



# Youth Perspectives on: Transportation & Mobility



## Overview

*Transportation and Mobility* emerged roughly 180 times during the 94 Listening Sessions. Youth imagine a transportation system that is safe, reliable, and equitable. Their ideal includes clean sidewalks, well-lit roads, reliable public transit, and walkable neighborhoods. In reality, however, they experience deteriorating infrastructure, unsafe traffic conditions, and unpredictable public transit - barriers that affect their daily routines.

82%

of youth surveyed (n=1,133) rated this issue as somewhat or extremely important

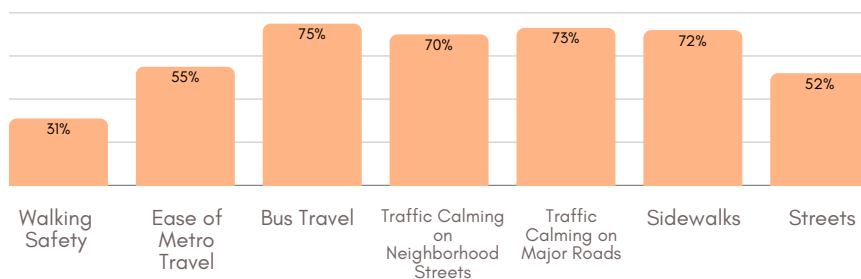
## WHY IT MATTERS

Well-maintained public infrastructure and reliable public transportation are essential to youth health and development; they support safe, consistent access to school, jobs, services, and social connections. When transportation systems are dependable and environments are safe and accessible, young people are better able to maintain routines, engage in their communities, and build independence - key factors that contribute to their well-being.

## WHAT THE DATA SAY

Resident Satisfaction with Transportation Services in Alexandria

Source: 2024 Resident Survey



## WHAT YOUTH WANT

20+ mentions

### Condition of City Infrastructure & Built Environment

"Well-built roads, sidewalks, public parks, etc."

"More parking at school and everywhere in Alexandria."

Safe, well-maintained, and accessible streets, sidewalks, parking lots, and public spaces where all neighborhoods benefit from quality infrastructure.

55+ mentions

### Public Transportation

"Free metro!"

"My ideal community has more bus drivers."

Clean, safe, reliable, and free or affordable public transportation where buses and trains are on time, accessible to all, and supported by enough drivers.

15+ mentions

### Traffic Safety & Management

"Less traffic."

"People following driving rules."

"Driving safety programs."

Safe, responsible drivers and smooth-flowing traffic where people follow the rules of the road, streets are well-managed, and everyone can travel efficiently without congestion or danger.

## WHAT YOUTH EXPERIENCE

15+ mentions

### Condition of City Infrastructure & Built Environment

"Broken sidewalks."

"When it is snowing, the sidewalk becomes icy and slippery for the people that wait for the bus."

"Duke street crossing signal takes 3 minutes."

Unsafe and poorly maintained infrastructure, including cracked sidewalks, damaged roads, long signal waits, and limited parking, that makes it difficult to walk, commute, and stay safe in all weather conditions.

50+ mentions

### Public Transportation

"My bus just doesn't show up sometimes."

"Better ways of getting home"

Unreliable, overcrowded, and limited public transportation, with safety concerns, long wait times, and inconsistent service making it hard to get where they need to go, especially for those without other options.

10+ mentions

### Traffic Safety & Management

"People not driving safely (on their phones)."

"Quaker/Braddock intersection is not safe."

Unsafe and congested roads, with heavy traffic, distracted drivers, and dangerous intersections making travel stressful and risky.