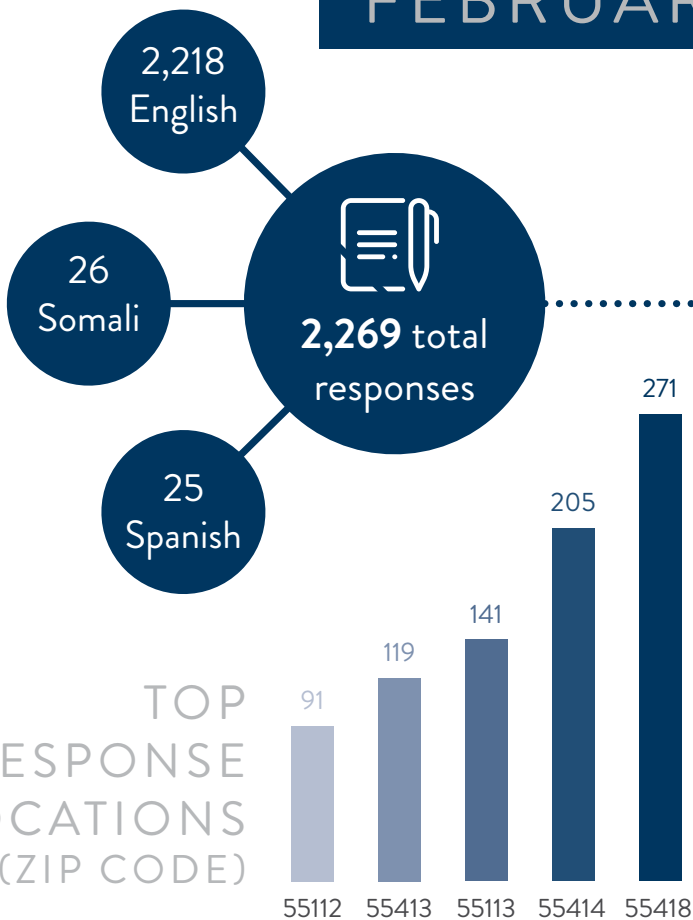




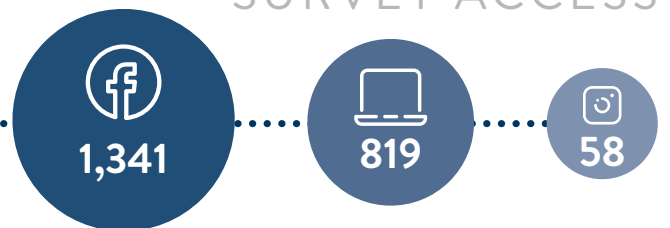
The I-35W North Gateway Study will recommend potential corridor solutions that make up a vision for the stretch of I-35W from Park Avenue in downtown Minneapolis to County Road C in Roseville. The pavement in this I-35W corridor will reach the end of its service life in the next 12-15 years then it will need to be fully reconstructed. This study will identify potential improvements that could be constructed as part of this pavement reconstruction or other future construction projects.

The survey contained only six questions, including one open-ended and one demographic question, to optimize the response rate and full survey completion.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK SURVEY FEBRUARY 13 - MARCH 8, 2019



SURVEY ACCESS



CORRIDOR USERS

66%	Drive/carpool along the corridor
37%	Drive/carpool on nearby streets
18%	Walk/bike on nearby streets

CORRIDOR CHARACTERISTICS

RESPONDENTS were asked to review the following characteristics of the corridor to identify what is working and what should be improved.

Aesthetics along I-35W (i.e. lighting, noise wall, plantings, bridge designs, etc)

Comfortable walking and bicycling trips on local roads & across I-35W

Current level of congestion

Electronic message boards with real-time traffic information

Existing transit options

Healthy environment (i.e. air quality, noise, etc)

Pedestrian and bicycle connections near and across I-35W

Ride-share/carpool options

Safety when walking or bicycling near or across I-35W

Travel time reliability

Vehicle connections between area highways

Vehicle connections to local streets to/from I-35W

Vehicle crossings across I-35W

PERCEPTIONS BY CORRIDOR USE

LIVE



1,243
Participants

WORK



986
Participants

VISIT



1,257
Participants

People who LIVE, WORK & VISIT the corridor ALL agree that:

Electronic
Message Boards

Motorist Safety
on I-35W

Connections to
local streets

Crossings of
I-35W

are working well BUT...

Congestion

Travel Time
Reliability

Connections
between
Highways

Motorist Safety
on I-35W

could be IMPROVED.

PERCEPTIONS BY USER TYPE



Motorists

1,652
Participants

Participants who drive/carpool along or near the study area, whether alone, as a ride-hailing driver, or as a professional driver.



Transit Passengers

345
Participants

Those who take public transit along or near the study area.



Pedestrians & Bicyclists

417
Participants

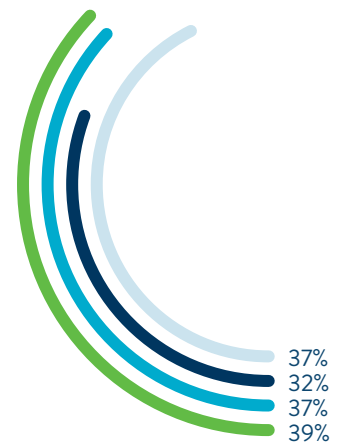
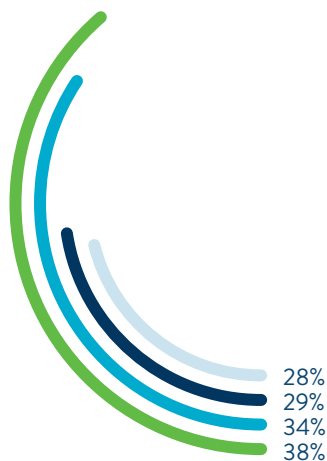
Those that walk or bicycle on nearby streets.

WHAT WORKS WELL?

top four responses*

- Electronic Message Boards
- Safety as a Motorist on I-35W

- Vehicle Connections to/from local streets
- Vehicle Crossings of I-35W

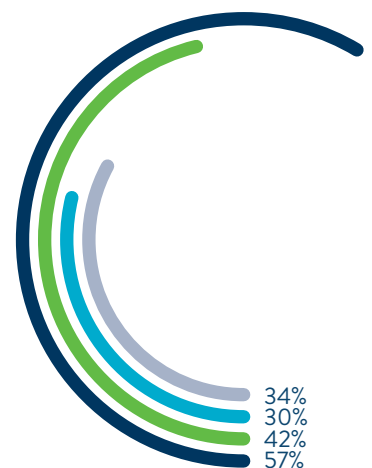
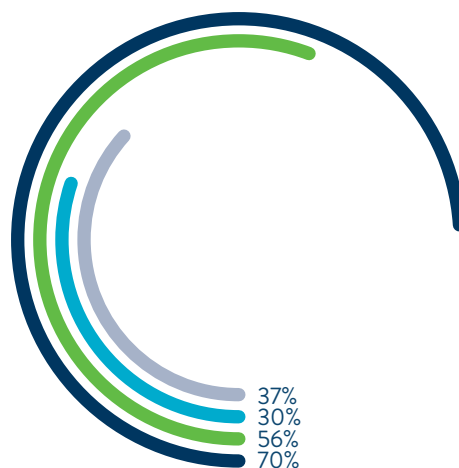
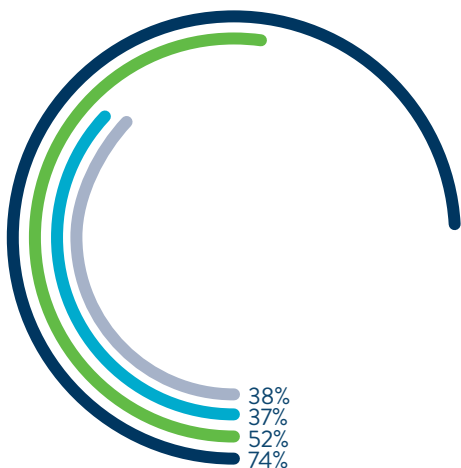


WHAT DOESN'T WORK WELL?

top four responses*

- Congestion & Traffic Flow
- Travel Time Reliability

- Vehicle Connections between Highways
- Safety as a Motorist on I-35W



MAJOR THEMES

The following is a summary of key themes and related issues from the 1,132 open-ended survey responses.



Congestion

Congestion, especially during rush hour, is intensified by:

- Confusing merging/lane changes
- Unclear signage
- Too many exits/entrances onto Interstate
- Lack of shoulders



Safety

Safety concerns are motivated by:

- Frequent merging/lane changes
- Road curve
- Poor lighting
- Narrow lanes
- Worn pavement markings



Design

Frequent merging and lane changes are the result of:

- Confusing road design
- Unclear signage
- Too many exits/entrances onto Interstate

RELATED ISSUES

BY LOCATION

- 1 Congestion, safety and merging issues exist where I-35W and Highway 36 meet
- 2 Safety concerns for bicyclists and pedestrians at University Avenue and 4th Street
- 3 Poor pavement and joint conditions exist where the I-35W bridge connects to the roadway
- 4 Want a connection from southbound I-35W to eastbound I-94
- 5 Want connection from westbound I-94 to northbound I-35W
- 6 Congestion and merging issues exist near the exits from southbound I-35W to westbound I-94 and southbound Highway 55

FINAL THOUGHTS

Several respondents expressed annoyance with the amount of construction occurring along I-35W near the project corridor. Many respondents want MnDOT to fix the corridor now. However, others would like longer breaks in between construction projects.



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