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20 years of best practices research

















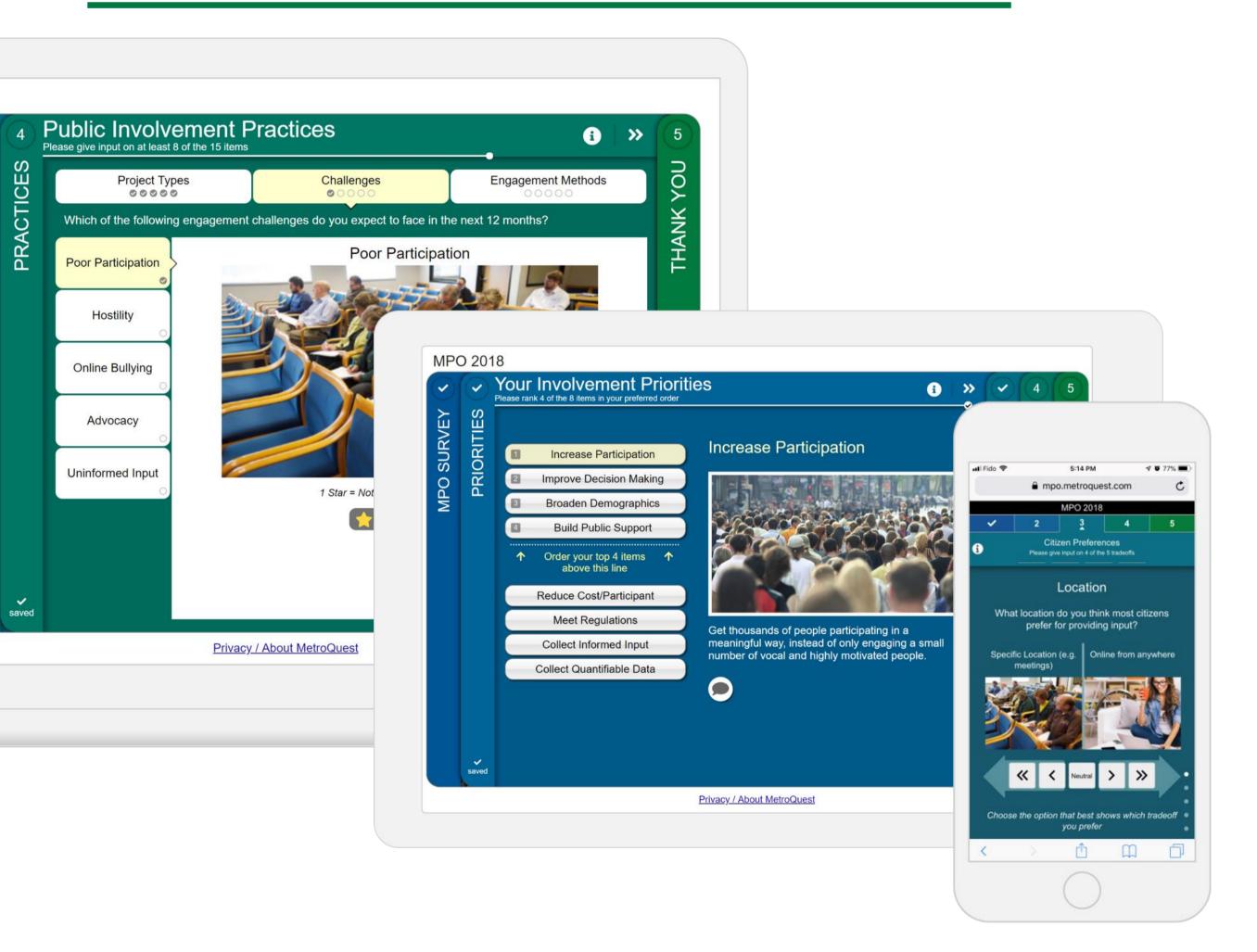
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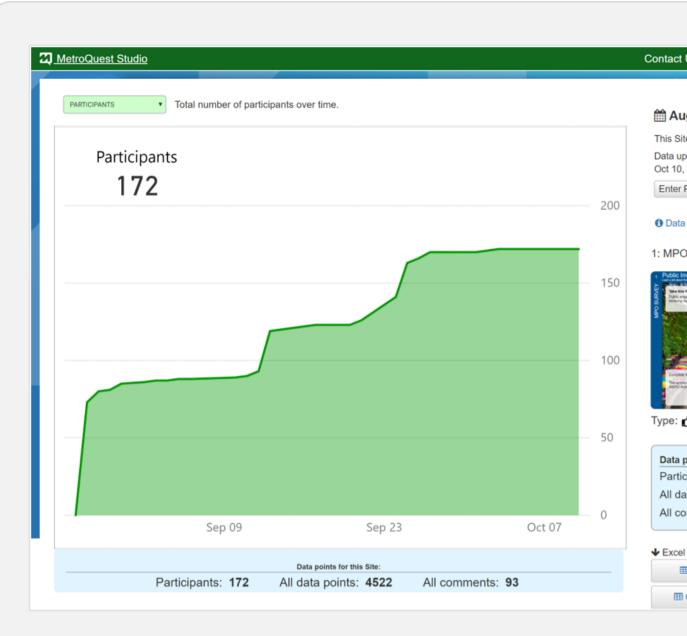
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Public Involvement Matters Survey











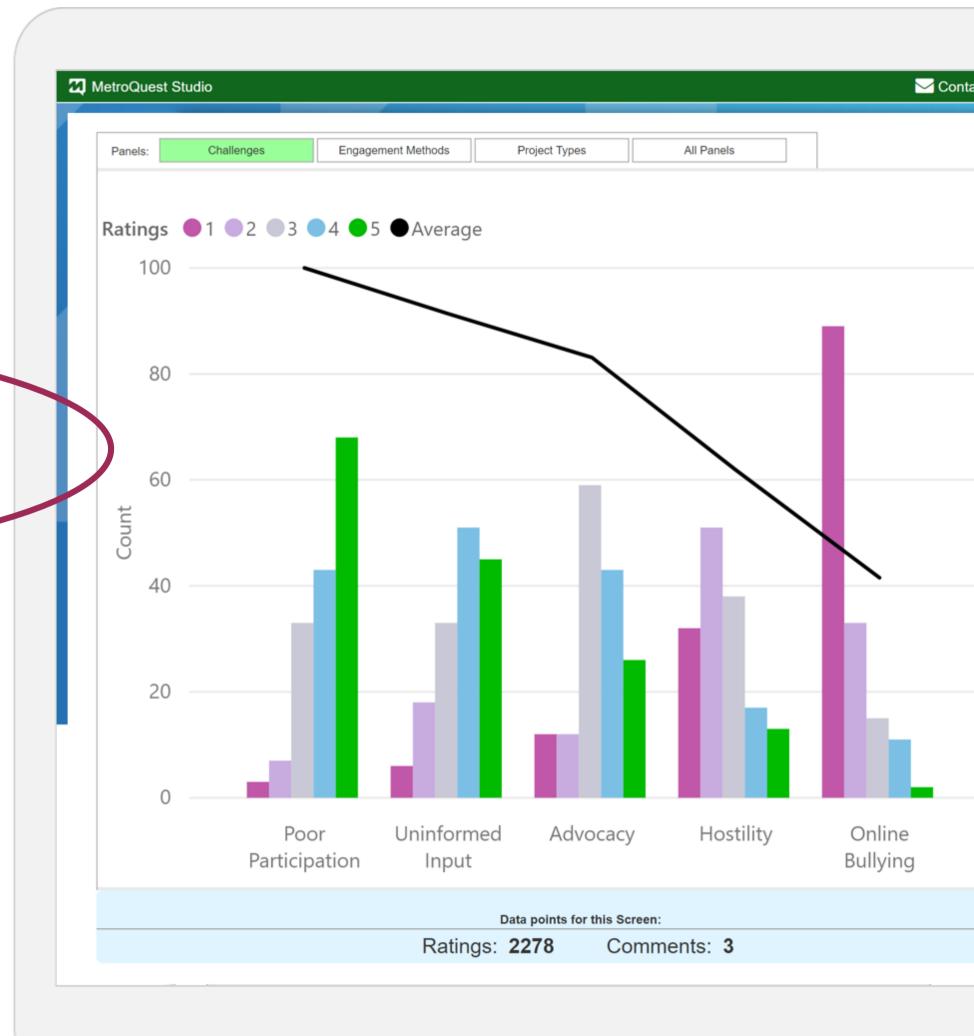
Top challenge: poor participation

"Apathy and time commitment by the public."

"Lack of participation. Reaching the same motivated people who aren't representative."

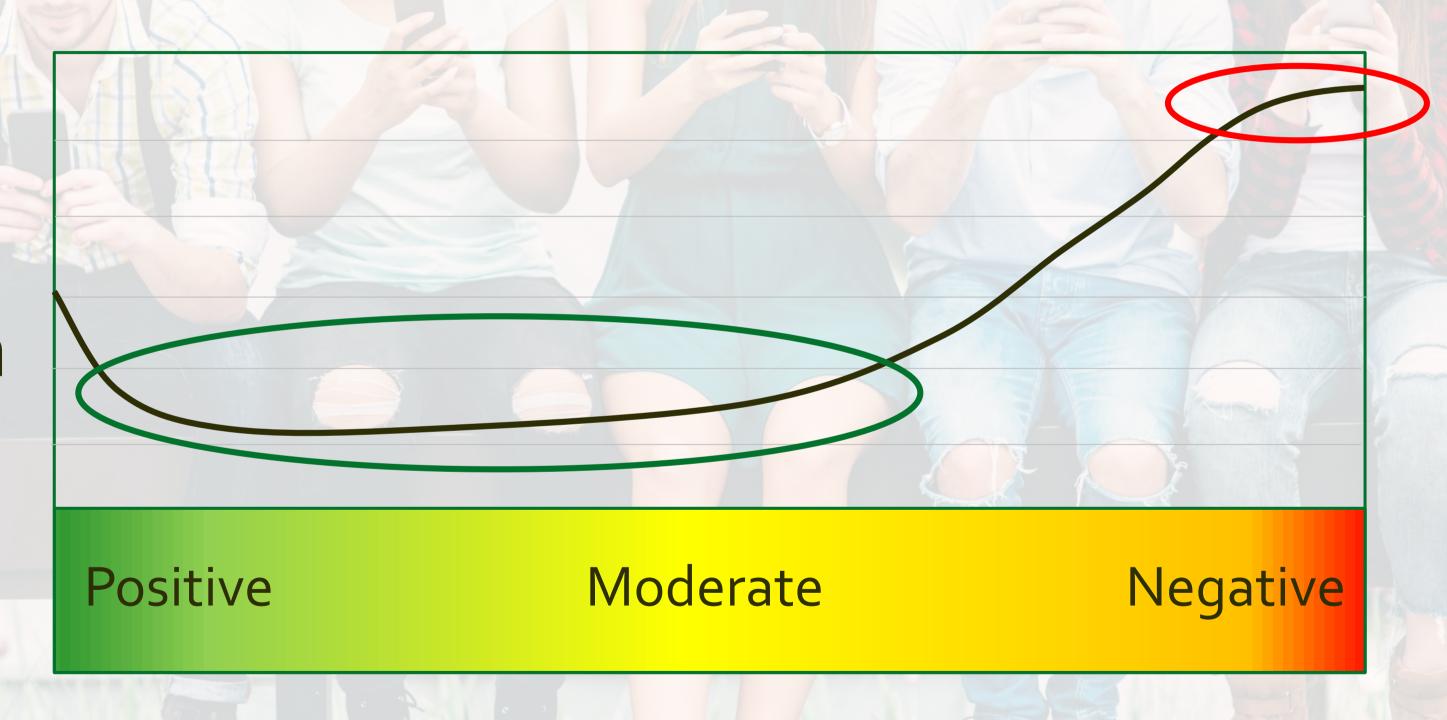
"Obtaining representative opinions, not those of extremists and advocates."

"Getting participation especially from those in favor of a project."



Barriers are participation filters

Level of Motivation



Attitude



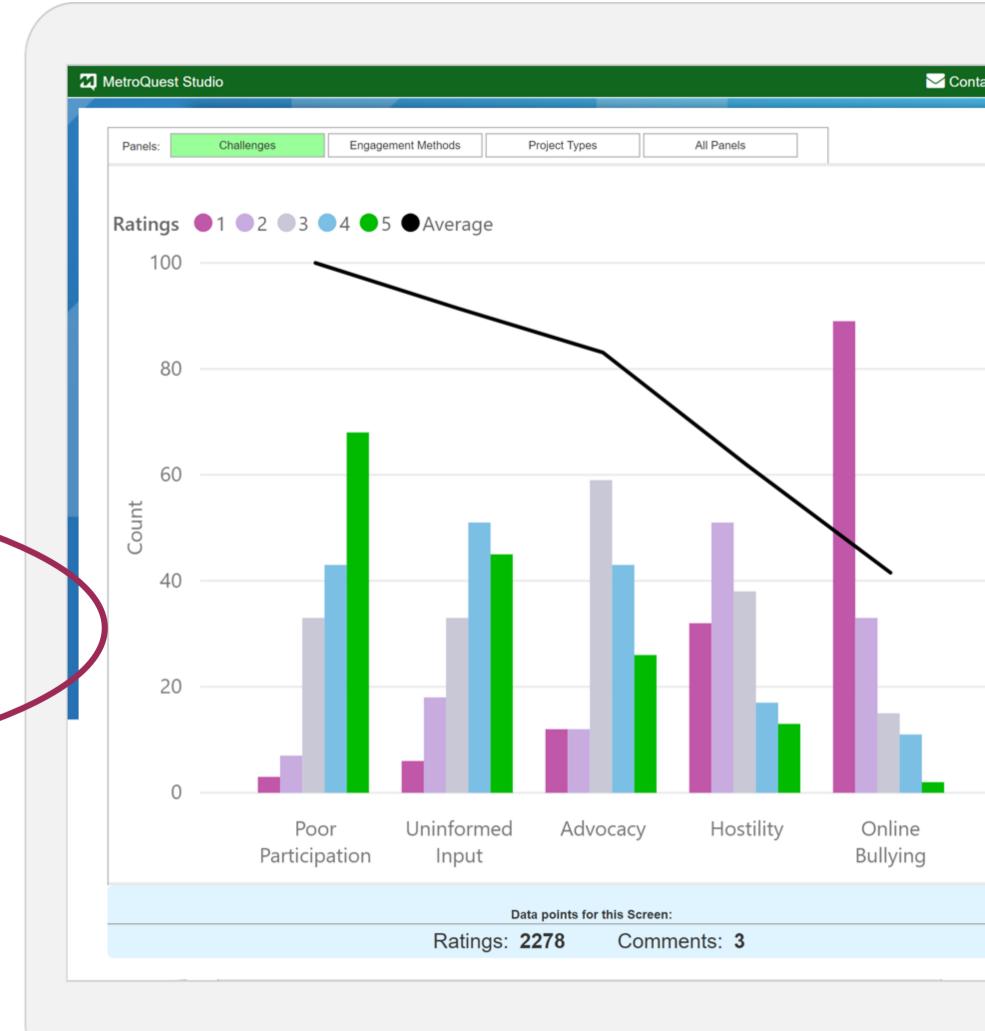


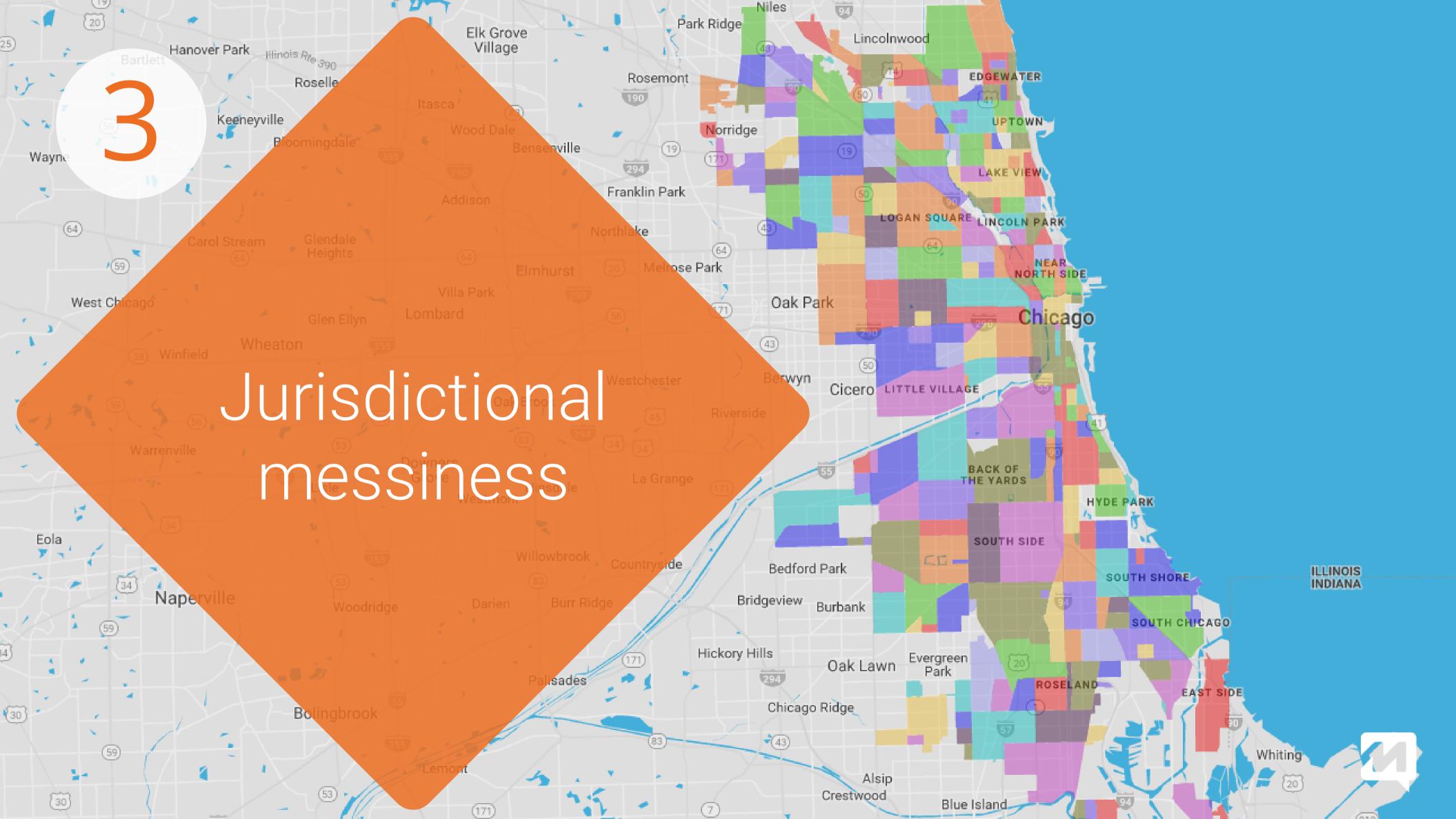
Challenge: uninformed input

"Engaging people who are interested but may not have time to immerse themselves in a planning efforts."

"Our biggest challenge is convincing people to take the time to learn about transportation planning so they can give informed input."

"Uninformed citizens trying to sway projects in a way they think they want to see."



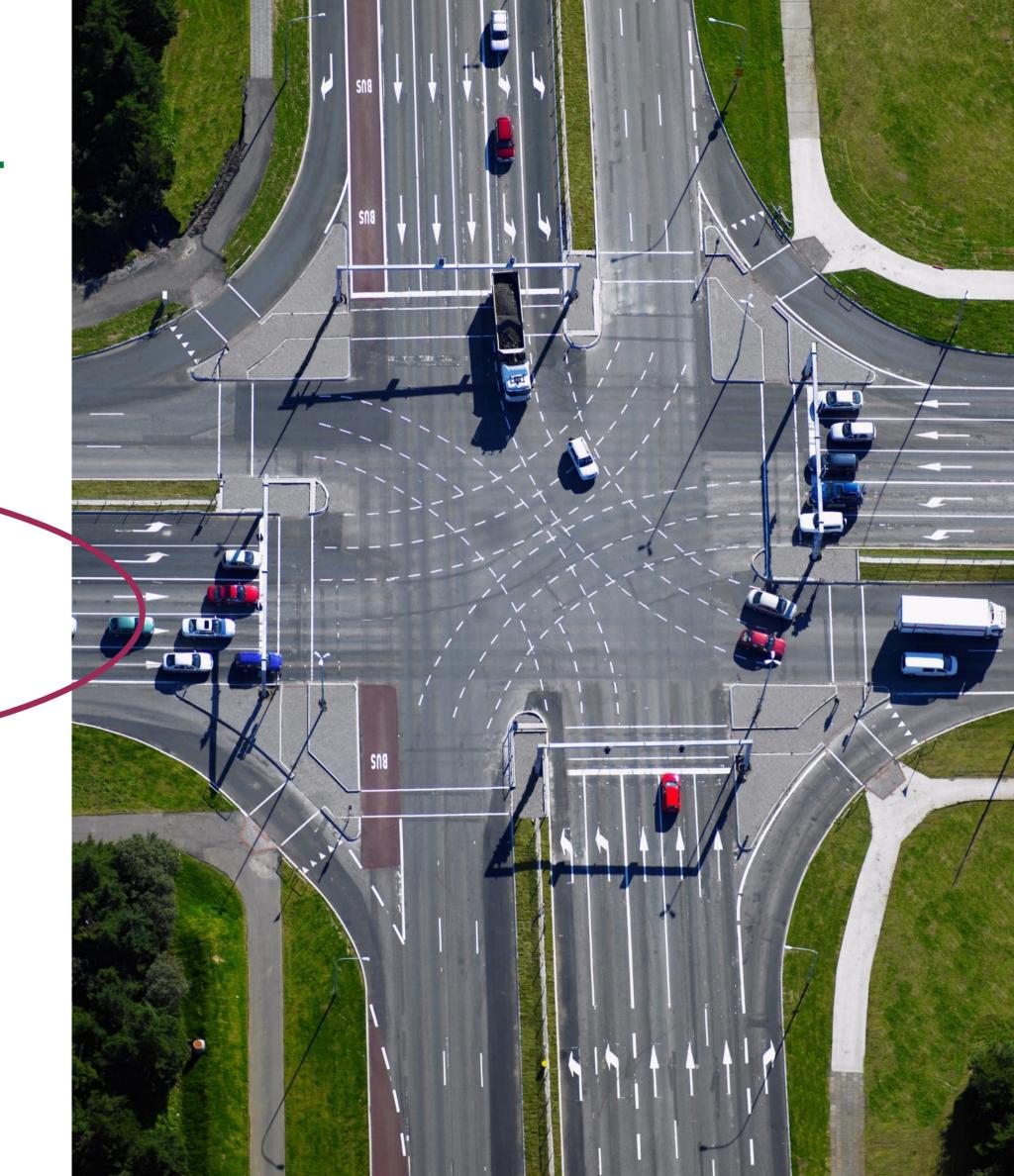


Challenge: jurisdictional mess

"Biggest issue is managing expectations of our transportation system..."

"People are unsure what an MPO is. They often confuse us with the transit agency or the local city-county government."

"Sometimes they get mad when they realize we don't have control over some of the things they are complaining about."







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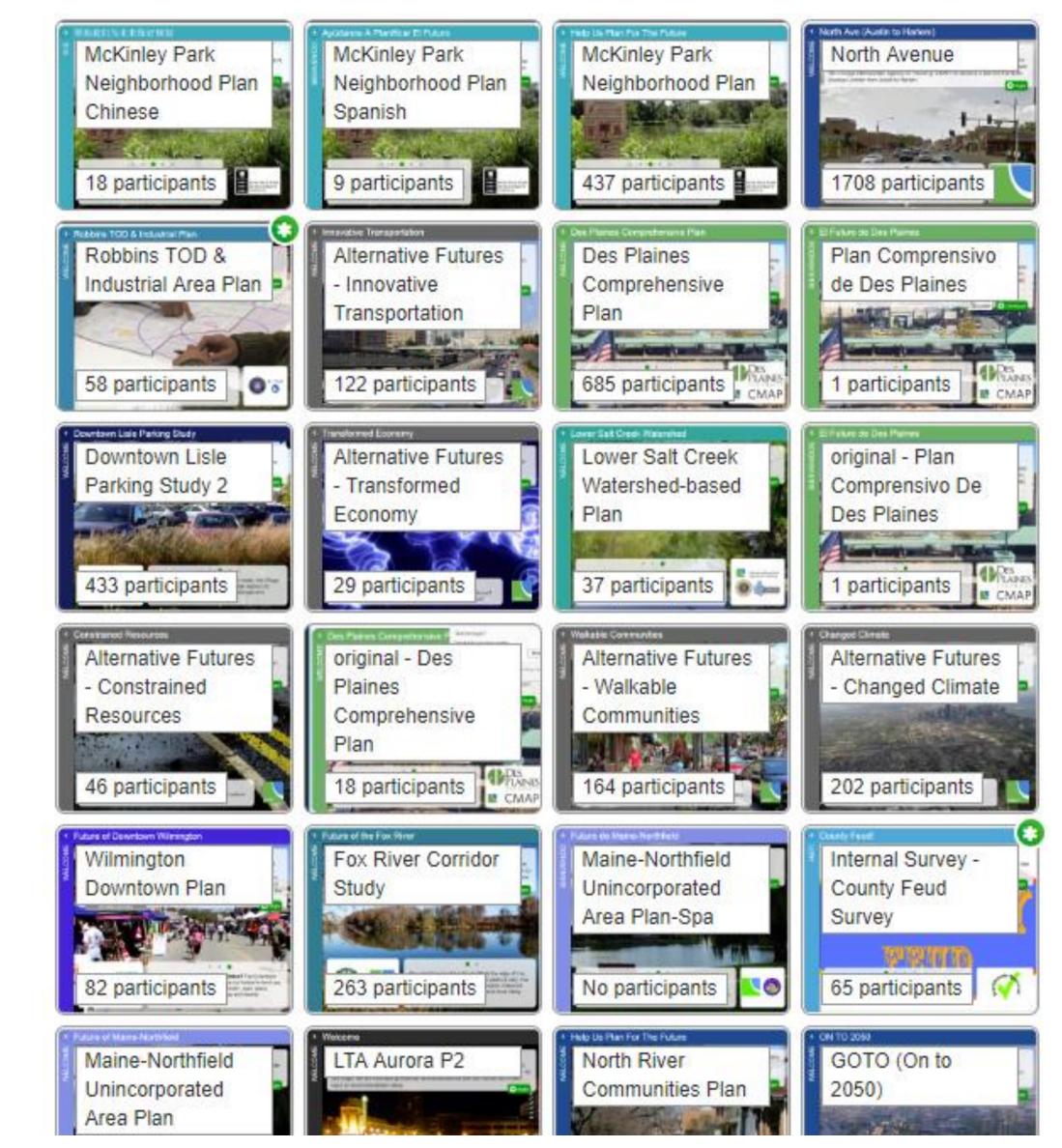
Public Engagement ON TO 2050 + Local Planning

January 29, 2019

Katanya Raby, Associate Planner Lindsay Bayley, Senior Planner Stephane Phifer, Deputy Executive Director of Planning

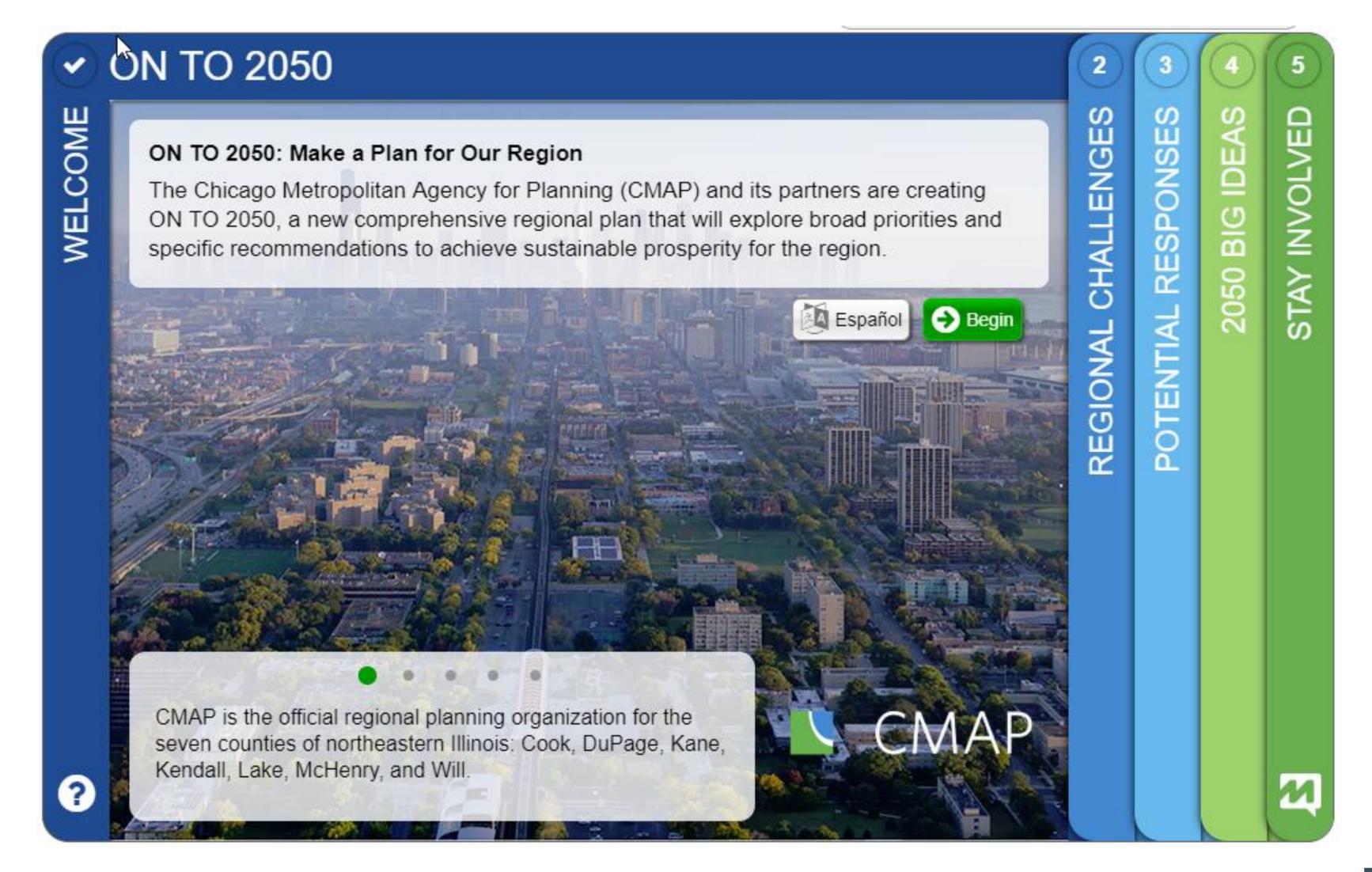
Agency-wide online engagement

- 2008: Began using MetroQuest during the development of GO TO 2040
- Created over 70 different MetroQuest sites
- MetroQuest is used for both local planning projects as well as regional planning initiatives



ON TO 2050 Public Engagement Phase 1: #2050Bigldeas





opportunities opportunities roads less service time solar parks capacity create dusinesses payup suburbs jobs transfer and the capacity create doubted by the capacity create dusinesses payup suburbs jobs transfer dusinesses payup suburbs jobs transfer dusinesses payup bus space land regional comn railresidents areas land regional of schools housing green system education housing mass Chicago options use investment services mass Chicago options use CTA waterjob work better Need Govern make provide without EXISTING invest Reduce Increase health school Improve state city parking way planning Lake access build urban speed tax

ON TO 2050 Public Engagement Phase 2: #Alternative Futures



ON TO 2050 ALTERNATIVE FUTURES

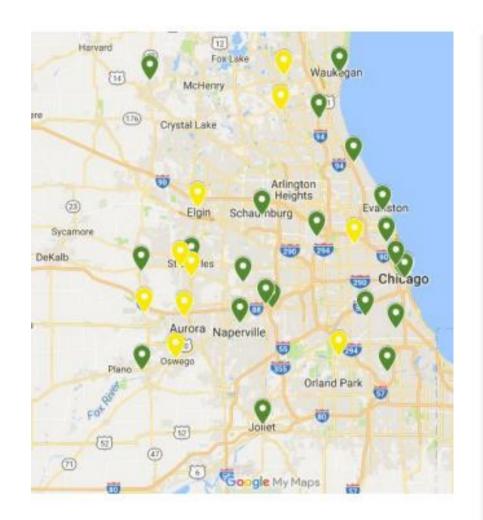
- Changed Climate
- Walkable Communities
- Innovative Transportation
- Constrained Resources
- Transformed Economy







ON TO 2050 kiosk locations and usage, April – August 2017



Changed Climate	202
Walkable Communities	164
Constrained Resources	46
Innovative Transportation	122
Transformed Economy	29
Total	563



Note: A "unique event" is equivalent to one user. The "total events" include some users who completed more than one kiosk session.



Alternative Futures Engagement

- Engagement timeframe:
 April August 2017
- Wide array of stakeholder touch points
 - Workshops
 - Events
 - Web, Social Media
 - MetroQuest
 - 25 Interactive iPad Kiosks
 - Web-based

Map of ON TO 2050 engagement activities, April-August 2017

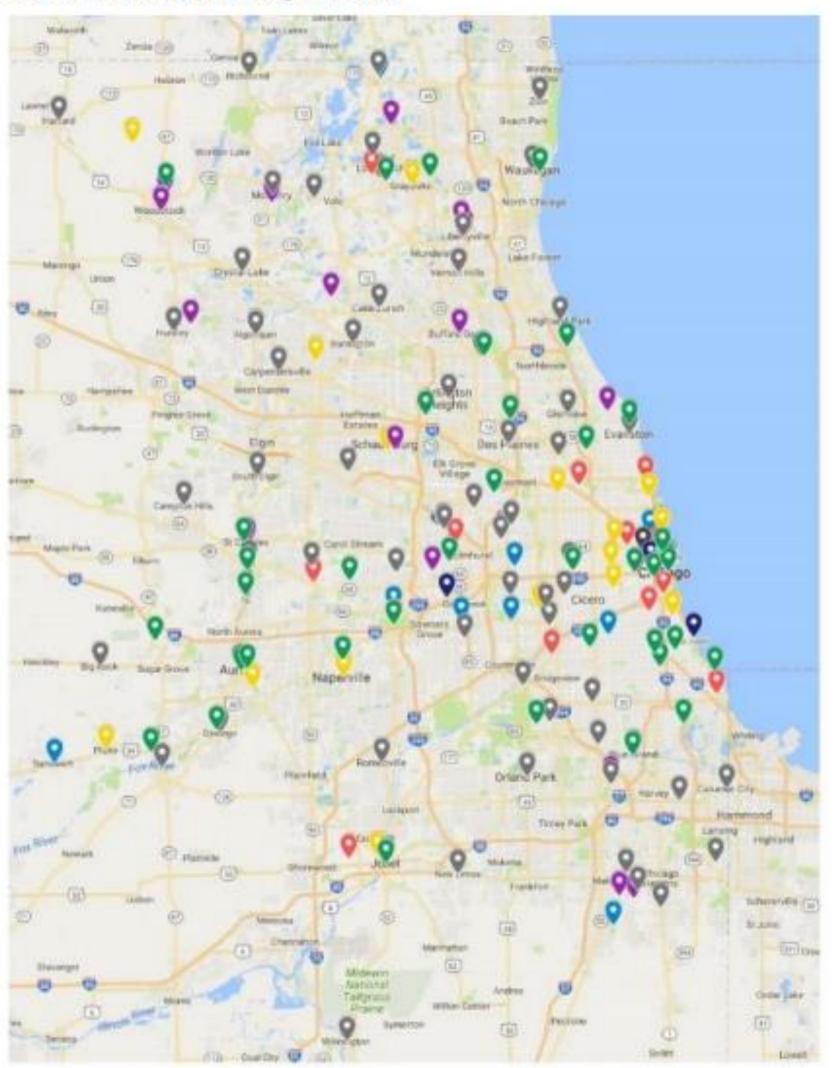
Q Academic
 Q Non-Profit
 Q Architecture/Design
 Q Miscellaneous

Municipal/Government

For-Profit/Corporate

LTA/ON TO 2050 Outreach

Kiosks



ON TO 2050 Public Engagement Phase 3: Public Review + Comments





Attachments

The following materials are complete archives of unfiltered comments and data from the Alternative Futures engagement period.

- · Attachment 1: Workshops and events
- Attachment 2: Alternative Futures slide presentation
- Attachment 3: Workshop comments
- Attachment 4: Keypad polling results
- Attachment 5: Keypad polling results from students
- Attachment 6: Online survey feedback
- Attachment 7: <u>MetroQuest survey report</u>
- Attachment 8: MetroQuest survey comments
- Attachment 9: Public comment on draft Plan Preview

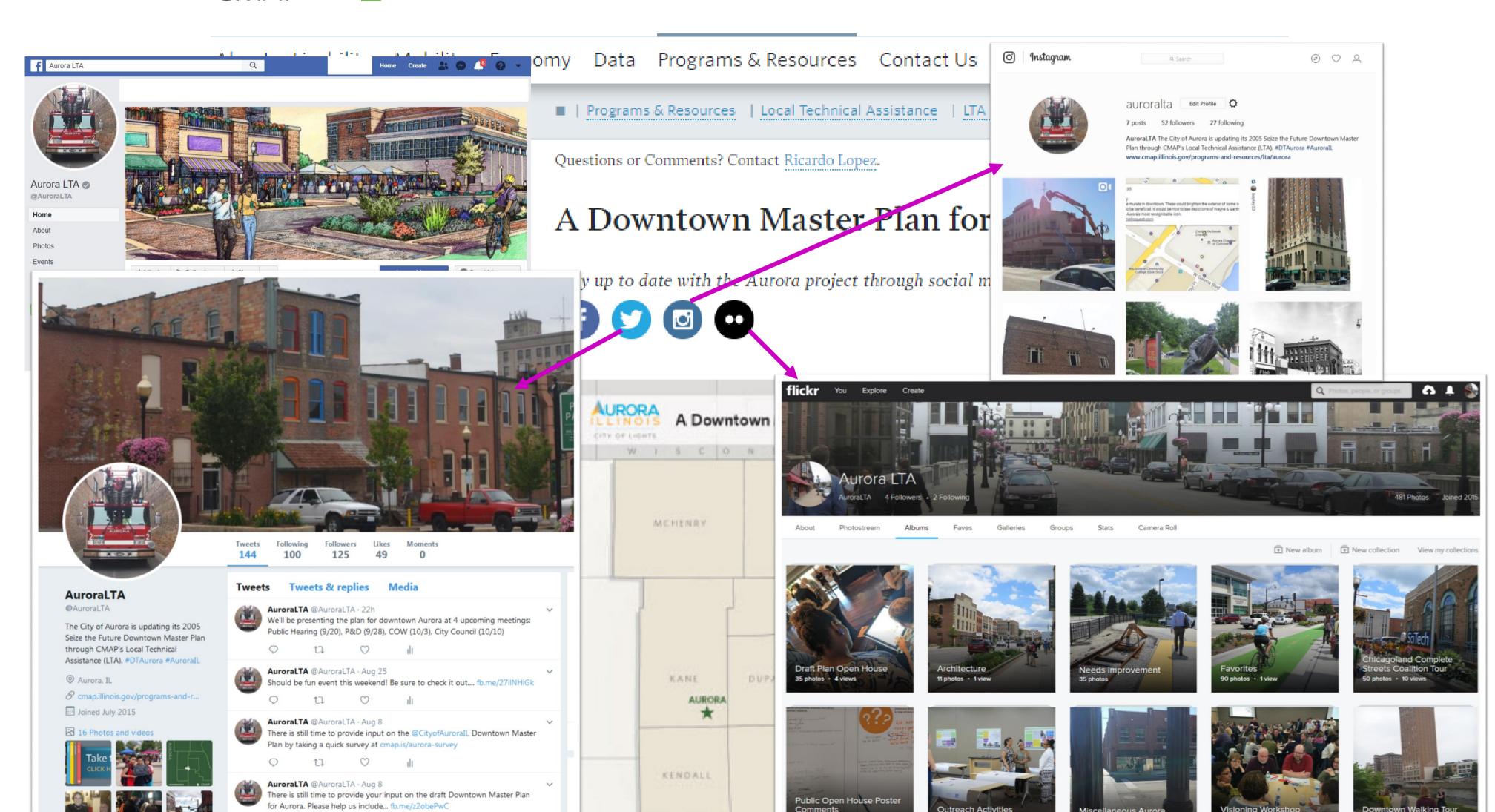


Local Planning Public Engagement





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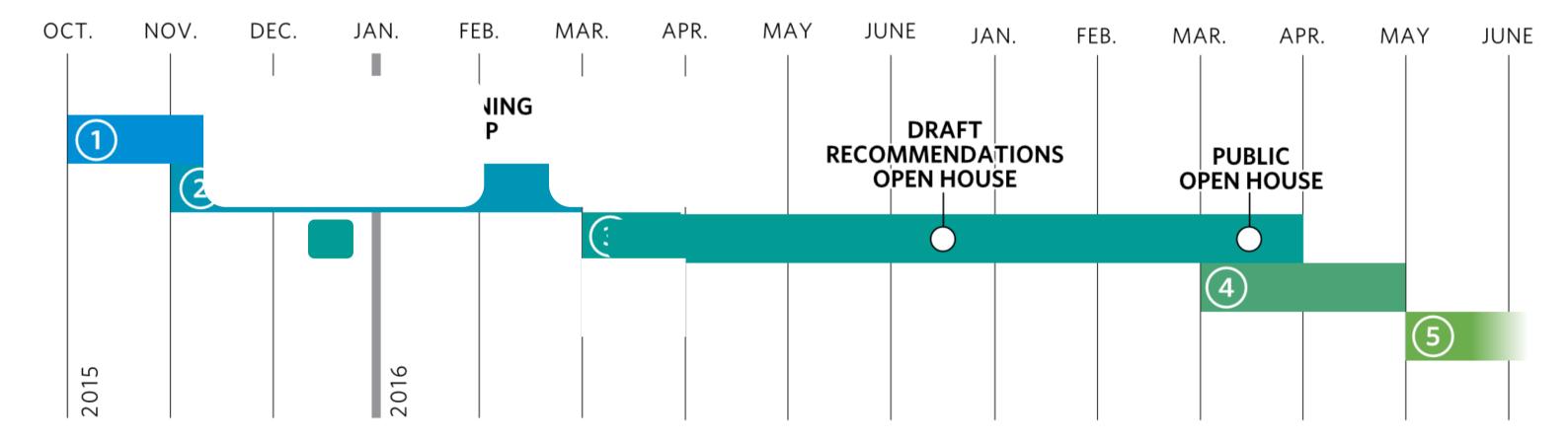






A Downtown Master Plan for Aurora





- 1. Project orientation
- 2. Existing conditions assessment
- 3. Draft downtown plan development
- 4. Plan completion and approval

5. Community implementation of plan

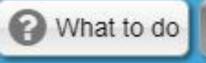


Next Task

OPPORT

WELCOME

Rank Your Transportation Priorities





Order your top 5 items ♠ above this line

Lighting

Access to Metra trains

Traffic Flow

Wayfinding & Amenities

Bus service

Parking

Bicycling

Walking

Wayfinding & Amenities



Prioritizing signage and maps to help visitors find their destinations more easily and amenities like planters, benches, and trees to improve aesthetics.





Suggest another item

OPPORTUNITI

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WELCOME

MOBILITY VITAL ITY

Rank Your Top Vitality Priorities

What to do





Fox River

Safety

Housing Options

Historic Preservation

Public Art

Business Mix

Entertainment & Culture

Recreation and Parks

Historic Preservation



Paramount Theater by Flickr user Teemu008

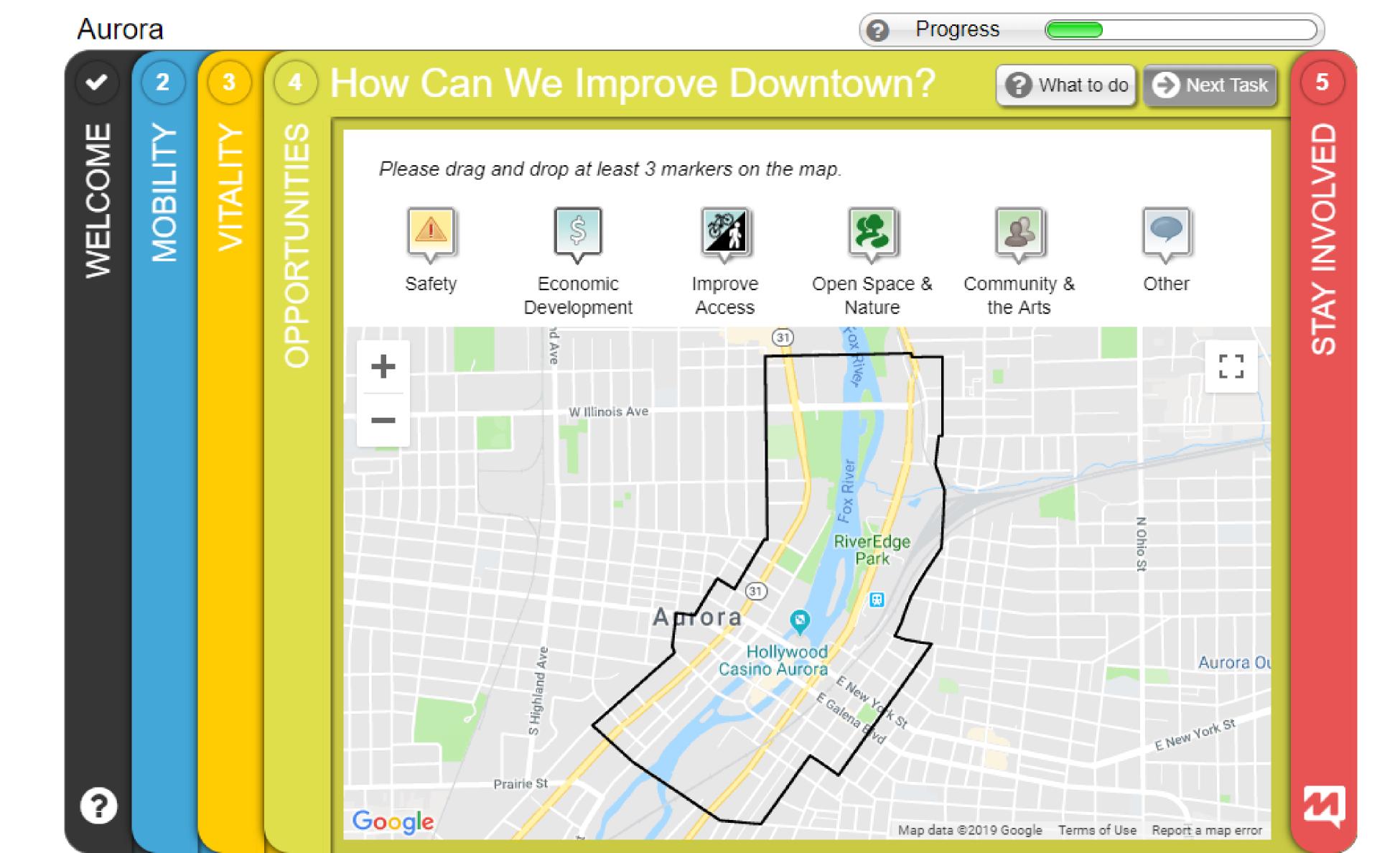
This priority promotes preservation of architectural styles, facades and streetscape characteristics of historic properties in downtown Aurora. Preserving older neighborhoods and historic landmarks enhances the character of properties in a community.

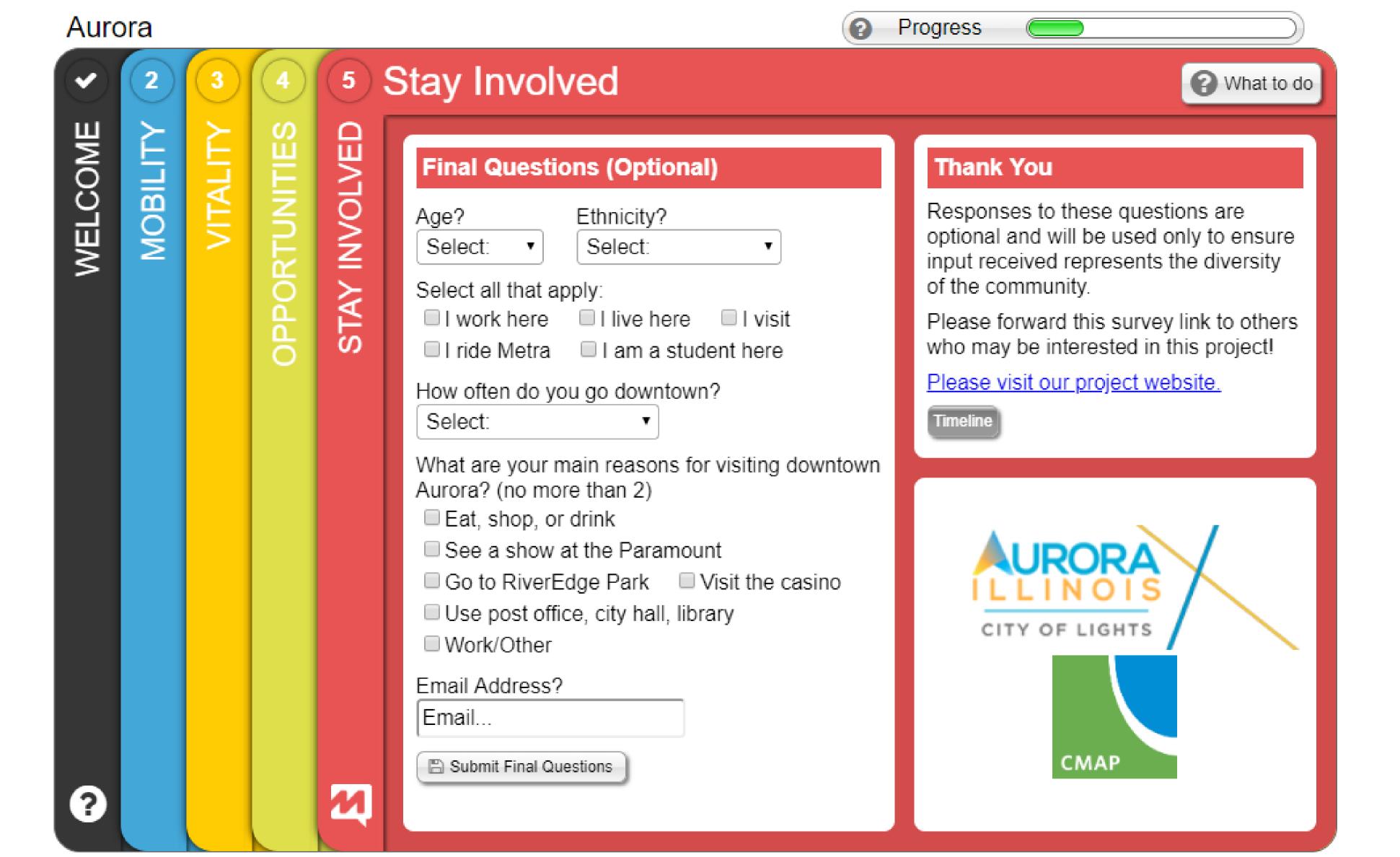


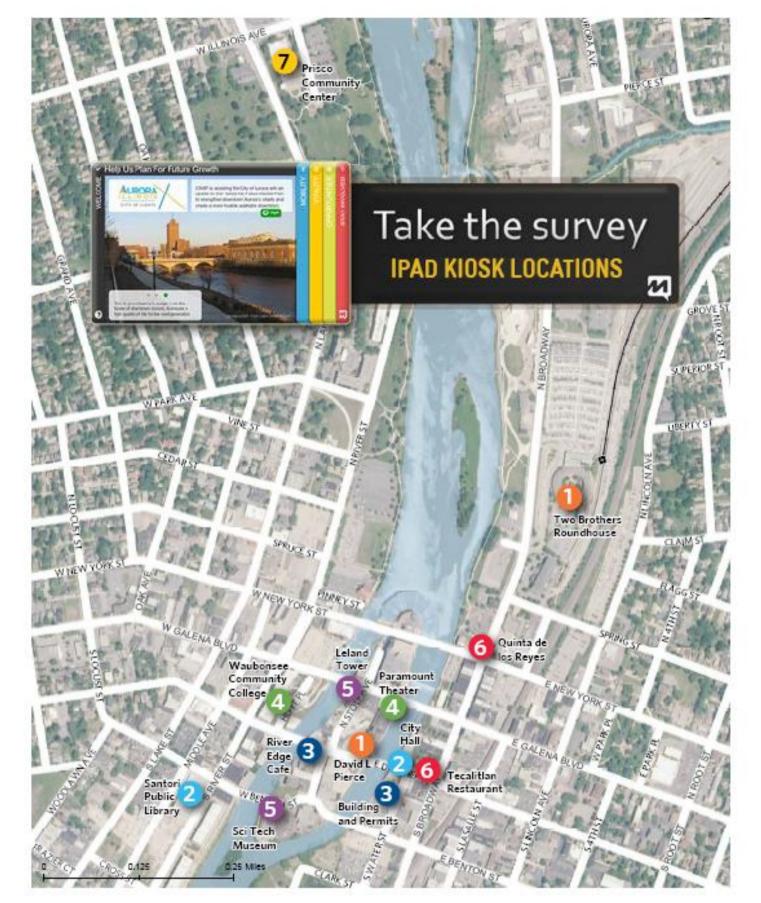
Comment



Suggest another item







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AURORA

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

What should downtown Aurora look like in 2030?

Share your thoughts and ideas!

Engage your friends and neighbors.

The City of Aurora is leading an effort to update, co the 2005 Seize the Future Master Plan to strengther vitality and create a more livable, walkable downtow owners, community leaders, and other stakeholder invited to participate. Join us as we begin the proce downtown master plan.

We held a visioning workshop on Thursday, Januar many people's ideas about how to make downtown robust downtown. Now we are expanding our requirements of the iPad kiosk locations during the mon The kiosks will rotate throughout the downtown, at The survey will be open through April 21st.

Visit the project web page at http://cmap.is/lta-aurora for an updated list of locations or contact Ricardo Lopez (rlopez@cmap.illinois.gov or 312-386-8766) for more information.

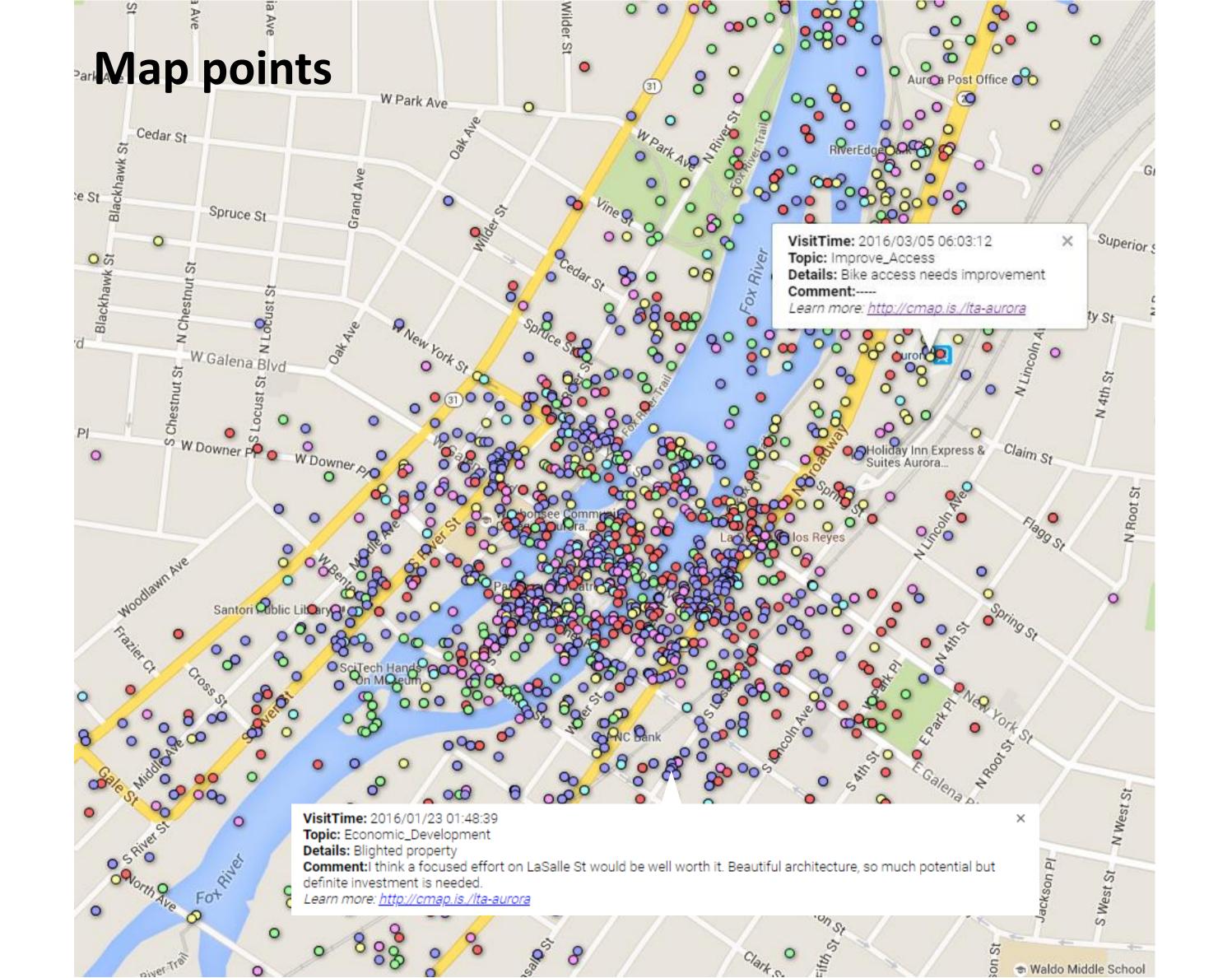


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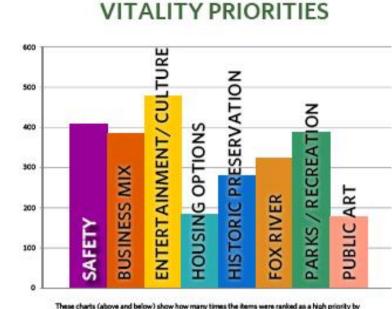
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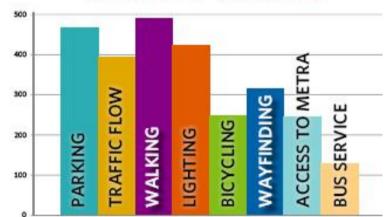
ONLINE SURVEY RESPONSES

The Metroquest online survey was open from January 21st through May 1st. A Spanish language version was available as well. The survey was promoted through the City website, to local groups, through social media, on printed fliers and posters, and at interactive iPad kiosks at rotating locations downtown. Over 2,700 fully completed surveys. The following charts and graphics represent a basic breakdown of responses. The words in the middle were pulled. from the written comments and the size of the lettering corresponds to the number of times the word was mentioned.

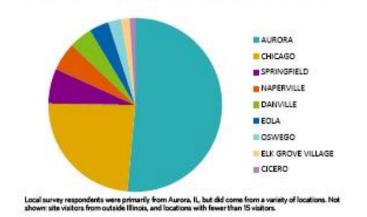




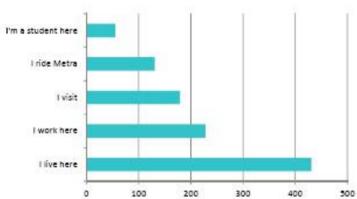




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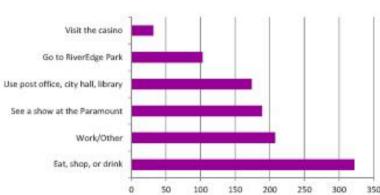


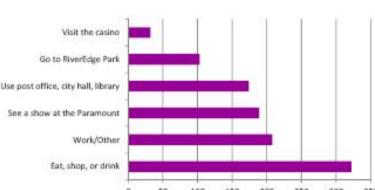


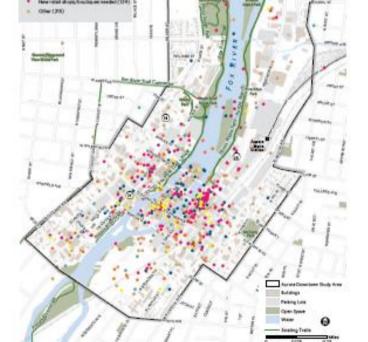
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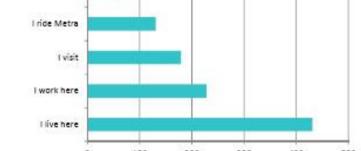


WHAT ARE YOUR MAIN REASONS FOR COMING DOWNTOWN?

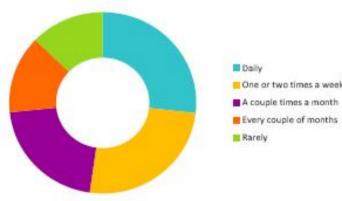








HOW FREQUENTLY DO YOU COME DOWNTOWN?







Signage and wayfinding

Build a cohesive, attractive signage system to connect people to attractions, parking, & amenities.

Improve the parking experience

Make it easier to find parking with better lot management, improved lighting, locational efficiency, signage, etc.

Improve pedestrian access to Metra

Improve pedestrian connections to the Aurora Transportation Center

Develop strong connections to the riverfront

Celebrate downtown as a riverfront city with pathways and connections to the river.

Comfort and safety

welcoming to people who live here, ork here, or just come to visit.

OVERVIEW

'For a city with the nickname 'The City of Lights', why not overdo

it and light up the downtown area vividly? This would not only

make people feel safer to walk there at night, but it can be done in

Using innovative patrolling techniques and infrastructure improvements, the City can continue to improve neighborhood safety.

PARKING...did you know...?

Each parking space in a garage costs \$30,000 to build, and more to maintain.

Downtown Aurora has hundreds of free parking spaces that are not well-utilized.

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If a new garage is desired, how would it be paid for? Increased taxes?

ONGOING CITY EFFORTS

- Along the Fox River Trail, there is signage for food and the
- shorter time limits.
- The City of Aurora has over 35 crime prevention programs

 Parking meters were removed in 2013, and enforcement shifted to time restrictions with high demand areas having

The City supports the Aurora Downtown Special Services Area, which hosts events, works on beautification efforts and planters, and supports local businesses.

The development of Rider Edge Park has capitalized on Aurora's image as a cultural destination on the Fox River.

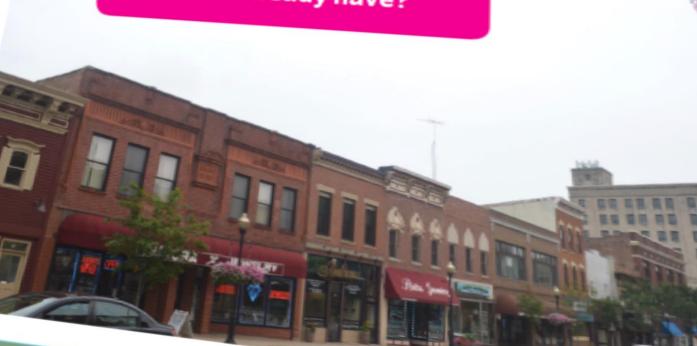
* The City of Aurora has over 35 crime prevention programs listed on its website including the Citizen Police Academy, Crime-free Multi-Housing Program, awareness programs for heroin and gangs, tips for vulnerable citizens such as the

The APD employs neighborhood policing strategies to work closely with neighborhood groups to address local concerns.













THEMES

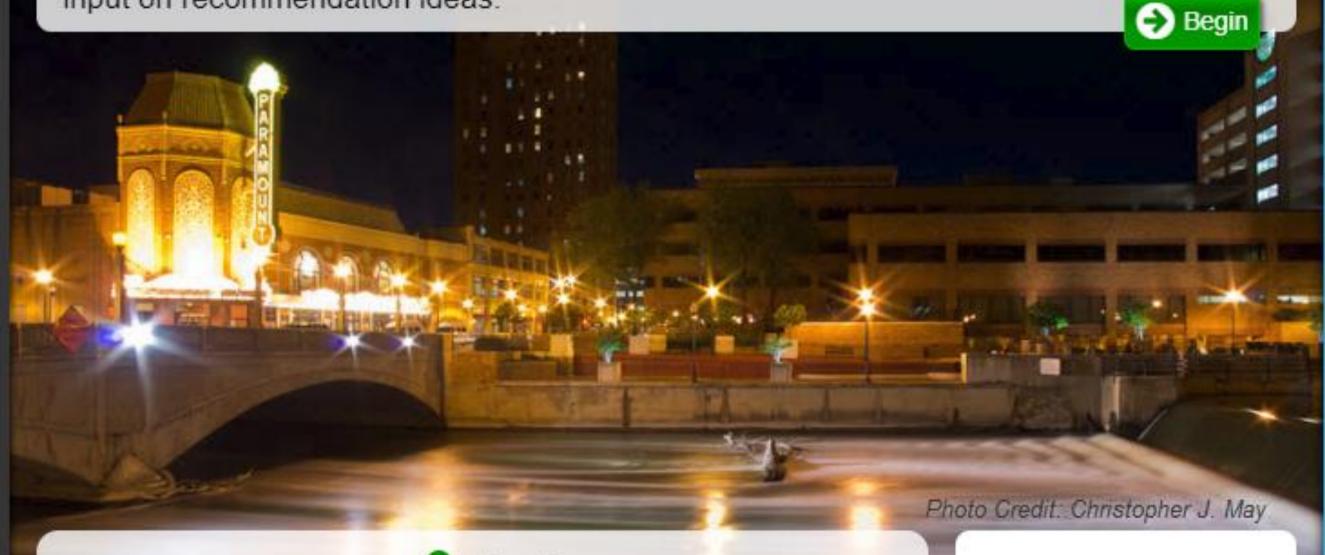
Welcome

WELCOME

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Plan Recommendation Development

CMAP is assisting the City of Aurora with an update to their downtown Master Plan to strengthen downtown Aurora's vitality and create a more livable, walkable downtown. At this stage, we are formulating potential recommendations and this survey will collect input on recommendation ideas.



Share what's important to you in a thriving, robust downtown.

How would you like to see Aurora change?



STRATEGIES

THEMES

WELCOME

Improvement Themes

0 Experience

2 Mobility

3 Fox River

Arts & Entertainment 4

6 Economy

> Order your top 5 items ♠ above this line

> > Public spaces

Housing

Image

Image



City of Aurora

Downtown Aurora will be promoted and recognized as a desirable destination.



Comment

Suggest another item

WELCOME

Potential Strategies

What to do



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WRAP UP

APPROACH

STRATEGIES

Experience

Experience More about this

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Fox River

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Economy

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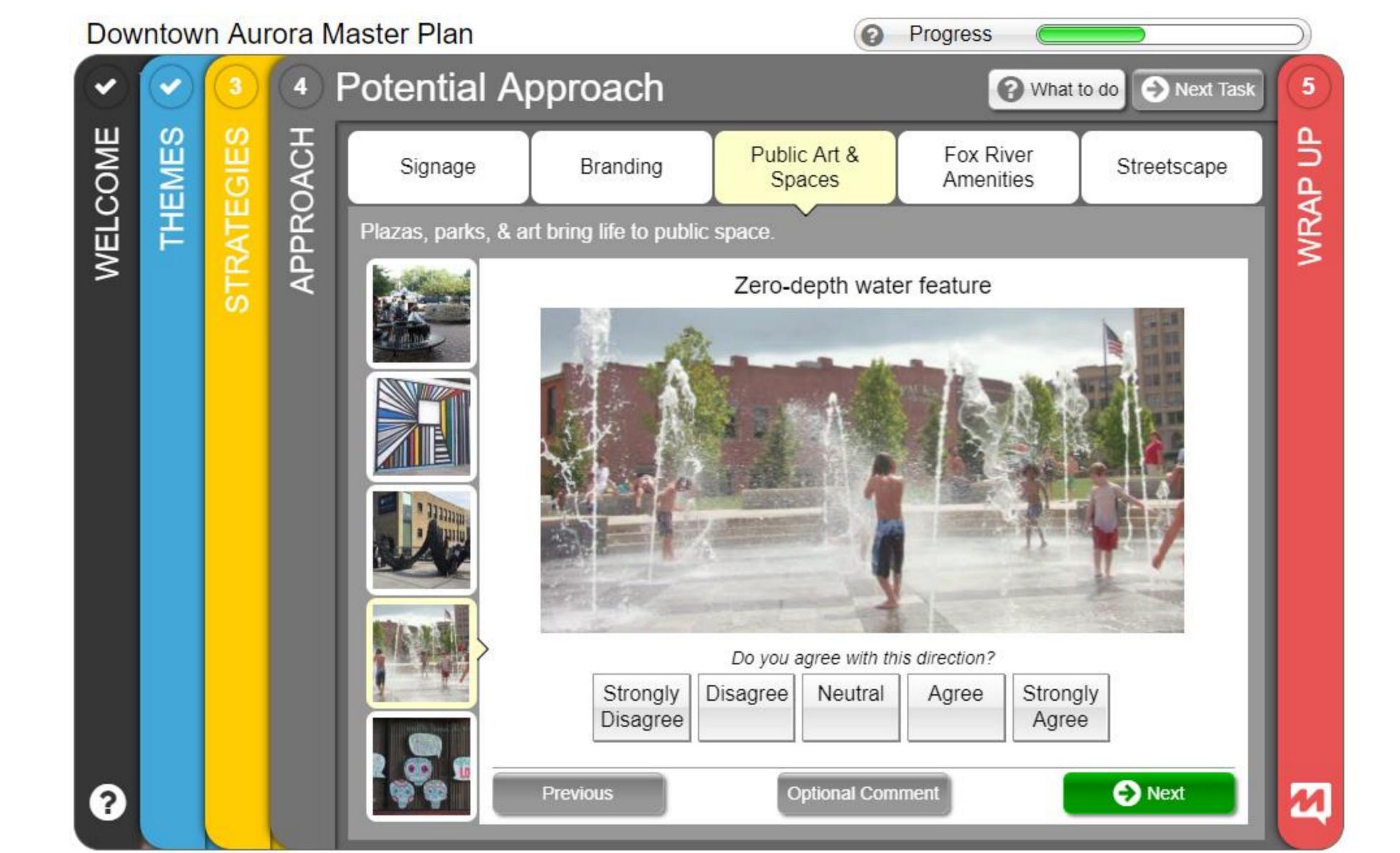


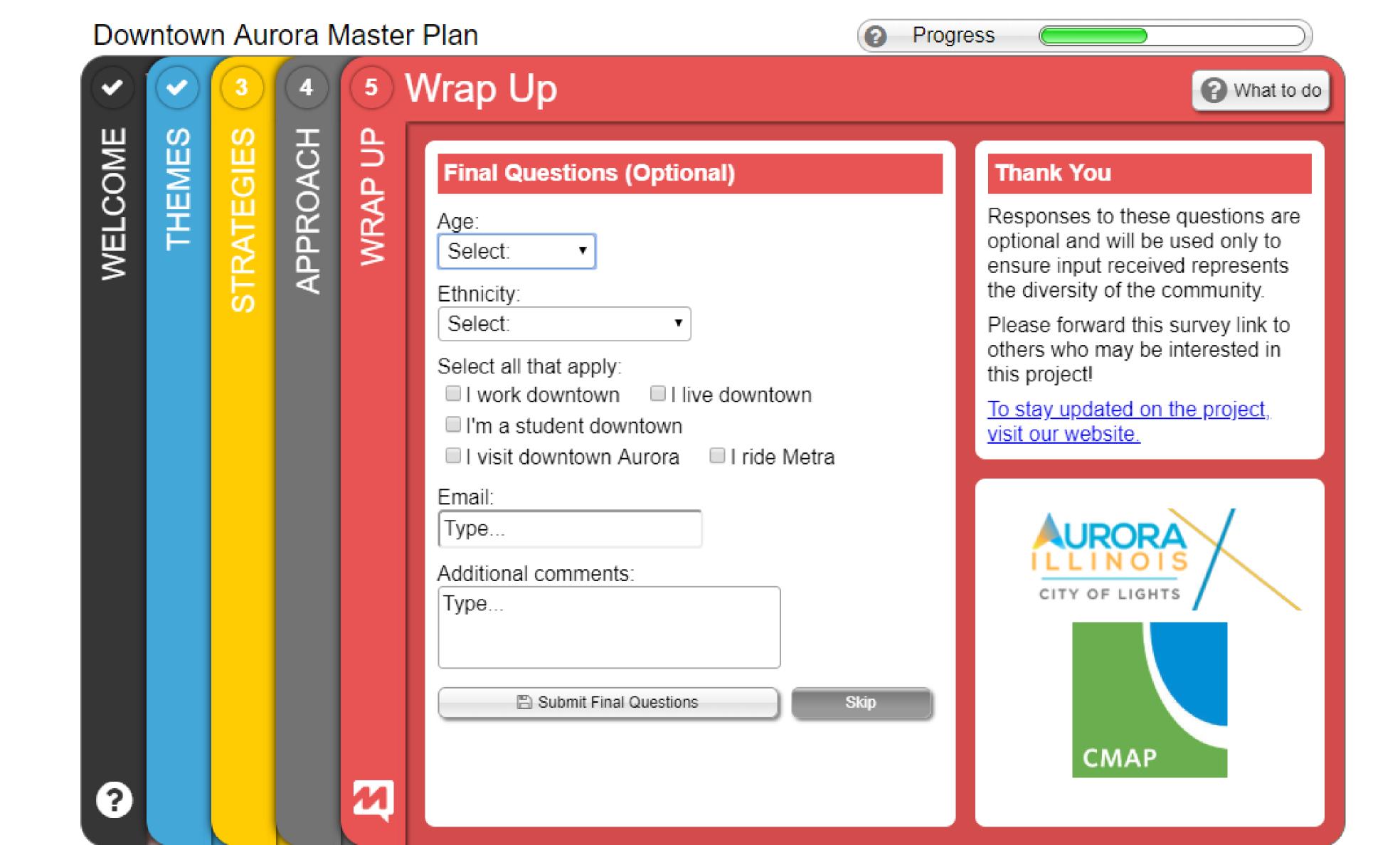
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Public Participation & Engagement	Number of Participants	
1st Steering Committee Meeting	15	
Stakeholder Interviews	24	
Public Visioning Workshop	160	
Targeted Outreach to Local Groups		
Your Creative Angle Meeting	20	
March 10th African-American Heritage Advisory Board Meeting	15	
March 17th Public Workshop with Aurora Downtown	38	
April 1st Visioning with First Fridays Participants	40	
April 14th Indian American Community Outreach Advisory Board Meeting	13	
April 20th Restore the Neighborhood Meeting	23	
Visioning with 15th Annual El Día de Los Niños Participants	55	
May 9th Aurora Hispanic Heritage Advisory Board Meeting	10	
May 17th Alderman Saville's Ward Meeting	100	
Online engagement (Phase 1)		
MetroQuest Online Survey	2,776 visits (780 comple	ted)
Social Media Followers	194	
Total unique visitors interacting w/Facebook page	327	
Online engagement (Phase 2)		
MetroQuest Online Survey	1,663 visits (905 comple	ted)
Social Media Followers	231	
June 16 Public Open House	100	
Total	5,804 2,943 (only o	ompleted survey counted)

Source: CMAP, Metroquest, Facebook

Other

February 18th Boys to Men "Phenomenal Man" Awards ceremony

RTA Pedestrian Access study

April 14th Aurora State of the City Address

April 27th ScaleUp Aurora Community Partners Meeting Breakfast

February 6th 8th Annual 2016 Jazz Brunch Scholarship Awards Program

FAVORITE IMAGES













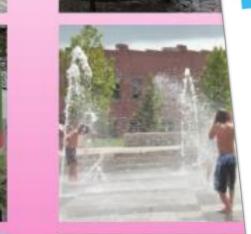










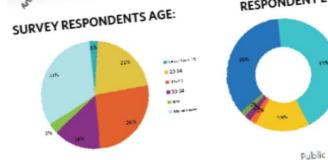








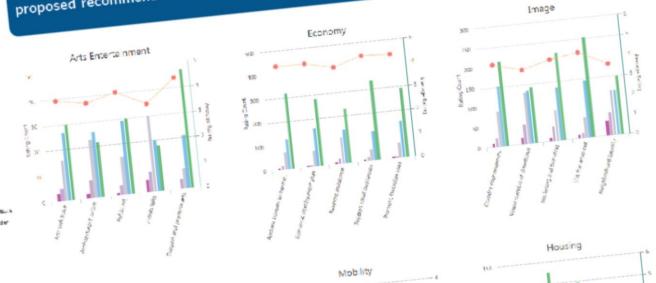
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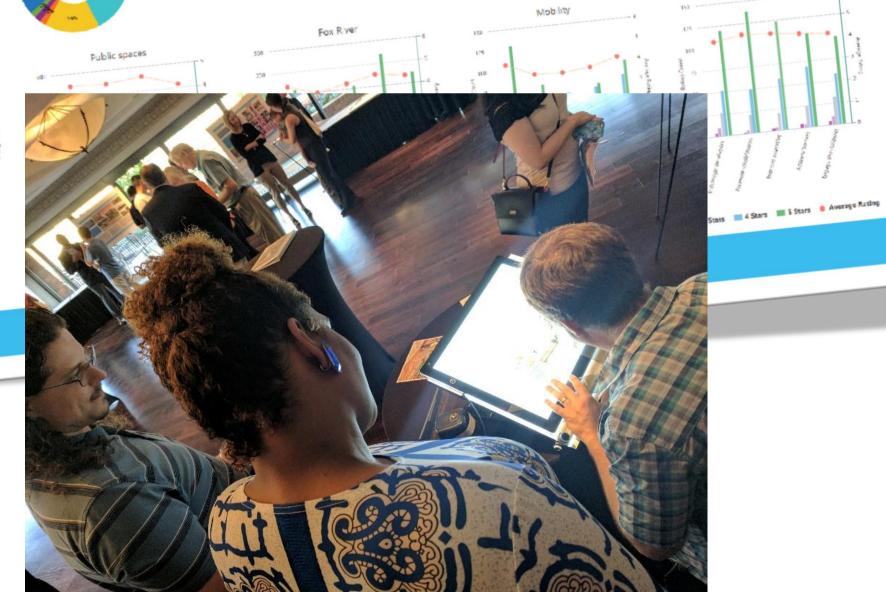


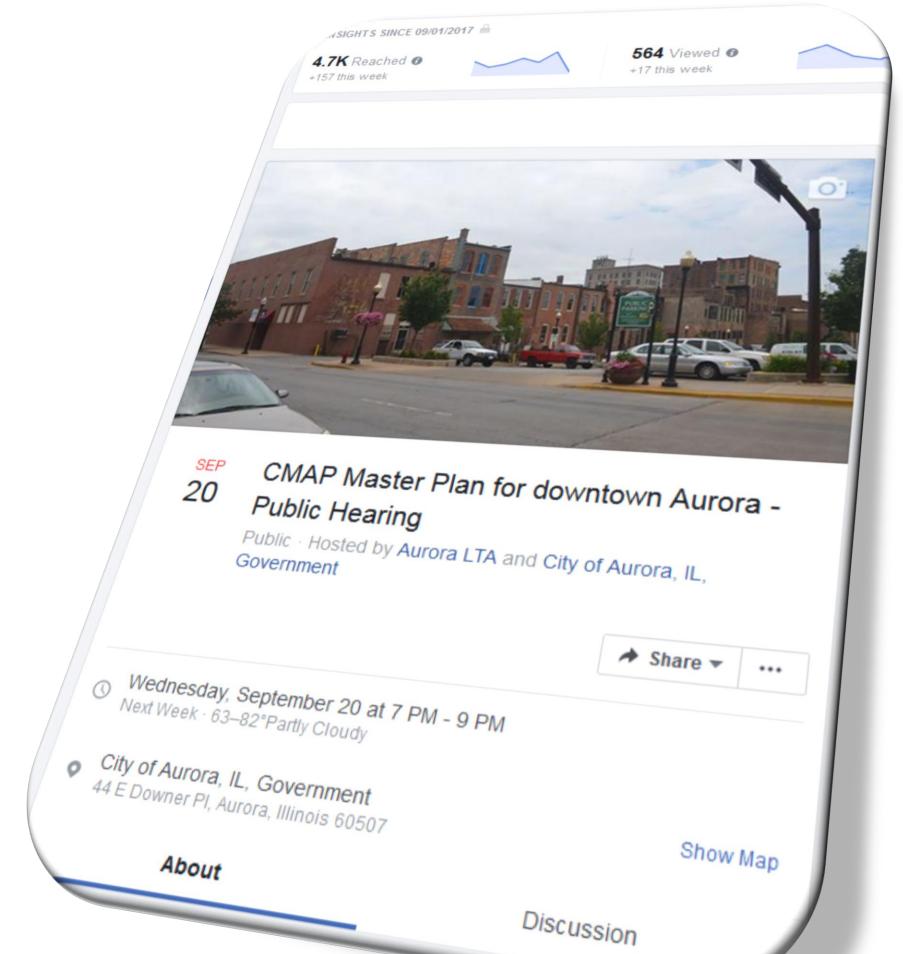




ONLINE SURVEY RESPONSES - Phase 2 Recommendations After the Public Meeting on Recommendations, a second survey was open for input on recommendations. Over 1,650 people viewed the online survey, with 905 fully completed surveys. The following charts and graphics represent a basic breakdown of responses to proposed recommendations.









The new City of Aurora Downtown Master Plan is now available for review. The plan outlines the community's vision for a more livable, walkable and vibrant core. It focuses on creating a unique, memorable experience to solidify downtown as a desirable destination for people to live, work, and visit. CMAP and the City of Aurora are hosting a public open house on the plan from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 22, in the Meyer Ballroom at North Island Center (8 E Galena Boulevard, Aurora). Come give your feedback on the plan: https://cmap.is/lta-aurora



Aurora - CMAP

, the City of Aurora, in partnership with CMAP, will host a public open hous

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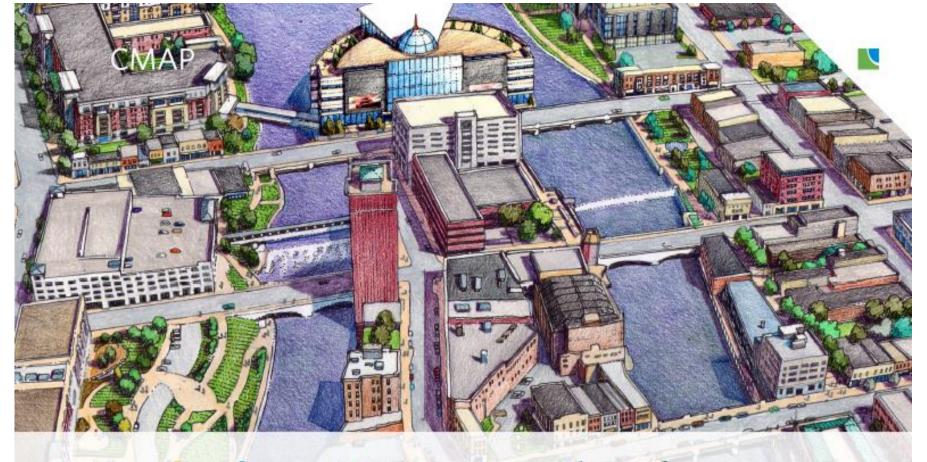


just another plan aurora can be a beautiful place for all residents to enjoy and to rival downtown naperville LETS GO AURORA lol

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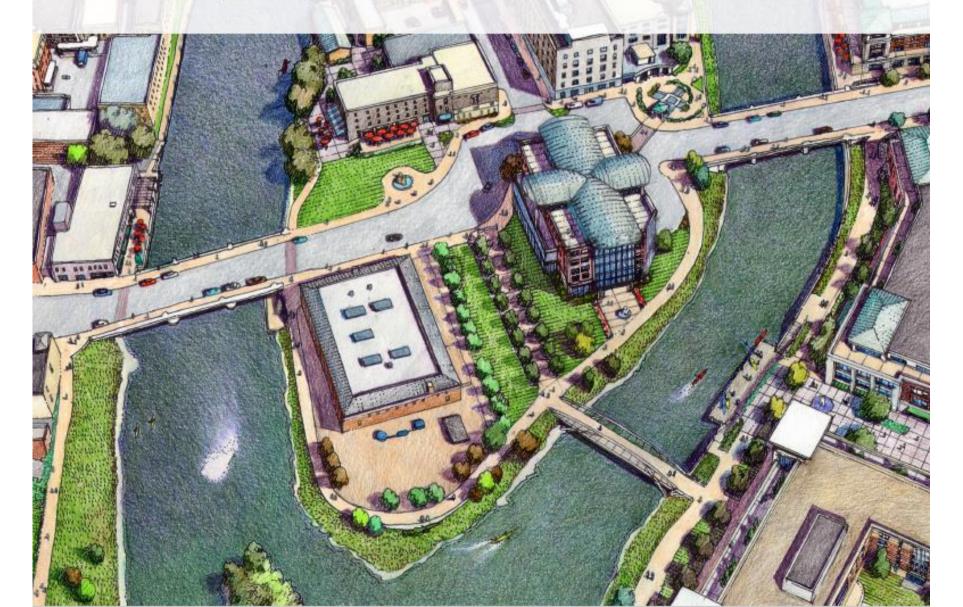


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A Master Plan for Downtown Aurora





ON TO 2050 engagement

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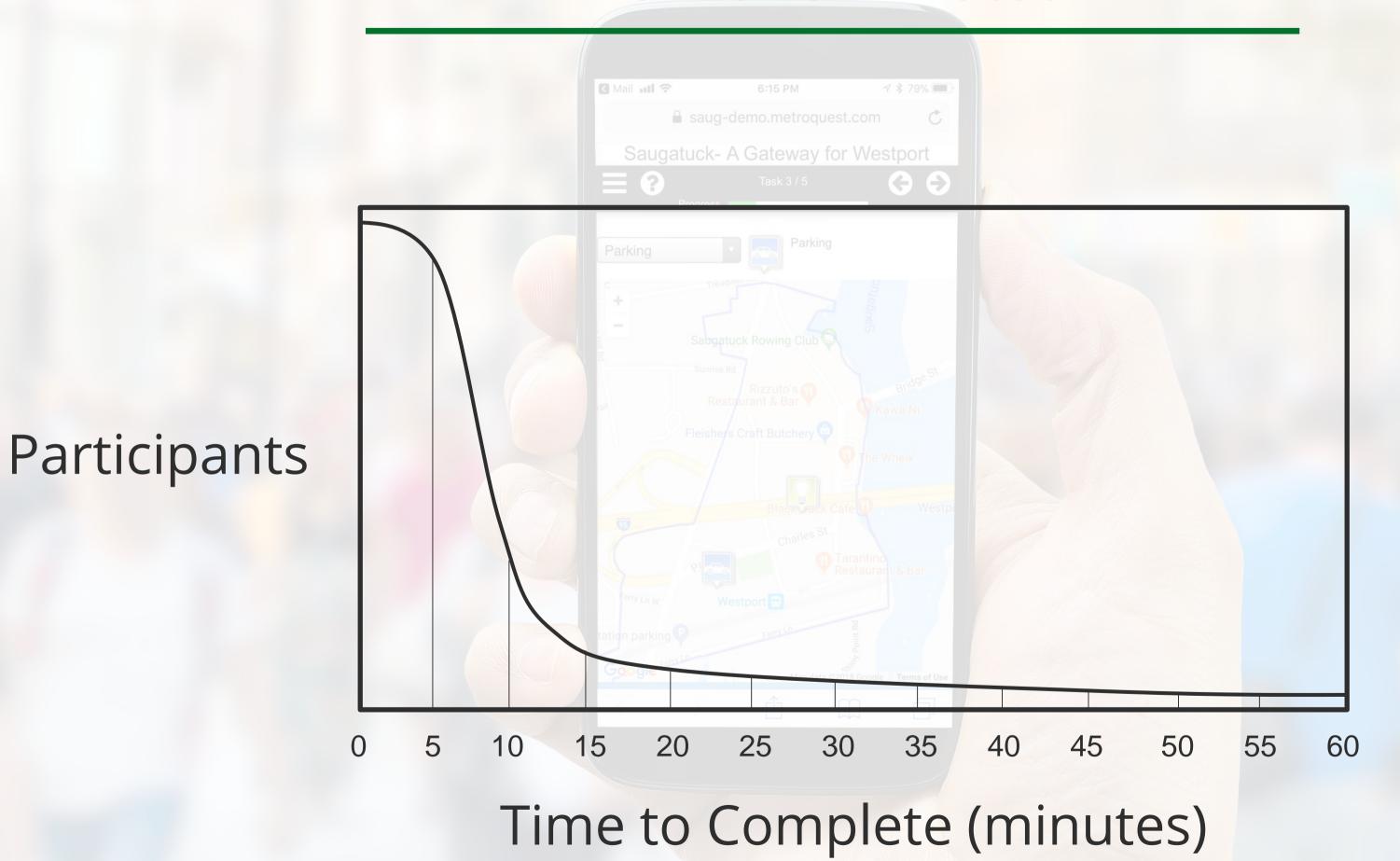
Aurora plan engagement

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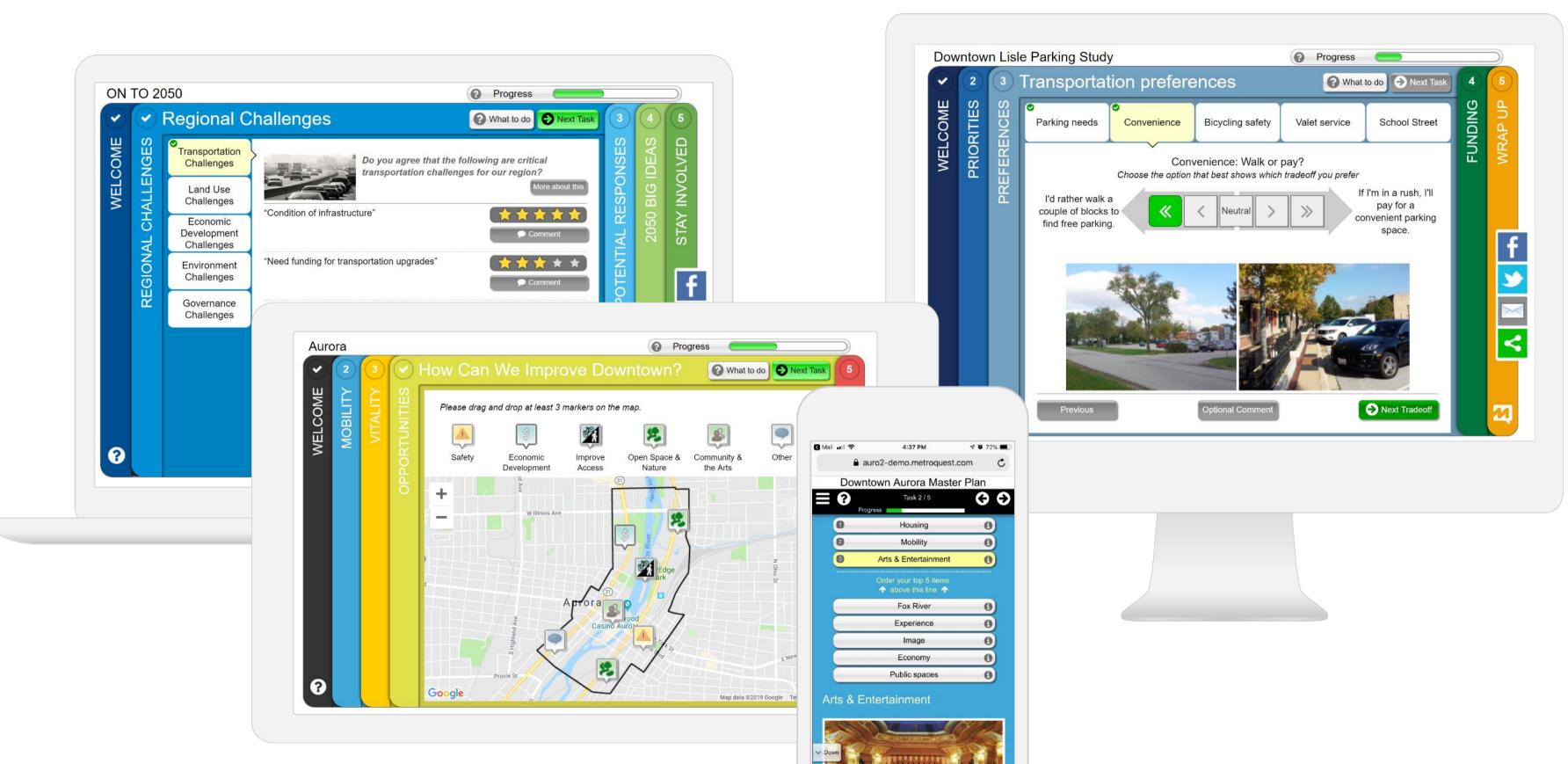


Ask for 5 minutes





Be multi-channel

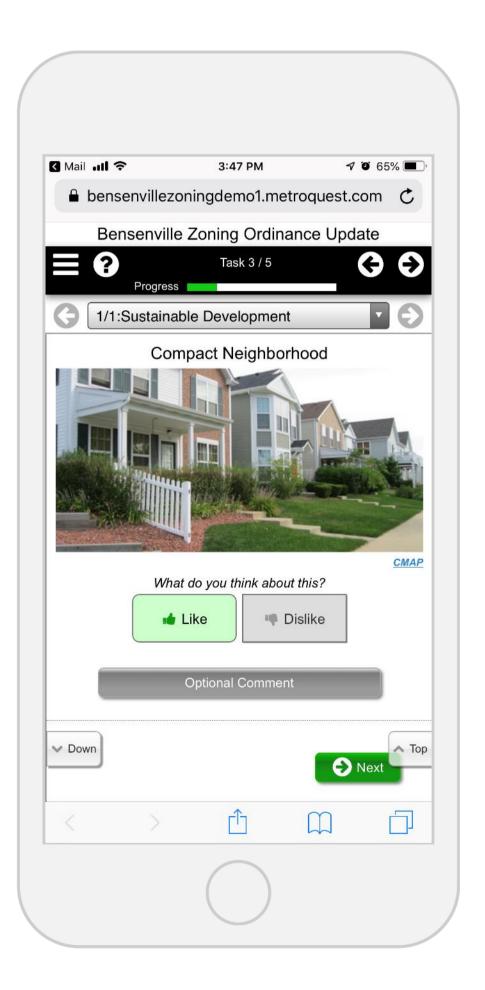




Delight on mobile









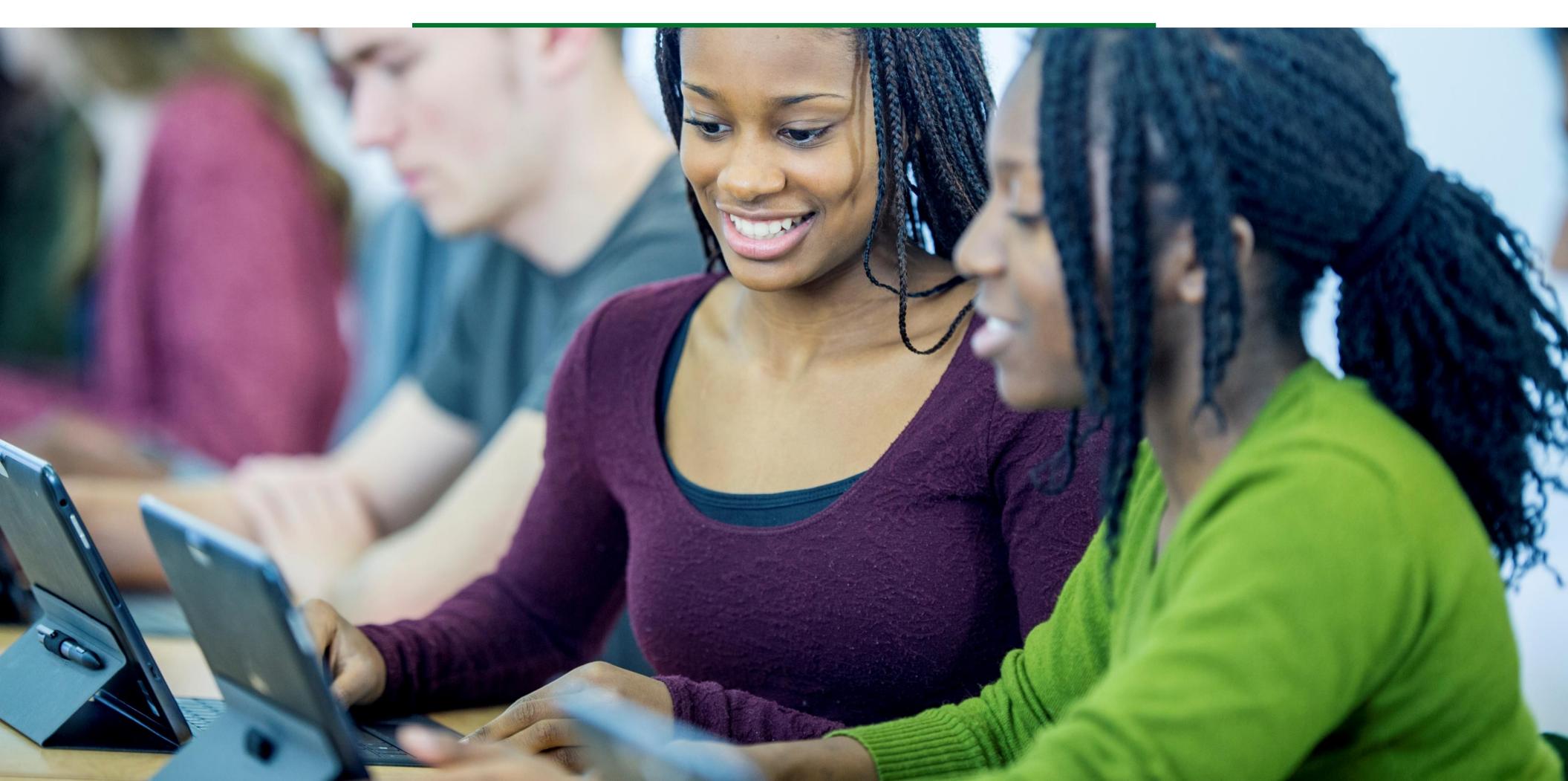
Make it safe & private



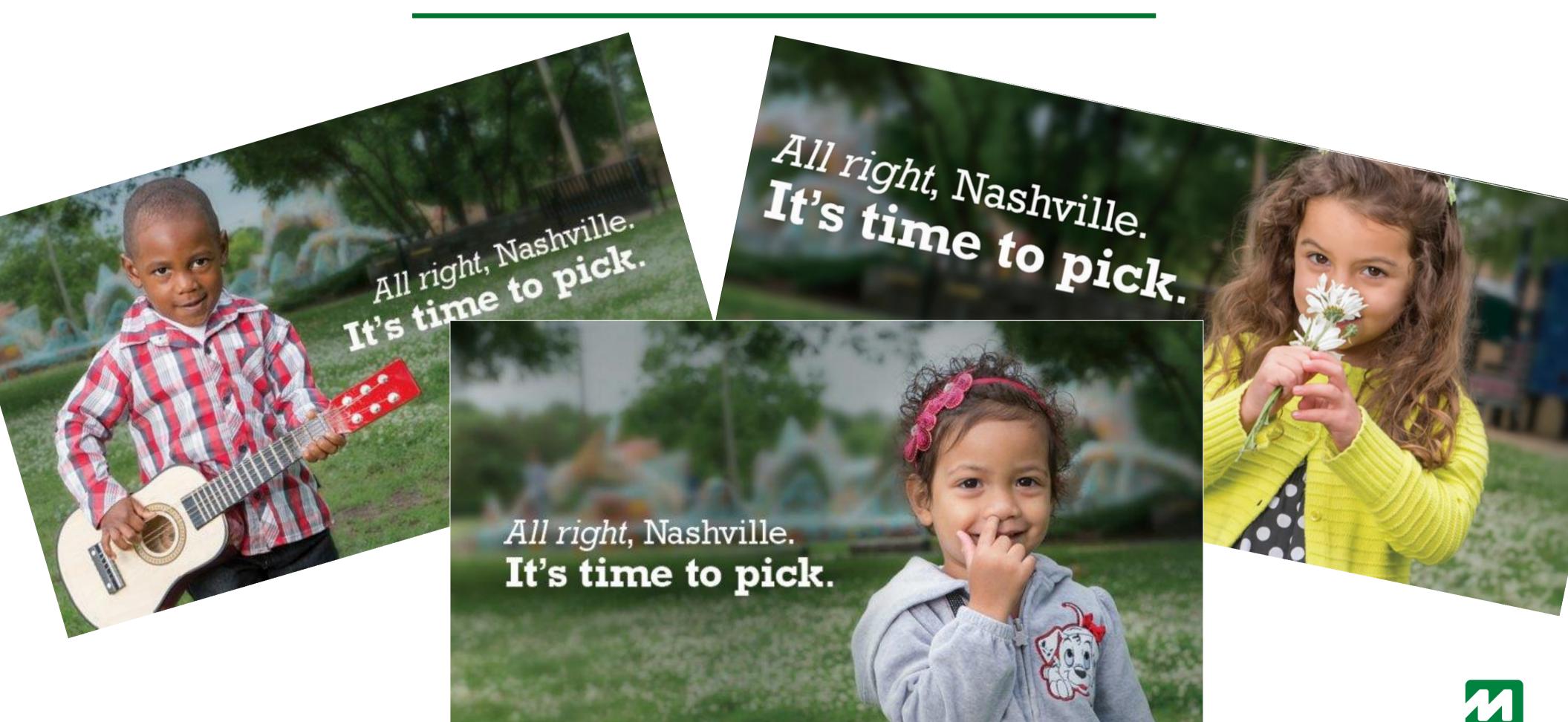
Offer it anytime online



Go to them



Have fun with promotions

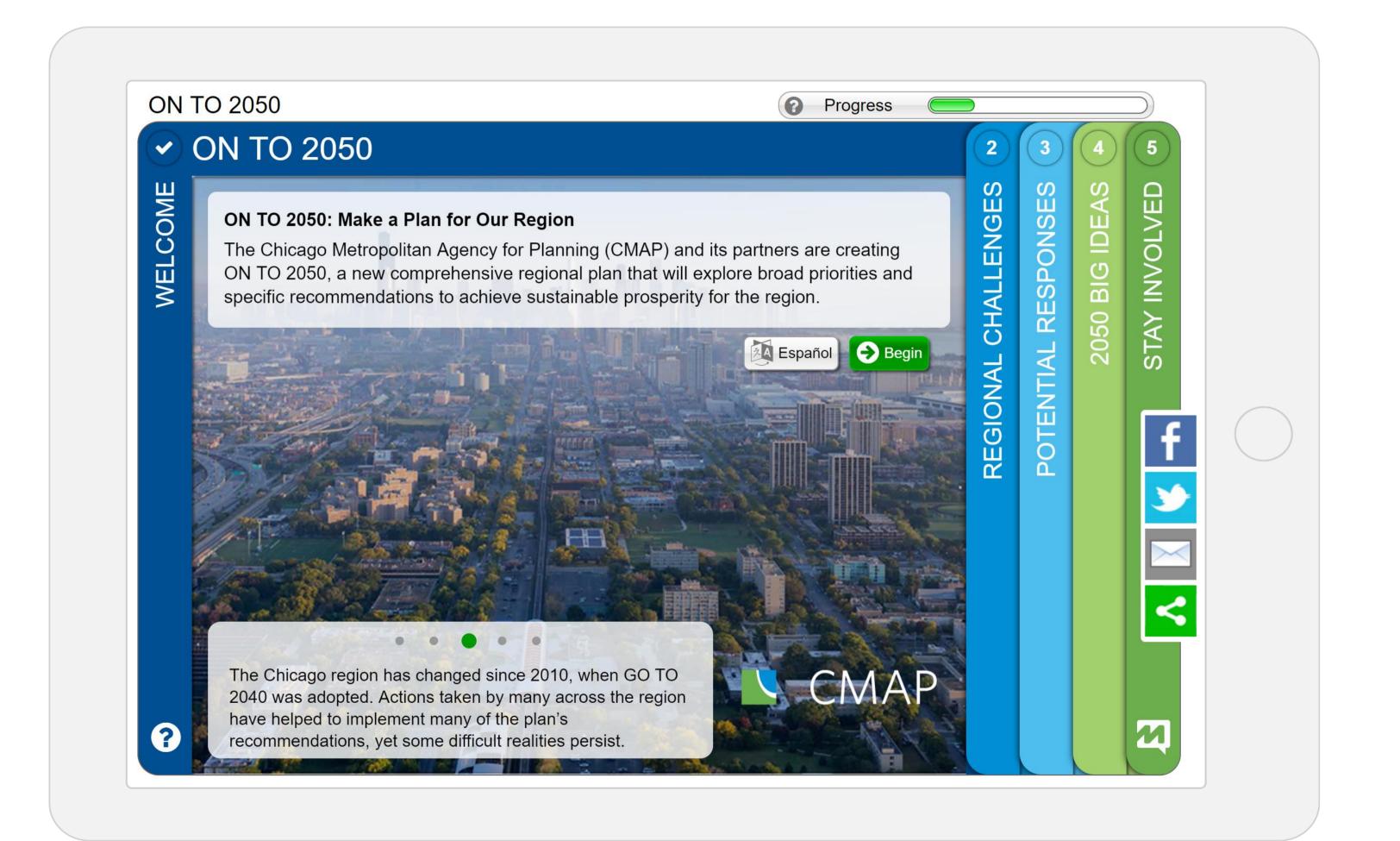




Make it informative & interactive

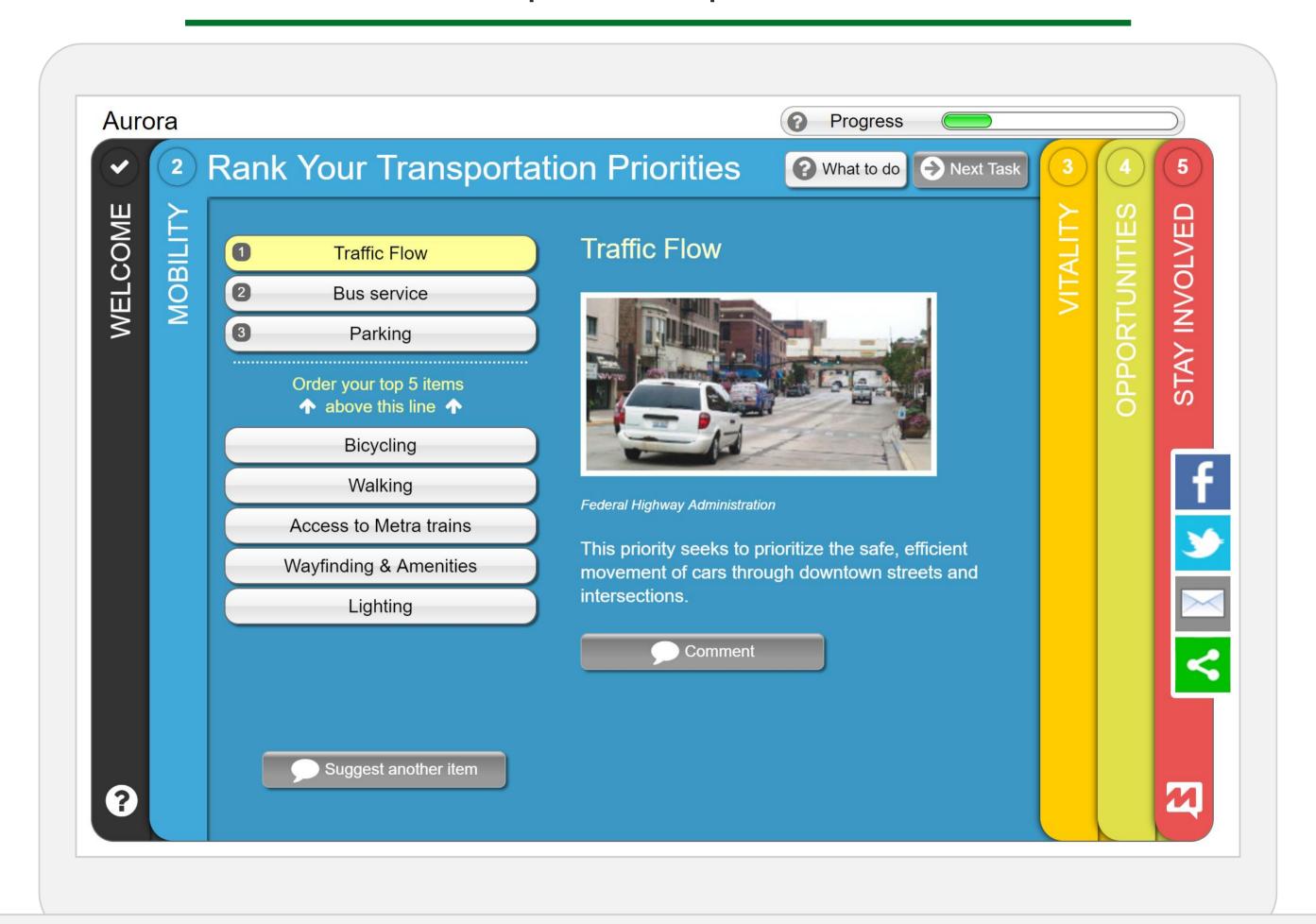


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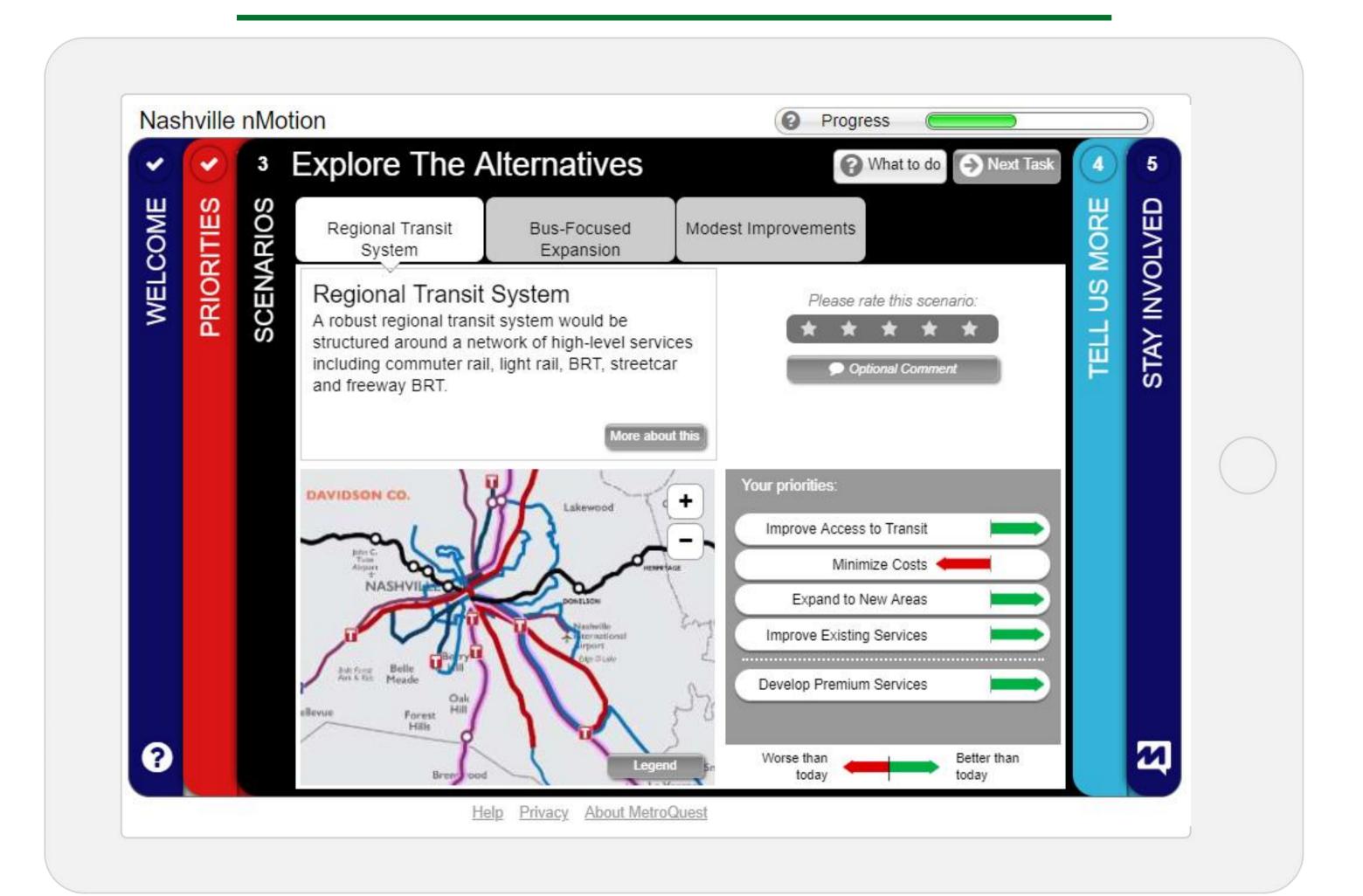


Rank public priorities



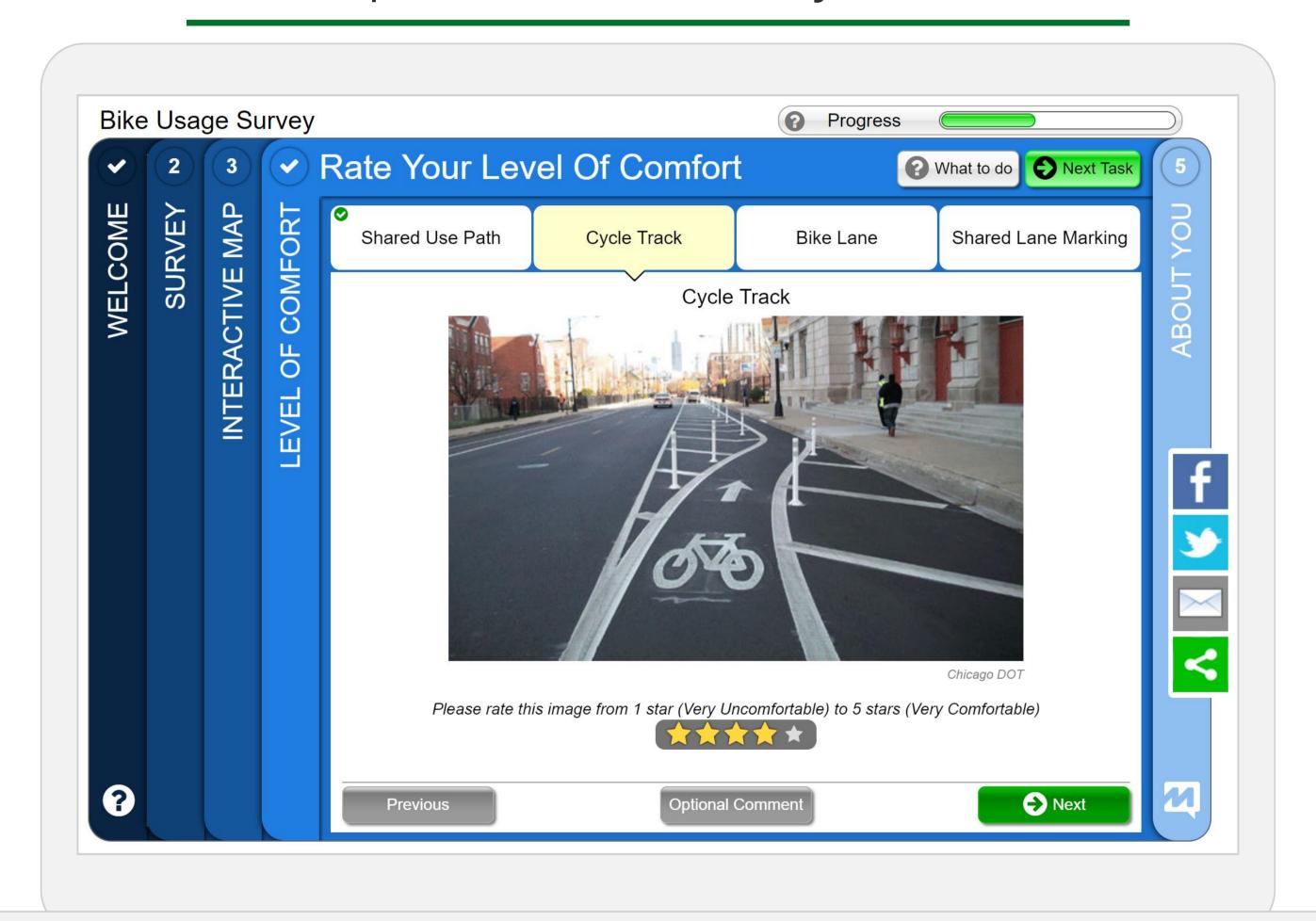


Evaluate scenarios by priorities



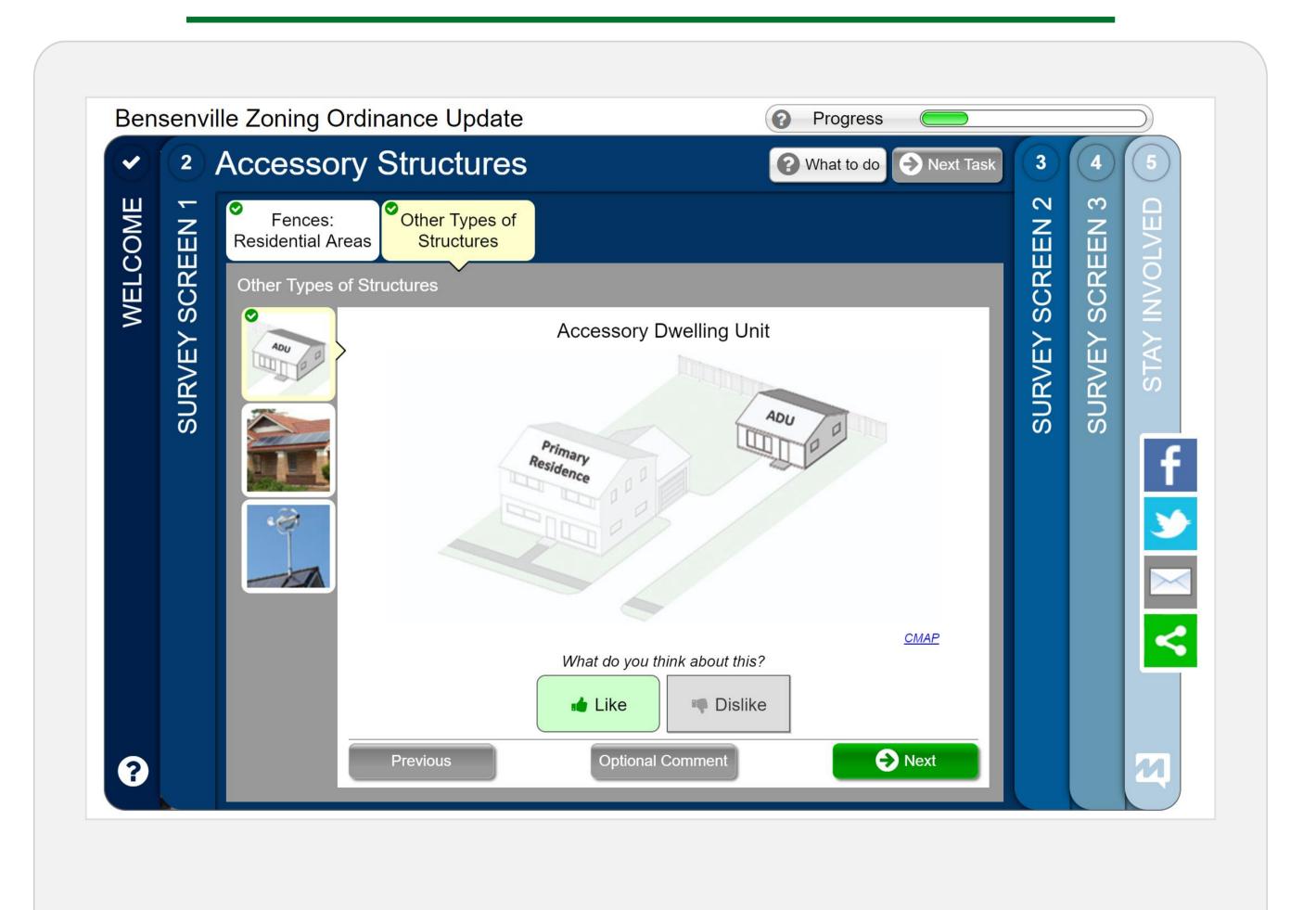


Rate pictures to clarify nuances



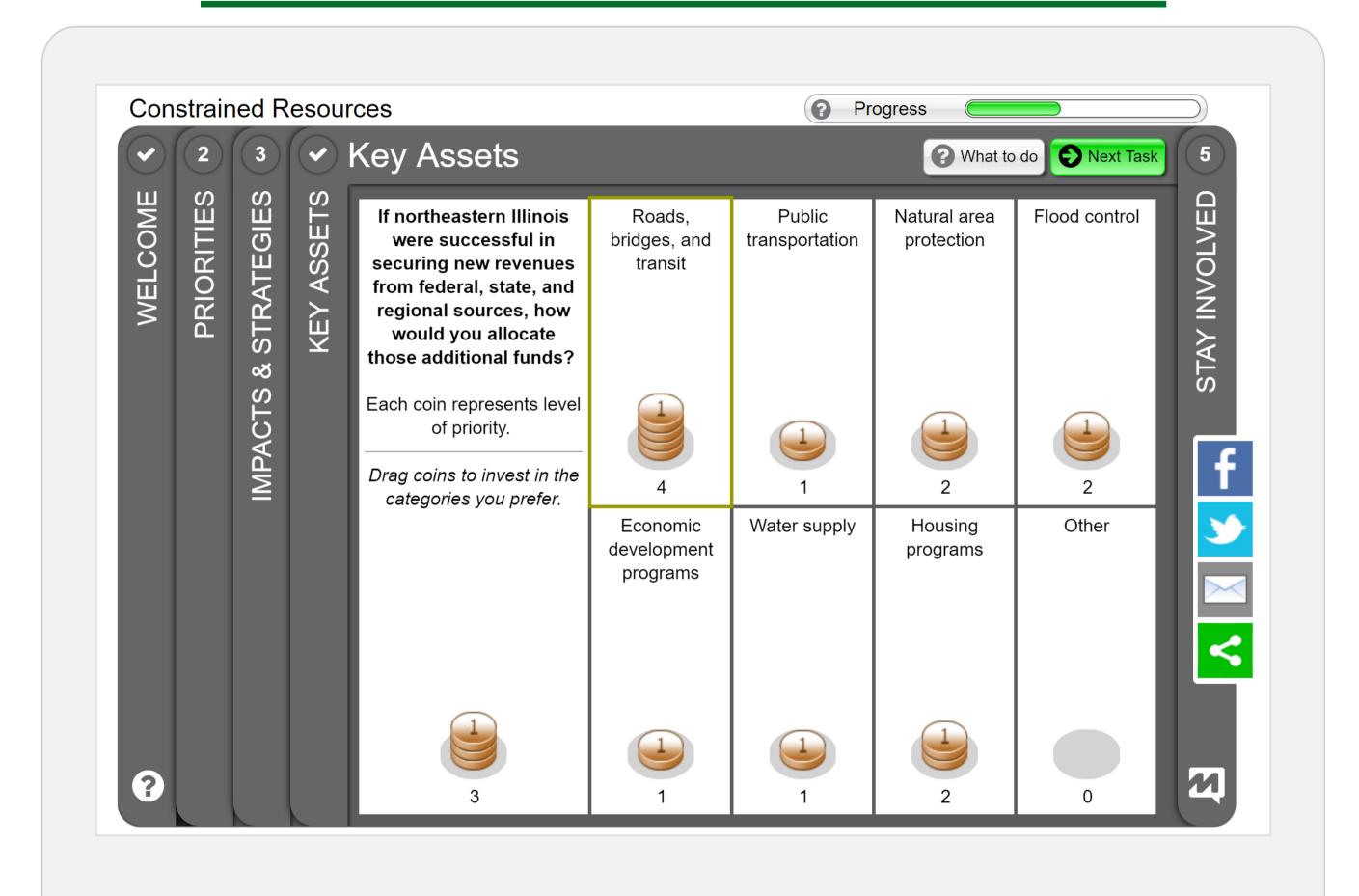


Use images to explain planning



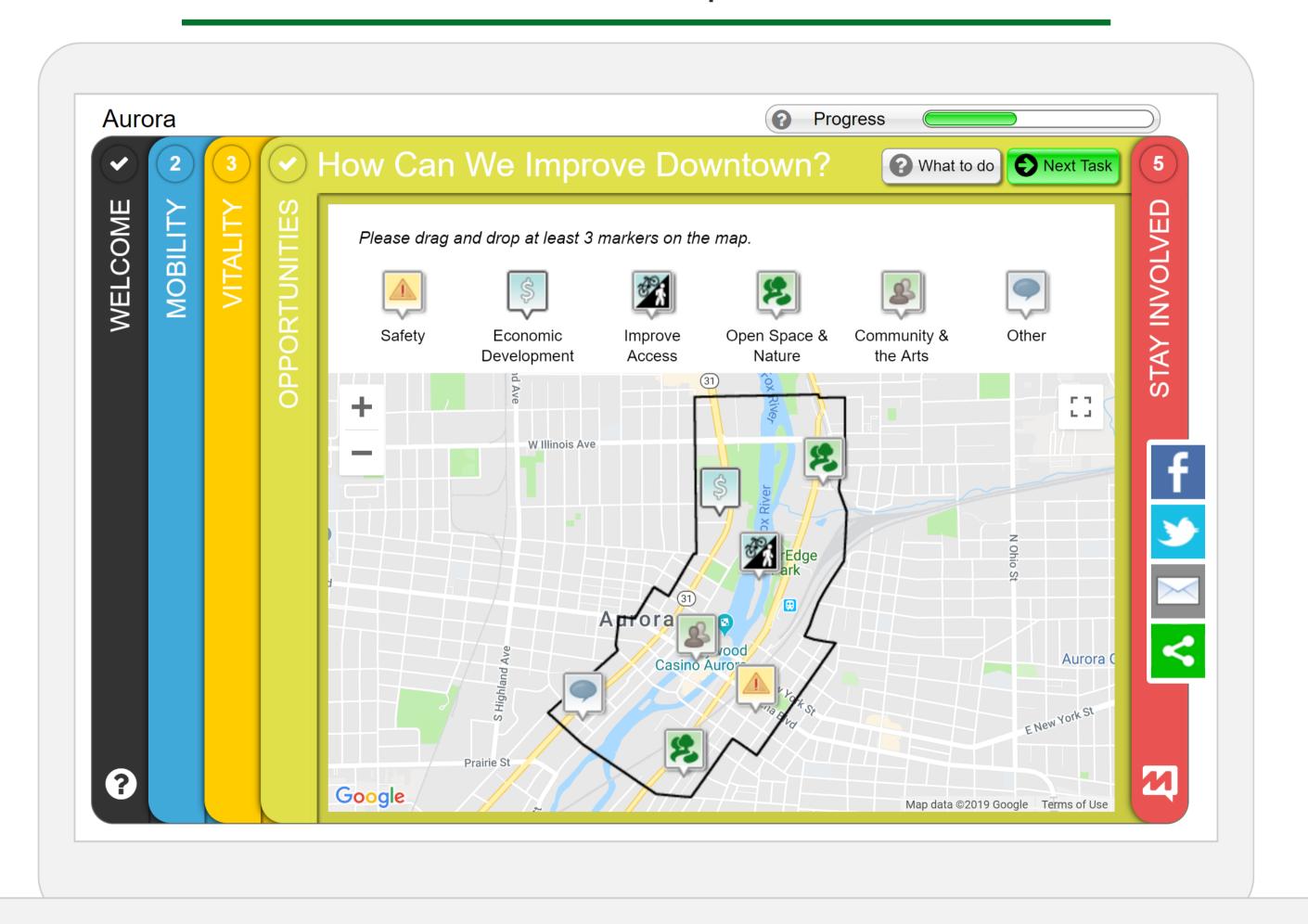


Gamify constraints and budgeting



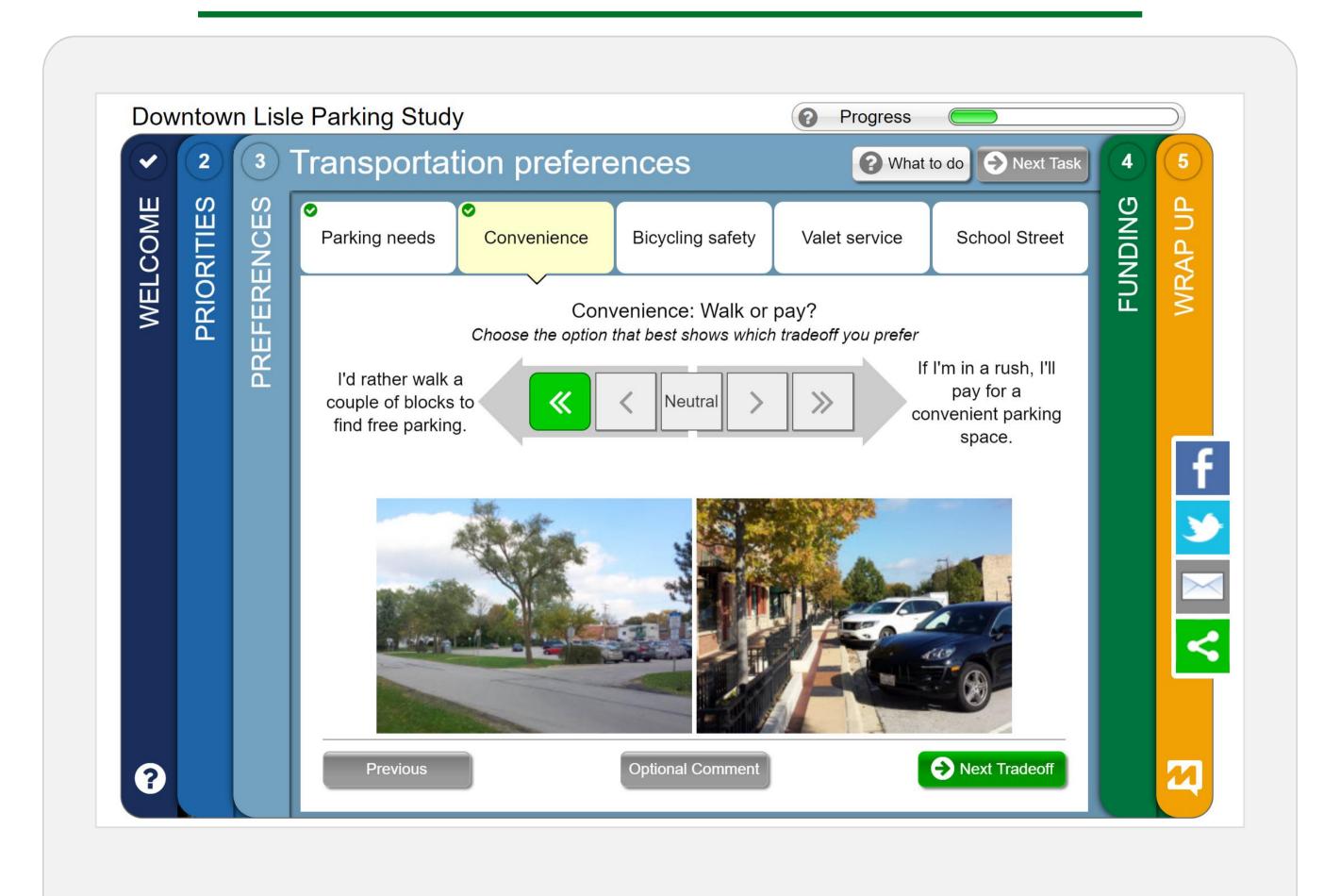


Put citizens in the planner's seat



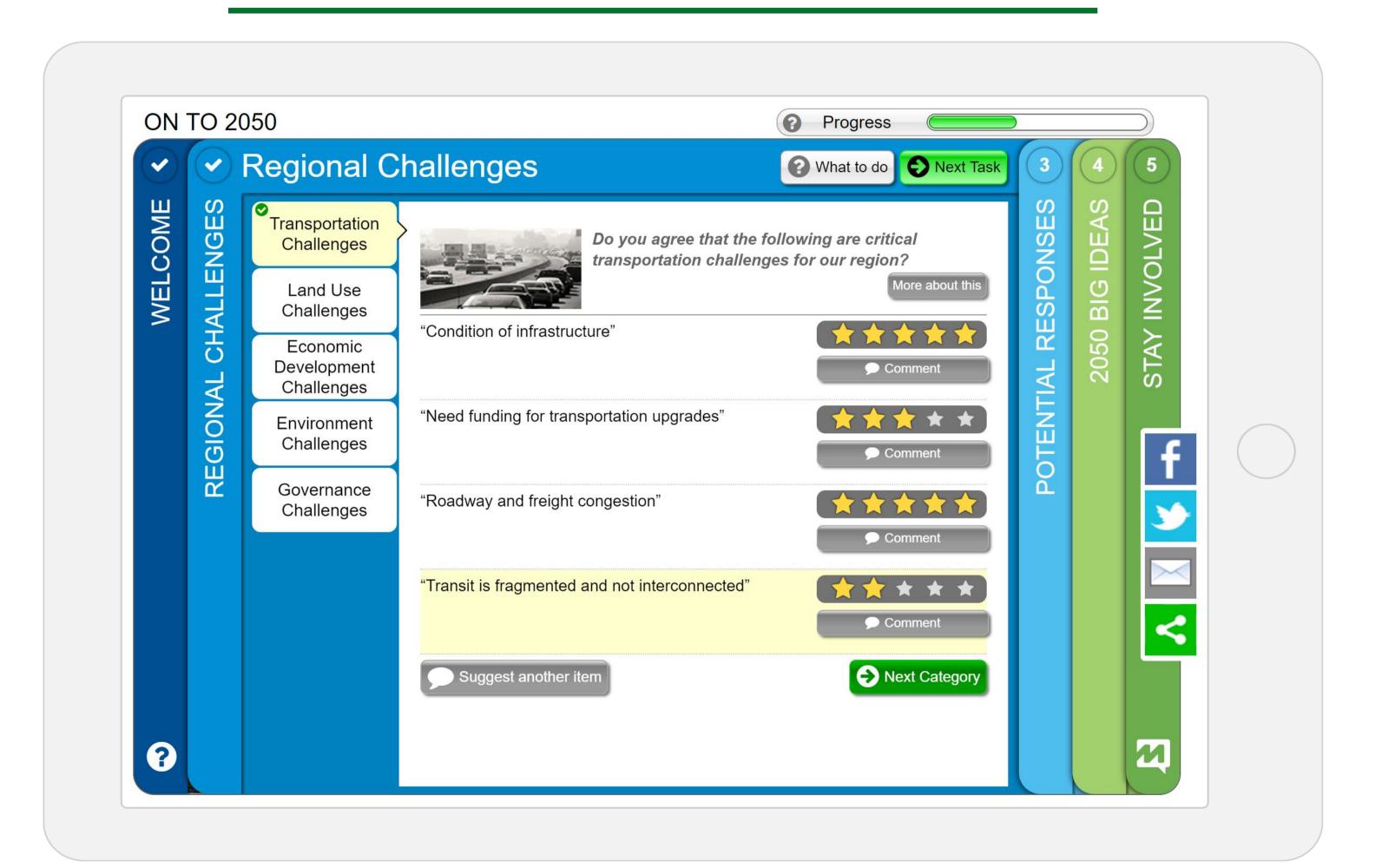


Foster appreciation for tradeoffs



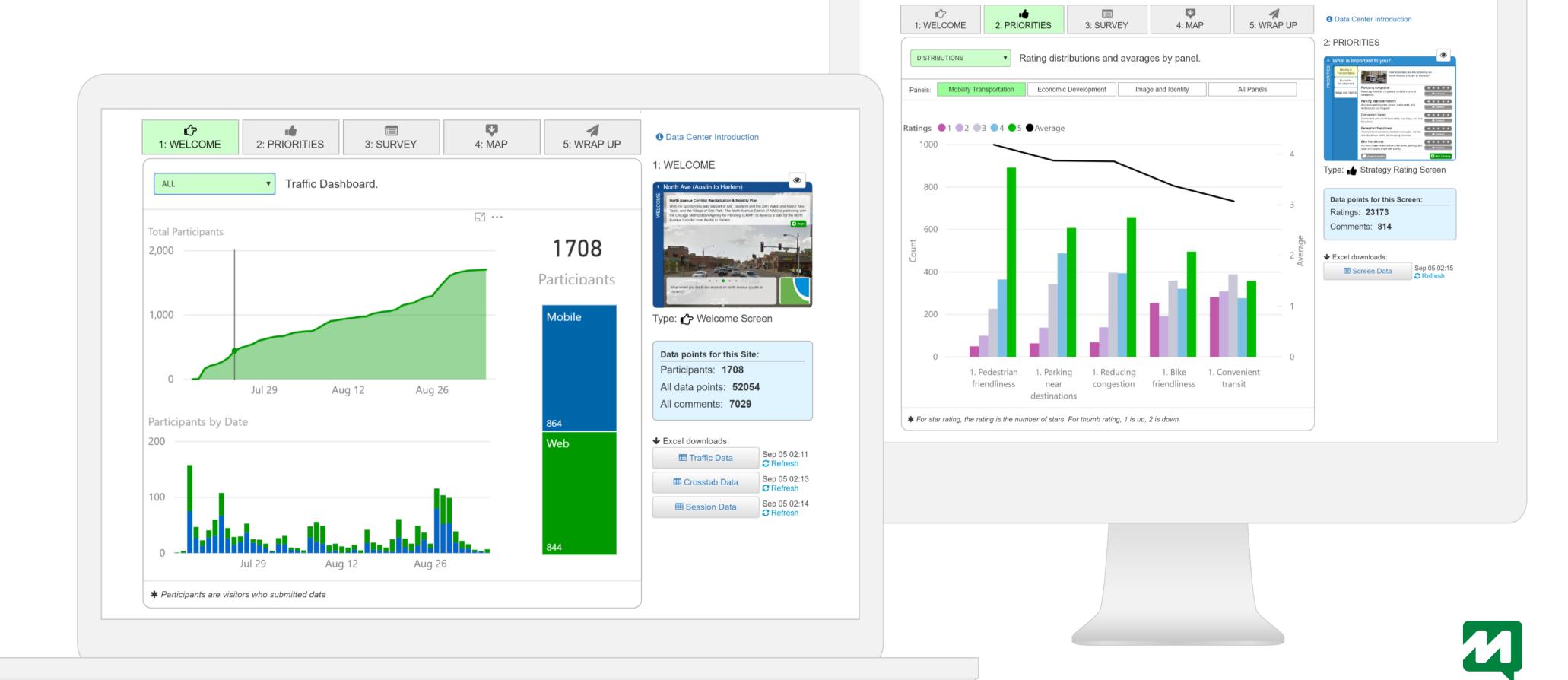


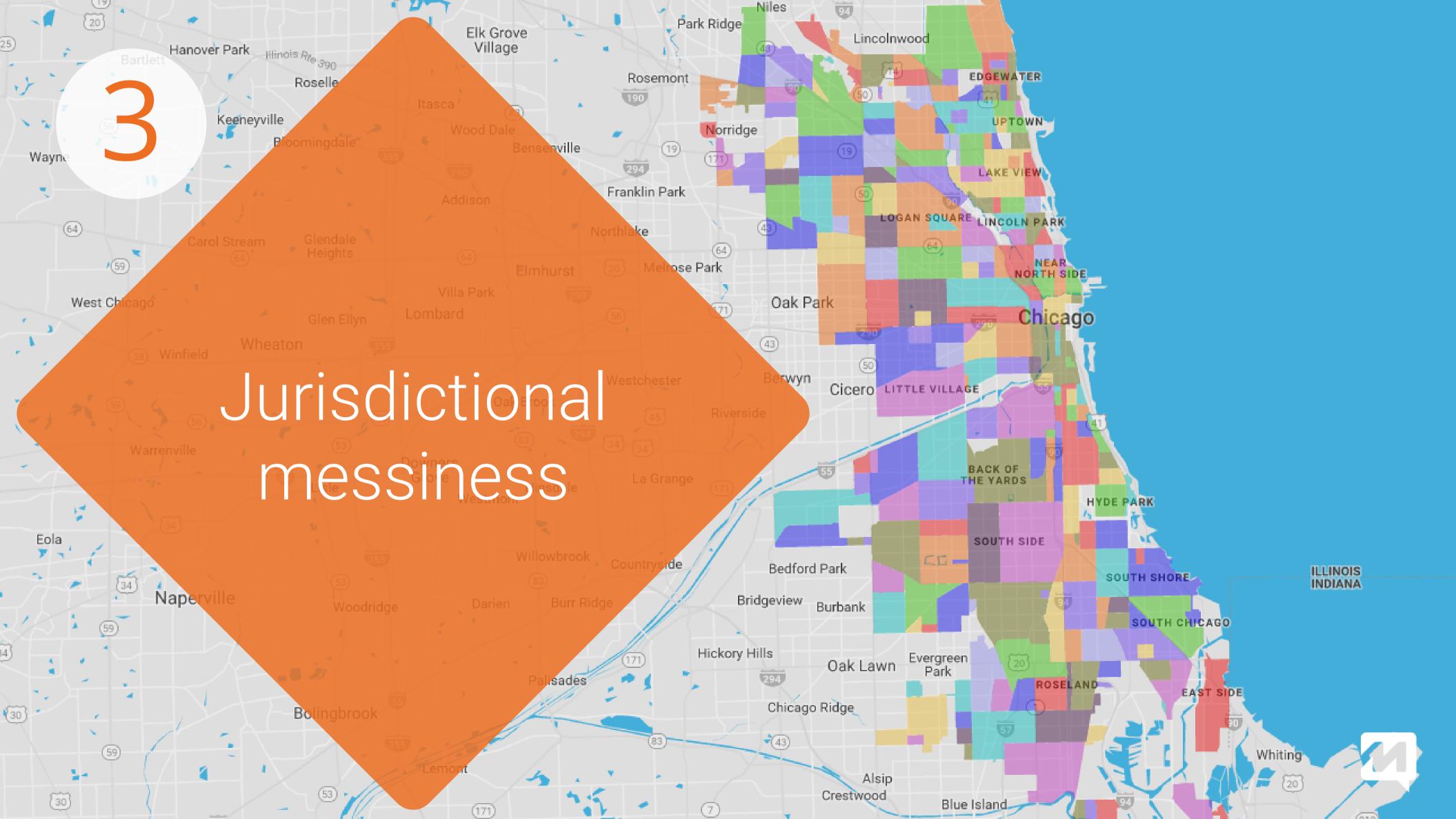
Focus on quantitative questions



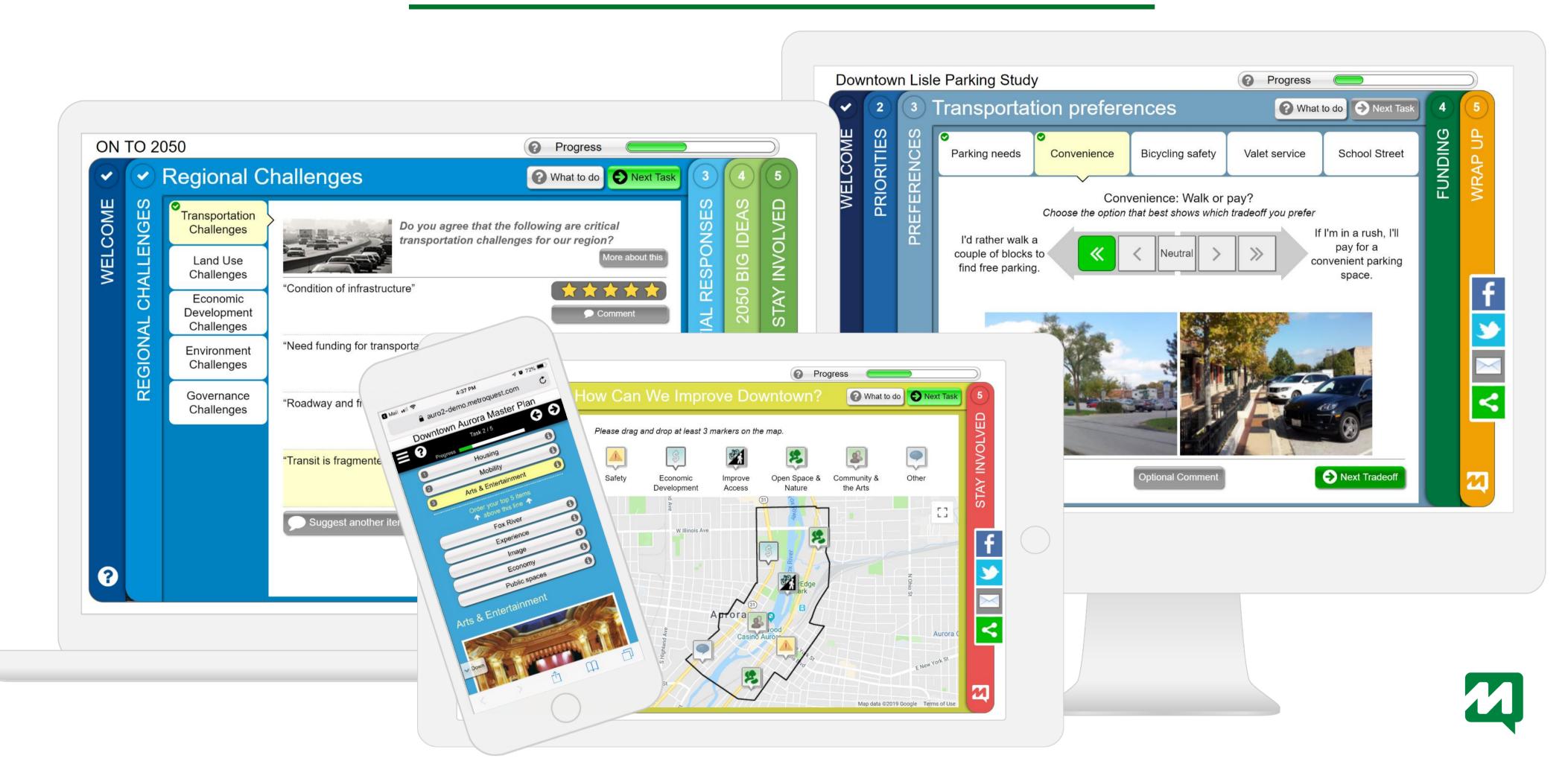


Monitor dashboards for results

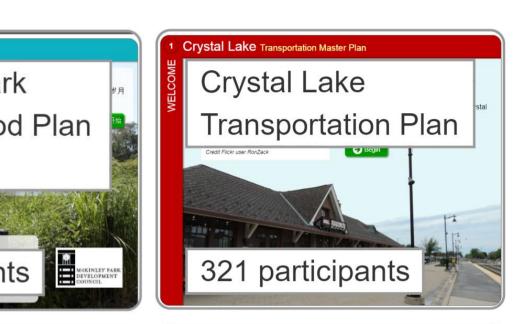




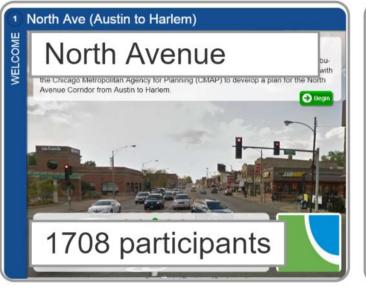
MetroQuest engagement toolbox



A look into CMAP's 70+ surveys







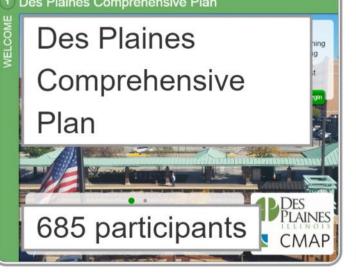


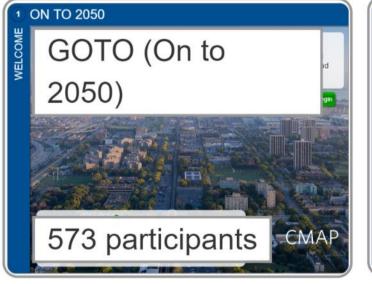




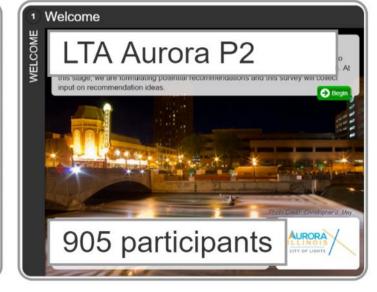












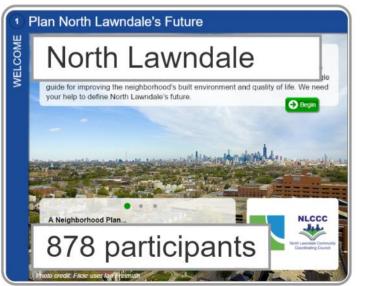


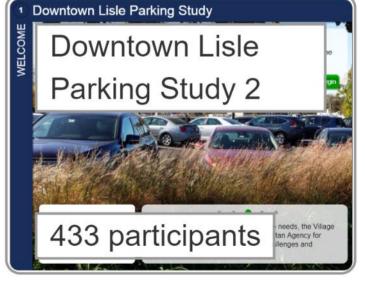














Celebrating great engagement!

- 523,300+ data points collected
- 23,100+ people engaged

Congratulations CMAP team!





NEW MPO Report

Public Involvement Trends that Matter

- Top 3 MPO Challenges
- Top 5 Public Participation Priorities
- Citizen Preference Insights
- Popular Involvement Methods
- Public Involvement Frequency
- Top 4 Transportation Project Types

Thank you to 172 survey participants!



Despite their efforts, many MPOs are suffering from poor public participation.

Public involvement is valuable for many reasons. Informed public input can help shape transportation plans to meet the true needs of residents. Better decisions can be made prior to investing millions of dollars in new developments, while increased public support can streamline project approvals. But effective public involvement is not always easy.



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Questions?



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