

Transportation Master Plan Pre-Plan Consultation Summary



Thursday July 7, 2011



Presentation Outline

- Consultation Objectives
- Scope of Consultation
- Who Responded?
- What did we hear?
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1. Open House # 1 – June 14th – Beban Park (4:00-8:00pm)
2. Open House #2 – June 16th – Fire Hall #4 (5:00-8:00pm)
3. Transportation Plan Web Site (Open)
www.nanaimo.ca/goto/transportationplan
4. Online Survey (June 12th to June 30th)
Survey included 21 questions and Open House Materials
4. Email Contact List (Open)
5. Consultation Summary Presentation



Who Responded?



Who responded?

Open House #1 – Beban Park (Tuesday
June 14th)

- [27 Attendees]

Open House #2 – Fire Hall #4 (Thursday
June 16th)

- [8 Attendees]

Survey* (June 12th - 30th)

- [82 Respondents]

Email Contact List

- [62 Contacts]

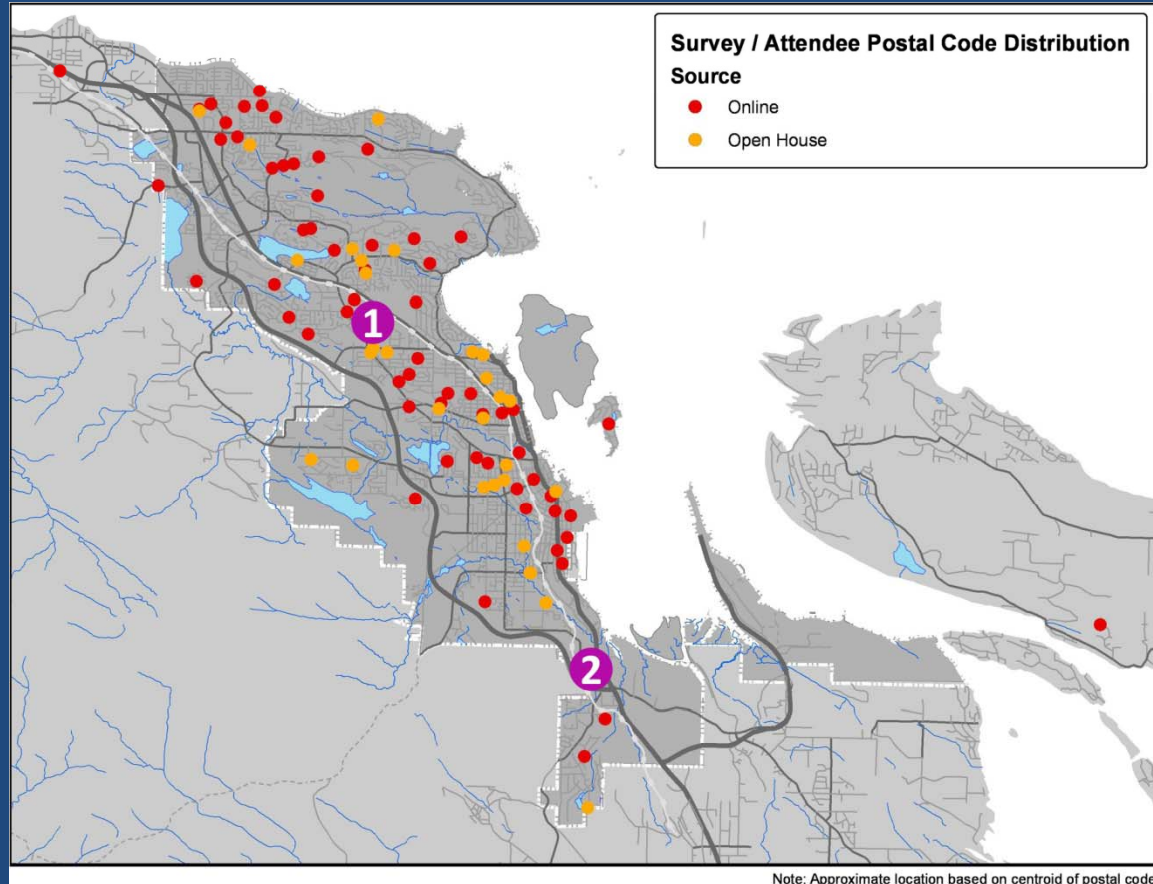
General Correspondence

- [by Letter/Phone]

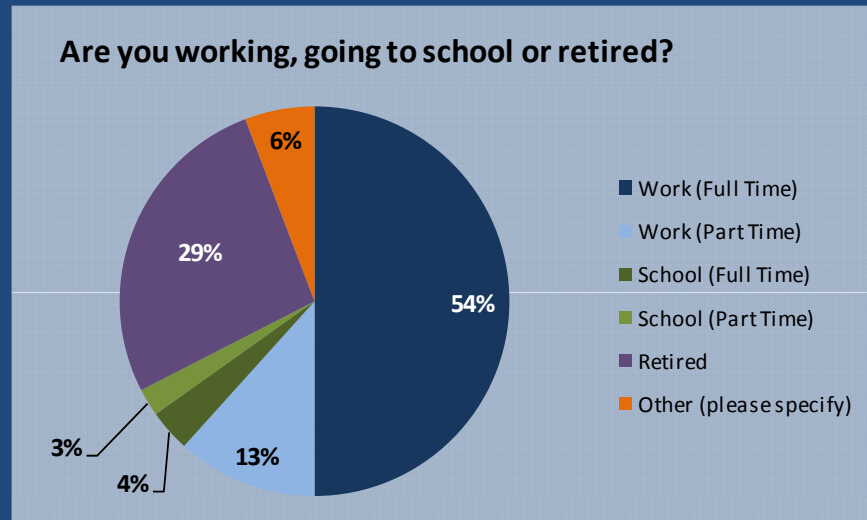
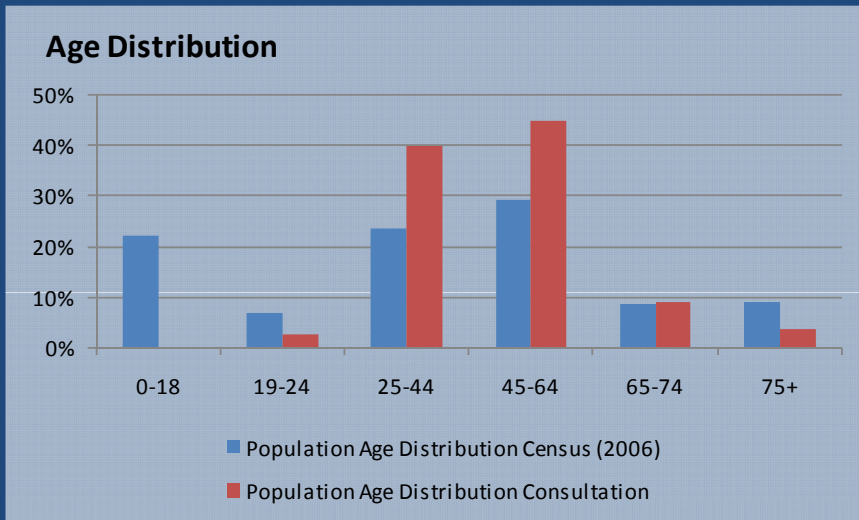


Who responded?

- Good distribution across the City
- Some responses from outside City.
- Distribution of open house attendees concentrated in central Nanaimo versus online survey.
- Self selecting sample.



Who responded?



- Good representation of middle age and younger seniors.
- Poorer representations of young adults and older seniors.

- 2/3 of respondents work full or part time.
- 1/4+ of respondents are retired

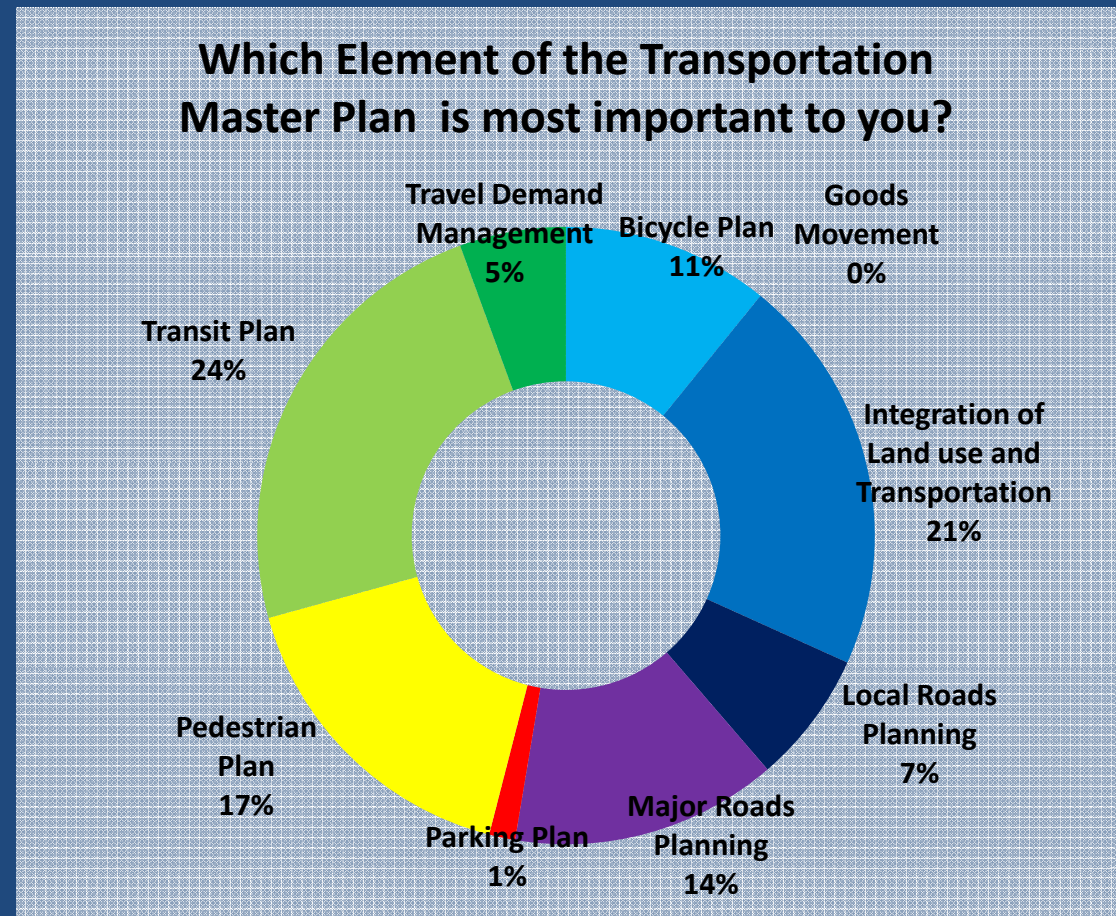


What did we hear? Consultation Results



Transportation Master Plan Elements

- Transit Planning is the most needed
- Land-use and transportation integration
- Pedestrian planning
- Major Roads
- Integration across modes supported



Consultation Results

- Many of the survey questions were free form and open ended resulting in a variety of comments on each board.
- To summarize these comments we have sorted them by primary subject and then provided a summary of each subject.
- Subject Areas:
 - 1. Transit**
 - 2. Pedestrians / Cycling**
 - 3. Rail / Ferry / Air**
 - 4. Land Use / Transportation**
 - 5. Major Roads**
 - 6. Active Transportation / Health / Aging Local Streets / Traffic Calming**
 - 7. GHG / Energy Costs**

Consultation Results

What we heard about...

x50

Transit

- Desire to use transit but not practical for many
- Increase frequency, Coordinate Transfers, Improve Ferry Connections
- Develop good Central / Downtown Exchange
- Improve quality of on-street transit facilities (stops, shelters and exchanges)
- Consider alternative types of vehicles (low volume routes)
- Look for opportunities to integrate transportation modes

Consultation Results

What we heard about...

x37

Pedestrians / Cycling

- Sidewalks are disconnected and inconsistent, improve sidewalks and complete network (focus on neighbourhood centres)
- Give more space to pedestrians, make walking comfortable, less emphasis on vehicles
- Push pedestrians to top of priority list, including improving safety.
- Consider education of children per safe walking and cycling skills.
- Use bike lanes to increase separation between bikes and traffic.
- Add end of trip facilities (ie bike racks, parking)

Consultation Results

What we heard about...

x19

Rail, Transit, Ferries

- Utilize E&N rail corridor (three general concepts)
 - Maintain / expand existing interCity service (access to Victoria)
 - Consider LRT style system within the City
 - Goods Movement
- Improve pedestrian connections to the Mainland (Passenger Ferry)
- Improve coordination between ferries and other modes (transit)

Consultation Results

What we heard about...

x18

Land Use & Transportation

- Services are currently far from residential areas...therefore need vehicle.
- Increase the livability of City by :
 - Work to develop hubs (OCP nodes?)
 - Reduce spreading of City
 - Integrating land uses
- Important to have consistent transportation and land use planning
- Don't just increase housing density, also consider jobs
- Development results in many disconnected, road elements for car and pedestrians...

Consultation Results

What we heard about...

x14

Major Roads

- Consider alternative intersection types (ie roundabouts)
- When planning major roads, do a better job to consider pedestrians / cyclists / transit
- Improve traffic flow along major routes with signal changes/coordination (ie Parkway / Island Hwy / Bowen Rd)
- Ensure major road network in place as development occurs (ie Linley Valley)
- Provide more information on how major roads are developed (ie land dedication, funding)
- Desire to see less car use

Consultation Results

What we heard about...

x13

Active Transportation / Health / Aging Local Streets / Traffic Calming

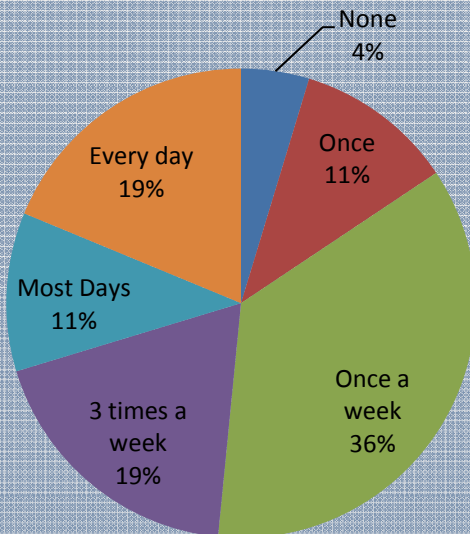
- Consider all ages, younger residents looking for active transportation alternatives, different solutions for different ages.
- Target developing good travel habits in children
- Consider alt vehicles types such as motorized scooters
- Consider accessibility as population ages
- Improve pedestrian safety by slowing down vehicles, walkable neighbourhoods.
- Maintain major road network to minimize short cutting



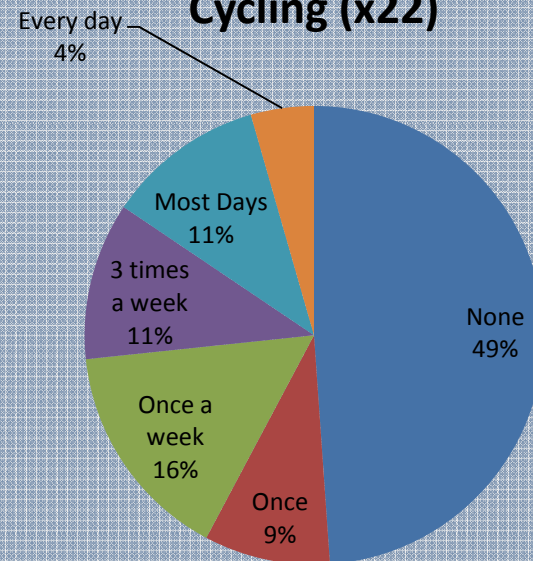
Consultation Results

Which types of active transportation did you use to get around in the City during the last month?

Walking (x61)



Cycling (x22)



Consultation Results

What we heard about...

x7

GHG / Energy Costs

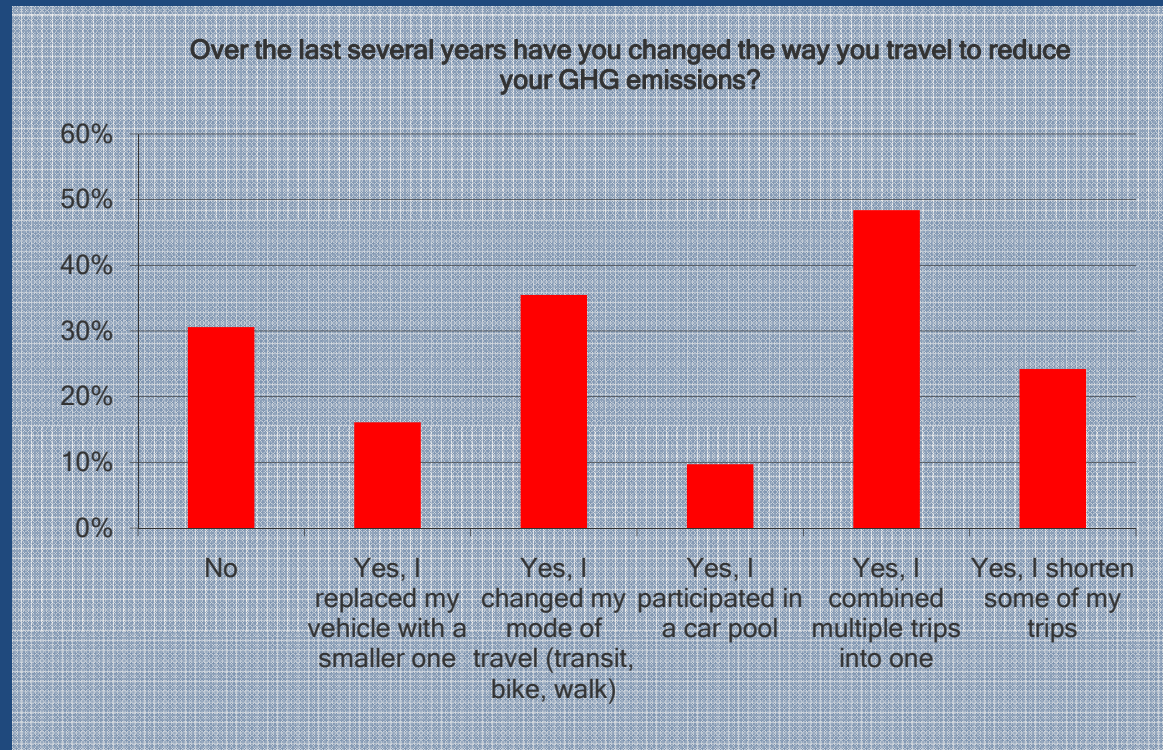
- Concern over GHG emissions
- Discussion on how potential large fuel cost increases will influence our transportation behavior in the future
- Concerns per public health and emissions
- Estimate of fuel costs as a percentage of total income under different price scenarios.

Consultation Results

What we heard about...

Change in the way we travel

- 70% of the respondents have made some change in the way they travel
- Almost half are combining trips
- 33% made a travel mode change



Consultation Results

What we heard about...

other topics.

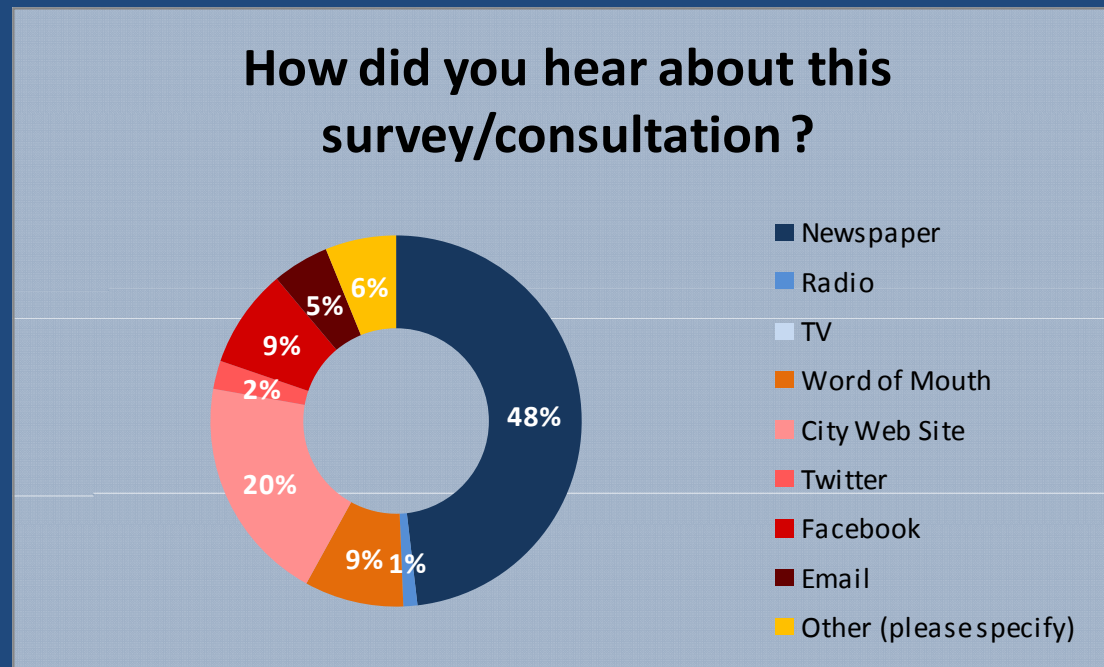
- Look at options to support car coops/car sharing.
- Consider new technology/ vehicle types / fuel types.
- Interface with key stakeholders (i.e. community associations)
- Support for strong integration with OCP
- Issues not controlled directly by the City



How well did we connect?



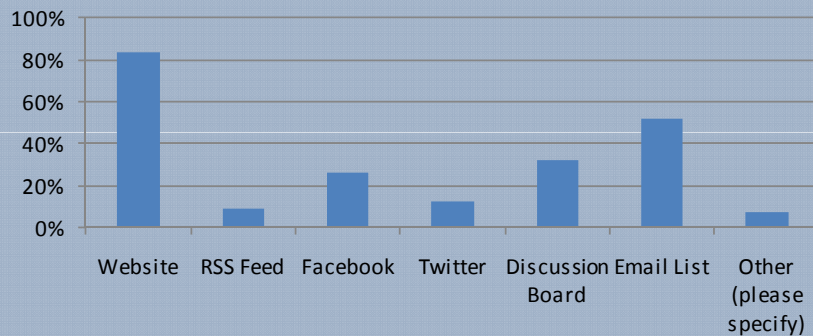
How well did we connect?



- Newspaper most effective media to inform that consultation under way.
- Of electronic media, the City's web site was most effective.
- Email expected to play a larger role in future consultations.

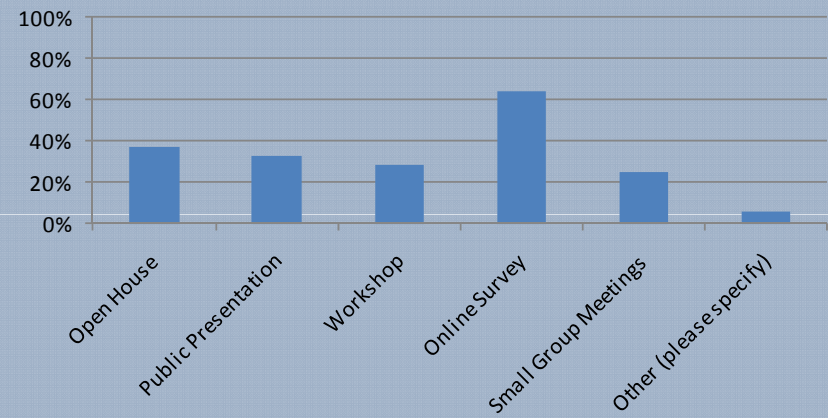
How well did we connect?

What online tools would you like us to consider using for consultation while developing the Transportation Master Plan?



- Website and email list most popular tools; some support for discussion boards and use of facebook.

Which forms of consultation do you prefer?



- Online survey most popular tool for feedback but open house, public presentation, workshop and small group meetings also received support.



Conclusions



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