

2017 Draft Transportation Action Plan Community Feedback Summary

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Transportation Community Forum Today:

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

- Whistler Conference Centre
 - 5 to 8 p.m.
- Presentation at 5:30 p.m.

Learn about upcoming transportation plans, review the research on Whistler's highways, roads, parking and transit, and share your input. Activities for children and refreshments will be provided.

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Whistler's transportation future.**

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Transportation Community Forum

Missed it?

Find presentation materials and on-line survey at whistler.ca/movingWhistler. The survey is open until February 7, 2017.

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Transportation Advisory Group

VOTING

- Mayor of Whistler
- Two Councilors
- RMOW Chief Administrative Officer
- One representative Whistler-Blackcomb
- One representative Tourism Whistler
- One representative Whistler Chamber of Commerce
- Four Citizens-at-Large

NON-VOTING (staff technical expertise)

- One representative BC Transit
- One representative from Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure
- General Manager of Infrastructure Services
- General Manager of Resort Experience
- TDM Coordinator

Who participated?

- 200 at Community Forum
- 60-70 at table discussions
- 520 online survey respondents www.whistler.ca/MovingWhistler



Transportation Community Forum survey online

Be part of the conversation about Whistler's transportation future

Thanks to everyone who came out to the [Transportation Community Forum](#) on January 17.

Please complete [this survey](#) to share your input about our transportation future. The survey will be live until February 7.



View the [Transportation Community Forum presentation](#).

View the forum action strategies:

- [Action matrix overview](#)
- [Highway 99 efficiencies](#)
- [Transit improvements](#)
- [Better parking management](#)
- [Preferred Transportation Options](#)
- [Peak day operations plan](#)
- [Other medium and long-term strategy and action ideas](#)

Transportation Advisory Group

The [Transportation Advisory Group \(TAG\)](#) has been re-activated in response to transportation and parking pressure in and around Whistler. TAG is made up of diverse stakeholders representing the RMOW, Whistler Blackcomb, Tourism Whistler, the Whistler Chamber of Commerce, BC Infrastructure and four citizens-at-large.

TAG is in the process of finalizing its short-term action plan based on months of research on the use of Whistler's highway. Its long-term actions will be released in late 2017.

Research undertaken to inform the short-term action plan includes:

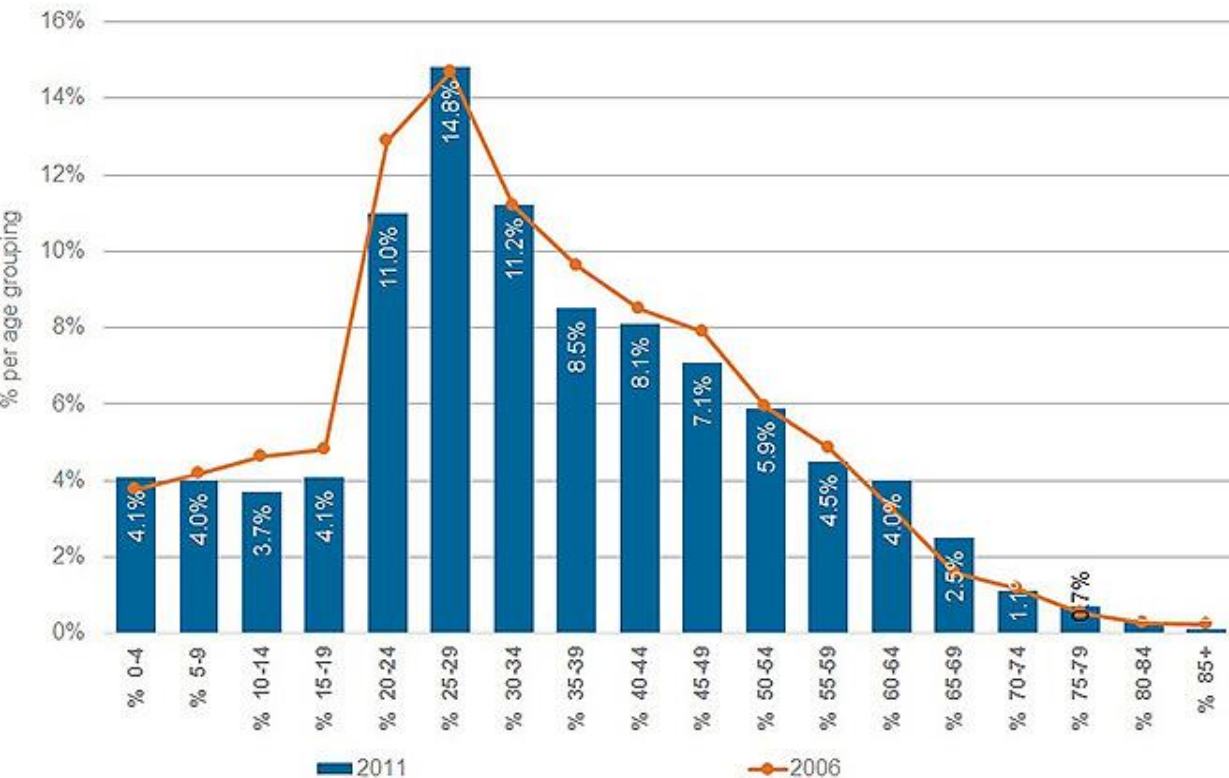
- Sea to Sky Highway 99 traffic analysis model
- [Winter and summer parking study](#)

Survey participants

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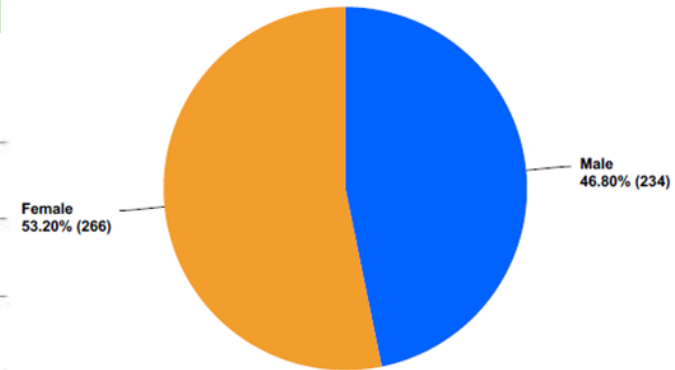
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Age Distribution



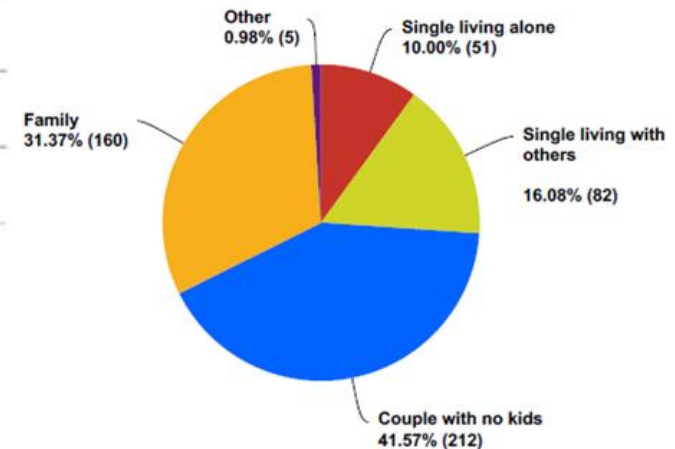
Q2 Gender:

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Q3 Living arrangement:

Answered: 510 Skipped: 2



2017 Transportation Action Plan Strategies

1. Highway 99 Efficiencies
 2. Transit Improvements
 3. Peak Day Operations
 4. Better Parking Mgmt
 5. Preferred Transportation Options
- Medium and Long Term Actions

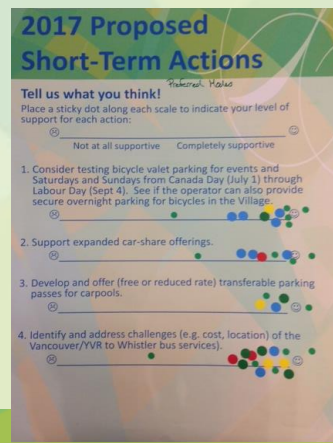
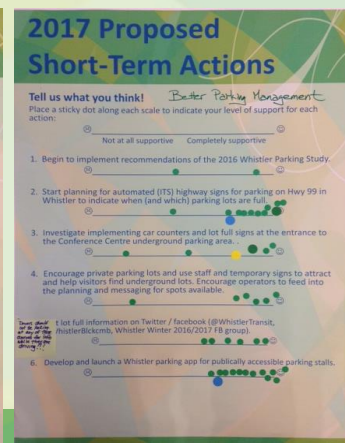
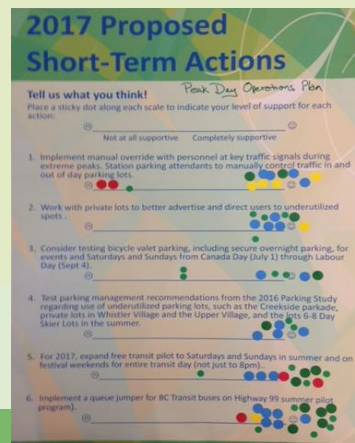
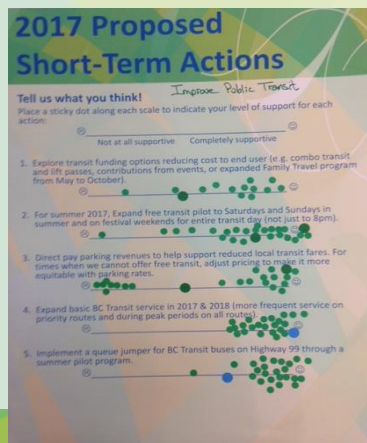
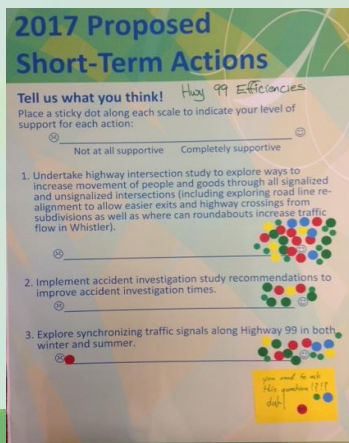


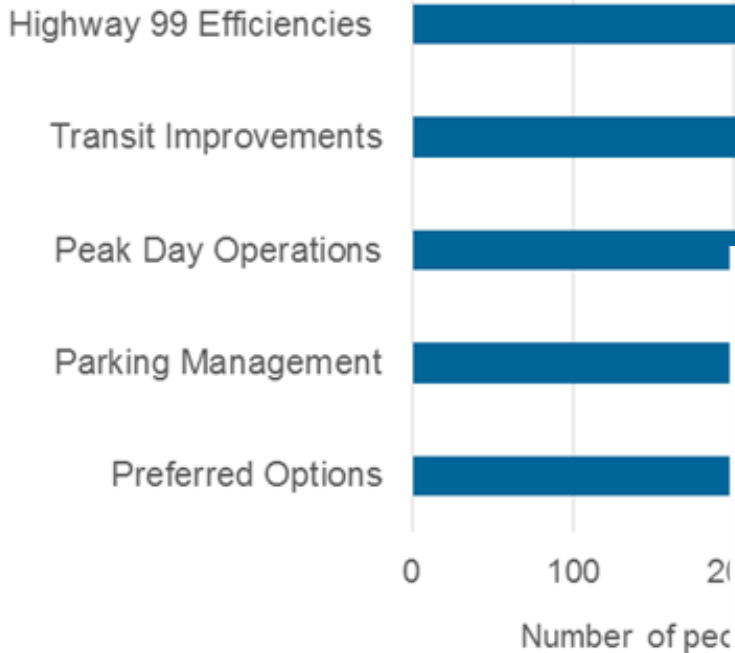
Table Discussions & On-Line Survey

What was discussed:

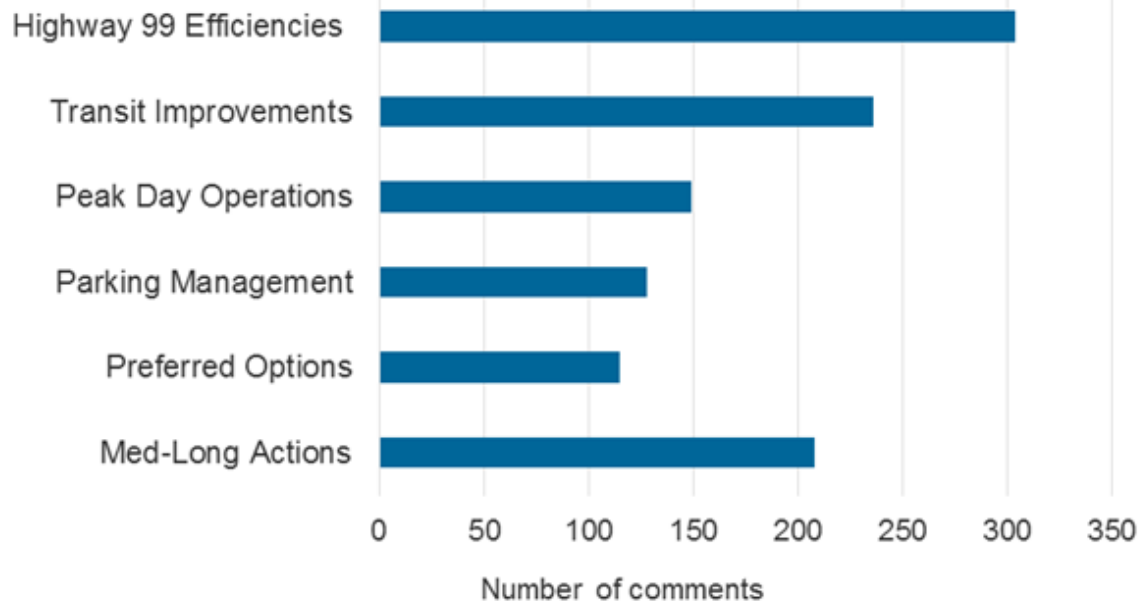
1. What is the level of support for each action?
2. If low support,
 1. What's not supported about the action?
 2. How could it be made more acceptable/effective?
3. What might be missing from the 2017 actions to make the strategy/topic more effective?

Summary of feedback

Action Feedback Participation

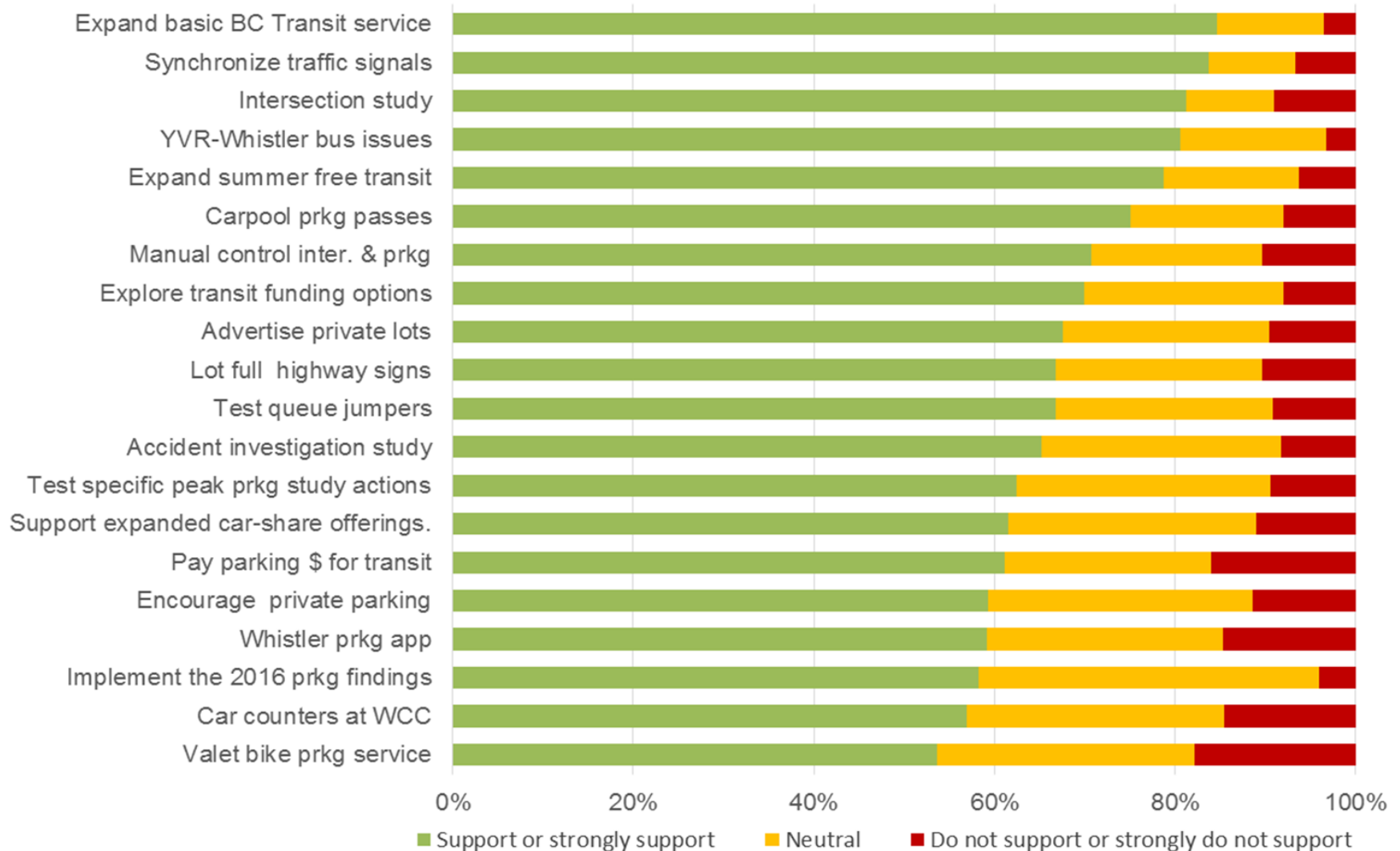


Strategy Comments Participation



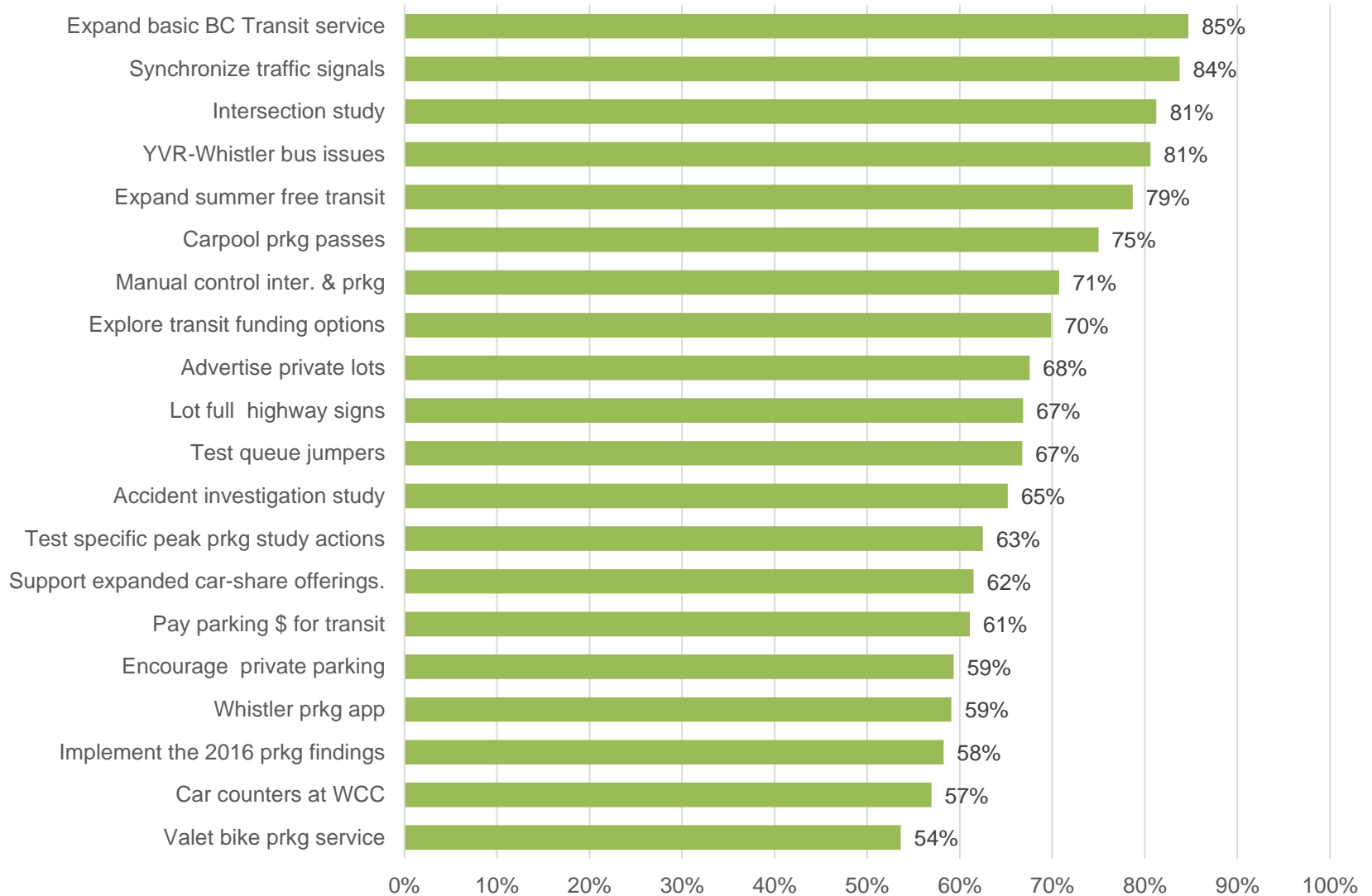
Summary of feedback

Short-Term Action Support



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Draft Short-Term Action Support and Strongly Support



Themes and observations

- Majority of Forum and survey participants supported or strongly supported all of the draft short-term actions
- Highway 99 Efficiencies received the most comments
- Lots of cross-Strategy comments, with most support and suggestions for improving/increasing free transit, widening the highway and improving intersections
- Enough studies, More action

Comments most frequently suggested

- Improve Local Transit (more attractive than automobile)
 - ✓ Better schedules
 - ✓ Lower cost (free)
 - ✓ Special Lanes
 - ✓ Regional transit to Pemberton/Squamish/Vancouver
 - ✓ Train to YVR/Vancouver
- Implement Parking solutions
 - ✓ Park and ride (bus/gondola)
 - ✓ More parking
 - ✓ Pay parking
 - ✓ Resident parking options
- Highway 99 through Whistler
 - ✓ Counter flow lane
 - ✓ HOV/Bus-only lane
 - ✓ More lanes
- Specific suggestion for intersections

Update on Winter Actions



Highway 99 Efficiencies

- ✓ Refined programming of Hwy traffic signals from Function through Lorimer Rd
- ✓ Accident Investigation assessment in progress

Transit Improvements

- ✓ Additional service hours where needed most
- ✓ Reviewing Route 1 – Valley Connector and Routes 4/5 – Village Shuttles
- ✓ Sea to Sky Corridor Regional Transit Plan
- ✓ Working towards vehicle expansion for 2018/2019

Peak Day Operations Plan

- ✓ Manual control of intersections Creekside to Function and parking lot access
- ✓ Communications to promote alternative parking locations and transit/coach travel

Better Parking Management

- ✓ Reduced time limit from 2 hours to 1 hour at Gateway Loop
- ✓ Increased enforcement including overnight parking
- ✓ Pricing out changeable message boards with parking info on Highway 99
- ✓ Pricing out “car counter” and message board for Conference Centre underground

Preferred Transportation Modes

- ✓ Gateway Loop retendered and awarded contract
- ✓ Support car-share offerings
- ✓ Added plowing Valley Trail from Meadow Park Sports Centre to Nesters/Mons through new underpass

Next Steps

Summer 2017 forecasted to be busier than summer 2016

- TAG has reviewed and revised 2017 Action Plan
- TAG is continue working on Med/Long-term actions
- RMOW staff meeting with key stakeholders
- Finalize 2017 Transportation Actions
- Council Meeting – May 23
- Inside Scoop – June 12
- Summer Action launch – July 1

The image shows the cover of the 'Whistler 2017 Transportation Action Plan'. It features a blue header with a white swoosh, followed by the title 'WHISTLER 2017 TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN' in blue capital letters. Below the title is a large, faint 'DRAFT' watermark. At the bottom, there are two small photographs: one of a snowy street scene with cars and a bus, and another of people riding bicycles on a path.

WHISTLER 2017 TRANSPORTATION ACTION PLAN





Questions?