Public Survey Summary

FAST Planning MTP Update

Fairbanks Area Surface Transportation

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Public Survey Summary

A public survey was conducted in the fall of 2025 by FAST Planning. There were 158 survey responses, which is a dramatic increase from the 72 survey responses in the 2022 public survey for the 2045 in Motion FAST Panning MTP.

Survey Outreach

The survey and interactive map were launched online on the FAST Planning website prior to the Public Workshop held on October 21, 2025. An option to take the survey on paper was given to attendees of the Public Workshop.

The survey was promoted by FAST Planning who posted flyers around town with QR codes linking to the online survey.

Public Comment Pop-up events were held at 3 locations: JP Jones Center, Black Spruce Brewing Co., and Gather. Again, an option to take the survey on paper was given to those interested.

A reminder email of the FAST MTP Transportation Survey was sent to individuals on the Comprehensive Plan Update mailing list on November 21, 2025. Links to the survey were provided in an Open House Reminder newsletter and a Pop-Up newsletter on October 21st and November 6th, 2025.

Survey Methodology

The survey was used as an opportunity for the public to provide feedback on the barriers to transportation needs within the FAST Planning boundary. In addition to the 158 survey responses, 382 written comments and/or location pins were dropped on the interactive survey map. The results of the survey are reported in the sections below. The individual comments will be incorporated in the strategic development process for the MTP Update.

The survey and interactive map were developed in the ArcGIS Survey123 platform, accessed through a weblink, and was also available in an accessible MS Word document which was distributed at local events. The survey was available via a hyperlink on FAST Planning's website until November 11, 2025.

Responses were anonymous and questions could be answered by contacting FAST Planning.

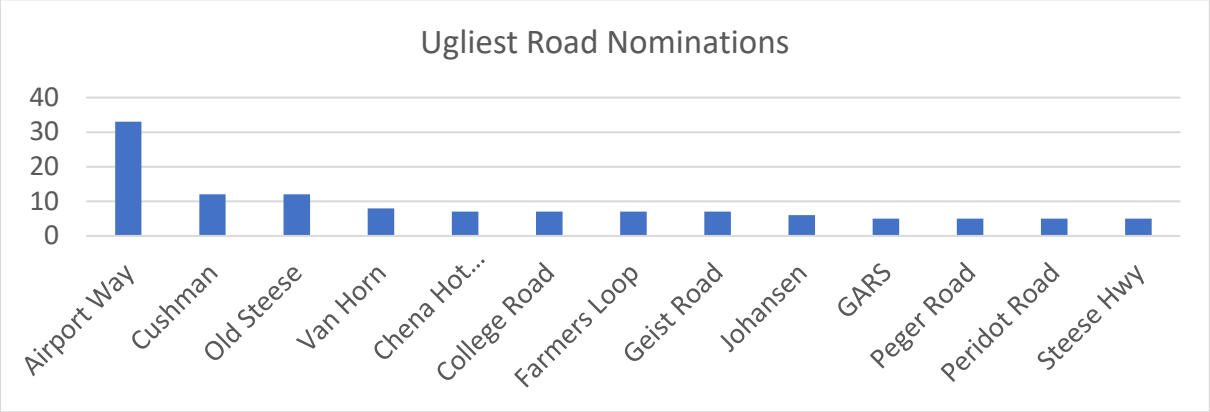
SURVEY RESULTS

Results are summarized below and also available on the argGIS StoryMap Dashboard at: https://arcg.is/1zrPrz1

Transportation Today

UGLIEST ROAD

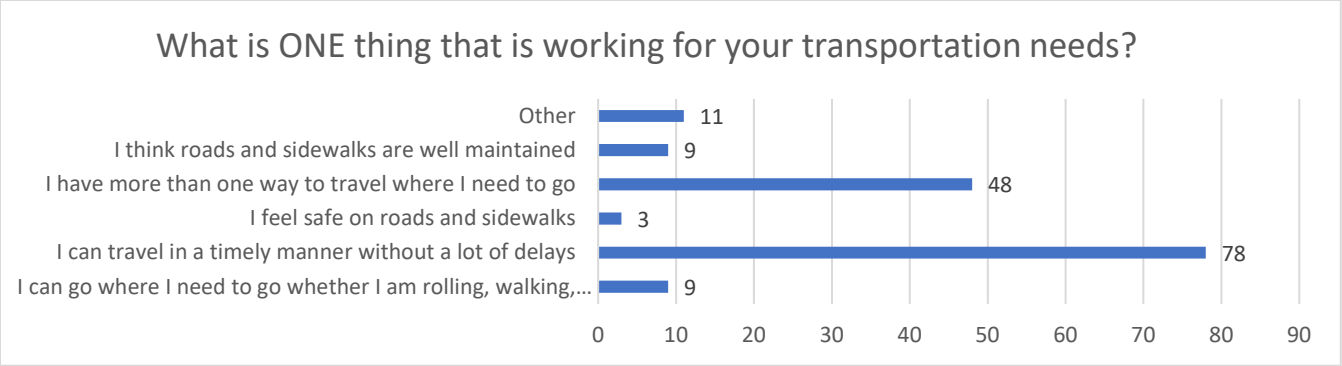
When asked **what the ugliest road in the Fairbanks and/or North Pole area is,** Airport Way was the clear winner with 33 nominations, followed by Cushman Street (12), Old Steese Hwy (12), and Van Horn Road(8). The chart below shows all roads that tallied at 5 or more nominations as the "ugliest road."



Respondents could answer openly and were not prompted with a predetermined list. When respondents explained their nomination for Airport Way, the most common reasons included the chain link fencing (13 mentions), jersey barriers (11), frontage roads (8), landscaping (8), and the lack of pedestrian or bike-friendly infrastructure (7).

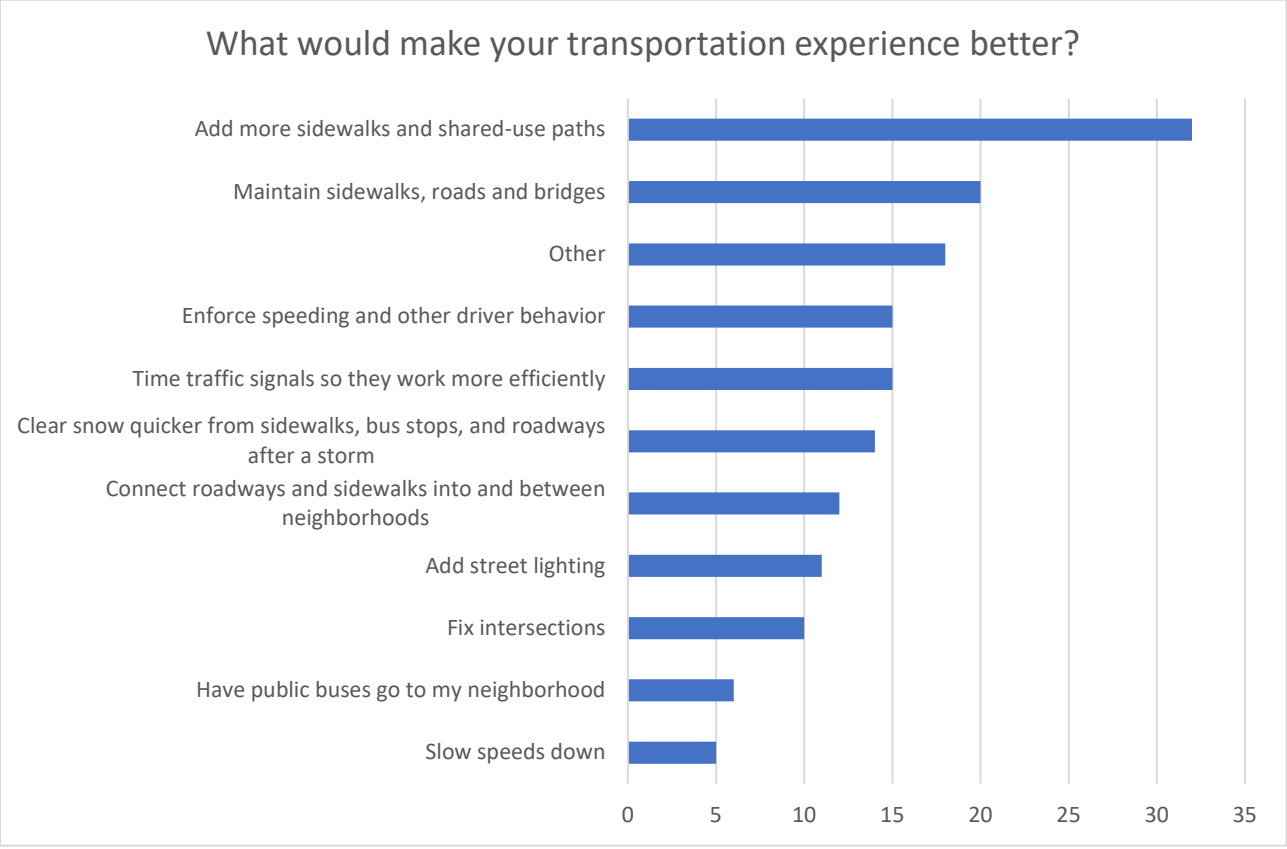
WHAT IS WORKING

When asked "**what is ONE thing that is working well for your transportation needs,"** respondents were given six choices. 49.3% of respondents felt they can "travel in a timely manner without a lot of delays" followed by "having more than one way to travel where I need to go" (30.38%).



SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS

When asked **what is ONE thing you would change to make transportation better,** responses were more varied, with the top replies being "add more sidewalk and shared-use paths" (20.25%) and "maintain sidewalks, roads, and bridges" (12.66%).



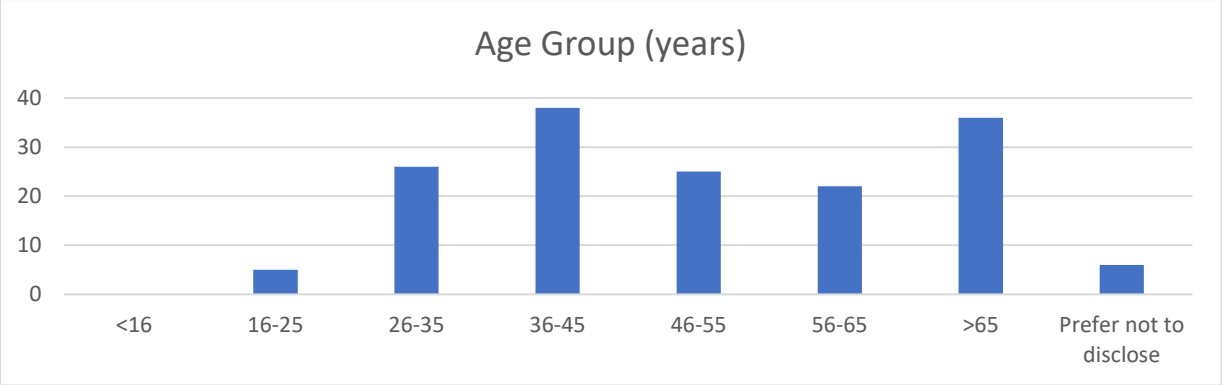
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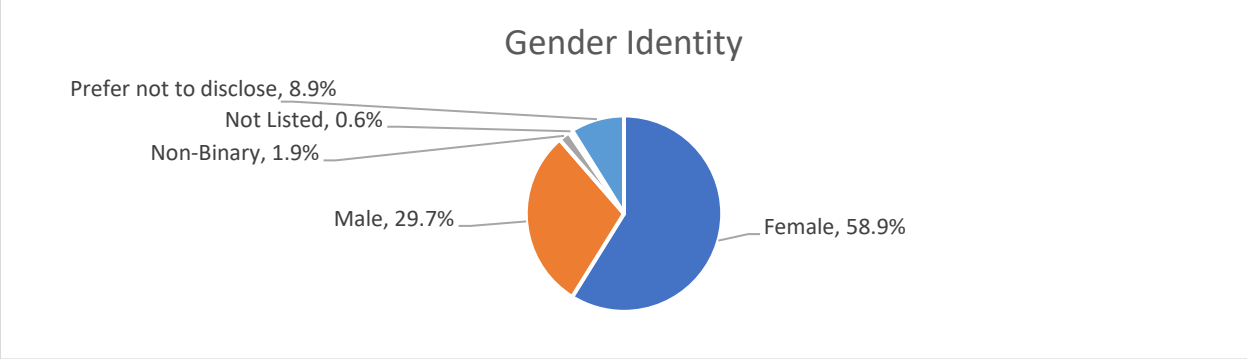
- Bussing and commuter improvements
- Speeding and ticketing improvements
- Snow removal improvements

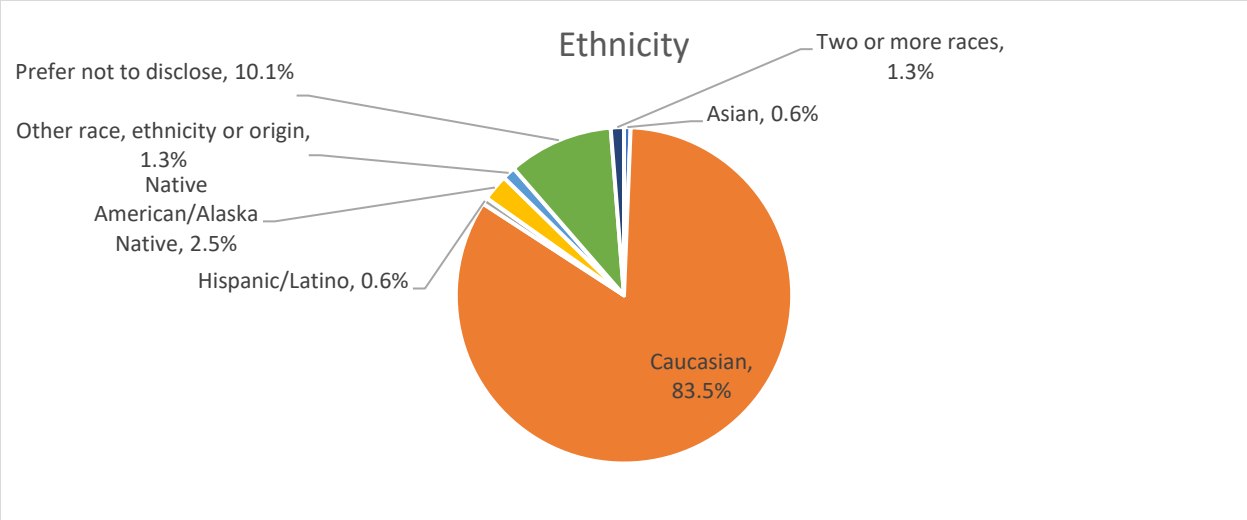
- Connectivity improvements
- Safety improvements
- Walkability (sidewalks/pathways) improvements
- Ore hauling concerns

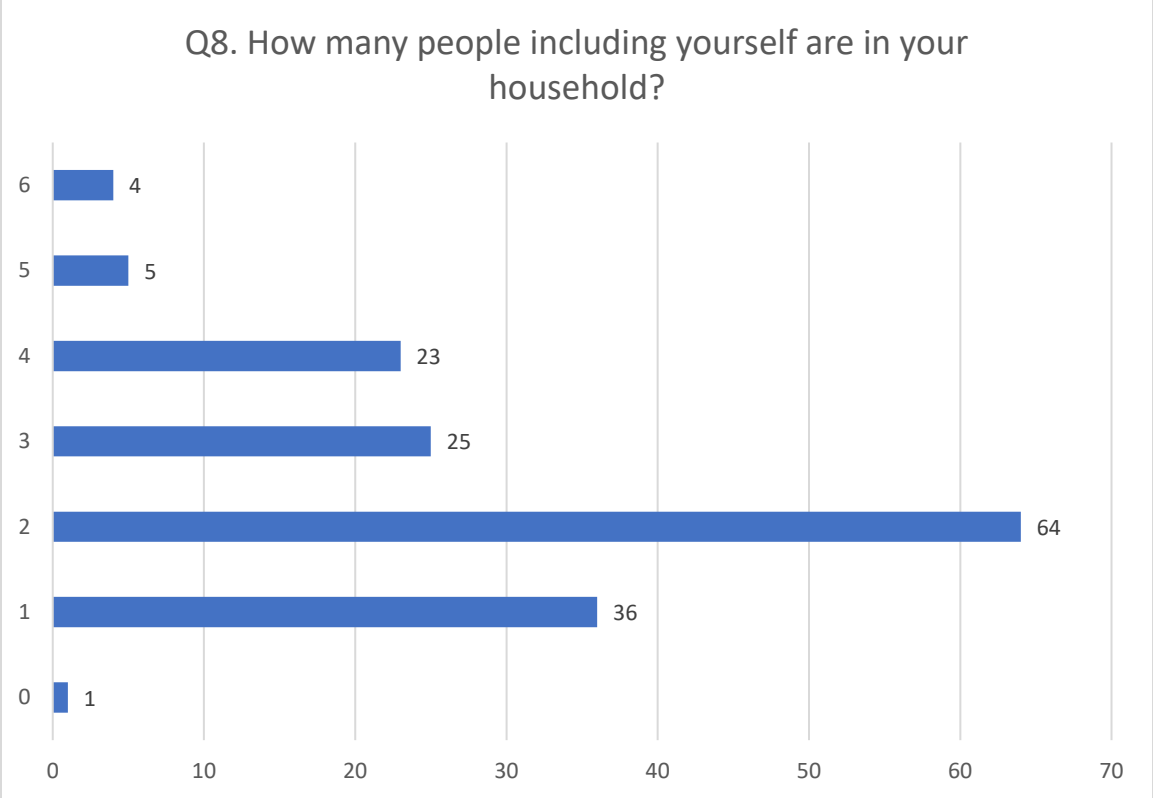
Respondent Demographics

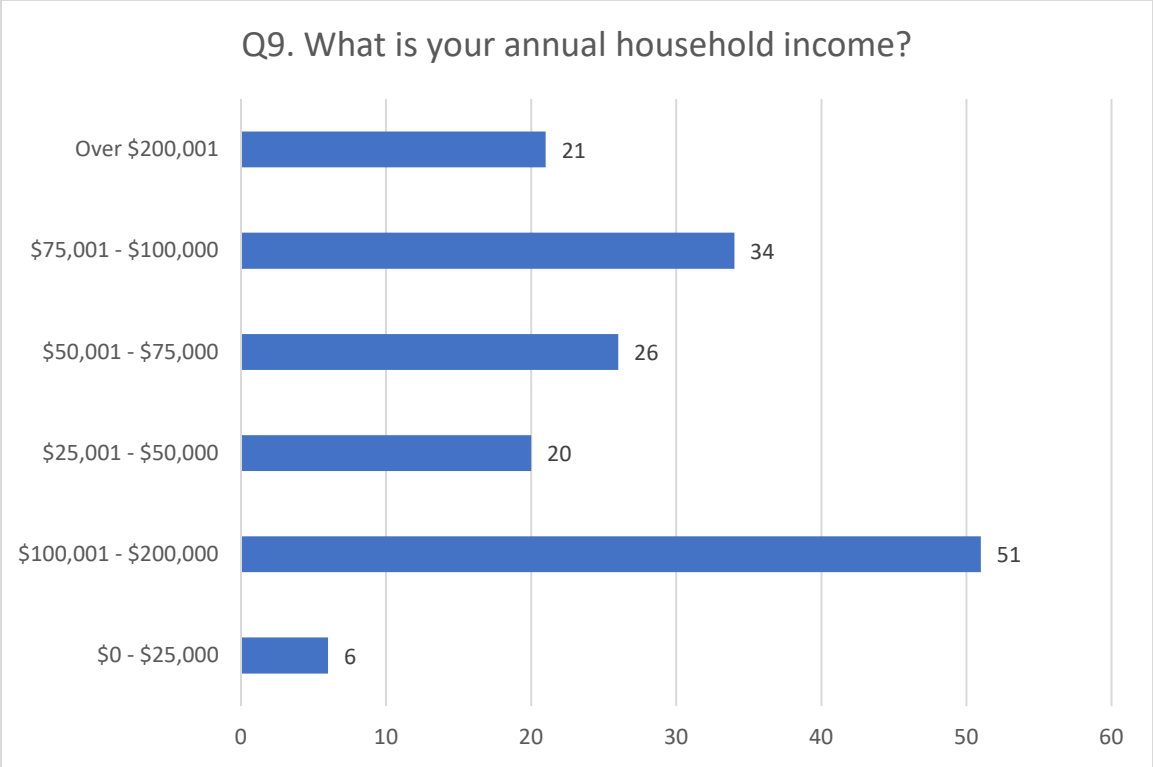
Respondents were asked to identify their age group, gender, ethnicity, household income level, and zip code. Respondents were a majority female (58.86%) and Caucasian/white (83.5%). Age groups between 36-45 years (24.05%) and over 65 years (22.78%) were more highly represented than others. with 32.28% reporting an income of $100,001-$200,000. Demographic data is reported in the charts below.






Ethnicity
Two or more races, 1.3%
Asian, 0.6%
Prefer not to disclose, 10.1%
Other race, ethnicity or origin, 1.3%
Native American/Alaska Native, 2.5%
Hispanic/Latino, 0.6%
Caucasian, 83.5%


Q8. How many people including yourself are in your household?
6
4
5
5
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64
1
36
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20
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60
70

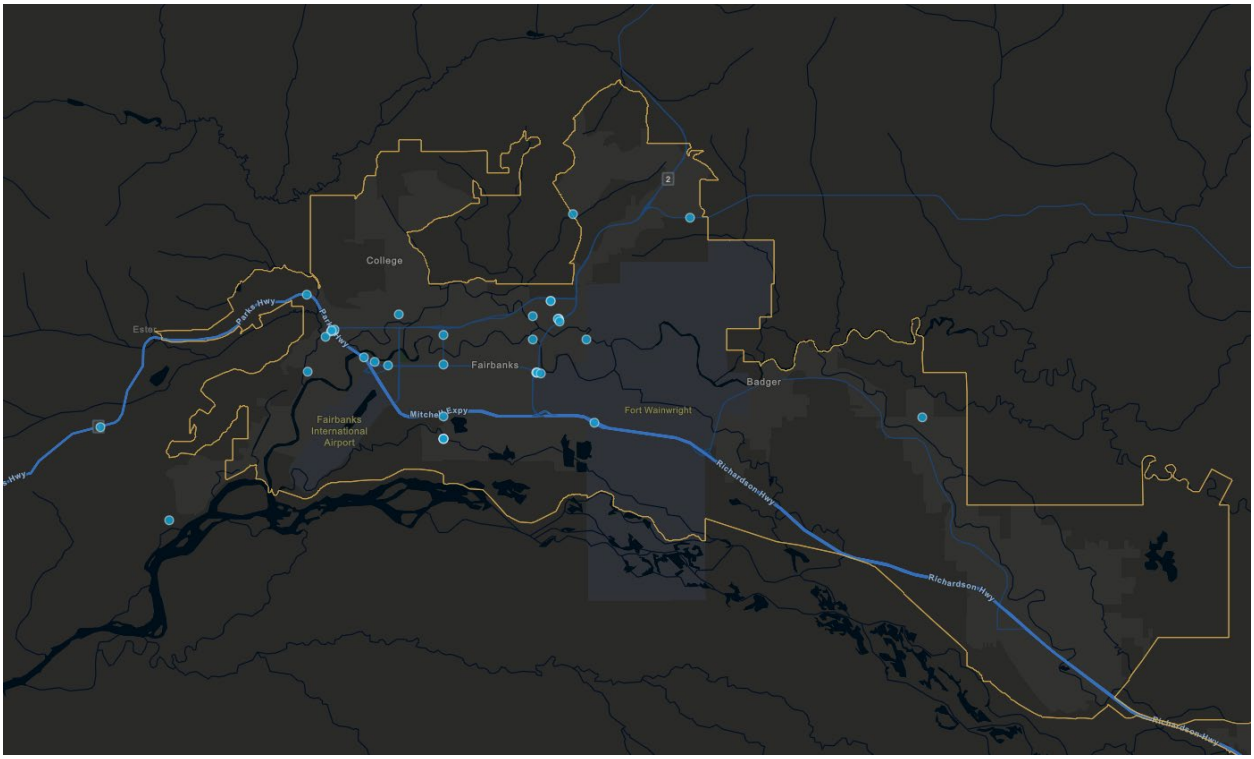

Q9. What is your annual household income?
Over $200,001
21
$75,001 - $100,000
34
$50,001 - $75,000
26
$25,001 - $50,000
20
$100,001 - $200,000
51
$0 - $25,000
6
0
10
20
30
40
50
60

Transportation Barriers - Interactive Map Responses

Question Q10 prompted online survey takers to drop pins and/or comments on an interactive map. Paper surveys conducted a mapping exercise, with responders providing a written description of the areas.

SAFETY ISSUES

Intersections – 44 locations



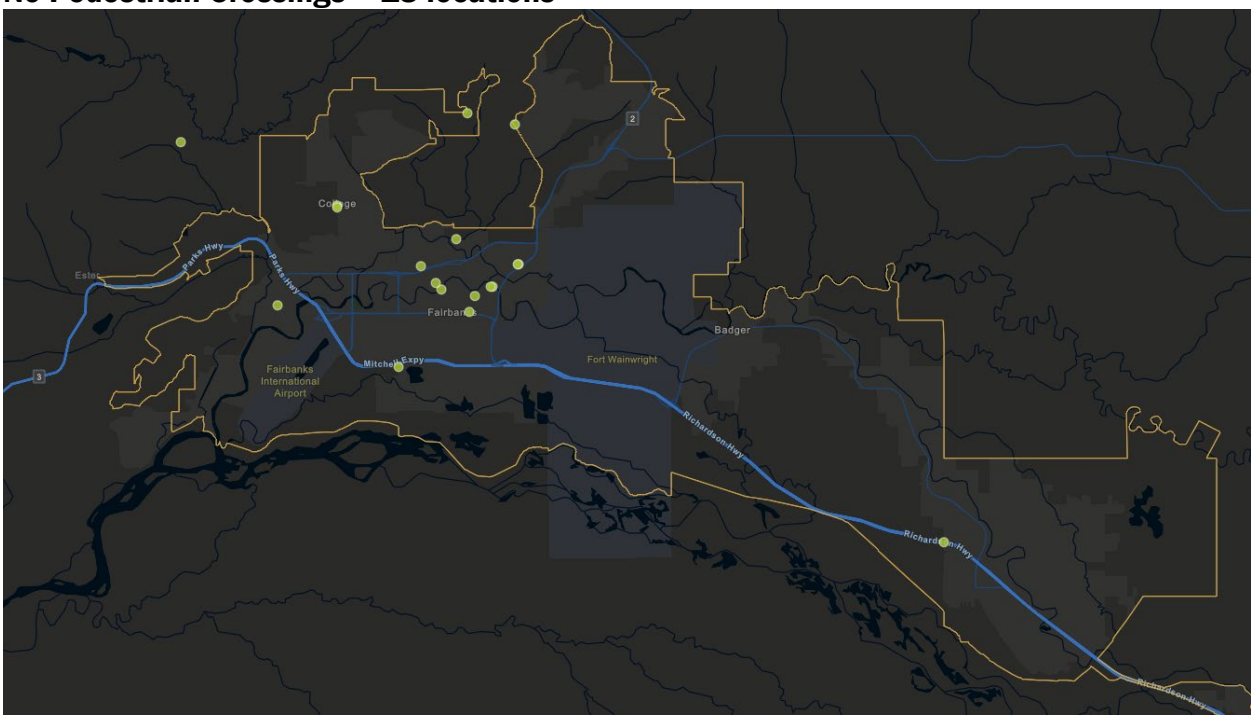
In addition to the 44 pinned locations for "Safety Issues-Intersections" shown on the above map, 22 other written comments were recategorized for a total of 66 locations. Written comments included:

Theme	Location	Comment
Safety Issue - Intersections	GARS	Crossing on the south side requires five separate crossings. Unreasonable.
	Aurora Dr/Hanson Road	angle and placement of bike path crossing the Johansen offramp is unsafe for visibility and unsafe for stopping on steep downgrades poor weather conditions, needs painted crossing and push button flashing light
	Helmericks Avenue	reverse super so cars don't slide out from the roundabout
	Johansen Expy/Lazelle Rd	Need a R turn lane off Northbound Steese at Johansen Intersection

Theme	Location	Comment
	GARS	The traffic light is set too high over the road. When at the stop line, one has to lean way forward to see the light. (This is a common observation of mine with nearly every re-installed traffic signal--harder to see than before).
	GARS	When traveling eastbound on airport and encountering a red light at the second (but not the first) row of lights, am I supposed to sop for the red or keep going? Very confusing setup. Not at all clear what to do--stop in the middle of the intersection?
	Johansen Expy/Hunter St	People turn right from Hunter St. onto the Johansen without looking or can't see oncoming traffic. I have nearly rear-ended multiple vehicles her because it is a 55 on the Johansen
	Geist Rd/Rebecca St	Left Turns
	College Road/Deborah Ave	Left Turns
	College Road/Illinois St	Left turn lane backs up traffic into other lanes
	Aurora Dr/Wembley Ave	This intersection would benefit from a roundabout. Each approaching lane has a different traffic sign - stop, yield, nothing.
	Chena Hot Springs Rd	Continued from the previous comment: this left turn is regularly used by drivers who are not familiar with it, e.g., bringing kids to a sports league event, increasing the probability of an accident.
	Johansen Expy/College Road	There are bike and pedestrian crossings but this intersection is do complex crossing is scary on foot or bike
	Cushman St/Gaffney Rd	This intersection is very confusing
	Airport Way/University Ave	University and Airport is a hazardous intersection and could benefit from widening.
	Parks Hwy/Airport Way	The south bound merging lane on the Parks from Airport should be widened.
		Crossing opposite traffic on a bike, no one is looking for bikes
	Cushman St/Gaffney Rd	intersection is confusing, needs to be redesigned.
	Parks Hwy	add 2 lanes on Mitchell leaving town, through Sheep Crk intersection
	GARS	Bad design
	Park Hwy/Sheep Creek Rd	Add another lane to WB Parks Highway
	Steese Hwy/Chena Hot Springs Road	As a pedestrian in the winter, it is not clear how I am supposed to navigate the roundabouts. The sidewalk is frequently plowed in. So I have to go in the road. Do I run/walk against traffic (that is state law, but doesn't fully make sense in the roundabout and approach lanes), or run/walk with traffic. Either direction leaves me with uncertainty about how to navigate the long lanes with concrete barriers west of the roundabout. Drivers don't really like pedestrians in there, but Steese Expressway is a formidable barrier, and the

Theme	Location	Comment
		roundabouts are the only crossing between Farmers Loop and Hagelbarger, and there just isn't space for those of us on foot or two wheels.

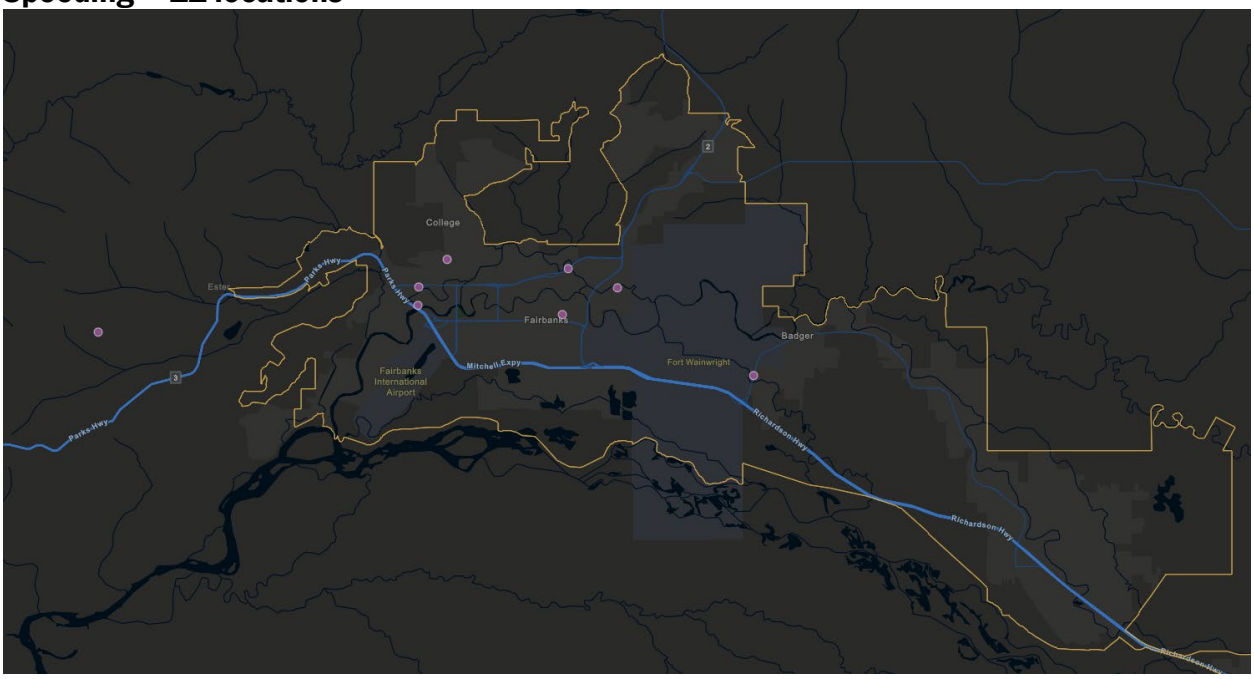
No Pedestrian Crossings – 18 locations



In addition to the 18 pinned locations for "Safety Issues-No Pedestrian Crossings" shown on the above map, 1 other written comment was recategorized for a total of 19 locations. Written comment:

Theme	Location	Comment
No Ped Crossings	Parks Hwy/Geist Rd	This is where non-motorized users cross as visible on aerial imagery, consider RRFB

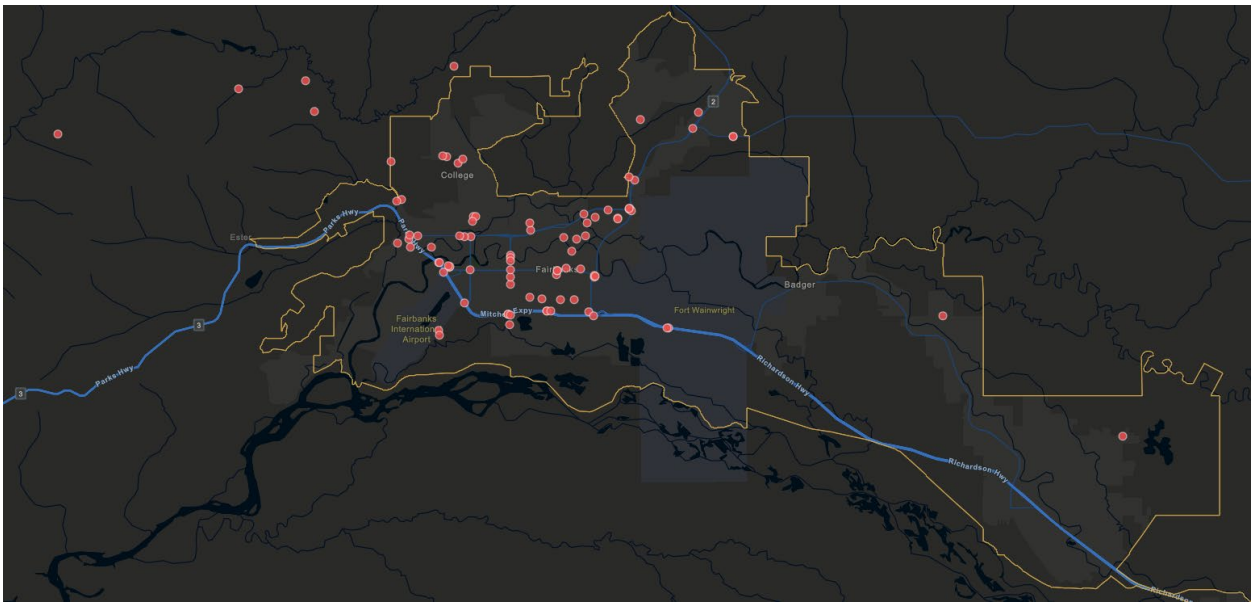
Speeding – 11 locations



In addition to the 11 pinned locations for "Safety Issues-Speeding" shown on the above map, 6 other written comments were recategorized for a total of 17 locations. Written comments included:

Theme	Location	Comment
Safety Issue - Speeding	McGrath Road	Speeding, tailgating, occasional aggressive passing. Neighborhood connector, lots of pedestrians and bikers. Speed limit is reasonable. Education/enforcement please.
	N Old Steese Hwy	Posted speed limit of 50 mph is way to high! Narrow road, lots of driveways, pedestrians, bicyclists, and equestrians. About 18 years ago, signage changed from 40 mph (posted northbound on corner out of Curry's Corner) to 50 mph. Should be 35 mph.
	N. Old Steese Hwy/Hagelbarger Ave	Safety--speeding throughout this area (pin is a junction of several state roads).
	College Road/Hayes Ave	Safety--speeding traffic, traffic doesn't stop for pedestrians crossing at legal intersections. High accident rate. Narrow lanes. I've even seen double length trucks on this road.
	Steese Hwy/Farmers Loop Rd	Speeding
	All Roads	Too much speeding everywhere

Other – 93 locations



93 pinned written comments for "Safety - Other" were noted. Some of the locations were recategorized into the more specific Safety themes and some locations were added from "Other Issues/Comments." The remaining 56 "Safety - Other" comments include:

Theme	Location	Comment
Crossing Concerns	Parks Hwy/Geist Rd	This is where non-motorized users cross as visible on aerial imagery, consider RRFB
	Johansen Expy/Steese Hwy	Ped crossing with low visibility, no signal
	Johansen Expy/Steese Hwy	poorly marked crossing needs button for flashing crossing light
	Johansen Expy/University Ave	on ramp pedestrian crossing needs push button and flashing light - cars are looking left and driving right and not slowing down until they sit on top of the cross walk and the sidewalk driveway is blocked
	Sheep Creek Rd/Sheep Creek Rd	need push button flashing pedestrian crossing signal, on and off ramps right of ways are unclear and driver looking left while driving right
Lighting Concerns	Farmers Loop Rd/Ballaine Road	This light is not reasonably visible to NW-bound traffic, until leaves fall off the trees, and even then, middling. This light only exists to allow Left turns from Ballaine
	Peger Road	install lighting along Peger Rd. Having sidewalks and no streetlights poses a safety hazard
	Davis Rd	add streetlights
	Peger Road	There needs to street light to help with visibility
	Peger Road/17th Ave	Busy pedestrian path with no street lights

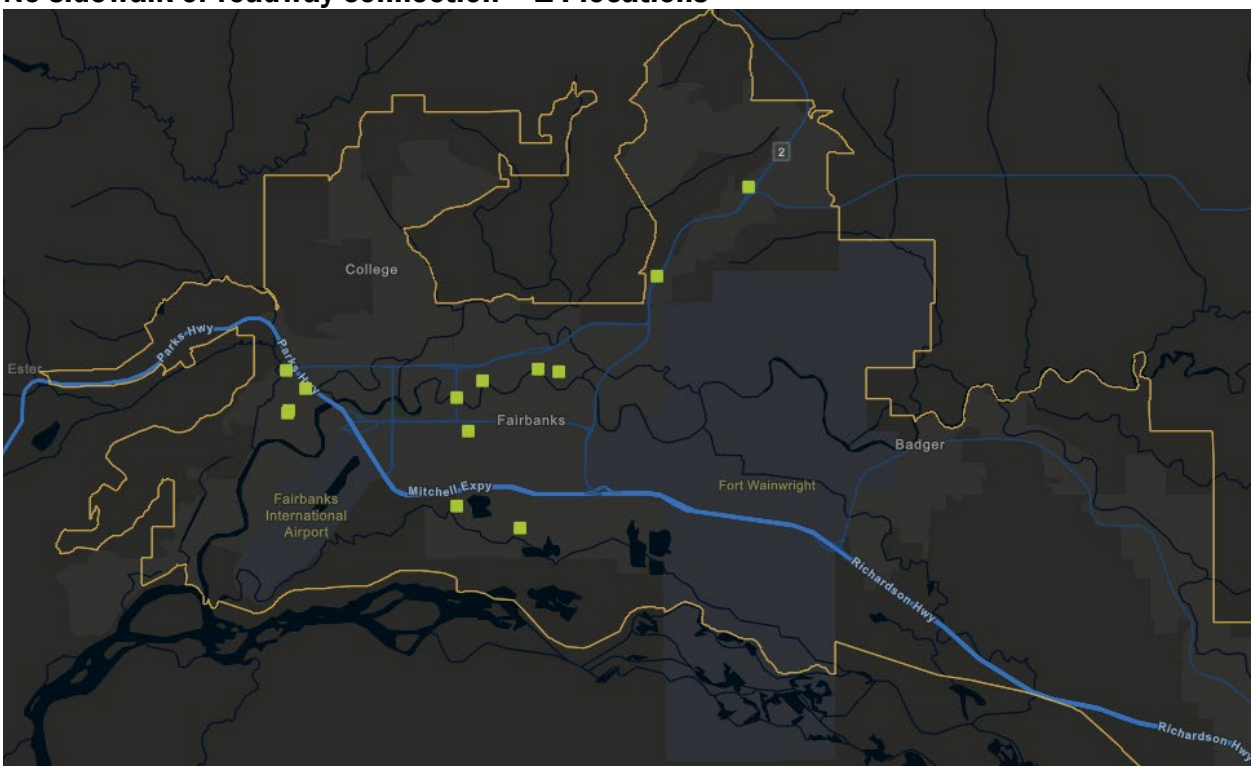
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	Parks Hwy/Geist Rd	Since the new traffic lights were installed about 8-10 years ago, one cannot see the red lights due to the bridge height when approaching from the north/east. I've submitted this comment to the state several times, but have gotten no response.
	Peger Road	Street lighting
	W Cowles St/Kennicott Ave	No lighting installed with recon.
Merging Concerns Lack of Transit or Bus Stop Amenities	Parks Hwy/Airport Way	Short merge, lack of sight distance
	Airport Way Off Ramp to Parks	Merge unclear right-of-way
	Mitchell Expy/Lathrop St	Merge lane is very short and requires rapid integration or stopping.
	Mitchell Expy/University Ave	Merge lane is very short and requires rapid integration or stopping.
	Mitchell Expy/Peger Rd	Merge lane is practically nonexistent.
	Mitchell Expy/Lathrop St	Merge Lanes too short
	Airport Way Off Ramp to Parks	There's no space to merge with the highway here. Because this lane rises up the slope, it's hard to see oncoming traffic - particularly as snow accumulates. Poor visibility and no room to integrate.
	Airport Way Off Ramp to Parks	This lane needs a yield sign. Most motorists entering this merge don't realize who has the right of way.
	College Road	Turning right from Hess onto College: snowbank is too high and too close to the road, can't see without pulling partly into the road.
		Lack of turn lanes
	Mitchell Expy/Peger Rd	No markings for acceleration lane. Drivers in rt thru lane for some reason always drift over into accel lane. Cannot safely merge onto hwy
	Airport Way/Parks Hwy	On ramp to the Mitchell from Airport - the 2 lanes merge halfway up the on-ramp and neither lane has a yield sign, leading to confusing and unsafe interactions
Non-Motorized Concerns	Peger Road	bicycle underpass u-turn mirror is gone, half the path is under mud after water is down, poor light, you basically have to stop and walk to ensure you don't hit someone else if they came along
	Steese Hwy/Fairhill Rd	pedestrian/bike crossing is sketch (small icy place to stand to push the button & wait, and turn lane / on& off ramp crossings are unguarded, limited visibility and poorly marked

Theme	Location	Comment
Safety Concerns	S Cushman St	Aggressive driving on South Cushman, despite the large pedestrian usage and moderate bicyclist presence. I've been the victim of overt road rage in the area of the dropped pin. Also, there are limited ways for anyone to cross the Mitchell.
	Nelson Rd/Plack Rd	Fire Department response time would be increased if this was paved
	10th Ave	Narrow and dangerous
	Richardson Hwy/Alaska Railroad	No guardrail on new overpass
	Richardson Hwy/Alaska Railroad	Angle of new overpass too steep in icy weather
		High-speed head-on collision risk. Number of lanes varies along the road. When it is dark, and when it has been snowing, it is not clear where the lanes are. So someone trying to turn left ends up in the wrong lane, high speed head on collision results
	Farmers Loop Extension Road	Poorly maintained bike trail that also goes past some sketchy areas.
	23rd Ave/Cowles St	Need stop bar for stop signs on 23rd. People often run these because lack of stop bars.
	23rd Ave/Turner St	Need stop bar markings on 23rd. People often run these stop signs
		turning conflicts
		roads over tracks where icing worsens - why not run the track over the roadway?
	College Road/Hayes Ave	Highways should not route over railroads or lower speed roadways as they ice more readily and the higher speeds make injury and possibly death a more likely possibility. The railroad or lower speed road should be a bridge over instead.
	Farmers Loop Rd/Ballaine Road	Frost heaves are especially bad between Auburn and Ballaine
		Need a stop light here so pedestrians can cross and slow traffic down. No one walks down to university to cross college.
	Nordale Rd/Peede Rd	Difficult to see stop signs, intersections is very slick in the winter with deep ditches.
	All Roads	Drink drivers- almost killed by one, good friend almost recently killed by a very young drunk woman who only got a slap on the wrist. Next time she might kill one of your loved ones.
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	All Roads	Drunk drivers
	Loftus Road	U-Park elementary parking and pick-up area is not large enough to handle the extra student from school closures. It is unsafe during drop off and pick up.
	Cowles St/Airport Way	Ice at intersections
	2nd Ave/Wickersham St	2nd Ave & Wickersham intersection - insufficient One-Way signage
	All Roads	Pet peeve - people don't signal turns - creates problems when icy and slippery.
	All Roads	Pet peeve - people who haul water often spill water down their pickup bed, and water tanks at intersections - icy and slippery at intersections.
	Badger Road/Holmes Rd	Would be nice to have a ""prepare to stop"" sign for the Badger/Holmes Rd intersection (back side of Wainwright)
	Johansen Expy/Farmers Loop Road	The Johansen/Farmers Loop bike path goes near a sketchy property. If I remember correctly the guy has a sign up threatening to shoot people
	Geist Rd/Fairbanks St	This hotel/motel has burned down three times. It does not feel safe to walk past. Can we please deal with it already?
		The path headed down hill is paved and abruptly changes to gravel. This is crazy on a bike on a hill that steep. It should be all one or the other.
Transit Concerns	Helmericks Avenue	Dangerous bus stops to stand at...no sidewalk/shelter
	Helmericks Avenue	The bus stop is not at street level, isn't on a sidewalk, and is poorly maintained in the winter. Riders are left to stand and wait on the snow berm. The beaten down path can be steep and icy and not friendly to differently abled riders.

CONNECTIVITY ISSUES

No sidewalk or roadway connection – 14 locations

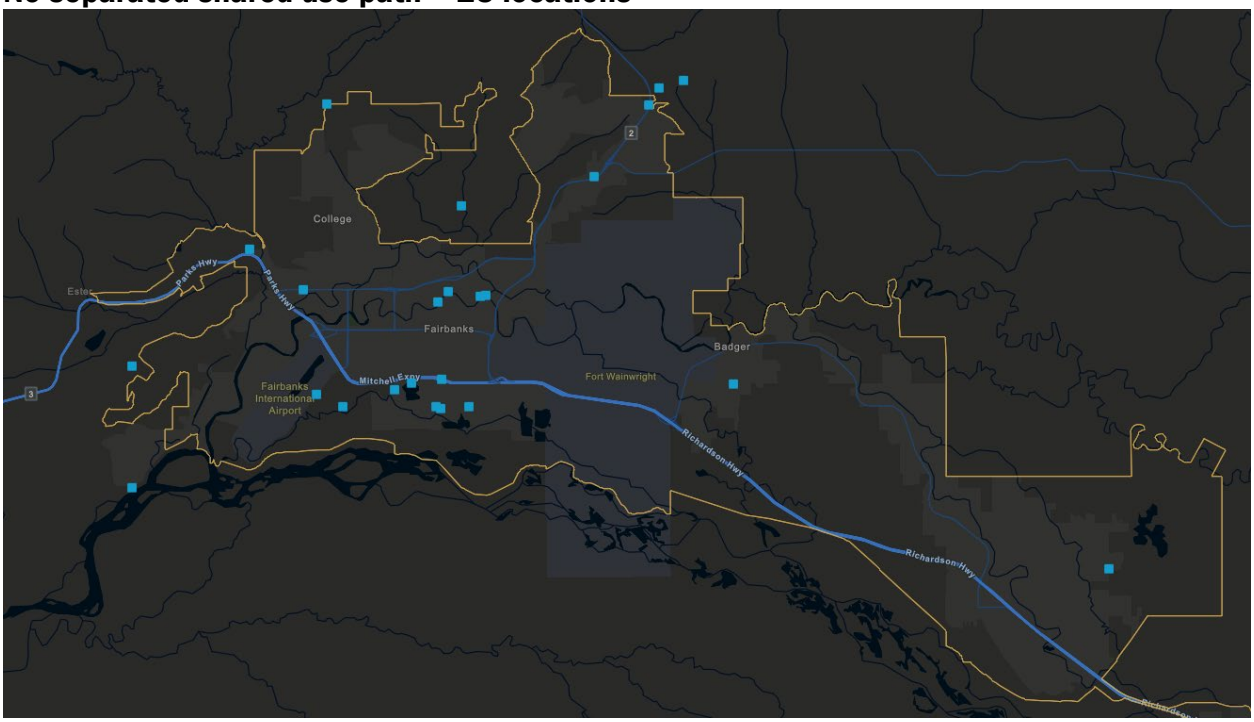


In addition to the 14 pinned locations for "No sidewalk or roadway connection" shown on the above map, 18 other written comments were recategorized for a total of 32 locations. Written comments included:

Theme	Location	Comment
No Sidewalk or Roadway Connection	College Road	Connectivity--so many parks, businesses, playgrounds, neighborhoods, businesses, playgrounds, neighborhoods, but so hard to cross College Road. Why are there no crosswalks on College Road??? This needs a slower speed limit, crosswalks at every intersection, and speed enforcement. It can be downright scary trying to cross College Road--as a pedestrian, biker, and driver.
	Clay Street	This area lacks sidewalks
	1st Avenue	Sidewalks on one side, not wide enough because of power poles
	Lathrop St/25th Ave	there should be a crosswalk here with button to push flashing light and official pedestrian path connecting the neighborhood w/park to the larger ballfield and dog walk parks of south Davis
	Steese Hwy/10th Avenue	put the pedestrian crossing with signal back and reopen the access to the bike path, the highway fence and lack of crossing are disconnecting downtown from the neighborhood from ft. ww and from the bike path and making the bike path unsafe as a "dead end"
	Laurance Road	Please...reconnect Laurance Road and put in an overpass!

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	Steese Hwy/Hagelbarger Ave	Very hard to cross as a pedestrian.
	Airport Way/University West	No alternative access from University West to Airport Road
	Fairbanks Memorial Hospital	Multiple points of access to the hospital are good.
	Ballaine Road	There is a separated shared use path for most of Ballaine, but in this stretch the path from either side doesn't connect - in winter bike commuters are briefly forced onto slippery roadway with no shoulder and poor visibility.
	Steese Hwy	Need a bridge or tunnel to connect Creamer's Field trails and Birch Hill trails. Recreation and Transportation.
	Farmers Loop Road	Bridge or tunnel to connect UAF and Creamer's field trails for transportation and recreation.
	Johansen Expy/College Rd	This intersection is a nightmare for cyclists and pedestrians.
	Johansen Expy/Illinois St	We need an exit from Johansen Expy to downtown. An exit going to Illinois/Minnie would alleviate congestion at College and create an actual direct path to downtown, which could benefit downtown business and it's feel.
	Dartmouth Dr	No sidewalks, but high pedestrian traffic
	Mitchell Expy/Lathrop St	No sidewalk, people have to walk along a high-speed road to get to the crosswalk to go across the expressway.
	Wilbur St/Davis Rd	Extremely dusty and no shoulders or sidewalks
	Parks Hwy/Geist Road	This area of intersections and under the Parks overpass is terrible for bicycles and pedestrians. It is also in bad shape for drivers. Need a continuous connection for the bike path that is safe and doesn't require crossing the road twice just to get from one side of the Parks to the other.

No separated shared-use path – 25 locations



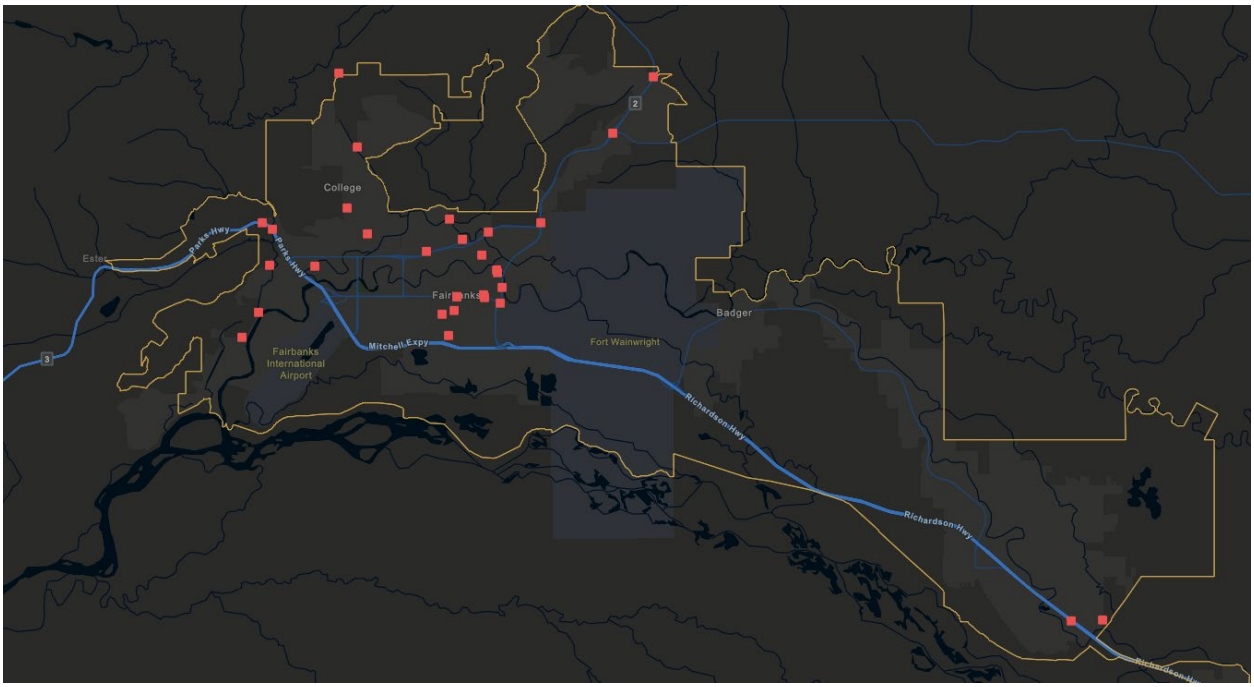
In addition to the 25 pinned locations for "No separated shared-use path" shown on the above map, 37 other written comments were recategorized for a total of 62 locations. Written comments included:

Theme	Location	Comment
No Separated or Shared-Use Path	Cowles St/4th Ave	Needs the same upgrades Gillam Way received 10 years ago. Continuous sidewalks both sides of roadway. Shoulders for maintenance. Add street lighting. Fix sight distance issues at side street approaches.
	Richardson Hwy	Why is the state pushing forward without a bike/pedestrian lane on the new bridge going in? This project was pushed through without FAST input and without the usual public comments, etc., for major construction projects. This is a major transportation artery, and all means of travel need to be considered in the design and building of the replacement bridge.
	Chena Hot Springs Rd/Rainbow Dr	Our teens cannot bike to school. How do we safely bike to Tanana Middle school with no bike path?
	All Roads	We need more bike lanes. And car drivers need to be educated that ALL pedestrians and bikers have a right of way at intersections.
	N/A	Netherlands has the best example of how bike lanes should be in the world.
	All Roads	We need more blinking lights at intersections for pedestrians and bikers.
	N/A	Let's learn from the Netherlands
	Phillips Field Rd/Garden Island Plaza	No sidewalk, no separated pathway or bike lane, no pedestrian crossings.

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	Steese Hwy	Vital for pedestrian/bike connectivity, yet poorly maintained (thank you for finally patching the worst of this connection this summer!), and without snow removal in the winter. Since the plans to have a connection between Farmers Loop and Johansen were removed, the Steese cooridor in this short section has a lot of pressure indefinitely. There are no alternate routes other than the Steese for pedestrians, bicyclists, and the occasional equestrian in this short corridor. The unnecessary Steese/Johansen rebuild does nothing to improve year-round pedestrian access, since there are no plans to actually plow in this area. Instead, pedestrians and bikers will face a more dangerous and complicated roadway than they do currently. (I bike or drive this stretch daily).
	College Road/Hayes Ave	Safety--speeding traffic, traffic doesn't stop for pedestrians crossing at legal intersections. High accident rate. Narrow lanes. I've even seen double length trucks on this road. Connectivity--so many parks, businesses, playgrounds, neighborhoods, businesses, playgrounds, neighborhoods, but so hard to cross College Road. Why are there no crosswalks on College Road??? This needs a slower speed limit, crosswalks at every intersection, and speed enforcement. It can be downright scary trying to cross College Road--as a pedestrian, biker, and driver.
	Hez Ray Sports Complex	complete the Hez Ray Sports Complex outer recreation loop by marking a public path from the Dipper to the back soccer fields
	Cushman St	add a bike path to connect Mitchell through Airport to Cushman bike path to Fox
	Chena Ridge Rd	add path on chena ridge rd
	Chena Pump Rd/Roland Rd.	No shoulder so is unsafe for biking or walking along the side of the road connecting this neighborhood to the shared bike path on Chena Pump Road
	Nelson Road	Nelson Road Bike Path Needed!!! It should connect from Nelson / Laurance bike trail all the way to Plack Road!!!
	Johansen Expy	I avoid Johansen when biking because while drivers get an express route across town, bikers contend with and extremely steep grade at this point, and a cumbersome crossing at College Rd to the east. Why are bike facilities second class in design?
	College Road	traffic needs to be 2 lanes for most of college with bike lanes.
	Steese Hwy/Chena Hot Springs Rd	The sign says bikers can take up a lane in the roundabout. But then we're do we go to get to town? On the Steese? The old steese has no shoulder. How do my kids bike to Tanana or Lathrop?
	University Ave	Need a bike lane on University Avenue.
	All Roads	More separated kid-friendly bike paths in a loop
	Chena River	A north-side Chena River walk multi-use path from Peger to Old Steese would utterly change this town. PLEASE negotiate with landowners to make this happen! Let's cough up the money to pay to relocate, purchase accreted land, erect fences to protect privacy
	Parks Hwy/Sheep Creek Rd	No bike lane on this section to connect the bike trail on the Parks and Sheep Creek. People speed on this section and the shoulder is not adequately wide

Theme	Location	Comment
		enough to feel safe on a bike or as a pedestrian using the paved trail systems on the adjoining roads
	Sheep Creek Rd/Goldstream Rd	No bike line on Goldstream Road or Sheep Creek. Heavily used for commuting and recreation.
	Chena Ridge Rd	There are many bicyclists and walkers on Chena Ridge, but there is no safe place for them to walk or ride. Their presence is hazardous for drivers as well. Please create wide, shared pathways along both sides of the road to make it safer for everyone.
	Airport Way	No good path on Airport from University to Peger especially near Safeway
	Phillips Field Road	a lot of cyclists & pedestrians on Phillips Field Rd - not a lot of space for nonmotorized users, not enough light in the winter to see them in the dark
	Minnie St	Sidewalk is too narrow. Need wider sidewalk on each side of Minnie.
		Army bases need a pedestrian crossing to the bike path!
	S University Ave	no pedestrian path or shoulder
	Cartwright Rd/S University Ave	No shoulders for bike/ped road users
	Peger Road	No pedestrian pathway only option is to use roadway
	Mitchell Expy/Peger Rd	No shoulder and no separate sidewalk/path, along with a complex intersection and 2 lanes merging down to one - very scary for bikers or walkers
	Yankovich Rd	Needs to be a safe bike/walking lane
	Yankovich Road	No shoulder so is dangerous route for bikes and pedestrians. Need a wide shoulder or a separate path to make this a safe route and provide connectivity to the paths on Miller Hill Road and Farmer's Loop Road.
	Steese Hwy/Chena Hot Springs Road	No way to bike into town.
	Phillips Field Rd	Pedestrians use Phillips Field and it is incredibly unsafe for bicyclists, walkers, runners, etc. add a bike/ped path along this road that is separated from the vehicle traffic.
	Johasen Expy/Steese Hwy	Improve ped/bike crossing for this bike/ped path at the turn lane onto Johansen. Vehicles rarely stop for peds and bikes and there is a lot of traffic turning here.

Other – 33 locations

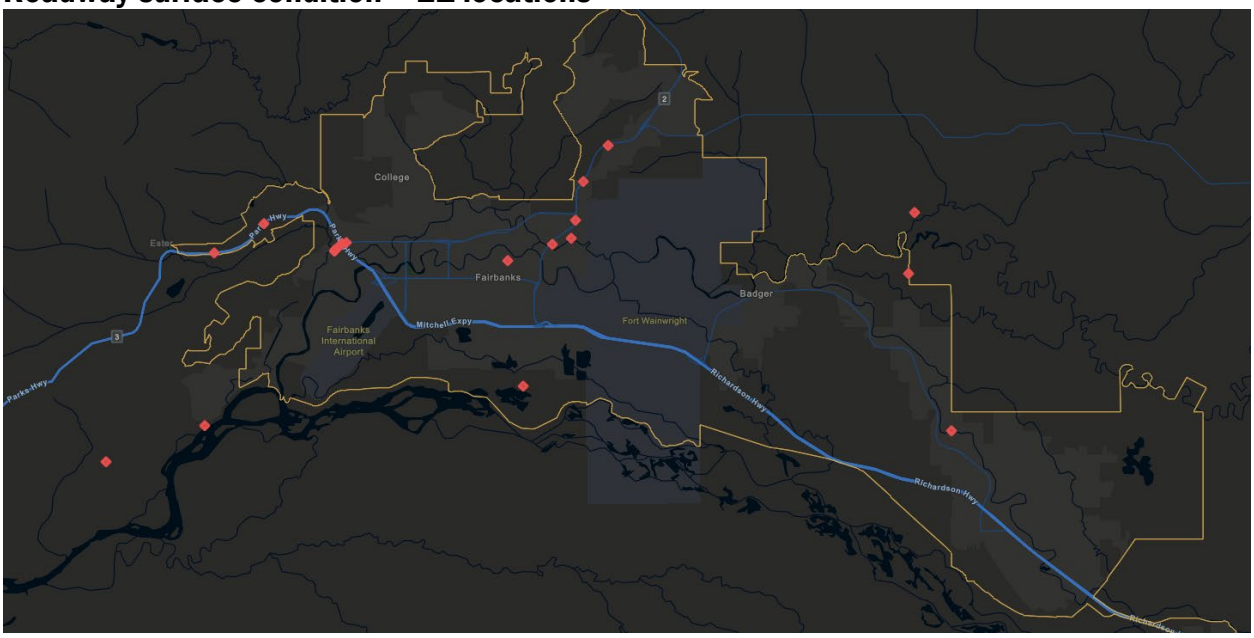


33 pinned written comments for "Connectivity - Other" were noted. Some of the locations were recategorized into the more specific maintenance themes and some locations were added from "Other Issues/Comments." The remaining 2 "Connectivity - Other" comments include:

Theme	Location	Comment
Access Issues	Hampstead Avenue	gated/fenced property here prevents neighborhood access to the johansen bike bath
School Traffic Concern	Loftus Road	vehicle circulation/enough parking after school consolidation

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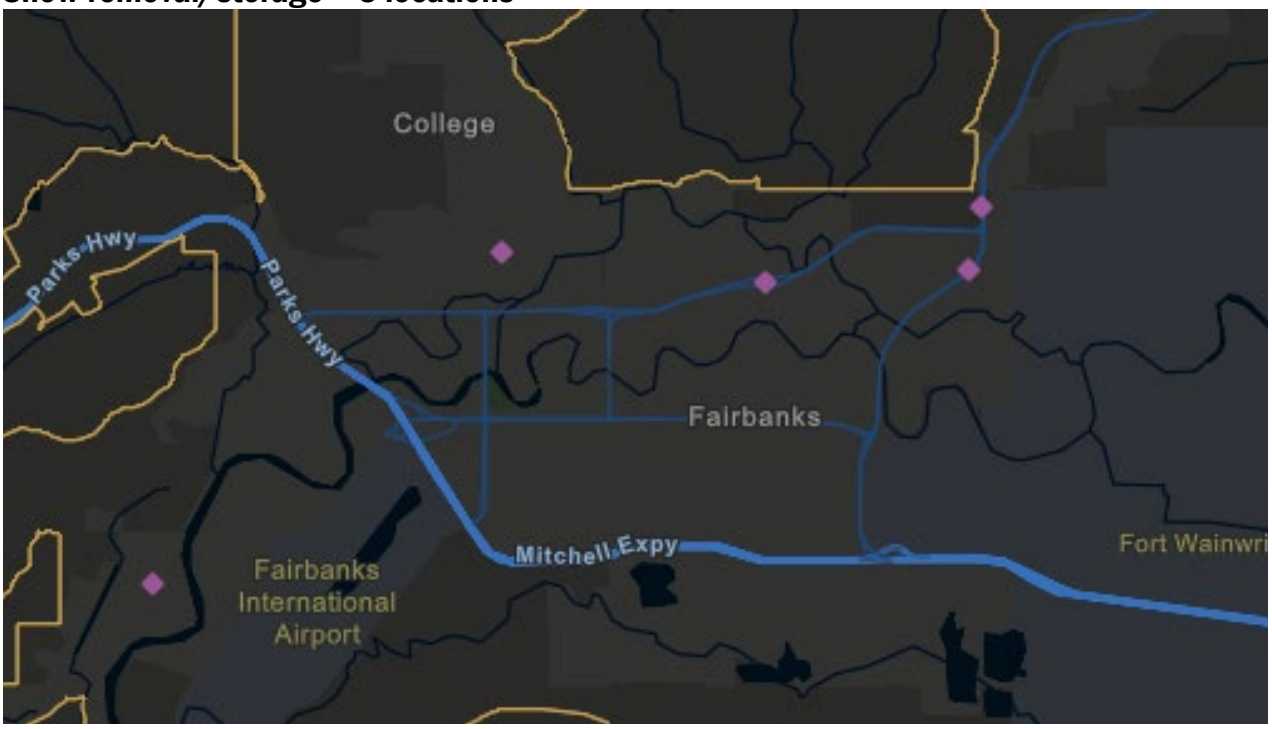
Roadway surface condition – 21 locations



In addition to the 21 pinned locations for "Roadway surface condition" shown on the above map, 5 other written comments were recategorized for a total of 26 locations. Written comments included:

Theme	Location	Comment
Roadway Surface Condition	Barnette St/4th Ave	I had to move out of the Mushers Rd/Constitution neighborhood because I literally could not get my car down the dirt roads to my house in the summer - summer, not spring - because there is very little roadbed, the area is melting, vehicles were buried in mud to their axles & beyond, the area was off limits to emergency vehicles, Van Tran, & fuel ool trucks; some water trucks made it in there by destroying the roads even more (& then gave up). For shame.
	Murphy Dome Road	Sand those roads!
	Goldstream Road/Baillaine Rd	Hill on Rosie Creek Road just west at junction with Chena Ridge Road needs SAND in winter - icy and dangerous
	Farmers Loop Road	Springtime gravel clearing and surface prep.
	Van Horn Road/Latrhop St	So many potholes.

Snow removal/storage – 5 locations

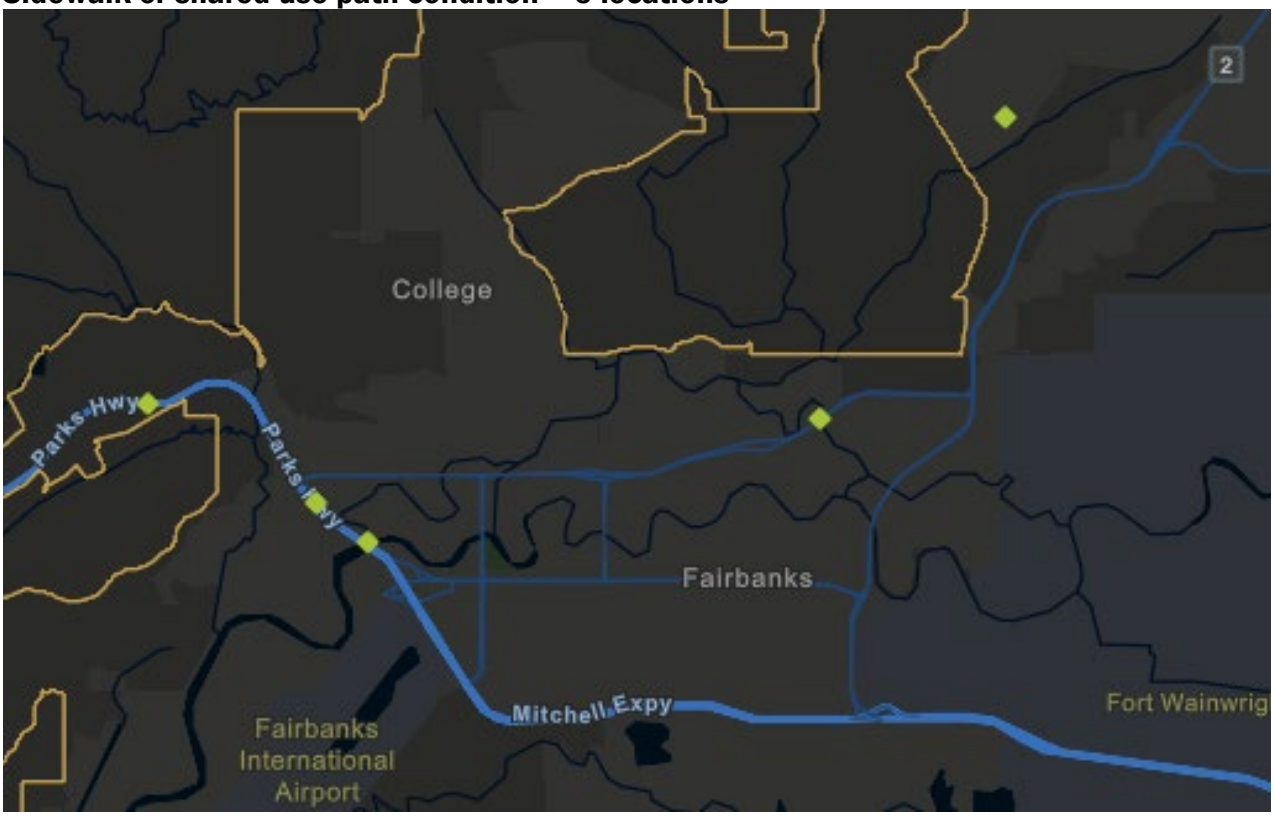


In addition to the 5 pinned locations for "Snow removal/storage" shown on the above map, 7 other written comments were recategorized for a total of 12 locations. Written comments included:

Theme	Location	Comment
Snow Removal/Storage	N. Old Steese Hwy/Hagelbarger Ave	Snow removal after storms--it can take days to get plowed Door-to-door: can be very hard to get between this area and downtown by bike in the winter. Some roads/paths may be plowed, but others not, and still others plowed in (as opposed to just unplowed). Yet for automobiles, there is an effort to make door-to-door travel manageable.
	Steese Hwy	After the snowmageddon c. 2022, the contractor for the nearby properties buried the bike trail in about 15 feet of snow. The state did nothing about this! The state clearly knew--they plowed the bike path up to either side of this pile. If someone had done this to the road, the state and the troopers would have been involved, requiring the property owner to remove that snow. Why is it okay to dump snow on a bike path and block a public right of way?
	Steese Hwy	Please keep the ""breakdown"" lane plowed. This is the only place for winter bikers and pedestrians to get between Farmers Loop and Johansen. The driving lanes will stay clear for a while because the snow will blow to the sides. That windblown snow is very hard to travel through by bike or on foot. It is like sand. It is not at all like walking/biking through fresh snow of a similar depth. It frustrates me to see snowplows driving by, but only plowing the breakdown lanes every two weeks or so outside of big storms.

Theme	Location	Comment
		As other comments note, the adjacent bike path is never plowed in the winter (at least not in the last 19 winters). Thanks.
		Snowplow debris blocks many snowlike routes
	N Old Steese Hwy/Chena Hot Springs Rd	Update from earlier comment: there is, in fact, a sign delineating the roundabout when approaching from N. Old Steese. What the sign does not indicate is that there is the concrete barrier--hidden by snow most of the year--that prevents traffic from merging on the east side of the roundabout. The concrete barrier is a significant safety hazard.
	Thomas St/Deborah Ave	Snow pile at intersection SW corner (UBC parking lot) too close to the road -- blocks view of cross traffic.
	Geist Rd/Wilcox Ave	The sidewalk gets plowed at the bus stops on Geist, but the pathway to the bus is not maintained.

Sidewalk or shared-use path condition – 6 locations



In addition to the 6 pinned locations for “Sidewalk or shared-use path condition” shown on the above map, 10 other written comments were recategorized for a total of 16 locations. Written comments included:

Theme	Location	Comment
Sidewalk/Shared Use Path Condition	Parks Hwy/University West	Bike path surface is in terrible shape from root intrusion. Needs to be repaired and resurfaced.
	Ballaine Road	Bike path along Ballaine Road is so damaged that it is not useable. It needs to be repaired and resurfaced.
	Farmers Loop Rd	Many spots along the Farmers Loop bike path are deteriorating or covered in gravel.
		Pathways constantly covered with gravel especially in the spring.
		Sidewalks or pathways not cleared well for pedestrians and/or cyclists in winter.
	Peger Road	The section of the path that goes under the bridge is unusable due to flooding and mud for months every year. It is an access issue and the flooding erodes the path.
	Farmers Loop Rd/Farmers Loop Extension Rd	Path from Farmers Loop to Johanssen/Steese is in awful condition
	Auburn Dr	Existing shared-use path is never maintained through the winter and even in summer months could use some care and attention.
	Johasen Expy/Steese Hwy	Improve ped/bike crossing for this bike/ped path at the turn lane onto Johansen. Vehicles rarely stop for peds and bikes and there is a lot of traffic turning here.
	All Roads	When separated pathway or bike lanes do exist they care often in very rough condition

Bridge condition

No locations pinned on map or written comments.

Other – 13 locations

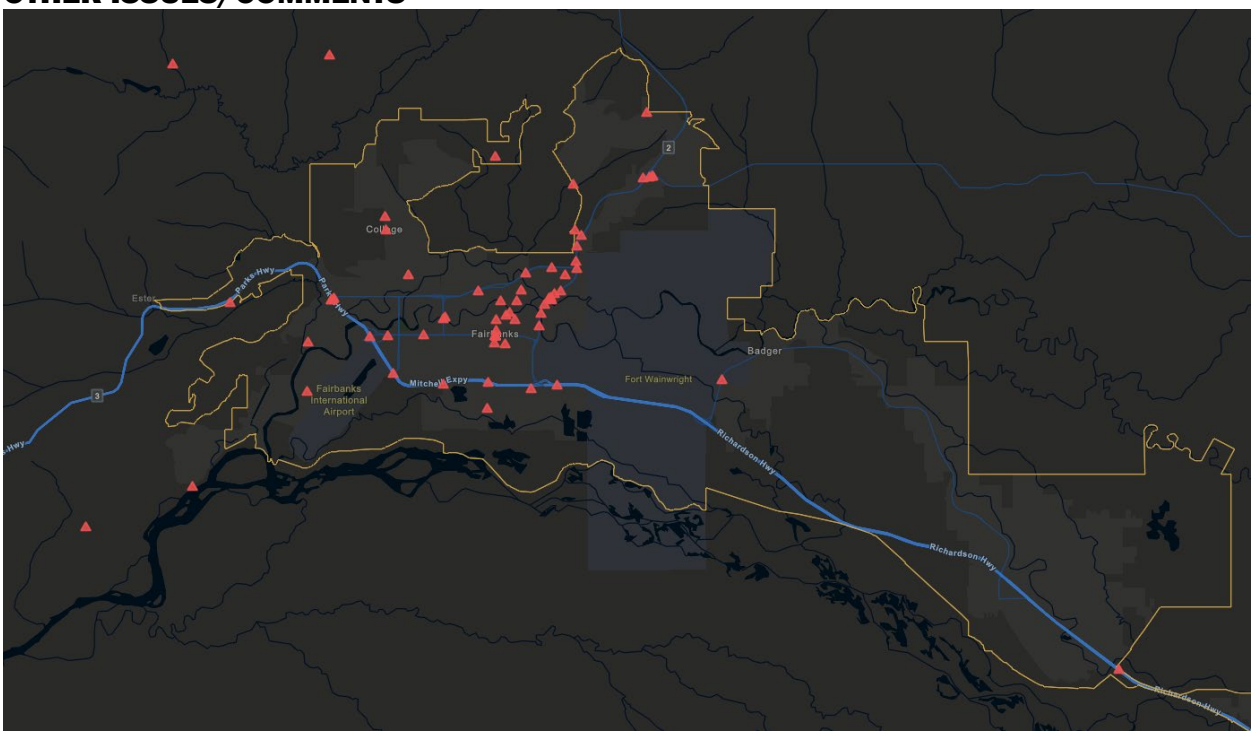


13 pinned written comments for "Maintenance - Other" were noted. Some of the locations were recategorized into the more specific maintenance themes and some locations were added from "Other Issues/Comments." The remaining 9 "Maintenance - Other" comments include:

Theme	Location	Comment
Water Drainage Issues	Parks Hwy/Condor Ct	This section floods regularly.
		intersection floods throughout the year making it difficult for the kids to walk to/from school while the road gets congested with vehicles
	University West	Drainage Issues all of University West
	Palo Verde Ave/Trinidad Dr	Drainage Issues
	Steese Hwy	Flooding. This portion of the bike path is lower than the Steese Hwy. Sometime the flooding is quite deep. Complicating this is a new and deep (several feet) sinkhole that is a safety hazard. This formed quite quickly summer 2025. I reported this to the State, and to their credit they fixed it--twice--right after my report. Note: the Steese Expressway is developing a large settle/sink in this area. Short term recommendation: raise the bike path about 3 feet--should minimize the time it is under water.

Theme	Location	Comment
		Also: it's not clear whether it is okay or not to ride/walk on Steese Hwy when this area is flooded or unplowed. The parallel Old Steese can be hazardous for bikers and pedestrians (there have been fatalities during my Alaska tenure on the Old Steese), and after snowfall, it can take several days to clear the Old Steese, whereas the Steese Expressway is plowed pretty quickly.
	Steese Hwy/College Road	The SW corner of Steese/College floods. The drain is set a couple inches too high. This issue has been present since this intersection was rebuilt. Either that corner settled right away, or the grading wasn't done correctly. I've reported it before, but no response. In the summer, bikes/pedestrians/wheelchairs have to go through water. In the winter, this can be smooth ice--hazardous for bikes/pedestrians/wheelchairs. Thanks.
	Steese Hwy/3rd St	Sinking around the electric box. First noted this spring. Took a long time for state to patch the deep hole. Should be monitored and re-filled if necessary as soon as the snow melts in the spring. Due in part to the cement casing, this deep hole is hard to see, and thus is a significant safety hazard. Thanks.
	University West	improve usability and update equipment
	Parks Hwy	Looks like trash

OTHER ISSUES/COMMENTS



There were 75 locations marked as “Other,” 5 of which were responder test pins (comment said to ignore) or duplicate pins. When the data was analyzed, duplicates

removed, and the comments sorted into more specific (i.e. Safety, Connectivity, or Maintenance) categories, only 36 comments remained. These comments included the following themes:

Theme	Location	Comment
Roadway Design Issues	College Road/Johansen Expy	There is only one curb cutout here. Although there is a crossing signal and crosswalk, there is no curb cutout for those crossing College Way.
	Steese Hwy/Johansen Expy	During high traffic times it can take a long time to go north on the Steese from the Johansen
	Chena Pump Road/Chena Small Tracts Road	There does not need to be a roundabout at this intersection as proposed by DOT. There is not the level of traffic here waiting at the intersection to turn onto Chena Pump Road as DOT thinks. There is never a line for turning. It will also cause a safety issue for bicycles and pedestrians on the separate bike path as turning cars will not need to stop and look for them. If DOT believes something needs to be done at this intersection, move the switch from one to two lines that happens just north of this intersection to a spot farther south, so cars turning in from Chena Small Tracts can turn into the right lane and cars driving through from the south can be in the left lane, like on the other parts of Chena Pump through University West. And then the bike path can be left intact.
	Chena Hot Springs Road/Rainbow Drive	There is no reason for the low concrete barrier that runs from the roundabout past this intersection. It is invisible in snowy conditions, and hard to see in other conditions. I actually hit it one time merging on to WB CHSR from the roundabout from Old Steese (recall that this roundabout didn't open until right before snowfall, so most of the structures and lines were hidden by snow). It makes it hard to turn left from Rainbow to WB CHSR. While the structure of the roundabout is on a sign when coming NB Steese Expressway, it is NOT signed when coming from N. Old Steese.
	Steese Hwy	On all the main roads entering from the west to Steese Expressway (Johansen, College, 3rd, and to a lesser extent Trainor Gate), vehicles stop on the crosswalk rather than at the stop line. Drivers are looking left (north), and often do not look right. Furthermore, drivers frequently do a "rolling stop" or otherwise run the red light here. It is difficulty traveling southbound on the bike path, and hazardous traveling northbound on the Steese Hwy bike path. I've had many close calls at these crossings. Traffic law education and enforcement, please.
	Mitchell Expy/Peger Road	This really needs to be a full interchange. The 3 lights on the Mitchell drastically slow down commutes, in the winter the constant stopping and accelerating to/from high speeds leads to these areas being very icy, lane markings not discernable through the ice, require more snow-clearing maintenance than DOT is capable of providing, and consequently are very unsafe. They seem to be timed so that if through traffic stops at one light you will usually have to stop at all 3. This also leads to increased pollution from all of the vehicles that must stop and idle and then accelerate quickly to high speed.

Theme	Location	Comment
	Airport Way/Old Airport Road	Need right hand turn lane from Airport onto Old Airport. Shoulder has already become de-facto turn lane.
	Johansen Expy/Hunter St	This area would be better served by eliminating the intersections of Johansen with Hunter and Old Steese and replacing with one interchange with access roads serving all business along both sides of Johansen.
	Steese Hwy/10th Ave	This intersection should be eliminated. Understand this was previously proposed and there was uproar, but could still have turn lane from Steese Southbound onto 10th Westbound, and an acceleration lane/onramp from10th Eastbound onto Steese Southbound
	Steese Hwy/Trainor Gate Rd	This intersection could be eliminated and replaced by grade-separating Steese and Trainor gate, with or without interchange.
	Johansen Expy/Danby St	This desperately needs to be an interchange. No such interruption to the flow of high-speed traffic would ever exist in the middle of an otherwise limited-access highway anywhere else in the country. It is especially important to correct this in Fairbanks because of the ice-buildup/safety concerns and to combat pollution because of our poor winter air quality.
	Old Steese Hwy	Old Steese from Johansen to Trainor Gate needs to be 2 lanes in each direction to improve traffic flow. Very high traffic counts and congestion at certain times of day.
	Illinois Street	Illinois from Minnie to College should be two lanes in each direction. Continue to get extreme backups at Northbound Illinois from Minnie down to Phillips Field at peak travel hours. The decision not to widen this section made previous Illinois widening project pointless.
	W Cowles St/E Cowles St	Very congested during school start and end. And during FMH shift changes. And a mess after Ice Dogs games.
	Parks Hwy/Airport Way	Merge location onto Parks South from Airport Rd - too short-
	Parks Hwy/Geist Road	Geist/Parks Intersection is a mess. Bad traffic, terrible potholes, sidewalk only on one side
	All Roads	Roundabouts- all roundabouts. (unhappy face)
	College Road	So many driveway interactions when biking on College.
	Old Richardson Hwy/S Cushman St	The Cushman exit on the Richardson should have an overpass. It's a hazard and heavily travelled by commercial vehicles.
Lack of Transit or Bus Stop Amenities	Barnette St/4th Ave	No phone charging options at the transit station which limits transportation independence. A charging hub or valet charging option would be awesome.
	Murphy Dome Road	A public transportation option from here into town would be pretty amazing.
	Goldstream Road/Baillaine Rd	The Ballaine/Goldstream intersection would be a great place for a bus stop that takes Goldstream residents to town.
	Farmers Loop Road	no busses on weekends
	N. Old Steese Hwy/Hagelbarger Ave	Connectivity--these roads should have bus service. I've lived in this general area for nearly two decades. We operate school buses several times a day on school days; why can't we have more comprehensive bus transportation out these corridors?
		Bus needs to come during the day

Theme	Location	Comment
	Van Horn Road/Latrhop St	Van Horn Road - I work there and there is a bus stop and not a safe space to stop.
Traffic Signal or Street Lighting Issues	Farmers Loop Road/Ballaine Road	New traffic light--not visible for Farmers Loop eastbound traffic. Light is behind the trees. The old light was not super visible, the new one installed this summer is even worse. I don't know why the state spent so much money replacing so many traffic signals, especially since several of the new ones are less visible than the ones they replaced. I am aware that federal regulations dictated some placement, but did anyone actually look at lines of sight before installing the new ones?
	Parks Hwy/Geist Road	Traffic flow during peak periods is disruptive and potentially hazardous when vehicles get stranded in the intersection. Series of red lights and poor visibility during left (westerly) turn from Parks Highway toward the underpass commonly leave vehicles stranded in the intersection.
	Parks Hwy/Geist Road	Lights are timed poorly.
	Mitchell Expy/Lathrop St	Stoplights on the Mitchell seem very long
	Richardson Hwy	Lighting - need streetlights on the highway when first leaving Fairbanks and headed to North Pole
Intersection Wait Time Concerns	Steese Hwy/Trainor Gate Rd	Traffic flow at Trainor Gate and Steese intersections is problematic - northbound left-turners off of Steese have insufficient laneage and often back up onto the main highway. Additionally, eastbound Trainor Gate traffic often backs up at Steese waiting
	Steese Hwy/Johansen Expy	During high traffic times it can take a long time to go north on the Steese from the Johansen
Non-Motorized Amenity Needs	Cowles St/2nd Ave	There are still sidewalks in my neighborhood that are not ada compliant. Cowles st btwn airport and 1st Ave is terrible. Not enough is being done to help save historical houses/buildings downtown.fibre optic cable goes right by my home but residences can't get it Not sure why. Lots of excuses. Riverwalk needs poop bag stations in more areas. The trash cand along riverwalk need to be emptied more often. I see the one across from the bridgewater hotel overflowing for weeks before it gets changed, the others too. Especially in winter. When is the native associations going to be responsible for their people, instead of allowing them to be cold, wet, hungry, homeless in the downtown plaza and elsewhere? Why aren't they required to have waiting rooms and shelters for their members while they are in town? Why aren't there consequences for repeat problem people like forced mandatory treatment for drugs, alcohol, mental health? Current methods dont work, change is needed
	Farmers Loop Road/McGrath Road	Busy intersection for vehicles and pedestrians/bicyclists. There should be a pedestrian signal, and maybe a full traffic light. Pedestrians/bicyclists must cross 4 lanes of fast traffic, with no one stopping (in violation of state law that requires vehicles to yield to pedestrians at intersections). Whereas drivers cross a most two lanes of traffic... I am not sure why this was not addressed during the recent, 2 year Farmer's

Theme	Location	Comment
		Loop rebuild, or the recent McGrath Rebuild. Also, the steep drop off to the Farmers Loop bike trail is unsafe, and, again, I do not understand why the bike path was not raised up to closer to road level during the Farmers Loop rebuild. I did get stuck once with my 4 year old on one side of Farmers Loop and me on the other. Scary for both of us (child had panicked while crossing and ran back to the starting side).
	Slater Dr	Micro skate park
	Ballaine Rd/Railroad Dr	Popular pull out for aurora viewers, it should be bigger or there should be additional similar pullouts in dark sky areas with a view to the north.
	N/A	Let the river freeze! Prioritize using the waste heat from the power plant to heat buildings. Create an awesome winter transit path for locals and tourists. Ski, ice skate, snow machine, skijor! Connect downtown, Birch Hill, Noyes Slough.