



Access North Texas – Ellis & Navarro Counties

North Central Texas Council of Governments

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Agenda

Welcome and orientation

Introduction to Access North Texas

Identify needs and resources

Re-evaluate 2013 priorities

Questions, comments, discussion

Next steps

How to Use the Keypads

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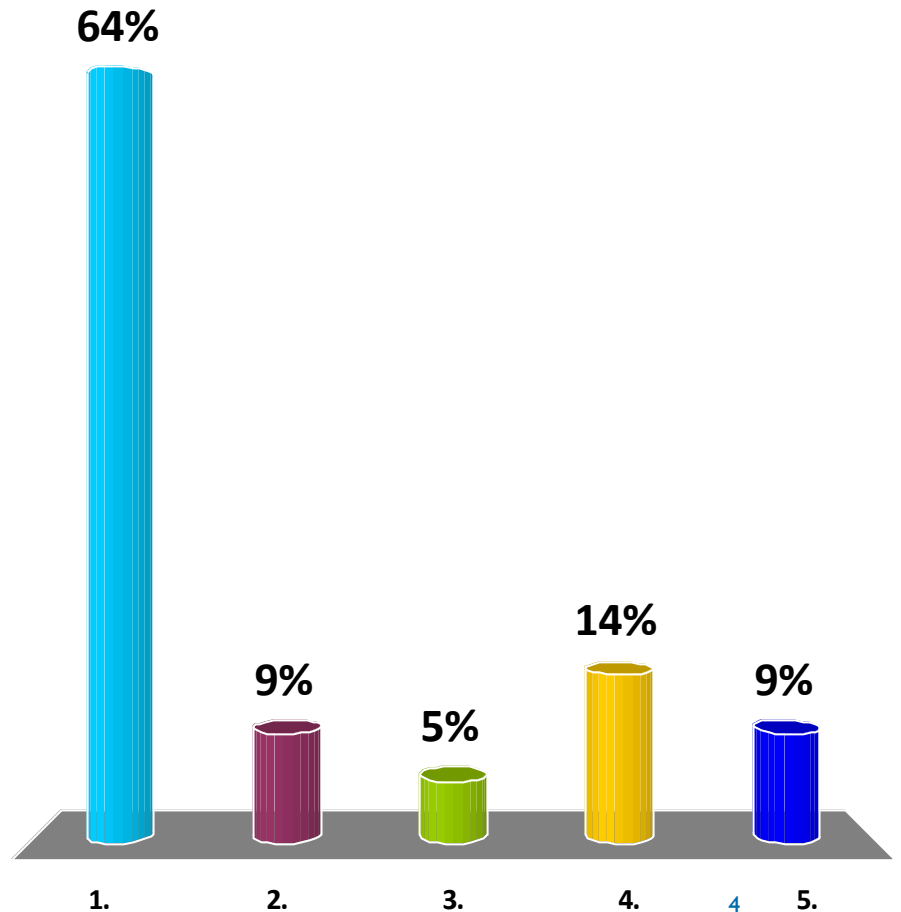
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The answer will show briefly on the LCD screen.

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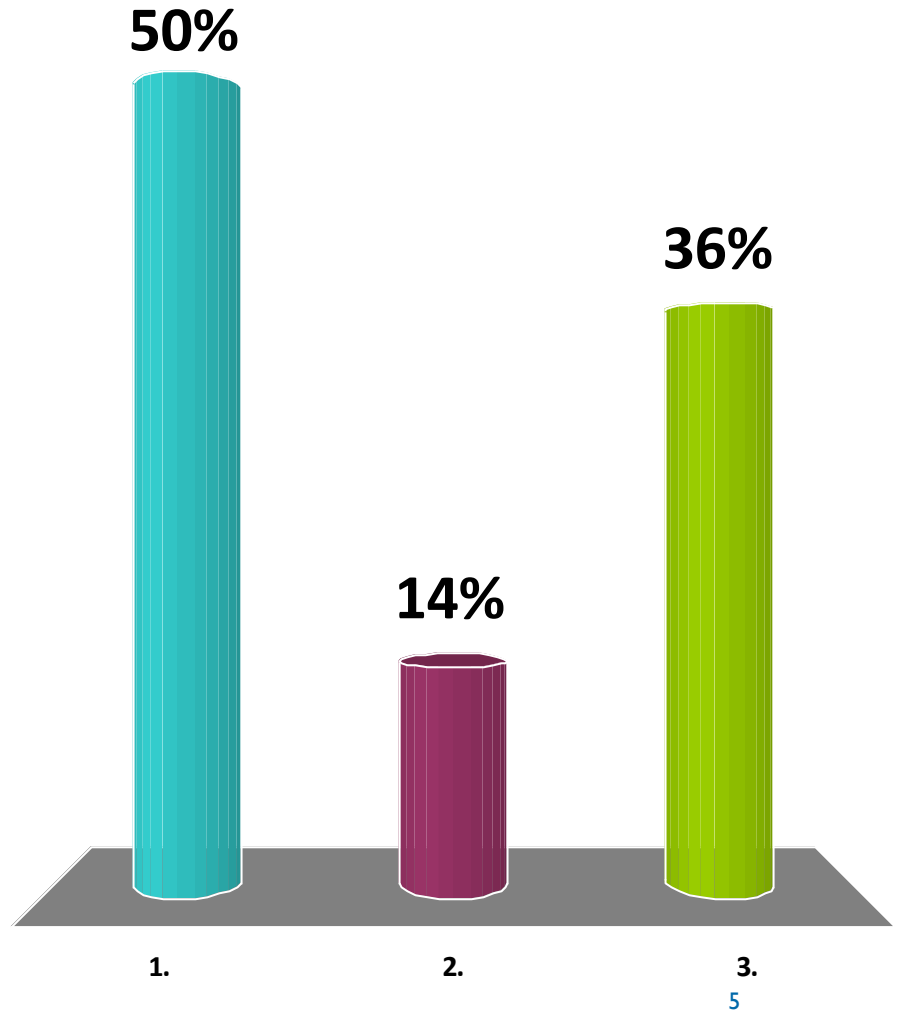
Do you agree? Dogs are better pets than cats.

1. Agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neutral
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Disagree



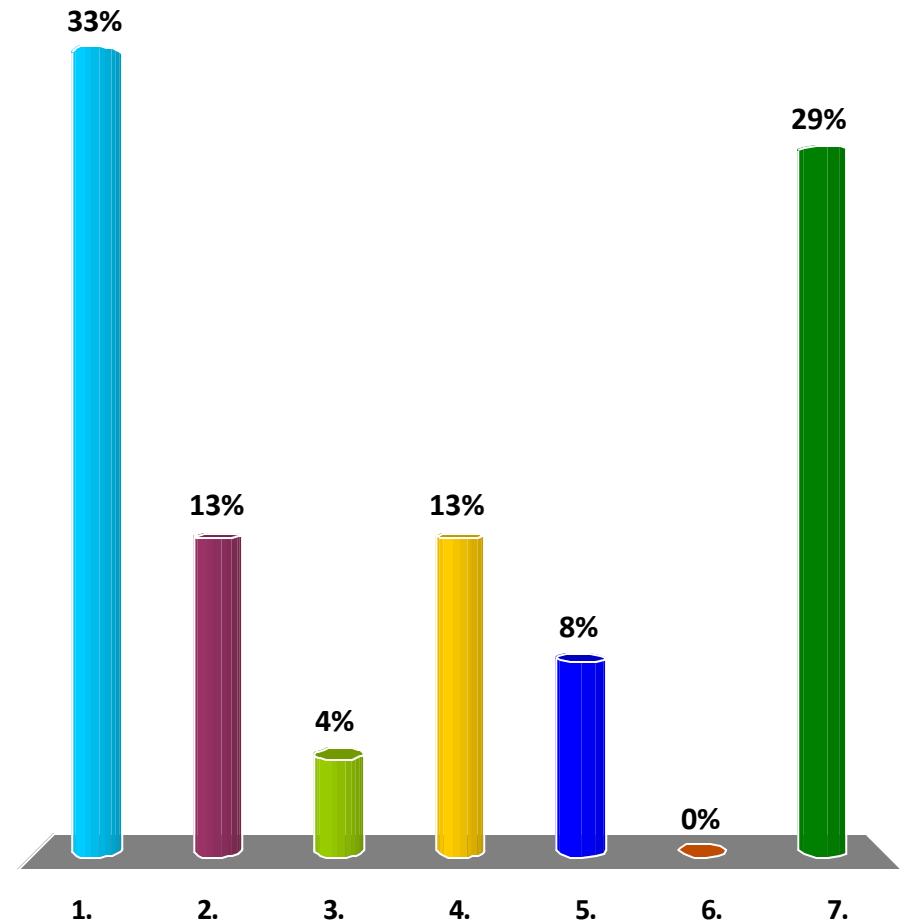
Do you or your agency work mostly in Ellis County or Navarro County?

1. Ellis County
2. Navarro County
3. Both

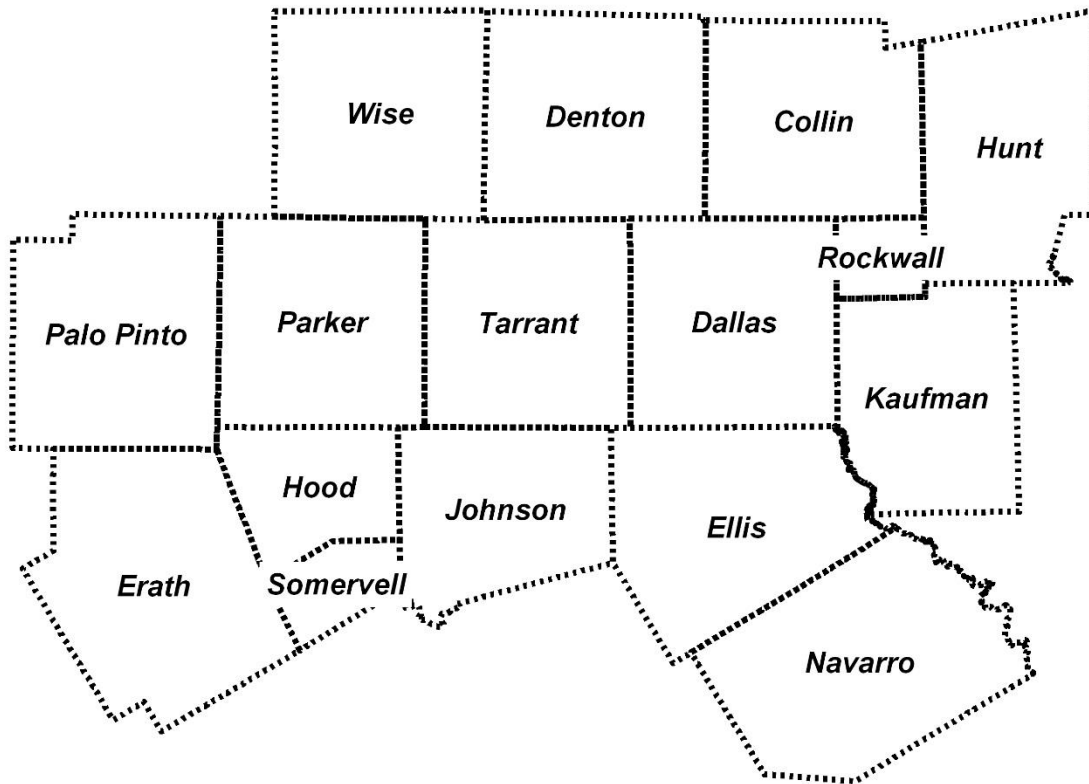


What type of agency do you work for?

1. Local or state government
2. Transportation provider
3. Healthcare provider
4. Non-profit
5. Social service organization
6. Community advocate / community member
7. Other



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Conducts planning and supports coordination for a variety of purposes

Transportation department coordinates service and creates short-term and long-term plans

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Is...

A plan to coordinate public transit and human services transportation

Identifying solutions to address unmet need

Specific, short-term plan

Prioritizing recommendations for limited federal and state funding

Focused on coordinating existing services

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Is not...

Unlimited funding

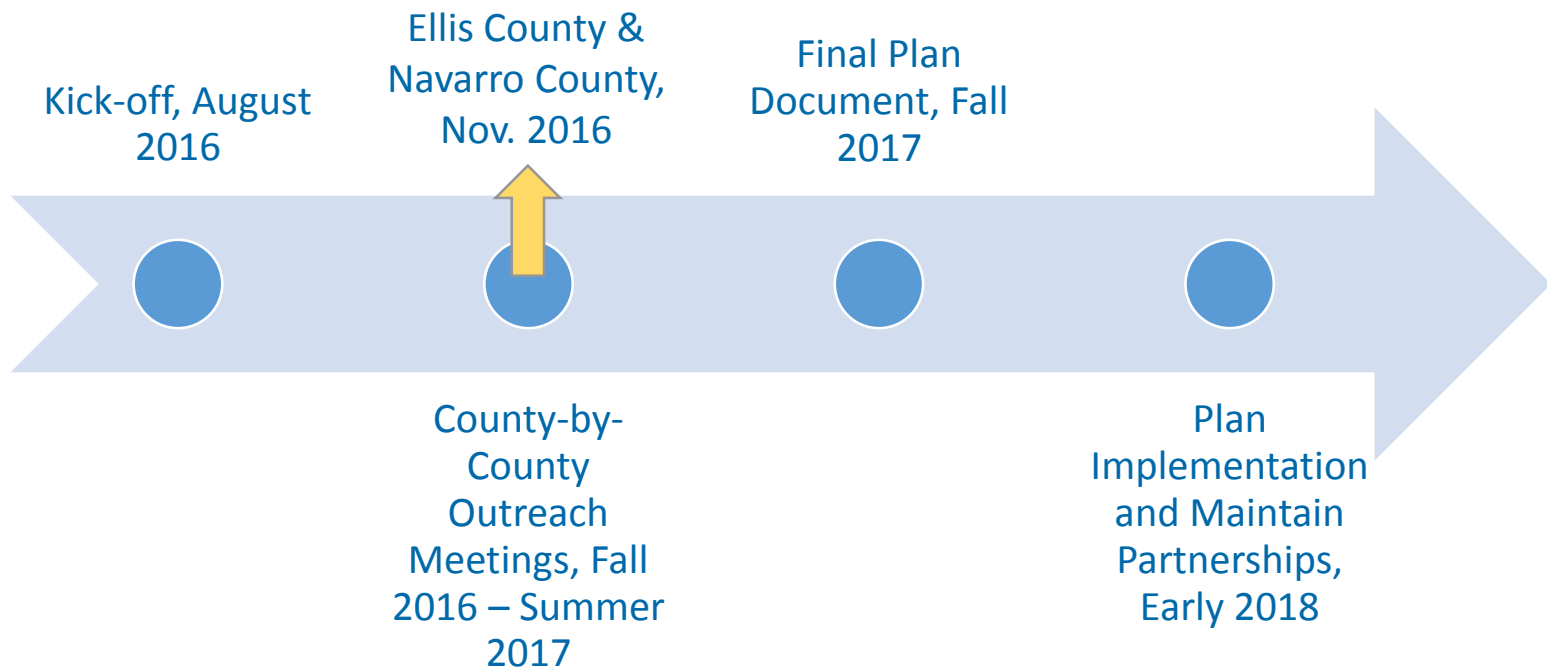
A transportation service

Detailed feasibility studies or highway planning

Top-down requirements for service or activities

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Timeline and Outcomes



Updating the Plan

Continue to identify successfully implemented strategies



Work with communities to identify transportation needs



Identify, update, and prioritize solutions

Implement projects through ongoing partnerships and coordination

Ellis County and Navarro County

Goal: Clearly identify short-term transportation needs and resources to plan for efficiency and coordination

Successes and challenges to transportation

Destinations accessible and inaccessible

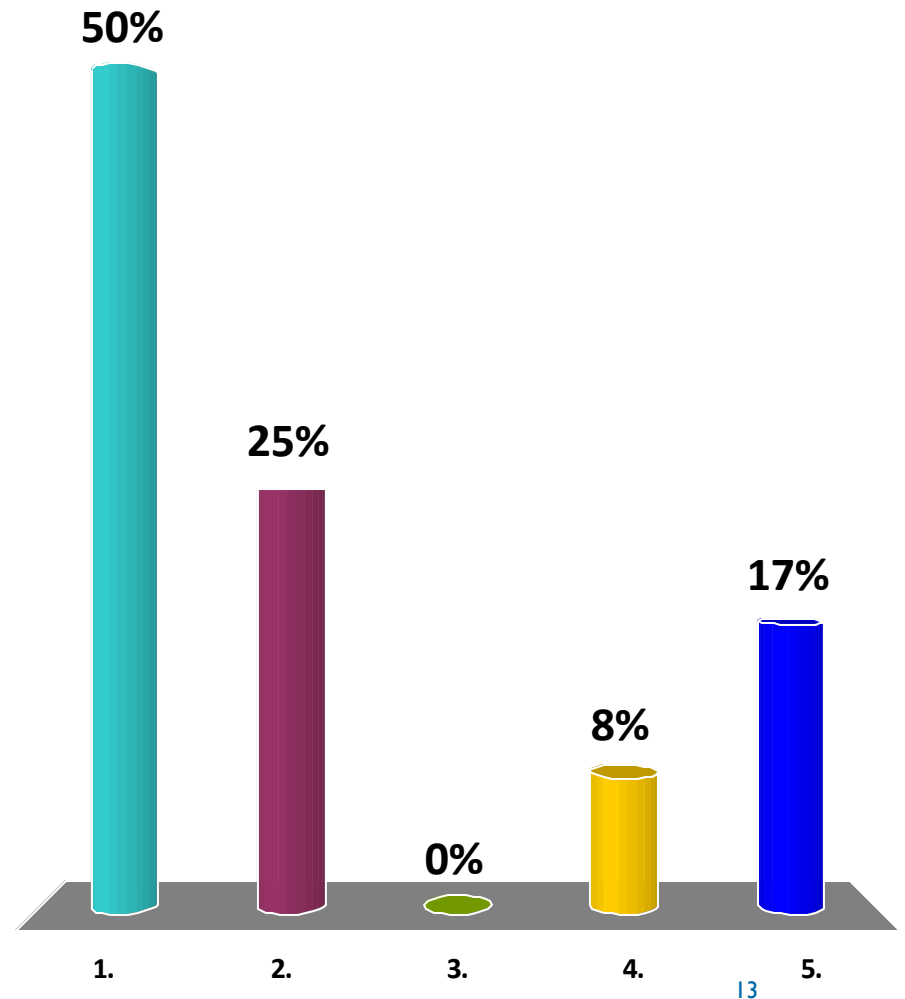
Barriers to accessing transportation

Benefits of transportation options

Kinds of service or accommodations needed

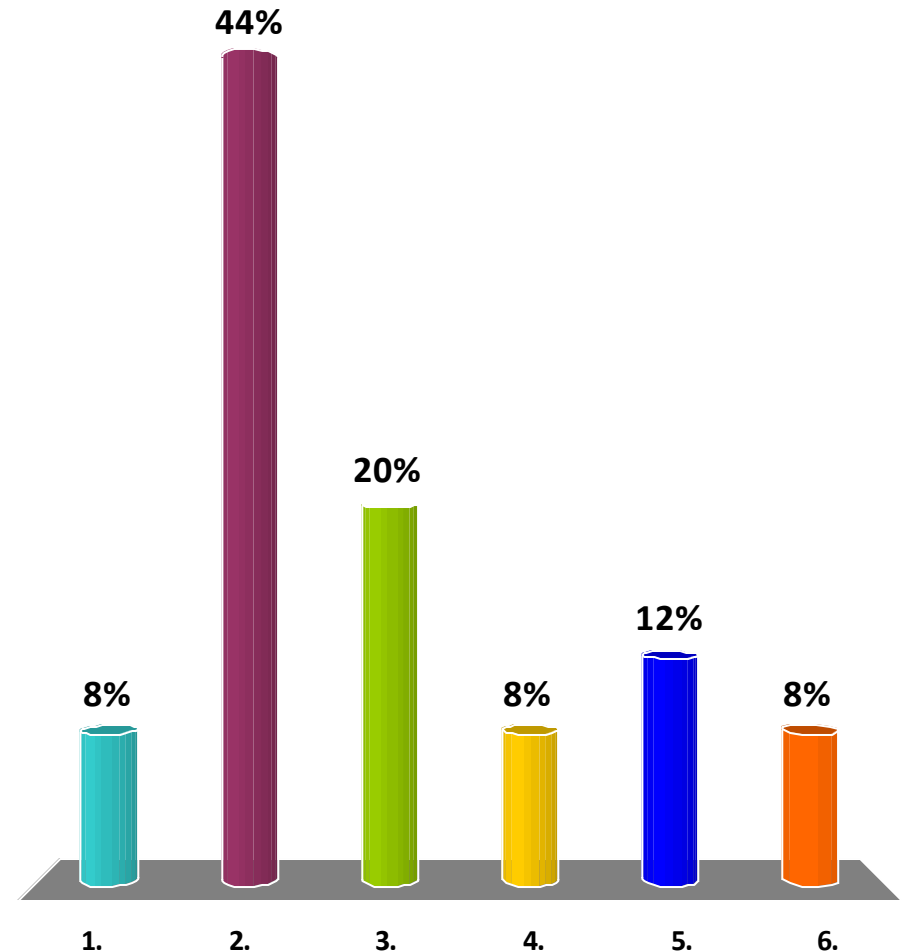
With the agency you work for, what is the highest day-to-day transportation need?

1. Medical
2. Work
3. Nutritional / Grocery store
4. Social
5. Other



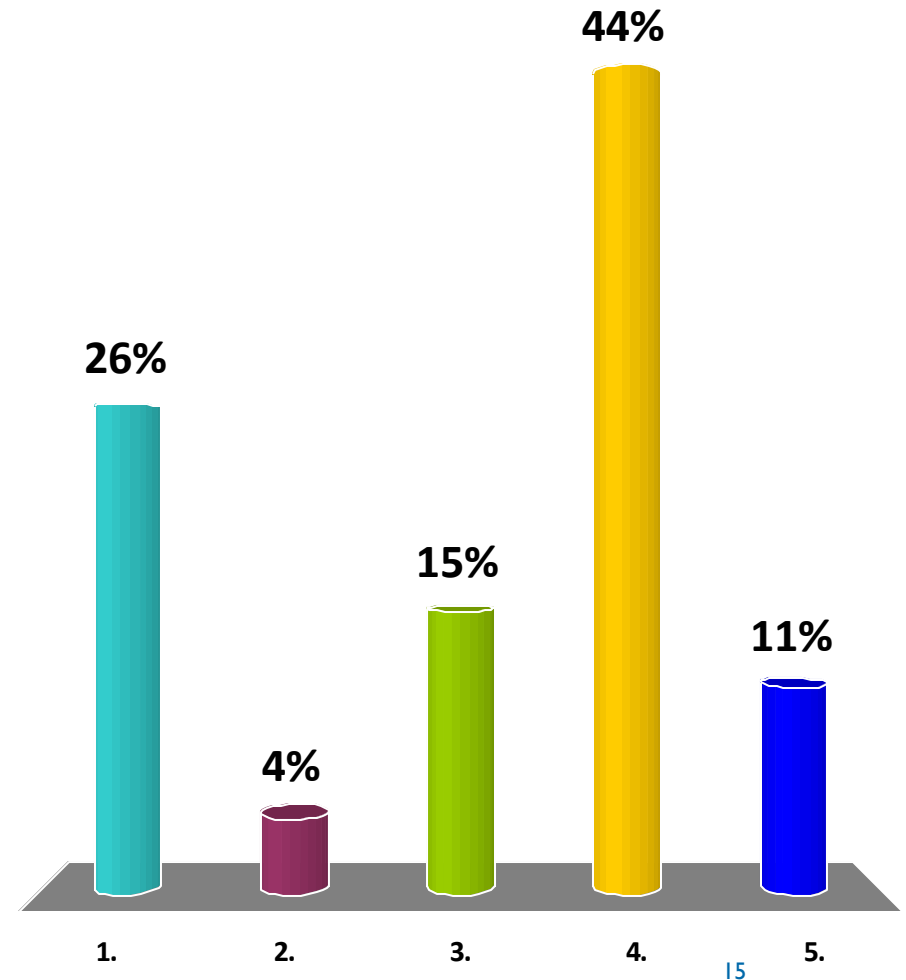
What is your primary area of concern?

1. Improve awareness of available services
2. Increase coordination between agencies
3. Fund new services
4. Enhance the user's experience
5. Create targeted implementation plans
6. Other



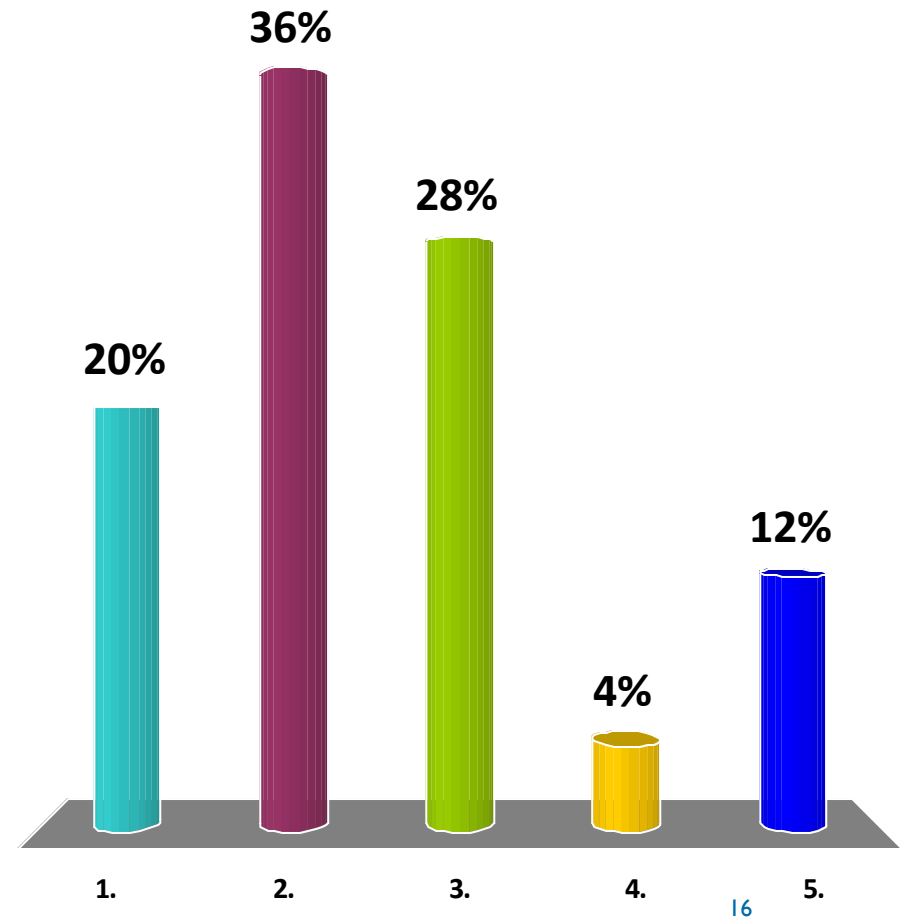
What funding approach will have the biggest impact on improving access to transit?

1. Focus on getting additional federal or state investment in transit
2. Focus on getting additional local government investment in transit
3. Focus on increasing user choice
4. Focus on integrating funding sources from multiple programs (Aging, Workforce, Medicaid, etc.)
5. Other



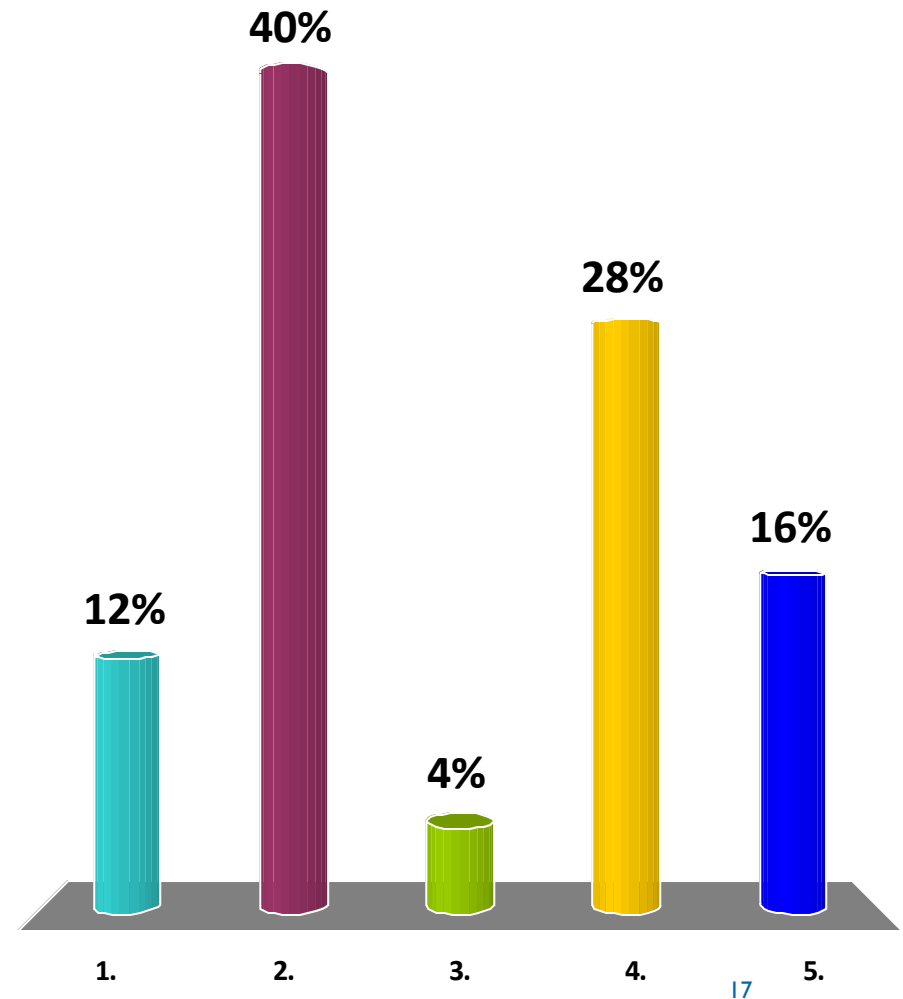
What method could improve the awareness of available services?

1. Targeted marketing to local agencies
2. Public marketing campaign
3. A centralized location to receive information about transit
4. Materials provided in another language
5. Other



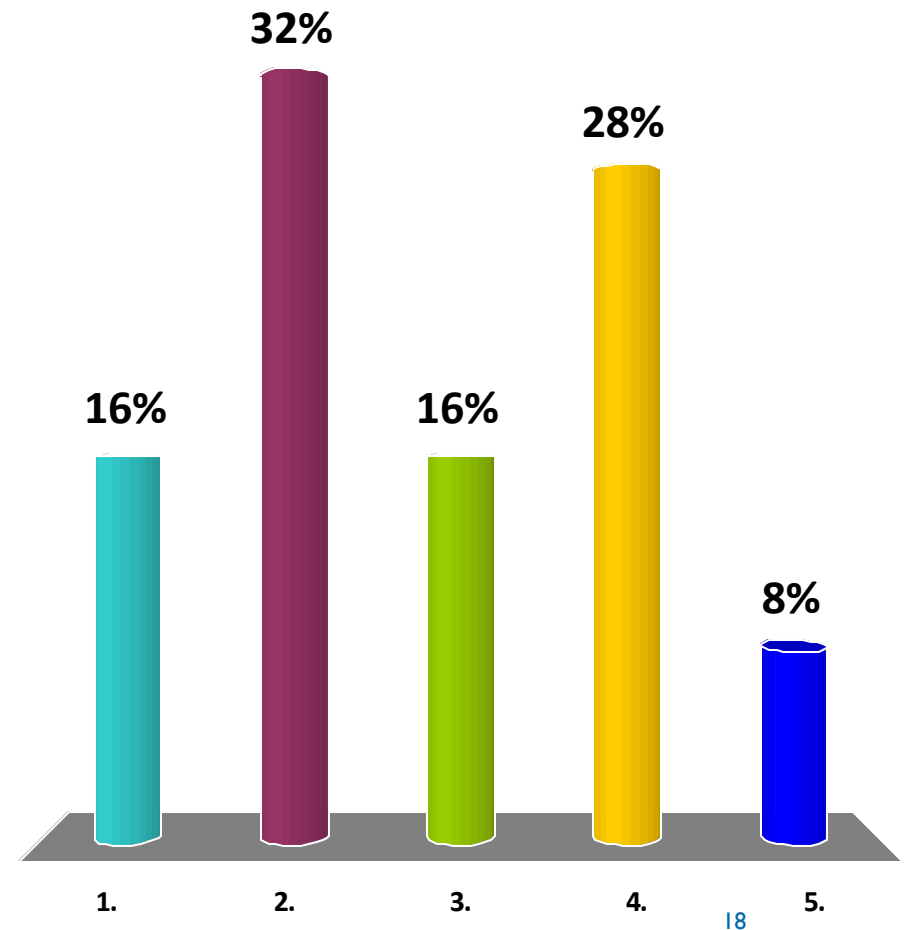
What about coordination between agencies is the biggest barrier for you?

1. Knowing where to start
2. Identifying appropriate contacts
3. Successfully contacting other agencies
4. Developing agreements between agencies
5. Other



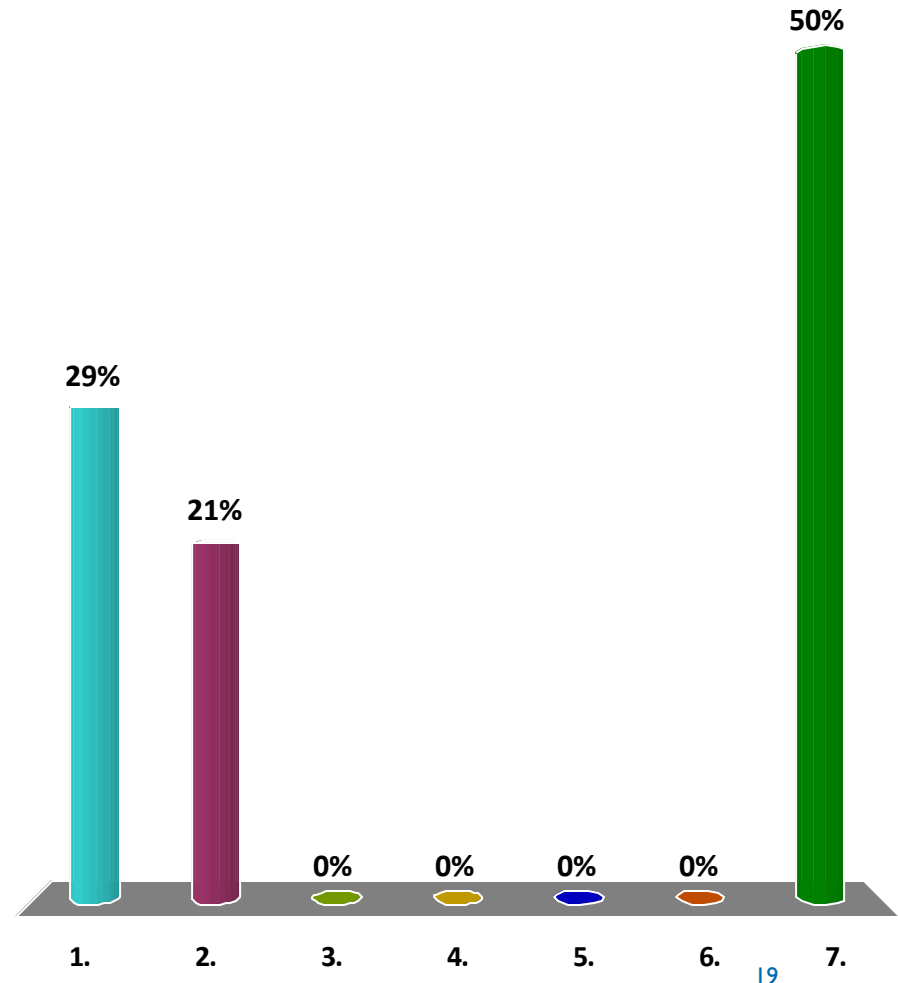
What is the best way to enhance the user's experience?

1. Personal instruction on the phone or in person
2. Better information about how to use transit
3. Additional assistance provided by the driver or personal attendant
4. Fewer transfers between providers for regional trips
5. Other



Which technology advances are most likely to help improve transportation options for seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low-income individuals in the next five years?

1. Transportation network companies like Uber and Lyft
2. Web or smartphone apps with info on multiple providers
3. Assistive driving technology (stay-in-lane, automatic breaking)
4. Driverless cars
5. Driverless cars, buses or shuttles
6. Other
7. None – most people won't access these options



Next Steps

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Your Feedback on Ellis County Priorities

Top Priorities

- 1) Increased awareness of existing services
- 2) Improve access to jobs
- 3) Enhance existing transportation services
- 4) Regional connection to Dallas
- 5) Link key destinations in Ellis

Additional Priorities

- Marketing materials in other languages
- Expand service availability for youth under 18
- Explore partnerships to increase affordability of fares
- Provide public transportation through partnerships
- Transit to VA services in Dallas

Your Feedback on Navarro County Priorities

Top Priorities

- 1) Improve access through increased service frequencies
- 2) Regional transportation link to Dallas-Fort Worth
- 3) Improve awareness of existing services

Additional Priorities

Establish training program for first time bus riders

Create and maintain a county coordinating committee

Please Return Your Keypad!

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Questions or Comments

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