



Access North Texas – Denton County

North Central Texas Council of Governments

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Transit Center**

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

Press the number on the keypad that corresponds to the answer choice on the screen.

Press with the pad of your finger – not your fingernail.

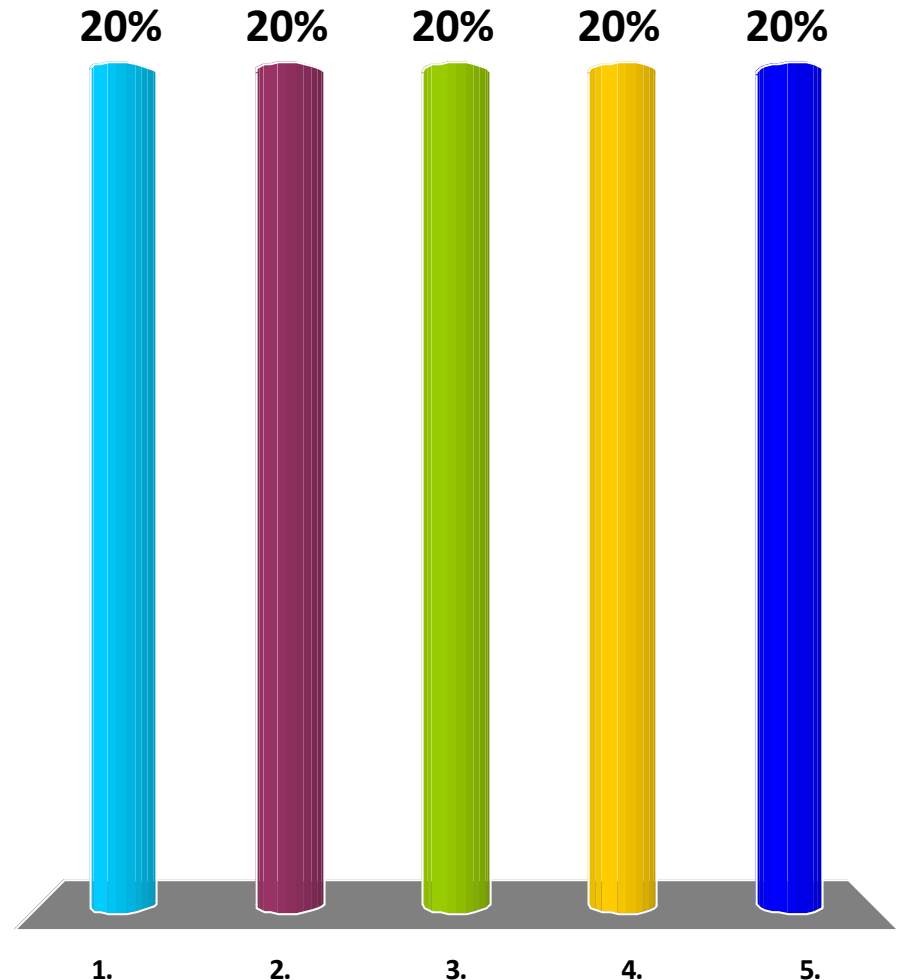
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The answer will show briefly on the LCD screen.

Please do not push the channel button in the bottom left.

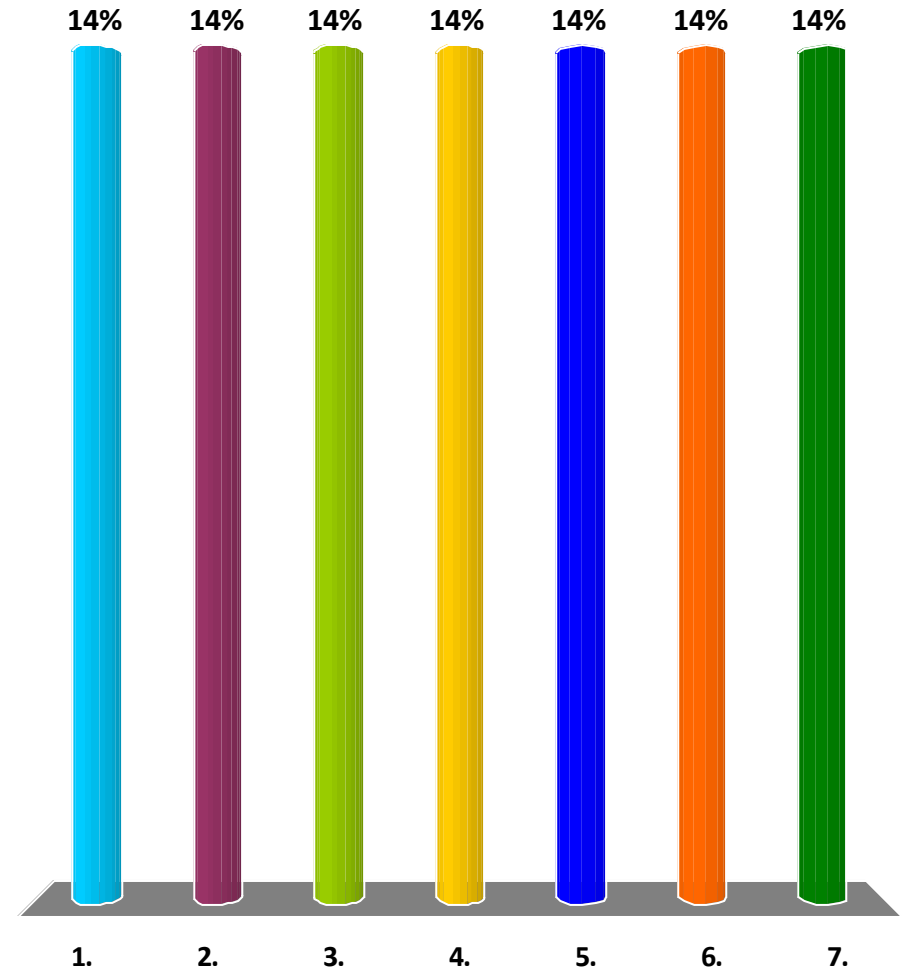
Do you agree? Dogs are better pets than cats.

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

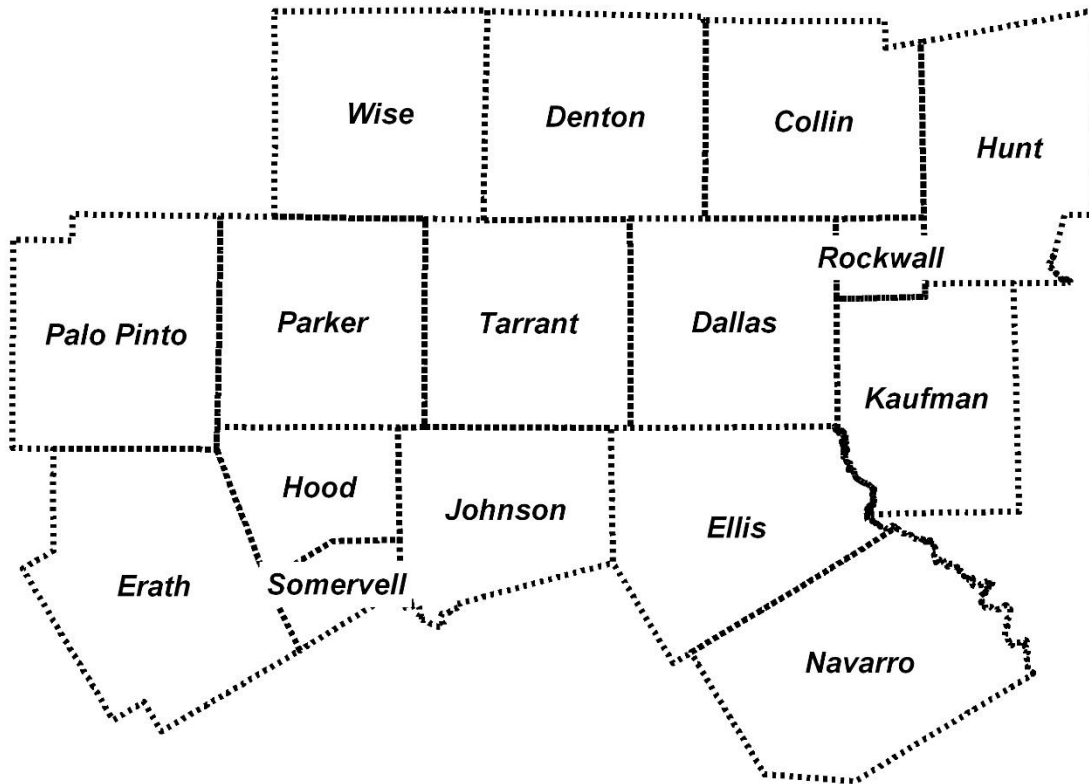


What type of agency do you work for?

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

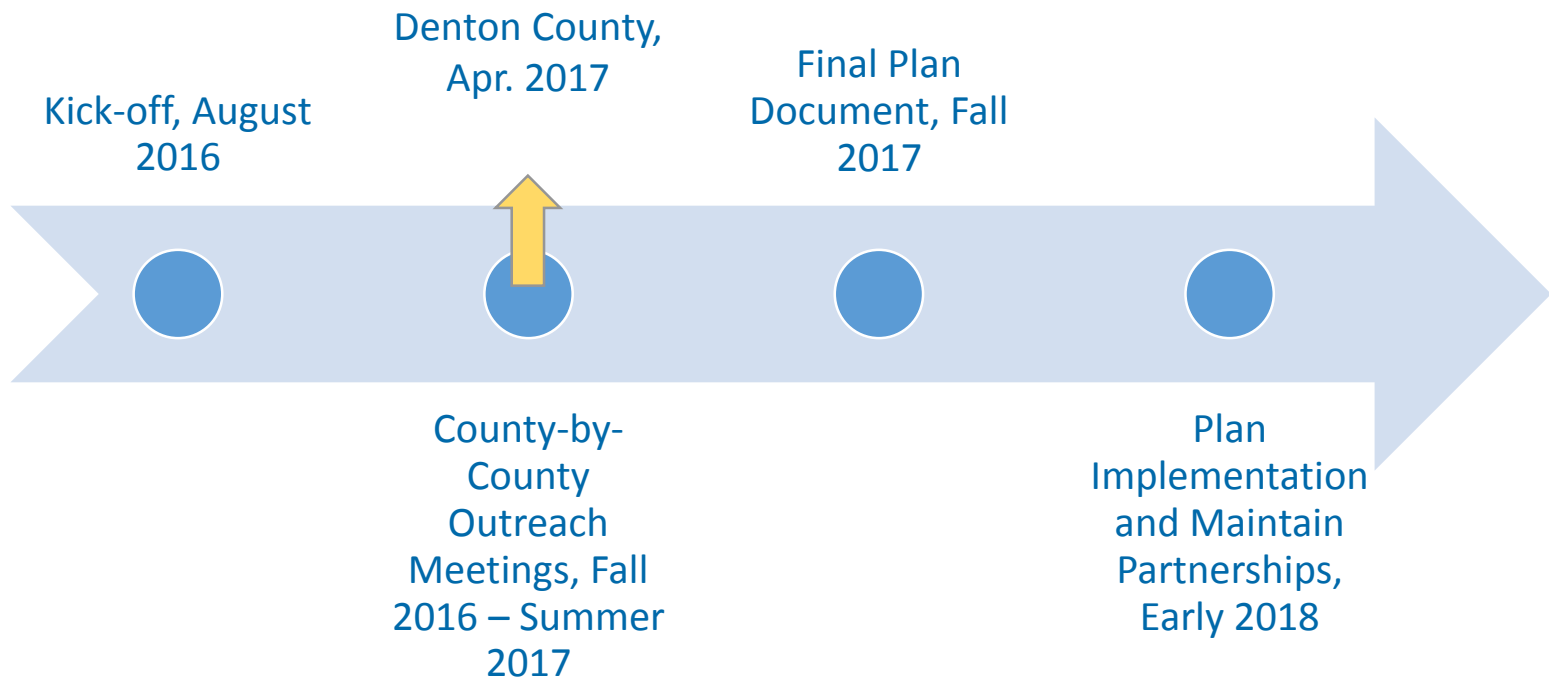
A transportation service

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

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

Successes and challenges to transportation

Destinations accessible and inaccessible

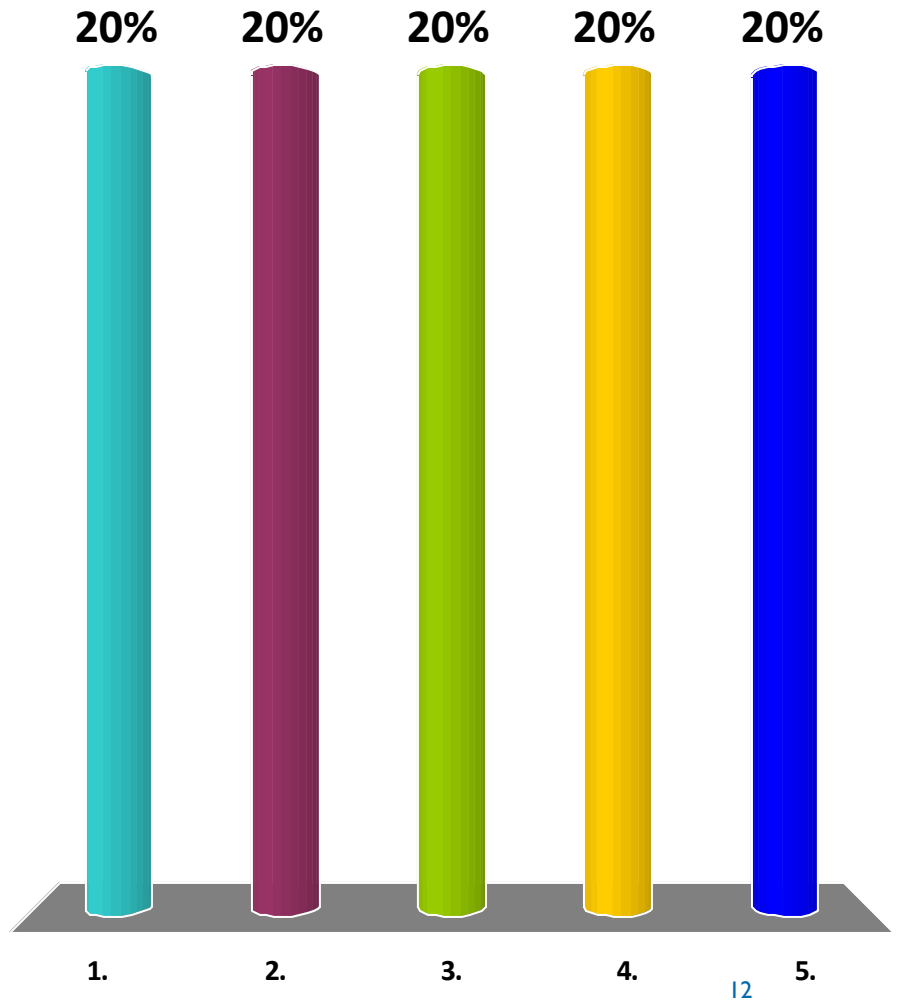
Barriers to accessing transportation

Benefits of transportation options

Kinds of service or accommodations needed

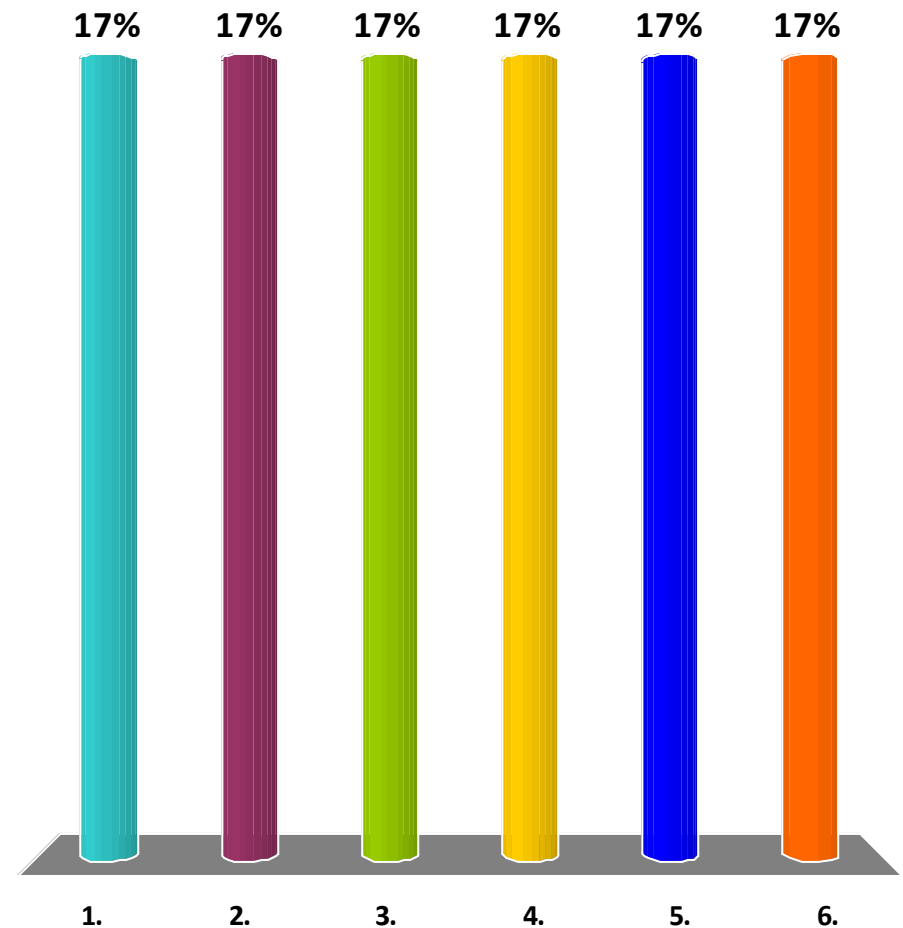
With the agency you work for, what is the highest day-to-day transportation need?

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



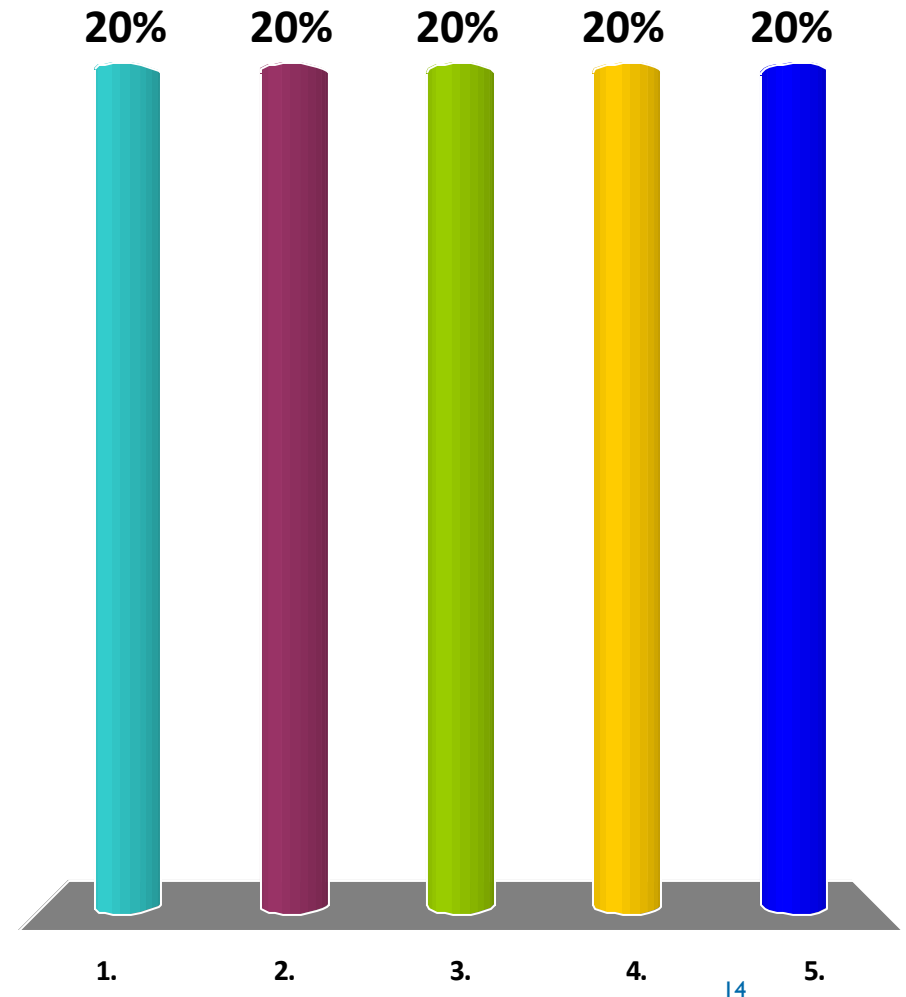
What is your primary area of concern?

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



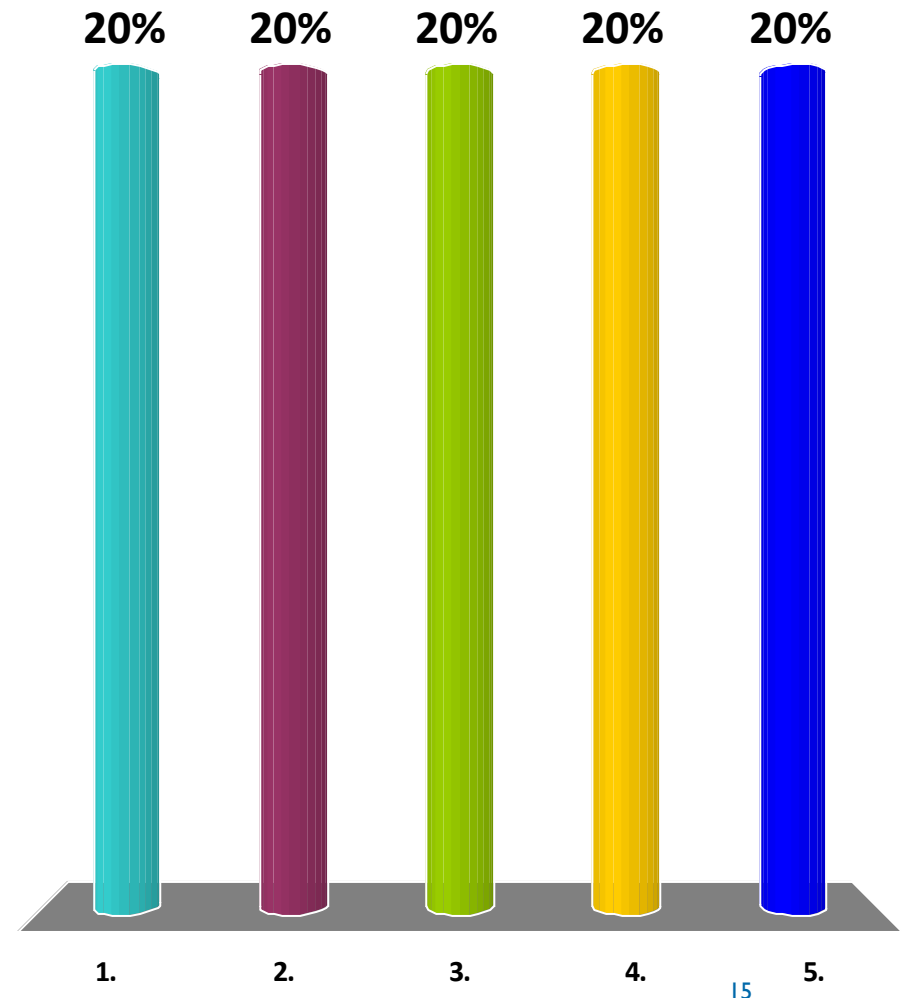
What funding approach will have the biggest impact on improving access to transit?

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



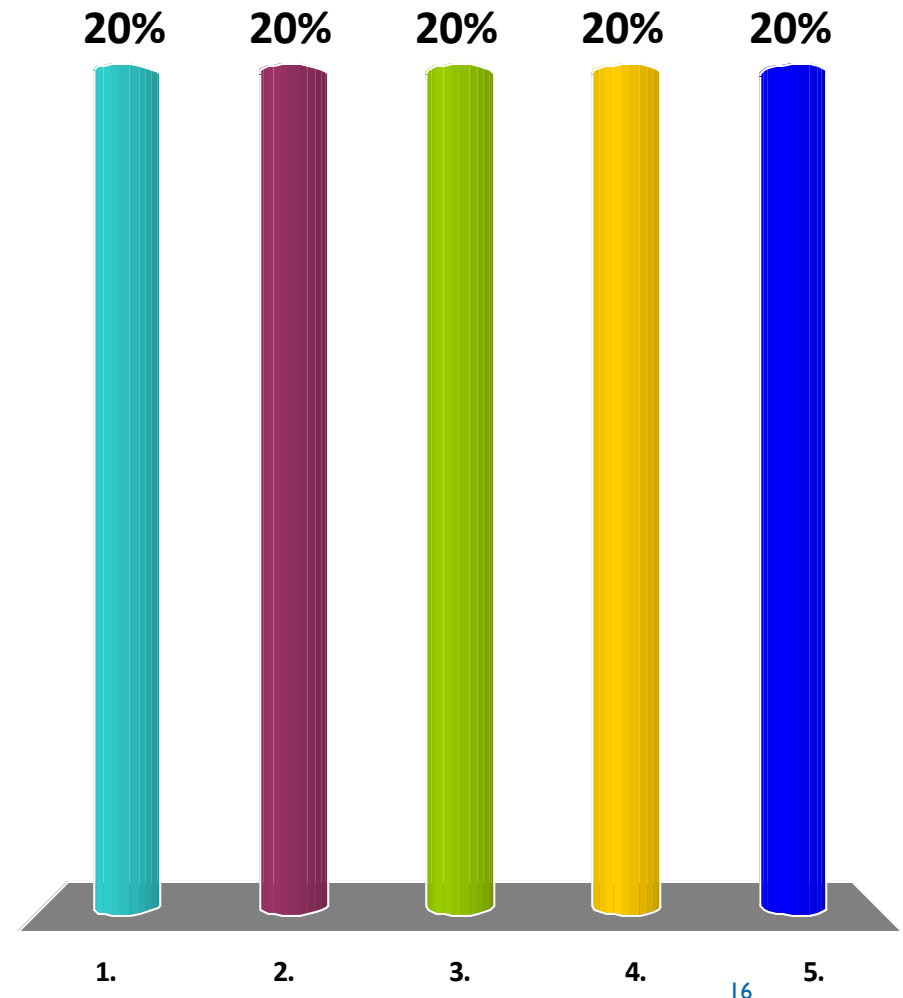
What method could improve the awareness of available services?

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



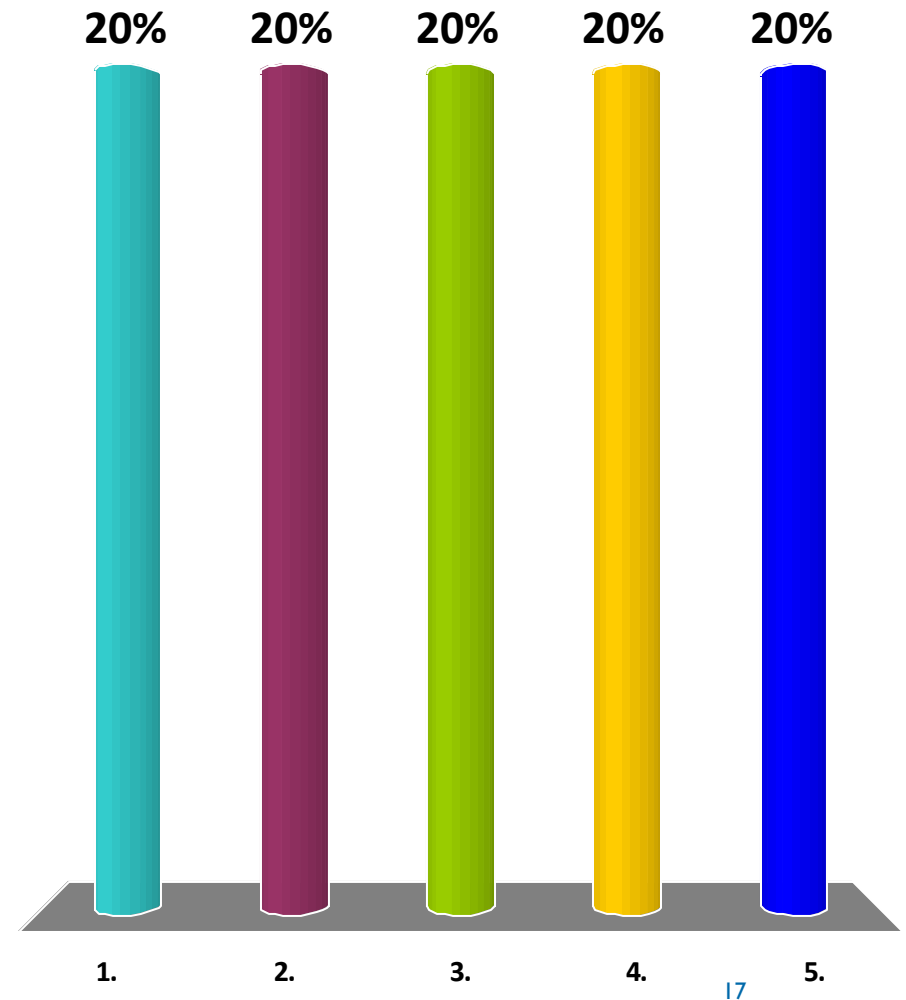
What is the biggest barrier for you when coordinating between agencies to improve public transportation?

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



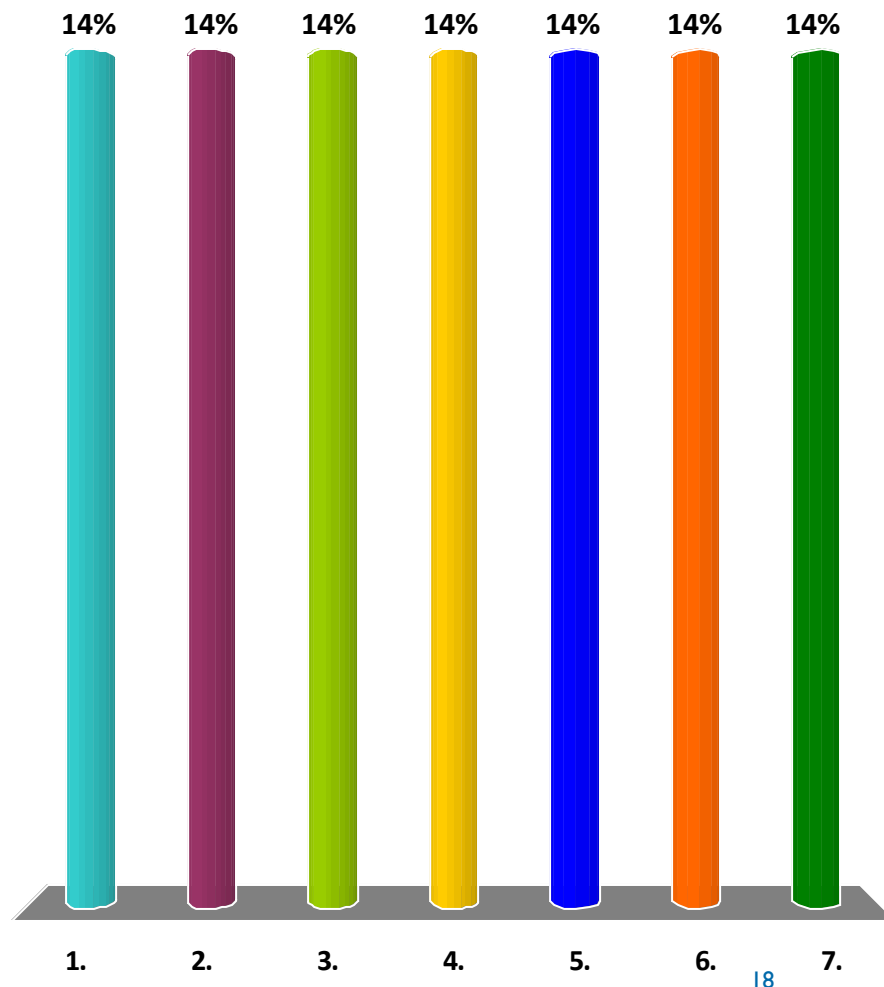
What is the best way to enhance the user's experience?

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

Continue to identify successfully implemented strategies ✓

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Your Feedback on Denton County Priorities

Top Priorities

- 1) Conduct planning to quantify the transit needs of residents outside DCTA's service area
- 2) Establish and maintain a county coordinating committee
- 3) Enhance connections among existing services to improve access within the county
- 4) Establish or improve service to regional destinations
- 5) Provide additional service in unserved areas and to underserved locations
- 6) Improve awareness of services

Additional Priorities

Create partnerships to increase the accessibility of bus stops and paths to transit

Increase the availability and affordability of for-hire (private) transportation to increase options for travel

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Vehicle Repair & Replacement Assistance Program

- Repairs or replaces vehicles that do not pass emissions test or are ≥ 10 years old
- Provides up to \$600 for emissions repairs or up to \$3,500 for replacement assistance
- Targets highest polluting vehicles and allows citizens to contribute to the regional air quality solution
- Funded by \$6 vehicle registration fee on 1996 and newer vehicles
- Over \$30 million available for North Texas for 2016-2017

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