# Is Transportation Important to You?

Summary of Workshop Participant's Concerns and Solutions

Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute North Dakota State University

# Summary of Workshop Results

- Surveys
- Table Discussions
- Panel Presentations

# Survey Input

- Who Attended
- Major Concerns
- Workshops Compared

## **Workshop Participants**

Association	Percent of Total
Elected Official	26%
Public Official	1 9%
Transit	18%
Concerned Citizen	15%
Other	11%
Contractor	5%
Business	5%

## **Major Concerns of Participants**

Area of Concern	Rank
State Roadways & Bridges	2
County Roadways & Bridges	3
Township Roads & Bridges	6
City Roads and Bridges	4
Funding for Future Infrastructure Projects	1
Transit Service Levels	5

## **Workshop Concerns Compared**

Area of Concern	Dickinson	Grand Forks
State Roads & Bridges	4	3
County Roads & Bridges	2	4
Township Roads & Bridges	3	6
City Roads & Bridges	6	5
Funding Infrastructure Projects	1	2
Transit Service Levels	5	1

# Table Discussion Input

- Overall Concerns
- Highway Solutions
- Public Transit Solutions

#### **Table Discussion Concerns**

Highway funding/maintenance issues

Public transit/people mobility issues

Highway maintenance/fuel cost increases

Commercial road use

Air and rail service

Safety

**Economic development** 

Regulations

Recycling

## **Highway Maintenance & Funding Solutions**

**Fuel Taxes** 

Vehicle-miles-traveled

**Excise Taxes** 

Surplus Funds

Road Use Fee

Rail Service

Prioritize Road System

Use Appropriate Materials

Improve Communication

## Personal Mobility and Public Transit Issues

More Funding

Regional Hubs

Fixed Route Systems

**Better Coordination** 

**Increase Public Awareness** 

Tap Other Federal Sources

**Use School Buses** 

**Better Collaboration** 

### **Panel Presentations**

Association	Number
Highway Official	14
State Legislator	8
Transit	8
Commercial User	6
Mayor	5
Construction	4

# Summary of Workshop Input

Surveys

Table Discussions

Panel Presentations

Presentation and full reports available at www.ugpti.org

# Quotable Quotes

"Before a farmer can be rich, he must have a road" - Chinese proverb

"Surplus time is the best time to invest in infrastructure" - Workshop participant

"Feed the horse that pulls the wagon" - Workshop participant