



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE 2021

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

PRESENTATION TO
PLANNING
COMMISSION

MARCH 11, 2021
CHAPTER 6
TRANSPORTATION



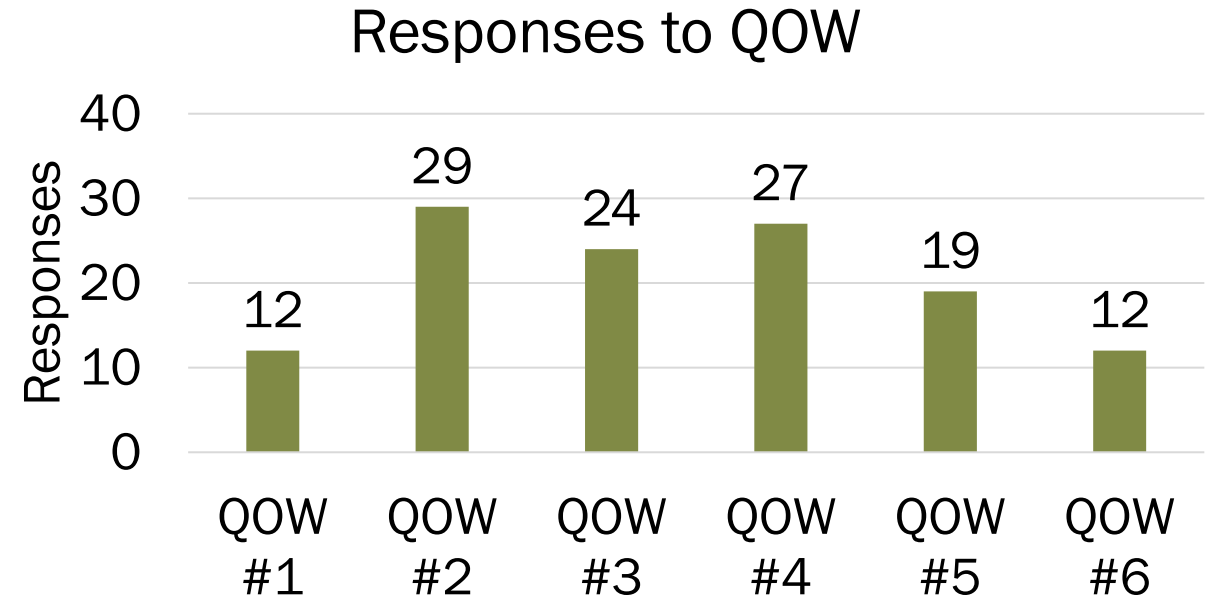
PROJECT OUTREACH – RECENT OUTREACH EFFORTS

- Visioning Workshop
 - #5 Countywide & North County
- Special Topic Workshops, Reminders & Updated County Spotlight
 - #2 Environment, Transportation
 - #3 Historic & Cultural Resources
- Technical Committee Meetings
 - #2a Environment
 - #2b Transportation
- Hardcopy Presentations Available
- Social Media Posts
- Project Email Updates
- Project Website Updates



PROJECT OUTREACH – PROJECT WEBSITE INTERACTIONS

- 230 Update Subscribers (+38)
- 624 Total Project Website Users
 - 1,132 Total Sessions
 - 2,777 Total Page Views
- Top Origins:
 - Direct to Project Website
 - Facebook
 - Google
 - County Website
 - WebEx Workshop Link





PROJECT OUTREACH – QUESTION OF THE WEEK #4A

What do you think should be the County's highest priorities related to transportation?

1	Maintain or repair existing roads/bridges	15	55.5%	Prepare for autonomous vehicles	2	7.4%
2	Provide more sidewalks or bike lanes	13	48.0%	Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality	6	22.2%
	Increase public transportation options	8	29.6%	Improve safety	9	33.3%
1	Reduce traffic congestion	15	55.5%	Add freight capacity	0	0.0%
	Adequate dedicated transportation funding	5	18.5%	Other	3	11.1%
	Increase number of electric vehicle charging stations	4	14.8%	TOTAL RESPONSES	27	



PROJECT OUTREACH – QUESTION OF THE WEEK #4G

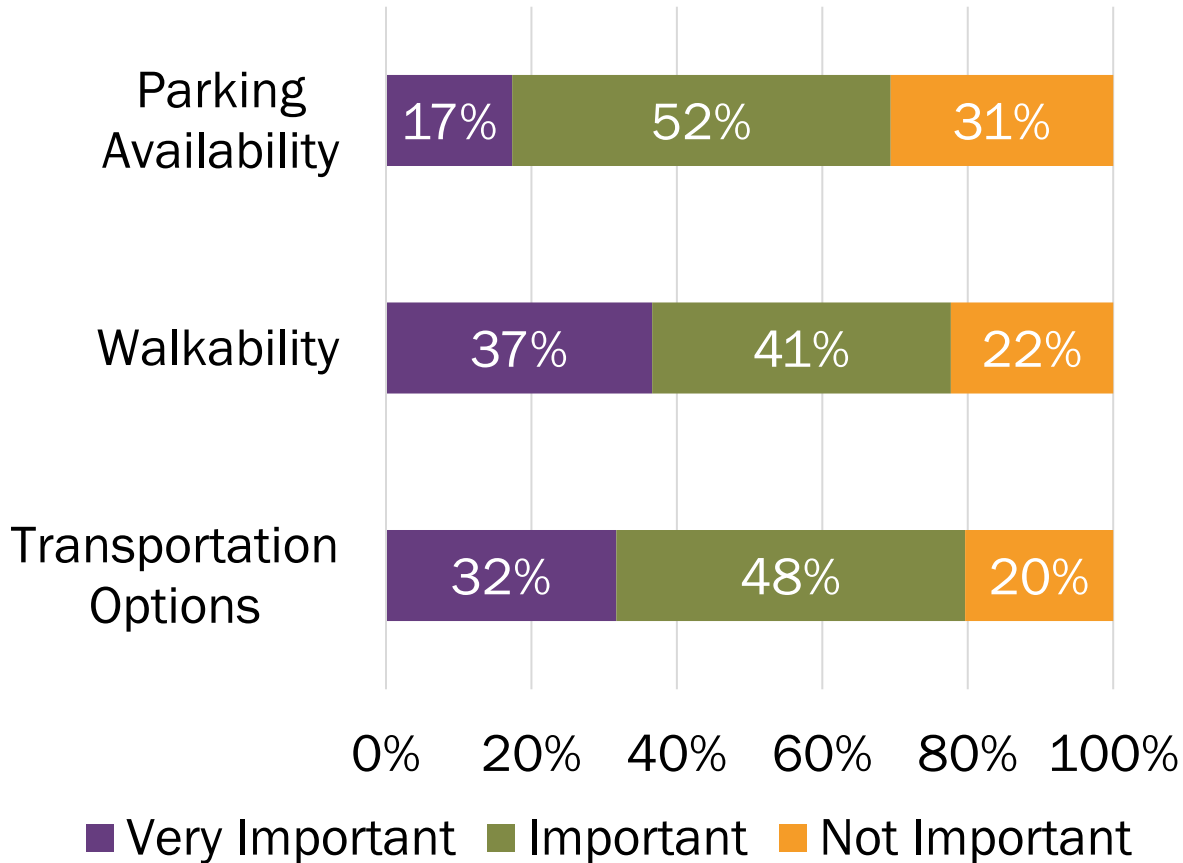
Assuming normal traffic, how long does it take you to get to work/school?

2	15 minutes or less	6	22.2%	1	
	15 to 30 minutes	9	33.3%		
	31 to 45 minutes	3	11.1%		
	46 to 60 minutes	1	3.7%		
	61 to 90 minutes	1	3.7%		
	Over 90 minutes	0	0.0%		
	I work from home	1	3.7%		
	I'm retired	5	18.5%		3
	Other	1	3.7%		
	TOTAL RESPONSES		27		

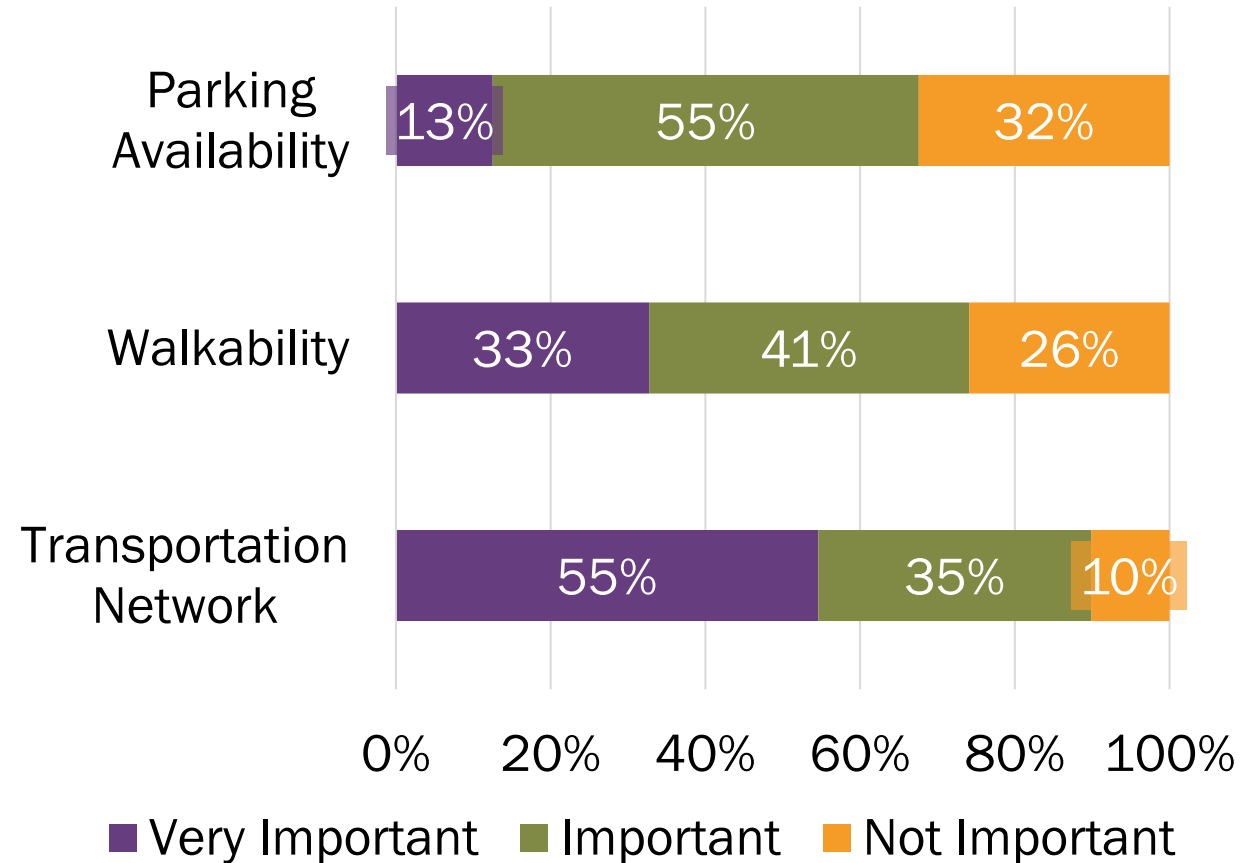


PROJECT OUTREACH – SURVEY RESULTS ON TRANSPORTATION

IMPORTANCE TO QUALITY OF LIFE



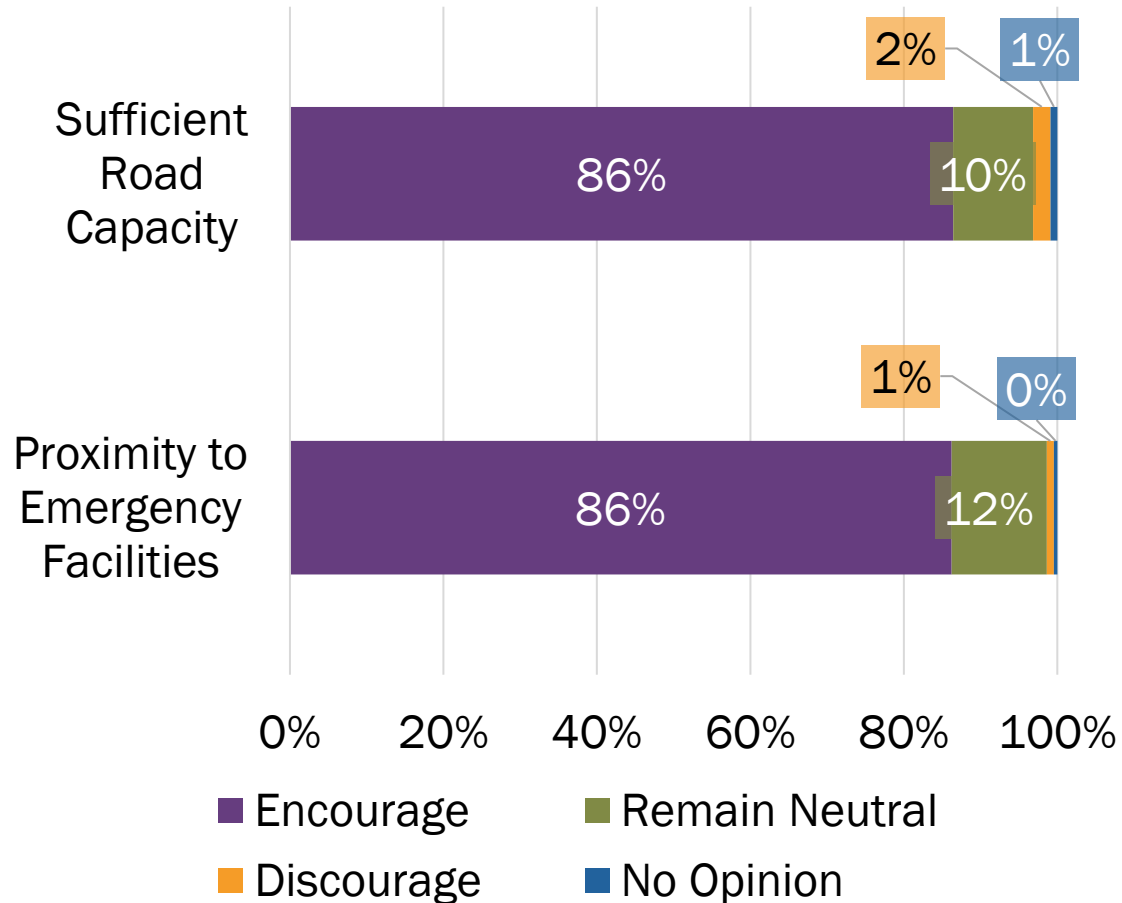
IMPORTANCE TO FUTURE DEVELOPMENT



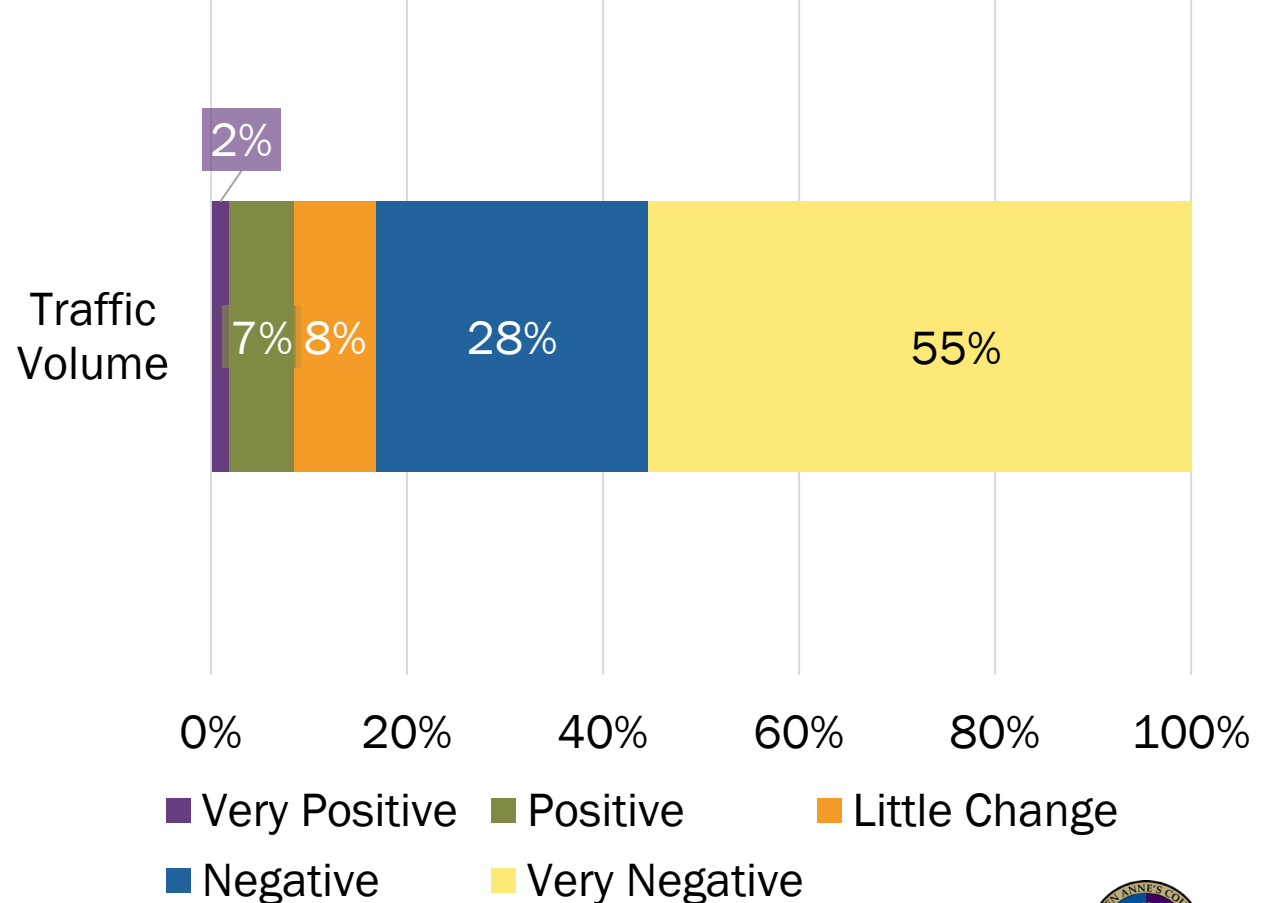


PROJECT OUTREACH – SURVEY RESULTS ON TRANSPORTATION

ROLE FOR QAC OFFICIALS



LOCAL IMPACTS OF DEVELOPMENT





PROJECT OUTREACH – VISIONING WORKSHOP UPDATE

#5 Countywide & North County

THU February 11, 2021 5:30-7:00pm

- 35 participants
- **Opportunities:** agriculture, agritourism, natural resources as economic driver, skilled jobs & technology training, solar power
- **Challenges:** development pressure, broadband, US 301 sprawl, housing options, litter, commercial property maintenance, public water access, sand mining impacts
- **Ideas:** commitment to resiliency, antiques niche, countywide trail, public water access points, stormwater management practice overhaul, halt Kent Island development, wholesale produce market, US 301 as agricultural scenic byway, farming education, equity



PROJECT OUTREACH – SPECIAL TOPIC WORKSHOP UPDATE

#2a Environment

WED February 24, 2021 9:00-10:30am | 35 Participants

- **Assets:** farms, forests
- **Needs:** forest preservation, limit pavement, stream buffers, land stewardship, measure economic benefits of hunting and fishing
- **Goals & Actions:** increase natural resource access, promote environmental stewardship, educate while enjoying the environment, transparent land use decisions, develop resiliency plan, add new public water access points

What resources are most important to protect?

Ag Lands	Hiking Trails	Water Quality
Beaches	Marshes	Watersheds
Buffers	Open Space	Waterways
Clean Air	Shorelines	Wetlands
Farms	Soils	Wildlife
Fisheries	Trees	
Forests	Water Access	



PROJECT OUTREACH – SPECIAL TOPIC WORKSHOP UPDATE

#2b Transportation

WED February 24, 2021 9:00-10:30am | 28 Participants

- **Assets:** trails
- **Needs:** multimodal transportation, frequent bus, pedestrian connectivity, stormwater management retrofits, Bay Bridge transportation issues
- **Goals & Actions:** transportation plan, funding source, infrastructure before infill, trail extension, public water access, transportation subcommittee

Biggest transportation issues

Bikeways	Mobility	Buffers
Congestion	Pedestrian Connectivity	Seasonal Traffic
DE Trucks	Public Transit	Traffic Management
Facility Capacity	Relationship with SHA	US 50 Crossing
Green Options	Roadway	



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CHAPTER 6 TRANSPORTATION

6. Transportation

VISION

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- Coordinating with towns for new traffic patterns, safety concerns, and mobility through population centers to maintain a healthy balance between residents and business and vacationing travelers
- Continuing to improve and expand opportunities for all modes of travel
- Promoting walking and bicycling for outdoor recreation, fitness, and transportation
- Providing safe access to the local transportation system to make the County a better, safer, and more connected place to live, work, and visit

KEY ISSUES	PLAN THEMES
KEY ISSUE #1 Bay Bridge Crossing	FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY Leverage State, federal, and other funding resources.
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KEY ISSUE #5 Increased Safety	HEALTH & RESILIENCE Support active and healthy transportation options.

RELEVANT STATE VISIONS

GOV. PP. GRV. DES. INFRA. TRANSP. HCUB. ECON. ENVY. STVD. ONV. IMPL.

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GOALS

The overarching goal for the transportation system is to meet the current and future mobility needs of residents, businesses, and visitors with a balanced multimodal transportation system.

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6-2 Enhance the transportation network for all users.

6-3 Support smart and sustainable growth.

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CONTENTS

- Vision, Key Issues, Themes
- Guiding Principles & Legislation
- Public Input
- Transportation Connections
- Roadway System
- Non-Automotive Facilities
- Network Improvements
- Organizations & Resources
- BMPs, Tools & Techniques
- Strategies & Actions



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NEW RESOURCES INCLUDED IN UPDATE

- 2016 Kent Island Transportation Plan
- 2018 Beach to Bridge Traffic Plan
- 2019 County Ride Transit Development Plan
- 2020 BPAC Connectivity & Safety Recommendations
- 2020 Bay Bridge Airport Final Environmental Assessment
- 2021 Draft Bay Crossing Study DEIS
- FY21-26 CTP Priority Letter



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KEY ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

- Bay Bridge Crossing Tier I NEPA Study
- Additional Public Transportation Options
- Multimodal Connection Needs
 - *Kent Island - E/W and N/S Connectivity*
 - *Biking and Walking along US 50*
 - *Extending Trails to North County*
 - *Recreational Trail Opportunities*
- Improved Public Water Access
- US 301 Agricultural Scenic Byway
- Priority Projects not Advancing by MDOT SHA
- BMC Funding Opportunities (limited to Kent Island)
- Active Transportation
- Seasonal Traffic/Congestion/Safety



NEXT STEPS

UPCOMING DATES

Special Topic Workshops

MAR 17 Housing

APR 1 Economic Development & Tourism, Town
Planning

Planning Commission Meetings

APR 8 Workshop

MAY 13 Workshop

UPCOMING PC REVIEW TOPICS

*Environmental Chapter

April 2021

Chapter 9 – Housing

Chapter 7 – Historic & Cultural Resources

May 2021

Chapter 8 – Economic Development & Tourism



QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS



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