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27703	This is one of the most important issues, if not the most important, for the next few decades.
27610	We are in the midst of a climate crisis. We have to do whatever we can to fight it for the sake of our future
27610	we need real mass transit
27603	Strongly support encouraging less car traffic via public transit, greenways, etc
27519	Green energy often uses more energy when you count all the energy needed to gather the materials to make it and dispose of it when used up. We need to make accurate assessments of cost/value.
27560	Lets try to preserve our trees==I am appalled at the number of trees that are being cut/destroyed by our builders
27609	Hopefully electric cars will take cause of emissions. The entire region should switch to electric buses. Hopefully less natural habitat is destroyed.
27607	We are already late to the game and the federal government has abandoned all responsibility in the matter so local government must take a strong stance on climate change.
27608	To reduce greenhouse gases, need to provide plenty of non-car transportation options, including mass transit, biking and walking.
27526	This is something we need to do on a local, state, federal, and international level. Love that it's a goal.
27510	These two objectives should not be under the same goal - I can see situations where these would be at odds with each other. For example, paving a new greenway may reduce emissions but would have negative impacts on the natural environment.
27601	This should absolutely be a priority.
27701	Given the evidence regarding the human influence on climate, this should be table stakes.
27705	Super important!!!!
27701	I think that protecting human and natural environment and minimizing the effects of climate change (and minimizing climate change as much as possible) are the MOST important priorities for the Triangle area. The effects of climate change will have profound implications in our own lifetimes on the habitability of the planet and also for our lifestyle in the Triangle.
27612	The Triangle also seems to be very well-positioned to take advantage of technological developments, like solar. Among other things there are so many huge parking lots that bake in the sun: large shade structures that are topped by solar panels could harvest the heat and also generate a lot of energy!
27612	Climate change is real.
27604	Single-occupant cars are one of the biggest sources of greenhouse gas emission.
27713	Maintaining green space and minimizing habitat fragmentation within the city should be a high priority

27608	Not appropriate to apply cultural/natural resources in the same context as emissions. Different operational strategies to achieve.
27604	1) GHG 2) Criteria pollutants (NOx & PM) 3) Everything else
27607	The easiest, cheapest way to do this is to stop centering the car and start building for bikes, walking, transit, trains, etc. Free us from car-dependency and we we can save the environment.
27610	Please prioritize incorporating green stormwater features/management into any project for better flood control and environmental benefits
27529	Long term clarity of vision, the fact that Mother Earth is sending signals of her distress, must be a paramount consideration. No short cuts, false economies or excuses here.
27607	While I support this they are not the main goals of a comprehensive transportation plan.
27608	Goal should be longer term and more specific with impacts of most concern. Is smog the priority, GHG, noise pollution, habitat, endangered species? Sustainability would be a better focus than the environment & Climate. LCA's, increasing efficiency and using net impacts would be better than focusing only on scope 1 emissions.
27608	More work needs to be done!
27613	This should be central to planning infrastructure.
27606	Clean environment is important.
27608	We can never again take any action without this being a central objective.
27604	This goal makes sense from many perspectives, not the least of which is supporting an economy that will become increasingly differentiated between "haves" that can avoid the worst of the environmental ramifications and those that cannot.
27601	Reducing emissions is just reducing VMT, which is just reducing driving.
27603	This is integral to achieving the other goals in this plan. The MPOs are the right agencies to help lead on this if NCDOT won't do it.
27713	By 2050 if we haven't gone past "reduce emissions" through neutrality to "net reduction in carbon" we're doomed as a civilization, so.
27615	More bus service outside the main city but using low emission engines, on existing roads.
27577	Energy inputs of road construction should be considered. Climate impacts of development encouraged by highway construction should be considered.
27604	Discouraging auto use would be huge step towards mitigating emissions and at least slowing down climate change.
27608	While I strongly support this goal, this will likely occur from the transition to electric vehicles.
27607	Climate Change IS an existential threat and MUST be dealt with.
27278	We need to reduce the environmental factors that negatively effect our health.
27603	This is critical and the MPOs are the right organizations to lead on this if NCDOT won't.

27615	This goal seems to go hand-in-hand with choice of modes. If the Raleigh-Durham area was more connected with bike lanes, walking and public transportation, then this goal would be met as well. Win-win!
27607	A clean and non polluted climate is essential to a comfortable and relaxing environment for my wife and me, who are over 70. We can't mentally and physically take polluted air and land.
27312	The climate crisis is the greatest existential threat that humanity has ever faced. Nothing else matters if/when there is no habitable planet.
27517	Anything beyond expanding highways for more car traffic will almost certainly move towards this goal.
27510	I agree - this is absolutely critical to ensure the sustainability of human life on earth.
27705	Likely the most important goal - it's time to start emphasizing nature over business growth.
27510	If you use this as the most important goal, all else follows from that. Keep your "eye on the prize" and reduce the use of fossil-fuel driven transportation.
27517	Green space is at a premium with all of the apartment housing ripping out trees and scraping that land. Transportation should respect greenways and even create them along the bus/train corridors.
27713	All transportation plans must have environmental impact as the most important factor. Minimize destruction of natural area, maintain the triangles beauty, and minimize impact on pollution/emissions
27707	No idea what you mean by "cultural environment." Environmental impacts are important to me. This question is too vague.
27608	This is an absolute priority if we are to meet greenhouse emissions reduction targets in the near future.
27312	As a person with a green job I not only know this can be done, but that we can thrive economically to do it!
27707	Better bicycle and walking infrastructure.
27344	This will not be achieved with MORE autos on MORE miles of highway. Multimodal is only way to goal.
27344	More public transit by rail essential, with feeder electric bus connections.
27603	One of the main reasons I believe in public transit is to reduce our impact on the environment.
27707	This can and should be accomplished by reducing dependence on car travel in the region.
27517	My interest is more on the negative impacts to natural and cultural environments. Green House gases emission do not seem achievable
27705	Battery and solar technology is the key for improvements in this area. Transportation is being revolutionized by auto makers like Tesla.
27517	Emissions from transportation are a huge part of our emissions from Durham, Chapel Hill, and Carborro. We must address this problem so we can slow down climate change. In addition, transportation affects land use planning, which affects our natural environment (historically in a negative way).
27701	essential. uhhh for like survival and stuff

27713	Transportation is the top emitting sector, so we need to work hard to develop networks of greenways, bike lanes, and sidewalks to grow the mode share of biking and walking along with transit and EVs.
27704	Aim for greenhouse gas neutrality by 2045
27604	We get one Earth, one chance. It is our collective responsibility to not mess it up.
27707	Protecting the environment is important and this should be balanced with transportation needs. I support the environmental goals, but especially want to explore ways to stop building more highways and widening streets, that work is ruining our quality of life and the character of our area.
27517	I believe that there should be some compromises made in "the cause for progress" and economic development.
27587	this goal will have costs; my support for the goal will depend on the project and cost
27344	Reduction in CO2 emissions from vehicles is Chatham County's major concern.
27520	5
27278	Very middle need good transport schedules not just when colleges are operating to match everyone's work schedules not just day shifts have park and rides farther out not in Durham chapel hill Mebane would be a good start. Don't band aid like we do with our school system.
27609	Waste of taxpayer money. Climate change is not significantly manmade.
27609	Waste of taxpayer money. Climate change is not manmade.
27514	Whatever we do must be affordable.
27705	Wish there was more mixed-use zoning, smaller shops walk/bike-able to existing residential area.
27562	I agree that natural and cultural environments must be protected. I also agree that energy efficiency is important. Green house gases are something that humans have little ability to control. Nature has ae more impact than humans.
27615	This survey is not accessible for me. I am using an Apple iMac 27" PC with Safrii, voice over, inverted video and magnified screen.
27608	I tried to rate this Goal as a 3 because I am not sure what you mean by item 2).
27704	I am especially concerned about sprawl
27603	Essential for the future of our city & our world
27603	It is imperative that this goal is kept in mind and help inform transportation projects because transportation is closely tied to climate change.
27601	It is long past time that our transportation planning leads us out of a 1920s model of car-dependent pollution model.
27610	This is very important and we need to be more proactive in addressing it.
27603	The choices we make now will impact our communities for generations. It should be of paramount importance that this region build a sustainable transit network that will reduce carbon impacts and provide a foundation for a more environmentally just society.

27610	This is perhaps the most important goal for me and systemic changes to help further this goal are the most powerful way we can accomplish it. We need to reduce our reliance on cars for transportation and provide safe, clean alternatives through investment and expansion of public transport and bicycle and pedestrian focuses when building infrastructure. CARS ARE THE PROBLEM
27520	Sensitivity to the environment is important to me.
27510	This is the single most important goal. It is the root source of many of the other issues our community faces (and will face) and addressing it is paramount. We MUST create viable, environmentally conscious transportation methods (not buses!) universally available in the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro area.
27701	Climate change is going to hit us like a bomb in the next ten years. We have to be ahead of the curve - our survival depends on it.
27701	Tree lined streets will help lessen the effect of emissions and also provide a calming trip.
27510	These can be contradictory goals. Reducing green house gasses and energy consumption may be incompatible with increased off-road walking and bicycling greenways that may have some effect on natural areas. Both are important, but the natural environment should not necessarily be the only consideration in determining whether the first goal is achieved. A tradeoff needs to be made.
27516	We need to reduce dependence on motor vehicles, and sharply reduce the number of single-passenger car trips.
27278	We need sustainable growth and development.
27278	Interested in preserving forests and wildlife around the Eno but would love improved trail system extending out from the river walk north and south
27705	Protecting the Earth is protecting our future, it should be the basis of all decisions.
27701	Climate change will be the driving factor of stressors on urban and rural communities. Only through addressing climate change can we positively impact the future of our community
27609	Reducing GHG is a 5++ reducing impacts on the natural enviroment is a 3, at best.
27604	Transportation is a major drain of the environment. That needs to change.
27616	5
27519	Promote a built environment that encourages a reduction in single occupancy vehicle trips.
27712	Important, but reducing the time people spend in cars may require construction that some people will consider a negative impact on the natural environment. Progress requires change and compromise.
27707	climate change is real and impacted by vehicle emissions
27707	I like it the you begin with the environment.
27601	Climate change will be the biggest issue facing NC over the next decade and even century, so we should be part of the solution as well.
	We should become a region of the future (transit, biking, and walking), not the past (cars).

27625	Controlling car dependent sprawl and reducing emissions is a critical concern to me. More walkable and transit oriented communities also improve quality of life and can actually have an impact on traffic/congestion, unlike building more roadway capacity.
27603	Very glad to see this. I hope it is taken seriously.
	This needs to be accomplished in balance with not harming the regional economy. What makes the Triangle great is all those educated folk who come from the NE To work in RTP and demand the services and cultural attractions that we've come to enjoy and would not have without this thriving economy.
27704	All and any green, sustainable infrastructure projects need to be top priority! We are already at 1.3 degrees.
27526	Stop all building in critical watershed areas. Don't allow encroachment within at least 300 feet of a stream or wsetlands.
27705	I favor having a world in which my children and grands can, as the Lehrer brothers song goes, drink the water and breathe the air.
	Use permeable paving where possible. Use greenery including grass rather than environmentally unfriendly asphalt or concrete.
27312	Run a trolley from median on 15-501 Pittsboro to Chapel Hill or Carrboro. Any futuristic energy saving version of an electric trolley line will do. Little bubble cars at destination for commuters to get to work or shop or visit with a key card so you share 'rides' once you get to main stop to continue on your own.
27701	5. the more we consider the environmentin our planning, the more liveable our community will be. It is also mandatory to do this for the future generations. We know the benefits of the natural landscape and trees to humans. It should be a mandate at all stages of effort to maintain and plant trees. Identify areas withiw tree cover and create a tree planting and maintenance program together with neighborhoods to maintain and create livable and healthy environments for all citizens
27278	I am concerned about emissions and also, with the amount of new development, the amount of non porous surfaces which have significant impacts on the natural environment. I would like to see transportation goals focus on alleviating these impacts to the extent possible.
27615	We should be working toward carbon neutrality. Building new highways does the opposite: it encourages driving and sprawl. Please shift funding away from new highway projects and toward transit, biking, and walking.
27526	Having a good public transportation system is important to make people take less their cars! People need to understand that is helps the environment, saving money and is not an inconveinience.
27516	This should be a core goal for all government decision making
27514	All other goals must be measured based on their impact on their impact on climate change. Climate change threatens the existence of the human race.
27513	Laudable goal but can't be the only consideration to the exclusion of other needs.
27703	Climate change is real and we need to plan and prepare now if we are going to help the earth and ourselves.

27517	<p>This is my top concern. We need to find ways to make walking and biking a priority and reduce transportation by personal cars. Look at how the town of Ann Arbor is planned--there are sidewalks everywhere and there is a sense of community connection and vibrancy that Chapel Hill lacks. It's going to take strong strategic planning and infrastructure development to mitigate the decades of sprawl and development that is led by corporate developers, but if we are going to have a chance to survive climate change, we need drastic action. I would love to be able to walk or bike to Eastgate, the Plaza, University mall without worrying about getting hit, I envision being able to cross 15-501 with a pedestrian bridge. People on foot and bikes and using public transportation should be the priority for how this town moves.</p>
27703	<p>My comment relates generally to this plan. Bicycle and vehicular transportation do not mix on public roadways used as primary transportation corridors. Unlike vehicle use, the great majority of bicycle use is for recreation use creating unnecessary dangerous situations. I'm sure this opinion is unacceptable since there seems to be heavy participation of bicycle groups in your planning groups. Until bicyclists are licensed to drive on roadways, contribute to transportation infrastructure &amp; have to really follow the laws of the road, they are not vested in responsible use of roadways &amp; pose a danger on roads. Thank you.</p>
27560	do we need more townhomes, homes, condos, apartments???
27529	We need to do this as quickly as possible. Our natural environment is disappearing so fast and we need that environment for our human health.
27278	Public electric car charging stations at high-demand locations (downtowns, schools, shopping centers, public thoroughfares, etc). PZEV and Electric car commuter lanes.
27510	We need to eliminate green house gas emissions before 2050 to avoid catastrophic climate change
28587	5. These changes have to happen locally when we lack leadership nationally.
27526	2 over 1
27526	<p>If we do not care for the planet on which we live NOW, future generations WILL PAY THE PRICE!</p> <p>Science has proven the impact from the 1970's and that is why Richard Nixon approved the creation of the EPA.</p>
27608	No need for transportation if we're all dead from global warming. So the environment really has to be #1.
12345	Barack Hussein Obama is a gay Kenyan. Michelle is a tranny. Josh duggar is a pervert. Bidem is a pervert.
27613	<p>The water source for residents in Raleigh need to be protected. Once outside of 540, there is a diverse amount of animals that can be negatively impacted, and be a nuisance/create dangerous conditions for drivers. This needs to be reviewed. Increased noise levels due to a mixture of increasing road sizes with increased speed limits is not advisable. Increasing road width while not increasing, or slightly decreasing speed limits for safety will move the same amount of vehicles.</p>

27587	I want to see as few trees and water sources depleted/ removed/ damaged as possible. Clear cutting is cheaper for the developer, but NO ONE besides the Developer wants clear cutting! Please find a way to word requirements that are more specific than the current ordinances so that: clear cutting is difficult; much larger buffers between new and existing developments are required; and more green/open space is required (what is considered "green space" may need to be better defined as well).
27613	Light rail would accomplish this. Run a train up capital, over to north hills, over to Crabtree valley, up to pleasant valley , then lynn rd, then up by carMax and, then the airport. Support contingent on no laws or regulations that are prohibitive in nature to free movement of citizens outside of this plan
27613	Reduce if it can be economical to do so
27526	NONE of this will matter, if we destroy the planet.
27527	Within reason, but not overly cautious
27614	Creation care is a moral imperative
27516	Congestion is my main concern.
27510	This is a land use policy issue as much as it is a transportation issue. We need to address zoning and density among all jurisdictions while we're talking about transportation. The best transportation system will continue to struggle if we have poorly planned, low density, single function, suburban sprawl.
27701	This is an admirable goal, but it needs to be restated in quantifiable terms. For instance, what percent of emission reduction is set as a goal for 20XX?
	Increasing foot and bike traffic and all opportunities to create green spaces in the community will benefit the health of the air, water, plants and animals including people.
27613	Feel this is critical, especially given the long term nature of your goals and the demographic you will be serving over the period.
27615	I own a hybrid and have been an environmental advocate for 35 years.
27608	Top priority!
27526	Electric vehicles would be great
27278	Slowing growth might help with this
27613	This should be top priority.
27610	What do you mean by cultural environment.
27604	Triangle essentially does nothing transportation wise to do this, in my view. Other cities do so much more.
27517	Trucks and SUVs now far outsell passenger cars. That's an extremely good indicator of how the general population feels about this subject--whether or not they admit it. They don't give a shit.
27504	Support clean goal within reason, but not a planet hugger freak either.
27604	This is absolutely one of the top priorities.
27615	More Greenways are important as well as walking to shops and restaurants.
27713	We need to get global warming under control quick!
27619	4
27617	We need to move towards electric vehicles ASAP. We also need a mass rail system to connect the university's, Medical centers and major city areas throughout the Triangle area!



27603	Reducing GHG is vital! Climate change goals also need to be directly linked to equity issues. Those in our community who are most vulnerable are most effected by climate change impacts and most often are least contributing - we need to focus on actions to prioritize these communities needs
27615	I believe we need to balance between the modern reality with the understanding that peak oil is a temporary timeframe
27539	How do you do that when people have to travel for work which takes a form of energy to accomplish that task? Can't be met unless EVERYONE has an electric vehicle powered by a carbon free renewable energy. Then what about the batteries need to power a carbon free future? Maybe in 50 years?
27519	Hugely important when making longterm plans. Should be the #1 priority.
27606	The Triangle is made of natural forest, greenways and parks - while all the while housing a meca of business. This area must meet both — natural environment while supporting and attracting progression of business
27609	We should be all electric. The fact that we don't have a light rail at this point is mind boggling and it will only get harder to implement with increases in property values and density.
27612	I support this goal, as it is our responsibility to steward environmental resources well. However I believe this goal is secondary to other goals which more directly impact the care for members of this community,
27713	We have got to start making this a priority in all things. Even just from a financial perspective, eventually, we will have no choice but to make things more eco-friendly and we'd have to replace everything if we don't plan for it from the start. 5.
27587	This also includes not eliminating trees and or forest
27516	Is there an opportunity to build more park and ride opportunities into Durham given how many Chapel Hill/Carrboro residents work in Durham thinking of RTP and various Duke locations.
27243	Virtue signaling never solved anything. Raising taxes for underground solar panels and mobile windmills is racist
27701	Durham needs to lead by example. A new plan must have these as primary objectives or it's, simply put, trash.
27278	Be aware of environmental factors in the design of your goals but don't let an endangered snail halt construction for 10 years.
27587	More support for goal #2. Less on #1
27518	I care very much about the environment, but I also care that any measures aren't at the expense of poorer communities/families.
27587	Environmental impact and carbon footprints are critical
27612	We need more sidewalks to connect more places together to allow people walk/ride bicycles to get to places. And reasonable bus stops. Not one 2 miles away from your house..
27514	Most important objective
27516	Thinking creatively about greenways and sidewalks linking areas of Chapel Hill and Carrboro for pedestrians and cyclists could greatly reduce auto traffic
27502	Anything will be helpful to reduce global warming!
27541	This is a poorly designed question. It is not government's role to mold culture.

27713	The primary purpose of a transportation department/plan is to move people and goods safely and efficiently. There are costs associated with this. Balancing this need, while minimizing impacts, is always important.
27278	Nothing is more important than this goal. If we don't protect our environment and minimize climate change, everything else we do will be for nothing in the long run.
27516	We should not spend tax dollars on energy sources that also have to be subsidized by our tax dollars! We need to shrink the demands of the public sector. Our private sector needs to be unleashed to recover and grow.
27526	Save the trees
27587	Alternatives that allow for safe travel.
27587	Maintaining the ecology of our area is important. It is a big part of what makes the Triangle a great place to live.
27526	More so #2 than #1.
27615	Best way to do this is to reduce the need to drive.
27278	this would be supported by more public transportation plus real incentives for people not to use their cars! In addition to the obvious-- bike lanes, sidewalks, How about moving walkways that connect parts of a town? How about economic incentives for people who choose to use public transportation or bike? bike lanes, better walking conditions,
27278	More public transportation other than busses in the triangle area, especially between towns such as Hillsborough and Mebane to Durham or Chapel Hill
27705	protecting the human and natural environment and minimizing climate change is critical to any transportation plan adopted by government.
27705	We need to prioritize the goal of decreasing negative environmental consequences of our current transportation options
27510	If we think COVID-19 is a tough foe, just wait until we have finally figured out we have to fight our carbon consumption lifestyle to save the climate!
27705	Protect our natural surroundings Objective under this goal should be to Net Zero Carbon Emissions from the Transportation Sector by 2050
27713	Climate change needs to be addressed at every level from personal to federal policy and law.
27514	"cultural environment" seems a bit like a NIMBY protection clause.
27278	One of the greatest benefits of NC/Hillsborough is its abundant natural landscapes and green spaces, and I think we should do all we can to preserve that. I also think that being "green" is the wave of the future- it would be worth the investment now to a) not look outdated and b) not have to spend money on changing a fleet should legislation be introduced that aims at reducing greenhouse gases.
27278	Mitigating climate change is the most significant priority the world should be addressing, and should be a major part of decision-making about transportation priorities and spending.
27278	I believe a great way to do this is to provide better public transportation options and build new structures in a smarter way to avoid necessitating car traffic.

27705	Single occupant vehicles are a huge source of pollution, traffic, noise, and quality of life degradation, as well as contributing disproportionately to climate change. Reduce as much as possible.
27516	Given the length of time of this plan and the increasing rate of climate change, we need to anticipate strong and increasing changes in response.
27707	Transportation is getting to be the biggest part of greenhouse gases.
27502	Should still be conducted in a reasonable manner. Not derail an entire project for a trivial reason.
27526	We need to keep the green spaces as much as possible. We also need to look to more efficient and cost effective (long term) modes of transportation.
27705	I think commuter rail between Durham and RTP/Raleigh would have a positive impact here.
27704	Better bike options, greenways, and rapid, frequent public transit are top priorities! Thanks for helping the Triangle develop stronger public transport systems that serve lots of riders, including more professional riders, in addition to low-income riders.
27705	Improving active transportation and green infrastructure should be a central provision, especially in historically under-served neighborhoods.
27707	5
27707	I really want to stop gas emissions.
27707	If we don't pay attention to climate change, everything else is harder to achieve, if indeed it is possible at all.
27705	Any support should be given towards kids at risk like foster care and young home.
27701	As climate changes are a function of nature and not man, the best we can achieve is to reduce impact on the environment. Let's not confuse climate change and the impact on environment.
27312	I support these, but they are vague-particularly the second. What do you consider a negative impact? According to whom? Reduce from x to what level?
27701	Would love a fast bus system, use native plants along roads and public places and more greenways and sidewalks.
27701	We must be developing with the future in mind instead of solving today's congestion and complaints.
27701	Critically important as climate change becomes more and more real
27701	As a local physician, I strongly support transportation plans that slow climate change. The effects of climate change on human health are already apparent and if aggressive action is not taken, will be irreversibly worsened. The economic cost of climate change is also staggering - see Limaye et al. Estimating the Health-Related Costs of 10 Climate-Sensitive U.S. Events During 2012 Sept 2019 <a href="https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1029/2019GH000202">https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1029/2019GH000202</a> In NC increased pollen count associated with climate change caused asthma exacerbations costing over \$40 million.
27705	This is essential. Without a world in which to live, all other goals are pointless.

27701	As a local physician, I strongly support doing everything possible to slow climate change. The effects of climate change on human health is already apparent and will worsen irreversibly if we do not take aggressive action. In addition the economic cost is staggering - see Limaye et al. Estimating the Health-Related Costs of 10 Climate-Sensitive U.S. Events During 2012 Sept 2019 <a href="https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1029/2019GH000202">https://agupubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1029/2019GH000202</a> Increased pollen count in NC associated with climate change leads to increased asthma exacerbations costing over \$40 million in one year.
27705	Critical!
27707	This, along with ensuring that underserved, less affluent populations have economical access to public transportation are my 2 highest peiorities.
27704	Environmental justice is racial justice. Not caring about these things leads to negative health impacts and health disparities.
27701	WE DID WE SCRAP THE LIGHTRAIL? We need mass transit beyond buses.
27701	provide helpful bike infrastructure
27705	Cultural and environmental are totally different and should not be grouped into the same category
27701	We ignore the effects of climate change on our cities and citizens at our peril.
27704	Given that this survey is in relation to a "30-year plan," it would be absurd to consider ANYthing as higher priority than climate change mitigation. We are already seeing significant effects from climate change, which will undoubtedly increase & worsen in the next 30 years.
27704	We are causing the destruction of entire ecosystems and species, including essential living beings like pollinators. Fossil fuel vehicles cause a great level of air pollution and noise pollution as well.. I believe this is of the utmost importance to our society right now.
27526	While we know the climate is changing, we do not understand enough to say that it is significantly affected by human activity. It is another question altogether if and how we should or can act to counter the changes we do observe. We need to steward the environment we have around us, but never to the detriment of the people who inhabit that environment. There are kind solutions that aid both preservation and progress at the same time.
27519	climate always changes without human activity
27526	Clear cutting for new subdivisions eliminates animal habitats and may confuse animals enough to become aggressive
27501	objective 1:3 Objective 2:4 So overall: 3
27704	The impact of these two goals differs greatly in locality and scope.
27565	I would like to see at least 1 means of public transportation in Oxford NC because as of now, we don't have any!!
27587	Also, provide incentives for electric vehicles.
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27540	We must support our environment.
27617	We need to come out of the 19th century. We need mass transit.
27526	Must be balances between the needs of the community to reduce congestion on roadways and true effects on the environment.

27616	Need to stop cutting down trees along the highways and roads. Let them be.
27713	4
27608	This has to be priority number one.
27587	This is the #1 priority.
27278	I support the use of public transportation to reduce impact on the environment.
27514	Balance people's need for transportation with environmental issues.

27517	<p>With travel reductions that may continue, it is an opportune time to begin converting existing lanes to facilities for pedestrian/bicycle/other personal conveyances. Improve facilities in towns and cities, and inter-urban connectivity for these modes. Many more safe crossings of arterials are needed to truly encourage mode shift.</p> <p>Freight and goods delivery are a big part of the emissions equation. Explore community design and other policies to reduce the impact of increasing reliance on door-to-door delivery of goods. There should be a way to take advantage to reduce individual motor vehicle trips - for example, if there are policies requiring companies to consolidate deliveries or reduce number of deliveries, provide pick-up points in denser areas, apartment complexes, etc.</p>
27707	Utilizing existing streets and thoroughfares rather than building new, or "upgrading" makes the most sense in terms of environmental impact, carbon footprint, and negative impacts on the natural setting and property owners.
27707	This is CRITICAL

27701	<p>I would go further in the first statement: "Achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions according to the timeline determined necessary by the IPCC report." I would suggest rephrasing the second statement from the negative "reduce negative impacts" like we have to make everything worse in the future to "permanently protect valuable natural resources and and enhance access to cultural opportunity."</p>
	Reduction of methane and CO2 emissions should be THE top priority.

27516	<p>I'm all for a cleaner environment, but if it comes down to doing something helpful/useful to people vs the environment, I would vote for doing things for people. (Often these things agree - but my priority is always for doing things helpful for people).</p>
27516	<p>"Environment" should also include socioeconomic environment, similarly to NEPA environmental analyses. Specifically, another objective to improve income- and race-based disparities in frequent, safe, reliable transit access should be added on top of the existing proposed objectives.</p>
27510	<p>Negative impacts on the natural and cultural environment needs to include consideration of air pollution to those living and working near transportation corridors and hubs, including consideration of equity in the burdens of pollution. It also needs to consider the needs of long-standing communities and not plan to plow through and separate communities with rich built and cultural infrastructure.</p>
27587	We do a good job on this with testing of all auto vechiles each year.

27526	COVID has proven the need for open spaces. Fewer cars in the road has resulted in less pollution. Let's keep going with green spaces and mass transportation for less emissions.
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27526	It is important that ways and means been explored and implemented to reduce emissions, green house gases and energy consumption. Bike lanes, EV parking & charging stations as well as improved mass transit to major hubs (HS, APEX, CARY, RALEIGH) be prioritized to reduce traffic congestion, road repair and improvement expenses and most importantly do better and be better to our planet.
27612	man made climate change does not exist
27604	This is a hugely important goal, and should be woven into plans to deliver all the others, not 'balanced' against them.
27587	Strongly support negative impacts on natural and cultural environment. Not concerned about climate change. These 2 objectives should have been separated out.
27527	need to separate those two goals. #1 is riddled in controversy. #2 is a settled item.
27610	It is important to consider the environment, but doing so at the cost of all else is pointless. As someone with cerebral palsy I must consider the time when I cannot drive a car. What good will bicycle lanes be to someone like me? I am concerned that bicycle lanes are pushing aside a comprehensive public transport system.
27525	This is absolutely critical and crucial for the future
27596	Support sustainable growth and protect water quality.
27527	By taking environmental concerns seriously designers get more creative and better designs are the result.
27526	5
27614	No government assistance needed.
27526	Mobility is most important. Reducing congestion will reduce emissions that serve no economic or logistical purpose.
27587	5
27526	Compared to other economic centers the Triangle still has a lot of nature, parks etc to offer. We should strive to protect that as it will become an economic advantage in the future and attract people and employers.
27526	Should be highest priority.
27608	most pollution problems are caused by China and India
27523	The local environment may have to make short-term sacrifices so the whole environment can see long-term gains. In other words, a mass transit system is a solution, even if it causes some short-term localized environmental issues.
27608	Try to minimize need for car transportation, have developments be more like mini-cities.
27519	We have to minimize polluting fuels and utilize renewable/ sustainable fuels
27526	I agree these are great goals. Sometime the ideas may be In tension with one another but I believe an equitable system can be deliberately designed.
27526	Protect and minimize doesn't dominate,, progress does.
27526	The implementation can not significantly increase the cost of transportation.
27526	try to ensure that local communities don't clear cut land needlessly. Trees get cut down simply because it makes thinks easier. I see no other reason.
27516	Only if it doesn't stop me essay work like flood abatement on roads

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27514 This is not done by widening roads, building more parking garages and promoting urban sprawl. Chapel Hill is a serious offender in this regard.

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27278 Reduce energy consumption and negative impacts on the natural and cultural environment? 4+.

Reduce greenhouse gases? 3 at most. There are too many ways that goal can morph into attacks on automobile owners and users, not all of whom have the luxury of living next to a functioning public transit system, and being able to depend on it for their daily needs.

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27517 Contributing to this problem is the overdevelopment of high rise, congested multiple family housing and businesses along traffic corridors

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27514 Two easy ways of obtaining this goal is to promote safe bicycle and pedestrian transit and to set up a train service that can be powered by electricity.

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27516 1) safe and viable alternatives to single-use auto use for work and shopping  
2) road diets for streets used heavily by auto, bikes and pedestrians

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Leave the water shed ALONE. There is only so much water !! Be extremely careful of changing the landscape. Trees & grass and especially crops are a good thing. Progress for the sake of progress is not a GOOD thing !!

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27587 Providing SAFE and expanded Multi-modal transportation achieves this.

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27592 I wish the questions and examples talked a little bit more about the "how". It seems that everyone should "Strongly Support" this as part of any transportation plan by considering energy use. Decreasing pollution/emissions from vehicles would benefit the very old and young.

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27510 Less vehicular traffic makes sense in every way.

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27527 Gives and takes because NC is so far behind where we should be on transportation issues given the huge growth. Transportation should have been an issue a decade ago before all the development was approved

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27513 Please work toward all electric vehicles.

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27607 This of course supersedes all other concerns!

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I came from a city with high levels of airborne pollution the past 50 years namely NYC.  
The objectives are excellent !

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27592 Just don't implement any of the "green new deal" foolishness.

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27513 We need to remove SOV trips in passenger cars as much as possible

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Work in the environmental field and this gets extremely over blown on all projects....

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27510 This is an easy-to-support, hard-to-fight-for ideal. It becomes effective when municipalities and boards build into city and county code enforceable laws around, let's say, zoning, and allowable air pollution and addition of impervious surfaces (more paved roads).

In our town, Carrboro, the ideals of protecting natural and human environment come up against current zoning practices -- and these favor what we still call "development."

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27704	I will agree with this ONLY if protecting the environment does not displace low income families, neighborhoods and communities by putting roads, trails and rails through those neighborhoods to minimize traffic.
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27704	I support this only if the plan is NOT to disrupt/destroy low income and black neighborhoods by sending highways and railways through them.
27603	I would like to save as much nature as possible and reduce building on greenways.
27510	Thank you for waking up to this important goal: no livable environment = no point of transportation infrastructure.
27510	I support this goal in terms of using greener city transportation BUT I do NOT support reducing the number of traffic lanes available to get through town. Reducing lanes doesn't reduce traffic, it just results in bigger traffic jams and vehicles sitting there running waiting (impatiently) to get through.
27703	I strongly support efforts to reduce our reliance on personal vehicles in favor of bicycling and mass transit.
27510	Improve and support biking, walking, and public transit!!
27510	Yes, better public transit, biking and walking options to improve in these areas!
27217	My commute to a job i love is worth it but i know that is hurting the climate
28659	If we kill the environment where will we live.
27510	This is absolutely critical.
27701	Climate change is the next global crisis--we need to start aggressively working on mitigation and adaptation
	My support is 5. The Climate change Crisis will have a long-lasting impact far beyond what we experience in the COVID19 pandemic. It's coming fast. Preventing it is inside our reach by reduce our pollution & consumption.
27510	Should add to this: reduce vehicle miles traveled, as the above does not address the negative effect of that (i.e., if all cars become electric, we still need more pavement = not good.) this is essential for planning that will take us into the future
27701	Thank you for explicitly noting climate change and for describing this as a goal. The climate crisis is an ongoing emergency, with dramatic impacts now and in the future on all residents. You might be more specific about the negative impacts -- like disease, death, agricultural losses, economic devastation, etc.
27701	Thank you for describing climate change explicitly and early in this survey. The climate crisis is an ongoing emergency. You might describe some of the negative impacts that we want to build resilience to, including: public health effects and economic depression.
27526	We are known throughout the country as a "progressive" area (the Triangle that is). We cannot be progressive and rely almost solely on ICE vehicles to get us from point a to b. We need a rail solution (light rail, metro, tram, etc.)
27704	As population in the Triangle increases, reducing emissions and mitigating our environmental impact is will become increasingly important.
27703	I think it is extremely important for us to focus on limiting our chemical footprint as we build out the triangle further.
27517	Protect green spaces as much as possible. Find energy neutral fuels and promote more bikeable and walkable transportation.



27510	5
27529	5
27529	Not convinced we can affect climate change. We are not in control
27560	If that's the main goal it might be cheaper to give every resident a Tesla.
27529	5
27526	All of our areas of growth should be considering these things. As density gets worse, we need to protect air, water and financial benefits for us and future generations.
27560	Strongly support it.
27606	Any mass transit will help accomplish these goals, but making them priorities is not going to help getting it done.
27587	Provide transportation options and promote low-carbon and active transportation.
27510	The number one priority should be equity and make our transit system benefit low income residents who need access to reliable transportation. Environmental concerns that do not prioritize equity should not be considered.
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27526	Limit development. Protect and separate neighborhoods. Trees. Stop bulldozing entire acres .
27516	We must make sure that transportation we use have a low objective on GHG'S that protects our environment and the life .
27526	I support protecting the local environment. Climate change is not an issue.
27606	Every project I have seen where this is stressed,has led to major cost increases, then gone over budget, and never not lived up to it's promises or met its objectives in these areas.
27560	5
27526	I strongly support this objective as very little seems to be getting done on a nationwide scale. All effort will need to be made more locally if there is any hope to mitigate climate change at this point.
27587	Trees and clean air are more important that anything else.
27502	Obviously I want to reduce the negative impact on the natural environment, but I think other goals are bigger priorities in transportation.
27705	The private sector should take the lead on implementation of new technologies and government should allow them to take the initial risk without jeopardizing taxpayer dollars. Natural and cultural investments are great if they are self supporting and don't require large capitol investments for acquisition or maintenance.
27705	Cycling is a huge opportunity, but our roads are not cycle friendly.
27604	Reduce the use of cars and road construction. Focus on more environmentally friendly transportation options.
27601	5
27603	Stop destroying our local natural landscape just to construct a means of moving people around the Raleigh area.
27514	2 & 1 have equal importance
27713	the ultimate end goal should be to protect the environment and conserve dwindling resources.

27612	It is critical that we URGENTLY and AGGRESSIVELY take actions to rebuild our natural environment.
27705	We need to move much faster to address climate change.
27705	This is a no brainer and why are you even asking this on a survey.
27603	I think that there are more important things to worry about. Like side walks, so people can walk places and not have to call an uber, to get to the bus.
27513	This is a very serious threat to infrastructure, tax based...we need to look at codes, green energy and plan for migration.
27514	Reducing green house gases is highest priority to save life on this planet as we know it.
27517	I want the natural environment to be protected. Never have rail lines ripping the land apart. I am not interested in in emissions or greenhouse gases at all.
27510	I love riding a bike instead of driving. Just want it to be as safe as possible. More people would do this if they felt safer.
27604	Climate change is real. We need to minimize our impact on the environment by promoting mass transport and modalities like bikes.
27701	I am not at all worried about man-made climate change. The climate is changing, and not by human actions. However, I am very concerned to preserve and create the cleanliness and availability of green natural spaces.
27703	While infrastructure choice, reliability and accessibility are incredibly important,
27606	Addressing this goal would mean a lot of changes in the Triangle. This should be a top priority.
27713	Many of our current traffic signals waste gas (and time) when they force vehicles to stop even if there is no traffic going through the intersection from other directions. Signal intelligence needs to be improved or signals need to be turned off (blink mode) during non-peak times.
27713	Many of our current traffic signals force cars to needlessly stop and waste gas (and time) even when there is no other traffic moving through the intersection. This needs to be fixed by either improving the intelligence of signals or turning them off (blink mode) during non-peak times.
27603	Climate change is the most important thing we should be focusing on as a planet right now. It effects everyone.
27601	Climate change impacts everything, from health to economics, it should be considered a top priority.
27601	Car traffic does more then just contribute to climate change. It causes noise pollution. A big local example, Unsustainable road growth forces us to choose between having outdoor recreation spaces, and destroying the earth to produce materials to build more unneeded roads.
27609	We need to put transportation improvements where it they are needed period and not get tied up in things that only mean something to a few people.
27518	This is most important of all other goals. If you don't accomplish kindness to the environment then all goals fail.

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27607	Emphasize a more multimodal network to reduce tree and natural area destruction for road widening/mega interchange projects. For example, it is so disappointing to see the number of trees destroyed for the I-440 project near the Reedy Creek Trail pedestrian bridge. Would love to see protection of natural areas, trails, and multimodal facilities prioritized over motor vehicle capacity/flow rate.
27606	I'd rate this a 10 out of 5 if I could. By far the most important change that needs to happen. Add bike lanes and bus routes everywhere. Improve connectivity by avoiding dead ends.
27608	Thank you for including this goal so our region does not fall farther behind.
27612	Mass transit
27587	The Capital region needs to lead in what is inarguably the greatest threat we face on the planet.
27514	The time to start building with the environment in mind was a generation ago, let's finally get started!
27713	It's important that we build infrastructure that's not only convenient but sustainable and reduces our need for gasoline whether that be public transportation or personal. That's a major reason why I would choose public transport - to reduce my reliance on my own personal vehicle.
27560	I would like to see dedicated bike lanes on all 4 lane roads. You can use the space that the 5th middle turn lane uses. Bring rail transportation to the area!
27707	We MUST acknowledge our duplicity in the degradation of the environment, protect what we have, and recover some of the damage for future generations. Climate change is real.

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