

Stakeholder Engagement Period Survey Results



Purpose of Survey

To kick off stakeholder engagement for the Eastern Will County Freight Mobility Corridor Study, an online public engagement period took the place of a traditional public meeting due to the Covid-19 pandemic from November 30 to December 31, 2020. The goal of this online public engagement period was to solicit feedback, create awareness of the project, and to help determine the need for the project. A part of the public engagement period was a MetroQuest Survey to engage the Will County community and other impacted stakeholders. The survey received a great response and closed on December 31, 2020.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first survey!



Participants

Survey Participation

The month-long survey garnered participation from 252 stakeholders, including elected officials, residents, and business owners.

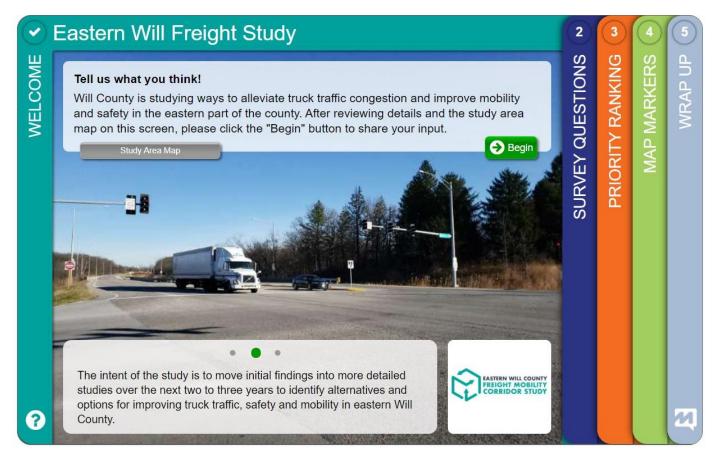
A combination of tactics were used to promote the survey including website updates, a social media campaign, email newsletters, and postcard with a QR code linking to the survey.

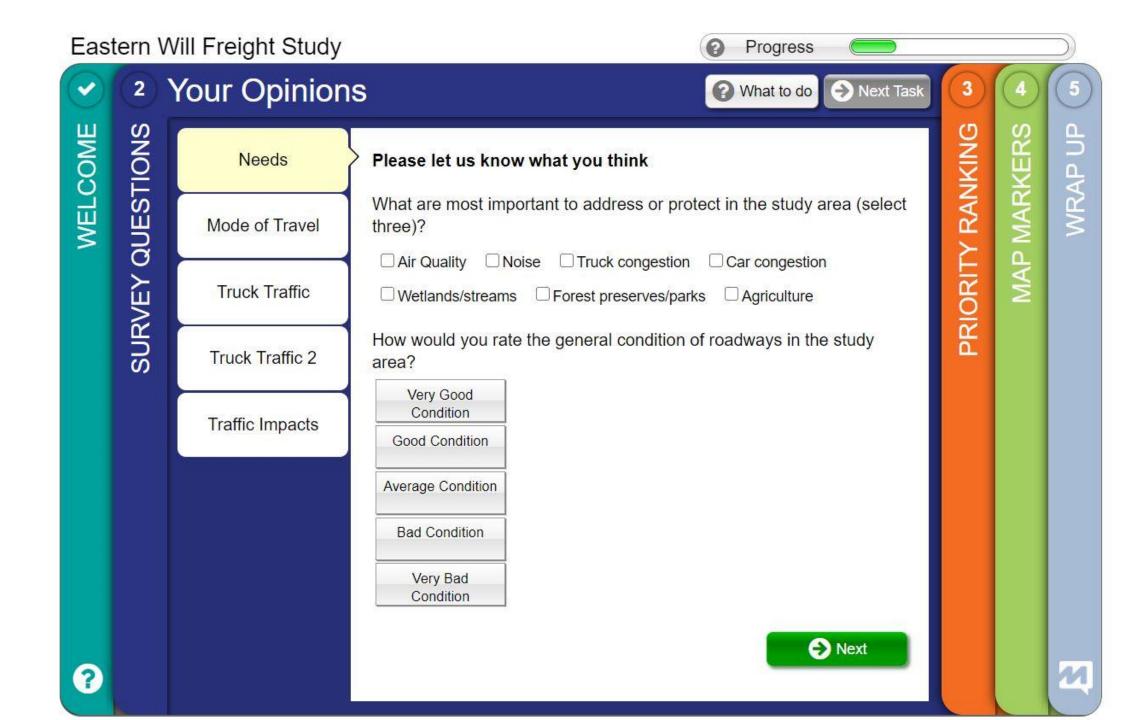




Survey Overview

The survey consisted of 13 questions focused on the topics of study area transportation needs, current conditions, safety and truck traffic.







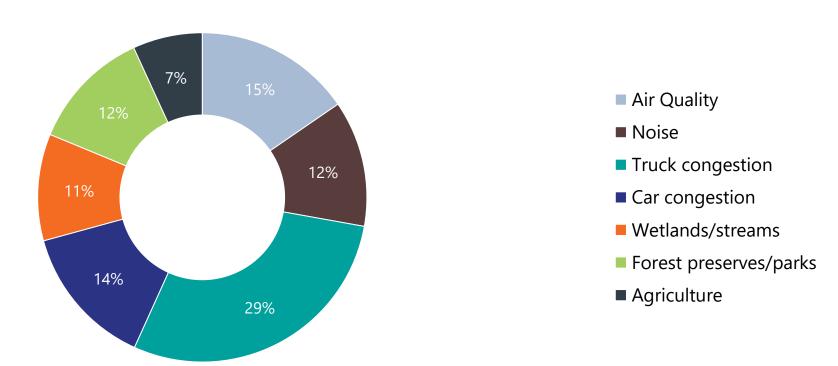
Responses to Survey Questions



Needs - Question 1

What are most important to address or protect in the study area (select three)?

Top three answers: truck congestion, air quality, and car congestion

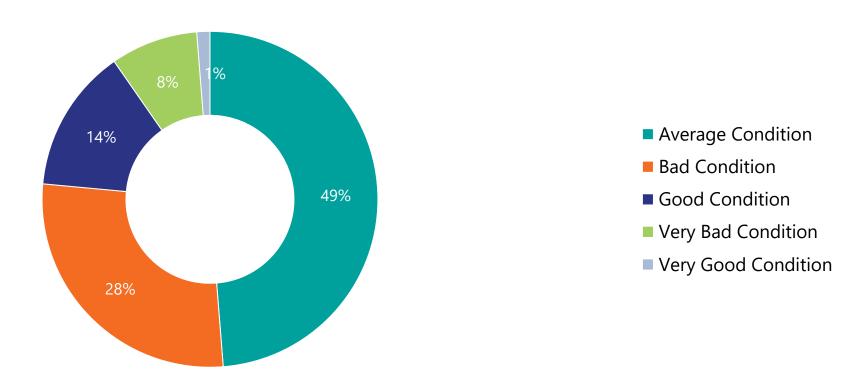




Needs - Question 2

How would you rate the general condition of roadways in the study area?

Top three answers: average condition, bad condition, good condition

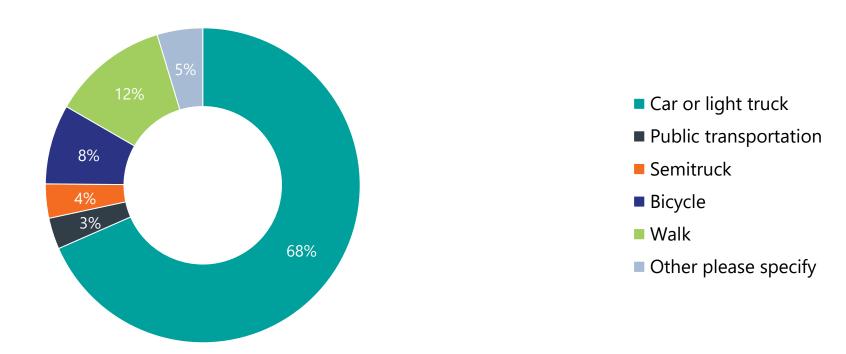




Mode of Travel - Question 1

What forms of transportation do you use when traveling study area routes (select all that apply)?

Top three answers: car or light truck, walk, and bicycle

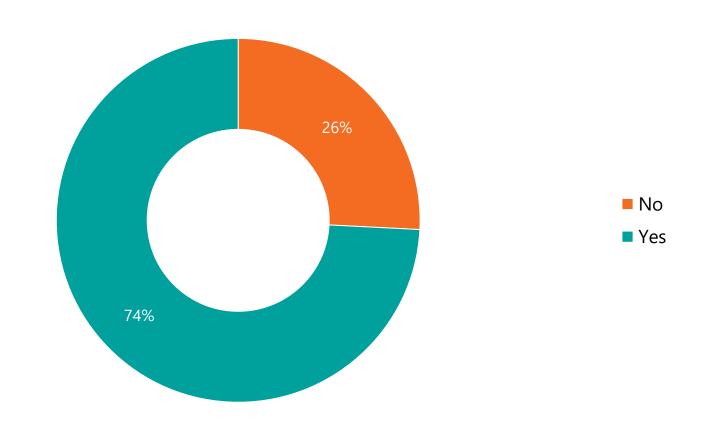




Truck Traffic - Question 1

Have you experienced truck traffic congestion on I-57

(including Monee and Stuenkel Road exits)?

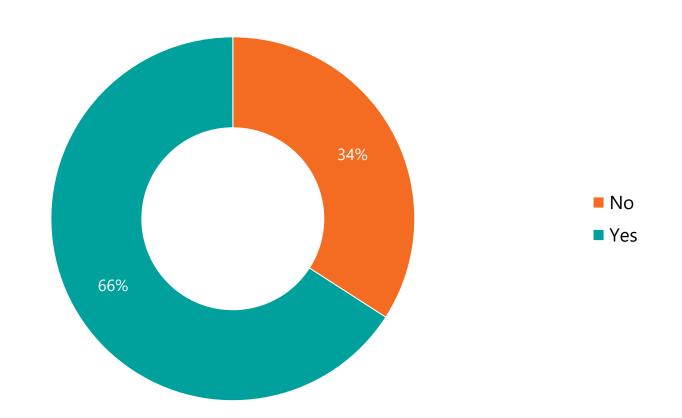




Truck Traffic - Question 2

Have you experienced truck traffic congestion on IL

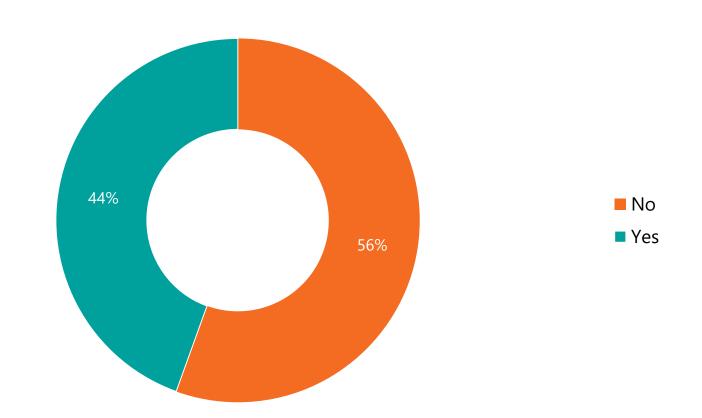
394/IL 1?





Truck Traffic 2 - Question 1

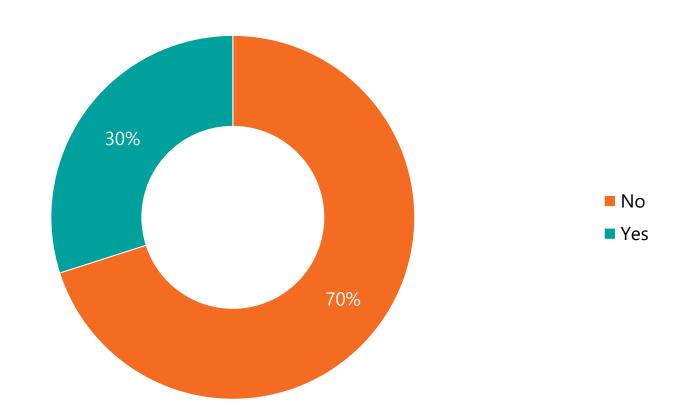
Have you experienced truck traffic congestion on CreteMonee Road?





Truck Traffic 2 - Question 2

Have you experienced truck traffic congestion on Pauling-Goodenow Road?





Priorities Ranking Responses

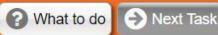
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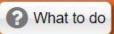
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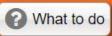


WELCOME

What's Most Important?







SURVEY QUESTIONS PRIORITY RANKING

0 Safety

2 Truck Congestion

> Order your top 5 ↑ items above this line ↑

> > Car Congestion

Bike & Pedestrian Safety

Connectivity/Efficiencies

Environment

Noise

Truck Routing

Truck Congestion



Ensuring that large trucks move through the area without experiencing or causing traffic back-ups.



Comment

Suggest another

Priorities Average Rank



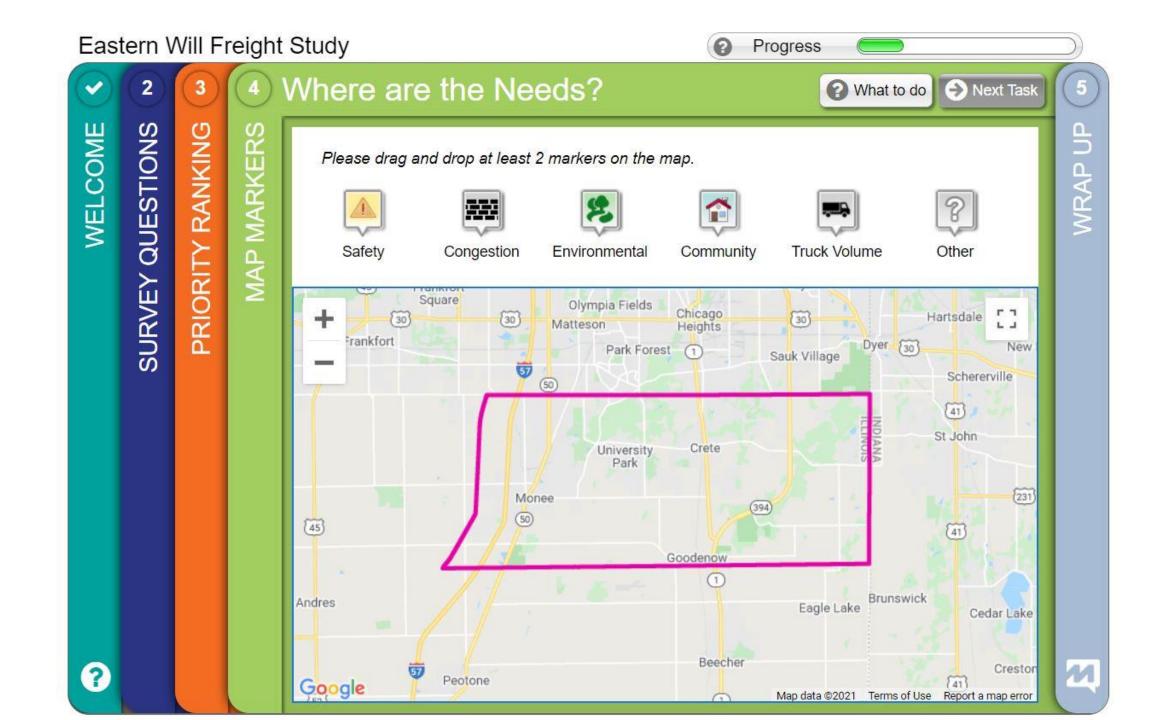
Participants ranked eight priorities from highest to lowest. The most important priority is 1. The average ranking for each priority was used to determine the overall rank.

* Note that the highest rank is 1, so small rankings and averages are better than high ones

| Priority | Overall Rank | Average Rank |
|----------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1 | Truck Congestion | 2.53 |
| 2 | Safety | 2.53 |
| 3 | Environment | 3.00 |
| 4 | Truck Routing | 3.05 |
| 5 | Car Congestion | 3.18 |
| 6 | Connectivity/Efficiencies | 3.43 |
| 7 | Bike and Pedestrian Safety | 3.44 |
| 8 | Noise | 3.52 |



Map Markers Responses



Priority Issues



Map Marker Summary

Top three markers on the map were safety, congestion, and truck volume.

To view the marker locations and comments click here.



Problem Locations Summary



Please note that there are limitations to the data provided. Most of the map markers were not placed directly on specific roadways or intersections. The project team made some assumptions and grouped markers in the most logical locations. Intersections and roadways that had the majority of map markers are summarized. To view <u>all</u> map marker locations and comments <u>click here</u>.

This is a preliminary summary, and the project team will provide further analysis of the data in the summary.

Problem Locations Summary - Continued



I-57 and Monee-Manhattan Road

The I-57 and Monee-Manhattan interchange had 38 map markers placed at or near the intersection. The map markers placed symbolized safety (15), congestion (11), truck volume (11), and environmental (1). Five comments were made about congestion and two specifically said the roadway needs to be expanded to four lanes. Eight comments were made about safety and two were specifically about pedestrian safety. Seven truck volume comments said there are too many trucks

IL-394 and Exchange Street

IL-394 and Exchange Street had 18 map markers at or near the intersection. The map markers were safety (10), congestion (7) and other (1). A total of 15 comments were made at this intersection, and ten comments were made about the lack of turn lanes.

Exchange Street

Exchange Street had a total of 37 markers placed on or near the roadway. Congestion (8) and safety (8) were the top used markers outside of the IL-394/Exchange intersection which had 18 markers. Heavy traffic from Indiana was commented five times.

Problem Locations Summary - Continued



IL-394

IL-394 had 40 markers placed on or near the roadway. Safety (19), truck volume (8), congestion (7) were the top three most used markers. The majority of the safety comments were about trucks running lights, speeding, and that the roadway is dangerous.

Pauling-Goodenow Road

Pauling-Goodenow Road had 21 markers placed on or near the roadway and safety was the most used marker (10).

Problem Locations Summary - Continued



IL-394 and Burville Road

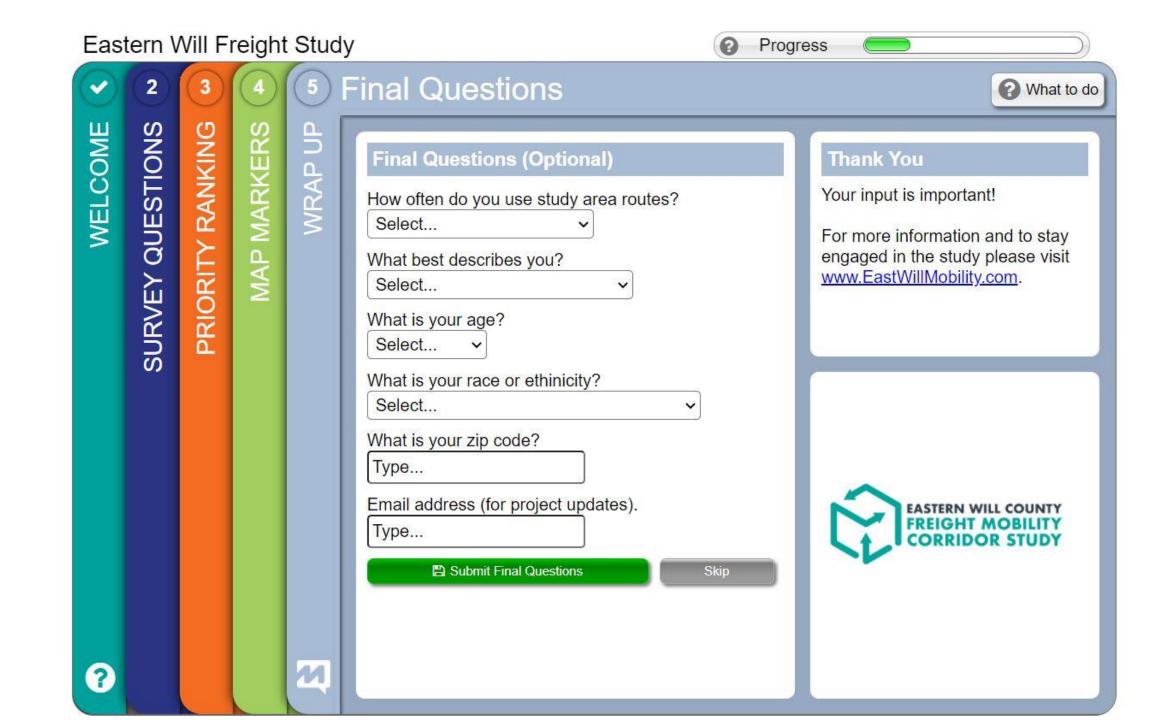
IL-394 and Burville Road had seven (7) map markers placed at the intersection and the majority of the comments said the intersection is dangerous.

Crete-Monee Road

Crete-Monee Road had nine (9) map markers with the majority of comments being about an increase in heavy truck traffic.



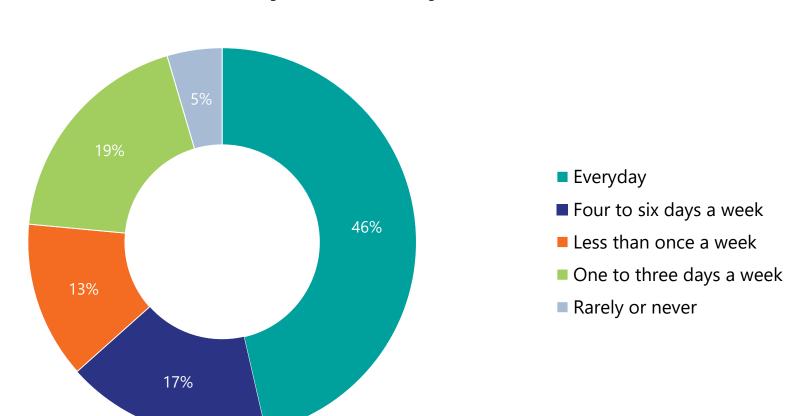
Demographics of Survey Participants





Demographics - Question 1

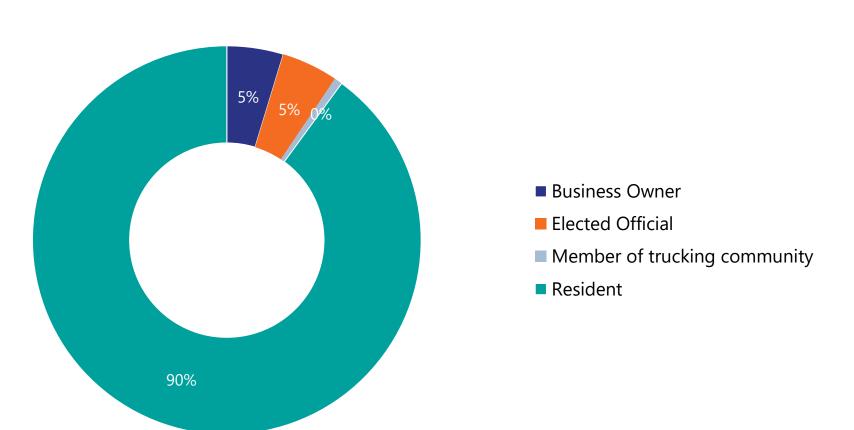
How often do you use study area routes?





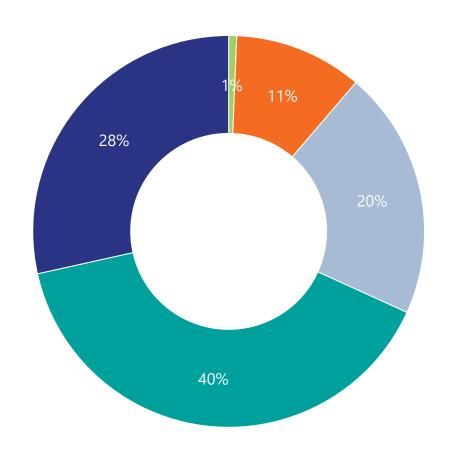
Demographics - Question 2

Which best describes you?





Demographics - Question 3 What is your age?



19-29

30-39

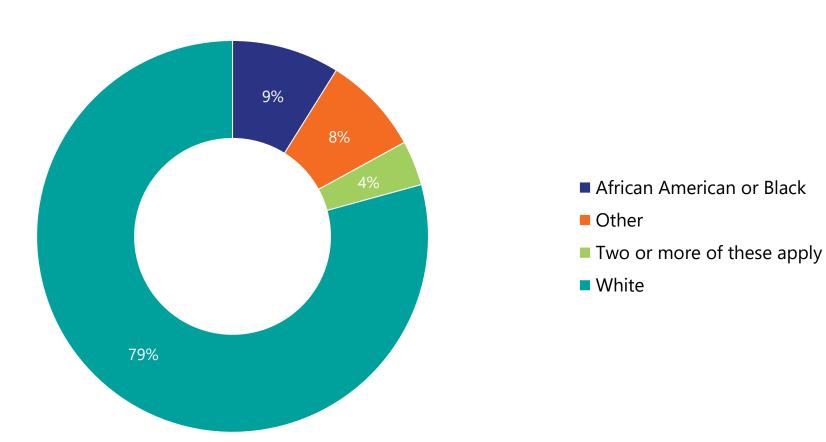
40-49

50-64

■ 65 or older



Demographics - Question 4
What is your race or ethnicity?



Wrap Up



There were 252 completed surveys received during the Public Engagement Period. The results of the survey, combined with stakeholder interviews, analysis of current and future travel trends, and engineering assessment will be utilized to develop the Purpose and Need for the project. The results will be incorporated into the development of the purpose and need statement, the first major milestone in the study process.

Stay tuned for future outreach on the Eastern Will County Freight Mobility Corridor Study.