



# Summary

## Lakeway Area Metropolitan TPO 2050 MTP Update

Public Outreach  
Round #1

February 2024

### Meeting Location

#### Round #1 – Community Engagement :

1. Thursday February 15, 2024 from 4-7 pm at Morristown Public Works Building (28+ participants)

Members of the project team hosted an in-person community event for the Mobility Plan update. Notification of these events were posted to the project website [www.LAMTPOforward.com](http://www.LAMTPOforward.com), shared via email from TPO staff to stakeholders and promoted by Technical Advisory Committee members to their local constituents. Materials generated for this event were provided to the TPO for use at future 'pop-up' events, as practical, to continue gathering feedback from additional stakeholders and venues.

### In-Person Open House Format (4-7 pm)

Open House stations allowed attendees to learn and share their insights for the Mobility Plan, notably:

- **Regional Assets** – attendees were asked three prompts, recording their responses on post-it notes
  - a) *Your favorite thing about this region is...*
  - b) *One thing you would fix...*
  - c) *Your life would be easier if...*
- **Visioning Exercise** – open-ended
  - o *What could this region look or feel like by 2050*
- **Issues Mapping Station:** featuring a large-scale map of the regional roadway network
  - a) *What places you visit often (or would like to)?*
  - b) *What gets in your way?*
- **Interactive Word Cloud Station** – Mentimeter poll using a QR code to join
  - o *What are your favorite places in/around this region? (up to five)*
- **Mental Mapping Exercise** – draw your commute to work/school, noting landmarks
- **Comment Station** – open-ended comments of items that we may have missed

### Summary of Feedback Received – selected themes / consolidated

#### Favorite things about the Lakeway / Morristown / Eastern TN region...

- **Outdoor recreation** opportunities / events / scenery
  - o Parks / Walking Trails / Mountains / Lakes
    - Frank Lorino Park
  - o Fishing tournaments / Disc Golf tournaments / Soccer
- Historic Downtown Morristown
  - o Hub for economy, healthcare, shopping
  - o **Small Town Feel** / Not Bristol
    - Population is not too large or small

#### One thing I would fix...

- Traffic Flow / Operations / Signals / ITS

- Improve flow, without additional delay at signals (roundabouts?)
- State Route 160 / US11East / Economy road
- Traffic light timing (ITS) and delay / Coordination of signals (progression)
- Safety near Schools / more crosswalks
- Safety as a bicyclist, unable to cross major corridors
  - Narrow bike lanes (no buffer; no separation from cars)
- Arts & Theatre / Cultural attractions / Sports team(s)
  - More active Downtown

### **My life would be easier if...**

- Driver behavior changes
  - More visible crosswalks / slower traffic
- More sidewalks, bikeways and amenities (bike racks)
  - Consistency for greenway / sidepaths without crossing the street
- More transit stops and better promotion to grow ridership (Marketing)
- Housing prices would stabilize / in-migration of residents from outside of TN
- Development with mixture of uses (housing + grocery store + restaurants + open space)

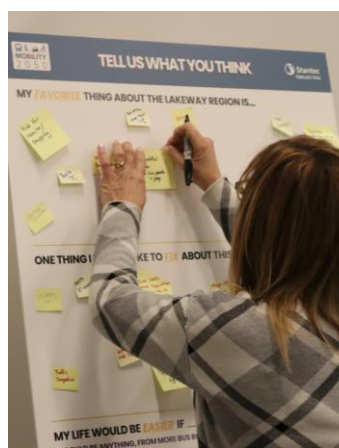
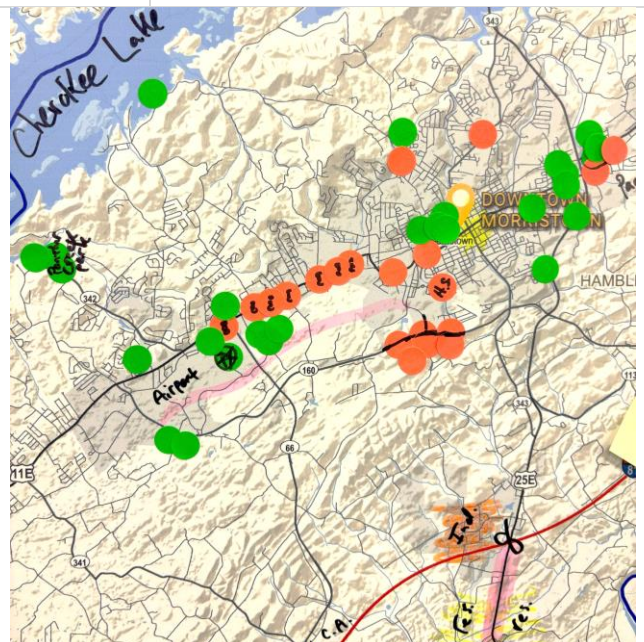
### **What could this Region Look Like or Feel Like by 2050**

- Bike lanes / Electric Bikes / Safe places to walk or bike
  - Promote walkability
- Mixed use (re)development / "Destination Community"
  - Consolidated residential areas with amenities (growth areas)
  - 'Simple pace of life"
  - S Cumberland St redevelopment RAISE grant
- Industrial zones + Green spaces
  - Recruit more quality industrial jobs
  - Conserve our open spaces / parks
- More EV charging stations
- Parallel route(s) besides US11East and SR160
- "Tunnel to Knoxville" – isn't this a Bus?
- Over-populated – hope not

### **Comment cards – Open Ended**

- Look at the region from a 3,000 foot level and address traffic flow (big picture)
- Connections to greenways, sidewalks, shade trees
- More digital apps for Lakeway Transit – improve the convenience and arrival time
- Growth areas along US 25E, south of I-81 near White Pine. New residential and industrial.
  - Better daily commute from Jefferson City (alternative to US 11E or SR 160)

Example Photos from Open House Events





**Interactive Word Cloud** – What are your favorite places in the region? (70 contributions)



**ATTACHMENTS**

- Wordcloud and Visioning Exercise – What could this region look or feel like by 2050 – PDF
- Mental Mapping Exercise – Draw your commute to work/school from memory - PDF
- Comment Cards - PDF

Stay involved - Project website: [www.LAMTPOforward.com](http://www.LAMTPOforward.com)

# Wordcloud – YOUR favorite places...



## VISIONING EXERCISE

What COULD this region LOOK LIKE or FEEL LIKE by 2050?

- Bike Lanes w/ Separation & Protection.
- EV Chargers
- Electric Bikes
- more Walkable
- S. Cumberland st redevelopment RAISE
- Industrial Zones and Green Spaces
- Parcel sale to blm utility service
- Destination Community — because schools parks lakes
- Consolidated residential areas
- OVER Parked
- Housing Dev. w/ grocery store restaurants park All in One
- Mixed Use
- Simple life/Pace
- Recruited quality industry/tenant
- Tunnel to Knoxville to Airport
- Not Safe
- Dangerous
- Safe places to walk + bike
- Preserve or Parks
- Still good Population not too big, not too small.
- Jefferson City - Bike Lane Network on Dunlap Valley

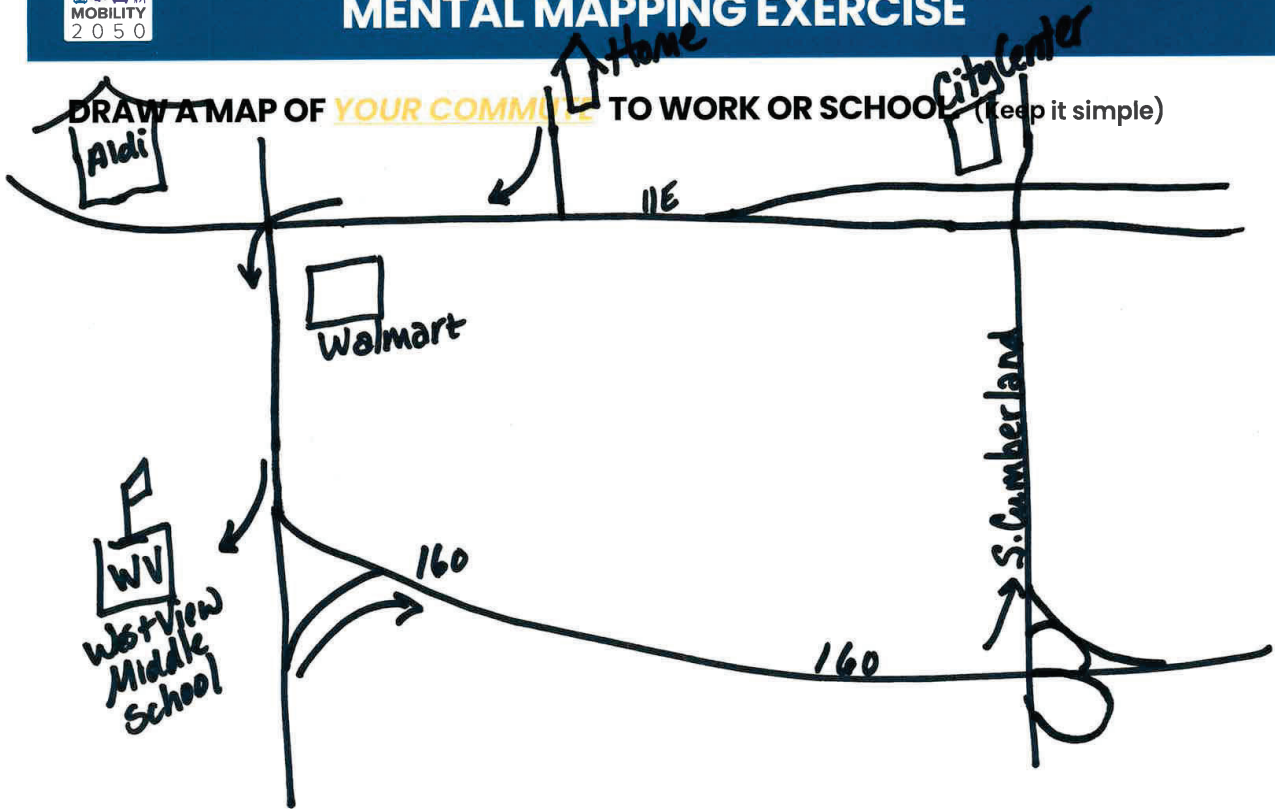


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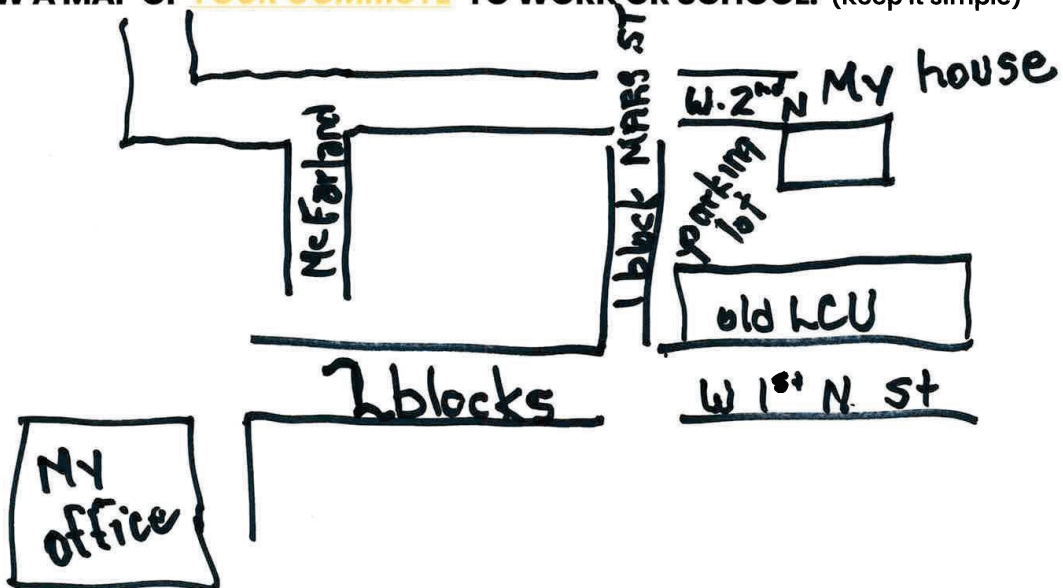
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## COMMENT CARD



Is there something we missed here today? Write it here!

No other comment - Thank You!

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Is there something we missed here today? Write it here!

When will the city & county receive a report of today's data?  
Look @ the transportation criteria/notes from a 3,000 foot level  
to determine the best plan to address traffic flow throughout the city  
and county. Big Picture!

Look at mapping overlay maps to protect integrity of areas

Connections to greenway / maintained sidewalks / shade trees / safe  
bicycle lanes /

App for Parkway Transit / Bus arrival app /

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# COMMENT CARD



Is there something we missed here today? Write it here!

Consider:

A new pathway for residents of Hambleton County by extending 25E south of I 81. This would help develop for new residential areas for labor for the new additions coming to Industrial Park. This would help connect housing to work. Now we only have choices to live west and east and travel south.

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