

Montgomery County Goals and Objectives Survey/Results

The Transportation Planning Branch of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is developing a Comprehensive Transportation Plan for the county in cooperation with Montgomery County, the municipalities of Biscoe, Candor, Mount Gilead, Star and Troy; and the Piedmont Triad Rural Planning Organization.

This is a long-range plan that identifies major transportation improvements that will be needed for highways, public transportation, and non-motorized facilities over the next 25 to 30 years. This survey helps identify the transportation issues that are important to you, other citizens, local officials, and the businesses of Montgomery County.

TRANSPORTATION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

1. How important are the following transportation goals?

Increasing public transportation choices, like ...	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Park-and-Ride Lots	8	14	14
Local or Regional Transit Service	16	13	10
Improve automobile travel times	10	22	5
Preserve community and rural character	20	18	1
Protect the environment	28	10	1
Support economic growth	28	11	0
Improve services for special needs populations	18	20	1
Improve facilities to walk and bike	16	19	4
Answered Question			40
Skipped Question			0

2. What are the most important transportation issues facing Montgomery County today?

Rank	Top 5 transportation issues facing Montgomery County today	Responses
1	Lack of public transportation	11
2	Roads in need of repair	5
3	Concern about truck traffic	4
4	Completion of the Troy Bypass	3
5	Improved bicycle facilities	3
Answered Question		25
Skipped Question		15

3. There are several strategies that can be used to improve road capacity. How important is it to use the following strategies on major roads in Montgomery County?

	Very Important	Important	Not Important
Build additional travel lanes on main roads	10	19	6
Make intersection improvements like turn lanes and better traffic signal timing	26	8	4
Control the number and location of driveways and cross streets that access main roads	6	16	14
Control the location of left turns with medians	8	17	12
Answered Question			39
Skipped Question			1

TRAFFIC CONCERNS

4. Are you concerned with traffic safety or vehicle crashes in the county?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	75.7%	28
No	24.3%	9
If Yes, Please describe the location, including specific safety concerns.		24
Answered Question		37
Skipped Question		3

Rank	Top 5 locations of specific safety concerns	Responses
1	NC 24-27 and NC 109 Business/Main Street in Troy	4
	NC 73 and rural roads in Western Montgomery County near Mount Gilead	4
	River Road (SR 1150) and rural roads in Western Montgomery County	4
4	General High Speed and Road Width concerns throughout the county	3
5	NC 24-27 and US 220A in Biscoe	2
	NC 24-27 and Wal-Mart in Biscoe	2

5. Is truck traffic a problem in the county?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	55.3%	21
No	44.7%	17
If Yes, please give examples.		20
Answered Question		38
Skipped Question		2

Rank	Top 5 examples of truck traffic problems in Montgomery County	Responses
1	NC 24-27 throughout county	4
2	NC 24-27 and NC 109 Business/Main Street in Troy	3
	River Road (SR 1150)	3
4	NC 24-27 and Page Street (SR 1332) in Troy	2
	NC 109 throughout county	2
	NC 731	2
	NC 73 and Mount Gilead	2
	Logging trucks throughout the county	2

6. When traveling in and around the county, do you find that you often have to go out of your way to get to your destination because a direct route does not exist?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	18.9%	7
No	81.1%	30
If Yes, please give examples.		7
Answered Question		37
Skipped Question		3

Rank	Top 5 examples of connectivity problems in Montgomery County	Responses
1	Need for alternate route to NC 24-27 or NC 134 through Troy	1
	Mount Gilead to US 1 in Rockingham (Richmond County)	1
	River Road (SR 1150) to Troy	1
	When NC 24-27 Bypass in complete, some inconvenience for local travel	1
	Direct routes do not exist throughout the county due to being rural	1
	Lack of interconnectivity as county grows	1
	Due to current road construction in Biscoe	1

7. When traveling in and around the county, 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?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	18.9%	7
No	81.1%	30
If Yes, please give examples.		7
Answered Question		37
Skipped Question		3

Rank	Top 3 examples of congestions problems in Montgomery County	Responses
1	NC 24-27 in Troy	4
2	NC 24-27 in Biscoe	2
3	NC 24-27 throughout county	1

ROAD ACCESSIBILITY

8. What places or roads would you most like to have improved access to?

Answer Options	Very Desirable	Desirable	Somewhat Desirable	Not Very Desirable	Rating Average	Response Count
Charlotte metro area	8	5	10	5	2.57	28
High Point-Greensboro area	3	14	5	6	2.50	28
Southern Pines-Pinehurst area	13	15	4	2	3.15	34
US 220 (I-73/74)	11	10	3	4	3.00	28
NC 24-27	18	7	4	2	3.32	31
NC 109	12	9	5	2	3.11	28
Other (please specify):	NC 211					3

OTHER MODES

9. Are there areas where you would like to see sidewalks constructed or improved?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	60.0%	21
No	40.0%	14
If Yes, please give examples.		19
		Answered Question
		35
		Skipped Question
		5

Rank	Top 5 sidewalk needs in Montgomery County	Responses
1	All major streets in Mount Gilead	5
2	In all municipal limits in Montgomery County	4
3	NC 73 in Mount Gilead	3
4	NC 24-27 in Troy	2
	South Main Street (SR 1005) near the courthouse in Troy	2

10. Are there areas where you would like to see off-road trails or greenways added or improved for walking and bicycling?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	52.8%	19
No	47.2%	17
If Yes, please give examples.		13
		Answered Question
		36
		Skipped Question
		4

Rank	Top 5 off-road trail or greenway needs in Montgomery County	Responses
1	Along/beside River Road (SR 1150)	4
2	Throughout Troy	3
3	Along Uwharrie River	2
	Countywide	2
5	Throughout Star	1
	Throughout Mount Gilead	1
	Along/beside Lilly Bridge Road (SR 1110)	1

11. Are there areas where you would like to see on-road bicycle facilities such as bicycle lanes and wide shoulders added or improved?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	58.3%	21
No	41.7%	15
If Yes, please give examples.		17
Answered Question		36
Skipped Question		4

Rank	Top 5 on-road bicycle facility needs in Montgomery County	Responses
1	River Road (SR 1150)	6
2	NC 731 in Mount Gilead to Indian Mound	3
3	State Bicycle Route 6/Designated Bicycle Routes	2
	NC 24-27	2
5	North of Troy	1
	NC 211	1
	In all municipalities	1

12. How frequently do you use the RCATS transit services?

	Very Frequently (more than once a week)	Frequently (once a week)	Somewhat Frequently (once a month)	Infrequently (a couple of times a year)	Never	Response Count
RCATS services, in county	0	0	0	0	36	36
RCATS services, out-of-county	0	1	0	0	34	35
What other destinations would you be interested in accessing through transit services? (Please specify)						5

Possible destinations via transit service	Responses
Rural area, local areas, home areas, all areas	3
Montgomery County Health Department	1
Intercity, especially to Wal-Mart and other shopping centers	1

DEMOGRAPHICS

We would like to know a little bit about you for analysis purposes only. Your answers will be kept strictly confidential. Please answer the following questions.

13. What is your age?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 18	0.0%	0
18 - 24	2.6%	1
25 - 34	7.9%	3
35 - 44	10.5%	4
45 - 64	50.0%	19
65 - 74	26.3%	10
75 or older	2.6%	1
Answered question		38
Skipped question		2

14. How would you classify your race?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
White	78.9%	30
Black	10.5%	4
Hispanic	5.3%	2
Asian	0.0%	0
Native American	2.6%	1
Other	2.6%	1
Answered question		38
Skipped question		2

15. How many people, including yourself, live in your household?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
1	10.5%	4
2	60.5%	23
3	5.3%	2
4	13.2%	5
5	0.0%	0
6	7.9%	3
7	2.6%	1
8 or more	0.0%	0
Answered question		38
Skipped question		2

16. What was your household income last year?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Less than \$19,999	5.7%	2
\$20,000 - \$34,999	14.3%	5
\$35,000 - \$ 49,999	25.7%	9
\$50,000 - \$74,999	14.3%	5
More than \$75,000	25.7%	9
Don't know	8.6%	3
Don't wish to answer	5.7%	2
Answered question		35
Skipped question		5

17. What is your home Zip Code? (Please check only one box)

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
27203	0.0%	0
27209	10.8%	4
27229	2.7%	1
27239	2.7%	1
27242	0.0%	0
27281	2.7%	1
27306	32.4%	12
27341	2.7%	1
27356	2.7%	1
27371	40.5%	15
28127	0.0%	0
28338	0.0%	0
28367	0.0%	0
Other (28129)	2.7%	1
Answered question		37
Skipped question		3

18. How did you hear about this survey?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Government meeting or location	50.0%	19
Retail location	0.0%	0
Church	13.2%	5
Newspaper	2.6%	1
Newsletter	0.0%	0
School	0.0%	0
Friend/Colleague	13.2%	5
Website	2.6%	1
Other (work)	10.5%	4
Other (email)	5.3%	2
Other (county planner)	2.6%	1
Answered question		38
Skipped question		2