



Public Input on the TIP Criteria

June 25, 2020

Kate White

Public Outreach Coordinator

Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization

Outreach Process

- **In-person focus groups**

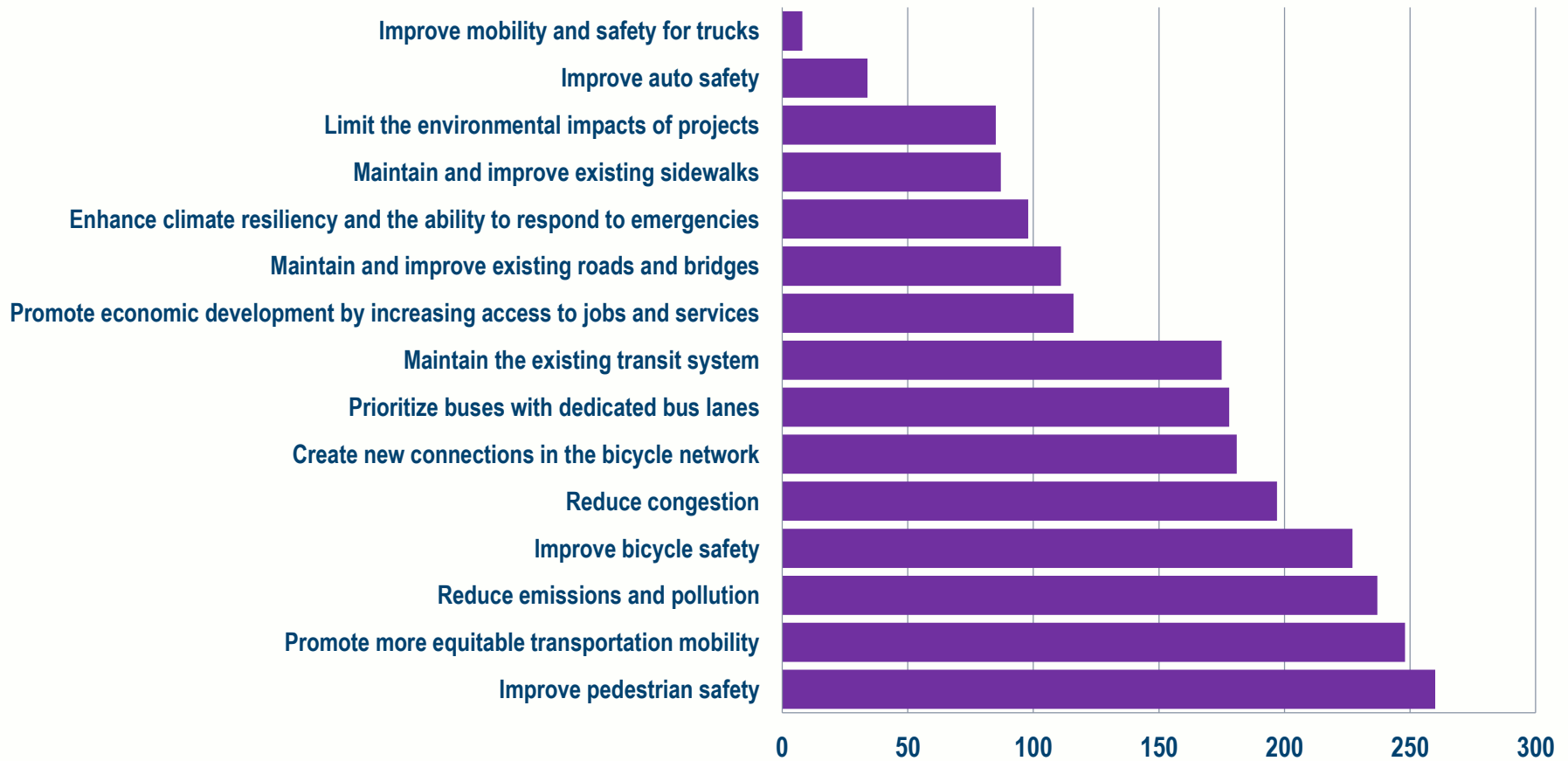
- Union Capital Boston (UCB) Mattapan
- UCB Jackson Square
- UCB East Boston (Spanish/English)
- Livable Streets Alliance
- Transit Matters
- Blue Hills Regional Coordinating Council (RCC)
- Boston Core RCC

- **Online survey**

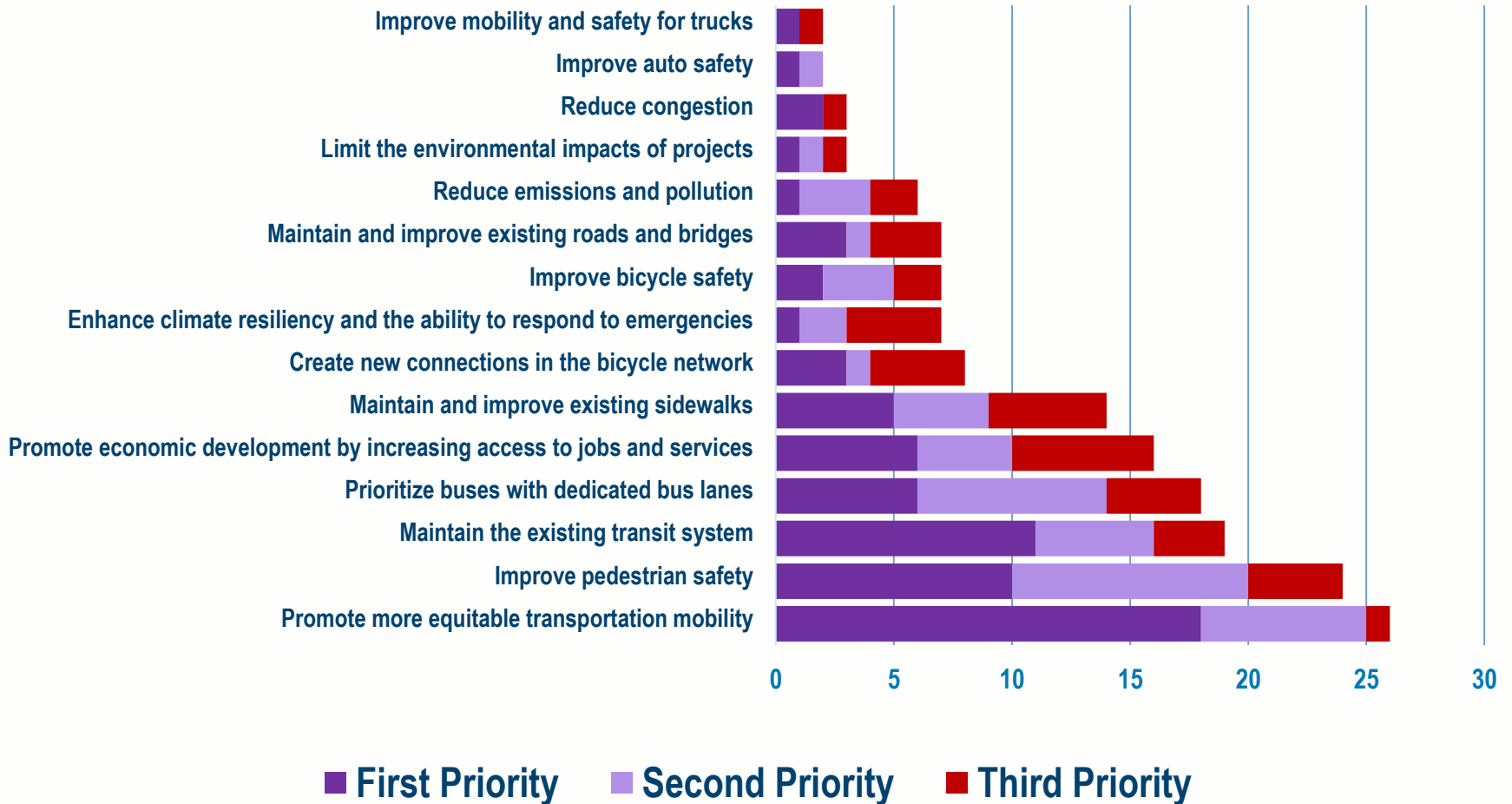
- Survey open from October 12 to December 17, 2019
- Translated to the six most spoken languages of the Boston region
- Shared through MPOInfo email list, @BostonRegionMPO Twitter, MAPCMatters, stakeholder group social media channels, and email lists



Results—Online Survey



Results—Focus Groups



Demographic Information

- **Primary mode**
- **Sex**
- **Age**
- **Household size**
- **Annual household income**
- **Race/Ethnicity**
- **Disability**
- **Home zip code**

Race/Ethnicity

Race and Ethnicity	Percentage of Respondents
White	84.70%
Black or African American	1.80%
Asian	2.90%
American Indian or other Pacific Islander	0.40%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.70%
Two or more races	2.40%
Preferred not to say	8.40%
Hispanic or Latino/a/x of any race	2.90%

Age

Age	Percentage of Respondents
Under 18	0.00%
18–24	3.50%
25–34	21.40%
35–44	19.60%
45–54	16.30%
55–64	21.80%
65 or over	15.50%
Prefer not to say	2.00%

Sex

Sex	Percentage of Respondents
Male	53.20%
Female	42.90%
Other	1.10%
Prefer not to say	2.80%

Feedback by MPO Goal Areas



Clean Air/Sustainable Communities

- **Reducing emissions and pollution by improving bicycle and pedestrian safety**
- **Addressing the disproportionate health effects on minority communities living near high emission roadways**
- **Reducing the number of personal vehicles**
- **Enhancing tree canopy coverage**
- **Advocating for Smart Growth and Transit Oriented Development**

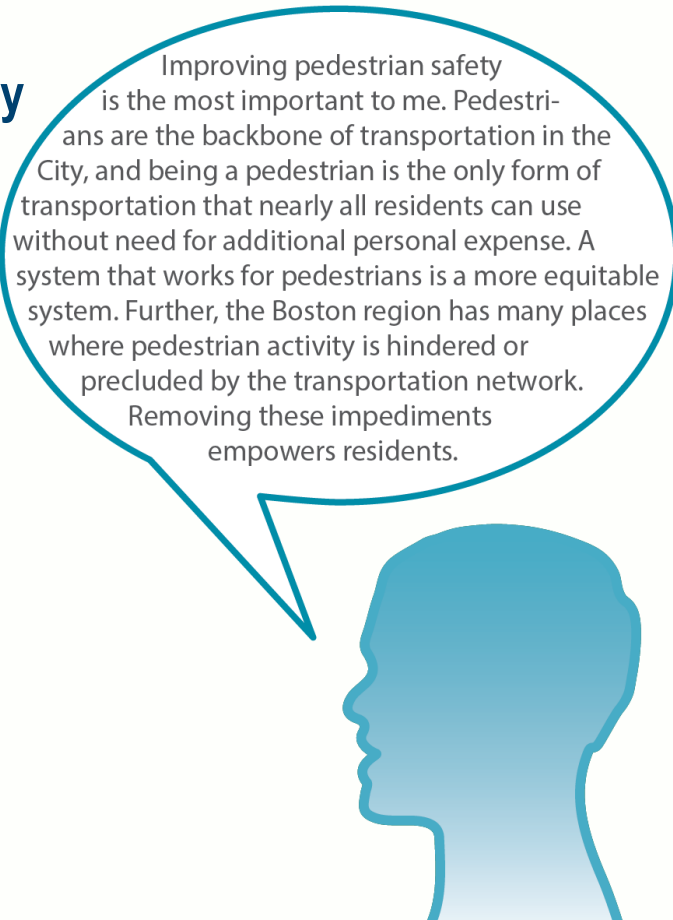
To me, the most important objective is to reduce emissions and pollution from transportation. I find this to be important because climate change is our biggest threat, but the execution of this is crucial; improving the transit system and bicycle network are two actions that will go far toward achieving other major goals. A car-dominated culture is both unsafe for vulnerable users and unsustainable for the environment. Reducing the number of motor vehicles on the road by giving drivers good alternative options for traveling longer distances will improve congestion, safety, environment, climate... and provide alternative options in an equitable way.





Safety

- **Improving pedestrian and bicycle safety**
- **Bringing sidewalks up to ADA accessibility**
- **Increasing connectivity to transit**
- **Reducing automobile speeds**
- **Implementing more separated bike facilities**
- **Improving dangerous crossings**
- **Prioritizing areas with high equity populations**



System Preservation and Modernization



- **Prioritizing maintenance of existing transit system**
- **Providing reliable, functional, clean, safe, and dependable transit**
- **Implementing dedicated bus lanes**
- **Implementing more multimodal infrastructure to connect to jobs and services**

Climate should be on the top of all of our action lists/to dos/minds. We need to reduce the number of cars traveling and increasing biking, walking, mass transit. That transition will be healthier for all of us (wasting less funds later) and increase jobs and services at the same time. If you change the perspective, folks will make the change with it.

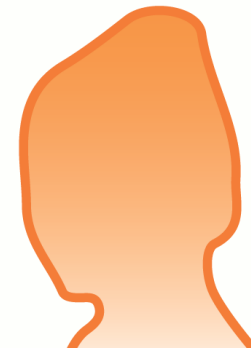




Capacity Management and Mobility

- **Advocating for new connections in the bike network**
- **Implementing more shared use paths**
- **Investing in bus lanes**
- **Expanding parking at commuter rail stations**
- **Prioritizing person throughput rather than vehicle**

Prioritizing buses with dedicated bus lanes is of critical importance because the evidence suggests that by increasing bus speeds, we not only improve the ridership experience (and help promote ridership) but it can save operational costs because you don't have to run as many buses to provide the same frequency/level of service. I'm a cyclist but my priority for the Boston region is for the transportation network to be less auto dependent. I think dedicated bus lanes provide the best return on investment toward this goal because as other cities (and our own city) have shown, dedicated lanes increase ridership and do so in ways that can be centered on equity as well.





Transportation Equity

- **Directing resources to most overburdened by transportation emissions and underserved by lack of adequate transportation**
- **Enhancing transportation opportunities to jobs, food, education, and civic engagement opportunities**
- **Fixing sidewalk infrastructure**
- **Prioritizing projects near affordable housing**
- **Incorporating more public health considerations**

Promoting more equitable transportation mobility is the most important because Boston must right the historic wrongs of redlining and disinvestment in communities of color. To this end, improving mobility for our communities of color through transit, bicycle, and pedestrian projects should be prioritized.





Economic Vitality

- **Increasing transit, bicycle, and pedestrian infrastructure to access jobs, services and small businesses**
- **Incorporating greater consideration of affordable housing and inclusionary zoning**
- **Maximizing mobility for all using the most efficient means possible**
- **Enhancing climate resiliency**

Promoting economic development by increasing access to jobs and services because it I believe its [sic] a comprehensive look at the transportation system to reduce congestion, improve existing transit, increase transit options with the underlying understanding that if we do that our region will improve housing choices, improve the journey to work, and improve quality of life while also becoming a destination for businesses to locate.



Next steps

- Organizing virtual outreach meetings and focus groups due to COVID-19
- Working with stakeholder groups to determine the best format
- Releasing an online survey to gauge support for changes in criteria
- Creating support materials



Discussion