2045 LONG-RANGE PLAN – PUBLIC SURVEY FINDINGS SUMMARY

The 2045 Long-Range Plan (LRP) Public Survey sought to gain specific insight into the communities that the Alaska Marine Highway System serves as we continue to develop the LRP. This feedback, along with the many other data points referenced in this project, we are working to develop future service levels that suit each community's specific conditions and needs.

This survey was open between October 24th and November 7th and welcomed input from individuals and communities across Alaska. Some promotion methods included:

SPECIFIC OUTREACH

Ferry Focus Group Cross Gulf, Homer/Kodiak, PWS, Southern SE, Northern SE, SW/Aleutian Chain

Public Open House

SEC Transportation Committee

WHAT DID WE ASK?

PROFILE OF FERRY USE

For what reasons do members of your community utilize or rely upon the Alaska Marine Highway ferry system to provide?

Which Alaskan communities are you most often traveling to?

LOCAL DISTRIBUTION

Newspapers Kodiak Daily Mirror, Ketchikan Daily News, Juneau Empire, Alaska Public Media, Wrangell Sentinel

Local Radio Broadcast (KRBD)

Community Facebook Pages

AGENCY-LED PROMOTION

AMHS Webpages AMHS/DOT&PF Facebook Pages E-Blast GovDelivery

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

What alternative transportation (non-ferry) modes are available to your community?

Are there any limitations to the alternative transportation modes available in your community?

SERVICE LEVELS

What amount of AMHS ferry service do you believe is essential for your community?

What amount of AMHS ferry service do you believe your community needs to support economic growth?

WHAT IS THE AMHS 2045 LONG-RANGE PLAN?

The AMHS Long-Range Plan sets out to guide the operation and management of AMHS fleet and terminal infrastructure for the next 20 years.

Phase 1 of this effort began in the Spring of 2023 and concluded in August of 2023. Preview the <u>Phase 1 Draft</u>, which provides recommendations for a three-year Capital and Operational Budget through Fiscal Year 2026.



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Phase 2 is underway and will take place through 2024, which will forecast out 20 years, with operational, budget, sustainability, and resiliency recommendations through 2045.

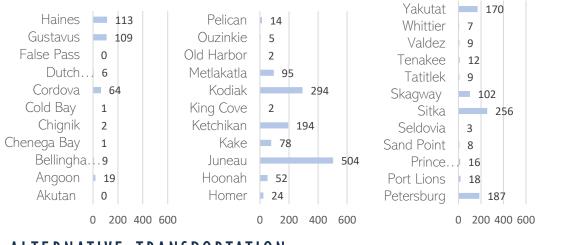
There are plenty of opportunities for public involvement through each phase of this process - in fact, we couldn't do it without you! Whether you're interested in attending public meetings, sharing your input online, or just want to stay up do date on our <u>website</u>, your participation and interest is greatly valued.

SYSTEM-WIDE PUBLIC SURVEY FINDINGS SUMMARY



COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

The data below represents number of individual respondents per community. Communities with low participation are encouraged to share feedback by following the link on the LRP website.



INCLUDING FEEDBACK FROM: British Columbia Anchorage

Kupreanof Seattle Saint Paul Island Eagle River Prince of Wales Big Lake Akhiok Klawok Kasaan Thorne Bay Seward Sterling Dillingham Fairbanks

Hydaburg Alitak Chiniak Elfin Cove Palmer Naukati Bay Hollis Douglas Mat-Su Wasilla Craig Moose Pass Kennecott Inglis Houston Portland, OR Finleyville, PA

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION



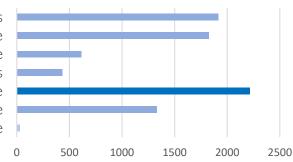
Only 8.9% of respondents report having access to the federal highway



67% of respondents report having access to plane service

LIMITATIONS TO ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION:

Weather Restrictions Inability to Take Vehicle Duration of Service Health Limitations Cost of Service Frequency of Service None



PROFILE OF FERRY USE

Kenai

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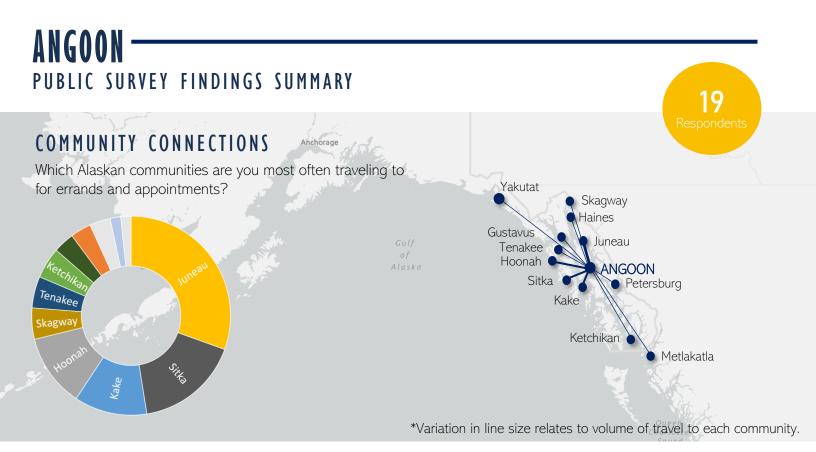
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79% to connect to the Lower 48.

About 70% travel to access shopping and groceries.

69% to connect to the federal highway.

50% travel to access medical care and appointments.



For what reasons do members of your community utilize or rely upon AMHS?



ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

What are the greatest limitations your community faces in utilizing alternative transportation options (i.e., plane service, private water taxi, etc.)?



Weather restrictions

Difficulty using alternative modes due to ice, snow, etc.

Cost of service

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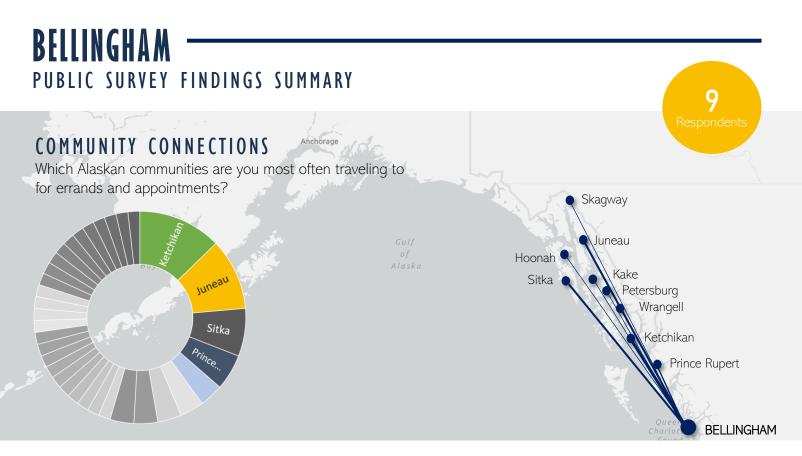
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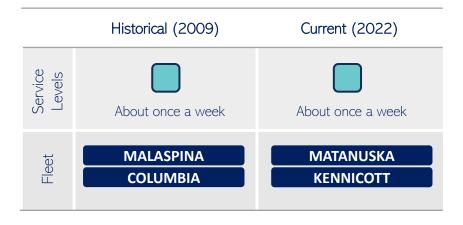
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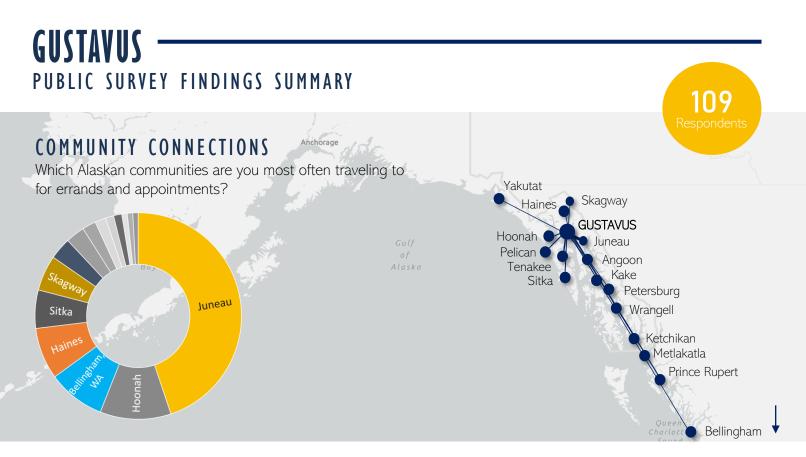
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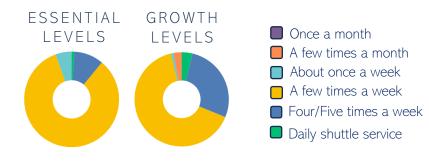
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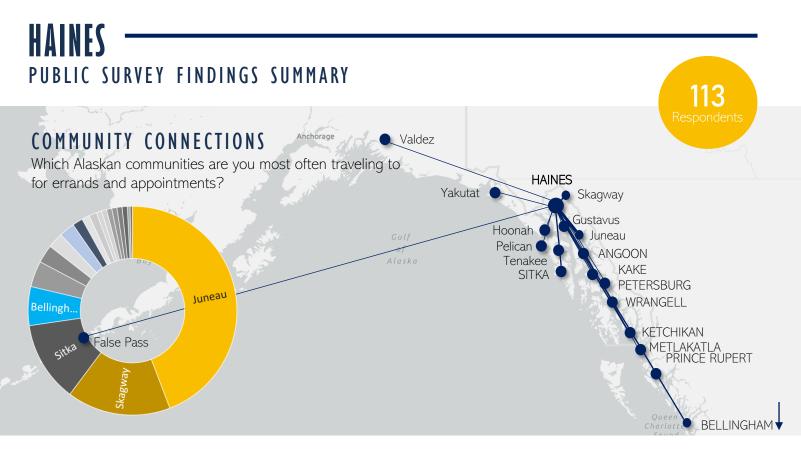
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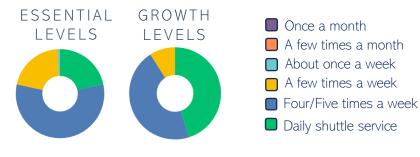
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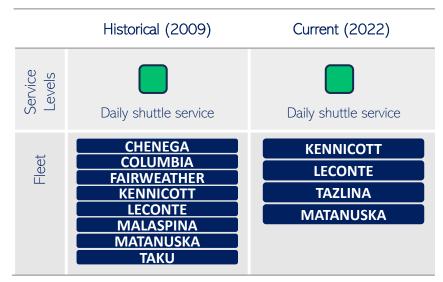
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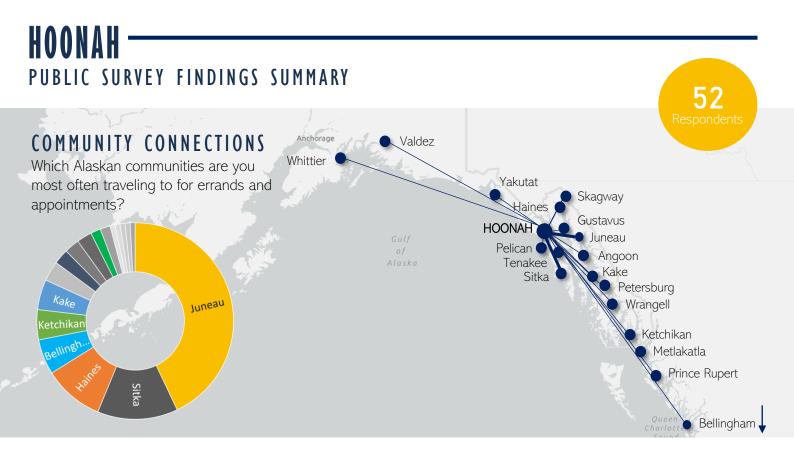
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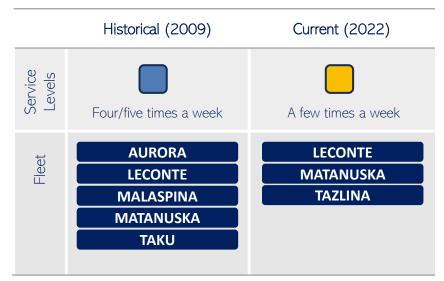
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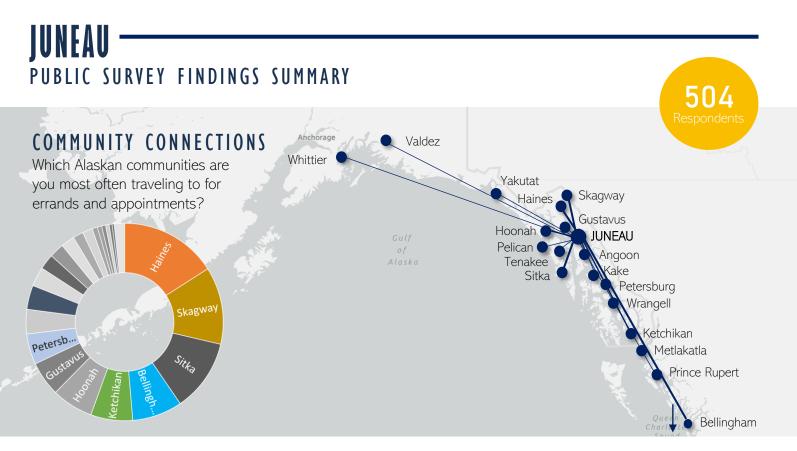
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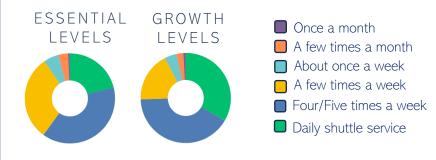
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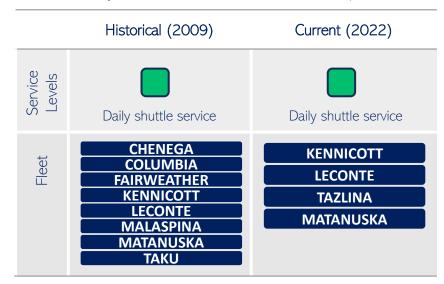
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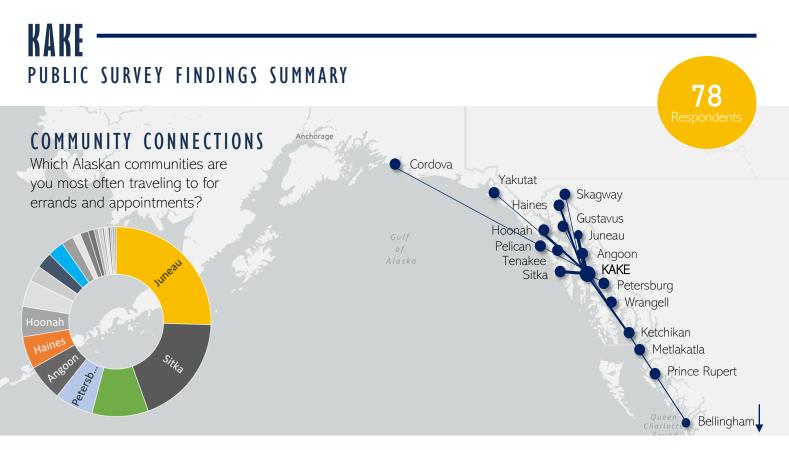
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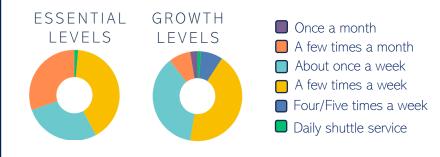
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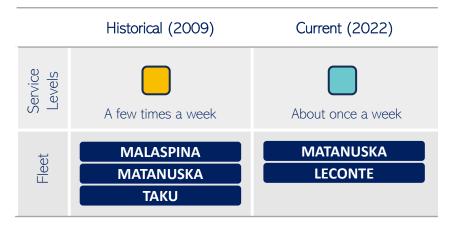
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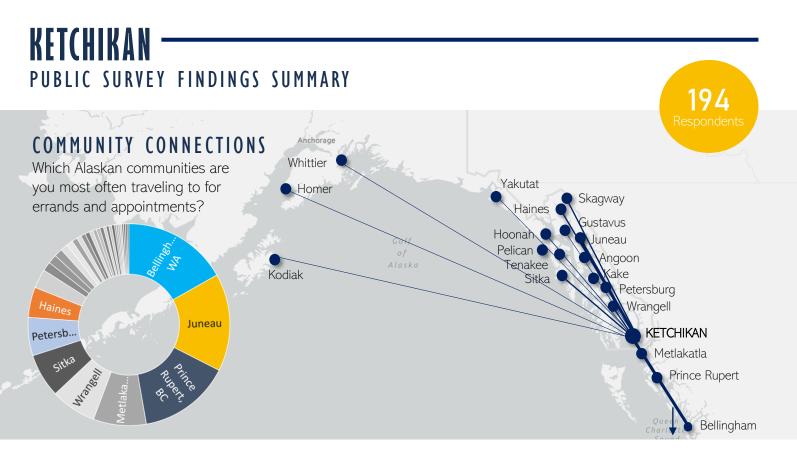
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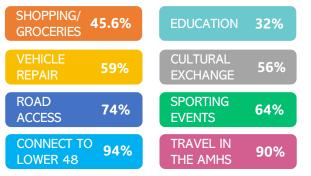


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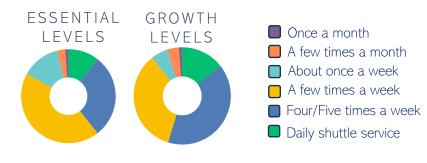
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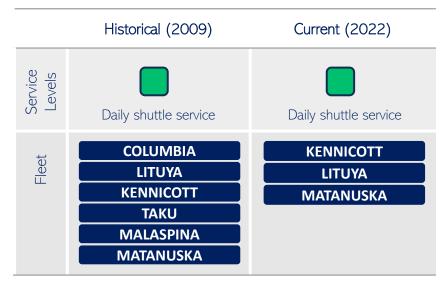
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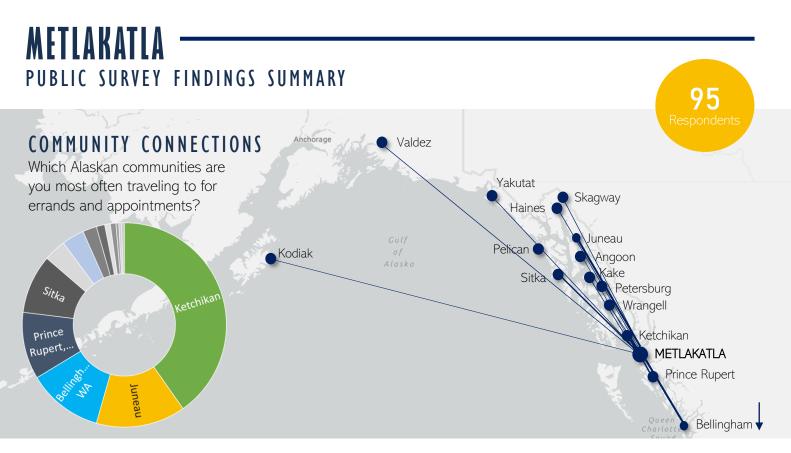
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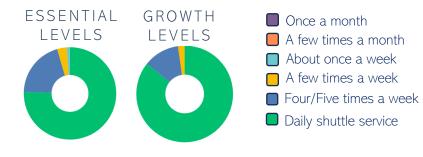
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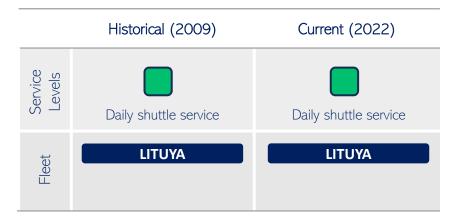
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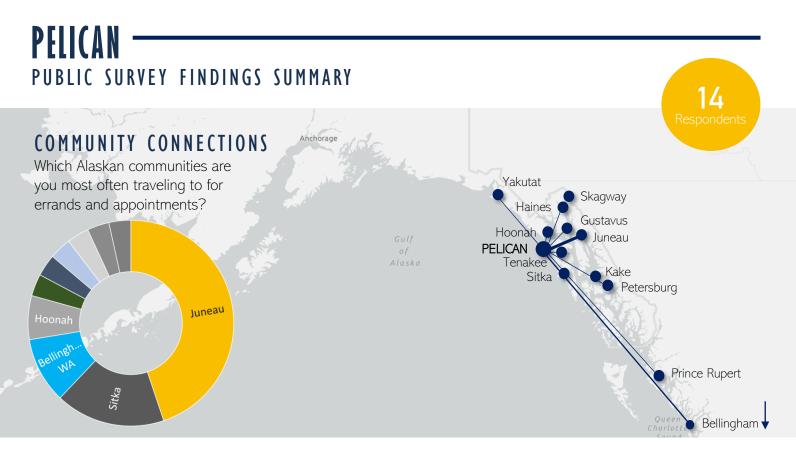
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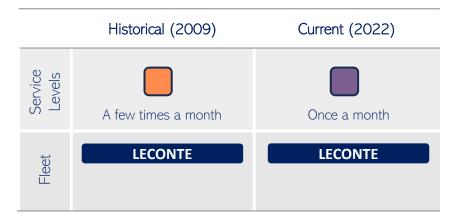
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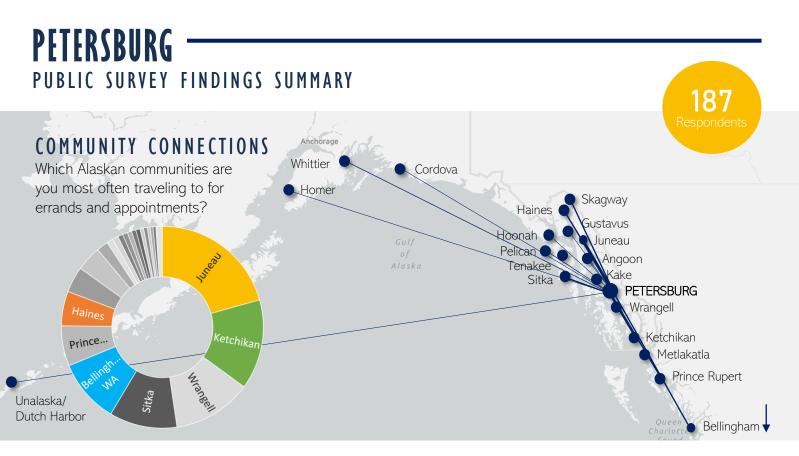
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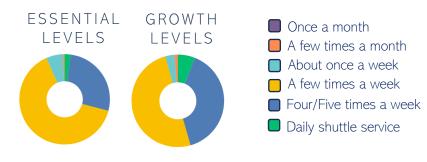
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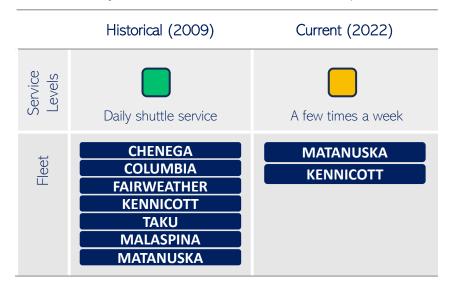
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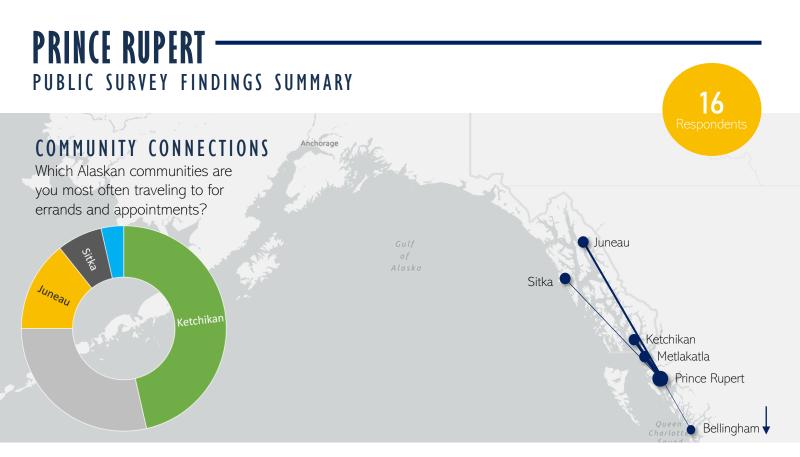
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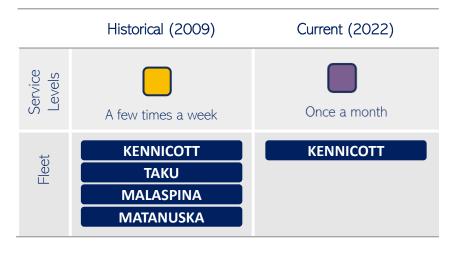
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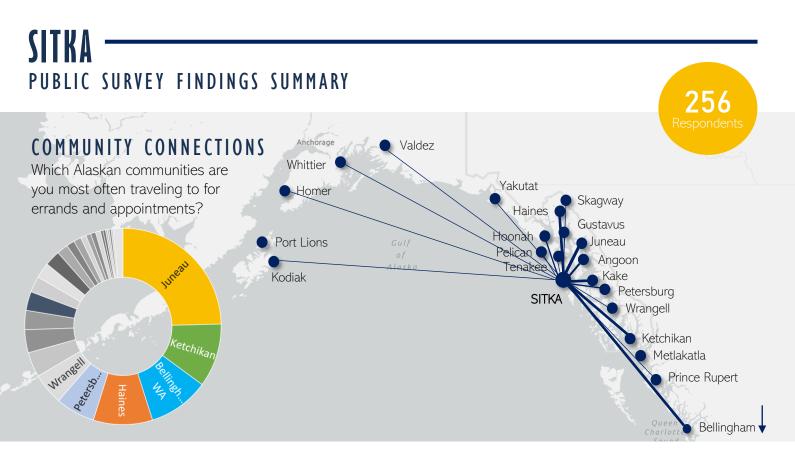
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VEHICLE REPAIR 76%	CULTURAL EXCHANGE	57%
ROAD 72%	SPORTING	659
ACCESS 72%	EVENTS	65%

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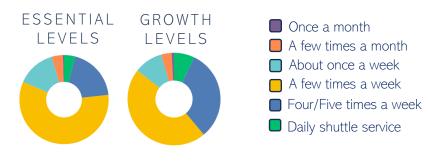
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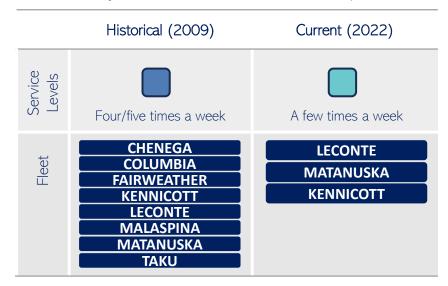
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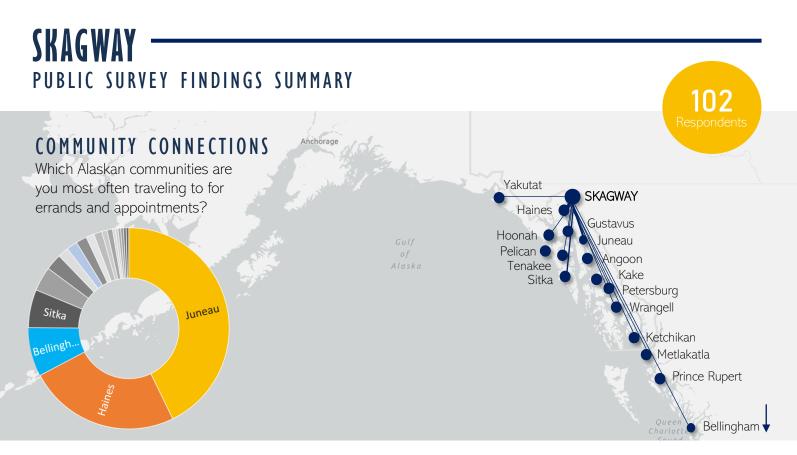
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VEHICLE REPAIR 79%	CULTURAL EXCHANGE	46%
ROAD ACCESS 31%	SPORTING EVENTS	59%
CONNECT TO 73%	TRAVEL IN	85%

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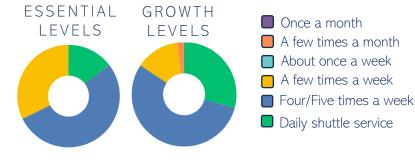
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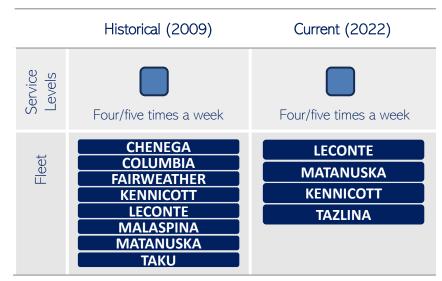
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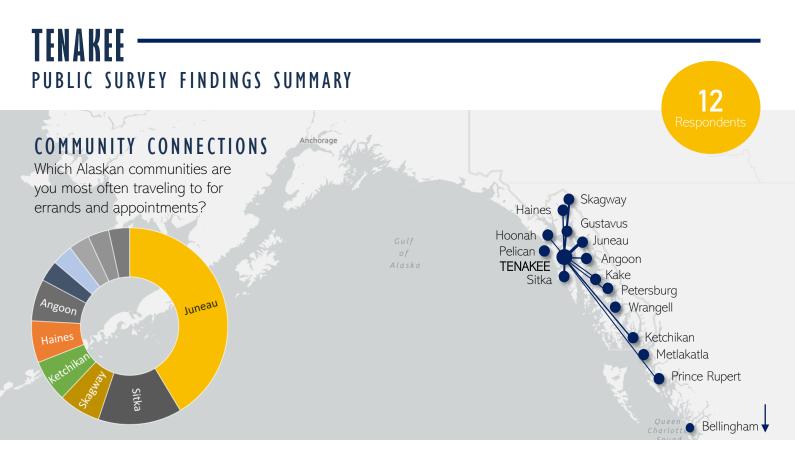
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VEHICLE	CULTURAL
REPAIR 8%	EXCHANGE 50%
ROAD	SPORTING
ACCESS 67%	EVENTS 25%

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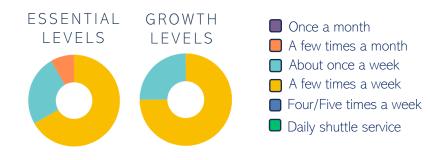
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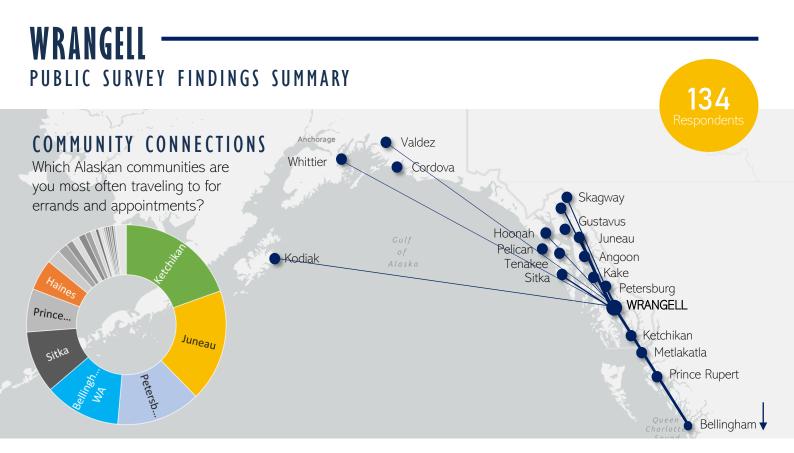
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VEHICLE REPAIR 84%	CULTURAL EXCHANGE	58%
ROAD ACCESS 67%	SPORTING EVENTS	64%

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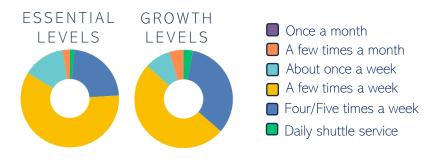
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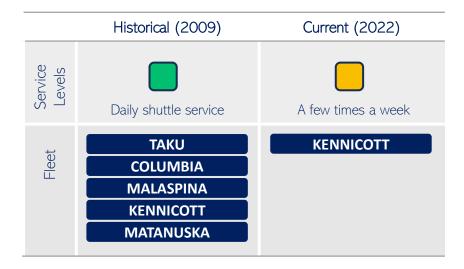
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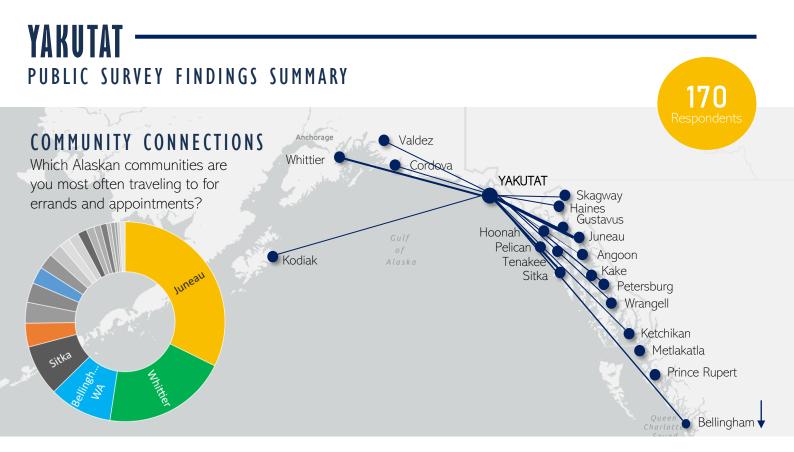
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VEHICLE 95%	CULTURAL EXCHANGE	51%
ROAD ACCESS 75%	SPORTING EVENTS	45%

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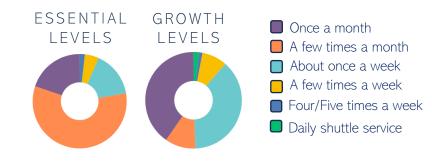
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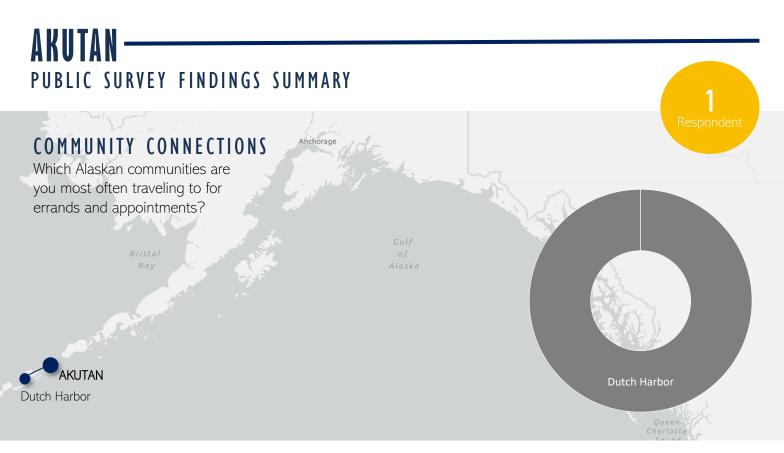
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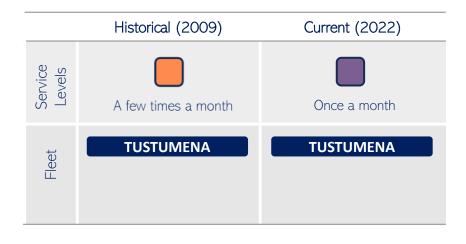
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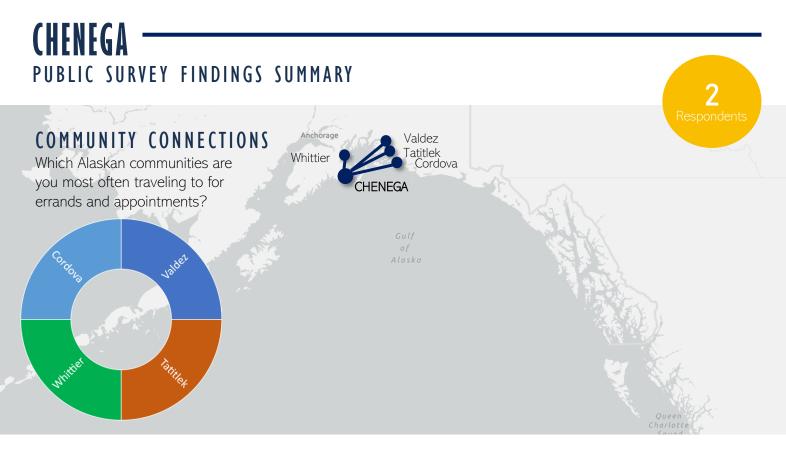
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Cost of service: Using the alternative mode is more costly than the cost of the ferry.



Inability to take vehicle: Mode does not allow for vehicle transportation.



Frequency of service: Mode does not run as often as ferry service.



Duration of service: Using the alternative mode takes longer than a ferry trip would.

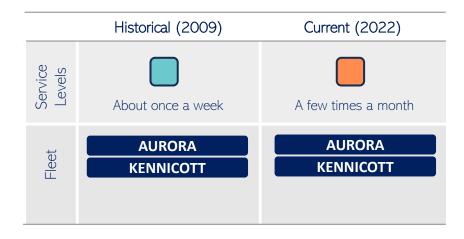
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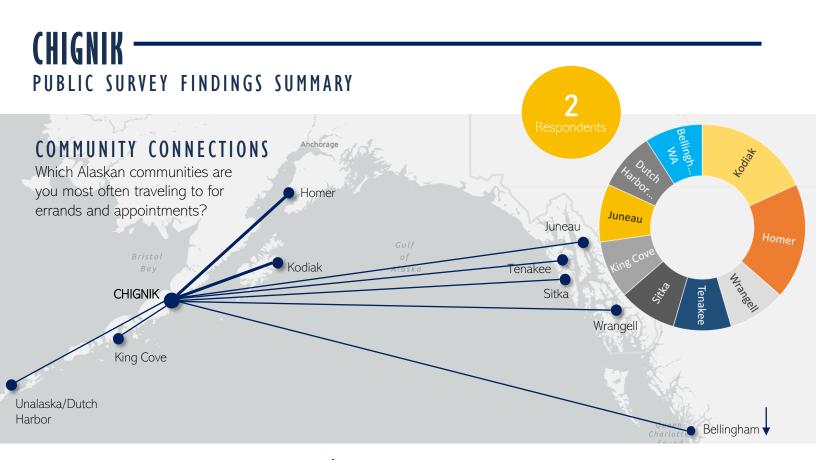
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Weather restrictions

Difficulty using alternative modes due to ice, snow, etc.

Cost of service

Using the alternative mode is more costly than the cost of the ferry.

Frequency of service

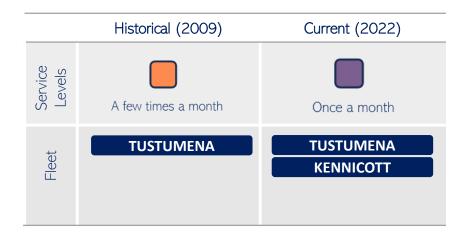
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SERVICE LEVELS

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HISTORICAL CONTEXT





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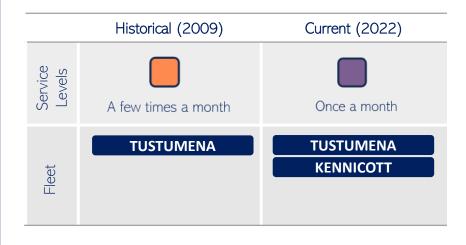
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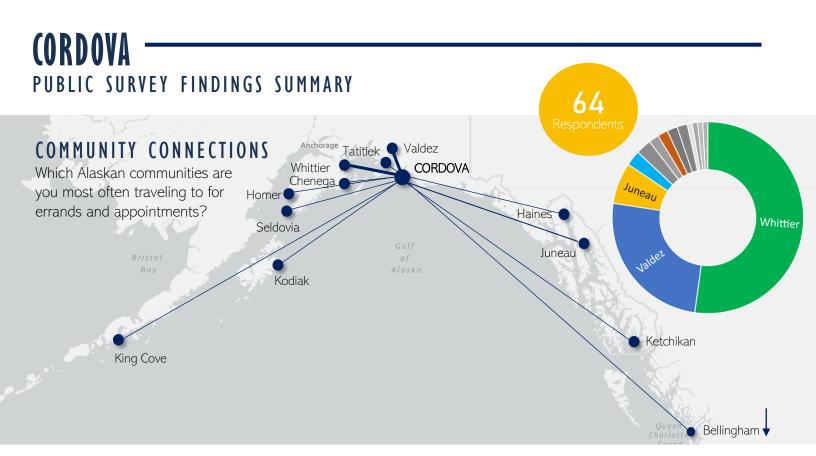
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HISTORICAL CONTEXT



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For what reasons do members of your community utilize or rely upon AMHS?

SHOPPING/ GROCERIES 95%	EDUCATION	12%
VEHICLE REPAIR 87%	CULTURAL EXCHANGE	60%
ROAD ACCESS 87%	SPORTING EVENTS	68%

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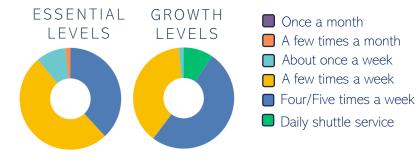
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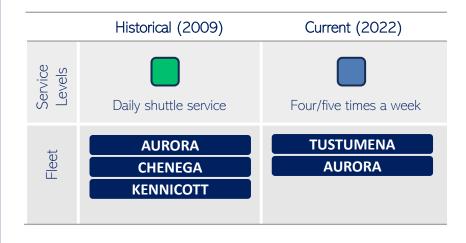
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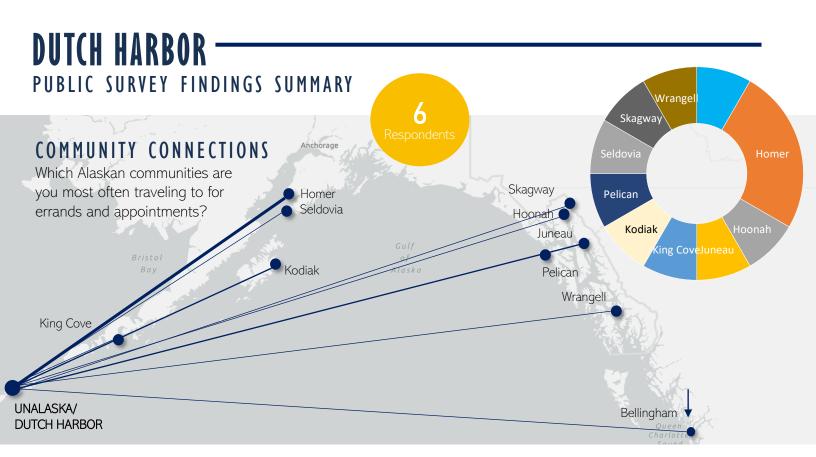
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HISTORICAL CONTEXT





For what reasons do members of your community utilize or rely upon AMHS?

SHOPPING/ GROCERIES 25%	EDUCATION	33%
VEHICLE REPAIR 67%	CULTURAL EXCHANGE	50%
ROAD ACCESS 100%	SPORTING EVENTS	50%

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

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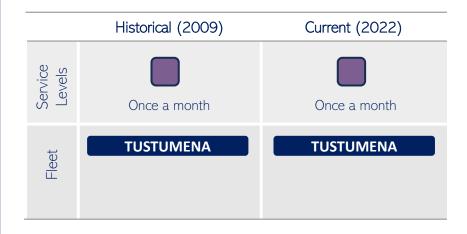
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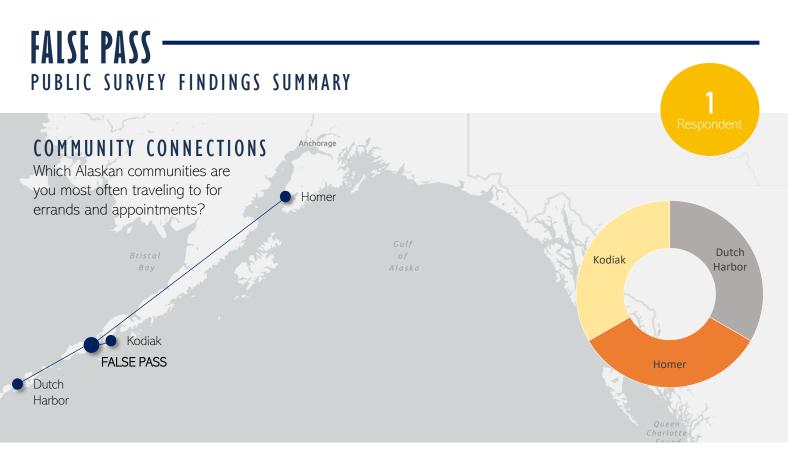
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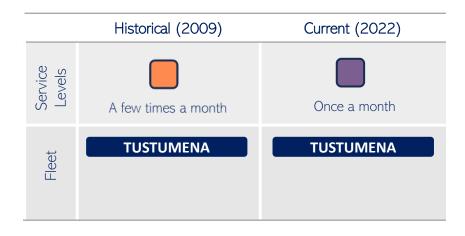
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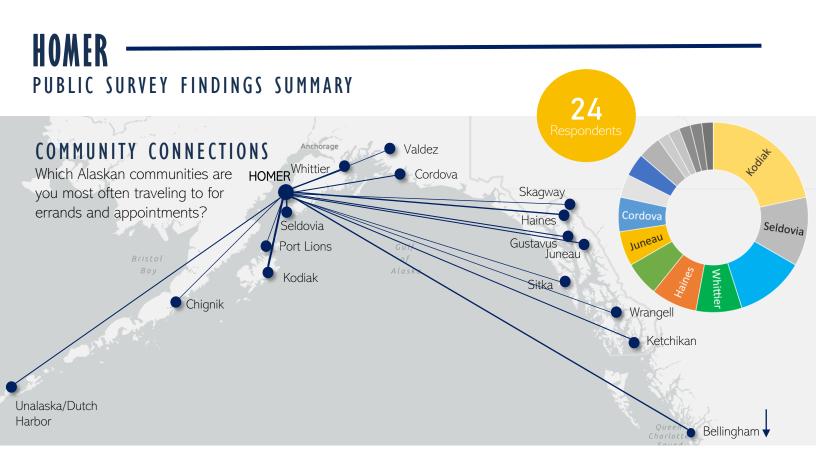
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HISTORICAL CONTEXT





For what reasons do members of your community utilize or rely upon AMHS?

Shopping/ groceries 9%	EDUCATION	6%
VEHICLE REPAIR 19%	CULTURAL EXCHANGE	38%
ROAD ACCESS 50%	SPORTING EVENTS	38%
CONNECT TO LOWER 48 56%	TRAVEL IN THE AMHS	69%

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

What are the greatest limitations your community faces in utilizing alternative transportation options (i.e., plane service, private water taxi, etc.)?



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Cost of service

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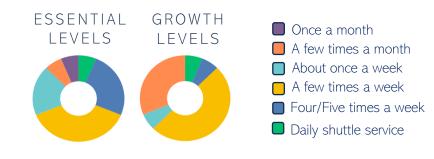
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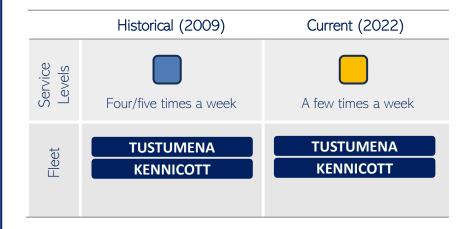
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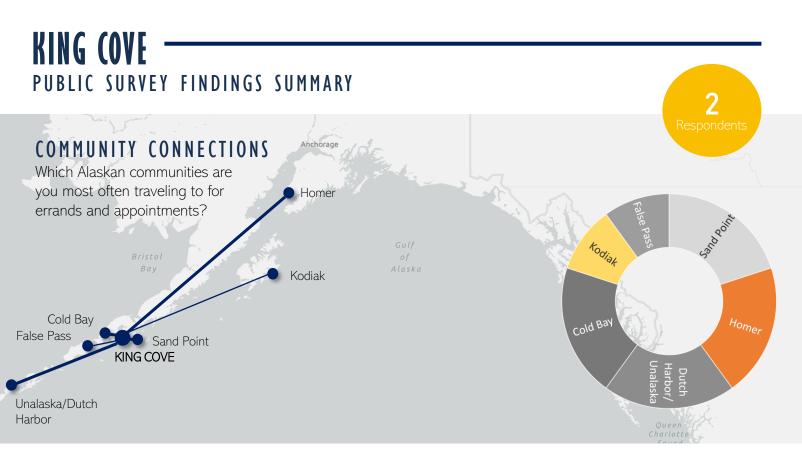
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For what reasons do members of your community utilize or rely upon AMHS?

SHOPPING/ GROCERIES 100%	EDUCATION 50%
VEHICLE	CULTURAL
REPAIR 100%	EXCHANGE 50%
ROAD	SPORTING
ACCESS 100%	EVENTS 100%

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

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Cost of service

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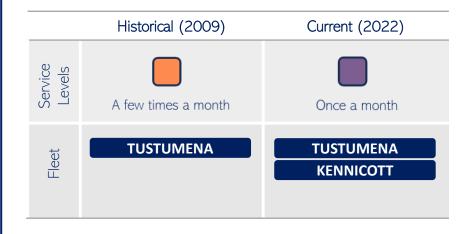
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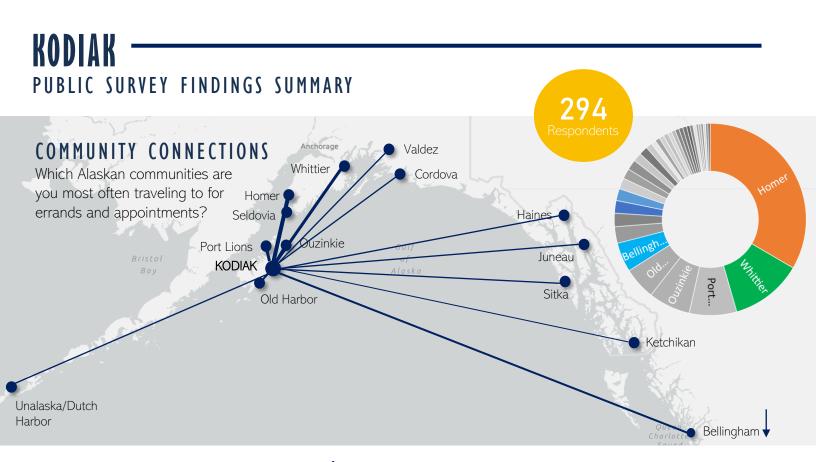
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HISTORICAL CONTEXT





For what reasons do members of your community utilize or rely upon AMHS?

Shopping/ Groceries 78%	EDUCATION	13%
VEHICLE REPAIR 87%	CULTURAL EXCHANGE	51%
ROAD 86%	SPORTING	64%
ACCESS 0070	EVENTS	

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

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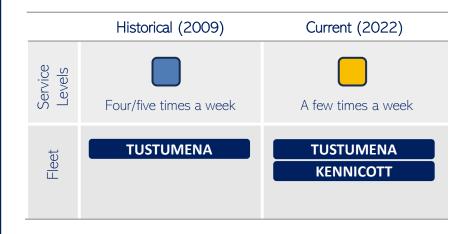
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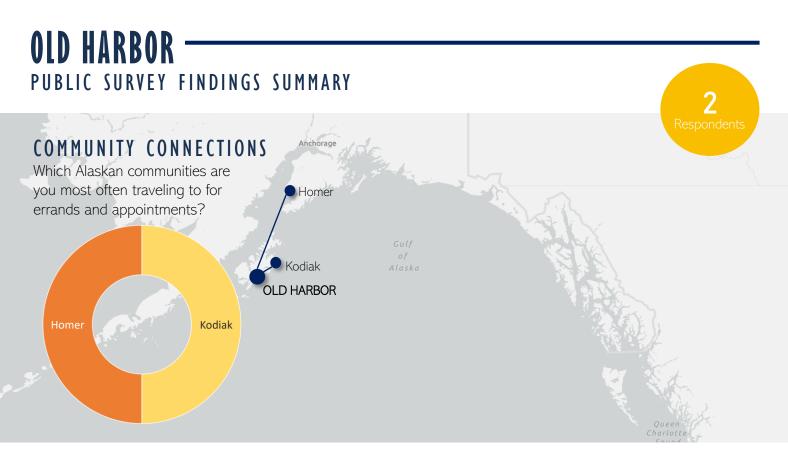
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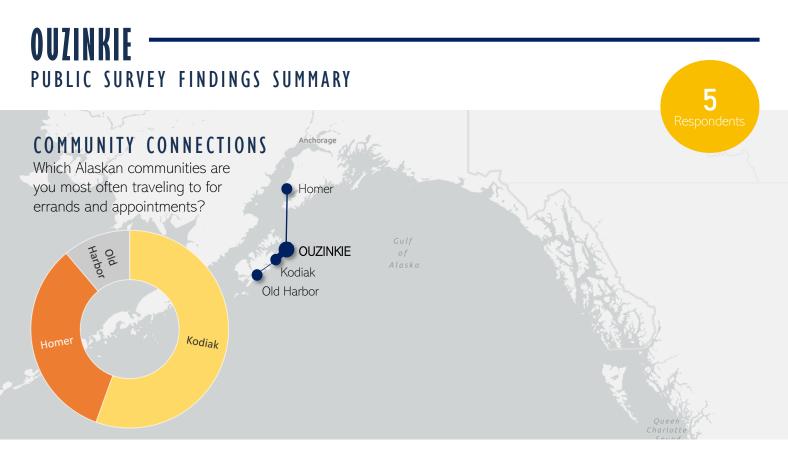
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HISTORICAL CONTEXT

	Historical (2009)	Current (2022)
Service Levels	-	-
Fleet	AMHS Service not provided to Old Harbor in 2009	AMHS Service not provided to Old Harbor in 2009



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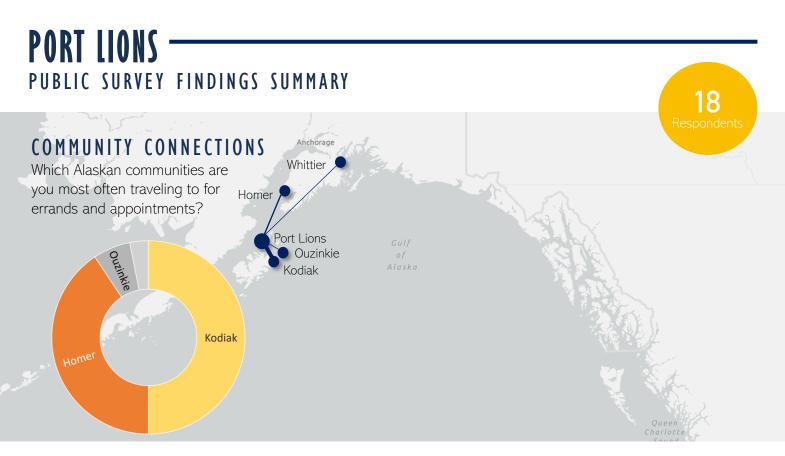
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HISTORICAL CONTEXT





For what reasons do members of your community utilize or rely upon AMHS?

SHOPPING/ GROCERIES 94%	EDUCATION	9%
VEHICLE REPAIR 94%	CULTURAL EXCHANGE	41%
ROAD ACCESS 71%	SPORTING EVENTS	47%

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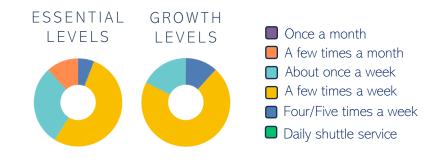
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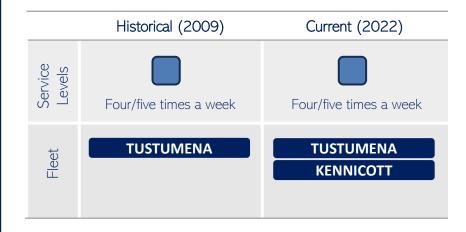
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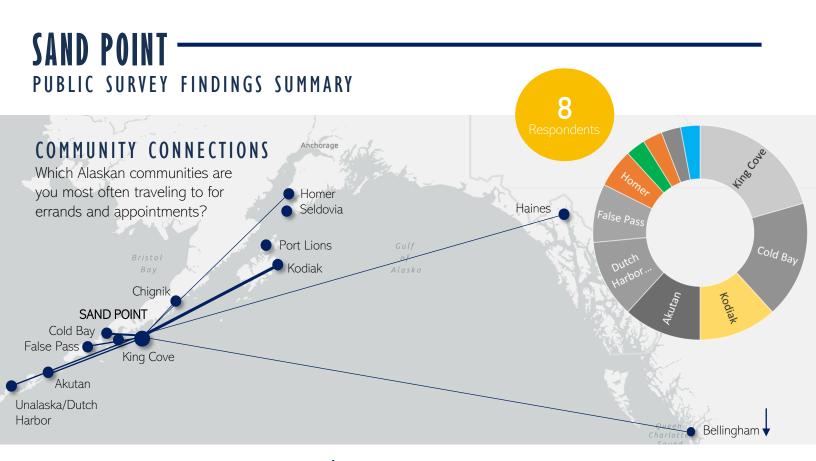
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HISTORICAL CONTEXT





For what reasons do members of your community utilize or rely upon AMHS?

Shopping/ Groceries 68%	EDUCATION 42%
VEHICLE	CULTURAL
REPAIR 100%	EXCHANGE 100%
ROAD	SPORTING
ACCESS 75%	EVENTS 88%

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

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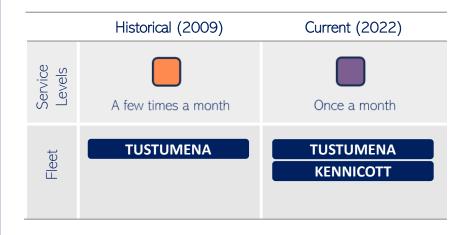
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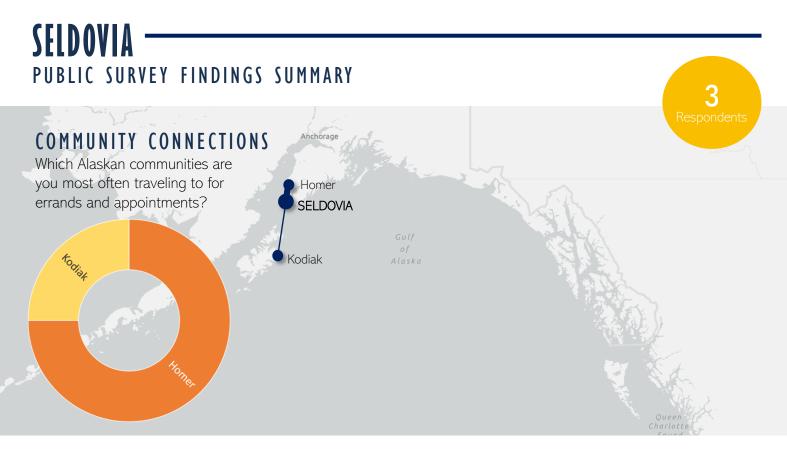
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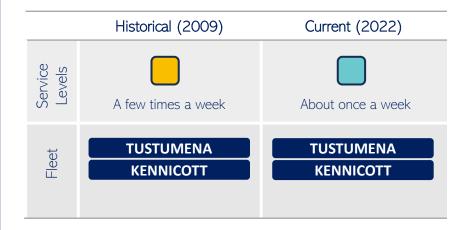
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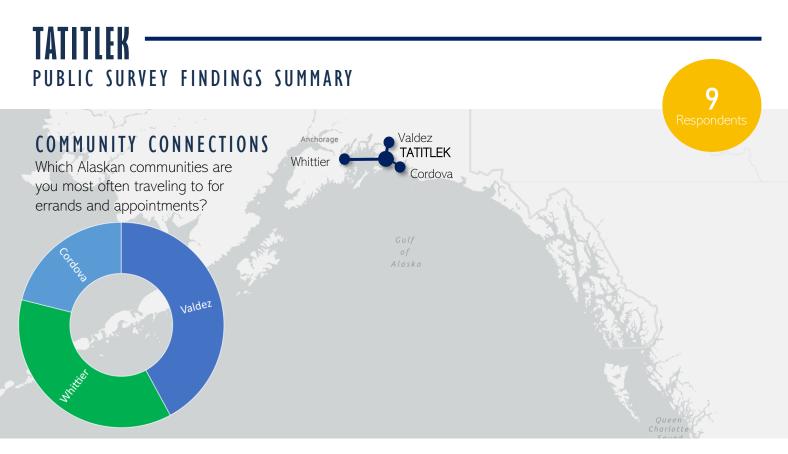
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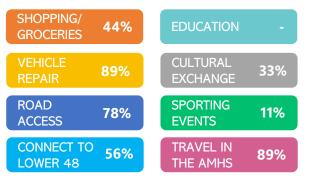


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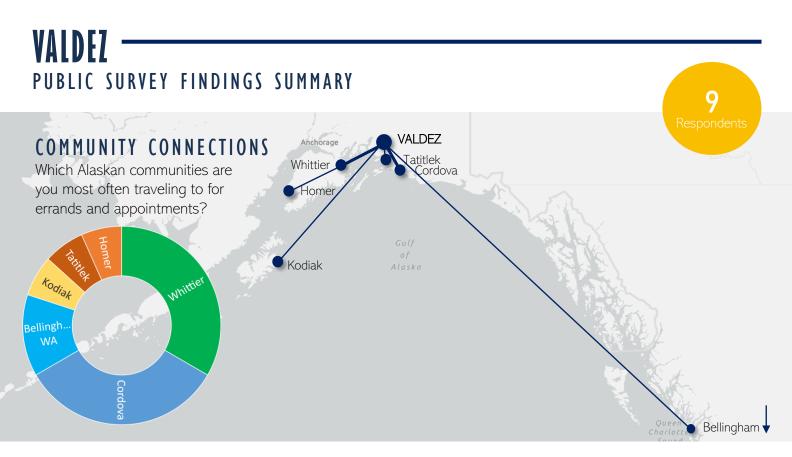
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HISTORICAL CONTEXT





For what reasons do members of your community utilize or rely upon AMHS?

SHOPPING/ GROCERIES 38%	EDUCATION 19%
VEHICLE	CULTURAL
REPAIR 25%	EXCHANGE 63%
ROAD	SPORTING
ACCESS 63%	EVENTS 88%

ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

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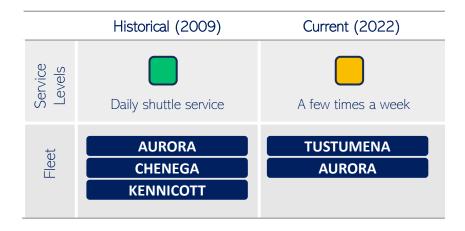
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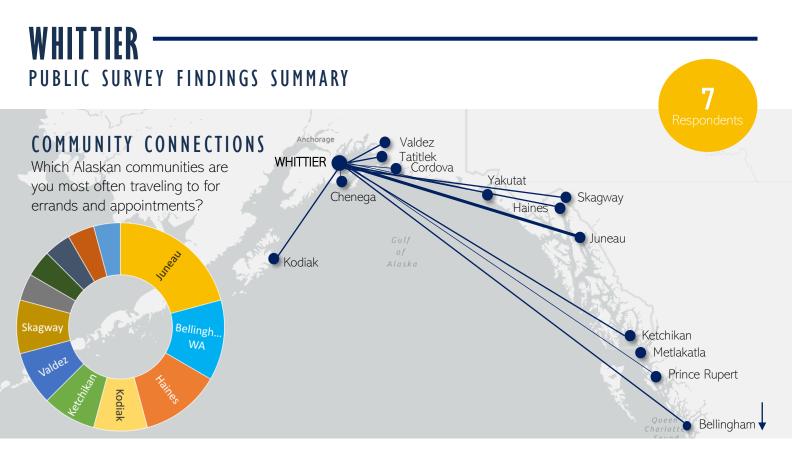
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Shopping/ Groceries 29%	EDUCATION	14%
VEHICLE REPAIR 29%	CULTURAL EXCHANGE	43%
ROAD ACCESS 57%	SPORTING EVENTS	43%

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