# Moving Forward Together

Everyday people coming together for a better, more accessible, and more affordable transportation system in Fresno County

#### Taxpayer priorities to get a transportation measure on the 2026 ballot that we can all support

Findings from Community Engagement Efforts

September 8, 2025







#### Community-Based Participatory Process



VISIONING

2 PRIORITIES

- Iterative phases
- Inclusive
- Mixed-methods

- Multi-language
- · Trained facilitators
- · Well-attended



## Robust Community Engagement



responses via surveys and interactive activities





Community Meetings





#### Countywide Representation

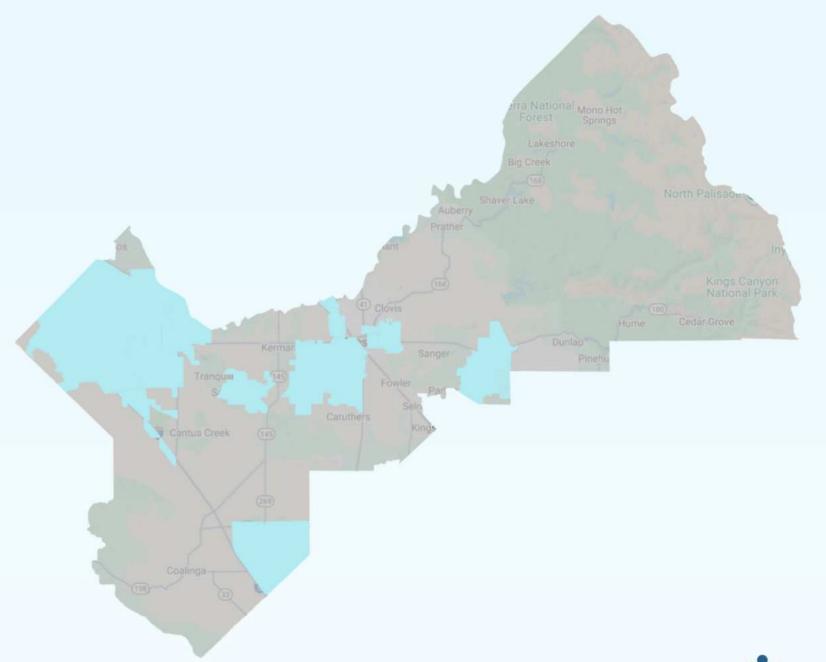


Top 10 zip codes reached are a combination of rural and urban neighborhoods.

#### Zip Codes Reached

**Top Zip Codes Participation** 

Fresno								
93727	93722	93706						
93703	93702							
San Joaquin	Reedley	Orange Cove						
93660	93654	93646						
Mendota	Firebaugh	Huron						
93640	93622	93234						





## Diverse Voices, Active Engagement









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Reedley, transportation storytelling activity, Phase 1



Sikh Institute Fresno Survey + worksheets, Phase 2



Fresno, Survey booklet, Phase 3



Huron, Mapping my movement, focus group activity, Phase 1



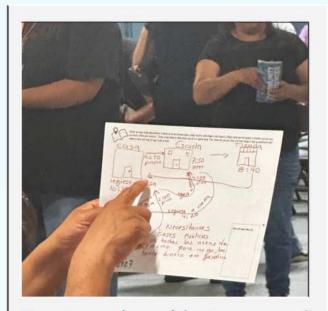
Fresno, transportation storytelling activity, Phase 1



Stone Soup Fresno, Survey booklet, Phase 3



Dunlap, transportation needs and vision, Phase 1



San Joaquin resident, personal journey map, Phase 1



## Community Priorities

What Fresno County Taxpayers Shared











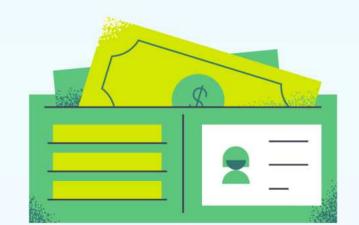




#### Budget Priorities

- Repairing and maintaining streets in my community; streets near schools, parks, and community centers; neighborhood streets.
- Buses coming more often, so there's less waiting; expanding bus and public transit services in cities and towns; expanding regional transit services in rural areas.
- Sidewalks and paths that connect homes to places like schools, parks, and stores; sidewalks in older neighborhoods that don't have any, or need repairs.

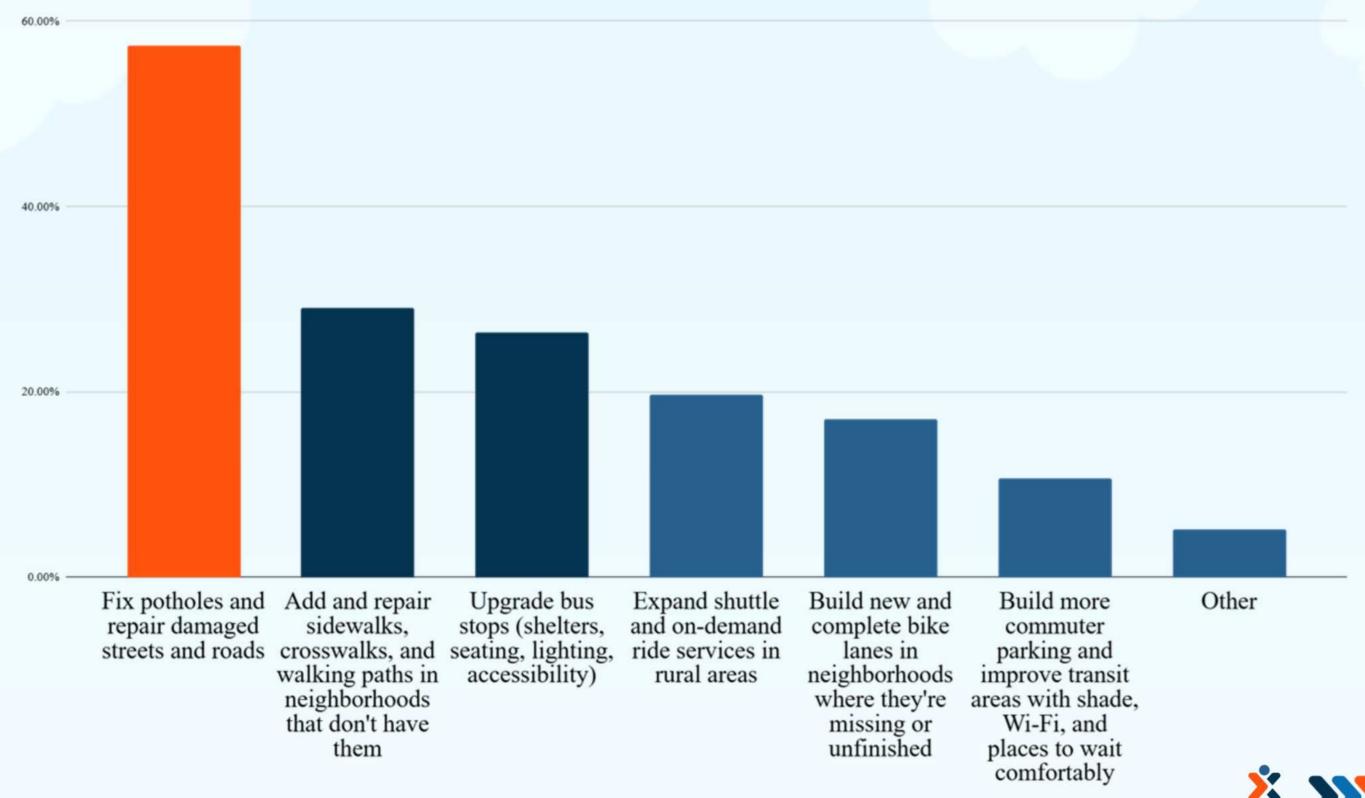
- Better lighting, reflectors, and illuminated signs.
- Transportation that works for everyone.
- Making it easier to walk, bike, or roll.
- Helping people reach the places they need to go.
- Making sure the plan is implemented equitably and runs smoothly.





#### Top Improvements

Which transportation improvements would help the most in your community? (select two)





# Top Priorities: FIX, MAINTAIN AND ADD ROADS IN EXISTING NEIGHBORHOODS





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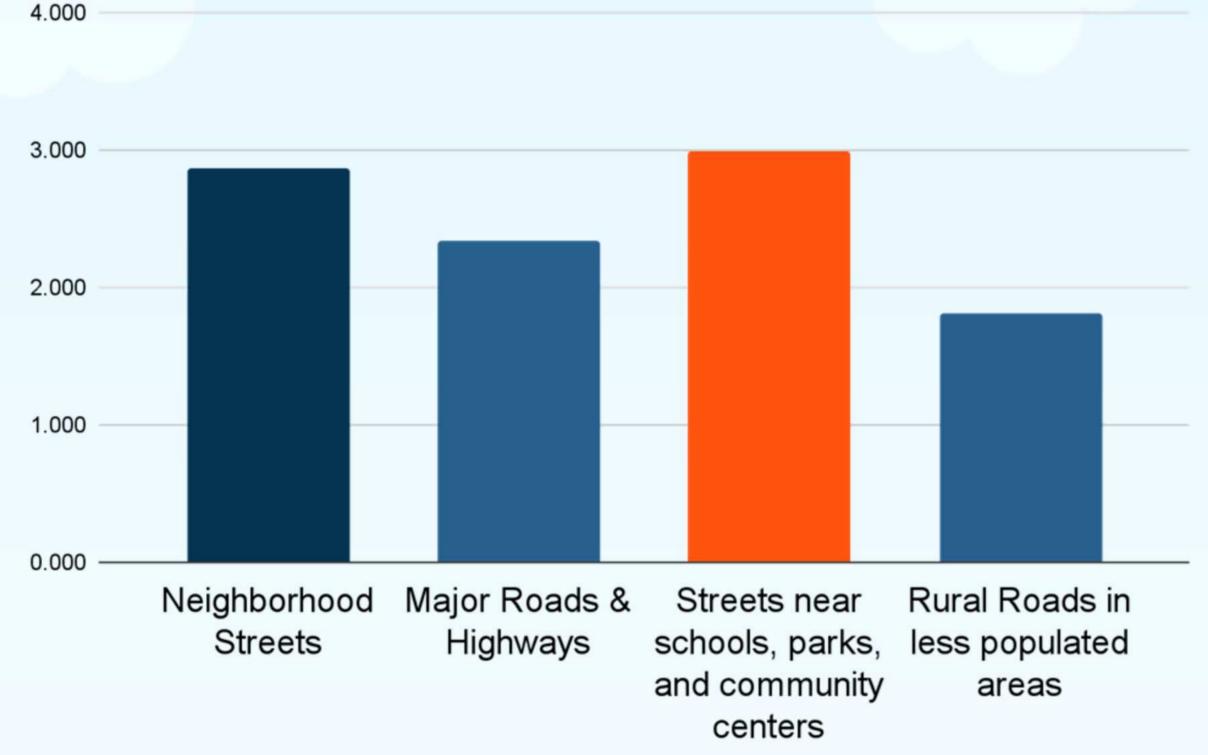
"McCall Avenue north of Jensen Avenue south of Highway 180 railroad track area deep pockets on tracks, causing too much damage to vehicles because of this some drivers slow down completely to minimize damage to their cars. Other drivers are in a hurry most likely because they're running late, this causes a traffic hazard with unsafe conditions. Repair of the roadway may minimize these dangerous conditions."

#### -Phase 1 Respondent



#### Road Priorities

Which road projects should be completed first?





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"Roads near Clinton/99, Jaswant Singh Khalra Park, Shaw and Polk, and others need sidewalks, lighting, road repair, crosswalks, speed limits, bike lanes, etc."

-Phase 1 Respondent



# Top Priorities: Better, More Accessible Public Transportation







## Top Public Transit Improvements

What would make buses and public transit better in your community?

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2.000 1.000 0.000 **Buses coming** New bus routes go Upgrade bus stops more often, so with shelters, to more places there's less waiting benches, lights, and better access



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"If there was more transportation, I would be much more better and have a easier life."

-Phase 3 Respondent



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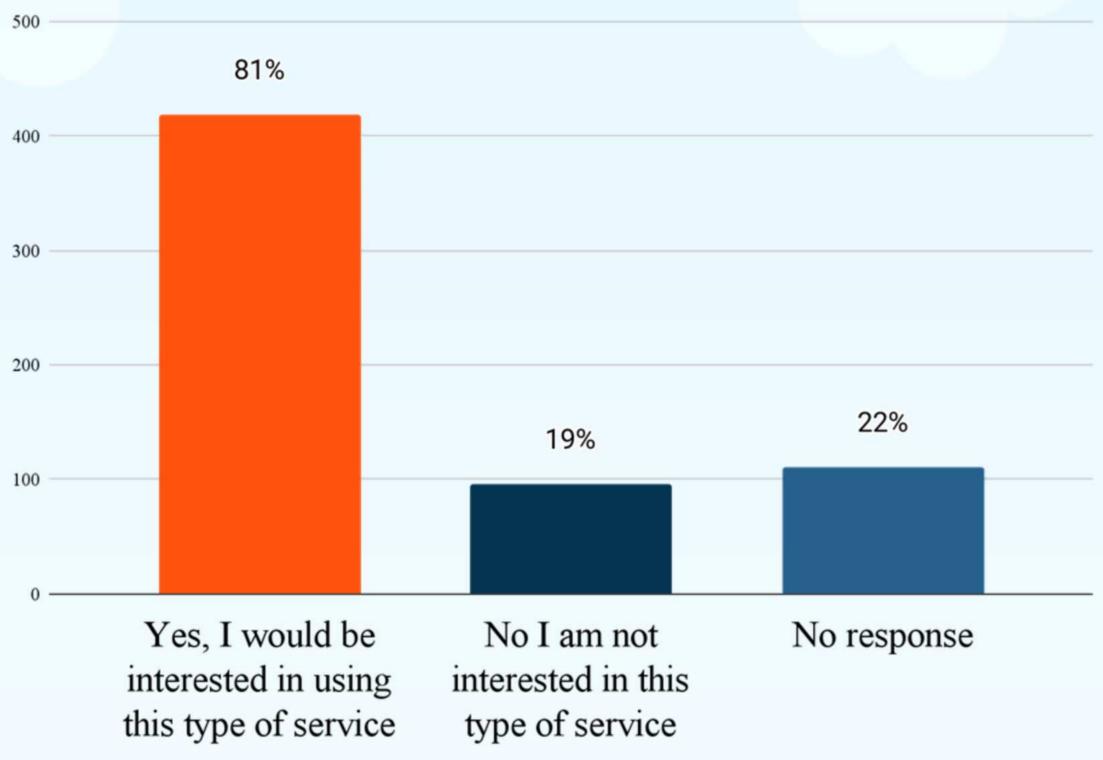
"I would love to be able to use public transport. Good, prompt, clean, frequent buses and good shelters at bus stops are needed."

-Phase 2 Respondent



#### Public Transit Access

If small shuttles or on-demand ride services were easier to access in your area, would you consider using them?





#### Systemic Public Transit Use Barriers

If you don't use public buses or transit, why not?

I prefer using my car or another form of transportation.				
It takes too long to get where I need to go.				
Public transit does not go where I need it to.				
There is no easy way to get to or from a bus/train stop from my home of destination.				
Public transit not available.				
I have difficulty accessing public transit due to a disability or mobility issue.				
It is too expensive.	2%			
It is uncomfortable.	8%			
I do not feel safe using public transit.	8%			
Other	1%			



## Systemic Barriers



# Top Priorities: Improve Bike Lanes, Trails, and Sidewalks













#### Sidewalk Priorities

Which sidewalk projects should be completed first?

- Sidewalks and paths that connect to homes
- Sidewalks in older neighborhoods that don't have them
- 6 Sidewalks along busy roads or intersections
- Sidewalks in new neighborhoods that are being built



## Safety Improvements

Which of the following safety improvements are most important for your community?

- Better lighting, reflectors, and illuminated signs for low visibility
- Safer sidewalks
- Safer bus stops
- Protected bike lanes

#### Accessibility Improvements

63%

of respondents stated they would like to see upgrades to bus stops including shelters, seating, lighting, and accessibility.

243

people ranked **accessibility for all riders** as the #1 or #2 priority for improving access to public transportation.

247

people ranked better sidewalks for people using wheelchairs, walkers, or strollers as the #1 or #2 priority for changes that would help people walk or bike more in your community.



#### Active Transportation

#### Improving Bike Lanes, Trails, and Sidewalks

How important are these transportation infrastructure improvements to you?

Rating	12-17 years old	18-24 years old	25-34 years old	35-44 years old	45-54 years old	55-64 years old	Over 65 years old	Age Total
Not Important	6.50%	8.60%	6.40%	0.00%	3.20%	6.20%	2.00%	4.60%
Somewhat Important	35.50%	29.30%	17.00%	19.30%	12.90%	12.30%	11.80%	20.90%
Very Important	58.10%	62.10%	76.60%	80.70%	83.90%	81.50%	86.30%	74.50%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%

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"I would like to have bike lanes like all the other places in the county - it needs to be safe and wide enough for all, and separated from cars"

-Phase 1 Respondent

"There needs to be safe infrastructure and separated lanes for kids to bike to school and an accessible park they can bike to"

-Phase 1 Respondent



## Top Priorities: Better Connectivity















## Connecting Communities



of Phase 1 respondents ranked "Expanding regional transit services for rural areas (shuttle and on-demand ride options)" as very important.



of Phase 1 respondents ranked "Improve commuter support (carpool, office shuttles)" as very important.



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"We need better roads and more access to public transportation. We need public transportation that connects our city to more rural communities."

-Phase 1 Respondent



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"I want our transportation money to pull our rural communities closer to Fresno. Our next measure C should give our rural communities the maximum flexibility and abundance of resources to innovate and create a transportation future that connects their communities to the big city resources."

-Phase 2 Respondent



# Top Priorities: Ensure Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency









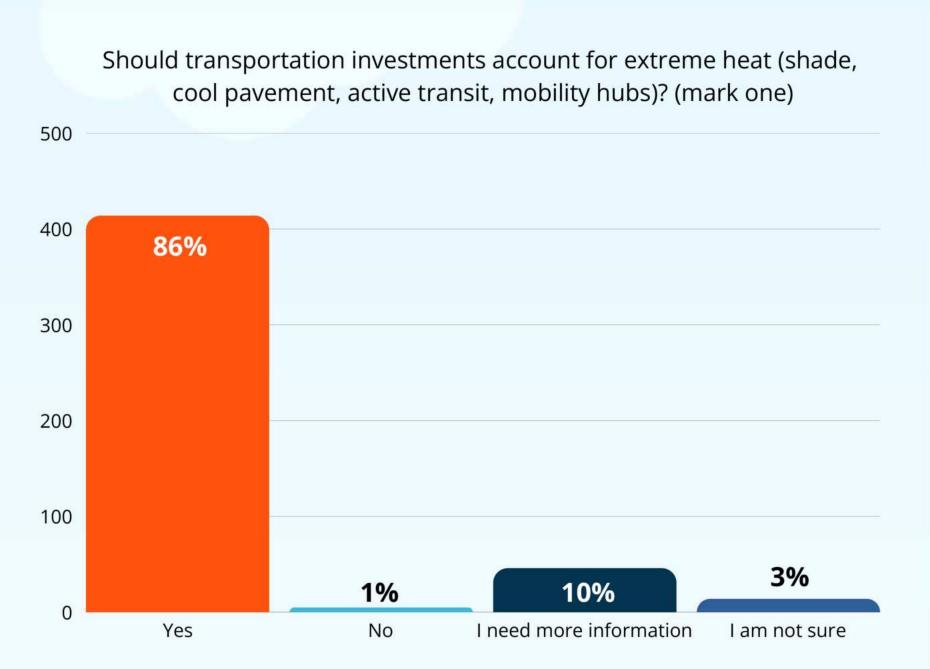




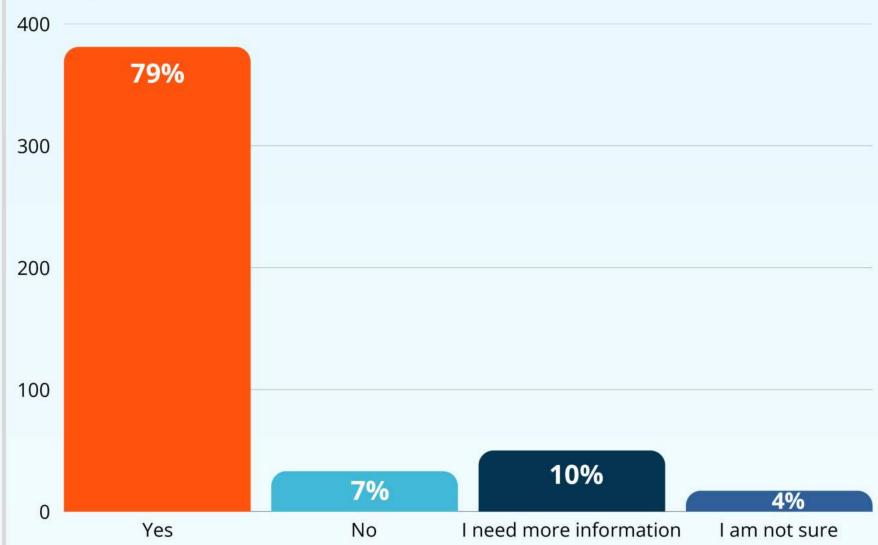


#### Improve Quality of Life

Taxpayers strongly support sustainable infrastructure and want to see a return on their investment.



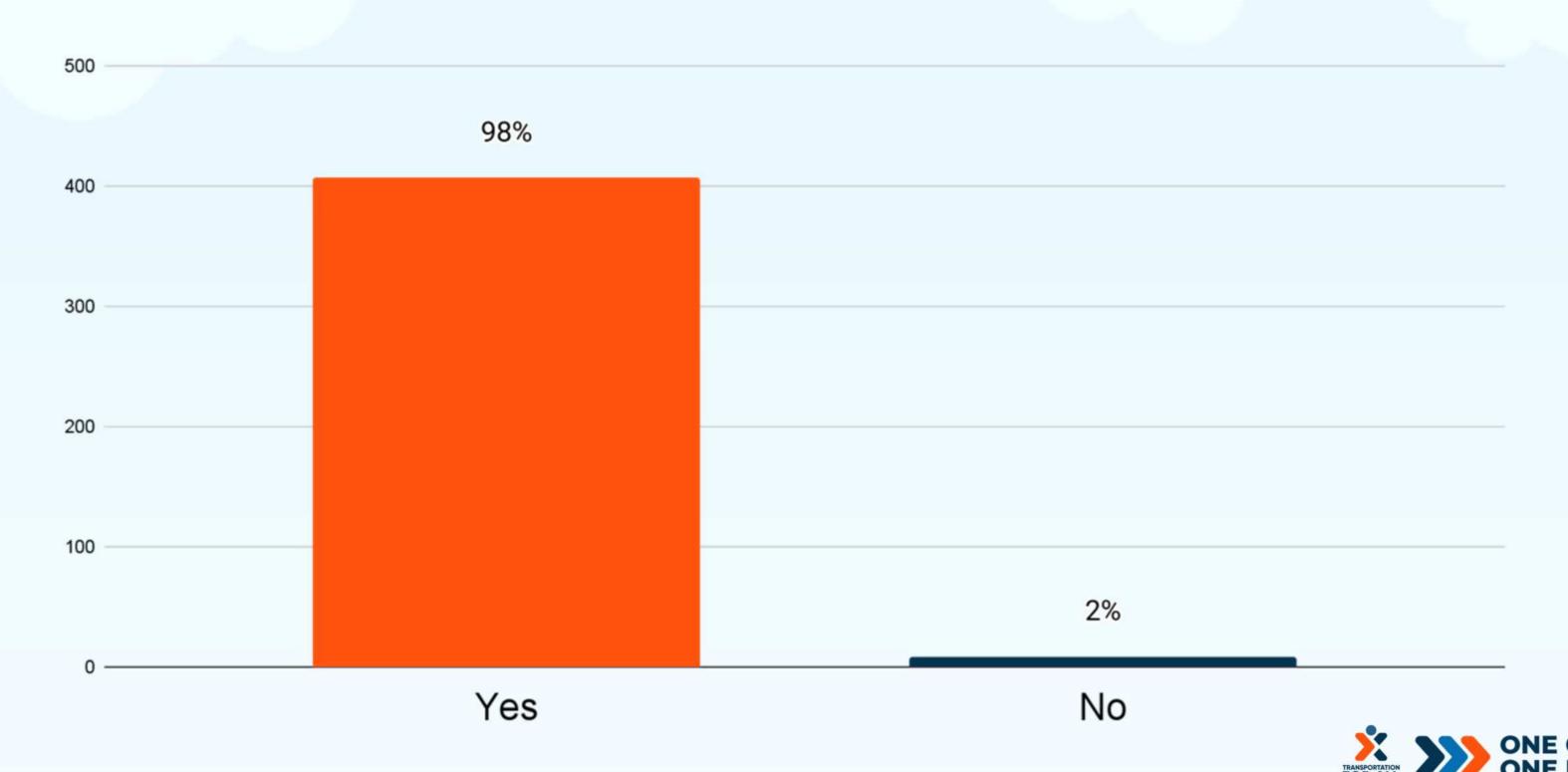
Do you think some of the transportation money should help pay for projects that make the air cleaner and reduce pollution? (mark one)





#### Include Taxpayers in Decisions

Sometimes people in the community can help decide how money gets spent on new projects. Would you like for people in your community to help choose which projects get money each year? (mark one)



#### Distribute Funding Fairly



Over two-thirds of taxpayers surveyed agree that some Measure C funds should be used to help small cities and rural communities apply for funding for transportation projects.

Over two-thirds of taxpayers surveyed **agree** that "**money should be distributed more evenly** for each type of transportation category."

#### Top Priorities:

- Fix, Maintain, and Add Roads in Existing Neighborhoods
- Better, More Accessible Public Transportation
- Improve Bike Lanes, Trails, and Sidewalks
- **Better Connectivity**
- Ensure Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency















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