

## **APPENDIX G: 2008 Regional Transportation Survey Results**

A Regional Transportation Survey was sent to all town officials in 2008. Thirty four surveys were completed. The following is a summary of the results:

**1. Please rate each of the following aspects of the transportation system in your community as they exist today, on a scale of 0 to 4 with 4 being “excellent,” 1 being “poor” and 0 being “no opinion.”**

Response Average	Category
2.26	State Highways
2.18	Overall transportation system
2.15	Trails & Paths
2.12	State Bridges
	Local Roads
	Local bridges
2.03	Public Transit Services
1.71	Sidewalks & crosswalks
1.35	Bicycle facilities & shoulders
1.03	Railroad tracks & bridges
0.97	Hartness State Airport

**2. What roads or intersections need improvement in your area? (Please list your top 3 locations in order of need.)**

Please see the New Project List

**3. What bridges in your area need maintenance or repair? (Please list your top 3 locations in order of need.)**

Please see the New Project List

**4. Please look at the road and bridge issues below and rank them 1 through 5 with 1 being the most important.**

Response Average	Category
2.00	Fix or replace bridges in poor condition
2.27	Rebuild Roads in very poor condition
2.85	Resurface roads in fair to poor condition
3.58	Road maintenance
3.73	Widen existing roads & shoulders

**5.a Please look at the road safety and/or traffic operation issues below and rank them 1 through 7 with 1 being the most important.**

Response Average	Category
2.44	Fix dangerous intersection
3.26	Slow traffic in villages, near schools, residential areas
3.36	Reduce sharp corners and blind spots on highways
4.12	Speed and/or aggressive driving enforcement

- 4.24 Improve unsafe driveways/access problems
- 4.55 Improve traffic signal operations
- 4.88 Add turning lanes at intersections

**5.b Please add comments per specific locations in the COMMENTS box below.**

Fix the intersections of route 44A.
Southern Windsor County is like the rest of the state as it is in need of many things all of which cost money.
I understand the rationale for this survey but I think that a scoring system versus ranking system would enable better, more sensitive analysis of perceived needs.
We should get rid of or not make more complicated intersections like at the Springfield Plaza.
We should have a guarantee on road work from contractors. Rte 103 between Chester and Ludlow was extensively rebuilt last summer, and the surface paving is
A deminstration of wasted money is the "full depth road construction" with out drainage and under drain is the most important. The 103 project in Chester fixed the road bed but did not address water and ledge issue next to the river. The road is heaving a
Intersection of Rts. 44 & 44A is a significant problem.
5,6,7 are not neccessary Speed limits do not need to be lowered (if present limits were adhered to there would not be any problems). One of the present problems is that there is so much variety of limits that those in a hurry feel the need to ignore some
Our planning commission is working hard to make constructive changes in the Ascutney Village/Interstate interchange area as you well know and even though it is a long way away the beginning process is in the works and it will be great when done. Parking a
More agressive penalties for DUI offenses.
Other than the speed of drivers near the schools, especially on Union St., speed is not a top issue as the current "speed dips" and "speed bumps" seemed to slow us all down quite well. :(
Adequately fix existing conditions before expanding infrastructure base requiring repair and maintenance.
Speed/aggressive driving along Rt. 106 going to N. Springfield Add turning lane for Valley St. on to Main St. Springfield
Stop the money waste on studying Vt 131 at I-91 to US 5  Accelerate improvement of Ascutney park and ride  Put planning of Vt 44 and Vt 44A Intersection in play

**6. Please look at the public transportation issues below and rank them 1 through 4 with 1 being the most important.**

- | Response Average | Category   |
|------------------|--|
| 2.26             | Increase frequency of existing bus services      |
| 2.28             | Expand capacity of park and ride lots            |
| 2.74             | Increase hours of service (after 6 pm, weekends) |
| 2.90             | More trips for medical/social services           |

**7. Please look at the bicycling and walking issues below and rank them 1 through 7 with 1 being the most important.**

Response Average	Category
2.15	Improve existing sidewalks & crosswalks
2.91	Build new sidewalks & crosswalks
3.45	Provide bicycle lanes along existing roads
3.97	Provide more multi-use paths
4.21	Provide pedestrian amenities (shade trees, benches, etc)
5.06	Provide a buffer between sidewalk & road
5.30	Provide bicycle amenities

**8. What are the primary challenges in addressing transportation infrastructure issues? (Please pick only three)**

Response Percent	Category
85%	Lack of funds
77%	Project cost increases
74%	Deferred maintenance
27%	Regulations/Standards/Permitting
15%	Human behavior is hard to change
9%	Availability of materials (gravel, salt, etc)
3%	Lack of adequate staffing

**9. Do you think current funding levels are sufficient to address our transportation needs?**

Response Percent	Category
9%	Yes
85%	No
6%	No Opinion

**10. If you answered no to question number 10, please rank top 4 funding options with 1 being the best.**

Response Average	Category
2.18	Developer cost sharing (Capital budget, impact fees)
2.26	Additional federal or state gas tax
2.48	Additional state vehicle registration fees
2.95	Enable alternatives to the gas tax, such as road user fees
3.25	Enable local sales/income tax
3.50	Enable local vehicle registration fees
4.83	Additional local property tax

**11. Do you know of any other funding options not mentioned above?**

State tax on 4 wheel off-road vehicles and ATVs
Windsor should hire a grant writer as Im sure more funds are avaiable!
None of the above should be considered. Offer an "Adopt-A-Road" program to those wishing something special on a stretch of road. A tax deductible "Adoption Fee" that can be directed at a particular area for a particular use. Begin with those things ahead
If additional funding were to be put in place the only way that it would work is for making sure that the designated monies raised get where they are supposed to go in the end and that rarely happens at the state level.
I think we need more Federal funding which could be passed down through the State and provided to Towns that are now or have been under funded in the past.
Since Vt. is considered a recreation state and the roads seem to have an increase in traffic mostly during the winter months. There should be toll booths set up on the interstates. Local traffic is not the problem. The increase in out of state traffic and
Tax all users or the transportation system
- Reallocate the funds for anti-terrorism to our transportation system. - tolls, though I hate them! - Please avoid anti-business type funding sources.
No
Re-appropriation of priorities at the Federal and State administration levels.  Throughout history transportation has been subsidized to lesser or greater degrees.  Sustainable projects are sufficient - consider life-cycle cost analysis and actual or
Admit it- fuel tax must up. Paving cost is up like 20x since tax set
None of the above revenue enhancing plans can be implemented currently without adverse effect on the fragile economy.

**12. Please comment on other transportation issues you think are important:**

Windsor is like many other Vermont towns but with a smaller tax base so taxes are at or near the max at this time. It would be nice to have the state step in and help the "Birthplace of Vermont" with some of the many problems it is facing with schools, roads, bridges and the tax base.
Wow, this is anonymous, well kinda, sorta, not really... (see 14 & 15 below)
Need to hire a Public Works person.
Hire 2 more workers for Highway Dept
Are there ways we can encourage alternative fuel usage?

1)Traffic lights should be lower, or possibly put on opposite corners so that drivers sitting at a red light can see them easier.

2)Paints used on roads need to be more reflective so that they can be seen in bad weather, day and night.

3)reflectors were put up by drains so that the snowplows cleared them, but they are not working. something else has to be done about clearing the drains of snow in the winter.

Assistance to towns on traffic flow studies, rerouting of large trucks and mobile home transport to avoid downtown locations.

Some sections of our roads should have major reconstruction work done. However, our town is small and therefore this creates a problem in trying to raise sufficient funds through Local Property Taxes to accomplish this level of road work.

We are looking into available grants as a way to fund these types of projects but this is not a source of funding that can be counted on for yearly planning by the town.

It would be good if more money could be realized through state aid for this purpose. We do count on this money from the State.

The Conn. River Transit is great. It would be nice to see just one more bus leaving closer to 8:00am from the Exit 9 park & ride heading north.

Windsor streets are in terrible shape as are many of Vermont's roads. The state and towns need to bite the bullet now and starting investing in their roads and transportation systems.

1. Narrowing of over-ambitious roadway projects to reduce initial costs and future maintenance.

2. De-accessioning of underutilized roads and infrastructure to private entities or mother nature.

3. Review possibility of Ct. River rail corridor commuter service at subsidized cost if necessary to achieve levels pegged below IRS mileage rate for travel by automobile of coequal distance.

4. Substantially improve Ct. River rail corridor bed and provide overhead electrical for

high-speed commuter line pegged at 2x IRS mileage rate.
5. Revive local rail support service systems, train stations, platforms, amenities, etc.
After the this last winter all roads are in need of repairs, that will put budgets to the limit.
Stop diverting funds to airports, railways, pathways, and the general fund

**13. Survey Taker – I am a member of the:**

26.5%	Select Board
26.5%	Planning Commission
0.0%	Road Foreman/PWD
5.9%	Police
5.9%	Fire
2.9%	Ambulance
5.9%	Conservation Commission
20.6%	DRB/ZBA
8.8%	Town Manager/Administrator
2.9%	State Agency
2.9%	Regional Agency
8.8%	Other

**14. What municipality/agency do you represent?**

Baltimore	1
Cavendish	1
Chester	2
Ludlow	3
Reading	2
Springfield	4
Weathersfield	2
West Windsor	6
Windsor	6
Village of Perkinsville	1
VTrans	1
Other	2