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# Minneapolis Youth Congress | Community Dialogue

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## THE MINNEAPOLIS TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN

The Minneapolis Transportation Action Plan (TAP) is a 10-year action plan to guide future planning, design, and implementation of transportation projects for all people in all the ways they move around. The TAP supports the policies adopted in the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

### A CONVERSATION WITH MEMBERS OF THE MINNEAPOLIS YOUTH CONGRESS

Working with the City’s Neighborhood and Community Relations Cultural Engagement Team, Public Works held seven community dialogues to connect with communities of different cultures, languages and abilities through small group discussions in spring of 2019.

In addition, Public Works met with members of the Minneapolis Youth Congress on May 16, 2019 at the Minneapolis Central Library. This conversation was supported by the Youth Coordinating Board to connect more specifically with high-school aged youth. Additionally, youth and people representing youth were able to participate in a number of organizational workshops, community workshops, an online survey and through the interactive plan website. The input collected directly helped us establish priorities and inform the content of the Draft Plan.

### KEY MESSAGES WE HEARD FROM THE COMMUNITY

The top three needs that we heard from the members of the Youth Congress is for the City of Minneapolis to...

- 1 Support more people walking, biking, and taking transit to address climate change.
- 2 Improve public transit reliability, add service, and reduce cost.
- 3 Improve transportation safety, including when taking public transit.

*"I assume I'll be driving a car in ten years because it's the easiest way to get around."*

**TAP goals reflecting community needs:**

-  Climate
-  Safety
-  Prosperity

**TAP topics reflecting community needs:**

-  Bicycling
-  Transit
-  Technology





## RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY NEEDS IN THE DRAFT MINNEAPOLIS TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN

The proposed strategies and actions in the Draft Plan address many needs brought to light during the Youth Congress Community Dialogue. Key strategies and actions include:



**Walking strategy 1** – Focus pedestrian improvements along and across the Pedestrian Priority Network.

**Walking strategy 2** – Prioritize visibility and safety of pedestrians at intersections and midblock crossings.

- **Walking action 2.6:** Increase funding to implement pedestrian and bicycle improvements near or connecting to schools through the City's Safe Routes to School program and other funding opportunities to encourage students to walk or bicycle to/from school.

**Walking strategy 3** – Improve street lighting to increase visibility for pedestrians on streets and to meet the City's energy goals.



**Bicycling strategy 1** – Complete the All Ages and Abilities Network.

- **Bicycling action 1.4:** Build all low-stress routes identified on the All Ages and Abilities Network by 2030, which will include a total of 136 miles of new or upgraded bikeways.



**Transit strategy 1** – Increase transit coverage so that 75% of city residents are located within a quarter mile and 90% of residents are located within a half mile of high frequency transit corridors.

- **Transit action 1.4:** Increase the high frequency network from 15 to 10 minutes or better.
- **Transit action 1.7:** Work with Metro Transit and Minneapolis Public Schools to ensure the transit system offers safe, reliable and convenient transit routes and service for high school students.

**Transit strategy 2** – Increase the speed and reliability of transit.

- **Transit action 2.1:** Use full-time dedicated bus-only lanes or dynamic lanes (peak period operation) to improve the speed, frequency and reliability of transit on congested corridors.

**Transit strategy 6** – Support efforts to ensure transit is a safe, comfortable and affordable option for all city residents.

- **Transit action 6.1:** Study and assess the feasibility of free or reduced transit fares; evaluate the passage of programs citywide and/or within certain zones or based on trip distance.
- **Transit action 6.3:** Support Metro Transit initiatives tied to increased security of the transit system that address real and perceived safety issues while considering equity concerns.
- **Transit action 6.6:** Support Metro Transit's work with Minneapolis Public Schools and other non-profit organizations to provide affordable fares for all program participants.



**Street Operations strategy 2** – Use quick-build tools to eliminate traffic related deaths and severe injuries on city streets.

**Street Operations strategy 3** – Plan for efficient and practical operations of people walking, biking and taking micromobility options or transit throughout the street design process.

**Street Operations strategy 4** – Leverage City resources and partnerships to promote, educate and encourage walking, biking and transit as alternatives to driving.