MID-OHIO REGIONAL
MORPC
PLANNING COMMISSION



MTP ENGAGEMENT AND TRANSPORATION PRIORITIES

Engagement at a glance

Input through pop-ups, an online survey, and workshops.

POP-UP PARTICIPANTS

14 events at community centers, farmers markets, and in neighborhoods

775

SURVEY RESPONSES

Public input on travel behavior, challenges, and priorities

502

WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS

Committee and stakeholder perspectives

>50

MTP ENGAGEMENT

- We utilized multiple hands-on engagement set-ups at organized events across the region, and pop-up events at libraries, community centers, and transit stops.



Boo Off Broadway
Grove City



Hilltop Library



Halloween Haunt
Parsons Ave

POP-UP FINDINGS

- **What works well –** Frequent bus service where available, monthly passes, clear onboard stop displays. Safety improvements such as street bump-outs and slower crossing speeds.
- **Transportation challenges –** Unreliable transit, limited service hours, and disconnected sidewalks and biking routes. Road conditions, congestion, and transportation costs.
- **Priorities for the future –** Dependable and accessible transit, safer walking and biking, affordable access to jobs and daily destinations. Rail options and better regional trail connections.







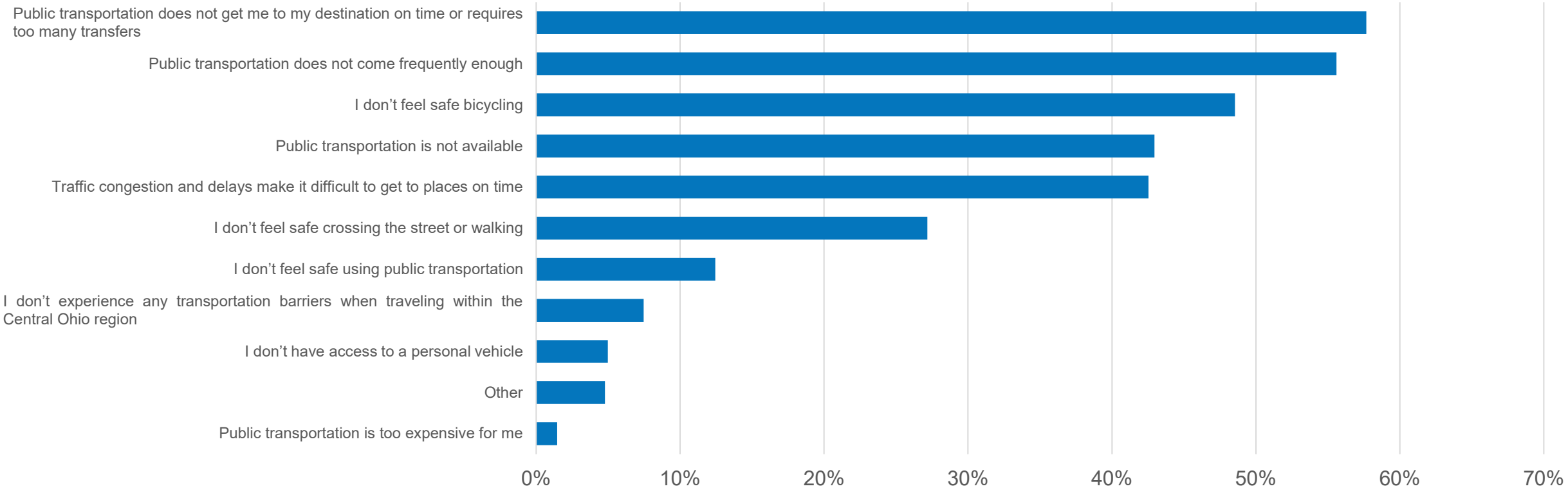
PUBLIC SURVEY

Approach – Online questionnaire, with promotion through MORPC and partner networks, social media, and community outreach



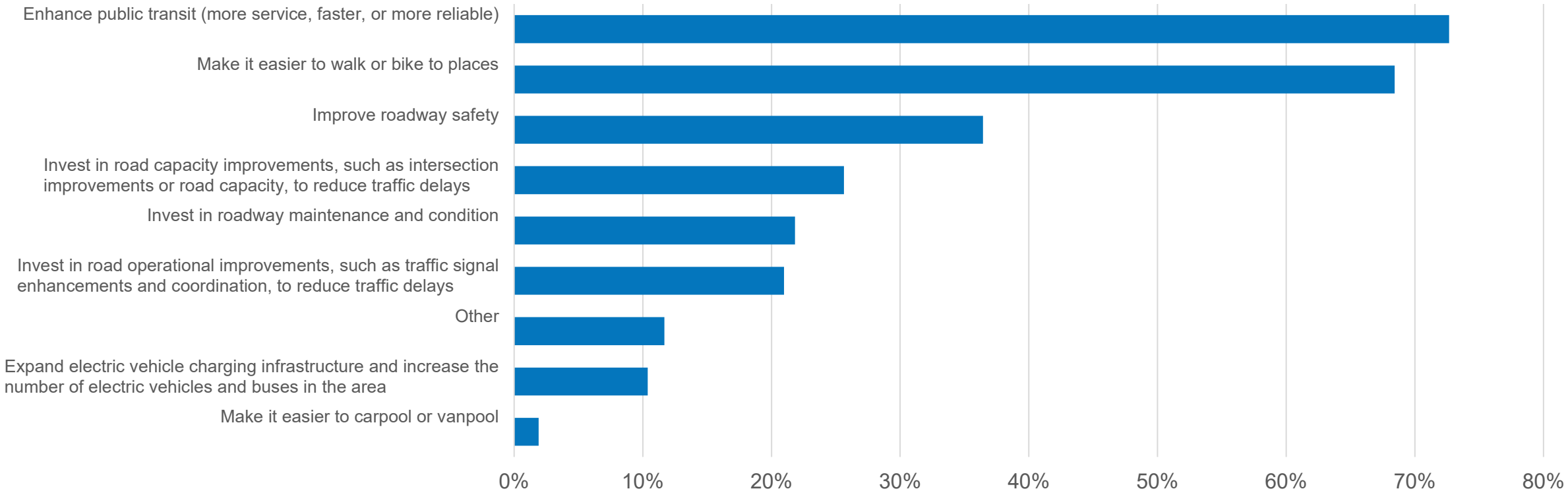
PUBLIC SURVEY FINDINGS

Do you experience any of the following barriers to getting where you need to go within the Central Ohio region? Select all that apply.



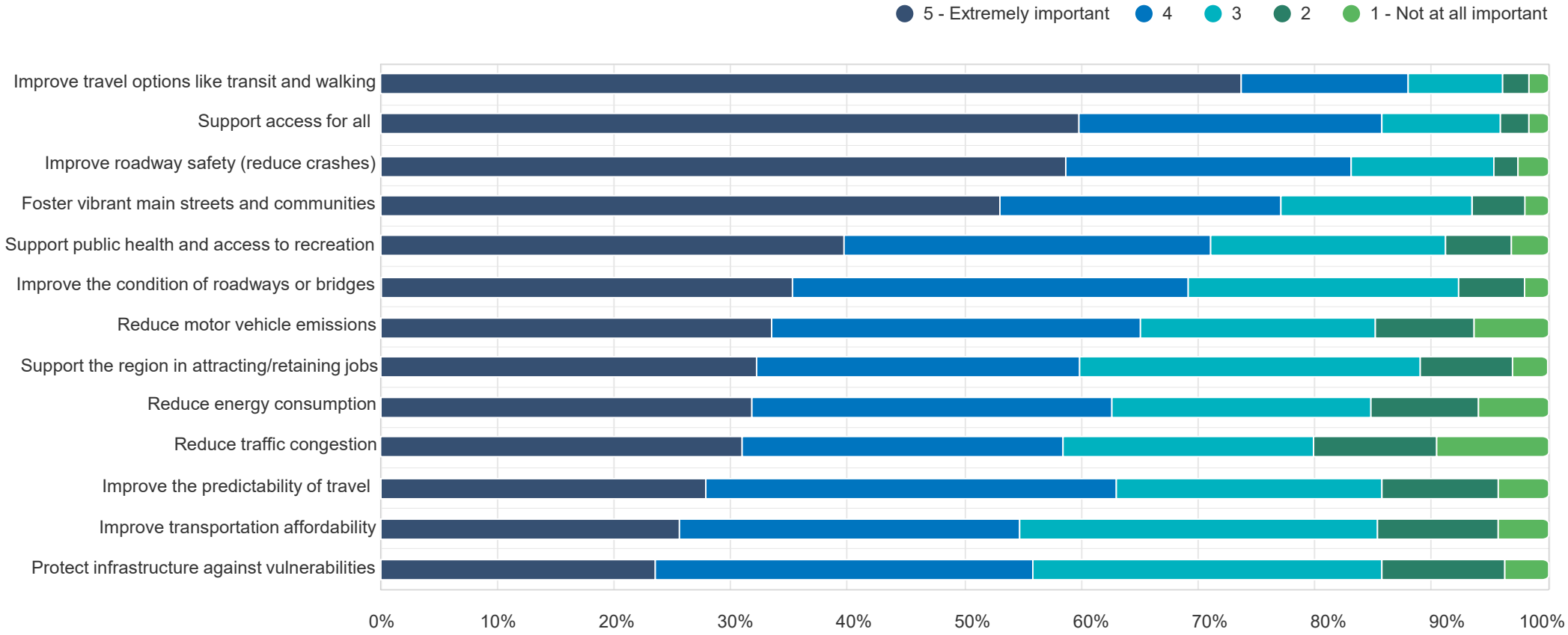
PUBLIC SURVEY FINDINGS

Thinking about transportation investments, what are your biggest priorities for transportation in the future? Select up to 3.



PUBLIC SURVEY FINDINGS

Please rate the importance of each of the following for the future of transportation in Central Ohio.



COMMITTEE & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Approach – Interactive polling and survey questions gathered perspectives on transportation strengths, challenges, and investment priorities through open responses, a word cloud, and ranking exercises.



COMMITTEE ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS

Community Advisory Committee – 9/28

Technical Advisory Committee – 9/30

- **Priorities emphasized across both groups –** Safety, better transit, and connected walking and biking infrastructure.
- **Additional priorities raised –** Access for all, better transportation and land use coordination, infrastructure upkeep, and funding constraints.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS

Community Group – 10/19

Industry Group – 10/22

- **Priorities emphasized across both groups –** Expanded regional transit and safer, better-connected walking and biking options.
- **Additional priorities raised –** Accessible sidewalks and crossings, affordable transportation, connections to jobs and services, and transit connections across county lines and beyond I-270.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Reliable alternatives to driving are a shared priority.

Dependable transit – More frequent service, reliable arrivals, and shorter travel times would make transit a more practical choice for everyday trips, especially to work.

More travel choices – Better transit and connected walking and biking routes would provide useful alternatives to driving.

Regional connections – Transportation options need to connect destinations across jurisdictional boundaries, including suburban and rural communities.

Safe and connected routes matter throughout the trip.

Safer streets – Lower vehicle speeds, safer crossings, and protected spaces for walking and biking are essential to making trips feel safe.

Continuous routes – Closing gaps in sidewalks, bikeways, and connections to transit would make it easier to complete a trip without a car.

Accessible facilities – Usable sidewalks, accessible crossings, and well-equipped transit stops support travel for different ages and abilities.

Transportation should connect people to opportunity and support regional growth.

Everyday access – Connections to jobs, healthcare, schools, and daily services matter alongside travel speed and congestion.

Affordable travel – Practical alternatives to car ownership and affordable transit can help reduce the financial burden of getting around.

Coordinated investment – Transportation improvements need to keep pace with growth while maintaining existing infrastructure. Coordination with land use can bring destinations closer and make more travel options practical.