



APPENDIX C  
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## meeting minutes

From: Kirk Lehmann  
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Project Name: Topeka Long Range Transportation Plan

Subject: Summary of Stakeholder Group Meetings

Meeting Attendees: See p.6

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### Discussion:

This memorandum summarizes the items discussed during the following meetings:

- July 7, 2016: Economic Development, Business Districts, American with Disabilities Act, Airport, and Local Streets Focus Groups
- July 8, 2016: Public Safety, State Highways, Airport, and Heartland Visioning Focus Groups
- July 11 and 25, 2016: Transit Focus Groups
- July 28, 2016: JUMP Group

For attendees, see sign-in sheets. Themes that were discussed at these meetings include:

### GENERAL

- 1) Good transportation plans are developed, but need better implementation
  - a) Currently making progress
  - b) **Performance measures will identify what should change (KDOT's are in the draft stage)**
  - c) **Preservation is a top priority and "Complete Streets" are important.**
- 2) Social equity can be an issue in Southeast Topeka – **"not good enough" for roundabouts**
- 3) KDOT/KTA partner with the City on projects; local funding will be needed for future major projects
- 4) Connected/Autonomous Vehicles will greatly impact transportation needs, as will ride sharing services
- 5) There are transportation issues beyond the MPO planning boundary
  - a) County and City policies and plans should be consistent
  - b) Topeka needs meaningful connections to smaller cities
- 6) Awareness: Many are not aware of alternative transportation options (buses, bike routes, services, etc.); need higher visibility and more diverse advertising (choice riders, elderly, obese, etc.)

### MAINTENANCE

- 1) General street, sidewalk, and bike trail maintenance needs to be a top priority.
- 2) City streets, especially local streets, are in poor condition
  - a) Too many potholes gives a poor impression to visitors
  - b) Some neighborhoods and roads are not seeing adequate investment
    - i) Oakwood, an elderly community, and South Topeka Blvd. are not in very good shape
    - ii) Frontage roads E. of Kansas Ave. need repair



- c) Need to spreading word of "Pot Hole" Hotline
- d) South to Osage County there are wash out areas; could be solved with chip and seal
- 3) Population has not continued much growth; road revenues have remained stagnant
- 4) Need more funding for the amount of maintenance required or it will result in deferred maintenance
  - a) County is having issues maintaining proper funding; City needs \$50 million/year but only had \$37 million last year
  - b) Sales tax is provides some funding (\$13 million), but may not come in fast enough
  - c) More work than current City and County crews can do
    - i) County paving crews are kept very busy and City staff overcapacity doing mill and overlay work on local streets
- 5) City is currently working on a pavement management plan
- 6) Kansas Avenue improvement Downtown is great

#### ACCESS, CONGESTION, AND IMPROVEMENT

- 1) Easy to get to Topeka, but mobility within the city can be an issue
  - a) North Topeka: generally hard to get to by car
    - i) the Topeka Blvd. and Kansas Ave. Bridges are congested during the pm peak period
    - ii) No left turn lane northbound Kansas Avenue Bridge at NE Laurent St.
  - b) Southeast Topeka: Needs new interchange on I-335 near 29<sup>th</sup> and California Avenue
  - c) Lack good transportation (transit/taxi) connections from Topeka Regional Airport to the city
  - d) Intersection operation/capacity is a higher importance than road link capacity: 29<sup>th</sup> & Fairlawn is a priority
- 2) Topeka has "inconvenience," not true congestion: current street system is adequate for population
  - a) Over time, will need to grow street capacity to support highway operations
  - b) Congested areas: 29<sup>th</sup> and Fairlawn; I-70 from I-470 to downtown; and Interstate highway service interchanges, including at Fairlawn and at US-75
  - c) Need to be more proactive regarding capacity issues at I-70 connections to public streets
- 3) Shawnee County has a plan for road improvements that is being implemented; currently working on the fringe: Auburn Road, SW 61<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Wanamaker, SE Croco Road, and SE 45<sup>th</sup> Street
- 4) Potential new improvements:
  - a) I-70 Polk-Quincy Corridor & US-24 E. of Kansas Ave. are the only current major highway projects; construction is not currently programmed
  - b) Willard Bridge across the Kansas River could link to Rossville and connect to US-24
  - c) A better connection from NB I-335 / EB I-470 to WB I-70 may improve downtown access and relieve Topeka Blvd.
  - d) A future SW Connector could connect 37<sup>th</sup> & Gage to 41<sup>st</sup> & Wanamaker and relieve the 29<sup>th</sup> & Fairlawn intersection (would need to be limited access to limit new sprawl)
  - e) Croco Rd./Lake/Bettis Center and development between 37<sup>th</sup> & 45<sup>th</sup> may need 5 lanes
  - f) Two new interchanges on the Turnpike could improve access to underserved areas in the region
  - g) Need access to the Auburn area from I-335 (Kansas Turnpike)
  - h) Local interest in new access point on US-24 at Clay Street
  - i) Alternative connection to Lawrence (in addition to the Turnpike) may be needed
- 5) **The City's 200+ traffic signals need better timings/coordination** along key corridors.
  - a) The City needs more proactive traffic management (especially on corridors like Wanamaker)
  - b) Putting out an RFP for new traffic signal management system
- 6) Truck traffic needs to better fit within regular traffic or should be re-routed like it was along N. Kansas Ave. through NOTO; currently the ramp that serves the Great Overland Station needs it
- 7) Review policies: number of lanes for different streets, pavement lane widths (balance roadway functions)
- 8) KTA study of south toll plaza/interchange: \$100 million to construct the ultimate design
  - a) Bridges over Topeka Boulevard and the south toll plaza will be improved in 2017
  - b) **"Open road" tolling: KTA East Terminal in 2017 and East Topeka in 2018**
- 9) See Transit Section for discussions of access to transit

#### SAFETY

- 1) Roadway safety
  - a) Needs more proactive analysis, including of high accident corridors to reduce issues.
  - b) Need to address traffic light issues to reduce accidents on Wanamaker
  - c) Need to look at lighting issue at casino to avoid T-bone wrecks
- 2) I-70 through downtown needs some changes



- a) Replacing the I-70 Polk-Quincy Viaduct is important due to its age and safety concerns; currently not funded but design is through the field check stage
- b) Ramp for Danbury Lane creates some weaving issues with SB US-75 traffic merging onto WB I-70; consider modifications when Fairlawn Rd. interchange is reconstructed in the future, possibly to a one ramp interchange
- c) The curve on I-70 near 3<sup>rd</sup> Street can be dangerous
- 3) Bicycles: US-75 over the Kansas River is only place to cross the river W. of Topeka Blvd. causing some safety concerns about bikes riding alongside traffic; Bicyclists use KDOT property from Gage Blvd. to US-75.
- 4) Roundabouts are considered good intersection design and their use is to be encouraged
- 5) Responders would like to see traffic patterns/ accidents/issues via monitors during deployment.
- 6) Need to look at N. 46<sup>th</sup>: Trucks at quarry are coming out and hitting windshields with debris
- 7) Trail access is limited for medical and assault response; need to coordinate access points

#### ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- 1) Topeka is spread out (low density **dev't**); makes worthwhile bike/ped facilities expensive and general walkability low
- 2) Good current City Bicycle and Pedestrian plans
  - a) **Need to look at how the County's trail plan compares to the City's**
  - b) Projects need to be implemented by continuing to develop bike and pedestrian facilities
  - c) Expanded trails increase quality of life and help attract more people to the community
  - d) Metro Bikes and bike paths have been excellent
- 3) Proper sidewalks and ramps are critical
  - a) They can either aid mobility or act a barrier (ADA); **Topeka's are often an issue for the disabled**
- 4) Downtown is now more pedestrian friendly since Kansas Avenue has been narrowed to three lanes.
- 5) **Topeka is a "bronze level" bicycle community, but goal is to move to a "Silver" level**
- 6) Conflicts between bicyclists and disabled pedestrians is an issue – **bicyclists don't seem to see/expect wheelchairs**
- 7) Some sidewalks do not have adequate lighting (Washburn to Gage, Shunga Dr to 21<sup>st</sup>)

#### TRANSIT

- 1) TMTA has expanded transit service hours, but more is needed to promote/enhance transit, including group coordination
  - a) Coverage and frequency are both important, but so are extended hours
    - i) Had to cut hours with loss of JARC funding in 2010, long waits for cabs
    - ii) Biggest priority from public meeting is service after 10:30-11:00 pm and Sunday service for employment
  - b) Connect transit service to industrial area jobs, especially for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shift workers at manufacturing businesses like the Mars plant and employees of the Wanamaker corridor
  - c) Connecting the Topeka Regional Airport to the city is an issue; need commitment from taxis/shuttle for air service
  - d) **Working on putting together a "medical route" but funding is challenging**; recently applied for a FTA grant
  - e) Need transit service into the county (Montara, Lake Sherwood, employment centers)
  - f) Commuter line (or inner-city express) from Lawrence to Topeka still a priority.
  - g) Need to know the transit schedule because one cannot rely on buses every 10 minutes
- 2) Improve inner city transit links: connect Downtown to NOTO and the Washburn campus; create a downtown shuttle to connect outlying parking lots with workplaces.
  - a) Some stops are difficult (6<sup>th</sup> & MacVicar, VA Hospital, need to consolidate driveways on arterials to allow stops)
- 3) Sprawl creates difficulty from a transit standpoint
  - a) Requests/discussions for transit must happen early in the planning process when constructing new/satellite offices (Stormont Vail and Social Security Office both built in the County, inaccessible to transit)
  - b) Infill would ensure transit service can still get to new businesses and offices – there are lots of abandoned buildings
  - c) **Need to be able to make a "1-hour pulse"** and bus pullouts are needed so stops do not hold up auto traffic
- 4) Transportation is an issue for persons with disabilities, but TMTA is making improvements
  - a) Weather impacts the ability of the disabled to use fixed route transit, as does lack of sidewalks to stops
  - b) Service is an issue for those wanting to age in place; need more service from rural to urban areas and to the west
  - c) Paratransit prioritizes work and medical trips, but needs service to allow for social trips
  - d) Every bus has a lift, drivers are trained, and paratransit is available
  - e) Goal of having every transit stop ADA accessible within 3 years **with help of City; need to align City's 10-year sidewalk plan with TMTA's 3-year ADA plan**, coordinate with Public Works/Planning to extend sidewalks
  - f) Currently transitioning paratransit riders to transit to increase mobility and reduce overhead costs
- 5) Transit needs more funding; 90% TARC clients use transit; concerned with flat operational budget and insufficient funding for replacement vehicles; City has a Complete Streets Fund



- 6) Ridership had trended downward following service contraction caused by budget reductions but has stabilized
  - a) Special/subsidized fares for high school students, Washburn students, faculty, and staff, low income persons, etc.
  - b) Looking to continue expanding, possibly with State of Kansas or choice riders
- 7) Facilities
  - a) Need a Greyhound Station instead of dropping off in parking lot; maybe coordinate with Quincy Street Station
  - b) West Transfer Center is also needed, possibly near White Lakes Mall; currently the 4 Walmarts are mini-hubs
  - c) TMTA connects to the AMTRAK station
- 8) Using technology for catching buses is in long term vision (ex. Automatic Vehicle Location is being added)

#### AIR SERVICE

- 1) The Chamber supports attracting air service, a relatively new position
- 2) No freight and air Guard comprises half of the operations; Topeka Regional Airport serves Fort Riley troop movements
- 3) Most civilian pilots use Billard Airport, but trying to bring air service to Topeka Regional Airport
  - a) Terminal has been remodeled and is ready to support new service
  - b) Runway pavement will be replaced over the next 2-3 years and should be in good shape for the next 40 years
  - c) Contains the longest runway in Kansas (runway 13-31) and can handle any type of aircraft
- 4) New airline is considering Topeka; Partner has asked for market study
  - a) Should provide better performance than the last carrier's 24% on-time performance
  - b) Need City/County/State/businesses to sign contracts committing a percentage of business with airline
  - c) Need to ensure better connectivity from airport to city (reliable taxis or a shuttle) - opportunity for Metro Transit.
- 5) Ongoing need to fight the perception that air service is not needed: Topeka area should be able to easily support 90,000 enplanements a year and provide a \$100 million impact to the community
  - a) FAA funding for capital improvements - \$150,000 per year + discretionary funding for major projects
  - b) MTAA owns 500 acres and 70 buildings (90% are occupied)
- 6) Convenience of using Topeka Regional terminal: \$127 million currently spent by Topeka area residents at KCI; travelers would save over an hour of driving each way and only pay \$5 for parking

#### AESTHETICS/IMPRESSIONS/WAYFINDING

- 1) Road gateways to the city give visitors a poor first impression
  - a) Look of streets, highways, and some businesses because of lack of cleanliness or low appeal
  - b) Making these more attractive this opens up economic development opportunities
  - c) Topeka Blvd. corridor (especially South Topeka Blvd.) needs some work
    - i) The street portion could be improved, but the land uses along it are unflattering
    - ii) Railroad bridge over Topeka is old; replacement would improve aesthetics
    - iii) Possibly direct people down 57<sup>th</sup> to Hwy 75 and create a "gateway" project there?
- 2) Connections from highways to city streets look unkempt.
- 3) Kansas Avenue Bridge is unattractive compared to the Topeka Boulevard Bridge.
- 4) Need better signing system to help visitors navigate
  - a) New plan is good, but needs to be implemented and maintained
  - b) Visitors have an especially hard time finding NOTO

#### BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT

- 1) Sprawl development to the southwest has negatively impacted other areas of the city
  - a) Need to prioritize infill development
- 2) The City already has several development areas with economic development opportunities
  - a) K-4 is a good road that could support development within the City
    - i) important improvements are designed but currently not funded for construction
  - b) Access to 29<sup>th</sup> & Interchange has potential but abandoned buildings are an eyesore.
  - c) Growth could happen from Croco to Wanamaker
  - d) US-24 is a developing corridor but Interchange at Topeka Boulevard is still an old design
  - e) **New access point at California & turnpike may promote economic dev't**
  - f) Meriden Road north of US-24 is important
  - g) 2006 KTA study of a potential interchange near Auburn, but this may not match land use goals regarding sprawl
  - h) 2015 KTA study of a potential interchange near 29<sup>th</sup> & California; would require City partnership to fund but could help redevelop the area
- 3) Street system needs to be able to accommodate growth



- 4) Transit is important for lower wage workers, especially in employment centers in the County; currently timing does not work with 2<sup>nd</sup> shift workers
- 5) Topeka does not have a major truck stop and is losing out on revenue
- 6) Better communication between businesses and the City about street construction will help them plan for lost revenues
- 7) Commercial air service needs to be part of the transportation picture to help Topeka grow
- 8) A number of rundown businesses are located along South Topeka Boulevard

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Enclosure: Sign In Sheets

cc: MTPO staff and Topeka LRTP Steering Committee



## Topeka Long Range Transportation Plan Stakeholder Groups

7-7-2016, 7-8-2016, 7-11-2016, and 7-28-2016

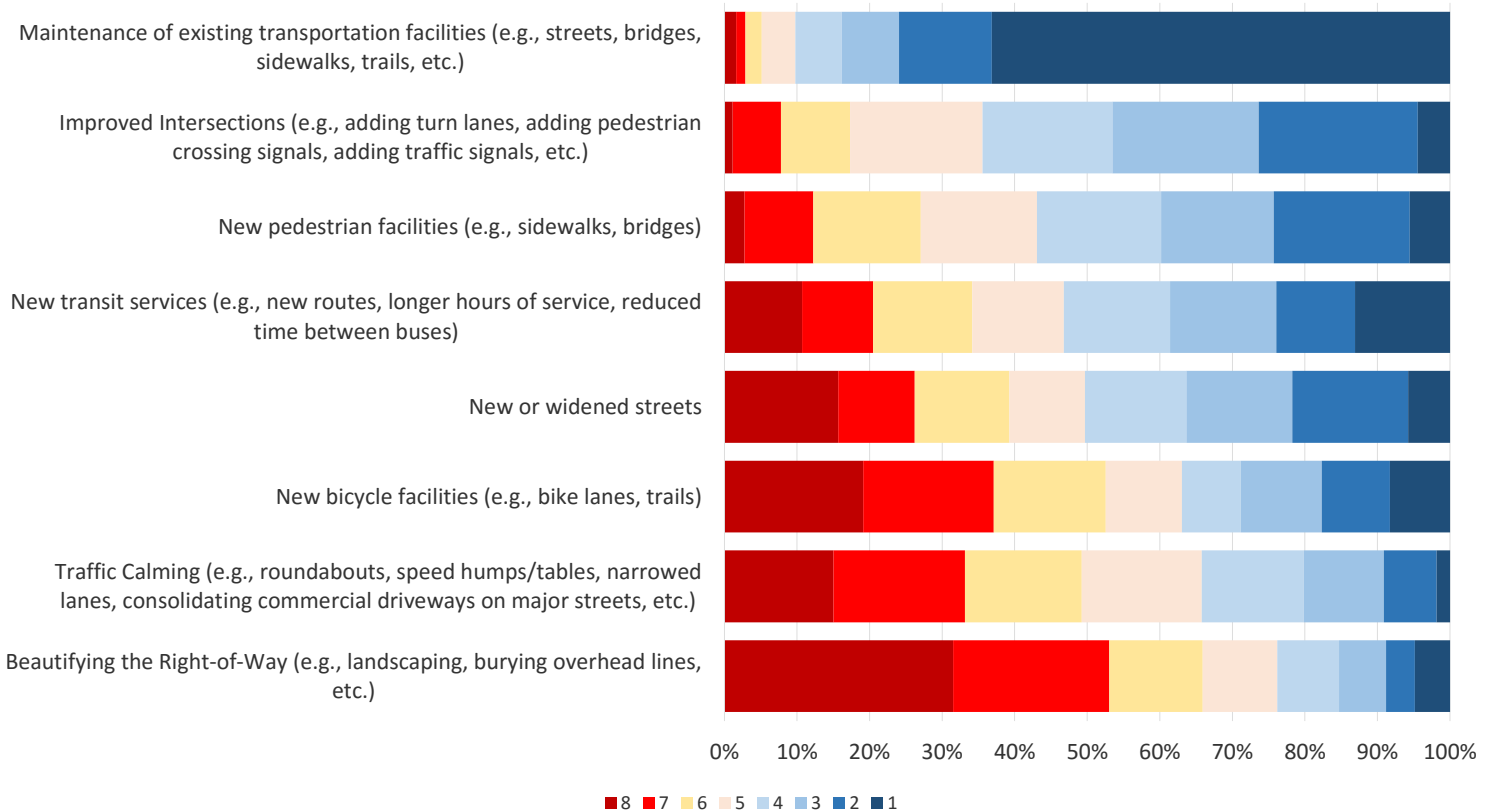
- I. **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (Chamber of Commerce, Go Topeka, Visit Topeka):  
Matt Pivarnik, Curtis Sneden, Brett Oetting
- II. **BUSINESS DISTRICTS**: John Hunter, Jennifer Kirme, Vince Frye
- III. **ADA GROUPS**: Shelby Fry, Mike Oxford, and Hal Gardner (DTI/NOTO)
- IV. **LOCAL STREETS AND ROADS**: Jason Peek - Topeka Public Works, Tom Vlach  
(Shawnee County Public Works)
- V. **PUBLIC SAFETY/FIRST RESPONDERS**: Nelson Casteel, Kevin Flory, Kenton  
Lewis, Kris Kramer, Scott King
- VI. **STATE HIGHWAYS** (KDOT, KTA): Steve Baalman, Scott King, Mike Moriarty, David  
Jacobson
- VII. **AIRPORT** (MTAA): Eric Johnson
- VIII. **TRANSIT** (MPO, SNEM, TMTA, E. Topeka Senior Center): Carlton Scroggins,  
Nelson Casteel, Pamela Reeden, Al Bradley, Susan Duffy, Annie Spencer
- IX. **TRANSIT TOUR** (TMTA): Susan Duffy, Patrick Blankenship
- X. **JUMP**: Lenora Douglas, Latricia Kearse, Joyce Revely, Rochelle King, Eve Kendall,  
Ray Robinson, Deborah Vance, Pam Ensley, Ray Berry, George Pennington, Carol  
Babcock, Sharon McGuire, Lenora Kinzie, Anne Martinez, Lloyd Becker, Roberta  
Wirth, Roger Neufeld-Smith, Ernestine Adams, Olga Hennessey, Lorna Boden, Jane  
Williams, Stan McAdoo, Janet Nyfeler, and Shanae Elem



**Topeka Regional Transportation Plan Survey Results**  
**October 2016 – 775 Responses**

<b>Please rank the importance of spending money available to the region on the following eight items with 1 being most important and 8 being least important.</b>										
	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Ave.</b>	<b>Count</b>
Beautifying the Right-of-Way (e.g., landscaping, burying overhead lines, etc.)	208	142	85	68	56	43	26	32	5.98	660
Traffic Calming (e.g., roundabouts, speed humps/tables, narrowed lanes, consolidating commercial driveways on major streets, etc.)	97	117	104	107	91	71	47	12	5.32	646
New bicycle facilities (e.g., bike lanes, trails)	120	113	97	66	51	70	59	52	5.17	628
New or widened streets	101	68	84	67	90	94	103	37	4.67	644
New transit services (e.g., new routes, longer hours of service, reduced time between buses)	68	62	87	80	93	93	69	83	4.37	635
New pedestrian facilities (e.g., sidewalks, bridges)	17	58	91	98	105	95	115	34	4.15	613
Improved Intersections (e.g., adding turn lanes, adding pedestrian crossing signals, adding traffic signals, etc.)	7	42	60	115	113	127	138	28	3.84	630
Maintenance of existing transportation facilities (e.g., streets, bridges, sidewalks, trails, etc.)	10	8	14	29	40	49	80	394	1.96	624
answered question										705
skipped question										69

**Rank of Improvements**

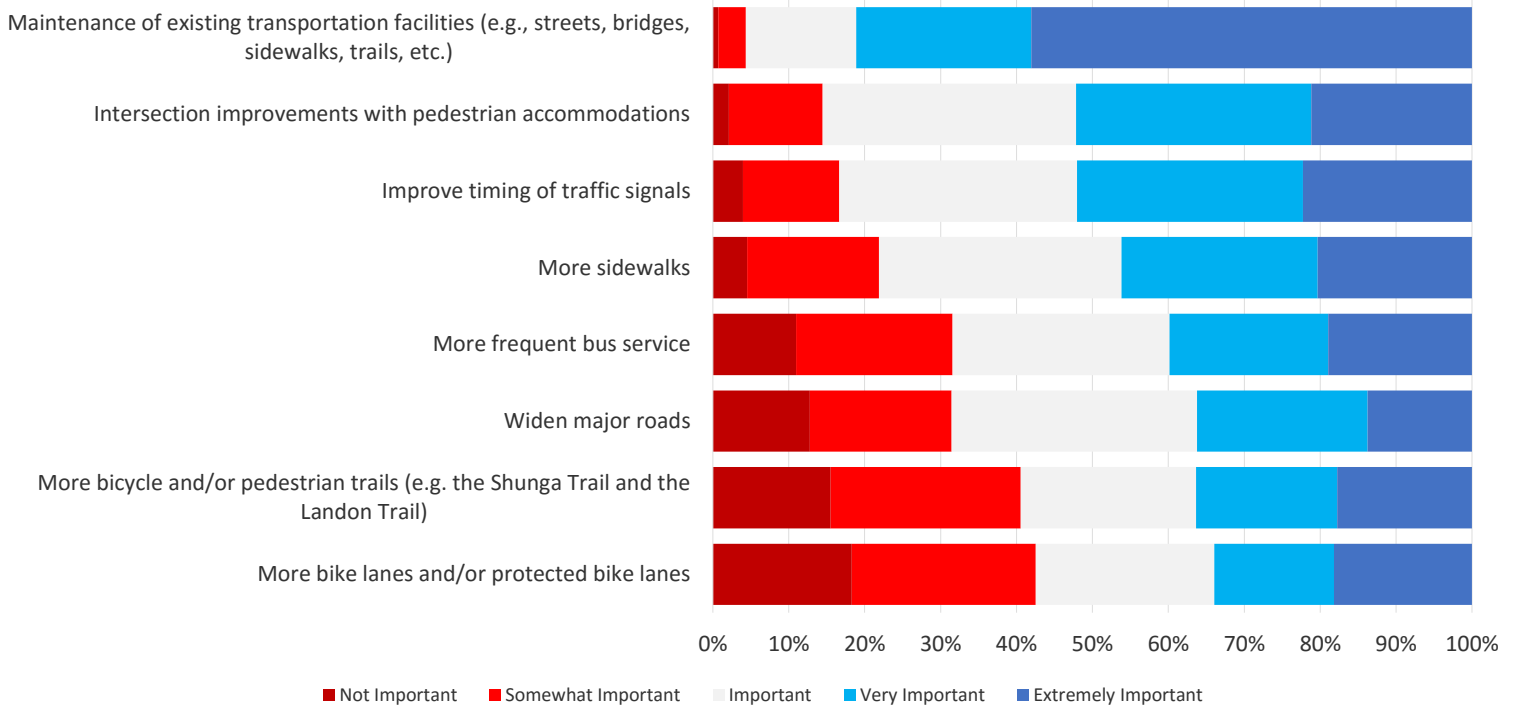




### How important are the following improvements?

	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Count
More bike lanes and/or protected bike lanes	130	172	167	112	129	710
More bicycle and/or pedestrian trails (e.g. the Shunga Trail and the Landon Trail)	110	178	164	132	126	710
Widen major roads	91	133	230	160	98	712
More frequent bus service	77	145	201	147	133	703
More sidewalks	32	123	226	183	144	708
Improve timing of traffic signals	28	90	222	211	158	709
Intersection improvements with pedestrian accommodations	15	88	238	221	151	713
Maintenance of existing transportation facilities (e.g., streets, bridges, sidewalks, trails, etc.)	5	26	104	165	415	715
answered question						716
skipped question						58

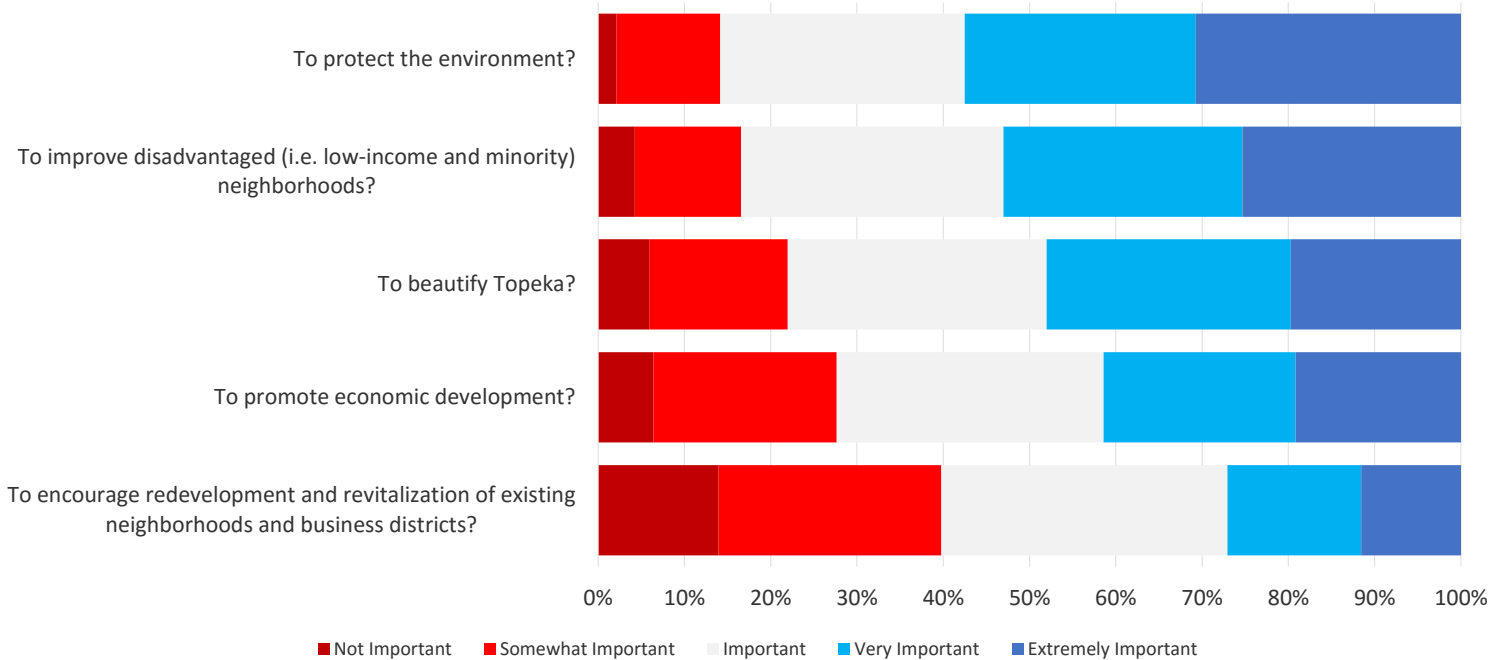
### Importance of Improvements



### How important is it to use transportation investments...

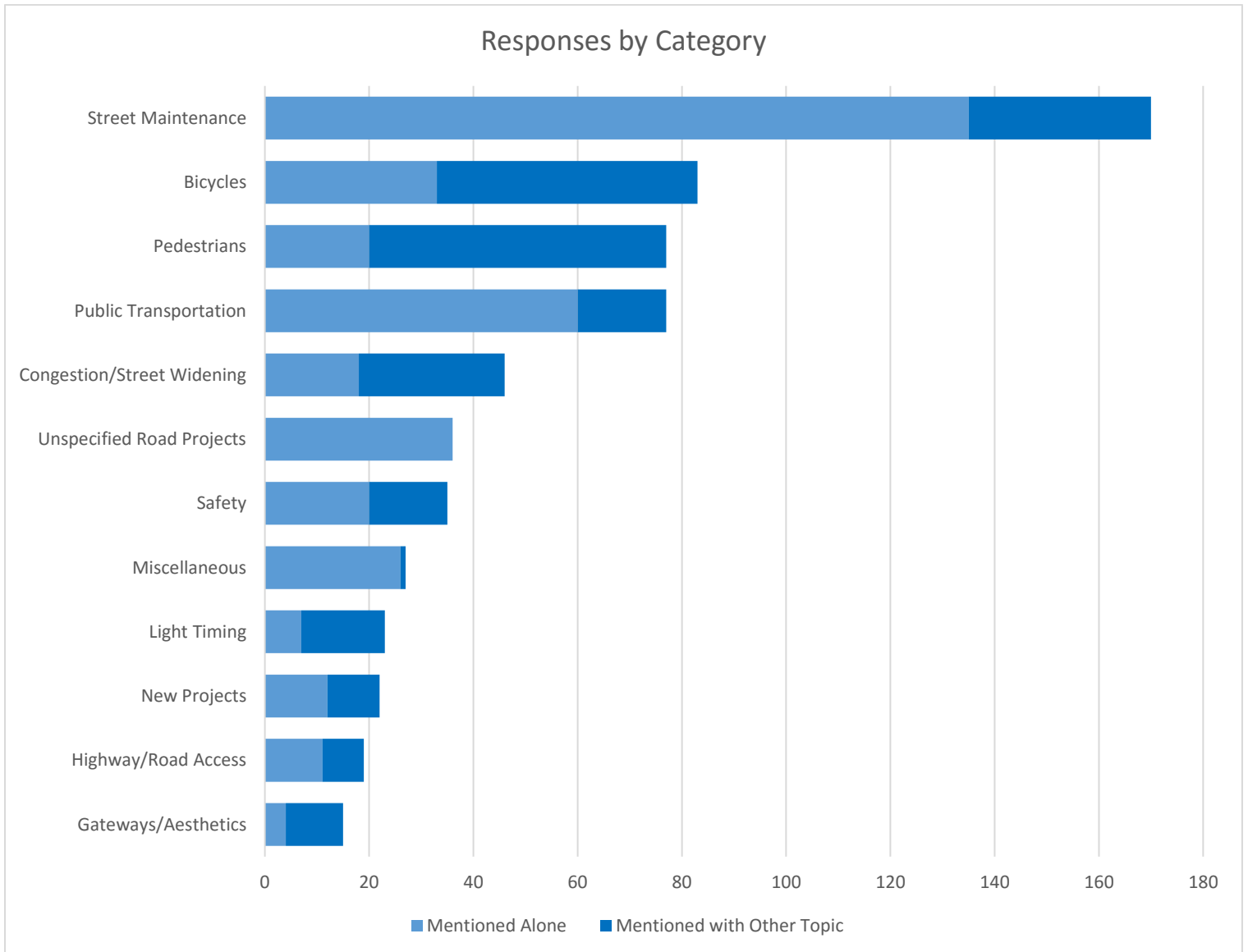
	Not Important	Somewhat Important	Important	Very Important	Extremely Important	Count
To encourage redevelopment and revitalization of existing neighborhoods and business districts?	99	183	235	110	82	707
To promote economic development?	45	150	218	157	135	710
To beautify Topeka?	42	114	213	201	140	709
To improve disadvantaged (i.e. low-income and minority) neighborhoods?	30	87	215	196	179	706
To protect the environment?	15	85	200	189	217	705
answered question						705
skipped question						69

### Importance of Transportation Investment Purposes



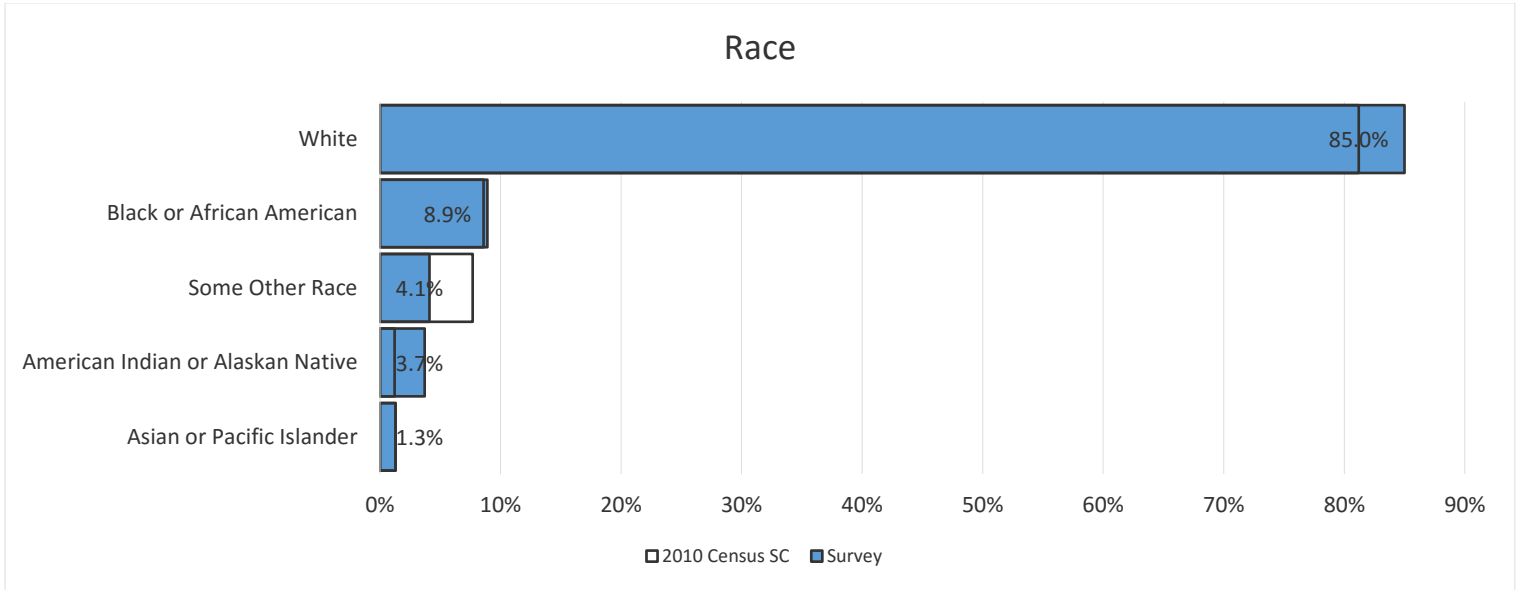
**What is the single most important transportation project that needs to be completed in the Topeka area in the next several years? [This was an open comment question. Responses have been organized by topics]**

	Only Topic Mentioned in Comment	Mentioned in conjunction with another topic	Total Mentions
Street Maintenance	135	35	170
Bicycles	33	50	83
Public Transportation	60	17	77
Pedestrians	20	57	77
Congestion/Street Widening	18	28	46
Unspecified Road Projects	36	0	36
Safety	20	15	35
Miscellaneous	26	1	27
Light Timing	7	16	23
New Projects	12	10	22
Highway/Road Access	11	8	19
Gateways/Aesthetics	4	11	15
		Total Comments	493

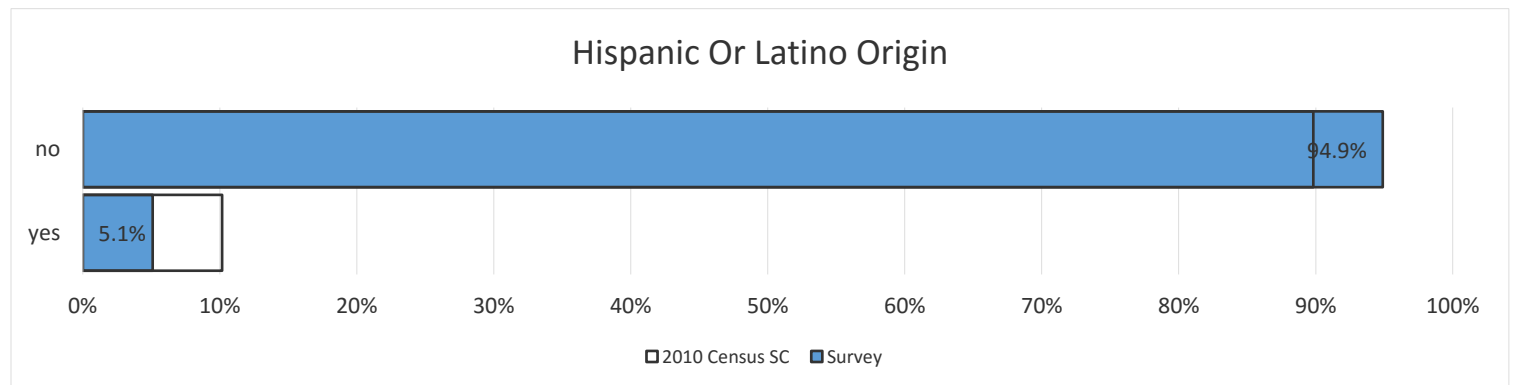


## Demographic Characteristics: Shawnee County 2010 Census vs. Respondents

<b>With which race(s) do you identify?</b>			
	<b>2010 Census</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Asian or Pacific Islander	1.3%	1.3%	9
American Indian or Alaskan Native	1.2%	3.7%	26
Some Other Race	7.7%	4.1%	29
Black or African American	8.6%	8.9%	63
White	81.2%	85.0%	600
answered question			706
skipped question			68



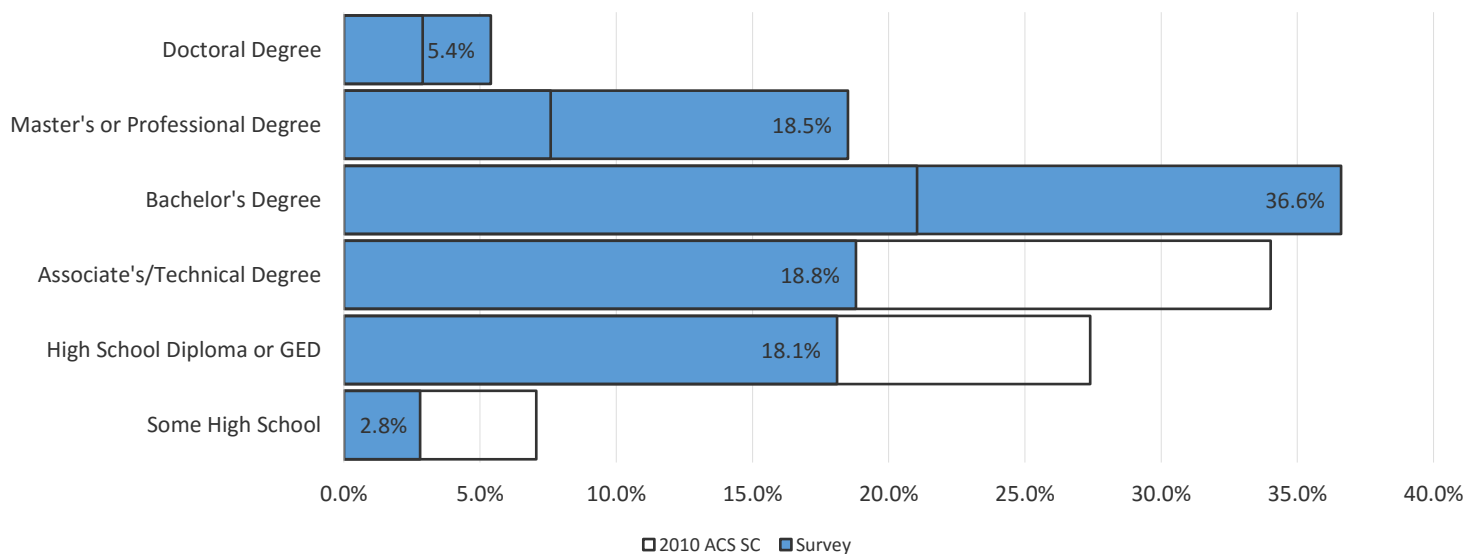
<b>Do you identify as Hispanic or Latino?</b>			
<b>Answer Options</b>	<b>2010 Census</b>	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Yes	10.2%	5.1%	36
No	89.8%	94.9%	670
answered question			706
skipped question			68



### What is your highest level of education?

	2010 Census	Response Percent	Response Count
Some High School	7.1%	2.8%	20
High School Diploma or GED	27.4%	18.1%	131
Associate's/Technical School Graduate	34.0%	18.8%	136
Bachelor's Degree	21.0%	36.6%	265
Master's or Professional Degree	7.6%	18.5%	134
Doctoral Degree	2.9%	5.4%	39
answered question			725
skipped question			49

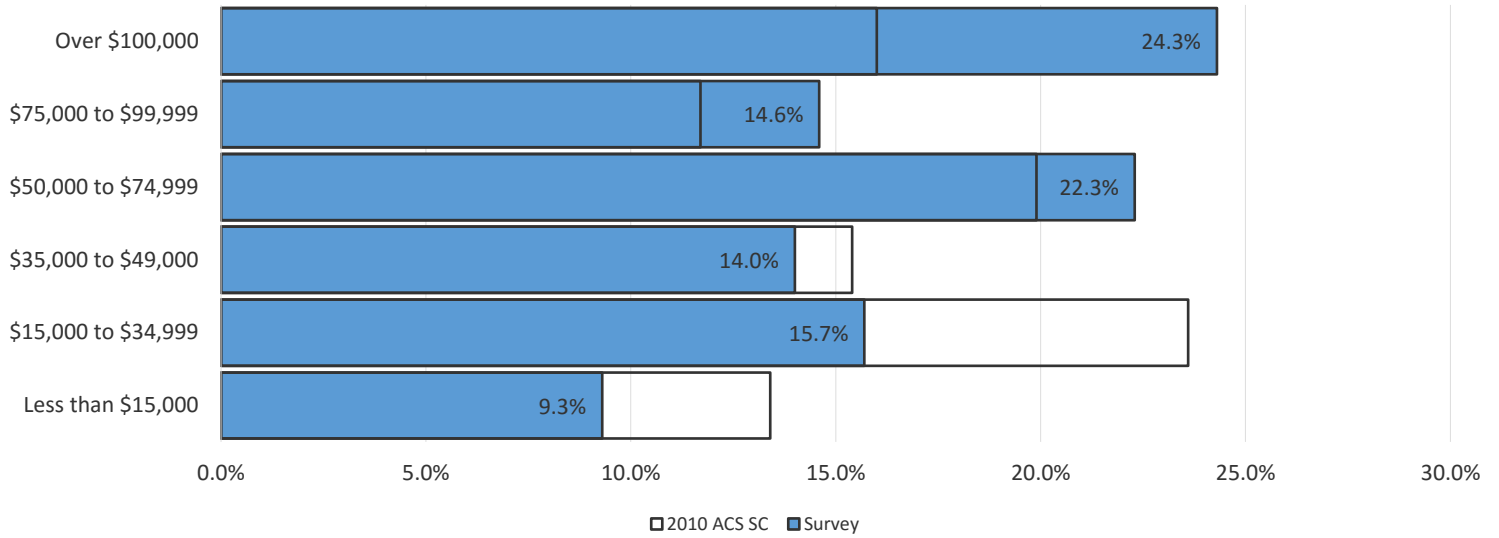
### Highest Level of Education



### What is the total annual income of your household? (i.e. the sum of earnings of all members of your household)

	2010 Census	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than \$15,000	13.4%	9.3%	65
\$15,000 to \$34,999	23.6%	15.7%	110
\$35,000 to \$49,000	15.4%	14.0%	98
\$50,000 to \$74,999	19.9%	22.3%	156
\$75,000 to \$99,999	11.7%	14.6%	102
Over \$100,000	16.0%	24.3%	170
answered question			701
skipped question			73

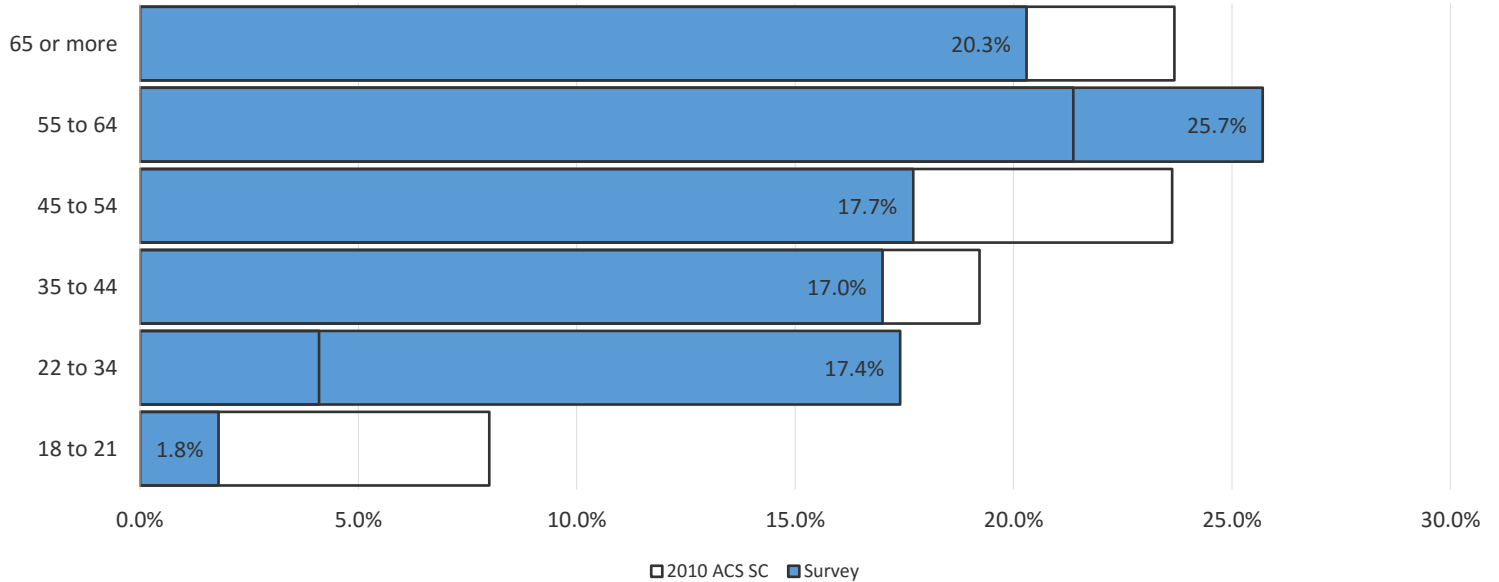
### Household Income



### What is your age group?

	2010 Census	Response Percent	Response Count
18 to 21	8.0%	1.8%	13
22 to 34	4.1%	17.4%	127
35 to 44	19.2%	17.0%	124
45 to 54	23.6%	17.7%	129
55 to 64	21.4%	25.7%	187
65 or more	23.7%	20.3%	148
answered question			728
skipped question			46

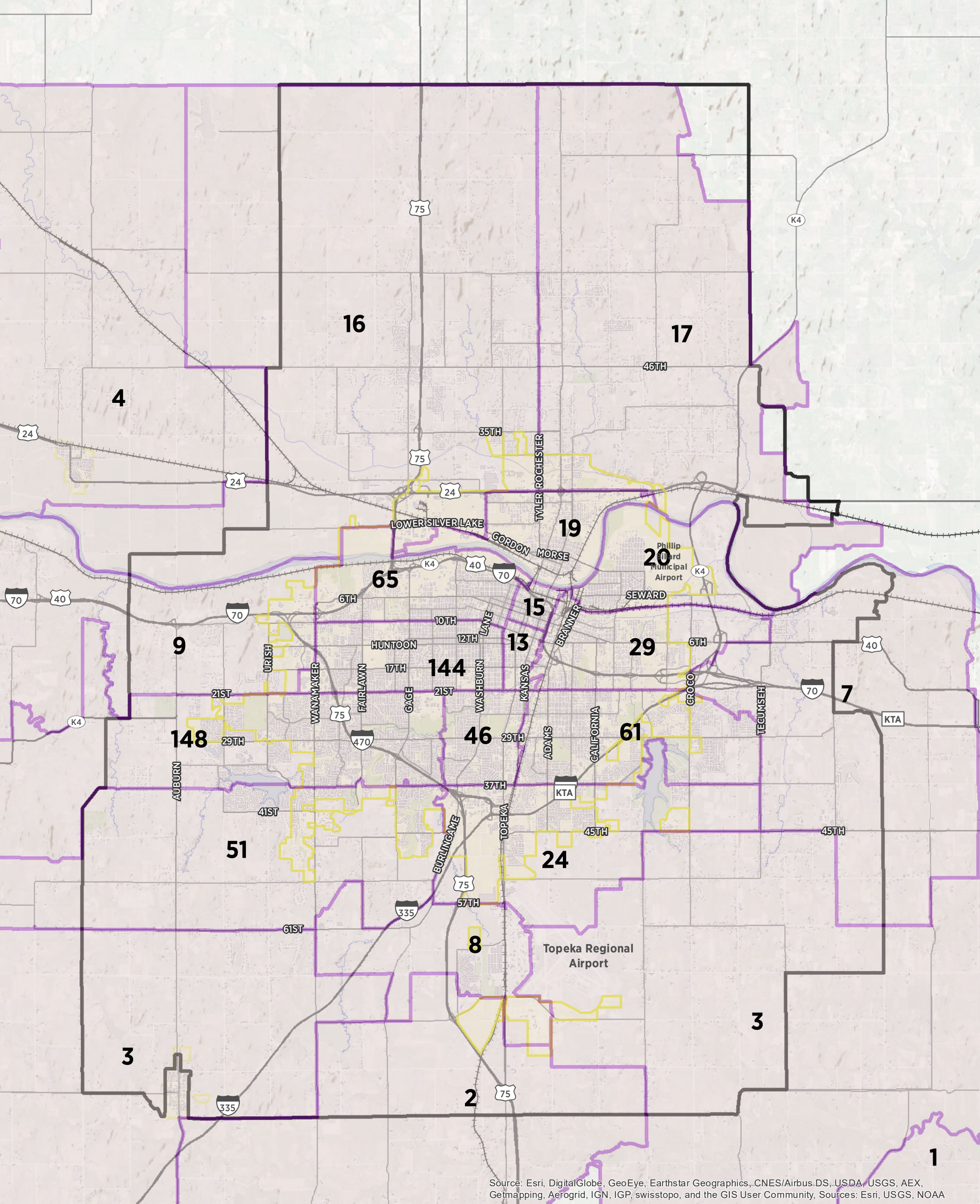
### Age Group



### Other Characteristics

	<b>Response Average</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
How many people live in your household?	2.97	714
What is the number of cars in your household?	2.03	712
What is the number of bicycles in your household?	1.92	707
	answered question	<b>721</b>
	skipped question	<b>53</b>

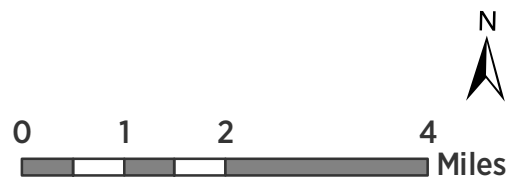
<b>Does anyone in your household regularly purchase 10-ride card or 31-day passes for Topeka Metro Transit?</b>		
	<b>Response Percent</b>	<b>Response Count</b>
Yes	10.3%	75
No	89.7%	654
	answered question	729
	skipped question	45



Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community, Sources: Esri, USGS, NOAA

### Responses by Home Zip Code

- Survey Responses
- Plan Boundary
- Railroad Lines
- Water Bodies
- Parks
- City Limits
- Topeka





## meeting minutes

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Discussion:

This memorandum summarizes the items discussed during the following meetings:

Public Open House 1: August 18, 2016 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm  
Public Open House 2: August 18, 2016 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Neighborhood Meeting Central & South: November 2, 2016 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Neighborhood Meeting North: November 3, 2016 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Neighborhood Meeting Southeast: November 9, 2016 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
Neighborhood Meeting Southwest: November 16, 2016 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

For attendees, see sign-in sheets. Themes that were discussed at these meetings include:

### SIDEWALKS AND BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE

1. People have trouble using sidewalks on wheelchairs to find a consistent ADA accessible sidewalk and sometimes sidewalks have been installed without curb cuts, which was a mistake. This happened by Randolph Grade School on the west side and by Fillmore or Munson (gas company at fault).
2. 5<sup>th</sup>/Jackson and 6<sup>th</sup> St sidewalks need a lot of work
3. **Shunga/Fairlawn: needs infill sidewalks, there's a gap from Gage** -> Fairlawn, 21<sup>st</sup> -> 25<sup>th</sup> (some streets have sidewalks on one side)
4. Please install sidewalks on both sides of Shunga Drive between Gage and Fairlawn. Thank you for considering my request
5. Sidepath from Landon -> Indiana along 37<sup>th</sup> St (too far to go through Highcrest) 2) Bridge from Landon to Betty Park. Connect directly on west side into High Crest 3) Trail extension – Deer Creek to 29<sup>th</sup> -> Lake Shawnee
6. Protection on bridge 75 Highway bridge | side trail on Lyman from Vail to Soldier Creek Trail | Rochester improvement include complete streets
7. **Issues with bikes on the sidewalks and people walk in the street just because that's how they do it** (not because sidewalks are bad)
8. **Get the bicycles off the street and out of the way of traffic. I don't care if you put back on the sidewalk, but bicycles move too slow.** There are also more people riding bikes and nothing has been done to ride in safe places.



9. Wheelchair traffic on sidewalks crossing 6<sup>th</sup> St at Jackson and Van Buren has too little time for people to cross; 8<sup>th</sup> St. by capital too, particularly bad as Green man disappears, issues with people turning too
10. Sidewalks connecting to bridge on 29<sup>th</sup> St east (Croco north going to Highland Park before Croco from Sonics west), Topeka needs sidewalks
11. Wants more bikes on sidewalks instead of streets
12. Silver Lake Road: lots of bikes riding, people coming in from out of town, so there may be a need for a bike trail.
13. Sidepath on 29<sup>th</sup> St
14. No shoulders around 41<sup>st</sup> St / current bike ways around Lake Sherwood, makes it difficult and dangerous for bicyclists, need infrastructure to make it safe or divert people to less traveled roads
15. Extend Shunga trail to Lake Sherwood
16. Bicycle Facilities – there is a need to cross the turnpike
17. Need sidewalks on Lyman Road between Trailer Park Vail Street and Logan Elementary
18. 29<sup>th</sup>/Topeka Sidewalk and Transit Connectivity
19. Want better sidewalks and walkability, leveled out
20. No sidewalk from 10<sup>th</sup> and Wanamaker to Fairlawn; riding a bike in this area is very dangerous!
21. Connection of Shunga Trail from Current Terminus at 29<sup>th</sup> and Fairlawn SW to 37<sup>th</sup> and beyond

## TRANSIT

1. Bus to Mars and other jobs along South Topeka Boulevard, could just be **at shift times so that it's cheaper**
2. Service is needed along I-70 or US-24 west to Manhattan and East to Lawrence and Kansas City, would be good **for education; Maybe Emporia to Topeka, but it's a longer commute**
3. Paratransit provides an important services and needs to be increased
4. **29<sup>th</sup>/Croco has a doctor's office and shopping center; may be worthwhile to have a bus there**, people (elderly) in **Colonial Park can't get to Dr. (Stormont Vail)**
5. Transit service to area residential neighborhoods around Mars like Montara Village too
6. Need a N/S bus route in the west, #7 is one now but there is not enough traffic on Gage or Fairlawn. Wanamaker Express
7. Need Flex Bus service in southeast Topeka – southeast of I-470
8. Need better transit to the NOTO area
9. Extended transit hours
10. Public Transit to 37<sup>th</sup> and Gage (Wesparke Lane)

## MAINTENANCE

1. Include fixing the street on Polk between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>
2. Residents in the south deferred to fixing 29<sup>th</sup> and Gage as well as 37<sup>th</sup> **St. it's time to fix the rollercoaster ride on Gage between 37<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup>**
3. Need to preserve existing facilities.
4. 29<sup>th</sup> has bumps all over, grooves make it tough, seams in the roadways Fairlawn to Wanamaker
5. Railroad track on Lyman | Taylor from Lyman South to Tracks
6. Improve railroad crossing by NOTO

## SAFETY, TIMING, AND CONGESTION

1. 29<sup>th</sup> and Fairlawn – concerns for congestion and safety
2. Wanamaker Road **is too congested, it's just as easy to drive to Lawrence** for shopping and dining
3. Auburn at 21<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> are dangerous intersections for drivers, may need lights (people fly down Auburn off the interstate)
4. Burlingame intersecting with 75 and 470 is difficult to navigate
5. **Lane Street, hard to get north at the "V", if you sit on the curve and pull out, it can be dangerous**
6. Need to improve signal progression on major streets
7. **Since the state can't seem to fund major highway projects, I would like to see the less expensive effort to synchronize traffic lights to speed up traffic flow within I-470 on selected major streets such as Topeka Blvd (north-south) and 21<sup>st</sup> St (east-west)**
8. Traffic Signals – timings and coordination need to be improved throughout the city



9. I-70 needs to be improved through downtown – safety concern at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street curve
10. Traffic is bad on 29<sup>th</sup> from Gage to Fairlawn, especially at Fairlawn/29<sup>th</sup>, even for bikes

#### NEW PROJECTS

1. We need a north-south street through Washburn Tech Area
2. **Get Elevation Parkway on the plan again. It's been discussed for 20+ years**
3. **Don't add turnpike interchange near 29<sup>th</sup> / Cali.** Pick something on Urish or Auburn
4. Southeast KTA Interchange – new interchange would provide a needed connection at 29<sup>th</sup> on Turnpike and would support redevelopment; Retail is depressed
5. Southwest KTA Interchange – a new interchange near Auburn Road should be considered
6. I-70 through Downtown – project is needed
7. Southeast KTA Interchange – desire to see this interchange
8. Connect 37<sup>th</sup> Street from Fairlawn to Gage – will help 29<sup>th</sup> and Fairlawn; need a direct link between Gage and Fairlawn
9. Do not extend 37<sup>th</sup>

#### MISCELLANEOUS

1. Transportation Planning and Streets are dramatically improving. Planning process is inclusive and open. Thanks for the great work
2. Please keep the existing Gateway signs. They look fine
3. Sapp Brothers Truck Stop with full restaurant; also truck wash 15 stall located off Lower Silver Lake Rd and NW 17<sup>th</sup> across from Soccer Fields. This is where 75 and 24 meet; would help address the semi-trucks which are parking everywhere
4. Congestion Pricing or 'time suck' pricing for upgrading the I-70 area that is congested (may be too expensive otherwise)
5. Clean up gateway
6. 29<sup>th</sup> Corridor from Wanamaker to Gage
7. Intercity Connectivity in our region between urban centers (Manhattan, Topeka, Lawrence, KC, Emporia) and small towns and rural areas (Silver Lake, Rossville, etc)
8. Scenic Byway US-40 from Topeka to Lawrence

Thomas Dow/Kirk Lehmann

Enclosure: Sign In Sheets

cc: MTPO staff and Topeka LRTP Steering Committee



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# Transportation plan to be discussed May 3

# DAILY RE

## Myrtle (Bigham) Badger

Myrtle Badger, age 98, died on April 24, 2017 at Leland Hospice House in Topeka, Kansas. She was currently a resident at the Atria Hearthstone Assisted Living in Topeka.

She was born on June 30, 1918 in Eldon, MO to John Park and O. Myrtle (Huffman) Bigham the youngest of four children. Hazel graduated from high school at Dover in 1937 and later from the Stewart Beauty Academy. She worked for a beauty salon in Riley, Kansas where she met and married Estral D. Badger on November 29, 1940. He preceded her in death on August 18, 1957.

Her children moved to Manhattan in 1961. She worked for the Department of Defense at Manhattan from 1954 until 1980. She then worked at the Department of Aging until 1991. She moved to Topeka in 1997.

She was a member of the Manhattan Congregation, a Past President of Manhattan Professional Women & a member of the W. Club. She was also Past President of the Topeka Legion Auxiliary and 8 & 40; Past President of AARP and NARFE of Manhattan; Past President of Harmony Rebekah Lodge and Topeka Rebekah Lodge, Manhattan and Topeka.

She preceded in death in addition to her husband a sister: Mildred Kinman and a brother: Harold and Virgil Bigham and her daughter: Grover Padgett.

Survivors include her son: John Badger (Judy) of Topeka, a daughter: Gayle Padgett of Osage City, and 4 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, at Milford Cemetery, Milford, Kansas. Visitation will be from noon until 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, at Milford Cemetery. Milford Funeral Home - Meloen-Londeen Funeral Home, 1000 Milford Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas.

Contributions may be made to the Hospice House of Topeka or to the Episcopal Church of Manhattan in care of the Meloen-Londeen Funeral Home, 1000 Milford Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

Cremation services may be left for the funeral home website at: [meloen.com](http://meloen.com).

## Marjorie Louise Townley

Marjorie Louise Townley passed from this life on April 27 at Unlimited Care Cottages. Marjorie was born December 13, 1921 in Florence, Kansas to Elma Beatrice (Ray) and Earl Edwin Oliver. She married Leland Oscar Townley November 9, 1940. They were married 68 years before his passing in 2009. Marjorie lived more than 75 years in Kansas where she helped her

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The Topeka Metropolitan Planning Organization will share recommendations for an updated regional transportation plan it is developing during a public open house on Wednesday, May 3.

The gathering will be 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Marvin Auditorium at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library, 1515 S.W. 10th Ave.

The meeting will begin with a formal presentation outlining suggestions the MTPO is making as it crafts Futures2040, an updated version of the Topeka Regional Transportation Plan. The plan guides major federal, state and local transportation funding decisions in coming years by forecasting future travel demand needs.

The plan's recommendations are available online at [www.topekampo.org](http://www.topekampo.org).

The MTPO policy board consists of representatives from the Topeka City

Council, Shawnee County Commission, Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority, Topeka Planning Commission and Kansas Department of Transportation. It has been developing the plan update with help from the consulting team of RDG Planning & Design, WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff and Venice Communications Inc.

The public will get a chance at the May 3 meeting to interact with the consulting team, ask questions and share comments in person or by filling out comment cards.

A MTPO news release said the primary purposes for developing Futures2040 are to provide a balanced transportation network that accommodates all modes of transportation, including walking, cycling, riding transit and driving vehicles; and to consider how transportation affects land use, social justice, economic development, urban design and the environment.

### BIRTHS

**Birth & Women's Center**  
Gabrielle and Antonio Fernandez-Ortiz, Topeka, girl, April 24.  
**St. Francis**  
Darlene and Jesus Bluvan, Topeka, girl, April 25.  
**Stormont Vail**  
Renee Francoeur, Topeka, girl, April 25.

### PETS

The following animals have been brought to the Helping Hands Humane Society, 5720 S.W. 21st. The telephone number is 233-7325.

#### Cats

Female, Siamese torti point, 5 years old, found at S.W. 29th and Wanamaker.

Female, gray, 1 year 6 months old, found at unknown address.

Male, orange tiger, 1 year 6 months old, found in Auburn.

Male, lilac point, 7 weeks old, found at unknown address.

#### Dogs

Female pit bull mix, brindle with white, 2 years old, found in 3200 block of S.E. Colfax.

### POLICE CALLS

People booked into the Shawnee County Jail in connection with felonies.

**Gerald William Ellis**, 56, in connection with possession of opiate/opium/narcotic drug and/or stimulant, 4/24.

**Barbara Ann Myers**, 43, in connection with possession of

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senior technology programmer analyst, which recently became vacant. The move would result in an annual salary and benefits for the position of \$56,806.28.

In addition, Oblander is seeking permission to advertise and fill the reclassified job.

Thursday's agenda also indicates Charles Smith of HTK Architects will introduce CSL, the market research consultant for an upcoming renovation of the Kansas Expocentre, to the commission. CSL will then make a presentation.

Commissioners voted in April to enter into a contract through which the county

will pay \$175,000 to HTK to provide architectural services as part of the initial phase of an intended \$45 million worth of improvements at the Expocentre.

The improvements will be financed using revenue resulting from Shawnee County voters' November 2014 approval of a ballot question extending for 14 years, until Dec. 31, 2031, a countywide half-cent sales tax used to raise revenue for economic development and infrastructure improvements.

Commissioners also plan Thursday to:

■ Consider awarding the bid to Ebert Construction Co. Inc. to replace a bridge over Stinson Creek on S.E. Tecumseh Road at a cost to

the county of \$250,466.50, which would be paid using revenue from the county-wide half-cent sales tax. Ebert submitted the lowest of six bids.

■ Consider approving a request from Topeka's city government that the county grant a temporary easement for repair work the city plans to do to a storm sewer



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