

Executive Summary

The Goals and Objectives Survey for the Harnett County CTP received 218 residential responses and 25 business responses for 243 completed surveys. We received 61 email addresses from citizens. This is a very good response rate. There is extremely beneficial information that was obtained in the survey and additional citizen concerns that will be addressed as we move forward.

There is particular interest across the county in making sure that the plan works well to keep economic growth one of its primary focuses. Also, with gas prices continuing to rise, many responses were in favor of all forms of public transportation. There is interest in bus service across all of North Carolina and rail service in the county.

Two interesting notes from the open ended responses were about school traffic on roads that connected to larger schools. Issues regarding safety, number of cars and bus use were of interest. Also, there were substantial comments about the growing need for elderly transportation across the county. There are quite a few concerns regarding this in the rural areas of Harnett County. Some of the responses and comments received included the truck, safety, and traffic issues in Lillington and the need for an additional crossing of the Cape Fear River.

*Included in the enclosed documentation you will find the complete answers to all questions less the demographic information.

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Question 1: How important are the following transportation goals to you?						
Answer	Residential Response Rating ¹	Residential Rank	Business Response Rating ¹	Business Rank	Combined Response Rating ²	Combined Rank
Increased Transportation Mode Choices (Additional Opportunities to walk and bike to destinations)	483	6	30	5	513	6
Increased Public Transportation Options (Bus or rail service to destinations; Park-n-ride lots to facilitate carpooling, vanpooling, and transit service)	385	2	24	3	409	2
Fast Automobile Travel Times (High-speed roads with more lanes and fewer intersections; more connector roads; less congestion)	455	5	27	4	482	5
Community and Rural Character (Keeping businesses in downtown areas; preservation of existing buildings and neighborhoods; maintaining the rural character and landscape)	445	4	20	1	465	3
Economic Growth (Building or improving roads and railways to attract new businesses and to allow existing businesses to expand)	365	1	21	2	386	1
Service of Special Needs (Better transportation services for low income, elderly, and disable residents)	430	3	44	6	474	4

¹Rating is calculated by multiplying the number of responses for each rank by that rank and adding all values together.

²Rating is calculated by adding Business Response Rating and Residential Response Rating.

Question 2: To alleviate traffic congestion a road should be improved by:

Answer	Residential Response Rating ¹	Residential Rank	Business Response Rating ¹	Business Rank	Combined Response Rating ²	Combined Rank
Building Additional Travel Lanes	392	2	17	2	409	2
Controlling the frequency and locations of driveways and cross streets that access the road	448	4	26	4	474	4
Improving intersection design, better traffic signal timing, adding turn lanes, and creating roundabouts	311	1	12	1	323	1
Providing an alternative means of transportation (bus, train, bicycle, park-n-ride)	409	3	25	3	434	3

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Question 3: Are you concerned with safety or crash problems at specific locations?

	Residential Responses	Business Responses	Total	Percentage
Yes	121	15	136	59.4
No	84	9	93	40.6

Places	Total Responses
US 421/401 NC 210/27 in Lillington	41
Ray Road and Overhills Road	12
NC 210 (general)	10
Buffalo Lakes Road	8
US 421 (general)	5
NC 210 and Harnett Central Road	5
NC 27 and NC 24 Intersection	5
US 421 at Campbell University	4
US 421 in Dunn	3
Dunn-Erwin Road and Tilghman Road	3
US 401 and Harnett Central Road	2
NC 27 and Johnsville Elementary	2
Broad Street	2

Question 4: When traveling in your area, do you find that you often have to go out of your way to get to your destination because the most direct route is too congested?

	Residential Responses	Business Responses	Total	Percentage
Yes	57	5	62	27.0
No	148	20	168	73.0

Places	Total Responses
US 421/401 NC 210/27 in Lillington	12
Ray Road and Overhills Road	7
US 421 - Dunn	7
NC 87 and NC 210 through Spring Lake	3
US 401 to F-V	3
NC 55	3
Buies Creek during school	2
NC 210 and Harnett Central Road	2
Buffalo Lake Road	1

Question 5: Is truck traffic a problem in the area?

	Residential Responses	Business Responses	Total	Percentage
Yes	69	6	75	32.8
No	135	19	154	67.2

Places	Total Responses
US 421/401 NC 210/27 in Lillington	26
NC 210 - Spring Lake to Lillington	12
NC 27	6
US 421 - Dunn	5
NC 55	3
US 401 and Harnett Central Road	2
Buffalo Lake Road	2

Question 6: What towns or destinations would you like to have access to improved?				
	Residential Responses	Business Responses	Total Responses	Percentage of Responses
Benson	18	3	21	3.3
Chapel Hill	36	4	40	6.3
Durham	23	5	28	4.4
Fayetteville	80	9	89	14.0
Fort Bragg	46	8	54	8.5
Fuquay-Varina	68	6	74	11.7
Raleigh	94	12	106	16.7
Research Triangle Park	35	4	39	6.1
Sanford	59	7	66	10.4
Smithfield	25	4	29	4.6
Southern Pines/Pinehurst	26	6	32	5.0
Spring Lake	53	4	57	9.0

Question 7: Please rank the following major roadways in Harnett County in the order by which they need to be improved.

	Residential Response Rating ¹	Residential Rank	Business Response Rating ¹	Business Rank	Combined Response Rating ²	Combined Rank
I-95	925	7	39	6	964	7
NC 24	901	6	43	7	944	6
NC 27	693	5	25	2	718	4
NC 55	686	4	32	4	718	4
NC 82	1042	9	46	8	1088	9
NC 87	926	8	48	9	974	8
NC 210	574	1	30	3	604	1
US 401	594	2	38	5	632	2
US 421	679	3	24	1	703	3

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Question 8: Identify any secondary roads that need improvement

Places	Total Responses
Overhills Road	7
Old Stage Road	6
Ray Road	6
Christian Light Road	5
Buffalo Lake Road	4
Old US 421	3
Hillmon Grove Road	3
Nursery Road	2
McDougald Road	2
Neill's Creek Road	2
Harnett Central Road	2
Ponderosa Road	2
Old Fairground Road	2

Question 9: Would you use the following transportation facilities instead of your own personal vehicle if they were provided?				
	Residential Yes Responses	Business Yes Responses	Total Yes Responses	Percentage of Yes Responses ³
Sidewalks	149	14	163	71.8
Off-road trails or greenways for walking and biking	136	13	149	65.6
On-road facilities such as bike lanes and wide shoulders	93	11	104	45.8
Bus service to/from Fort Bragg	55	2	57	25.1
Bus service to/from Fayetteville	73	3	76	33.5
Bus service to/from the Triangle (Raleigh/Durham)	85	7	92	40.5
Bus service to Charlotte	49	2	51	22.5
Bus service to/from Greensboro	45	0	45	19.8
Rail Service (throughout the County and to near by urban areas)	126	9	135	59.5

³Number or total responses was 227

Question 10: What other transportation issues exist in Harnett County?

Issues	Total Responses
Public transportation for disabled and low income families	14
Any public transportation	9
Bypass of Lillington	8
Additional sidewalks and greenways	6
Maintenance of Secondary Roads	6
Public transportation for workers, government carpooling	5
Better scheduling and advertisements for HARTS (rude workers, too limited)	4
Additional Cape Fear River crossing	4
Rail service throughout the county	3
Widening for NC 210	2
Speeding and traffic on Harnett Central Road	2
School traffic (not enough children using the bus)	2
Increased lanes on I-95	1
Better striped side streets across the county	1
Rumble strips on the centerline of two lane roads	1
Place a toll road around Fort Bragg and Spring Lake	1
Additional taxis	1
Keep tractor-trailors off of McDougald Road	1
Widening for NC 401	1
Signal synchronization in Dunn along US 421	1
Light rail access to Fort Bragg	1
Speeding on NC 87	1
Angier Bypass	1
Dunn-Erwin Bypass of US 421	1
Improve the airport	1
Subdivision traffic and Two-lane highways	1
NC 87 corridor protection and planning	1

Question 11 (business only): How can transportation for business and industry be improved in Harnett County?	
Improvements	Total Responses
Bus service	2
New bridge and bypass around Lillington	1
Public transportation for factory workers who work in Lillington	1
Four-lane all major facilities	1
Make access convenient by turn lanes	1
Faster access to RDU from Harnett County	1
Faster access to Fort Bragg along I-95	1
Wider two-lane roads designated for trucks	1

Question 12 (business-only): What modes of transportation are most often used by your business and employees? And what modes, if made available would be used?

Options	Reponses	Percentage of Total Responses
Public Transportation	5	20.0
Rail	0	0.0
Automobiles	22	88.0
Commercial Vehicles	10	40.0

Question 13 (business-only): What other transportation improvements could be made to improve your business?

Improvements	Total Responses
Better downtown parking in Lillington	1
Minimize railroad delays	1
Additional Bus service	1
Additional Rail service	1
Intersection where duncan st. and 10th st. goes into 401/421/210/27. many accidents, intersection must be redesigned.	1
Good planning for roundabouts	1