

# Congestion Management Plan (CMP) Public Survey

## Results Summary

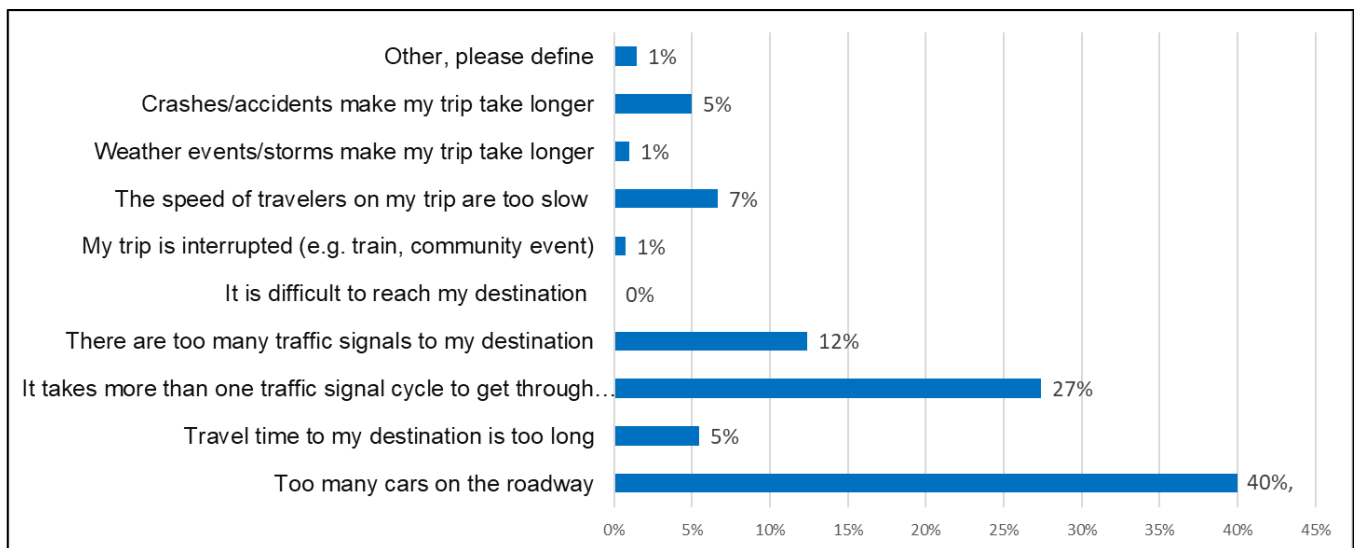
The TPO conducted an online public survey from March 1 to March 31, 2021 to gather input from the public in support of the update to the Congestion Management Plan (CMP). The survey results will be used to supplement and inform the technical analysis and improvement strategies. A total of 255 responses were submitted via the survey instrument on the TPO website. Additionally, 3 responses were sent to the TPO by email for a total of 258 survey participants. The following summarizes the results of the survey.

### 1. What does the term 'congestion' mean to you? (select up to 3)

A total of 254 responses were received. The top three most frequent selections were **'Too many cars on the roadway'** with 168 responses or 40%; followed by **'It takes more than one traffic signal'** with 115 responses or 27%; and **'There are too many traffic signals to my destination'** with 52 responses or 12%.

#### 420 selections

- 168 Too many cars on the roadway
- 23 Travel time to my destination is too long
- 115 It takes more than one traffic signal cycle to get through intersection
- 52 There are too many traffic signals to my destination
- 0 It is difficult to reach my destination
- 3 My trip is interrupted (e.g. train, community event)
- 28 The speed of travelers on my trip are too slow
- 4 Weather events/storms make my trip take longer
- 21 Crashes/accidents make my trip take longer
- 6 Other, please define

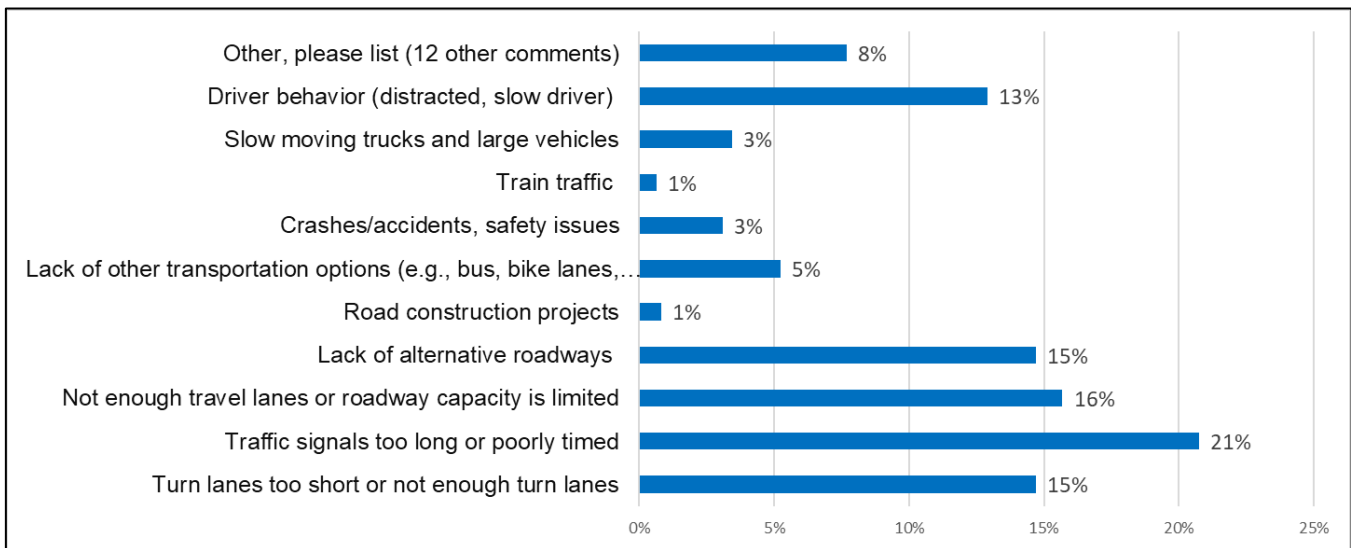


**2. What do you think are the main causes of congestion in Marion County?**  
(select up to 3)

A total of 218 responses were received. The top three most frequent causes identified were **‘Traffic signals too long or poorly timed’** with 127 responses or 21%; followed by **‘Not enough travel lanes or roadway capacity is limited’** with 96 responses or 16%; and **‘Turn lanes too short or not enough turn lanes’** and **‘Lack of alternative roadways’** both with 90 responses or 15%.

**612 selections**

- 90 Turn lanes too short or not enough turn lanes
- 127 Traffic signals too long or poorly timed
- 96 Not enough travel lanes or roadway capacity is limited
- 90 Lack of alternative roadways
- 5 Road construction projects
- 32 Lack of other transportation options (e.g., bus, bike lanes, sidewalks)
- 2 School zones
- 0 Weather events/storms
- 19 Crashes/accidents, safety issues
- 4 Train traffic
- 21 Slow moving trucks and large vehicles
- 79 Driver behavior (distracted, slow driver)
- 47 Other, please list (12 comments, 35 no response provided)



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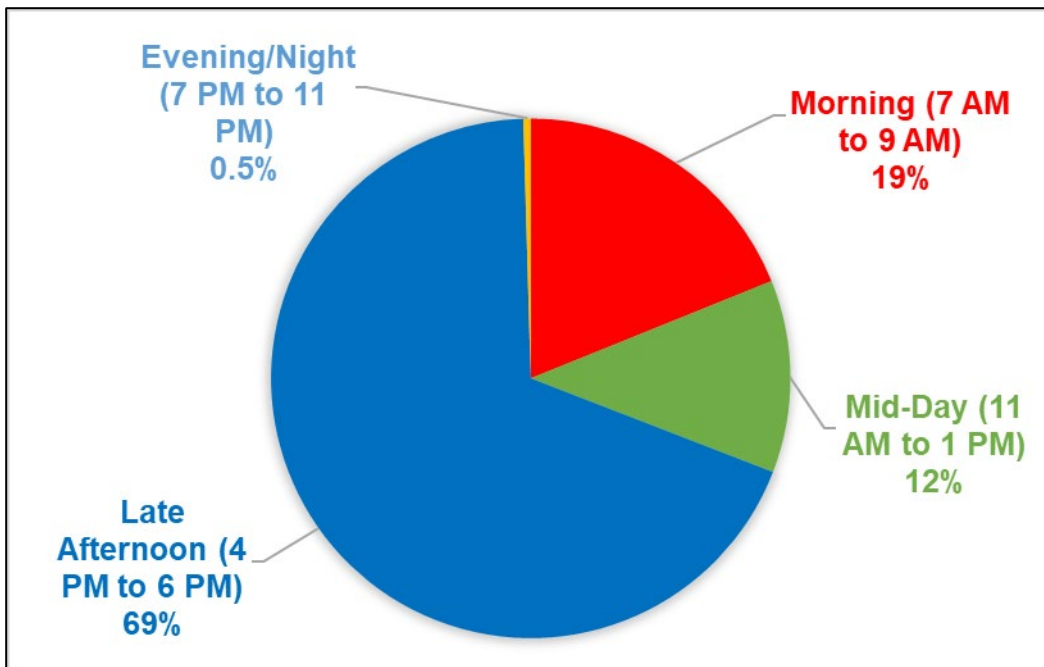
- A lot of growth in Marion County
- More people moving to the area than can be supported
- No right turn lanes or enough ROW to make a turn turn at red light
- Poorly maintained roads

- Stop permitting major housing developments
- Speed limits reassessed
- Too many cars for available roadway capacity
- Too many homes/businesses in same area
- Too many people moving to Marion County; infrastructure not kept pace
- Too many vehicles on roads
- Traffic lights not synched in Dunnellon

**3. What time of day do you experience congestion the most in Marion County? (select 1)**

A total of 217 responses were received. The most frequent time of day participants overwhelmingly selected was late afternoon between 4 pm to 6 pm with 149 responses or 69%.

41	Morning (7 AM to 9 AM)
26	Mid-Day (11 AM to 1 PM)
149	Late Afternoon (4 PM to 6 PM)
1	Evening/Night (7 PM to 11 PM)



**4. Please list the top 3 roadway or intersection locations in Marion County where you think congestion is the worst? (list up to 3)**

A total of 239 responses were received and 398 roadway or intersection/interchange locations identified. The following summarizes a list of the top 10 specific locations identified by survey participants, and the overall top 10 corridors mentioned most frequently either individually or part of an intersection or interchange.

**Top 10 Locations**

1. SR 200 at I-75 (34 responses)
2. SR 200 (30 responses)
3. SR 40 at U.S. 301/441/Pine Avenue (23 responses)
4. CR 484 at I-75 (17 responses)
5. SE 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue (SR 464) at U.S. 301/U.S. 441/Pine Ave (15 responses)
6. SE 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue (SR 464) at SE 25<sup>th</sup> (11 responses)
7. Maricamp Road (SR 464) at Baseline Road (SR 35) (10 responses)
8. SR 200 at 38<sup>th</sup> Court (9 responses)
9. SR 200 at SW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue (8 responses)
10. Downtown Ocala (8 responses)

**Top 10 Corridors Mentioned**

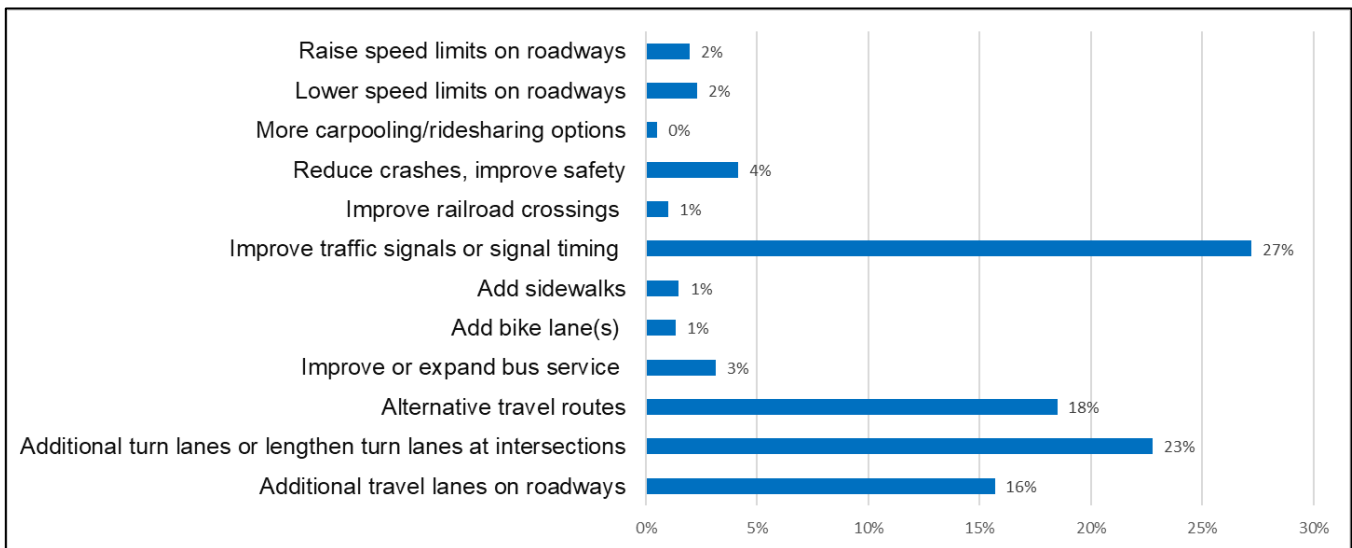
1. SR 200 (117)
2. U.S. 301/U.S. 441/Pine Avenue (61)
3. SR 40 (58)
4. SE 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Maricamp Road (SR 464) (47)
5. CR 484 (27)
6. U.S. 27 (23)
7. U.S. 441 (15)
8. Maricamp Road (10)
9. CR 475 (8)
10. I-75 (7)

**5. What improvements should be made to improve congestion at your top 3 locations, along with other congested areas in Marion County? (select up to 3)**

A total of 250 responses were received. The top three improvements recommended were **'Improve traffic signals or signal timing'** with 165 responses or 27%; followed by **'Additional turn lanes or lengthen turn lanes at intersections'** with 138 responses or 23%; and **'Alternative travel routes'** with 112 responses or 18%.

**606 selections**

- 95 Additional travel lanes on roadways
- 138 Additional turn lanes or lengthen turn lanes at intersections
- 112 Alternative travel routes
- 19 Improve or expand bus service
- 8 Add bike lane(s)
- 9 Add sidewalks
- 165 Improve traffic signals or signal timing
- 6 Improve railroad crossings
- 25 Reduce crashes, improve safety
- 3 More carpooling/ridesharing options
- 14 Lower speed limits on roadways
- 12 Raise speed limits on roadways



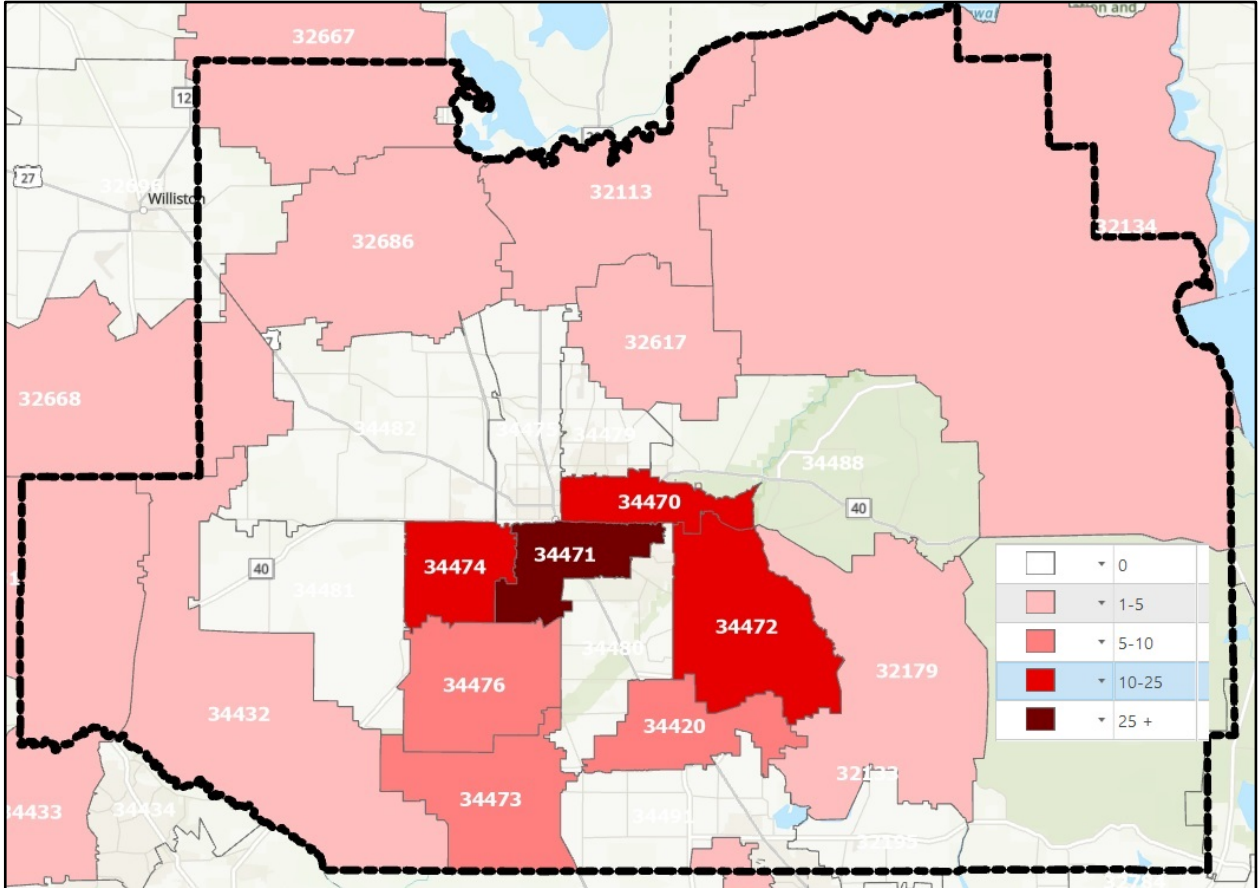
**6. What mode of transportation do you use most often (select 1)**

A total of 252 responses were received. The most frequent primary mode of transportation used by almost all participants is the personal automobile/truck. The three participants that selected 'other' use Marion Transit as their primary mode of transportation.

245	Personal automobile/truck
1	Bicycle
1	Walk
2	Bus
0	Wheelchair
0	Golf cart
0	Scooter
0	Electric bike/other electric transportation
0	Carpool/Rideshare
3	Other, please list
	(3) Marion Transit

**7. Please provide the zip code of where you live in Marion County**

A total of 158 responses were received. As displayed in the zip code map, the majority of the participants responding to this question reside in the most urbanized areas of the county, including zip codes 34471 (37), 34470 (23) and 34472 (25) and 34474 (21).

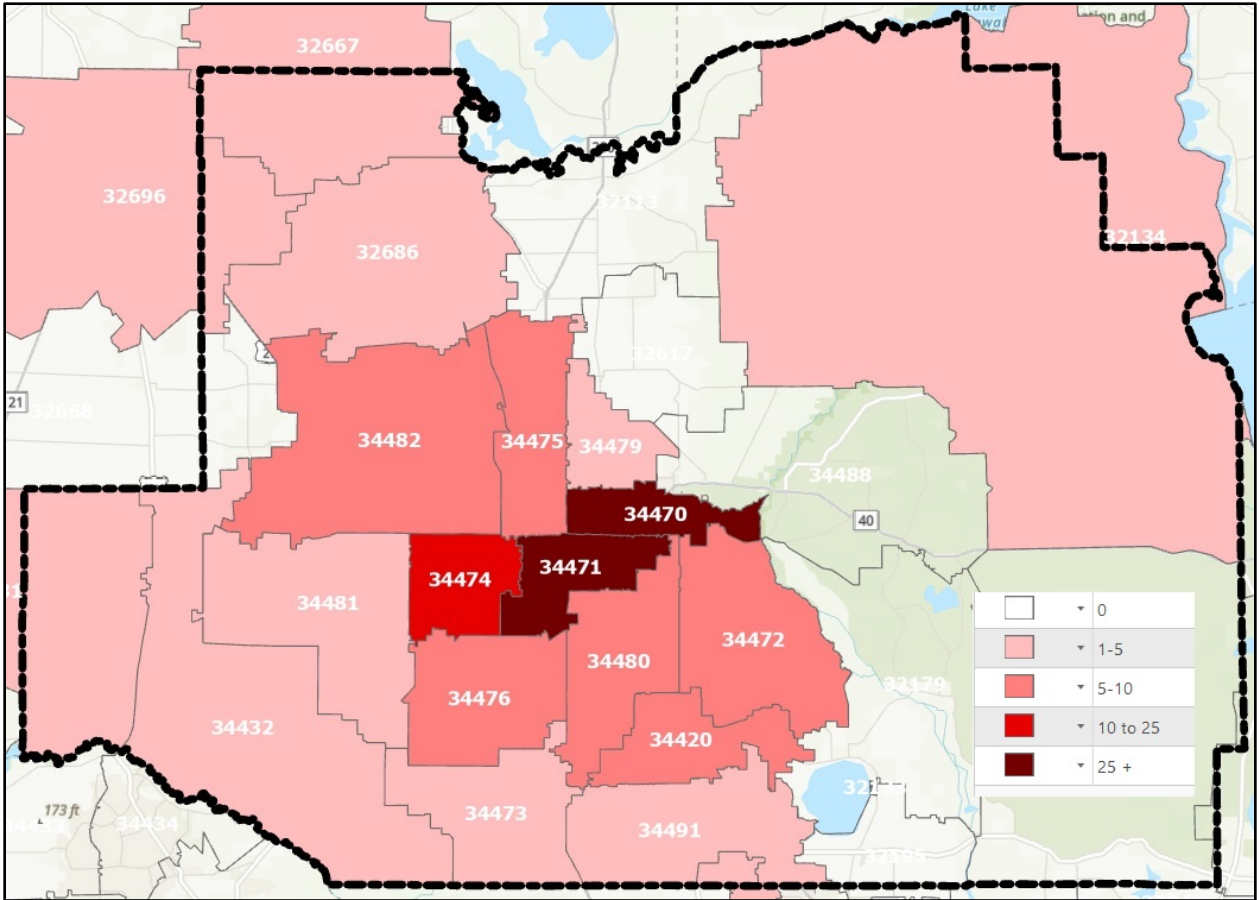


Participants by Zip Code:

2	32113	2	34431
4	32134	5	34432
1	32162	1	34433
2	32179	23	34470
1	32617	37	34471
1	32664	25	34472
1	32667	9	34473
2	32668	21	34474
5	32686	9	34476
7	34420		

**8. Please provide the zip code of where you work in Marion County**

A total of 213 responses were received. As displayed in the zip code map, the majority of the participants responding to this question work in the urbanized areas of the county, with the largest number in zip codes 34471 (74) and 34470 (49).



Participants by Zip Code

		49	34470
1	32134	75	34471
2	32162	6	34472
1	32611	5	34473
1	32664	11	34474
1	32667	8	34475
3	32686	10	34476
1	32696	3	34479
1	33474	6	34480
8	34420	5	34481
1	34431	7	34482
5	34432	3	34491



**9. Please share any comments or opinions that were not covered in this survey**

A total of 111 with additional comments were shared by the participants. The following summarizes the main topics or themes derived from the comments.

- Alternate corridors to I-75 and other major arterials
- Addition of more rail overpasses
- Addition of protected bike lanes
- Addition of turn lanes/longer turn lanes at intersections
- Back-ups on SR 200 caused by no driveways/turn lanes
- Better access management on SR 200
- Better connectivity of the roadway network
- Careless driving/speeding
- Congestion is throughout the day
- Confusing street naming
- Distracted driving
- Do not reduce travel lanes
- Driver behavior
- Growth and development in community
- Impacts of major development to roads
- Improve lighting on street network
- More golf cart access
- More law enforcement
- More maintenance of existing roads
- More sidewalks
- More transportation options
- Planned development more distributed in community
- Safety improvements at intersections
- School congestion
- Speeding and aggressive drivers
- Speed limits on major roads need to be studied
- Traffic signal timing improvements
- Widen major roadways