







# Round 1 Engagement Goals



- Share and seek input on the North Coast Connector vision and concept buckets
- Seek diverse voices through public meetings; an online survey (also available in print format); briefings; and the Community Outreach Team's engagement with faith leaders, at rec centers, and at other gathering places



# **Outcomes**

275+

**256** 

718

138

Town hall and listening session attendees

Worksheets submitted by participants

Online survey responses Organizations reached by the Community Outreach Team



# What We Heard



No Land Bridge, No Change



**Build Land Bridge Over Existing Shoreway** 



Build Land Bridge, Shoreway
Becomes a Boulevard



Build Land Bridge, Remove Shoreway Entirely

13% support

10% of meeting attendees 14% of survey respondents 66% support

72% of meeting attendees 64% of survey respondents

71% support

79% of meeting attendees 68% of survey respondents

36% support

35% of meeting attendees 36% of survey respondents

Public meeting and survey participants were asked which "concept bucket" they preferred and why. They could choose more than one option.



No Land Bridge,

No Change

#### **Pros**





- Least costly concept option.
- Potential construction funds could go elsewhere.
- A land bridge could complicate other downtown uses such as parking.

#### Cons



- Doesn't improve lakefront access without a car.
- Doesn't meet desire for change.
- Doesn't address current lack of public spaces, recreation, and visitor destinations downtown.
- Does not use the lakefront to full potential.





Build Land Bridge Over Existing Shoreway

#### **Pros**



- Provides better access to the lakefront.
- Traffic patterns remain the same.
- Less expensive or intrusive to build than other concepts.
- Could create parks and gathering places and support small businesses.

#### Cons



- Traffic patterns remain the same.
- There is comparably little land for new development.
- Lakefront is still not accessible enough.
- Takes resources from other areas of the city.





Build Land Bridge, Shoreway Becomes a Boulevard

#### **Pros**



- Improves access to the lakefront for cars, bicyclists, and pedestrians.
- Maintains an east-west connection downtown.
- Provides more development opportunities.
- Calmer and safer traffic compared to the current Shoreway.

#### Cons



- Interrupts commutes and special event traffic.
- Traffic may not be slow or controlled enough, causing safety issues along the proposed boulevard.
- Comparatively longer, more expensive, and more intrusive construction.





Build Land Bridge, Remove Shoreway Entirely

#### Pros



- Best multi-modal lakefront access.
- Provides the most development opportunities and green space.
- Brings traffic into downtown rather than through it.
- Encourages people to use RTA and transit options.

#### Cons



- Causes problems with commutes and special events.
- Strains the downtown traffic grid and other major roads.
- Difficulties for the elderly or people who rely on cars.
- Creates more of an east-west divide in the city.
- Costly to build.

# If You Visit the Lakefront in Downtown Cleveland, Why?



Reason for Visiting	%
To use the marina	10%
To enjoy the scenery	78%
To attend special events	64%
To eat at restaurants	47%
To entertain out-of-town guests	48%
To play volleyball or do yoga	6%
To visit the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, the Great Lakes Science Center, or FirstEnergy Stadium	69%
Other (please specify)	11%

**Response rate: 96.1%** These responses are from the survey only.



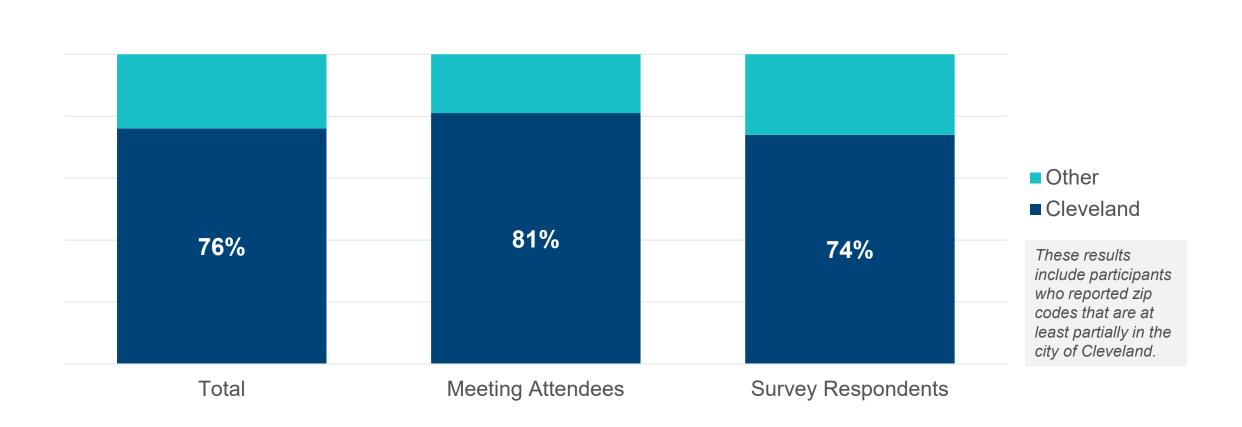


Frequency of Travel	%
Every day	12%
3–5 times per week	16%
1–2 times per week	13%
A few times per month	27%
Once per month	9%
A few times per year	16%
Once per year	2%
Never	4%

Response rate: 96% These responses are from the survey and public meeting worksheets.

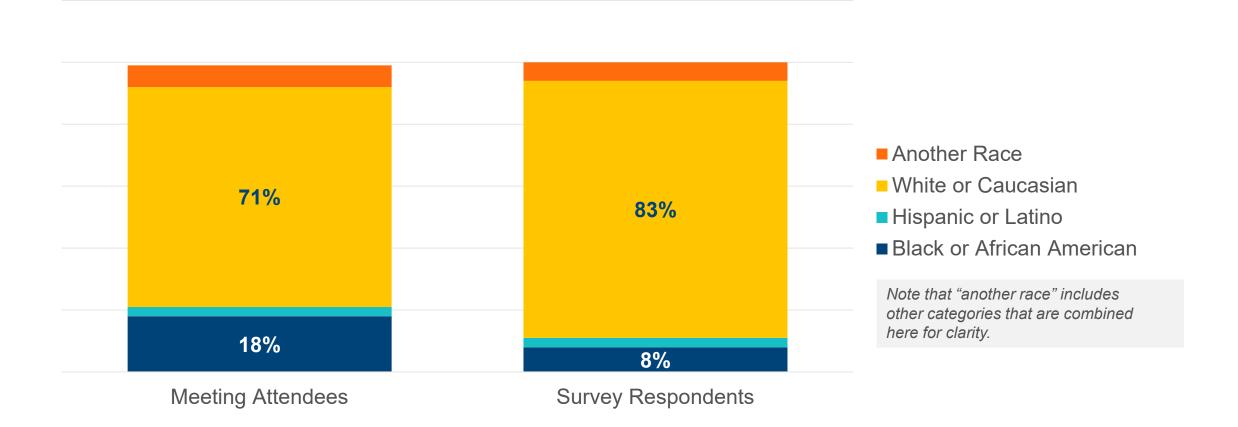


# **Geographic Distribution**



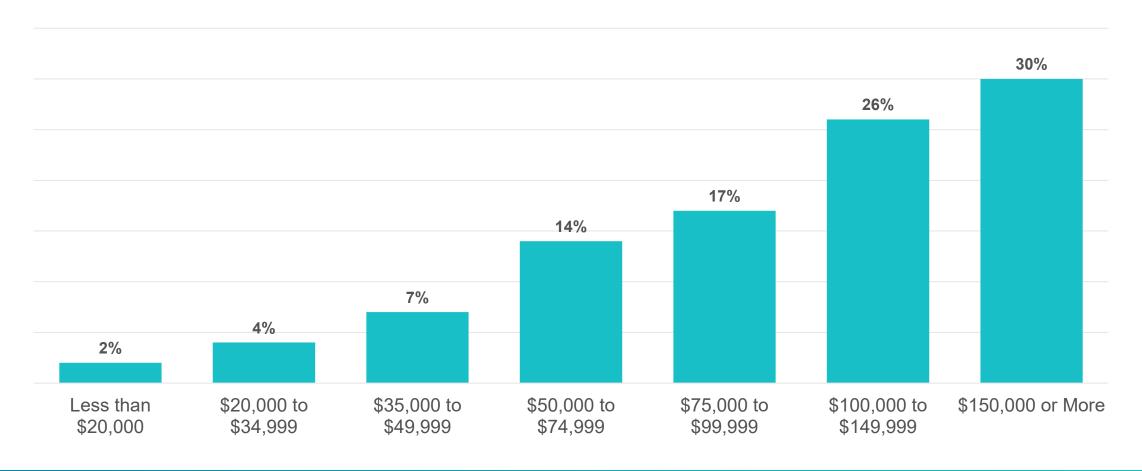


# **Race of Participants**





# Household Income (Survey)





# Household Income (Meetings)





# **Frequently Asked Questions**

- What kind of economic development would the land bridge bring? What development would a boulevard bring?
- What amenities will be available at the lakefront after this project finishes?
- How will this relate to Burke Lakefront Airport?
- How will Amtrak and RTA options fit into this project?
- How would bike paths and parks fit with these plans?
- Will the Innerbelt Curve Modernization plans impact this project?
- When would construction on this project begin?



# FAQs (cont.)

- How much would each concept cost?
- Who would fund these projects?
- What would traffic impacts be if the Shoreway converts to a boulevard or goes away?
- What have previous studies found?
- What kind of tourism can the city expect if we complete this project?
- What would parking look like in the surrounding area?
- Can the City improve existing bridges to accomplish the same goals?

# Which Concepts Should the City of Cleveland Study Further?





No Land Bridge, No Change



Build Land Bridge Over Existing Shoreway



Build Land Bridge, Shoreway Becomes a Boulevard



Build Land Bridge, Remove Shoreway Entirely

4% support

48% support

68% support

23% support

Public meeting participants were asked which "concept bucket" the City should study further. They could choose more than one option.



# What's Next

- Finalize traffic analysis
- Determine feasibility of concepts
- Begin North Coast Master Plan process

