

# ConnectSF Draft Transit Strategy SFMTA Board of Directors – July 20, 2021

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# Today's Informational Presentation

- ConnectSF background
- Transit Investment Strategy
- Streets & Freeways Strategy
- Integrating the Strategies into future planning:
  - San Francisco Transportation Plan
  - Transportation Element

# About ConnectSF

## Phase 1 Vision

ConnectSF Vision



## Phase 2 Needs

Statement of Needs

### Transit Corridors Study

Streets and  
Freeways Study



## Phase 3 Policies & Priorities

San Francisco Transportation  
Plan

Transportation Element of  
SF General Plan



San Francisco  
County Transportation  
Authority



San Francisco  
**Planning**



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# Prior Work: Key Findings Recap

## Challenges to Address

### **Create Equitable Transportation Outcomes**

- Improve transportation connections for outer neighborhoods
- Improve jobs access via sustainable modes

### **Improve Sustainability**

- Reduce emissions by shifting trips
- Further expand transit capacity
- Manage congestion

### **Accommodate Forecasted Growth**

# Transit Investment Strategy

# Transit Investment Strategy Goals

- Build upon pandemic recovery efforts
- Prioritize communities and individuals that are most dependent on transit
- Adapt to changing travel needs between neighborhoods, not just to downtown
- Address state of good repair backlog
- Continue to reduce crowding and delay
- Improve connections to the region

# Key Recommendations

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**Make the system work better**  
with maintenance and restoration

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**Build a five-minute network** for  
reliable transit service citywide

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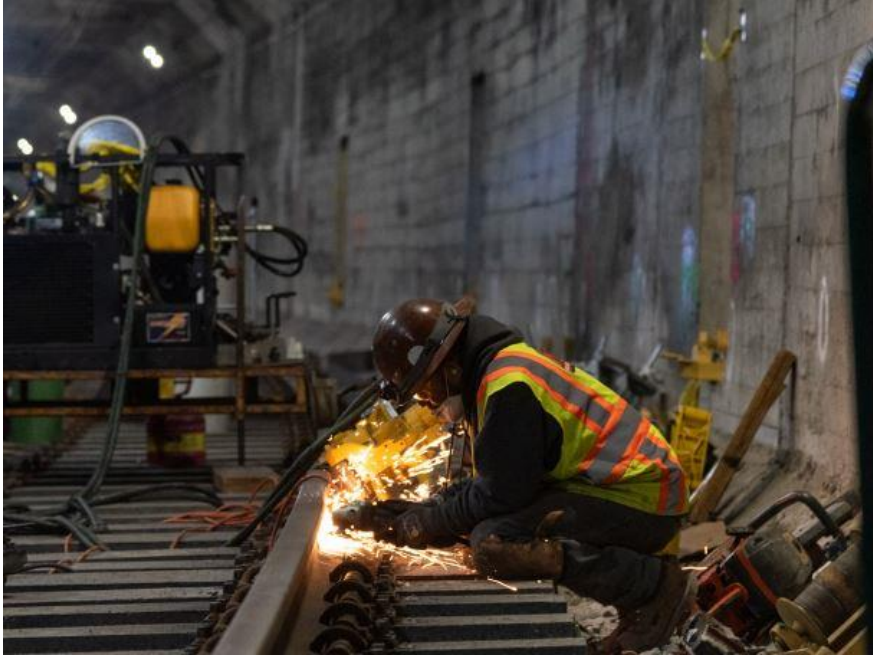
Increase speed, reliability, and  
capacity for a **modern rail system**

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**Build more rail** where bus service  
won't be able to meet demand

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# Maintain and Restore our Transit System





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# Five-Minute Network Improved Speed & Reliability



Street and signal improvements to preserve transit speed and reliability

Fast, frequent service and easy transfers throughout SF

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## Renew and Modernize Our Rail System

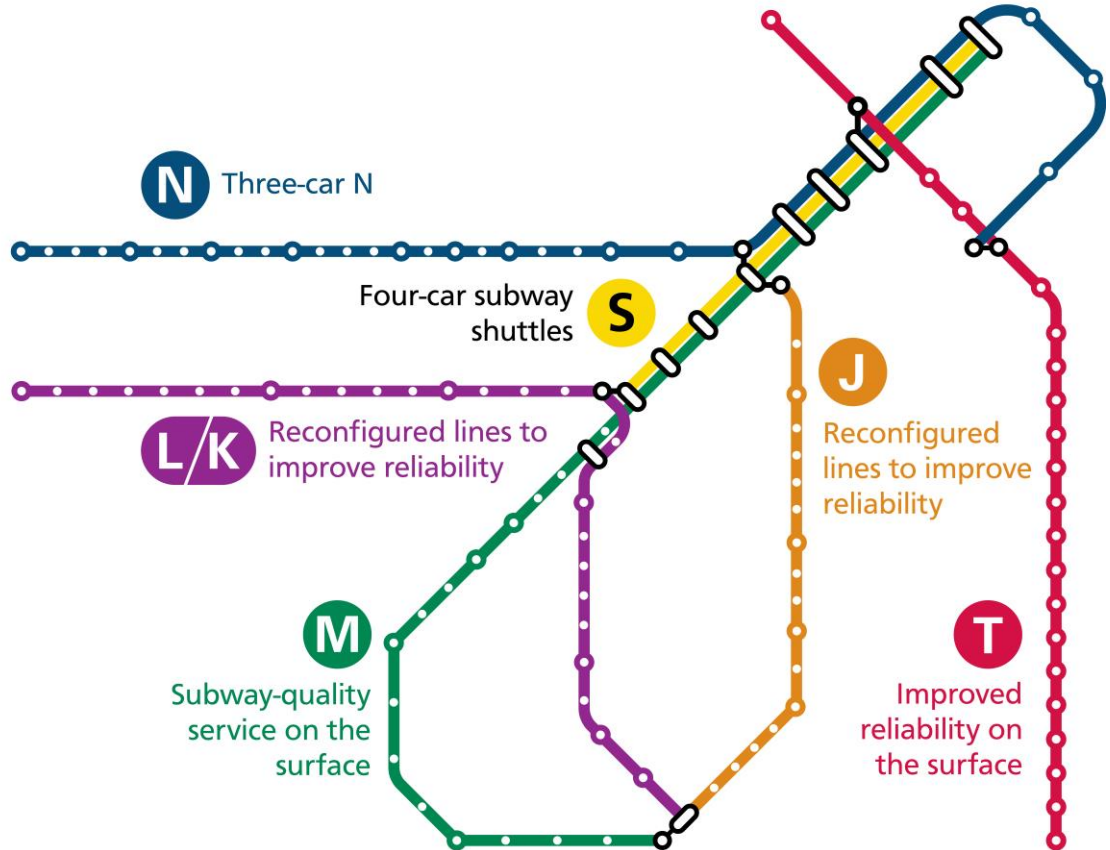
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Rebuild our aging rail network

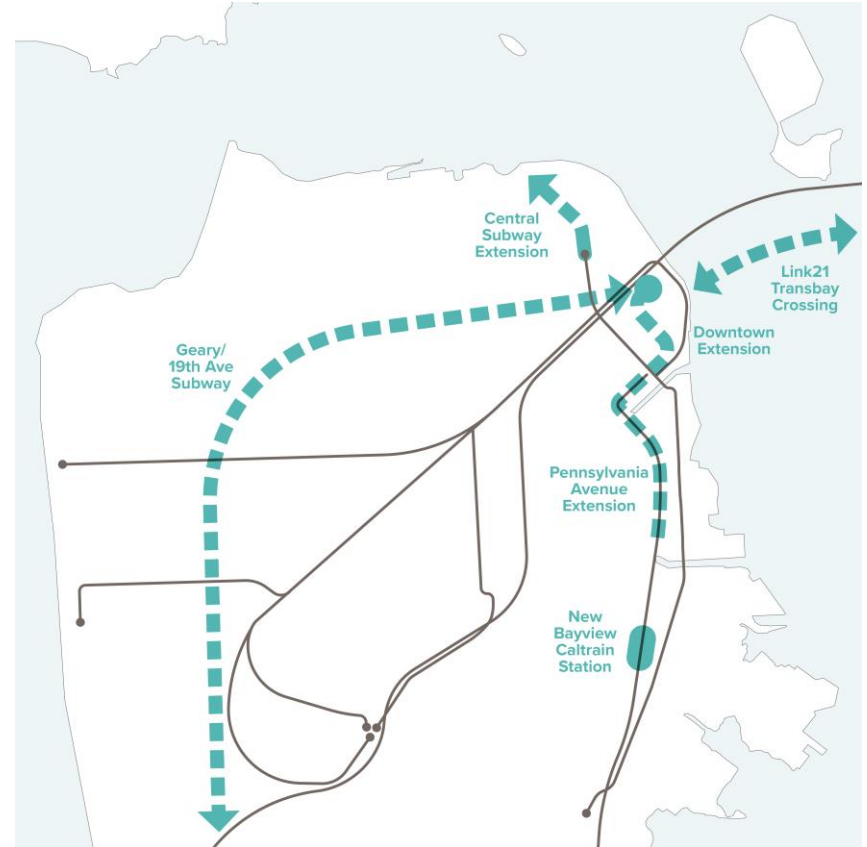
Expand critical infrastructure that keeps trains moving

Longer trains and more reliable service

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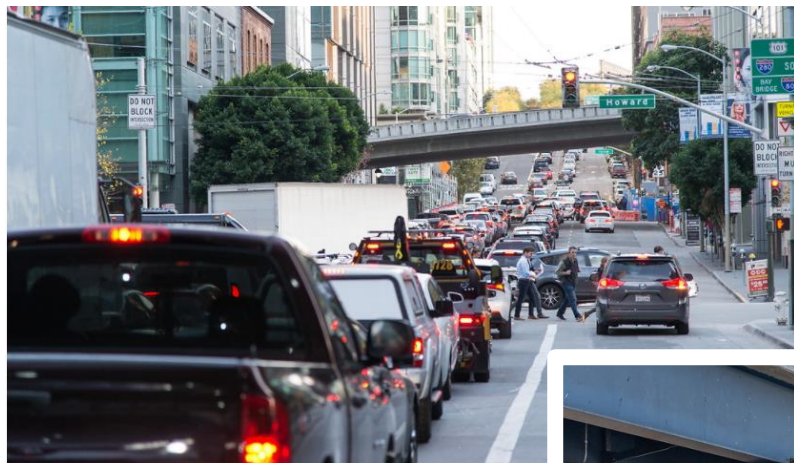


# 4 Build Rail to SF's Busiest Places

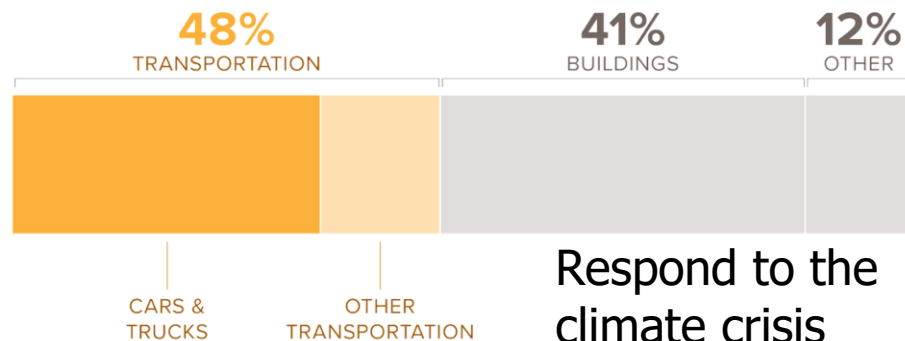


# Streets & Freeways Strategy

# Challenges for our Streets and Freeways



We have limited street space



Respond to the climate crisis



Freeways divide some communities, create negative impacts

# Recommendations

- 1. Maintain and reinvest in the current transportation system**
- 2. Prioritize transit and carpooling on our streets and freeways**
- 3. Build a complete network for walking and biking**
- 4. Prioritize safety in all investments and through targeted programs**
- 5. Repair harms and reconnect communities**

# 1 Maintain and Reinvest in the Current Transportation System





## 2 Prioritize Transit and Carpooling on our Streets & Freeways

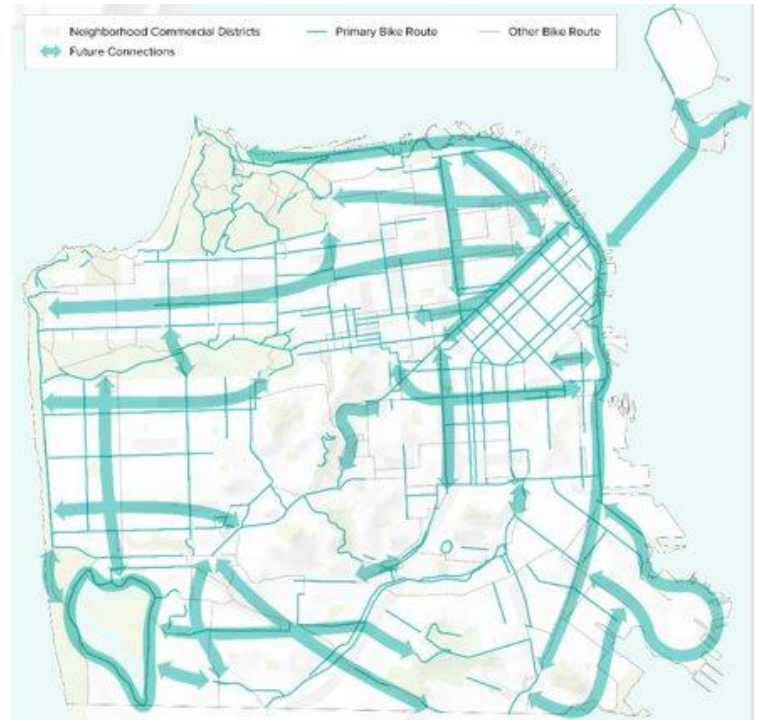
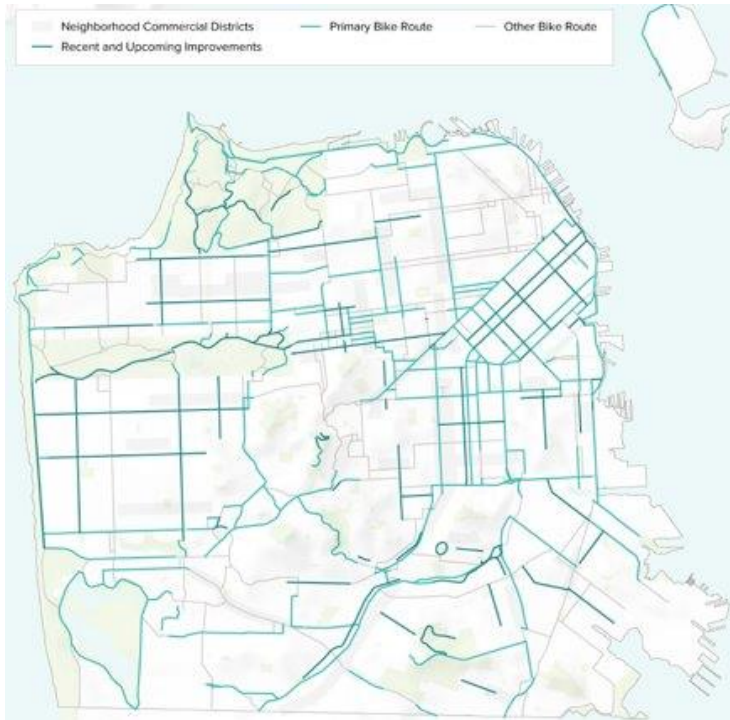


Exploring pricing to help transit and carpools move more quickly and reliably in congested areas

### Lead with equity

- Robust community involvement
- Discounts for people with low-incomes
- Use revenues to improve transit

# 3 Build A Complete Network for Walking and Biking

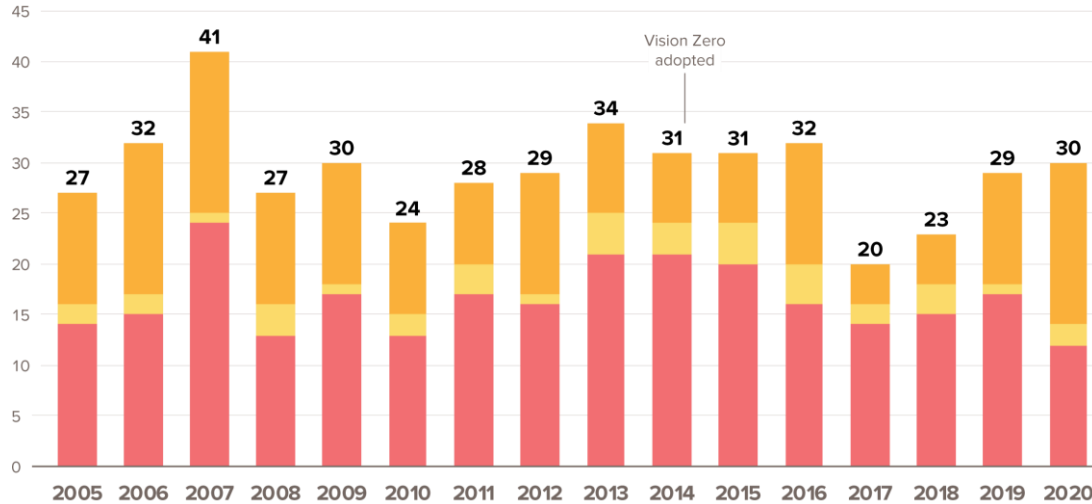


# 4 Prioritize Safety in all Investments and through Targeted Programs

People Killed While Walking

People Killed While Biking

People Killed in Vehicles



# 4 Prioritize Safety in all Investments and through Targeted Programs

Where successful and needed, make quick build permanent

Develop comprehensive speed management, focused on auto-oriented streets

Improve freeway ramps throughout the City



# 5 Repair Harms & Reconnect Communities

Short

Urban greening  
Reduce truck impacts

Medium

New grade-separated pedestrian crossings

Long

Explore transformative projects



# Outreach

- July – Streets and Freeways Strategy Outreach
  - Citywide online survey
  - Available in four languages – English, Chinese, Spanish, and Filipino
- Presentations planned to
  - Futures Task Force, Community-based organizations
  - Neighborhood and community groups as requested
  - Citywide Workshop

# Timeline

- Summer
  - Share findings from Transit Corridor Study and Streets and Freeway Study outreach
  - Describe remaining outreach and technical analysis to support San Francisco Transportation Plan (SFTP) development
- Fall/Winter
  - Transit Corridor Study publication
  - Develop SFTP constrained and vision investment scenarios
  - Conduct citywide outreach
  - Adopt final SFTP 2050
  - Begin development of Transportation Element of the General Plan

# What's Next?

- **San Francisco Transportation Plan**
  - Long-range, multimodal investment & policy blueprint for SF
  - Financially constrained plan based on reasonably expected funding sources
  - Visionary investment strategy that considers how to invest new revenues
- **Transportation Element Update**
  - Guides policy implementation in City codes and project approvals
  - Integrates transport, land use, environmental justice, and resiliency
  - Receives environmental clearance





# Reference Slides

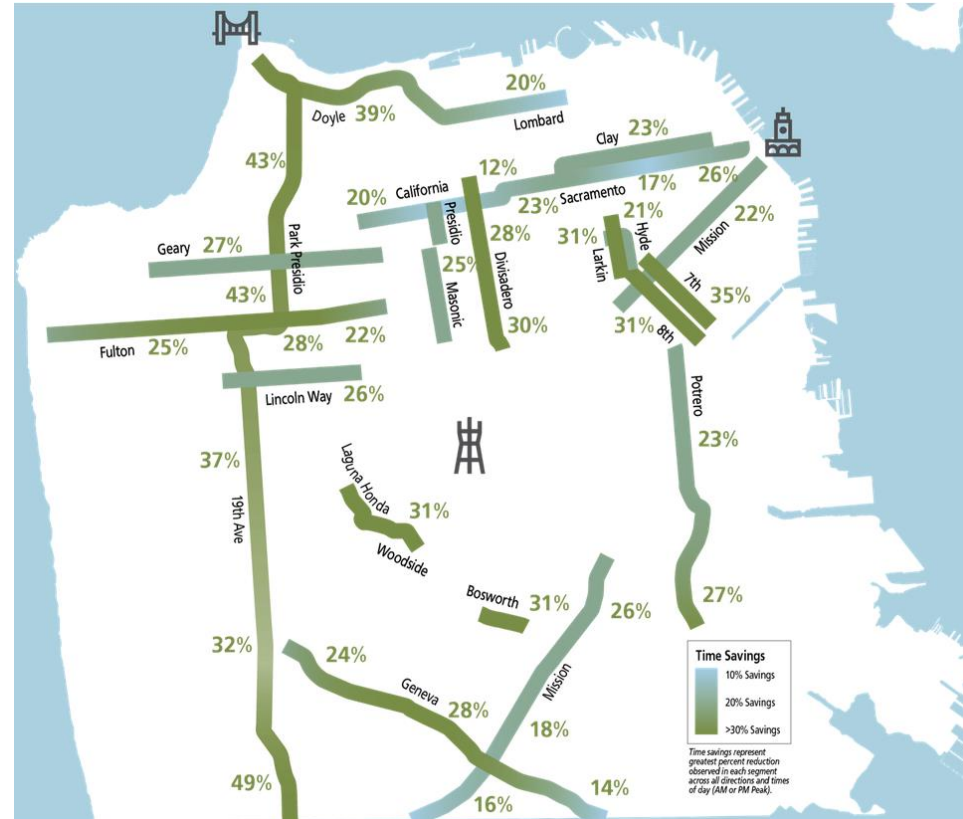
# ConnectSF Background

**ConnectSF** is a multi-agency process to build an effective, equitable, and sustainable transportation system for San Francisco's future



## 2 Preserve Travel Time Savings

When the pandemic began, congestion on our streets vanished, demonstrating the time savings riders get when buses aren't stuck in traffic.



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# Renew and Modernize Our Rail System



**Subway renewal** addresses crowding and congestion

Envisions the next generation of subway service for San Francisco

Upgrades such as a new train control system will allow **four-car trains** and **consistent, predictable service**.

# Survey Information

- Distributed via ConnectSF and related project email lists
- Paid distribution through community organizations
- Offered individual community group meetings
- Available in four languages – English, Chinese, Spanish, and Filipino
- 549 completed responses
- 3 main questions on long-range transit trade-offs, reasons why you made that choice, and an open-ended question

# Initial Survey Response Summary

- All components of the strategy were popular
  - Making the system work better
  - Five Minute Network
  - Rail Modernization
  - Rail Expansion
- Five Minute Network and Major Rail Investments received the most 1<sup>st</sup> choice votes (~40% each)
  - Many said “do both”, reinforcing the need to build quick, low-cost transit improvements while we advance the long-term rail projects
- 70% listed Rail Modernization as 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> choice

# Transit Investment Strategy Timeline

Transit Investment Strategy Storymap remains available for public viewing

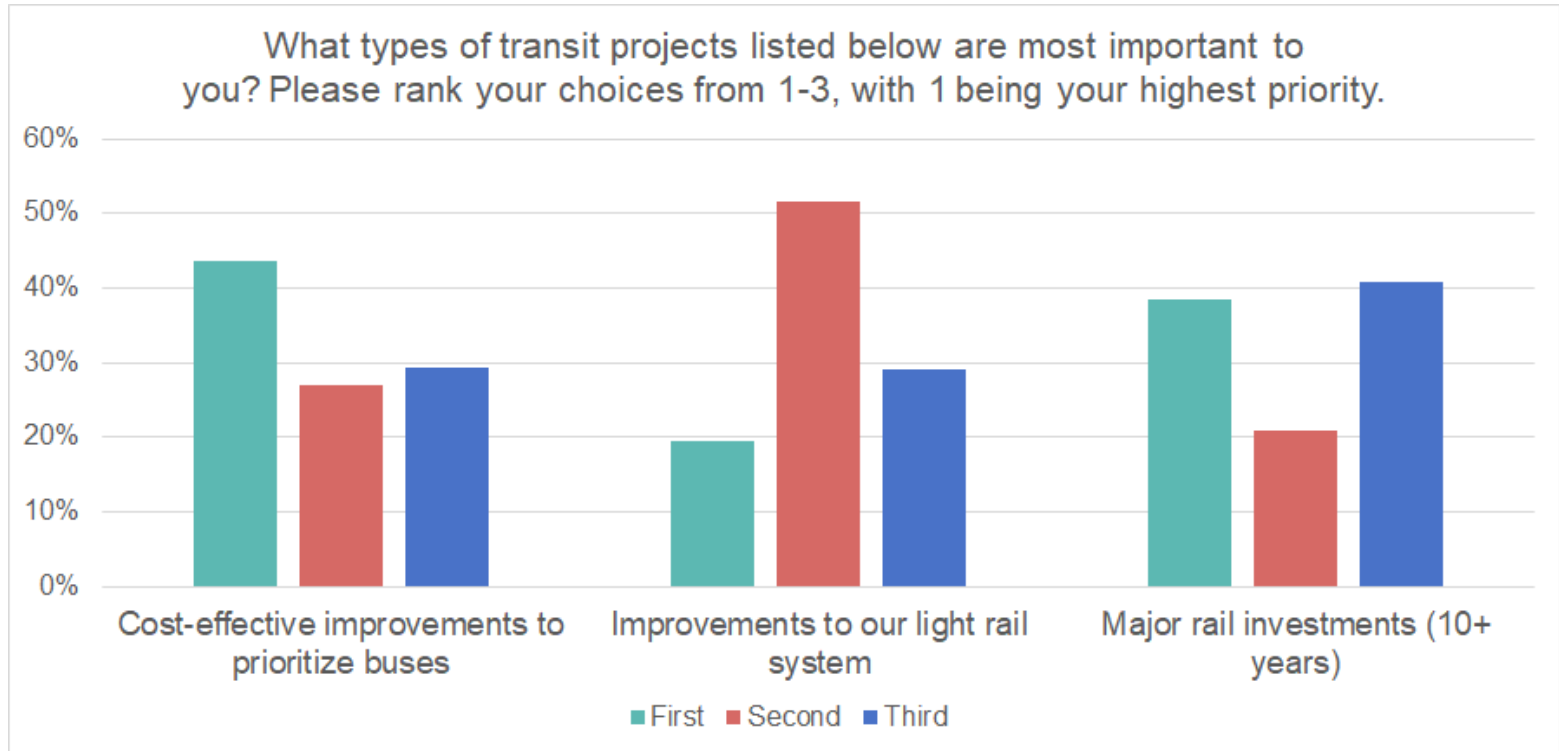
Staff available to present to community groups and other online meetings upon request

Outreach results being incorporated in Transit Corridors Study Report

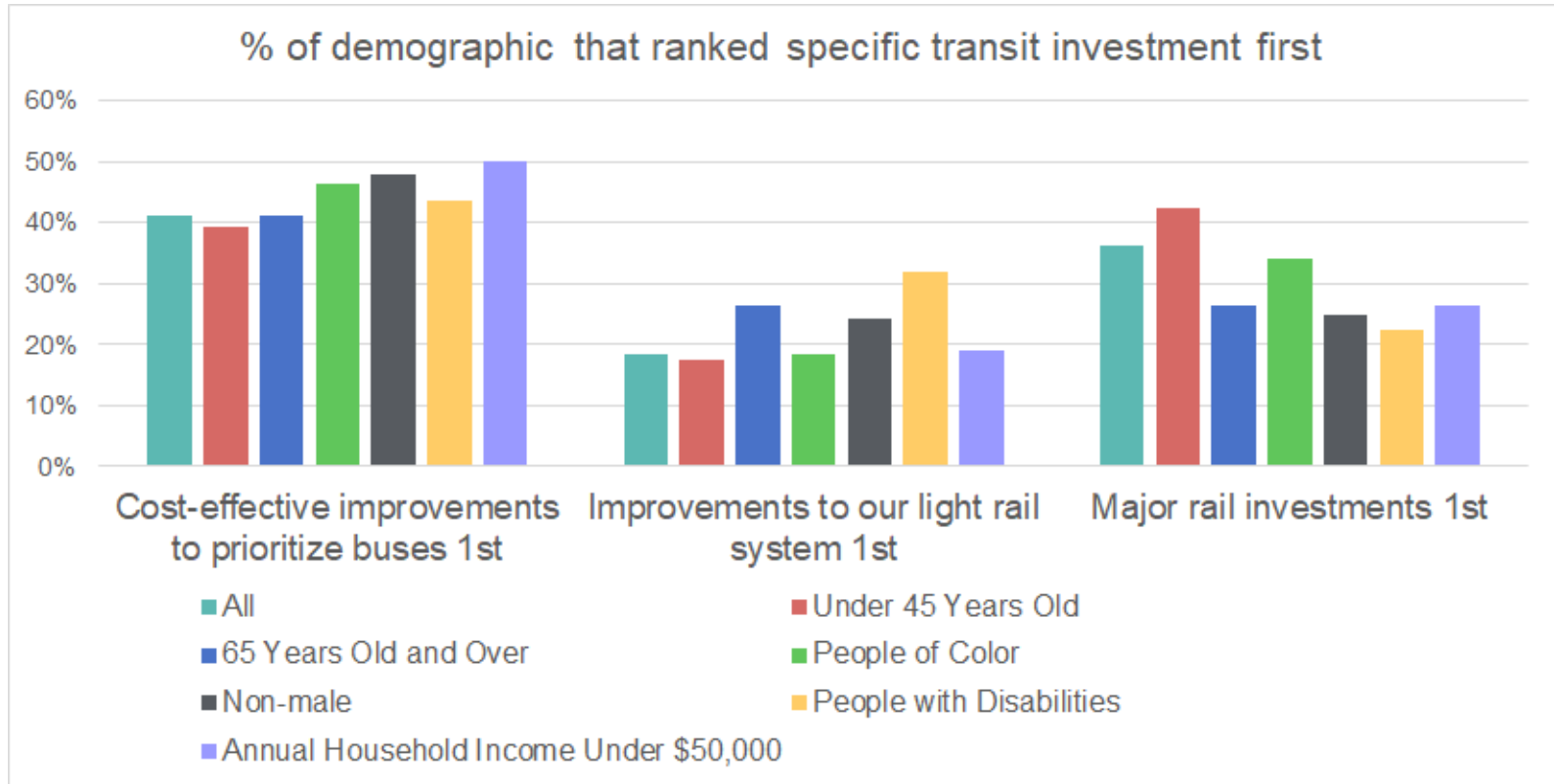
Anticipated publication of report in Fall 2021



# All Strategy Components were Popular



# Grouped responses by demographics



# 3 Build A Complete Network for Walking and Biking

