

## Big Ideas Summary | Transportation

PDR staff received 715 big ideas related to Transportation.

- **Transit:** 272 big ideas are related to this topic:
  - **Expand local bus system:** Provide more routes to more places in the city and the region, including to the Airport and into the surrounding counties.
  - **Expand the BRT network:** Create more high frequency bus systems with dedicated lanes, especially connecting the north and south sides of the city, and to Short Pump.
  - **Free/reduced cost fares:** Provide free or reduced cost fares, at least for low-income riders, which could increase ridership.
  - **Bus stop amenities:** Increase and maintain the amenities of local bus stops, including shelters, seating, maps, and lighting.
  - **Park 'n Ride:** Provide Park 'n Ride facilities at both ends of the Pulse BRT.
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure:** 155 big ideas are related to this topic area:
  - **Build more bike lanes:** Build more bike lanes and other bike amenities throughout the city and into the counties, to encourage the use of this mode of transportation. Ensure an equitable distribution of bicycle amenities.
  - **Bike system connectivity:** Make bike lanes connect to one another for a more holistic system, and don't end bike lanes abruptly.
  - **Expand the bike share:** Expand the bike share to with the addition of more stations.
  - **Bike Master Plan:** Implement the City's Bike Master Plan.
  - **Sidewalks:** Build sidewalks where missing such as in Southside and maintain them where they exist.
  - **Car-free zones:** Create "car-free zones" in locations like Carytown.
  - **Universal access:** Provide universal access for those that may use a wheelchair, especially near and around transit stops/stations.
  - **Crosswalks:** Improve and install more crosswalks to increase pedestrian safety when crossing streets. Consider increasing crossing times.
- **Multi-Modal Transportation System:** 107 big ideas are related to this topic area which echoed comments regarding Transit and Bike/Ped Infrastructure, and promoted a system of non-automobile transportation options:
  - **Complete streets:** Invest in complete streets infrastructure that provides a means for pedestrians, cyclists, buses, and automobiles to commute and travel safely.
- **Rail:** 64 big ideas are related to this topic area:
  - **Light Rail/Streetcar/Trolley:** Build a light rail/streetcar/trolley system throughout the city similar to what once existed.
  - **High-speed rail:** Build high-speed rail between Richmond and D.C., or as far as New York and N.C. if possible.
  - **Train service to Charlottesville:** Provide train service to Charlottesville, V.A.

- **Roadways, Parking, and Infrastructure:** 106 big ideas are related to this topic area:
  - **Safety:** Improve the safety of roadways by reducing speed limits, enforcing speeding, better lighting, elimination of traffic circles, and introducing traffic calming elements.
  - **Signage and wayfinding:** Improve the signage and wayfinding system so that residents and tourists can navigate the city more easily.
  - **Pavement and potholes:** Better maintain the existing roadways with more frequent re-paving and fixing of potholes.
  - **Two-Way Street Conversions:** Convert one-way streets to two-way streets to increase connectivity and decrease speeding.
  - **Parking:** More parking downtown and at major destinations and employers. Pursue parking decks when surface parking is scarce.
  - **Electric Vehicles and Green Infrastructure:** Provide for the use of electric vehicles with charging stations and incentives for their use. Plant more street trees to provide more shade and reduce the urban heat island effect. Pursue other green infrastructure technology and initiatives.