

Duluth-Superior Long Range Transportation Plan 2035

RESULTS OF WEBSITE SURVEY

January 2010

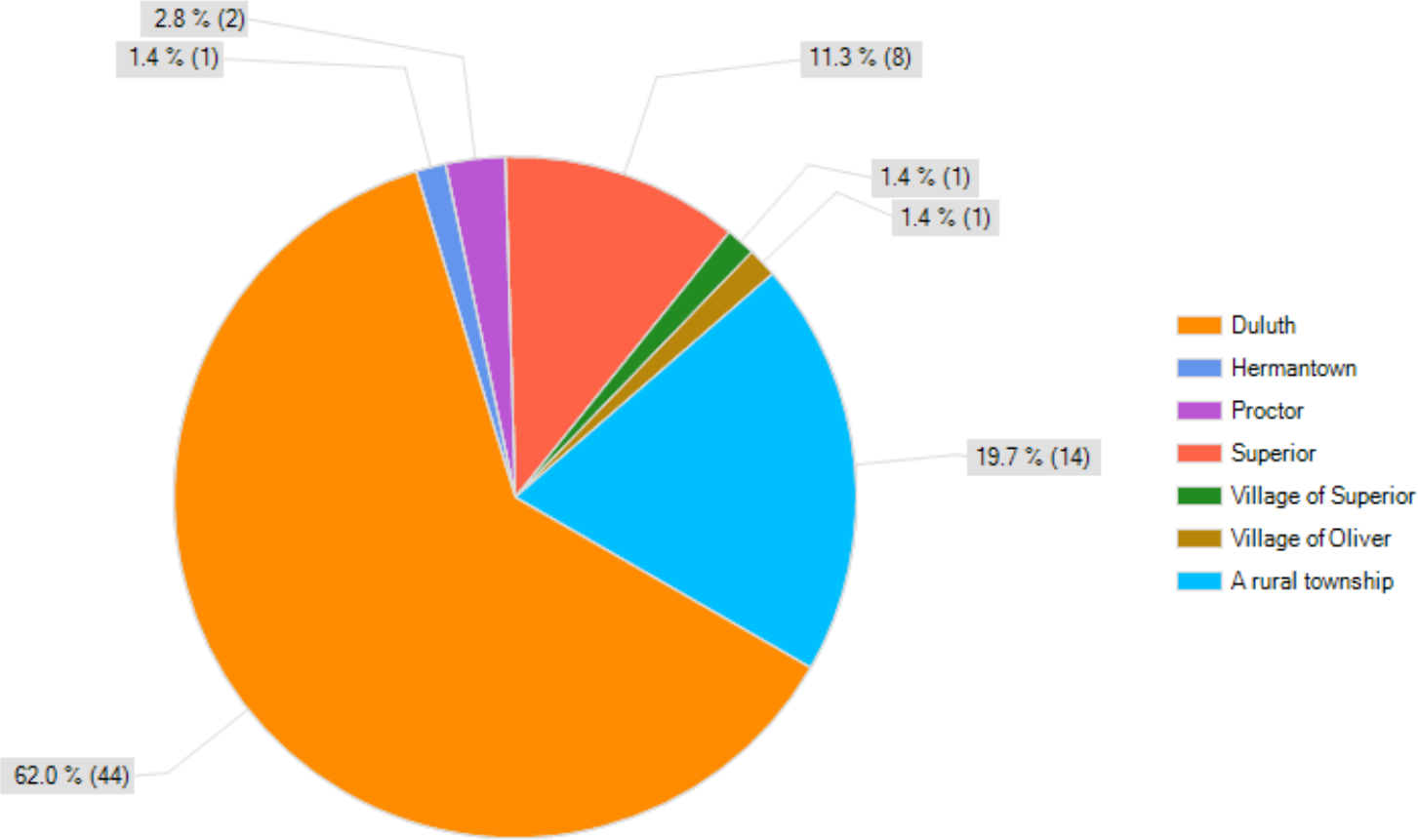
In December of 2008, a website was developed for posting and receiving information regarding the 2009 update of the Duluth-Superior long range transportation plan (LRTP), *Directions 2035*. Included in the website was a link to a brief online survey hosted through the service Survey Monkey, asking for users' opinions about the transportation priorities of the Duluth-Superior metropolitan area.

The survey was kept active from December 4, 2008 to January 4, 2010. During that time, 71 people responded to the survey. The results of these responses are shown in the following pages 2 - 4.

In March of 2009, responses to the survey were gathered at that time and presented at the "Goals & Objectives" work sessions held during the March 17th meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) and the March 18th meeting of the MIC Policy Board. At that time, 59 people had responded to the online survey, and their responses are summarized on page 5.

Public Survey - Question 1: Where in the MIC area do you live?

Which of the following communities do you live in?



Public Survey - Question 2: Most important transportation challenges

1. Please rank the following transportation challenges from "most important" to "least important"								Create Chart	Download
	Most Important	6	5	4	3	2	Least Important	Rating Average	Response Count
Increasing traffic congestion and delays	5.7% (3)	11.3% (6)	9.4% (5)	13.2% (7)	9.4% (5)	13.2% (7)	37.7% (20)	5.00	53
Safety of our streets and highways	15.7% (8)	21.6% (11)	31.4% (16)	11.8% (6)	15.7% (8)	2.0% (1)	2.0% (1)	3.04	51
Travel needs of the elderly not being met	3.7% (2)	7.4% (4)	13.0% (7)	22.2% (12)	24.1% (13)	18.5% (10)	11.1% (6)	4.56	54
Aging & deteriorating roads and infrastructure	46.2% (24)	13.5% (7)	9.6% (5)	17.3% (9)	7.7% (4)	3.8% (2)	1.9% (1)	2.46	52
Not enough mass transit options	17.9% (10)	16.1% (9)	17.9% (10)	12.5% (7)	16.1% (9)	14.3% (8)	5.4% (3)	3.57	56
Pollution from vehicle emissions and pavement runoff	5.7% (3)	15.1% (8)	9.4% (5)	11.3% (6)	13.2% (7)	24.5% (13)	20.8% (11)	4.68	53
The rising costs of transportation and construction	8.6% (5)	22.4% (13)	12.1% (7)	13.8% (8)	13.8% (8)	17.2% (10)	12.1% (7)	4.02	58
<i>answered question</i>									60
<i>skipped question</i>									11

Public Survey - Question 3: Most beneficial transportation improvements

1. Please rank the following improvements from the most beneficial to the least beneficial for our area								Create Chart	Download
	Most Beneficial	2	3	4	5	6	Least Beneficial	Create Chart Average	Response Count
Create more housing closer to jobs and businesses, requiring people to travel shorter distances	19.2% (10)	13.5% (7)	15.4% (8)	9.6% (5)	21.2% (11)	11.5% (6)	9.6% (5)	3.73	52
Add more capacity to our roads to reduce congestion	2.0% (1)	17.6% (9)	3.9% (2)	7.8% (4)	15.7% (8)	11.8% (6)	41.2% (21)	5.18	51
Get more buses to go more places more often	12.0% (6)	8.0% (4)	26.0% (13)	18.0% (9)	16.0% (8)	14.0% (7)	6.0% (3)	3.84	50
Beautify streetscapes to attract more visitors and make more people want to live here	4.0% (2)	12.0% (6)	12.0% (6)	28.0% (14)	14.0% (7)	14.0% (7)	16.0% (8)	4.42	50
Invest more in our harbor, airport and railroads	9.4% (5)	11.3% (6)	13.2% (7)	18.9% (10)	15.1% (8)	18.9% (10)	13.2% (7)	4.28	53
Improve sidewalks and make streets safer to walk across and bike on	33.3% (18)	16.7% (9)	20.4% (11)	9.3% (5)	5.6% (3)	11.1% (6)	3.7% (2)	2.85	54
Focus on fixing existing roads and sidewalks over building new ones	24.1% (13)	25.9% (14)	9.3% (5)	11.1% (6)	9.3% (5)	13.0% (7)	7.4% (4)	3.24	54
<i>answered question</i>									56
<i>skipped question</i>									15

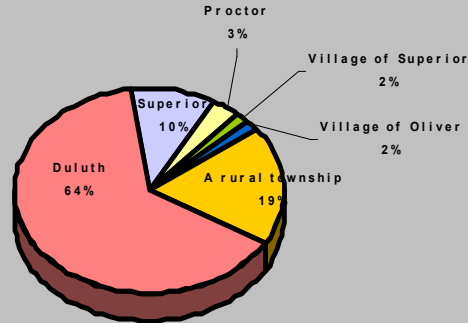
Directions 2035 On-line Survey of Public Transportation Priorities

(Responses collected as of March 23, 2009)

The MIC has received public input about local transportation priorities via the *Directions 2035* webpage. Comments received have generally mirrored responses gathered through the brief online survey also found on the website.

Q1: Where in the Duluth-Superior metro do you live?

Total of 59 responses
(No responses from Hermantown)



Q2: Rank the following problems from “most important” to “least important” for our metro area

- #1 Aging and deteriorating roads & infrastructure.
- #2 Safety of our streets and highways.
- #3 Not enough mass transit options.
- #4 Rising costs of transportation & construction.
- #5 Travel needs of the elderly are not being met.
- #6 Pollution from vehicle emissions and pavement runoff.
- #7 Increasing traffic congestion & delays.

Q3: Rank the following improvements from “most beneficial” to “least beneficial” for our metro area

- #1 Improve sidewalks and make streets safer to walk across and bike on.
- #2 Focus on fixing existing roads & sidewalks over building new ones.
- #3 Get more buses to go more places more often.
- #4 Create more housing closer to jobs and business, requiring people to travel shorter distances.
- #5 Invest more in our harbor, airports and railroads.
- #6 Beautify streetscapes to attract more visitors and make more people want to live here.
- #7 Add more capacity to our roads to reduce congestion.