

# Open House 3 Summary

The third public open house the Metropolitan Transportation Plan was held on July 3, 2024, at Mandan’s annual Art in the Park Festival. The MPO’s participation in the event was advertised across several platforms, including the Bismarck Tribune, a press release, and social media posts on the MPO’s Facebook page. Additionally, an online meeting to review the draft plan was available in September and October on the project website.

## Open House Overview

The open house consisted of a booth with interactive activities for adults and children. The booth was staffed from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Attendees were able to review the plan’s progress and provide input on prioritizing projects and strategies. The project team interacted with approximately 50 people throughout the open house time.

### The plan input activity for the public open house event included:

Jars where those who came to the booth could vote by placing popsicle sticks in jars that were labelled corresponding with different areas of interest for the MPO to focus on in upcoming project work.

### The results of this input activity are as follows:

Strategy	Votes	Strategy	Votes
Northern Bridge Crossing	22	I-94 – 52 <sup>nd</sup> Street/Hamilton/30 <sup>th</sup> Street	12
More Funding for Public Transit	20	System Management	11
I-94 – 56 <sup>th</sup> Avenue/66 <sup>th</sup> Street	18	McKenzie Extension	8
More Bike Paths	15	66 <sup>th</sup> St Imp/State St @ 71 <sup>st</sup>	8
Fill in the Grid	13	More Pedestrian Crossings	7



Coloring pages were also provided at the booth to for children and families.

KX News visited the booth and wrote an article which was posted on July 4, 2024: [Improving Bismarck-Mandan’s Transportation Network \(kxnet.com\)](https://www.kxnet.com/story/improving-bismarck-mandan-transportation-network-2024-07-04).

## Online Meeting Overview

An online meeting was available on the project website from September 23, 2024 through October 31, 2024. The online meeting provided an overview of the draft plan, including draft project lists. The online

meeting included a survey, which asked participants to review investment concepts and prioritize based on need. The investment concepts ranking were as follows:

<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Strategy</b>	<b>Votes</b>
Northern Bridge Crossing	3	I-94 – 52 <sup>nd</sup> Street/Hamilton/30 <sup>th</sup> Street	1
More Funding for Public Transit	2	System Management	2
I-94 – 56 <sup>th</sup> Avenue/66 <sup>th</sup> Street	4	McKenzie Extension	0
More Bike Paths	2	66 <sup>th</sup> St Imp/State St @ 71 <sup>st</sup>	0
Fill in the Grid	1	More Pedestrian Crossings	1