

Stakeholder Meeting #1 Summary

The first stakeholder meeting was held at the Campbell Library in East Grand Forks on Thursday, November 3, 2022 from 8:30 to 10 a.m. The purpose of the meeting was to inform stakeholders of the plan development process and offer an opportunity for discussion regarding the existing transportation needs and issues facing the community.

Stakeholders were identified by city staff and include representatives of the City of Grand Forks, the City of East Grand Forks, Visit Grand Forks, Grand Forks Airforce Base, Grand Forks Public Schools, Northland Community and Technical College, Global Friends Coalition, Safe Kids Program, Altru, Chamber, emergency responders, and many others. A total of 12 stakeholders were in attendance.

Meeting Overview

The Stakeholder Meeting was planned as a supplement to the November 3 Public Open House. As such, the main activities of the stakeholder meeting mirror those of the public meeting and used Mentimeter, a virtual platform that facilitates group collaboration to engage attendees in the meeting activities.

These activities included:

- **Plan Development Presentation** – a brief description of the plan development process, including the plan focus areas and existing transportation conditions
- **Mentimeter Activity** – this interactive activity asked attendees to rate the overall efficiency and condition of

the street network in the GF-EGF metro area, and to rank the focus areas they find most important for the plan to address. It also asked participants for the most pressing transportation issues and needs within the metro area.

Meeting Outcomes

The outcomes of the Stakeholder Meeting activities are summarized below for each of the two activities.

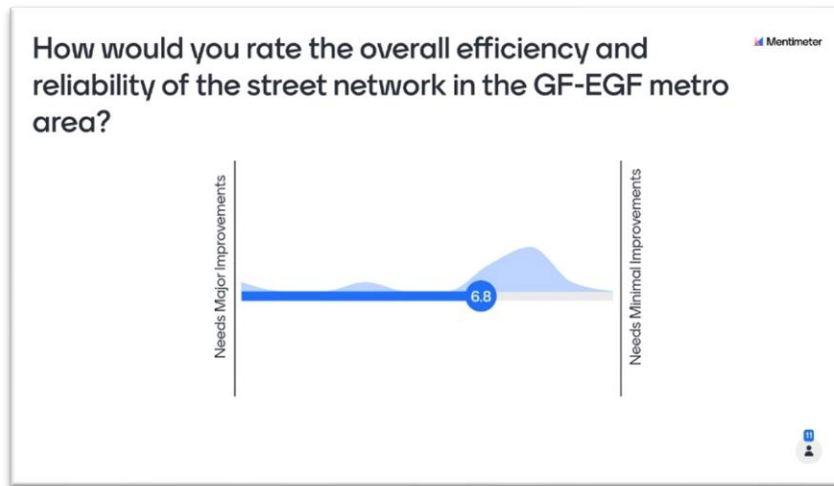
Overall Efficiency and Condition Activity

During this activity, discussion centered around traffic operations, safety issues, and various problematic intersections within the metro area. Other input received included school traffic patterns and northside neighborhoods.

Figures 1 and 2 show the Mentimeter results of the activity on Overall Efficiency and Condition Activity.



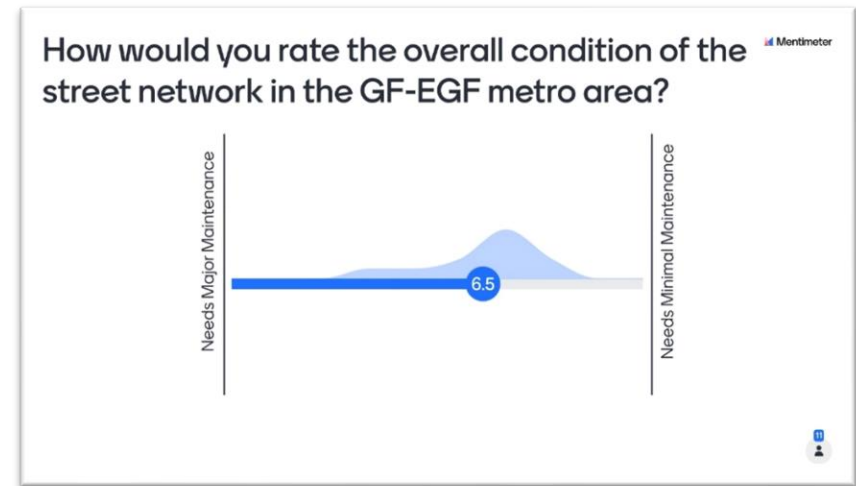
Figure 1: Mentimeter Results for the Overall Efficiency Activity



During the discussion on overall efficiency, some comments shared were:

- Areas with Chokepoints
 - Washington and DeMers
 - Train crossings (impacts emergency response, too)
 - Left turns on Columbia are difficult, cause rerouting, especially at 15th Ave
 - Washington and Gateway geometric issues
 - Alerus Center during events
 - Traffic patterns at schools
- Reliability and Resiliency Issues
 - River crossing
 - 42nd and Demers rail crossing
 - Downtown congestion on Demers river crossing at peak times

Figure 2: Mentimeter Results for the Overall Condition Activity



During the discussion on overall condition, some comments shared were:

- Condition of the GF/EGF Street Network
 - Potholes are a major issue
 - Columbia Mall and surrounding area private roads have issues of road ownership and lack of maintenance
 - Northside neighborhood road maintenance
 - Sidewalks along South Washington
- Safety
 - Issues at crossings, trailway at Washington
 - Roundabout at 34th St and 24th Ave

Plan Focus Areas Activity

The Plan Focus Areas activity invited stakeholders to discuss eight goal areas of the Master Transportation Plan and rank the areas they feel the Plan should prioritize. These goal areas include:

- Safety
- Accessibility
- Economic
- Resiliency
- Efficiency and Reliability
- Placemaking
- Innovative
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Connections

Stakeholders highlighted safety as the top goal area for the plan to focus on. **Figures 3-6** show the Mentimeter results of the activity on Plan Focus Areas. During this discussion, some comments shared were:

- Plan Focus Areas Missed
 - Multi-agency coordination in planning
 - Potential for future bridge to rebalance traffic
- Other Issues/Areas
 - Lack of education about traffic laws, especially at crossings
 - Police calls are mainly about traffic/parking issues
 - Little deterrent for speeding
 - Transit Routes and micro transit
 - Railroad crossings

- Major issue that the DOT requires trucks to travel downtown due to weight restrictions
- Safety issue of truck operations and bicyclists/pedestrians
- NDDOT is currently updating its Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP)

Figure 1: Results for the Plan Focus Areas Mentimeter Activity



Figure 4: Results for the Plan Focus Areas Mentimeter Activity



Figure 5: Results for the Plan Focus Areas Mentimeter Activity

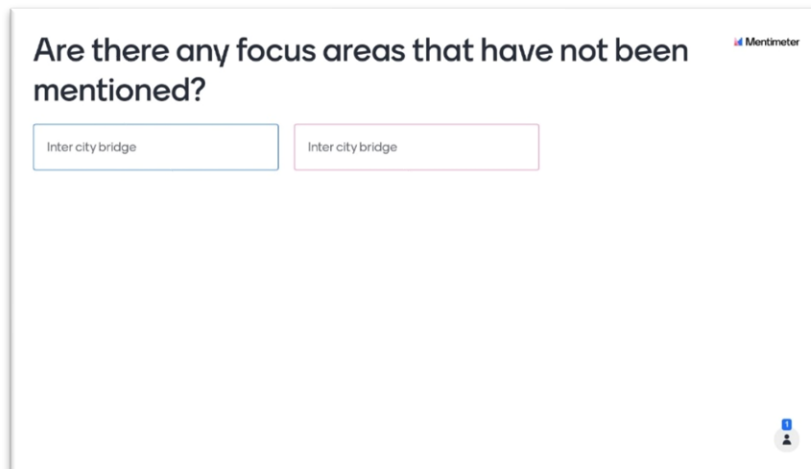


Figure 6: Results for the Plan Focus Areas Mentimeter Activity

