



HIGHWAY 252/I-94 EQUITY AND HEALTH ASSESSMENT

**Report #2: Community Priorities
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1. Executive summary

MnDOT is conducting an Equity and Health Assessment (EHA) during the Scoping Decision Document (SDD) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Highway (Hwy) 252/I-94 in Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and Minneapolis. The purpose of the EHA is to understand equity and health priorities from community members adjacent to the project area so MnDOT can consider them when deciding highway improvements.

The EHA is administered by MnDOT's Sustainability and Public Health Division, with support from an interagency working group. MnDOT also convened an Equity and Health Neighborhood Advisors (EHNA) group to describe equity and health conditions in their communities and provide input on potential transportation improvements to Hwy 252/I-94.

About this report

This Equity and Health Community Priorities Report (Report #2) is the second of three EHA reports that will be considered as public input to the Hwy 252/I-94 Scoping Decision Document (SDD). The report summarizes the community engagement process and findings from engaging historically underserved and overburdened communities adjacent to Hwy 252/I-94 about their equity and health priorities. Health and equity priorities from community members were identified in the EHA Baseline Conditions Report ("Report #1") by analyzing existing conditions. The third report will assess Hwy 252/I-94 SDD project alternatives and recommendations to inform potential changes to the SDD to consider before MnDOT finalizes the project alternatives.

Report findings

The EHA engagement process focused on listening to historically underserved and overburdened populations living in Minneapolis, Brooklyn Center, and Brooklyn Park, including Black people, Indigenous people, and people of color (BIPOC); people with low incomes; the elderly; and people with a disability. The project team conducted an online survey and 15 targeted in-person activities between April 15 and

Figure 1. Project area map



May 6, 2022, including pop-ups and canvassing events in the project area. A total of 412 people provided feedback. Eighty percent of participants live in the project area, of which 47 percent (or 153 participants) identify as BIPOC.

Key takeaways

The following key takeaways, listed below in no particular order, summarize overarching themes heard from all participants during this engagement:

- **People said all equity and health focus areas are important and related to each other.** People drew the connections between the EHA topics discussed, and no issue fell to the bottom of the list as unimportant.
- **Health is the top priority because without it, there is nothing.** Many people commented that for the project to prioritize health, it needs to prioritize people rather than maximizing capacity and ease of travel for cars. Some people recommended reframing the focus of Hwy 252/I-94 improvements from investing in highway infrastructure to investing in healthier communities and families.
- **People said sense of community is important for health and equity in their community.** People identified that a key component to a healthy community is a community where people feel secure in the place where they live and connected to one another. An equitable and well-designed Hwy 252/I-94 can help bring people together and increase safety, access, and quality of life for the communities living adjacent to the highway.
- **More transportation options can increase health and equity in communities.** A healthy community has transportation options that provide a safe, affordable, efficient, and environmentally friendly way to travel. Many people said their community needs more viable transportation options and emphasized that highway improvements should not only support cars, but also walking, biking, rolling, and public transit.
- **Nearby jobs, healthy food, and green space helps people live healthier lives.** People said access to jobs, healthy food, and greenspace is a priority. People need easy access to healthy options to be healthy.
- **People expressed concerns for property changes resulting from the Hwy 252/I-94 project.** People are concerned about neighborhoods losing homes, property values decreasing, and communities being destroyed to expand the highway. Some people described how past construction projects on I-94 and I-35W disproportionately affected BIPOC communities in the Twin Cities.

- **People are concerned about air pollution affecting the future and quality of life for communities adjacent to Hwy 252/I-94.** Many people said air pollution from Hwy 252/I-94 traffic affects the health and well-being of people living next to the highway. Some shared concerns that expanding the highway could increase traffic, smog, and air pollution which could increase health issues and asthma levels in nearby communities.
- **Environmental health and the health of the Mississippi River ecosystem is a concern for communities.** Beyond the health of people, commenters also expressed concern for the health of the environment, particularly the nearby Mississippi River and the wildlife that relies on it. Some were concerned that expanding Hwy 252/I-94 would require more pavement and infrastructure and cause more water pollution from highway runoff. Others shared concerns that carbon emissions from increased traffic could increase the severity of climate change.
- **Safety along and crossing Hwy 252/I-94 is a key concern.** A common sentiment from the engagement was the need to make Hwy 252/I-94 safer for all users. Many people said that they are concerned about traffic speeding, car crashes, and reckless drivers. Some people said they intentionally avoid walking, biking, and driving in the project area, even when it is the most direct route, because they are afraid for their safety.
- **Any outcomes from Hwy 252/I-94 improvements should be fair and equitably distributed to highway users.** Many people said that Hwy 252/I-94 improvements should not solely benefit pass-through traffic and commuters at the expense of residents and communities along the highway. Making it more difficult for residents to access their homes, jobs, and public transportation via walking, biking, or driving burdens everyone in the community, but particularly people with low incomes, the elderly, people with a disability, and BIPOC families.
- **A community-centered engagement process on the Hwy 252/I-94 project alternatives will provide community members more say in the highway design.** People said that selecting a preferred alternative fairly and equitably cannot occur without listening to concerns and input from the people most burdened by changes to the highway. Some recommended especially engaging populations historically left out of government decision-making, including BIPOC communities, people with low incomes, the elderly, and people with a disability.

Next steps

This report summarizes public input received as part of the community engagement process for the Hwy 252/I-94 EHA. The community feedback document in this report will support a community-driven health and equity review of the Hwy 252/I-94 project alternatives. The review and recommendations on the project alternatives will be provided in Report #3 – EHA of Hwy 252/I-94 Draft SDD. Visit the EHA website (mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy252study/eha.html) for the reports and more details on the EHA.

2. Introduction

MnDOT is conducting an Equity and Health Assessment (EHA) during the Scoping Decision Document (SDD) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Highway (Hwy) 252/I-94 in Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and Minneapolis. The purpose of the Hwy 252/I-94 EHA is to understand how transportation affects equity and health in the project area so MnDOT can consider this information as it makes decisions about the project.

This report summarizes public input received in the spring of 2022 as part of the community engagement process for the Hwy 252/I-94 EHA. The purpose of community engagement for the Hwy 252/I-94 EHA is to engage historically underserved and overburdened populations on issues of equity and health and to use community feedback for the evaluation of Hwy 252/I-94 project alternatives.

Project overview

The Hwy 252/I-94 project area runs for approximately 12 miles between the Hwy 610/252 interchange in Brooklyn Park and the 4th Street/I-94 interchange in Minneapolis. The Mississippi River is less than one-half mile to the east of the project area.

Hwy 252/I-94 runs through some of the most racially and ethnically diverse areas of the state. Nearly 60 percent of the project area identifies as Black or African American, Asian, or Hispanic/Latino. The proportion of people of color is highest in North Minneapolis and in Brooklyn Center north of I-94 and west of Hwy 252.

About this report

The Equity and Health Community Priorities Report (Report #2) both advances the findings from the EHA Baseline Conditions Report ("Report 1") and informs the next report, the EHA of Hwy 252/I-94 draft SDD ("Report 3"). The

Figure 2. Project area map



Community Priorities Report summarizes how community members prioritize the equity and health focus areas identified in the previous Baseline Conditions Report and informs the framework for a community-driven equity and health assessment of the Hwy 252/I-94 project alternatives for the final SDD. MnDOT will document and include the findings and public input gathered for this report in the final SDD and respond to substantive public comments as part of the SDD process.

Figure 3. Hwy 252/I-94 EHA timeline



EHA leadership and staff

The EHA is administered by MnDOT's Sustainability and Public Health Division, with support of an interagency working group. To ground this EHA in community, MnDOT convened an Equity and Health Neighborhood Advisors (EHNA) group. This group, which is facilitated by the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) at the University of Minnesota, meets regularly to guide the EHA. MnDOT hired SRF Consulting Group to coordinate the EHA, and SRF has supplemented their team with Bellwether Consulting, Fairhope Consulting, and NewPublica.

3. Engagement process

Between April 15 and May 6, 2022, the Hwy 252/I-94 EHA project team conducted targeted virtual and in-person engagement with the public. These engagement opportunities were focused on reaching residents living along the Hwy 252/I-94 project area in Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and North Minneapolis, with an intentional effort to engage Black people, Indigenous people, and People of Color (BIPOC). The decision to target EHA engagement opportunities on BIPOC communities was guided by MnDOT's Transportation Equity Commitment, Definition, and Acknowledgment, which states:

Transportation equity means the benefits and burdens of transportation systems, services, and spending are fair and just, which historically has not been the case. Transportation equity requires ensuring people of underserved communities, especially Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, share in the power of decision-making (Draft statement as of July 2022).

The community engagement process and the results provided in this report emphasize the participation and feedback from people who live in neighborhoods adjacent to Hwy 252/I-94 and who identify as belonging to BIPOC communities. While other demographic data was collected from participants and is provided in this section, highlights and results were only disaggregated by race/ethnicity and geography.

Engagement activities

The project team conducted an online survey and 15 in-person activities to collect community feedback for the Hwy 252/I-94 EHA. A total of 412 people provided feedback. Fifty-one percent of participants identify as BIPOC, 80 percent live within a half-mile of the project area, and 37 percent identify as BIPOC and live within a half-mile of the project area. The follow sections summarize the engagement activities. More data is provided on the demographics of participants later in the report.

Table 1. Engagement activities overview

Type of activity	Number of activities	Total participants	Total BIPOC participants	Total participants in the project area*	BIPOC participants in the project area*
Virtual 1 online survey	1	336	139	253	84
In-person 1 survey, 9 pop-ups and 6 canvassing events	15	76	70	76	70
TOTAL	16	412	209	329	154

Type of activity	Number of activities	Total participants	Total BIPOC participants	Total participants in the project area*	BIPOC participants in the project area*
			(51%)	(80%)	(37%)

*Project area is defined as people who indicated that they live in a neighborhood within a half-mile of Hwy 252/I-94

Survey

To solicit community input virtually, the project team created an online survey asking participants to identify the transportation focus areas they feel are most important to equity and health in the project area and provide demographic information. See [online survey in Appendix A](#). The online survey was live March 29 through May 15, 2022.

In addition, to capture feedback at in-person events, the project team created a simplified, shortened version of the survey. The shortened survey still collected comparable responses to the longer online version of the survey. Paper surveys were translated into Hmong, Somali, and Spanish. See the [shortened survey in Appendix A](#).

A total of 336 online surveys and 76 shortened surveys were completed during the EHA engagement period. Responses collected through both versions of the survey are combined and summarized in the sections below.

Pop-ups

Pop-up events allowed the project team to connect with communities in places they are already gathering and potentially reach an audience who may not have heard about the project online. Project staff surveyed participants with paper copies of the survey and used a dot exercise and post-it note activity to collect input on boards. See [pop-up boards in Appendix A](#).

Nine pop-up events were held in the Hwy 252/I-94 project area between April 15 and May 6, 2022. Pop-ups were prioritized in locations along the project area to reach historically underserved and overburdened populations including BIPOC, people with low incomes, the elderly, and people with a disability. One-hundred thirty-seven people were engaged through pop-up events.

Figure 4. Photo from pop-up



Table 2. Pop-ups overview

Date	Location	City	Target audience	Total participants	Total BIPOC participants
April 15, 2022	CAPI COVID Vaccine Clinic	Brooklyn Center	East Asian/Pacific Islander communities	15	15
April 16, 2022	COPAL Vaccine Clinic	Minneapolis	Latinx communities	10	4
April 23, 2022	Zane Community Center	Brooklyn Park	Low-income populations; Minority populations; Older age cohort populations	10	5
April 27, 2022	Webber Park Library	Minneapolis	Low-income populations; Minority populations; Older age cohort populations	12	0
April 27, 2022	YMCA	Minneapolis	Low-income populations; Minority populations; Older age cohort populations	11	8
May 1, 2022	St. Alphonsus Mass	Brooklyn Center <i>(serving as an outreach location for both Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park)</i>	Latinx communities	50	50
May 4, 2022	North Commons Park	Minneapolis	Low-income populations; Minority populations; Older age cohort populations	10	8

Date	Location	City	Target audience	Total participants	Total BIPOC participants
May 6, 2022	North Commons Park	Minneapolis	Low-income populations; Minority populations; Older age cohort populations	8	6
May 17, 2022	Brookdale Library	Brooklyn Center	Low-income populations; Minority populations; Older age cohort populations	11	11
TOTAL	--	--	--	137	107 (78%)

Canvassing

Canvassing, or door-knocking, allowed the team to reach residents in the Hwy 252/I-94 project area. Residents completed short surveys on tablets supplied by project staff. Project staff left flyers at homes and apartment buildings when there was no response. Project staff focused on reaching renters through canvassing, and left flyers with property managers at several large multi-family residential buildings in the project area. Flyers provided project information and a QR code to complete the online survey. Flyers were translated into Hmong, Somali and Spanish. See the [flyer in Appendix A](#).

There were six canvassing events during the engagement period. Twenty-two people were engaged through canvassing and 16 people identified as BIPOC.

Table 3. Canvassing overview

Date	Location	Target audience	Total participants	Total BIPOC participants
April 16, 2022	Humboldt Court, Brooklyn Center	Low-income populations; Minority populations; Older age cohort populations	5	2
April 29, 2022	Heritage Park, Minneapolis	Somali communities	5	3

Date	Location	Target audience	Total participants	Total BIPOC participants
May 3, 2022	Regent Apartment, Brooklyn Park	Low-income populations; Minority populations; Older age cohort populations	(0 - Flyer drop off only)	
May 4, 2022	Huntington Place, Brooklyn Park	Low-income populations; Minority populations; Older age cohort populations	(0 - Flyer drop off only)	
May 6, 2022	Brookside Manor, Brooklyn Center	Low-income populations; Minority populations; Older age cohort populations	(0 - Flyer drop off only)	
May 17, 2022	North Minneapolis	Low-income populations; Minority populations; Older age cohort populations	12	11
TOTAL	--	--	22	16 (73%)

Notification methods

Public notification of the engagement opportunities occurred through existing channels of project partners. Project staff coordinated with the Hwy 252/I-94 Environmental Review project team, City staff, and community organizations to share the online survey with their networks.

Social media

Hwy 252/I-94 EHA project staff coordinated with project partners and cities to share survey information on social media. Posts were published on Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, and CAPI's Facebook pages.

GovDelivery update

Project staff published a GovDelivery email update to the MnDOT Hwy 252/I-94 Environmental Review subscriber list promoting the online survey.

Website

The online survey was also promoted on the MnDOT Hwy 252/I-94 Environmental Review website: mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy252study/.

Figure 5. Social media graphic

Hwy 252 / I-94 Environmental Review

Fill out our questionnaire!

MnDOT is conducting an Equity and Health Assessment as part of the Study for Hwy 252/I-94 in Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and Minneapolis.

Please take this questionnaire to gather your voice:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/252EHAShort>

Visit the project website:
<https://dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy252study>

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Demographics of participants

Hwy 252/I-94 EHA engagement intentionally sought feedback from historically underserved and overburdened populations living in Minneapolis, Brooklyn Center, and Brooklyn Park. This includes people that have been underserved, overburdened, and marginalized by public policy, investments, and decision-making including Black people, Indigenous people, and people of color (BIPOC).

The survey asked participants to share their demographic data so the team could understand if the project was reaching its intended audience. Participants could choose to not answer the demographic questions.

Location

For this engagement process, participants who *live in the project area* live within a half-mile of Hwy 252/I-94. Online survey participants were asked to self-report if they live along Hwy 252/I-94, and people who participated through canvassing and community pop-ups in the project area were assumed to live there. Eighty percent of participants live in the project area, of which 47 percent (or 153 participants) identify as BIPOC.

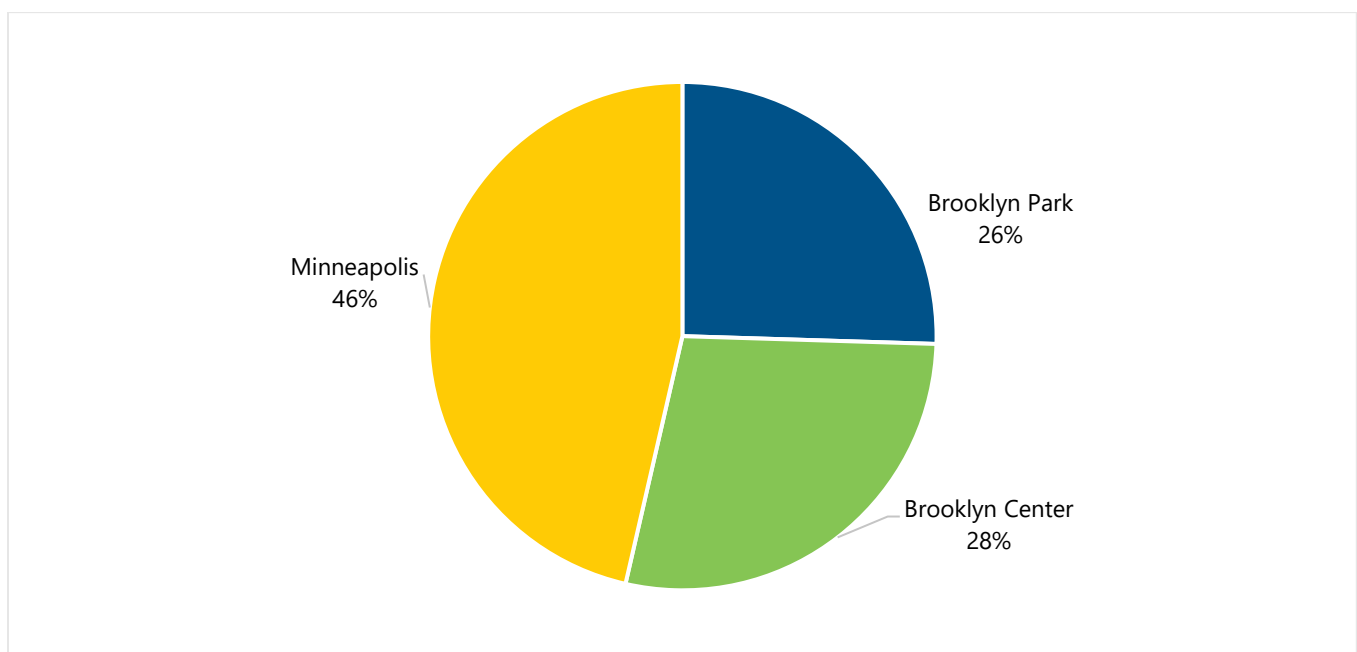
Table 4. Participants who live in the project area

Race/Ethnicity	Total participants	Project area participants	Percent of total project area participants
Asian	23	23	7%

Race/Ethnicity	Total participants	Project area participants	Percent of total project area participants
Black or African American	121	102	31%
Hispanic or Latino	54	18	4%
Other non-White race or more than one race	11	10	3%
White, non-Hispanic	145	129	39%
Unknown/Prefer not to answer	58	46	14%
TOTAL	412	329 (80%)	--

Of the 153 BIPOC participants living within the project area, just under half said that they live in Minneapolis and approximately a quarter live in Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center.

Figure 6. City of residence of BIPOC participants living in the project area



Race/Ethnicity

The project team established a goal of reaching BIPOC people during the engagement process that is equivalent to one percent of BIPOC residents living within the project area; 200 participants identify as Black or African American, 100 identify as Asian, and 60 identify as Hispanic or Latino.

Actual participants included 121 people identify as Black or African American, 23 identify as Asian, 54 identify Hispanic or Latino, and 11 as another non-White race or more than one race. Overall, 51 percent of total participants engaged identified as BIPOC.

Table 5. Race/ethnicity of participants

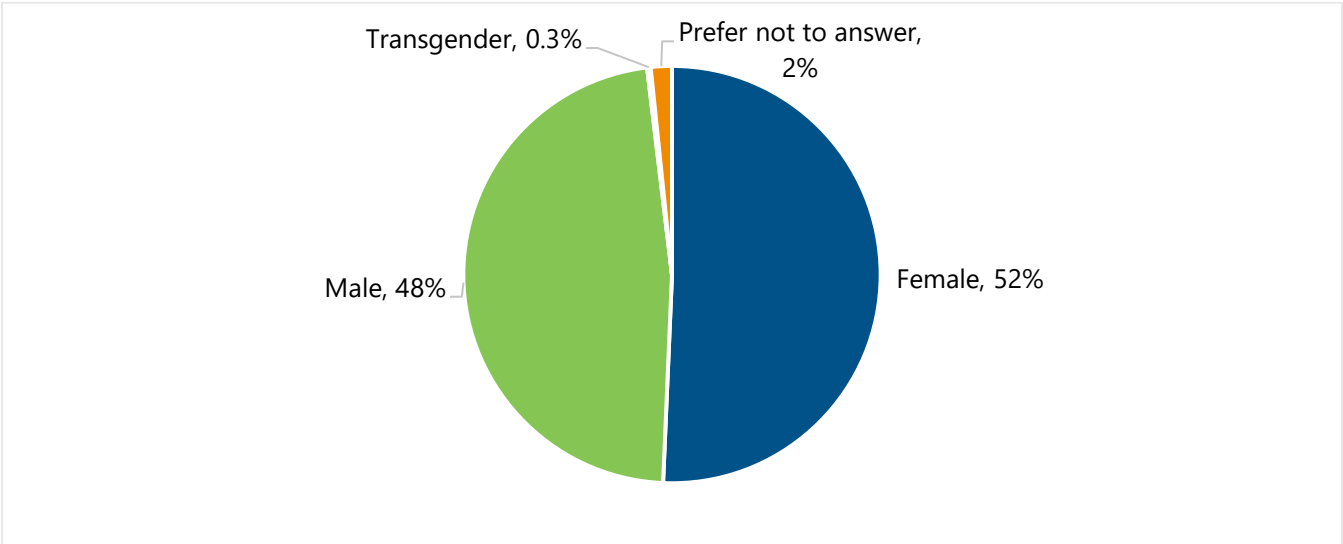
Race/Ethnicity	Total project area population ¹	Goal participants	Actual participants	Percent of total participants
Asian	9,148	100	23	6%
Black or African American	20,399	200	121	29%
Hispanic or Latino	5,689	60	54	13%
Other non-White race or more than one race	466	--	11	3%
White, non-Hispanic	28,809	--	145	35%
Unknown/Prefer not to say	--	--	58	14%
TOTAL	67,451	360	412	--

Gender

Participants were asked to report their gender in the online survey and in-person engagement. Of the 412 total participants, 52 percent identify as female, 48 percent as male, 2 percent prefer not to answer, and one person identifies as transgender.

¹ Total population within half-mile from project area in Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and Minneapolis. 2016-2020 American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates. [census.gov/programs-surveys/acs](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs)

Figure 7. Gender of participants



Age

Age was collected through the survey and in-person engagement. Most participants reported that their age is between 25 years and 74 years. One percent reported their age under 18 years, four percent reported their age as 18-24, and 6 percent reported their age as over 75 years.

Table 6. Age of participants

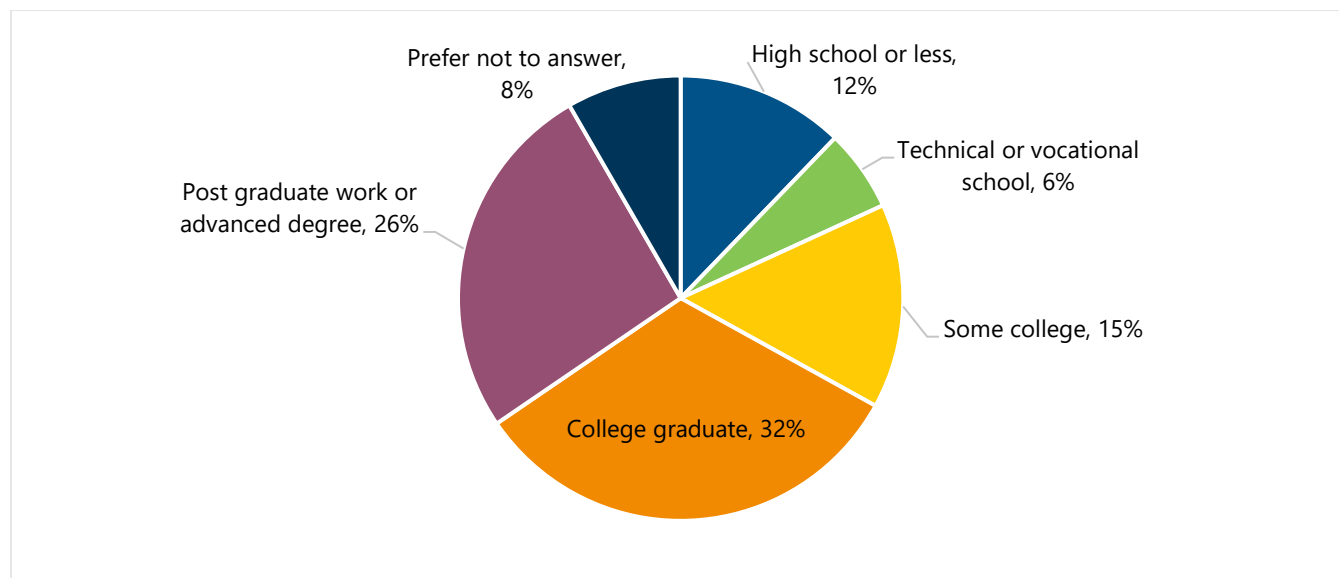
Age	Total participants	Percent of total participants
Under 18	3	1%
18-24	16	4%
25-34	48	12%
35-44	67	16%
45-54	72	17%
55-64	88	21%
65-74	61	15%
75+	23	6%
Unknown/Prefer not to answer	34	8%
TOTAL	412	--

Education level

Education level was only collected through the online survey. There were 336 responses to the online survey. Thirty-two percent of survey participants are college graduates. 26 percent have completed post

graduate work, 15 percent have completed some college, 12 percent have completed high school or less, and six percent completed technical or vocational school.

Figure 8. Education level of survey participants



4. Key takeaways

The Hwy 252/I-94 EHA project staff gathered input and had conversations with community members about how to make Hwy 252/I-94 improvements equitable. A key component of the engagement process was listening to voices from historically underserved and overburdened populations. This section summarizes overarching themes heard from participants during this engagement. These takeaways are not listed in any particular order. Most of the quotations highlighted below are from participants who identify as BIPOC. Sections 5 and 6 provide a detailed summary of the results.

- **People said all equity and health focus areas are important and related to each other.**
People drew the connections between the EHA topics discussed, and no issue fell to the bottom of the list as unimportant.
- **Health is the top priority because without it, there is nothing.** Many people commented that for the project to prioritize health, it needs to prioritize people rather than maximizing capacity and ease of travel for cars. Some people recommended reframing the focus of Hwy 252/I-94 improvements from investing in highway infrastructure to investing in healthier communities and families.

"People are more important than cars."

- **People said sense of community is important for health and equity in their community.**
People identified that a key component to a healthy community is a community where people feel secure in the place where they live and connected to one another. An equitable and well-designed Hwy 252/I-94 can help bring people together and increase safety, access, and quality of life for the communities living adjacent to the highway.
- **More transportation options can increase health and equity in communities.** A healthy community has transportation options that provide a safe, affordable, efficient, and environmentally friendly way to travel. Many people said their community needs more viable transportation options and emphasized that highway improvements should not only support cars, but also walking, biking, rolling, and public transit.
- **Nearby jobs, healthy food, and green space helps people live healthier lives.** People said access to jobs, healthy food, and greenspace is a priority. People need easy access to healthy options to be healthy.

"I ranked health topics number one because it's extremely important to be healthy and be able to have the necessities to do so. You can't live without health, healthy food options, and it would be hard to go through life with no job."

- People expressed concerns for property changes resulting from the Hwy 252/I-94 project.** People are concerned about neighborhoods losing homes, property values decreasing, and communities being destroyed to expand the highway. Some people described how past construction projects on I-94 and I-35W disproportionately affected BIPOC communities in the Twin Cities.
- People are concerned about air pollution affecting the future and quality of life for communities adjacent to Hwy 252/I-94.** Many people said air pollution from Hwy 252/I-94 traffic affects the health and well-being of people living next to the highway. Some shared concerns that expanding the highway could increase traffic, smog, and air pollution which could increase health issues and asthma levels in nearby communities.

"The health impacts are real. As traffic volumes have increased over the years, I have developed asthma. Car/truck exhaust is the most severe trigger for my breathing issues."

- Environmental health and the health of the Mississippi River ecosystem is a concern for communities.** Beyond the health of people, commenters also expressed concern for the health of the environment, particularly the nearby Mississippi River and the wildlife that relies on it. Some were concerned that expanding Hwy 252/I-94 would require more pavement and infrastructure and cause more water pollution from highway runoff. Others shared concerns that carbon emissions from increased traffic could increase the severity of climate change.
- Safety along and crossing Hwy 252/I-94 is a key concern.** A common thread from the engagement was the need to make Hwy 252/I-94 safer for all users. Many people said that they are concerned about traffic speeding, car crashes, and reckless drivers. Some people said they intentionally avoid walking, biking, and driving in the project area, even when it is the most direct route, because they are afraid for their safety.

"Safety is the ultimate priority for me, especially because I am a cyclist who actively avoids that area due to safety concerns. Given the disparities in the community and how many people rely on public transit, walking, and rolling, we NEED more options to cross 252 in a safe manner."

- Any outcomes from Hwy 252/I-94 improvements should be fair and equitably distributed to highway users.** Many people said that Hwy 252/I-94 improvements should not solely benefit pass-through traffic and commuters at the expense of residents and communities along the highway. Making it more difficult for residents to access their homes, jobs, and public

transportation via walking, biking, or driving burdens everyone in the community, but particularly people with low incomes, the elderly, people with a disability, and BIPOC families.

- **A community-centered engagement process on the Hwy 252/I-94 project alternatives will provide community members more say in the highway design.**

People said that selecting a preferred alternative fairly and equitably cannot occur without listening to concerns

and input from the people most burdened by changes to the highway. Some recommended especially engaging populations historically left out of government decision-making, including BIPOC communities, people with low incomes, the elderly, and people with a disability.

"People of all ethnic backgrounds who live in this area should be represented at the table and share in the decision."

5. Results: Focus areas

This section summarizes how participants ranked the health and equity focus areas and the reasons they are important to them. The health and equity focus areas shared with participants are described in the table below.

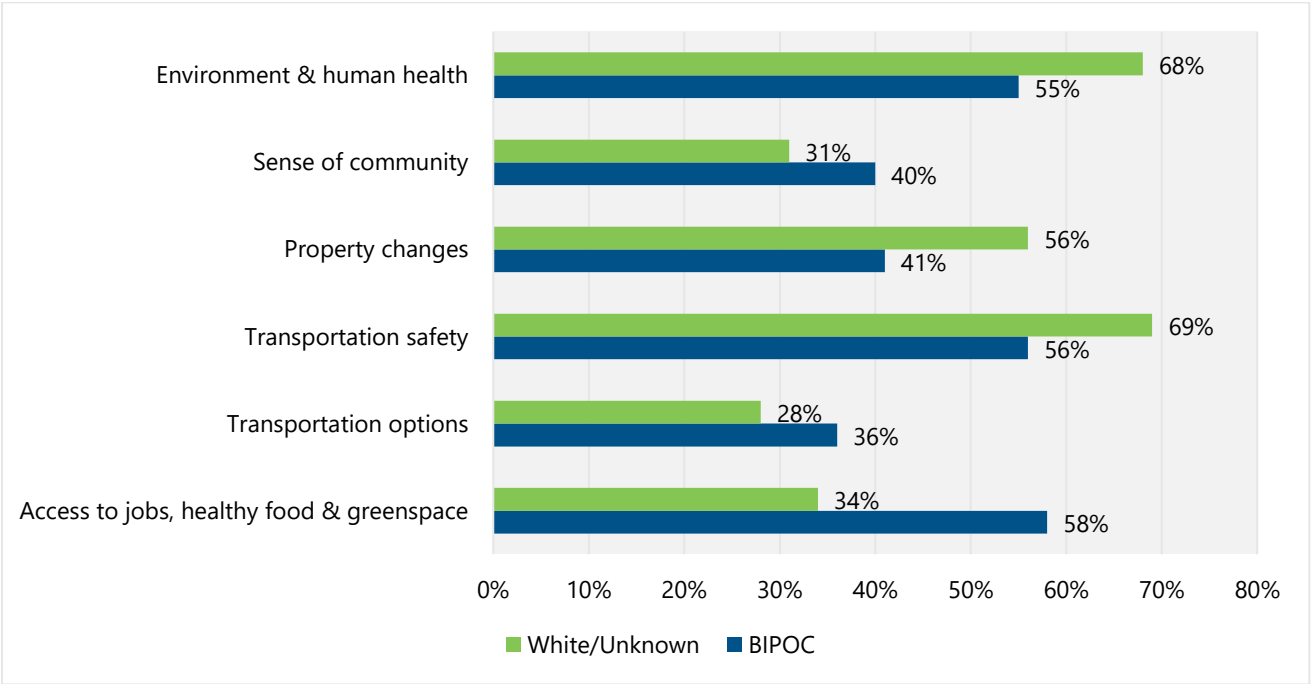
Table 7. Equity and health focus areas

Focus Areas	Focus Area Description
Environment and human health	Environmental quality is highly correlated with community health and well-being. As environmental quality degrades, people can be exposed to higher concentrations of toxins, lower property values, higher stress levels, and fewer opportunities to connect with nature.
Sense of community	The design and operation of public roadways contributes to a community's cohesion and sense of place. A well-connected street network, with quality sidewalks, tree cover, gathering places, public art, and other forms of streetscaping brings people together, spurs commerce, and increases quality of life.
Property changes	Transportation construction can cause significant property changes, up to and including the acquisition and demolition of homes and businesses. Traffic and roadway design can also affect property values by increasing or decreasing the livability and/or accessibility of nearby properties.
Transportation safety	Being and feeling safe on public roadways is another way transportation contributes to health and well-being. Transportation safety prevents vehicle crashes and promotes the safety and security of people walking, biking, taking transit, and in motor vehicles.
Transportation options	Transportation options support health and well-being by increasing opportunities for people to reach destinations by walking, rolling, bicycling, taking public transit, and a combination of modes involving more physical activity and social connection than driving alone.
Access to jobs, healthy food options and greenspace	Access is a measure of the opportunity people have to work, play, and obtain goods and services essential to health and well-being. Transportation supports access by connecting people to destinations. Transportation also helps neighborhoods attract and retain jobs, grocery stores, health care, schools, and other amenities that promote vibrant communities.

Online survey participants ranked the focus areas from one to six, and the in-person activity asked participants to select their top three priorities. Across all survey results for participants in the project area, the project team analyzed how often the focus area was selected within participants' top three priorities.

Access to jobs, healthy food, and greenspace was most often selected as a top priority for BIPOC participants, followed by safety, environment and human health, property changes, sense of community, and transportation options. Notably, BIPOC participants were more likely to rank access to jobs, healthy food, and greenspace higher than White participants in the project area.

Figure 9. Top focus area priorities for participants in the project area



Sense of community

People who ranked this focus area high said that for a community to be healthy, people need to feel welcomed, safe, and secure in the place where they live and connected to one another. Comments said that improvements to Hwy 252/I-94 should help bring people together by increasing safety, access, and quality of life for the communities living near the highway.

In addition, many participants said that they selected sense of community as their top focus area because for this project to prioritize health, it needs to prioritize communities rather than cars and maximizing highway capacity. Some participants said MnDOT should reframe the focus of Hwy 252/I-94 improvements from investing in highway to investing in healthier communities.

Common things people said about sense of community:

- Many comments about this focus area were about how feeling pride in your community and knowing your neighbors is important to create a healthy and thriving community.
- Many people said that communities need to be prioritized over cars when MnDOT is considering changes to Hwy 252/I-94.
- Some people said that sense of community and residents' quality of life could be improved with increased police enforcement and less crime.

Comments about sense of community:

"Sense of community is all encompassing and extremely important for safety, especially for Black people."

"Without wellness and health no individual can thrive. When individuals are not thriving, the community will not thrive."

Reducing the negative environmental and health impacts are critical for this community...Honoring people's sense of home and security is another dimension of wellness. There really isn't an unimportant topic on the list. The community is paying the price for poor and inequitable planning in the past."

Transportation options

People said that more transportation options can increase health and equity in communities by providing efficient, affordable, and environmentally friendly ways to travel besides by car. Many people said that their community needs more public transit, and many people emphasized that Hwy 252/I-94 improvements should not only support cars, but also create safe connections for walking, biking, and rolling across the highway. Some people also said providing more transportation options can improve community health by reducing carbon emissions and increasing opportunities for physical activity as well as improve people's emotional and mental health.

Common themes about transportation options:

- Many people said that communities along Hwy 252/I-94 need more reliable and frequent public transit service to and from key destinations for jobs, food, and health care.
- Many people said that they feel unsafe walking, biking, and rolling across Hwy 252/I-94 and waiting at bus stops near the highway.
- Some people said that more frequent and reliable public transit would help get people out of cars so Hwy 252/I-94 would not need to be expanded and there would be less pollution.
- Some said driving in heavy traffic on Hwy 252/I-94 is stressful and providing more transportation options, like walking and biking trails, could improve people's emotional and mental health beyond their physical health.

Comments about transportation options:

"It's important to prioritize those who need easier means of transportation including a variety of modes (biking, walking) and a healthy environment promotes healthier people."

"Hwy 252 benefits those who commute on the highway. More people should use public transportation because there would be less traffic."

Access to jobs, healthy food, and greenspace

People said access to jobs, healthy food, and greenspace is a priority because for people to be healthy, they need to have easy access to healthy options. Communities with few job opportunities, no healthcare options, and limited access to grocery stores, parks, and greenspaces can hold people back from living healthy lives. In addition, the distance or time it takes to get to these destinations by walking, biking, driving, and transit can also be a barrier.

Highlights from comments about access:

- Many people said access is important because you can't be healthy without the option to be healthy.
- Many people said easy access to destinations like doctor's offices, pharmacies, grocery stores, trails, and parks improves the wellbeing and quality of life of communities.

Property changes

People said that they are concerned about homes being torn down to expand the highway, property values decreasing for homeowners in the project area, and neighborhoods being destroyed. Many people also said that there will be more noise, air, and light pollution if the highway is expanded and that would negatively affect the quality of life for residents adjacent to the project area.

Some people explained that they are concerned about their housing security because past MnDOT construction projects to build I-94 and I-35W have displaced people of color and Black communities in the Twin Cities. There were also some comments about the original construction of Hwy 252/I-94 taking property and homes away from people living in the project area and the affects this has on communities living there today.

Common themes from comments about property changes:

- Many people were concerned about losing property or homes to expand the highway.

Comments about access to jobs, healthy food, and greenspace:

"I ranked health topics number one because it's extremely important to be healthy and be able to have the necessities to do so. You can't live without health, healthy food options, and it would be hard to go through life with no job."

"Transportation is about getting you places from where you are to where you want to go. Therefore my top three are access, safety and options. The rest is all nice to have but not necessity."

Comments about property impacts:

"Don't build a freeway through our neighborhoods."

"Some of the Twin Cities most unique properties are near 252 and a community that fosters the most diversity in Minnesota, these are irreplaceable properties and community and destroying the neighborhoods and continuity creates long-term problems such as occurred in St. Paul in the Rondo neighborhood."

- Many people said they were concerned about home values decreasing due to more noise, air, and light pollution from the highway.
- Some people said that MnDOT's displacement of BIPOC communities for I-94 and I-35W construction makes them concerned for housing security for racially diverse communities along Hwy 252/I-94.

Environment and human health

Overall participants ranked environmental and human health as the top focus area. People who selected this focus area tended to separate human health and environmental health. They distinguished human health as the health and wellbeing of individuals, and environmental health as the health of the surrounding natural environment, with a focus on the Mississippi River and its wildlife.

Regarding human health, people said that they are concerned about air pollution affecting the future and quality of life for communities adjacent to Hwy 252/I-94. Some shared concerns that expanding the highway would increase air pollution and cause greater health issues and asthma levels for people living nearby.

Likewise, some people were concerned that expanding Hwy 252/I-94 would require more pavement and cause more water pollution in the Mississippi River from highway runoff. Others shared concerns that carbon emissions from increased traffic could increase the severity of climate change.

Comments about environment and human health:

"We are a predominantly a community of color. Our community already suffers disproportionately from respiratory diseases and toxins and fumes that we are aware are diverted from white neighborhoods into our communities. This has a huge impact on our health and well being, our ability to stay in school and be at work in addition to incurring high medical bills."

"The health impacts are real. As traffic volumes have increased over the years, I have developed asthma. Car/truck exhaust is the most severe trigger for my breathing issues."

Common themes from comments about the environment and human health:

- Many people said that individuals and communities need health to thrive.
- Many people said that they are concerned about the effects of air pollution and increased traffic on Hwy 252/I-94 for respiratory issues and asthma levels in their communities.
- Many people said that environmental health is important and shared concerns that expanding the highway would increase carbon emissions due to higher traffic levels and more pavement would increase runoff and water pollution in the Mississippi River.

Safety

Safety was a top-rated focus area. Many people said that Hwy 252/I-94 needs to be safer for all users. Participants said that they are concerned about speeding, car crashes, and reckless drivers. Some people said that they don't walk, bike, or drive in the project area because they are afraid for their safety. Some also said that youth, elderly, people with a disability, and people who are low income are particularly vulnerable to dangerous drivers because they may not have safe transportation options for walking, biking, and taking transit.

Some participants recommended solutions to make the highway safer. Some people said removing the traffic lights would eliminate the risk of dangerous collisions at intersections, constructing pedestrian bridges would keep people walking, biking, and rolling away from cars, educating drivers on yielding and zip merging would reduce accidents, and reducing congestion and the number of single-occupancy cars on the road would diminish opportunities for crashes to occur.

Some highlights from comments about safety:

- Many people are concerned about safety on Hwy 252/I-94.
- Many people said that reckless drivers are the primary cause of danger on the highway.
- Some people identified that people who are low income, people with a disability, youth, and elderly are particularly vulnerable to traffic accidents because they are more likely to travel in the project area by walking, biking, or rolling.
- Some people recommended ideas to improve safety, including remove traffic lights, construct pedestrian bridges, educate drivers, and reduce congestion and cars.

Comments about safety:

"My emphasis was on people's lives. The corridor and adjacent neighborhood roads need to be safe for bikers, walkers, and drivers. I'm concerned about increased neighborhood traffic next to where people walk & bike, as well as intersection vehicle accidents."

"Safety is paramount - none of the other options matter if the community (commuters, pedestrians, and bikers) are not safe on or near this roadway. As it is now, 252 is very dangerous."

Other

Some participants identified other focus areas important for health and equity in their communities that were missing from the focus areas that project staff shared.

Accessibility

Some people said that an important component of health and equity is ensuring gathering places, sidewalks, and trails are accessible for people who use mobility devices. A healthy community is welcoming and accessible for people with a disability, people using strollers, and the elderly.

Medical care and emergency access

Some people said that ensuring emergency access (ambulance, fire, and police) to neighborhoods adjacent to the highway is not negatively affected by changes to the highway is important to support health and equity in their communities.

Crime and enforcement

Some people said reducing crime in communities and increasing enforcement of traffic laws along the highway is important for their health and equity. People said changes to the highway design is not enough. Drivers can be reckless and there needs to be more enforcement of traffic laws. Additionally, people said crime in neighborhoods negatively affects the quality of life and wellbeing of the community. More needs to be done to reduce crime and any changes to the highway should not encourage criminal activities.

Noise pollution

Some people said that changes to the highway should not increase noise pollution for nearby communities. Some participants said noise is already a problem for homes near the highway and expanding it or increasing traffic volumes would make the area more stressful and less livable for residents.

Other comments:

"There are areas where parks and public spaces need additional accessibility for wheelchairs, stroller access – for example parks often have non-rollable surface in play areas."

"I hope the changes do not make it harder for fire and police to protect me."

"Building better roads doesn't necessarily improve safety with so many speeders and aggressive drivers on the roads..."

Unblocking adjacent roads (i.e. West River Road) will encourage drivers to bypass 252 during peak hours and speed through residential streets like they did...I believe more patrolling of the intersections between I-94 and 610 would discourage speeders and those who regularly run red lights at those sites."

"Noise pollution from cars on the freeway goes all night long. I hate it that I have to wear ear plugs at night so I can get uninterrupted sleep at night. I don't open my windows or doors ever to get fresh air into my house. Traffic noise is too loud. It's difficult to impossible to sit outside because of the noise."

6. Results: Equitable outcomes

Participants were asked how the project team can ensure the benefits and burdens of Hwy 252/I-94 improvements are equitable. Some of the top answers were: ensure nearby residents are not unfairly burdened by highway changes that benefit commuters, maintain local access, and engage communities most likely to be burdened by changes in the highway on the new design.

Participants said that any burdens and benefits from Hwy 252/I-94 improvements should be fairly and equitably distributed to all highway users. Many people said that Hwy 252/I-94 improvements should not solely benefit commuters traveling through the area at the expense of residents living along or near the highway. Some people expressed concern for losing local access and connectivity to improve ease of travel for pass through traffic. Some said that making it more difficult for residents to access their homes, jobs, and public transit via walking, biking, or driving burdens everyone in the community, but particularly people who are low-income, people with a disability, and BIPOC families.

Participants recommended that community members should have a say in selecting the preferred alternative to ensure equitable burdens and benefits. People said that the project team should listen to concerns and input from the communities that could be most burdened by changes to the highway. Some recommended especially engaging populations who have been historically left out of government decision-making, including BIPOC communities, people with low incomes, the elderly, and people with a disability.

Highlights from comments about ensuring equitable outcomes:

- Many people said that commuters shouldn't benefit from changes to Hwy 252/I-94 at the expense of residents.
- Many said that changes to the highway shouldn't make it easier for pass through traffic to get through the highway and harder for people to travel within the community by walking, biking, rolling, or driving.
- Many people said that the people most likely to be negatively affected by changes to the highway should have a say in the highway's design.

Comments about equitable outcomes

"Don't mess up our community just to benefit those who live farther away. Brooklyn Center is a highly diverse community that should not be penalized so people who perceive themselves to be of a higher class can get to work faster."

"People of all ethnic backgrounds who live in this area should be represented at the table and share in the decision."

7. Next steps

This report summarizes public input received as part of the community engagement process for the Hwy 252/I-94 EHA. The EHNA and project team will use this community feedback to conduct a community-driven health and equity review of the Hwy 252/I-94 project alternatives.

The Equity and Health Community Priorities Report is the second of three Hwy 252/I-94 EHA reports that will be developed during the Scoping Decision Document (SDD) phase of the Hwy 252/I-94 Environmental Review. The third Hwy 252/I-94 EHA Reports – Equity and Health Assessment of the Hwy 252/I-94 SDD – will be released in fall 2022. This report will be a community-driven assessment of Hwy 252/I-94 project alternatives, and recommendations for what, if any, changes to the SDD should be considered before MnDOT proceeds to final review and approval. Recommendations could also identify recommendations that fall outside of the project's scope for consideration by MnDOT and/or other agencies.

Visit the EHA website (mndot.gov/metro/projects/hwy252study/eha.html) for more details on the EHA and the Hwy 252/I-94 Environmental Review.

8. Appendix

Appendix A: Engagement activities

Online survey

EHA Questionnaire

Welcome to the Hwy 252/I-94 Equity & Health Assessment Questionnaire! This questionnaire is an opportunity to let MnDOT know how Hwy 252/I-94 affects health and equity in your community. MnDOT will consider questionnaire results when deciding how to improve Hwy 252 / I-94 between the Hwy 252/610 interchange in Brooklyn Park and the 4th Street/I-94 interchange in downtown Minneapolis.

We looked at equity and health along Hwy 252/I-94. Here is what we found:

- High traffic volumes affect health and community livability through air, noise, and light pollution. These affects are experienced disproportionately by Black people, Indigenous people, and People of Color.
- There are more crashes, serious injury crashes, and traffic fatalities on Hwy 252 than on similar highways across the region.
- 1 in 10 households along Hwy 252/I-94 lack access to a car, and the typical household is burdened by transportation and housing costs. Access to transit varies in communities along Hwy 252/I-94.
- Hwy 252/I-94 presents a barrier to people trying to access the Mississippi River, parks, and other types of green space in the area. There are also portions of Hwy 252 / I-94 with limited access to grocery stores carrying healthy food options.

Please share your thoughts on these findings by answering the following questions.

Question 1: Please rank the areas below based on what you feel is most important to equity and health in your community. *(Please rank items below from 1-6 with "1" being the most important)*

- Environment and human health: *Environmental quality is highly correlated with community health and well-being. As environmental quality degrades, people are exposed to higher concentrations of toxins, lower property values, higher stress levels, and fewer opportunities to connect with nature.*
- Sense of community: *The design and operation of public roadways contributes to a community's cohesion and sense of place. A well-connected street network, with quality sidewalks, tree cover, gathering places, public art, and other forms of streetscaping brings people together, spurs commerce, and increases quality of life.*
- Property changes: *Transportation construction can have significant effects on property, up to and including the acquisition and demolition of homes and businesses. Traffic and roadway design can also affect property values by increasing or decreasing the livability and/or accessibility of nearby properties.*

- *Transportation safety: Being and feeling safe on public roadways is another way transportation contributes to health and well-being. Transportation safety prevents vehicle crashes and promotes the safety and security of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, and people in motor vehicles.*
- *Transportation options: Transportation options support health and well-being by increasing opportunities for people to reach destinations by walking, rolling, bicycling, taking public transit, and a combination of modes involving more physical activity and social connection than driving alone.*
- *Access to jobs, healthy food options and greenspace: Access is a measure of the opportunity people have to work, play, and obtain goods and services essential to health and well-being. Transportation supports access by connecting people to destinations. Transportation also helps neighborhoods attract and retain jobs, grocery stores, health care, schools, and other amenities that promote vibrant communities.*

Question 2: Why did you prioritize the areas the way you did?

Transportation equity ensures the benefits and burdens of transportation systems, services, and spending are fair and just, which historically has not been the case. Transportation equity requires ensuring people of underserved communities, especially Black, Indigenous and People of Color, share in the power of decision-making.

Question 3: What health topic do you most want to see explored in depth as part of the Hwy 252/I-94 EHA? Why?

Question 4: What would it take to ensure the benefits and burdens of Hwy 252 and I-94 are equitable?

Question 5: What else should MnDOT think about relative to equity and health on the Hwy 252/I-94?

Question 6: What neighborhood do you live in? Or what is the nearest major intersection?

Demographic questions

- a) What is your zip code? _____
- b) What is your age?
 - ☐ Under 18
 - ☐ 18-24
 - ☐ 25-34
 - ☐ 35-44
 - ☐ 45-54
 - ☐ 55-64
 - ☐ 65-74
 - ☐ 75+
 - ☐ Prefer not to answer
- c) What is the last grade or level of education that you completed? Was it...
 - ☐ High school or less
 - ☐ Technical or vocational school
 - ☐ Some college
 - ☐ College graduate
 - ☐ Post graduate work or advanced degree
 - ☐ Prefer not to answer
- d) Which of the following describes how you think of yourself?
 - ☐ Female
 - ☐ Male
 - ☐ Non-binary (please specify if you wish)
 - ☐ Prefer not to answer
- e) Are you of Hispanic descent?
 - ☐ Yes
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Prefer not to answer
- f) Which of the following best describes your racial background?
 - ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
 - ☐ Asian
 - ☐ Black or African-American

- ☐ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White
- ☐ Some other race/More than one race (please specify)
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

In-person survey

EHA Questionnaire - Short

Let's start with health.

1. When you think about Hwy 252 (or I-94 depending on location) and health, what comes to mind? What makes you say that?
2. Please rank your top 3 in order of importance. *Rank the additional topics 4-6 if you can.*
 - Human health and environmental quality.
 - Sense of community.
 - Property changes.
 - Transportation safety.
 - Transportation options.
 - Access to jobs, healthy food options, and greenspace.
3. What caused you to rank the health topics the way you did?

Let's talk about equity.

Transportation equity can exist when the benefits and burdens of transportation systems, services, and spending are fair and just, which historically has not been the case. Transportation equity can exist when people – especial Black, Indigenous, and People of Color – share in the power of decision-making.

4. How would you describe the burdens of Hwy 252 (or I-94 depending on location)? What would it take to distribute these burdens fairly?
5. How would you describe the benefits of Hwy 252 (or I-94 depending on location)? What would it take to distribute these benefits fairly?

Thank you. Can I ask what neighborhood you live in?

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Pop-up boards

HIGHWAY 252/I-94 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Equity and Health Assessment

MnDOT is doing an Equity and Health Assessment (EHA) on Hwy 252/I-94 to consider how a transportation project may affect people's health in the area.

What do we mean by “equity and health”?

Equitable transportation ensures the benefits and burdens of transportation spending, services, and systems are fair and just, which historically has not been the case. Transportation equity also requires intentionally integrating perspectives of those who traditionally have not been involved in decision-making, especially with Black people, Indigenous people, and other People of Color.

The Hwy 252/I-94 EHA considers transportation's impact on health and well-being and the involvement of historically underserved and overburdened communities in transportation decisions on Hwy 252/I-94. The EHA will look at transportation and its role in things like safety, physical activity, air and water quality, community cohesion, and people's ability to get where they need to go.

HOW WILL EQUITY AND HEALTH BE ASSESSED?

The EHA combines health data and targeted community engagement to understand equity and health conditions and priorities in communities along Hwy 252/I-94. To ground the EHA in community, MnDOT formed an Equity and Health Neighborhood Advisors (EHNA) group of residents from Hwy 252/I-94 communities. The EHNA provides input on reports, engagement activities, and potential transportation improvements based on EHA findings.

What's the timeline?

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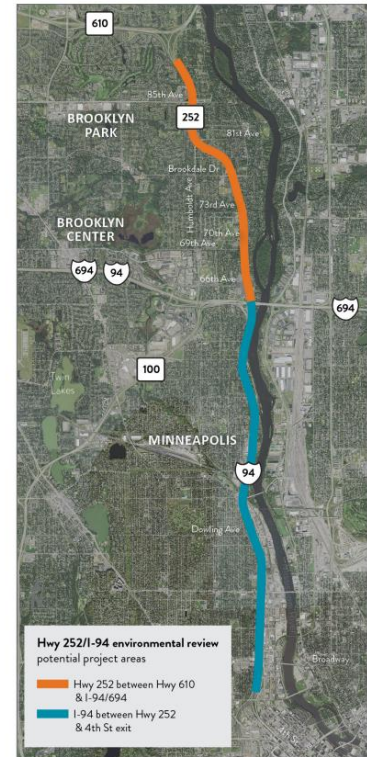
How can you get involved?

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HIGHWAY 252/I-94 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW EQUITY AND HEALTH ASSESSMENT

WHEN THINKING ABOUT TRANSPORTATION, EQUITY, AND HEALTH, WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Place stickers in boxes containing your equity and health priorities. You may place all your stickers in a single box, or distribute between boxes. Then, use a post-it to tell us why you placed your stickers where you did.



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Property impacts

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Other

HIGHWAY 252/I-94 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW EQUITY AND HEALTH ASSESSMENT

WHAT HEALTH TOPIC DO YOU MOST WANT TO SEE EXPLORED IN DEPTH AS PART OF THE HWY 252/I-94 EHA? WHY?

WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR HWY 252 AND I-94 TO PROVIDE MORE EQUITABLE BENEFITS?

WHAT ELSE SHOULD MNDOT THINK ABOUT RELATIVE TO EQUITY AND HEALTH ON HWY 252/I-94?

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Appendix B: Comments

Why did you rank the equity and health focus areas the way you did?

Race/ethnicity	Along project area (Y/N)	City	Theme	Comment
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access	Participant expressed more security and access throughout the city. It is important to have easy access to the hospitals. For better traffic flow there should be less lights. She likes the fact that it connects easily to I94.
Latinx	Unknown	Brooklyn Center	Access	Female participant feels there will be more traffic, once construction is complete it will benefit the drivers. We will also get to hospitals and other places faster.
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access	They are all extremely important to me; a 6 should not be taken to mean it is unimportant to me. I simply prioritized them as they work for me, but I fully recognize that other residents in Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park, as well as our neighbors to the south in North Minneapolis will prioritize them differently; but we likely will consider ALL of these six topics as extremely important. What is NOT important to me is the ability of people living outside BC, BP or N Mpls to be able to speed through our communities without a thought for the people who live here: their convenience in shaving off a minute or two of their commute time should not be given priority over the needs (as above) of the residents of BC and BP. We chose to live in our communities to be close to all the places we need to travel to. People who chose to live far from their jobs, etc., need to understand and accept the implications of that choice and plan

Race/ethnicity	Along project area (Y/N)	City	Theme	Comment
				accordingly; they do not have some sort of "human right" to get to their jobs in 30 minutes by car that overrides the needs of the residents of BC, BP and N Mpls, through which Hwy 252 and I-94 is placed.
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access	I am concerned that 252 changes may impact access to my property.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access	It seems like the data clearly shows that some sort of change needs to happen with the intersection along 252, especially in regard to accidents and safety. That is because people WILL cross EAST-WEST to connect homes with business. How they are able to cross safely must be addressed. Also 252 is now mostly a NORTH-SOUTH pass-through for communities further north. The lights on 252 have to be removed and it must be a limited access highway so that the flow of traffic can increase especially during morning and evening rush hours.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access	I honestly don't want our neighborhood connected to the rest of Brooklyn center, we are a nice quiet neighborhood, and a lot of the rest of the city is a dump. The difficulty of getting into our neighborhood makes it feel safe, quiet, protected and under developed. It doesn't feel like you live in a first ring suburb and I don't want that to change. If anything build a bridge to the Durnam island so people have access to the island as a park because as of now there is no way to enjoy it other than by boat .

Race/ethnicity	Along project area (Y/N)	City	Theme	Comment
Prefer Not to Say	Unknown	Unknown	Access	My ability to get to work
White	N	Not in Corridor	Access	Thinking of how you can't have access to jobs, food, etc. without good health so forth.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Access	How will I get to my doctor appts. My doctors office is in BC. How will I get there
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access	Improving access for people improves the city overall and quality of life
Latinx	Y	Minneapolis	Access	"I chose that order because it's important to me to have access to different places that feel like community. The environment is very important because it affects the health of persons."
Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access	as long as the roads are in good shape, I don't mind closures.
Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access	Having access to the Hmong Community is the most important issue.
Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access	If the roads are all closed, how will people come pick me up?
East African	Y	Minneapolis	Access	As a property owner with young children, access to parks and greenspace is important to me.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Access	Male participant feels 252 is a good hwy depending who has access to it and where you live.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Access / Community / Safety	Access to jobs, health food, and community. Sense of community is all encompassing and extremely important for safety, especially for black people
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Access / Commute	School. Mall. Friends houses. Grandmas house. I take 94 to my grandmas house.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access / Commute	It takes me to my doctors office. These are very important.

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Black or African	N	Brooklyn Park	Access / Commute / Health	I think its a needed thoroughfare for people to connect to the Twin cities. health and access to health facilities is very important to me and family.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Access / Environment	Pro-ease of access to clinic and hospital. Con - pollution. Good health contributes to longevity
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Access / Health	I think it is a major roadway for emergency vehicles transportation to several hospitals. Disruption of the ability of critical service access and flow endangers us all. I don't immediately think of health and highways as being connected, so health impacts are not obvious to me.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Access / Property Changes / Options	The way I get to the doctor. Environment is important to me. Property and imminent domain is important to me. PPL have transportation equal access
Prefer not to answer	Unknown	Unknown	Access / Safety	Safe access to jobs and services are a priority
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access / Safety	Even though I would be cut off from accessing 252 with ease, I feel the safety of the entire stretch from 610 to 694 is more important. I feel there can be opportunity to build new in the area as well if things need to be torn down.
Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access / Safety	I'm not worried about road closures and access if it means I will have safer roads.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access / Safety / Options	Transportation is about getting you places from where you are to where you want to go. Therefore my top three are access, safety and options. The rest is all nice to have but not necessity.
Prefer not to say	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access / Safety / Property Changes	I just want to be able to get to my home and places I need to go safely and efficiently. And not have this project

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				reduce my property value or allow the area to become rundown.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access / Transit	I bought a home where I did because I had access to multiple public transit routes that would take me to work, downtown, etc. As a multi-modal traveler I want to see that continue to be accessible to people in my area.
East African	Y	Minneapolis	Access And Options	As a commuter to my job, access to jobs and transportation options are important to me.
Some other Race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access To Jobs / Environment	I feel access to jobs and food is very important . environment health is also very important and so is transportation safety. It's important we feel safe and have good health.
Latinx	N	Minneapolis	Accessibility	Female participant feel hwy 252 is progress it facilitates to those who are elderly-hospitals & business. This impacts the community in all realms, taxes, health increase. You should educate the community on socio-economics. There should be more accessibility for all, take into consideration all ethnic backgrounds.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Accessibility	Works in the area, serving ADA communities.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Accessibility / Choices / Health	Choices and accessibility to health care especially quality care. good health provides the opportunity to accomplish the next. A clean environment prolongs health.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Accessibility	I see no mention of providing greater accessibility & safe options for the mobility impaired especially those who still walk with assistive devices.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Asthma / Access	Participant shared that asthma comes to mind when she hears health and I-94. She shared that there are more black

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				people living in the area, and that many black children are suffering from asthma. Additionally, she shared that there's limited access to healthy food options, and unhealthy food is more accessible, such as sugary-sweetened beverages. She ranked the way she did because she believes that the health of everyone is important, and that we need to improve air quality.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Biking	Most of these choices are elitist planners' "woke" ideas of little practical value. Biking is never going to be a serious commuter option, for example, but a great deal of money is wasted on it. "Access to Jobs" -- it's a road. It lets people go places. Get it? End of discussion.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Biking	I don't live in this area directly but pass through on bike often.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Community	Having stoplights on 252 creates more anxious people in rushed traffic trying to beat lights and make the next one. Everyone needs to take a step back and not feel rushed. Having a sense of community means everyone feels a stake in the area and will be less likely to abuse it. They will be more likely to see other drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, etc. as their neighbors instead of someone in their way. Solving that problem first will generate more cooperation and something to rally behind to complete the remaining items more effectively and completely.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Community	Important to me for my family
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Community	Personal Experience

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Prefer not to answer	N	Not in corridor	Community	It is a major highway. It is a benefit to the communities.
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community	People first, convenience last
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Park	Community / Enforcement	Sense of Community, we need to come together and protect one another with people racing down West River Rd. We need more police on West River Rd.
East African	Y	Minneapolis	Community / Safety	As a stay at home mom, sense of community, transportation safety, and transportation options are important to me.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Commute	How I get to work. Option to get back and forth to St. Paul for work.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Commute	The way I get to downtown
Black or African	N	Minneapolis	Commute	How I get to MOA
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Commute	Wow! Why I live so far as it is, its not good to keep being rerouted. Because of where I live and how far I have to travel.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Commute	Its how I get to downtown Minneapolis. There are many communities that use 252 to travel to work. I am not sure how it impacts the health of the city. I have lived in BP for over 10 years. 252 and 94 are a way to travel from home to downtown. I want it to be a safe throughway to Mpls.
Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Commute	My commute is 30 minutes. If that gets cut down, I'd be happy.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Commute / Safety	Need more street light to stop the traffic from going too fast. need more lanes that will make it easy to go from one point to another
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Commuting	Female participant feels it is one of the most highly commuted hwy. La 252 es indispensable

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Commuting	We need a more efficient way to get to northern suburbs from Minneapolis
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Compromising	They represent the best compromise for my priorities
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Construction	I felt that options 1, 2, 3, and 4 naturally all complimented each other, so no choice would really need to be made regarding those. I understand that 5 is a necessary sacrifice if there's going to be construction. For 6 property values need to go down
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Construction / Access	It is congested and stressful.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Construction / Traffic	Male Participant expressed it will be a significant change, it will benefit motorist but it will also affect the environment. More thought an planning on the construction. Higher speed limits and less traffic lights to lighten the flow of traffic.
Somali	Y	Minneapolis	Distance	Young Somali woman (college student) and resident. She shared that health in transportation means reduced travel distance and thus less stress.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Education	Unidentified participant answered a question with a question asking-"how does it affect the health or impact'? He thinks you should educate drivers especially those that are commercial drivers. by using videos. Teach them how each should drive according to speed limit.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Park	Enforcement / Health	Male participant feels there is not enough police presence and speed is a threat to the safety and health. He classified the topic in the order mainly because there are many ill people in his community such as diabetes high blood pressure, high cholesterol and obesity.

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				Please add more security, in the last couple of years the city of Brooklyn Park is dangerous.
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Environment	When priority is set for other modes of transportation other than cars, the less environmental impact is likely to happen.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment	Protecting and improving the natural environment especially the river which is near the east side of 252 as it leads into I-94 should be the top consideration.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Environment	Pollution from the gas and pollution center off I94. Love close to freeway, grandchild with asthma.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environment	Logic and I care about the environment
Black or African	N	Minneapolis	Environment / Community	Congestion and decreases air quality. Personal health can impact the community
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Environment / Commute	How long will take me to get from point A to point B. Time spend traveling. The amount of gas I will have to buy. The quality of the air will impact our health.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment / Environmental Justice / Transit	Air pollution caused by traffic kills or hospitalizes many people each year along I-94 and Hwy 252. Reducing this is the highest priority. Property impacts in a BIPOC community are inherently inequitable. Improved transportation safety on mainline routes is important.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment / Health	I put environment and human health at the top, because all of the others flow from it.
Asian	Y	Minneapolis	Environment / Health	"thinks that environment & health is important because it can cause harm to the community. The community is second because it's to make sure everyone is in agreement and safety for everybody. The rest are similar to what

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				the community thinks because safety is important, health, and access to jobs and improvement to the community."
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment / Noise / Pollution	Love the river and nature and this highway will make more noise and pollution for us and the animals
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environment / Noise / Property Changes	I am mainly concerned about the air quality, pollution and noise. I do care about the design and the structure. I am concerned it will be my home that will be removed since it back right up to 252.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment / Pollution / Noise / Access / Transit	Because people are more important than cars. This corridor and this project already have massive negative impacts to the lives of people who live nearby and to the natural environment nearby: even the thought that making 252 a "freeway" and putting more traffic and more exhaust and tire and noise pollution in the northside neighborhoods along 94 is.....really something. We will never have real access to the river here. Not as long as mndot has any control over the land. Actually prioritizing people anywhere near this corridor will never happen, probably. Certainly not if the road is wider and the cars go faster and there are more cars. Even if there is new transit line. It will always be a health and environmental equity disaster.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment / Safety	Environment with River being so close. No large storm water retention in any plans so far. Safety is right along with that. One chance to do it right and correct the issues already at hand I.e. 66th inner change to close to 694, 94 and 100 inner change. No safe

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				transition. Move 66th inner change to 70th. More distance for vehicles to exit and enter safely. Vehicles will be separated from vehicles merging and exiting 94, 694 and 100.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment / Safety / Equity	My ranking was heavily influenced by putting people and the environment ahead of vehicle convenience. Safety, equity and health have to be the number one priority in any plan. I would have put them all as #1 if I could have.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment / Safety / Property Changes / Access To Jobs /	#1 selected because Environment and human health is comprehensive and includes items below such as safety, sense of community, transportation options. Safety is selected as #2 because it is the main reason for undertaking this project. It would be listed as #1 except that is is a subset of the broader environment and human health. Property impacts is #3 to minimize destruction of existing neighborhoods, people's lives and individual community character. Access to jobs... is #4 since we want to the quality of life for people to get what they need and minimize the VMT impact. The remaining two categories are part of the of my understanding of environment and human health which was listed as the number #1 priority. These two are still very important.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environmental Justice	I was thinking about what benefits and enhances the community for the long term. I also thought in terms of supporting those who may have the fewest resources and the biggest needs for their everyday living.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environmental Justice	Rationality
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Environmental Justice	Participant shared that when he thinks of health as it relates to I-94, pollution, environmental racism, and destruction of the black community come to mind.
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Center	Equity / Property Value / Safety / Pollution / Environment / Access / Community	Equity issue for our 3 communities. For most, our house is 1st. Investment and generational wealth.. Safety is a basic practical everyday issue. Health: I like to breathe clean air and feel secure that environment is not harming me through pollution of all types. Other people and wildlife as well. Transportation options: would be good for all of us to have excellent options other than cars. Reducing VMT impact for combatting climate change. Community members need access to jobs.. Community is important also. Just not as immediate as the other options.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Equity / Safety / Property Values	This isn't about equity it's about safety for all. It's about the impact of all individuals and what it will do to their property values
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Equity / Transit	Participant shared that she ranked this way because these were the only topics she knew about. To distribute the benefits of transportation fairly, participant shared that we need to reduce the need for cars and increase buses and trains.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	if you take out the 252 stoplights we will move out of our house and probably out of Brooklyn park
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion / Safety	I recently bought a house here and if they plan to take out the stop lights on 252 I will be moving out of Brooklyn park. It would just make my commute

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				and so many others that much harder. We can make it safer with out taking all of the stop lights out.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freight	Being able to drive my work trucks on a highway since that is all this really is.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Health	Young male thinks the highway is of great use. He classified the topics mainly due to health and life style.
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Health	I don't live right next to 252, but I drive on it a lot. Also I worked in health care and have seen the impacts of 1,2,&3. The others should follow if these are done right. I imagine there will be some property changes which is unfortunate, but unless MNDOT is going to build green space over the freeway ala Rondo proposal, then there will be some property changes. This is the problem with 252 - there's almost no room to put anything.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health	People are more important than property
White	Y	Minneapolis	Health	People and their health and happiness are the most important considerations. I don't care at all about home values or property being lost to eminent domain. I also think that there need to be more transportation options for the entire metro area as the population is predicted to get much more dense.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health	Health and economics are more observable impacts and are more important in the short and long term than the other aspects
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health	There are many alternatives to some of the proposals that disrupt and destroy people's lives and propose additional health hazards. People will no longer want to live in an environment in which

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				personal lives and property and health are prioritized less than a bigger highway that isn't even necessary.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Health	Health is everything.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health	Without good health, we do not exist
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Health	Being Older
Black or African	N	Minneapolis	Health	Health is a big impact on me. If I am healthy and good, I can help others
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health	I ranked health topics number one because its extremely important to be healthy and be able to have the necessities to do so. You can't live without health, healthy food options, and it would be hard to go through life with no job.
Black or African	N	Brooklyn Park	Health	I'm new in the town and don't have an idea yet. Our health is #1 in all that we are and do.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health	Which hospitals to go to depending on which highway is closest will determine the hospital I would go to. The health and well being of my family and I are of great importance to me.
Prefer not to say	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health	There is no need to disrupt peoples' lives and health to add extra lanes to a hwy that would only increase traffic in an area that is near A Minnesota landmark, the Mississippi River
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health	We already have the worst pollution and lung problems of anywhere in the metro. Some days we have to leave home and go away just to get breathable air.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health	Health is the most important. If you do not have good health you have nothing.

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				I feel like we are being targeted because we are diverse and low income.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health	As a long time Brooklyn park resident, health is my top concern
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health	I think that is what supports health for the people living in the impacted area.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health	Health and tranquility I believe is number one priority in a person's life
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Health	Participant shared that asthma comes to mind when she hears health and I-94. She shared that there are more black people living in the area, and that many black children are suffering from asthma. Additionally, she shared that there's limited access to healthy food options, and unhealthy food is more accessible, such as sugar-sweetened beverages. She ranked the way she did because she believes that the health of everyone is important, and that we need to improve air quality.
White	Y	Minneapolis	Health	Participant shared that the Lowry bridge has a fowl smell, and that's a health concern because he doesn't know what's causing that and it's potential impacts.
Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health	as an elder, health is my number one concern
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Health / Access	Will there be any construction which could hinder getting to the hospital or pharmacy? Because in our community we have a lot of health disparities
American Indian or Alaska Native	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health / Access	Health is most important to me. This greatly impacts the health of people who live here, and that should be prioritized over people who drive through the community we live in. The street I live on has multiple schools on

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				it, and should not be used as a high traffic area.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Health / Access	I'm a health professional and work on food justice for the community.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health / Commute	Great highway that connects to other cities. Without health there are lots of things you are restricted. Good health leads to wealth.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health / Commute	A path that helps commuters and drivers get to where they intend to go. Good health is a key component to how a person lives.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health / Environment	Health and wellbeing of people and our environment is most important to me- we must take care of our environment (Mississippi river and wildlife).
White	Y	Minneapolis	Health / Environment	Because I am concerned about the both the impact of highways on the health of me and my neighbors but also on the climate.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Health / Equity / Maintenance	Participant shared that when he thinks about health and I-94, social connection comes to mind because he travels on the highway to visit family and friends. To distribute the burdens of the highway fairly, he would like to have the potholes fixed, as well as developing an app to report potholes. To distribute the burdens of I-94 fairly, he would like to see more prioritization and investment on the highway, reduce the number of abandoned vehicles on the highway, and cleaner roads (less litter).
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health / Options / Walking / Biking	Humans are more important than business. It's important to prioritize those who need easier means of transportation including a variety of modes (biking, walking) and a healthy environment promotes healthier people.

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Black	Y	Minneapolis	Health / Pollution / Property Changes / Community / Transit	Participant shared that when she thinks about I-94 and health, air quality, emissions, development, and impacts to property owners come to mind. In terms of the burdens on I-94, community displacement comes to mind. She shared that housing in the suburbs are more affordable, but transportation is not accessible there. She lives in Eagan and commutes to the area for work, but sometimes detours take her close to 15 minutes. She shared that expanding lanes doesn't benefit communities who're more likely to take public transit, and is concerned about the increasing cost of public transit.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health / Property Acquisition	It could go either way I think taking people out of they're homes and their health have the most impact on life quality the rest are important as well but poor health is worst than no transportation road to work
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health / Safety	Human life and health are the most important and therefore safety ranks first
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health / Safety	Without health and safety there can be no other areas of importance. First you need to address basic needs. Our communities shoulder the burden of multiple high traffic dangerous roadways already.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health / Safety / Community	Brooklyn Center has taken a hit last 5 years. Getting trashy. No business. Crime p and property value up but homes trashy. We need a lift. When people feel safe and clean in neighborhood they work and visit and that improves health n safety

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health / Safety / Environment	Health, safety, and environmental impacts are my top priorities
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Health / Safety / Maintenance / Safety / Community / Access	Participant share that when he thinks about I-94 and health, safety comes to mind. He would like to see I-94 cleaned up more in the North. There's a lot of trash, and potholes pose safety concerns. When it comes to the burdens of I-94, participant shared that there are more police traps in the North. Our community gets clocked more than others, and we're trapped on I-94. When it comes to the benefits of I-94, he said he can't think of many; he shared that he liked how private 252 is, and how 252 benefits mostly those who live or work in the area—unlike I-94.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health / Safety / Options	I focused on the top 3. Health, Safety, and transportation. Transportation Options and Access to Jobs... to me are too similar in nature so one got the boot to last place.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health / Safety / Walking And Biking	Female participant feels we should look out for everyone's health and not just ourselves. No more hwys, the exits are very dangerous. The hwy benefits the motorist but it affects those who live nearby. To many accidents especially for pedestrians.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Health / Traffic	Female participant expressed there should be increased security and very slippery in the winter time. She classified topics base on health. It is affecting many people and the environment. You should gather ideas from all do not base it on race. 252 is highly commuted, you should distribute more lights and

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				increase speed limit to have a better traffic flow.
East African	Y	Minneapolis	Health And Property Acquisition	As a nurse and a home owner with young children (one of my children has mild asthma) environmental and property impacts are important to me.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health / Community / Access / Property Changes / Equity	Without wellness and health no individual can thrive. When individuals are not thriving the community will not thrive. Reducing the negative environmental and health impacts are critical for this community. Increasing access and opportunities to SAFE Active Transportation is part of that holistic wellness needs of the community. Honoring people's sense of home and security is another dimension of wellness. There really isn't an unimportant topic on the list. The community is paying the price for poor and inequitable planning in the past.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Maintenance	Participant shared that there are many potholes on the highway, and it's stressful to think about potential damage and repairs to your car daily.
Latinx	Y	Minneapolis	N/A	Female participant left the questions blank.
Latinx	N	Minneapolis	N/A	N/A
Latinx	N	Minneapolis	N/A	Participant did not answer the questions.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	Male participant did not answer the questions.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	N/A	Female participant did not answer the questions.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Participant left questions blank
Latinx	Unknown	Brooklyn Center	N/A	Unidentified participant expressed that they don't drive much. Therefore not much to share regarding 252.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	what I feel
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	That's how it pertains to my life.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	This is what is important to me at this point in my life.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	To try and make it the best situation for the area.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	We live next to Highway 252. Off of Brookdale Drive.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	They are all important
White	N	Brooklyn Center	N/A	I drive this corridor every day & see the impacts.
White	Y	Unknown	N/A	I am retired and I have lived in Brooklyn Center my entire life.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	Health and safety are my top concerns.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	My household is 2 retirees and that is order in which changes would probably most effect us.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Those are my priorities
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Wouldn't let me prioritize any other way no matter how many times I tried.
White	N	Not in Corridor	N/A	Significant transportation corridors will always create negative impacts; the goal should be to minimize the impact while maximizing the intended purpose of being a transportation corridor.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	All of these transportations are very important, some only a little more than very important
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	According to importance
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	We don't need no transportation.

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Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	All of the things mentioned above are exactly what is being ignored by the sixth Lane interstate highway like thoroughfare that is being pushed through
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	Because I care about my neighborhood - obviously MNDOT does not.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Okay with it
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	N/A	Number 1 important
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	Most Important
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Thats how I feel right now
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	N/A	They are important to my job and lifestyle
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	N/A	Most important thing in life
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Because those are the most important.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	It connects to 2 and 3. Traffic is fast and furious. Risky for pedestrians.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	N/A	It is the route I take to get to my sister's home in Anoka.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	N/A	I don't really use 252. Ranked on importance
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	N/A	Not sure
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	My personal usage.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Because of how I feel
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Because it makes sense to me
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	By importance to me. I don't understand the question. Another silly one.

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American Indian or Alaska Native	N	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Simply my thoughts...
White	N	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Because that's the way I see the importance of the topics
Prefer not to answer	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	Only the top 2 actually matter, but I had to rank 3.
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Based on how important they are in my opinion.
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	That how I feel
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	It won't let me change the numbers
Black or African	Unknown		N/A	I view the top three as having equal importance.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	N/A	Only topics I know about
Black	Y	Minneapolis	N/A	Participant completed the survey on her own, as staff were helping another participant (and had no other comments to share).
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Noise	I live next to the 94 freeway wall. Noise pollution from cars on the freeway goes all night long. I hate it that I have to wear ear plugs at night so I can get uninterrupted sleep at night. I don't open my windows or doors ever to get fresh air into my house. Traffic noise is too loud. It's difficult to impossible to sit outside because of the noise. If noise levels increase 100% at stated if road becomes an expressway. It will be unbearable to live here. I own a car so I can and do drive to more than 1 grocery store to get the items I want. Transportation is not an issue to me.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise	Because I cherish my home and community. I live near 85th intersection and both traffic and sirens are burdens
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise / Access	Reduce traffic noise to surrounding neighborhoods. Don't restrict neighborhood connectivity. Definitely don't increase road widths or negatively effect neighborhoods.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise / Light	I live near 252 and the noise and light pollution can be bothersome. Friends/Relatives that visit often comment on that.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Park	Noise / Pollution	Unidentified participant complained about the noise and contamination.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Noise / Pollution	My backyard is 252! The noise and exhaust pollution has changed significantly since 610 traffic was added to this corridor.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Noise / Pollution / Light	Noise, air and light pollution are detrimental to our health and well-being. Doubling the traffic on 252 is only going to make it worse. I haven't heard anything about protecting the environment of our neighborhood. Just make it easier to funnel more vehicles up the road. That's progress?
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Noise / Pollution / Traff	Female participant feels there is too much noise and smoke. Topics 1, 2 and 3 are most important, the community is growing and should think of others. There is to much traffic and you should convert 252 a freeway.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Options	Black mother, shared that she moved from the North to Northeast due to poor transportation options.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Options / Access / Health	More transportation. Access and health are important for our community currently.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Options / Safety	It's important that people have transportation options to get to and from work, school, etc. and that they feel safe. The street lights on 252 hold people up and have caused many fatal crashes
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pedestrian	I cross 252 twice per day. It's not uncommon to wait 230 seconds for the light to change in my favor. When I get a green it's only for about ten seconds. It's not at all unusual to see cross traffic running the red a full two seconds after I get my green.
Latinx	Y	Minneapolis	Pedestrian	Because my family has been impacted in health by living close to I-94 and also highway 55 due to asthma that became worse, and to cross from north to northeast there aren't many options to walk where there aren't sidewalks or safe routes for crossing."
Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pedestrian	I am too old to walk or bike.
Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pedestrian	I would like wider sidewalks because I don't drive or bus, but I walk everywhere.
Asian	Y	Minneapolis	Pedestrian / Access / Transit	Feels that # 1 and #4 can be interchangeable. "Hwy 252 is dangerous and traffic speeds and pedestrian crosswalks are placed dangerously. It also lacks access for people to cross safely to where they can enjoy the parks next to the rivers. Hwy is also close to places/locations where people can go to have fun (leisure) and that access is dangerous depending on which direction you are coming from. Public transit access is also dangerous as getting into or out of the city you have to cross 252 with high traffic speeds."

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Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pedestrian / Safety	It's not safe for Hmong folks to walk or bike. Add more street lights to make us feel safer.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Pedestrian / Traffic	Male Participant feels traffic causes stress. His classification on the topics is based mainly on his stress that traffic causes. Feels speed limit should increase, have less traffic lights, sidewalks for pedestrians, and more bridges.
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pedestrian / Transit	Elderly need to get around. More sidewalks and buses.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Pollution	These are so theoretical, it is hard to categorize them at all. This should be a large thoroughfare with a few entry points. Maybe 3 total from 694 - 610. And traffic should not be going slow (and definitely not stopping). Both of which enhance pollution. This road is serving numerous northern suburbs including Coon Rapids, Anoka, BP, Champlin, Maple Grove, Osseo, Andover, Fridley, SLP and more. The road should not be unlike HWY 10 that serves many of the same suburbs on the eastern side of the river.
White	N	Minneapolis	Pollution	Idling cars at traffic signals create pollution, so let's keep the cars moving.
Hispanic	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution	CO2 and toxins in the air
Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution	I am too old. I worry about pollution daily.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Pollution	I look at the large highway barriers in the other cities and we don't have them to protect us from the emissions and other carbons.

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Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution	Health is #1. After health. the rest is possible.
White	Y	Minneapolis	Pollution	Participant shared that shorter routes because of the highway help make his health better. He believes that there's a need for faster connection. He's concerned about trash being thrown from cars, pollution, and the impact on property owners. He shared that homeowners near the highway are negatively impacted by trash being thrown of car windows. Cleaner road enforcements and prioritization of the environment is important. Participant shared that additional exits will also help with traffic flow.
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Park	Pollution / Noise	I want less fumes and more quieter place for my home.
White	Y	Unknown	Pollution / Noise / Property Changes / Environment	I'm concerned that any new freeway would completely degrade my neighborhood by reducing livability, increasing pollution, increasing noise, demolishing houses and taking up nice river front for a friggin' six lane high speed freeway that doesn't benefit Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center or North Minneapolis.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution / Property Acquisition	There is no need to increase traffic and thus increase pollution, destruction of private property, and destroy the beauty of the River area.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution / Property Changes	Toxic fumes from excess traffic that are bad for humans and the environment, people losing homes and plummeting property values are huge concerns. I live near 252 and 66th. Don't make me breathe bad air.

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Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Park	Pollution / Property Values	We are a predominantly a community of color. Our community already suffers disproportionately from respiratory diseases and toxins and fumes that we are aware are diverted from white neighborhoods into our communities. This has a huge impact on our health and well being, our ability to stay in school and be at work in addition to incurring high medical bills. It also has an impact on our property value. We also don't need for people to lose their property. We are already in a housing crisis that nobody seems to care to solve and again our community is disproportionately impacted by this issue. Taking people's homes with next to zero other options will greatly destabilize our community members.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution / Safety	The 252/94 corridor is already heavily impacted by air pollution with dozens of deaths each year and very high rates of hospitalization caused by asthma. The traffic safety is a top issue because the intersections at 66th and 85th are too close to freeway interchanges resulting in 5x and 3x the average crash rate. Perhaps a safe interchange located at 85th, an interchange at 66th will result in continuing carnage.
Hispanic	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution / Safety	Pollution. Use cameras and speed traps to improve safety. Less stress the more peaceful the drive is.
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution / Safety	Safety. If you live in a health life, that comes right after safety.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Pollution / Speed / Safety	I live close to 252. More pollution would impact me. We already have a lot of drag racing. This could make it worse. I

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				would like to see the speed limit reduced and some safety features added and call it good.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Pollution / Traffic	Female participant feels 252 contributes to pollution and stress due to high traffic volume. She wants the best for her community and less traffic lights.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution / Traffic / Transit	Male participant feels it takes too long to cross into the hwy and much contamination. He classified the topics mainly because he feels the volume of the traffic causes much pollution. He feels the community should inform themselves more on transit. He would love if the lights are eliminated.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Pollution From Congestion	Male participant feels there is too much smoke affecting the health of others. We need to care for the environment and increase security for those who commute. To help distribute the traffic on the hwy it should only be to go to work and back home. Convert 252 into a freeway.
Prefer not to answer	Unknown	Unknown	Property Changes	It is most important not to disrupt the properties that are already in existence.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Acquisition	People here shouldn't have to lose their homes for people that don't even live here and make it that much harder to cross the highway.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Property Acquisition	Distracted driving. Concerned about housing being torn down.
Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Acquisition	Protecting property is the most important thing. Will they reimburse property owners?
Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Acquisition	will fixing this road cause displacement?
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Property Changes	I hope this project doesn't impact my property negatively.

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Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Property Changes	My house is backs up to 252. The frontage road is 84th and Humboldt.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Property Changes	Make the changes without destroying too many homes. I live close to 252. I don't want 252 in my backyard once this is done. If that happens, I will be out of Brooklyn Park before the roadwork starts.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Property Changes	Just get it done. Super dangerous highway. Constant crashes. People dying. Don't delay construction trying to turn 252 into some parkway green space. It's a highway. I knew that when I bought my house. The survey is rigged it keeps changing my 1 thru 6 answers. On best to worst on the beginning of the survey
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Changes	Just bought a home
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Changes	Think the people that cause to be put of home that lived in for forty years. I live in the area
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Property Changes / Commute	My way to work at the airport. How long will it take for me to get to work. As a homeowner How will this effect me?
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Changes / Construction	Getting to south Minneapolis and St. Paul. Homeowner how would this affect me being near 94. How will traffic work out on detours.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Changes / Health / Safety	Because I live 2 blocks from 252. We can't afford to lose our homes, environmentally it's important so our families don't end up with health issues, and then the safety of that intersection is of concern as it's current design is dangerous.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Changes / Safety	It is important to me that I and my neighbors along 252 do not lose property due to widening the road to

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				more than 4 lanes and that it is done with a high concern for safety which includes not having a full interchange at 66th because it is too close to I-694.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Property Value	I am elderly and can't afford my property value to decrease. My property backs on the highway.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Property Value / Pollution / Safety	I live off 252 and do not want my property value to decrease, am concerned about all types of pollution, I am concerned about the safety of transportation.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Value / Walking / Access	The increase in traffic will affect my homes value, my ability to drive or walk out of my neighborhood. The sights, smells, will decrease my livability
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Values	All are important but the impact of the project on my home investment is worrisome.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Values / Environmental	My home is very important to me, I worry that whatever plan is implemented it will affect my property values. I'm also concerned about the environmental impact on the area.
White	Y	Minneapolis	Reduced Traffic	Reduced traffic. Transportation displacement and thinks that change requires a system level change.
Latinx	N	Minneapolis	Safety	Female participant feels it's a good hwy for all. You should make improvements, to lessen accidents.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Female participant feel it's not safe mainly on the intersection of 85 and 252. Cars don't yield.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Female participant feels that the hwy is not safe.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Roads need to return to safe driving practice.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	If it is not safe the rest doesn't matter. I don't really worry about the people that

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				do not live in the communities not around 252 (Andover, North Coon Rapids) they bought their homes without road access. I shouldn't have to have no access to 252 so they can get home faster.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Safety first...always. The next few are close calls, as we balance access and environment.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Having lived in the immediate area for close to 30 years, with respect to the needed work on 252, I believe the priority needs to be on safe and efficient transportation. Other priorities will work themselves out and be incorporated.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	People need to feel safe. That is number one for any change.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Safety is paramount, the rest are more even in importance to me
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	I am concerned about the number of crashes and near crashes that occur on that particular intersection.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	I am saddened by the deaths and injuries that regularly occur on 252. I also do not feel that tied to the Brooklyn Center community so some of those items ranked lower.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Safety is most important. You can't fix dead!
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Because 252 is dangerous the way it is currently
White	N	Not in Corridor	Safety	I think safety is the most important consideration and that considerate design can serve the needs of the local neighborhoods.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	We need something that addresses the safety - like maybe reducing the speed etc on 252 without turning it into a modern day 94ish redline project

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American Indian or Alaska Native	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	People run the stop lights all the time. I've seen several deadly crashes on 252 we need a freeway to have traffic run smoothly. There are not that many homes that need to be removed for the greater good of public safety.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Unknown	Safety	I believe the safety of traveling on highway 252 comes before everything else.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Safety above all
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	This is only about capacity and removing unsafe intersections. IT's a ROAD! Please stop the woke nonsense.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Because I want a safe area. It's very busy and fast paced.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Car accident and speeders. I've lived here for 29 years.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Safety	Although I feel I am a good driver, when I am driving I feel my life is in danger because my fellow drivers do whatever they want. If there are no squad cars in sight, they do whatever that want to do, so none of us are safe.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	this road needs to have lots of improvements and removing the stop signs-it goes way to fast and dangerous with the stop lights
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Most important function of the road is to safely and effectively travel to the destination
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	I am truly scared of my teen kids getting hit by drivers on 252
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Safety should be reason #1
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	because safety is so important and we all hate the stop lights on this road it should not have stop lights

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Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	because 252 is a very dangerous road
Prefer not to answer	N	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Safety is priority.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Transportation Safety is the most important on this list. The longer it takes to convert these dangerous intersections to freeway entrances, the more people will die tragic, preventable deaths and/or injuries.
Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	I don't drive, but I worry about my kids having to take 252.
Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	252 has always been unsafe. I don't know how they are going to make it safe.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Male participant commutes through 252 on daily basis and finds it convenient. He hopes that it is successful once hwy is complete. He likes the options that hwy 252 has and will offer in the future to all motorists. It is important that we all drive safe and get to and from work/home safe.
Latinx	Unknown	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Male participant did not answer many of the questions. Felt the order of topics are ranked fine. Drivers should be more cautious and the conditions could be better on the hwy.
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Changes to 252 and focused on danger to crossers. Families crossing. Safety is #1. Transportation options #2.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Safety	Participant shared that to distribute the burdens of I-94 fairly, speeds should be reduced and better signaling and space should be given for merging onto the highway.
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Access	Ethically, the very existence of multimodal transportation creates safety conflicts that must be placed at the very

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				top of design to even be considered human centric at all. Next, the reason we even have anything to say about this is that people have to get to jobs and get goods and services with the money they make from jobs. Next, the be able to do that, you need options. The environment, human health, sense of community and property impacts are secondary to those three. No less important, but the first three are the functional attributes, and the last 3 are non-functional attributes - OF TRANSPORTATION.
East African	Y	Minneapolis	Safety / Access	As a frequent traveler on I-94 to get to work, transportation safety and access to jobs are very important to me.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Access / Commute	The people who live off 252 need to feel safe in their short commutes to get groceries and retail. People who drive it need a safe commute to work.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Access / Health / Pollution	It's about safety for a major roads connecting & impacting 94, 252, 694, 610 & city streets. Residents health is important. Effort to reduce toxins, injuries & deaths connected to roadway designs is very important.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Access / Walking / Biking / Options	My focus is on what will happen with 252 rather than 94. In my mind the major purpose of 252 is to get people who live in the corridor to where they need to go safely whether that is to work, school, extended family, social activities, community activities or to shop or obtain services while recognizing that people who do not live in the corridor may need to come through the area to get what they need. I ranked safety number 1 because 252 in

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				<p>its current state is very dangerous road. I ranked access number 2 because access is what roads are all about. My office is in downtown Minneapolis. I cannot take public transit to my office because I do not have regular work hours and I need often need to drive places from my office. I live in River Park and I cannot walk or bike to any of my service providers or for shopping because everything is too far away. There will never be service providers or shopping close to my neighborhood so I will always need to drive. I ranked transportation options number 3 because I think there should be good access to public transit and the opportunity traverse 252 walking, biking and rolling but many people need to drive to get what they need. I think it also needs to be recognized that 252 does not exist just for the people who live in the corridor. It was built to transport people from outside the corridor going north and south too. What happens with 252 is not just about the people who live in the corridor. If it was all about the people who live in the corridor I do not think 252 would exist and we would still be using West River Road. Of course, I cannot use West River Road anymore except to get out of my neighborhood at 73rd or 66th because it is closed at 74th Way. I think it is important for a sense of community for people to be able to get from one side of 252 to the other easily by car, walking, biking or rolling. The parks,</p>

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				trails and river on the east side of 252 are great amenities.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Biking / Transit	Safety is the ultimate priority for me, especially because I am a cyclist who actively avoids that area due to safety concerns. Given the disparities in the community and how many people rely on public transit, walking, and rolling, we NEED more options to cross 252 in a safe manner.
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Community	Based on whether a topic is a long-term or short-term issue, whether it affects many or few people, whether people can dynamically affect the outcome once the system is in place. For example, transportation safety: Yes it's important, but as a driver I can affect the safety of myself and others by my driving behavior after the system is in place. Once the system is in place, there's not much my actions can do to affect the environment and human health, other than avoiding the system entirely. Regarding sense of community: this affects the residents, while most of the users of 252 and I94 are not residents of the area.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Safety / Community	Because transportation safety and sense of community are the most important
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Safety / Community	You must be careful driving there. Also destroys community
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Community / Accessibility	Safety first and foremost so all individuals are able to relax and expand connections and access to community. I appreciate the inclusion of "rolling" in the questions - there are areas where parks and public spaces need additional accessibility for wheelchairs, stroller

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				access - for example parks often have non-rollable surface in play areas.
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Commuting	Safety is most important! As well as connecting people to downtown.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Efficiency / Freeway Conversion	Lots of reasons! Safety and efficiency is important. I think there are algorithms that could be developed for the movement of traffic that haven't been discussed i.e. traffic lights, opening up extra lane using the shoulder at busy times of the day, way more State Patrol presence, pedestrian bridges, No right hand turns on to 252 especially on 66th! A new paradigm is needed....not a brand new costly busier highway/freeway!
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Efficient	Efficient, safe transportation is my goal. Bikes, rolling, walking should not be a consideration here.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Environment	Human safety and environment are the most important way over convenience
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Environment / Noise	While I strongly agree that something needs to change in order to increase the safety along Hwy 252, my main concern is whether or not the houses along Humboldt Ave would be left standing. Other than safety, my main concern is losing any of the natural ponds in the area (including the one in the "Festival/Dairy Queen parking lot area". I love having them nearby, even though there is limited access to the wildlife. When I first moved to BP (1998) I was drawn to the area because of the natural spaces and neighborhood parks. The ponds, the river, nearby farm fields and local parks (Emerson Woods, Sunkist, etc.) are what I fell in love with. The farms are all gone now. The river parks

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				are or have been updated which is nice but now they draw more people/bikes/dogs. The parks are still good but I don't utilize them as much now since my kids are grown. The one thing I would absolutely be affected by on a daily basis, would be the loss of the ponds along the highway. I love seeing and hearing various waterfowl during the year. Those little bits of water are what makes the area more livable and less of a "concrete city". My neighborhood has been going downhill over the last few years. The only thing keeping me in the area are the ponds and neighborhood parks.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Minneapolis	Safety / Environment / Pollution	I want safe efficient roads. Treat water appropriately before it enters the Mississippi. Air pollution will decline with electric vehicles. Art and amenities are nice but won't be maintained.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Freeway Conversion	There are too many accidents on 252. It should be converted to a freeway/expressway. Take out the stop lights!! Traffic would flow faster without the stop lights. A good example is when they took out the stop lights on Hwy 100! So much better! Traffic flows much faster. I take MTC downtown & the lights have got to go!! Get rid of them. It upsets me to read how the mayor & other council members of Brooklyn Center are opposed to the conversion of 252. They are stopping the progress of converting 252 to a freeway. Our former mayor of BP was on board with the conversion. Please don't let BC stop the progress. Look how much better BP is because of 610.

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				I've lived in BP for 37 years & saw the construction of 610 & 252 back in the early 90's. It was wonderful. Please don't let BC stop this change to 252!!
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Health	Safety and health should be the priority of any project that will impact the community like this one will.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Health	Safety and Health are critical. If they are observed, it's likely everything will align with those priorities.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Safety / Health / Community	Roadway Safety and speed limit. I'm not sure that 252 is the safest route to travel. I often see people excessively speeding through that roadway. That's how I view health and community overall health and transportation safety being impactful to and on community
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Health / Property Changes	Safety health and housing are basic necessities we all need first in order to achieve the other factors in consideration.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Safety / Housing / Freight / Commute	Participant shared that she distracted driving comes to mind when she thinks about health and I-94, as it's a concern in the area. Participant shared that she ranked topics this way because she's concerned about housing being torn down, as a result of the future highway plans. To distribute the burdens of highway I-94, she would like to see more escape ramps for truck drivers, as it is very dangerous when their brakes fail and there's nowhere for them to go. To distribute the benefits evenly, participant she would like to increase access to downtown and Minneapolis as a whole; participant would also like to see increased lighting.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Noise	Safety is #1 because of the dangers of people constantly running red lights, and people recklessly entering southbound 252 without yielding, especially 73rd, 70th and 65th Avenues. #2 is due to noise which we hear 24/7. Noise walls are needed.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Noise / Health	252 is dangerous, loud and unhealthy.
Somali	Y	Minneapolis	Safety / Noise / Transit	Somali woman, shared that noise pollution is what comes to mind, when thinking about health and I-94, as it is so loud in her neighborhood. She also prioritized safety, because there's a carjacking concern in her neighborhood, which is a concern for transit riders as well. She also shared that there needs to be more enforcement around signal following, as there are many pedestrians who cross at intersections near the highway, when it's not their turn.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Options	Safety always = number 1, and much needed on 252. The rest are all important and I really struggled with ranking them. I love our quiet tucked away neighborhood but trans options are also important.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Options	I think transportation safety is important so crashes are less likely to occur. It is a huge problem. Pollution is also a problem that we need to end. We also need more transportation options for jobs and stores.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Options / Health	Safety is most important to me when driving. Options are good, especially in winter when our cars get plowed in. Health is important as well, both in access to healthy options and the

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				environment. I'm not very social, so sense of community means less to me.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Pedestrian / Bicycle	All of these options are important, but we must improve safety. I have friends and neighbors who have been killed on this road. It must be safe not just for cars, but pedestrians and bicyclists
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Pedestrians / Biking	Safety is paramount - none of the other options matter if the community (commuters, pedestrians, and bikers) are not safe on or near this roadway. As it is now, 252 is very dangerous.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Pollution	Transportation is getting to anywhere safely. Freeways have separated us. Need to get people to talk to each other. Toxins daily. Livability. Local needs more important than global needs.
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Pollution	The only solution is to build overpasses along 252 where there is no's red lights to increase safety, reduce pollution and avoiding disruption to disparities for the homeowners in the area
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Pollution / Health / Volume	Safety is first, air quality and health is next. There are already too many cars traveling 252 and making it a 6 lane freeway will make it four times as bad.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Property Changes / Access	the whole reason this project was undertaken was because of safety of those using the highway and surrounding. Too many people are dying on 252 and with many of the plans proposed will continue dying on 252. Safety also includes those whose health is under attack on live near (within a mile) of 252thus environment is very important, making Highway that does not destroy the surrounding community bypass footpath's in access

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				to the river is necessary for any vibrant community. It is important that people be able to easily cross 252 to maintain a complete community ;some of the Twin Cities most unique properties are near 252 and a community that fosters the most diversity in Minnesota, these are irreplaceable properties and community and destroying the neighborhoods and continuity creates long-term problems such as occurred in St. Paul in the Rondo neighborhood; and virtually any plans for 252 will not meaningfully affect the access to jobs ,stores, but the wider the route is the more green space it consumes in the more dangerous it will be which will adversely affect everything
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Property Value	We want safety and don't want to lose value of our house.
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Security	Safety and security for community and families as a whole.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Traffic / Accessibility	Young female thinks of 252 as a highway with much traffic, many accidents, many intersections. In classifying the topics she expressed that the greatest importance in using the highways is mainly maintaining responsibilities such as work, school, and more. That would keep everything in good shape, we must make those responsibilities accessible. Also provide healthy food options. Have less lights on highway 252 would benefit all.
Latinx	Unknown	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Transit	Male participant expressed drivers should be very cautious and follow transit laws.

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White	N	Minneapolis	Safety / Transit / Environment	This is a roadway, and safety is paramount. all signal intersections need to be eliminated on 252. After that, it would be great to prioritize transit, trees, and other measures that improve the overall condition for travelers and neighbors.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Volume	Road safety and less traffic jams are the most important issues to me regarding redesigning any road. That has nothing to do with race.
Prefer Not to answer	Unknown	Unknown	Safety / Volume	We are talking about roads. Roads need to be safe. Roads need to be unclogged. I don't care about anything else when I'm driving. I want to be safe and I want the road to get me to where I'm going.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Volume / Health / Environment	Traffic back up. Accidents. Because of the traffic coming off 694 onto 252. The accidents come about when we have impatient drivers. I ranked the health question #1 because any changes made affect health and the environment
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Volume / Pedestrians	I drive on 252 every day and it is dangerous. There are too many stoplights with the amount of traffic. There needs to be overpasses so pedestrians can safely cross and the benefit of allowing traffic to flow freely to lower the risk of dangerous accidents.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Walking / Biking	Roadway should be safe, and have limited impact on the environment and crossing from west side to east side of 252 should be included, especially for bicycles and pedestrians.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Walking / Biking / Property Changes	252 is dangerous to cross in a vehicle or bike and foot. I live off of 252 and there eare multiple dangerous crashes. My neighbors are concerned about loss of houses

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Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Walking / Volume	Too busy. Not safe for pedestrians. Many accidents. Concerned about safety
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Center	Security	Female participant gets nervous driving in the hwy. There should be more security. 252 is a hwy to get to Minneapolis faster.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Social Connections	social connection comes to mind because he travels on the highway to visit family and friends.
Hmong	Y	Brooklyn Center	Speed	the speeds are too high.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Speed / Safety	Speeds need to be lowered. And numbers of cars needs to decrease. By making a six lane highway increases traffic and will also increase speed. Cars are already going 70+MPH.
Latinx	N	Minneapolis	Traffic	Male participant feels that you should fix 252. Also, there is way too much traffic on 252 and I94
Latinx	N	Not in Corridor	Traffic	Male participant feels it is the best hwy. He classified the topics based on how stressful traffic can be. All benefit commuting on 252.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Park	Traffic	Male participant feels there is too much traffic. He classified the topics mainly for health reasons. 252 is very congested.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Traffic / Mndot	Females feels that 252 is very congested. She is recommending to have express lanes.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Traffic / Noise / Pollution	Female participant feels traffic will continue to increase, there will be more contamination and more noise. Classified topics mainly because she feels everyone's health is important. Less lights please. Benefits of the hwy are fine for those who use public transportation. You should increase speed.

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Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Traffic / Pollution	Female Participant feels traffic is fine for the commuters but not good for those who live near the highways. There is much global warming due to people contributing pollution by driving their cars.
Latinx	Unknown	Brooklyn Center	Traffic / Pollution / Noise	Unidentified participant you should add more lanes to lessen the congestion on the hwy. Also the more you build hwys the more you are contributing to contamination and increase in noise.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Traffic / Transit	Female participant does not use hwy 252 often. Did express there is much contamination that affects the health of all people. We need more routes reduce the volume of traffic. Increase bus and train routes as an alternative for people to commute mainly at night.
Latinx	Unknown	Brooklyn Center	Traffic / Transit	Unidentified participant feels there is too much traffic, too many public buses during the morning rush hour. The person commutes daily and based her classification on the topics due to her daily experience. She would like the expansion of the highway, less traffic lights and adjust speed limits. Benefits for the drivers is to bring relief and communicate by asking what their needs are.
Asian	Y	Minneapolis	Transit	Health and safety are top priorities that transportation/transit will need to consider in bringing forth the options available. The way that people move around can be centered around those values while ensuring that the transportation projects or transit pathways serve the communities without jeopardizing them.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Transit	Transit rider

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Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Center	Transit / Traffic	Female participant does not trust the traffic, does not feel safe when waiting on the bus. It is very important the safety of the children as well who use public transportation. Participant feels that 252 benefits those who commute on the hwy but also feels people should use public transportation. Less traffic.
East African	Y	Minneapolis	Transit And Safety	As a young professional who relies on public transportation to get to school and work, transportation safety and transportation options are important to me.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume	252 is already a late-night speedway with 69th becoming a disaster bottleneck.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume	We enjoy the neighborhood we live in and the proposed changes will bring more traffic and unnecessary changes.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Volume	Congested and void of urban needs. There aren't many stores specializing in minority.
White	N	Minneapolis	Volume	able to get to one place to another without an interruption in traffic flow and people getting to one place to another.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Construction	Thinking about the future, how long the project will take. Also thinking about how much traffic will increase in my neighborhood.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Environment	Because I live in the community and the so called task force has stalled this project for too long. Just build it the number of cars and environmental impact is not really going to change. These studies were done before it was built. The longer its stalled the more its going to cost. Build it with as little impact to the neighborhoods. Use

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				common sense. Brookdale Drive is a thru street along with 70th and 65th keep those thru streets.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Health	Too many cars, too much time frustration. I say that because the congestion causes frustration. Health is more important than all else.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Health / Safety	This 252 needs to slow down with less traffic for the health and safety for all!!
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Noise / Pollution / Safety	My home is 1.5 blocks east of 252. I've lived there for 35 years. The increased traffic volumes predicted with changes to 252 will negatively impact our beautiful neighborhood in many ways. The traffic noise and exhaust pollution will make our area less desirable, thereby lowering the value of our properties. The health impacts are real. As traffic volumes have increased over the years, I have developed asthma. Car/truck exhaust is the most severe trigger for my breathing issues. Building better roads doesn't necessarily improve safety with so many speeders and aggressive drivers on the roads. Nor does it prevent traffic backups during peak hours. Unblocking adjacent roads (i.e. West River Road) will encourage drivers to bypass 252 during peak hours and speed through residential streets like they did before ancillary roads were blocked to thru traffic. Most major traffic roadways (highways or interstates) in the metro are surrounded by buffer zones or commercial properties. However, 252 runs adjacent to homes, churches, and apartment buildings from 66th to 610. I

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				believe more patrolling of the intersections between I94 and 610 would discourage speeders and those who regularly run red lights at those sites.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Safety	Congestion and safety on this road are a major concern. This project needs to expand the lanes and remove the signals (convert to a freeway) to meet the overall needs of the Metro transportation system and users. The improvement of this roadway must meet the needs of the many users, not only concerned local residents who don't want people passing through their community....we are all taxpayers and potential users.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Safety / Access / Health	Traffic, accidents, and long lights. Having Access to jobs and food options to me is important for all. Health is important as well.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Volume / Safety / Commute / Access	Congestion and fear. There is always a lot of traffic congestion and often motor accidents that cause serious injuries or fatalities. The safety of the community is paramount. 252 gives you an easy option to get to where you want to go. You can get to jobs faster if you live on this side of the twin cities or along the corridor.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Walking	It is very hard to decide which is more important because all should be number one. Moving the road nearer to my house is an increase of all. There is sidewalks on the north side of 73 the why put sidewalks on the south side when is very little walk traffic.
White	Y	Minneapolis	Walking	Walking is very important to my health (diabetic and other diseases). Take many

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				bus lines including 805 and currently doesn't drive. Concerned about defensive driving and how impacts pedestrians at I-94 exits. Puts a lot of stress on pedestrians and discourages walking. More enforcement around pedestrian safety is needed.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Walking / Biking / Economic / Access	Because creating more biking and walking areas are nice and great for the environment, but mean nothing if they aren't done in a way that allows the community to commute to and from work as well as gather. There should be a cohesion to encourage the use of local shops and restaurants as well as options move about town. To me I see 252 as the outskirts of BC as a whole. There needs to be encouragement to go to a more central location. It seems the layout of businesses has created some Hotspots for crime. Wouldn't it be easier to concentrate that into one or two locations? Revive downtown BC.
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Walking / Biking / Safety / Property Changes / Access	1.My emphasis was on people's lives. The corridor and adjacent neighborhood roads need to be safe for biker/walker and drivers. I'm concerned about increased neighborhood traffic next to where people walk & bike. as well as intersection vehicle accidents with increased traffic. 2. human health impacts of the roadway 3. again emphasis on safely able to move around the neighborhood and across the corridor 4. money of people's property 5. ability to get to job & store. value of daily life operations 6.community sense of feeling 6.

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Prefer not to say	Y	Brooklyn Center	Walking / Biking / Transit	Transportation is the most important. We don't need anymore bike paths and walkways. Regularly scheduled public transportation where there is dense population is the answer., Metro Transit can't operate in the suburb schedule.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Walking / Commute / Sound	I think there needs to be a balance - it's important to consider the residents who live off of 252, but we also need to make 252 more safe for pedestrians and efficient for commuters. In a perfect world, I would like to see 252 converted to a freeway, with sound barriers for residents and pedestrians bridges for pedestrians.
Black or African	N	Not in corridor	Walking / Volume / Safety	How busy is and not safe for pedestrians to cross the street. I have experience watching people try to cross 252. Health and environmental quality are important for sustaining life. Transportation safety is also important to safety and efficiently travel to our destination.

What is missing from the focus areas?

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White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access	Being able to get on freeway close to where I live BC
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access	My access to 252 should be more important then someone who doesn't live by it.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access	Access
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access	Right now there are too many lights and access points on 252. Limiting intersections would make neighborhoods along 252 safer.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access	Is burden is carrying to many vehicles that are only trying to cross the river. If there was a convenient way to add more crossings, that would help
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	Brooklyn Park	Access	It would be nice if 252 were free moving. It's really the last thoroughfare left in the NW Metro that could free up all traffic congestion.
White	N	Minneapolis	Access	This is a highway project first, so the primary goals should focus on good public infrastructure and how it connects our metropolitan area.
White	N	Minneapolis	Access / Equity	Can these folks get to work easily and conveniently? Design equity--does this look as good as, say, 212 through Carver County?
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access / Transit	That the access that is created makes sense to community. For example, we want access to public transportation to be expanded, but we need the buses to go to place that our communities actually go to, not just to downtown corporations. We also need the buses to go within our cities and neighborhoods, so we don't have to go through downtown to come back to go to the city next door to visit friends and relatives. We also need multiple buses with multiple routes going within the neighborhoods and cities. We don't need one bus with an extra long route.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Accessibility / Walking / Biking	The time to cross 66th is short for those using mobility aids. An over-the-road walkway might increase safety. Intersection from 53rd to enter or come off of 94 is tricky for pedestrian traffic - cars come fast from both sides on 53rd expecting not to have people walking or bikers, etc. High volume of construction has become a barrier to foot traffic on Brooklyn Blvd and other areas.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community	Personal responsibility.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community	Keeping races separate.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Community	We must be careful to guard against conversations about equity coming to mean that transportation

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				is a fundamental right and should be provided for every person who wants it. Transportation is a privilege that we earn and work for. Much of life is about choices. In large we chose to live in the neighborhoods that we do, and we move in know what the current transportation and roads are like. I am cautious that some of the wording of this survey will lead to an increase in mass and public transportation. Many of us live in our neighborhood because they are a bit secluded, slower, and don't have mass-housing. In addressing the safety and speed/flow of 252, don't enact other fundamental and philosophical changes to our communities and neighborhoods.
Prefer not to answer	Unknown	Unknown	Community	Treat everyone as people and stop labeling them.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community	Caring more about the neighborhoods along 252
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community / Freeway Conversion	Removing highways. Build places for people.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Park	Commute	I need to drive to work. so I am interested in removing the lights on 252 and making this a major highway so I can get to where I need to go faster and easier.
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Commuting	Connecting to downtown
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Commuting	Fully considering all options for the redesigned road and giving high attention to safety by following established guidelines. That means that reducing the commute time down 252 by a couple minutes for people from outlying communities or planning to channel a disproportionate amount of traffic down 252 as opposed to other worthy roadways is not a dominant focus.
Prefer not to answer	Unknown	Unknown	Commuting	Looking beyond the neighborhood to the metro area
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Construction / Funding	The road construction is a reasonable tax burden.

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Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Center	Covid	Access to resources and opportunities for growth following aftermath of COVID.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Crime	Reduction of crime opportunities.
White	N	Not in Corridor	Efficiency	Efficiency of the system inherently reduces the negative byproducts of using said system as the duration of use is reduced for any given user.
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Efficiency / Safety	Efficient system. Less standing, idling. SAFETY. Ability to move thru system efficiently and still have local access. Minimize deterioration of surrounding property. Minimize creation of surrounding ghetto effect.
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Park	Emergency Access	I hope the changes do not make it harder for fire and police to protect me.
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Emergency Response	quick and easy access to first responders; police, fire, etc..
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Park	Enforcement	Policing, I have seen multiple cars run red lights without regard to public safety.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Enforcement	Developing a traffic culture that is not so competitive. Maybe warning lights that flash when the lights about to change. More state patrol presence!
Prefer not to answer	Y	Minneapolis	Enforcement	Diver and pedestrian education. Buy into the system of traffic laws that are made to keep us safe.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environment	The exhaust fumes and noise from increased traffic negatively health.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment	We must protect our river. Water is life.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environment	To damage the wild life as little as possible.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment	Environment. Quality of life

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White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment	Affects to the Mississippi River which runs adjacent and very close to 252
Asian	Y	Minneapolis	Environment	Environmental and societal considerations also factors
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment	You should consider people first- additional pollution is to be avoided at all cost
Prefer not to say	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment	Increased pollution comes to an area of the Twin Cities that is already high on the list of polluted areas in Minnesota
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment	The pollution that would be caused by the freeway being so close to the river.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environment	Environmental health
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environmental Justice	The wisdom to ignore voices just because they are loud and a clear understanding of the Dunning-Kruger effect: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dunning%E2%80%93Kruger_effect
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environmental Justice	Fair and equal access to all aspects of daily living, as listed in the above priorities.
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Equity	This is a question best answered by those who are underserved. I don't feel underserved. With the wind at my back, I don't feel the headwinds of underserved communities.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Equity	Talking to those who have the greatest dependency and least resources to be flexible as things are changing.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Equity	The "burden" of the needed improvements need to be shared and felt by all the constituents and the improvements need to consider the past inequities and work to "undo" or "reverse" the past disproportionate impacts.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Equity	I don't believe that transportation equity has not been fair and just in the past. There have always been transportation alternatives.
White	Y	Minneapolis	Equity	I think it's important that the feedback is turned into concrete action and actually represents a departure from the harmful status quo.

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Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Equity	The people who live in a neighborhood change with time. A well designed transportation network will prioritize creating the best system for the future, not warping the planning based on favoring the residents of one area at a particular moment in time.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Equity	White people are the minority world wide and I'm sick of the lie that we are the majority. We are not, white people are the minority. There are less white people in the world than any other race. These "minorities" and poc are absolutely not underserved. Stop spreading this lie.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Equity	race has nothing to do with making this road a safe road and highway for all people-what the hell are you doing throwing race into this conversation-grow a brain. black people splash on this road as well as white people do-seriously???
Prefer not to answer	N	Brooklyn Park	Equity	I don't think there is equity in highways. That's nonsense.
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Equity	Considering how culturally diverse Brooklyn Park is I believe it is already equitable.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Equity / Economic	Equitable access to transportation and commerce for residents.
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Equity / Pollution / Managed Lane / Noise	Equal access to the road and usage of it. If an EZ pass lane with increased traffic goes thru a neighborhood increasing pollution with no access for residents along 252 to have access (merge onto) an EZ pass lane that isn't equitable at all. Neighbors bare the burden of the road (noise, pollution etc.) and have no access to use that EZ lane.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	No stoplights
Latinx	N	Not in Corridor	Freeway Conversion	There doesn't need to be a total of 4 exits between 252, E. River Road, University AND Central Ave along I-94/694. Getting rid of 1 exit would improve traffic flow, safety and community. :)

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	More lanes and fewer stop lights so people can get to or from work faster to be with their families
White	Y	Unknown	Freeway Conversion	What's important is that a new six lane freeway, which has disparate impact on us, is not built. I think it's important to create a beautiful road, like Lyndale in south Minneapolis for example, that has blvd trees and plantings, yet still allows for good traffic flow. Can you imagine how nice that would be for us?
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion / Property Changes	Spacing of interchanges at 66th Ave goes against state guidelines. You are demolishing too many houses, churches and businesses.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Funding	\$
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Funding	My neighborhood is going to be forced to pay for upgrades which will disenfranchise them. Our transportation options, and access will be reduced. Our wait times, and taxes will be increased. Our quality of life, and property values will see a sharp downward spiral. The Brooklyn Center Police will be ever increased to deal with the ghettoization of Brooklyn Center so that Andover residents aren't inconvenienced.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Funding	Think smart & show objectivity in decision making . All the issues are important. Balancing the issues (current & future) with cost effectiveness in the best interest of our community, state operations & tax payers. Keep politics or special interest out of the decision making.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Funding	We need business investments. Less affordable housing projects. And funding to help lift old housing so less eye sore
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Health	Health of my family and the environment
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health / Environment	Health for humans, animals and the environment are critical. If this alone is seriously addressed, all other concerns would naturally follow.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health / Safety	Health and safety. I wish we could have police actively getting speeders and people running red lights
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Health / Safety / Transportation	Health, safety and transportation equity need to be preserved. I grew up in St. Paul near the University and Snelling intersection. It was deemed the most polluted area of all St. Paul, if not the state, before they made changes. I saw the inequity just traveling down University from the State Capital, through Frog Town to the U of M campus. I don't want Brooklyn Center to continue that tradition/culture.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Housing	252 runs through diverse neighborhoods. If there is change to the roadway there would need to be available and affordable housing that is equal to or better than their current living situation. As a realtor, I know that affordable housing is hard to come by so if changes are made that would require displacing people from their homes, the city should have to pay a much greater expense to the owners so they are able to afford the next home.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Maintenance	The condition of the roads themselves. Plowed roads in good repair are very important.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	not sure
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	I'm not sure
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	I don't know
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	There aren't any.
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	There are no burdens
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	N/A	NA

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise	Noise from traffic, speeding cars, exhaust.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise	My home. There should be a wall even now. I have a ton of freeway noise and the dirt is
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Noise	Noise from traffic is already so bad that we have to shout when we are outside
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise	no more stop lights and sound barriers to protect the neighborhoods
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise	Noise
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Noise	Noise pollution - but not in the sense of the noise generated by traffic. I've lived for many years a block off of Hwy 252, near the Holiday and SA stations. Perhaps I'm accustomed to traffic noise - but the noise I find the worse comes from car stereos. Individuals who are playing their music so loudly, that when they stop at the light or at the station to fill up or to wash and dry their vehicles, the rumbling from the bass coming from their vehicles sometimes shakes my home. I can no longer enjoy quiet summer mornings with open windows, as the music is too loud. It's not the car traffic from the highway, but the people who are inconsiderate of others and feel they must share their music whether we like it or not. How do you stop that?
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise / Aesthetics	If you make a noise barrier make it stone not wood so that it is more attractive
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise / Environment	The noise level and pollution. The removal of the home
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Noise / Pollution	Those of us who bought homes in first-ring suburbs like Brooklyn Center did so because of easy access to get wherever we need to go in the twin cities. Those who bought homes farther out got larger homes and more space, but a longer commute-there's always a tradeoff. This project will severely limit our easy access to give them a shorter commute - and we'll have to pay for the

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				privilege of getting more noise, more pollution and less access. How is that equitable?
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise / Pollution	Have walls be build along the highway to reduce noise and traffic fumes.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise / Safety	Easy access to the roadway with speed/noise monitoring.
White	N	Not in Corridor	Noise / Transit	Attractive and easy to use intersections/ramps. Noise abatement. Safe public transport stations.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Nosie / Safety / Property Value	Safety, noise level and property value.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Outreach	input!
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Outreach	In person meetings for residents to voice their thoughts.
Prefer not to answer	Unknown	Unknown	Outreach	Is someone actively keeping people, especially Black, Indigenous and People of Color out of the multiple community meetings that have taken place? Not caring about a highway enough to show up is not correlated to race in the slightest.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution	So t want more noise and smog for me and neighbors or our dog or other animals in nature
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Pollution	Minimizing stop lights to decrease pollution, and maximizing traffic efficiency
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution	Pollution caused by transportation. Because of the existing documented transportation related health issues at the current traffic load.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Pollution	Pollution and increase in volume is very concerning
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution / Environment	Environmental concerns in addition to air pollution include protecting the Mississippi River from noise pollution, trash, road salt and other storm water related pollution. Locating and interchange just 110 feet from the Mississippi and elevating 252 twenty five feet higher would cause severe damage to this valuable natural resource.

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Asian	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution / Environment	Effects of all types of pollution on humans, environment, ecology/ecosystem
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution / Environment	Brooklyn Center is way overburdened with multiple freeway serving mainly other communities, Brooklyn Center is Minnesota's most diverse community and it is being asked to shoulder twice as much pollution as it already is receiving from automobiles, despite along with North Minneapolis having the highest asthma rates in the state a the failure to guarantee at least average levels of safety as existing road of the type as a health and equity issue of the highest order, giving no thought whatsoever to the impact on the communities of this road expansion the plans so far have focused on nothing to benefit to the host community that is the Brooklyn's ,but instead have only been concerned with the shifting burdens from multiple other highways to this one without considering the damage to the Mississippi River, nor complying with its own basic safety rules and instead for stating dangerous intersections into Brooklyn Center in order to go forward with its preferred plans.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Project Process	GET IT DONE! WAY too much input.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Changes	The disregard for one's home which included one's family
White	N	Minneapolis	Property Changes / Environmental Justice	Not destroying communities of color because of a highway going through their neighborhood
White	N	Brooklyn Park	River Road	Absolutely no drive through in the neighborhood surrounding 252 to avoid traffic.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Public safety. Neighborhood feels safer because of limited road access.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Neighborhood safety.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Safety
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Dangerous traffic unsafe for drivers
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Safety
American Indian or Alaska Native	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	I'm afraid to drive on 252 in the evening because so many people run the stop lights.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	The transportation of northern suburbs through OUR community shouldn't be the priority. The people who live here matter the most for this project. Slow down traffic for safety too.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Not expanding a highway in an area that doesn't need expansion. Adding overpasses would increase safety by eliminating the red lights
Prefer not to answer	Y	Unknown	Safety	Safety of EVERYONE traveling on and crossing 252
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Safety of community members who frequent that area
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Build the road and remove the unsafe intersections ASAP.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	lots of people use 252, need to make it safer
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Needs online ramps, there are too many blind curves on 252
Prefer Not to answer	Unknown	Unknown	Safety	The burdens are on the drivers who drive through there on a daily basis in an unsafe condition. Whoever lives around there and whoever drives through there are the ones who are most impacted.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	I'm not sure what you mean by burden. Is safety a burden?
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	West river road is busy enough with speeders making everyone traveling farther would make it more dangerous with increased traffic

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White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Community	economic and social opportunities, how we deal with crime, civic education and participation, education in general
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Enforcement	Safety is important and there should not be any non-signal entries from side roads. A parkway system would be ideal with limited speeds and restrictions to insure heavy trucks are restricted. Higher speed enforcement especially entering system from the south and north.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Freeway Conversion	Safety and to do away with those street lights.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Health / Pollution	Access to SAFE/HEALTHY transportation options. Listening to what people need and how to enhance the community. The communities impacted already are at a disadvantage, so increasing pollution and traffic will decrease health and also have an economic impact by decreasing property value, reducing people's wealth/assets.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Pollution	Improved air quality, reduced/eliminate congestion. Remove unsafe intersections.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Pollution / Property Value / Green Space	Vast improvement of road safety, Reduction in pollution (air quality, noise, light, soil), reduction or elimination of property seizures, increase in property values and community values, increased green spaces, parks and gathering spaces, Seeing Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park and No Mpls as vital communities that need to be treasured, uplifted and improved - rather than sacrificing them for commuter traffic.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Transit	Safer bus stops.
Black or African-American	N	Not in corridor	Safety / Transit	Not safe for motorists, lots of potholes to fill, difficult to use public transport and often riders of public transport can cause conflicts
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Volume	Safety and travel time.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Walking	Safety. Appreciate the walkway over 85th and 252 - there should be one on 252 by 694 next to holiday and SA
Prefer not to say	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Walking / Biking	Safety. Let's leave the Hwy alone and build an overpass for pedestrians and bicycles to safely cross.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Transit	I believe that all people should have access to public transportation, and want to see that those are not taken away.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Transit	Brooklyn park has no bus service east and west connecting routes are important
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Transit	Having a place to park around the bus stops that is safe to get to. As I age I am frustrated by the fact that I can not use the bus stop by Brookdale at some point as an example because I would have to park across a busy, busy street and walk over to the bus stop. There is no parking by the bus stop. I assume that I could drive in my local area but not want to drive to the Mall of America or down town as I age. Also one of my sons is legally blind and I pick him up at the bus stop and there is no where for me to park. It would be good to address these issues with future construction.
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Transit	People who transit this corridor and do not live shop or work there. Consider what the impact is to them. How are you being equitable to THEM?
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Transit	Bussing along 252 before covid slot of people used the bus. Know with people not going downtown a study should be done to see if its needed any more.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Transit	Bus Transit hub center at 85th and 66th street on 252, similar to what you see along 35W at Lake street and other locations in the twin city.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Transit / Access	public transportation is very scare and hard to get to in Brooklyn Park. The father away the access points are from home the harder and more dangerous they are to use.
White	Y	Minneapolis	Transit / Access	To achieve equity we also need to provide all public services to everyone at a higher quality.

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				More investment needs to be put into schools, clean water, renewable energy, clean air. We also need affordable high quality Healthcare available to all types of people in all areas.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Transit / Biking	Vision for the communities. For example, how does the transportation system open up the Mississippi River riverfront to North Minneapolis, BC and BP residents to easily get there with options including mass transit, bicycling, car as a jewel for our cities? How are we decreasing VMT as equity for these underserved communities?
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Transit / Community	Availability of mass transit and a cohesive neighborhood.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Transit / Community	Livability, access to mass transit, commerce.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Transit / Environmental Justice	Many multiple-resident dwellings along highway 252 house low-income families and families of color who rely on easy-access bus transportation to get where they need to go. Currently, buses stop at every intersection from 66th to 85th. Eliminating some stops would put these residents much further from home once they exited the bus. Those who have disabilities or physical limitations would be hard-pressed to make it home on foot - particularly during extreme hot/cold/wet weather. Also, certain ethnic groups more prone to health issues would not benefit from millions of additional vehicles traveling right outside their homes.
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Center	Transit / Freight	I am appalled at the freeway design alternatives' inclusion of the conversion of Hwy 252 into a recommended heavy freight truck route for the 18-wheel semi-trucks. This goal is disingenuously hidden in the project Purpose and Need statement as movement of "people and goods": when "people" actually means vehicles, and "goods" actually means "trucks". It seems that the corporate world's desire (particularly Target) to expand the freeway network in the NW suburbs is

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				the invisible force driving this strong push to convert Hwy 252 into a freeway for their workers (despite their having obtained a re-routing of the Blue Line light rail extension from terminating in Maple Grove to NW Brooklyn Park). It seems that the corporate world's desire (particularly Target) to expand the freeway network in the NW suburbs is the invisible force is ALSO driving this strong push to convert Hwy 252 into a recommended heavy freight truck route for their "goods", despite Hwy 252 being in an almost entirely residential area in close proximity to the Mississippi River. A conversion of Hwy 252 into a recommended heavy freight truck route will be harmful to human, environmental and ecological health in the area. Do not turn Hwy 252 into a recommended heavy freight truck route: drop that "design feature" from all project alternatives, for the sake of equity, health and transportation of the people and wildlife living in the vicinity of Hwy 252/I-94 and the Mississippi River.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Transit / Noise / Safety / Maintenance	Equity would involve having access of many types to ensure all are able to reach their destination. There should be public transit access. There should be well separated areas between high-speed traffic and transit access. There should be safe pedestrian bridges. There should be a minimal number of stoplights. It is easy to see that added stoplights create higher amounts of speed variations. Fast, stop, slow, accelerating, decelerating, etc. etc. Keep everyone at a steady speed. Less stoplights would not only reduce congestion but save gas, time, and money for the users and the state. Driving a steady speed is more efficient for cars. Driving a steady speed is easier on the roads, requiring less maintenance. There should be adequate noise barriers for the entire length of 252. As stated in many previous meetings and in newspapers 252 is ranked way

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				too high in the number of crashes per year and their associated costs. Get rid of them. This will likely create larger congestion on the side streets, which is not exciting to think about. Possible redesigns of the side streets may be needed to control speeds. It is already too fast (and sometimes flat out reckless) on Brookdale and Humboldt, it is unnerving to think about what may happen with more angry, anxious, rushed people on those same streets. Not to mention the additional wear and tear on these already banged up roads.
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Transit / Options	building a road is grand, but most of the buses out here only go into Mpls, and then only for parts of the day - thinking of 766 for example. Could use a little transportation to other areas of Brooklyn Park. Mostly you need a car.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Transit / Walking	Making sure that the transit system is not just spoke and hub but creating a more suburb to suburb setting. We also need to ensure walkability across 252.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume	Ease of congestion to improve all items.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume	Reducing vehicle numbers is critically important to issues of equity and health. Preventing 18 wheel truck traffic is included in this need.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume	How much traffic will increase in our area.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume	Japanese cars seem to be treated unfairly.. as are yellow cars of all makes... traffic signals need to be designed to identify vehicles of different colors and nationalities, to more fairly prioritize traffic flow at all intersections
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume	The lights take so long that's why everyone seems to run red
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Access	The burdens include terrible traffic congestion and control, limitations to access to business and homes

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Community	The burden right now is the volume of traffic for those who live in the area and the burden of those who have to use it to access other major roads.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume / Noise / Pollution	the increase of cars on the side street with the possible closing of street entrances to 252 will concentrate traffic to one or 2 entrances will increase noise and pollution to those areas.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Safety	Keep traffic flowing & less accidents.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Walking	Better cycles for the lights, both for cars and pedestrians.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Walking	There's a lot of burden on people living adjacent to the highway - pollution, noise, inconvenience. More pedestrian infrastructure (especially pedestrian bridges for crossing above the highway instead of having to wait for lights and breathe the exhaust fumes) would help.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Walking / Biking	Safety of pedestrians and bicycles
Prefer not to answer	N	Brooklyn Park	Walking / Biking / Emergency Vehicles	Move interchange from 66th to 70 or 73rd ave. Only have overpass for community pedestrians, bicycling or vehicles. To include emergency vehicles if needed.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Walking / Biking / Transit	I'm not a huge fan of using this buzzword. I do feel it's important for POC to voice their opinions. As a white person, I am not going to pretend I know what is best for POC. I believe pedestrian bridges and freeway exits would be safer than the current format. I favor buses over a light rail. The buses already have routes established and having a freeway would make it more efficient for everyone who is commuting/traveling, while keeping pedestrians safe being removed from the current highway.
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Walking / Noise	Having a safe way for pedestrians to cross the highway is crucial. Also, having a pollution barrier from the highway would be helpful, even now. The noise isn't as much of an issue because we've

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				gotten used to it and in a way, actually helps us feel connected to society.

What would it take to ensure the benefits and burdens of Hwy 252 and I-94 are equitable?

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White	N	Not in Corridor	Access	Cross street connections are important to maintain as well as minimizing the duration of impact (project duration) to shorten disruptions.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access	Continuous Construction Chaos. 252 Allows for access to multiple highways and neighborhoods. Continuous access to these highways would distribute the benefit.
Prefer Not to Say	N	Brooklyn Center	Access	Create smoother roads. It's easy to get to.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Access	This really does not apply to me directly. However, I imagine the large population of African Americans it could stifle their travel. Just continue to make access better.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access	Food and gas. My way to work. Not good. Brooklyn Center by 252.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access	easy to get across the river and connect communities
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access	Benefit is it connects major roads in our area and its a "shortcut" for many to avoid other traffic areas.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access	Easy access and can get anywhere.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access	Need more river crossings
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Access	The roads connecting these areas of the north metro are needed

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White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access	Close some roads, limit entrances and Exits. With the do what's best for the residents.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access / Community / Transit	Making sure the highways don't separate the neighborhoods on each side more than they are. Ensuring that access to public transit or services is not made more difficult
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access / Commute	Traffic jam at times creates unforeseen circumstances. Expansion of the roads and even overpass would help in reducing burdens. Highway 252 of I-94 plays a pivotal role. It helps connect you to downtown mpls and other nearby cities within the twin cities.
Prefer not to answer	N	Not in corridor	Access / Commute	Not being accessible to the public. It is a highway that leads to major cities
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Access / Commute	I would say that one of the burdens is that there aren't enough ways to various neighborhood streets. Sometime you have to drive far to get to the neighborhood that you want to. Create more exits. One of the benefits is that 252I-94 goes all through Brooklyn Park. Minneapolis and St Paul. Wisconsin. It cuts down travel time if we had to use city streets to navigate different cities. I think that this is already distributed fairly.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access / Commute	Direct, easy to get from point a to point b.
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access / Health / Noise / Walking / Biking / Transit / Environment	Assess the residents, people impacts. including Health (noise, smog, traffic and accidents in neighborhoods & on corridor. Health & Safety: Access - walking/biking access near and across 252 -bus -drive Accidents On 252 On residential roads Traffic volumes (on 252, in secondary roads) -expressway

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				<p>intersection accidents -neighborhood accidents with increased traffic volumes -longer walker/biker distances to travel to get across 252 if number of intersections are reduced.</p> <p>Environmental: Air pollution, smog, asthma, COPD Noise pollution – stress increases with noise River quality, runoff, trash, salt, light pollution, tire residue, brake dust. Bird migration patterns along river and light impact on this. Transportation: Bus stops – access for residents, ability to cross 252 near stops Northtown</p> <p>Bankruptcy/demolition/redevelopment impact on it as the chosen transit hub</p> <p>Access to 252 for residents: ease of access to neighborhoods from 252.</p> <p>Other: Property values Housing acquisitions – Eminent domain River access reduced for residents if number of points to cross 252 EMS access to neighborhoods Construction impacts, downtime and limited access Equity: EzPass not equitable for residents. Access points, increases traffic with no benefit to residents. It only benefits commuters passing thru Brooklyn Park & BC.</p>
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Access / Property Changes	<p>Highway development / expansion usually means homes are demolished. Routing highways through all neighborhoods share the burden. Easy Access and improved travel times. Routing highways thorough all neighborhoods. Shared benefit.</p>
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access / Property	<p>If imminent domain, \$\$ that truly reflect replacing the property and transportation costs and impacts. cost.</p>

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			Changes / Funding	Access. public transportation. 252 does get my where I need to go quickly. Both 252 and I94.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Access / Safety	252/694 from 94W should be safer. Access to NE/East is needed
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access / Transit	252 allows easy access to 94, 694, HWY 100 and Downtown. Numerous MTC bus locations and Park n Rides already exists to ensure those who don't own a vehicle can easily get around the city.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Access / Volume	Congestion that delays travel and delivery is the big burden for those living and walking in or around this highway. When not congested expeditious access to goods, services, and family.
Black or African	N	Not in corridor	Access / Walking	252 divides a section of Brooklyn Park. Limited and no crossing areas for pedestrian. Its a pathway to the inner city with limited traffic lights.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community	I chose to live near Minneapolis and St. Paul. I pay for that privilege. If you choose to live farther out like Maple Grove, Coon Rapids, etc. you pay less, but now have a burden of travel. Don't that let this burden become our burden.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Community	That's a big question I couldn't begin to answer except for what I know I'd want. However, mine is probably a low incidence of the population in my neighborhood.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community	Think about what the needs are for the people of Brooklyn Center/Park and Mpls before people in other communities.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community	People passing through the area shouldn't matter more than the community itself

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White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community	Listening to the community! We have been told we are included in the decision making before. It seems the plans are in place and the meetings are just a requirement to further the process.
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Community	Compromise and clear ranking of why this corridor even exists in the first place. A map of arterial hwy corridors shows how critical this corridor is to a lot more people than just those who live near it.
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Community	Less focus on small groups of people in the area. More focus on greater good for the most people.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Community	Obviously there are benefits to 252 to those that drive it Dailey like my family does.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community	Don't mess up our community just to benefit those who live farther away. Brooklyn Center is a highly diverse community that should not be penalized so people who perceive themselves to be of a higher class can get to work faster.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Community / Access	There are more BIPOC people who live in the communities surrounding 252 and I-94 and it impacts how people get around if the roads are shut down
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community / Commute	That it serves the residents of BC, Brooklyn Park and Mpls. as well or better than the commuters that pass through the corridor each day.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Community / Environmental Justice	Communities served by the roadway are equally sharing the costs.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Community / Speed / Access	A sense of community, equality, and genuine care would help evenly the burdens fairly. Its a 4-6 lane highway.

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				Everyone's always moving with traffic and keeps up with speed. Its a major highway linking from city to other major cities and suburban areas. It's fast and I rarely catch any traffic.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Commute	To answer this better, I need to know what has already been proposed. How will this all be paid for. I think it is only fair that the communities (cities) that 252 feeds will share in the burden. For instance, as more people move to Anoka, Elk River, and further north, they are using 252 as a fast past-through to connect with Minneapolis. That will only increase if 252 becomes even more efficient.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Park	Commute	Good link between I-94 and 610.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Commute	Easy to get downtown. Extremely dangerous
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Commute	Able to travel north or south quickly
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Commute	It is easy to get downtown msp or to 610
Prefer Not to answer	Unknown	Unknown	Commute	The benefits are to those who are currently using the road. My guess would be commuters coming through as well all of the local neighborhoods who use that road to access. This is a dumb question.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Commute / Access	Thats a very critical. Highway 252 very residents and commuters work shopping parking et c. For myself it is easy to access and get to my job. The benefits would be for me not going out of the way to get to work over north mpls.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Commute / Access	It's a highway, the only benefit is getting people and business operations from A-B more quickly
White	N	Minneapolis	Construction	More People of color contactors working on the roads
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Construction	Construction time. Don't take multiple years to construct.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Construction	The sooner the better. People WANT to sell their homes and move.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Construction	Access to various parts of the city. Ease up on construction, get it done faster.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Construction / Access / Volume	Construction which results in congestion which causes slow traffic which causes frustration. Need easy access to things
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Construction / Property Changes / Funding / Outreach	Will there be a meeting about the process such as tax increases and construction time. Keep the People informed and give them options
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Construction / Property Changes / Safety	Limit impact of reconstruction on any residential areas of construction that would eliminate access or safety to most vulnerable groups of people.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Economic	No black owned businesses along the route.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Economic / Construction	Construction. Foot traffic for businesses
Black or African-American	N	Not in corridor	Efficiency	Efficient way to get to work
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Engagement	Focused and collaborative effort with common goals and less false promises
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environment	approval from epa
White	Y	Minneapolis	Environment	A project that is more than a greenwashed highway expansion project and instead sets the standard for transportation projects that provide

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				affordable, accessible and clean transportation options.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environment	Don't change anything that will negatively impact environment
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environment	Prioritize vehicles By MPG... those with lowest MPG should have highest priority, electric should have lowest.. this will ensure lowest impact on global climate change..
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environment / Access	Maintain, or improve easy access to the natural spaces on either side of the highway. Maintain safe and easy access to schools in the area. Maintain, or improve access to shopping in these areas. Groceries, food and gas are priorities. It would be nice to see a health clinic in the area, although Coon Rapids is pretty easy to get to.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environmental Justice	An attempt should be made to see that the burdens are not born by the underserved communities that have born disproportionate impacts in the past.
Asian	Y	Minneapolis	Environmental Justice	Ensuring that residents of corridors are not disproportionately impacted while also making sure that they are involved in decision making
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environmental Justice	Impossible; just do what is just
Prefer not to answer	Y	Unknown	Environmental Justice	You cannot make everyone happy. The way that 252 is constructed and the amount of traffic traveling on it is why it is not safe. It needs to be reconstructed, that should be the number one priority
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environmental Justice	Not enough to blacks and natives and POC at the important tables. More access and more often for those without cars to park and ride and those living in less convenient areas.

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Black	Y	Minneapolis	Environmental Justice / Access / Transit	Participant also shared that highways were constructed to separate and break the wellbeing of the black community and BIPOC neighborhoods. Participant described the burdens of I-94 to be a long legacy of white supremacy, and noise pollution. To distribute the burdens fairly, participant shared to create more public transportation options that are accessible for working people. On the benefits of I-94, participant shared that the benefits are negligible. The condition of the Northside has not improved; health disparities and the low access to jobs have primarily been neglected in the Northside.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Equality	Distribute benefits equally
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Equity	In my opinion, making a high-volume thoroughfare that would benefit people currently traveling on parallel north/south roadways far to the east and west of 252 at the expense of residents, students and worshippers in the "corridor" does not result in equitable benefits/burdens. Making it more difficult for residents to access their homes, schools, churches, and bus transportation puts a burden on everyone, but particularly low-income, disabled, and families of color.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Equity	There is no way to measure "equitable", so there will be some useless arm waving and then the decisions will be deemed to be equitable. The exception to this will be groups with "demands" who are never satisfied.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Equity	Be true and transparent in the Equity and Health Assessment. MNDOT has been found to be dishonest and disingenuous in it to date.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Park	Equity	making it equitable so all people , no matter their color, can get to their place of work faster and safer.
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Park	Equity	Make sure that the changes do not negatively impact residents more than businesses.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Equity	It's a road. Stop making this about the communist word equity. I don't give a crap about equity.
Prefer not to say	Y	Brooklyn Center	Equity	Altering the landscape and the freeway doesn't mean families will automatically have more income. Why not consider how to decrease the lack in the households?
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Equity	They will never be equitable- MN Dot does not care about our neighborhood and no matter what we say they have not listened so far.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Equity	I have no idea how equity plays a role in any of this. It is a danger to all people.
Prefer not to answer	Unknown	Unknown	Equity	It's a road. How can the benefits be distributed at all?
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Equity	It's a highway stop being race into this
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Equity / Funding	The burden of not spending money to save the lives of BIPOC is unfair and unjust. Why has it taken so long for these decisions to be made?
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Equity / Noise	Equity is likely impossible unless there are zero adverse burdens, which is unlikely. Burdens are mostly borne by nearby residents, while benefits accrue mostly to non-residents passing through. The goal should be to

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				minimize the burdens. As an example, MN610 was constructed through a quiet area south of my home in Maple Grove. Yes, it provides convenience but I'd go back to pre-610 days in a heartbeat if that were a possibility. The noise and traffic increases generated by the passers-through are a burden that outweigh any benefit to me as a resident. The lowest impact scenario for 252 is to put it underground, freeing up green space, getting rid of the community divide, and burying the noise and congestion.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Equity / Safety / Efficiency	Again, not a fan of forcing equity. We need to focus on what makes sense for making this route safe and efficient. 252 is a great shortcut for accessing the freeway systems in the TC Metro area.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Equity / Transit / Pollution	The project needs to benefit the communities it runs through. For example, mass transit transportation connectiveness for people to get to Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park stores during the day. Mass transit on 252 commensurate with the volume of traffic, people from all over BC can get to the Mississippi River by mass transit to enjoy it during the day and on weekends, neighborhood connectiveness. Pollution needs to be reduced.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	I wasn't sure why some of the options were on 70th and not 73rd where there is more room and less people.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	Make 252 a freeway.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	I think we can maybe look at how long the left turn light times are but they are

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				perfect at the 252 and 85th intersection. They absolutely nailed it right there.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	Build overpasses ONLY to eliminate the red lights that are causing the traffic hazards
Latinx	N	Not in Corridor	Freeway Conversion	There doesn't need to be a total of 4 exits between 252, E. River Road, University AND Central Ave along I-94/694. Getting rid of 1 exit would improve traffic flow, safety and community. :)
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	Leave it alone. Stay as it is.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	Full disclosure of the pros and cons of the different design options and significant emphasis given to the impact a design will have on the people that live along the road corridor.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	Eliminate this project
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	Join the 21st century and stop thinking that the government can destroy neighborhoods to put in highways
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	Do not turn it into a hwy/ freeway for people trying to travel over 610 at the cost of the people living near 252
Prefer not to answer	Unknown	Unknown	Freeway Conversion	Less stoplights.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	Treat this roadway project expansion needs similar to other roadways in the Metro
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	Overpasses instead of expansion
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	Remove 94 through the northside.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Freeway Conversion	More Lanes. Faster Speed limit
Prefer not to say	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	Build overpasses only on Hwy 252

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Prefer not to answer	N	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	Remove stoplights
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	Make it a true 2 to 3 lane highway with on and off ramps.
White	Y	Unknown	Freight / Noise	Don't build a big freeway through our neighborhoods. Revamp 252 to be slower and more beautiful. Route the large heavy noisy stinky truck traffic on 694, 35, and 169.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freight / Safety / Health / Environment	Develop alternatives that reduce vehicle numbers and prevent 18 wheel trucks. Avoid seizure of businesses, homes, apartments, churches and parks. Do not prioritize decreases in travel time or congestion over improvements in safety, health and environment. Avoid EZ-Pass lanes that benefit wealthier, non-BIPOC drivers.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Funding	\$
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Funding	Funding to support transportation or relocation to those without resources that will be burdened by the process and results of the transportation changes.
American Indian or Alaska Native	N	Brooklyn Park	Funding	A highway would be used by many, not just residents of the area Pending what is to be done, it would be nice to see federal funding.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Funding	For the excessive funding being funneled to more affluent suburbs to be shared with suburbs that have not received comparable amounts in the past.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Funding / Transit / Pollution / Walking / Biking /	Essure the cost burden is shared with cities, county, state and federal funds. access to meaningful public transit, decrease in pollution, decrease in diseases caused by transportation such

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			Property Values	as asthma and respiratory diseases. Safe and healthy walk/bike paths. Placing value on the people of these communities and the improvement of their daily lives. Increased property values. Improving the safety of our roads - currently in the top 10 most dangerous in Mn - to safer than the county average.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Location	Due to where I love, I don't feel the burdens.
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Maintenance	If there are going to be overpasses and underpasses, then there is a lot of winter ice and someone will have to do a better job of clearing the areas, in case Brooklyn Park is listening to the parts they will have to maintain.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Maintenance	To distribute the burdens of the highway fairly, he would like to have the potholes fixed, as well as developing an app to report potholes. To distribute the burdens of I-94 fairly, he would like to see more prioritization and investment on the highway, reduce the number of abandoned vehicles on the highway, and cleaner roads (less litter).
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Managed Lane	No sane lane on 252. If there is, it needs to be 4 lanes in each direction. Because residents of Brooklyn park or Brooklyn center will not be able to use the express lane.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	Salomon
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	I don't know
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Not a clue
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	Compare it with similar areas in and outside the metro area.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	That is what the experts are for!!!!
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	I am not sure
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	not sure
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	this not easy to answer because very one does like change.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	nothing
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	N/A
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	I am still assessing this resolution.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Not sure
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	The connection between 94 and 610 is a relatively small amount of highway. The talking points in this survey sound like they came out of some woke presentation.
Prefer not to answer	Unknown	Unknown	N/A	A miracle
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Easy location. Good location.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	N/A	I'm Not sure
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	N/A	N/A
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	N/A	IDK
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	N/A	I really don't know
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	N/A	Not sure
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	N/A

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Black or African	N	Brooklyn Park	N/A	New in town
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	By the population.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	I don't know
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Silly question.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	I have no idea
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Not sure
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Noise	Leave everything just the way it is and build sound barriers. Not every road needs to be a freeway.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Noise	Natural walls like hills and trees around the highway and tall walls where no able
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise	Traffic noises terrible
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise / Walking	Bigger and better sound barriers. Pedestrian bridges.
Latinx	N	Brooklyn Center	Outreach	Include migrants
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Outreach	More outreach. More communication. We cannot just move cars through a community. There must be opportunities access to economic opportunities for residence of Brooklyn center. This means jobs and small business growth.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Outreach	Listen to people
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Outreach	You could start with some real community engagement that includes sharing the benefits and concerns or actual design options. Right now you are making all the decisions in secret at the TAC meetings then telling the public that their input will shape the design

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				process. This is unethical and likely illegal. This has to stop if we are to have informed consent from the citizens and local government officials about a highway or expressway design that serves our communities.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Outreach	Listening to resident feedback.
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Center	Outreach	Community engagement
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Outreach	Tough question.....are there models in our nation/world of successful solutions that are similar? Very important to get tons of input from those who it impacts the most!
Prefer not to answer	Y	Minneapolis	Outreach	Showing up to the community - door to door even
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Outreach	Listen to the community before committing to it.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Outreach	Actively reach out to the households along the 252 corridor--not just via email. Make multiple attempts to get in contact with the community members. Hear their stories and make sure their voices and perspectives are heard so that decisions can be made that truly support the communities most closely affected.
White	Y	Minneapolis	Outreach	Involvement of the residence
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Outreach /	Cont. community town halls. So that people have equal access to information and decision making. To keep the community informed. That people who this would effect that any imminent domain is paid out fairly.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Outreach / Access	People are not involved in the decision process. Access to jobs, employment benefit with transportation.

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Black or African	N	Brooklyn Park	Outreach / Environmental Justice	People of all ethnic backgrounds who live in this area should be represented at the table and share in the decision. Flow of traffic to downtown mpls and st paul. It would take everyone's input.
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Park	Outreach / Pollution	That impacted communities are engaged in a transparent way. The City of Brooklyn Park needs to be transparent and form a community task force. That we are not being forced to absorb an unfair amount of traffic that will result in increased pollution when we already have among the highest pollution rates in the state. That unfair burden is not equitable.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Outreach / Safety	Having the right people involved. Fair minded individuals. Improve highway safety. People overseeing the project.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Pollution / Property Value	Limit traffic so people at risk for higher levels of asthma and other health conditions aren't exposed to even more toxic air. Make a lovely parkway type road with only 4 lanes so our property values go up instead of down. Don't make lower income properties even lower by paving over with 6 lanes.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Changes	for one thing, the absolute minimization of property seizure, with zero seizure as a realistic goal
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Property Acquisition	"it doesn't matter (the ranking) if you push us out of the neighborhood; that's the #1. Jobs are at an all time low for Black Americans." On equity, participant shared that, "equity is not putting the light rail down Broadway or Lowry."
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Property Changes	Equitable to who? No one wants traffic going by the front of their house. buy up the houses and do it right. Widen

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				70th around Evergreen park to be a parkway and 65th.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Property Changes	Providing generous compensation for homeowners whose property is taken. Providing adequate compensation for homeowners who property value is diminished as a result of changes to the neighborhood. Perhaps offering property owners within a certain distance from the highway to the option to sell their property to MNDOT.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Changes	Not doing the most destructive option (that is currently being pushed through)
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Changes	Will people be paid out fairly? what will that look like?
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Changes / Economic / Speed	Take less houses, businesses. Lower the speed limit.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Changes / Funding	Put the freeway somewhere else where it doesn't go through and destroy densely populated residential neighborhoods. Make bus routes connect to different areas and not just downtown and then people from the exurbs can use the "park and ride" lots to get where they need to go without traffic congestion. And if the plan is pushed through, then the outlying areas that benefit from it should be paying the bill, not those of us who lose from it. Spend a much smaller amount making 252 safer not bigger.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Changes / Funding	I think this is directed towards potential housing that would need to be destroyed, but I am not sure. I think it makes sense to assist with the relocation efforts of anyone displaced by this

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				project, financially or with a new place to live.
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Park	Property Changes / Noise	Less property impacted and walls being built.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Property Owners / Transit	Low income property owners are typically impacted by highway construction. Because they typically live closer to the highway. Compensation for displacement is the only way to create equity to those property owners. Not sure what changes would impact the commuters. I know folks use the public transit and they need to be kept in place for equity.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Values / Volume	Brooklyn Center is not a wealthy community. Doing what you want to do by making 252 a 6 lane freeway would lower property values and increase local traffic.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	River Road	Keeping the West River Road blocked off so it doesn't turn back into a secondary highway it had become.
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Park	River Road / Enforcement	Slow the speeds on West River Rd and police it.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Make it safe and don't screw the people that live in the area.
White	N	Minneapolis	Safety	252 is a dangerous roadway and needs to be fixed. That helps everyone. 94 in Minneapolis is another story, with a long history of how its creation burdened people of color living in N Mpls. More transit, better access, and especially better connections to the river would help. But ultimately infrastructure is the facilitator for good jobs and communities, let's not put all the

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				burdens of fixing society on a highway project.
American Indian or Alaska Native	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	we need to have smooth traffic to stop all the deadly crashes on 252
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Focus on safety & easy on & off access & health concerns.
Some other Race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Too many crashes and traffic.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Safety	Basically, if folks would slow down as they reach the different ways to go, perhaps the accidents would be loess. The decision to go east or west may not register with those who are unsure at the moment they choose the wrong way. Other than the excessive speed, our fellow drivers refuse to respect, it is a right intersection I try to avoid at all possible. however, I wouldn't be surprised at the number of accidents that occur. The benefits are good when we exit off 694. If everyone followed the flow of traffic. However, its pretty much open season on all the roadways
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Not expanding 252 by adding lanes - only increase safety by building overpasses where there are red lights
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	make it safer
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Make it safer for bus travelers, this would help all.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	its a n easy way to get over the river but its such a very unsafe road I hate driving it-the traffic is terrible and loud
Prefer not to answer	N	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Having a inner change at 70th or 73rd is much safer for all of us. Then having any interchange at 66th.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	It's already been talked about too much. Too many meetings. 15 years of "input"

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				from the community is nothing short of ridiculous. Meanwhile, people are dying at some of the most dangerous intersections in the state along 252. Somebody just last year, I believe, waiting at a light at 70th or 73rd)
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Access	Too many crashes and it's extremely busy. Getting to work and places is like hell.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Community / Walking / Biking	Make it safe, with minimal or no impact to side street traffic. Give back to the communities which are bearing the burden by including green space and easy pedestrian/bike access.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Environment	Consider SAFETY and the environmental impacts. Make these the PRIORITY- do not increase traffic or shorten commute times.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Safety / Freeway Conversion	Horrible Disasters. Fix the highway and put it in 3 lanes on each side size of potholes for sure have more street lights maybe lower the speed limit.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Health / Environment	Prioritize Safety, Health, Environmental issues, represent all who are impacted. Brooklyn Center bares and unreasonable burden of the impact, which is largely a community of BIPOC.
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Pollution / Property Changes	The only solution is to build overpasses along 252 where there is no's red lights to increase safety, reduce pollution and avoiding disruption to disparities for the homeowners in the area
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Transit / Walking	It would be amazing to see other drivers watching out for each other. That alone would ease people's unending aggravation. Redesigning a highway is not going to magically fix peoples personalities. It may slightly help. If people are looking for a highway to

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				completely resolve the societal problems of inequity they are going to be sorely disappointed. Having a highway with access to multi-modal transportation, safe pedestrian crossings, attentive drivers, and steady speeds will play a part in moving in the right direction.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Safety / Volume	Loss of time. Loss of life. Easing transportation will curb these losses. 252 does improve travel and safety. Better time management.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Walking / Environment	Drastic improvements in roadway safety, pedestrian safety and meaningful improvements in levels of pollutants. That contribute to health issues.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Safety And Access	would like to see more escape ramps for truck drivers, as it is very dangerous when their brakes fail and there's nowhere for them to go. To distribute the benefits evenly, participant she would like to increase access to downtown and Minneapolis as a whole; participant would also like to see increased lighting.
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Speed	speeds should be reduced and better signaling and space should be given for merging onto the highway.
White	N	Not in Corridor	Speed / Access	Speed limits need to be reduced for sure. Maybe more stoplights. The convenience of the connection it creates on that side of the cities is helpful
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Transit	Making sure that the transit system is not just spoke and hub but creating a more suburb to suburb setting. We also need to ensure walkability across 252.
White	N	Minneapolis	Transit	That transit options are comfortable-- concrete bus stops (not dirt), snow melt

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				systems so that they aren't climbing snow drifts.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Transit	It is beneficial for people using private transportation to come to the city. Better public transportation and safe ways to access that transportation
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Transit	Quick bus and car travel to/from downtown. Keep bus stops available along 252 so nearby residents can access that benefit.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Transit	Pretty good bus access, good walking paths with curb cuts and (usually pretty well maintained) parks have a positive impact on community feel in residential areas.
Black or African	Unknown		Transit	Lack of access to public transportation
Black	Y	Minneapolis	Transit	Reduce the number of cars and increase buses and trains
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Transit / Community	Better public trans, easier access to services & goods. Sense of community/diversity has been good, but could improve. I want to keep what we have where neighbors interact.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Transit / Outreach	Keeping in contact when there is change and offer transportation assistance if needed.
Somali	Y	Minneapolis	Transit / Outreach	She advocated for more cameras and additional bus stops, to make the burdens more equitable. Additionally, she shared that intentional stakeholder engagement can help reduce future displacement.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Transit / Volume	A friendly bus system and bus shoulder at a slower but consistent speed would keep buses moving when traffic is heavy.
White	Y	Minneapolis	Transit / Walking	Ideally another train line would run along 252 and 94. Second best would

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				be another BRT line. The effects of construction on people's lives would be best mitigated by offering timeliness bonuses to the construction companies, similar to those offered for the 35W bridge. The project absolutely must include pedestrian bridges and high quality bike paths.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Transit / Walking / Biking	The needs of people to drive, take public transit, walk, bike and roll should all be taken into account.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume	No more traffic on 252
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Volume	Deter traffic from using Humboldt as a way around the stop lights. This will help reduce traffic immensely around the people living on and around the street and the school. If Ramps are put in place , an additional frontage road would be needed to ensure traffic is reduced on Humboldt.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume	Not increase traffic
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume	No burdens allows me to commute to and from family and obligations. High traffic most times.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Volume	Traffic.
Black or African	N	Minneapolis	Volume	Packed. Lots of traffic.
Black or African	Y	Minneapolis	Volume	Can be congested. Lots of traffic.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume	High traffic and less traffic lights. Need more lights to stop the traffic going too fast. 252 is one of the busy hwy and need more lanes that will better the traffic flow freely.
Black or African	N	Minneapolis	Volume	Decrease traffic Congestion

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Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Access	A lot of traffic. I can access any city with many options.
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Volume / Access	Can be slow at certain times of the day. Easy. Lots of exits to community.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Community	Too much traffic, too many lights, consider families and needs of those who live along the corridor. 252 offers convenience for local traffic. Have a frontage road.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Commute	The lights are long and the traffic is horrible. Easy to get on 94 and also easy to get to coon rapids and Blaine
Black or African	N	Minneapolis	Volume / Construction	To congested and always construction. When traffic flows it is good.
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume / Freight / Pollution	Reduced car and truck traffic on both Hwy 252 and I-94 from current levels. Investment into alternatives, such as public transportation. We the People need serious planning so that heavy freight trucks / 18-wheel semi-trucks no longer travel on these highways through densely populated urban and older suburban areas, and that would have to include I-694 and Hwy 100; the air pollution levels along these highways in BC and N Mpls already are dangerously high because of the high levels of road traffic, and need strong measures to be reduced from current levels.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume / Funding	not increase the traffic on 252 any more than his average for similar roads. Making sure any new roads comply with all state safety rules including interchange spacing, merging ramp distances, as well as providing roads that enhance Brooklyn Center not turn it into a speed through community. With the amount of time and money being spent on this project a key concern

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				should be how does Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park become better communities as a result of these changes. Less traffic, plus trucks, safe roads, cleaner air, parkways instead of 12 lane highways, should be the starting point
Black or African	N	Not in Corridor	Volume / Options	Traffic jams, back ups and narrow roads. Create additional options of transportation
Prefer not to say	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume / Safety	I think having another roadway cross the Mississippi river within a few miles of 694 would greatly reduce congestion of 252 and 694 in the area, increasing safety and transportation equity greatly
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Transit	Rush hour backs up constantly. Additional options of public transport and the frequency with which they are available. Quick access to freeway to travel it would be back up free. Expansion of the road of additional forms of public transportation with greater frequency between rides.
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume / Transit / Safety	Reduction in traffic numbers, speed from current levels. Increase in public transit routes, options, and safe access to them.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Walking	Change design so not so close to 694 interchange, more walkways and no overpass over homes
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Walking / Biking / Transit	Be multimodal. Car, canoe, bicycle, walk, bus, rails
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Walking / Commute	Safe crossings for pedestrians, over- or underpasses for nonstop freeway access to commuters.
White	N	Not in Corridor	Walking / Safety /	Ensure driver and pedestrian safety and commit sufficient funds to appearance,

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			Funding / Noise / Transit	noise control and public transport access.
Prefer Not to Say	Unknown	Unknown	Walking / Volume / Access	It is not safe for pedestrians. Too congested. It is a good route to Brooklyn Park
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park		It's great to access all of my locations. Central Locations.
Unknown	Unknown	Unknown		No
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Center		Not sure of burdens. Benefit is sometimes I don't want to drive on I-94.
Black or African	Y	Brooklyn Park		Hwy 252 or I-94 helps residents and neighbors to get to their destinations easily. It creates an easy pathway to downtown Minneapolis and other cities.
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Center		Talk to people
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Center		Prioritize property impacts and then transportation options.
White	Y	Minneapolis		More transportation options are important.

What else should MnDOT be thinking of when deciding how to improve Hwy 252/I-94?

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Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access	Build bridge to Durnam island.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Access	Instead of highway 252 MNDOT should make it so traffic can get onto west #94 from highway 100. When cars want to get westbound on highway 94 they all come and u turn at the highway 252 stoplight at 65th. This includes semi traffic. This causes a lot of accidents.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access	Connects to 94, a major highway
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access / Community	avoiding further pinching the land (residents) between 252 and the river.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access / Options	To make it easily accessible for all motorists, along with other forms of transportation.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Access / River Road	keeping traffic on 252 and not in the neighborhoods, like now. Limit access to local streets. maybe one way to get on and another one way to get off. reopen the river road. Why was it closed in the first place? I would like street closed off too.
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Center	Accessibility	Accessibility for all, impaired, disabled, low income community and prosperity.
White	N	Not in Corridor	Access	This transportation corridor is critical to communities across the river and to the north. During this project, alternate routes will ALSO experience disruptions. Those impacts should also be equitable in nature.
White	N	Minneapolis	Aesthetics	Make it look good--not just merely functional.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Aesthetics	Put yourself in our place and really imagine what you would want in your front yard if you lived here. Don't put something in my neighborhood that you wouldn't stand for in your own.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Biking	More options for bicycles please!
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Biking / Commute	Improve the bike route to Minneapolis. Lots if people commute through this area on river rd. Its ok, but there are many spots where cars and bike interact and it raises chance for accidents

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Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community	Keep the gypsies away.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community	We do not want to be a drive through in BC for other community
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community	Recognize that the cities the roadway passes through are entitled to having a large say in the design that is chosen.
White	Y	Unknown	Community	Why such a big production? Just create safe turn lanes and safe pedestrian crossings to minimize problems. Add a beautiful median and maybe roundabouts to keep traffic moving but slower. I feel like you are creating a huge project instead of doing smaller fixes. Please don't let big business ruin our neighborhood, just so their trucks can get somewhere 15 minutes faster. Or, the residents in Blaine and Anoka. It's really not fair.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community	The people first. Period.
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Community	Compromise and clear ranking of why this corridor even exists in the first place. A map of arterial hwy corridors shows how critical this corridor is to a lot more people than just those who live near it.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community	Realize that this is not the 1960s. Progress at all costs is not a viable option anymore. Turning to 52 into a six-lane interstate type highway is a disgustingly horrible idea. Not enough room for safe on and off ramps. The neighborhoods through which it would go would have the least access to the highway or to public transportation. Violates environmental guidelines concerning the Mississippi River. All so

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				that people who live farther out can get home 2 to 5 minutes earlier.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Community / Access	We are already a split community on each side of 252. Please don't make it worse by limiting our access to each other.
Prefer not to answer	Unknown	Unknown	Commute	Connection to the entire metro area
Some other Race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Commute	It's get you too work
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Commute	It is a necessary corridor for northern suburbs to enter downtown whether for work or pleasure. It's not just to benefit white commuters, it's to benefit all that need to enter downtown regardless of race.
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Commuting	Connecting the suburbs to downtown
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Commuting	That one of the great things about 252 is its connection to 610 which provides easy access to northern Brooklyn Park and a way across the river for going north of the metro. Disconnecting the two roads would be a really bad idea.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Commuting	Who are the highest capacity users of 252? Is it really all the residents of Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center? Or is it people from Andover, Blaine, Coon Rapids, Champlin, and Anoka just passing through? This should help dictate
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Construction	Because of the safety issues, the improvements need to be made in as expeditious a timeline as possible. This should have occurred under the original timeline initially proposed years-ago.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Construction	Making 252 a freeway as soon as possible instead of dragging it out

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				indefinitely when the obvious solution is staring you in the face.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Construction	just make a decision and stick with it. We've been dealing with these questions now for 6 years - same questions year after year
White	N	Minneapolis	Construction	Don't let the scope of work get so overtaken with larger societal goals. These are worthy considerations, and should be factored into an overall approach of good government, but this individual project shouldn't be delayed or twisted such to satisfy an agenda unrelated to public transportation infrastructure.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Construction	How to get it done quickly. So many meetings and questionnaires have been conducted. The bottom line is an overhaul of 94/252 has to be done. For safety, for growth, for efficiency. Many people won't like it. It will be a painful process for those of use who live there. But in then end, it has to be done. So I feel we're ultimately spinning wheels and wasting time hoping that everyone's wishes and feelings are being heard. You can't please everyone, and you won't please everyone. The sooner we get it done, the sooner we can use it and grow to like it. Most people don't actually have an aversion to change, they have an aversion to the transition period. With this project, the transition period will be long and difficult, but when it's done, most people will come to accept the changed result. So let's get there.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Construction	How can they do the project as quickly as possible while keeping the road as

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				accessible as it needs to be (can traffic be diverted to other north/south routes like 35W and 169 by closing lanes on 10 and 61- further away from the work zone to incentivize taking those other routes?) How can we avoid traffic being diverted to Noble Ave which is the last exit on 610 to avoid that area becoming dangerous (people already use 93rd when 610 East back up which is dangerous in the residential areas).
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Construction	The highway is necessary to get to work.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Cost / Future	Cost effectiveness. Plan the design to cover future needs & important current needs. Short sidedness in design & labor cost affects taxpayers pockets alternately. My opinion, it cost more up front but less in the future. Mn leaders can stop money waste in govt operations, fraud by residents & employees. Expenses can be reduced by accountability & unnecessary purchases & expenses.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Crime	The potential crime coming from the cities into suburbia.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Economic	Economic opportunities for Brooklyn center residence
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Economic	What will support the residents and businesses directly in this community? What has the potential to stimulate the economy in the immediate community and promote healthy living for those who are already here?
White	N	Not in Corridor	Economic	Future growth and demands. Not be short sighted, not create a solution that is overburdened too soon.
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Park	Economic	Think about the economy of the neighbor. We want safer economy.

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Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Park	Enforcement	How to increase local law enforcement to protect local residents.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Enforcement / Safety	Install traffic cameras and have more of a highway patrol presence. The real issue here is people commuting beyond Brooklyn Center/Park want to get home/work/etc. faster and currently it is at the expense of safety. Safety then becomes the motivation for change by what, by making the travels times faster. It's in the DNA of MDOT's engineers. Safety is not the issue, the issue is people behaving badly.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment	The Mississippi River and the damage that would be done to it by increasing traffic and infringing on waterway/wildlife boundaries.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environment	How this project will impact nature. How many animals will be displaced, how will the route of the river will have to be changed
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environment	Big focus in watershed effects...it's probably already in dire need of mitigation so our area's water source/aquifer isn't further damaged, but actually gets cleaned up. If the Mississippi and surrounding aquifer are ruined, it won't matter if there's a road, because we'll all be screwed!
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment	Need for access to green spaces and sky. Mississippi River critical corridor area. National recreational area without having to deal with barrier of I-94 and Hwy 252 and its impact in terms of all types of pollution. Given proximity to both the river at times.

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Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environment	Working to insure that the neighborhoods between 252 and the Mississippi river do not become even more of an island.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment	The Mississippi River! Getting people to slow down....Hope MnDot can slow down and think outside of the box on all of this. I hope they will continue to listen and cooperate with the people who live nearby and who have such great ideas and insights about all of this. Thank you to all who have worked so hard on all of this!
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment	The environment- beautiful River area with wildlife should not be destroyed
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environment	Environment
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment / Safety	Environment and safety of 694 and first interchange in 252 being way too close and will be dangerous to all including river. I don't see an advantage for me and our home value will go down too
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environment / Safety	Protecting the Mississippi river and natural habitat for birds, animals. Reducing the dangerous pollution that causes diseases. Reducing crash fatalities/ serious injuries to better than the national average.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environment / Walking / Biking	A big concern for area residents is the ecological impact on the Mississippi River itself, as well as walking/biking paths and parks in our community.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Environmental	EPA impacts, wildlife impact
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Environmental Justice	Ensure plan and reconstruction distributes benefits of improved roadway system to marginalized groups of people

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White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	Do not make 252 another 94 speedway to Minneapolis.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	Getting 252 done as a freeway asap.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	Do not take our the Brookdale drive stop light please!
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	Think about shutting it off from 610 and make it s local road
White	N	Minneapolis	Freeway Conversion	make it three lanes in each direction without interruption of the stop lights
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	Keep it at 2 lanes only each way
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	Would roundabouts help? I know they aren't hugely popular. But it seems like a great way to slow people down and keep traffic moving.
Latinx	N	Not in Corridor	Freeway Conversion	There doesn't need to be a total of 4 exits between 252, E. River Road, University AND Central Ave along I-94/694. Getting rid of 1 exit would improve traffic flow, safety and community. :)
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	Please ignore anyone saying all the stop lights need to be removed on 252. Please keep in mind changes to 252 will affect the side roads and how busy they are. There are already no sidewalks in most of the neighborhoods and walking around is dependent in the streets being mostly empty, so anything that may cause local traffic to not use 252 will affect walkability of side roads
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	Take away the street lights and put in on/ off ramps much safer.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	Make turning on or off 252 faster, safer and easier
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	Personally I think reducing the amount of stop lights on 252 would help. Maybe have 2 tops.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	Exit to get on 694 off 252 is terrible. Dangerous
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion	Think a nice up scale expressway/ parkway
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion	The option of a six lane highway with a few elevated on ramps/off ramps is the most traffic-dangerous, neighborhood ignorant, property destroying, negative Mississippi River impact option available. And yet MNDOT continues to push it through in an outdated "at all costs" mentality that destroyed neighborhoods in the 1950's and 1960's. All to disservice the neighborhoods being most negatively affected for the 2 or 3 minute time saving of people who live farther out. It's actually disgusting and sickening.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freeway Conversion / Health / Equity	You need to consider both a no build option (that can include reduced speed limits, narrowed drive lanes, conversion of general lanes to transit only lanes) AND an unbuild option, where 94 is removed and returned to the people in support of health, community, equity.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Freeway Conversion / River Road	1. Keep signals and make it 3 lanes up to 610 (Brookdale to 610) 2. Work on the timing of the stop lights for all turn signals and give a 3 second delay for the next signal to prevent accidents. 3. Build overpasses at all the major intersections for pedestrians like the one built at 85th Ave. 4. Isolate the turn lanes from the high speed traffic to prevent accidents. 5. Leave West River Road as is. 6. Create acceleration lanes at all intersections like 85th Avenue going Southbound.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Freight / Noise	Semi- trucks should not be allowed. Look at the increase in noise and actual pollution to the river
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Funding	\$
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Funding	Cost cost COST
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Funding	Saving taxpayer money
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Funding	Every day of delay raises the cost.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Funding / Economic	Who is this road for the locals or moving people through the area? I guess that you need to make both groups happy and safe. The locals bring in taxes to the city so we are important. It is hard to please everyone, but we do not want to create a neighborhood that no one wants to live in.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Funding / Efficiency	Cost, efficiency
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Funding / Safety	#1 Cost #2 Safety #3 Cost
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Future	Engineering it correctly the first time. Minimize the re-do
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Future	Future growth needs and increased traffic volumes that are inevitable as the Metro area population continues to grow.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Future	The future of transportation, green energy - transit and electric cars.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Livability	Put livability as a primary need for this project in the purpose and need EIS statement. Fulfill the MnDOT commitment to the livability framework. Look at a parkway/greenway option, no elevated freeway portions, pedestrian

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				bridges at appropriate locations. Avoid being too close to the Mississippi River.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	N/A	Not really
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	I don't know
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	Again, the terminology in the survey sounds to me like some work presentation for a major project. This is a relatively short amount of Highway that needs to be replaced.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	N/A	I see very little benefit to my community and lots of drawbacks
Black or African	Unknown		N/A	Very beneficial and efficient
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Noise	Distance noise travels and noise affects on wild areas. I live about a mile north of where 252 and 610 split. There are sound barriers on 610. There is a constant roar, even when the windows are closed. Enough to be irritating. You can hear it in Mississippi Gateway Park, in the wetlands across from the park, in the houses. If we value the Mississippi, we value its wildlife and noise has an effect on them as well. Are there plans for tunnels or other passageways for wildlife to hopefully stay off the roadway? What will be done to keep road salt etc. from washing into the river?
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Noise	Noise reduction barriers. Noise ordinances for vehicles traveling through our community.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise	The addition of sound deflection walls to reduce noise coming from 252.
American Indian or Alaska Native	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise	The noise level and the proper walls installed.

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Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise	Tall walls. I have a feeling my home would be one that would be removed.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Noise / Aesthetics	Sound walls, bridges etc having a nice appeal. Versus cookie cutter look.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise / Pollution	Reduce noise and air pollution. How to provide police to roadways, enforce traffic laws.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise / Pollution / River Road	Definitely noise pollution and I also really don't want river road opened up again between 73rd and Brookdale.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Noise / Safety	Noise level and racing down 252
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Options / Safety	All secondary modes of access are safe and secure for all users - including adequate lighting and safety barriers.
White	N	Brooklyn Park	Outreach	I'm delighted MnDOT is actively asking for input and LISTENING. There's always been an asking process, but there seems to be a new emphasis on listening and understanding. As an engineer, I understand the tendency to implement elegant technical solutions, but it's the appropriate incorporation of human factors that make or break a project's success. User buy-in is key. I read "Highway 252/I-94 interim safety improvements" (dated Jan. 20,2022). It's clear to me that proposed and rejected solutions were inferred too much from crash data and not enough from personal experience of MnDOT employees and contractors driving this corridor on a daily basis at various times and under varying weather conditions. I've driven 252 from 610 to 694 for the last 20 years and am in a position to gauge the probability of success of proposed solutions and to disagree with MnDOT's reasons for rejecting others.

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				Much can be learned by watching video feeds from traffic cameras, but camera images can't replace the perspective and understanding gained by driving this stretch. I encourage MnDOT engineers to do both. I was surprised by needed interim improvements that were not considered. Their omission is a further indication that more time MnDOT driving time is needed on 252. I will be happy to discuss my 20 years of 252 experience and offer specific suggestions for interim improvements. You're welcome to contact me at nrbrunner1@mmm.com.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Outreach	Too much input for too long. This is a major transportation corridor in a 1st ring suburb (and some of 2nd ring) that needs to be the 6 lane freeway (the 252 part) that serves the region. Probably including some kind of commuter lane(s) in the center. Buyers of houses in that area needed to realize that this change was likely down the road sometime. I am absolutely certain the small group of Brooklyn Center neighborhood committee people is dedicated to delaying the process as long as possible (maybe until they move) or getting it abandoned entirely. The council/mayor is NOT helping by indulging this group. This group should be disbanded and the professional freeway designers get their job done. And it should have been done years ago. This group is NOT working in the interests of the community, but themselves.

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White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Outreach	Be forward thinking and look for options that improve the lives of those most impacted. Survey high school kids and get their input, it's going to impact them the most.
Prefer not to say	Y	Brooklyn Center	Outreach	The people that have lived there all their lives
White	Y	Minneapolis	Outreach	Involvement of the residence
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Property Changes	Taking minimal property to build the new road. I live near 85th and 252 which will be heavily impacted.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Property Values	do not destroy property values
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	River Road	Open the river side of brookdale drive and 70th back up. Not fair all traffic is on the other side.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Make all interchanges safe. A home safety inspector wouldn't approve an remodeled electrical installation just because it's "better than before" ; it must be up to current code. Likewise, all interchange designs on 252 MEET or EXCEED current safety standards. My life, and that of thousands of local residents who would use them every day, depend on it. "Better than before" is NOT good enough.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Simplicity and Understandability. Let's be safe, which would also include making it simple and understandable so drivers who are not familiar with the area do not get lost trying to find their way.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	More notifications of lights turning.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Safety during merge times and enough area to merge. I'm very concerned about having several major arteries

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				converging in the same area. 694, 100, 94 and 252.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	Sensitivity to Neighborhood concerns should be paramount. This 252 stop light length is only 2.5 miles and a smooth reasonable speed corridor would keep traffic moving smoothly and safely.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Put warning lights at all intersections with lights when they will change to yellow.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Number one is that safety needs to be the top priority. As clearly indicated in the January TAC meeting slide 25 the two safer alternatives were eliminated in favor of a six lane freeway that had only Fair mainline crash ratings and Poor crash ratings for connecting roads. This served the goal of moving traffic from outside our community, doubling traffic adding Lexus lanes for the convenience of rich folks living outside of BC, BP and North Minneapolis should not be prioritized over saving lives.
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety	We welcome modifying the road to make it safer, but not increasing traffic. We already have an undue burden of pollution. There is a way to make the road safer without adding traffic.
Black or African-American	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Traffic. I hope there will be safety in the back roads
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	Safety on roads. You can get killed trying to get on/off 252 from residential streets
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety	I drive 252 several times a week and people are being careless. It is dangerous going from 66th to 94, 694/E&W/100

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Prefer not to say	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Access	I think having another roadway cross the Mississippi river within a few miles of 694 would greatly reduce congestion of 252 and 694 in the area, increasing safety and transportation equity greatly
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Commute	Making it a true highway will allow for safer travel as well as no lights making for a quicker commute. A sound wall would stop noise from being so bad and people moved to their location knowing of a busy roadway.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Efficiency	The benefits of these roads are to move people quickly and safely to their destinations, be it work or play along the river or downtown.
Prefer not to answer	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Environment	this is a bit redundant but it must be thinking about safety, the environment including Mississippi River, building an attractive Road at ground level such as a Parkway, in addressing multiple forms of pollution that the project will create. Simply put it must consider what creates a better community in North Minneapolis, Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park.
Asian	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Freeway Conversion / Environmental Justice	Safety should be a high priority, both in terms of highway traffic and local roadways, but also in terms of health. Towards Zero Deaths goals should include reducing not only the number of people who are killed on these highways, but also who die as a result of the high levels of air pollution; the latter far outnumber the former. The 6-lane freeway designs perform the worst on safety, health, equity and congestion, and should be dropped from consideration, if indeed MnDOT and other decision-makers actually care

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				about these issues. It is well-known that a freeway funnels new traffic onto it by redirecting traffic from a wide area, and induces people to drive when they could have used public transportation, increasing congestion yet again, and eventually to calls to yet again expand the freeway: this dangerous, unhealthy and inequitable cycle must end now. It is time for MnDOT and the decision-makers of this project to stop thinking with mid-20th century mindset and trying to impose yet another freeway expansion that benefits the corporate world over an overburdened group of communities, and think with a mid-21st century mindset, and plan for the needs of the people in these communities: with safety, health and wellbeing, environment and ecology, community livability / connectivity / cohesion, and overall equity as primary values and priorities, over this strange obsessive desire to focus narrow-mindedly on increasing vehicle numbers and speeds, and imposing recommended heavy freight truck routes and inequitable pay lanes through our mainly residential working class and majority people of color cities, and treating us like sacrifice communities. In other words, put ethics FIRST, and first do us no further harm.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Health / Environment	Think outside the transportation mobility box by elevating the priority of safety, health and environment in the Statement of Purpose.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Safety / Property Changes	What are the purpose and needs of this roadway and how to improve safety

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				without destroying or hampering neighborhoods.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Safety / Walking / Biking	Make sure that it is a safe roadway for the driving public and that there is a safe alternative for pedestrians, bikes, etc. to cross the roadways.
Asian	Y	Minneapolis	Sustainability	think sustainability and idealistic to gauge new ideas rather than just status quo in current realism
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Transit	Keeping transit options to the west of 252 where most of the people need it.
White	Y	Minneapolis	Transit	North Minneapolis was already not prioritized when it came to rail lines, considering that people in the Northside are most likely to rely on public transportation, and the wealthy white southwestern suburbs' LRT construction was approved first. The Bottineau line will run to the largely white city of Maple Grove. A line to the disproportionately black cities of Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park would help increase equity. I know that this project will begin far too soon for LRT to be included, but the space should be reserved for an eventual train line.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Transit / Walking	Making sure that the transit system is not just spoke and hub but creating a more suburb to suburb setting. We also need to ensure walkability across 252.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume	We should be finding ways to reduce traffic and instead encourage mass transit. Also, consider if the improvement will be obsolete by the time it is completed.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume	The easy solution is to reduce the speed limit on 252 to 45 MPH and aggressively enforce it. To increasing volume, it will

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				be spread over all of the other routes available. Problem solved;
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume	We do not need additional traffic
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume	Less is more
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume	I have lived here for 36 years and the possible increase of traffic (up to 35000 cars per day on 73 ave.) seems like a deal breaker. At present the speed on 73 can be very high especially during the morning rush hour going from the west going east to 252 may increase accidents on the side streets.
Latinx	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume	Hwy 252 has too many lights. it would be great to build up an overpass system. I94 works for me. it gets me from downtown or south of the city to BK Pk fast easy and safe. to go from 252 to 94 south - the traffic backs up because of the confusion. confusion is caused by one lane with three decisions at the same point to decide which hwy you need to get on.
Some other race/More than one race	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume	Traffic flow, access points for the neighbors that it drives thru. Number of access streets (intersection, on & off ramps etc.) I don't want my neighborhood to have huge traffic increases of residents needing to drive further on residential streets to get to a 252 intersection further away.
Prefer not to answer	Unknown	Unknown	Volume	Making traffic flow the best and quickest.
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Volume / Freeway Conversion	Keep the traffic moving! The stop lights need to go. This will reduce accidents!

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White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume / Future	Lessen Vehicle Miles Traveled, and what are the projected needs of our future community, not just this one.
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Volume / Property Changes	Benefits? Lighted intersections along a heavily trafficked major road, through decades-old neighborhoods is not a benefit. And the lack of appropriate finding in the past when it was done means to fix it now many residents will either lose their homes or value of the property. Traffic emissions? Noise pollution? Traffic congestion? The only benefit of these two roads is access to downtown.
White	Y	Minneapolis	Volume	Induced/reduced demand must be incorporated into traffic models
White	Y	Brooklyn Park	Walking	Making the Cities walkable
White	Y	Brooklyn Center	Walking / Biking / Transit	(1) downsizing Highway 252 to encourage traffic to go elsewhere should be a viable option; (2) make crossing Highway 252 a less dicey proposition for foot and bicycle traffic; (3) keep the bus stops along Highway 252 intact
Prefer not to say	Y	Brooklyn Center	Walking / Biking / Transit	An overpass is all that's needed for pedestrians and bicycles to safely journey on either side of 252/I-94. Safety is the improvement along with more frequent bus service. Why should the residents be subjected to suburban bus schedules when they don't drive?