YOUR OPINION IS NEEDED!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

BHJ-MPC
Brooke Hancock Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission
Background

Brooke Hancock Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission (BHJ) is currently updating its Long-Range Transportation Plan 2045. As a first step, BHJ conducted a public opinion survey that covered a broad spectrum ranging from transportation safety, sustainability, and economic development, transportation to people's perception of emerging technologies, internet access, and physical environment. The main goal of this survey is to develop a vision of the future metropolitan transportation system and create a list of priorities as perceived by the general populous. For this, the questionnaire used a priority scale and multiple choice-based approach. The survey also encouraged additional comments to get feedback on the topics not covered in the questionnaire to better understand community needs.

Survey

For public outreach, BHJ used a three-tier approach. First, staff collected surveys from the its Technical Advisory, Executive, and Transportation Study Policy. Second, staff collected data through the online platform Facebook, though sponsored advertisements and the official webpage. Third, to reach out to people who do not have direct household internet, BHJ distributed the surveys at seven (7) local libraries (Public Library of Steubenville & Jefferson County Main Library and the Schiappa, Brilliant, Tiltonsville, Toronto branch locations, Weirton Mary H. Weir Library, and Brooke County Public Library in Wellsburg) BHJ also distributed the survey at the October at Steubenville’s "First Friday on Fourth", a monthly social gathering in historic downtown Steubenville. Overall, BHJ received 421 surveys, 98 with additional comments.

Priority Issues

The top 5 priorities that this survey identified are –

- More transportation options for people with a focus on work and medical trips, as well as elderly persons and people with disabilities. Citizens desire expanded and improved public transportation service and app-based ride systems like Uber, Lyft. People also want expanded work-related carpool and vanpool services.
- Maintain the existing transportation infrastructures rather than building new.
- A holistic, coordinated approach to make local roads safer.
- Develop a livable, environment-friendly community with adequate recreational facilities.
- Focus more on sustainable, good-paying, environment-friendly community business development.

Summary observations from survey

- The 50% response rate between Jefferson County, OH and Brooke-Hancock, WV counties. Age group 51-60 and 61-70 are the two leading respondent age groups. Jefferson respondents were somewhat younger, while the older respondents are uniform across all three counties.
• A total of 95% of respondents consider “Road Safety” a major transportation issue. The importance of safety resonates across all the age groups.
• Around 70% of the respondents consider “more transportation options” as an important priority. Younger respondents from the age group 18-22 and 23-30 are more concerned about this issue than their older counterparts.
• Over 50% of respondents identify “Maintenance of Existing Infrastructure” as an extremely important priority, while a total of 98% of the respondents consider it either extreme, very, or just important. Between building new infrastructures and maintaining the existing, 80% prefer maintenance. Older age groups from 51-70 are more concerned about the maintenance of the infrastructures than their younger counterparts.
• Around 82% of the respondents consider public transportation as a vital transportation priority for this locality. For sustainable regional growth, respondents chose public transportation over privately owned vehicles. They also want more rideshare and work trip-based vanpool and carpool opportunities. Two opposite spectrum of age group 18-22 and 61-70 consider public transportation “extremely important” while the age groups ranging 31-60 want more rideshare, vanpool, and carpool options.
• Respondents also put importance on sidewalks, bikeways, and other active transportation facilities along with freight transportation improvement. Younger population groups between 18-30 consider active transportation a significant issue, while 51-70 age groups want to focus more on freight transportation.
• Though many of the respondents are not very familiar with brownfield developments, still 60% of the respondents indicate it is essential for the economic growth. Older age groups from 51-70 are more concern about this issue than the younger age groups.
• For regional economic growth, respondents indicate more business development and livable communities as the most important factors. Over 80% of respondents also consider low-cost, high-speed internet a vital factor. Younger respondents focus more on safety and recreation while the older respondents heavily emphasize more business development. The importance of high-speed internet resonates across all the age groups.
• An approximate 90% respondents are concerned about the community’s air and water quality and over 50% believe this region is not prepared for the negative impact of climate change. Younger respondents are more concern with environmental improvement and climate change than their older counterparts. Respondents over the age of 50 years are skeptical on the validity of the climate change phenomenon than the younger age groups.
• Respondents are skeptic of new emerging technologies like self-driving cars and their future to this community. Over 60% of the respondents do not envision a future with self-driving vehicles operating in this region. Younger respondents are more inclined to accept self-driving vehicle in the community than older respondents.
• Respondents have a divided opinion of the area’s current economic situation. While 51% of the respondents agreed that the economy is moving in the right direction, the remaining 49% are skeptical of the long-term effectiveness of the current economic and business policies and approaches. Younger age groups of 18-30 are more skeptical than the older age group when it comes to the region’s economic direction.
Question 1. In which county do you live?

**Percentage of Respondents by County**

- Jefferson: 49.64%
- Hancock: 27.32%
- Brooke: 19.71%
- Others: 3.33%

Question 2. What is your age group?

**Respondents by Age Group**

- 51-60: 27.55%
- 61-70: 19.24%
- 41-50: 16.39%
- 31-40: 15.44%
- 70+: 11.40%
- 23-30: 6.18%
- 18-22: 3.80%
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Question 3.3. Rank the following Transportation Priorities [Maintain existing infrastructure (roads, bridges, culverts etc.)]

![Priority- Maintain Existing Infrastructure](chart)

Question 3.4. Rank the following Transportation Priorities [Expand public transportation]

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Question 3.5. Rank the following Transportation Priorities [Construct more trails, bike-ways, and pedestrian walkways]

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![Priority - More Brownfield Redevelopment Chart]

Question 3.8. Rank the following Transportation Priorities [Improve air and water quality]

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Question 4. With limited transportation funds available, do you support investing the funding to:

- Develop new Highway Corridors into the Steubenville-Weirton Area (21%)
- Maintain existing Highways and Bridges (79%)

Question 5. Which transportation mode is important for sustainability and economic growth?

- Pedestrian, Bike and Other Recreational Choices (6.41%)
- Privately-Owned Vehicles (33.73%)
- Public Transportation (42.28%)
- Ride Share and App based Taxi Services (17.58%)
Question 6. In your opinion which factor is most important for our three-county (Brooke, Hancock, and Jefferson) area's future growth?

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![Future of Self Driving Vehicles in Region](image)

- Yes: 63.42%
- No: 21.85%
- Maybe: 14.73%

Question 9. Do you think the region is prepared for the adverse impacts of "Climate Change"?

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- Yes: 6.18%
- No: 53.68%
- Maybe: 13.30%
- Climate Change is hoax: 26.84%
Question.10. Do you agree that "our region's economy is moving in the right direction?"

Our Region's Economy is Moving in Right Direction

No 51%
Yes 49%
Survey Findings by Different Age Groups

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Additional Comments*

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### Public transportation (22)

- Business development and public transportation can work in tandem to continue to impact the region's economic growth but the infrastructure should be the highest priority since it is the circulatory system of the body of the region.
- I think the area is finally looking toward the future, but unfortunately, things have been left idle for too long making the infrastructure and workforce in an unhealthy state and not readily available to handle much uptick in economic development. Public transportation that actually encompasses a wider area and has more scheduled routes, making it convenient for people needing to go to work, as well as those wanting to have an evening out without the worry of driving, would be a great asset. However, a campaign to change people's view of public transportation is going to be essential. I've seen how well public transportation works in Europe and Australia. It's second nature for people to use it daily. Here, people look down on it but with the aging population, a reliable, efficient, and farther-reaching system would have a positive impact on the area.
- I live in southern Jefferson County, which gets zero attention. Three hospitals in this area have closed. The economic boom has reached some in this area with the gas and oil business, but certainly not all. Public transportation is an absolute must. I recently visited Salt Lake City, UT and was amazed. Very clean, bikes everywhere for public transportation, and no need to drive. We did Lyft everywhere!
- There is an absolute lack of transportation for residents in Jefferson, Brooke, and Hancock counties. Residents in Chester and Newell WV are all but stranded. The Weirton Transit Corp. bus route does not extend outside the Weirton City limits. The CHANGE bus is available for many Brooke and Hancock County residents, but does not cover the Chester and Newell areas. Rural areas off of Route 2 in Brooke and Hancock Counties and Route 7 in Jefferson County are severely under served with transportation opportunities. This lack of transportation causes lack of jobs, which negatively effects the economy.
- The commute info from Weirton to Pittsburgh needs to have hourly trips to the city.
- If the infrastructure of our roads and bridges are to be preserved and upgraded careful thought needs to be put in to the scheduling of such- not every road and/or bridge can be worked on simultaneously as is common practice. Van pool, ride share, and other shared transportation options will also help eliminate SO much private traffic that is overwhelming the system. maybe give employees an incentive or tax break for choosing to use a public transport method rather than private transport to help elevate congestion.
- Transportation improvements should include better access -- buses, perhaps -- from local towns to other local and regional towns and cities. Chester to Weirton. Weirton to...
Wellsburg. And maybe to/from Bethany, for any students who want to commute. Any and all of those to Pittsburgh and to Wheeling! There are a couple of bus routes a day between Weirton and Steubenville, but this is hardly even scratching the surface!

- Public Transportation is needed for the people in this area due to the high number of people without a DL.
- Low cost public transportation is important and not just in urban/suburban areas.
- Public transportation (affordable) is critical to helping people secure and maintain employment and will help our community out economically in many ways!
- More assistance for those unable to drive. More public transportation. Finish the bike trail!
- How about a bus route that works for students and faculty in the La Belle & Brady area. The bus goes the WRONG way for this group.
- I believe the economy is very strong at this time. I believe more people could work if they could get to work, not just 9-5 but all hours of the day. A better public transportation system could help in that endeavor.
- We need uber / lift.
- More transportation options then weir-cove taxi. Expanded bus service.
- Public transit is very important.
- Need transportation for people without cars. It only goes to Wintersville. How about Weirton they are booming with business and we in Jefferson are NOT!!!
- Medical transportation, medical appointments for different people on the same day that's in the same household should not be an issue. Need more people to transport disabled, behavioral, mental health people.
- We need transportation for employment opportunities.
- Our region needs to address the needs of an aging population as well as to provide for the needs of a more diverse and younger family-based population. Public transportation, perhaps driven by technology, and also electric-fueled vehicles will be very important to people my age. At the same time, recreation based facilities, new housing and better transportation infrastructure is critical to growth and the quality of life of any small town region.
- I see a need for some sort of transportation to areas such as - Steubenville Mall area, Robinson mall area, etc.
- Transportation is a big part in helping the economy get better.

**Economic & Residential Development (30)**

- Don't know if you can see my explanation of "other" above. Must have residential development along with business development.
- Infrastructure and economic development (retention, expansion and new business) is critical for our region. We need to build the tax base for long-term sustainability. Too many agencies conducting too many surveys which continues to result in duplication of efforts and resources.
• The area needs to attract high tech industries. It needs to move away from steel and focus on other areas tech, light industrial manufacturing, etc.
• Welcome small businesses and manufacturing.
• I have seen more economic growth in the last five years in our area. I believe we need to add more transportation options.
• The economy is moving in a positive direction, but it seems to be behind most area across the country that are comparable in population.
• Better Roads, Better Schools, More Recreational Facilities for Something to do close to home instead of driving to Robinson or PGH.
• As far as Jefferson County they should bring new businesses in and stop all the tide in politics so the city can grow and be more pro-active. It's a shame how Weirton and surrounding cities are growing and were still hiring in such a declining area. Terrible-Terrible.
• I am devastated to see how a city with such a small population as Weirton WV is growing and thriving in business and infrastructure. And here in Steubenville Ohio approx: 3 minutes away we are not growing at all but declining.
• Need to improve our business and city appeal. Fix what we have, better priorities and updates.
• There is an over dependence of our local economy on oil and gas. All this has done to the area is drive up real estate and cost of living. Long term these jobs are transient. The migrant workers who are in the area have no long term investment in our community. The way mineral rights are regulated in Ohio mean that few will benefit, but all will feel the "cost" of developing these resources. With good highways, rail, and river transportation and nestled between major cities, our communities should be developing more rapidly than they are. The question is why are our communities not attracting more business and industry?
• Climate change is a natural phenomenon. Humans can not control or alter the weather/climate. Nothing will improve with our economic growth until the same old leaders and politicians are removed. Go anywhere in our country and see the improvements in infrastructure, transportation, job growth and etc. ANYWHERE except Jefferson County and the Ohio Valley.
• The area needs to market itself as a suburb of Pittsburgh with lower cost of living. More industry will not do this and only sets the area back.
• The young in this area need good paying jobs.
• The economy of Steubenville is not as big a focus as it should be. Weirton however is just the opposite. They are getting ready to take advantage of future growth opportunities.
• The majority of non-natural gas related development is retail, and the gas industry is eventually going to subside with the amount of permanent jobs decreasing with it. There has been no concrete information about possible redevelopment of the old Weirton Steel property. We also have aging population and poverty issues which need to be addressed if you want to draw new business to the area.
• We are starting to move in the right direction, but very slowly. We do need residential development including a variety of housing types including those using the features of universal design, but that doesn't mean tear down and start over. We are missing some big opportunities to rehab some of the current housing stock and create neighborhoods, not developments where everyone goes out in their cars and you never see the person next door. While many will want the independence of their own cars, we need to make things more walkable for those who are able, and have alternative transportation for those who aren't able. With more singles and aging baby boomers living alone, there are needs to get to medical appointments and tests without driving.
• I believe that more business development is important, but the focus should be on small businesses, not more giant conglomerates. The way to differentiate our towns from all the other towns is not by adding more Wal Marts.
• I also think bringing businesses here is the start. That brings in revenue for everyone. Once the businesses begin to flourish, then other things can be built. Maybe just start a Small Business Campaign.
• Downtown Weirton needs to be revitalized! All State & Federal Grant money is going to Three Springs Corridor.
• Our region is not moving forward fast enough. We must have opportunities available that help retain our young people. We need family sustaining employment.
• Need more business development and good paying jobs.
• Need store of all kinds in Wellsburg, WV.
• Need more support for business development. Roads are deplorable. Need stronger leadership.
• The elderly and teenage generations have the disposable income in this area. Stores need to cater to that.
• Question #6: Business development and safety-security go hand in hand, but business needs to come first to help pay for the security.
• Without new business downtown, our town will become more the "donut hole" effect! Biz and infrastructure= Tax base and improvements! (Quality of life).
• Better jobs needed.
• I would like to see Aldi here in Weirton and possibly Sam's Club. A used bookstore would be nice, too.
• Please remember the economic potential in Southern Jefferson County.

Infrastructure (19)

• Maintaining all existing infrastructure is vital. Businesses and families do not relocate to areas with failing roads, water and sewer systems, and polluted air.
• There needs to be another bridge across the river. From the foot of Rt. 8 over to Empire would be a perfect spot.
No use for new roads. Anytime we open a roadway to for lanes. You choke it down with speed limits, school zones, and red lights. You took a two lane with a exit and turned. It into a one lane with a exit, that does not make sense. But I know you bowed to Franciscan. Going backwards not forward.

Too much overpromising and underdelivering, terrible terrible terrible bridge interchange at memorial bridge in Steuben. Confusing intersection and lights.

To really grow get a 4 lane highway from Pittsburgh Pa to Columbus Ohio and also keep the pot holes filled.

The engineer that designed the route 7 interchange in Steubenville should be punched in the face. Also, 22 east bound at the veterans bridge from route 7 south should never have been reduced to one lane, thereâ€™s been many accidents, and a lot of drivers cutting over at the last minute.

Safety issues at the intersection of Mahan and Route 2. There needs to be a traffic light at that intersection.

the new bridge is a waste of money.

This area needs at least 1 more bridge. Waterfront development is sorely lacking. Road and highway maintenance is/should be of the utmost importance.

It is always difficult to decide whether to maintain or replace something, and one answer doesn't fit all the questions. I believe every project should be addressed individually, ie: one municipality's water system might be so decayed that replacement is the only option, while another system might only require a good overhaul to continue serving for another 50 years. One area might truly benefit from Uber and Lyft services while another desperately needs bus and taxi service. Y'all are smart people. Just think things through and do the best you can.

We need better infrastructure. We need more people who care about the area we live and make it more about downtown.

The area needs to prepare for electric vehicles-charging stations, etc.

THERE NEEDS TO BE ACCESS TO THINGS LIKE UBER AND LYFT IN THE WEIRTON AREA SPECIFICALLY. THE CAB COMPANY CHARGES WAY TO MUCH, THEIR CARS ARE NOT SAFE TO DRIVE AND THE DRIVERS ARE SOMETIMES TERRIBLE. I WOULD PERSONALLY BE A UBER DRIVER OR USER IF IT WAS IN TE AREA.


stop wasting tax payers money. no new bike trails, walking paths. look at the ones we have. barely used.

I believe and would like to see more bridges to the north of 22 one close enough if there is an accident and or construction on 22 West bound before the bridge and rt 2 south so that you get across the river without going up all the way to the Newell or rt 30 bridge to go north just to go south is pointless especially able to see Toronto just over the river passing
our house on the other side plus having a bridge like between weirton and costonia exit over Brown's island able to connect rt 2 and Pennsylvania ave and to downtown weirton to rt 7 will help 22 to the north another either the 4th st exit across or by 152 across would help increase traffic on both sides of the river to like sparkle mountain race track and gaming resort plus the increase to Toronto empire and Stratton and surrounding area also to rt 8 faster to go to Thompson run park or the drive in and another way one from Ohio could go up to 30 or one from west Virginia or Pennsylvania could go to ohio.

- The roads shouldn't be falling apart. There should be easier ways for non-licensed citizens to get around. Climate change is real and deadly and we need to prepare for it. Instead of spending money on what we don't have - spend what little money there is fixing up what we already have.
- In addition to major roads they need to also focus on rural communities’ roads and drainage control. This is a mountainous area with excess water from the hills which is damaging existing roads.
- We need to tax oil and gas company more. They are going to take billions out of W.V and leave only bad roads and pollution.

Other (29)

- More pressure needs to be placed at the state levels (especially WV) to return our tax dollars in road maintenance and improvements.
- Excellent survey questions. Right on issues that this area need attention. This area is fortunate to have a visionary organization like BHJ and whoever is fueling this project.
- Never heard about this organization in the past. But Looks like tryin to do good for the community. Wish the old one's learn something from BHJ. Go ahead!
- We need new ideas, new people in the politics and in other development organizations.
- For the 1st time in years I am excited about the serious effort of tri-state planning and business development.
- We want coordinated economic and transportation development plan (WV-OH) for our area. BHJ should lead the way.
- Keep it moving. Thank you!
- Mr. Ford has done an excellent job!
- PAT FORD WAS A CHARLATAN AND A FRAUD. HIS SUCCESSOR SHOULD BE CAREFULLY CHOSEN.
- Mr. Ford hired an exponent person. First he looked suspicious but seem like he knows what he is doing. BDC is taking this region forward.
- Slumlords on City council's and Sheriff's departments that let share the deputies get away with molesting young girls as long as we got people in power they're doing it for their own personal gain it's going to get nowhere.
- I am being denied medical services at the WMC because I am alone/single. This could be a life or death situation!! Money/insurance is not the problem!!
• It's hard to admit, publicly, that the issue this area has is low-income, crime ridden and drug infested communities. Need to start catering to the middle class, invest in beautifying the areas. Last thing people want to see is HUD owned properties that paint nothing but a poor picture of this area.
• God is in control of the climate, change, global warming, etc. Think about this: If we did not have global warming from the beginning of time, we would still be living in the ice age! (Not worried about it!)
• I stated above what I think really needs attention about the roadways. I believe whoever made this survey genuinely cares about what the public thinks. I have lived in Hancock county all my life and with my job has talked with the commission about our water quality and improving the water system in general. I know of at least 2-3 water projects that are happening now to improve the water systems and Iâ€™m involved in one of them. I believe that needs to be a future focus because these water systems are only getting older. I think that really needs to be a focus in the future because the system will only become more costly to maintain. Again thank you for your time and I hope I helped a little bit with the feedback you are trying to seek.
• I just want a Target. Please.
• Unfortunately, our community is still struggling to find a way to grow that is not harming the environment/community health/ infrastructure. By no means am i saying that this area is the worst in WV or OH; it's very good compared to the rest WV/OH. looking across both states, it is a shame what is happening, more flooding, more pollution, more abuses of community, the states (including us) have chosen to ignore (or is some cases reject) the existence of these issues and now are subject to it finally. To leave you with a quote: "What is the use of a house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on?" - Henry David Thoreau
• We need to prioritize removing dependence on non-renewable resources, improving and maintaining failing infrastructure, making resources available and accessible to everyone (not just those who are capable of driving and have a car), follow California's example and immediately begin programs like mandated recycling to combat the impact of environmental problems.
• some of the questions need more options to send an answer other than the ones provided as someone elses view rather than mine.
• We need to "climate change"-proof our region's economy. We are too dependent on industries (e.g., fossil fuel industries) that have an expiration date in a sustainable world.
• What the heck is with the "climate change is a hoax" answer?
• I'd like to see this area embrace climate change requirements but I don't believe the majority of the people will until the last second.
• Climate change is questionable. If there weren't changes we would still have dinosaurs.
• Climate Change- switching our season patterns would take some work. Crops grown, flood patterns etc.
- County needs to try to house some of these homeless people better or provide a mental hospice to those who qualify. (Which is most.)
- More people leave than stay because there are almost no good opportunities.
- Get rid of nepotism and red tape.
- More police in all 3 counties/ more drug bust!!!