

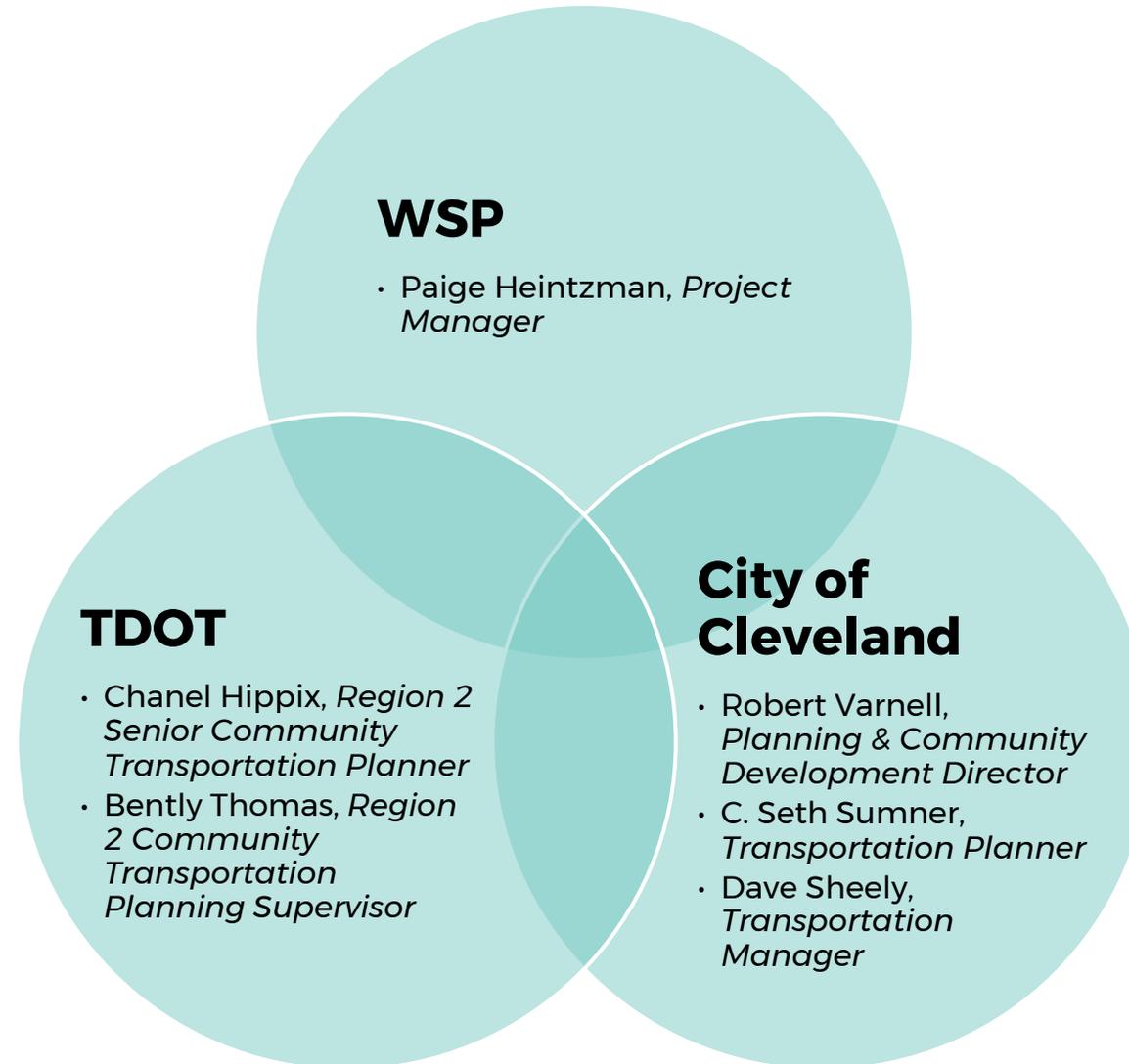
# Cleveland East-West Connector Plan

**Public Meeting**

Weaver's Room at the Old Woolen Mill  
February 21, 2024



# Project Team



Cleveland East-West Connector Plan



# Corridor Background



# Study Area



# Plan Purpose and Background

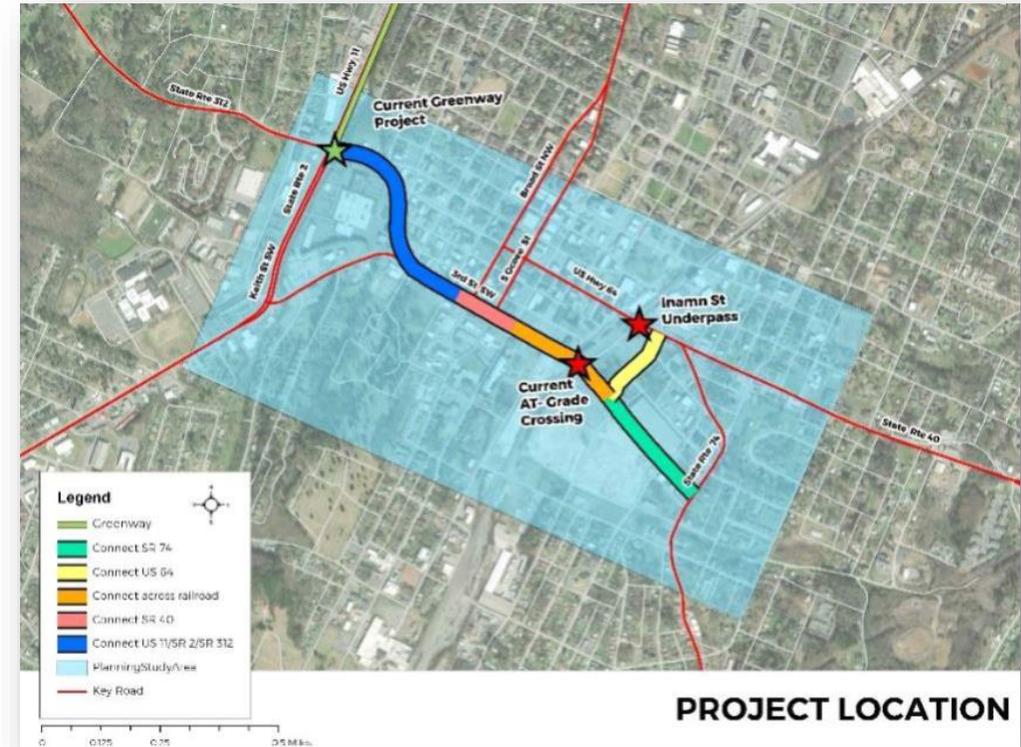
- Purpose of THIS plan...
  - Perform planning analysis and develop preliminary plans for a new **east-west connector** route and other improvements in downtown Cleveland
  
- History...
  - *Downtown Revitalization Initiative* (2019)
  - Grants (more on the next slide and accompanying station)
  
- Coordination with...
  - Inman Street Corridor Traffic Analysis and Road Diet Study
  - Blythe Oldfield Neighborhood Master Plan
  - Cleveland Urban Area MPO Documents



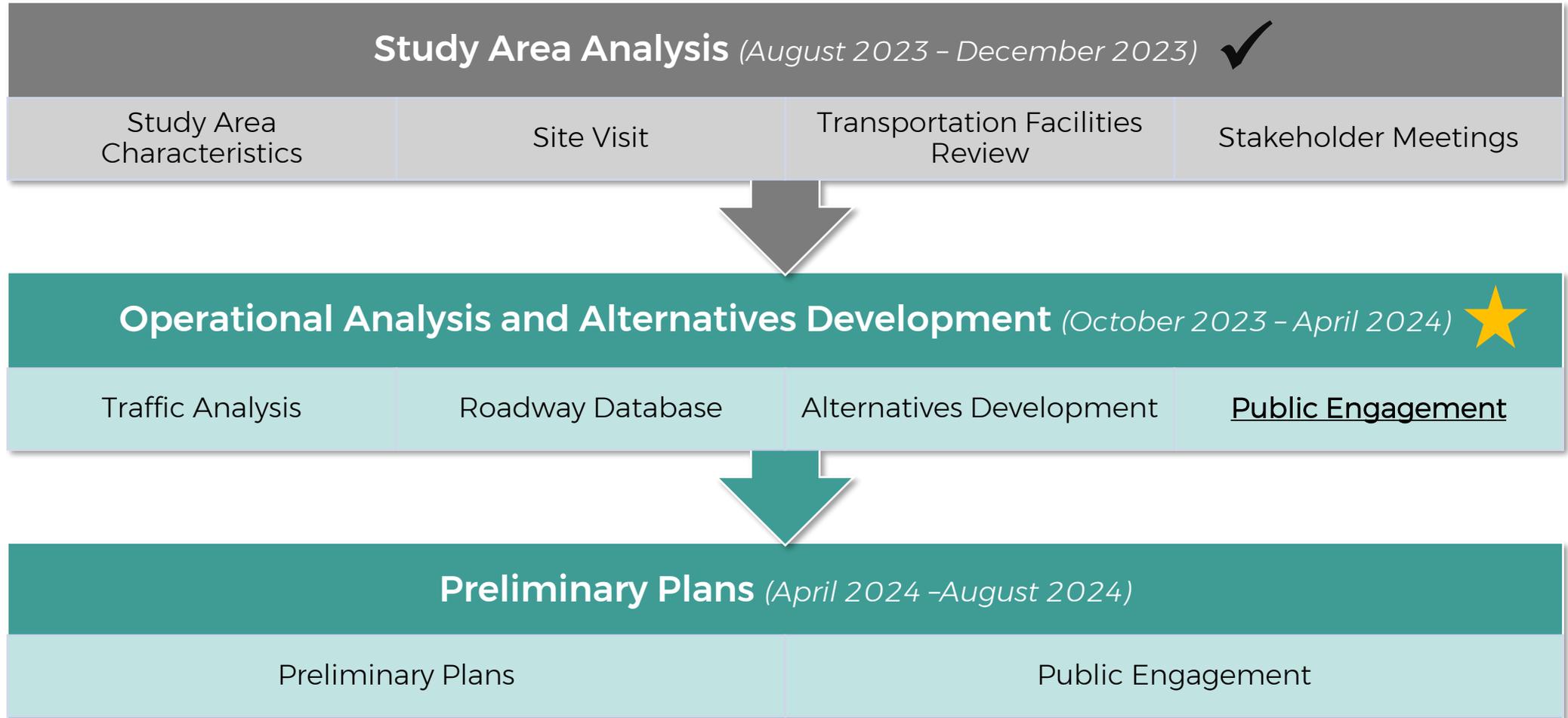
# Grants

- **RAISE Planning Grant (2021)**
  - Awarded by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in 2021
  - Funds for planning efforts
  - Evaluate transportation needs, project impacts/costs/benefits for a new **east-west connector**
  
- **Railroad Crossing Elimination (RCE) Grant**
  - Awarded by Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) in 2022
  - Funds for construction of railroad overpass
  
- **More information at Station #2**

Map from RAISE Grant Application



# Timeline

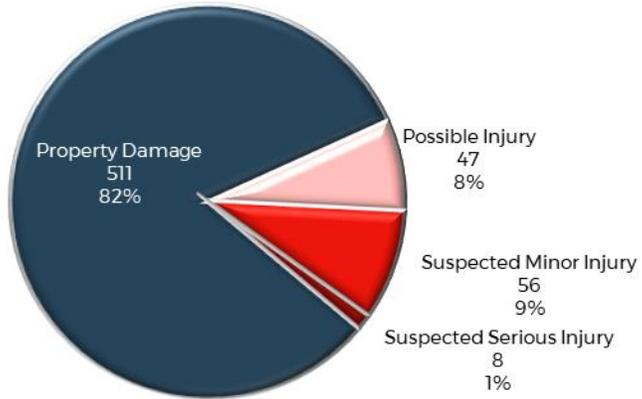


An aerial photograph of a city street scene. A large, mostly empty asphalt lot is in the foreground. A train with several colorful freight cars is stopped on tracks that run horizontally across the middle of the image. In the background, there are various city buildings, including a prominent brick building with a steeple, and a road with some traffic. The text "What is the Data Telling Us?" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, bold font.

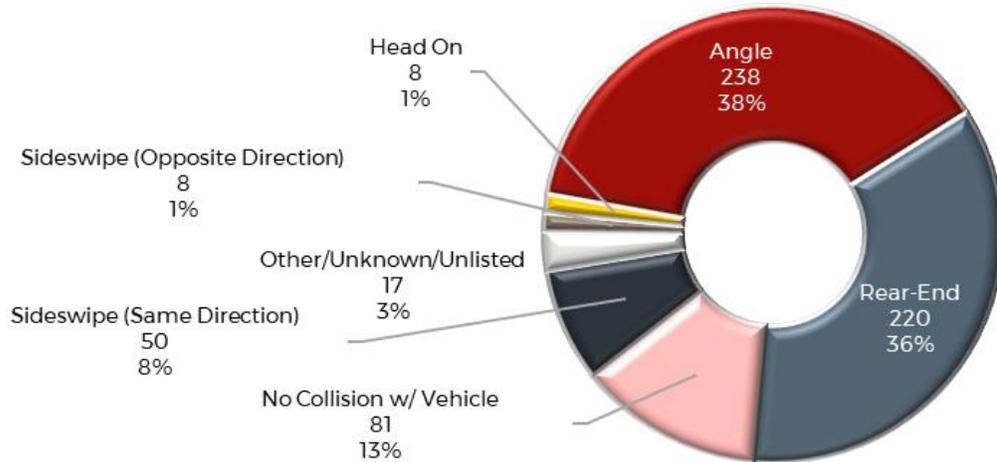
**What is the Data Telling Us?**

# Crash Data

## Crash Severity



## Manner of Collision



# Railroad Crossings

## ■ Inman St. Overpass

- Only grade-separated crossing within Cleveland
- 2 tracks
- Clearance = 10ft-10in, subject to frequent bridge strikes
- 15 Trains per Day\*
- AADT = 14,952

## ■ 3<sup>rd</sup> Street At-Grade Crossing

- Illuminated gates
- 2 tracks
- Subject to delays due to crossing and stopped trains
- 8 Trains per Day\*
- AADT = 1,834

*Overpass at Inman Street/US 64/SR 40*



*3rd St/US 11/SR 40 At-Grade Railroad Crossing*



\*Source: Federal Railroad Administration - Office of Safety Analysis.  
<https://safetydata.fra.dot.gov/officeofsafety/publicsite/crossing/xingqryloc.aspx>

An aerial photograph of a city. In the foreground, a large, mostly empty asphalt parking lot is visible on the left, with a road running vertically through its center. A train with several colorful freight cars is stopped on tracks that run horizontally across the middle of the image. Behind the train, a large, rectangular, light-colored vacant lot sits at the corner of a street. The rest of the image shows a dense urban area with various buildings, streets, and trees. The text "What are People Telling Us?" is overlaid in large white letters with a black outline across the middle of the image.

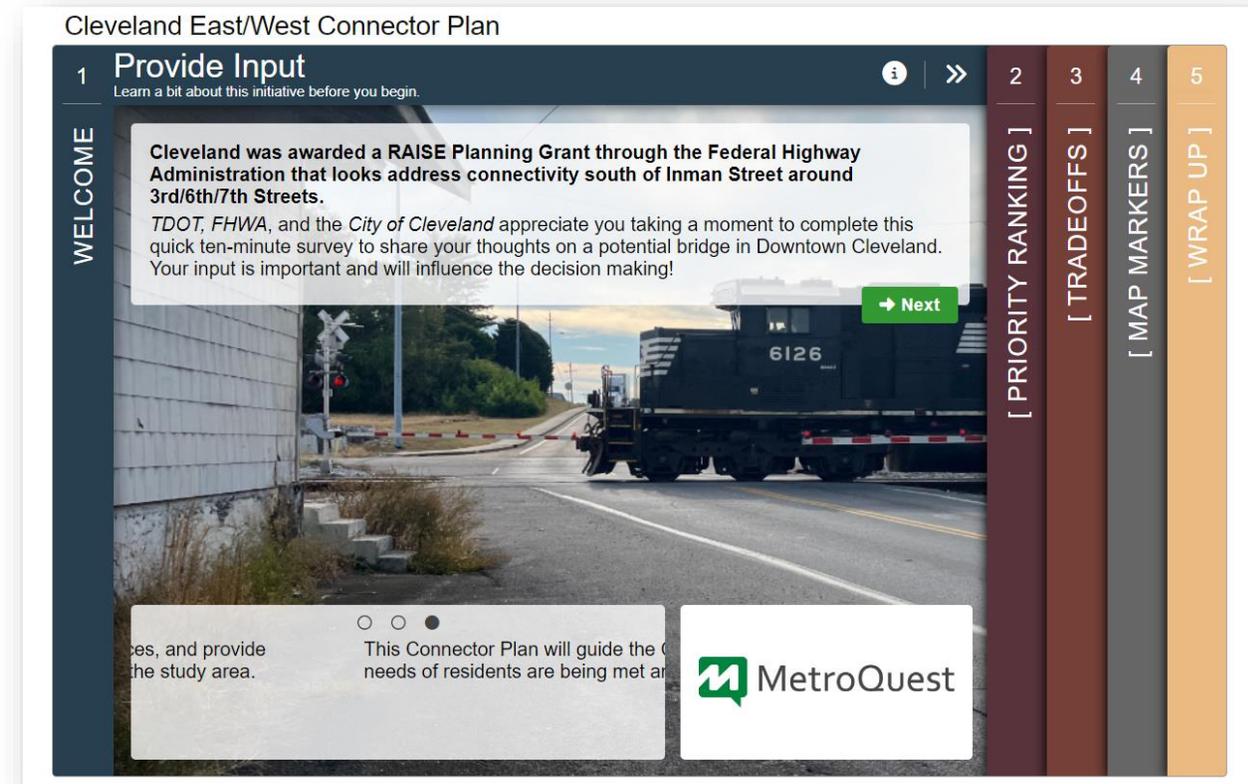
**What are People Telling Us?**

# Online Survey – Provide Feedback!

- Open until March 1, 2024
  - <https://metroquestsurvey.com/Oip6r>
- QR Code (also available on comment cards):



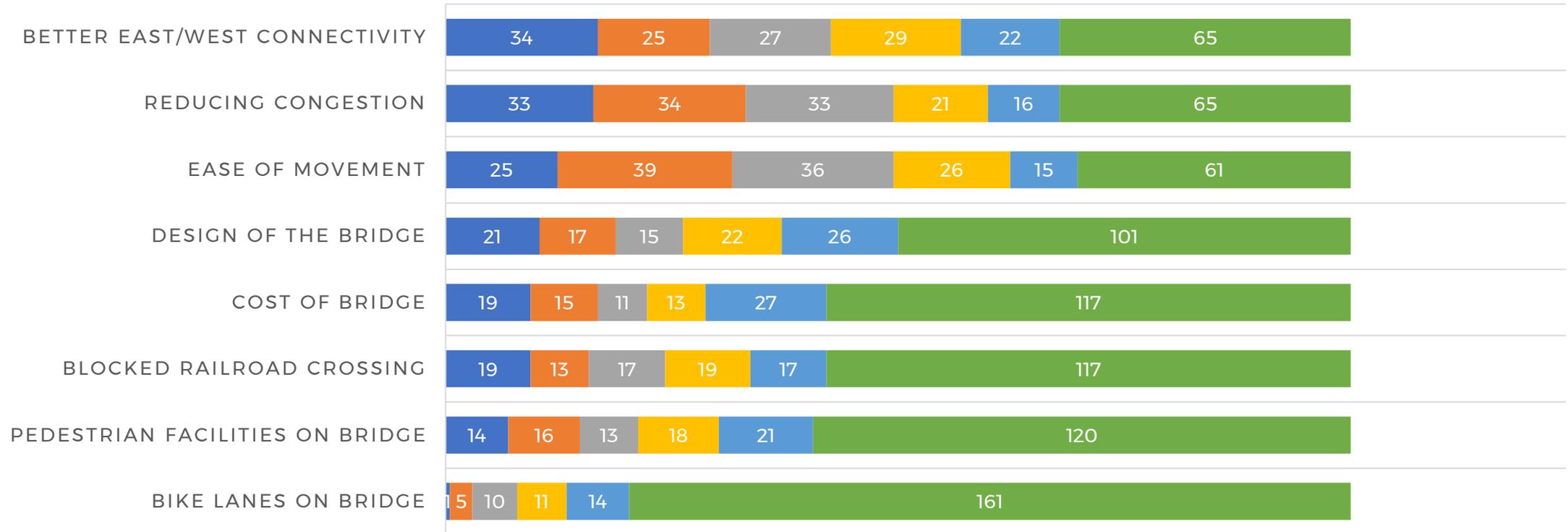
- Over 200 responses received so far!



# Online Survey – Recent Feedback

## PRIORITY RANKINGS

■ 1 ■ 2 ■ 3 ■ 4 ■ 5 ■ Not Ranked



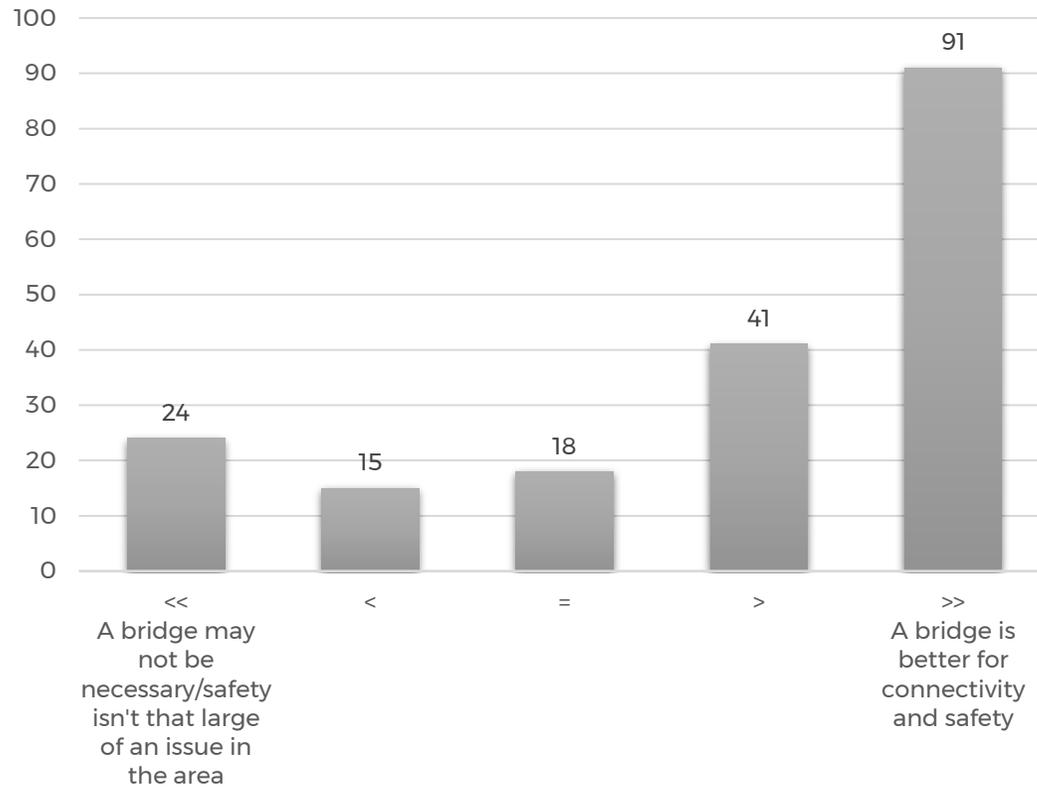
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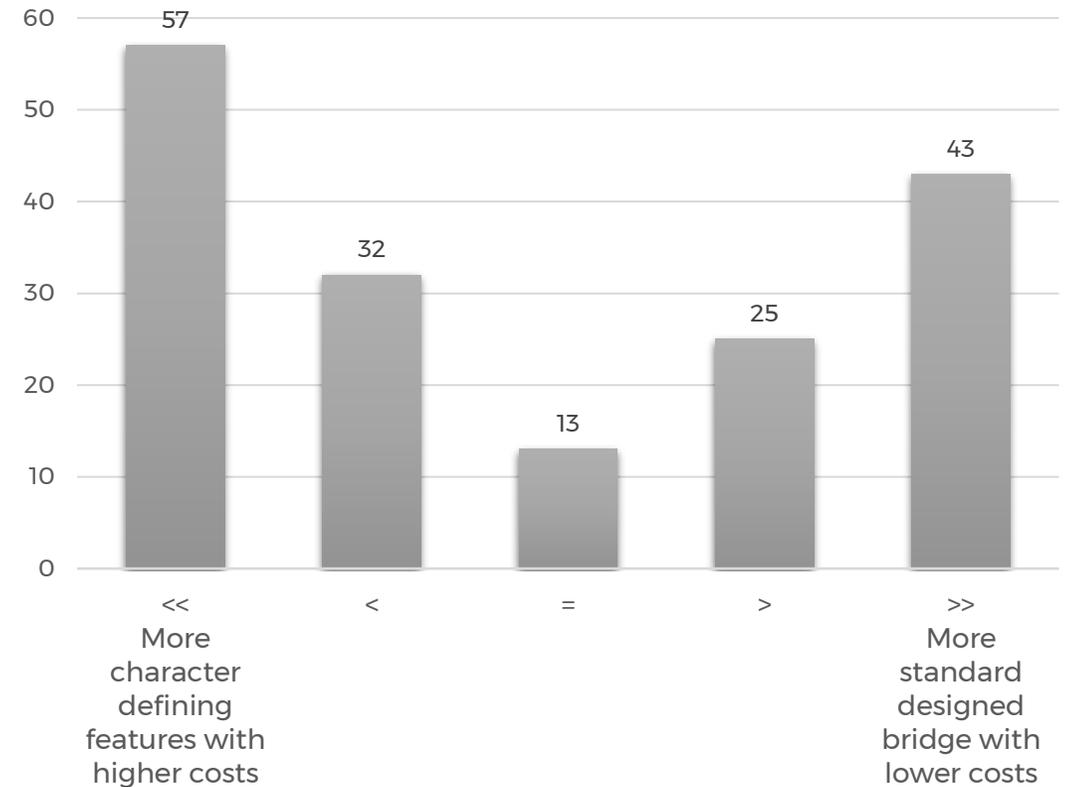
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## Train



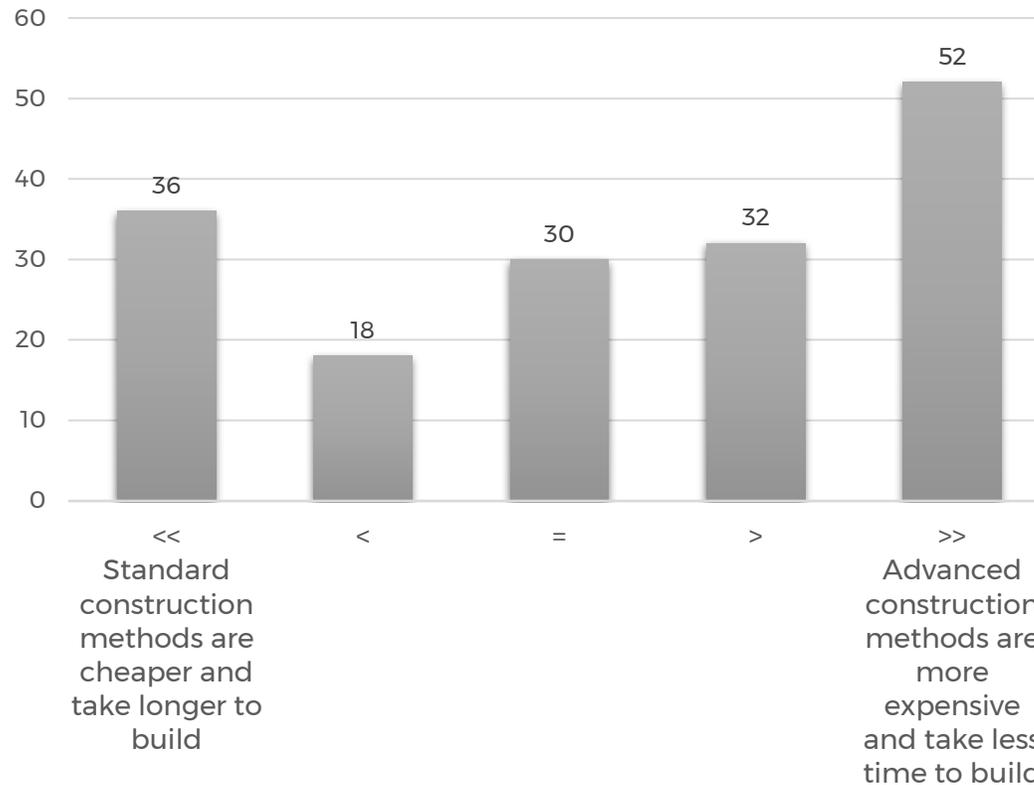
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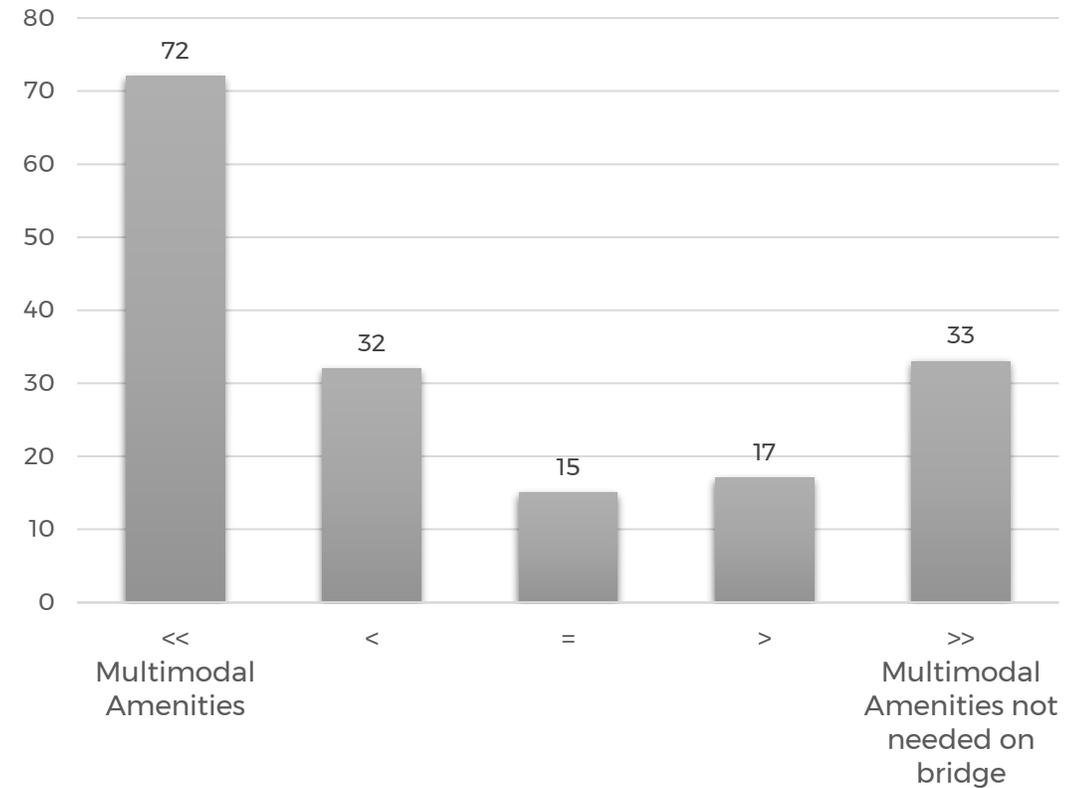
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## Construction



## Mobility



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# Breakout Stations

# Stations

Station #1  
**Welcome & Sign-In**

Station #2  
**Project Overview**

*A Tale of Two Grants*  
*Project Process*  
*Existing Conditions*

Station #3  
*(Interactive)*  
**Roadway  
Improvement Options**  
*Pick Your Preferred Typical  
Section*

Station #4  
*(Interactive)*  
**Travel Characteristics**  
*Map 1: Travel Obstacles*  
*Map 2: Travel Patterns*



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**Next Public Meeting – Summer 2024**

*QR Code for Survey:*

