

2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP)

Transportation Survey Summary

Question 1: In your opinion, what's is the biggest transportation issue facing the Kalamazoo area?
Responses: 286; Responses consisted of **286 individual comments**. Comments are available at www.katsmpo.org.

Numerous comments and statements identified more than one transportation issue. Key themes were the current state of road conditions, limited (or lack of) public transit services, lack of non-motorized facilities (bike lanes and sidewalks), lack of connections between non-motorized facilities, transportation funding, and safety concerns.

Key Words Used:			
Bike/Bicycle	79		Access 27
Public Transportation / Bus	74		Funding/Money 20
Safety	46		Non-motorized 17
Road Conditions/Repair/Potholes/Fix	46		Connections 8
Pedestrian / Walkability	38		Congestion 7

Question 2: How would you rate each of the following aspects of the transportation system in your community? Please rate each aspect based on the following scale: Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, or Don't Know/No Response. **Responses:** 286

Answer Options and Response	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	% Ranked Poor or Very Poor
Condition of major streets and highways	0	44	117	89	34	43.01%
Congestion levels on major streets during peak time	9	77	116	60	18	27.27%
Neighborhood traffic safety	14	111	104	32	9	14.34%
Availability of public transit	10	79	106	50	18	23.78%
Availability of bike paths/lanes	12	48	79	96	40	47.55%
Traffic safety and controls on major streets	10	129	100	30	10	13.99%
Sidewalks and crosswalk areas	8	71	115	65	16	28.32%

Question 3: Please rank the relative level of importance you would give each of the following on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being "High Importance" and 5 being "Low Importance." (Please rank in order of importance by selecting each number 1-5 only once) **Responses:** 251 **Skipped Question:** 35

Answer Options and Responses	High 1	2	3	4	Low 5
Completing missing portion of the sidewalk system along major streets	82	57	43	38	31
Widening shoulders or adding bike lanes on roadways to accommodate "on-road" bicycling	80	42	53	37	39
More recreational biking trails linking communities, parks and open spaces	20	48	53	70	60
Building more dedicated "off-road" paths for walking and biking	29	35	55	67	65
Enhancing the safety of crosswalks across major streets	40	69	47	39	56

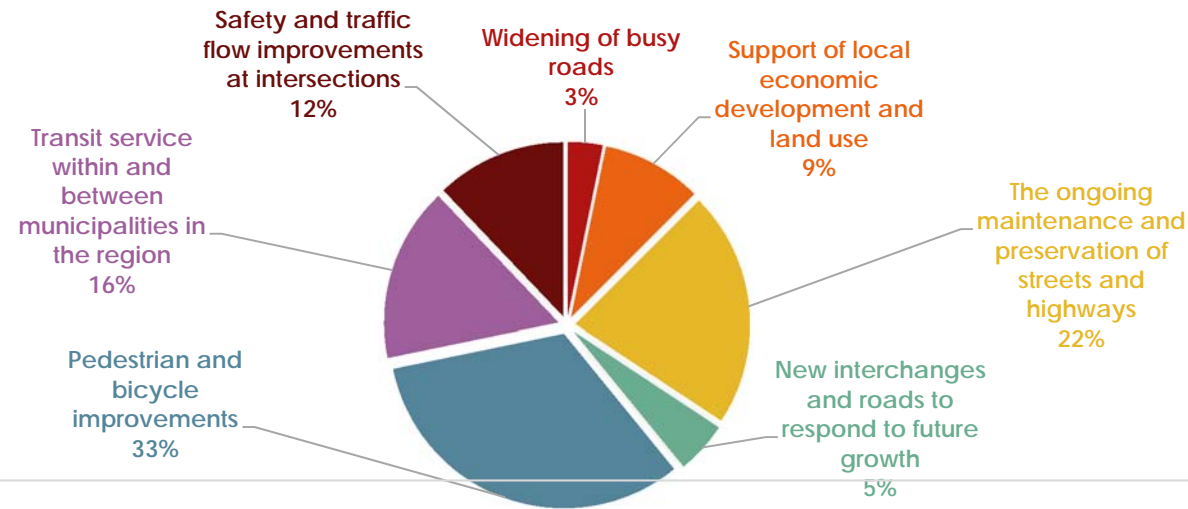
Question 4: Please rank the relative level of importance you would give each of the following on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being "High Importance" and 5 being "Low Importance." (Please rank in order of importance by selecting each number 1-5 only once). **Responses:** 251 **Skipped Question:** 35

Answer Options and Responses	High 1	2	3	4	Low 5
The condition and smoothness of roadway pavements	73	74	38	45	21
The level of traffic flow and congestion	24	39	49	63	76
Designing and constructing to accommodate all users of all modes of transportation (Walking, biking, other)	122	29	29	18	53
Adequate lane and shoulder widths with turn lanes at all major intersections	12	58	85	65	31
Sufficient sight distance to detect a hazard in a roadway to allow for safe maneuvering	20	51	50	60	70

Question 5: Please rank the relative level of importance you would give each of the following on a scale of 1 to 6 with 1 being "High Importance" and 6 being "Low Importance." (Please rank in order of importance by selecting each number 1-6 only once). **Responses:** 241 **Skipped Question:** 45

Answer Options and Responses	High 1	2	3	4	5	Low 6
Developing and maintaining adequate public transportation (buses, bus stops, routing, other)	49	62	48	32	34	16
Bikeway construction on roads and greenways	66	39	33	31	42	30
Widening and building of major streets and highways	6	20	36	38	44	97
Improving condition of roadways (fix potholes, resurface, better signage, other)	84	64	51	23	15	4
Improving street aesthetics (street trees, street lighting, planted medians, other)	13	20	32	49	61	66
Improving traffic flow (control number of driveways, medians, coordinated signals, other)	23	36	41	68	45	28

Question 6: Please rank the relative level of importance you would give each of the following on a scale of 1 to 7 with 1 being "High Importance" and 7 being "Low Importance." (Please rank in order of importance by selecting each number 1-7 only once) **Responses:** 241 **Skipped Question:** 45



Answer Options and Responses	High 1	2	3	4	5	6	Low 7
Planning for widening of busy roads	8	18	24	21	34	57	79
Planning in support of local economic development and land use	23	34	42	41	45	24	32
Planning for the ongoing maintenance and preservation of streets and highways	54	50	43	48	23	17	6
Planning for new interchanges and roads to respond to future growth	12	13	25	28	52	62	49
Planning for pedestrian and bicycle improvements	81	35	32	26	13	25	29
Planning for transit service within and between municipalities in the region	40	60	27	32	24	33	25
Planning for safety and traffic flow improvements at intersections	30	34	53	42	46	20	16

Question 7: Please rank the relative level of importance you would give each of the following on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being "High Importance" and 5 being "Low Importance." (Please rank in order of importance by selecting each number 1-5 only once) **Responses:** 238 **Skipped Question:** 48

Answer Options and Responses	High 1	2	3	4	Low 5
Increase the gas tax to do more transportation projects	94	46	45	34	19
Charging new developers for the full cost of needed transportation improvements to address traffic growth	75	65	44	36	18
Funding the maintenance of roads with a utility fee (tolls on roads)	24	30	41	46	97
Using government bonds (borrowing) to fund high priority transportation projects	22	45	54	61	56
Funding the maintenance of roads with a local millage (higher property tax)	23	52	54	61	48

Question 8: In your opinion, what is the most important improvement that can be made to our transportation system in the next 0-5 years (Short Term)? **Responses:** 234 **Skipped Question:** 52; Responses consisted of **234 individual comments**. Comments are available at www.katsmpo.org.

Question 9: In your opinion, what is the most important improvement that can be made to our transportation system in the next 5 to 25 years (Long Term)? **Responses:** 234 **Skipped Question:** 52; Responses consisted of **234 individual comments**. Comments are available at www.katsmpo.org.

Question 10: How frequently do you use each of the following modes of transportation? **Responses:** 234 **Skipped Question:** 52

Answer Options and Responses	% Used Frequently	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Never
Personal motor vehicle	89.74%	210	14	9	1
Buses and/or demand response transit	5.56%	13	33	83	105
Bicycle	38.46%	90	64	49	31
Walking	48.93%	114	91	21	7
Rail (Amtrak)	1.32%	3	68	102	55

Responses for Other: 16; Plane (5), Carpool (4), Car Service or Company Vehicle (2), Scooter (1), Skateboard (2), Rollerblading (1). (Some specified more than 1 choice in the response. 2 Responses did not pertain to mode of transportation used by the person taking the survey.)