

## APPENDIX A – PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS AND COMMENTS

The success of a public participation program is largely determined by how thoroughly and thoughtfully it is planned. Successful meetings and events are determined by the degree to which an agency effectively commits to and prepares for the entire process, especially creating and providing the information needed by stakeholders and building effective relationships with key stakeholders.

The Saint Cloud APO created an early input survey via Survey Monkey in February of 2017. Along with the online survey, a simplified paper version was created and used during the pop-up events. The events were advertised in the St. Cloud Times as a flyer and were also placed around the MPA to gain public awareness and create the opportunity for community members to participate in the early stages of the MTP.



Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization  
Progress Through Planning

### Metropolitan Transportation Plan Public Comment Form

Please help us write the best plan that we can by answering the following questions:

If I was in charge of transportation, the first changes I would make would be:

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Please rank any or all of the issues below in priority order, with 1 being the most important priority:

Redesigning transportation networks to better serve the elderly	Improving vehicle-to-vehicle & vehicle-to-infrastructure communications; connected vehicles
Reducing traffic congestion and travel times	Taking better care of the infrastructure we have
Encouraging or incentivizing work from home	Improving public transit services and options
Improving safety/reducing crashes & injuries	Improving existing infrastructure so it can better withstand the impacts of climate change
Improving freight movements/reducing transportation costs for goods	Connecting the Saint Cloud region to the Twin Cities by passenger rail
Improving non-motorized transportation options	Adding lanes to I-94 between the Saint Cloud region and the Twin Cities
Reducing green-house gas emissions/addressing climate change	Increasing funding for transportation/finding additional funding sources for transportation
Planning for driverless cars	Encouraging private investment in transportation infrastructure and charge tolls to pay off the investors
Improving real-time travel information	Encourage/support land use development that is denser, more walkable, better served by public transit, and allows for mixed-uses that make sense



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**Figure A1:** Early Public Comment Event Survey, page one.

In the space below, please describe any aspect of transportation you think works well or should not be messed with too much:

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Is there any other important information you want us to know:

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Part of the APO's mission is to reach out to all members of our community, especially those that are traditionally underserved. The following questions are **OPTIONAL**, but answering them will help us know if we are reaching all of the community:

<b>Gender:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Non-binary/Other	<b>Ethnicity:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino
<b>Age:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <16 <input type="checkbox"/> 16 – 25 <input type="checkbox"/> 26 – 62 <input type="checkbox"/> 63+	<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African <input type="checkbox"/> Native American
<b>How Many People Live in Your Household:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian or Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6 <input type="checkbox"/> 7+	<b>Do You Have a Physical Disability:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Household Income:</b>	<b>Where Were You Born:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$0 – \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,001 – \$25,000	<input type="checkbox"/> In the United States <input type="checkbox"/> Outside the United States
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25,001 – \$50,000	<b>What Is the Primary Language Spoken In Your Home:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 – \$75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$75,001+	<input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> Something Other Than English

Any comments, input, or feedback provided by **April 30, 2017** will be included in the next stage of the development of the Metropolitan Transportation Plan.

We thank you for your time and thoughtfulness. [If you wish to receive email notification of future public input opportunities for this project, please provide your email address below:](#)

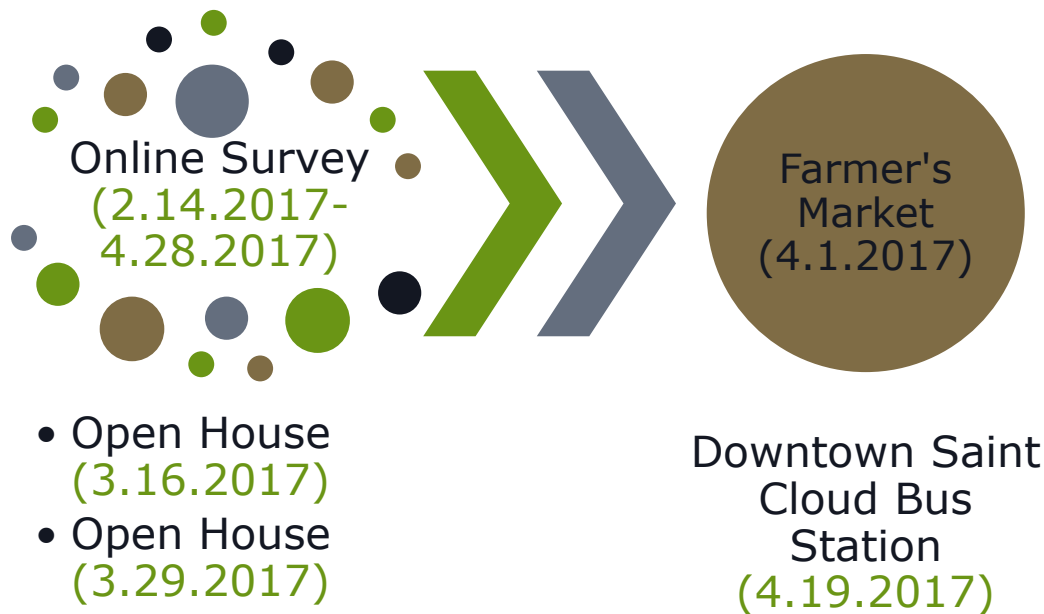
**Figure A2:** Early Public Comment Event Survey, page two.

It is not always possible for the public to be involved in all major decisions, or in all aspects of any given decision or action. The Saint Cloud APO used questions to clarify the specific issues where public input was desired.



**Figure A3:** Early Public Outreach Advertisement.

Below is a complete timeline of public participation activities from the early public outreach stage to the final public participation events for the MTP.



**Figure A4:** Early Public Outreach Timeline for the MTP from February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**More Detailed List of Events:**

- Early input online survey via Survey Monkey: 101 participants Total, 11 participants requested to be on the email list serve. Survey ran from 2/14/2017 – 4/28/2017
- 3/16/17 – Open House, Saint Cloud Great River Library. 10:30am – 7:30pm. 3 participants.
- 3/29/17 – Open House, Saint Joseph Government Center. 3pm – 7pm. 1 participant.
- 4/1/2017 – Sartell Indoor Farmer’s Market, Sartell City Hall. 10am – 1pm. 9 participants.
- 4/19/2017 – Downtown Saint Cloud Metro Bus Transit Station. 12pm – 7pm. Approx. 75 – 100 participants.



- BIBCO Pop-up Event (8.15.2019)
- Lake Wobegon Pop-up Event (8.17.2019)
- Rivers Edge Park Pop-up Event (8.30.2019)
- Mobility Training Center (8.22.2019)
- Downtown Saint Cloud Metro Bus Transit Station (8.26.2019)
- Rock Creek Coffeehouse Pop-up Event (9.9.2019)

- Local Blend Pop-up Event (9.11.2019)
- Lake George Pop-up Event (9.13.2019)
- Saint Cloud City Hall Pop-up Event (9.16.2019)
- Waite Park Senior Center Pop-up Event (9.19.2019)

**Figure A5:** Final Round of Public Outreach for the MTP from August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

**More Detailed List of Events:**

- Final Input Online Survey via Survey Monkey: X participants Total, X participants requested to be on the email list serve. Survey ran from 8/9/2019-9/20/2019
- 8/15/2019-BIBCO, Bikes, Beers, and Burritos, Saint Cloud. 4pm-8pm. X participants.
- 8/17/2019- Lake Wobegon Trailhead, Saint Joseph. 4pm-6pm. X participants.
- 8/22/2019- Mobility Training Center, Downtown Saint Cloud. 11am-1pm. X participants.
- 8/26/2019- Downtown Saint Cloud Metro Bus Transit Station. 5pm-7pm. X participants.
- 8/30/2019-Rivers Edge Park, Waite Park. 5pm-7pm. X participants.
- 9/4/2019-Open House, Saint Cloud APO. 3pm-7pm. X participants.
- 9/9/2019-Rock Creek Coffeehouse, Sauk Rapids. 9am-11am. X participants.
- 9/11/2019-Local Blend, Saint Joseph. 4pm-6pm. X participants.
- 9/13/2019-Lake George, Saint Cloud. 4pm-6pm. X participants.
- 9/16/2019-Saint Cloud City Hall. 2:30pm-4:30pm. X participants.
- 9/19/2019-Waite Park Senior Center. 9am-12pm. X participants.
- 9/20/2019-Pinecone Road Coborns, Sartell. 4pm-6pm. X participants.

Below are the early public engagement comments, collected either by event, survey, or social media. Public participation matters, these public comments are used to help understand transportation within the Saint Cloud MPA, and helps plan what goes into the MTP.

### Early Stage Public Engagement Comments for MTP

Number of Respondents	Category	Source	Comment	Date Recorded by APO	Disposition
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	"Continuing the shadowing of Metro Bus NEW riders!!"	3/8/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	The downtown hub for Metro Bus	3/8/2017	No action taken.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	Ability to put bikes in front-bike racks on buses	3/8/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	MTC	3/8/2017	No action taken.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	Love the summertime trolley	3/13/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	Northstar Link works well	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	The schedule during the week	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
3	Metro Bus	In-person event	Metro Bus does a great job	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment and agrees.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	Metro Bus employee helped commenter read bus schedule which helped	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment.
2	Metro Bus	In-person event	Likes Metro Bus drivers, feel they should be paid more for long hours/duties they do	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Fares are a good prices."	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Good: buses quiet/organized."	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Bus frequency in Waite Park is good (every 10-15 minutes)."	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment.
38	Northstar Rail	Facebook	"Finish the rail train" (Connect Saint Cloud to Twin Cities via Northstar Commuter Rail)	3/6/2017	Strategy a, Goal 2, Objective 2 states, "The APO will preserve and enhance long-distance commuter connections to the Twin Cities, including, but not limited to, the extension of the Northstar Commuter Rail to the Saint Cloud metro."

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1	Northstar Rail	Online survey	"Commuter rail -- need to increase availability of ride times during the weekends."	3/8/2017	Strategy a, Goal 2, Objective 2 states, "The APO will preserve and enhance long-distance commuter connections to the Twin Cities, including, but not limited to, the extension of the Northstar Commuter Rail to the Saint Cloud metro."
2	Northstar Rail	Online survey	Add more train departures and arrivals, not just for commuting, but to get connected with the metro.	3/10/2017	Strategy a, Goal 2, Objective 2 states, "The APO will preserve and enhance long-distance commuter connections to the Twin Cities, including, but not limited to, the extension of the Northstar Commuter Rail to the Saint Cloud metro."
1	Northstar Rail	Facebook	"Build the train station at the site of Champion. Plenty of room."	4/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment.
10	Northstar Rail	In-person event	"Bring Northstar to Saint Cloud."	5/10/2017	Strategy a, Goal 2, Objective 2 states, "The APO will preserve and enhance long-distance commuter connections to the Twin Cities, including, but not limited to, the extension of the Northstar Commuter Rail to the Saint Cloud metro."
1	Northstar Rail	In-person event	When is the Northstar coming to Saint Cloud?	5/10/2017	Strategy a, Goal 2, Objective 2 states, "The APO will preserve and enhance long-distance commuter connections to the Twin Cities, including, but not limited to, the extension of the Northstar Commuter Rail to the Saint Cloud metro."
1	Northstar Rail	In-person event	"The Northstar should run trains later in the evening."	5/10/2017	Strategy a, Goal 2, Objective 2 states, "The APO will preserve and enhance long-distance commuter connections to the Twin Cities, including, but not limited to, the extension of the Northstar Commuter Rail to the Saint Cloud metro."
1	Northstar Rail	In-person event	"When they do the Northstar demonstration project, make sure that veterans get counted." Commenter was worried that as a veteran he need only show his VA card to ride and so doesn't get counted as a rider because he doesn't buy a ticket.	5/10/2017	Funding for the demonstration project was not approved by the legislature.
1	Northstar Rail	In-person event	"Extending Northstar train to Saint Cloud could be a gateway for crime."	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment. No specific action was taken.
1	Northstar Rail	Online survey	Northstar from Big Lake to Minneapolis works well	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment.
1	Public Health	Online survey	Make sure to consider the health impacts and equity impacts of decisions that serve the entire community and individual's health	3/6/2017	Goal 5 of the MTP states, "Support transportation improvements that promote energy conservation and improve public health and quality of life, while sustaining and improving the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system."
1	Road Condition	Facebook	Fill more pot holes around the Saint Cloud and Waite Park areas	3/6/2017	Objective 1, Goal 3 was created, stating "Prioritize the maintenance and preservation of the existing transportation network."

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1	Road Condition	Online survey	"Redo 30th Avenue."	3/7/2017	30th Avenue North in Saint Cloud is a local roadway and is therefore ineligible for Federal funding. However, APO staff passed this comment along to Saint Cloud City staff for their information.
2	Safety	Facebook	Monitor bad drivers more	3/6/2017	Goal 1, Objective 4 states, "Support, to the extent practical, efforts by outside agencies and stakeholders to reduce bad driving behavior such as driving under the influence and distracted driving."
1	Safety	Online survey	"Remember victims are fleeing abuse and sometimes the only option is getting on a bus and going to a safe place."	3/6/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment and agrees.
1	Safety	Online survey	"To teach the immigrant population how to drive more proficiently."	3/7/2017	Chapter 11 includes a commitment to study the specific transportation needs and challenges of immigrants and refugees.
2	Safety	Online survey	"Somehow, 'fix' distracted drivers ..."	3/10/2017	Goal 1, Objective 4 states, "Support, to the extent practical, efforts by outside agencies and stakeholders to reduce bad driving behavior such as driving under the influence and distracted driving."
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	Commenter felt that those riders with disabilities should get discounted rides on Metro Bus during rush hours -- currently they get discounted rides only during non-rush hour times.	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Metro Bus needs to go out to Foley at least every 90 minutes."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Easier access to vehicles by increasing the number of bus stop locations."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Get more bus[es]. Hire more people with communication is a must."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Expand to other cities."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Bus should run all the time. 24/7/365. It's public transp[ortation]."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"If a person is 10 yards away running for the bus the driver are not waiting. This is public not self service."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Route 10 needs to connect to Crossroads Mall or Downtown Saint Cloud."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Can't get to SCSU-Miller Center in the evenings. Otherwise doing well. #5 is great! :)"	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.



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1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Facilities for students. More vehicles should be added to limit wait time."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Better synch [sic] #12 for better transfer ability."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Could use a bigger bus station with hot food stand or patio."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Restore bus from Mall to CentraCare-Urgent Care."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Improve bus service in Sartell."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Connect busses [sic] to Albany, Foley, etc. ..."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Letting new user know that there is bus trainers to help them on info on the routes."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
13	Metro Bus	Online survey	Metro Bus	3/8/2017	No action taken.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	Better east side routes	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	"The bus system works well, just need to finish the long term plan on routes so it all ties together and makes a great system."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	"For people like me that do not drive, the public transportation system provided by the bus company is all that we have with a reasonable rate of payment for the service."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
3	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Metro Bus to Saint Joseph industrial park/college."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
2	Metro Bus	In-person event	"More frequent routes on weekends. Otherwise all good."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"There should be a bus route that goes down Third Street in Waite Park in front of Famous Dave's and the library."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.

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1	Metro Bus	In-person event	When the commenter tries to go to Mass on the weekends, the buses either do not start early enough (Sunday mornings) or do not run late enough (Saturday evenings) for her to take the bus both ways.	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
2	Metro Bus	In-person event	"On weekdays, buses should start a little earlier and run a little later to better accommodate work schedules."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Buses should start earlier on Saturdays."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
2	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Buses should run later on Saturdays."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Buses should run a little longer on Sundays."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	Commenter requested more/better service for grocery shopping. Currently limited to carrying no more than three bags.	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"The corner of E St. Germain and 12th Avenue needs a bus shelter."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"E St. Germian (commenter did not know the cross street) needs a bus shelter."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Route 12 does not run frequently enough (every hour)."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"The Transit Center bathrooms need to be cleaned more frequently; they are smelly and gross."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Route 7 stops running at 5:45 p.m., but needs to run longer."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
2	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Routes need to run more often and later at night."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.

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1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Roads around Talahi School, especially student housing areas, are in bad shape (i.e., poor surface quality) and when kids park on both sides of the street, it becomes difficult to navigate a bus down the road."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"The Sartell bus route(s) should run longer than 7:30 p.m."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	"Over the past few months, tie-down straps for wheelchair[s] have come off." Commenter suggested Metro Bus staff may need refresher training on proper tie-down techniques for wheelchairs."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
3	Metro Bus	In-person event	"There's no reason for Route 6 and 7 to be 45 minutes long; the routes don't pulse with any buses at the Transit Center resulting in extended periods of waiting."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	In-person event	Buses are running too tight of a schedule. If a bus is late to the transit center, connections get missed and it keeps happening to the commenter. He stated "the buses are not dependable."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
3	General	Online survey	"Not much" / "Nothing"	5/10/2017	No action taken.
7	General	In-person event	Everything is good	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment. No action taken.
1	General	In-person event	"Service is great as of now."	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment. No action taken.
1	General	In-person event	"Excited for new changes."	5/10/2017	APO staff is excited too. No specific action taken.
11	Metro Bus	Facebook	"More busing" / More buses at peak hours/ More drivers / More frequent service than once an hour	3/6/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	Increase opportunities for mass transit	3/6/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.

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1	Metro Bus	Online survey	"There should be exceptions made during the winter months and if a rider had groceries."	3/6/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
16	Metro Bus	Online survey	Longer running schedules to accommodate later and earlier times/weekend run times and shift workers	3/6/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	More connections to cut down on the amount of time it takes to go to destinations	3/6/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
4	Metro Bus	Online survey	Buses and taxis more reasonably priced / "Make it free"	3/6/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
2	Metro Bus	Online survey	Extend routes to other regional cities, even if only a few times per day (e.g. Albany, St. Joseph, Collegeville)	3/6/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	"Provide transportation for everyone anywhere."	3/6/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment. No specific action was taken within the MTP. However, the APO stands ready to support and assist a Regional Transportation Coordinating Council if one is established in the area.
9	Metro Bus	Online survey	"Routes" / Expand bus routes (such as in Sartell and Sauk Rapids)	3/6/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	Install bus stop outside the Salvation Army Emergency Shelter	3/6/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	"Free for college students"	3/6/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so. In Chapter 11, APO staff does commit to gaining a better understanding of the transportation needs and challenges facing students.
2	Metro Bus	Online survey	"More Shelters"	3/6/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	More stops in high traffic areas	3/7/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.

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1	Metro Bus	Online survey	"Improve public transportation. There is no reason it should take over an hour to go from Sauk Rapids to South Saint Cloud."	3/13/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	"Have outdoor security always present at the downtown bus station. People that work downtown and have to walk through there are often hassled or made to feel uncomfortable by the patrons of the bus station. You shouldn't have to feel nervous to walk past there."	3/13/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
3	Metro Bus	Online survey	New website. "The new site on the internet you can't click the time frame doesn't work and if you want to see a schedule you have to put in your destination and arrival time then y[ou] get the schedule they should have a spot where u can look at the schedule."	5/10/2017	APO staff passed this comment along to Metro Bus staff.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	"Have a bus to go Summerland and Wapicada Golf Course."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
2	Metro Bus	Online survey	"Have weekends run same hours as week days."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	More heated bus shelters	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	Make a route that extend out by Opportunity Drive to the industrial park.	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.
1	Metro Bus	Online survey	"Start bus service earlier each day and run longer each night, espeically weekend days and evenings. If I want to go to church across town, I can't because the bus service is limited. I also tried to get Dial-a-Ride but I did not qualify. Bus service is so limited that I think people don't use it."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.

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3	Environment	Online survey	Promote programs that help our environment and reduce climate change	3/6/2017	Goal 5 of the plan is to "support transportation improvements that promote energy conservation and improve public health and quality of life, while sustaining and improving the resiliency and reliability of the transportation system." Objective 1 under that Goal states, "Protect the environment through the promotion of energy conservation." In addition, in Chapter 11, APO staff commits to seeking better understanding of the environmental/transportation trade-offs and seeking insight on the options or combination of options that minimizes the overall net environmental impact of transportation assets.
1	Environment	Online survey	"Commit to roadway lighting that is dark-skies friendly; significantly reduce light pollution."	3/10/2017	Strategy c, Goal 5, Objective 1 states, "The APO shall encourage and support the use of low-wattage street lights (e.g., LED lights) that are Dark Skies compliant."
1	Funding	Online survey	Any federal funding for township roads?	3/6/2017	APO staff believes that Federal BUILD grants can be used on township roads.
3	Funding	Online survey	"Create a plan for affordable vehicle ownership. Public transportation can't meet everyone's needs." / Used vehicle purchase assistance, low income vehicle repair programs	3/6/2017	Strategy a, Goal 4, Objective 1 states, "The APO will complete one or more planning documents to evaluate the feasibility of various options for providing or supporting low-cost transportation options for financially stressed households." In Chapter 11, APO staff commits to developing a plan for more affordable transportation.
1	Funding	Online survey	"Money towards roads and bridges -- not choo choo trains."	3/7/2017	APO staff agrees that transportation in general is underfunded and that priorities need to be set. However, all of the APOs public input indicates that completing the Northstar rail line to Minneapolis remains a high priority for area residents.
2	Funding	Facebook	Concern about funding cuts to buses/light rail/road-bridge-maintenance	4/10/2017	APO staff agrees that, in general, transportation is underfunded.
1	General	Online survey	Focus on collaboration within the community to share transportation resources	3/6/2017	APO staff agrees that sharing resources can create efficiencies. The purpose of the APO is to facilitate interjurisdictional cooperation to solve transportation issues.
1	General	Online survey	"More access for children and families."	3/6/2017	The specific concern raised by the commenter is unclear. No action taken.
1	General	Online survey	"I think transportation is fine right now."	3/7/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment.
1	General	Online survey	Takes too long to get a taxi	3/7/2017	No action taken.
1	General	Online survey	"Don't let elected officials get away with mile wide support that's only an inch deep."	3/8/2017	No action taken, but APO staff does encourage all residents to communicate their priorities to their elected officials.
1	General	Online survey	Examine a future with fewer cars	3/8/2017	Several goals and strategies (see Chapter 5) support further development of public transit and active transportation facilities. APO staff did not have time to develop alternative scenarios for this MTP, but intends to do so for the next MTP.
1	General	Online survey	"Everything needs some improvement."	3/8/2017	Goal 3, Objective 1 of the MTP states, "Prioritize the maintenance and preservation of the existing transportation network."
2	General	Online survey	"We need to have multiple options for people. This is not a one size fits all issue."	3/8/2017	The MTP is a multi-modal plan that includes data, analysis, goals, objectives, and projects for all modes of surface transportation.

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1	General	Online survey	"Studies in transportation economics found that 1. "working from home" does not decrease use of roads. Such workers went to coffee shops to work rather than to their employers. Still on the road. 2. Promoting passenger rails generally result in empty trains. Commuters love the idea hoping everyone else takes the passenger train freeing more space on the highway for them. 3. Toll roads sound good, but lower income folks than crowd roads without tolls. 4. More walkable land use development sounds good to young people without mobility issues - yet. Elderly who struggle with mobility don't like the idea of walking very much, or stepping up very high to get on to a bus."	3/10/2017	APO staff appreciates all of the comments. 1. No specific action was taken; 2. There continues to be significant public and political support for connecting the Northstar rail line directly to the Saint Cloud region, and that is reflected in the plan; 3. No specific action taken, but a section of Chapter 4 does discuss public-private partnerships for transportation projects; 4. No specific action taken.
1	General	Online survey	"There just isn't a 'wow' factor to report regarding Saint Cloud transportation. The diverging diamond on Highway 15 seems to work well though that is simply an intersection and not a transportation vision."	3/10/2017	APO staff agrees that the diverging diamond interchange at MN 15 and CSAH 120 does work well.
1	General	Online survey	"Increase the opportunities for non-motorized transportation users including: safety enhancements, infrastructure upgrades, and encouraging education of the benefits of non-motorized transportation (cut emissions, create more money for local businesses, etc.) Transportation is directly related to land use. Suburbs like Maple Grove would never have grown like they did if it was not for the automobile and the Interstate highway system. Encourage smart growth. Like Portland they have an Urban Growth boundary. I understand the limitations to this especially in regards to housing but there is always a better and smarter way to do things. Work with the local communities who are experiencing growth and encourage them to utilize smart growth within their subdivision or zoning ordinances. Keep ahead of the curve for innovative technology and new emerging concepts like solar panel streets, driverless car technology, and other advancements. If we stay ahead of the curve and encourage these new ideas we will all prosper as a region."	3/10/2017	Strategy e, Goal 2, Objective 2 was created, stating, "The APO will encourage and support, to the extent possible, appropriate densities and mixing of appropriate land uses to help reduce commute distances, encourage non-motorized options, and maximize the efficient delivery of public services to residents."

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1	General	Online survey	"Do NOT implement toll roads! Everywhere I have used them, they are incredibly inefficient in regards to traffic, create more pollution with cars ideling AND the roads are still in a state of disrepair. Florida near Orlando last June is a prime example. And, do not add more lanes to 94, they are obsolete as soon as they are completed. A train/rail/subway system would be awesome to see here. Toulouse, France is about the same size as greater Saint Cloud and they have a subway system!! Mass transit options need to be provided which will bring young professionals and entrepreneurs to the area ... growing new businesses that Saint Cloud lacks."	3/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comments. No specific action was taken, however, given comments from the White House, a subsection of Chapter 4 does discuss public-private partnerships.
1	General	In-person event	"Connect Saint Cloud to Twin Cities."	5/10/2017	Strategy a, Goal 2, Objective 2 was created and states, "The APO will preserve and enhance long-distance commuter connections to the Twin Cities, including, but not limited to, the extension of the Northstar Commuter Rail to the Saint Cloud metro."
1	General	In-person event	"More people using public trans[portation]."	5/10/2017	The MTP is a multi-modal plan that includes data, analysis, goals, objectives, and projects for all modes of surface transportation.
1	General	In-person event	"Should be more concerned to make things easier for students too."	5/10/2017	Chapter 11 includes a commitment to study the specific needs and challenges of students.
1	General	Online survey	The solar lights on stop-signs are great -- keep them coming	3/8/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment.
1	General	Online survey	Complete Streets are great	3/8/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment and agrees.
1	General	Online survey	"I think people make it work. I think that more options need to be available."	3/8/2017	The MTP is a multi-modal plan that includes data, analysis, goals, objectives, and projects for all modes of surface transportation.
1	General	Online survey	We have good transportation companies in the area	3/8/2017	APO appreciates the comment.
10	General	Online survey	Not sure	3/8/2017	No action taken.
1	General	Online survey	"I don't feel I am qualified to answer."	3/8/2017	No action taken.
1	General	Online survey	"Car."	3/8/2017	No action taken.



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2	General	Online survey	Timely snow plowing	3/10/2017	Goal 3, Objective 1 of the MTP states, "Prioritize the maintenance and preservation of the existing transportation network."
1	General	Online survey	College campus[es] are laid out well for community biking/walking	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment
1	Amtrak	In-person event	Move the Amtrak station to either the Northstar Park-and-Ride lot or the old paper mill	5/10/2017	No action taken.
1	Aviation	Online survey	"Bring back direct flights to Chicago."	5/10/2017	No action taken.
1	Beaver Island Trail	Facebook	Repave the Beaver Island Trail south of SCSU campus to the new section of trail starting at 33rd St. S	3/6/2017	Strategy d, Goal 2, Objective 1 was created, stating that "APO staff shall develop a process for monitoring and evaluating the condition of bike paths and multi-use paths and shall report their findings to the member jurisdictions."
4	Bike/Ped	Online survey	More walkable cities	3/6/2017	Objective 2, Goal 2 was created, stating "Identify and maintain viable non-motorized transportation options."
7	Bike/Ped	Online survey	More space and opportunities for bike & ped, and create a culture that encourages safe walking & biking	3/6/2017	Objective 3, Goal 2 was created, stating "Identify and maintain viable non-motorized transportation options." In addition, the APO has committed to completing a regional Active Transportation Plan to identify challenges and barriers to bike and ped
1	Bike/Ped	Online survey	"Add sidewalks to at least one side of streets."	3/6/2017	Objective 3, Goal 2 was created, stating "Identify and maintain viable non-motorized transportation options."
7	Bike/Ped	Online survey	"Better bike lanes" / More bike lanes	3/6/2017	Objective 3, Goal 2 was created, stating "Identify and maintain viable non-motorized transportation options."
4	Bike/Ped	Online survey	Safer bike routes for commuters	3/6/2017	Objective 3, Goal 1 was created, stating "Reduce the regional rates of bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and serious injuries." Additionally, the first strategy under this objective states, "APO staff will collect and evaluate bicycle and pedestrian crash data to help determine the most common causes of serious injuries and fatalities and to identify action steps for the mitigation of crashes."
3	Bike/Ped	Online survey	More bike trails	3/7/2017	Objective 3, Goal 2 was created, stating "Identify and maintain viable non-motorized transportation options."
2	Bike/Ped	Online survey	"Bike lanes along County Road 1/Great River Road north of Sartell and across 27th to the new high school."	3/8/2017	Great River Road between 12th Street North and 27th Street North does have 8' wide paved shoulders which can be used by bicyclists. 27th Street North does not have paved shoulders and at this time the APO is not aware of any plans to add paved shoulders or a bike lane to that corridor.
3	Bike/Ped	Online survey	"Start putting the pedestrian and non-motorized user first in reconstruction projects and new road projects."	3/10/2017	Objective 3, Goal 2 was created, stating "Identify and maintain viable non-motorized transportation options."
1	Bike/Ped	Online survey	Bike share program	3/13/2017	APO staff has committed to doing a bike share feasibility study

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1	Bike/Ped	Online survey	"Better crosswalks on 5th Avenue S."	3/13/2017	Objective 1, Goal 3 was created, stating "Prioritize the maintenance and preservation of the existing transportation network."
1	Bike/Ped	Online survey	"Bicycles are green!"	3/13/2017	APO staff agrees that bicycles are an Earth-friendly mode of transportation.
1	Bike/Ped	Online survey	"I am over 60 and bike to work about half the year. It can be done. If you bike you can eat more ice cream."	5/10/2017	APO staff agrees that bicycling to work is a legitimate option for many people, and also agrees that being able to eat more ice cream should be everyone's goal.
1	Bike/Ped	Online survey	"Connecting the bike paths that already exist should be a priority."	5/10/2017	APO staff has committed to completing a regional Active Transportation Plan to identify challenges and barriers for active transportation, including making connections between existing bike paths.
2	Bike/Ped	Online survey	Bike routes	3/8/2017	No action taken.
1	Bike/Ped	Online survey	"Bike lanes are great in Sartell"	3/8/2017	APO staff agrees and appreciates the comment.
1	Bike/Ped	Online survey	"Some state politician was talking about regulating bicycles. That is a dumb idea."	3/8/2017	APO staff does not know specifically to what statement the commenter is referring, but agrees that any regulation of bicycles should be reasonable and should be done with the intent to result in the greatest good for the most people.
3	Demographics	Online survey	Increasing elder-population; is the region ready?	3/6/2017	APO staff believes that the commenter is asking a good question. In Chapter 11 of the plan, the APO commits to developing a better understanding of the transportation needs and challenges of older residents.
1	Demographics	Online survey	Have more conversations with the immigrant/refugee communities to determine their transportation needs	3/6/2017	In Chapter 11, APO staff commits to developing a better understanding of the transportation needs and challenges of immigrants and refugees in the community.
1	Demographics	Online survey	"We are aging; what can be done for aging drivers who may live in the country? Facilitate the purchase of driverless cars?"	3/10/2017	APO staff believes that the commenter is asking good questions. In Chapter 11, APO staff commits to continue monitoring the development connected and automated vehicles.
1	Economic Development	In-person event	"Create opportunities (jobs) for everyone. Don't waste money on expansion and making everything 'look pretty.' Take care of the homeless." Commenter made additional comments about the Northstar train and seemed to be suggesting that extending the train service to Saint Cloud would help create additional opportunities by helping people get jobs outside of the Saint Cloud area.	5/10/2017	Chapter 4 of the plan includes a discussion of the relationship between economic development and transportation. In Chapter 11, APO staff commits to continuing to improve its understanding of that important relationship. Also, strategy 2(2)(a) states, "The APO will preserve and enhance long-distance commuter connections to the Twin Cities, including, but not limited to, the extension of the Northstar Commuter Rail to the Saint Cloud metro."

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1	System	In-person event	"Fix I-94 rough pavement."	5/10/2017	Objective 1, Goal 3 was created, stating "Prioritize the maintenance and preservation of the existing transportation network." Additionally, the APO monitors pavement quality in order to help prioritize the expenditure of maintenance resources.
1	System	Online survey	"No big digs but well planned incremental adjustments."	3/13/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment.
1	System	Online survey	New Highway 15 interchange	3/13/2017	The location to which the commenter is referring is not clear. However, there are no new MN 15 interchanges planned in this MTP.
1	System	Online survey	"I appreciate the area's two-lane roads for busier areas, especially in Saint Cloud. I also like the roundabouts WHEN they are practical and work well. Some roundabouts seem like they are useless."	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment. No specific action taken.
1	System	Online survey	"Left and right turn lanes are really helpful and well placed."	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment. No specific action taken.
1	System	In-person event	"I like the two lanes between Saint Cloud and Rogers. Not very congested."	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment. No specific action taken.
1	System	In-person event	"Excellent use of left hand turn lanes."	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment. No specific action taken.
1	System	In-person event	"Generally good levels of traffic."	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment. No specific action taken.
1	System	In-person event	Roundabouts	5/10/2017	No action taken.
1	Traffic Flow	Online survey	Commute time within Saint Cloud has doubled in the last two decades	3/6/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment. We cannot confirm or refute the exact statement made by the commenter, but we do understand the commenter is frustrated by their travel time to work. Our analysis indicates that fully implementing the MTP will help make travel times less bad, but will not keep pace with the anticipated growth in traffic, which is largely a function of available funding for transportation and the costs of accommodating traffic growth.
7	Traffic Flow	Online survey	Synchronize all traffic lights so that traffic flow is maximized (Especially on Division)	3/6/2017	The MTP does include a brief discussion of traffic management and signal synchronization in Chapter 2.
3	Traffic Flow	Online survey	Increase opportunities for safe passage for less traffic congestion	3/6/2017	APO staff believes that fully implementing the MTP will help improve safety. However, the outlook for decreasing traffic congestion is not good. Available resources for improving transportation infrastructure are not expected to keep pace with traffic growth.
1	Traffic Flow	Online survey	Roundabouts have not necessarily improved traffic flow at high times, especially along Pine Cone Road (Sartell)	3/6/2017	Roundabout are first and foremost a safety feature, and they have been shown to improve traffic flow when compared to a signalized intersection.

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1	Traffic Flow	Online survey	"Reduce access on TH 15 and improve mobility."	3/6/2017	Strategy f, Goal 2, Objective 2 states, "In cooperation with local partners, the APO will study the costs and benefits of various potential operational improvements to arterials roadways. MN 15 will be the first arterial roadway reviewed."
4	Traffic Flow	Online survey	"It's taking way to[o] long to get from Hwy 23 south through Waite Park/Saint Cloud, to Hwy 23 north. May want to start looking at bypasses around Waite Park/Saint Cloud" / Consider a ring highway around Saint Cloud	3/7/2017	The MTP includes a traffic model scenario for a ring-road. However, the cost of some sections of the proposed ring-road did not meet fiscal constraint requirements and so those sections are included in a non-constrained project list in the Appendices.
2	Traffic Flow	Online survey	More roundabouts	3/8/2017	Strategy a, Goal 1, Objective 1 states, "The APO shall encourage and support the installation of roundabouts, where appropriate, to help reduce right-angle crashes."
1	Traffic Flow	Online survey	Bridge on 33rd Avenue S in Saint Cloud over the river, especially with Tech HS, congestion will worsen	3/10/2017	The MTP includes a traffic model scenario for a ring-road, which includes a Mississippi River bridge at 33rd Avenue South in Saint Cloud. However, the cost of the bridge did not meet fiscal constraint requirements and so it is included in a non-constrained project list in the Appendices.
1	Traffic Flow	Online survey	Sartell-St. Cloud connections could be improved	3/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment and the sentiment.
1	Traffic Flow	Online survey	"Widen the roundabouts. If you pass through the Princeton roundabout, it is smooth as can be. Any roundabouts in St. Cloud make you dizzy to go through"	3/13/2017	No specific action taken.
1	Traffic Flow	Online survey	"I am only in St. Cloud due to drive time to MSP and Brainerd being convenient. Traffic is one reason I might decide to just move to the cities!"	3/13/2017	No specific action taken.
2	Traffic Flow	Online survey	No good way to turn left on Division	5/10/2017	No specific action taken.
1	Traffic Flow	Online survey	"Make Hwy 15 access [the] way it is at Co Rd 120. All bridges over the highway."	5/10/2017	Strategy f, Goal 2, Objective 2 states, "In cooperation with local partners, the APO will study the costs and benefits of various potential operational improvements to arterials roadways. MN 15 will be the first arterial roadway reviewed."
1	Traffic Flow	Online survey	"Fewer stoplights, especially stop lights across a highway. The infrastructure is designed for a St. Cloud population of 20 years ago."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken.
1	Traffic Flow	Online survey	"Nothing in St. Cloud [works]. It is always congested, the signals do not work in conjunction with the next light you come to. Hwy 15 is the only corridor that works. I can get on it at 18th St NW in Sauk Rapids and if I time it right can get all the way down to Holiday Inn at 2nd St S before I hit a red light."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken.
1	Traffic Flow	In-person event	"Traffic congestion getting worse in area."	5/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment. Our analysis indicates that fully implementing the MTP will help make travel times less bad, but will not keep pace with the anticipated growth in traffic, which is largely a function of available funding for transportation and the costs of accommodating traffic growth.

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1	Traffic Flow	In-person event	"I hate roundabouts. Don't add any more."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken.
13	Traffic Flow	Online survey	Roundabouts are great - keep them coming! ("...but don't go nuts!")	3/8/2017	Strategy a, Goal 1, Objective 1 states, "The APO shall encourage and support the installation of roundabouts, where appropriate, to help reduce right-angle crashes."
1	Traffic Flow	Online survey	"Timing of traffic lights off hours"	3/8/2017	The MTP does include a brief discussion of traffic management and signal synchronization in Chapter 2.
4	Traffic Flow	Online survey	Diverging diamond on Highway 15 works well	3/10/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment and agrees.
2	Safety	Online survey	"Lots of people walk and bike in this town but do not want to wait all the time for the lights and so they cross traffic when there seems to be enough time, especially on Division. If there was somehow a way for them to get across Division like a walkway ramp, it would at least be a safer option."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken.
1	Safety	Online survey	"Saint Cloud also has issues with proper pedestrian laws. Not only do cars not stop, but pedestrians are jaywalking, which creates a cycle where drivers refuse to stop. (Especially around the college)."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken, although in Chapter 11 APO staff does commit to better understand the transportation needs and challenges of students.
1	Safety	Online survey	More reflectors on traffic signs are great	3/8/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment.
1	Safety	Online survey	Emergency opticon system for first-responders works well	3/8/2017	APO staff appreciates the comment and agrees.
1	Safety	Online survey	Lighted crosswalks, rapid flash beacons and other safety upgrades are important	3/10/2017	No specific action taken. But, the APO staff does commit to analyze crash data to better understand the cause of crashes at high-crash locations. If the measures suggested by the commenter are appropriate for mitigating those crashes, we will recommend them.
2	System	Online survey	Redesign transportation networks to better serve families, especially those with young children	3/6/2017	No specific action taken. APO staff is not entirely clear what the issue is or how it should be addressed.
1	System	Online survey	Better access to places like fresh markets, community resources (such as Salvation Army-Highway 10 issue)	3/6/2017	No specific action taken in the MTP although APO staff does participate and will continue to participate in the local Access to Food committee.
2	System	Online survey	"Build roads above city with exits into the city like Duluth."	3/7/2017	No specific action taken.
1	System	Online survey	"Open 16th Avenue South to County Road 75."	3/7/2017	No specific action taken.
1	System	Online survey	"Better freeways and highways."	3/7/2017	APO staff agrees with the goal and believes implementing the MTP will result in better freeways and highways.

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1	System	Online survey	Widen freeway from Twin Cities	3/10/2017	Strategy a, Goal 2, Objective 2 states, "The APO will preserve and enhance long-distance commuter connections to the Twin Cities, including, but not limited to, the extension of the Northstar Commuter Rail to the Saint Cloud metro." In the time since this comment was received, the State has committed to widening I-94 between Monticello and Clearwater.
1	System	Online survey	"Extend a light rail system to reach much further into greater Minnesota, beginning with the Saint Cloud area."	3/10/2017	Strategy a, Goal 2, Objective 2 states, "The APO will preserve and enhance long-distance commuter connections to the Twin Cities, including, but not limited to, the extension of the Northstar Commuter Rail to the Saint Cloud metro."
1	System	Online survey	Make all of Highway 15 a grade separated highway from 94 to Highway 10. Complete an expressway around town.	3/13/2017	Strategy f, Goal 2, Objective 2 states, "In cooperation with local partners, the APO will study the costs and benefits of various potential operational improvements to arterials roadways. MN 15 will be the first arterial roadway reviewed."
1	System	Online survey	"Replace Highway 10 / Highway 23 bridge."	3/13/2017	Project MND-3 is the complete reconstruction of the US 10 and TH 23 interchange, including the TH 23 bridge structures over US 10.
1	System	Facebook	High speed railway connecting Saint Cloud, Mankato and the Twin Cities. Forget the BNSF and Amtrak (create new separate rail line).	4/10/2017	No specific action taken.
1	System	Online survey	"Making it easier and quicker to drive across Saint Cloud. Similar cities have much stronger inter-city routes (i.e. Mankato)."	5/10/2017	APO staff believes that implementing the MTP will help travel times.
1	System	Online survey	"Better access."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken.
1	System	Online survey	"A more multi-modal system. More bicycling and walking, smaller city buses."	5/10/2017	The MTP is a multi-modal plan that includes data, analysis, goals, objectives, and projects for all modes of surface transportation.
1	System	Online survey	"Adjust almost every light in the area to flash yellow arrows for left turns instead of having the red turn arrow."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken, but APO staff did pass the comment along to traffic operations staff.
1	System	Online survey	"Roundabouts do not work for all the elderly using medical facilities. Should never have put them all around CentraCare."	5/10/2017	No action taken.
1	System	In-person event	"Future I-94 interchange at Jade Road in Saint Joseph."	5/10/2017	An interstate interchange at Jade Road was considered, but it could not be included in the MTP because the project could not meet fiscal constraint requirements.
1	System	In-person event	"More tram type routes."	5/10/2017	No specific action taken. Planning for Metro Bus operations is the purview of the Metropolitan Transit Commission, but APO staff is prepared to support their planning efforts when called upon to do so.

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Number of Respondents	Category	Source	Comment	Date Recorded by APO	Disposition
1	System	In-person event	"Better public transit to Twin Cities and Brainerd."	5/10/2017	Strategy a, Goal 2, Objective 2 was created and states, "The APO will preserve and enhance long-distance commuter connections to the Twin Cities, including, but not limited to, the extension of the Northstar Commuter Rail to the Saint Cloud metro." No specific action was taken regarding better connections to Brainerd. However, it is the understanding of APO staff that if the Northstar rail line can be connected to the Saint Cloud region, then the Northstar Link buses would be redeveloped to bring commuters from other cities into Saint Cloud to catch the train. One possible route would be to Brainerd.
1	System	In-person event	"Trains to Brainerd and Fargo."	5/10/2017	No action taken.
1	System	In-person event	"Fix potholes."	5/10/2017	Objective 1, Goal 3 was created, stating "Prioritize the maintenance and preservation of the existing transportation network." Additionally, the APO monitors pavement quality in order to help prioritize the expenditure of maintenance resources.

**Figure A6:** Early Stage Public Engagement Comments for the MTP.

Public participation contributes to better decisions because decision-makers have more complete information-in the form of additional facts, values, and perspectives obtained through public input. As a result, decisions that are informed by public participation processes are seen as more legitimate and are less subject to challenge. Public participation should be viewed as an opportunity, when done well the results are broadly more acceptable, implementable, and sustainable.

***\*Public comments on the draft MTP will be added once the public comment period has ended.\****