

APPENDIX B: TOPICS OF DISCUSSION



**Understanding the Issues
Topics of Discussion**

Issue	Count	Issue	Count
Pro Transit	350	PI Process/Procedures	49
Pro Intersection Improvements	291	Environmental/Cultural Concerns	34
Pro New Roads/Widening	258	Pro New Signals	34
Pro Sidewalks/Bike Lanes	239	Pro Ferry	30
Pro New/Expand Route	233	Pro BRT	24
Pro Resurfacing	231	Economic Development	18
Safety	214	Enforcement/Education	17
Quality of Life	186	Pro Noise Wall	16
Congestion	139	Regional System/Regional Partnerships	16
Pro ATMS	127	Pro Streetcar/Trolley	14
Pro Rail	127	Oppose Rail	11
Pro Multi-use Trails	112	TED-PLG Vision/Process	11
Pro Complete Streets/Enhancements	92	Pro Driverless Cars/Uber/Rideshare	8
Development & Transportation Link/Developer Fees & Approval	91	Oppose Transit	8
Pro Improved Transit Frequencies	76	Oppose New Roads	7
Pro Extended Transit Hours	70	Oppose Ferry	5
Pro More Weekend Transit Service	69	Pro Express/Reversible Lanes/Toll Roads	5
Existing Transit Bad/Wasteful	65	Roundabout Concerns	4
Pro Bus/Shuttle	60	Oppose Noise Wall	3
Pro Asset Preservation (Maintenance)	59	Oppose Express Lanes/Toll Roads	3
Funding/Government Spending	53	Oppose New Interchange	2
Pro Bridge Replacement & Improvements	52	Oppose 1 to 2 Way Conversion	1
Oppose Widening	51	Pro 1 to 2 Way Conversion	1
		Total Comment Topics	3,566

Exploring Options Topics of Discusion

Issues	Count	Issues	Count
Pro Resurfacing	101	Pro Complete Streets/Enhancements	7
Pro Transit	62	Pro New Signals	5
Pro New Roads/Widening	45	Oppose New Roads	5
Pro Intersection Improvements	38	Oppose Rail	5
Pro New/Expand Route	38	Pro More Weekend Transit Service	5
Safety	36	Pro Multi-use Trails	4
Pro Sidewalks/Bike Lanes	32	Pro Extended Transit Hours	4
Pro Asset Preservation (Maintenance)	29	Pro Improved Transit Frequencies	4
Congestion	20	Enforcement/Education	3
PI Process/Procedures	19	Oppose New Interchange	2
Funding/Government Spending	18	Pro BRT	2
Oppose Widening	16	Park n Ride/Parking	2
Development & Transportation Link/Developer Fees & Approval	16	TED-PLG Vision/Process	2
Oppose Transit	13	Economic Development	2
Pro Rail	12	Pro Bridge Replacement & Improvements	1
Quality of Life	12	Oppose Express Lanes/Toll Roads	1
Pro Bus/Shuttle	11	Oppose Ferry	1
Environmental/Cultural Concerns	10	Pro Driverless Cars/Uber/Rideshare	1
Pro ATMS	12	Regional System/Regional Partnerships	1
Existing Transit Bad/Wasteful	9	Pro Noise Wall	1
		Total Comment Topics	607

**Making Choices
Topics of Discussion**

Issue	Count	Issue	Count
Pro Transit	171	Pro Improved Transit Frequencies	12
Funding/Government Spending	127	Environmental/Cultural Concerns	12
Quality of Life	89	Pro BRT	11
Pro Rail	74	Pro Ferry	11
Development & Transportation Link/Developer Fees & Approval	69	Regional System/Regional Partnerships	10
Pro New Roads/Widening	59	Pro Streetcar/Trolley	10
Safety	56	Pro Express/Reversible Lanes/Toll Roads	9
Pro Sidewalks/Bike Lanes	55	TED-PLG Vision/Process	9
PI Process/Procedures	53	Pro Driverless Cars/Uber/Rideshare	9
Pro Intersection Improvements	51	Pro Extended Transit Hours	9
Pro Bus/Shuttle	48	Oppose Bike Lanes or Trails	8
Pro New/Expand Route	41	Enforcement/Education	7
Congestion	41	Park n Ride/Parking	7
Pro ATMS	27	Oppose Ferry	7
Existing Transit Bad/Wasteful	23	Economic Development	6
Pro Resurfacing	23	Pro New Signals	5
Pro Multi-use Trails	23	Oppose Express Lanes/Toll Roads	4
Pro Complete Streets/Enhancements	20	Remove from Truck Route	4
Pro Asset Preservation (Maintenance)	19	Oppose Complete Streets	3
Oppose Rail	17	Pro Bridge Replacement & Improvements	1
Oppose Widening	17	Pro More Weekend Transit Service	1
Oppose New Roads	15	Total Comment Topics	1,273

**Finding Consensus
Topics of Discussion**

Issue	Count		Issue	Count
Funding/Government Spending	39		Oppose Widening	3
Pro Transit	30		Pro Complete Streets/Enhancements	2
Pro Asset Preservation (Maintenance)	23		Pro Extended Transit Hours	2
Pro New Roads/Widening	18		Pro More Weekend Transit Service	2
PI Process/Procedures	16		Pro New Signals	2
Quality of Life	15		Pro New/Expand Route	2
Pro Rail	11		Regional System/Regional Partnerships	2
Development & Transportation Link/Developer Fees & Approval	10		Pro BRT	1
Existing Transit Bad/Wasteful	10		Enforcement/Education	1
Pro Bus/Shuttle	10		Environmental/Cultural Concerns	1
Pro Sidewalks/Bike Lanes/Crosswalks	8		Pro Express/Reversible Lanes/Tolls Roads	1
Safety	7		Oppose New Roads	1
Congestion	6		Oppose Transit	1
Pro Intersection Improvements	6		Park n Ride/Parking	1
Pro ATMS	4		Pro Ferry	1
Pro Driverless Cars/Uber/Rideshare	4		Roundabout Concerns	1
Pro Improved Transit Frequencies	4		TED-PLG Vision/Process	1
Oppose Rail	3		Total Comment Topics	249

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Topics of Discussion**

Issue	Count	Issue	Count
Pro Transit	150	Oppose Transit	14
Funding/Government Spending	85	Oppose Rail	11
Safety	73	Regional System/Regional Partnerships	11
Quality of Life	71	Pro ATMS	9
Existing Transit Bad/Wasteful	67	Pro Complete Streets/Enhancements	9
Pro Bus/Shuttle	66	Pro Intersection Improvements	8
Enforcement/Education	56	Oppose Express Lanes/Toll Roads	8
Pro Sidewalks/Bike Lanes/Crosswalks	45	Oppose Sidewalks/Bike Lanes or Trails*	8
Pro Rail	44	Pro New Roads/Widening	7
Pro Extended Transit Hours	42	Economic Development	7
Pro Asset Preservation (Maintenance)	37	Pro Resurfacing	6
Development & Transportation Link/Developer Fees & Approval	36	Pro Express/Reversible Lanes/Toll Roads	6
Congestion	33	Pro BRT	5
Park n Ride/Parking	31	Pro Ferry	3
PI Process/Procedures	29	Pro Multi-use Trails	2
Pro More Weekend Transit Service	25	TED-PLG Vision/Process	2
Pro New/Expand Route	24	Environmental/Cultural Concerns	2
Pro Driverless Cars/Uber/Rideshare	21	Pro Bridge Replacement & Improvements	1
Pro Streetcar/Trolley	15	Oppose Widening	1
Pro Improved Transit Frequencies	15	Oppose New Roads	1
		Total Comment Topics	1,086

*Either in general or in a specific location.

**Telephone Town Halls
Topics of Discussion**

Issue	Count		Issue	Count
Pro Transit	68		Pro New Signals	5
Funding/Government Spending	47		Pro More Weekend Transit Service	5
Quality of Life	40		PI Process/Procedures	5
Pro Bus/Shuttle	38		Enforcement/Education	4
Existing Transit Bad/Wasteful	30		Pro Complete Streets/Enhancements	3
Pro New/Expand Route	29		Pro Extended Transit Hours	3
Pro Rail	18		Pro Improved Transit Frequencies	3
Congestion	18		Pro Ferry	2
Safety	16		Pro Driverless Cars/Uber/Rideshare	2
Development & Transportation Link/Developer Fees & Approval	15		Environmental/Cultural Concerns	2
Pro Sidewalks/Bike Lanes/Crosswalks	14		Park n Ride/Parking	2
Pro Intersection Improvements	13		Pro Express/Reversible Lanes/Toll Roads	1
TED-PLG Vision/Process	13		Oppose Widening	1
Pro Asset Preservation (Maintenance)	10		Oppose New Roads	1
Regional System/Regional Partnerships	9		Oppose Sidewalks/Bike Lanes or Trails*	1
Pro Resurfacing	8		Pro Streetcar/Trolley	1
Pro New Roads/Widening	7		Oppose Transit	1
Pro ATMS	6		Economic Development	1
			Total Comment Topics	442

Comments Received About Funding Issues

Concern	Understanding Issues	Understanding Issues-Map	Exploring Options	Making Choices	Finding Consensus	Facebook Count	Telephone Town Halls	Total
Tax in General								
Support gas & sales tax for roads, but not for rail			1					1
Support Tax Increase				5				5
Oppose Tax for Services outside City				1				1
Oppose Tax for Services inside City				3				3
Oppose Tax Increase			2	7	14	12	1	36
Support Tax Increase if Regional Structure				1				1
2 Levels of Tax- Residents & Tourists						1		1
Taxes Used to Fund Facilities in Own Neighborhood				1				1
Support Tax Increase for Transit				2				2
Oppose Tax Increase for Rail/Transit				4				4
Taxes Should be dedicated & Citizens Told What It's For				2				2
End Date for Any Tax Increase					1			1
Don't Implement a Tax for 30 Years							1	1
Sales Tax								
Support Sales Tax			1	9		6	4	20
Oppose Sales Tax	5			7		3		15
Oppose SalesTax if not Used for Valrico/Lithia/Dover							1	1
Support 1/2 cent sales tax	4			2	20			26
Support 1 cent sales tax	1			1	32			34
Sales tax - but dedicated & not changed later				1				1
Support 1/2% or 1% Sales or Property Tax				1				1
Support Sales Tax if not for Rail and limited time				3				3
Support Sales Tax for 5-10 years				1				1
Support 1/2% or 1% Sales or Property Tax				1				1
Support Sales Tax for Resurfacing				1				1
Sales Tax for Limited Time							1	1
Property Tax								
Support Property Taxes	5			6			2	13
Oppose Property Taxes				3	1			4

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Concern	Understanding Issues	Understanding Issues-Map	Exploring Options	Making Choices	Finding Consensus	Facebook Count	Telephone Town Halls	Total
Support 1 Mill Property Tax					18			18
Property Tax for Transit					1			1
Support Property Tax for Roads				2				2
Support Property Tax \$50/year				1				1
Property Tax or 1/2% Sales Tax for 5-10 Yrs					1			1
Allocate Existing Property Tax to Transportation				1				1
Property Tax for Transportation					1			1
Property Tax for Maintenance	1			1				
Gas Tax								
Support Gas Tax	2		1	9	1	4	2	19
Oppose Gas Tax				3				3
Support 2 Cent Gas Tax					2			2
Support 5 Cent Gas Tax				1	17			18
Gas Tax for 2-5 Yrs					1			1
Support Gas Tax for Roads & Short Term				5				5
Support Gas Tax for Maintenance/Intersection Improvements				1				1
Index Existing Gas Tax to Inflation				1				1
Tolls								
Support Tolls**				5	1			6
Oppose Tolls			1	4				5
Other								
Increase Developer/Impact Fees	1			33	3		4	41
Public Private Partnerships*				8			1	9
								0
Other Taxes								
Transient Transit Surcharge (hotel tax or bed tax)	2			3	1	2		8
Intrastate Truck Tax					1			1
Taxes on 2nd Homeowners				2				2
Tourist Tax				1			2	3
Internet Sales Tax				1				1
Increase Alcohol and/or Tobacco Taxes				1	2		2	5
Taxes on Businesses & Tourist Sites				5				5

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Concern	Understanding Issues	Understanding Issues-Map	Exploring Options	Making Choices	Finding Consensus	Facebook Count	Telephone Town Halls	Total
Community Investment Tax				1				1
Fees								
Vehicle Miles Traveled Fee						3		3
Parking fees				1				1
User Fees of Each System				4		2	2	8
Transit Tag & Voluntary Donation for Transit	1							1
Charge \$50 Fee for Each Home Sale in Sun City Center							1	1
Littering Fines							1	1
Traffic Tickets/Fines							1	1
Vehicle Registration Fees/Vehicle Inspections/Emissions Checks				3			1	4
Parents Driving Kids to School Pay Fee				2				2
Other								
Use \$ earmarked for roads for transit instead	1							1
Ability to select project where you want tax \$ to go (unclear but appears to mean property tax)	1							1
Reduce funding elsewhere to pay for transportation, then go for small tax increase	1							1
Highway Trust Fund (don't waste tax \$)	1							1
Use more tax \$ collected for transportation (reallocate)			2					2
Do not put \$ in general fund			1					1
Close tax loopholes for special interest				1				1
Lobby legislators for transportation projects				2				2
Revolving loan fund for neighbor sidewalks				1				1
Lottery Funds				1			2	3
Stockholder Opportunities for Transportation				1				1
CRA Funds for Transportation Within CRA				1				1
Review & Eliminate Exemptions Where not Documented				1				1
Premium Paid Seating & Advertising				1			1	2
Private Funding for Rail					1			1

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Incentives for Using Alternative Transportation					1			1
Restructure Budget/Use Existing Funds					1		1	2
Municipal Bonds					1		2	3
Tax Increment Financing						2		2
Transit Oriented Development Tax Credits							1	1
Federal Funding							1	1
Use Funding from Express Lanes for County Transportation							1	1
Government Officials Raise Funds as they do for Campaigns							1	1
	26	0	9	170	122	35	37	

*Various partnerships suggested.

**Support in general or specific locations.