## Not Your Grandmother's Public Meeting: Innovative Engagement Strategies for 21st Century Projects

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## Who is HRT?



#### **Public Involvement at HRT**

- High Capacity Transit Studies
- Connect Hampton Roads
- Title VI
- Transit Development Plan









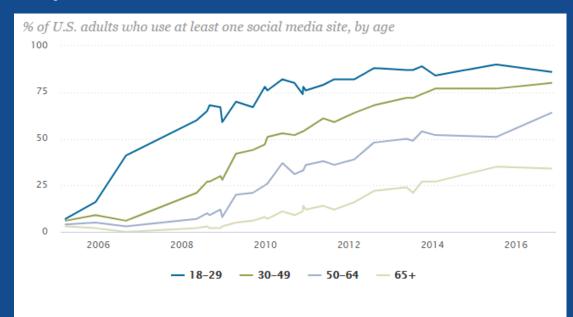
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# The Problem With Traditional Engagement

- Public Meetings/Workshops Often Poorly Attended
- Only Reaches a Narrow Audience
- Not Enough Data Points
- Fails to Leverage New Technologies to Gain Better Insights

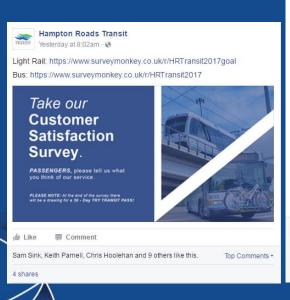
## There Are Other Ways To Reach Your Target Audience

- 88% of HRT Riders Own a Smartphone
- 69% of Adults Use Social Media
- People Don't Have to Come to You; Meet Them Where They Are



#### **Social Media**

- Leverage Your Partnerships
- Pay for Ads
- Find Ways to Spread Your Hashtags

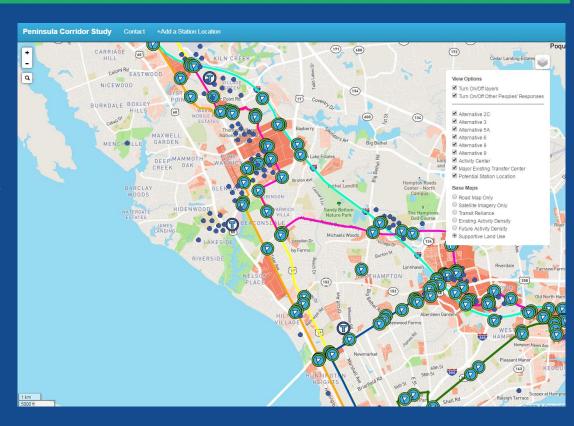






## **Interactive Mapping**

- Stations
- Routing
- Activity Centers





### **Public Involvement Software**

#### The MetroQuest Screen Library



## **Pop-Up Meetings**

- Cost Effective
- Diverse Audience
- Flexible Level of Input



## Making A Pop-Up Successful

- Eye-catching Display
- Swag
- <5 Minutes of Interaction</li>
- Location Where People Mill Around
- 1 Sentence Hook





### **Thank You**



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