



Discover Takeaways from Our I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes Community Survey

Time Spent in Traffic

Why Choice Lanes Are an Option for Congestion

Nashville, Tennessee, ranks as the 11th worst city for traffic congestion in the United States, according to the 2024 INRIX Traffic Scorecard Report. Nashvillians waste an average of 63 hours annually stuck in traffic, costing each driver approximately \$1,128 per year. But there's a new option on the horizon: Choice Lanes.

The benefits of Nashville's first Choice Lanes are priceless.

They provide:

- *Reliable trip times, **giving motorists confidence about getting to their destinations as planned.***
- *Enhanced quality of life **due to less time spent in traffic, meaning more time for family, work and leisure for Nashvillians.***
- *Decreased congestion **in the existing lanes as traffic is diverted into the new Choice Lanes, making commutes smoother for all.***
- *Free usage by transit buses **in Choice Lanes, providing a reliable and efficient alternative for commuters and potentially increasing ridership.***
- *Positive economic impact, **making Nashville a more attractive place to live and work by improving regional connectivity.***
- *Improved air quality **by reducing idling and traffic congestion.***

Addressing Future Traffic Increases

The benefits of Choice Lanes will become even greater as population growth increases. The Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) reports that traffic projections for Middle Tennessee expect volume to increase by 26% by 2045, leading to a 14% reduction in average travel speeds

and doubling travel time under congested conditions. Projections show the volume of freight trucks stuck in traffic increasing by 122% and miles traveled on already-congested roads rising by 103%.

Proactive Congestion Management

Traditional highway lanes in urban areas fill up quickly. Choice Lanes, managed by pricing, can proactively combat congestion. Motorists who choose to use these lanes will experience more reliable and expedited trip times, reducing congestion in existing lanes. Motorists in the existing lanes also benefit from the reduced congestion due to some vehicles moving into the Choice Lanes.

Economic Impact

Choice Lanes can positively impact regional economic prosperity. They are a strategic solution to address the rising traffic congestion in Middle Tennessee. They offer a multifaceted approach to improving the daily lives of Nashvillians, making the city a better place to live, work and commute.

John DeBerry, Senior Advisor to the Governor's Office, Discusses the Importance of Community Involvement



Thank You for Your Feedback: Community Survey Results

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our recent community survey! Your input is essential as we progress through the environmental, design development and mitigation stages of the I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes project. The insights gathered are incredibly valuable and we're excited to share some of the key takeaways with you.

Out of the 526 surveys completed, we've gained a deeper understanding of the community's travel needs and concerns, the places you consider essential in your daily life, and the organizations you believe should be engaged during the process.

When it comes to the places that matter most to you, many of your responses indicated you use I-24 as a critical route for accessing employment, healthcare, shopping and recreational activities. You also see community centers, small businesses, churches, schools and local parks as vital parts of daily life. You expressed a desire for increased law enforcement, as well as more community events within your neighborhoods. Healthcare access, noise reduction and the preservation of environmental spaces also emerged as key concerns for many community members.

As we move forward with the proposed project, we will carefully consider all of these insights to address community needs, reduce negative impacts and improve the overall quality of life for everyone.

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