drastically increased the roadways are not keeping up by far . Rt 31 between Crystal Lake and McHenry is awful with its congestion and keeps getting worse . False promises have been made to go to 4 lane with intersection improvements but never kept. There are no longer good options to travel between towns as the small two lane roadways are outdated and decades behind.

I have never seen a comprehensive document that outlines exactly what transportation options we have in this county (i.e. train, bus, cab, rideshare). Something the county could do would be to publish or put on line one place to look for all services and their schedules continuously updated.

I have never used the county's transportation network, so I can't really rate it.

I have no issues getting around the county when I want to.

I have not used public transportation. However in the future I may need to.

I have recently started a non profit to help underserved teen & young adult parents in McHenry County & the top two worries 9 times out of 10 is work & transportation. Some share one car with their family & others don't have/can't afford a car which directly impacts if/when/how they can work. We need more affordable transportation options & to more clearly advertise the options currently available.

I haven't used public transportation since the homeless/junkies, alcoholics, etc began using the trains and busses for public sleeping quarters/toilets.

I honestly don't use County transportation so I don't have an opinion one way or the other!

I just wish the ride weren't so long to travel

I know there are some busses but I don't know how often or where they go.

"I like in northwestern McHenry county on a farm. Have to drive every where."

I like that we have access to the metra trains and some bike paths, but I don't feel comfortable taking a bike on any of the roads near my home.

I live about 2 miles from downtown Crystal Lake. An easy walk...if there were sidewalks on the entire route and/or dedicated bike lanes. It is spotty at best.

I live and commute from just over the border in Wisconsin. Other than the Metra train, I'm not really aware of any other transportation networks other than the roads which seem to be well maintained, however, I know that the County does not own/maintain all the roads so it's kind of a default 2 star.

"I live in Algonquin and travel to Woodstock for work. Now that Randall Road is complete. Traveling in Algonquin is 100% better. I used to only drive through the backs of the stores. Thank God 47 is being widened. Traveling behind a slow truck for 25 minutes is not fun. I now currently drive the back roads to get to work.

The light timing when heading east on Algonquin road at the by pass. You hit one red light at the Post Office, get a green, only to get held up again by another red light 50 feet after the first red light. Frustrating."

COMMENT

I live in Algonquin. You can't even walk to a business without risking getting hit by a car. Walking paths don't have to run next to the street.

I live in Del Webb. The only way to get out of the Del Webb community is by car.

I live in rural area and am always driving in rural areas most roads are ok but a few need updated

I live in Sun City and driving is basically the only mode of transportation. Being retired I didn't rate this question

I live in the country and I am not aware of transportation.

I live near Emericson Park in Woodstock. There are no bike lanes in my area and I live near very busy roads with frequent semi-traffic and 40mph+ speed limits. We keep more than 300' of public sidewalk cleared for walkers and bike riders, but the City does not plow any sidewalks outside of the square, the cemetery does not plow sidewalks, and Emericson Park is often not plowed or safe for walking on the paths in the winter. It would be much safer for our active community in the winter if the sidewalks were plowed and salted.

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I live on Co.road,they do a very good job. Thanks

"I live on West side of Wonder Lake. No adequate bus service to get reasonable round trip schedule to other towns without long turnaround time.

Also, students who want to go to Mchenry County College do not have good public transit."

I love access to the city and other burbs via train. Route 14 if the major bottleneck.

I mentioned this already - we need it to be safer for people to ride.

"I noticed that sidewalks-multipurpose paths are starting to be included in plans. More walkability is needed as well lighting along the roads and walkways"

I personally love to walk, and would enjoy walking to work each day, but our roads do not have safe ways to cross them. Also in the winter our many walking path through our town is not plowed. I worry for people who need that path to get to work or train etc and when it is not plowed that can't get to work. My route to work would have been crossing a busy road with no crosswalk, or light to get across. Plain old frogger. Hop for your life.

I rate you as a 1. Your dispatchers are snots when they answer the phone and act like it kills them to take our calls. I have even had one dispatcher who answered the phone and I told her my location. Then the bus came and went to a different building on the property where I was at and never picked me up. I called the dispatcher and she told it was my fault because I did not tell her my exact location. If she had opened her ears and paid attention she would have heard me tell her my exact location. This is no way to run a business. You need to discipline these kinds of people who are not doing their jobs or fire them. The dispatcher's name is Jackie. I do not know her last name.

I really don't know

I really don't know what would solve this problem as there are so many different problems that seniors have,

I recently moved to McHenry county from Lake County, and I find the traffic and infrastructure to be much better than in Lake County. I appreciate that the "country roads" are well-kept and easily navigable.

COMMENT

"I regularly travel thru many intersections that i consider scary for which I think should have a stop light.

Example one: When t was my turn to proceed south into the intersection of Ill. Rt.120, Charles Road, and Greenwood Road I took a second look just in time as a west bound car went right thru the intersection at full speed without stopping.

Example two: Intersection of Charles Rd. and Ill. Rt. 47 - A McHenry County Sheriff's car went right thru the intersection without stopping while the driver was playing on the laptop in the vehicle and did NOT have the flashers on when it was my turn to proceed.

Lastly, the Ill. Rt. 47 drive thru Woodstock is aggravating due to several locations of expanding to two lanes and then reducing to one lane and all the cars that speed up and then change lanes several times to get ahead of the traffic congestion which seems almost constant."

I see a great attempt to reach the western part of the county were transportation services are most needed, but of course the services are limited and extremely spread out, adding more travel time and let express options.

I see pace buses which can be reserved for elderly and people with disabilities etc. so much easier to get info on this versus Niles

I see the Pace bus, know about trains, school buses....there is traffic but it is manageable. Seems pretty average and on par for a small town.

I seldom travel during rush hour, so encounter few delays.

I think driving is convenient with major roads around but not enough walking or biking options for stores and parks

I think it is reasonably well maintained and there is a path forward with regards to bike-walk improvements.

I think pedestrian safety and accessibility for pedestrians to get from place to place is so important. More sidewalks/bike lanes. I want to know my options for public transportation, and I'd love for their to be a public bus system.

I think people are driving too fast and too hurried, careless. I still see a lot of distraction on the road. It causes me such worry with my kids approaching the time of licenses within the next several years.

I think the roads are way too congested. There are too many people in the area for the size of the roads. There are hardly any bike lanes and it seems unsafe to ride a bike on a lot of the roads here. There are no high volume roads that run East-West. The train and the highways all go NW-SE towards the city.

"I think there have been several great additions to the county that help people move easily and safely in the past 10 yrs. I think there are still some areas where it is tedious to travel or difficult to find transportation.

I think more fixed transit routes would be a great improvement.."

I think we need additional sidewalks connecting communities. Crystal lake to Woodstock via MCC is very bike and pedestrian safe and a good example for other areas of the county.

I typically have no issue getting around the county by car however, I wish there was a more extensive bike path network. I also think it would be great if people had more incentive to walk/bike instead of drive places in order to lower emissions!

I usually drive, but find the train convenient for longer trips.

I usually take a PACE but it is difficult to get a reservation for the time I need or if I can get a ride at all.

I wish I could

I wish there was more bus routes and something better than metra

"I wish there were more connected routes so I could ride my bike safely.

I would like to see the lights synced up so I don't have to stop for each one."

COMMENT

I work in McHenry County but live in Wisconsin. Housing is not affordable for me in McHenry County. There are few rental options that aren't more costly than my mortgage. High tax rates prevent me from buying in McHenry County. I have also lived in Elgin IL, so again living outside of McHenry County is more affordable. This leads to long commutes and often on congested state route 47 or alternate routes 120 and 31. Affordable housing and transportation go hand in hand because both are expensive in the overall cost of living and one's budget.

I would bike more if there were trails and bike lanes on roads.

I would buy more buses and drivers to do the out of town routes so we can have more access to buses right in town. Ever since you started picking up people all over the county it has become a huge problem with the shortage of buses just for in town rides.s

I would drive less if there was more sidewalks or sidewalks that connect. I had a scooter which I drove to work and run errands then I almost got hit my a car so I got scared to ride. Ditto for bike. I would bike to work rarely but I did it when weather was perfect and no chance of rain or snow. Ppl here drive too fast and r not used to pedestrians or bikers. I'd rather bike in the city than burbs. What public transportation is there really except Metra?

"I would expand some of the roads. There are some popular 1 lane roads that get backed up by one driver and having that second lane to go around them would (I think) speed up traffic.

I also think having traffic lights every quarter of a mile is a little obnoxious, that is way too many lights to have in a row. Driving may be 100 feet and then hit the next red light is annoying.

I also think some people need to get retested for their driving, that would help traffic."

I would hire construction groups that actually know what they are doing. I have had the construction workers yell at other drivers and be very aggressive. I was late for school once because I waited at a light for 30 minutes.

I would invest in the infrastructure over expanding government and government social programs. You should be fixing roads and pot holes over buying supplies for a "Take 5" room for McHenry County Probation Officers. RIDICULOUS.

I would like to ride my bike to work and on short trips shopping but I don't feel the infrastructure is there for a safe ride. I also feel there needs to be parking for cyclists .

I would like to see an expanded Pace route further south. I live about two miles south of the Woodstock Square and often take the Metra. It is sometimes difficult to arrange extended parking at the station with the local PD and the county ride share program is an advantage, but I am often on hold for long periods of time and the ability to schedule rides when I need them is never guaranteed. By expanding the Pace route further south, it would enable people like me to get transport to and from the Square without having to arrange a ride share or coordinate with PD.

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I would like to see more bicycle paths and area's to ride.

I would like to see more bike access on main highways and not just bike paths. The bike paths do not always go to places I need to go. Having access with bicycles two more locations would be very beneficial to all involved.

I would like to see more public transportation for those that do not own a car. While Pace has provided a service, it often runs at non convenient times.

I would like to see more transit oriented development that takes advantage of our great train access.

COMMENT

I would like to see our transport network include movement of bicycles on roads with designated space. Being a visionary, I would like to see construction of an electric railway system in McHenry County also.

I would like to see train service extended into Spring Grove. I would also like to see the US12 freeway in Wisconsin extended south to I-90 to make it faster to get to other locations.

I would love to see a bus network that is accessible around neighborhoods that makes regular stops in/around municipalities.

I would make a list most important roads or bridges to fix and go down list from there

I would prefer to ride my bike but there is street riding to get from one trail to the next. Not only has the traffic become more and more congested but people have forgotten how to drive. They are rude and reckless.

I would run busses between towns at the times that businesses start and end.

I would say the transportation is pretty good except the new renovations done on route 14 are really stupid because you can only turn left when turning onto 14.

I would study and revise one intersection/area in particular: Richmond Road/North Burlington Road/Truck Weigh Station on Route 12. This is an incredibly dangerous area, especially in the summer with traffic going to Lake Geneva. I would relocate the weigh station, or relocate the entrance and exit of the weigh station and add additional areas for waiting trucks. I would close North Burlington Road access to Richmond Road and make use of Wilson Road instead, for southbound traffic and install a traffic light there.

Id like see more bike trails

"I'd love to see a school bus safety campaign if educating parents & increased enforcement. Too many drivers act aggressively around kids and school bus stops.

I'd like to see a campaign encouraging residents to drive their vehicles less. Walk your kids to the bus stop instead of drive them; consolidate errands & trips to shopping areas.

We also desperately need education on where it is ok and not ok to ride ATVs, golf carts, and dirt bikes.

I would also like to see some kind of intra-county public transit."

If one is traveling by car, the road system is pretty good. I would look into changing the conventional stop lights to smart stop.lights when possible to help alleviate tragic jams etc.. But if you'd like to bike or walk places and be safe,, then one is extremely limited,. This is especially true in the winter after it has snowed, because the existing sidewalks are not shoveled & so are filled with snow and/or ice. Same is true for the shoulders off the roads

If you don't have a car you can't get around. Walking is really not an option, no sidewalks and too far away from my house. Used to take the Metra to work but that too is too far to get to , no buses, etc.

I'm a middle-aged office worker and since the pandemic, I've worked 95% of the time from home. And pandemic or not, a vast majority of my transportation has always been just driving my car, so as long as the roads are in good shape and they're kept clear of snow in the winter, I'm happy.

I'm glad you want opinions but you should be talking to experts. The short answer is to build a better public system

I'm hoping that the expansion of 47 will help.

COMMENT

"I'm impressed with the bike infrastructure along the Prairie Trail, HUM extension, and other routes. I am pleased with recent improvements in road resurfacing projects and roundabouts that increase road safety and reduce braking. I am impressed with MCRide, and the connectivity that it offers to those without access to a vehicle, with disabilities, and Senior Citizens.

I would like to see more support for low-income earners, including cash-for-clunkers programs to increase fuel economy, reduced fares for Metra & Pace riders - and sign-up fairs/public awareness campaigns to support low-income residents.

I would also see increased investment in EV infrastructure with more charging stations."

"I'm looking forward to the day the Longmeadow Bridge over the Fox river opens. However, due to the narrowing of Algonquin Road on the eastern side, I don't see this having much positive impact upon this corridor until Algonquin Rd. is widened all the way. I'm aware this is a Kane County/Cook County issue...but this failure on their part impacts residence of McHenry County so I view this as a McHenry County DOT issue.

I'm also concerned about Randall Road. I avoid driving this road as much as possible. McHenry County DOT should take lessons learned from Randal Rd. when considering widening of Rt. 47 between Huntley and Woodstock."

I'm not aware of any options other than driving from where I live

I'm not really familiar with the transportation network since I live in Lake County. My interest is in aviation and I co-own a plane at Lake in the Hills airport. Some county funding might be helpful. I am also a cyclist and enjoy the dedicated paths around Lake in the Hills.

"I'm not sure. Currently I work with disabled students and many of them struggle to get to there jobs. I would love to see see pace 808 fixed route service to increase the number of routes in the afternoon/ early evening. I would also love to see a fixed pace route from harvard to McHenry/ Richmond/Johnsburg/ spring grove that would allow some of my low income families take advantage of the manufacturing jobs in those areas. Many of those facilities are higher paying and pace fixed route is very reliable and very reasonably priced.

I would have allocated more money to environmental and social if they were not lumped together. I feel more money would be allocated to environmental aka new buses over serving people"

I'm retired and disabled. I'm a senior citizen.

Impact fees and plans to TRULY and HONESTLY design a better transportation flow for the population growth. This will require more money and more space in the developments!!! Plan ahead, not behind! Don't let developers claim they will not design due to the REQUIREMENTS. They will and they have in well designed counties. It's up to who is bending for the dollar with little integrity.

Implement more bus routes, safe biking paths, stop building shops so spread out, build apts and other housing options in walkable communities near shops

Improve roads

Improve transit options.

In my opinion there is no network of transportation. There are buses that run going from point A to B but nothing else in between. Or maybe it's better than that, but the public is unaware of what is available, the bus stops along a route, timing, etc. Frequency is also a problem. If you have to wait an hour for a next bus that's not practical. I rarely see a pace bus on the road unlike in the city of Chicago.

In my subdivision, there are often cars parked on the sidewalks (in driveways), forcing people using the sidewalks into the street to maneuver around them. Maybe make the sidewalks actually navigable and safe by starting small, by fining drivers who do this, and use those funds to repair the broken walks, and add walkways where none exist.

COMMENT

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Incorporate multiple, expand buses to all towns within county. Build those small bus stops for those waiting for rides, to keep them from the weather elements.

Increase bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure

Increase bike/ ride share abilities around each community. There should be clean bus or trolley shuttles all around our towns.

Increase funding for PACE and Metra to increase routes and frequency. Redesign RTA structure so that PACE, CTA, and Metra work together rather than as three agencies which don't always communicate or cooperate. Increase in funding could come from increased fuel taxes, increased tolls (both county and state level) and additional federal dollars. Such a funding strategy would also help decrease environmental impact from travel by car. In addition, this would also decrease wear and road expansions as less people travel by car. If additional money was needed and this required raising the RTA sales tax, such an increase in funding in exchange for an improved governance for the RTA would be the best policy and clearest way for the public to understand where their tax dollars go. This was the same strategy used for passing a referendum to establish a sales tax to help fund Caltrain (Bay Area commuter rail) in 2020. Increasing transit for those who cannot own a vehicle would also help with elderly transit for those who no longer can or feel comfortable driving.

Increase incentives for ride share drivers to serve smaller communities. Improve bus services. Increase Metra service, especially beyond Crystal Lake.

Increase number of safe sidewalk and bike lanes.

Increase policeman patrols and traffic control so maybe just maybe people who live on west rt 62 will take the toll way instead.

Increase the availability of transit for people in need.

Increase the bus and dial-a-ride options - routes, times, etc.

Increase the bus routes. You would get more passengers.

Increase the lanes on route 47.

Increase the number and access to public transportation. It needs to be affordable and convenient for all who cannot access their own cars or who cannot drive. Including and especially those who are older adults and or disabled.

Increase transportation between towns.

Increased bicycle lanes, signage, education

Increased vehicle traffic not only impacts travel/commute times, but accelerates road deterioration. I would welcome a more established bus/ public transportation system.

increasing the quality of shopping options within the county

Install flashing yellow left-turn lights at most controlled intersections - and especially on Randall Road at the Costco light, please!

Intelligent planning and honest road construction that isn't based on good old boys. Maybe ask Wisconsin how they manage to build good roads for less taxes.

"Intersections need to be lit better
Walkability is an issue"

COMMENT

Invest in infrastructure

Invest in making sure our current infrastructure is safe and accessible before adding more.

Invest some of that excess money from the federal government in improving our roads.

Isolated subdivisions with entrances only from main roads.

It appears that bike / walking paths are becoming more of an effort by the county / municipality. Maps of these areas would help.

It gets you where you need to go, if you have a car. But it's not particularly fast or efficient seeming. There's pretty much no way to get around shopping areas on a bike, either. You can get around the neighborhood, but if you don't have a car and you want to go shopping, you're out of luck in many places. Large roads are exceedingly difficult to cross and there are often no bike paths or sidewalks whatsoever. Bike lanes feel unsafe, as you are right next to the cars and if you wipe out or hit a rock or something, you will likely be run over or hit or both. Overall there are few options for those who get around with anything that isn't a car.

It has it's merits, but there are not enough alternatives, especially for those in areas farther out

It is getting better all the time and works pretty well for people who're without other transportation or are disabled

It is hard to get around. For instance getting to Algonquin Commons at night is hard or beginning of day

It is too far to bike or walk anywhere I go in the county. I don't know of anyone that carpools. It is the quickest and most convenient to drive from place to place within McHenry county. It would be very difficult for anyone to commute within McHenry county without their own car.

"It is very nice to have a train station in town.

It would be great if we had a bus that ran the major shopping vein of McHenry though, especially for senior citizens and the disabled. The ADA is over burdened with the people from assisted living facilities in the area."

It relies almost entirely on the automobile.

It works well for cars but does not support other modes of transportation well. I would prefer to walk and bike more but the lack of bike lanes and sidewalks is a barrier.

It would be great for the city of McHenry to bring in more store options for people. I travel to Crystal Lake/Lake in the Hills/ Algonquin to shop at Target, Fresh Thyme Farmers Market, Costco, Mariano's, Trader Joe's, ect. I'd love to keep my money here in our town, as I'm sure a lot of other people would as well. There's a huge new subdivision going in off of west Rte 120 that's going to bring a large amount of new population that will need more places to shop for their necessities.

It would be nice to have more accessible public transportation.

It would be nice to see more bike path throughout the city and connecting towns. Currently it is too dangerous to travel from town to town on bicycle. I feel like people would be more likely to take bicycles instead of cars if there were more safe bike paths available & places to lock our bikes. This would help decrease pollution as well as help uncrowd our busy streets.

It's actually good for being rural but there just are not convenient, timely public transportation options always available like working in a big city.

It's fine. Do not waste anymore of our money to cause taxes to increase. People can Uber.

"it's great to have Metra; more stops/expanded schedule between the stops within the county could promote shopping, entertainment, etc. across the county.

I don't use the bus services so am unable to speak to those.

Paths could be better connected for cyclists."

It's in the middle not terrible but could be better

Its practically non existent

it's really too bad the rt12 highway will never connect.

COMMENT

Lack of bicycling support as transportation option vs recreation.

Lack of expressways.

Lack of transit oriented, high density developments.

Let's start by replacing the stretches of bad/dangerous roads and bridges. This county has too many people in it to keep doing things like it is still 1970 out here. You keep approving more and more housing without the maintenance and increase in road size. Stop. Has no one heard of more is not always better? Urban sprawl costs money and no one cares. The quality of life out here gets worse and worse each year. You will never get the road problems under control if more and more housing keeps getting approved.

Limited options for residents who don't drive cars.

Limited options other than car connecting our sprawling rural county communities and places of interests

Little to no bicycle infrastructure including trails/paths, marked bike routes, signage to increase awareness and safety for cyclists, or considerate bike parking.

Little to no bike lanes. I spend time in Arizona, and maybe it is the weather, but the vast amount of bike lanes seems to promote greater use of bikes as transportation and physical fitness activity. And based on the fact that 73% of Americans are overweight, and COVID is hitting hard here due to this, we need promotion of activity to comply with CDC guidelines. No, not the get vaccinated one, the more important one nobody knows about- 150 minutes of cardio exercise each week.

Lobby for more funds for our county infrastructure. Do not add to our taxes.

"Lobby for more state & federal money and projects.

Contractors should be required to warrant work for a period of years. Contractors cutting into roads paths be made to replace damage not just slap in some garbage asphalt."

Look at connecting roads in developing areas and making more than wine way to get from point a to b. I live in the southwest corner and it is difficult at times to get to Crystal lake and McHenry

Look at town planning. Too many homes not enough businesses. Too many homes for roads to support.

"Look into federal funds to fix roads

Review 5 year plan on priorities set more by need vs political want"

Lots of traffic on roads that can't handle volume. No direct routes between major towns

Main routes are very congested and make getting in and out of businesses difficult. Some roads would benefit from widening and unfortunately many of those are state routes. Our public transportation is limited in that it does not span the entire county with reliable transportation.

Maintenance.

Make bike lanes wider, enforce the "share the lane law", put rumble strips on the road Sid of the white line instead of in the bike lane.

make interconnected bike trails, do not use shared bike lanes

Make more highways

Make over passes out and around away from town and residential areas! Stop speeding throw the areas where people live!

Make public transport, biking, and walking,easier for people to do by increasing bike-only lanes and improving sidewalks in older neighborhoods. The best way to reduce pollution is to make driving less appealing to people. A public campaign to support more environmentally friendly transport could increase demand for these as well.

"Making roads wider is not a solution . As long as there are people driving traffic will not get any better.

Making the roads wider costs a lot of money and does not improve in some areas.

Some areas (route 14 from Crystal Lake to Woodstock) was one area that helped.

Also by adding the bike path from the college to Woodstock was a great addition.

I have biked on that several times and is great trail."

COMMENT

Many of the roads are in good shape but there are so many ways to create better flow. Coordinate traffic lights, create turn lanes for example

Many roads are in poor repair.

Many stop lights that take longer than they should because of timing.... left on green arrow only, oncoming light doesn't turn green if lane is empty, therefore a car coming to the light late has to sit through an entire cycle to wait for a green. McHenry county is not very bike or walker friendly.

Maybe hire someone designated for wheelchair assistance. Not necessarily the driver, but someone else. As for the transport requests that go beyond McHenry county, I would think that it would be helpful for someone onsite to provide referrals for other transport options, instead of leaving people with no options to get to their doctor appointments. Most people needing wheelchair assistance do not find Metra to be an ideal transport option for them.

"McHenry Co needs more public transportation. We have one bus route thru Johnsburg, with one or two stops. One stop is 1/4 mile from my home, the other is about 1 1/2 miles away. Not useful, the time it takes to walk to one, catch a bus, go to maybe Crystal Lake for an appointment is awful. You may get there with hours to wait. Or finish up and wait hours more to make a return trip. This whole County was built on the premise people drive to their destinations. I will eventually need assistance. Many people do not drive. I know there is a Pace bus, or one to call for appointments, but more is needed, and it has to be more timely, more frequent and affordable.

I also bike around town and on trails. Good, wide bike trails that connect to other trails to cover the County would be fantastic!

Finally, we need wider roads in many areas. The bottle necks where four lanes meet two along the main roads is a relic of plans from 70 years ago. Population growth obsoleted those narrow roads years ago, and ,yet, they are still a problem."

McHenry County appears to be an outlier in the Metra planning and investment efforts. All stakeholders in the transportation system (state, county, township and community representatives) need to be brought together and involved in the planning of a 10-20 year master plan to focus on the efficient movement of people and product around and through the county.

McHenry County Division of Transportation does an excellent job maintaining our roads and keeping them safe in the winter, but McHenry County is not walkable or very bike-able either- hence the deduction of one star.

McHenry County does have bicycle paths and walking paths which are great, but if I can't drive I can't get to places outside my neighborhood. Public transportation-would buses even be feasible?

McHenry County has an excellent road network. It would be really nice if the bike/walk paths joined up to the neighboring villages and towns.

McHenry county has no expressway.

McHenry County is a rural County. To think that anyone can get around by any other means besides a car is just not going to happen. Most people work in other areas and live in McHenry county because they can afford the housing. Also, we live in Northern Illinois. There are not that many days that I could ride my bike to work because of the weather.

Metra

Metra in Huntley area

Minimal options (bus routes, times), roads need improvement, select areas need more attention to snow and ice removal.

More access to public transportation, what if you had a train or tram that ran north and south on randle road as an example. it would be continuous. The challenge is now how to get to the transportation hubs to hop on.

"More and more land gets used up and seal.

More and more areas turn into a green chemical wasteland, also call lawn that get fertilized, treated with chemicals and watered. None of that is possible and we are loosing natural and agricultural land.

- More compact development, smaller lots, natural landscaping."

"More bike accessibility on trails & roads

Quicker completion of road projects (especially in Algonquin)"

More bike friendly options.

More bike paths

COMMENT

More bike paths are needed, and the existing ones need to be better maintained! They are almost impassable in winter. Also, more sidewalks and better connected sidewalks. So often, I am walking somewhere and the sidewalk just ends in the middle of the block. Particularly along Rt 14 and Rt 31!

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"More bus options, not just on Randall.
More bike trails"

More buses and routes that actually went from where people love to where they work. Someone without a car is limited to working someplace on a bus line.

More busses

More busses or book more riders. At least for vaccinated passengers.

More connected bike paths would be great. Better train schedules.

More connected bikeways. A lot of dead ends in bikeways and forced to ride along main roads with cars traveling 45 mph plus and no pedestrian lanes

More coordination of traffic lights, especially with Metra Train signals. More turn signals on lights and more turn lanes to help move traffic flow.

More cycling infrastructure.

"More enforcement of driving violations that are especially dangerous to pedestrians and bicyclists.
More sidewalks and bike paths, especially in areas where there is shopping, for example 14 in Crystal Lake."

More frequent and more routes.

more investment

More lanes, including turn lanes in each direction and proper light timing need to be the focus in many parts of the county. Too much attention is given to the LITH and Algonquin roadways while other towns are forgotten completely.

More lanes, more effective way of not stopping at so many intersections getting more turning Lanes especially on 31

"More local /countywide and dependable transportation services need to be in place so fewer people are required to drive whether its to work or to get to necessary conveniences/services .Fewer cars on the road would alleviate traffic/congestion and the pollution it causes."

More options

More options for handicap transportation to medical services

More options for Public transportation

More options for younger people to get around

More options from travel (frontage roads along shopping districts), side roads that are conveniently placed to get around heavy traffic, more walkable or bike friendly areas along Randall & Algonquin Roads, affordable expanded bus service.

More options!

More public transport

More public transportation options, better bike paths-safety & connections

more public transportation, bike routes and better broadband/fiber infrastructure

More public transportation; connect bike trails safely to shopping.

More rideshare, bike paths, and busses available. Or make it more walkable with connecting bike paths.

More rural help,

More safe bike paths

COMMENT

More shopping at the south end of Chrysler lake

More sidewalks

More sidewalks and bike lanes.

more sidewalks and easier ways to cross busy streets

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More sidewalks, signage, and lights. Lower the speed limit on Lincoln. Install sidewalks on south side of Lincoln road. There are varying sidewalks along route 120. Install sidewalks there too.

More train service.

Most of our family's daily destinations require a car to get to safely and quickly. There are very few daily destinations that can be accessed quickly and safely by foot, bike, or mass transport. I would love to see zoning rules change to allow for a wide variety of uses within my community, as well as additional density and amenities like corner stores, restaurants, and activities for families. If these could be accessed by foot or bike, our quality of life would be greatly improved.

Most of the roads are one lane. There should be investment in adding left turn lanes, right turn lanes, just adding more lanes! A lot of times I'm putting turning signal way ahead of time, trying to make sure I don't get rear ended.

Most of the transportation isn't branded for us to hear about. For example, I don't know about bus drives near me.

Move from here. As I can see no end to suburban development within this county. Transportation is 20 years behind the ball in planning for the boom in housing and population.

My mom is in Woodstock. She has the small Space bus available to her which is very convenient for her and her only source of travel.

My son has an intellectual disability and I am concerned about his future ability to travel within the county.

Nearly everything that I do has been built off of Rt. 14. I think that our development is stymied by smaller roads being disconnected and areas being roadlocked. For instance the difficulty of getting south makes me choose Crystal Lake over Algonquin for shopping when both are equidistant from me. Roads not being wide enough makes it difficult for pedestrian/bike traffic, it seems dangerous to drive where people bike and walk since there are not dedicated bike paths and sidewalks in my area.

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Need another river crossing between downtown Algonquin and Cary that would line up with Klasen Rd and move NW bound traffic onto Virginia. Hopefully 62 between 59 and 25 will be expanded to 4-lanes. This would help relieve congestion from 62 river crossing in downtown Algonquin and 14 through Barrington, FRG, and Cary.

"Need better and more bike trails actually connecting throughout the county.

Need public transportation system.

Community less reliant on automobiles.

Bike safety lanes installed with all new construction."

Need more bike paths and busses.

NEED MORE BUS STOPS & ENCLOSED WAITING AREAS

need more connectivity to trails. More cross user education on transportation options and safety.

Need more crosswalks across busy intersections (i.e., Rte 14 & Three Oaks Road, Three Oaks Road and Georgetown Drive) and bike paths.

Need more mass transit options and better roadways.

COMMENT

Need more turn lanes and under or overpasses. Too many traffic delays due to train crossings and no turn lanes.

Need some off road bike trails so you won't get killed.

Need to have more bike friendly routes connecting shopping in the county

Need to widen 47 and other main roads.

New government

Newer development going in will definitely put a strain on our roadways but now it's not so bad

Next to nothing for disabled.

No access to highways within the county

No bus service in my village. Bus is almost like a cab. Call to get.

No bus transportation

No city buses or means to get around if I lose my driver's license. I am retired and thinking about moving to a city in another state where there is convenient public transportation and less crime than the Chicago area.

No clue

No idea

No idea. Sorry

No limited access. Lots of stop lights and congestion. very few greenways

No one wants to admit it, but more tax dollars need to be thrown at the problem. Whether that's allocating from elsewhere or increasing our securing what can be from State & Federal sources, these problems need money to be fixed. Bridges, road paving, highway widening; it's all very necessary and very expensive, but we all benefit from it when it's done well.

No options other than driving my own vehicle where I live now. I am planning on moving in the next few years to an area with public transportation options due to disability. Roads in my area are very congested in the summer months, there are several extremely dangerous intersections.

No public transportation options

No sidewalks, bike paths in my city that make it possible to get through town. No public transportation options to get to other towns.

no train station within 25 minutes

Not a clue

Not aware of options but dial a ride.

Not enough Metra trains, especially on weekends. Limited knowledge of any buses and their schedules, but I assume where the buses run is very limited.

Not enough options, not convenient, not always accessible

Not enough public transit

Not enough public transportation

not enough safe walking and bike paths. Roads are getting worse.

Not familiar with the county transportation network.

Not increasing the amount of lanes on the main roads, plus definitely not enough turning Lanes on main roads. All of this impacts the amount of time on the road that is unnecessary.

Not many transportation options other than drive a car within the county

Not so public transportation friendly

Not something I really thought about, but a big factor of why I decided to live where I live is that it's within walking distance from a Metra station. Also, I think too many of the roads are curvy and they need to be more straight.

Not sure if there is enough options for bus travel- if there was public bus, I don't know where it would make sense to run a route. So much shopping is spread out

Not sure, as it is really a chicken egg thing. Meaning, since there is no local consistent public transportation, people don't use it, but will be hard to get going as people aren't used to using it.

COMMENT

Nothing to walk to on the south end of crystal lake.

Offer an hourly bus pick up for them and more drop off locations

Offer bus service that takes us in the county and out of the county. That will help seniors that don't drive also people that don't have cars.

"Offer incentives, especially to dump truck owners, and school bus companies.

Supply charging stations for e-cars.

Invest in sustainable public transport."

Offer other options than only cars.

Offer to seniors to get rides when needed

Open the pace bus so all residents can use it with out walking several mes to catch one

"Originally from Chicago lakefront north. That's five stars. Lived on Florida's east coast in Brevard county, that's one star.

McHenry gets three because of Amtrak and Pace connectivity and good road maintenance.

If you want those last two, regular neighborhood bus services need to be established first, then direct service to and from O'Hare international airport.

The Prairie path trail is terrific, but try to maintain it without closures in future."

Other than Metra, I didn't even know that we had a transportation network.

Other than the lovely train there is no other timely transportation to choose from

Our area of McHenry County is very difficult to get to with no express options. Additionally, outside of driving and private rideshare, it is impossible to get around. I would love better public transit options.

Our county is really only focused on vehicular transportation, which is not a modern look at how people choose and want to be mobile.

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Pace bus needs more service in the far Northwest suburbs

Pace bus, when it first started, was nice. A bus every couple hours, that was great. Then they cut it to 2x a day. And who has the time to wait around from a 10 am doctor appointment until 6pm to get home in freezing temps?! Taxi's are too expensive, not everyone has a cell phone to get a Lyft or Uber with, so yeah, driving is my only real option.

Pace is not flexible or reliable. Buses are hardly available. The only rail is metra but you need a car to get to the station.

"pay bus drivers more. address school bus driver shortages. study transportation routs to shopping and medical facilities"

Perform a traffic assessment in the more densely populated areas and determine whether additional stoplights, stop signs, and reduced speed limits would benefit the community.

Plenty of bottlenecks and over crowded intersections

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Poorly designed traffic layouts, intersections, too many traffic signs and lights and incorrect speed limits

Pretty good, but traffic could flow better.

Primarily because of past decisions going back decades in the county and state legislatures, and potentially because of the rural nature of the county, the highway system (federal, state, county, township and local) seems a patchwork of roads not very well coordinated to reach the main communities that make up where the majority of residents live. Also, when a significant investment is made to develop a transportation corridor north and south through McHenry County (Randall Road) the communities and county along the corridor allow too much commercial development that results in over development and clogged driving conditions, then more construction to widen and "improve" intersections and traffic flow. The minimal effort to create a bus/train system to help relieve the over dependence on individual vehicle travel appears to be a waste of money as the trains travel on only one line to specific communities on their way to/from Chicago, and the buses appear to be sporadic in their travels around the county.

Prioritize off road bicycle paths in your program.

Private ride share platform and incentives.

Probably a 1, I have to rely on Senior Care volunteer network to get me to Doctors appointments, etc. Have to buy all my groceries on line, because I don't drive.

Promote greater private industry collaboration. Look for ways to tie road expansion with residential/commercial development. There should be a strategic plan in place outlining the road expansion needs and corresponding commercial zoning. Look for opportunities to promote road expansion as part of commercial development programs

Provide addition bus routes

Public transit from one part of town to another is practically nonexistent. Outside of the downtown area, the town is not pedestrian-friendly.

Public transit options other than Metra are cumbersome and confusing. Ride shares in many smaller towns are difficult to come by.

"Public transit will be hard to implement here. Personal cars are the rule. But, public transit needs to run frequently and stop at many places. People need to be able to get there and back home in a reasonable amount of time. It needs to be fairly easy to use so people WILL use it. Maybe electric buses could be widely publicized as a climate positive addition to the communities? Each community would have a fleet of local routes and there would be connector buses to the next city. However, going grocery shopping on foot and by bus really limits the quantity of stuff one person can carry. A hard sell, then to many. But, For us old folks and for the disabled, something like this would be necessary for independence."

Public transportation

Public Transportation is a bit limited.

"Public transportation is non existent. Many people don't drive and have no means to get around the county

Infrastructure of roads is a nightmare. These roads were great for the amount of traffic 50 years ago. They cannot support the amount of traffic they have now"

Put in under and overpasses to keep main arteries moving. Widen roads before it's a nightmare. Add more bridges over the Fox River. Not toll bridges either.

Quit closing down all major routes at once and why did Randall take so long? and the light by Meijers, to only turn right? wth

COMMENT

"Quit with the horrible construction plans. Randall road was ridiculously long. How many times are you going to rip up Harrison? And the left lane there when it was needed on the opposite side???. Try increasing the time to turn left there in addition during the morning and evenings. why did you spend all that money and time on main street /31. and now with construction we are detoured to main street where 4 cars are allowed to turn left on to 62 if you are lucky. Timing is messed up.

there is nothing special about downtown algonquin and I feel no need to stroll around to look at offices. You wasted time and messed up the parking for bar parking.

Then you built longmeadow and merged it onto 62 east of 25. 62 is already a disaster. Even with the bypass which has minimal traffic, 62 is bad."

"Recognizing that we live in the ex-burbs and not an urban area, I am grateful for the plentiful bike paths connecting our natural areas/ conservation district sites, and newly placed bike shares. These are a great addition to the community, and I hope that they can be used more frequently. Perhaps allowing a cost-share with HOAs in order to get a station at the entrance to their HOA could support end-to-end trips.

I wish there was more intra-urban transportation support, such as contiguous sidewalks to get into town. Bus services for elderly and disabled are available through Pace Dial-a-ride, but many people don't know about it. Increasing education about transport options, as well as expanding access to those with temporary disabilities or medical conditions as well. There should also be more spanish language materials to help those who don't speak English to be able to access these services."

Reduce corruption in our governments. Stop lining politicians pockets. Reduce the number of politicians.

"reduce gasoline taxes

publish retail gas prices without added tax....who knows what the price of gas is....milk is \$3.00 a gallon,..how much is a gallon of gas.....good guess

develop efficient reliable public transportation for ALL residents"

Regarding public transportation, the only bus option I know of (northern McHenry County) is for Seniors to do their shopping. Ride-share is difficult and unreliable in northern McHenry County. One good thing to come from COVID is home delivery of groceries. The trains out of Fox Lake and Crystal Lake are great.

Reliable bus service between towns.

Repaint lines or install more reflectors on the road

Repair the bridge on Johnsburg road near Riverside

Repair the roads

Require all new roads and improvements to include provisions for bicyclists and pedestrians. Using a "bike path" for both doesn't really work. Dedicated sidewalks and bike lanes are the way to go.

Restore train commuter options. Construct the limited access roads as planned. McHenry County residents pay the same taxes to the RTA since it was established in 1974. Where is our return on investment?

Revamp the Paratransit program, more coordination and collaboration with CTA, Metra and Pace. Pace is disconnected from the other transit agencies, as well as, disconnected from the Paratransit needs and those that have to rely on public transportation. Money is invested in PACE, but they cut their routes, do not coordinate with Metra. Many times have seen a PACE leave the Crystal Lake Metra station 5 min before a Metra is scheduled to arrive at the station. Makes public transport a non-option to those that want to use public transport to get to and from jobs, etc. The RTA gives a fare card for seniors, those with disabilities and those in economic need.

Road improvements such as a four lane Rt 47 from Huntley to Woodstock. Intersection improvements like left turn lanes on two lane highways. Like Route 176 at Dean St, Franklinville Road, or North Union Road. Bike lanes along highways.

COMMENT

Roads are getting congested. We need a new or wider route to get in and out of the Huntley Highschool/Leggee Elementary campus. It's a nightmare. We need more bike paths other than the ones that border the neighborhoods. (Mountain Bike trails, gravel/paved path in trees or the woods). Connect the HUM trail to Huntley! We had to drive to Union to access it. Maybe add some bike lanes on the country roads near Huntley/Union, etc. There are plenty of people biking those roads.

Roads are in good shape

Roads are insufficient and not many other options.

Roads are nice, clean, maintained. Not a lot of public transportation and PACE buses are not really advertised and routes are limited (1 1/2 of 4 routes in the county follow Metra). Metra as a fast and convenient way to commute to Chicago for work or entertainment should also be advertised more.

Roads are not able to handle amount of traffic

Roads are over capacity and cycling infrastructure is almost non existent.

Roads are rough and suck!

Roads in general are in good condition, but only 2 lanes. We need more traffic lanes to expedite travel

Roads need improvement, sidewalks next to roads need improvement, bike paths need to be extended into different areas to offer residential neighborhoods access to commercial businesses.

Roads need to be improved. Some need to be widened so more traffic can flow without starting and stopping or sitting in traffic. Others need to be resurfaced. Lights need to be better timed so I can travel without hitting every single red light. When I couldn't drive, there were no options for me as a younger, temporarily disabled person. All that was available was senior transportation and I did not qualify. There are no local busses to get me to a Metra station if I need to go to Chicago. Is there even a Metra to Milwaukee or Madison? I grew up in Chicago so there was transportation available within a block of my house.

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ROUNDBABOUTS ARE NEVER GOING TO WORK ON RT 47 GOING THRU WOODSTOCK. FRONTAGE ROADS SHOULD HAVE BEEN PUT IN YEARS AGO WHEN THEY TALKED ABOUT IT. THEY ALSO SHOULD HAVE PUT A BYPASS AROUND WOODSTOCK YEARS AGO.

Roundabouts so traffic keeps moving but people can get through intersections.

Roundabouts. While some of the public views them as confusing and dangerous and stupid, this is just because they are inexperienced with them and thus are scared of it because it's not common or present enough on the roads. I think this problem can be solved by building more of them. As I'm sure many engineers know, they are more efficient than traffic lights, they are safer, there's minimal congestion, and they're cheaper to build. They also look nicer. If I were in charge of road construction for the county, on most new roads being constructed I would have roundabouts built instead of traffic lights unless there is a very specific need for a light.

Roundabouts. They are amazing especially for smaller roads like Ackmn Rd where there aren't too many cars but enough to where turning onto it with a stop sign can be difficult

Rt 12 is a joke.....

Rt 47 hadn't been assessed in the almost 20 years here. As a result everyone races down the side roads over the speed limit. Sit on Haligus road and you will understand. Same in Woodstock.

Rush hour traffic causes long commute times

Rush hours backups getting over Fox Rlver

COMMENT

Semi tractor trailers should stop driving down a residential street where they have no choice but to hit all the sewer covered noise and vibration makers !

Send your engineers to a country that uses roundabouts well. They would see what would solve half the problems listed. and then set speed limits to what most people already drive at.

Short- and long-term plans for connecting safe routes

Side walks and bike paths throughout town. Make cities walkable and safe for pedestrians. There are no options for people to cross larger roads safely. Sidewalks just stop and pedestrians have no other option than to walk on the side of the road. Same for bikes. This will also decrease the car traffic in the cities. Right now people are forced to take the car due to the lack of alternative safe options.

Sidewalk access to Hilltop elementary is only available on the north side of Lincoln road, which means I have to cross Lincoln twice to walk my children to school. This road also goes from 30mph to 40mph which makes no sense. Lots of middle school children walk and there is no police enforcement. There are also varying sidewalks along route 120. There's no good way to get into town without a vehicle.

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Sidewalks and bike paths along all major travel arteries in the county.

sidewalks!!!! If people could walk in this area, maybe it would cut down on the number of cars having to drive 2 blocks.

Since I mostly drive, the county's roads are generally in as good or better condition than surrounding counties. Also, McHenry county does an excellent job with snow removal. When going to work (Dundee) after a snow, I typically will choose to use as many county roads as possible and avoid State routes (RT 23 typically horrible!!)

Since using a car is the only reasonable means to move about McHenry County we need to invest in expanding our roads. When a new business or subdivision is proposed, the developer, NOT THE TAXPAYER, should pay to upgrade the roads for the increased traffic. This County dropped impact fees to encourage more subdivisions, which just puts a burden on the other services, thus causing taxes to raise. Also, the county just invested in an interchange to I-90 at route 23. This has increased traffic dramatically on Route 23 which is only 2 lanes. The county roads have seen increased traffic too with no plans on upgrading those roads.

"Snow removal
Feel safe"

Snowmobile

Some areas are pretty neglected while others seem to repeatedly be upgraded (Huntley, Algonquin).

some key connections are missing from the network to make it safe to bike

Some roads and intersections need work

Some state routes, middle to west region of county, are becoming overcrowded. Need to expand.

Sometimes the county's transport option can help, but for the most part it does not help. One reason being, the driver cannot assist a person using a wheelchair. Most of my clients that use a wheelchair ask for assistance to have their wheelchair pushed into their destination or coming out of the home. When it is explained to them that the driver cannot assist them, they explain that the transport will not work for them. Also, many transport requests are for doctor appointments outside of the county. Many of my clients have needs that cannot be met at hospitals in this county.

COMMENT

Start a safe streets program in the McHenry County and it's towns/villages. Construct multi-use paths for pedestrian and cycling use, where these paths are not feasible utilize the FHWA Road Diet lane reconfiguration or create bike lanes. Set up enforcement of traffic laws and promote traffic safety education for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

Start repairing stop wasting tax money elsewhere doing listening to mob complaints

Start with a couple of extra options maybe between some of the more busy spots throughout the County, like a shuttle, and go from there. Maybe there just is not any interest which is fine.

"Stop approving zoning changes from Ag to single family homes Change zoning laws to increase Multi-use development where we can work-play-live all within a walkable/rideable space. Include Environmental Impact Assessments as a tool in determining future development projects, at equal consideration as economic impact."

Stop bring too many more people into are

"Stop building just to build! Taking away land, bringing more people in and creating more congestion. More frustrated drivers. More accidents. Many like to ride bikes but can't because of the drivers. You can create bike lanes but people drive in those to get around slow drivers."

Stop building more businesses, they go out of business. I like living in this area

Stop building more trashy low-income buildings.

Stop building so many new track houses in the county

streets on regular repaving schedule, and a bike lane added when repaved

Suburban transportation is terrible. There are few buses and few options. The Metra system doesn't help unless you are going to city.

Survey the areas that are the oldest and need doing

Sustainable (solar driven) rail system

Synchronize lights, build the roads before they are overcrowded and have a huge impact on travel during construction. Do away with the toll for Long Meadow Parkway bridge.

Take a little ride down route 12 in either direction east of route 31 and you would know why I gave it a 1. Dangerous potholes and even worse attempts at filling them causing me to almost loose control of my vehicle going over the two bridges. At least a dozen potholes all the way across the east bound lane that have not been filled in years. The whole stretch needs to be torn out and replaced. I have called the state and they come out, make it worse and forget about us living up here. Very sad state of affairs and also very dangerous.

Take away their licenses. They go too slow under the posted speed limit

tapped the middle bc i do not know

"That is a tough one.

No one likes more taxes, but something needs to be done to make some of these intersections safer and improve flow."

"That's tough... northern McHenry County (Spring Grove, Richmond, Hebron) has different needs than Crystal Lake. For those of us who choose to live in the more rural areas, that's the trade off... less populated, more space, less congestion... and less options.

I'd love to see bike paths connecting the little towns east-west (SG, Richmond, Hebron) to Fox Lake because then the bike path through Glacial Park would be accessible, and the trains, too."

"The automobile is the only way to conveniently and safely get around out here. Designed that way."

The bike network is very disjointed. Bike lanes are better than paths for commuting, but there aren't enough and they start and stop without a complete path. New road work comes close but fails at critical points. Take Ackman road. Most of it has what would be a good bike lane beyond the rumble strips, but at Lakewood road they left the curb squeezing out the cyclists for a few feet. Or Country club, they added a turn lane but didn't add a few more feet for a shoulder or bike lane.

COMMENT

The built environment should enable most residents to access things they require daily like groceries, doctors, parks, and other businesses within a 15 minute walk or bike ride. Mixed use zoning and disposing of unnecessary parking requirements would help small businesses open by lowering the costs of starting a new business, and enable them to open in locations that are more convenient for their customers. When we look are the most desirable places to visit and live in the world, what do they have in common? I would say that they often have moderate density, very little street level parking, and lots of mixed uses within a small area. Sadly, many of these beautiful places are illegal to build today due to zoning laws and parking requirements.

The bus stops aren't spread out well throughout McHenry.

the clients that we serve have transportation issues, making it difficult to get to our office

The County has done a great job incorporating bike paths and working with PACE to aid residents. The County is also looking into electric charging stations which will help promote the future of more electric vehicles.

The county needs a HIGHLY CONNECTED transit system including bicycle paths, trains, trams, and bus networks.

The infrastructure in Illinois in general is terrible

The issue of air pollution via car emissions is a huge task to conquer, so this might be a bit of a stretch. I think it would be really nice if the county could shift towards being more pedestrian-friendly rather than automobile-friendly in order to encourage more people to walk or bike places instead of drive. This would mean widening sidewalks in more populated areas, making parking more limited, and making sure the buildings in the area can cover all the tasks needed for daily life within walking distance!

"The Metra

Uber

Pace

Taxi

Limo

Bike paths

Senior networks that take people to dr appts.

I would have done 5 stars but there's always room for improvement,"

The network is generally in good shape for automotive capacity, but transit, pedestrian, and bicycle options are extremely limited. Also, there are a lot of random crashes outside of the city centers.

The only county transportation I know of is Dial A Ride in Woodstock.

"The only real option you have for getting around in to drive. Uber is limited in area and Taxi service doesn't always go to Spring Grove. You can Bike, but if you older, then this is not an option you can walk, but there really are no good walking trails in the neighborhoods to walk"

The only way to really go anywhere is by driving lately there haven't even been any Ubers available or they are way to far out of the area.

The Prairie Path passes close to my house, but it only goes north and south. I would ride my bike more for transportation if there were safer streets on which to ride. Most of the east-west streets are heavily trafficked and have high speed limits. Also, safe pedestrian routes are not available. Most shopping has no sidewalks.

The public transportation options in McHenry county are horrible! No actual bus routes that cover any real percent of the county at all! Very limited train options and no ways to get to the trains if you can't drive. No expressways that connect to the other main expressways in other counties - deplorable!

The rapid growth of the last two decades have left a lot of roads undeveloped (lack of gutter/curbs, etc.) Also lacking and sorely needed are pedestrian paths for walking/cycling etc. This development was a missed opportunity to have the people benefiting from the growth (developers and new residents) pay for it at a time when installing them would have been much easier.

The road lines are difficult to see in some places which makes it challenging to stay in the correct lane or know where to turn off. Biking is also challenging in some places due to lack of bike lanes or crosswalks.

COMMENT

"The roads are adequate for getting around in the county (and out). I only take the train if I'm going into the city. I don't know of any other method within the county to get around for shopping/dining/entertainment/work besides my car. I would ride my bike for the exercise, but not to do any of the above."

The roads are fine but we need safer options for cyclists. With the population growth we're experiencing, it's becoming more and more dangerous for people to recreate or get around town on the roads. Wider shoulders and roads for cars to have enough room to pass would be really beneficial

The roads are generally good, though the speed limits are generally too low. Also, too many two-lane roads where the traffic gets clogged due to trucks and slow drivers.

The roads are good, public transportation for those who need it could be better.

"The roads are horrible (potholes, other holes); rush hour traffic is horrible in and near Woodstock and there is no way to avoid it. There are not enough lights on the roads during darkness. There are dangerous roads that are the creation of planners. 47 through woodstock is an example with wild use of the turning lane as a merge lane by poor drivers creating dangerous situations. Also, the lack of traffic enforcement by law enforcement contributes to the poor quality of the roads and driving in general.

The pacer bus service is far too light to be of any reliable use."

The roads are maintained well enough, but I would enjoy more bike paths.

The roads are pretty good. Trains not bad but it seems other forms of public transport are low. Doesn't affect me but I imagine a lot of people would take advantage of it was available.

The roads are to congested due to traffic lights being timed so each one is green or red at the same time. A lot of roads need to be resurfaced

The roads have not kept pace. I have lived on Haligus for almost 20 years and now drivers see is as an alt 47 speeding nonstop to get to Ackman which was never extended to 47. Still have to drive though Huntley to go west versus a bypass using Algonquin west . Very disappointing progress in 20 years!

The roads seem fine, but to get around from one city to the next you have to drive. The train is really only good for heading downtown. We are in Cary specifically because it does have a train station, but it really only useful for going downtown. A light rail system connecting all of the McHenry County population areas and the Metra Stations would be useful. As the population goes up all of these roads will get more and more crowded till you can't get anywhere. A train is much more efficient at moving people, but only useful if it connects every place where people are or want to go.

The suburban development policies push business traffic onto county roads, causing traffic congestion.

There are almost no reliable ways to travel around the county unless one drives one's one vehicle.

there are many options - PACE, METRA, etc...

There are more trucks on the road today than ever before. Increased traffic causes more maintenance for road surfaces. the transportation network needs to widen, maybe more train depots or truck routes for just trucks, somewhat like bike paths.

There are no options but driving a car. If there are, they certainly are not communicated to the communities.

There are no public transportation options unless you are going to Chicago.

There are no sidewalks in most of the area that we live, and even though the speed limit is low most speed dangerously through neighborhood. There is a major bus line that seems like a good option, but not as convenient as driving. The roads in the county are majority in disrepair or in construction for extended lengths of time.

There are some areas with a lot of potholes in the road. Also, it is somewhat difficult to get around via bike/ walking, which is how I would prefer to get around. Overall, the system is effective for my daily life (I can drive everywhere I need to).

COMMENT

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There are trains, busses and so much more that can get us from location to location very fast.

There are very few scheduled buses to take to locations. The current bus route near me doesn't go to places where I might shop or go for healthcare.

There is a need for increased public transportation that follows a defined schedule.

There is a stigma and what appears little thought to support public transportation coordination and availability. McRide has been a challenge to get set up for people.

There is no busing from Huntley to anywhere

There is no good service for people who can't afford a car.

There is no other way

There is no other way to get any where except the train.

There is no public transportation in my area. Cabs, Uber and the like are too expensive when retired. Being handicapped, it's also hard to get into a bus that you have to pay to pick you up. It only seems the areas where there's a lot of shopping and well populated has any public transportation leaving those of us in unincorporated

"there is no safe connection for bike trails from Cary to Crystal Lake. So much money wasted on repaving and widening roads but not taking into consideration biking/ pedestrian blacktop path along the road."

There is no transportation to the airport; no busses to take to shopping areas. There is very little available.

There is none.

There is not much "network" -- I cannot easily travel between cities in the county without using a personal vehicle.

There is room for improvement and we do have some very good services in place.

There is so much more that needs to be done to improve pedestrian and cycling safety and infrastructure. I live in Huntley and there is a huge need to develop interconnecting multi-use paths to remove pedestrians and cyclists from unsafe conditions with trucks and cars. The south end of McHenry Co. in Del Webb Huntley has been completely ignored in being provided pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. These unsafe conditions have created barriers to an aging community where residents are too afraid to cross any streets for fear of being run down by vehicles. A higher rating would be given once improvements have begun.

There is very limited public transportation in Mchenry

There is way too little public transportation, and the roads are getting more and more jammed, and there's more negative impact on the environment.

There needs to be a bypass highway of sorts in the county. Driving through the county takes way longer than it should because of the congestion that exists on the highways through McHenry and Crystal Lake. Trying to get from 12/173 to Crystal Lake is a much slower process than it should be.

There should be bus and light rail service between towns in McHenry County.

There should be hubs for transit options which includes trains, buses, bikes

There should be more availability for students to go to MCC.

There should be right turn arrows automatically at all possible intersections. Example: 31 & johnsburg road when johnsburg road has right of way; johnsburg road and spring grove road when spring grove road has right of way. All you're doing is holding up traffic for no reason. It's only getting busier if you're planning for the future

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There still is a lot of roads that could use work on.

There's too many cars. Can you please make flying cars available to us like the Jetsons said there would be by now

There's very little if any transportation other than cars to go to the train station or uber or taxi. Regular bus route would be nice

Things can all ways be improved.

"This covers a wide range of issues for the people who either can't afford or can not drive themselves.

A better access to services is needed to allow these people to get to basic needs as well as optional services.

Allowing access to other outside activities allows them to be more involved in the community as well."

This is the only place I've lived in that there are not sidewalks everywhere, there is no good bus transportation system. It is not pedestrian friendly.

This survey must be a joke. You have to drive in McHenry county. Anyone living here knows the traffic and ever increasing numbers of traffic lights.

Time to move away

"-to my knowledge there are no bus stops in my area
-having access to the metra is fantastic, but there should be pub transportation to get you to and from the station
- some of the streets are very poorly planned. for example, in order to get from CGH to the Junior high, you have to go out onto Silver Lake (there should be a street to go directly from the Highschool and Library to the Junior Hight and Deerpath) Feinberg Court should have an exit to 3 Oaks. And if you are at the Cary Post Office and then need to go to Jewel you need to go out onto 3 Oaks and back track. Just a lot of bad planning that uses gas unnecessarily."

Too bad you don't have a zero star! It usually take longer to get out of McHenry County than to actually get where I am going if it is a local/regional trip. Hwy's 14, 22, 31, 47, 120, 176 and Randall Rd are all over-crowded, under developed and generally poor quality.

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Too many vehicles on roads and highways in county

Township streets are falling apart

Traffic is awful!

Traffic is terrible. It takes forever to get anywhere. Even if I am running errands around town I have to stop at a dozen stoplights and sit in traffic. I try to use side streets to avoid the main roads. My work commute is 13 miles each way and takes between 30-40 minutes because of all the traffic and stop lights.

Traffic law enforcement

Traffic laws be monitored Better

"Train routes are fine did getting to the Chicago, but so many areas are not walkable. No sidewalks, no crosswalks... so getting to train or bus is difficult. Busses are limited. So basically if you don't drive it's hard to get around."

Train schedule to get in the city is inconvenient for leisure travel from Woodstock. Parking in Crystal Lake stinks for the train especially if you want to spend a weekend. Good luck getting a cab (Sunshine is grossly unreliable, Uber is severely limited).

"Transportation Infrastructure has not kept up with growth and I believe that is the root cause of other problems such as traffic congestion.

Support revenue policies to fund building and maintenance of modern infrastructure. This is a state and federal problem more than a county problem. Toll roads are a POOR option."

COMMENT

"Transportation should be based on expected population not the crowded chaos produced that favor developers. If retail, housing developments, and industry are planned then the roads should ALWAYS be created first.

Highway 120, between Wonder Lake and McHenry are expecting the housing development to bring hundreds, if not thousands of more drivers daily. Don't the developers have to pay for the widening of 120? I've researched, and they do not! Instead, the drivers increase and the MCDOT widens the road during the chaotic and hellish population increase.

If a retail development (or industrial) is added, why don't we have space mandated for side roads to enter these areas? Instead, like highway 47 and Randall Rd., there are numerous stoplights interrupting the traffic and causing traffic jams and worse, accidents.

Chicago was just titled (for 2021) the third worst city for traffic! article. How is McHenry County going to measure without ANY express way? We are building up the population, but are we planning anything for the expected traffic flow? .

Allowing development and developers to create the chaos but not be responsible for the transportation infrastructure is negligence!

PREPARE ahead of time with developers paying too!

Think about the flow of traffic for the county citizens as the McHenry County population grows. McHenry County is the next county to grow rapidly, and the 2050 plan needs to think about the impact to the county residents' experiences within everyone of a developer's plan. They need to be mandated to include the money for the impact they create making great profit."

Try getting through Richmond on the weekends. I would go to McHenry more often if the roads were better.

Try to get more transportation available for the elderly. There needs to be buses or something that elderly people can take to get to their appointments, and be able to buy groceries.

TRY TO MAKE TRUCKS LESS POLLUTED,GET TESTED FOR EMISSIONS.

until this year, there have been zero sidewalks (which baffles my mind), at least there's the metra train to get to Chicago to do things. There is no culture, good restaurants or shopping (for men) in its area.

Upgrade infrastructure in areas where it is declining and make it more equitable across areas.

Upgrade with the help of federal grants.

Use the money Woodstock received from T-Mobile to repair our streets & roads.

Very limited transportation between small towns.

Very little for disabled.

Very little pedestrian focus - very little accessibility focus - very little public transit for eco friendly focus

Very little public transport, bike trail system that does not connect into critical areas of town, car centric infrastructure

Very little public transportation available in McHenry County and what is available isn't reliable or convenient. My husband and myself are over 65 and are concerned as we age that we will not be able to get around when no longer able to drive. We are seriously considering moving probably out of state because of unsustainable high real estate taxes and public transportation availability is also a concern. We have very little taxi and UBER transportation also.

Volunteer services possibly

COMMENT

"Walking surfaces are limited in my area. Many busy roads, intersections and railroad crossing are lacking pedestrian infrastructure that make it safe for walking and crossing. This is not only my main way of getting around day to day, but it is also the primary transportation of many of my neighbors who are either too young, or too old to drive, or have limited access to vehicles. It also creates undue road conflicts for people walking their animals outside, even if they otherwise get around by car.

Again, if I have to go farther, the train is a great option, and has been easy to navigate, but... because there is no walkable infrastructure from my neighborhood to the train station, I often try to find a ride to the station first, before resorting to walking.

Bike infrastructure in most towns is pretty poor. And while I would be reluctant to use bike paths between towns, simply because limits to the amount I can carry back and forth per trip, there is also a lack of shade breaks. I'm thinking mostly of the path between Crystal Lake and Woodstock. And perhaps if I was an ambitious biker to begin with I would feel more confident using the path, no one starts out that way. Shade breaks would encourage more use. And there is a lack of safety infrastructure. Like emergency alert stations, and lighting."

Way too many one lane roads. One slow driver makes everybody slow. Ugh! Smart lights that aren't very smart.

Way too much vehicle traffic

We (at one point in time, perhaps still) are the largest county in America without access to an interstate highway. We will never be the kind of suburban/rural haven with quick access to the city and its resources without one.

We are an underserved county. Legacy costs of the state use up too much revenue, and what is left is rarely sufficient for new projects, let alone maintenance of current ones.

We are gasoline and diesel car/truck centric and this must change to address global warming and to conserve fossil carbon reserves. I want to move quickly to EV transportation powered by renewable energy. Much of this energy can be provided locally by solar and wind plus battery storage if we make the investment. The technology is proven for this upgrade. We have more than enough roads but the roads we have need reworking to smooth traffic flow. This has been done to some extent in moving traffic through our county's cities. More needs to happen and likely will. I doubt we will see much in the way of future population surges in the county as was the case decades ago so large new road projects are unnecessary. Streamline what we have. Adding additional lanes in bottleneck zone would be helpful in improving transportation efficiency. Route 47 between Huntley and Woodstock carries a very heavy traffic load and would benefit by going to four lanes for all the distance. Busses are an efficient way to move people but most people shun this transportation mode.

we have a great network of walking/ bike trails

We have a transportation network? No real public transit options here.

We have clients who utilize Pace/public transportation. It works well, but there is difficulty in the LITH/Algonquin area with access to it; it would be nice to see more services out that way.

We have lots of options available for those looking for

We have many bus options, Uber and friends who will offer

We have no limited access roads in the county other than I 90 passing through the SW corner. When will the North-South corridor connecting to Route 12 in Wisconsin be completed. The state purchased the right of ways in 1974. And instead of expanding public transportation, the main rail line north of McHenry was removed in about 1980.

We have no major access.

"WE NEED A MAJOR EAST-WEST THROUGH-WAY - this is critical in the southern portion of the county.

We also need to develop a major north-south through-way. Hwy 31 is a joke at best and downright ridiculous for much of its length in our county."

We need a metro stop in Huntley

COMMENT

We need accessible public transportation, including better transportation for individuals with disabilities. The paratransit options in our county are usually late and hard to access.

We need affordable reliable public transportation. PACE IS NOT RELIABLE.

We need improved McRide for McHenry County residents. Easier access to schedule rides for those without transportation in advance. If resident is not a senior citizen or does not have a disability; scheduling rides is more of a challenge for having to call first thing in the morning to see if a ride is available. More accessible rides for our homeless population.

We need major roads.

We need more bike lanes and clean local transportation for elderly and disabled and those that want to reduce reliance on driving. I would love there to be a reliable, safe way to get around town without driving. Improving bike lanes would help, but also coming up with a solution for the colder months and for seniors and disabled.

We need more bike paths or bike lanes. Also most roads are only one lane and it's hard to get around slow traffic.

We need more entrances to sub-divisions such as the area between Hutnely Road, square barn road, Haligus, and Algonquin rd. As well as another entrance to Corporate parkway from Par rd.

"We need more Metra trains coming to and from Chicago. We need more crosswalks to enhance accessibility for people who would like to cut down on gas costs and carbon emissions (as well as those who have no other means to get around). A good example is a crosswalk across Randall Road at Ackman. This would be nice so the community (especially those in the apartment complex across the street) can pick up prescriptions, milk, or even a pizza and not have to resort to their cars. This would also be a safer option for nearby high school students who may leave campus to pick up candy/coffee etc. at the CVS and not do so as safely as they should on foot."

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We need more north-south arteries and an interconnected bike trail network.

We need more safe areas for walkers and bike riders. In the country and in the cities. Our county is so beautiful and we get more and more bike riders enjoying the scenery. And it's a great way to get around!

We need more transportation that runs all hours of the day. We have some clients we serve that don't drive, and can't get to point A to B.

We need more ways of transportation in the County.

We pay people to figure this out, why should I do it for you for free?

We really could use a north south highway, something without stoplights. Or at least very limited stoplights.

We would love to be able to take our bikes from our home for errands and activities. But there is a lack of safe roads to do such. We also can walk to businesses for errands but yet again, there is a lack of sidewalks and crossings.

We're enjoying the improvements on Randall Road!

What transportation network?

What transportation network? Seriously, after living in the nearer NW burbs, I was shocked at how limited McHenry County's services are. There would be more ridership if there were more and better buses. I know a lot of people without cars and they have so many stories of basically touring the county just to go somewhere. No one should have to make a strategic plan to get from one town to another.

When I go to the office, I take Metra. Locations of current stations are convenient

COMMENT

When I needed to transport a family member, the van transportation was very good.

When the time comes that I can no longer drive, I will be at the mercy of lack of public transportation as I live in the country

While we do not have a ton of public transportation in our area, that's ok. We do not want to become a metropolis. The more public transportation options you create, the more we become like the big city and the more crime we see in our county.

"Why not create more walking paths and even make this a electric golf cart community or plan for that in development.

I know that in the back of my property is an Equestrian easement; however most just think its their property to use as needed.

Do other areas have this easement in Spring Grove? Can't we use that for anything?

Also offer more walking paths in Richardson or even the pond across the street on English Prairie that Richardson owns might be nice as I hate to see it developed now with all the ducks. Its my favorite part of living here.

Maybe add in a bike path so you don't have to go all the way to Richmond to ride on the trail."

Widen more main roads; create roundabouts

Widen roads

Widen roads and inforce the speed limit every has to slow down and drive defensively too many aggressive drivers out there.

Widen roads where possible.

Widen the roads and add more roundabouts.

Widen the roads or build more roads.

Widen the roads, put in right and left-turn lanes, and better time the traffic lights. When I was in Florida, it was interesting because there was a traffic light at the entrance to the school that was yellow all day except for the start and end of school. Then it functioned red, green, and yellow. We need more lights that can either be set on a timer like that or can sense the flow of traffic and adjust to keep cars moving.

Widening and traffic management alternatives

Wider roads

Wider roads, more sidewalks for pedestrians or bike lanes in roads for bicyclists, clearer pedestrian crossing signals/signage

"Wider shoulders.Added signage.

Educate drivers about bikes/pedestrians.

More serious consequences for drivers involved in accidents.

Open up trails after dark . Some people use them to get to / from work."

will be much improved when Route 47 is 4 lanes from I-90 to Charles Road north of Woodstock

wish bike and walking paths from town to town were connected.

With our lovely state bankrupt, nothing!

With the traffic and the disconnected bike paths, it is difficult to bicycle as an optional means of transportation.

Within the county I am not familiar with public options. Are there any?

Work harder at having more trains to all rural towns in the county and/or regular shuttle transportation between the stations that do have regular service and those that don't. Add a dedicated shuttle type bus/ transportation that operates within the city limits (or 1.5 miles beyond the city limits) of each city in the county.

Work with employers to partner in solutions for workers with no transportation . Some of the worker shortage is a shortage of feasible transportation.

Work with PACE to see increased service routes

Would like better bike access & safety

COMMENT

Would like more bike friendly roadways. There is a bike path along Rt 14 but to get to it would require riding the bike on roads with no shoulder to safely navigate. Rt.47 in Woodstock I know is under consideration for improvement but needs to be mentioned anyway.

Would like to see 14 around Woodstock completed to 4 lanes. Highway 47 through Woodstock needs work which I understand will take place, can't happen soon enough.

Would love to be able to bike more, but it's just too dangerous where I live (lots of traffic, no shoulders, blind hills).

Would love to have a public transportation option. The limited lines at this point are not convenient to use.

Would love to see more bike paths, especially ones connecting to the Prairie Trail. I'm going to selfishly suggest one along Bull Valley Rd between the Prairie Trail and Ridge Rd. :)

Would love to see more running/biking options in Spring Grove / Richmond areas.

You approve to build more homes, but not the infrastructure. Years pass as more people move into the area. Then you decide traffic is bad and want to fix it but it takes another 10+ years. Build the infrastructure first!

You dropped Wonder Lake from pace bus unless I can walk several miles to 120.

You need to widen 47 through Woodstock already. It's insanely slow and congested. Woodstock is a major traffic artery and it's long overdue to be treated as such. From between 120 and the corner of 14 & 47 its abysmal how much traffic congestion there is. I'm sick of hearing how Woodstock and the railway can't figure out who pays for what with the viaduct by McConnell Road. Get it done.

Zero issues with getting around when I need to.

not enough safe walking and bike paths. Roads are getting worse.

"I think there have been several great additions to the county that help people move easily and safely in the past 10 yrs. I think there are still some areas where it is tedious to travel or difficult to find transportation.

I think more fixed transit routes would be a great improvement.."

You approve to build more homes, but not the infrastructure. Years pass as more people move into the area. Then you decide traffic is bad and want to fix it but it takes another 10+ years. Build the infrastructure first!

Roads are getting congested. We need a new or wider route to get in and out of the Huntley Highschool/Leggee Elementary campus. It's a nightmare. We need more bike paths other than the ones that border the neighborhoods. (Mountain Bike trails, gravel/paved path in trees or the woods). Connect the HUM trail to Huntley! We had to drive to Union to access it. Maybe add some bike lanes on the country roads near Huntley/Union, etc. There are plenty of people biking those roads.

Unless there is a push on Alternative vehicles (electric, etc.) it's only going to get worse.

I think we need additional sidewalks connecting communities. Crystal lake to Woodstock via MCC is very bike and pedestrian safe and a good example for other areas of the county.

Roundabouts so traffic keeps moving but people can get through intersections.

Expand roads and/or have other accessible routes available. (RT.47 Expansion beyond Woodstock. In Huntley...an access road from Reed Rd. to connect to Sass Rd/formerly Kreutzer. Widen Main St. west toward the Highschool and all the roads leading to the highschool campus.

Plan for more the future. When you are building more homes there will be more traffic. When you put in more strip malls there will be more traffic in that area. Where you build there will be more traffic! This county doesn't seem to get that. Just keep building...

I think the COVID PANDEMIC exposed some inequities in the system. It would be great if we can put a responsible plan in place.

Support of public transit options.

COMMENT

Discounts on rides, larger bike share programs near underprivileged areas, go to where they are ie laundry mat, DMV, health department to get info out consider land use policy changes that encourage the mix of business and residential

Provide education

Wider shoulders on rural roads for bikes, bike paths, more pace routes, Better access to dial a ride

Incentives.

Build facilities that cater to the widest range of non-motorized users (i.e. are safe and comfortable for people of all ages and for people with disabilities)

Land use/zoning policies that encourage the mix of businesses and residential developments.

Provide the infrastructure to make access easy for everyone.

Further marketing / demonstrations to encourage more transit ridership.

Create events to encourage using other transportation modes. ie: bike a thons

Having safe bike paths along roadways. Example: There was as proposed bike path on Rt 14 between Cary and Fox River Grove that the villages promised but never completed.

complete Woodstock Railyard to allow more trains from Woodstock

real time information on routing and buses and more help understanding where stops are and how often bus will arrive

Education, incentives, and outreach to share information about alternative modes

Ease of usage. Make it as easy as getting an Uber

"Education
Easy access
Low cost"

engage employers to provide incentive for public transportation use

Provide low cost options that are readily available, bikes, scooters. However, complete streets need to be further developed to increase safety.

Better network of paths and for public transportation

Concern around safety could limit alternate modes. Due to fear

convenience of the alternates

land use policies with emphasis on non-SOV connectivity.

Expanding access and availability.

PACE has great ideas about bus useage, such as points, coupons, free admission to public/private events, ect.

Yes, McHenry County should have multi options. Continually expanding public transportation (fixed-route, commuter rail, etc.)

Engage ride share opportunities.

Better connectivity to destinations that are in high demand

land use policies that encourage mixed use development so people can live/work closer together.

Showing the environmental impacts that alternative transportation plans can have

improve conditions for active/alt modes, connect missing links.

needs to be easier to do, safer, connected

Better bike paths that go to work 'hubs', more options for companies to 'borrow' transport vehicles for their workers,

Marketing to younger generations

If you have a good products that functions well, I think the informal network seniors have (activities and their phones) is the best way to spread the news

We need to find a way to reach out to the public and educate them on services available on how to use these services.

COMMENT

Continued outreach and feedback

Find ways to engage this group better to get practical feedback and implement options that are truly desired

Help advertise the accessibility that PACE provides. They also help the VAC program and over see the McRide program

Use data to identify populations, prioritize populations of need in how investments are made.

Small focus groups with those populations to see what they would find most convenient.

Making it easier for people to find these alternative ways for transportation.

Use low income housing as "destinations" to attract riders for work hubs. Work with employers to attract people from these areas

If the county could help support other organizations that are willing to fill in the gaps

More bike paths are needed, and the existing ones need to be better maintained!

Rt. 62 during 4 am to 2 am is terrible. Cars speeding, reclise (sic) driving and no, none, zilch enforcement (sic) by police or sheriff. Shame.

Continually growing congestion.

Lack of bicycle lanes creating safety hazards for those that do ride bicycles and limiting those that would ride but are afraid. Lack of busing (consistent and reliable).

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Trains: Too infrequent and they don't always run to all the stations

Bus: I've seen them but don't have a clue on the bus routes nor timetable.

Walk: Unless it is for a stroll you can't walk anywhere even to the train station because of the distance and if you could lots of communities don't have sidewalks.

Roads need to be improved. Some need to be widened so more traffic can flow without starting and stopping or sitting in traffic. Others need to be resurfaced. Lights need to be better timed so I can travel without hitting every single red light.

When I couldn't drive, there were no options for me as a younger, temporarily disabled person. All that was available was senior transportation and I did not qualify. There are no local busses to get me to a Metra station if I need to go to Chicago. Is there even a Metra to Milwaukee or Madison? I grew up in Chicago so there was transportation available within a block of my house.

Many roads North of Crystal Lake need to be widened, alot of roads in need of repaving in the more central county areas that are county roads.

it would be nice to have more Bike paths connecting with existing paths.

There are too many cars and too few viable alternatives. I see a few buses but they certainly don't run the way buses in Chicago do (I lived in the city for a number of years and used public transportation). Adding more lanes to Randall Road is only going to make this worse.

For families who do not have a car it is very difficult to get around town, much less the county. More public transportation options are needed.

there is no public transportation option in my neighborhood. the closest is Elgin or the Metra in Crystal Lake

Build a bridge from Rt 25 to Rt 31. Wasn't that the idea in 1950,60,70,80. See the future now and prevent the problems in the future

More lanes on major roads especially over Fox River