

Phase 1 Engagement Executive Summary

The first phase of engagement for the Ramsey County All-Abilities 2050 Plan occurred between March and April of 2023. **Three primary techniques were used to understand how the existing transportation system is working for the community:**

1	Project Video (Click here to view)			
	<p>The video conveyed project process and goals – allowing the project to start with everyone on the same page. It was posted on county and partner social media, as well as disseminated through community partner institutions to reach those who would not normally be reached by government announcements.</p>			
2	Community Conversations (170 attendees)			
	<p>Three events were either attended or hosted to talk with the community about transportation:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;"> Feeding Frogtown March 24, 2023 100 attendees </td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;"> CLUES April 3 and 10, 2023 50 attendees </td> <td style="text-align: center; padding: 5px;"> Virtual Conversations March 9 and 28, 2023 20 attendees </td> </tr> </table>	Feeding Frogtown March 24, 2023 100 attendees	CLUES April 3 and 10, 2023 50 attendees	Virtual Conversations March 9 and 28, 2023 20 attendees
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3	Survey (271 responses)			
	<p>Who did we hear from?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Average age: 48 years 13% of respondents identified as people of color Annual income mostly ranged from \$35,000 - \$190,000 per year (median income for Ramsey County is about \$70,000) Received responses from all Ramsey County zip codes 			

What did we hear?

People who utilize a car generally can get around well, those who do not use a car rank their experience as neutral or worse.	Although most people currently drive, most participants would like to use the bus more frequently.	Most residents want to use light rail more often but have concerns about personal safety.
Transit needs to be more reliable and frequent, particularly outside downtown Saint Paul.	Widespread support for system-wide improvements for people with disabilities.	Sidewalks and trails are great, but there needs to be safe crossings and connections.
Most people utilize a car due to long commutes that aren't served by transit.	People who walk or bike should be prioritized above vehicles.	People want to use transit, but driving is much quicker.