

# Richland County Long-Range Transportation Plan

Regional Transportation Team Meeting #1

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# Agenda

- Welcome & Introduction
- Long-Range Transportation Plan 101
- Overview & Progress
- Project Roles
- Existing Conditions
- Next Steps

# Introduction



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# Long-Range Transportation Plan 101

## What is a long-range transportation plan?

- A primary function of a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- Long-term (20+ years) transportation policies and cost-constrained list of capacity projects
- Must be updated every five years

## What is the purpose?

- Roadmap for effective decision-making
- Helps obtain funding opportunities
- Measures success over time with defined performance measures
- Ensures environmental justice and public involvement in capital improvement projects
- Ensures consistency with the statewide transportation plan

# Long-Range Transportation Plan 101

What types of transportation are discussed?



Public Transit



Passenger  
Transportation



Freight



Rail



Personal  
Transportation



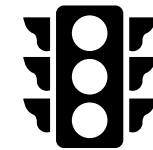
Road Network and  
Functional  
Classification



Bridges



Active or Alternative  
Transportation



Safety and Traffic  
Control

# Overview

## Community-Driven Planning Process

Goals of the  
plan will come  
from public  
participation

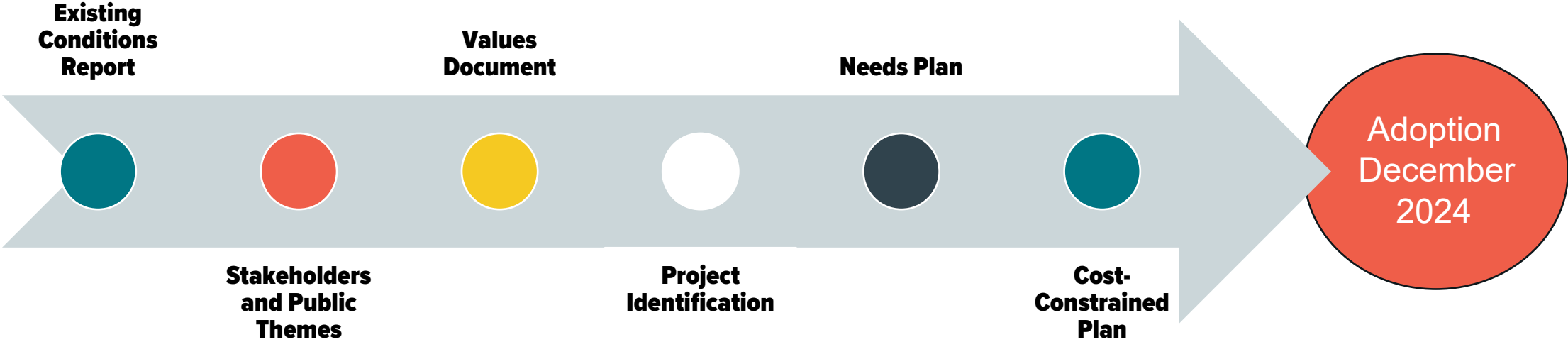
## Asset-Based Approach

Identifying and  
utilizing  
community  
assets to benefit  
the community

## Practical Implementation

Clearly outlining  
the steps  
needed to  
implement plan  
projects

# Project Overview



# Project Roles

## Your Role

- Be a source of knowledge about the community
- Help us encourage public engagement
- Support the adoption of the final plan

## Your Responsibility

- Attend Team Meetings
- Review any draft materials
- Encourage others to participate
- Complete any online surveys



# Progress

## Existing Conditions Analysis

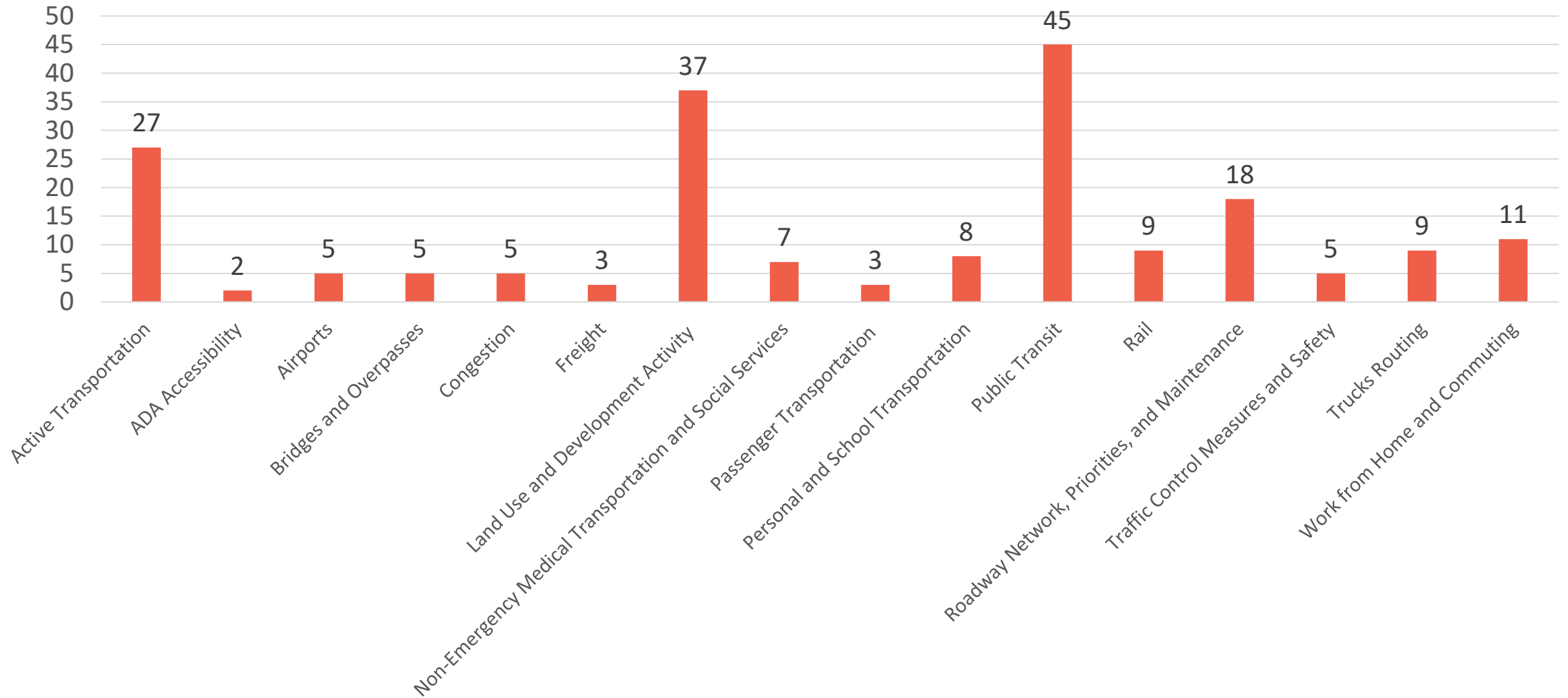
- Demographics
- Inventory
- Review Existing Plans

## Stakeholder Interviews

In-Person (February 21<sup>st</sup>) and Virtual (Week of February 26<sup>th</sup>)

- Freight
- Community Advocates
- Transit
- Major Employers
- Education
- Economic Development
- Regional Partners

# Public Engagement To-Date



# Richland County “Fun Facts”

Did you know this about your MPO?



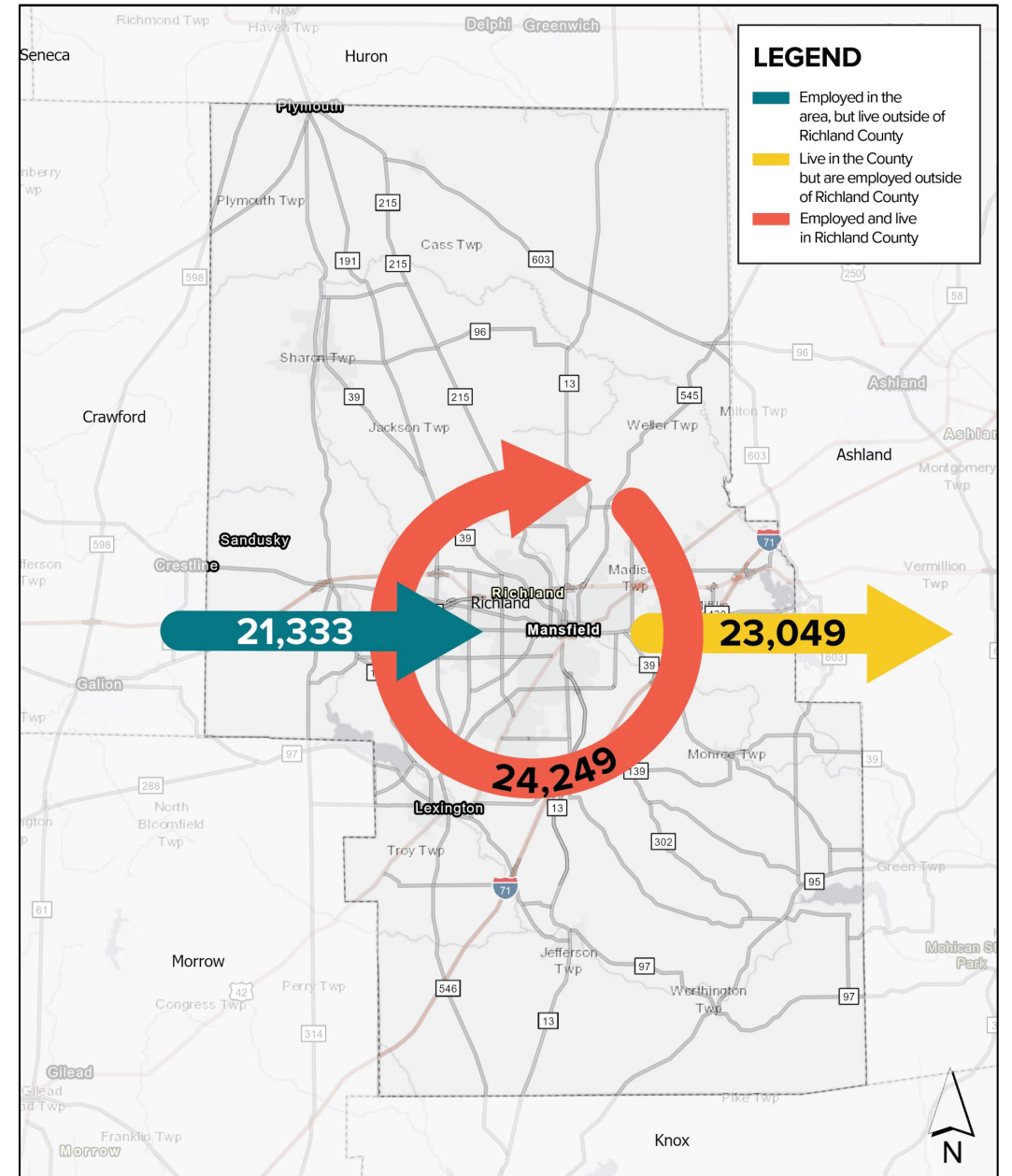
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# Do more employees commute into or out of Richland County?

**It's about equal!**



# Did 2023 have more or fewer crashes than 2021?

**Fewer!**

Crashes were down overall by  
about 700

Speeding-related crashes were  
also down by 1%

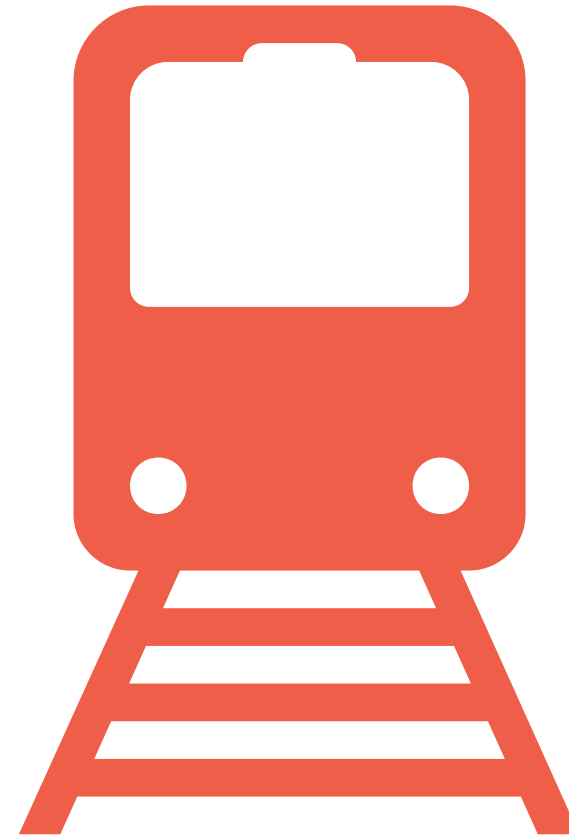


**True or False: An average crossing in Richland County sees over 10 trains a day.**

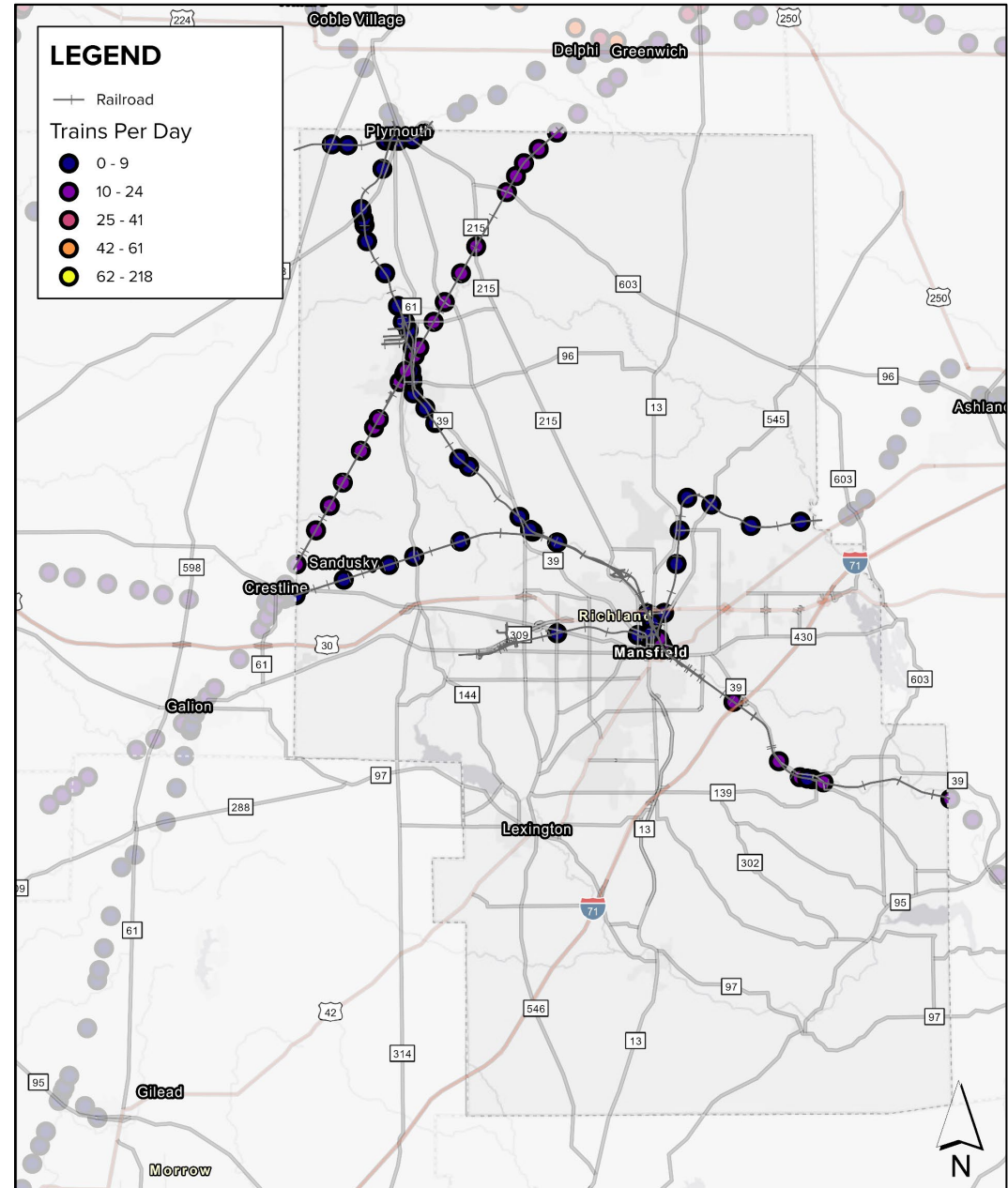
**False!**

Rail crossings see 6.7 trains per day.

There are 83 rail crossings within the county.



# Rail Crossings



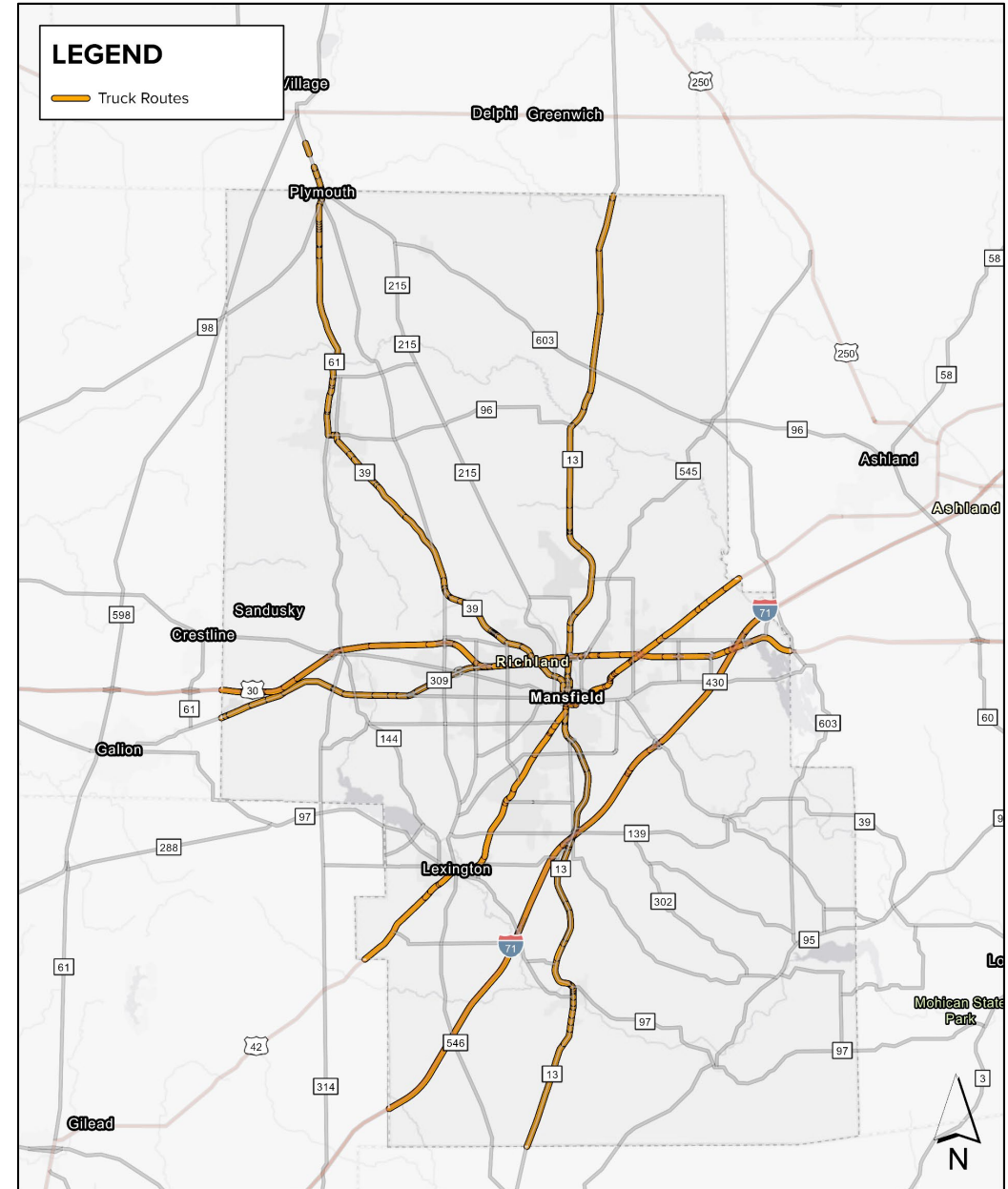
# How many miles of truck routes does Richland County have?

**About 120 miles**, or about 8% of all Richland County roads!





# Truck Routes



# Mapping Activity



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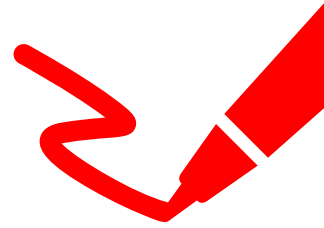
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# Mapping Activity



## Good Performance Areas

- Few safety risks
- Predictable travel time
- Roads in good condition
- Transit access
- Walkable/Bikeable



## Barriers

- Not performing well
- Barrier to growth
- Encourages alternatives to be sought
- What is missing?



## Other Thoughts

- Overall thoughts on transportation
- How can systems support community goals?
- What do we need to know for this plan?

# Discussion

What surprised you? Did we miss anything?



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# Next Steps

- Draft Existing Conditions Report
- Public Survey and Engagement

# Schedule

## **Meeting #1 – March 14, 2024**

Introduction and Existing Conditions

## **Meeting #2 – April 2024**

Existing Conditions and Public Engagement

## **Meeting #3 – May 2024**

Values, Goals, and Performance Metrics

## **Meeting #4 – June 2024**

Projects Review and Needs Plan

## **Meeting #5 – August 2024**

Cost-Constrained Plan

## **Meeting #6 – October 2024**

Draft Plans Presentation

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STARTS WITH

YOU

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Thank you!

Please don't hesitate to reach out  
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