

This memo documents summary information regarding the Rice Street Interchange Project public meeting held on February 21, 2017.

Basic Meeting Information

- When: February 21, 2017 from 4:00-7:00
- Where: Vadnais Center Commons- 655 East County Road F, Vadnais Heights, MN 55127

Meeting Notifications

- Direct mailings sent to 908 properties surrounding the project area
- An event page was created Facebook social media site. The Facebook post was boosted to appear higher Facebook newsfeeds of members who reside in zip codes surrounding the project area. The event page was boosted a few days prior to the meeting. The social media post reached 3,291 people. Meeting information posted to project website
- The City of Vadnais Heights broadcast the website on a local billboard located along I-694 and on the electronic sign of the venue.
- An electronic sign was placed at the Rice Street Interchange.
- A newsletter and project documents were posted to the project webpage.
- County and Cities invited staff and elected officials, as well as posted on social media, in newsletters, and on websites.

Attendance

- Attendance: Over 240 estimated attendees, 241 individuals signed in.
- 15 staff present
 - Ramsey County: 3; Little Canada: 1; Shoreview: 1; Vadnais Heights: 2; MnDOT: 2; SEH: 5

Meeting Description

The public meeting was held in an open house style. There was a formal presentation at 4:30 and 6:00 PM. Informational project boards were available depicting summary project information, evaluation criteria, the final four design alternatives, and roundabout education topics. See attachment.

Dismissed alternative concepts were also available for review. County, City, MnDOT, and design team staff were available to answer questions and explain the project. An interactive traffic simulation station, and roundabout stations were available to help participants understand traffic scenarios and movements through the interchange. The roundabout station included a floor model roundabout for participants to move through, a scaled table top roundabout model with model cars. Two informational videos were available for viewing: MnDOT's *Navigating a Multi-lane Roundabout* and Minnesota Local Road Research Board's *Roundabout Myths (3 Myth Version)*.

Survey & Comments

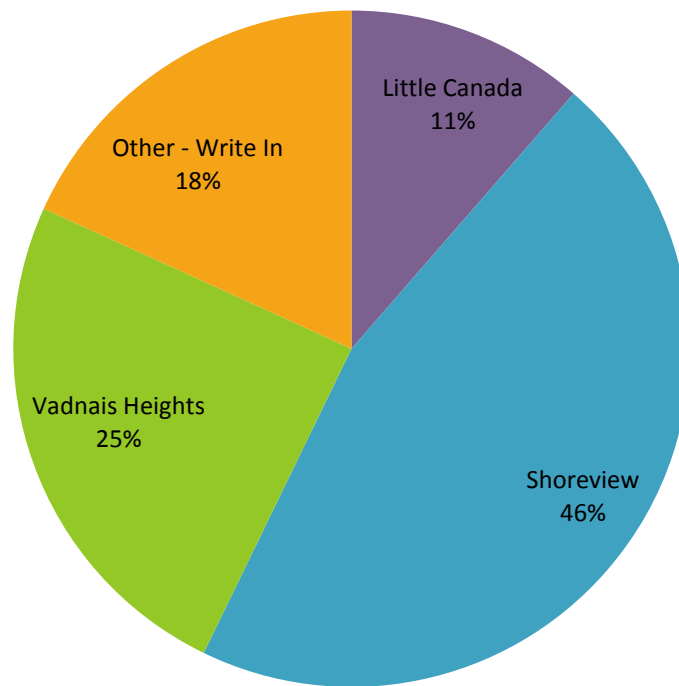
A comment table was available for attendees to take a short survey and submit comments. An electronic version of the survey was also available on the website. 239 surveys were completed; 113 at the open house and 126 online.

Response Statistics

The results hard copy surveys/comment cards from the open house and the online survey were compiled and analyzed using SurveyGizmo on 2-23-2017. Two comment cards received at the Open House provided comments, but no survey information.

	Count	Percent
Total Surveys	239	100
Online	126	53%
Open House	113	47%

1. Where do you live?

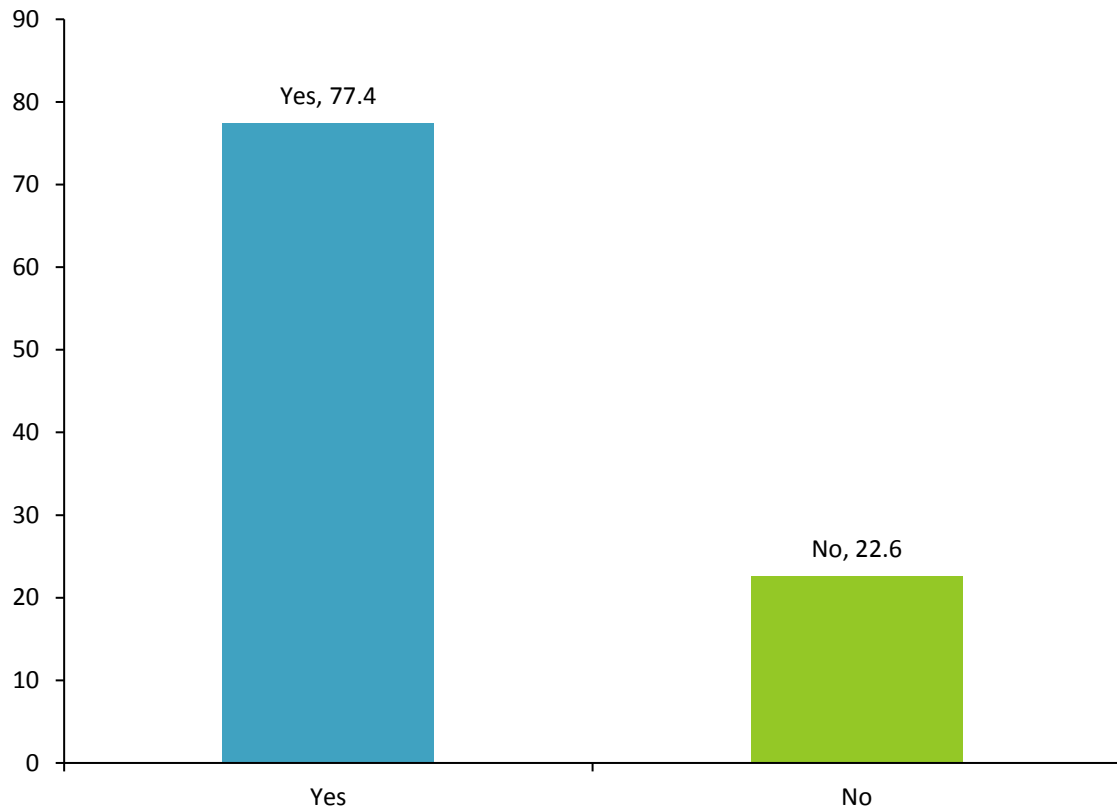


Value	Percent	Count
Little Canada	11.4%	27
Shoreview	45.8%	108
Vadnais Heights	24.6%	58
Other - Write In	18.2%	43
	Total	236

Rice Street/I-694 Interchange Improvements- Open House 1 & Online Survey Results as of 2-23-2017

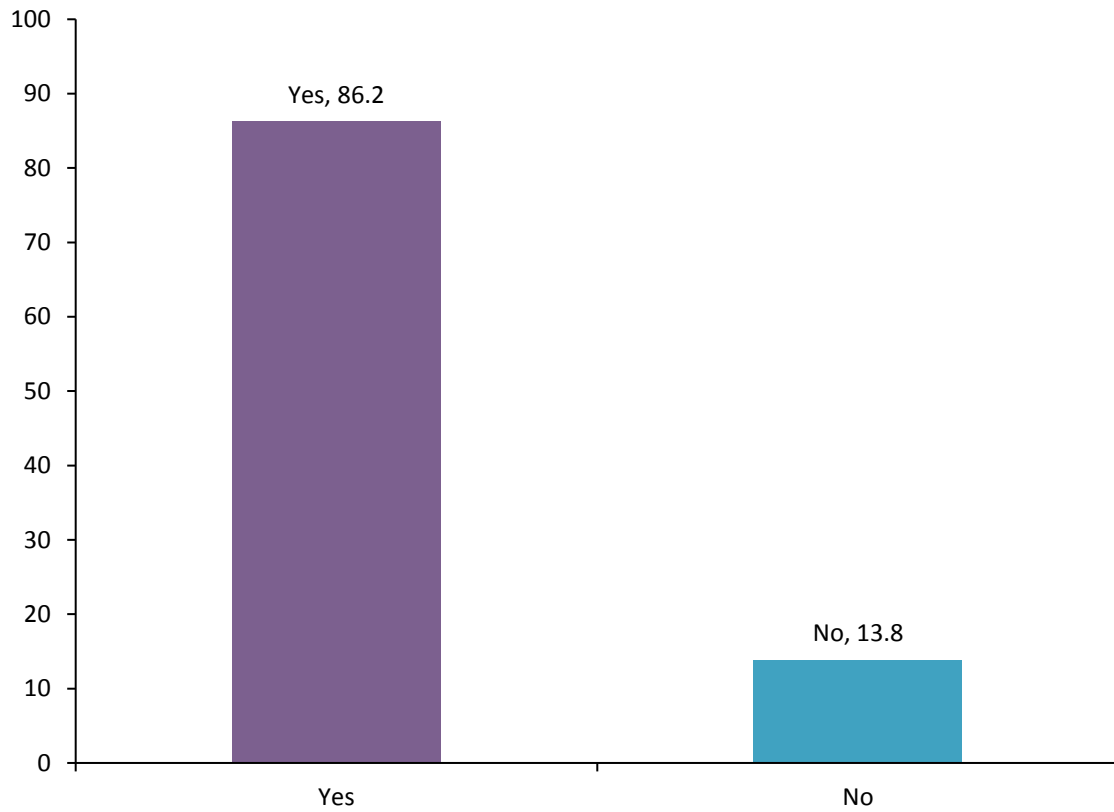
Other - Write In	Count
North Oaks	5
Roseville	17
Aden Hills	2
Blaine	1
Burnsville	1
Circle Pines	1
Hugo	1
Lino Lakes	1
Mahtomedi	1
Maplewood	2
Minneapolis	1
New Brighton	1
St. Paul	2
White bear	1
Willernie	1
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • walking distance to the Rice-694 interchange • work in community • Roseville 1 mile to Rice-694 	3
Total	41

2. Do you experience traffic challenges through the interchange?



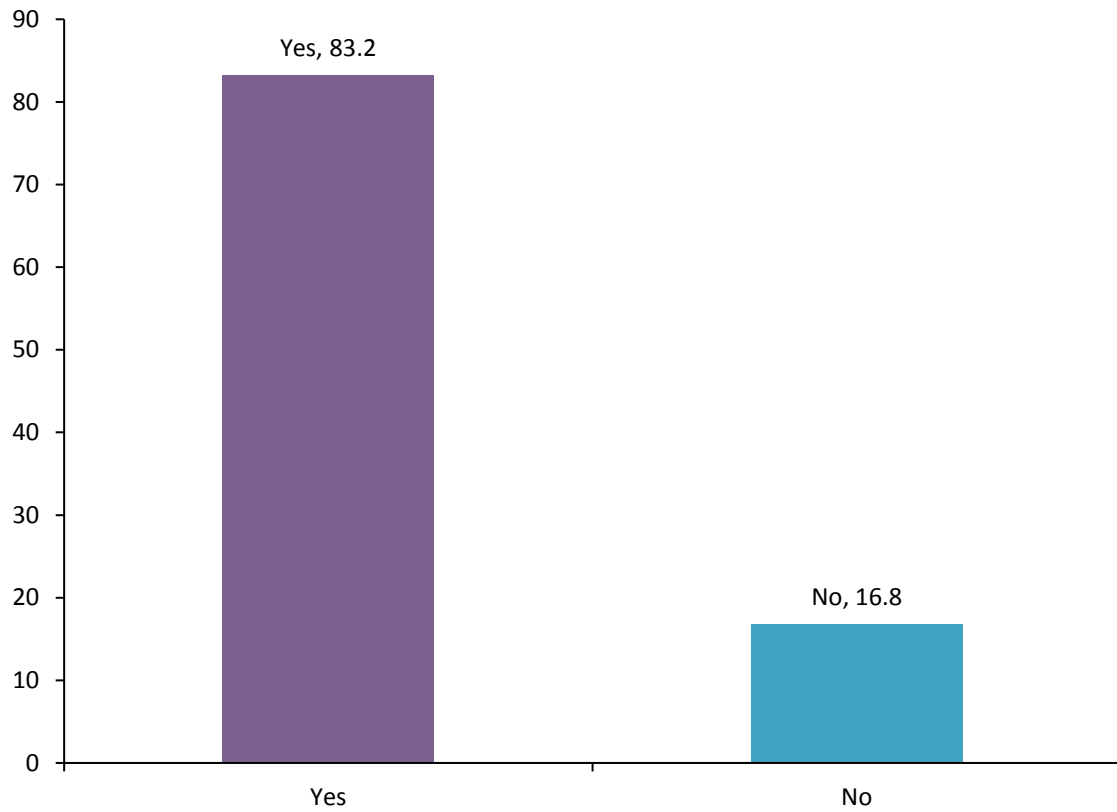
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	77.4%	175
No	22.6%	51
	Total	226

3. Are roadway improvements needed to improve traffic flow?



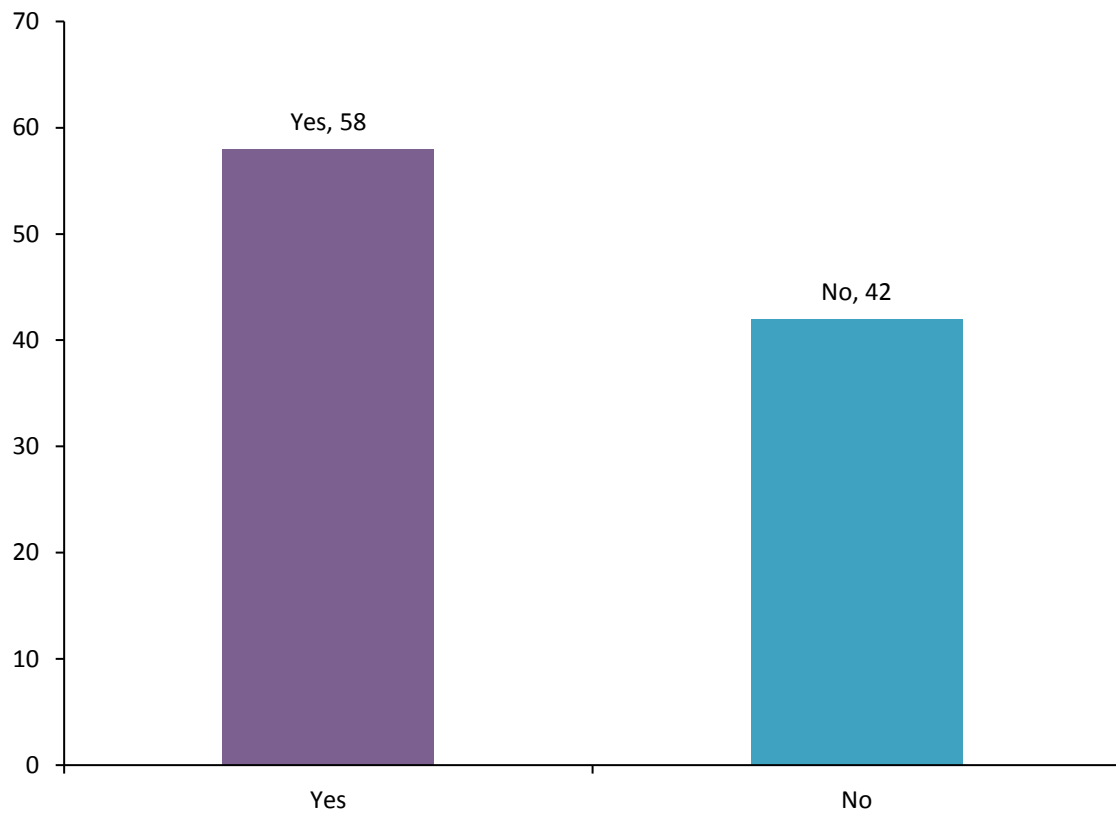
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	86.2%	194
No	13.8%	31
	Total	225

4. Are bicycle/pedestrian improvements needed along Rice Street?



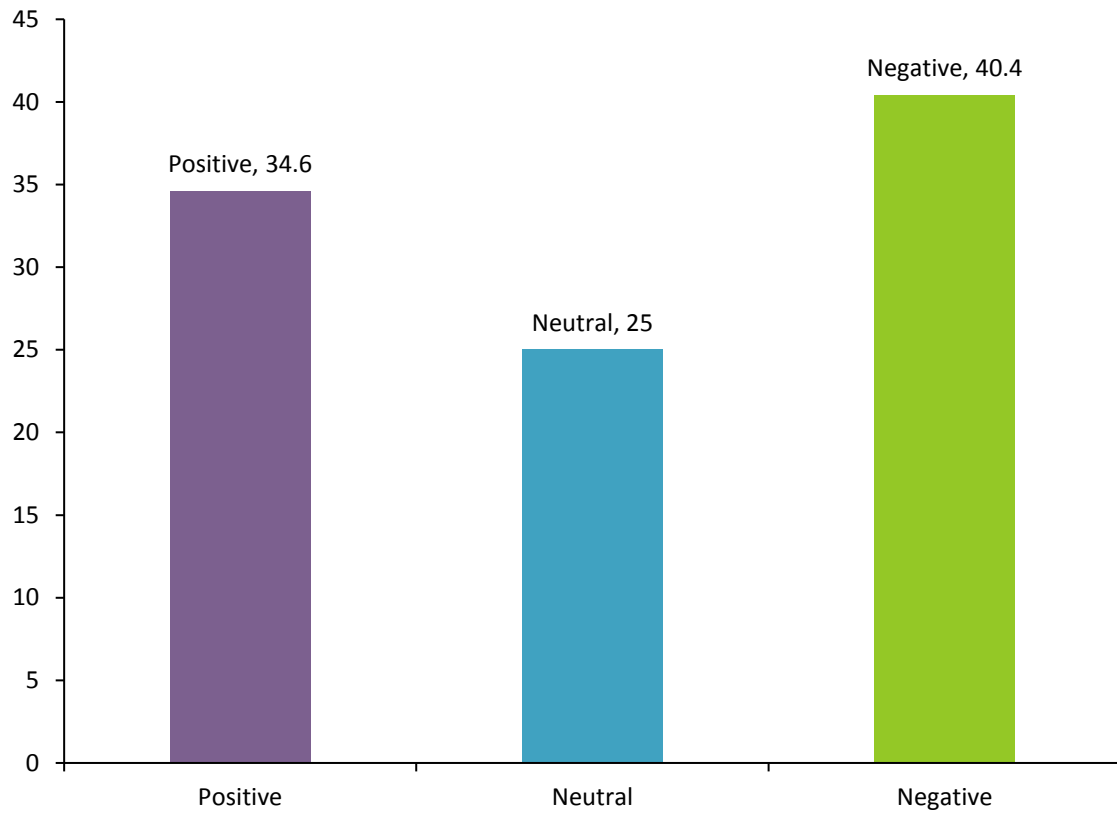
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	83.2%	188
No	16.8%	38
	Total	226

5. Do you feel the proposed improvements will help to resolve existing transportation problems?



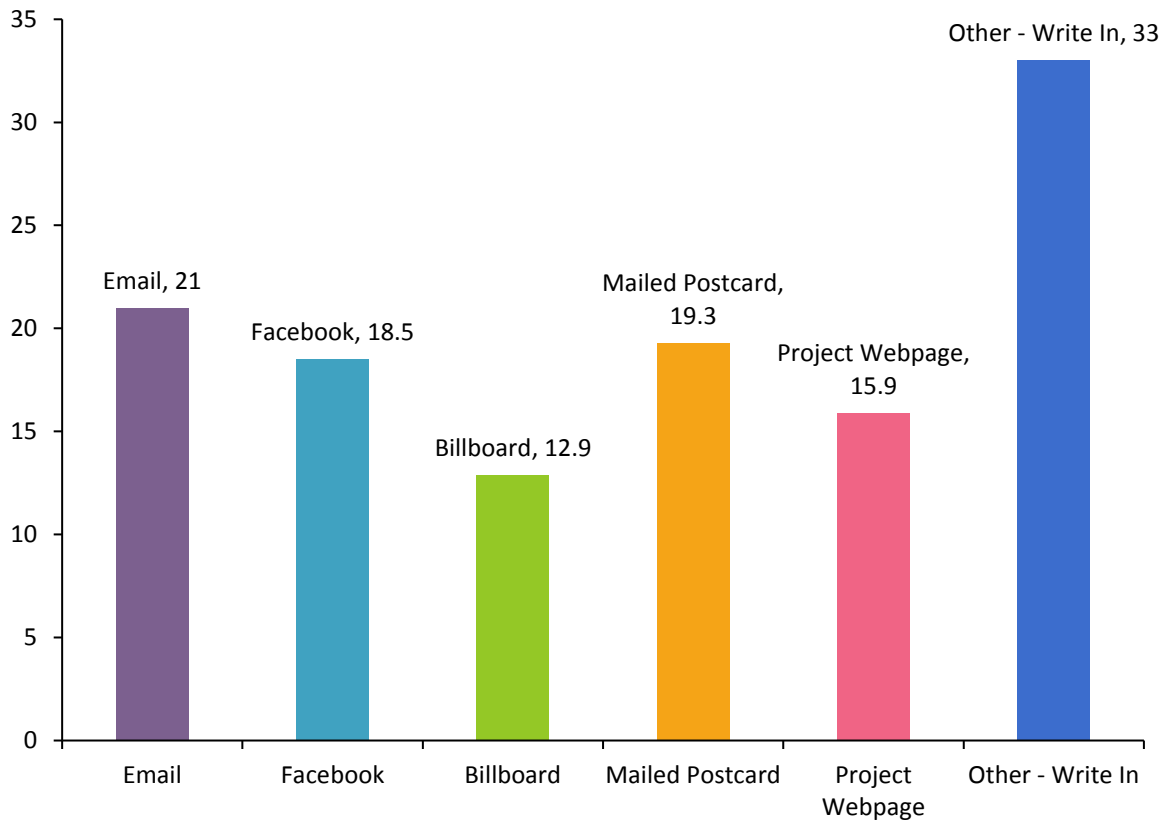
Value	Percent	Count
Yes	58.0%	119
No	42.0%	86
	Total	205

6. Generally, what is your opinion of roundabouts?



Value	Percent	Count
Positive	34.6%	79
Neutral	25.0%	57
Negative	40.4%	92
	Total	228

7. How did you hear about the project and/or the public meeting?



Value	Percent	Count
Email	21.0%	49
Facebook	18.5%	43
Billboard	12.9%	30
Mailed Postcard	19.3%	45
Project Webpage	15.9%	37
Other - Write In	33.0%	77

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Other - Write In	Count
Newspapers/newsletters	35
Word of mouth	15
Twitter	7
Legislator	6
City Governments	3
Vadnais Commons Sign	1
Ramsey County	1
Road Sign	1
Total	69

