

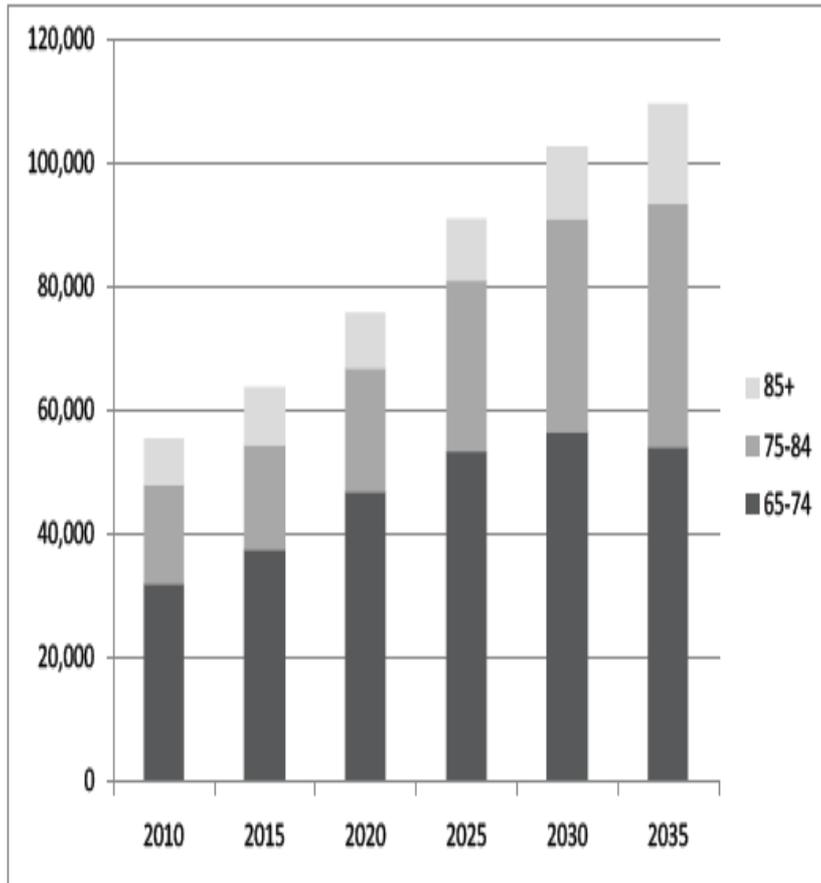


Solano Transportation Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities - Highlights

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Growth in Solano County's Older Population – 65 and older (2010-2035)



Source: Association of Bay Area Governments, Projections, 2009

Figure 2-1 Population of Solano County and Cities by Senior Age Brackets

| | Population | Male | Female | 50 to 64 | 65 to 79 | Over 80 | Percent of Solano pop. | Percent over 65 |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|---------|------------------------|-----------------|
| California | 36,308,527 | 18,158,626 | 18,149,901 | 16.4% | 7.7% | 3.2% | | 10.9% |
| Solano County | 406,461 | 204,517 | 201,944 | 17.9% | 7.8% | 3.1% | | 10.9% |
| <i>Cities in Solano</i> | | | | | | | | |
| Benicia | 26,178 | 12,938 | 13,240 | 25.6% | 8.9% | 3.5% | 6.4% | 12.4% |
| Dixon | 17,341 | 9,005 | 8,336 | 13.8% | 6.7% | 2.7% | 4.3% | 9.4% |
| Fairfield | 103,305 | 51,114 | 52,191 | 15.0% | 6.2% | 2.7% | 25.4% | 8.9% |
| Rio Vista | 7,460 | 3,506 | 3,954 | 20.2% | 27.8% | 5.5% | 1.8% | 33.3% |
| Suisun City | 26,737 | 13,635 | 13,102 | 17.5% | 5.5% | 1.7% | 6.6% | 7.2% |
| Vacaville | 91,828 | 49,300 | 42,528 | 16.9% | 6.9% | 2.9% | 22.6% | 9.8% |
| Vallejo | 115,073 | 55,945 | 59,128 | 18.9% | 8.4% | 3.7% | 28.3% | 12.1% |
| Other Solano County | 18,539 | 9,074 | 9,465 | | | | 4.6% | |

Source: U.S. Census, 2005-2009 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Solano Transportation Plan for Seniors and People with Disabilities

Overview of Purpose and Process

- Long-range plan
- Identify existing and projected needs
- Identify existing and projected mobility services
- Public Outreach: 25 focus groups, advisory boards, ~1000 surveys
- Catalog needs emerging from outreach
- Identify and prioritize strategies
- Develop implementation plan



Public Involvement and Outreach Highlights

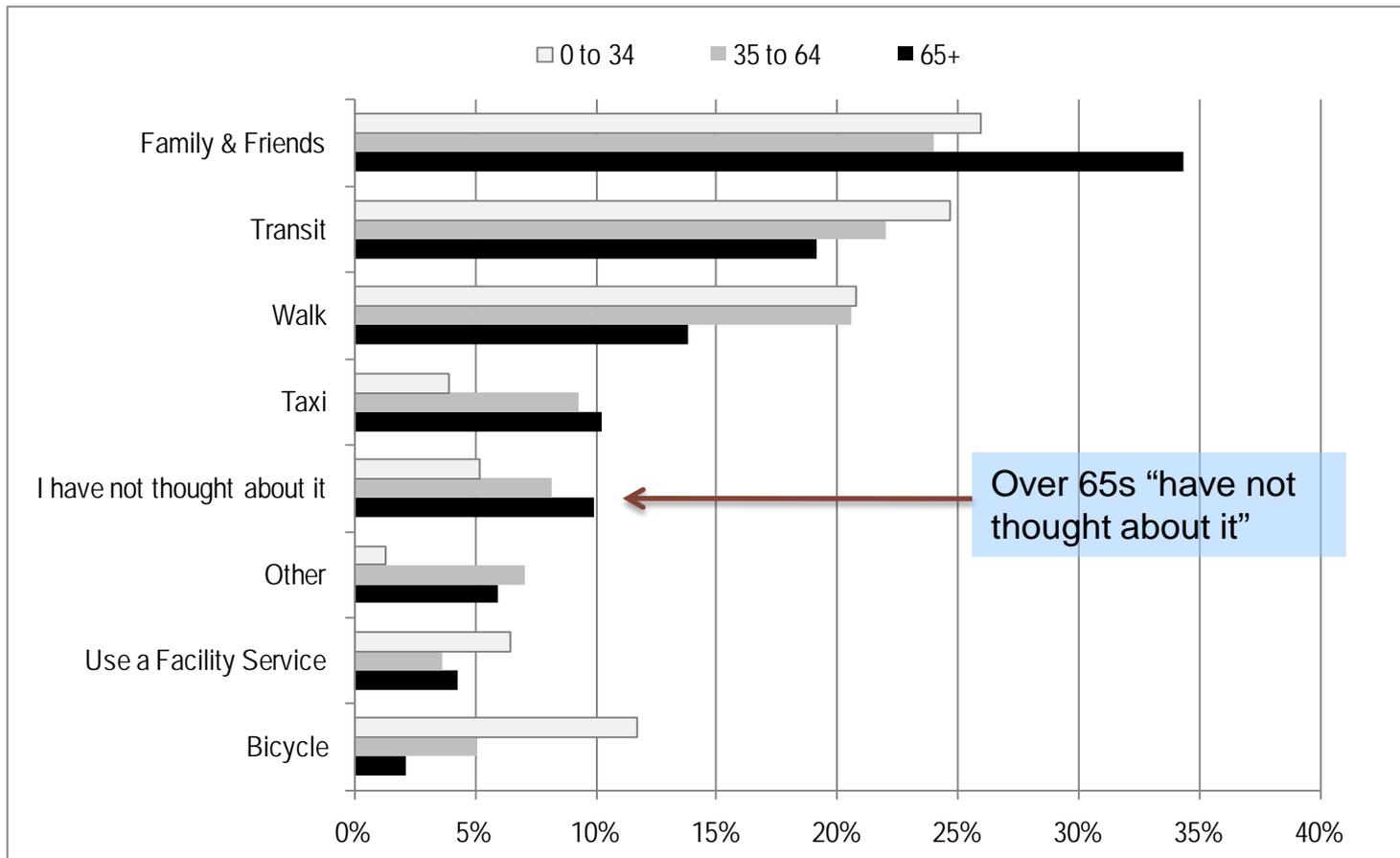
Outreach Findings – Current Conditions

- Solano County is auto-oriented
- Top three ways of getting around Solano County*:
 - Drive myself – 65%
 - Get a ride from someone else – 44%
 - Walk – 35%
- Overall, 75% of those surveyed have a drivers' license
- Older drivers limit themselves by
 - Driving only in the daytime
 - Staying close to home
 - Not driving on the freeways

* Each respondent indicated their top three modes, so percentages exceed 100%

Outreach Findings- Future Plans

- Majority plan to rely on friends and family to get around

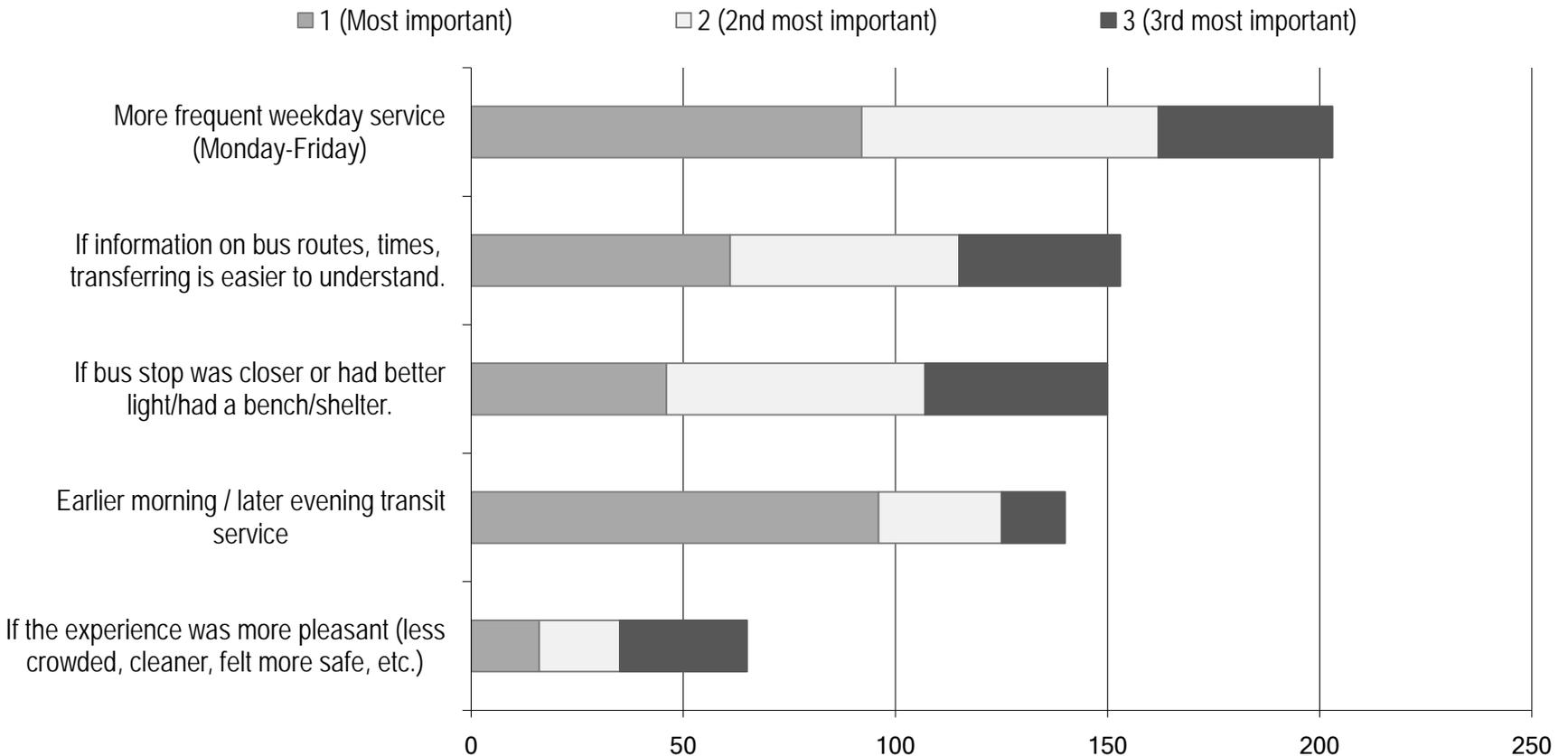


Outreach Findings

- Favored transportation improvements *other* than transit:
 - Medical /special event shuttles for seniors and people with disabilities
 - Pedestrian improvements (safer crossings, more/wider sidewalks, resting locations)
 - More information on how to use services
 - Reduced speed limits
 - More wheelchair-accessible taxis

Outreach Findings

- Transit service changes that would cause them to ride more often:





Strategies & Implementation Plan

Prioritization of Strategies

- Criteria
 - Financial
 - Implementation
 - Transportation Benefits
 - Community
- Short-term (up to 3 years), medium-term (3-6 years), and long term (6 years or longer)

Short-term

■ Information & Training

- Develop a comprehensive program of travel training for seniors and people with disabilities
- Identify and support sponsors for older driver safety and mobility workshops

■ Fixed-Route

- Develop consistent county-wide bus driver training

■ Paratransit

- Provide on-demand intercity service for non-ambulatory riders
- Develop a consistent countywide ADA paratransit eligibility process

Short-term

■ Partnerships

- Partner with dialysis and medical clinics to coordinate appointments and clinic hours with transit schedule.
- Promote the creation and use of small private specialized transportation services
- Promote delivery from grocery stores and pharmacies

■ Capital Improvements (short- to long-term)

- Inventory and systematically improve the walking environment with a focus on seniors and people with disabilities

Medium-term

■ Fixed-Route

- Safe and convenient access to transit for seniors and people with disabilities
- Expand span of weekday service hours to early morning and evenings
- Increase weekday frequency to 30 minutes where it is currently 60 minutes or more

■ Partnerships

- Designate paratransit waiting areas at dialysis clinics and other medical facilities
- Work with hospitals and dialysis clinics to provide taxi vouchers

Medium-term

- **Capital Improvements**
 - Improve safety, comfort, and usability at bus stops
- **Other**
 - Expand awareness and reach of volunteer driver programs
 - Establish a Mobility Management Program

Long-term

- **Transit Service Improvements**
 - Increase frequency of Saturday service
 - Add Sunday service where not currently available

Limited near term opportunities for funding

- County TDA
- STAF/Regional Paratransit

