



Travel Behavior Trends: Competing for Mode Loyalty

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Research Objectives

Frame

- Frame public transportation's role in the New Mobility Landscape

Show

- Show how public transit will be necessary and relevant going forward, even in the face of new offerings/technology

Explain

- Explain public transit agencies' emerging role as mobility managers

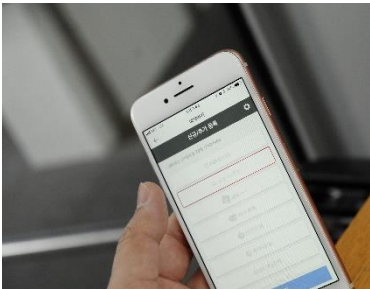
Key Finding #1

- Public Transportation is the Backbone of a Multi-Transit Lifestyle
 - New technologies, data capabilities, and business models disrupt public transportation



Public Transportation: Backbone of a Multi-Transit Lifestyle

- Millennials own cars more because they need them than because they want them
- Changing demographics and personal preferences favor public transportation



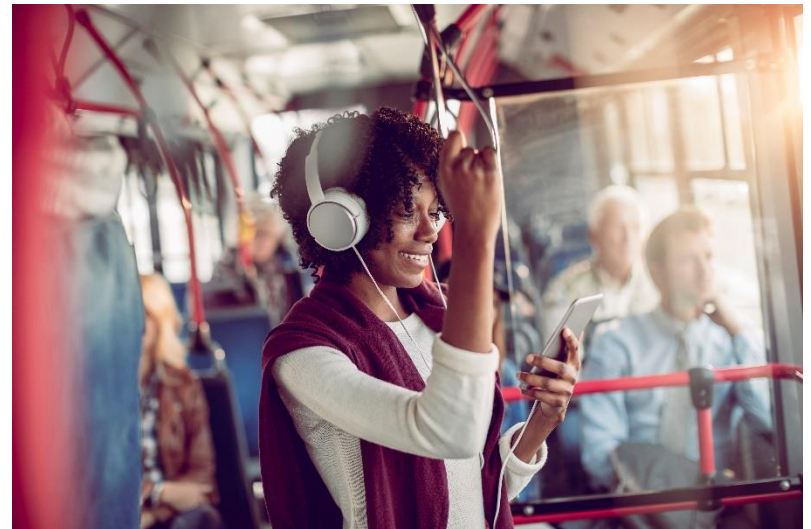
Key Finding #2

- Consumers Support Public Transportation
 - Support for more funding for public transportation is high
 - Support for transit priority: bus lanes



Consumers Support Public Transit

- Public transit will remain the most efficient way to move people, especially at peak periods
- Bus lanes and other interventions make public transportation more efficient
- These interventions are necessary to prioritize transit, grow ridership, and prevent congestion disaster



Key Finding #3

- Public Transportation's Role is as Mobility Manager
 - Regional actors needed to organize the wealth of transportation options



Public Transportation's Role: Mobility Manager

- Public transportation agencies well-suited to this role
- Best prepared to guide users to efficient and cost-effective travel
- Public agency has public mandate to protect the consumer and social equity



Takeaways/Next Steps

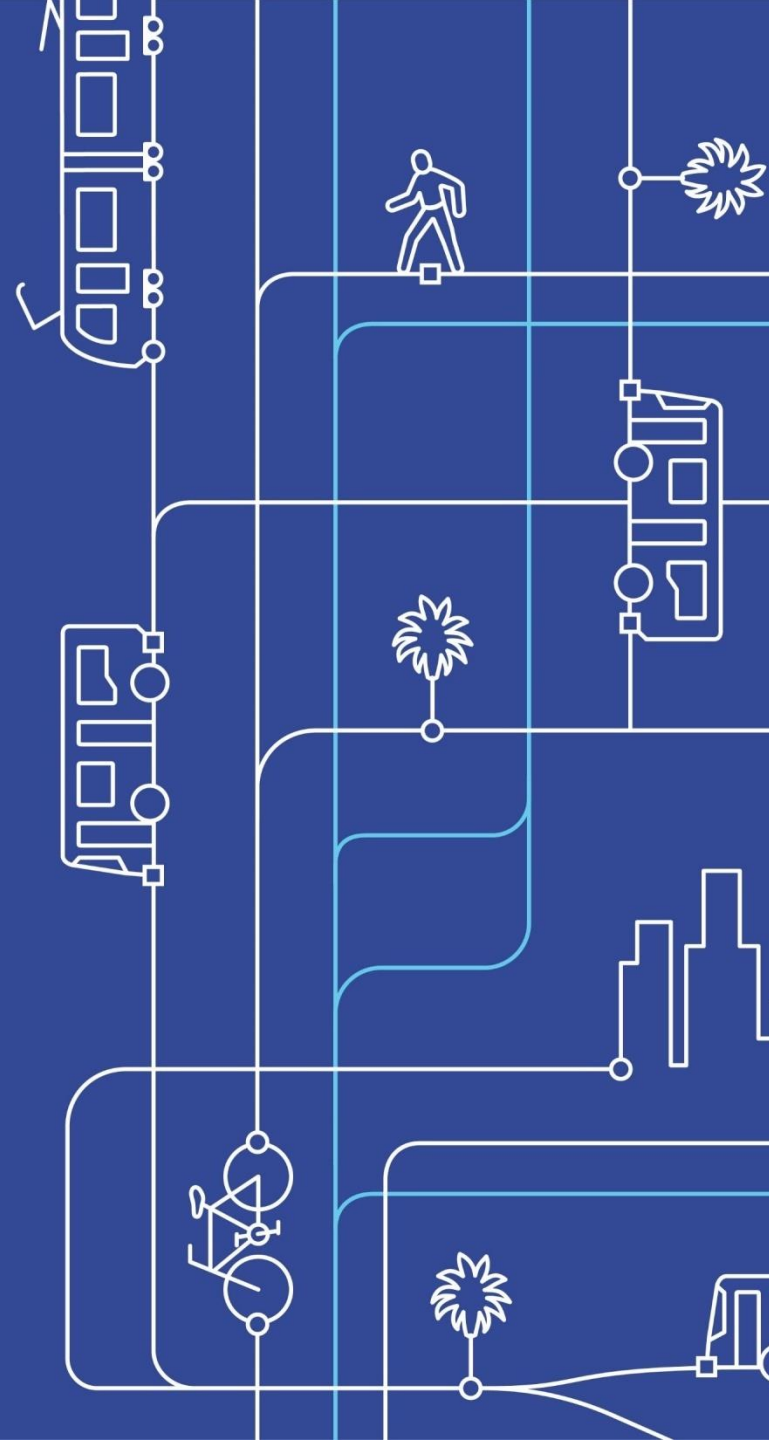
- Public Transportation will be the backbone of a multi-modal society
- Continue engagement with private sector partners
- Embrace culture of experimentation
- Protect consumer data & public interest as mobility managers
- Continue investing in public transportation



NEXTGEN Bus Study

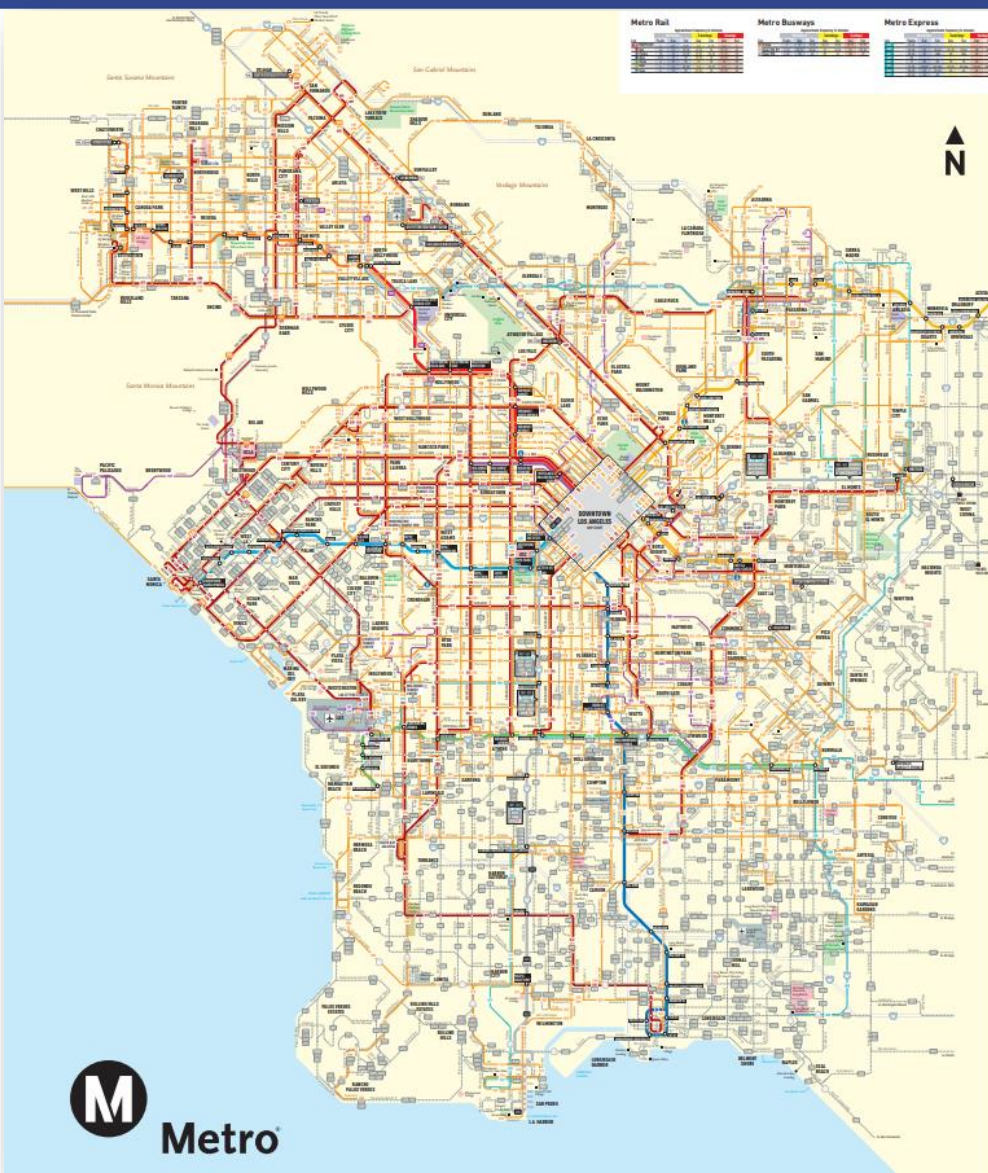
Understanding Transit
Market Potential

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Metro System Overview



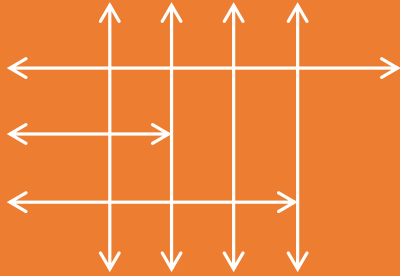
BUS

- 140 Lines/170 Routes
- 2,300 buses
- 14,000 stops
- 800,000 weekday boardings
- 7 million annual service hours
- \$1.2 billion annual operations

RAIL

- 4 Light Rail/2 Subway
- 240 cars
- 93 stations
- 350,000 weekday boardings
- 1.3 million annual service hours
- \$542 million annual operations

So, what is NextGen?



A new bus network



Something for everyone

Why are we doing this?

Outdated bus network

It's been 25 years since last redesign!

More People

1 million new residents

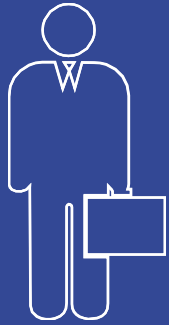
More places to go

New destinations

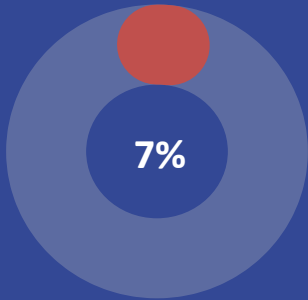
More ways to get there

Travel patterns have changed

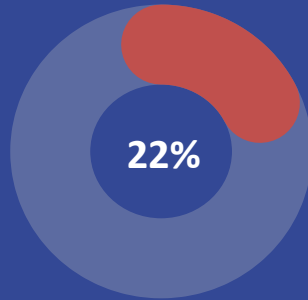
Four Types of Customers



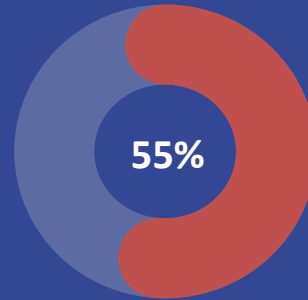
Frequent



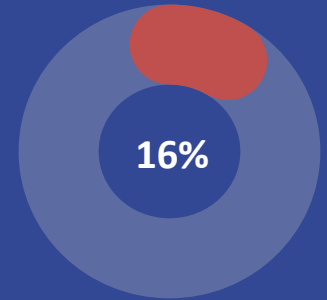
Occasional



Infrequent



Non-Rider






As a % of all LA County residents

Transit Riders

Frequency of Travel

Based on four months of TAP (farecard) data

	Usage Frequency	Count of Tap Cards	Count of Boardings
 Frequent	>150 Transactions	152,532 5%	43,680,893 52%
	50 – 150 Transactions	248,851 9%	22,027,882 26%
 Occasional	10 – 50 Transactions	552,374 20%	12,585,194 15%
 Infrequent	<10 Transactions	1,905,501 66%	5,614,072 7%
	Total	2,859,258 100%	83,908,041 100%

If **1 in 4 non riders**
used transit two times per month,
we would **more than recoup**
the **lost ridership**

Current Riders

Trip Purpose

Regular riders take buses to...

Work: 85% of riders

Shopping, Errands, & Entertainment:
Over 50% of riders



Frequent



Occasional



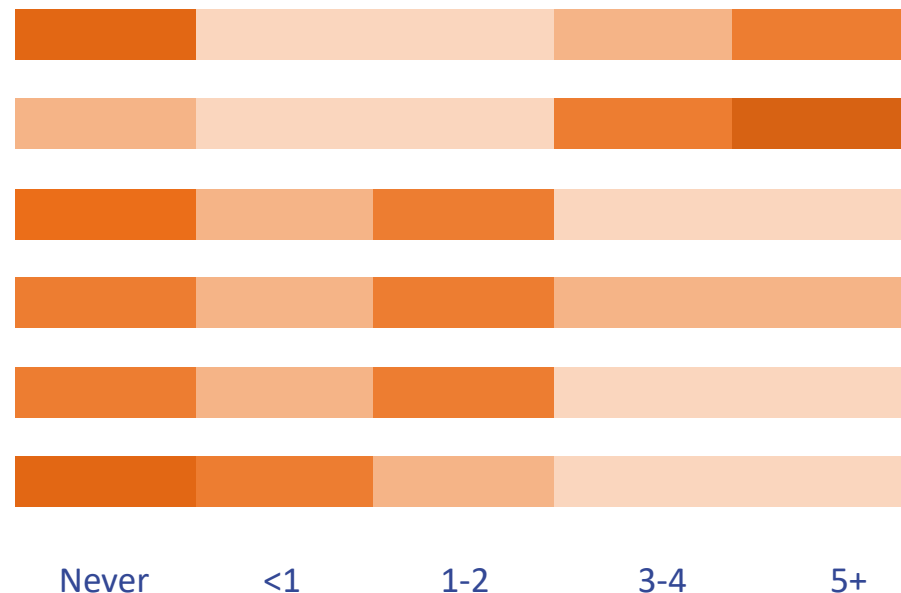
Infrequent



Never

School
Work
Shopping
Errands
Entertainment/Dining
Medical Appointments

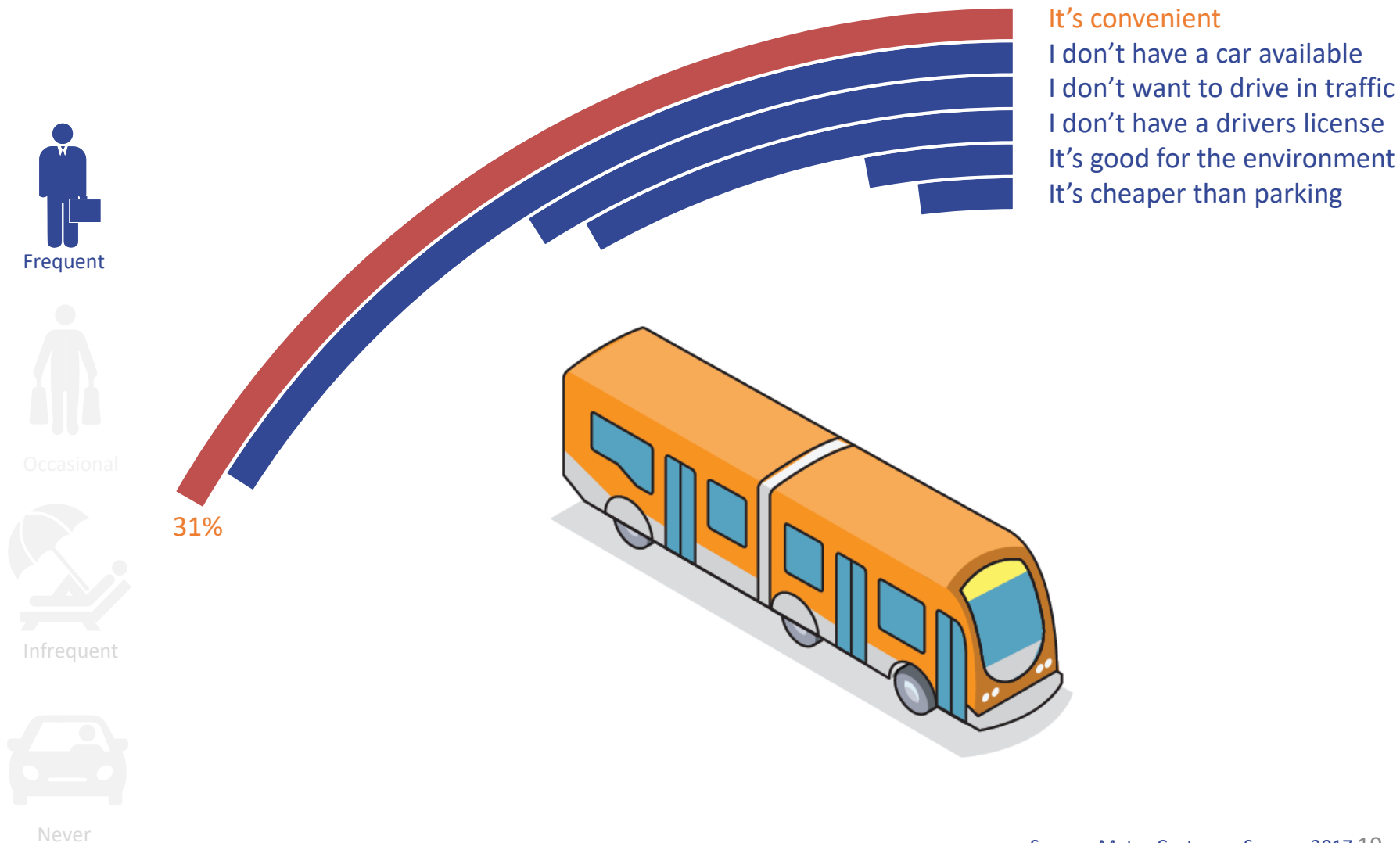
Days Per Week



High Frequency
Low Frequency

Current Riders

Main Reason for Riding



Current Riders

Main Reason for Riding

It's convenient because...



Frequent



Occasional



Infrequent

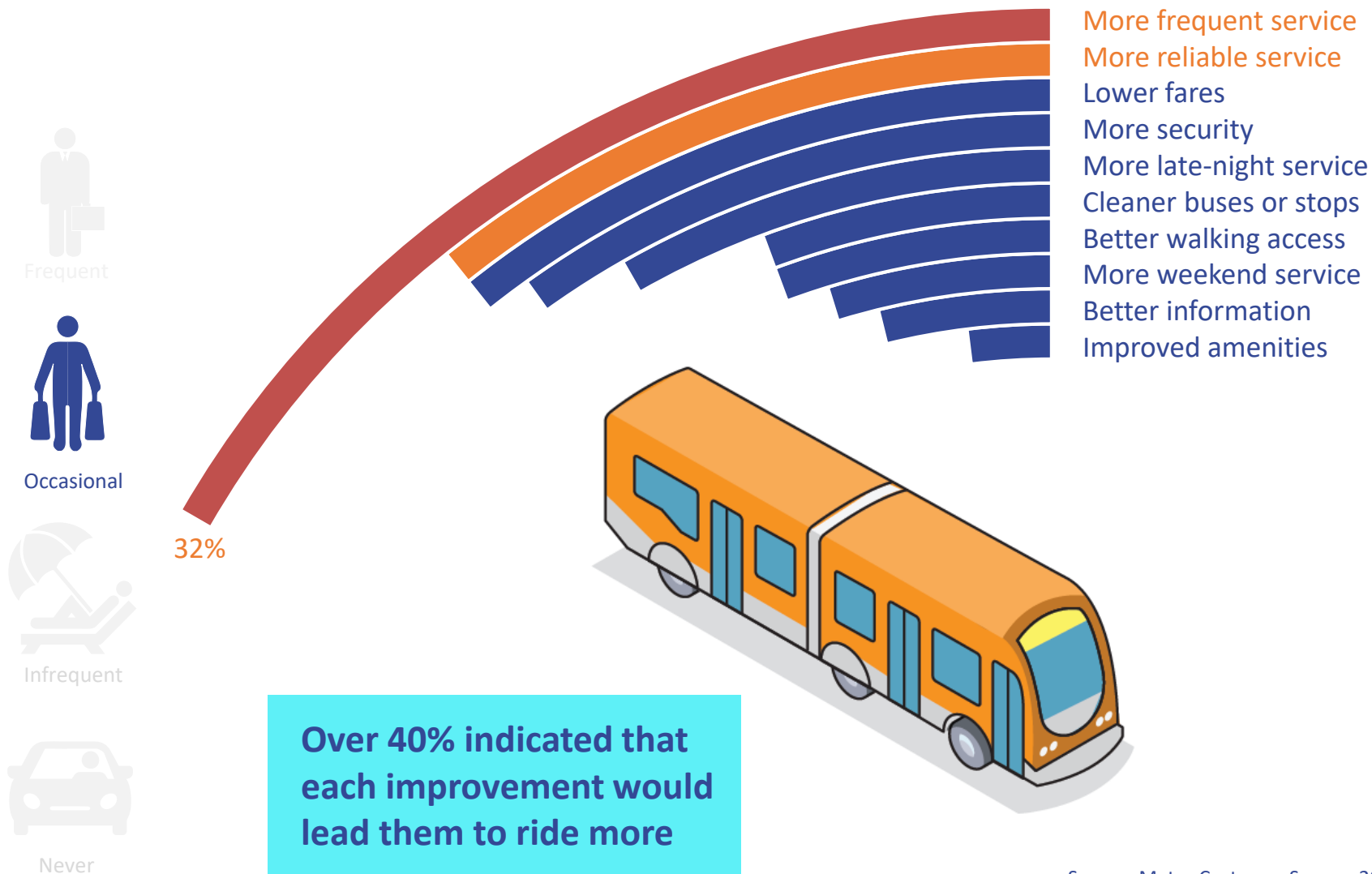


Never

It gets me where I need to go in timely matter
There is a stop near my house
It's easy to use
It's affordable

Current Riders

Primary Improvement Desired



Current Riders

Primary Improvement Desired



What Does Frequent Mean?



What Does Reliable Mean?



During Peak Hours

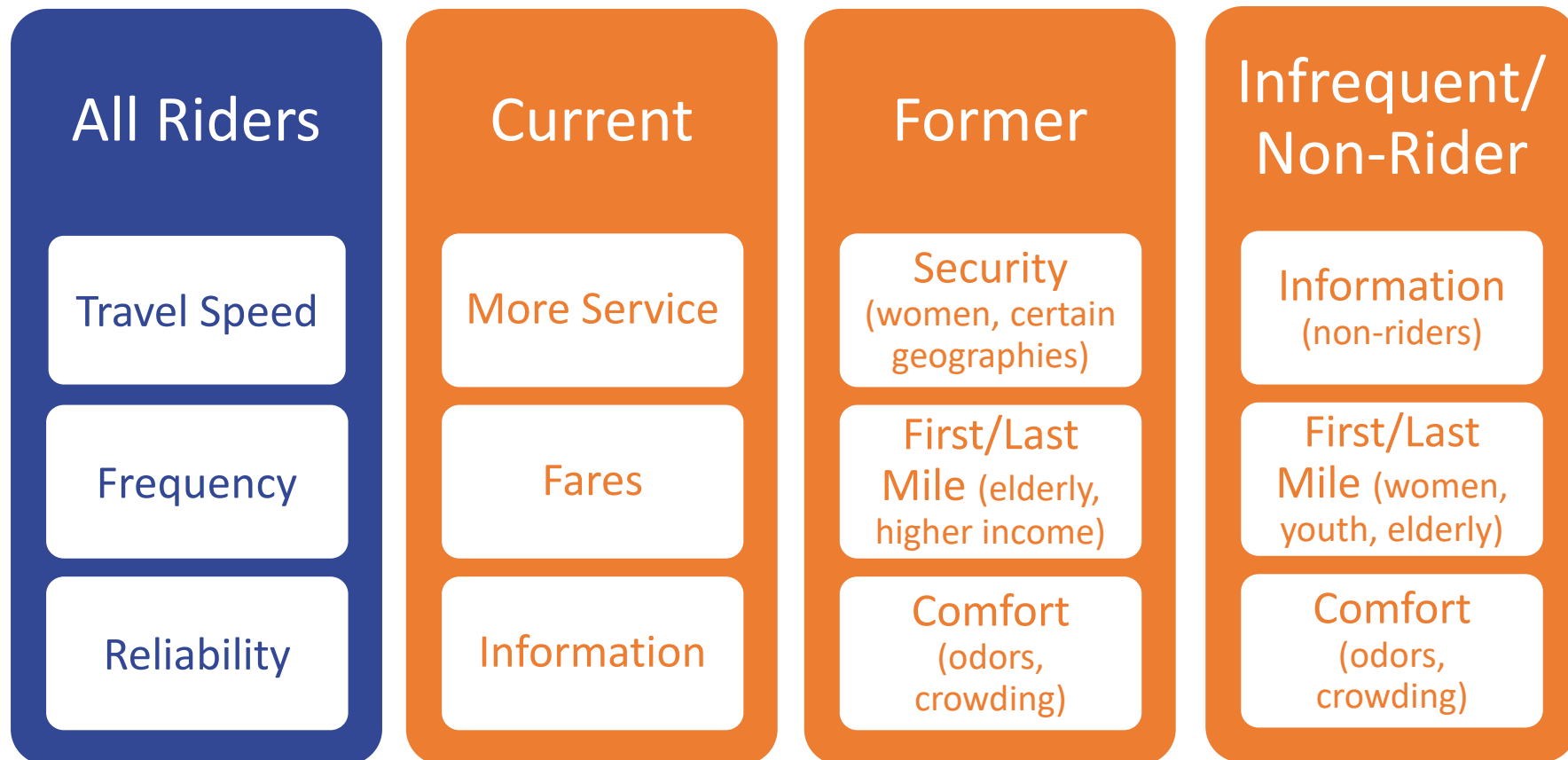


Off-Peak Hours

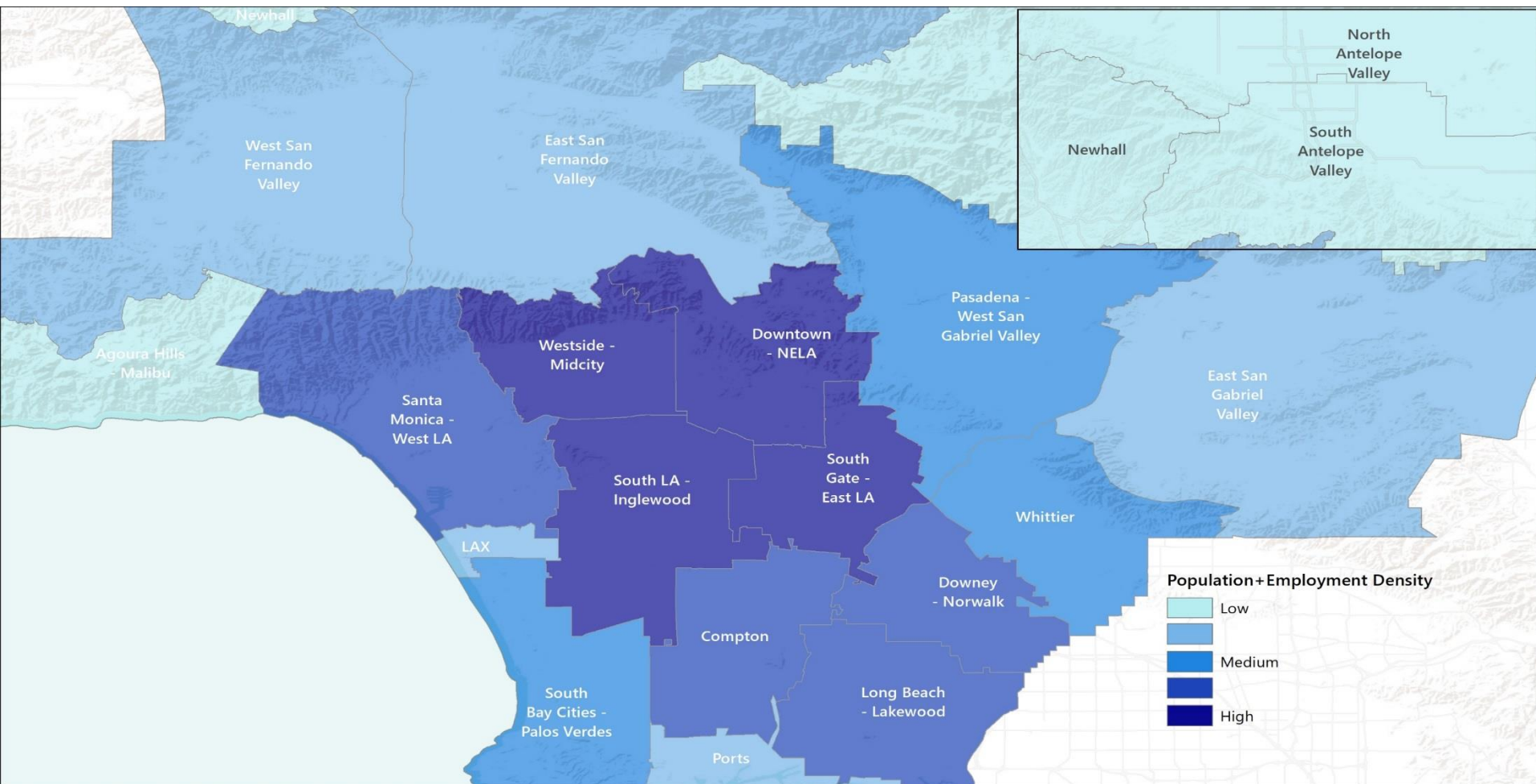


1. Buses are on time
2. Accurate information on real-time arrival
3. Reduced transfer wait time
(for Former and Infrequent Riders)

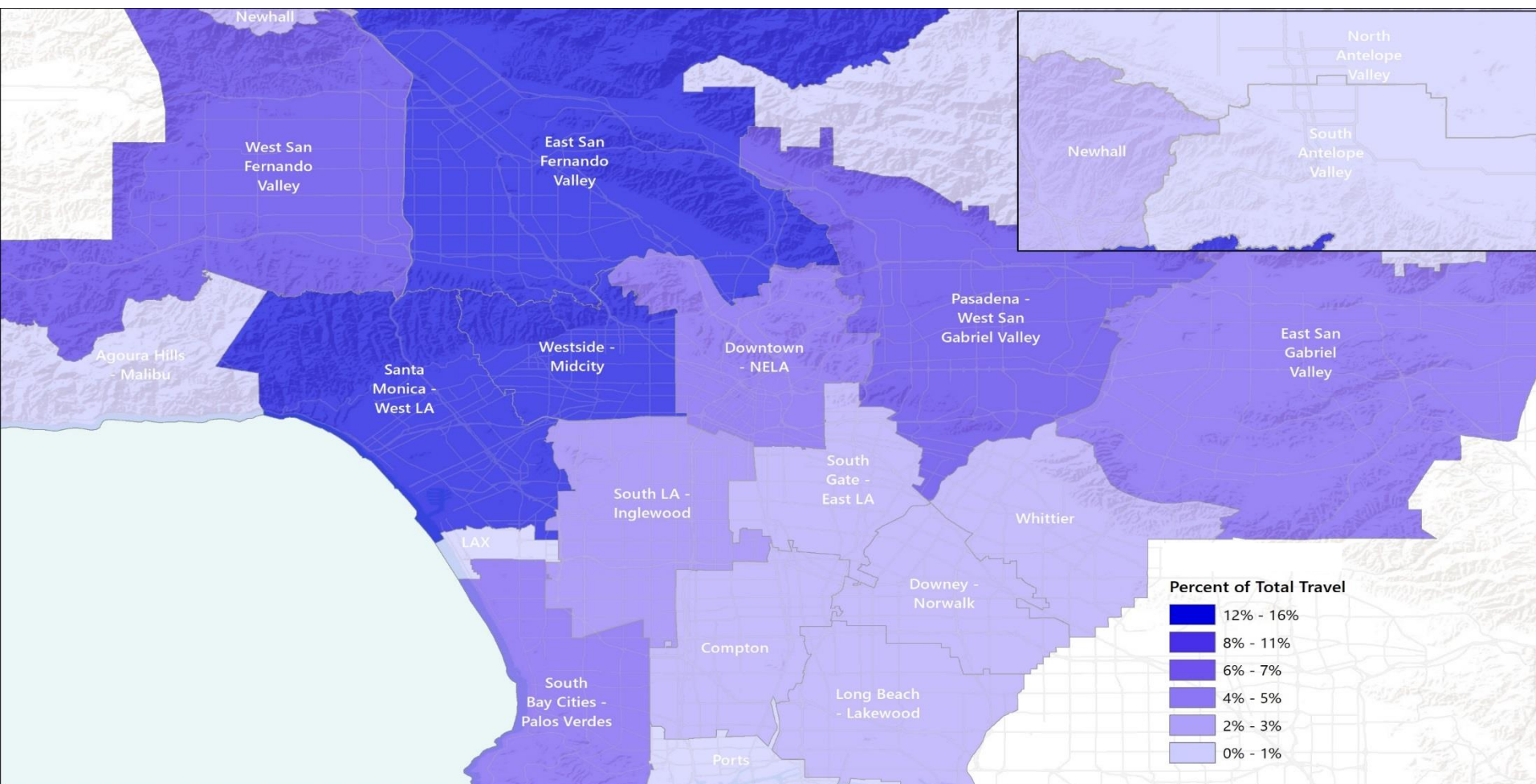
Service Parameters



Population and Employment Density



Travel Intensity (cell phone data)

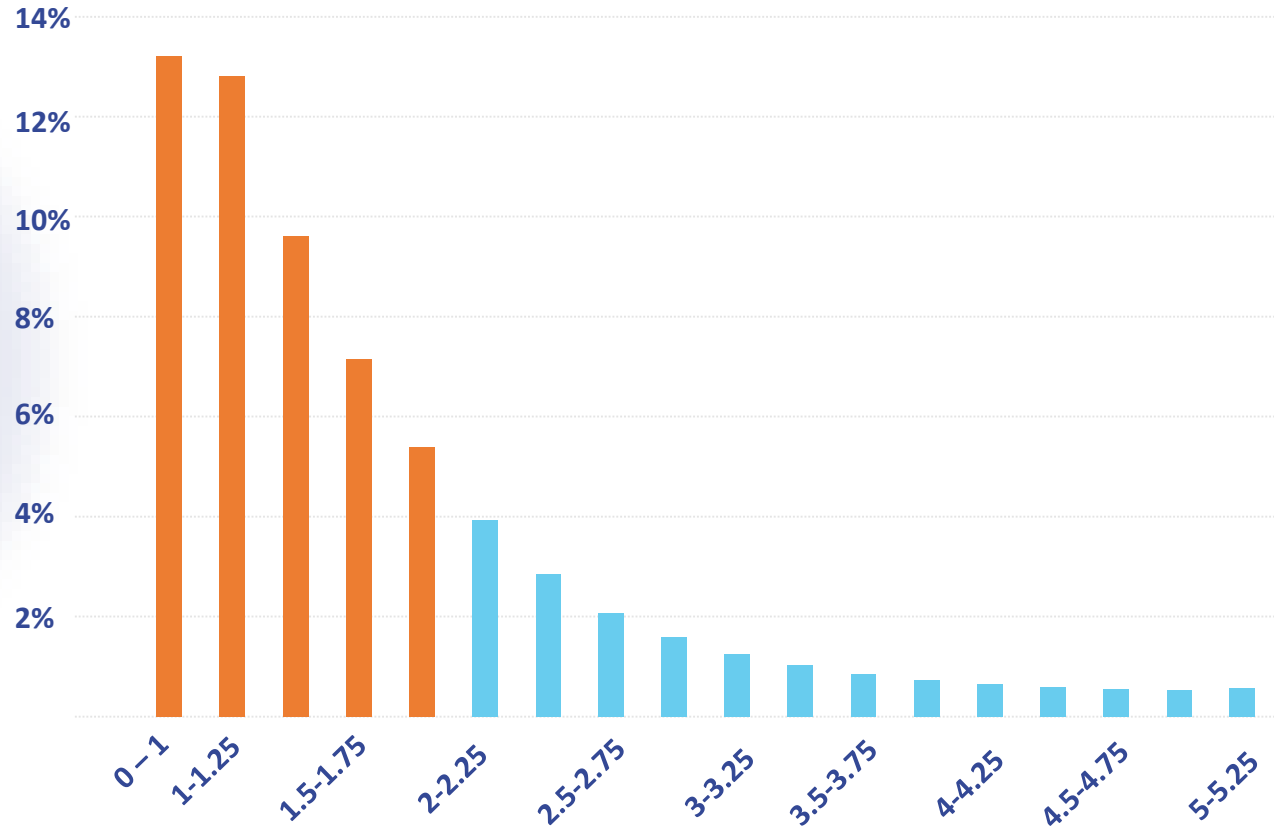


Competitiveness of Relative Travel Times

Travel Time Comparison with Auto

Transit Market Share

Transit is most competitive when no more than 2x slower than auto



Transit to Drive Time Ratio

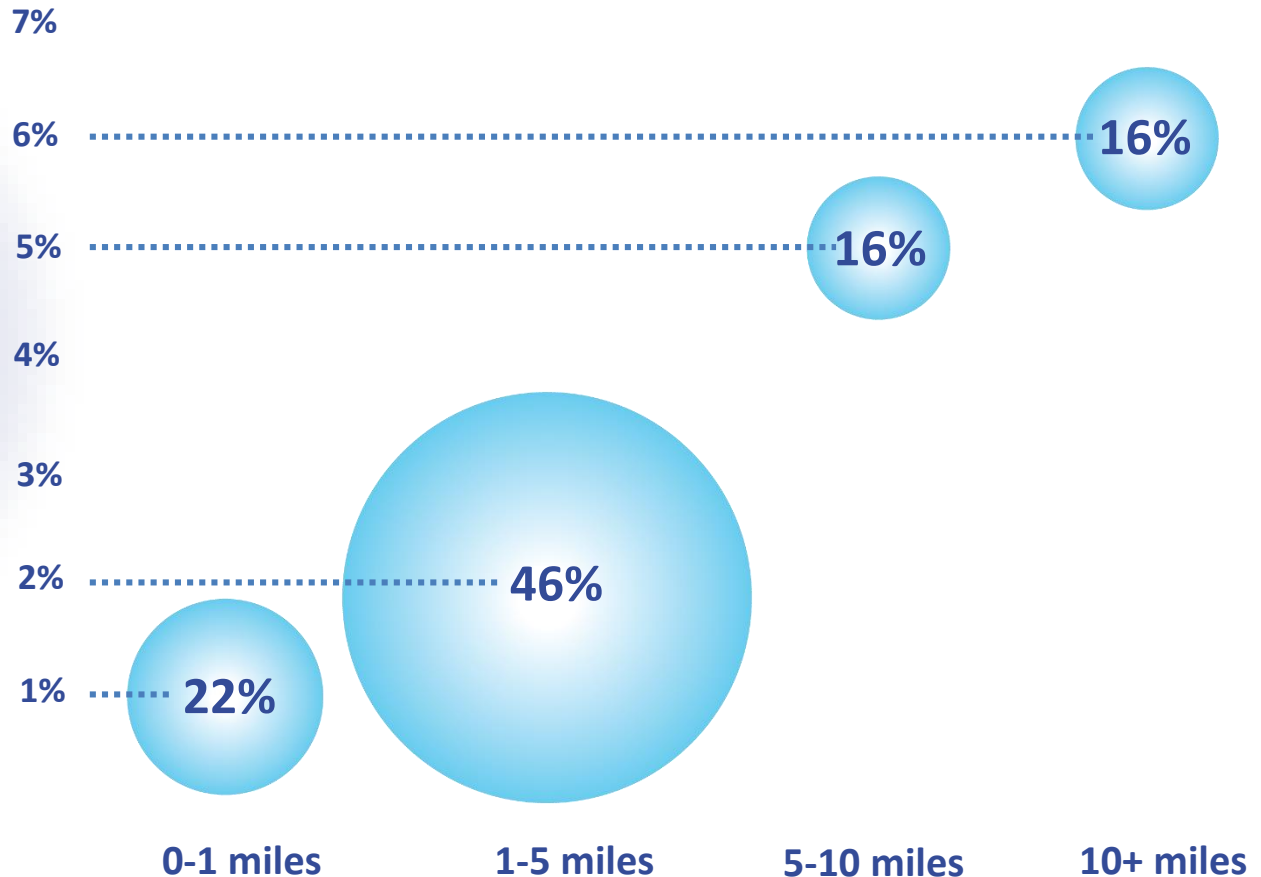
Competitiveness and Market Potential

Transit Market Share by Distance & Percent of Total Trips

Transit Market Share

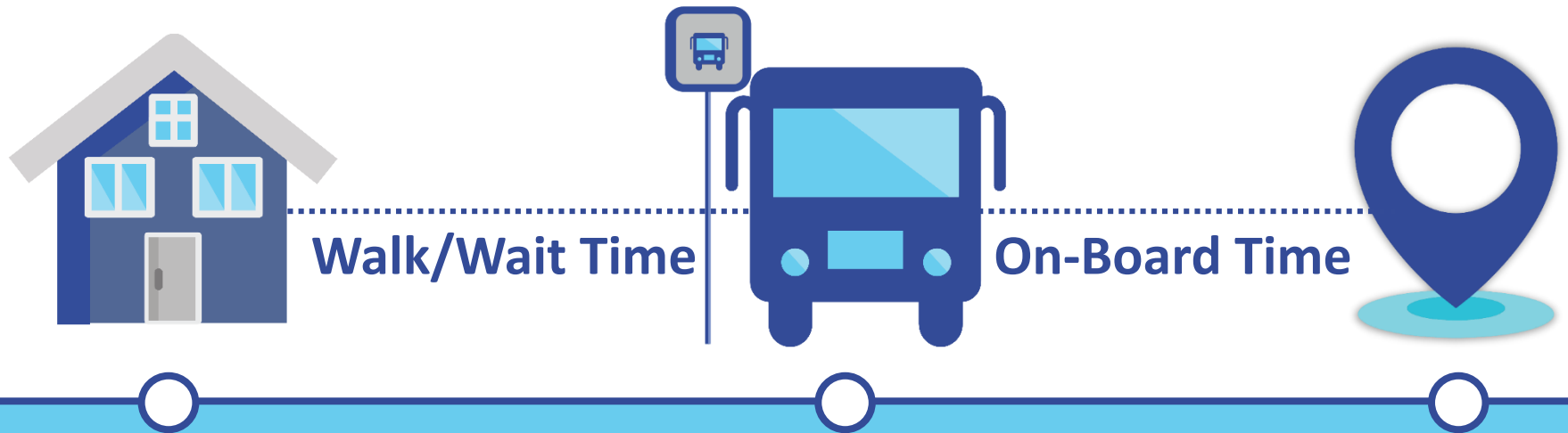
Increasing our transit share of short distance trips to 6% means 500,000 new trips

% of total trips



Trip Distance

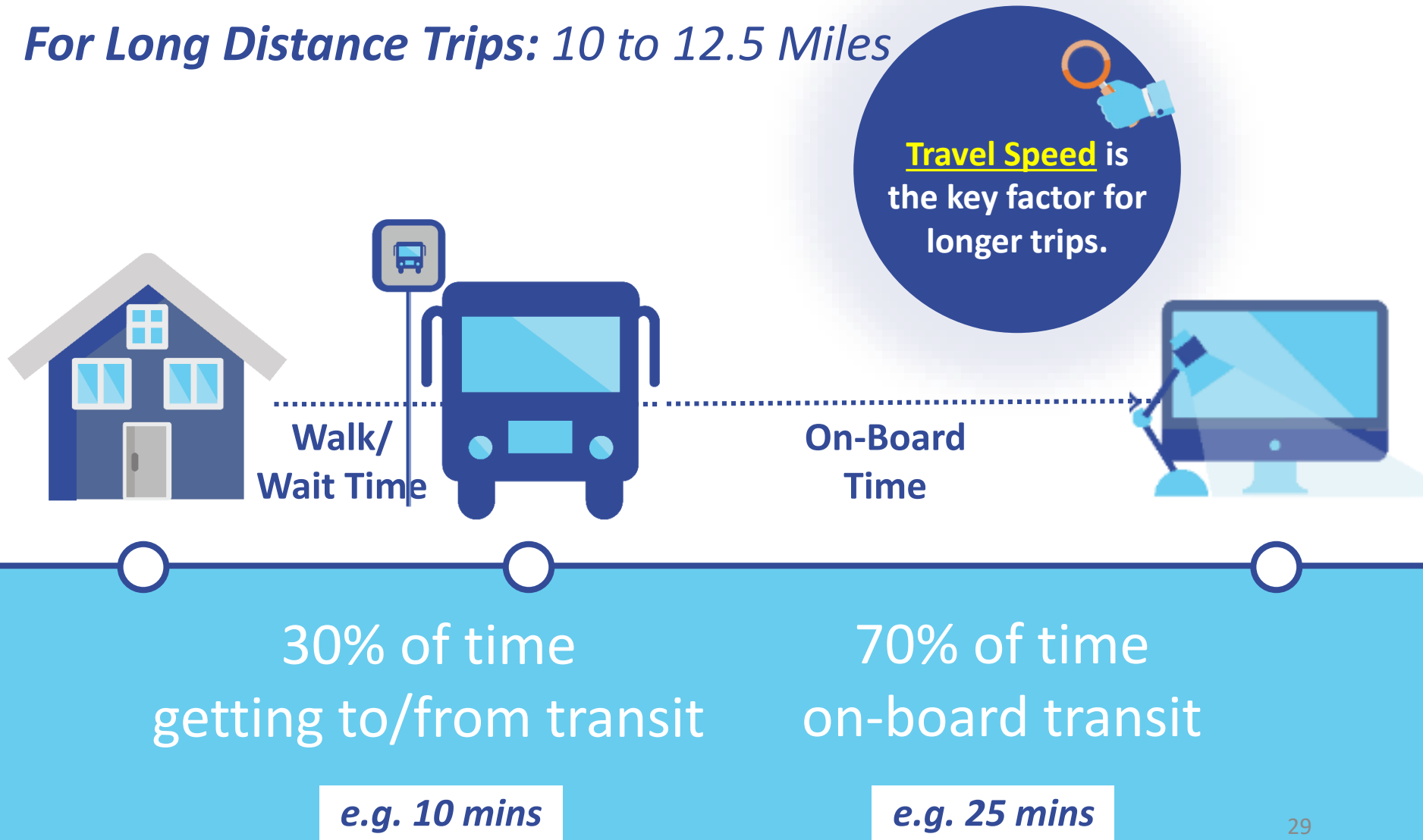
The Transit Journey



The **walk/wait** and **on-board** time are the two factors that make up total transit travel time.

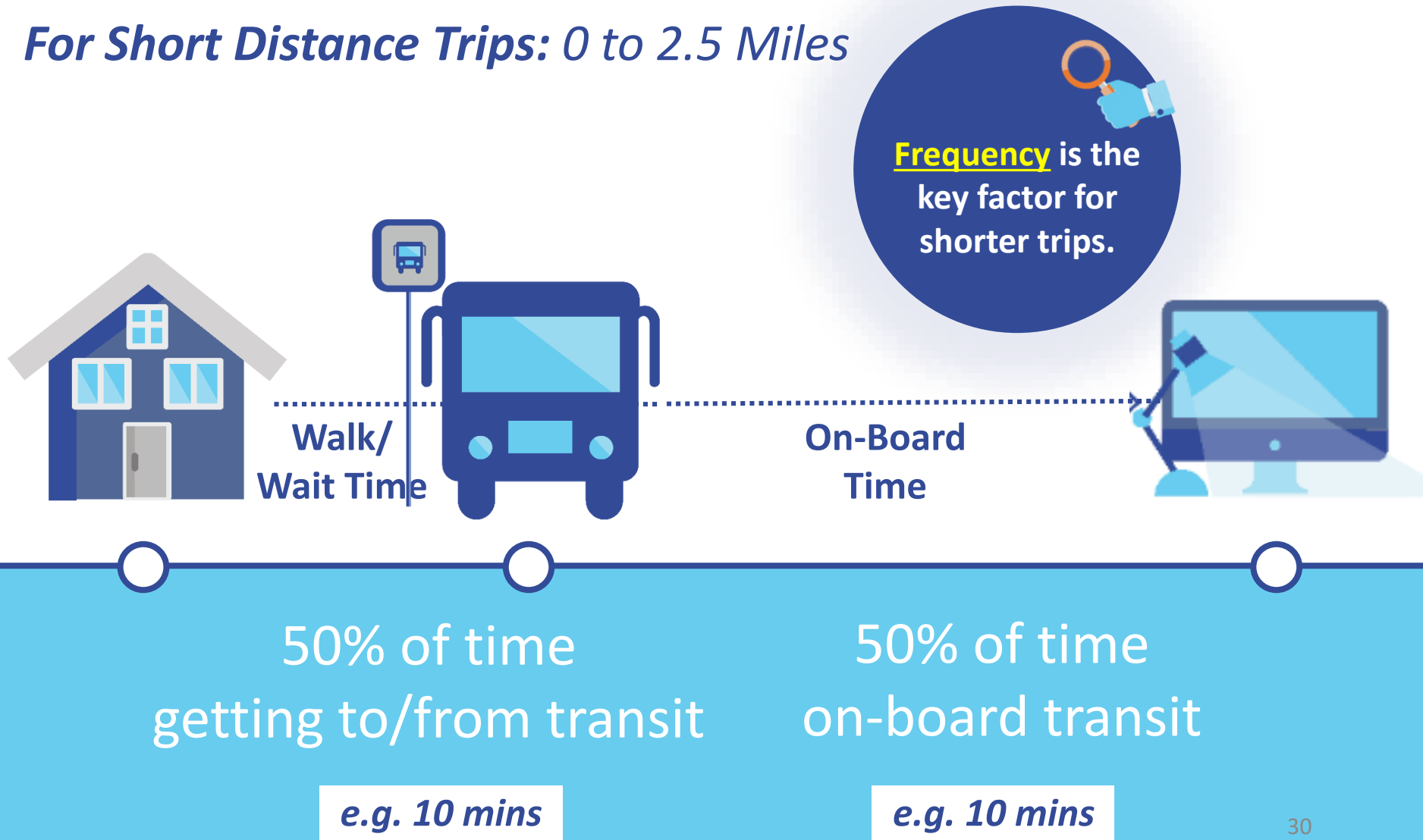
When is Travel Speed important?

For Long Distance Trips: 10 to 12.5 Miles



When is Frequency important?

For Short Distance Trips: 0 to 2.5 Miles

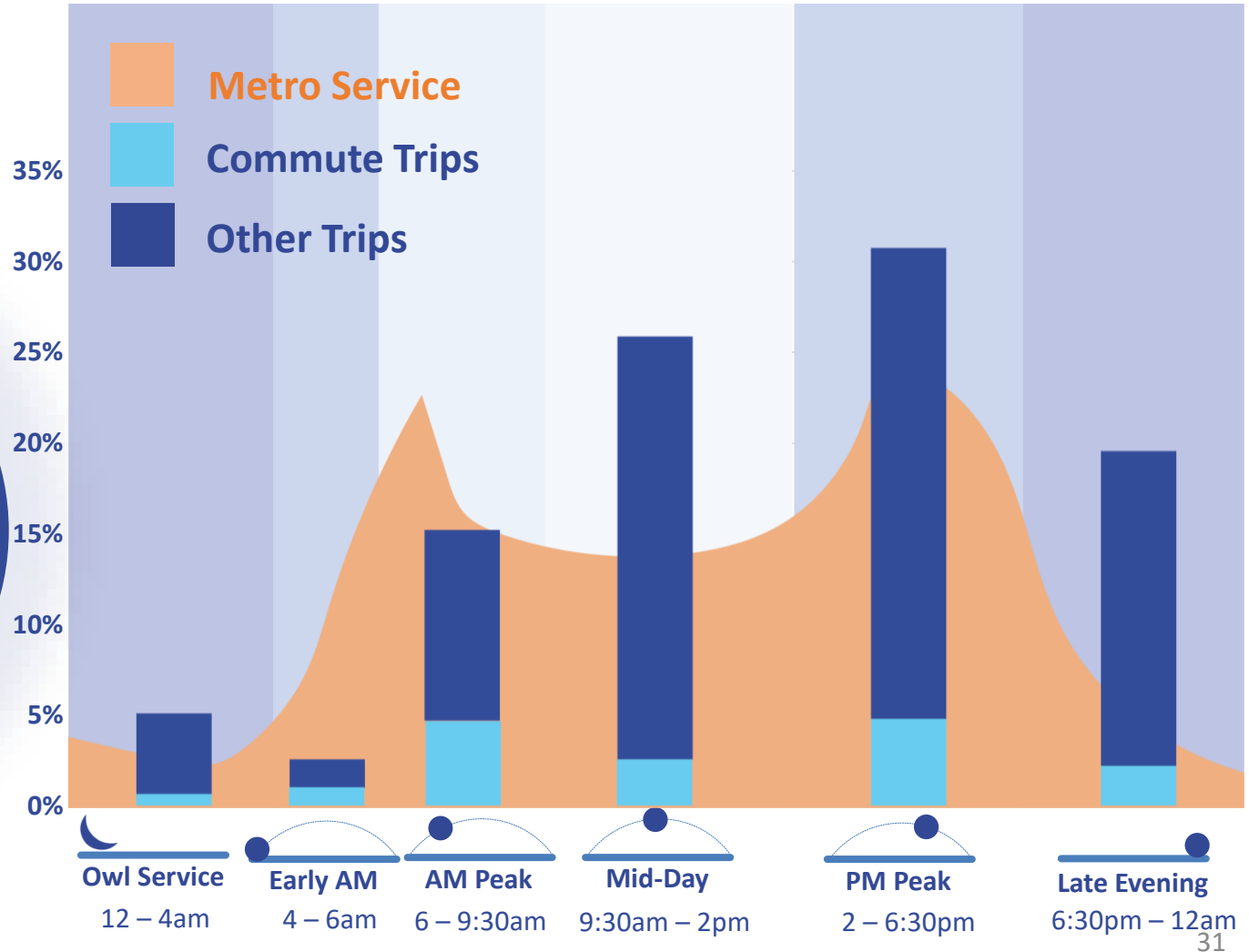


More Frequent Service for Non-Commute Trips

Travel and Operations by Time of Day

Share of all trips
and service by time
of day

Current service
does not match
midday and
evening travel
demand.



Note: Bar chart shows data by time period while area plot shows hourly data

Major Discoveries

It's about the complete transit experience

- We need to be fast, frequent and reliable to be considered a viable travel option.
- Attracting customers to our services requires attention to the overall experience, including security for women, first/last mile connections for elderly, clear and relevant information for new customers, etc.

The existing network is misaligned with current travel demand

- High concentration of travel does not always mirror areas of high population and employment densities where we have the most transit service.
- Transit travel time must not be more than 2 times slower than driving to be competitive, which means faster bus service for long distance trips and more frequent service for short distance trips.
- We focus on serving long distance peak hour commute trips, while our biggest opportunity for growth is short distance trips throughout the day and evening.

Where do we go from here?

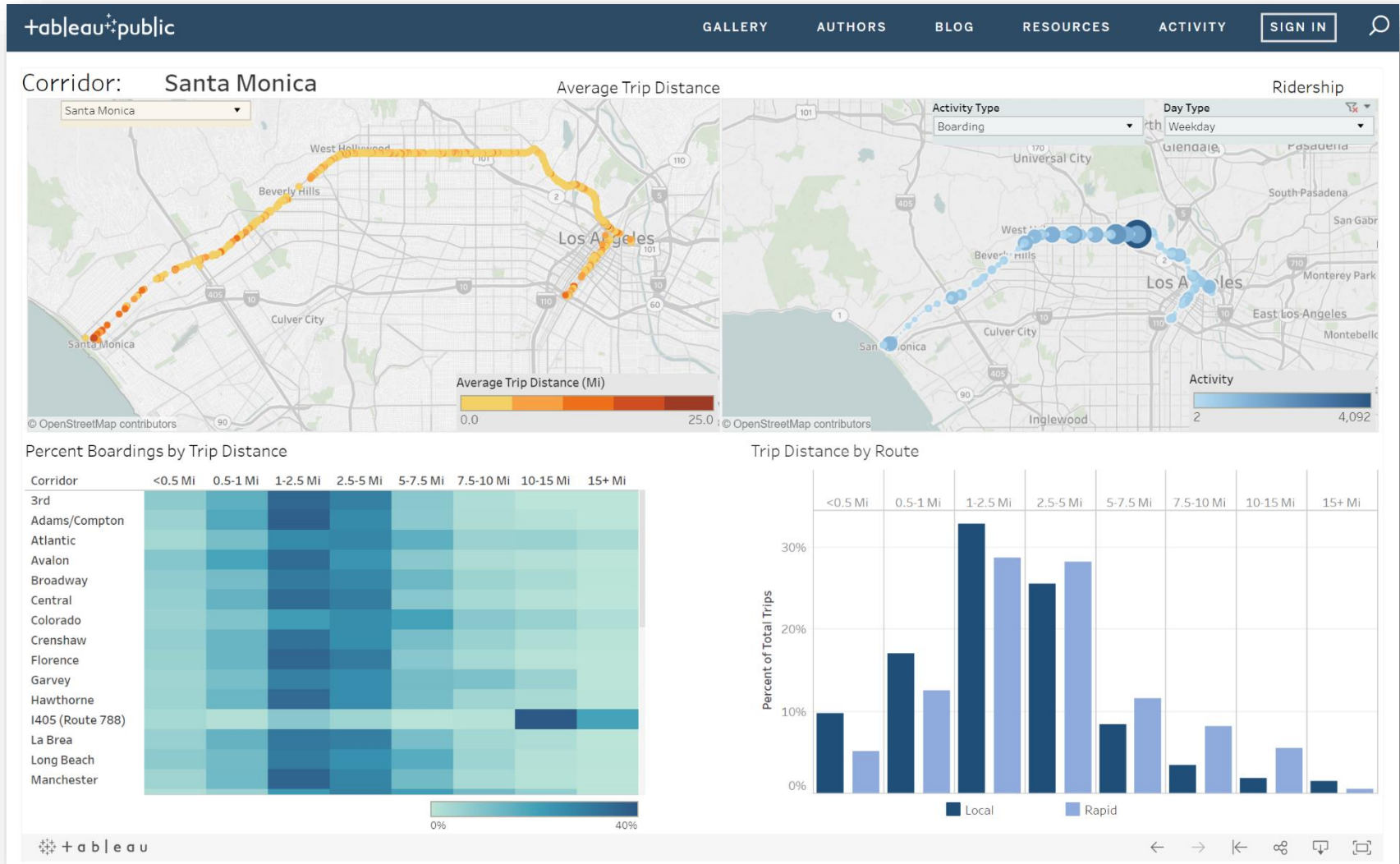
Technical Analysis

- (Supply) - Evaluate current network to identify high performing services for optimization and low performing for restructuring.
- (Demand) - Use new data (e.g. cell phone) and tools (e.g. transit propensity index) to identify new market opportunities.
- Understand travel patterns of existing and potential customers.
- Identify what it takes for transit to be competitive in these markets.

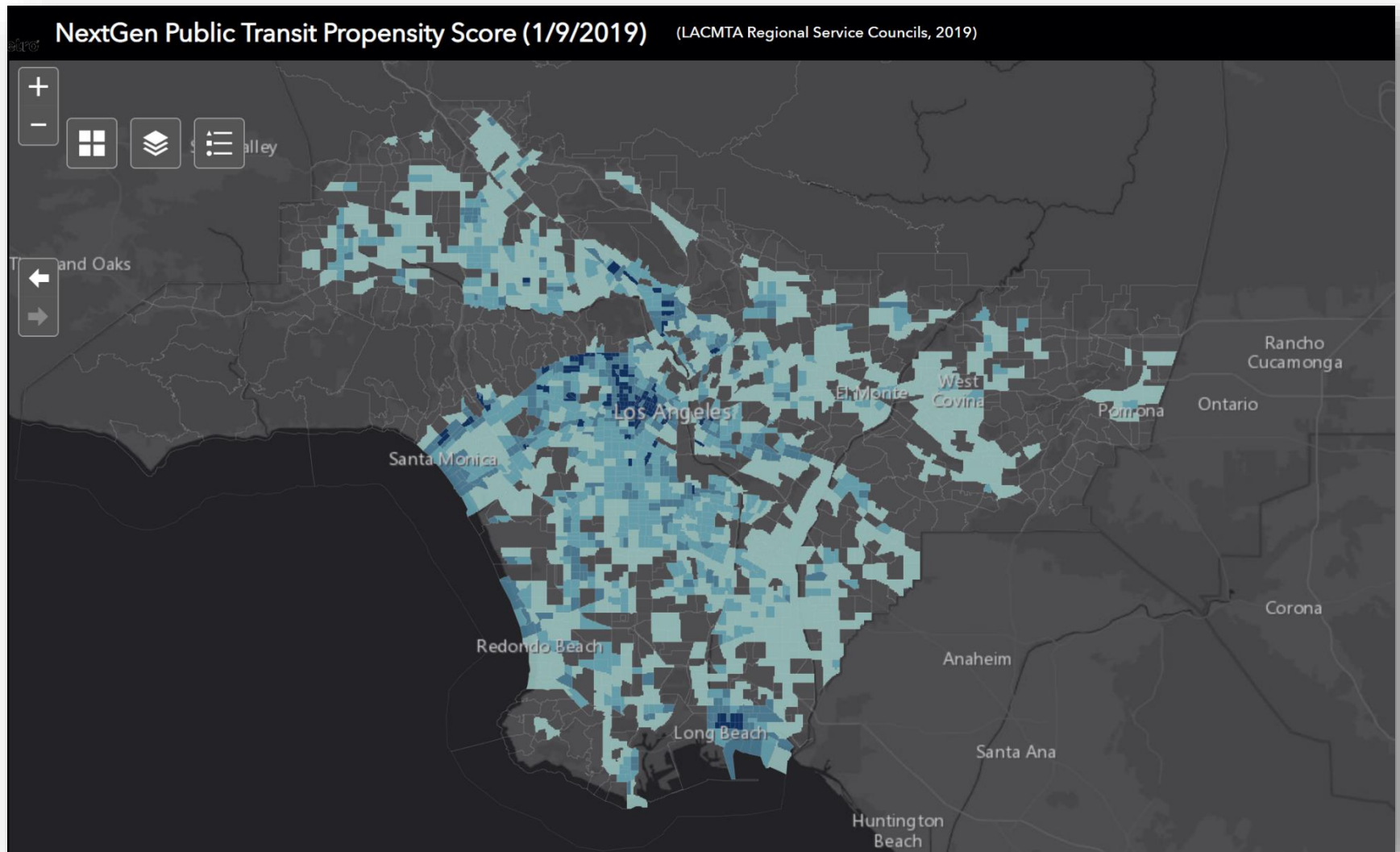
Public Outreach

- Conduct workshops to educate the public on process, data considerations, and to solicit feedback and ideas for improvement.
- Targeted outreach to specific needs (e.g. persons with disabilities, vulnerable communities)

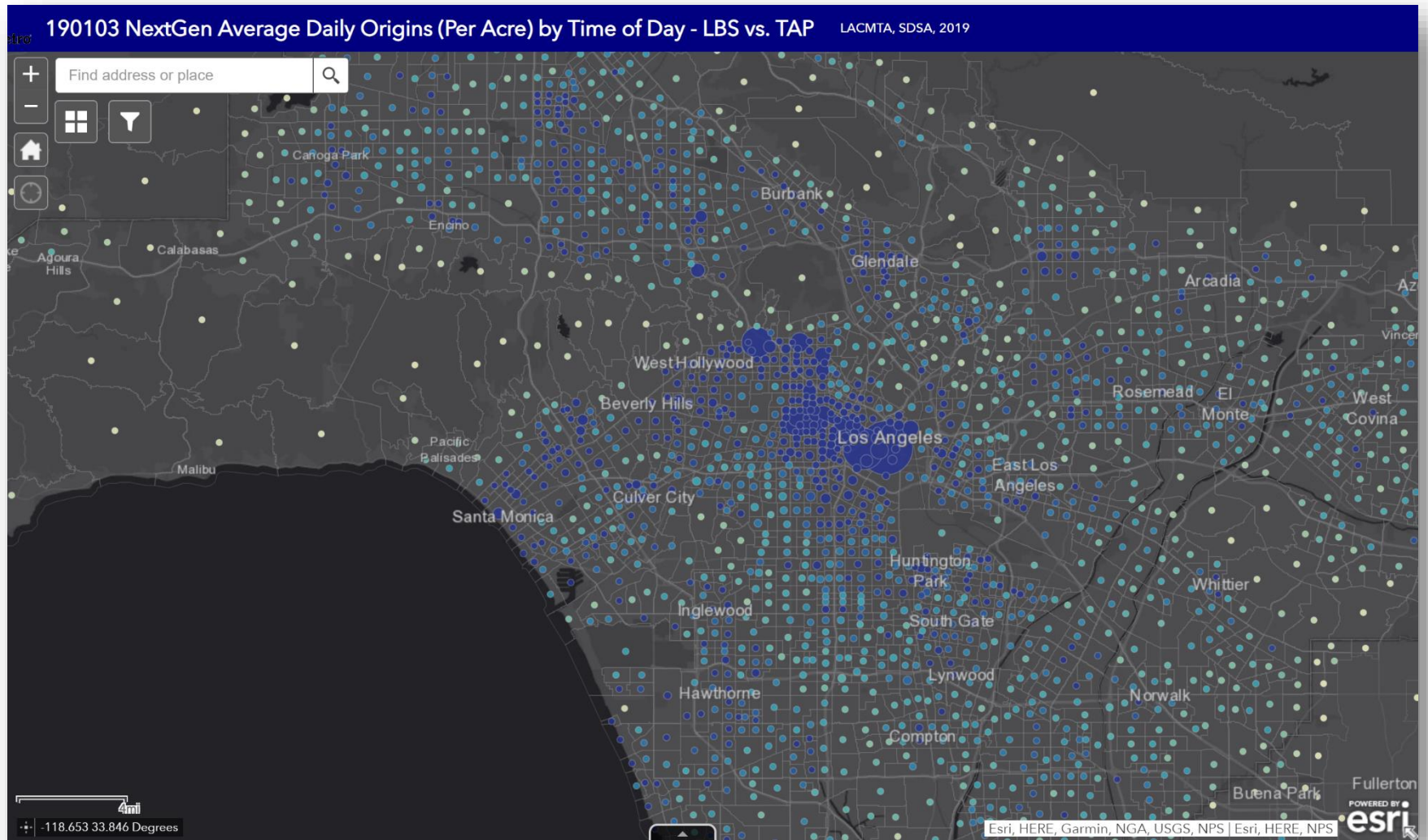
Example: Corridor Analysis



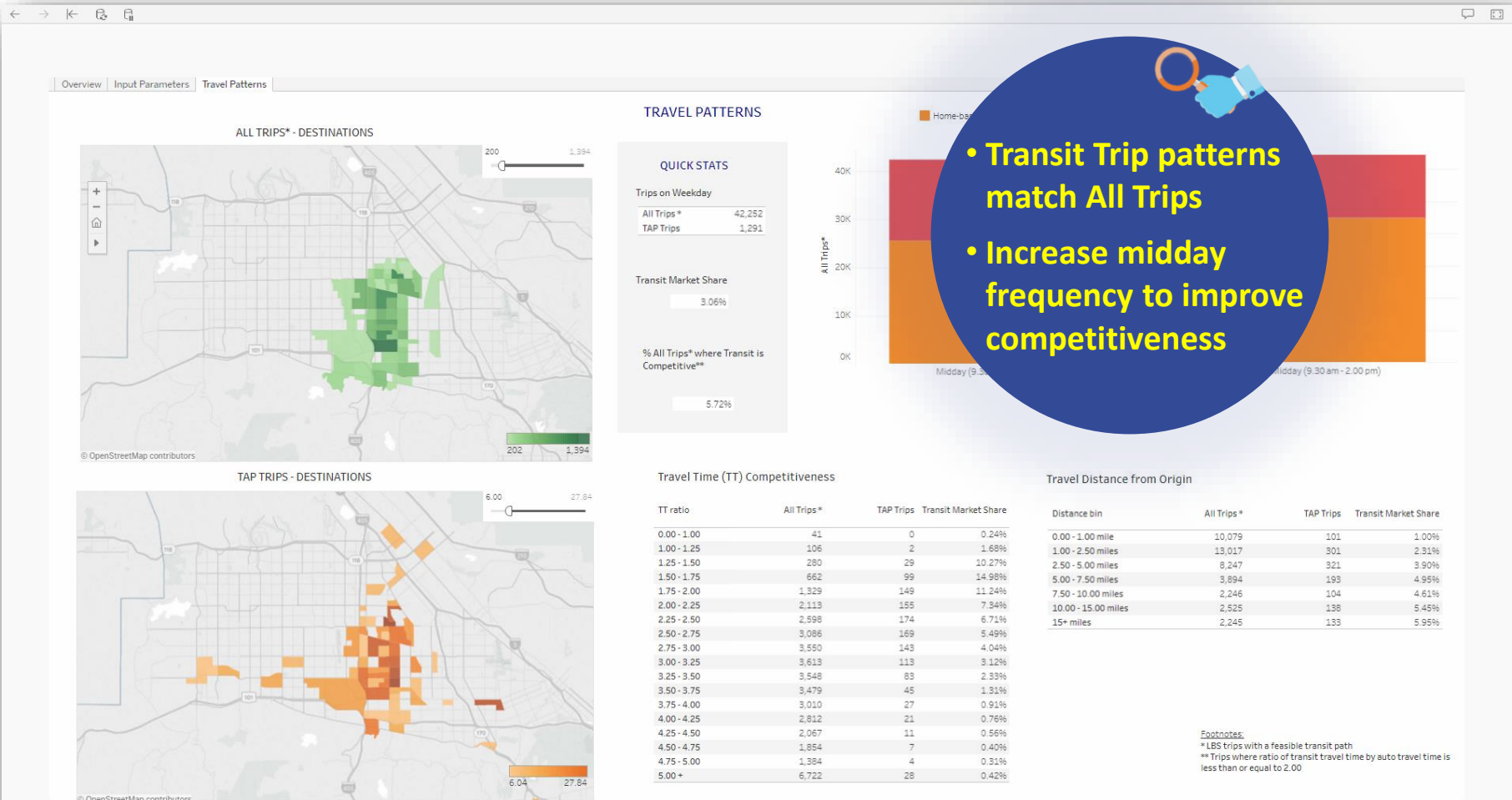
Example: Market Opportunities

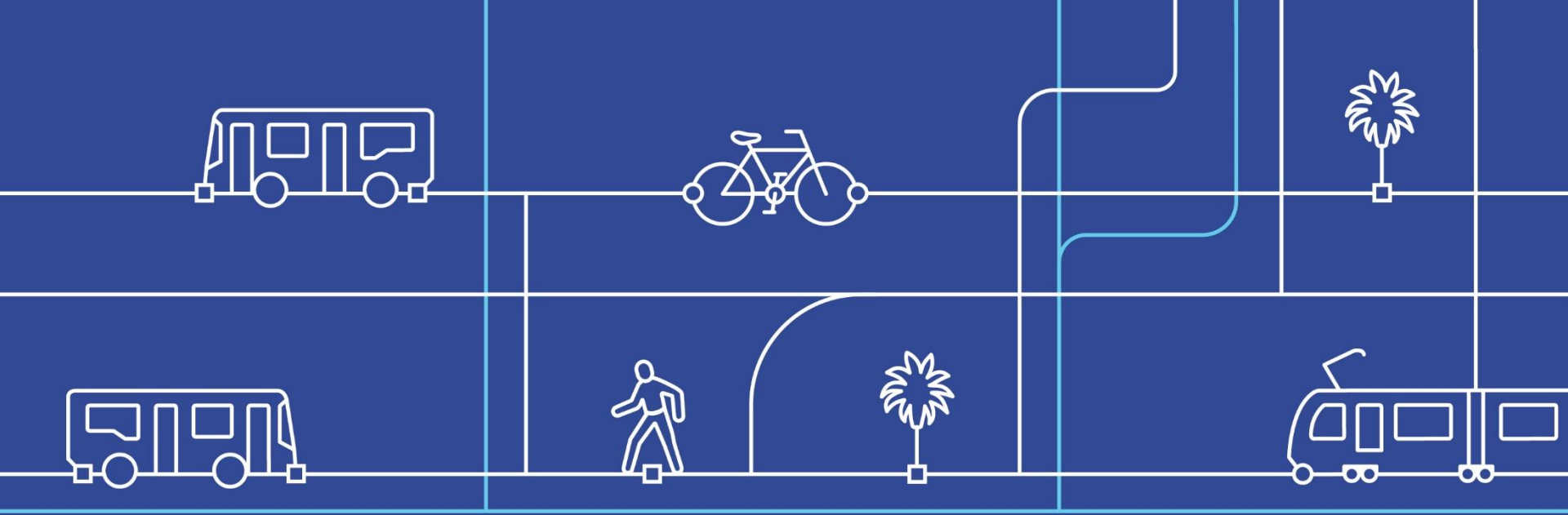


Example: Mode Share Analysis



Example: Transit Competitiveness Analysis





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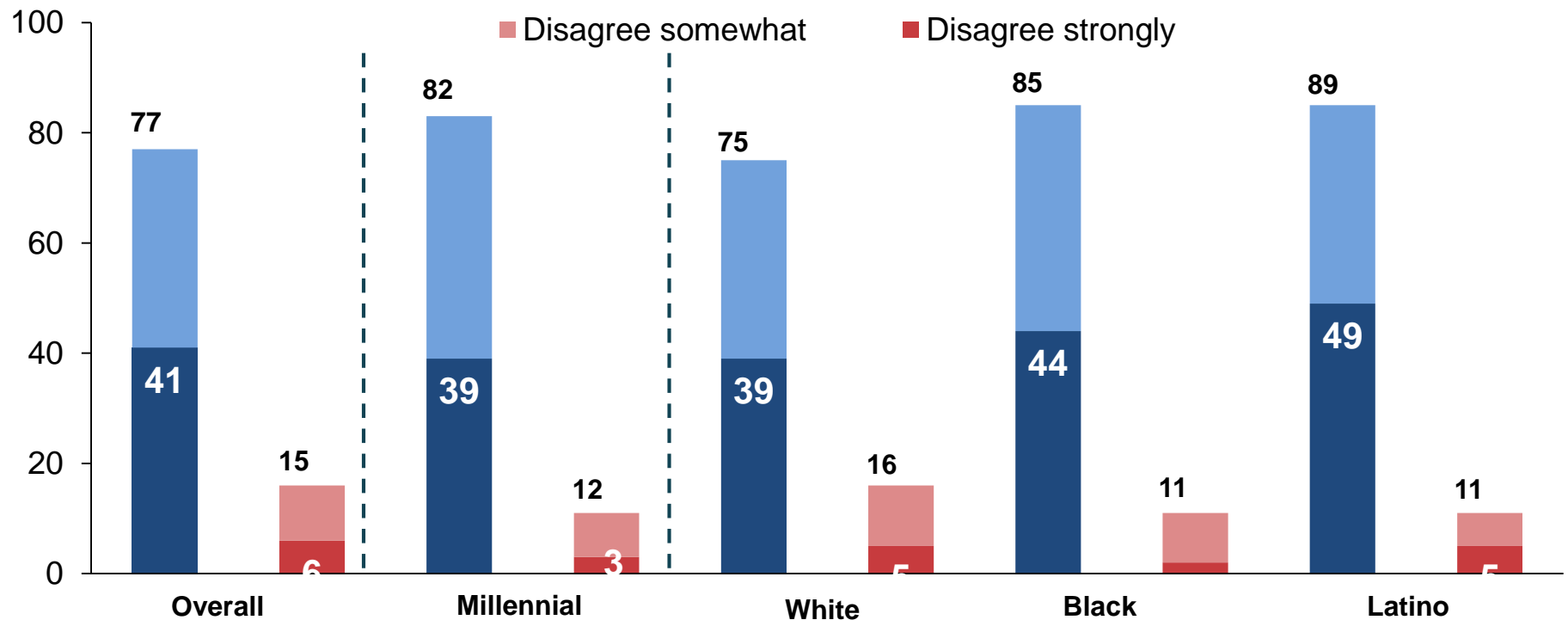
Methodology

- Anzalone Liszt Grove Research conducted a nationwide survey of 1000 adults from June 7-14, 2018.
 - The survey included a phone survey of 800 adults which has a margin of error of 3.5% at the 95% confidence level. The survey was conducted in English and Spanish and 52% of interviews were conducted over cell phones.
 - The survey also included an online oversample of 200 millennials (aged 18 to 34). In all, the survey included interviews with 441 millennials over the phone and online.

Americans overwhelmingly agree that public transportation is the backbone of a “mixed-transit lifestyle.”

This belief is especially strong among African Americans and Latinos.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Public transportation is the backbone of a ‘mixed-transit lifestyle’



Millennials place the most importance on access to public transit in deciding where to live and work, particularly millennials who are Democrats, who live in cities, who are well-educated and those of color.

Importance of Public Transit to Deciding Where to Live <i>Subgroups with Highest % Important</i>	% Important
ALL ADULTS	48
18-34 Dem Male	76
18-34 City Dem	74
18-34 Liberal	68
18-34 of Color	67
18-34 City	65
18-34 Post College Grad	63

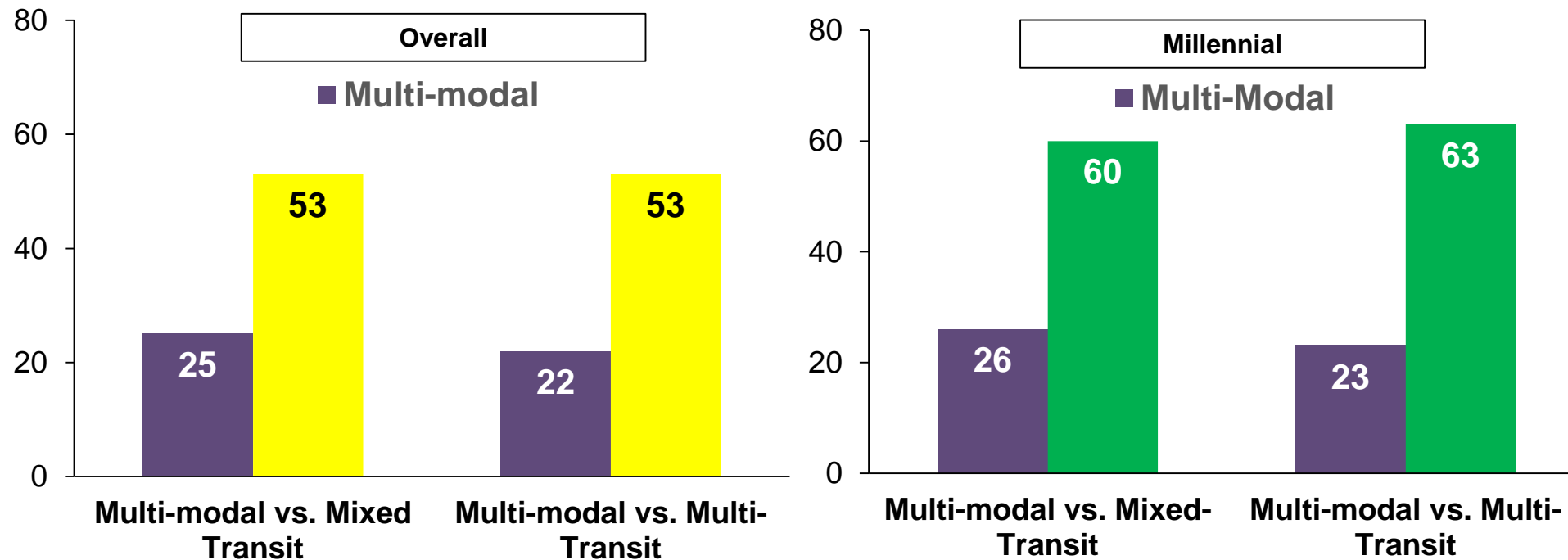
Importance of Public Transit to Job Search <i>Subgroups with Highest % Important</i>	% Important
ALL ADULTS	50
18-34 City Dem	81
18-34 Dem Male	80
18-34 City College Grad	74
18-34 Liberal	74
18-34 Post College Grad	71
18-34 of Color	69

Americans strongly prefer the terms “mixed transit” or “multi-transit” to “multi-modal” for describing a lifestyle that regularly uses more than one type of transportation. There was no difference in preference for “mixed transit” vs. “multi-transit.”

There was also a lack of awareness over what multi-modal meant in our qualitative research with millennials.

MULTI-MODAL VS. MIXED / MULTI-TRANSIT

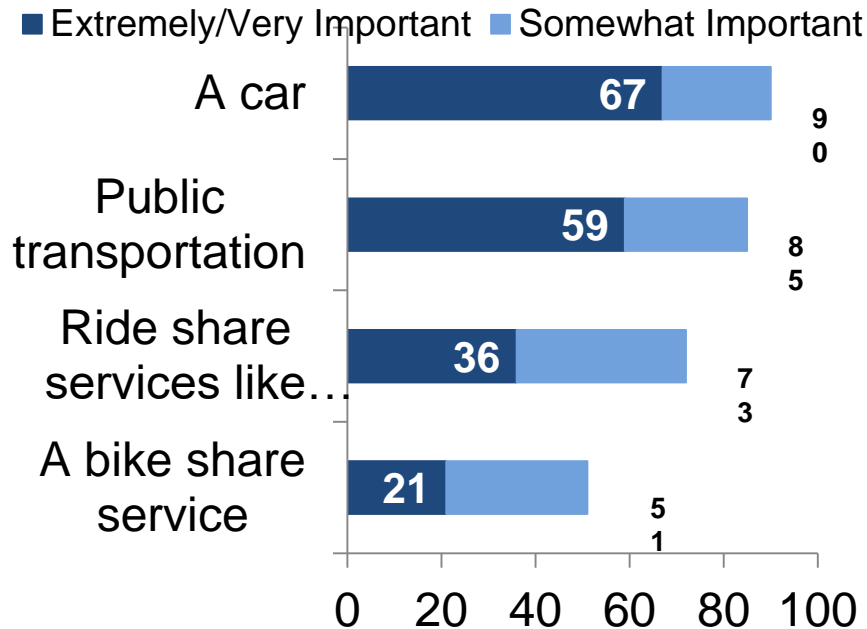
Which of the following do you think is a better term for describing a lifestyle in which someone uses more than one type of transportation on a regular basis?



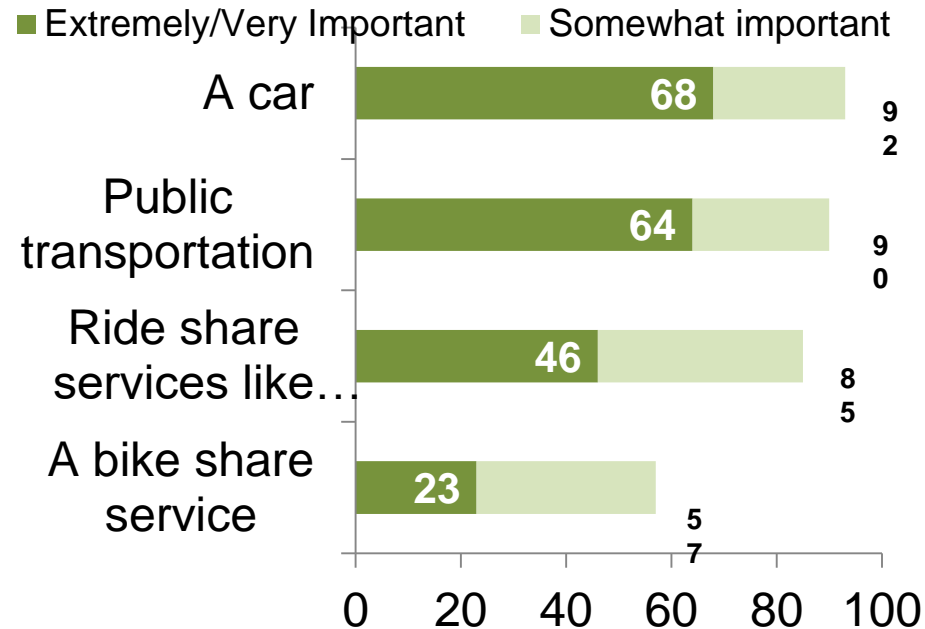
85% of Americans think public transportation is important to a “mixed transit” lifestyle. Millennials believe public transit is as important to such a lifestyle as a car.

For each of the following, please indicate how important you think it would be to a "mixed-transit" lifestyle:

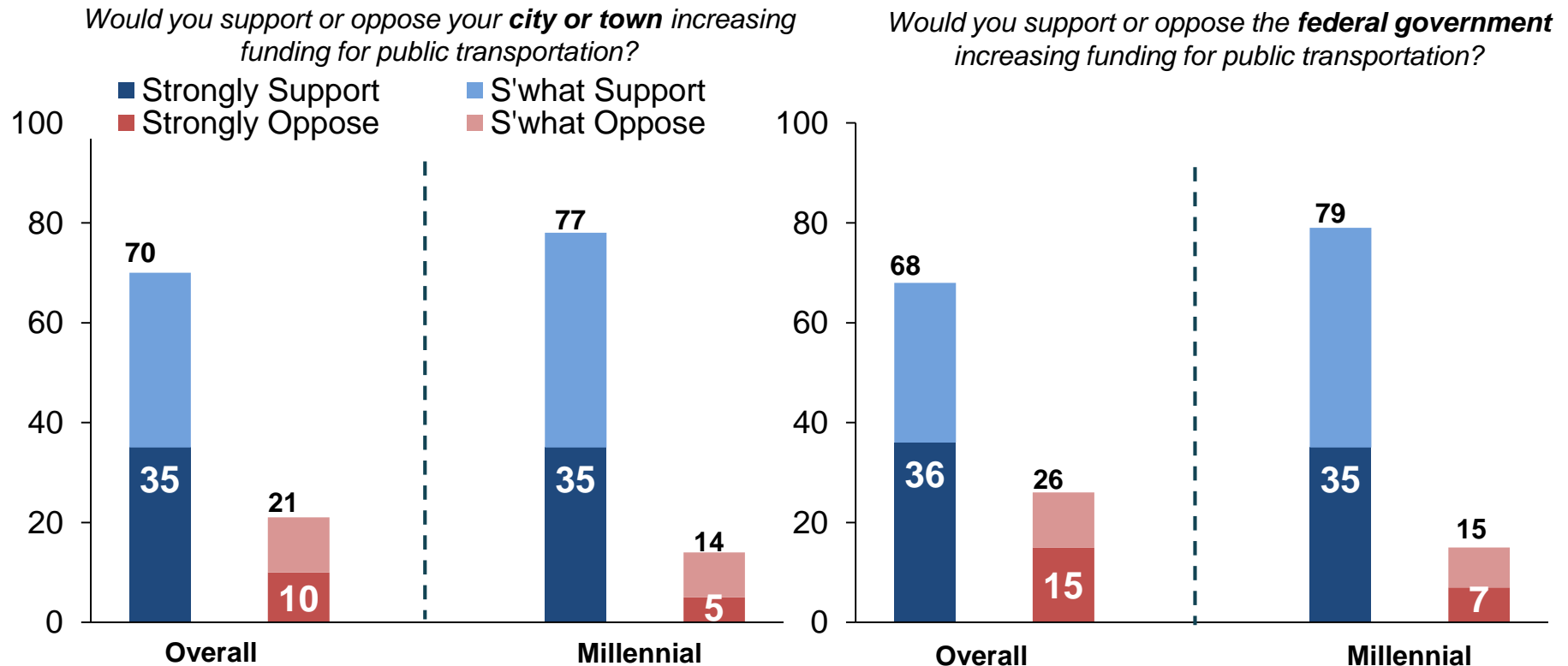
OVERALL



MILLENNIALS



There is strong support for increased funding for public transit at both the local and federal level.

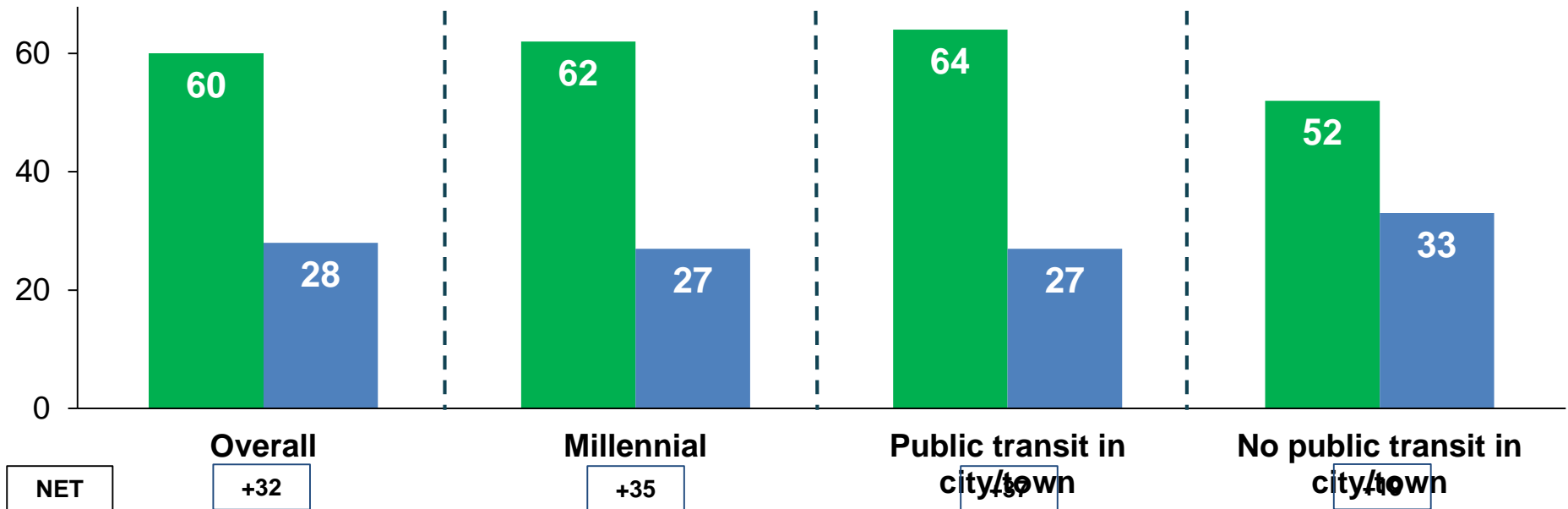


By a more than two-to-one margin, Americans support more bus lanes in their city or town. Support for more bus lanes extends to those with no public transit in their town.

SUPPORT FOR MORE BUS LANES

Which of the following comes closer to your opinion?

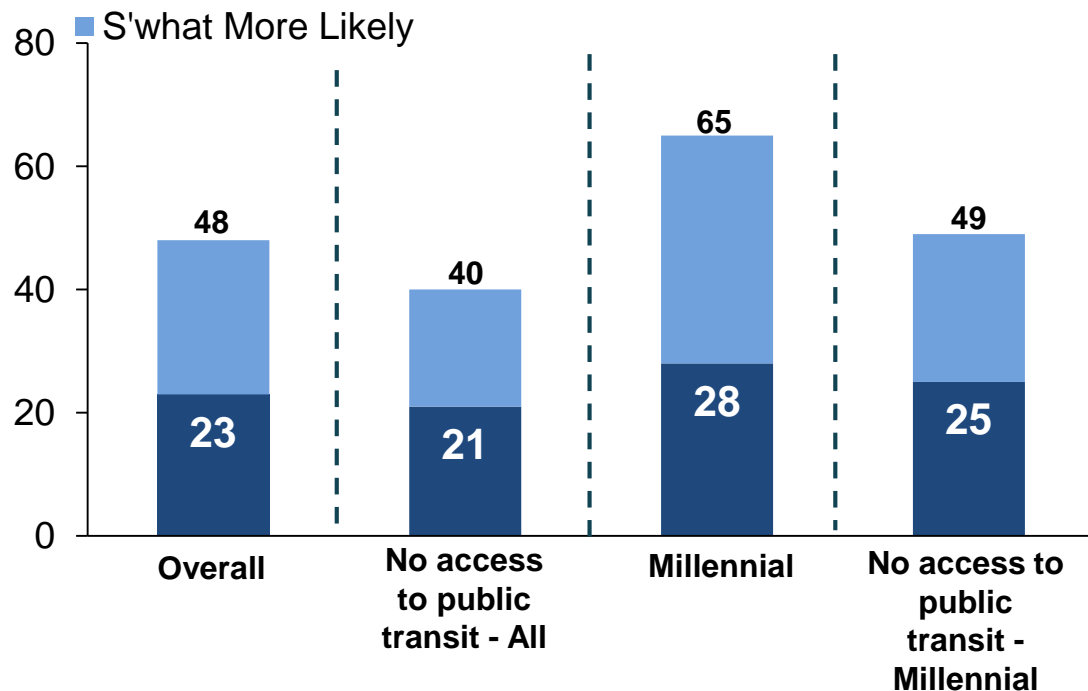
■ I would support more bus lanes in my city or town to make public transportation easier to use and more efficient



Nearly half of Americans, and two-thirds of millennials, say they would be more likely to use public transportation if it were more convenient and accessible. Millennial Democrats, particularly men and those in the suburbs, would be most likely to use public transit more if it was more convenient. 40% of Americans with no public transit access say they would use it if more accessible.

IMPACT OF MAKING PUBLIC TRANSIT MORE CONVENIENT / ACCESSIBLE

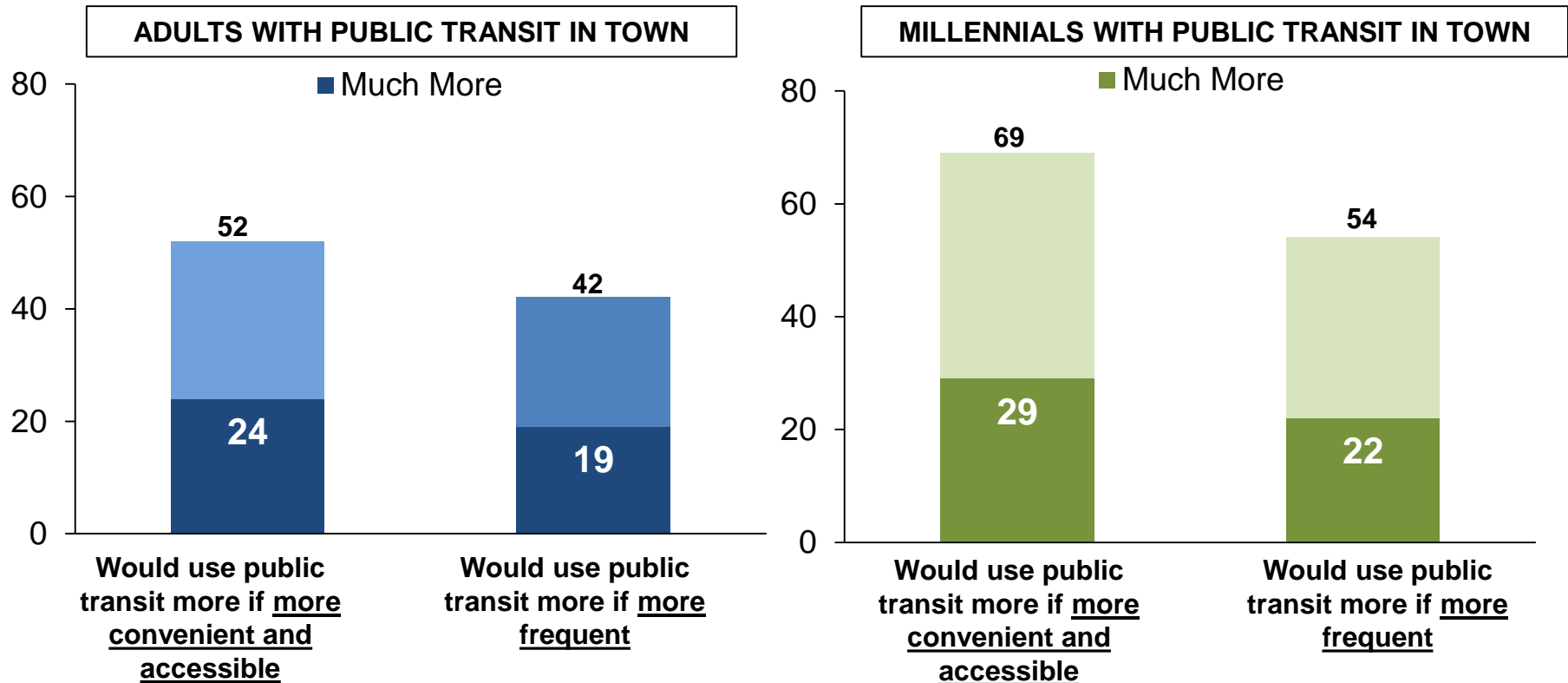
Would you use public transportation more if it were more convenient or accessible?



Subgroups Most Likely to Use Public Transit More if More Convenient / Accessible	% More Likely
OVERALL	48
18-34 Dem Male	85
18-34 Suburb Dem	84
18-34 Liberal	80
18-34 College Suburb	77
18-34 Post College Grad	75
18-34 City Dem	75

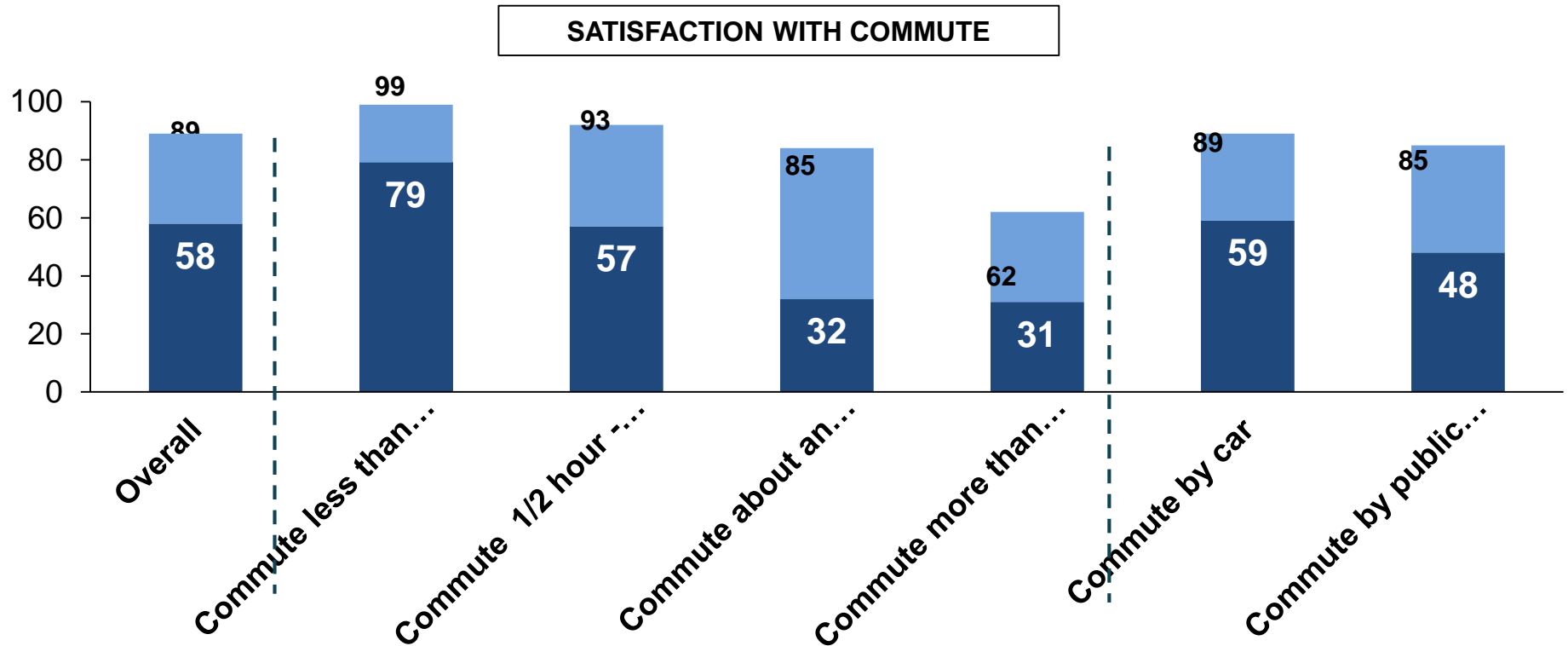
For those with public transit in their town, greater convenience and accessibility would have more of an impact on their public transit use than greater frequency. That said, over 40% of those with public transit in their town would use it more if it ran more frequently.

MAKING PUBLIC TRANSIT MORE CONVENIENT / ACCESSIBLE VS. MORE FREQUENT



One challenge we have is that Americans have lost touch with what is a reasonable commute. Nine-out-of-ten commuters are satisfied with their commute, including 62% of those whose commute is over an hour.

Car commuters are more likely to be very satisfied than those that commute by public transit.

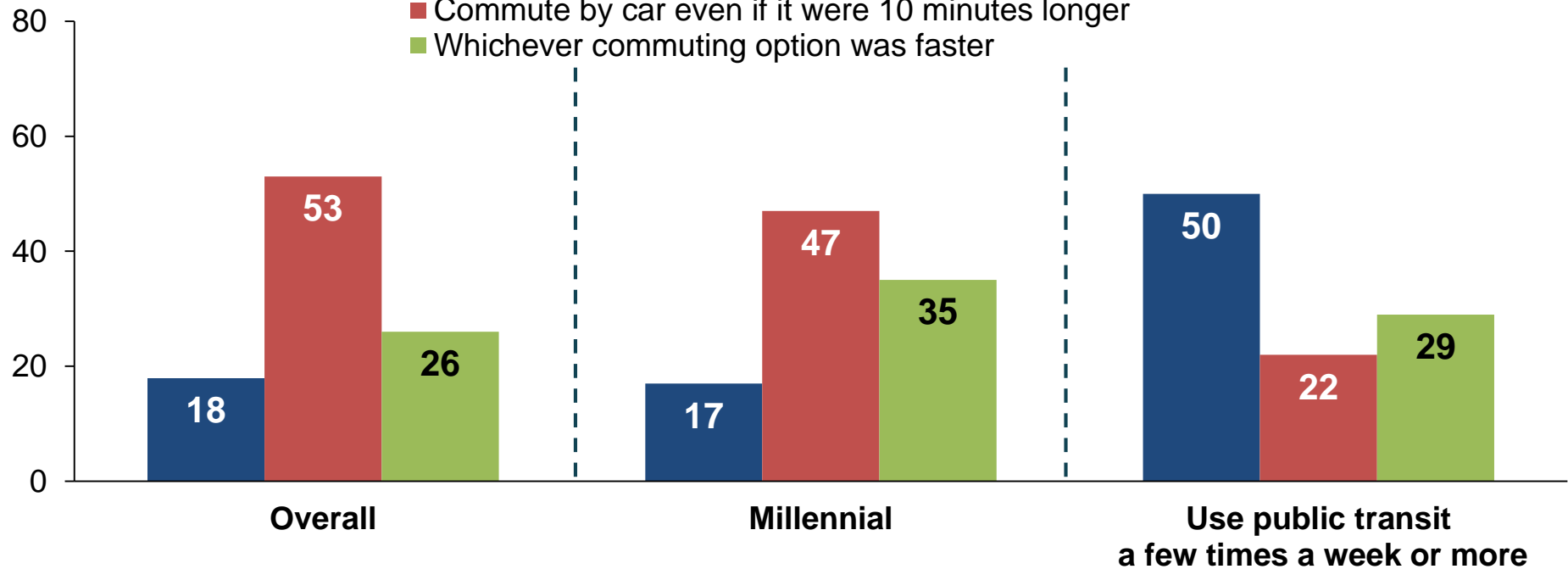


Most Americans would prefer to commute by car, even if it took 10 minutes longer, than commute by public transit. This sentiment is held by millennials and across almost all major demographic groups. Frequent public transit riders are one of the few exceptions.

COMMUTING PREFERENCE: PUBLIC TRANSIT VS. DRIVING

Which of the following commutes would you prefer?

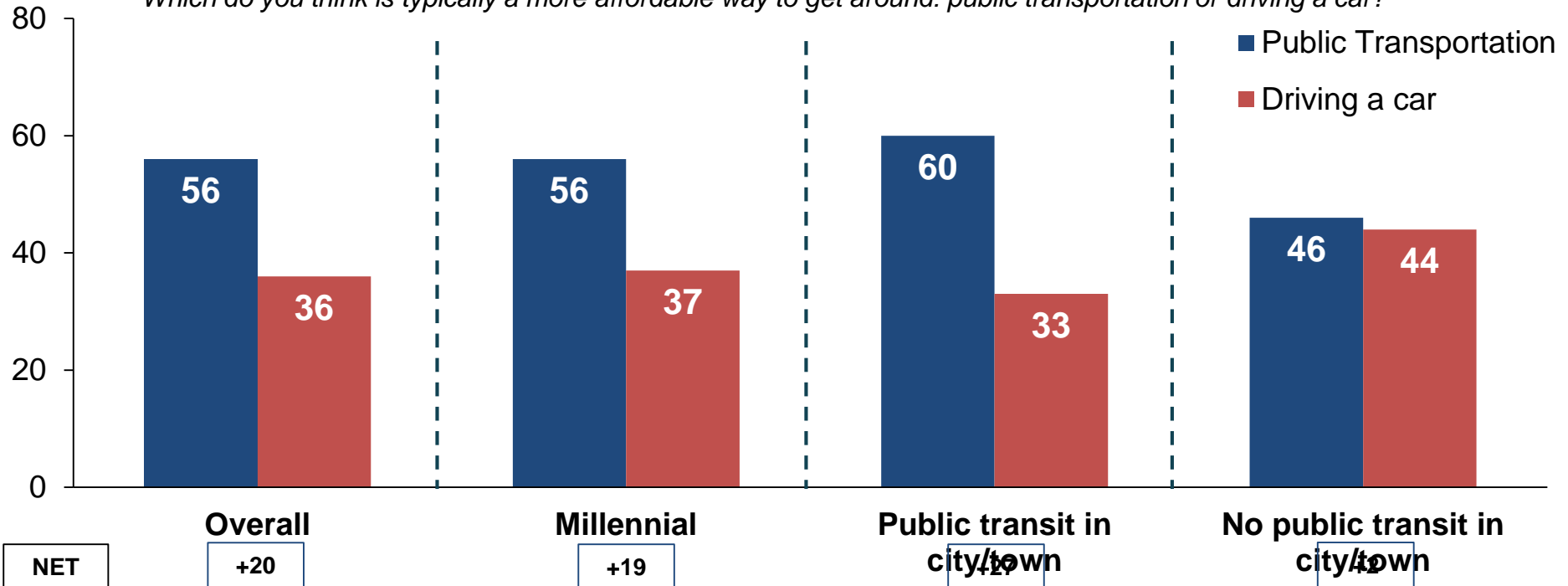
- Commute by public transportation even if it were 10 minutes longer
- Commute by car even if it were 10 minutes longer
- Whichever commuting option was faster



While most prefer to drive even if it takes longer, Americans think taking public transit is more affordable than driving a car by a 20-point margin. Those who have public transit in their town are much more likely to see it as more affordable than those who do not.

MORE AFFORDABLE COMMUTE: PUBLIC TRANSIT VS. DRIVING

Which do you think is typically a more affordable way to get around: public transportation or driving a car?

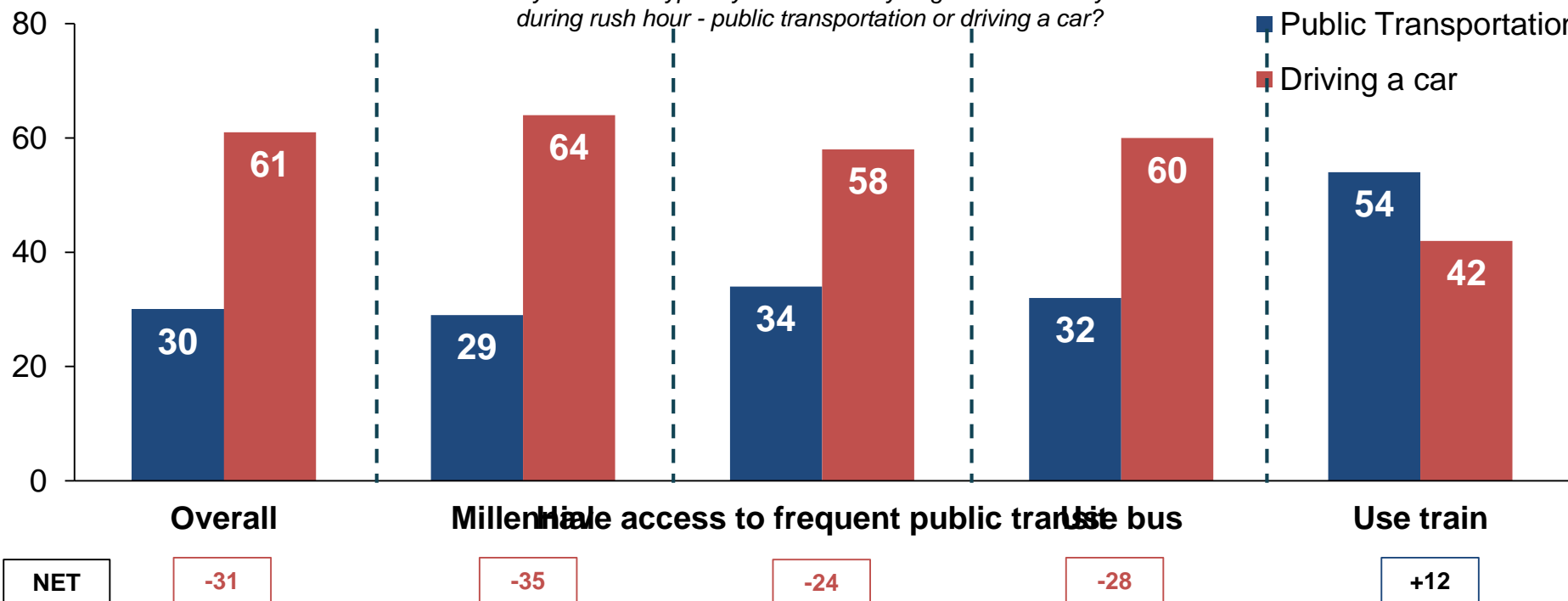


While Americans believe public transit is more affordable, they believe driving is faster during rush hour. This belief may be driven by most public transit users taking the bus. Americans who commute on a train were one of the only groups that viewed public transit as a faster option during rush hour.

FASTER COMMUTE: PUBLIC TRANSIT VS. DRIVING

Which do you think is typically the faster way to get around a city or town during rush hour - public transportation or driving a car?

Public Transportation
Driving a car

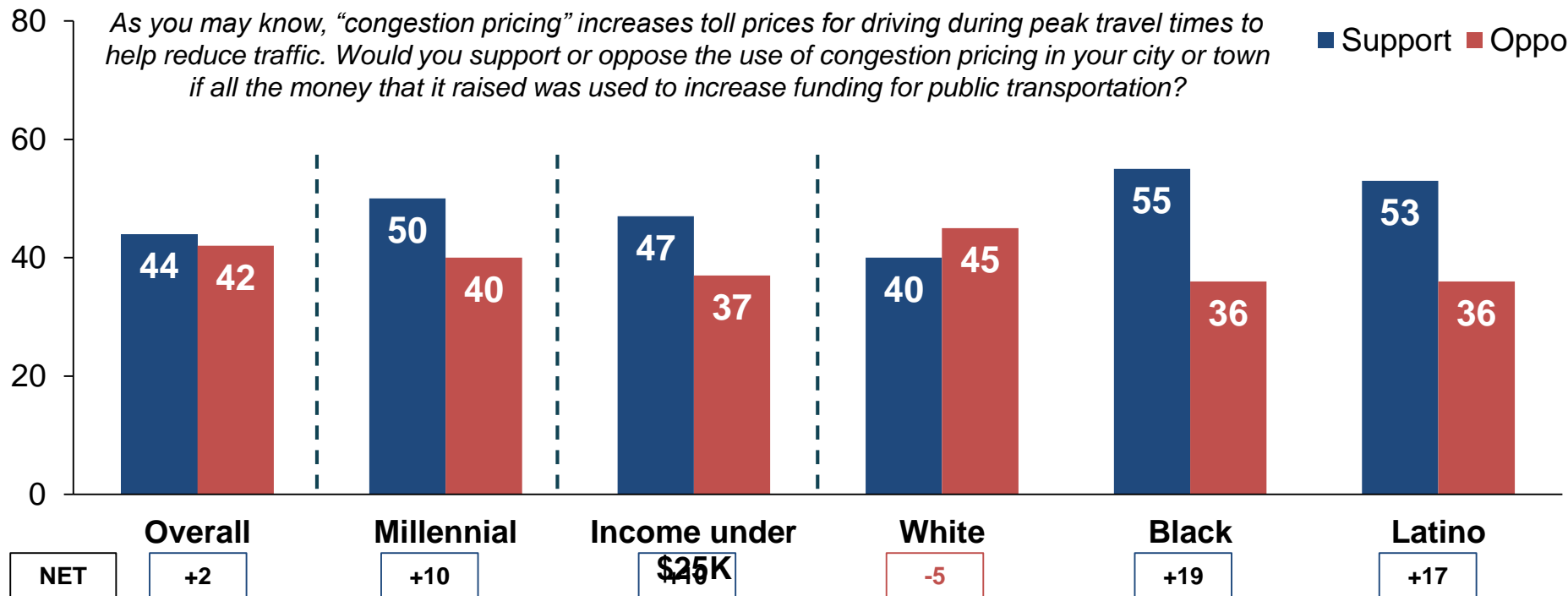


Americans overall are split on congestion pricing, but millennials support it by a 10-point margin. In our qualitative research, the biggest concern about it was its potential impact on lower income drivers, but lower income adults support it by double-digit margins, as do communities of color.

CONGESTION PRICING

As you may know, “congestion pricing” increases toll prices for driving during peak travel times to help reduce traffic. Would you support or oppose the use of congestion pricing in your city or town if all the money that it raised was used to increase funding for public transportation?

■ Support ■ Oppose



Nearly a quarter of Americans – and almost a third of millennials – say they would use a ride-sharing service operated by their town’s public transit agency. Black and Latino adults would be much more likely to use such a service than White adults.

If the public transit agency in the city or town you live in operated a ride-sharing service similar to Uber or Lyft, how likely would you be to use it – would you definitely use it, probably use it, probably not use it, or definitely not use it?

