

**North Central Texas  
Council of Governments**



# Tarrant County Transit Study

Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG)

July 16, 2020

# — Agenda

**Introductions +  
Welcome**



**SAG + TAG  
Roles**



**Study Background +  
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**Public  
Engagement**



**Tarrant County  
Numbers**



**Open  
Q&A**



**Next Steps**



# — Poll Question #1

## HOW OFTEN DO YOU RIDE TRANSIT IN TARRANT COUNTY?

- **Frequently**—it's one of the main ways I get around.
- **Occasionally**—I'm familiar with the system, but only use it now and then.
- **Almost never**—I've ridden before, but not often.
- **Never**—I've never used public transportation in Tarrant County.



## — SAG + TAG Roles

**Guides the study by developing the project goals, objectives, defines the project outcomes and provides technical advice; while supporting and encouraging participation in the community.**

# SAG Representation

- ● Arlington
- Azle
- Catholic Charities FW
- Community Enrichment Center
- Crowley
- DCTA
- Everman
- Forest Hill
- Fort Worth
- Fort Worth CoC
- Haltom City
- Hurst
- Grand Prairie
- Grapevine
- Kennedale
- Richland Hills
- Tarrant County
- Tarrant Regional Mobility Coalition
- Tarrant RTC
- Tarrant Transit Alliance
- Trinity Metro

Government

Transit

Business

Advocacy

# Study Background

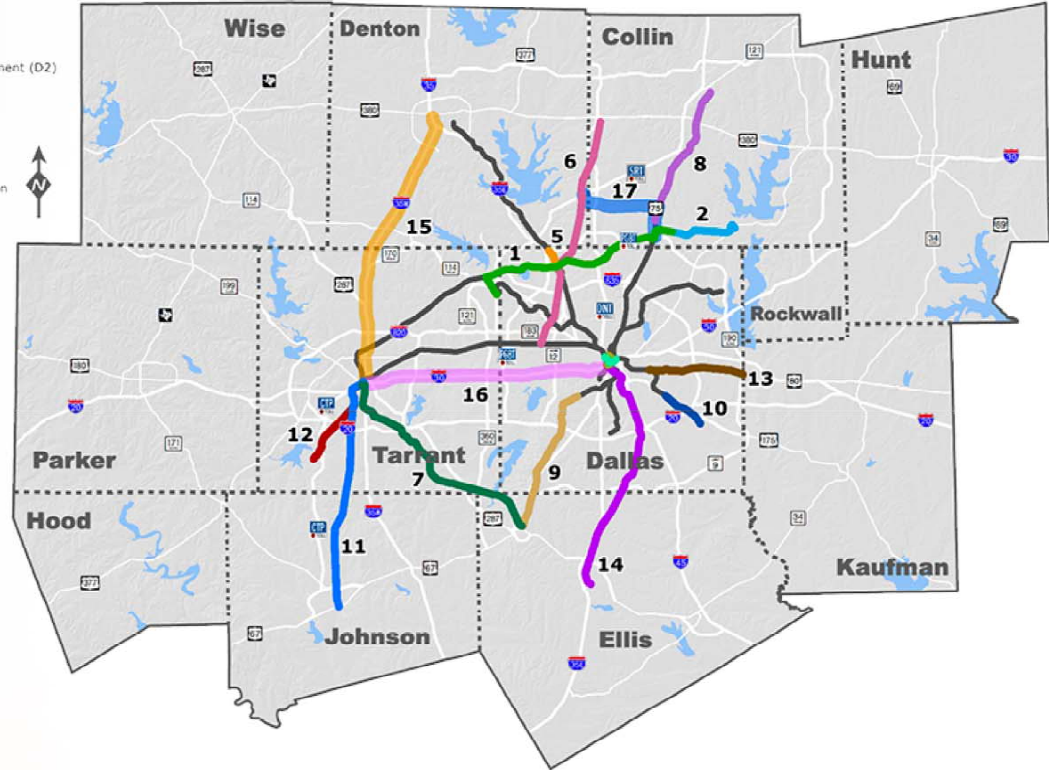
The Tarrant County Transit Study will be built from previous studies conducted over the last several years.



# Study Background



- Rail**
- 1 - Cotton Belt
  - 2 - Cotton Belt East Extension
  - 3 - Downtown Dallas Second Alignment (D2)
  - 4 - Dallas Streetcar (Central Link)
  - 5 - A-train South Extension
  - 6 - Frisco Line
  - 7 - Mansfield Line
  - 8 - McKinney Line
  - 9 - Midlothian Line
  - 10 - Green Line Southeast Extension
  - 11 - Cleburne Line
  - 12 - Southwest TEX Rail
  - 13 - Scyene Line
  - 14 - Waxahachie Line
- High-Intensity Bus**
- 15 - IH 35W Express
  - 16 - IH 30 Express
  - 17 - Spring Creek Parkway
- Existing Rail



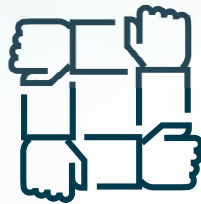
# Study Background



In the 2018 Access North Texas , the following key strategies were identified for Tarrant County.



Increase affordable mobility solutions



Connect communities county-wide



Expand public awareness, education, skills development and traveler support services



Implement a holistic approach to wellness transportation

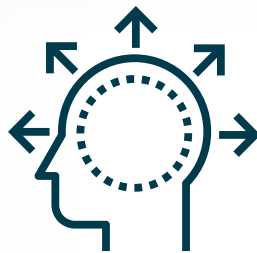


# Study Purpose

Identify, analyze, prioritize and develop a comprehensive approach to planning and implementing transit services outside of transit authority services areas.



Implement Strategic and  
Near-Term Strategies



Review Transportation  
Options



Identify Funding  
Options

# Study Area

Trinity Metro  
Service Area

## Current Transit Providers



TRINITY METRO

TEXRail  
TRE



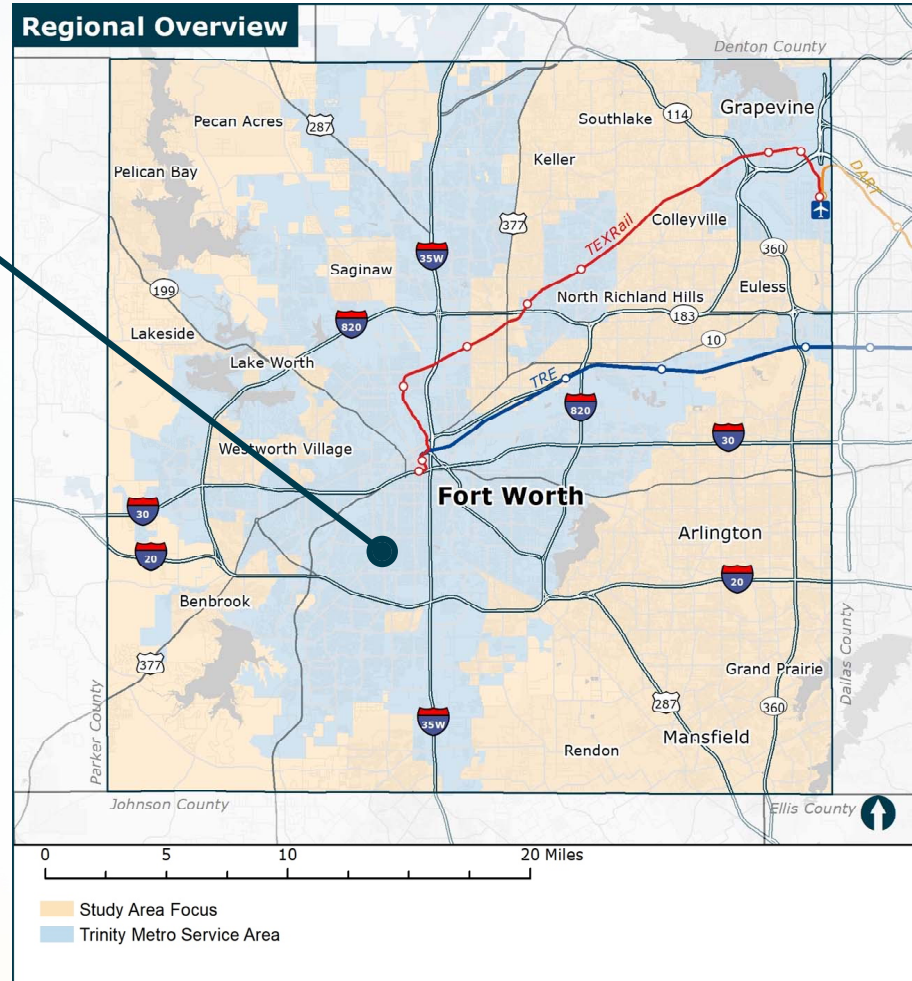
a-Train  
Denton/Lewisville Connect  
University Services  
North Texas Xpress  
Access



Via Transit

**VARIOUS  
PROVIDERS**

Catholic Charities



## — Poll Question #2

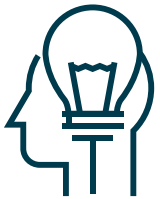
**HOW EASY IS IT FOR YOU  
TO ACCESS TRANSIT IN  
TARRANT COUNTY?**

- **Easy**—there's a bus stop nearby I can walk to quickly and safely.
- **Moderate**—I can get to a bus stop or park & ride, but it's too far or unsafe to walk—I'd have to drive or be dropped off.
- **Difficult**—I could get to a bus/train stop, but it takes so long that I might as well have driven.
- **I don't know** where any nearby transit facilities are.



# Public Engagement

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Virtual Meetings



Virtual Public  
Meetings



Project  
Website



Digital  
Surveys

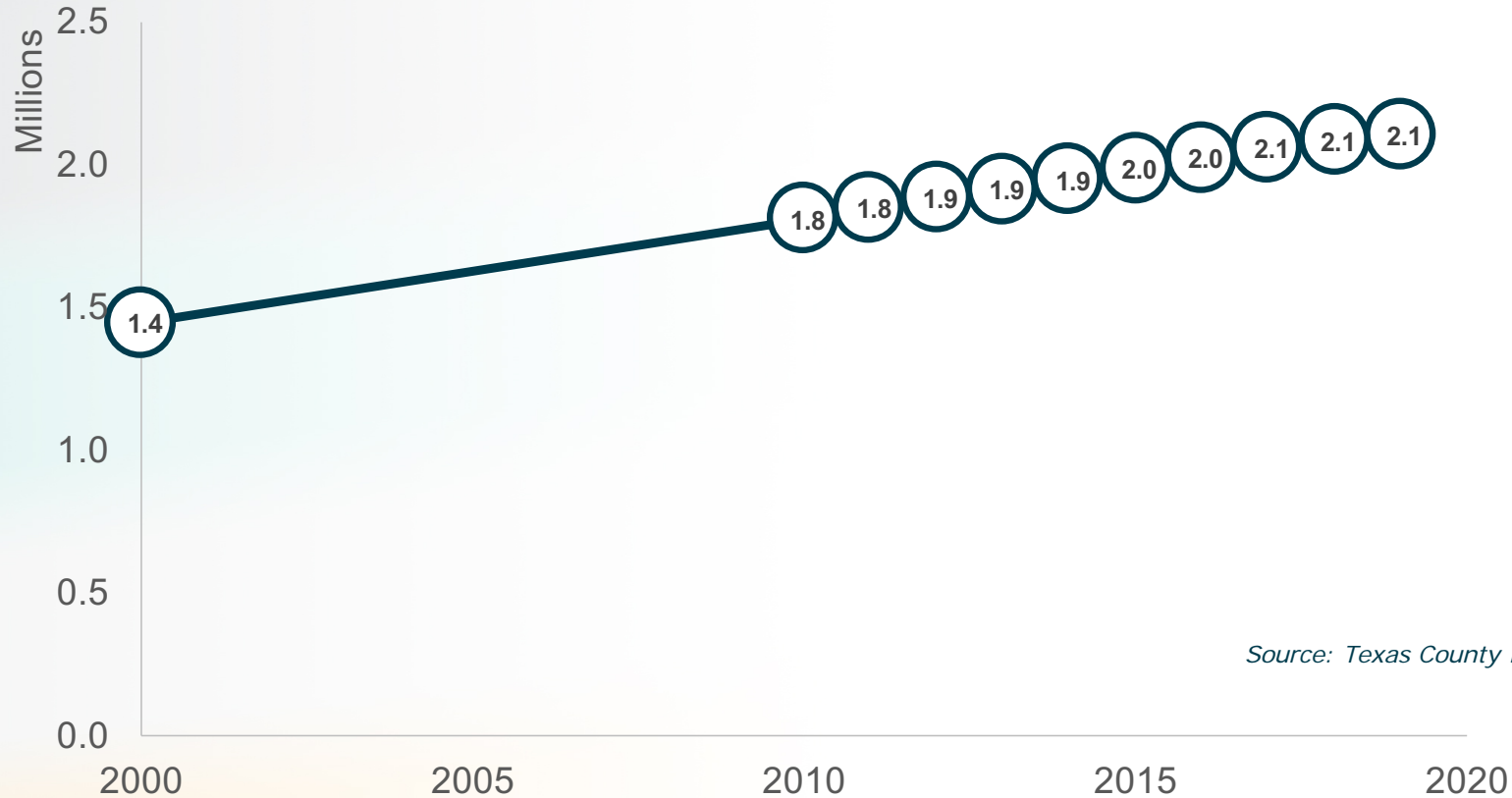


Social  
Media



# Tarrant County by the Numbers

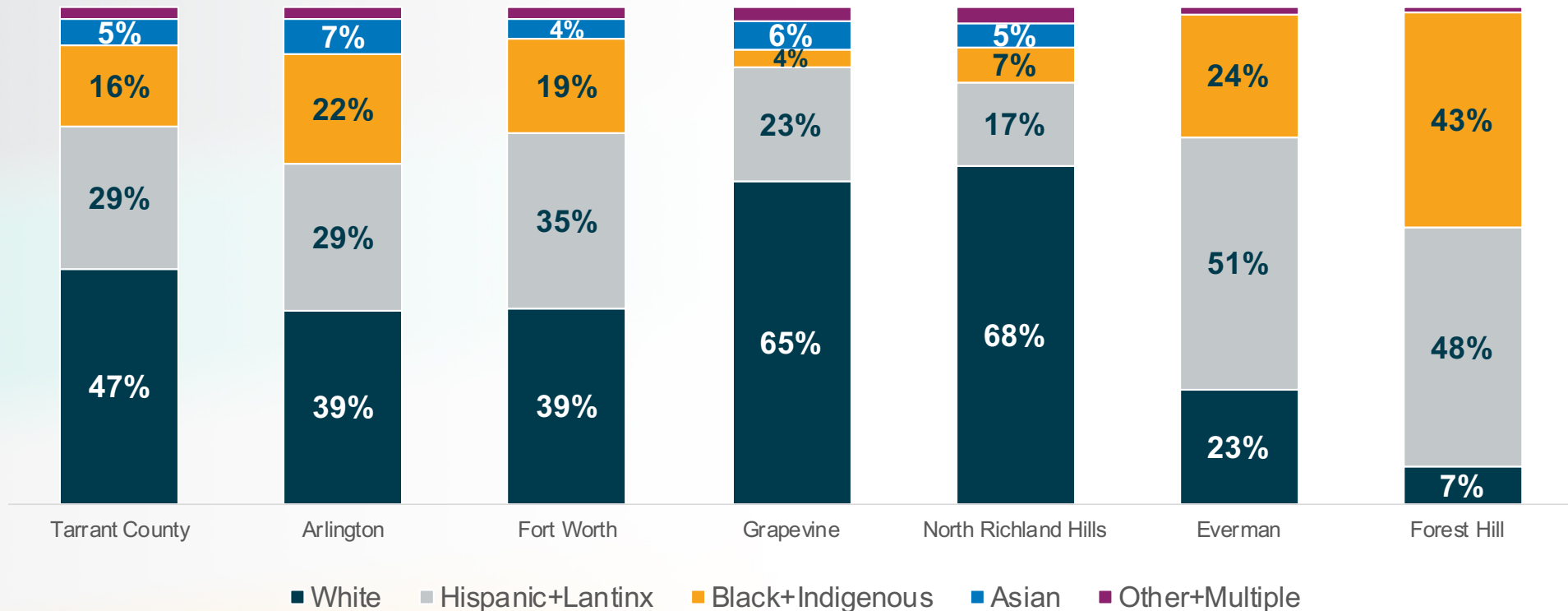
## Population Growth



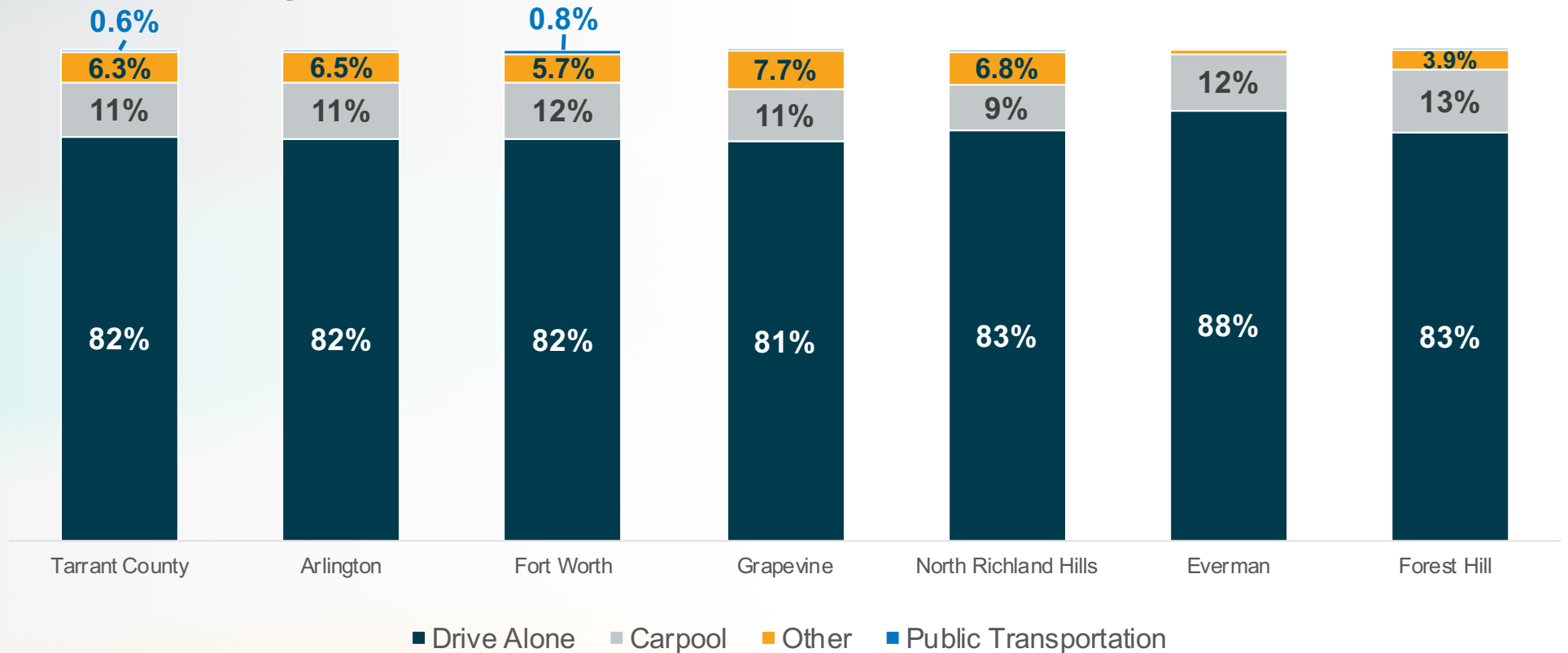
Source: Texas County Information Program

# Tarrant County by the Numbers

## Race + Ethnicity



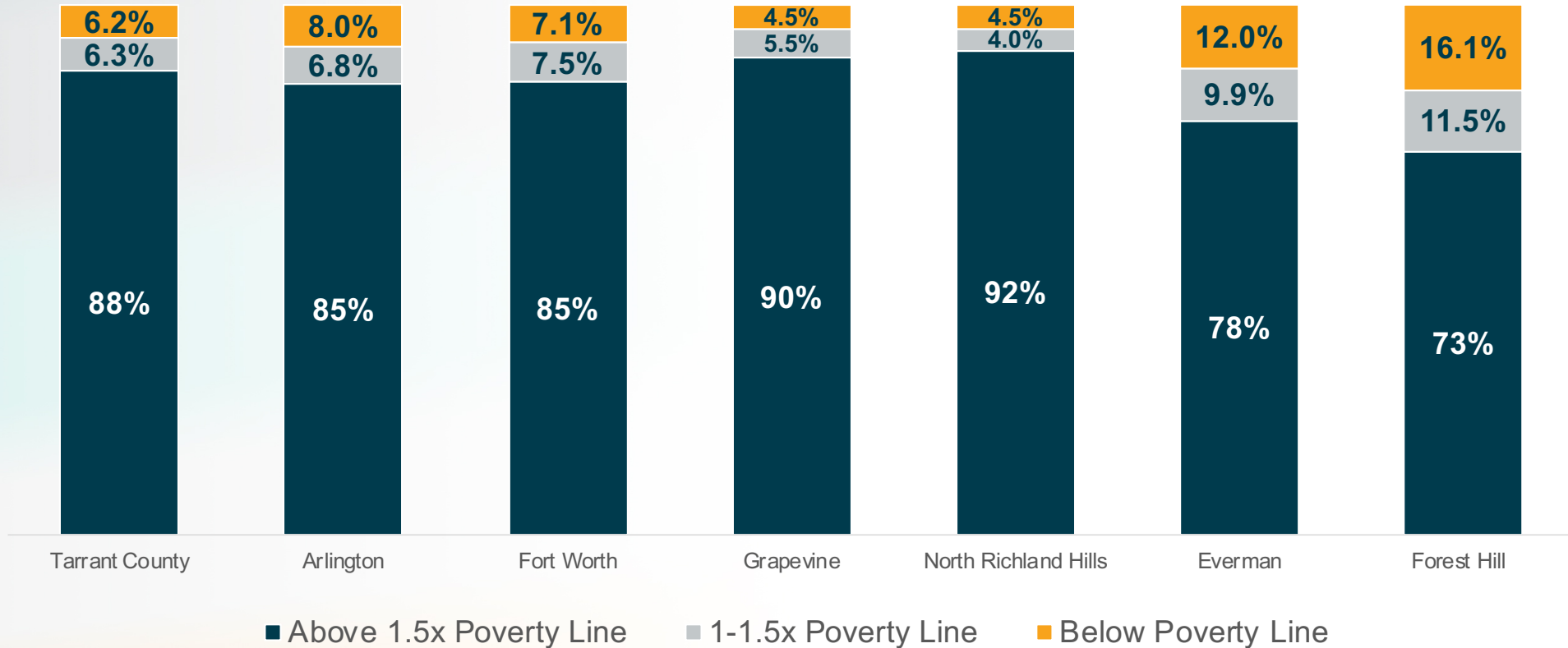
# Tarrant County by the Numbers Journey to Work





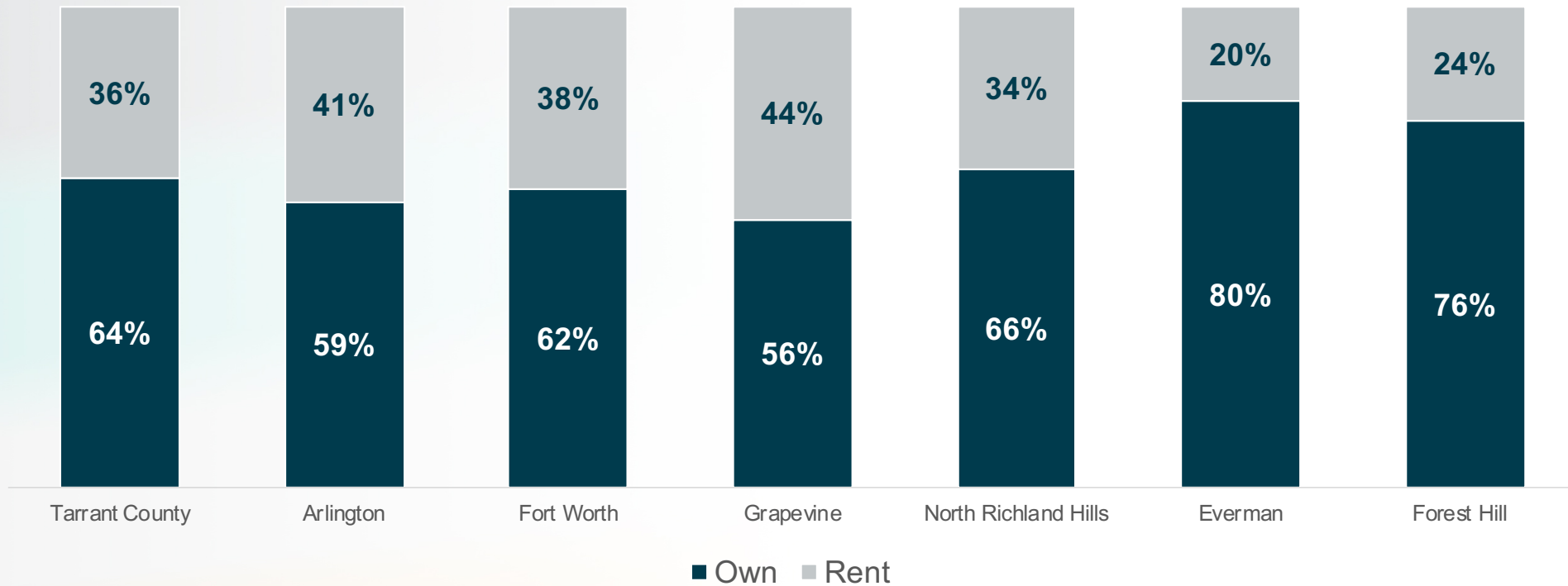
# Tarrant County by the Numbers

## Poverty



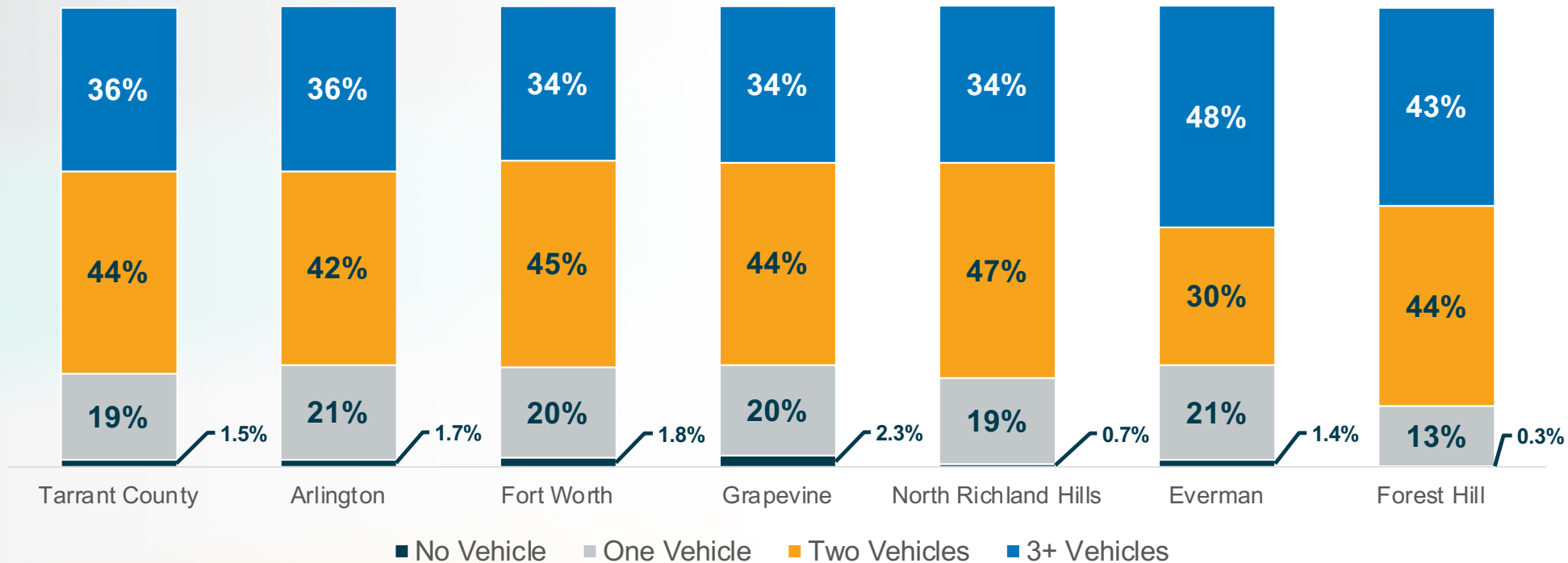
# Tarrant County by the Numbers

## Home Ownership



# Tarrant County by the Numbers

## Access to Vehicles



# Tarrant County by the Numbers

|   | Transit Infra-structure       | Transit Use | Race & Ethnicity     | Poverty  |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------|
| Northern Suburbs<br>(North Richland Hills,<br>Grapevine)        | TEXRail,<br>Trinity Metro     | Very low    | Majority white       | Low      |
| Urban Core (Fort Worth,<br>Arlington)                           | TRE/TEXRail,<br>Trinity Metro | Low         | No majority          | Moderate |
| Southern Suburbs &<br>Unincorporated (Everman,<br>Forest Hills) | Demand<br>Response<br>Only    | Very low    | Majority<br>minority | High     |

# Mobility Options



## — Poll Question #3

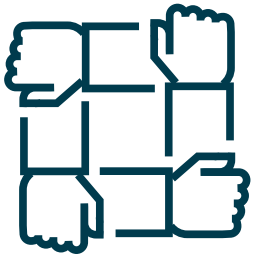
**HOW IMPORTANT IS THE  
AVAILABILITY OF TRANSIT  
SERVICES TO THE  
COMMUNITY IN GENERAL?**

- Very Important
- Somewhat Important
- Not Important

# Next Steps



# Group Discussion Question #1



**What are the strengths of Tarrant County that can be leveraged for mobility services?**



# Group Discussion Question #2



**What is working well in Tarrant County  
that should be continued?**

# Group Discussion Question #3



**Who is not served well by transit in Tarrant County? Who is not “in the room” that should be?**

# Group Discussion Question #4



**What do you see as the long-term trends associated with COVID-19, and how will they affect the future of transit?**

# — Open Discussion



# Stay Connected



Project Website  
[tarrantcountytransitstudy.com](http://tarrantcountytransitstudy.com)



Project Facebook Page  
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