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WHAT IS MnSHIP?

Like you, MnDOT has a budget for its expenses. MnDOT budgets revenue available for capital highway improvements through the 20-Year State Highway Investment Plan, also known as MnSHIP. Through this planning process, MnDOT must balance competing priorities on our state highway system. The plan covers a 20-year timespan and is updated every four years. This plan update is for 2023-2042.

OVER **600,000** PEOPLE REACHED

2,448 RESPONSES

141
MEETINGS
ATTENDED

19
COMMUNITY
EVENTS



4 COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE

Project Initiation Phase



Engagement Phase 1



Engagement Phase 2



Public Comment Period



APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP
2022									2023								

WHAT WERE OUR ENGAGEMENT GOALS?

The overall goals for public involvement on the plan update were to:



Create meaningful, equitable, and safe opportunities for public involvement early and often, including a range of engagement opportunities, both in-person and online, that reduce barriers to participation.



Use innovative engagement methods to reach more individuals statewide and pilot new tools to reach communities underrepresented in statewide planning engagement efforts.



Offer a variety of platforms to provide input, including online and in-person engagement opportunities.

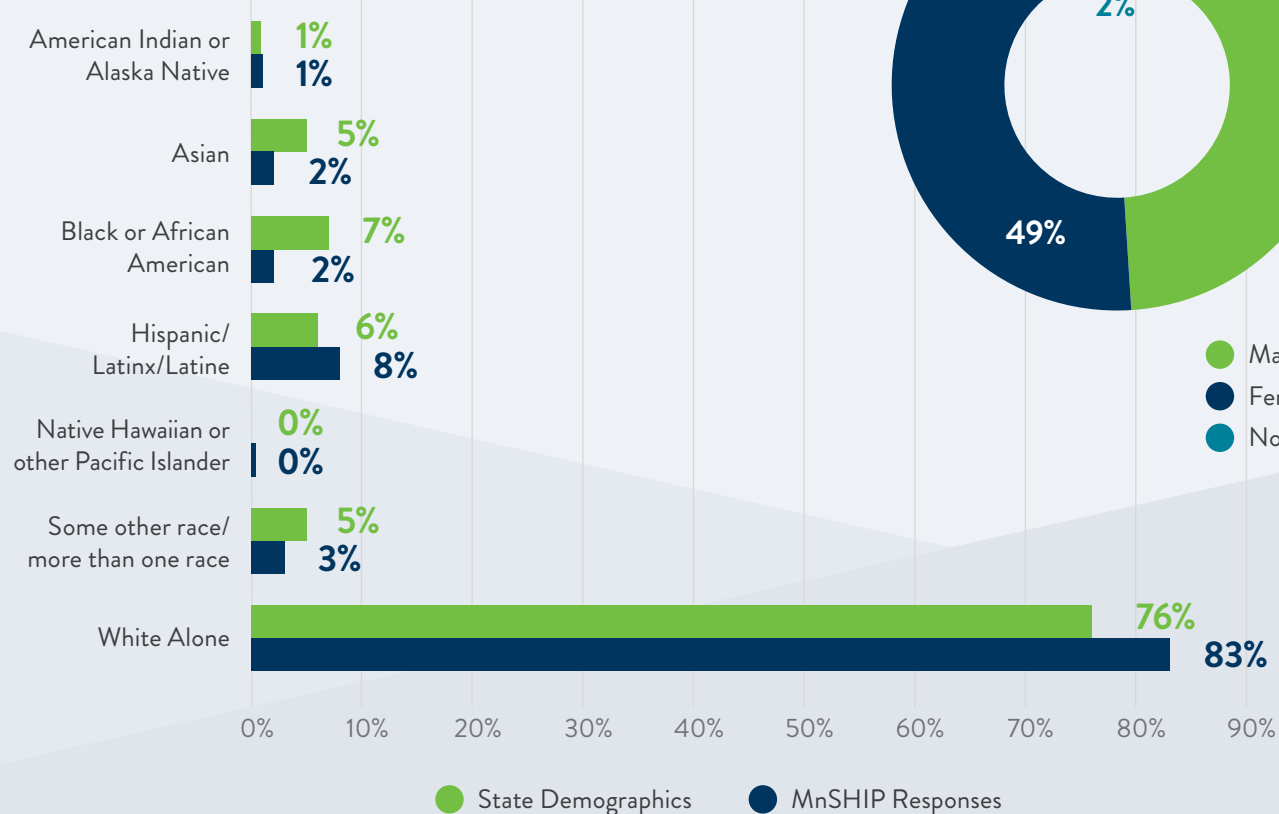


Understand priorities of transportation partners, stakeholders, underrepresented communities, and the public for investing on the state highway system.

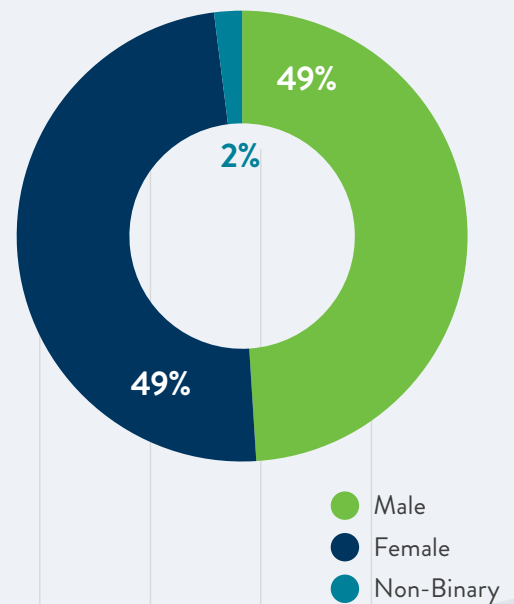
WHO DID WE REACH?

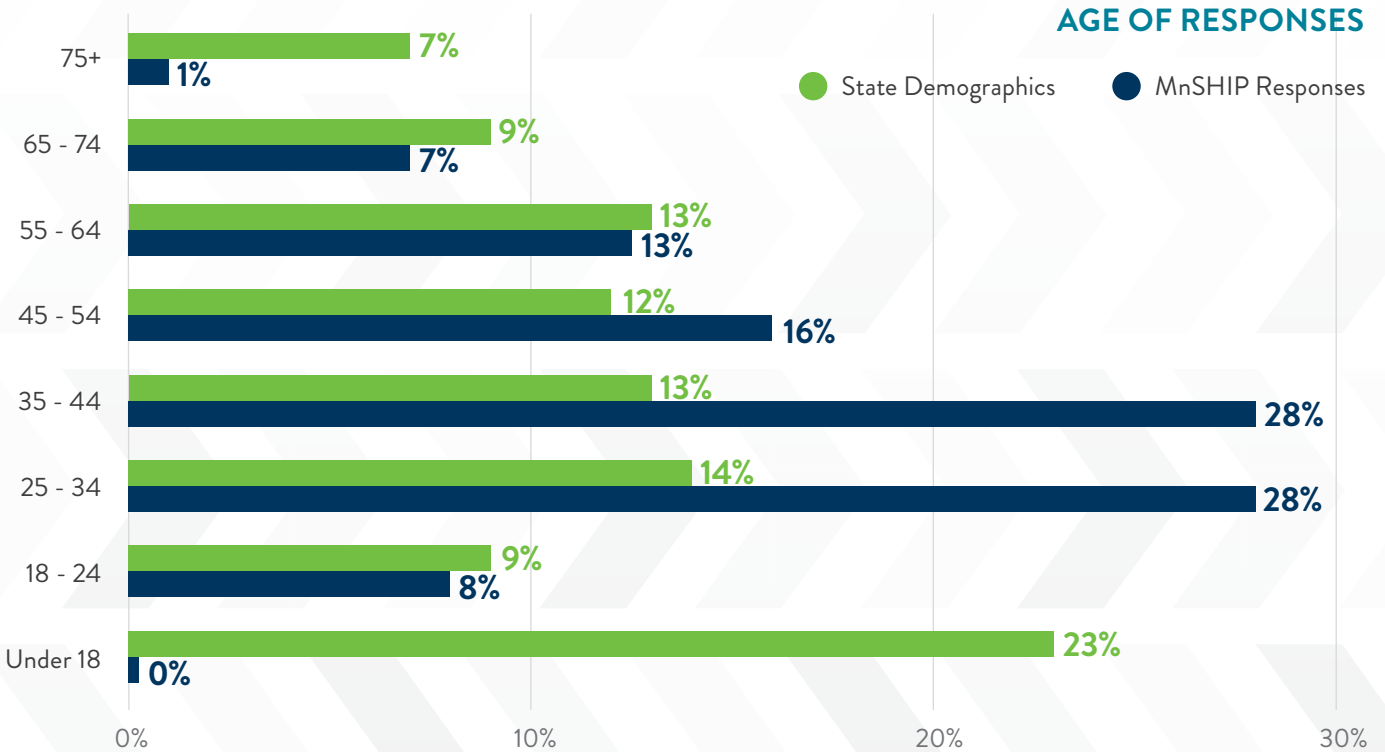
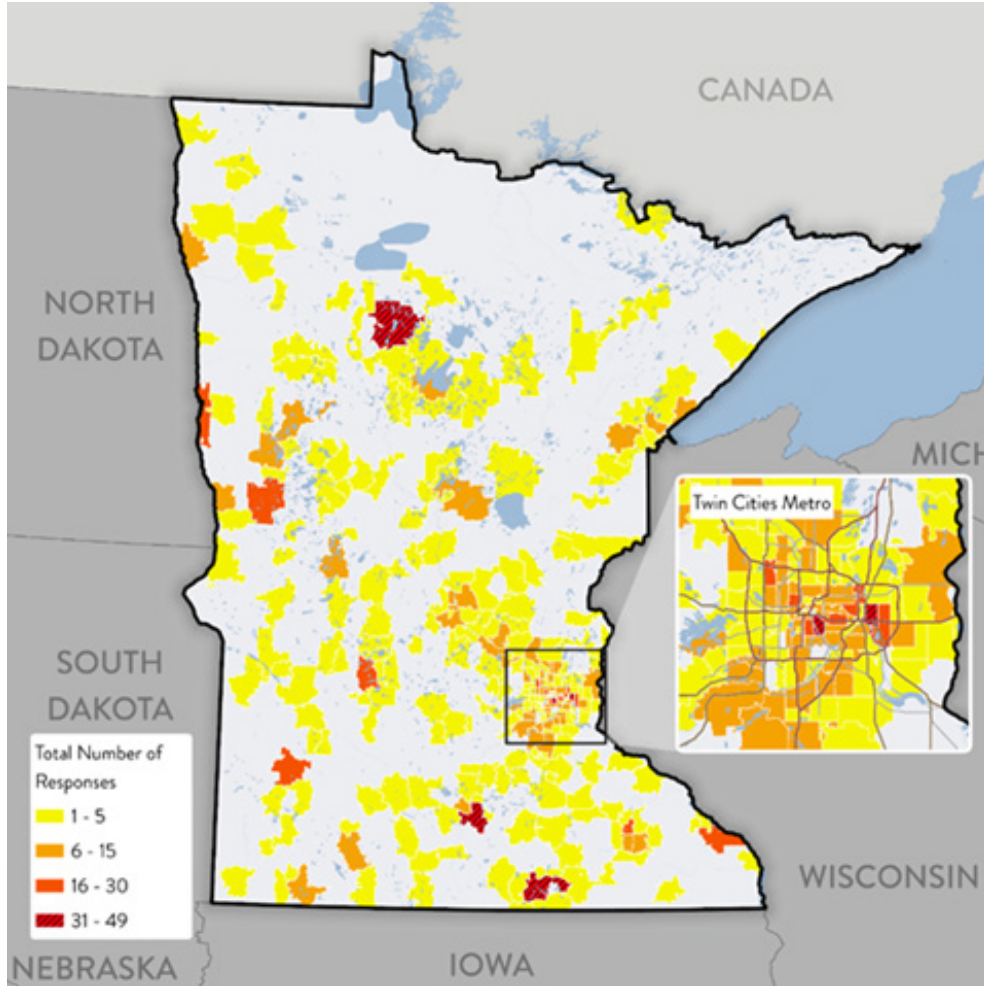
MnDOT received 2,448 responses during the first public engagement period and reached over 600,000 people through promotion of engagement through events, meetings, social media, and multicultural/community media advertising.

RACE AND ETHNICITY OF RESPONSES



GENDER IDENTITY OF RESPONSES





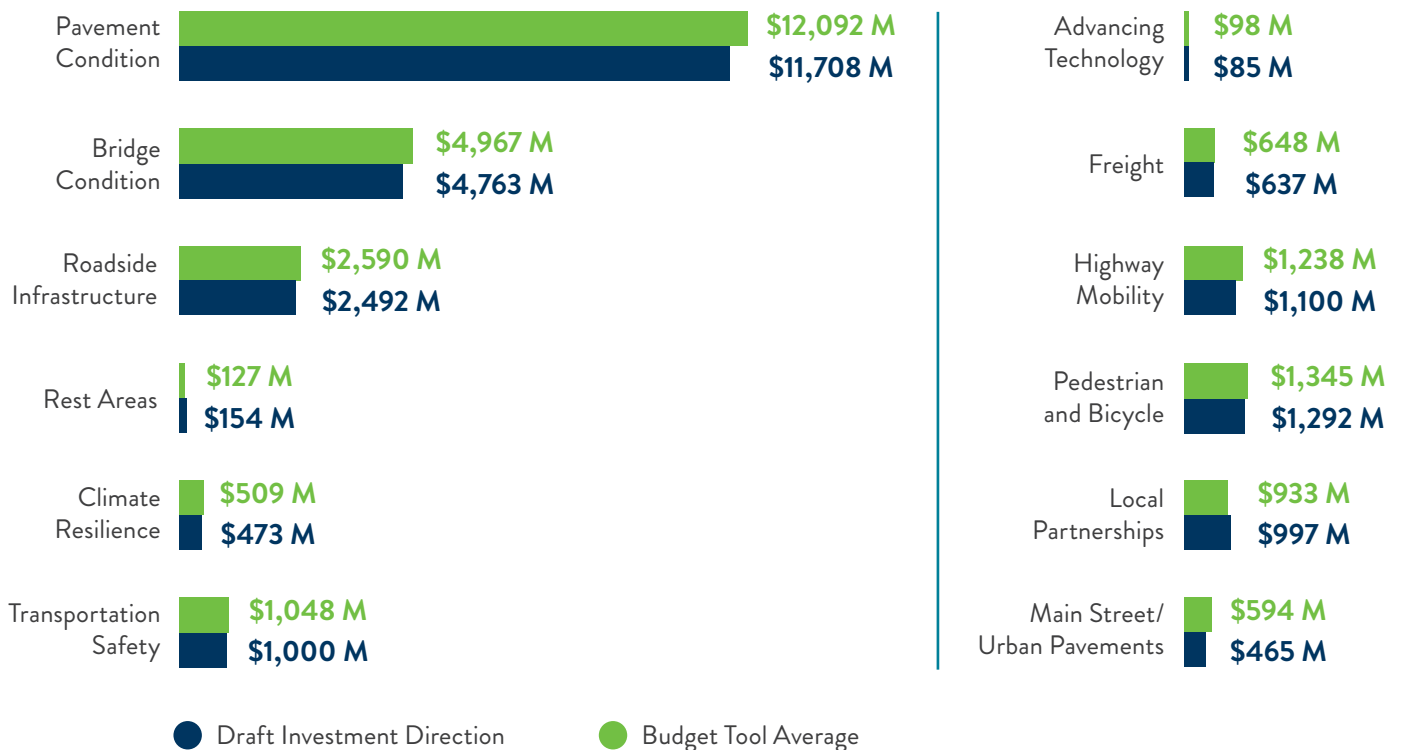
WHAT DID WE HEAR?



Online Budget Tool Responses

An interactive budgeting tool was developed as one of the ways to collect feedback on investment directions, which allowed viewers to simulate budgeting decisions and trade-offs. The tool included an option to start from an initial investment direction or create your own budget based on the ranges available.

ONLINE BUDGET TOOL FUNDING RESULTS

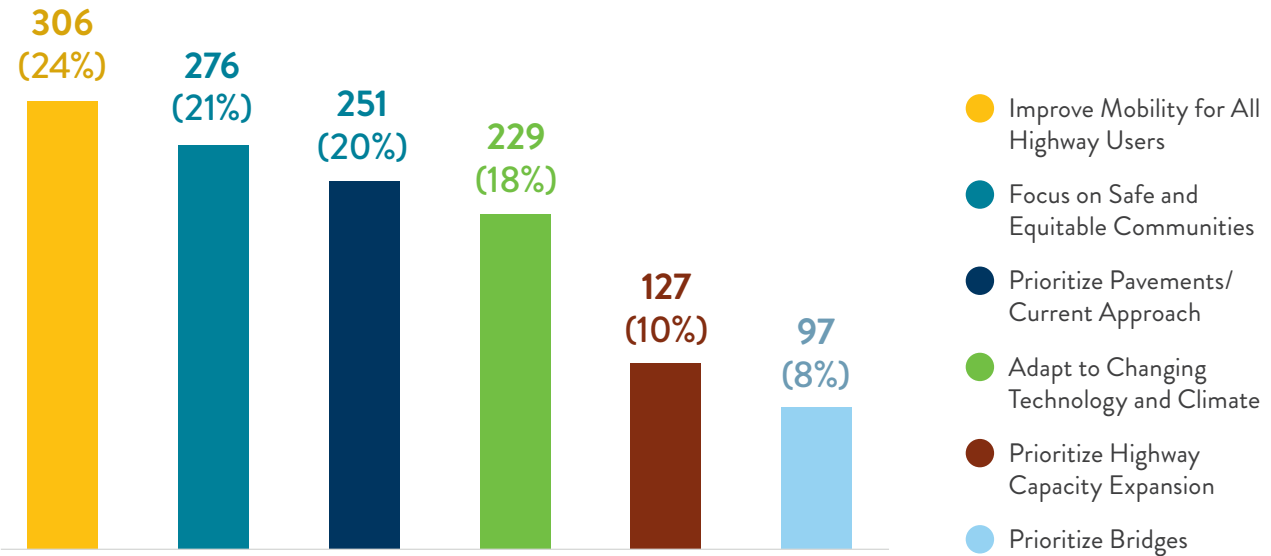




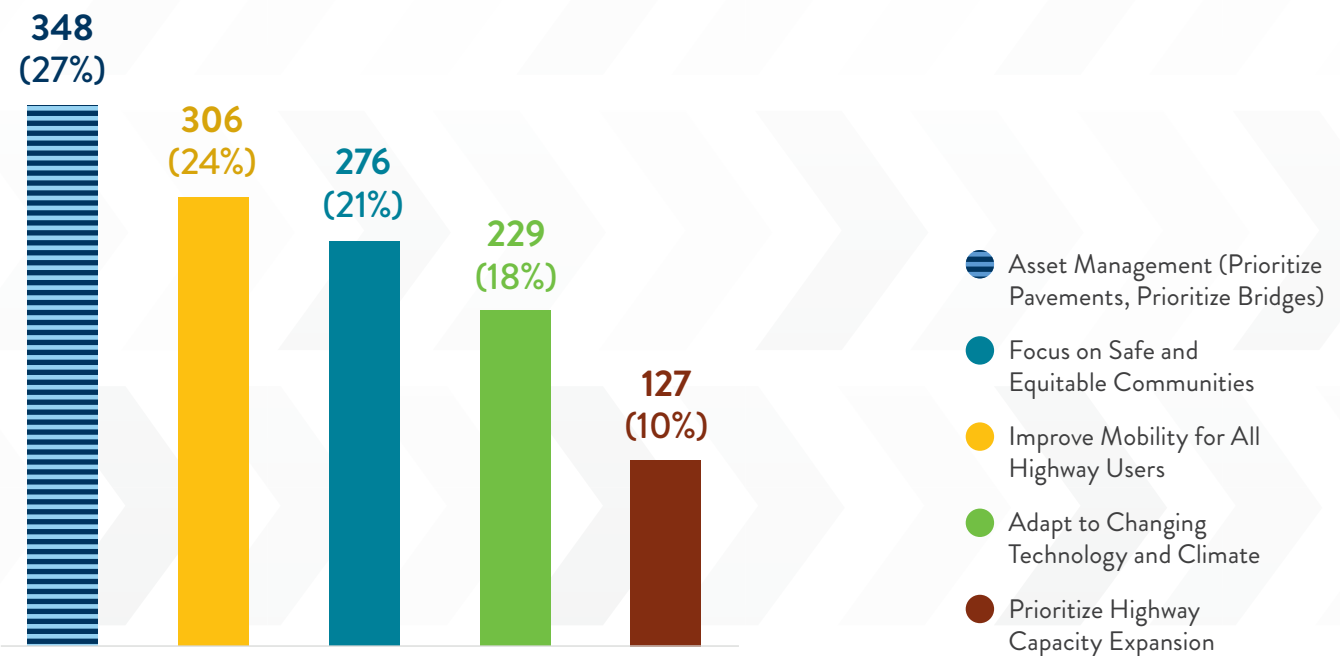
Preferred Approach Responses

Survey respondents identified their preferred approach among six potential investment approaches. The six approaches were described by vision statements highlighting the priorities of the approach.

PREFERRED INVESTMENT APPROACHES



PREFERRED INVESTMENT APPROACHES WITH COMBINED ASSET MANAGEMENT RESPONSES





Top 5 Improvements Responses

Survey respondents selected their top 5 priorities for state highway investment from a list of 12 investment categories. The plain language investment category language is shown on the left below. The MnSHIP Investment Category name is shown on the right along with the results from all survey responses

TOP 5 IMPROVEMENTS SELECTED FROM SURVEY RESULTS

Maintain and expand pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure including making it accessible for all	PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE	646
Partner with cities and counties to address community priorities including quality of life and economic...	LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS	639
Maintain smooth driving surface through more repair and reconstruction projects	PAVEMENT CONDITION	631
Adapt infrastructure to resist damage from extreme weather events and improve resilience	CLIMATE RESILIENCE	621
Improve condition of bridges through more repair and replacement projects	BRIDGE CONDITION	606
Focus on addressing improvements in urban areas including small towns and main streets	MAIN STREETS/URBAN PAVEMENTS	572
Improve condition of roadside infrastructure like signals, culverts, lighting, walls, and guardrail	ROADSIDE INFRASTRUCTURE	486
Improve readiness for changing transportation technology	ADVANCING TECHNOLOGY	419
Focus on reducing unexpected travel delays through mobility and capacity improvements	HIGHWAY MOBILITY	368
Add new safety improvements	TRANSPORTATION SAFETY	346
Maintain rest areas for the safety and health of travelers and truck drivers	REST AREAS	324
Add more freight mobility and safety improvements	FREIGHT	235



