

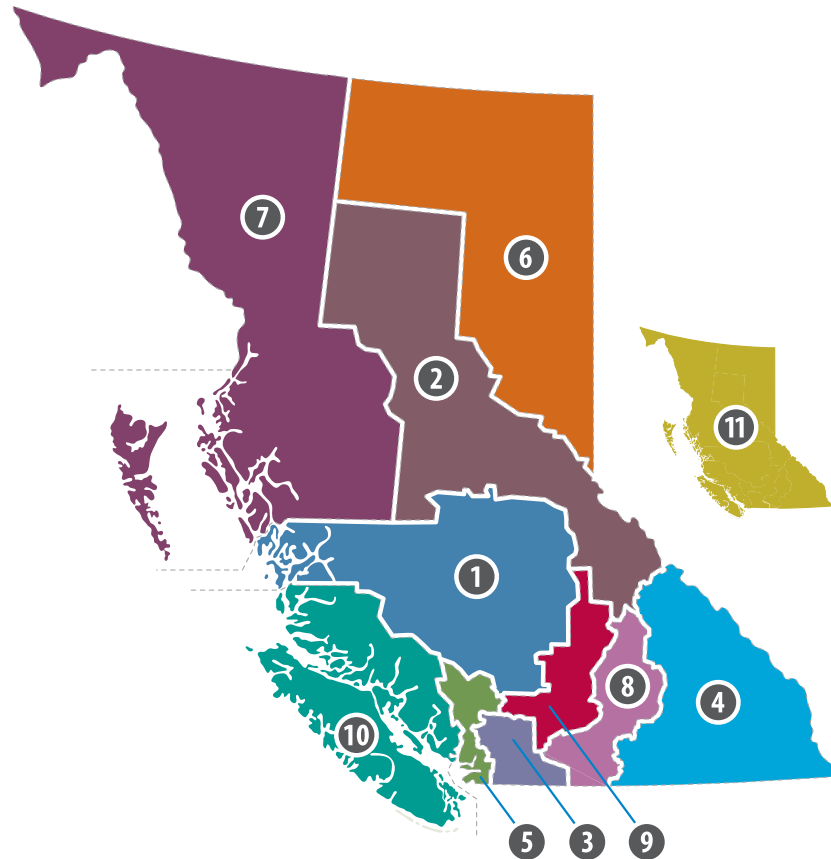
B.C. on the Move: A 10-Year Transportation Plan  
Public Engagement Summary Report – January 2015

## **Appendix 8: Detailed Results for Okanagan**

## DETAILED RESULTS – OKANAGAN

## 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:



		<b>Total Commenting 12,661 *</b>
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	<b>Okanagan</b>	<b>1,648</b>
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**

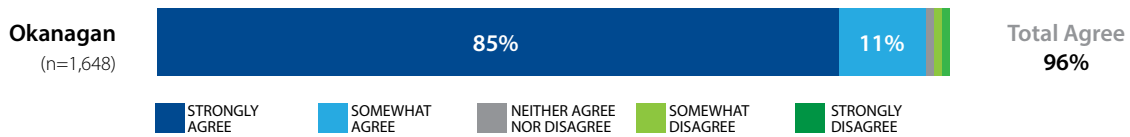
Below are the regional totals for the Okanagan region for questions 1-3 from the surveys completed as part of the engagement process.

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**

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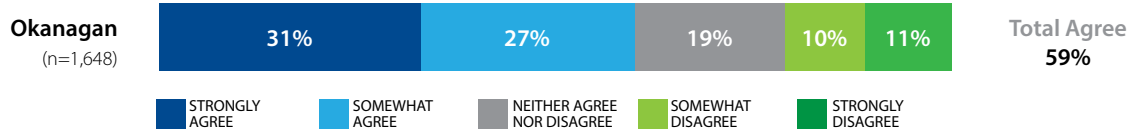
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**Q2.0 GROWING THE ECONOMY**

**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.



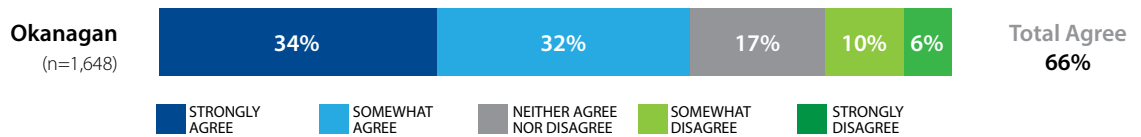
**Q2.2 IDENTIFYING AND UPGRADING KEY HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES TO FACILITATE HEAVY AND OVERSIZED HAULING TO KEEP COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC FLOWING SMOOTHLY ACROSS B.C.**

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.



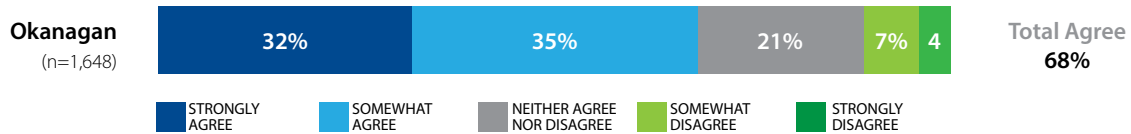
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### Q2.0 GROWING THE ECONOMY continued

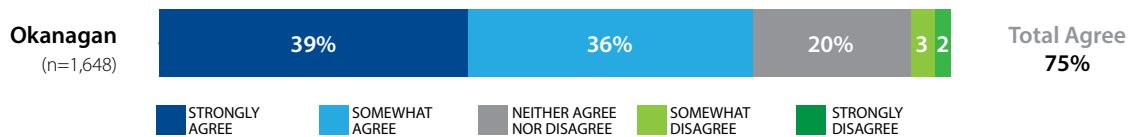
#### Q2.4 STRENGTHENING B.C.'S TRUCKING SECTOR

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.



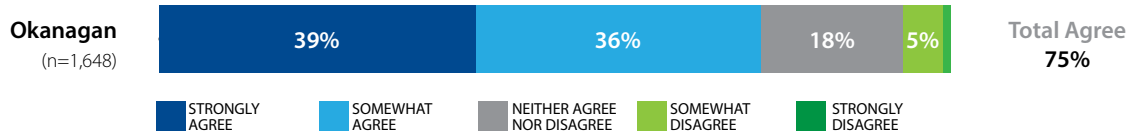
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**Q3.0 CONNECTING AND STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES**

**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.



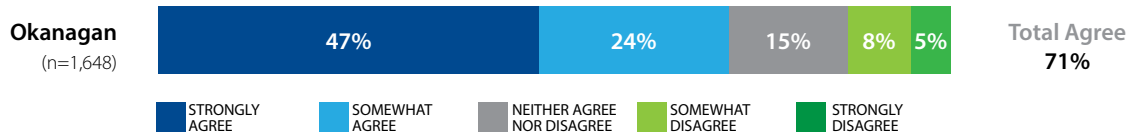
**Q3.2 IMPROVING AND INCREASING TRANSIT SERVICES FOR COMMUNITIES ACROSS B.C.**

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.



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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 Okanagan 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.

<b>OKANAGAN TOP 3 IMPROVEMENTS</b>	<b>Total Commenting 1,648</b>
<b>Highways and Side Roads</b>	<b>1,261</b>
Maintenance (i.e., re-surfacing, snow removal, concerns regarding maintenance)	337
Improvements to provincial highways (i.e., suggestions for improvements included upgrades for safety, 4-laning, intersection upgrades)	313
Improvements to Trans-Canada Highway/Hwy (i.e., suggestions for improvements included upgrades for safety, 4-laning, intersection upgrades)	287
Improve secondary/rural access roads (i.e., paving, concerns regarding maintenance)	219
Safety (need for wildlife fencing, reflectors, signage, reduction of speeding and aggressive driving)	217
<b>Transit (BC Transit and TransLink)</b>	<b>318</b>
Increase public transit options for communities outside of Lower Mainland	127
Increase government funding to expand public transit options	80
Provide regular (rapid) bus intercommunity services	53
<b>Cycling &amp; Pedestrian</b>	<b>267</b>
Build more bike lanes/protected cyclist access	194
Healthy living/good for the environment/fund new active transportation infrastructure/walkable communities/trails	65
Build more sidewalks/protected pedestrian access	27
<b>Bridges</b>	<b>225</b>
Concerns regarding maintenance/replace/upgrade older bridges	97
Build more bridges	50
<b>Airports</b>	<b>140</b>
Increased funding for improvements (i.e., all weather operational equipment, enlarge runways, more regional airports)	98
Flight suggestions (i.e., cheaper fares, frequent regional flights, more destinations)	44
<b>Rail</b>	<b>131</b>
Provide (affordable/high speed) Intercommunity commuter/passenger rail service	48
Improve, increase use of, maintain railways	42
Increase commercial train usage to decrease truck traffic	39

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Ferries (Inland/Coastal)	83
Reduce fares/offer discounts	37
BC Ferries are part of the highway system/should be funded by the Prov. Govt./run by Ministry of Transportation	15
Save costs by reducing administration/management salaries/pensions/compensation	14
Tunnels	8
George Massey Tunnel replacement	8
Ports	4

*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 Okanagan 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><b>Penticton</b> Local Government Meeting October 28, 2014 2:00pm – 3:30pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Highways and side roads:</b> Participants agreed that continued investments in Highway 1 and 97 and side roads were a priority in the region.</li> <li><b>Cycling and pedestrians:</b> Participants were very supportive of cycling initiatives in the region and requested that the plan include projects that would support the growth of cycling, such as improved trails, signed routes and additional safety precautions for recreational cyclists. Participants noted the economic importance of cycling for the region’s tourism industry.</li> <li><b>Airport:</b> Participants from Penticton requested that the Ministry look into providing funding to the Penticton Airport for needed upgrades to the terminal facilities, which would allow the Airport to be able to support growing demand for its services.</li> <li><b>Highways and side roads:</b> Participants requested that the plan include projects that would promote and support safe and efficient access between communities, including an expansion of the road network between Osoyoos and Kelowna.</li> <li><b>Transportation planning:</b> Participants reiterated that the plan should facilitate and support tourism based growth and initiatives in the Okanagan region.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Vernon</b> Local Government Meeting October 29, 2014 9:30am – 11:00am</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Highways:</b> Participants expressed a need for continued investments on Highway 97 to address reliability and safety issues. Participants asked that long-term investments such as bypasses, and short-term investments to increase safety, be outlined in the 10 year plan.</li> <li><b>Rail:</b> Participants were in agreement that the Province has an increased role to play in the short and long-term plans for the decommissioned CP rail line, and that the land should be used to connect the community a cycling/ pedestrian trail.</li> <li><b>Side roads:</b> Participants indicated the importance of improvements and maintenance of side roads to the region’s economic development, and requested that the 10-year plan outline additional investments in side roads.</li> <li><b>Airports (funding):</b> Participants were in agreement that additional funding mechanisms should be developed by the Province in collaboration with the federal government for rural airports, such as the one in Vernon.</li> </ol>

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<p><b>Kelowna</b> Local Government Meeting October, 29, 2014 1:30pm – 3:00pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Bridges:</b> Participants requested clarity surrounding the second crossing of Okanagan project and reiterated their desire for the project to move ahead.</li> <li><b>Highways:</b> Participants expressed concern with congestion and safety issues on Highway 97.</li> <li><b>Highways and side roads:</b> Participants from Peachland reiterated their desire for a bypass and requested that the Ministry keep them abreast of their plans as they move towards a strategic community plan.</li> <li><b>Cycling:</b> Participants reiterated the importance of cycling for the region's economy and requested that additional investments be made towards cycling paths and road side maintenance. Participants suggested that a vision be created for cycling in the region.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Penticton</b> Stakeholder Meeting<sup>1</sup> November 4, 2014 2:00pm – 3:30pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Highways:</b> Participants reiterated the importance of investments in Highway 3 to improve safety and mobility throughout the region.</li> <li><b>Highways:</b> Participants reiterated the need for continued improvements along Highway 97 south of Penticton to address reliability issues.</li> <li><b>Highways and side roads:</b> Participants from Peachland expressed the community's desire for a bypass and requested that the Province share planning strategies with the community as soon as they are developed.</li> <li><b>Transit:</b> Participants expressed a need for, but lack of, community public transit connections throughout the region. Participants highlighted the usefulness and need for public transit from both a social and economic perspective.</li> <li><b>Airports:</b> Participants noted that increased interconnectivity between communities and airports is important for tourism.</li> <li><b>Cycling:</b> Participants agreed that cycling is a priority for the region's tourism industry and request that the Ministry look into widening road shoulders to provide safer routes.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Vernon</b> Stakeholder Meeting November 5, 2014 9:30am – 11:00am</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Highways:</b> Participants expressed a need for continued investments on Highway 97 to address reliability and safety issues.</li> <li><b>Rail:</b> Participants were in agreement that the province has an increased role to plan in the short and long-term plans for the decommissioned CP rail line and that the land should be used to connect the community as a cycling/ pedestrian trail.</li> <li><b>Airports (funding):</b> Participants were in agreement that additional funding is needed for rural airports with no regularly scheduled flights.</li> <li><b>Transit:</b> Participants expressed concerns about the lack of community public transit connections throughout the region.</li> </ol>

<sup>1</sup> 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><b>Kelowna</b> Stakeholder Meeting November 5, 2014 1:30pm – 3:00pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Highways and side roads/Bridges:</b> Participants were in agreement that increased investments in Highway 97 and the second crossing of Okanagan Lake were needed to address safety and reliability concerns.</li> <li><b>Transit:</b> Participants indicated that increased investments in public transportation were necessary for the region to improve connections between communities, access to services and to facilitate economic growth.</li> <li><b>Airports:</b> Participants were in agreement that investments in the Kelowna airport, including public transportation connections and improved interchange access from Highway 97, were a priority.</li> <li><b>Highways and side roads:</b> Participants from Peachland indicated that the community would like a bypass.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Kelowna</b> First Nations Meeting November 19, 2014 1:30pm – 3:00pm</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Collaboration with Partners:</b> Participants expressed a desire for increased participation and opportunities to work with the Ministry on projects.</li> <li><b>Collaboration with Partners:</b> Participants indicated that open communication with them is appreciated but also expected.</li> <li><b>Funding:</b> Participants were in agreement that they should receive the gas tax.</li> <li><b>Collaboration with Partners:</b> Participants reiterated that they are rights and lands holders, not stakeholders and should not be treated as stakeholder.</li> <li><b>Highways and side roads:</b> Participants indicated that investments to increase access to reserves is a priority for their communities.</li> </ol>