

# MACON COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

## Steering Committee Meeting #5

August 29, 2019, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

SCC Groves Center, 44 Siler Farm Rd., Franklin NC

## Agenda

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| 1:00 PM | Welcome and Review                           |
| 1:10 PM | Public Survey Results                        |
| 1:40 PM | Review Bicycle and Pedestrian Crash Data     |
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Southwestern Community College Groves Center, Franklin

### Attendees:

Name	Representing	Present
Joe Allen	Macon County Planning Dept.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kim Angel	Macon County Transit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mitchell Bishop	NCDOT Division 14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Warren Cabe	Macon County Emergency Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tommy Gilbert	Macon County Transit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jennifer Garrett	Macon County Health Dept.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Todd Gibbs	Macon County Schools	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Pete Haithcock	Macon County Airport Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tommy Jenkins	Macon County Economic Development Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ben Laseter	Mainspring Deputy Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cory McCall	Outdoor 76	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jack Morgan	Macon County Planning Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Justin Setser	Franklin Town Planner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kathy Tinsley	Macon County Planning Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Michael Mathis	Highlands Town Planner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rose Bauguess	Southwestern Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roger Castillo	NCDOT Transportation Planning Division	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
James Upchurch	NCDOT Transportation Planning Division	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Steve Williams	NCDOT Division 14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Troy Wilson	NCDOT Division 14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Total attendees: 17

### Review of Previous Meeting

Following introductions, the Steering Committee reviewed the summary from the previous meeting held on June 27; no corrections were noted. The action items identified in the previous meeting were also reviewed to track progress; all action items were completed.

## Summary of Agenda Items

Rose Bauguess gave a brief recap of material covered in the previous four meetings and reviewed the major steps in the CTP process. Participants reviewed the agenda and the desired outcomes for today's meeting. The following desired outcomes were identified:

1. Provide local input on areas of concern for bicyclists
2. Provide local input on areas of concern for pedestrians

### Public Survey Results

Roger Castillo presented a summary of results from the Metroquest survey. A total of 663 responses were received, representing over 2% of the county population. The top priorities were Safety, Culture and Environment, Modern Roads, and Shorter Travel Times. Hundreds of comments were received, and respondents used the mapping screen to mark over 800 locations of concern.

### Identifying Bicycle and Pedestrian Needs

Roger Castillo shared the bicycle and pedestrian recommendations included in the previous Macon County CTP, the Southern Blue Ridge Bicycle Plan, and the Bike/Walk Franklin Plan. He also shared maps of reported crash locations for bicycle and pedestrians for years 2013-2018, and a map of potential bicycle destinations. The destinations map prompted questions from committee members, and Roger will share the spreadsheet containing more detail on the destinations from an InfoUSA database for the committee to review.

### Macon County Demographics

The agenda items were completed quicker than expected, so the extra time was used to review Macon County Demographic Data. Rose divided the committee into two teams and presented quiz questions on various statistics on Macon County's demographics.

### Wrap-Up

The committee reviewed the desired outcomes identified at the beginning of the meeting; both were achieved.

## Summary of Action Items

The following action items were identified during the meeting:

- Develop Summary of Meeting #5 (Rose)
- Develop a map of Future Growth Potential areas
- Revise the Vision Statement and distribute to the Steering Committee for review (Rose)
- Distribute Bicycle destinations file to Committee

## Next Steps

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held **Thursday, October 3, 2019**, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Southwestern Community College Groves Center Conference Room on Siler Farm Road. Tentative agenda items for the next meeting include:

- Finalize Vision Statement
- Develop Goals and Objectives
- Finalize Population and Employment Projections

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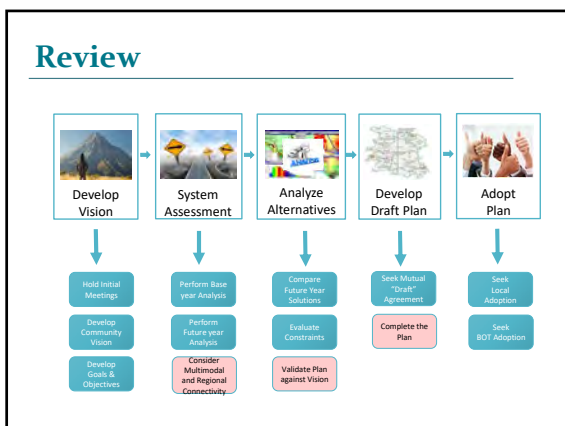
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**Review**

**Good Plans → Good Projects**

- Long-Range Planning – Identify Needs
- Prioritization of Projects – Data + Local Input
- Funding and Scheduling Projects – STIP
- Project Development – Analyze Impacts and Alternatives
- Design – Conceptual to Final
- ROW Acquisition and Utilities
- Construction
- Maintenance and Operations

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**Review**

**Meeting #1**

- Intro to CTP
- Roles and Responsibilities
- From Planning to Implementation
- Visioning Exercise

**Meeting #2 – May 2**

- Stakeholder Representation Matrix
- Vision Statement
- Draft Public Input Survey

**Meeting #3 – May 30**

- Survey Distribution and Marketing Plan
- Facility Types and CTP Study Roads
- Macon County Commuting Patterns

**Meeting #4**

- Future Growth Rate Methodology
- Review Base-Year Highway Maps
  - Volume
  - Trucks
  - Crashes

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**Desired Outcomes**

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## Survey Results

Roger Castillo  
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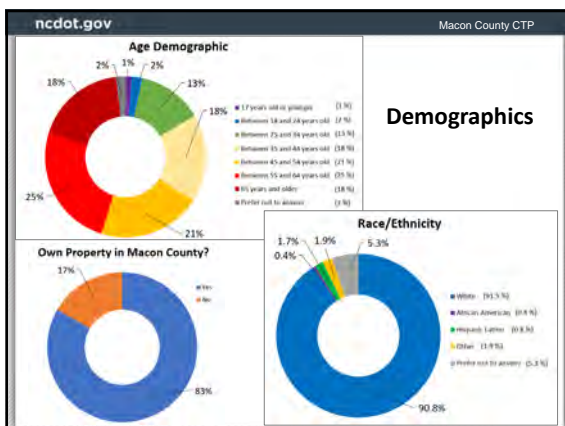
## Macon County Survey

Thank you all for your help in spreading the word!

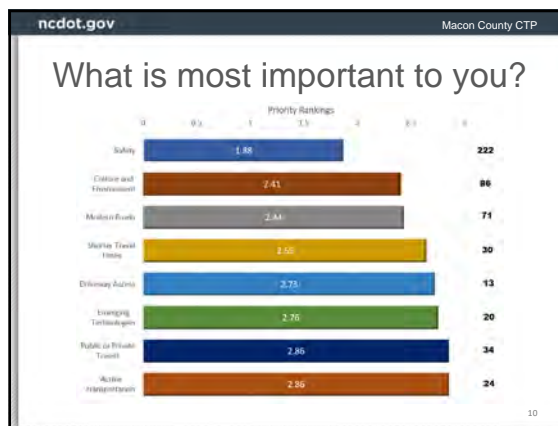
**663 RESPONSES!!**

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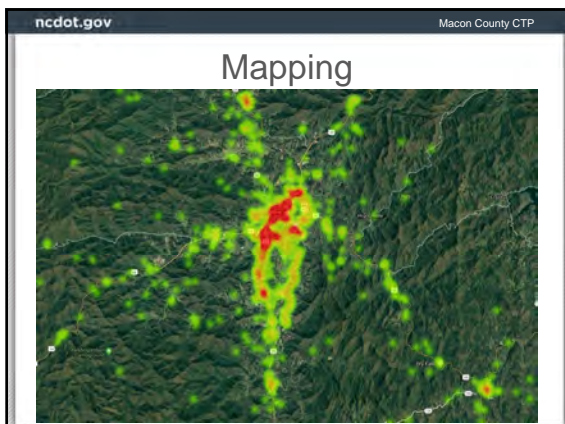
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Macon County CTP

### Mapping Summary

**Roadway:**

- 437 Markers Placed, 256 with comments
  - 20 Traffic Congestion
  - 40 Crash Problem
  - 39 Narrow Lanes
  - 20 Limited Sight Distance
  - 13 Confusing Traffic Signal
  - 59 Other

**Transit:**

- 151 Markers Placed, 48 with comments
  - 60 Transit Stop Needed
  - 5 Park and Ride Needed
  - 5 Bus Shelter Needed
  - 15 Other

**Other Issues:**

- 3 Markers were Placed

**Bicycle:**

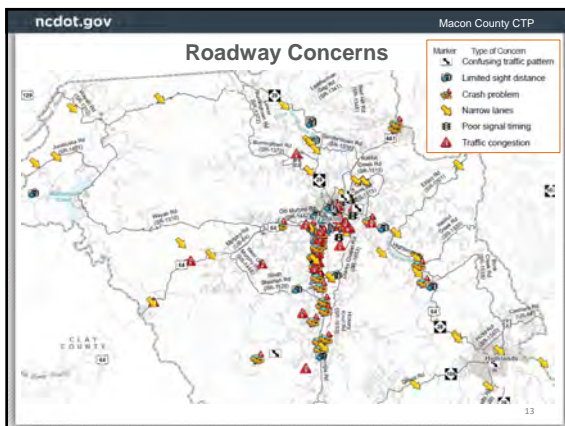
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  - 4 Greenway Needed
  - 2 Bike Signage Needed
  - 1 Bike Racks Needed
  - 6 Other

**Bicycle:**

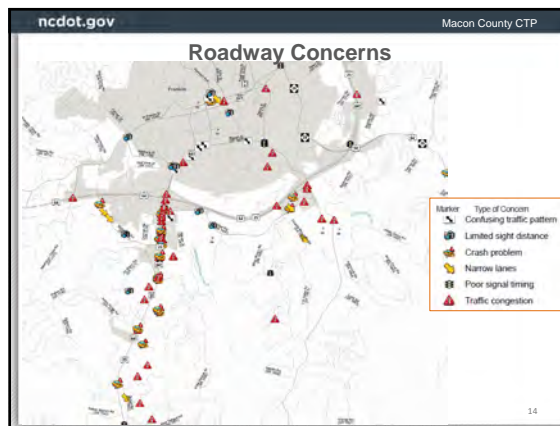
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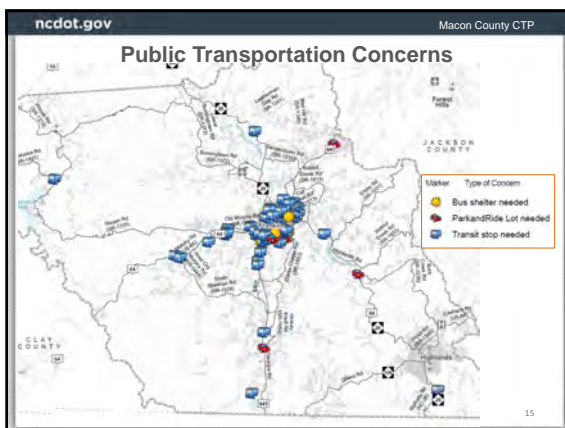
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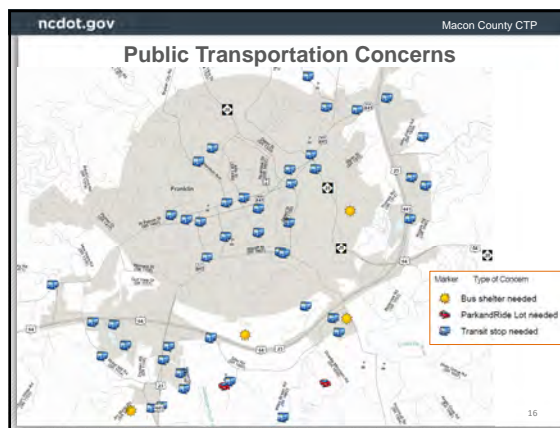
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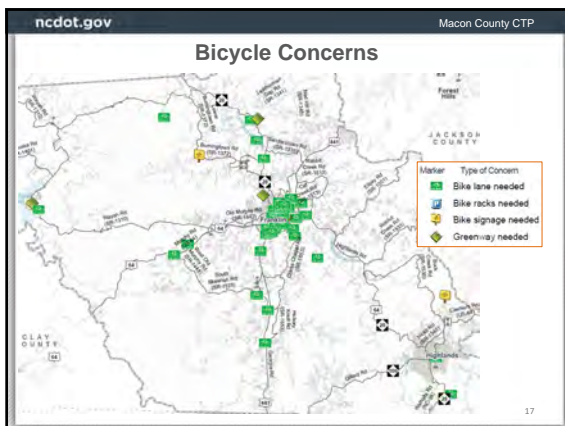
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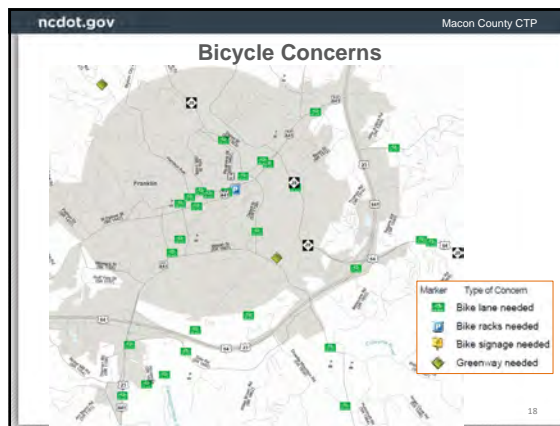
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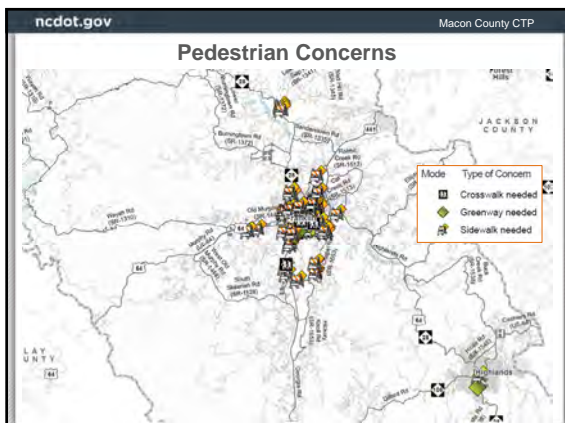
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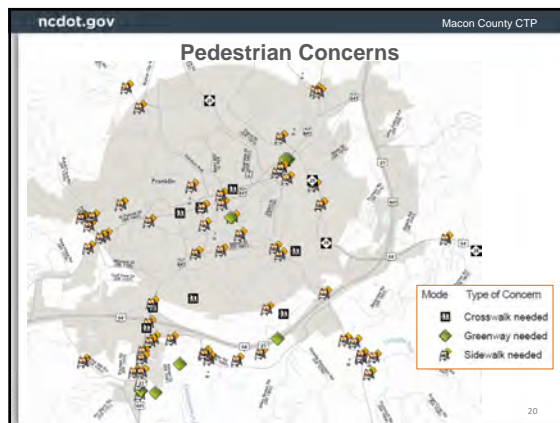
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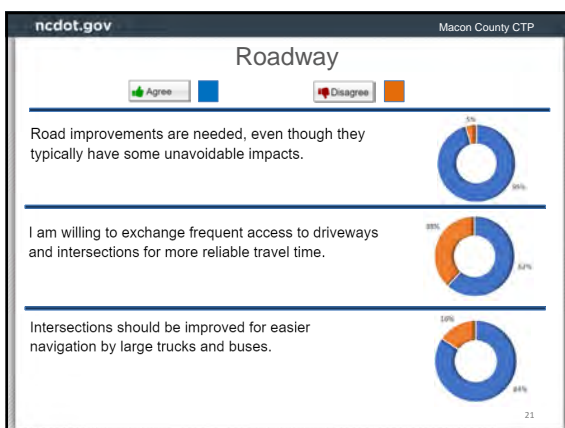
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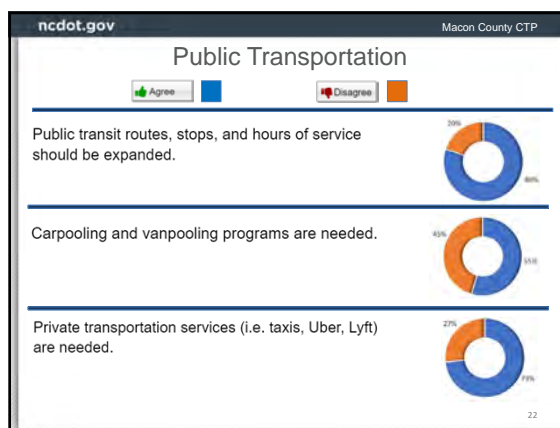
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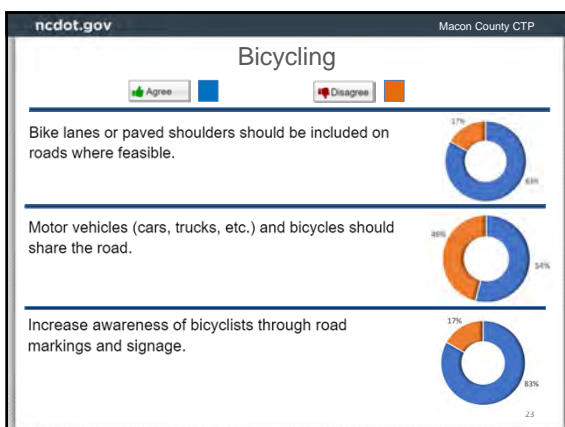
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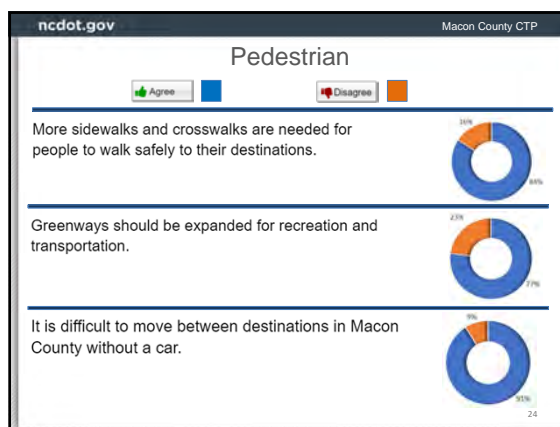
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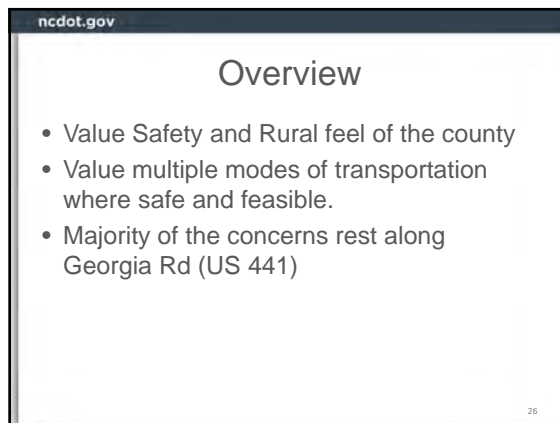


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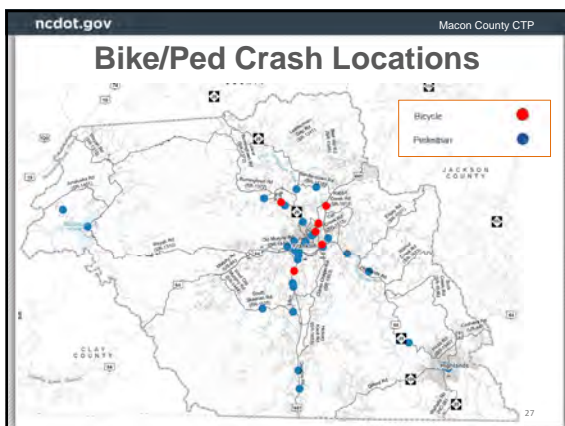




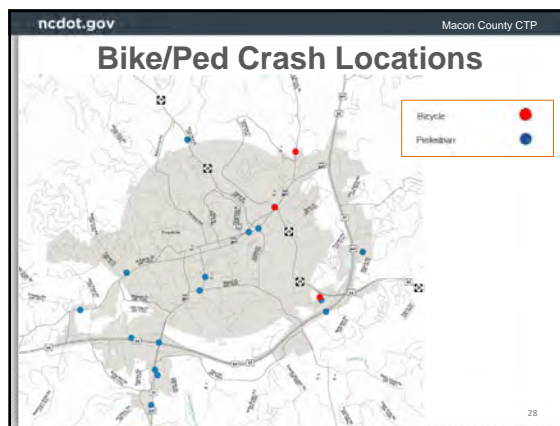
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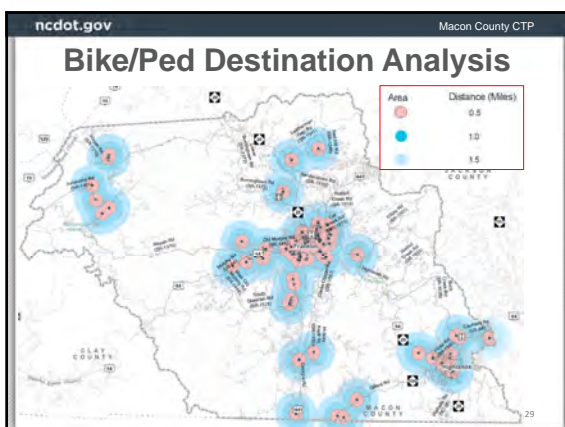
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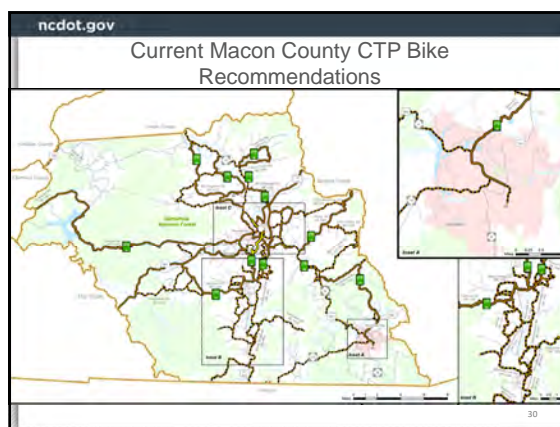
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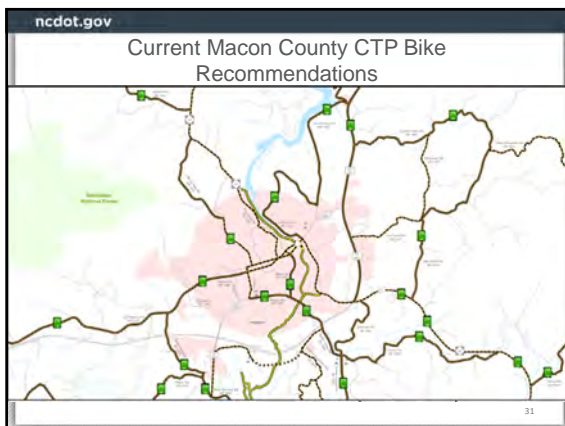
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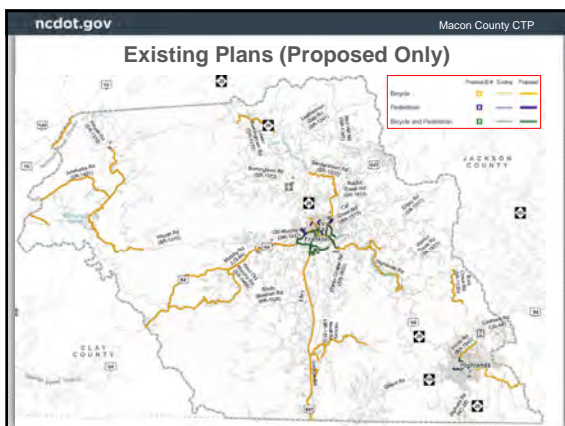
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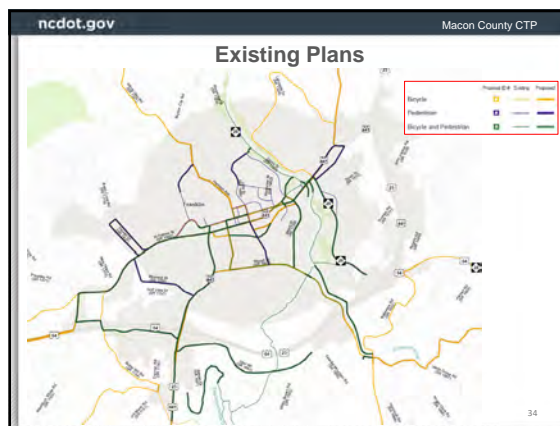
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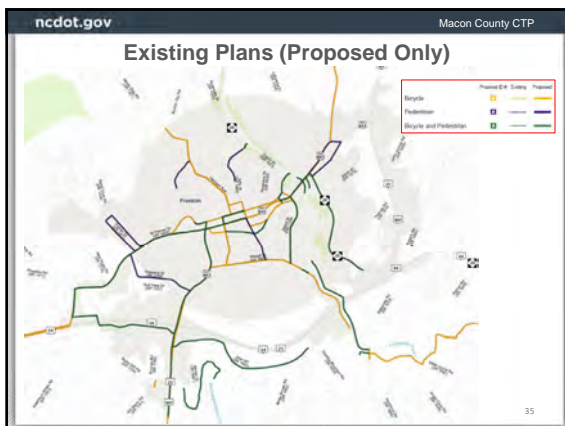
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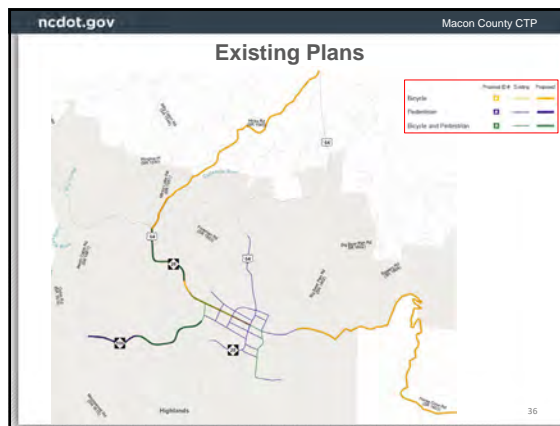
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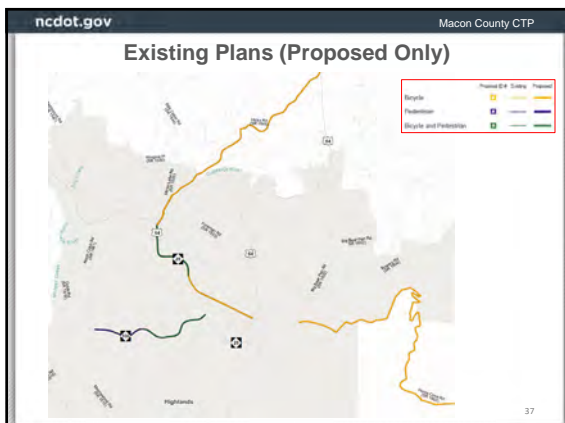
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## Macon County Demographics

**QUIZ TIME!**

How well do you know your County?

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## Minority Population

*What percentage of Macon County residents are Minorities?  
Minority population includes all races that are Non-White and Hispanic populations that are also White.*

**A – 5%**  
**B – 10%**  
**C – 15%**

	Minorities	Total
Macon	3,587	34,160
NC	3,655,104	10,052,564

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (2013-2017), Table B02001, "Race."

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## Race & Ethnicity

*Minority population includes all races that are Non-White and Hispanic populations that are also White.*

Macon	White	Black	Native American	Asian	Other	Two or More Races	Total Non-White
#	31,810	461	194	257	1,090	348	<b>2,350</b>
%	93.1%	1.3%	0.6%	0.8%	3.2%	1%	<b>6.9%</b>

Hispanic	Non-Hispanic	Total	White Non-Hispanic	Minority Population	Total
2,328	31,832	<b>34,160</b>	30,573	3,587	<b>34,160</b>
6.8%	93.2%	<b>100%</b>	89.5%	10.5%	<b>100%</b>

Non-Hispanic minus White Non-Hispanic = 31,832-30,573=1259

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (2013-2017), Table B02001, "Race."  
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (2013-2017), Table B03002, "Hispanic or Latino Origin by Race."

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## Limited English Proficiency

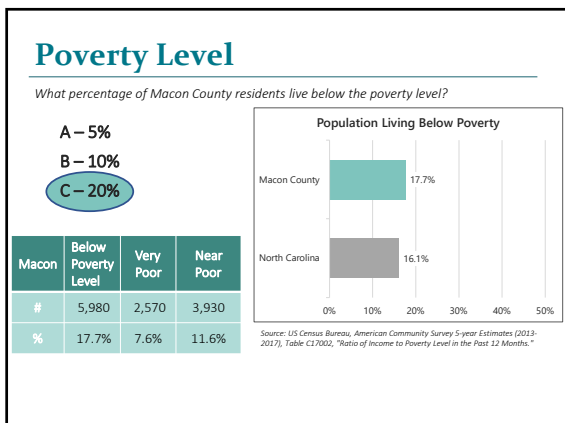
*What percentage of Macon County residents speak English less than very well?*

**A – 3%**  
**B – 7%**  
**C – 12%**

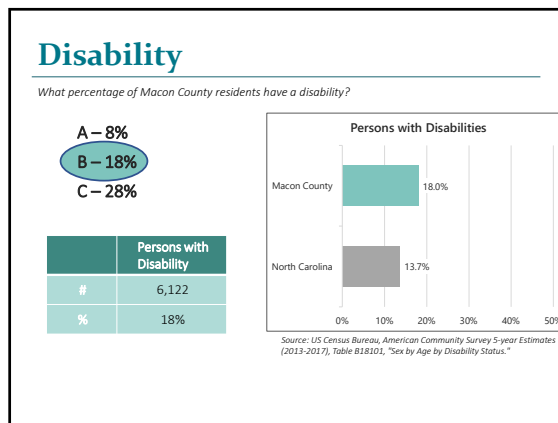
	Spanish	Indo-Euro	Asian/Pacific	Other
#	648	48	94	4
%	2.3%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%

Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates (2013-2017), Table B16004, "Age by Language Spoken at Home by Ability to Speak English for the Population 5 Years and Over."

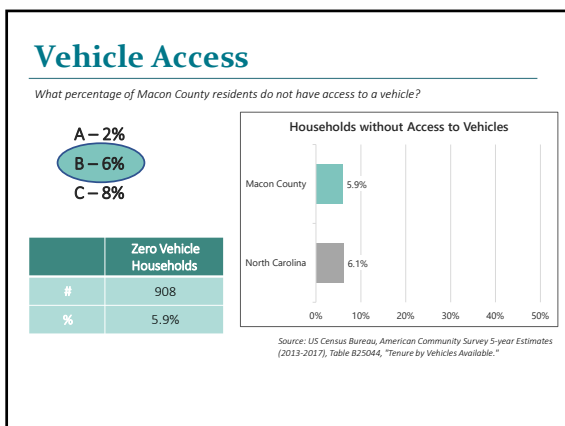
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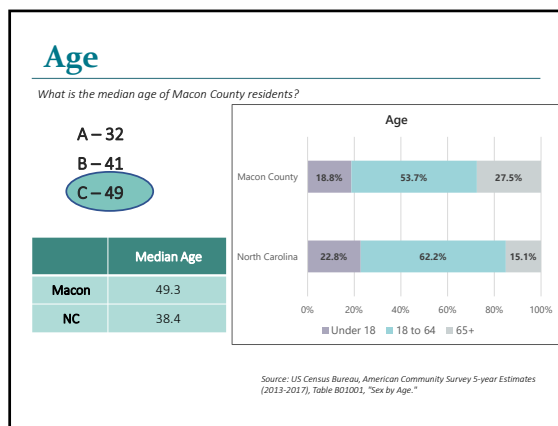
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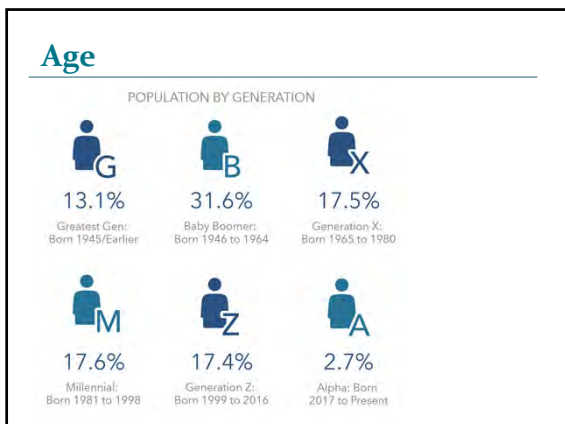
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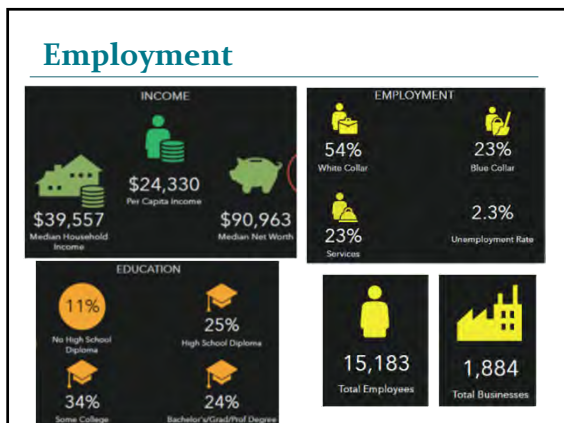
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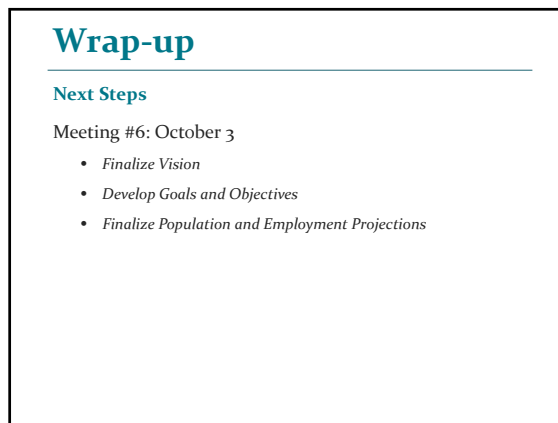
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