



From May through June the City asked for feedback on the first draft of the update to the Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan.

We heard from:

- **Members of the public** who answered a survey on Engage Olympia or emailed City staff.
- The City's **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee**, a group of volunteers who offer guidance on policies related to bicycle and pedestrian transportation.
- The City's **Planning Commission**, another group of volunteers who advise on policies that affect the long-range growth of Olympia.
- The City's **Social Justice and Equity Commission**, volunteers who work to eliminate racism and fulfill human rights for a just and equitable Olympia for all people.

Outreach results

June 2024

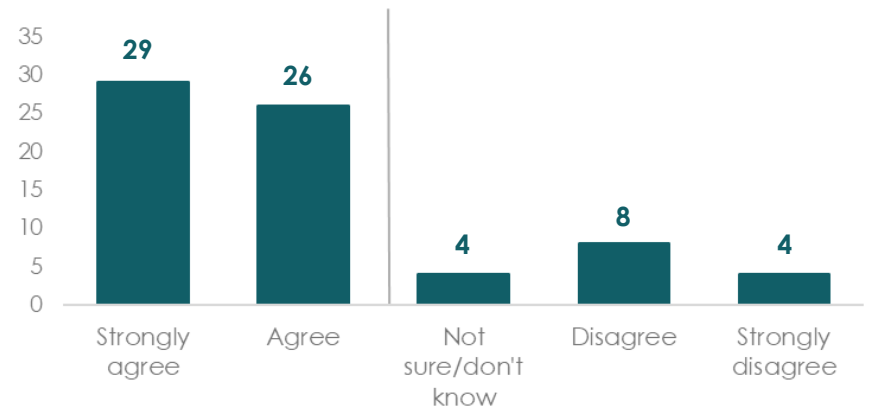
749 people responded to a request to review the first draft of the chapter by visiting the Engage Olympia website.

230 documents were downloaded by those visitors, including the draft chapter and a summary of significant changes.

71 people took a short survey.

55 of the 71 people who took the survey either agreed or strongly agreed with the direction of the chapter.

Do you disagree or agree with the general direction of this chapter?





Who we heard from

Of the 62 people who answered demographic questions in the survey:

- 29 identified as male, 26 as female, and five as non-binary.
- No one under age 18 replied. 42% of respondents were over age 65.
- 55 people said they live in Olympia, 16 that they work or own a business in Olympia, and one goes to school in Olympia.
- 87% identified as white, 6% as Hispanic or Latino, 3% as Black or African American, and 5% preferred not to say.

The City does not have demographic data for members of advisory committees or commissions.

What we heard

There is strong support for the policy direction of making it easier for people to walk or roll, bike, or take transit.

Some are concerned that we are not doing enough to make this happen in the near term. Some ideas that came up several times were:

- Ensure that people with disabilities can get around easier, whether walking or rolling, biking, taking transit, or driving.
- Extend the service hours and frequency of transit.
- Build separated bike lanes, especially on arterials.
- Improve bike parking, especially downtown, and in a way that makes bike theft less likely.
- Convert 4th and State Avenues from one-way to two-way streets.
- Close downtown streets and some neighborhoods to vehicles and create car-free zones.
- Build pedestrian and bicycle paths instead of new streets.
- De-emphasize support for electric vehicles and seek ways to support e-bike ownership.

We will consider this feedback when writing the second draft.

What's next

Staff will write a second draft of the chapter and share it with the public on the [Engage Olympia project page](#) this fall. This feedback will help shape the second draft.

We will also ask the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to share feedback on the second draft. In October, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing. We plan to route the chapter to the City Council in the late fall or early winter.

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