



PORTLAND
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Questionnaire Results Summary



Response Period:

June 9th - July 21st, 2026

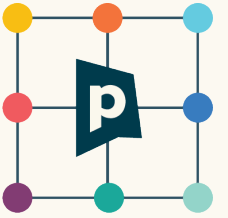
Total Responses:

683

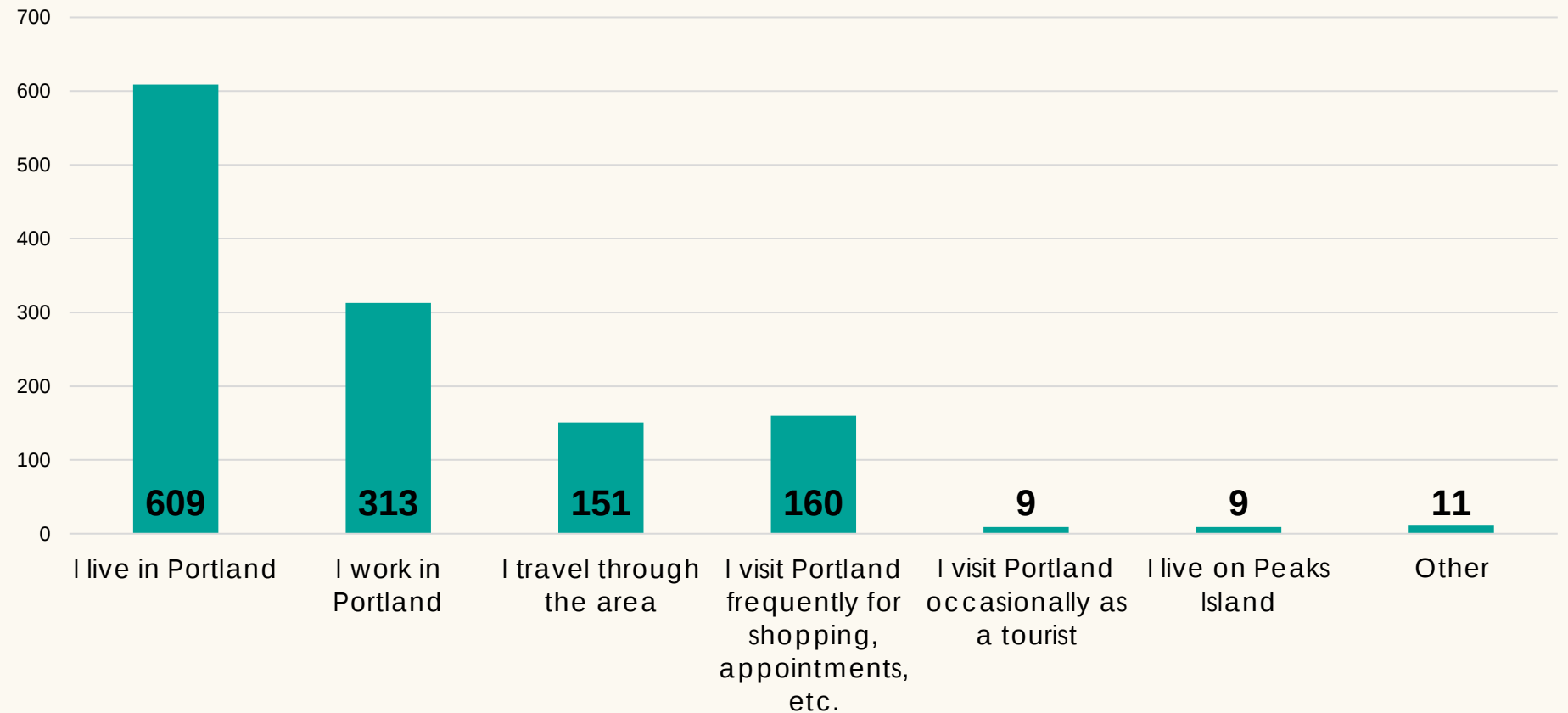


What is your relationship to Portland?

(Select all that apply)



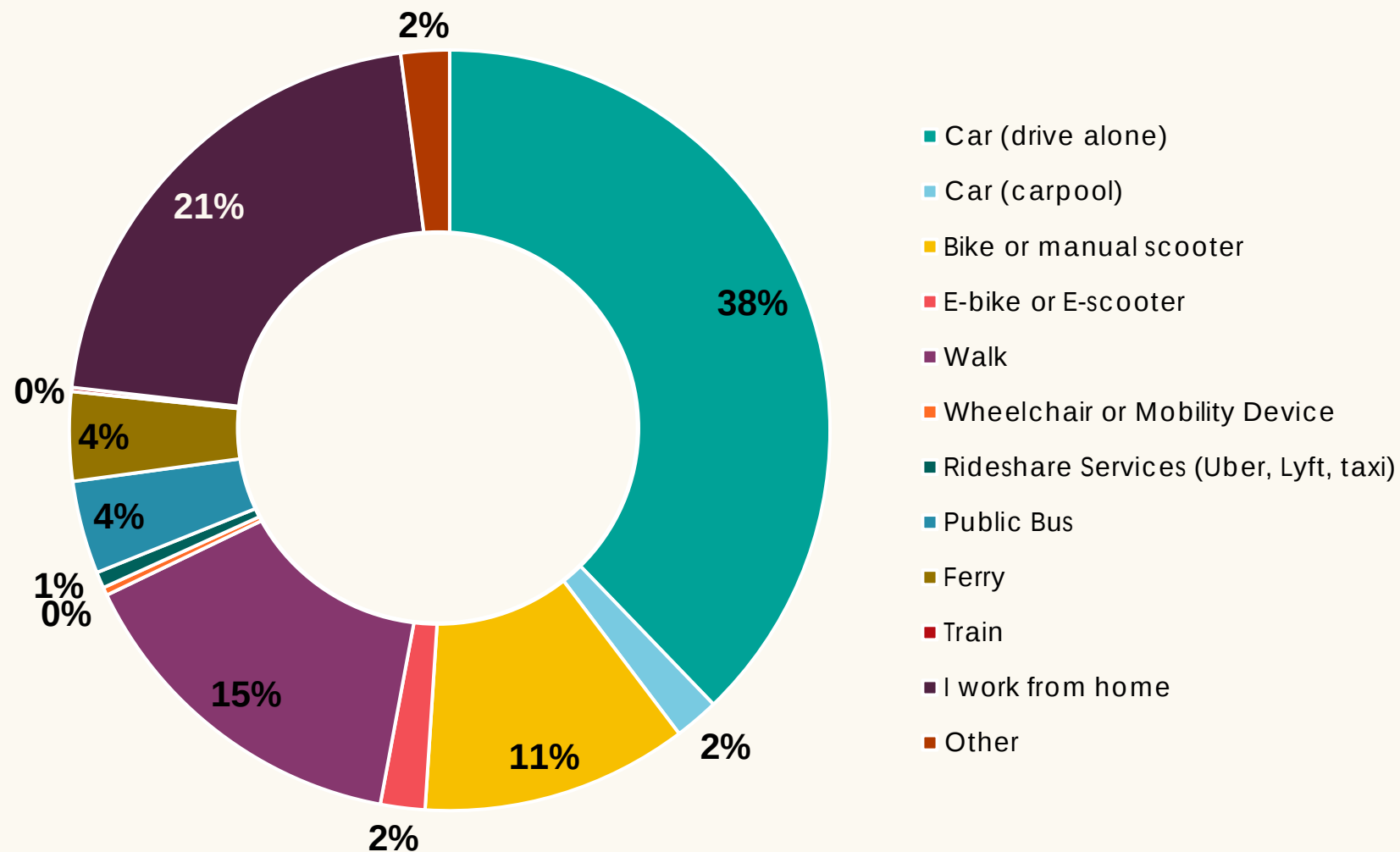
- Most participants live and/or work in Portland



How do you usually get to work?



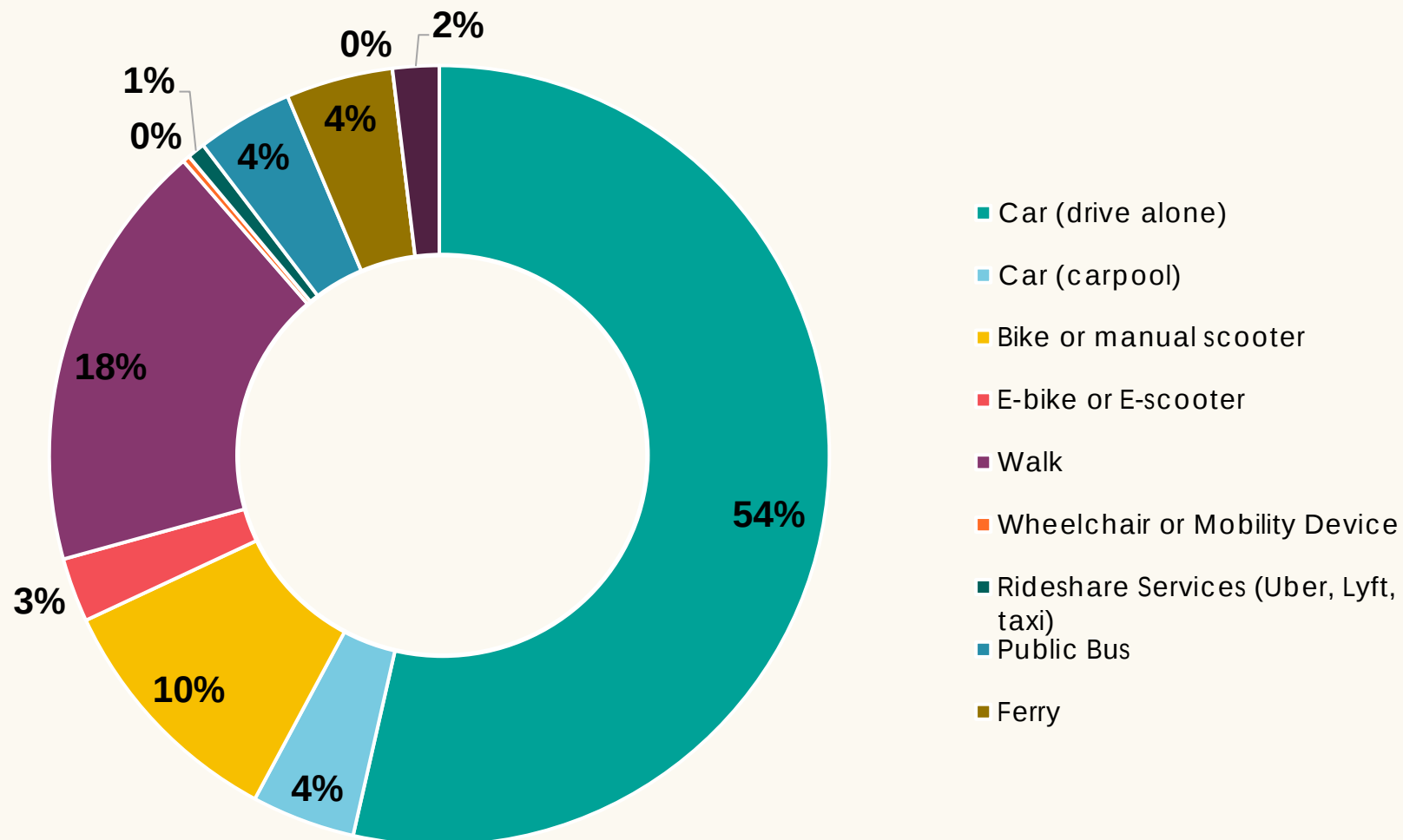
- Most participants drive alone to work (38%)
- 21% work from home
- 8% use public transit (bus or ferry)
- 28% walk/bike/wheel to work



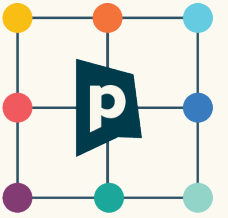
Which method of transportation do you use for your typical NON-COMMUTE trip (such as errands, recreation, or appointments)?



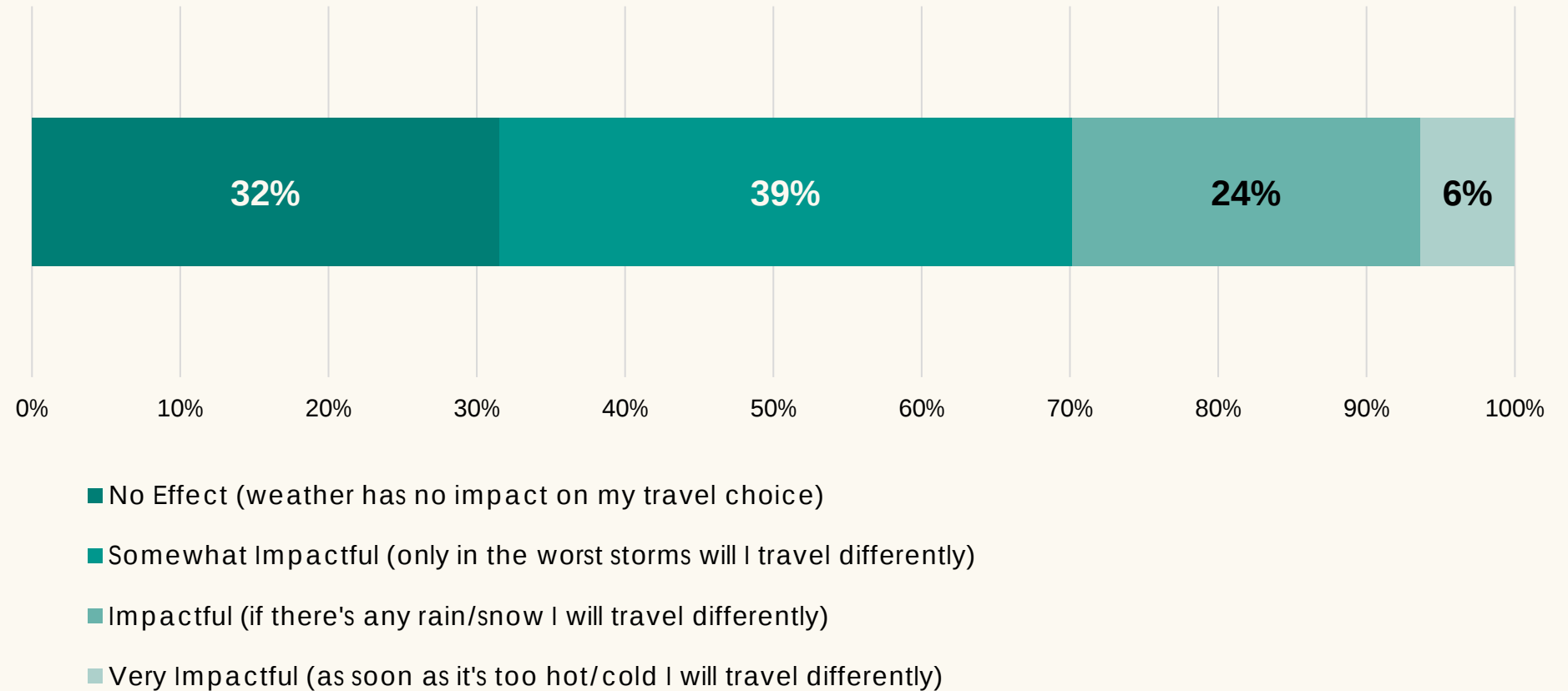
- Most participants drive alone (54%)
- Only 1% use rideshare
- 31% walk/bike/e-bike/e-scooter



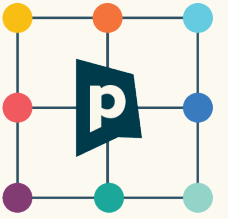
Do adverse weather conditions impact the method of transportation you chose?



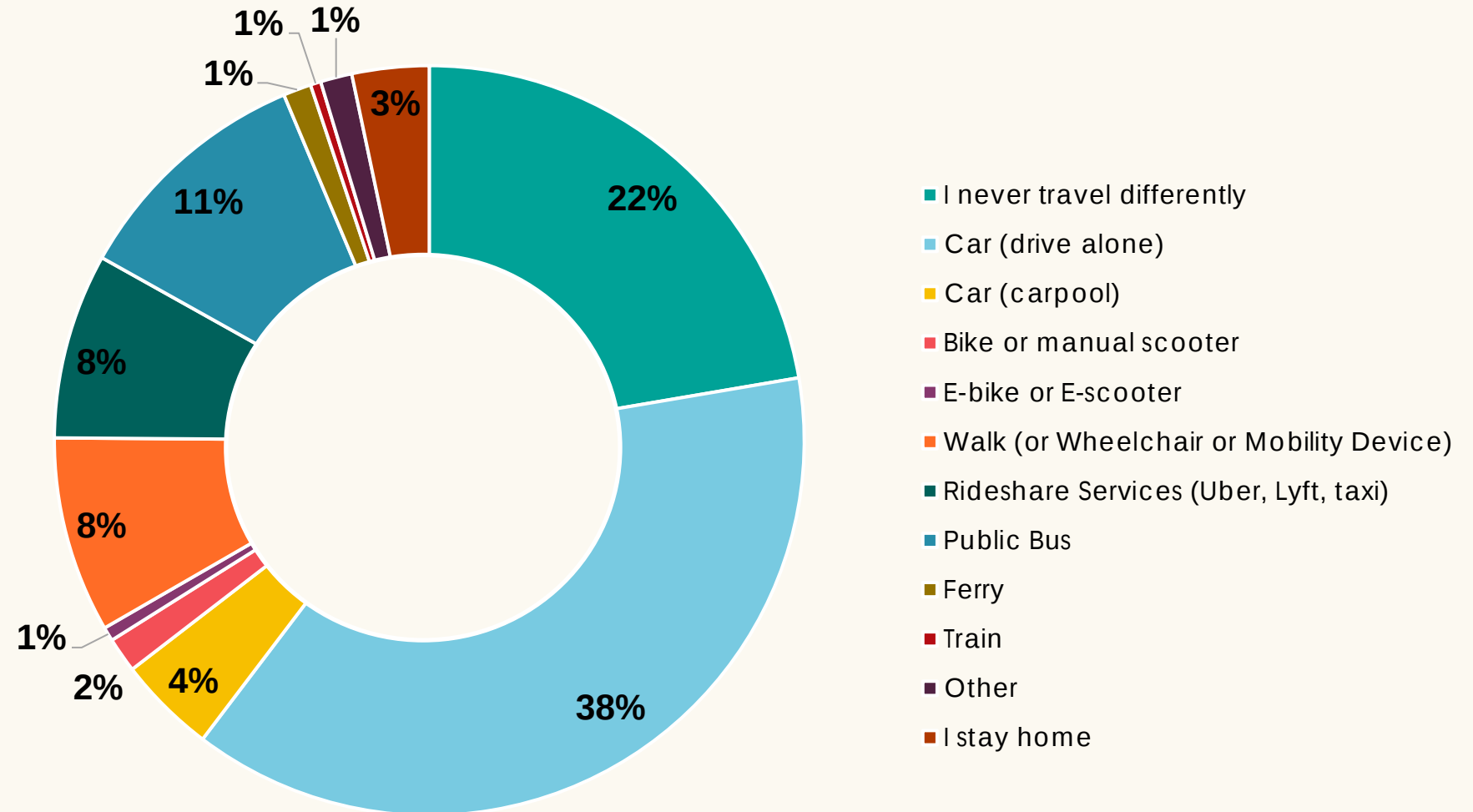
- Adverse weather does not change how most respondents travel (71%)



What is your typical back-up method of transportation in adverse weather conditions?



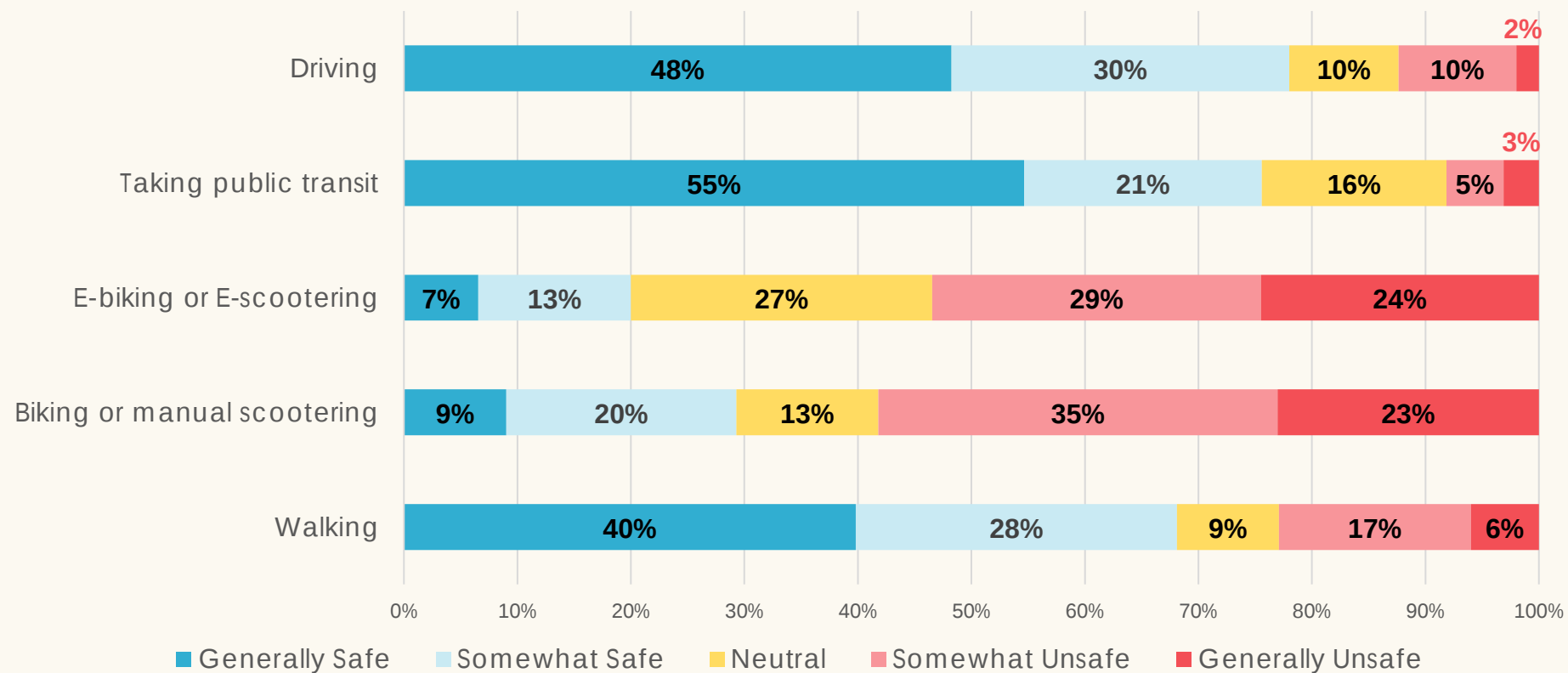
- 19% ride the bus or use rideshare more in adverse weather
- 38% drive alone



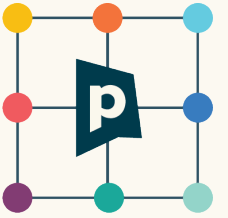
How safe do you feel using the following modes of transportation in Portland?



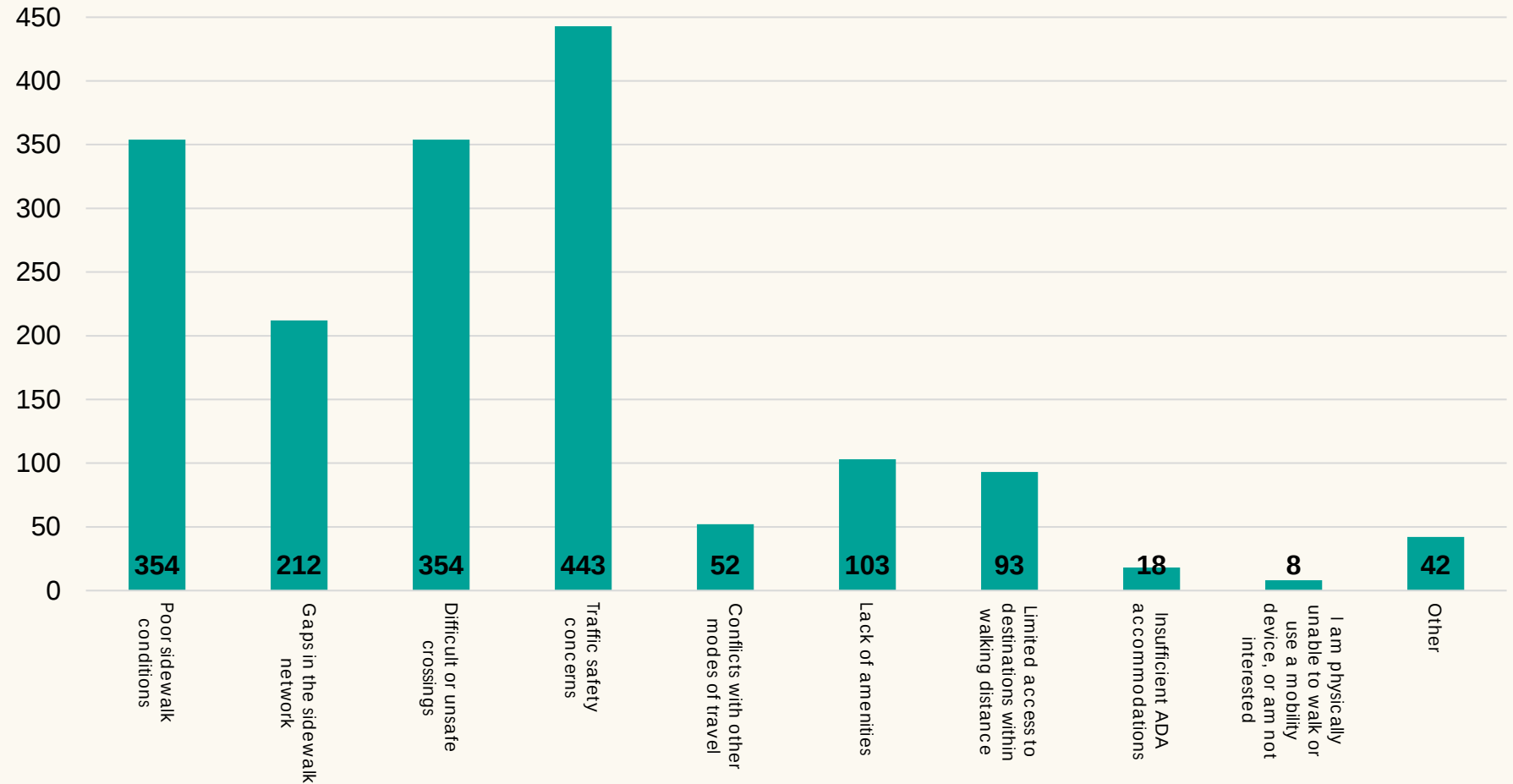
- Most felt safest driving or taking public transit
- Biking or E-biking/E-scooter felt less safe to most



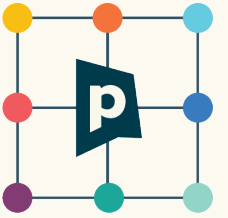
What are the biggest challenges walking or using a wheelchair/mobility device in Portland? *(Select up to 3)*



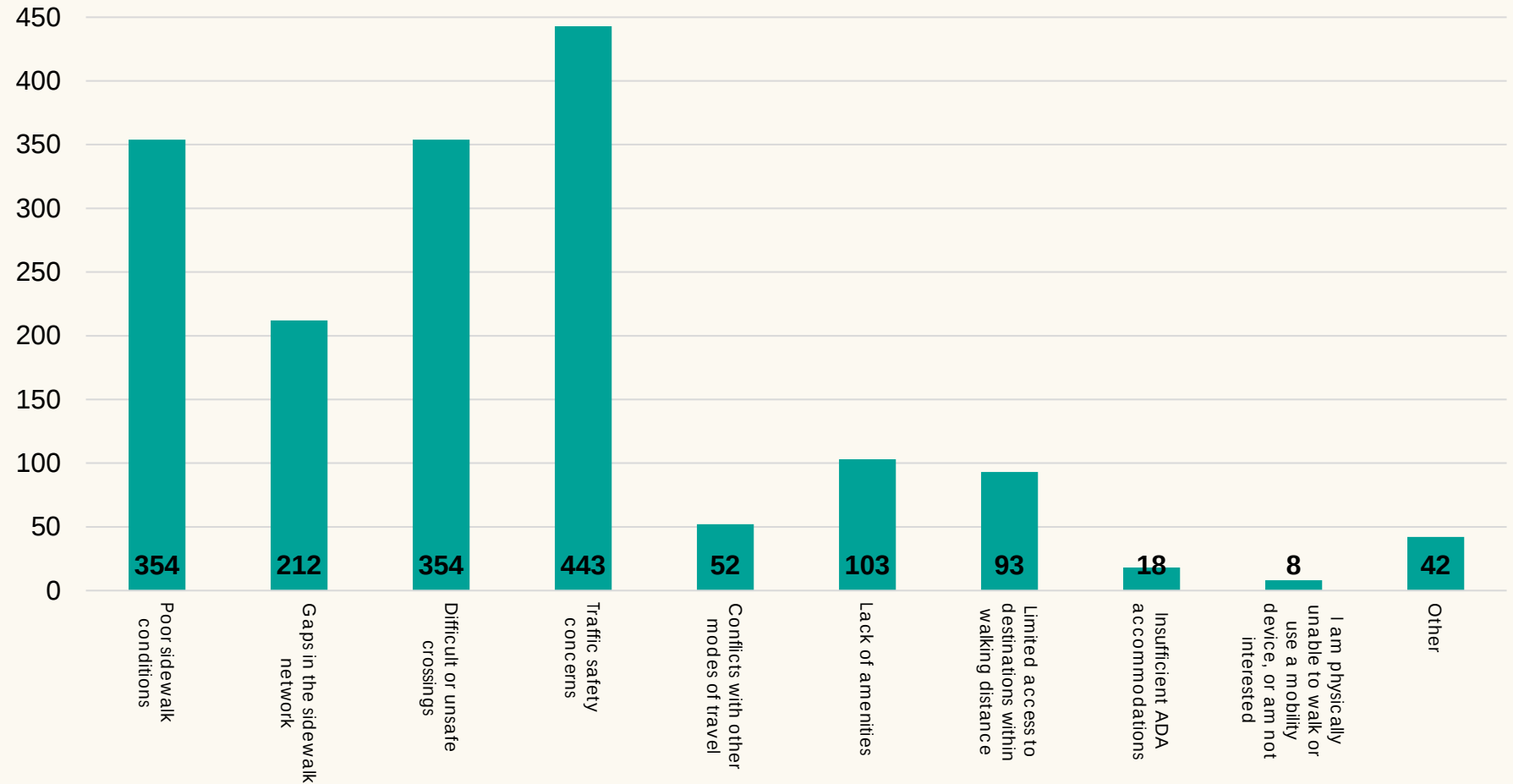
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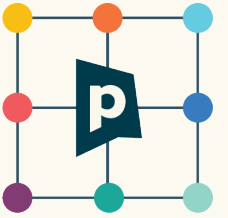


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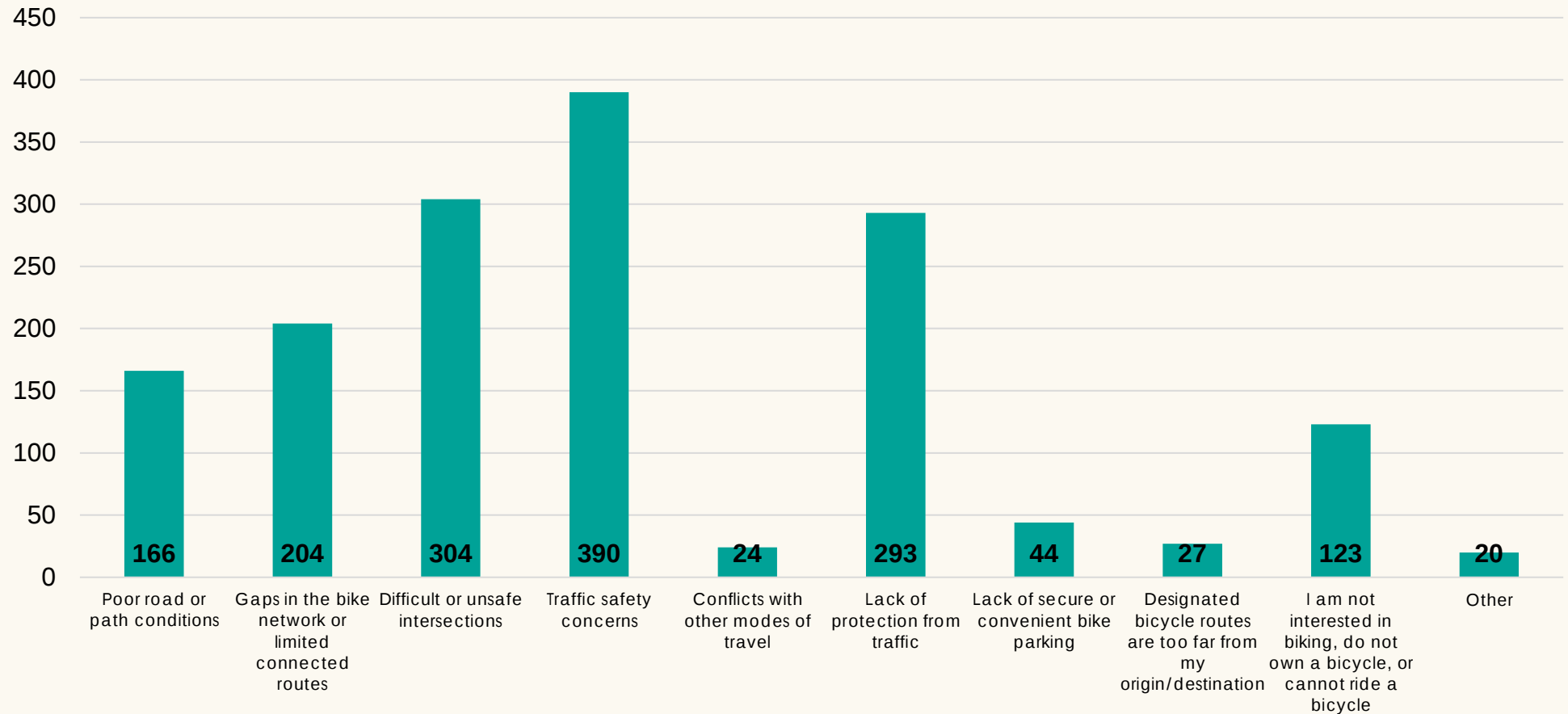


What are the biggest challenges biking or scootering in Portland?

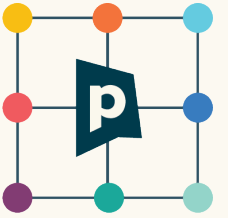
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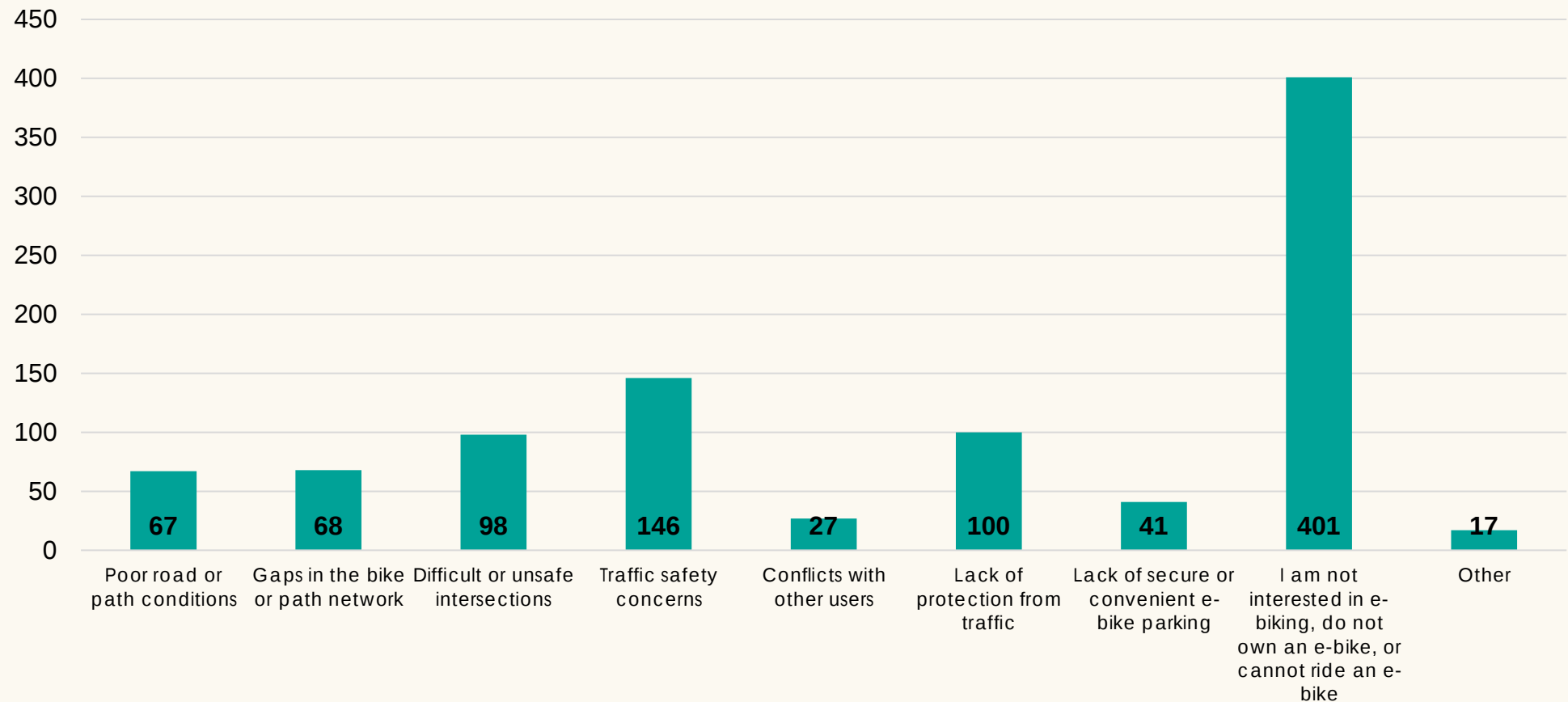
- Traffic safety concerns, difficulty with intersections, and lack of protection from traffic were to top challenges



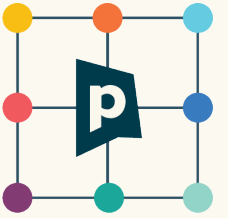
What are the biggest challenges E-biking or E-scooter in Portland? *(Select up to 3)*



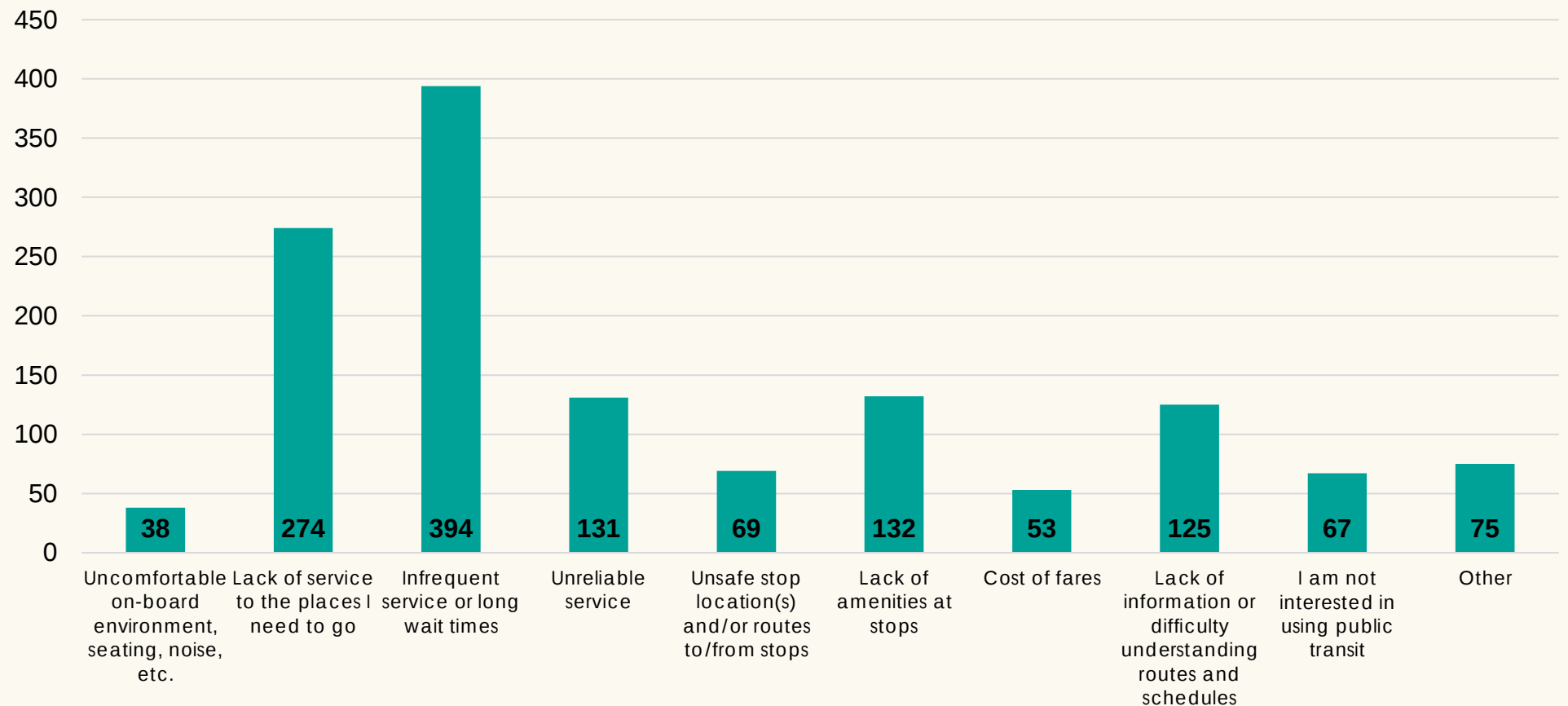
- Most are not interested in e-bikes or e-scooters.
- Traffic safety, difficult or unsafe intersections, and lack of protection are to challenges



What are the biggest challenges using public transit (bus or ferry) in Portland? *(Select up to 3)*



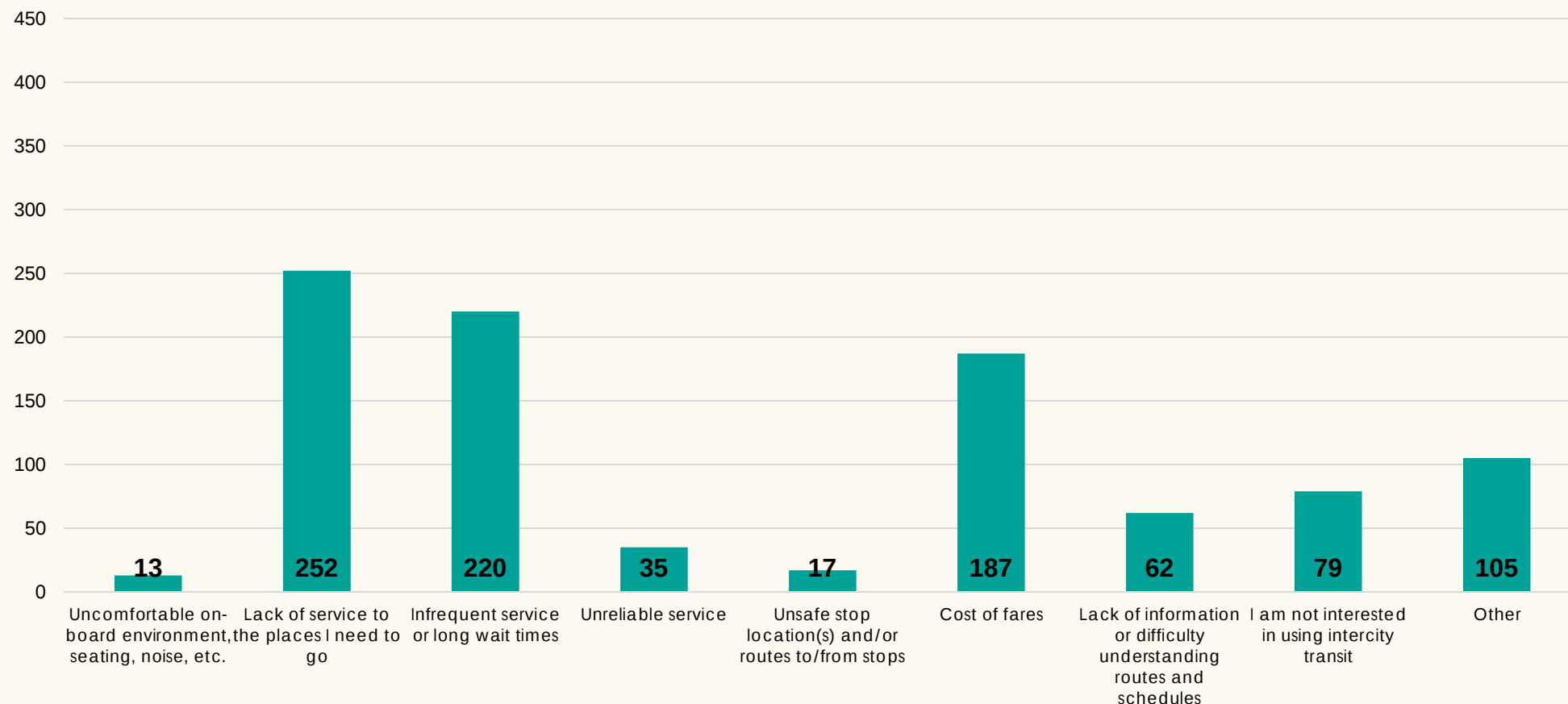
- Infrequent service or lack of service are to transit challenges



What are the biggest challenges using intercity transit (rail, Concord Coach, etc.) in Portland? *(Select up to 3)*

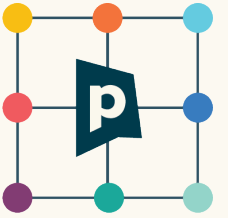


- Lack of or infrequent service and cost are top challenges with intercity transit

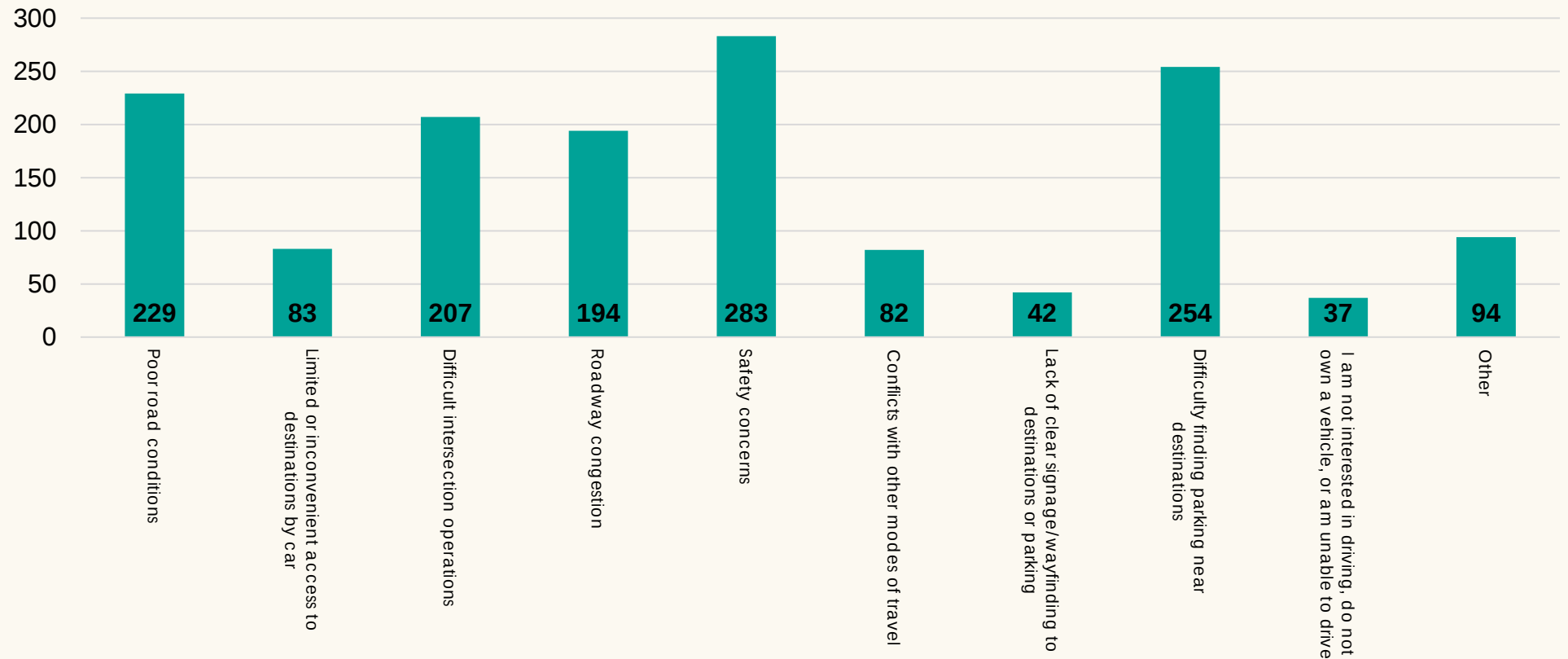


What are the biggest challenges driving in Portland?

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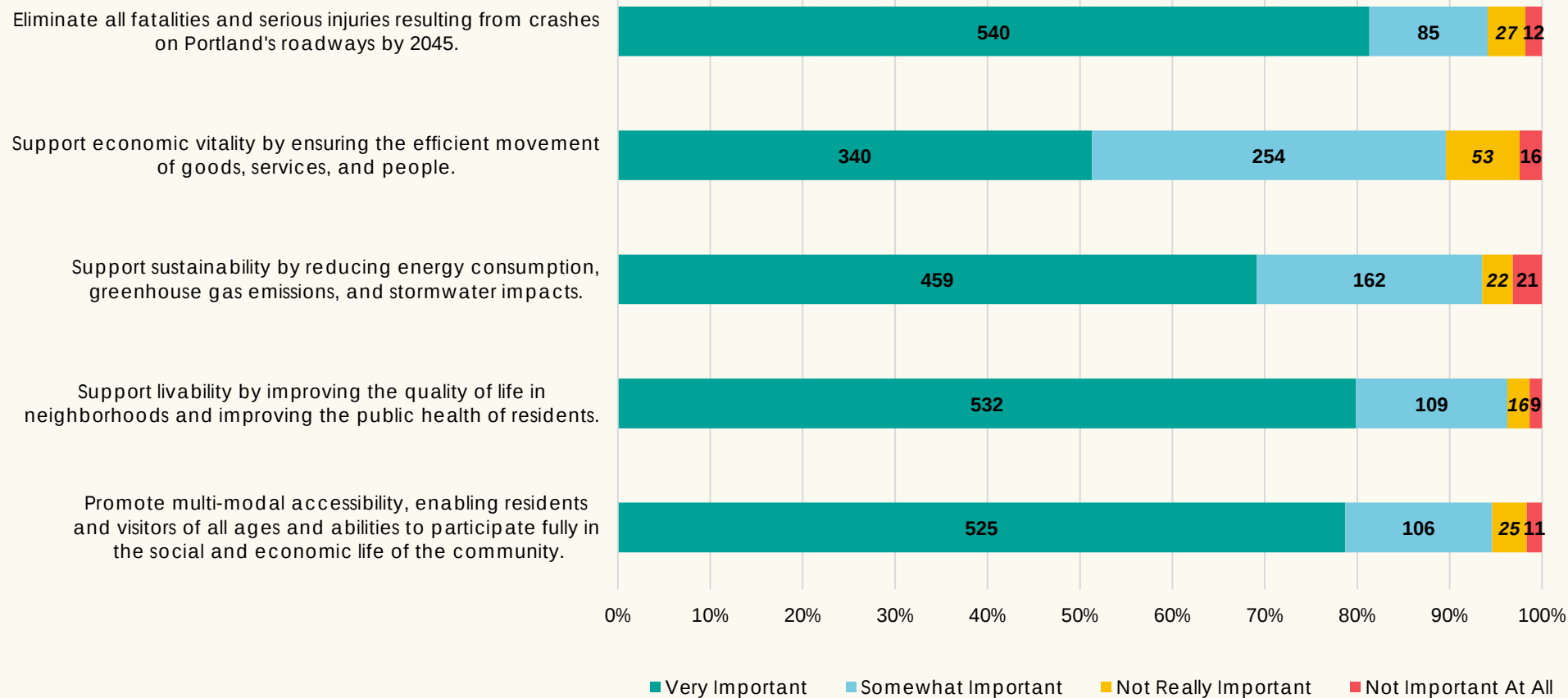
- Safety concerns, difficulty finding parking and poor road conditions are the top driving challenges



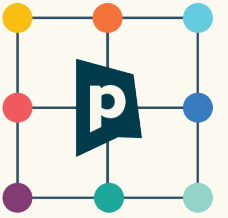
Rate how important each of these goals should be for this plan and Portland's future overall.



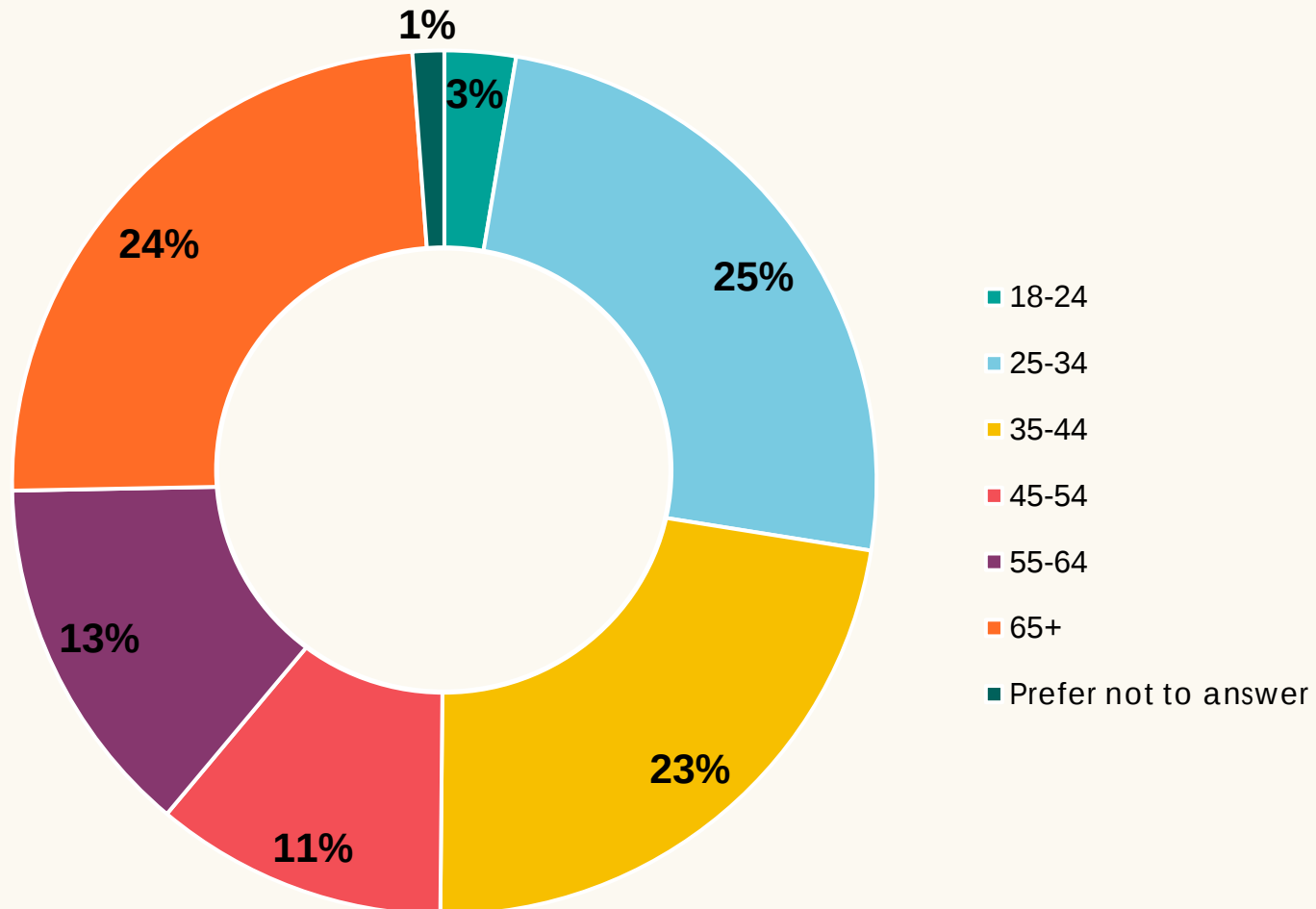
Most people found all the goals important



What is your age?



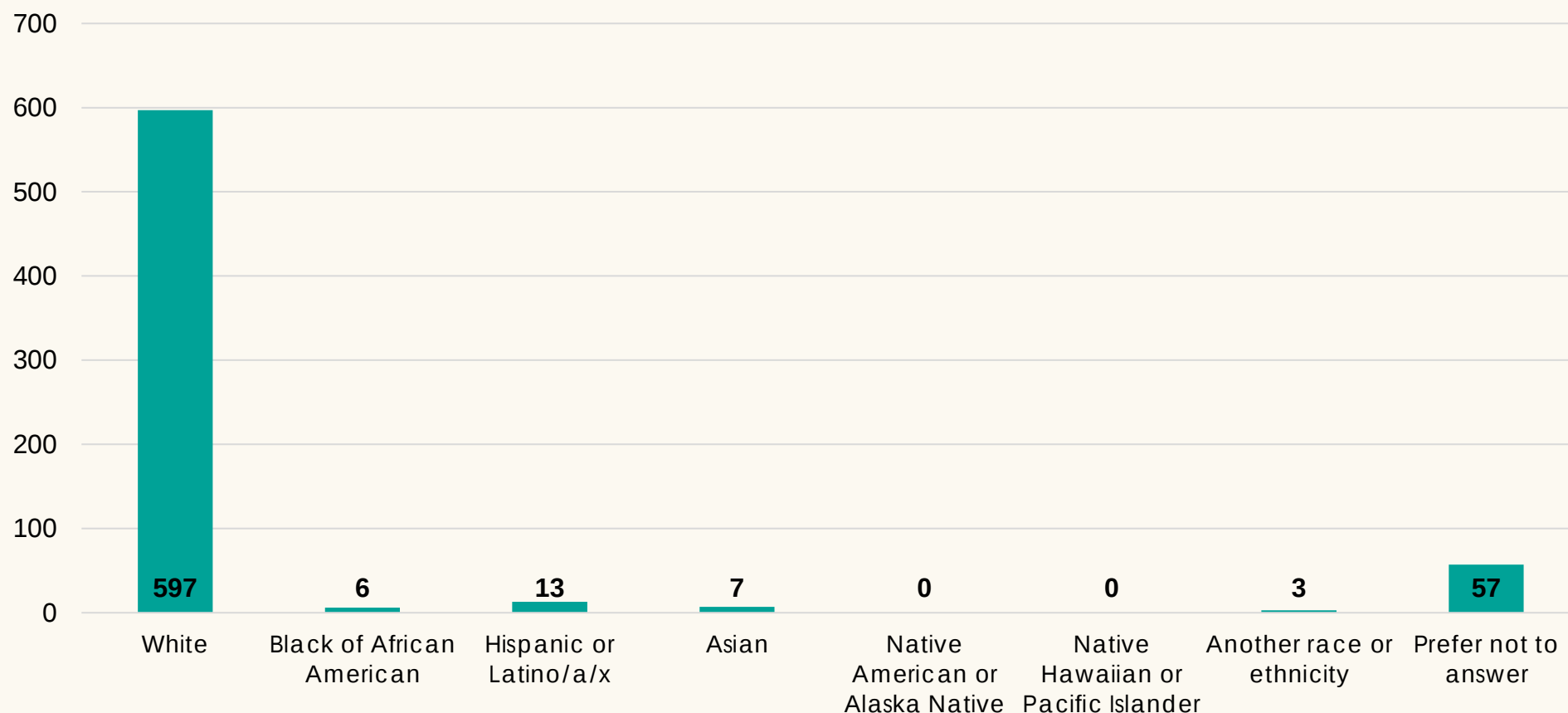
- 72% of respondents were between 25-44
- 24% were 65+
- Only 3% were under 24



How would you describe your race or ethnicity? (Select all that apply)



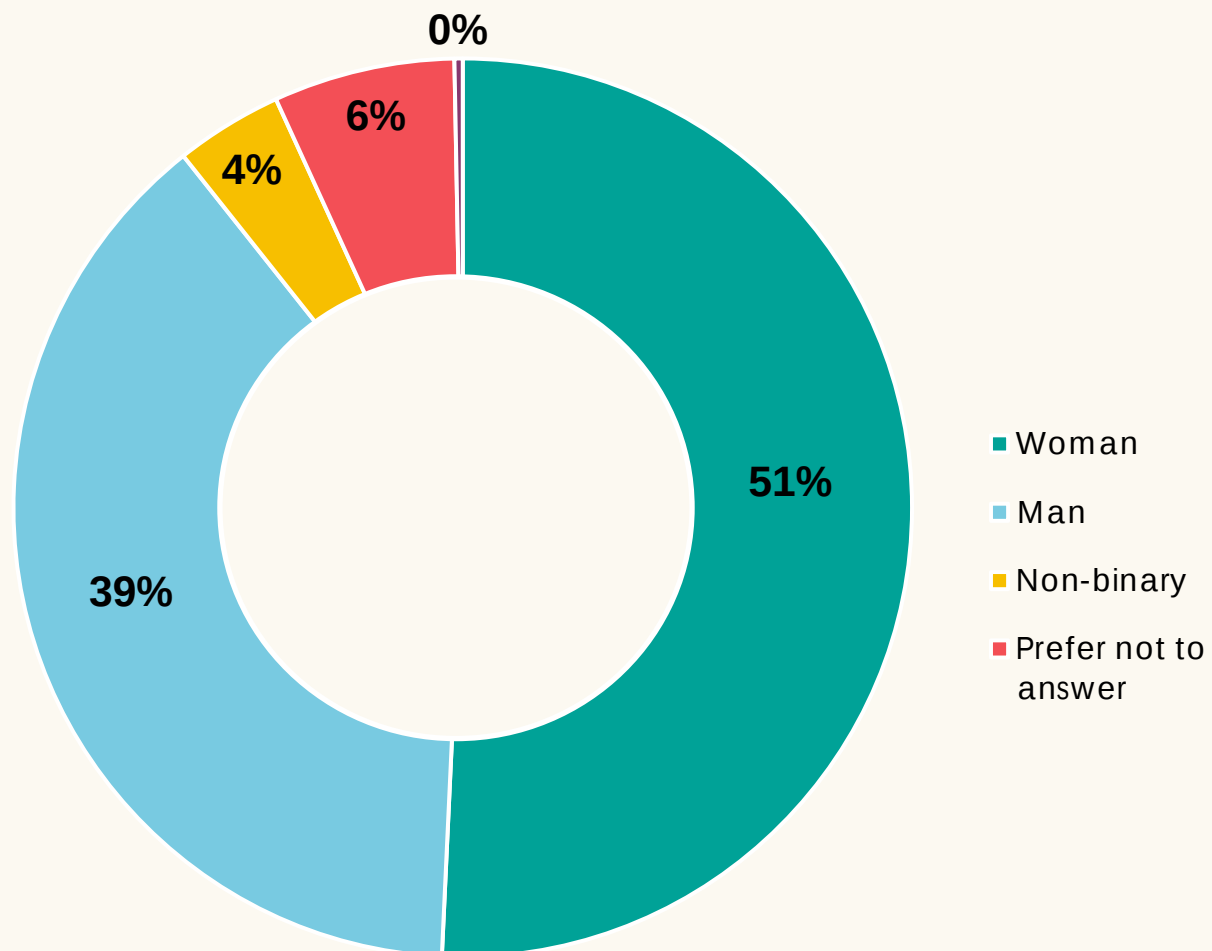
- The vast majority of respondents were white



What is your gender?



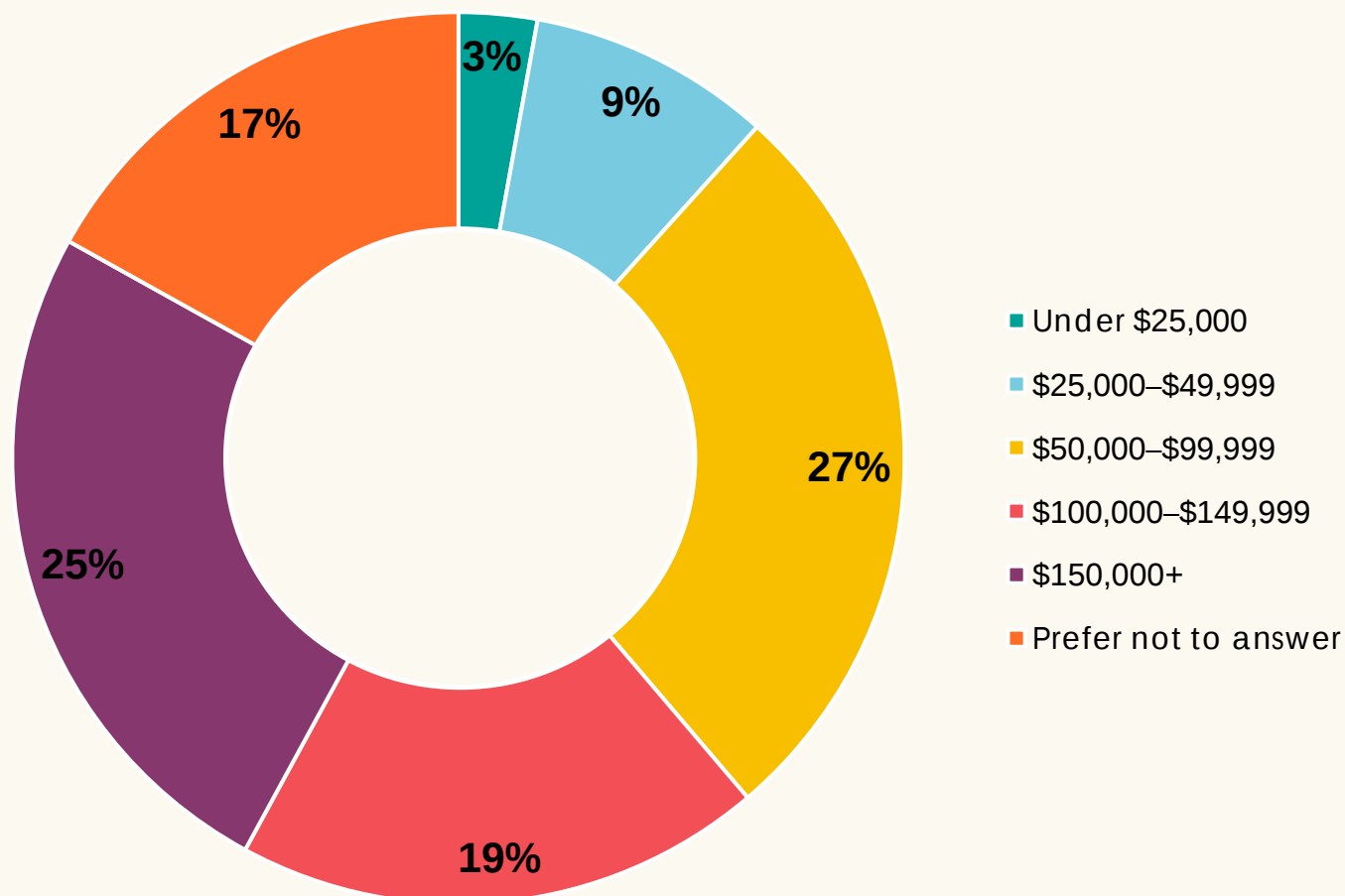
- Just over half of respondents were women
- 10% are non-binary or preferred to not answer



What is your total household income?

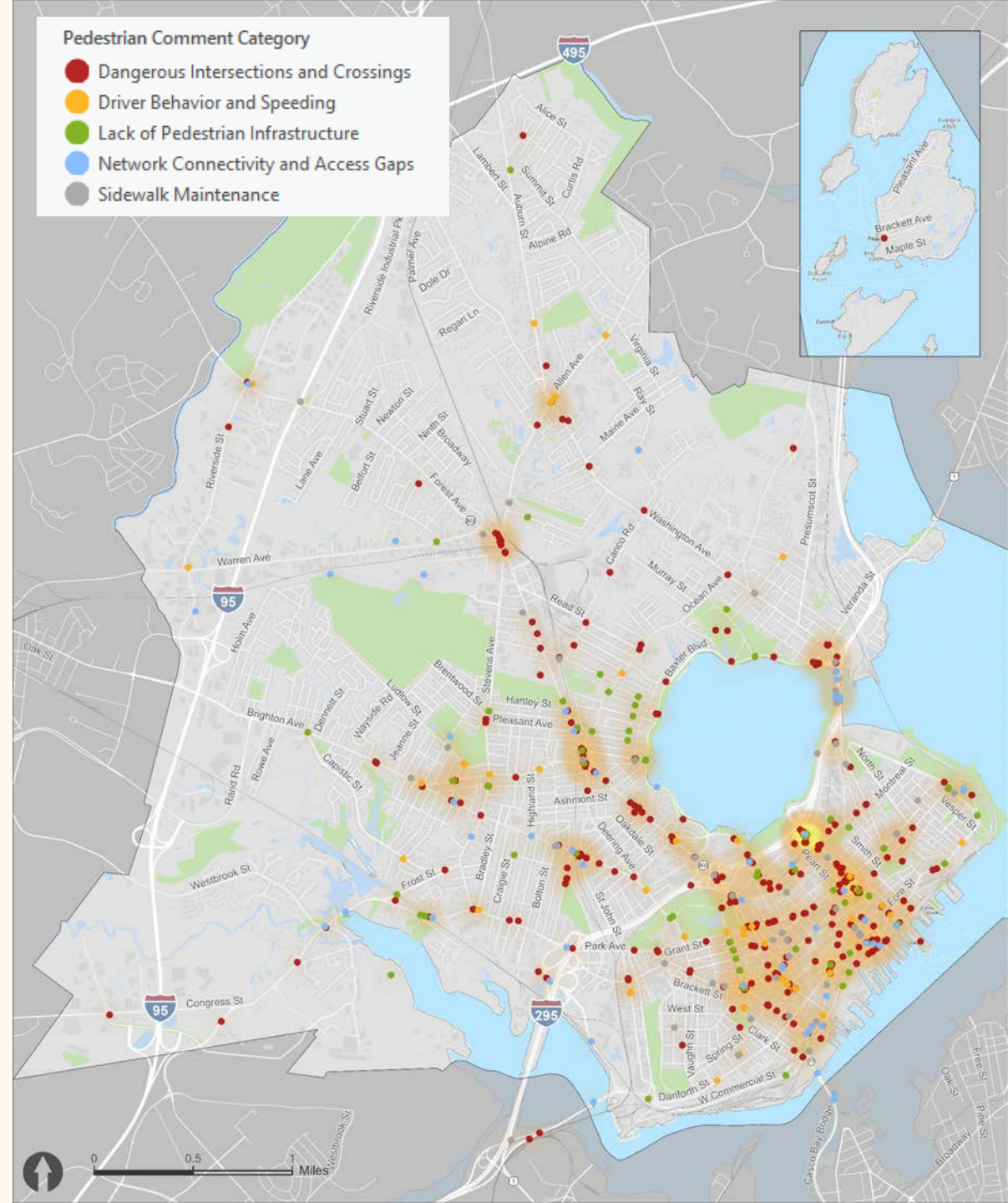


- Most respondents had a household income greater than \$50,000
- Only 12% had a household income less than \$50,000



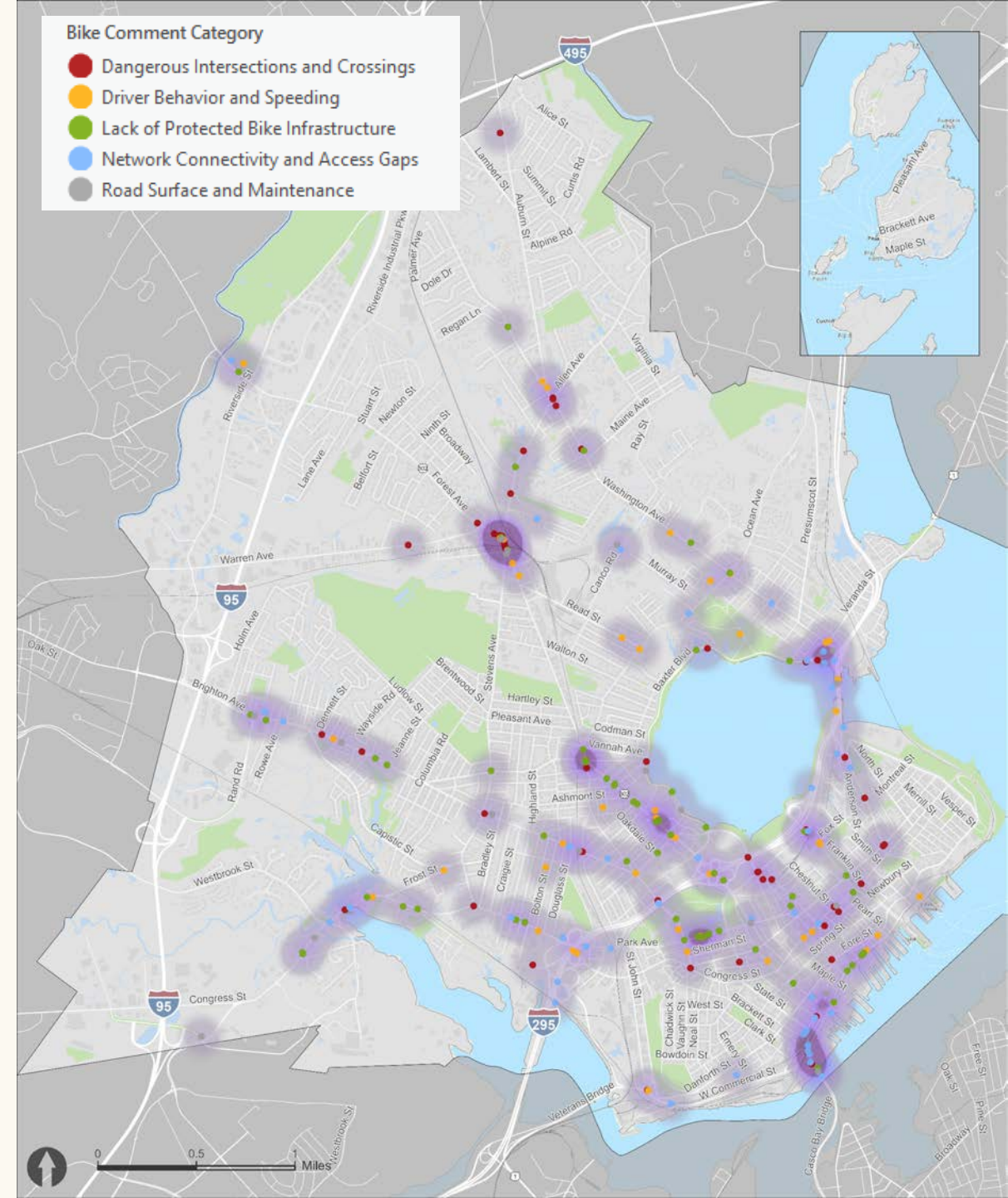
Pedestrian Concerns

- Many expressed a desire for more and safer crosswalks, especially along Franklin Street, Forest Avenue, Commercial Street, Brighton Avenue, and other major corridors.
- Instances of drivers failing to yield, running red lights, rolling through stop signs, and turning through active pedestrian crossings were frequently reported. Respondents suggested traffic calming, speed bumps, raised crosswalks, and curb extensions as possible solutions.
- Many intersections were described as dangerous, wide, and difficult to cross, often requiring pedestrians to wait in medians or multiple signal cycles. Requests for longer walk signal timings, pedestrian scramble phases, and better synchronization accompanied these concerns.
- Numerous complaints discussed missing, disconnected, or poorly maintained sidewalks, including gaps, ADA accessibility issues, uneven pavement, and winter maintenance deficiencies.
- Many comments focus on Franklin Street and I-295 ramp areas as barriers that divide neighborhoods and create unsafe walking conditions.



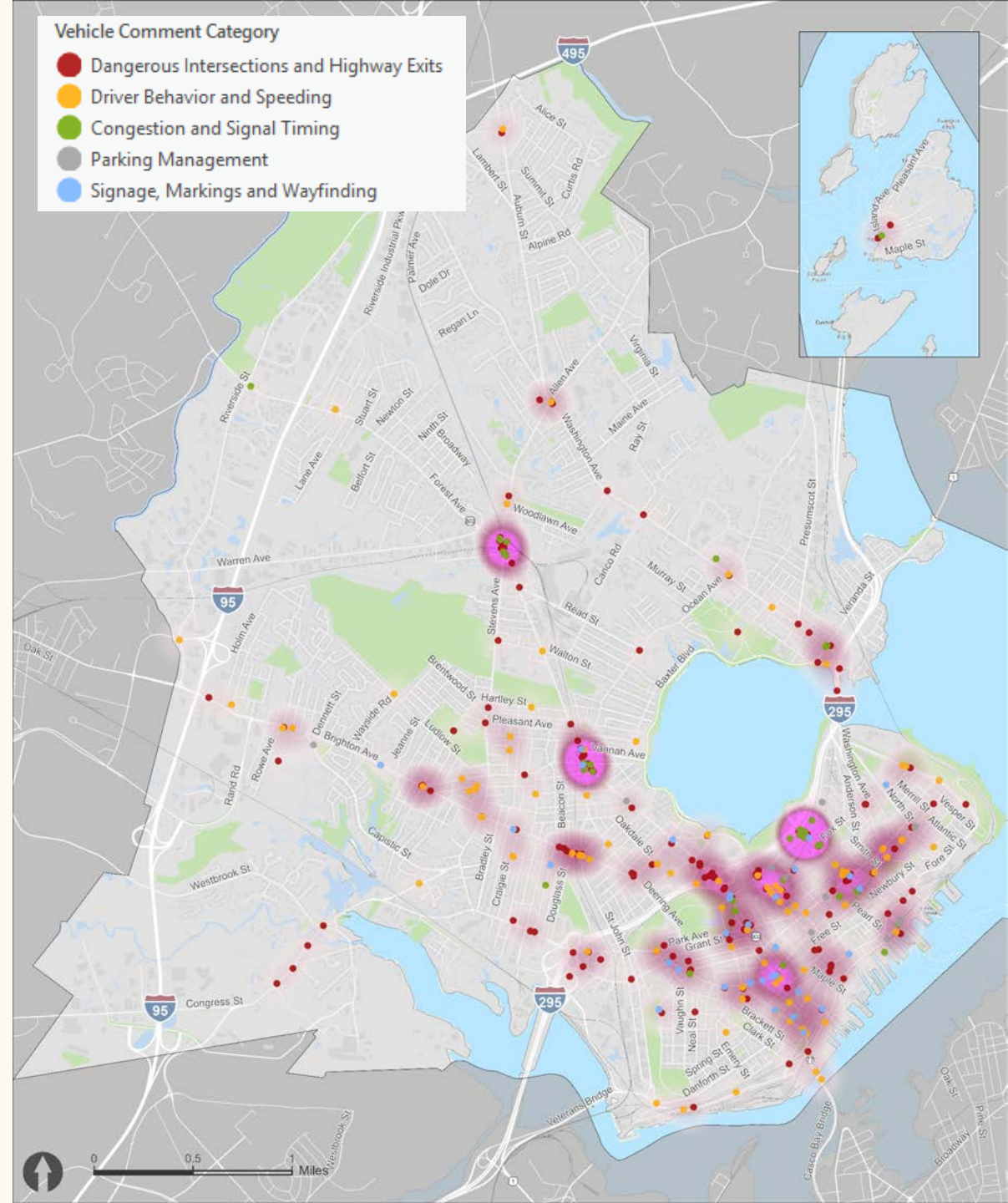
Bicycle Concerns

- Many expressed a desire for protected bike lanes rather than painted lanes, particularly on Forest Avenue, Brighton Avenue, Congress Street, and Casco Bay Bridge.
- Cyclists frequently report feeling unsafe due to high-speed traffic, aggressive driving, and inadequate separation from vehicles.
- Numerous comments identify gaps in the bike network, usually on off-road trails, where bike lanes suddenly end or fail to connect to key destinations.
- Many expressed a desire for safer connections across major barriers such as Franklin Street, I-295, Casco Bay Bridge, Tukey's Bridge, and airport/Outer Congress routes.
- Concerns about conflicts with parked cars, including dooring risks, vehicles backing into bike lanes, and bike lanes located between parked cars and sidewalks.
- There are several requests for better maintenance of cycling facilities such as potholes, rough pavement, and uneven trail surfaces.
- Many respondents support a broader multimodal transportation strategy, including expanded bike infrastructure and bike-share systems.



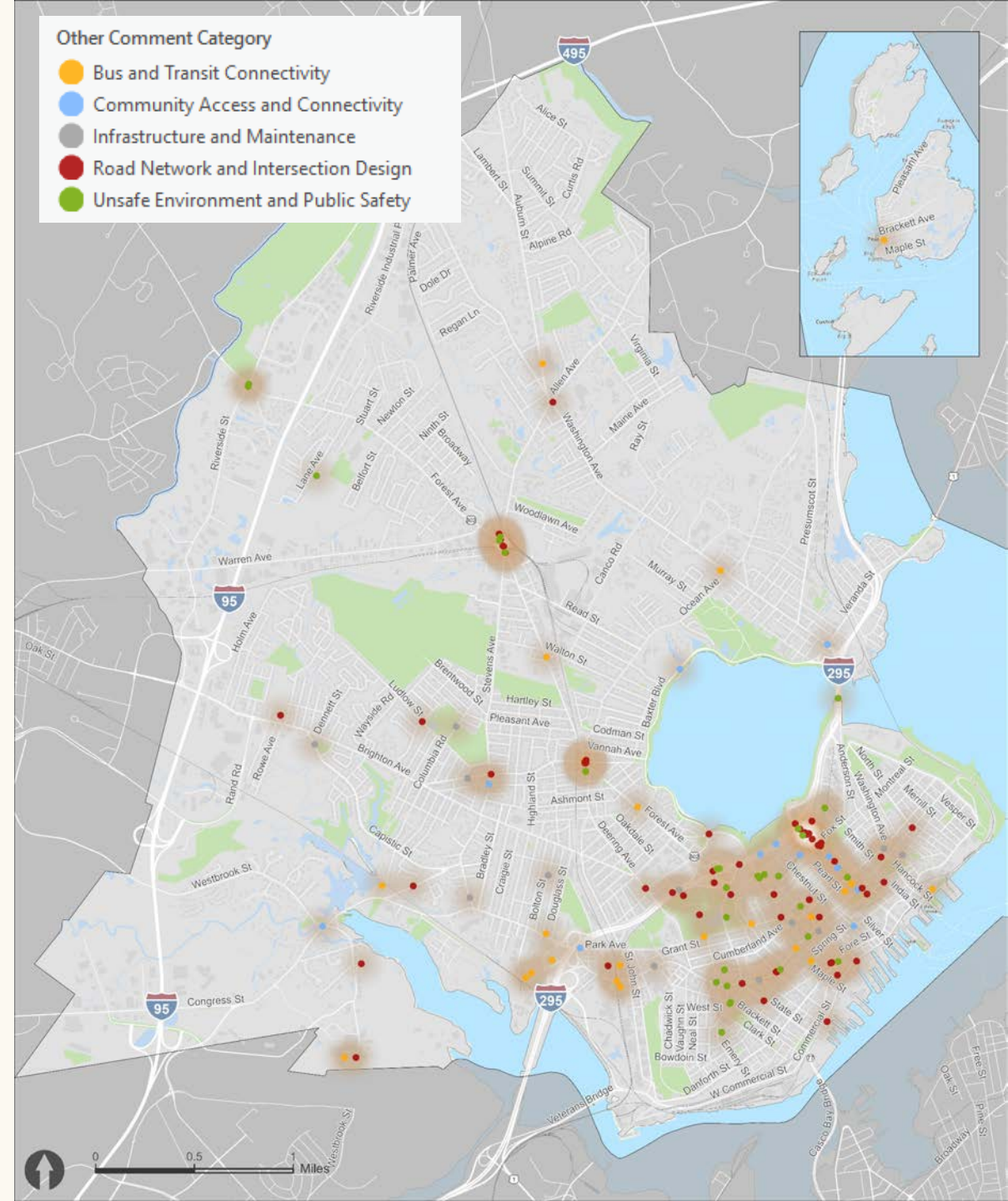
Vehicular Concerns

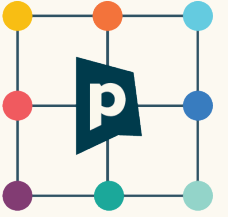
- The most common concern is congestion, particularly at Franklin Street, Marginal Way, I-295 exits, Morrill's Corner, Woodfords Corner, and major commuter corridors.
- Many drivers note widespread red-light running, stop-sign violations, speeding, and aggressive driving behavior.
- Numerous intersections are criticized as confusing, poorly designed, or difficult to navigate, with unclear lane assignments and merging patterns.
- Concern exists around signal timing, with complaints that poorly coordinated traffic lights may be related to backups and unsafe driver behavior.
- Many respondents advocate for roundabouts/traffic circles at locations such as Morrill's Corner, Woodfords Corner, Franklin/Marginal, and other complex intersections.
- Visibility problems caused by street parking, sightline obstructions, hills, and roadway geometry are a recurring issue.
- Requests for better roadway maintenance include repaving roads, repairing potholes, improving lane markings, and clearer signage.



Other Concerns

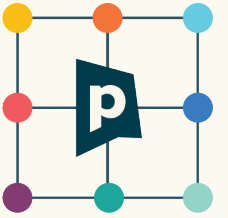
- Many comments focus on public transit improvements, including more frequent bus service, dedicated bus lanes, improved transit access, and expanded regional connections.
- Calls for broader urban design and connectivity improvements, including reducing one-way streets, reconnecting neighborhoods, and improving street networks.
- Several respondents expressed a desire to rethink Franklin Street and I-295, with suggestions ranging from lane reductions to a complete freeway removal.
- Requests for better pedestrian amenities include street lighting, public restrooms, benches, and cleaner public spaces.
- Many respondents support reducing car dominance through transit investments, redevelopment of surface parking lots, expanded public space, and multimodal transportation planning.





Looking across the questionnaire results as a whole revealed several clear themes about how people travel, the challenges they experience, and their priorities for Portland's transportation future:

Basic facility condition remains important even as respondents call for broader network changes

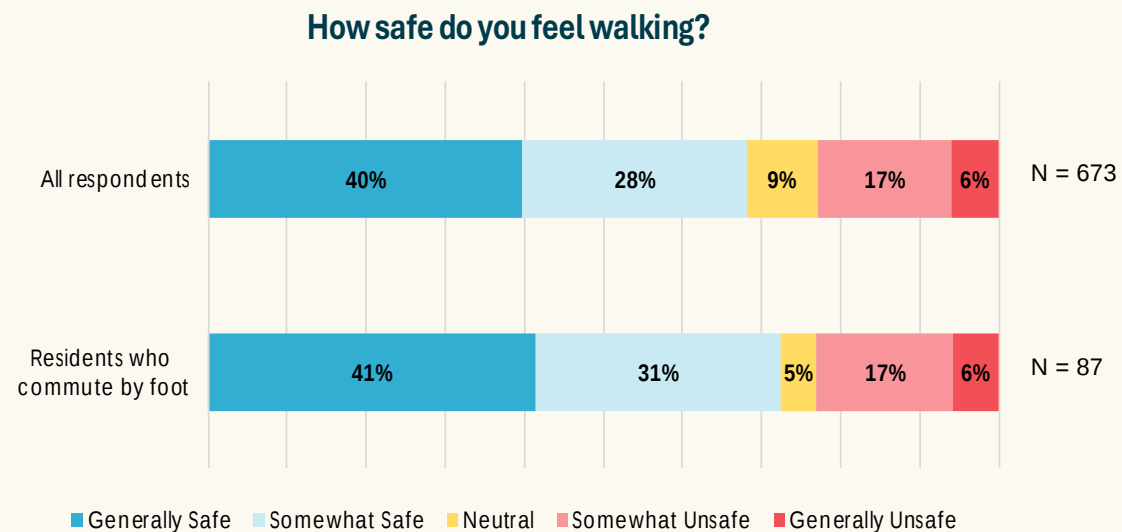


- Condition-related responses were prominent across modes:
 - Poor sidewalk conditions: 354 of 560 (63%) respondents ranked poor sidewalk conditions in their top 3 pedestrian concerns.
 - Poor bicycle road or path conditions: 166 of 532 (31%)
 - Poor roadway conditions for drivers: 229 of 502 (46%)
- Open-ended comments referenced uneven sidewalks, winter maintenance, potholes, rough bicycle facilities, faded markings, and repaving needs.
- Meanwhile, respondents also identified network-scale concerns such as missing sidewalk links, bicycle-network gaps, transit coverage, and neighborhood barriers.

Safety is a systemwide concern for all modes of travel



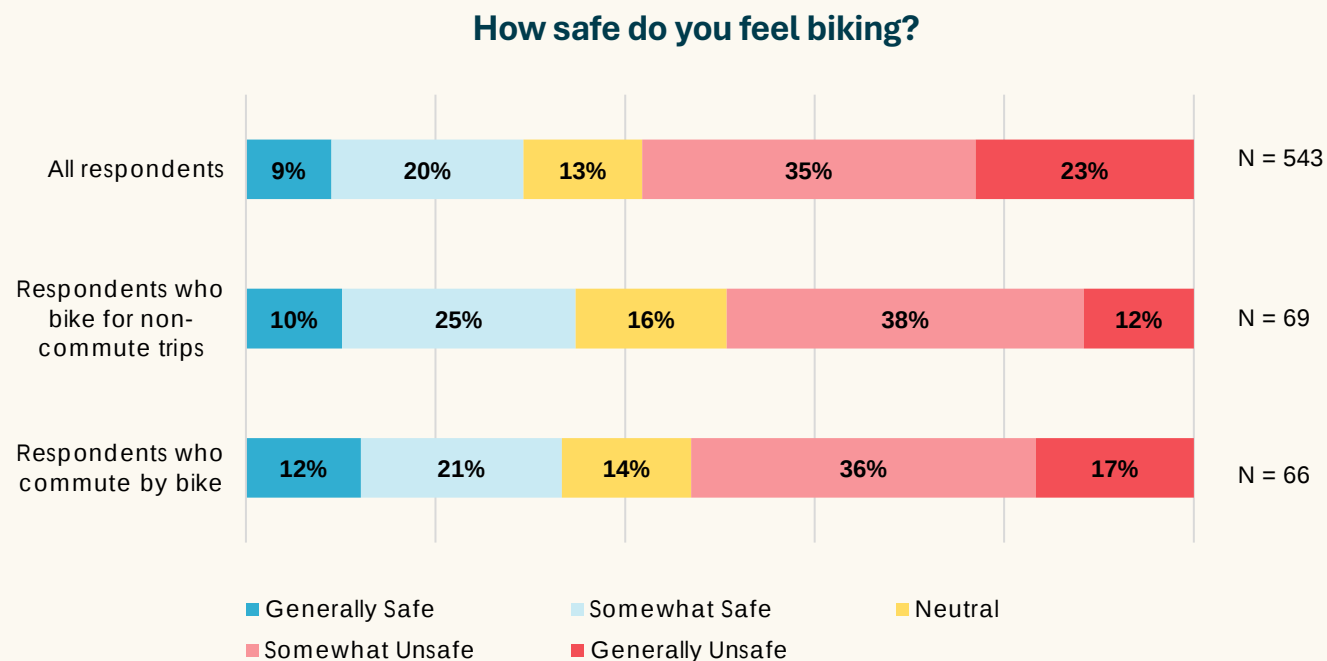
- **Safety-related issues ranked highly for every surface mode:**
 - **Walking traffic safety concerns:** 443 of 560 (79%) respondents ranked traffic safety in their top 3 pedestrian concerns.
 - **Biking traffic safety concerns:** 390 of 532 (73%)
 - **Driving safety concerns:** 283 of 502 (56%)
- Respondents also identified difficult or unsafe crossings, bicycle intersections, and navigating busy intersections as major challenges.
- Almost a quarter of respondents who commute by walking feel unsafe, which is similar to all respondents' feeling of walking safety.
- Eliminating fatalities and serious injuries was rated “Very Important” by 540 respondents, the highest count among the five potential goal statements.
- Despite using it regularly, respondents who commute by bike don't find the bike network significantly safer.



Portland already has substantial active transportation use, despite low perceived bicycle safety



- Walking, biking, wheeling, and e-biking account for approximately 28% of reported work trips.
- These modes account for approximately 31% of reported non-commute trips. However, only about 29% of respondents rated biking or manual scooting as generally or somewhat safe.
- About 58% rated biking as somewhat or generally unsafe.
- Traffic safety, unsafe intersections, and lack of protection from traffic were the three leading bicycle challenges.

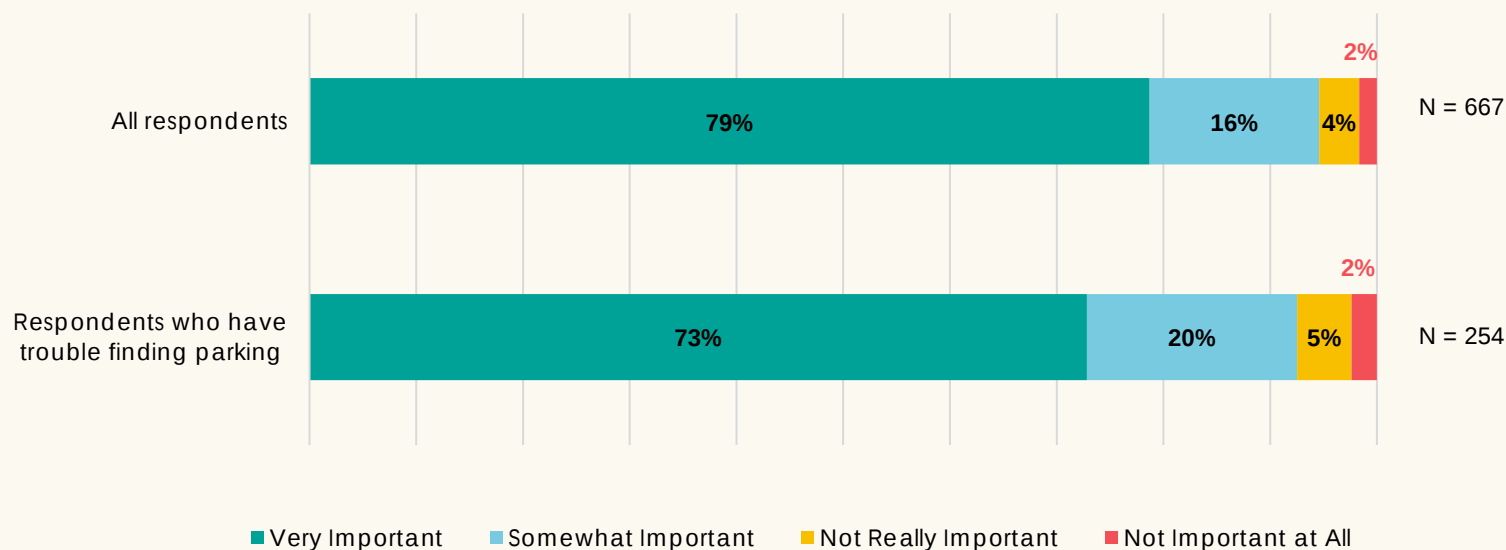


Respondents support multimodal accessibility while continuing to express significant parking needs

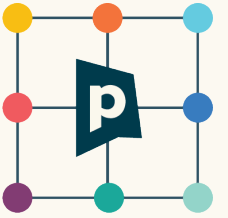


- Multimodal accessibility was rated “Very Important” by 525 respondents and “Somewhat Important” by another 106.
- At the same time, difficulty finding parking near destinations received 254 selections, making it the second-leading driving challenge.
- Non-commute trips were also more automobile-oriented than work trips, with 54% reportedly made by driving alone.
- Respondents who report struggling to find parking within the existing network still support the promotion of multi-modal accessibility almost as much as the average respondent.

How important to you is promoting multi-modal accessibility by enabling residents and visitors of all ages and abilities to participate fully in the social and economic life of the community?



Transit's primary barrier appears to be usefulness and convenience, not personal safety



- Approximately 76% of respondents rated public transit as generally or somewhat safe, one of the strongest safety ratings among the modes evaluated.
- Even so, buses and ferries together represented only about 8% of reported work trips and approximately 8% of non-commute trips.
- The leading transit barriers were:
 - Infrequent service or long waits: 394 selections
 - Lack of service to needed destinations: 274
 - Lack of amenities at stops: 132
 - Unreliable service: 131
- Only 67 respondents selected that they were not interested in public transit.
- Residents and visitors have similar feelings on safety when riding public transit in Portland.

How safe do you feel using public transit?

