East Gateway Project

MetroQuest Phase 1 Response Download

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What is Included?

-see red highlighted tab sheets in this file

Summary of Comments received

Emails of those who wish to stay involved

Responses to priority ranking, survey questions, and respondent information

Graphs of survey question responses

What is not currently Included in this file?

Responses from interactive map

Date	Comment		
2011-06-16	CommentNeed to have safer access, timed lights, add cameras to lights and strictly enforce people running through lights. Now 340 is the most dangerous road I drive		
2011-06-17	uggestionMore consistent access to area (i.e. turn lanes that are useful or extended, traffic lights that are timed correctly)		
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2011-06-17	Abandoned and run down properties within Charles Town. Fines for buildings in disrepair. Owners made to repair or demolish run down properties. Tired of being made fun of by o5her states. A TNR (Trap Neuter Return) program for feral cats in this area. Cat population is out of control due to irresponsible people.		
2011-06-17	Suggestionno more regulations		
2011-06-18	horrid hazardous lane narrowing AFTER the signal light at Harper's Ferry on 340 North toward the bridges - lane narrowing sign and road lanes narrowing should be BEFORE the signal light.		
	with subdivisions it is imperative that HOA documents are reviewed BEFORE ground breaking - the approval of a development never takes into account the documents that unsuspecting future homeowners inherit by default - just take a look at Windmill Crossing HOA, er ah "Business Association" what a sneaky deal that one is and it was APPROVED!		
2011-06-18	CommentMake the corridor a historic gateway to one of the most historic places in the US.		
2011-06-18	By easy car travel, I mean NO MORE traffic signals between H.F. and Charles Town. It already takes close to 15 minutes many times to go 6 miles. That is too much wasted time, wasted gas, and added pollution. WV needs to implement roundabouts.		
2011-06-18	Leave as is. Live and let live. Government has control over the roads, so please do not add any new traffic signals and better time the ones that are there so that it does not take 15 minutes to go 6 miles. It is a huge waste of time and gas while adding to pollution.		
2011-06-18	Suggestion Job opportunity		
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2011-06-18	Easy car travel and better exchanges (overpass/underpass) instead of traffic lights, plus extending 340 to at least two lanes in each directions to the Virginia border, and highly restricted development along the highway, would greatly improve travel along this route.		
	How many miles deep does the corridor run?		
2011-06-21	CommentA traffic light is desperately needed at the intersection of 340 and Bakerton Rd		
2011-06-21	I moved in Jefferson County 17 years ago from Prince Geroges County. I understand that we are growing and we need to accomdate to our growin needs. Please to the acitects and desingers, do not let this County become another Prince Georges County. I travel to Silver Spring via MARC Train every day. My day starts at 4:15 am and ends at 6:30 p.m. I had no intention of staying at my place of employment this long, but I got confortable, but I am ready to go. The Jefferson County has kept me up with job opportunites e.g. office work. I would love to see more office openikng up. I am a Trade Show Coordinator with plenty of office expereince. Thank you this opportunity to be a participant in this survey.		
2011-06-21	street lights are needed desperately, between those 2 bridges. extremely dark and dangerous, esp in winter.		
2011-06-23	Not merely employment opportunities, but opportunities that are primarily technical and profession rather than entry-level retail.		
2011-06-24	There is so much I despise about the Casino		
2011-06-24	The traffic around the Casino could use improved wayfinding. There are so many instances of folks making crazy maneuvers in traffic because they don't know where they are going.		
2011-06-24	Without employment local opportunities there is a waste of resources. Until there are jobs for the people that live here we don't need any additional residences.		
2011-06-27	Please don't turn 340 into places like Rt 40 (Golden Mile) in Frederick, Md. As well as most the major exits off RT695 (i.e. Liberty Rd, Reisterstown Rd, Ritchie Hwy, etc.)		
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2011-06-27	I live off of Chestnut Hill Road and the road is scary on dry days, but weather makes it worse. It was fine when there were few people living on mountain, now there are a lot more folks and that intersection is not adequate. Additionally, something has to be done to keep the rocks off road. I've seen other places use nets of some kind attached to rock wall to keep rocks from sliding down and endangering vehicles.
2011-06-27	Maintain character of small town community, encourage smaller versus larger vehicular traffic and do not build anything like superhighways! We are small town and should show it.
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2011-06-30	Don't want this corridor to end up looking like RT 40 shopping mall corridor like in Frederick MD. It should contain 100 foot setbacks with green buffers along RT 340
2011-06-30	CommentFixing US 340 will go a long way toward fixing the other problems. Commercial and retail developers can see the limitations on access to the Eastern Panhandle created by the bottlenecked US 340 and limited alternative travel routes. Until these are corrected, more development will merely aggravate the problems.
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2011-06-30	Please create another access road to MD, the traffic is horrible at the bridges, it is the single worst aspect of Rt 340, 4 lanes choking down to 2 creates awful traffic.
2011-06-30	Resident of lower town Harpers Ferry. Rail commuter to MD. Supporter of mass transit and historic preservation.
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2011-07-02	I exit Bakerton Road everyday to turn left onto 340 to go to work and this is a very dangerous intersection. With the long hill coming down from HF, adding a stoplight would only make it more dangerous. Maybe continuing the access road would help. There are many dangerous intersections along this corridor. Traffic runs through red lights at the HF intersection frequently.
2011-07-02	Suggestion
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	I think that last thing we need to more people in the area, we need to improve the infrastructure.
	Need to improve the traffic, most people commute and something needs to be done to manage the traffic.
	Our communities would benefit from these opportunities and hopefully improve the health for those that use it.
2011-07-05	CommentTraffic Safety should be the number one priority
2011-07-06	Retail comment - cluster retail, expand areas already built before adding more scattered development. No more little strip malls like the one on 340 which has a little Sears. Save gas by putting stores near each other so people do not have to travel to get shopping done. Comment Hold developers to a high standard of landscaping and protecting home sites from traffic and commercial development. For example - Windmill Crossing townhouses, no buffer from 340 or the commercial development.
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2011-07-06	CommentI found this survey annoying and frustrating to fill out - lost all my comments and had to start again so did not do a thorough job!
	I believe that something needs to be done in a big way regarding the traffic issues which are present on Route 340 in Harpers Ferry. The lanes bottle-neck and create major delays. To me, that's a top priority for need of change. Though, I understand adding a lane is a hard challenge due to the land restrictions in the area where the road passes through. Still though, ideas need to be fabricated, because this issue is not going to improve without change.
2011-07-08	Comment
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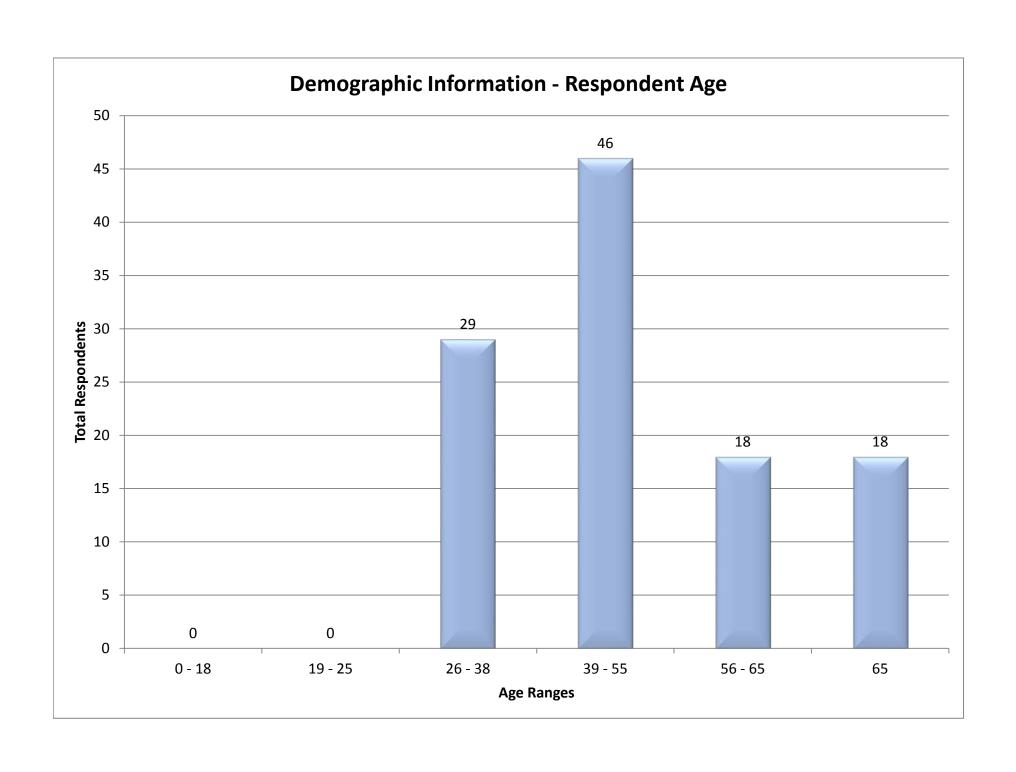
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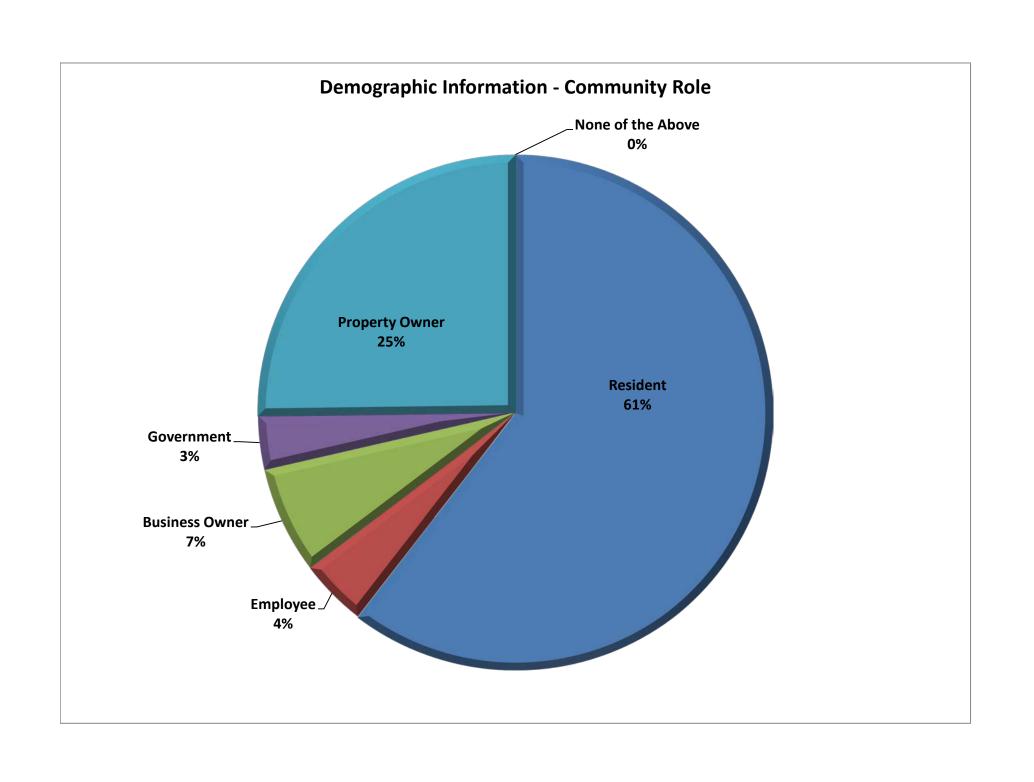
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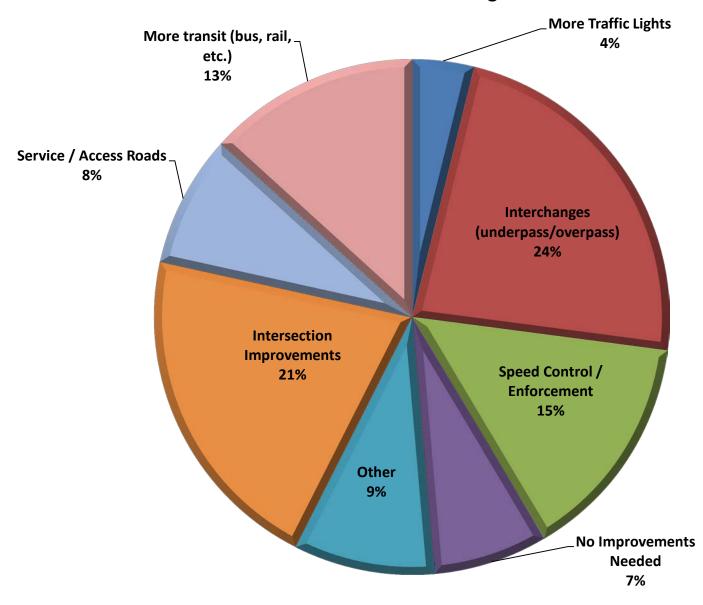
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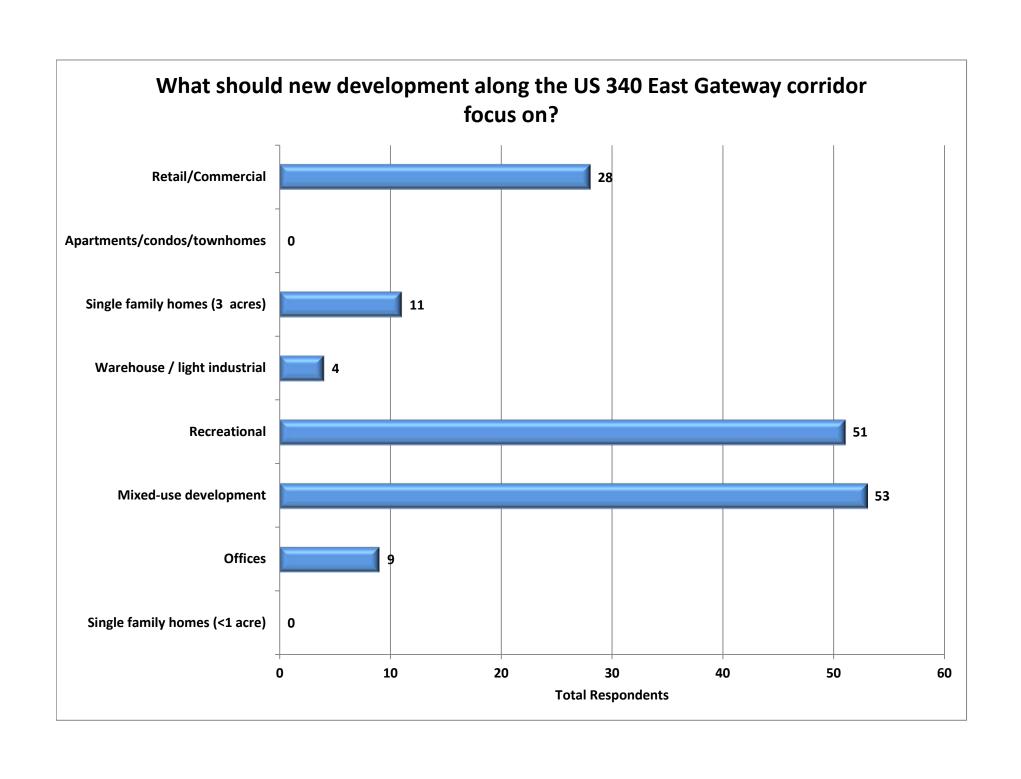
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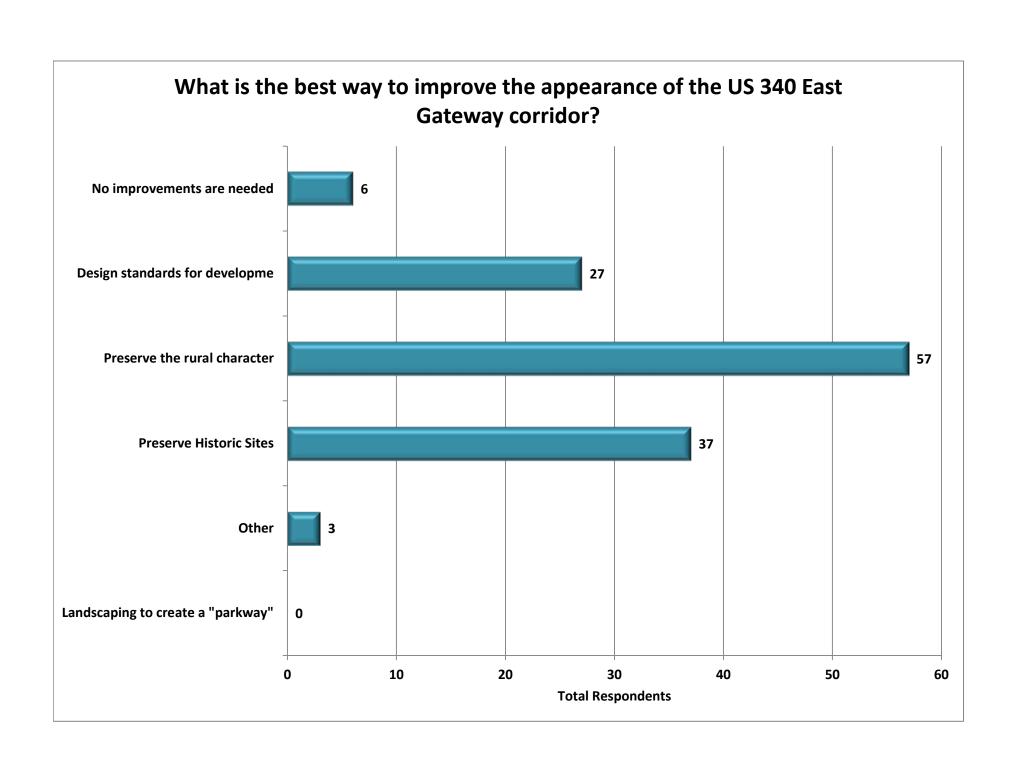


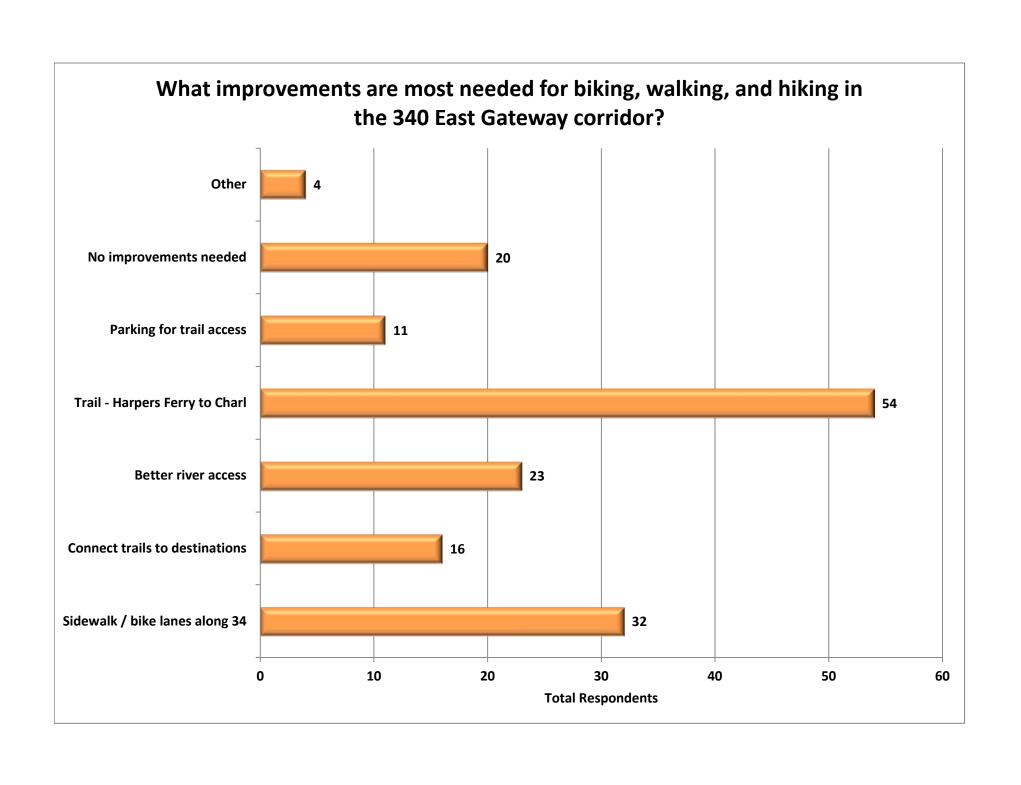


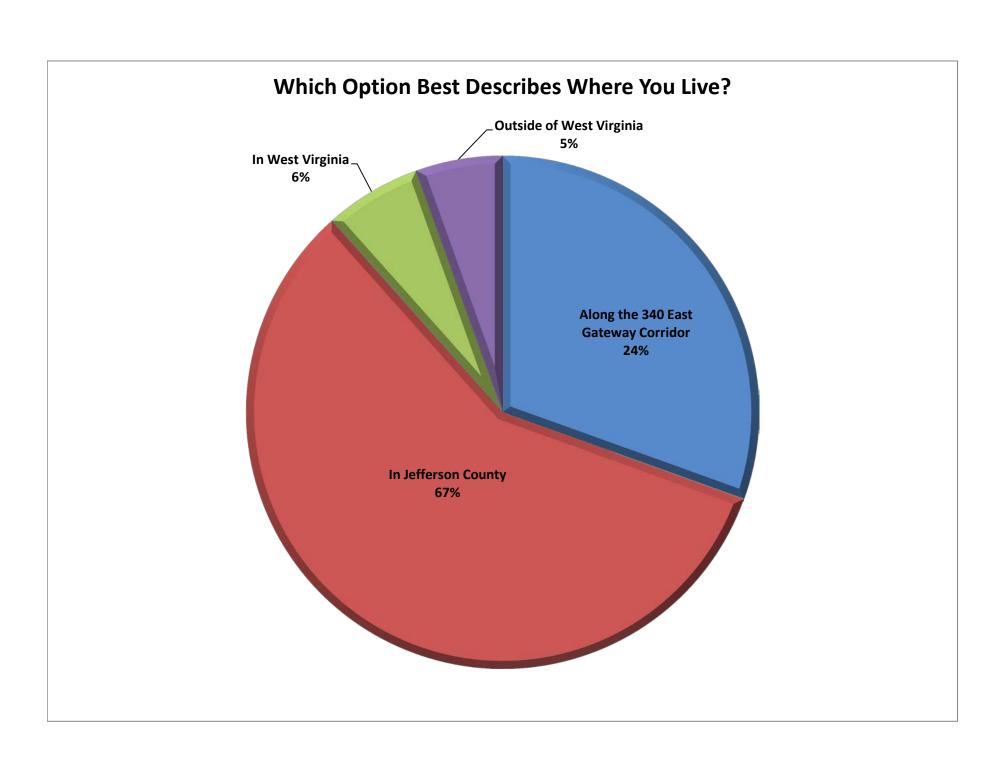
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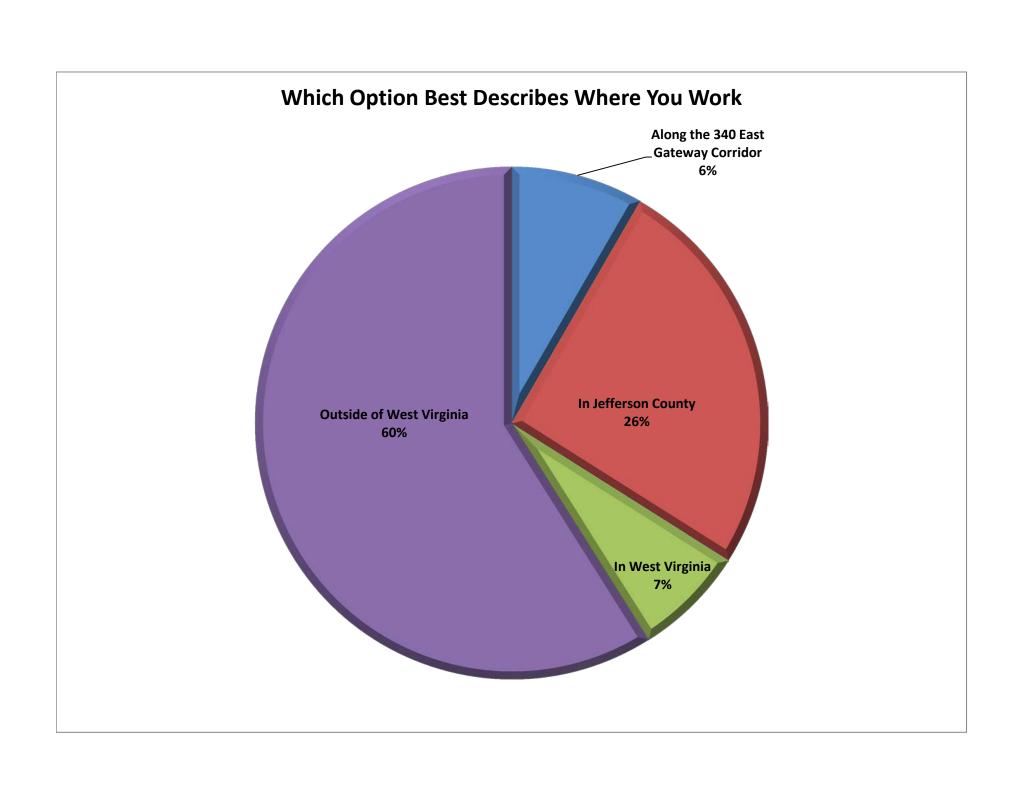


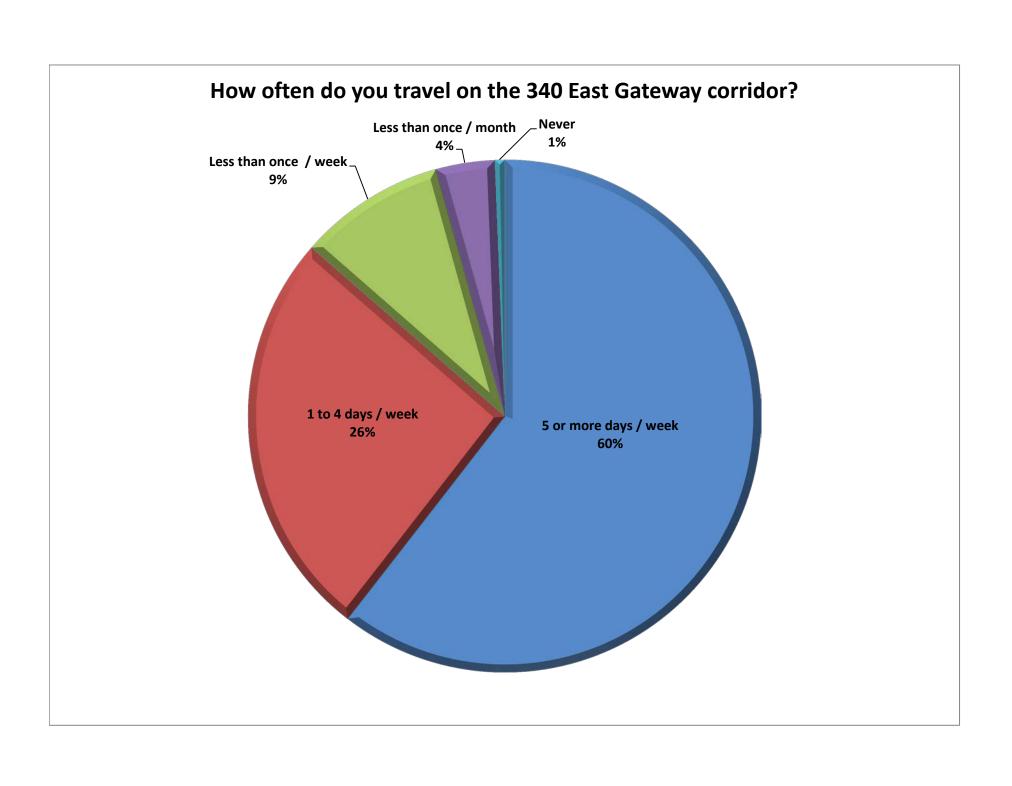












Notes on MetroQuest Database:

- 1. Data for Community Priorities was pulled from the "download community priorities" report found on the online reporting system.
- 2. All other data obtained from the file "DemoFeedback RT340.xlsx"
- 3. Delete all records before 6/16/2011
- 4. Sort by Feedback Column
- 5. To account for � character, replace text with the following:
 - a. Feedback Type "Demographic ImprovementsAltTransport":
 - i. Feedback Value "Trail Harpers Ferry to Charl"
 - ii. Feedback Value "Sidewalk / bike lanes along 34"
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