



# Poughkeepsie 9.44.55

Rethinking the Arterials &  
Interchange

*Committee Meeting #9 - Arterials*

November 3, 2021

Dutchess County Transportation Council



# Agenda

- Welcome
  - Previous Committee Meeting Summary posted to web
- Public Feedback
  - Common Council (7/6)
  - National Night Out Event (8/3)
  - Virtual Meeting (8/25 to 9/18)
- General Update and Arterial Recommendations
- Schedule

# Common Council (July 6, 2021)

- Members seemed to support “3 to 2”
- Select Comments
  - › Children step into the road
  - › Like safety benefit
  - › Crossing 3 lanes is tough
  - › Like the neighborhood comeback
  - › People lost their front yards due to eminent domain
  - › Like 3 to 2 due to bus pull-over
  - › Like parking



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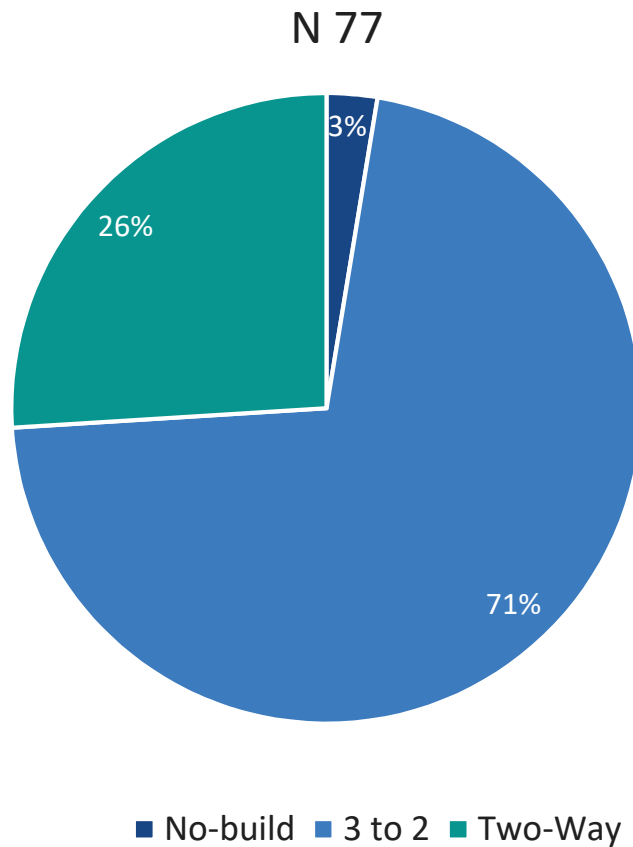


# Pop-up Event (August 3, 2021)

## Poughkeepsie's National Night Out



# Activity Results



# Select Comments

## Poughkeepsie's National Night Out

- 3 to 2
  - Most popular, but concerns about cyclist safety
  - Better for emergency response
- Two-way
  - Mixed results, liked that it would eliminate extra turns

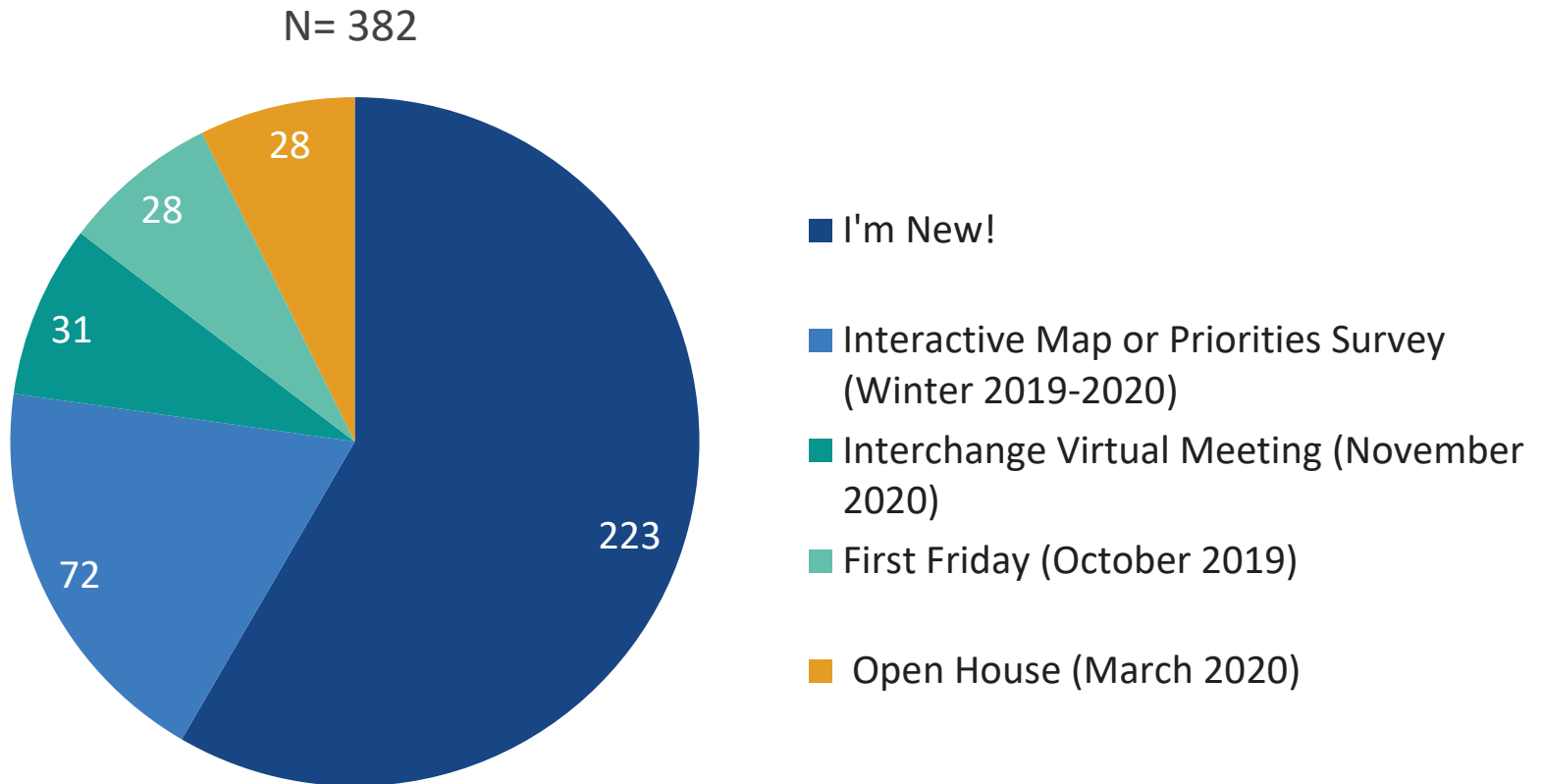


# On-Demand Virtual Meeting

August 25 – September 18

- Advertised via multiple channels:
  - Direct mailer (4,000 residential addresses)
  - Local/regional traditional and social media
  - Contact database

# Have you participated before?

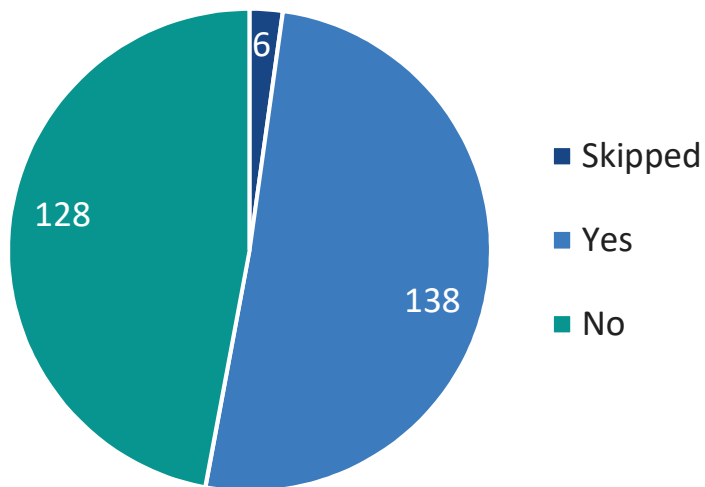




# COVID Impacts

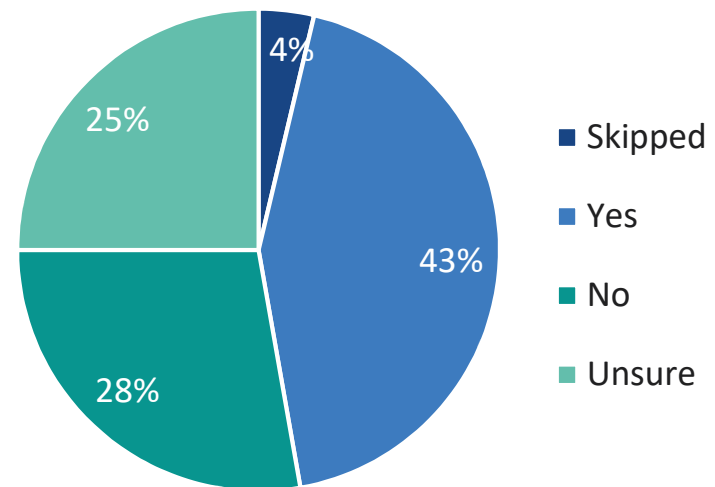
Are your travel patterns different now than before COVID?

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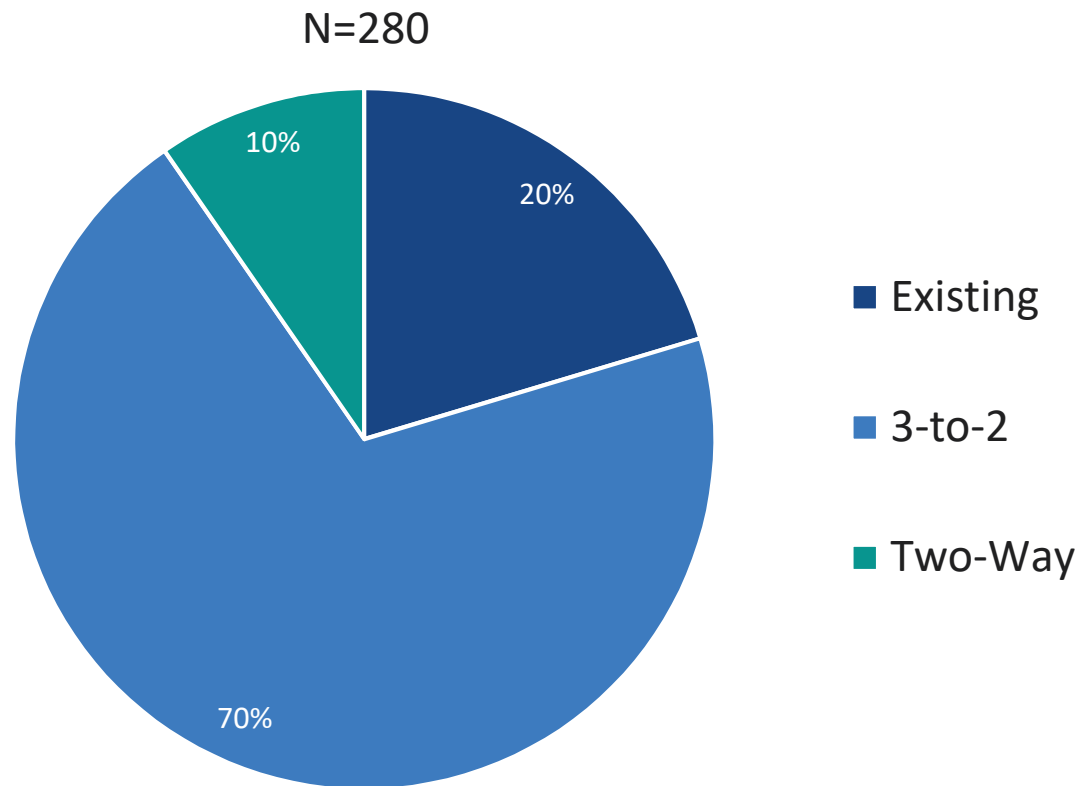


Do you expect them to return to pre-COVID conditions?

N=216



# Do you have a preferred Concept?



# How should we allocate extra space?

Downtown (n=261)		Residential Areas (n=262)		Arlington (n=262)	
Use	Rank	Use	Rank	Use	Rank
Parking	1	Parking	1	Parking	1
Green Space	2	Bus	2	Bus	2
Bus	3	Green Space	3	Green Space	3
Sidewalks	4	Sidewalks	4	Sidewalks	4
Bike lane	5	Bike lane	5	Bike lane	5



# Comments on Public Outreach?

# Summary of Pros and Cons

Performance Factors	3 to 2	Two-way
Improves <b>Safety</b>	+	+
Provides Reasonable <b>Travel Times</b>	+	-
Allows <b>freedom of movement</b>	-	+
<b>Reduces Speeds</b>	+	++
Provides opportunity for <b>curbside options</b>	+	-
Increases <b>walking comfort</b>	+	-
Provides dedicated space for <b>bicycles</b>	+	-
Reduces <b>emissions</b>	-	--
Constructible at a reasonable <b>cost</b>	+	+
<b>Community Support</b>	+	-

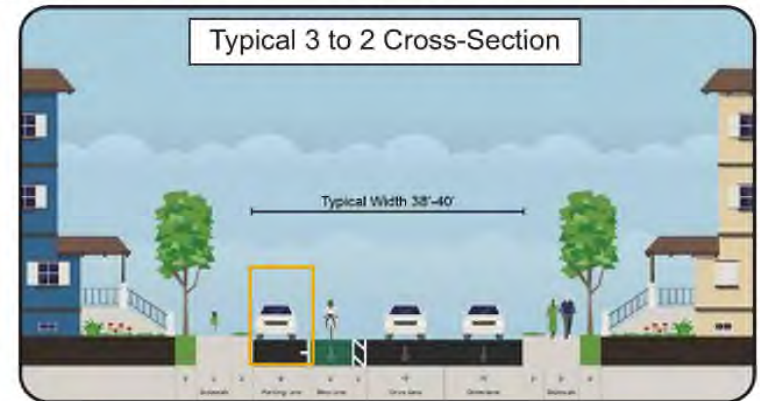


# Comments on Draft Chapter 4?

# DRAFT Design Drawings: 3 to 2



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Extend Westbound left turn lane at Jefferson Street.</li> <li>2 Reconfigure Columbus/Church Street intersection to provide a three-leg intersection, remove freeflow turn lanes, and return greenspace to the City.</li> <li>3 Square the Weave by modifying the Mill Street/Columbus Drive intersection to provide a four-leg intersection, remove freeflow turn lanes, and return greenspace to the City.</li> <li>4 Reduce the Eastbound Arterial from three to two-lanes, beginning at Market Street.</li> <li>5 Convert Market Street to two-way traffic as proposed in the Poughkeepsie City Center Connectivity Project and Moving Dutchess Forward.</li> <li>6 Repurpose excess pavement gained through the lane reduction to pursue on-street parking in the City Center.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7 Construct bump-outs at all/most intersections to provide shorter pedestrian crossings and enhance pedestrian visibility.</li> <li>8 Reconfigure the Clinton Street intersection to create a four-leg intersection, remove slip-lanes, and return greenspace to the City.</li> <li>9 Pursue green buffers in residential areas by adding street trees where curb is extended.</li> <li>10 Reduce the Westbound Arterial from three to two-lanes beginning west of Taft Avenue.</li> <li>11 Repurpose excess pavement gained through the lane reduction to pursue on-street parking in Arlington.</li> <li>12 Match existing lane geometry east of Taft Avenue.</li> </ul> |
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Note: Improvements listed from west to east

## Suggested Improvements - Route 44/55 Arterials Poughkeepsie 9.44.55



# Comments on Draft Drawings?



# Next Steps

- Address Committee Comments on Draft Plan
  - Review cost estimates
- Start Public Review
- Address Public Comments
- Issue Final Report
- Final Presentations
  - City Common Council & Town Board
  - Others?



# Thank You