### **Giving Voice to Silent Stakeholders**

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### **Public Involvement Experience**





# What is Public Involvement?

"Two-way communication aimed at providing information to the public and incorporating the views, concerns and issues of the public in the transportation decision-making process."









# How is it evolving?

#### Public Involvement: Then and Now











# Public Involvement: THEN

- Input largely dependent on attendance
- Solicit comments via "snail mail"
- Publicize meetings through local news media
- Rely on word of mouth to create buzz









# Public Involvement: NOW

- Meeting attendance is one way to participate
- More ways to be heard
- More tools available to promote
- Interactive options are plentiful



### **Broaden Reach for Successful Outreach**

- Make traditional meetings meaningful
- Promote meetings through a variety of channels
- Make it easy to share feedback
- Talk to people where they are



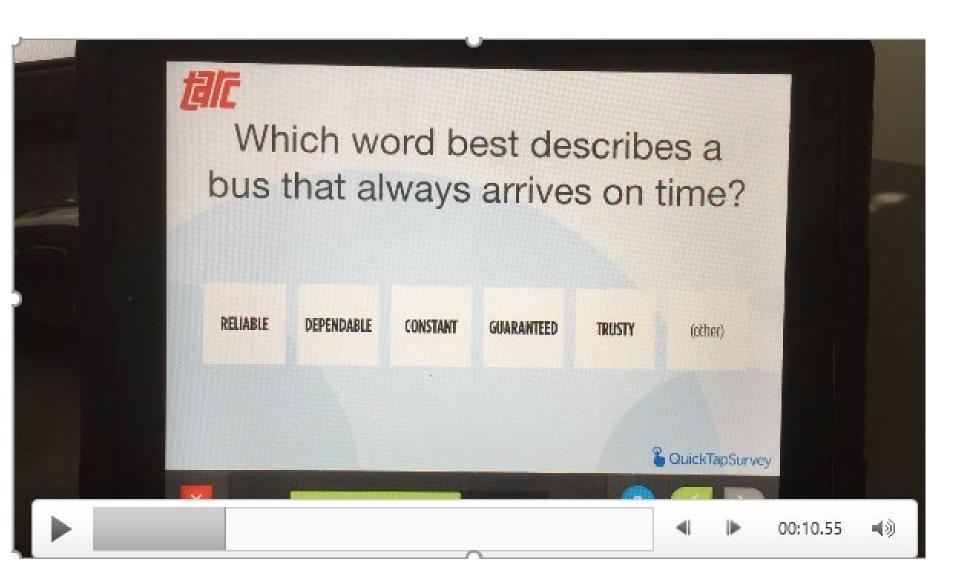
#### Meeting People Where They Are

- New Dixie Highway
- Bus Rapid Transit
- Hand delivered information to business owners
- On-bus and online surveys





## **Public Intercept Survey**





## **Share Information in a Variety of Ways**

- Direct business outreach
- Community conversations
- Postcards to EJ areas
- Church bulletins; schools





#### Make Meetings Meaningful

- Computer stations/property impacts
- Flyover video
- Virtual reality simulation
- Noise impact demonstration





### Make it Easy to Share Feedback

- Promote public meetings
- Online questionnaire
- QR code at public meetings
- Meeting materials at library locations





# **Tell Your Story Through Visuals**





#### How do we address ALL stakeholder's needs?

- Urban and rural
- Environmental justice and non-environmental justice
- Boomers to Gen Z
- Mobility challenged



#### **Extending Public Meetings: Online Surveys**



- Multi-layered approach to educate public on maintenance of traffic options
- Open houses, video, online survey to extend reach
- Survey promoted via web, social channels, earned media and stakeholders



### **Public Input**



## **Survey Results**

3,001 66%

Completed the survey

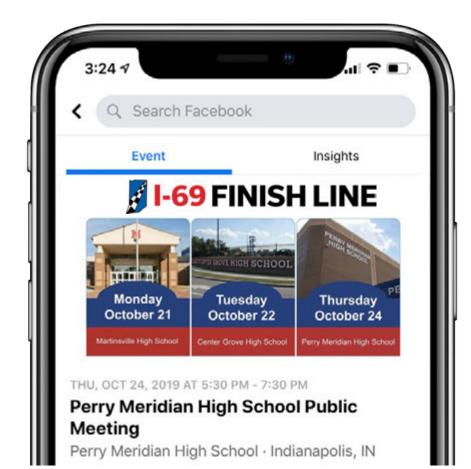
Completion rate

**5** minutes

Completion time

#### Extending Public Meetings: Social Media

- Facebook events
- Targeted paid posts
- "ICYMI" posts





#### Reaching Out on Social Media

- Share timely information
- Clear, concise and reliable
- Easy for stakeholders to share
- Support with strong visuals

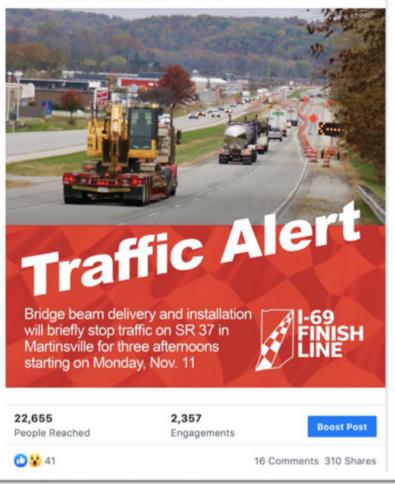


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Delivery and installation of large bridge beams will require multiple 20minute stoppages of State Road 37 traffic next week between S.R. 252/Hospital Drive and Ohio Street/Mahalasville Road.

Visit https://bit.ly/32sS0Mb to learn more.



22,655 reach | 16 comments | 310 shares

#### **J-69** FINISH LINE

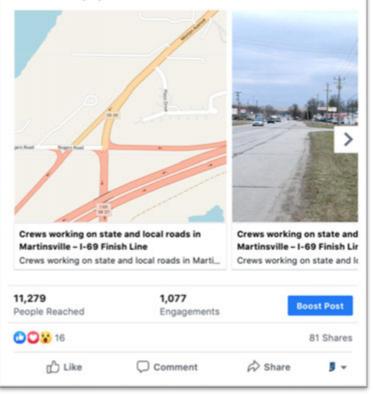
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Flaggers will temporarily close single lanes on SR 39/Morton Ave. for a few work days near Plaza Drive starting Wednesday, Feb. 12. This will allow crews to prepare for water line work in the area.



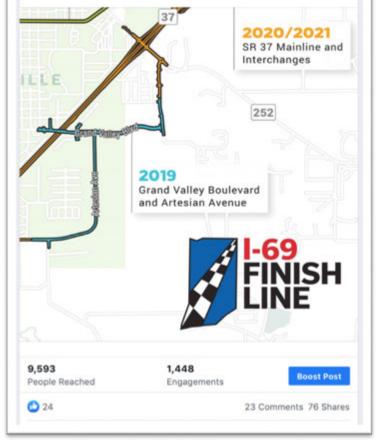
#### 11,279 reach | 81 shares

#### I-69 Finish Line

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Flaggers will route two-way traffic through one lane this week, weather permitting, for final surface paving on Grand Valley Boulevard, Artesian Avenue and Cramertown Loop. Please slow down, be patient and allow extra travel time.

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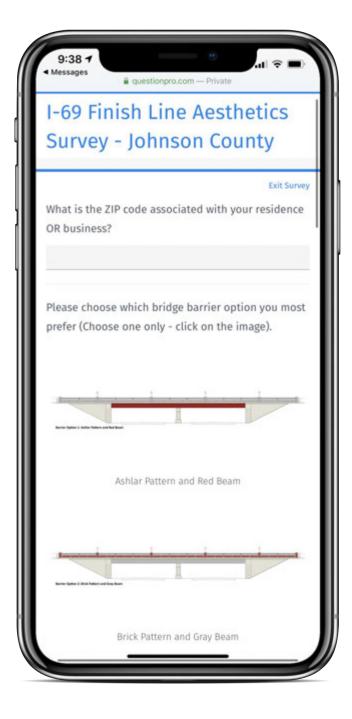


#### 9,593 reach | 23 comments | 76 shares



# Gather Feedback in Person and Online

- Aesthetics questionnaire at meetings and online
- 3 counties; unique challenges
- 3 unique, short surveys
- Coordination with local officials



# **Survey Results (2)**

# 1,769 71%

Completed the survey

Completion rate

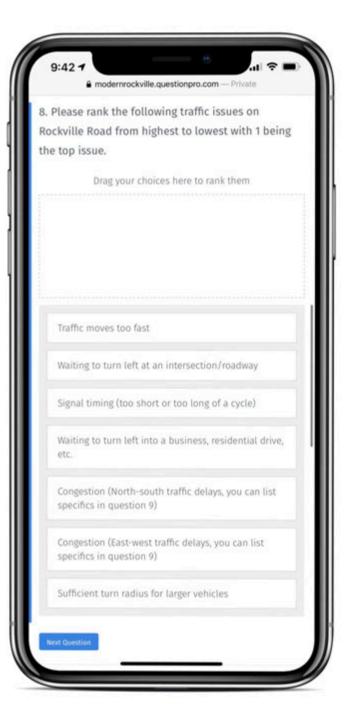


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#### Invite Feedback Early to Build Understanding

- Questionnaire allowed early input
- Provides helpful information to Project Team
- Shared with survey notification letter
- Shared online even before website launched



## Tools to Broaden Your Outreach

- Web
- Social media
- Email
- Text messaging
- Digital advertising
- Community forums
- Neighborhood apps









## Tips for Successful Outreach

- Clear and concise messaging
- Share reliable information in a variety of ways
- Make it easy for people to share their feedback
- Let them know their voice matters

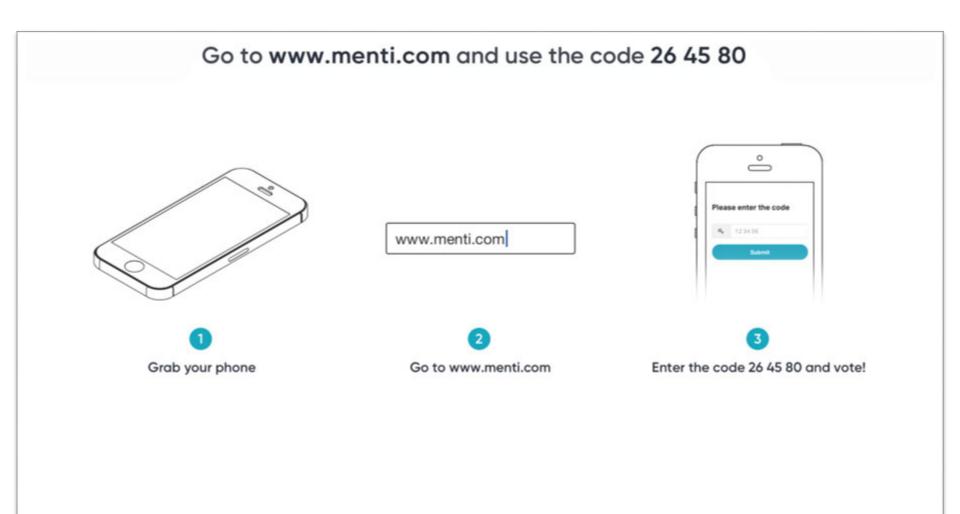








# **Real-time Results**



**Q&A** 

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