



Piedmont Triad Livable Communities Summit

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US Department of
Transportation Secretary,
Ray LaHood



Attendee Survey Results

When asked should the Triad invest more in mass transportation systems 95.6% of attendees answered “Yes”. The detailed responses supported these findings with comments like “Should increase access and capacity to help address air quality issues” and “I’m in favor of doing all we can to reduce the fuel costs and demand for foreign oil”.

When asked should mass transportation systems be enhanced into the rural areas of the Triad 84.4% answered “Yes” and 12.9% answered “No”. Some detailed responses focused on creating a more connected network in the urban areas first, coordination efforts with community transportation systems, reduction of travel costs for rural citizens and the option to choose rural or urban and still have the same benefits.

When asked should mass transportation and housing policies be aligned to reduce the amount a family spends on transportation 93.1% of attendees answered “Yes”. The detailed responses supported these findings with comments like “Locate housing near employment and shopping functions”, “Better community planning and transportation planning integration is needed”, and “If residents of the Piedmont Triad spend less on transportation then it frees up their income for enhancing their quality of life and contributing to the economic health of our businesses”.

When asked should existing transportation systems be expanded to provide services to our aging and growing populations 87.9% of attendees answered “Yes”. Some detailed responses focused on bringing aging populations closer to transportation to provide better access, there is a need for more walk-able communities - without the sidewalk the elderly and disabled can’t use existing transit, and cost must be a consideration.

When asked would you support an increase in local funds (annual license fee or up to a ½ cent sales tax) to enhance mass transportation 79.3% answered “Yes” and 17.2% answered “No”. The detailed responses supported these findings with comments like “Both, if we are to move forward with high speed rail, which is essential, we must raise the funds to leverage the federal, state, and private funding that is needed”, “The results in Charlotte prove the tax increase is worth it, it’s a small price to pay for better environment” and “As long as resources are shared across the region”.

Detailed results are available upon request.