

International Falls Area Transportation Survey Results

December 2020

Respondents = 62

Issues for Road Users (Pedestrians, Bicyclists, ATVs/Snowmobiles, Personal Vehicles, Commercial Vehicles)

Highway 11 Corridor

- TH 11/CR 332: Freight vehicles use TH 11 instead of truck route along 332, freight vehicles move too quickly along TH 11, request for bike trail along TH 11 from 332 into town, narrow shoulders
- TH 11/Keenan Drive: Pedestrian crossing issues, backups and confusion on west leg, steep and icy grade on west leg
- TH 11/Shorewood Drive: Pedestrian crossing issues, conflict between intersection traffic and frontage road, issues with traffic light sensors being triggered and stopping TH 11 traffic abruptly
- TH 11 School Trail: Not plowed during winter, lacking pedestrian crossings from trail to big box businesses
- TH 11/College Entrance: Snowmobile crossing issues, request for intersection control
- TH 11/7th Street: Vehicle-pedestrian conflict (high volume pedestrian crossing due to adjacent school), issues with traffic light sensor, southbound bike routing to TH 11 trail difficult
- TH 11/Riverview Blvd (S): Informal student crossing, vehicles speeding up for northbound reduction to one lane (during winter, acts as one travel lane due to snow not being cleared from right northbound/eastbound lane)
- TH 11/10th Street: Poor pavement in right southbound/westbound lane, bike safety issues, crosswalk desired
- TH 11/Riverview Blvd (N): Difficult to see crossing pedestrians, right hand turn lanes desired for cars turning off TH 11
- TH 11/6th Street: Pedestrian crossing issues, drivers not yielding to pedestrians along stretch, too many access points along this stretch, skewed intersection causes sightline issues for drivers
- TH 11/11th Ave: Deep manhole covers cause damage to cars, sidewalk on south side of TH 11 requested, pedestrian crossing requested, turn lanes from TH 11 onto 11th Ave requested (from both directions), conflicts with gas station entrance
- TH 11/10th Ave: Faded crosswalk

- TH 11/9th Ave: Faded crosswalk, turn lanes off TH 11 onto 9th Ave requested
- TH 11/9th Ave: Faded crosswalk, turn lanes off TH 11 onto 8th Ave requested
- Downtown/3rd Street: No safe bike routing, bumpouts cause sightline issues for drivers entering from avenues, request to remove bumpouts, cars don't stop for pedestrians trying to cross, bumpouts make it difficult for commercial vehicles to make turns
- TH 11/2nd Ave: Border traffic creates backups (separate infrastructure for queued vehicles requested), drivers not stopping for bikes crossing
- TH 11/CR 155: Traffic light requested, past traffic safety issues noted, ped/bike crossing issues
- TH 11/CR 113: Signage requested for how bikes should bypass Ranier and stay along TH 11, signage requested (in far advance of intersection) for wayfinding to Ranier
- TH 11/bridge over Ranier rail line: Bad crossing for ATVs/snowmobiles
- Rainy Lake Trail: Driven on by ATVs, does not run the full length of TH 11 and becomes dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians because of curves, hills, narrow bridges, and excessive vehicle speeds

Highway 53 Corridor

- 53/CR 332: Sight lines make crossing 53 difficult
- 53/Van Lynn Rd: Skewed intersection makes sight lines and turns difficult
- 53/16th Street: Difficult for commercial trucks to turn onto 53 due to recent lane reduction
- 53/11th Street: Difficult to cross 53, congested, pavement issues
- 53/5th Street: Blind intersection
- 53/4th Street: Sidewalks in poor condition, confusion about lane configuration changes along 4th Street
- 53 Corridor: No access to snowmobile trails

I'Falls Area Local System

- Systemwide: Lack of stop/yield signs (many uncontrolled intersections)
- 9th Ave/4th St: Stop or yield sign requested
- 2nd Ave/3rd St: Hard to cross 2nd Ave to get to trail from downtown
- CSAH 24: Standing trains cut off neighborhood from emergency services

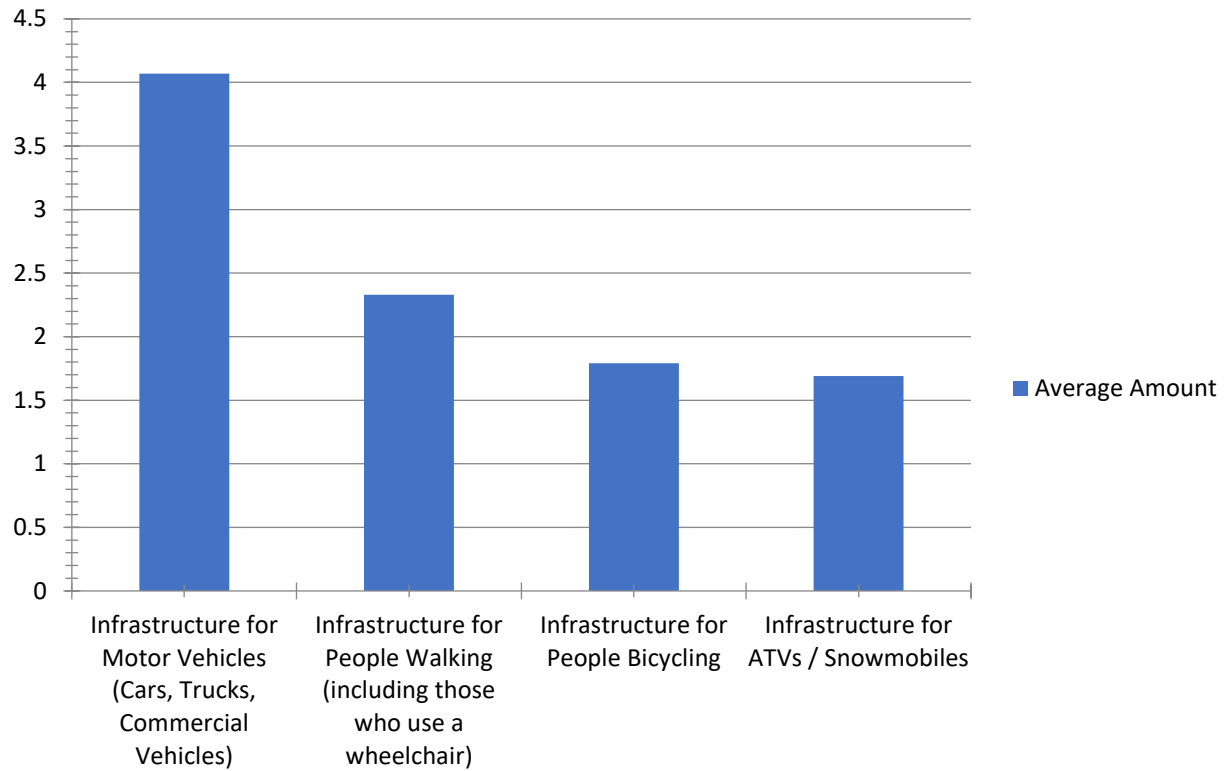
- 17th Street: No sidewalks or bike lanes available
- CR 332: Request to complete trail along full length
- 23rd St: Request to enhance/maintain roads
- CR 107: Narrow shoulders
- 15th Ave/13th St: Pothole
- 13th Ave: Cars failing to yield to pedestrians
- CR 29: Road is too narrow for the amount of truck traffic

Ranier Area Local System

- CR 20: Poor pavement condition, people drive too fast
- UT-273: County does not gravel or sand road, cars frequently get stuck
- ATV/Snowmobile Trails: Unsafe routing through Ranier
- Spruce Street RR Crossing: Trains cause cars to back up, and there's no warning of a train crossing before turning off the highway, pedestrians run across the train tracks
- Spruce Street: Conflicts between boat launch and pedestrians

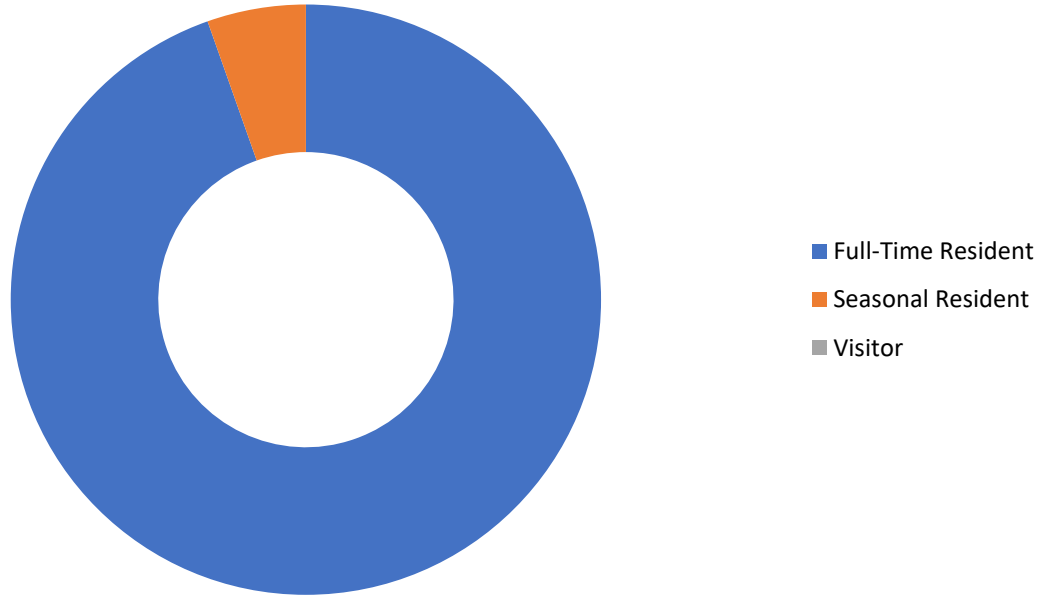
Transportation Funding Allocation

In this exercise, respondents were asked to distribute 10 coins to the following categories based on where they would allocate available transportation funding.



Demographics of Respondents

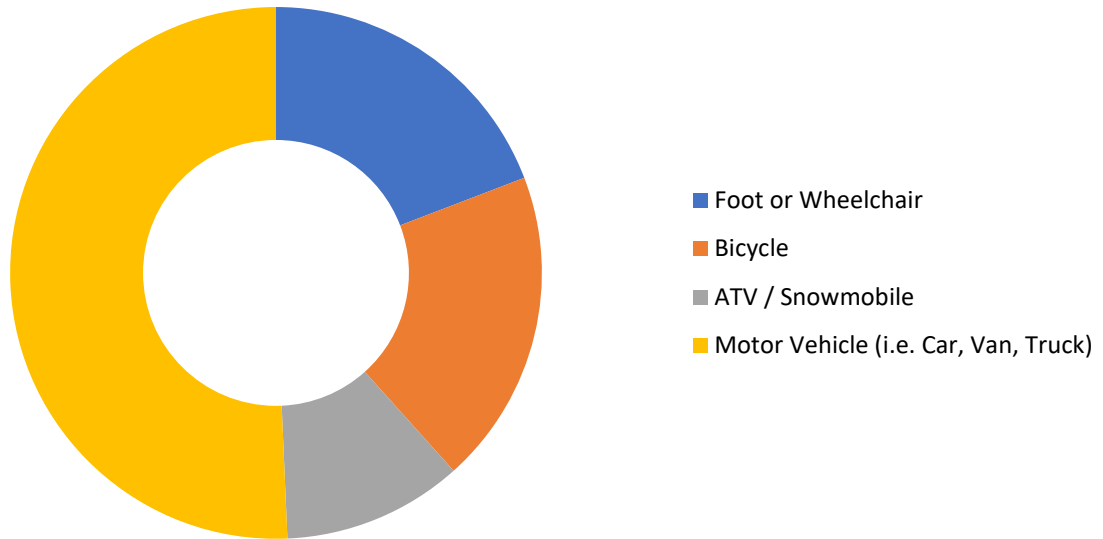
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What is your age?



In northeast Koochiching County, I usually get around by... (Select all that apply)



What is your zip code?

