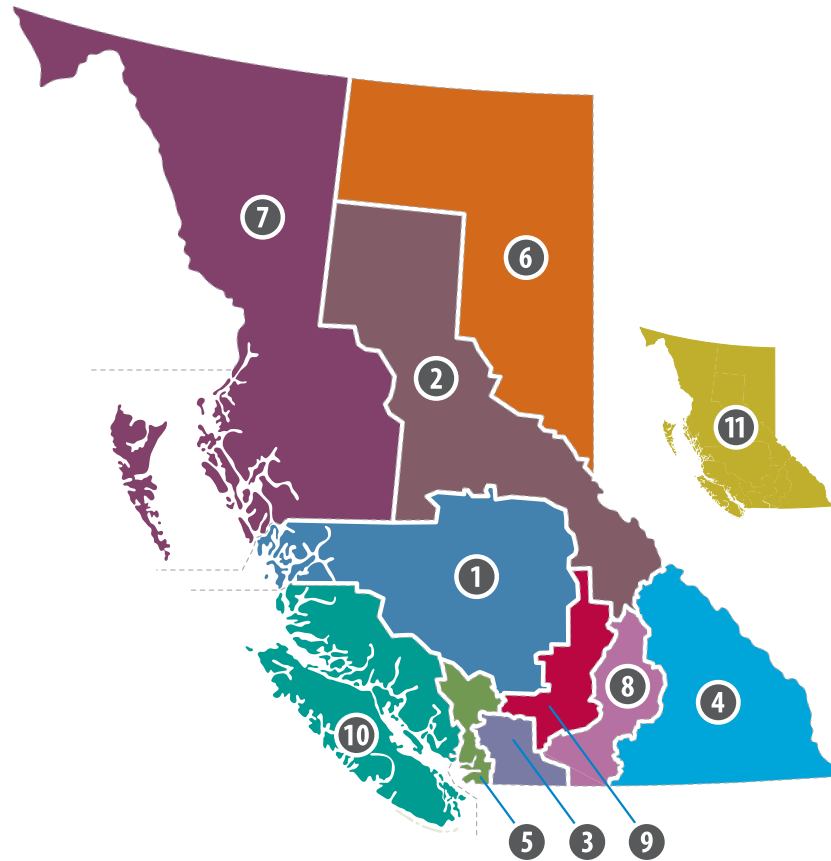


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Appendix 6: Detailed Results for Northeast

DETAILED RESULTS – **NORTHEAST****REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION AND FURTHER INTEREST**

Participants were presented with a map of the province divided into 10 regions and asked to indicate where they live:



		Total Commenting 12,661*
1	Central Interior (Cariboo)	1,014
2	Central North	425
3	Fraser Valley	936
4	Kootenays	1,039
5	Lower Mainland	3,962
6	Northeast	299
7	Northwest	323
8	Okanagan	1,648
9	Thompson Nicola	737
10	Vancouver Island – South Coast	2,167
11	Province-wide Public Attitude Survey	1,150

*111 respondents did not state their region

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DETAILED REGIONAL RESULTS FROM THE ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

Below are the regional totals for the Northeast region for questions 1-3 from the surveys completed as part of the engagement process.

Complete regional and public attitude survey results for this question can be found in appendices 1-11.

Q1.0 MOVING PEOPLE AND GOODS SAFELY AND RELIABLY

Q1.1 KEEPING HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES AND SIDE ROADS IN GOOD CONDITION

Participants were asked to provide their feedback by indicating their overall level of agreement with this strategy.



Q1.2 CONTINUING TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE HIGHWAY CAPACITY, BRIDGES AND SIDE ROADS

Participants were asked to provide their feedback by indicating their overall level of agreement with this strategy.



*Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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Q2.0 GROWING THE ECONOMY

Q2.1 SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF LNG AND OTHER RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Participants were asked to provide their feedback by indicating their overall level of agreement with this strategy.



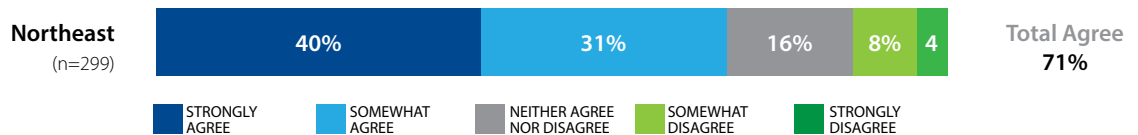
Q2.2 IDENTIFYING AND UPGRADING KEY HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES TO FACILITATE HEAVY AND OVERSIZED HAULING TO KEEP COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC FLOWING SMOOTHLY ACROSS B.C.

Participants were asked to provide their feedback by indicating their overall level of agreement with this strategy.



Q2.3 SUPPORTING INCREASED TRADE WITH ASIA AND AROUND THE WORLD

Participants were asked to provide their feedback by indicating their overall level of agreement with this strategy.



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Q2.0 GROWING THE ECONOMY continued

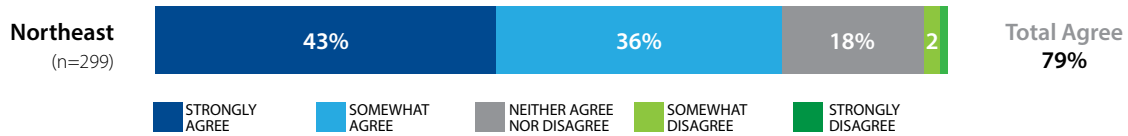
Q2.4 STRENGTHENING B.C.'S TRUCKING SECTOR

Participants were asked to provide their feedback by indicating their overall level of agreement with this strategy.



Q2.5 STRENGTHENING B.C.'S AVIATION SECTOR

Participants were asked to provide their feedback by indicating their overall level of agreement with this strategy.



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Q3.0 CONNECTING AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

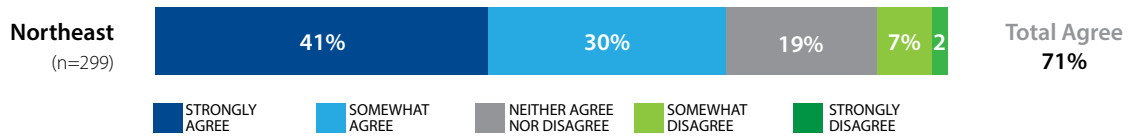
Q3.1 SUPPORTING REGIONAL AND SMALL COMMUNITY AIRPORTS TO IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS RUNWAYS AND TERMINALS

Participants were asked to provide their feedback by indicating their overall level of agreement with this strategy.



Q3.2 IMPROVING AND INCREASING TRANSIT SERVICES FOR COMMUNITIES ACROSS B.C.

Participants were asked to provide their feedback by indicating their overall level of agreement with this strategy.



Q3.3 ENHANCING CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE AND IMPROVING TRANSPORTATION CHOICES

Participants were asked to provide their feedback by indicating their overall level of agreement with this strategy.



*Totals may not add up due to rounding.

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Q4.0 TOP 3 PRIORITIES FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Participants were asked to identify their top three priorities for transportation infrastructure improvements. Below are the regional totals for the Northeast for the engagement participants. Results are listed by total mentions.

Regional and public attitude survey results for this question can be found in Appendices 1-11.

NORTHEAST TOP 3 IMPROVEMENTS	Total Commenting 299
Highways and Side Roads	259
Improvements to provincial highways (i.e., suggestions for improvements included upgrades for safety, 4-laning, intersection upgrades)	135
Improvements to HWY 97, 97A, 97B, 97C, 97D (i.e., suggestions for improvements included upgrades for safety, 4-laning, intersection upgrades)	98
Maintenance (i.e., re-surfacing, snow removal, concerns regarding maintenance)	70
Safety (i.e., need for wildlife fencing, reflectors, signage, reduction of speeding and aggressive driving)	48
Improve secondary/rural access roads (i.e., paving, concerns regarding maintenance)	34
Airports	47
Increased funding for improvements (i.e., all weather operational equipment, enlarge runways, more regional airports)	32
Flight suggestions (i.e., cheaper fares, frequent regional flights, more destinations)	17
Bridges	40
Concerns regarding maintenance/replace/upgrade older bridges	30
Build more Bridges	8
Transit (BC Transit and TransLink)	18
Increase public transit options for communities outside of Lower Mainland	8
Increase government funding to expand public transit options	6
Skytrain/LRT expansion	5
Cycling and Pedestrian	15
Build more bike lanes/protected cyclist access	9
Healthy living/good for the environment/fund new active transportation infrastructure/walkable communities/trails	5
Ferries (Inland/Coastal)	8
Reduce fares/offer discounts	3

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Rail	19
Improve, increase use of, maintain railways	15
Tunnels	1

Note: The number of comments may exceed the total commenting, as participants may have commented on more than one topic.

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KEY THEME SUMMARY FROM ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS

The following table includes key themes from the engagement meetings held in the Northeast as part of this engagement. The meetings are listed in chronological order. As much as possible, the language expressed by the participants has been retained.

The key themes and a key theme roll-up for all the meetings can be found in the Engagement Summary Report.

KEY THEME SUMMARY FROM ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS	
MEETING	KEY THEMES
<p>Fort St. John Local Government Meeting #1 October 23, 2014 9:30am – 11:00am</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Highways: Participants agreed that there was a need to pave or hard-surface the 40km unpaved section of Highway 52 East. Highways: Participants agreed that the rehabilitation of existing infrastructure is generally preferred over four-laning or other capital projects for the region. Highways: Participants noted that there was a need for safe passing lanes in certain sections (especially on Highway 29 near Moberly Hill). Side roads: Participants agreed that Murray River Forest Service Road to Kinuseo Falls is in poor condition, and needs either hard-surfacing or more frequent grading. Engagement with Ministry: Participants expressed a strong interest in the establishment of a regional advisory committee for transportation issues.
<p>Fort St. John Local Government Meeting #2 October 23, 2014 1:00pm – 2:30pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Highways and side roads: Participants noted a need for transportation infrastructure to facilitate heavy trucking traffic. There was a concern that heavy traffic from provincial roads is impacting municipal roads. Highways and side roads: Participants noted concerns with industrial development happening adjacent to cities and how industrial activity, and its transportation of goods, affects the cities. Highways and side roads: Participants voiced concerns with engineering standards of the roads. Some suggested that the Peace should have a higher standard of roads (including wider shoulders and less steep ditches) in order to accommodate the heavy equipment coming through the region. The mayor of Fort St. John supports twinning the highway between Fort St. John and Alberta in order to make it safer. Highways and side roads: Participants noted concerns with line painting in terms of durability and timeliness of application and how that impacts safety. Airports (funding) Participants were interested in attaining provincial funding to support YXJ (Fort St. John) airport. Participants noted that passenger numbers have grown greatly and the airport is in need of apron and terminal expansions.

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MEETING	KEY THEMES
<p>Dawson Creek Local Government Meeting November 3, 2014 9:30am – 11:00am</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Highways and side roads: Participants noted a need to accommodate the heavy loads that will be increasing in the region if the development of Site C or LNG facilities is approved. Highways: Participants noted the poor condition of the unpaved section of Highway 52 East and indicated that many drivers avoid this area because of the bad condition. Highways: Participants from Pouce Coupe requested to be consulted on the routing of the Highway 2 Bypass. They expressed a desire for the Ministry to bring forward a handful of feasible options from an engineering/technical perspective. Highways and side roads (safety): Participants expressed interest in providing pedestrian safety measures while waiting for the Pouce Coupe Bypass Project to be undertaken.
<p>Dawson Creek Stakeholder Meeting¹ November 3, 2014 11:00am – 12:30pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement process: All participants noted concerns with the consultation process. They indicated some that it would make more sense to consult when on an already-existing draft of the plan and strongly indicated that they should get the opportunity to comment once the plan has been developed. Transportation planning: Participants noted that the transportation planning process should be more strongly and more explicitly linked to the provincial economic strategy of LNG development. Transportation planning: Participants agreed that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure should ensure that the Northeast part of the province gets a larger, more appropriate amount of resources that takes into account the revenues that the province receives from that region.
<p>Fort Nelson Stakeholder Meeting November 24, 2014 12:30pm – 2:00pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Bridges: Participants agreed that the Fort Nelson River Bridge needs improvement or replacement. Highways: Participants agreed that safety on Highway 97 (the Alaska Highway) was critical for their communities. Rail: Participants agreed that rail freight services were critical for moving goods to and from the town. Participants indicated that Fort Nelson needed increased or more efficient rail service. Airport: Participants agreed that the airport was key to the connectivity and the economy of the region. Participants noted a need for airport security services and infrastructure improvements. Commercial Vehicles: Participants expressed frustration at some CVSE (commercial vehicles) regulations and noted that such stringent regulation causes inefficiencies.

¹ Stakeholder meetings included a combination of the following groups: community groups, Chambers of Commerce, local and provincial business organizations, airports, ports, Health Authorities.

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<p>Fort Nelson First Nations Meeting November 24, 2014 2:30pm – 4:00pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Highways (safety): Fort Nelson First Nation noted that highway safety is a main concern. Bridges: Fort Nelson First Nation pointed out that the Fort Nelson River Bridge is crucial to the interests and safety of the community and MoTI should provide more information about any upcoming projects.
<p>Fort St. John Stakeholder Meeting November 25, 2014 9:30am – 11:00am</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Highways: Participants agreed that there was a need for highway improvements and expansion between the Alberta border and Pink Mountain to address safety and increasing congestion. Participants especially noted problems with the South Taylor Hill. Airport: Participants agreed that the North Peace Regional Airport needs more funding to keep up with safety regulations and to expand facilities to accommodate dramatic growth in the region. Commercial Vehicles: Participants agreed that there was a need for commercial driver training programs better safety regulation for commercial vehicles to ensure the safety of all road users. Rail: Participants noted that there was a need for rail to serve industries other than oil and gas. Commercial Vehicles: Participants noted that there was a need for Commercial Vehicle regulations to focus on safety. Transportation planning: Participants noted that the government should not forget wildlife, tourism and other industries, not necessarily related to oil and gas, in transportation planning.
<p>Fort St. John First Nations Meeting November 25, 2014 1:00pm – 2:30pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Highways and side roads: Road safety was an important concern for the Halfway River First Nation. This participant pointed to a need for additional pullouts, rest-areas, and better signage in the region. Highways and side roads: The Halfway River First Nation noted that smooth connections between cities should be a top concern for the 10-year transportation plan. Highways and side roads: The Halfway River First Nation also noted a need for more tourism planning and better information and reservation services.