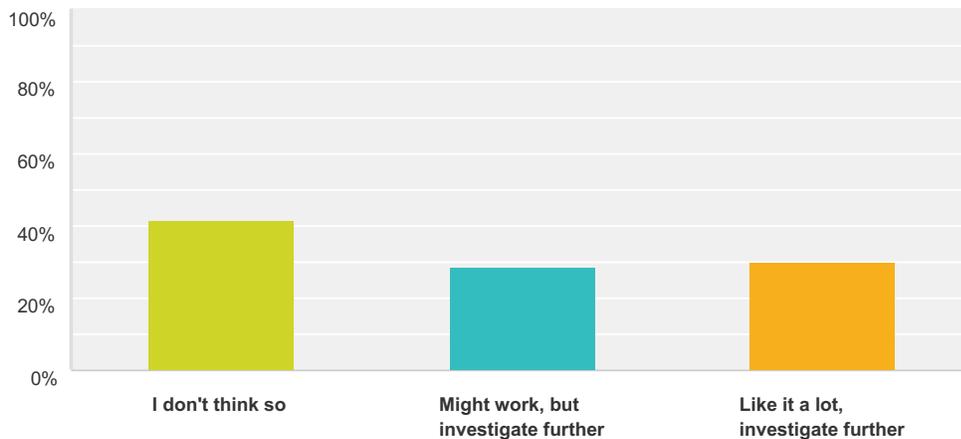


Q4 Aerial transit is a travel choice consistent with the way people prefer to travel – in their own space and without the need to consult a schedule. It is a visitor experience in itself. It would have a visual impact. Capital investment is \$66 million (est.); it can potentially recover its operating cost of \$6 million annually without the need for a tax subsidy. (See study for details.) Approvals by external agencies required. Consider construction of aerial transit system: potential route from downtown to Sulphur Mountain, stations at key visitor destinations in town.

Answered: 402 Skipped: 46



Answer Choices	Responses
I don't think so	41.54% 167
Might work, but investigate further	28.36% 114
Like it a lot, investigate further	30.10% 121
Total	402

#	Please tell us why you made your choice.	Date
1	I do not support this idea because of the visual and noise impacts on residents and visitors. It would also put an additional piece of infrastructure into the wildlife corridor that wraps around the base of Sulfur Mtn. and then up along the Spray River.	10/10/2016 10:44 PM
2	I have concerns about building new permanent - and significant - tourist infrastructure outside the legislated Town boundary and into the National Park.	10/10/2016 10:40 PM
3	An aerial transit system will impact Banff and it's residents financially, visually and acoustically. This is a significant capital investment and it does not seem reasonable that there would be no need for tax subsidy and/or other considerations that may not be all that appealing ro reasonable. It is an all or nothing approach, that should there be problems along the way, the town is locked into an approach that may not be reasonable in the long term.	10/10/2016 10:23 PM

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4	Idiotic at best. This is not the solution. Bad examples in the study.	10/10/2016 10:01 PM
5	-do not want a intercept parking lot outside of town of Banff legal boundaries for aerial transit	10/10/2016 9:47 PM
6	An aerial transit system is likely the most feasible in terms of transitioning visitors away from personal vehicles and will see less resistance from visitors. The concern lies in further allowing the Banff Townsite to become more of an amusement park than it already is. To what extent do we sacrifice our sense of community to make accommodations for visitors? Banff National Park is more than an amusement park and our new transit system needs to reflect that. Perhaps the easiest route politically is not the best for the community.	10/10/2016 8:29 PM
7	What would be the environmental and aesthetic impact?	10/10/2016 8:07 PM
8	Not sure what this would look like and how practical it would be. Is this a chairlift, gondola or a skytrain?	10/10/2016 7:39 PM
9	Yes get tourist off the road so locals can still get around	10/10/2016 6:27 PM
10	Do we need another visitor experience?? Definitely not when they are already heading to the Sulphur Gondola (or hike) or to the historic Banff Springs or Bow Falls. When I fly anywhere my personal space is my seat, same as when I am on a bus. If buses run every 15 min there is no need to consult a schedule. Who says aerial transit is a travel choice when other options are available? You are not giving any credit (or encouragement) to people adapting to modes of travel available.	10/10/2016 5:46 PM
11	Would benefit specific businesses and should be paid for by Banff business levy; divert marketing dollars to an improved public transit system	10/10/2016 5:35 PM
12	Overkill. Inappropriate in a national park with a "limited land base", i.e., legal boundaries. This plan assumes a growth rate that would require more than doubling the size of the town(for facilities for the visitors in 2035). That is not possible here. Therefore there would not be sufficient year round use to fund the gondola. There is no need for another man made 'attraction'.	10/10/2016 3:54 PM
13	The proposal for gondola and intercept parking as it currently exists within the plan would compromise existing wildlife corridors. Key visitor destinations would likely include Bow Falls, the Banff Springs Hotel, the Cave and Basin. Stations at these destinations would require gondolas running in various directions up and down Spray and Cave Avenues as well as up and down the side of Sulphur Mountain. The infrastructure for these key stations would have a huge physical and visual impact on the local town environment. Why not use existing roads and increase bus service using more efficiently what already exists? Hotels would be responsible for shuttling their own guests to and from their premises back to either the train station or intercept parking within the townsite. Let businesses be a significant part of the solution. Locals have already made big changes to the way they travel around their own community to make way for visitors. Isn't it time for businesses to start doing the same? They could use electric or other environmentally friendly shuttle vehicles to promote their stewardship within the parks.	10/10/2016 3:50 PM
14	Change "I don't think so" to "ABSOLUTELY NOT" ! Ridiculous concept. Ugly, intrusive, expensive, completely opposite the national park experience visitors should get when they come here. Will ruin the town for the residents. Again, this would not even be a consideration if numbers of vehicles and people were appropriate for the area. A terrible idea.	10/10/2016 3:49 PM
15	Visitors peering out of aerial gondolas all over town is an invasion of privacy for everyone.	10/10/2016 3:37 PM
16	This would directly benefit commercial operators and be an eyesore for the rest of us.	10/10/2016 3:08 PM
17	We are not Telluride or Europe. We are a national park. Ultimate solution: limits on number of visitors.	10/10/2016 11:50 AM
18	I keep hearing about "visitor experience" in Banff, rather than "ecological integrity". I think the town has a responsibility to address ecological integrity, in cooperation with parks canada. It's a privilege to live and do business here, and it comes with responsibilities beyond that of other municipalities, due to the location of the town within a national park. The gondola would be located outside the existing town boundary and would compromise the intent of the development cap and legislated boundary. What are the ecological and regulatory impacts of building facilities outside the town? Your survey doesn't provide enough information. The perspective of the plan does not seem to be written with integration to other park activities, rather it is based on "destination marketing". What is wrong with a "low or no growth" option, not presented here. There has been a commercial development cap, and legislated boundary, with the full understanding there are limits to growth. You are calling the gondola a "visitor attraction" rather than a transportation solution, so I think buses are the better option. Banff CANNOT have unlimited tourist industry growth, time to put the brakes on.	10/10/2016 11:36 AM
19	Sounds attractive as a visitor experience and visitors would probably pay \$6 the first time but I dint think you would get repetitive trip buy in. Also having been on many chairlifts and gondolas I have concerns over stranding of passengers, much less risky to keep the to ground transportation.	10/10/2016 10:32 AM
20	Why should the citizens of Banff have to pay to host the tourists. The park facilities are already at capacity.	10/10/2016 10:13 AM
21	It imposes an overhead distraction on those who live in Banff, and it is ecologically damaging to build.	10/10/2016 9:10 AM

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22	A reliable well-run shuttle service is preferable and does not interfere with the mountain viewscapes or contribute to trend towards a "Disneyfication" of town.	10/10/2016 9:08 AM
23	This is a PRIVATE, so they have to pay for this!!!! Not us, taxpayers !!!!!!!	10/10/2016 8:57 AM
24	Adding more never solves a clutter problem.	10/10/2016 8:18 AM
25	Why should the town of Banff privilege transportation to Sulphur mtn. and subsidize a gondola that helps an American corporation...Brewster should pay for that aerial transit and Banff subsidize a Gondola to Norway!	10/10/2016 8:10 AM
26	WHY only sulfure Mtn ??? To give more buisness to brewster? I like the idea a lot, but let brewster paying for the gondola !!!	10/10/2016 8:03 AM
27	It would further degrade the aesthetic appearance of the town and make Banff even more into a 'Disneyland'.	10/10/2016 7:42 AM
28	Too much of an impact. The transportation solution does not need to provide an 'attraction'.	10/9/2016 10:03 PM
29	Anything to reduce the amount of traffic is a good idea and electric buses would reduce emissions.	10/9/2016 9:29 PM
30	Too limited in what it can access	10/9/2016 4:41 PM
31	Why "aerial" just high frequency ground from an intercept Would meet same need. Assesss GHG impacts of options.	10/9/2016 4:28 PM
32	Not appropriate. The impacts far exceed the benefits. The park is the attraction, no additional unnatural construct is necessary.	10/9/2016 4:06 PM
33	travel to Europe on many occasions, and the aerial transit could work and brings back a uniqueness to Banff	10/9/2016 4:04 PM
34	absolutely ridiculous. These are rides, not transport venues. ground transport will work if emphasis is on reducing the number of visitors and vehicles, not catering to increased number	10/9/2016 12:39 PM
35	It is hard for me to imagine a gondola around town, at the same time, it is definitely a visitor experience in itself, actually it would be a big attraction. This would certainly ease the traffic within Banff but people would still need cars to get around the area (Minnewanka, Johnston Canyon) and continue on to Lake Louise...do the rental agencies have enough car spaces available to cater for everybody? If not, then people would still likely rent a car from Calgary and drive in...so even if people will move around town without their car, there needs to be a place to put their car somewhere...drive it in and drive it out...	10/9/2016 12:15 PM
36	Not over my dead body! What does Mayor Sorenson think of the gondolas flying by her bedroom window? The visual impact would only add to the clutter in town. The idea does not solve the parking/congestion problem. The perpetual construction in town is already too disruptive. Mostly, the TOB must remain confined to its legislated boundaries. TOB council and managers proclaim to the world that Banff is 'environmentally friendly', yet, year after year, each crazed notion shows no foresight and only adds to the incremental degradation of Banff National Park.	10/9/2016 11:38 AM
37	Ridiculous idea. "Visitor experience" indeed! It is important to introduce visitors to the natural values of our national park, not encourage a Disney-esque approach by building theme-park infrastructure that will blight the town.	10/9/2016 11:36 AM
38	Reduces road traffic and reliance on road capacity. Enhances visitor experience and feeling of Banff as a world-class destination. Gets vehicles and people out of wildlife corridors.	10/9/2016 10:22 AM
39	aerial transit is attractive to visitors, ie as Sulphur mountain gondola has proven...	10/9/2016 10:02 AM
40	What is an aerial transit system?	10/9/2016 8:48 AM
41	Costly. Limits people's options - many will probably still choose to drive, whereas a bus system allows them to plan their own adventure by hopping on and off to get to multiple destinations. Ruins mountain views.	10/9/2016 8:27 AM
42	this would not be a novel or creative solutions..it may potentially help with traffic congestion but not with less people coming at an already over crowded town and national park....	10/8/2016 10:33 PM
43	This is not a viable option - the capital investment alone is staggering, and it does not offer a convenient way for visitors to travel throughout the townsite. Further, it does not address the fundamental challenge of vehicle congestion within the town, nor can it be scaled to meet seasonal changes in visiting levels (as could be done with a conventional transit system) - say nothing of the significant visual impact. This option is also predicated on the assumption that visitors will be willing to pay to use this form of transportation - which would be essential to cost recovery.	10/8/2016 8:34 PM
44	I don't think they would use it at transit, it would just be another attraction.	10/8/2016 8:33 PM
45	Utterly ridiculous. Not only will it be an eyesore, it will negatively impact property owners throughout it's route. We live in one of the most beautiful spots in the world - defacing it for the sake of moving people is absurd. I can't believe in the description you didn't note that it, too, will "subsantially impact the environment."	10/8/2016 5:56 PM

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46	Too much new infrastructure required. Overwhelming negative visual impacts. This place does not need any new "attractions". No new land beyond the town boundary should be opened up for intercept parking! The best location for an intercept parking lot would be on the west side of Calgary.	10/8/2016 4:00 PM
47	It is expensive, it will take a long time for permitting so it offers no immediate relief. It cannot be scaled easily to adjust for slow times, or peaks. It requires a ton of new infrastructure and years of traffic congestion and neighborhood disruption due to its construction. It looks like a proposal to serve the biggest corporate interests in town, purpose built just for the Center, the Banff Springs and the Sulphur gondola. It has significant visual and aesthetic impacts. In addition it will take away field space from the high school. Our high school deserves more respect. Also, presenting the aerial option as consistent with the way people prefer to travel suggests a bias implying other modes like walking, or biking are not consistent with the way people prefer to travel. For this reason it's fair to be disappointed with this question.	10/8/2016 2:39 PM
48	Not enough room for sufficient intersect parking within the town. Property in town would have to be used - bought. I suggest Brewers foot the bill. The gondola would only increase their 'license to print money'. Town needs to be closed to Private vehicles.	10/8/2016 2:03 PM
49	Definitely not. This is not a ski area. Visitors are here for many purposes. Creating another amusement park 'attraction' does NOT increase visitor appreciation of the NATIONAL PARK. The town is within the Park and is required to work within limitations that come with unique market that the Park provides. Town should not be promoting- or financially supporting Brewster's business. Restrict private vehicles on Mountain Ave to emergency access..transit access only. The notion of a very obtrusive, disruptive, financially and ecologically expensive, 'solution' for a highly projected future is folly.. There are a myriad of factors that could/will alter the simplistic predictions: changes in transportation technology, global economies, environmental disasters, global warming, major degradation of the natural park environment that the majority of visitors are here to experience. etc, etc. When faced with major ecological damage, Parks Canada is going to be forced to manage and limit human use within the Park. That will impact the numbers of visitors and infrastructure requirements for the Town.	10/8/2016 1:43 PM
50	How much money will that cost? People can still drive in town. And will have to drive in town to make it to the departure	10/8/2016 1:10 PM
51	Oh goodness... a gondola going over my house... no thanks! We live in Middle Springs... this idea looks great on paper, but I do not want anything like this over my home or in my backyard	10/8/2016 1:09 PM
52	Stop building more and larger capacity hotels. Limit access to the town and park. Please inform yourself about the 6th mass extinction event, Stanford University study. Human overpopulation and encroachment into wildlife habitat is destroying our ecosystem. Banff should LEAD Canada in such awareness.	10/8/2016 11:32 AM
53	It could be really horrible but sounds interesting.	10/8/2016 10:33 AM
54	I don't think we as tax payers should be subsidizing an American (brewster) company.	10/8/2016 9:57 AM
55	Please don't go there! What's special about this place is that we don't have wall-to-wall lifts and gondolas all over our mountains (like they do in the Alps). We are still a small town that has only small (walkable, bikeable, short-ridable) distances to deal with. We already have enough gondola experiences for those who wish them. Don't wreck our world-class views with mega-infrastructure. Price is also a barrier, both to build and per ride.	10/8/2016 7:32 AM
56	Looking at the maps, transportation is needed in the main part of town and the route does not seem to meet that need. I think it would need to start at an intercept lot. Would also require significant attention to maintenance to keep it running.	10/7/2016 8:53 PM
57	Limited routes, may not take people where they want to go, or too long from their cars, homes, schedules. Expensive.	10/7/2016 7:47 PM
58	Aerial should be absolutely pollution free, ergo a speedy monorail system verses gondola. Monorail does not need loading personnel like a gondola. User pay.	10/7/2016 6:21 PM
59	Visitors may like being able to see the town, but it will only be popular to newcomers, not to visitors coming for 2nd or more times. Also, visitors will still want to drive into town -- they like to think they can get close to what they want to see/do. Disincentives and incentives would have to be strong! As a resident, I really, really, really do NOT want a gondola going by in view or sound!! I certainly do NOT want a gondola station nearby!! I do not like this idea -- scrap it.	10/7/2016 5:02 PM
60	Why not having it going to Norquay hill also? Spending 66 m to increasase Brewster revenu ? Ask Brewster to pay for it!!!	10/7/2016 1:57 PM
61	Continuous service comfort of controlled cabin capacity and smooth quiet ride able to enjoy views over most buildings. Least footprint and powered by electricity no fossil fuel	10/7/2016 1:46 PM

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62	Aerial transit is very cost effective and quick to install. It is also scalable (more cabins can be bought as required if the design is planned for them from the beginning). Aerial transit does not have to be ugly. Look at Portland (striking cabin and tower architecture), Koblenz (terminal architecture), Venice elevated cable train (living towers), and Teleférico do Gaia in Portugal (terminals) for examples where architectural design was applied to soften some of the tower and terminal elements. People will be drawn from their vehicles for the scenic and convenient rides. This sort of transit is working well in many places around the world already. Smart glass is possible in the cabins to control when riders can see out and into someone's yard or window if this is not desired http://gondolaproject.com/2011/03/28/smart-glass-on-the-bukit-panjang-lrt/	10/7/2016 1:08 PM
63	Visitors don't need a vehicle to enjoy Sulphur Mnt, only to get there. Therefore bypassing all the traffic on the bridge to visit these sites.	10/7/2016 12:46 PM
64	As a taxpayer, i would definitely not support using public money to build further transport to a privately owned attraction. Not a chance, i would protest this with everything i had. If they wish to expand their gondola further down the mountain, they can pay for the environmental studies, construction, etc. An aerial line through downtown from a central parking area (maybe bumpers) would be something i would support, as it would alleviate traffic enough to keep downtown pedestrian friendly.	10/7/2016 12:34 PM
65	it would be a very novel way to move people but it would be expensive to build the parking lots, the interceptor lots with Shuttles would be needed for this solution too.	10/7/2016 12:31 PM
66	I dont think tax payers in this town should found a Gondola to the Brewster gondola that is american owned. If the Gondola requires this they can pay for it with their own dollars.	10/7/2016 12:15 PM
67	I think the town should carefully consider the serious consequences of permanently altering the sightlines of our town with a gondola going right through the middle. I am particularly worried about the impact of a gondola going across the Bow River. I am strongly against this idea, and think it would be harmful to our town.	10/7/2016 12:04 PM
68	This will favour certain interests in the community while locking out other options. Also, Cost! Is very high with no certainty of recouping	10/7/2016 12:04 PM
69	I think gondola in the middle of Banff would completely ruin the natural feel of the town.	10/7/2016 11:58 AM
70	a gondola from the train station to Norquay could have a greater impact at no cost to taxpayers	10/7/2016 11:58 AM
71	I am 100% OPPOSED to Aerial transportation in Banff. It is expensive, invasive and would add to the "Disneyland" atmosphere which already has a profound negative impact on the town of Banff.	10/7/2016 11:34 AM
72	a service for a business, i.e. Brewsters!! I don't think so.	10/7/2016 10:24 AM
73	Because gondolas don't pollute as much as cars and buses	10/7/2016 8:05 AM
74	Many towns don't allow cars in the downtown core ppl will adapt.	10/6/2016 10:01 PM
75	I doubt it would cover its operating costs without a tax subsidy.	10/6/2016 9:50 PM
76	This would actually add to the visitor experience and potentially become a hallmark experience in banff. An extensive gondola system would be scenic, intriguing and world leading---and produce minimal impact on the park itself besides visual concerns. Especially as a connector between downtown and sulphur mountain area attractions. It should however remain as a PUBLIC asset and not get farmed off to a company for operations IE Brewster or similar bidder...	10/6/2016 9:34 PM
77	Ride a gondola up to the gondola? I think this is a terrible idea and would leave a very visible scar on our postcard town.	10/6/2016 8:24 PM
78	It would take away from the beauty	10/6/2016 6:45 PM
79	Will become too commercial and will just drawn in more tourists	10/6/2016 5:03 PM
80	Ruining the park.	10/6/2016 3:55 PM
81	The cost may be prohibitive	10/6/2016 3:50 PM
82	It could be a source of revenue, an attraction on its own, takes the congestion off the ground, promotes sightseeing, and I'd like to go on it.	10/6/2016 3:50 PM
83	Sounds great, but it seems unlikely that there'll be a valid business case. High initial cost and high operating costs, ongoing mean high ticket costs, especially for commuters and for tourist families.	10/6/2016 3:38 PM
84	Aerial transport is visually unattractive - tourists come for the view - don't make it ugly. Aerial transport inevitably has long lineups. Visitors would spend more time waiting in the line than they would in traffic. As an "attraction" it would end up costing the tourists even more than they already pay to enter the park and, if they prefer to experience Banff from the air, pay further for the existing gondola.	10/4/2016 10:43 AM
85	Cool sight seeing opportunity	10/3/2016 10:13 PM

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86	taking vehicles off of our road ways, especially at the choke point of the bow river bridge would substantially decrease traffic congestion and improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.	10/3/2016 8:36 PM
87	Visually gross.	10/3/2016 7:36 PM
88	We need not clog the scenery with a gondola.	10/3/2016 7:21 PM
89	It would add to the amount of people not driving up to Sulphur Mountain and taking the potential aerial transit.	10/3/2016 7:08 PM
90	Cost of capital and maintenance way too high, who would pay for it??	10/3/2016 6:25 PM
91	I like the idea, I think it would really cut down on traffic conning through downtown and across the bridge...but if people aren't driving up to sulphur they aren't parking parking up there, and there isn't nearly enough parking downtown or anywhere in Banff for all those additional cars. Very good concept though.	10/3/2016 6:18 PM
92	It would be a unique feature that would attract visitors	10/3/2016 6:06 PM
93	I think by doing this there will be more traffic congestion on the other side of the town.	10/3/2016 5:42 PM
94	Will help move people and attract more tourists. It's a novelty that's practical	10/3/2016 4:50 PM
95	A gondola to a gondola? Maybe not. busses work fine up and down to sulphur I get the bus everyday up there.	10/3/2016 4:16 PM
96	Huge cost with no guarantee that people would use it as a mode of transportation. Where would they park to get on? Wouldn't it affect people's privacy in their homes and yards?	10/3/2016 4:13 PM
97	Will not work if route starts from downtown! That does nothing to solve traffic problems you are just brining more cars downtown looking for parking that is not there! All you have done is created a disney attraction!	10/3/2016 4:03 PM
98	Would be hard to connect all the routes needed	10/3/2016 4:01 PM
99	Relies on a massive infrastructure that will likely be nearly out of date by the time it is installed. Visually would make us look like Disneyland. Breakdowns can't just be fixed by adding another bus...could inconvenience people for hours or days.	10/3/2016 3:46 PM
100	There doesn't seem to be much traffic on the side roads, so having localized transit where the bulk of the traffic is would be preferable.	10/3/2016 3:44 PM
101	Have people educated on how to use	10/3/2016 3:42 PM
102	Visually am not sure it would be appealing	10/3/2016 3:28 PM
103	I have trouble seeing this as "transportation" unless you have the tram at the intercept lot and it is the only option to get downtown. If the main tram station is downtown you are going to have do the increased bus & conventional transportation from the intercept lots anyway. The Arial Tramway is a visitor experience not really transportation unless it is the ONLY (i.e. you CAN'T drive your personal vehicle) option for getting around.	10/3/2016 12:46 PM
104	major investment still require giant parking stations just look at Gondola station	10/3/2016 11:48 AM
105	Very costly to install	10/3/2016 11:11 AM
106	Great idea, but don't see parks allowing it to happen.	10/3/2016 8:59 AM
107	I find it hard to believe that people will leave personal vehicles in intercept lots to take conventional transit to aerial transit to reach their final destination. It might lessen the amount of traffic back and forth through town from visitors staying at the Banff Centre, Springs, or Rimrock but I don't feel it would lessen the traffic traveling through town.	10/2/2016 10:05 PM
108	Cost effective and more environmentally sustainable. Can be run off of clean energy	10/2/2016 2:04 PM
109	An utterly foolish idea which I could only support if costs were fully paid by the business community. I have zero interest in paying for a transport system that would mostly benefit Fairmont, Brewsters, the upper Hot Springs etc.	10/1/2016 10:43 AM
110	I like the idea. To make it work I think intercept parking for non-residents must be mandatory. The transit then must be affordable. It would be a fun thing to do, no doubt, but that is not enough. The goal is that it is highly functional. Something really needs to be done about the traffic up and down Sulphur Mtn. It is just not safe. So, I am open to a lot of creativity here. Including just flat-out eliminating vehicles at peak times (except for resident passes, which should also be limited per household - just cuz you have 4 cars in your house, you don't get 4 passes)	9/30/2016 8:01 PM
111	Very bad idea in terms of aesthetics, potential impacts to wildlife(bear habituation) and costs. Why do you want to attract more people to places such as Sulphur mountain as there are already huge line-ups most afternoons during the summer period.	9/30/2016 3:00 PM
112	really dumb idea to ruin iconic Banff scenery	9/30/2016 1:33 PM

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113	Like the idea, not the route. Make it like an 'X', one leg goes from Fenlands to IGA and Banff Centre. Other leg goes from old Husky Station down centre of banff ave to the Springs. Change stations at high school. Third leg can go from YWCA up to Sulphur. Put intercept parking under high school and elementary school playground, go one level above grade and put school playgrounds back on top. That way gondola will be easy to access, people with cars will leave them at their hotels because the gondola will be right out front door of hotel. Expand Fenlands as intercept lot. Look at Courmeyuer, Italy, which put parkade under town square, then put the square back.	9/29/2016 11:00 PM
114	How would this impact wildlife? If its ok i believe a ariel transit system would be great in banff	9/29/2016 3:23 AM
115	This will not work. The problem is vehicles, not people. The aerial transit system and intercept parking in no way reduces the amount of vehicles into the Banff and BNP area. This study grossly overestimates the annual dollar return, and use. Who will pay for the system on a Monday in November for example? This is not a scaleable solution. It is despicabile to consider using public funds to provide what is essentially a direct link to a privately owned attraction (Sulphur Mtn Gondola). Not to mention any aerial system will be by nature, large and hideous. NO! To any solution involving aerial transit within the TOB.	9/28/2016 9:27 PM
116	You'd need lots of stops for convenience, which might slow it down. Make sure it's accessible for elderly/handicapped users.	9/28/2016 4:04 PM
117	I think it would be an eyesore and sore spot with many local residents. Yes it may sound cool and someone can argue that it's an experience in itself, but I just don't see it looking nice in town. I feel the main concern is lowering number of vehicles in townsite, how would building an aerial tranport help with that?! People who drive to the town, drive to their hotels would still drive to the sites! None of them would park outside the town and use transport.	9/27/2016 10:07 PM
118	Just make sure it doesn't ruin the views	9/27/2016 7:28 PM
119	It's an absolutely ridiculous idea.	9/27/2016 5:00 PM
120	UNDERGROUND PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM WHERE PEOPLE DONT NEED TO USE CARS BUSES BICYCLES FOR SHORT JOURNEYS ABOUT TOWN	9/27/2016 6:57 AM
121	My one concern: much of our congestion issues are about getting visitors to/from attractions on Sulpher Mtn. (gondola and hot pools) Both private and gov'n't owned attractions. How are those attractions going to help contribute towards the annual cost and pay for initial build of this system that will HUGELY benefit their business	9/26/2016 11:20 AM
122	graduated construction, expansion & modifications advised so the initial undertaking should be small with expansion based on experience not a consultants grand recommendations i.e. volumes, user costs, environmental impact, aesthetics, off season demands, etc.	9/25/2016 6:13 PM
123	Lets turn Banff into an exception. An exceptional destination with no cars in a car systematic society. We just need to change a few habits. Plus, I actually think European visitors are beyond ready already and Americans will love the quaint experience. We need a strong message to change our bad habits.	9/25/2016 3:10 PM
124	Bus routes are flexible and changeable, seems like aerial transit would be more fixed.	9/25/2016 11:18 AM
125	Aerial transit would be visually unattractive. It will change and spoil the beautiful mountain scape that surrounds the town. Where would people park to use this. It will become an attraction itself and draw more people.	9/25/2016 7:24 AM
126	As above, restrict non resident traffic to intercepts. Would add to visitor experience	9/24/2016 9:15 PM
127	Don't deface Banff. Again, run transit/cab only systems doing peak seasons.	9/24/2016 10:39 AM
128	This is a grandiose idea! We are only promoting certain attractions and they will benefit. The visual pollution this would create is horrendous!	9/24/2016 8:49 AM
129	For exactly the reasons you said ... No schedule, fun experience with amazing views, own space.	9/24/2016 7:59 AM
130	Though this might be an attraction for tourists, it won't help residents, or visitors with usable access to the town site. Many people will still try to drive into downtown.	9/24/2016 7:15 AM
131	Yet another line for guests to wait in and pay for. We do not need a tourist attraction like this to bring even more people to see.	9/23/2016 10:19 PM
132	Sounds good but it's expensive. We'd need the province to come up with some of the funds.	9/23/2016 10:17 PM
133	Cities thrive with 'aerial transit', or the like, and Banff has a massive amount of people that need (want) to get places. It'll be extremely popular	9/23/2016 9:04 PM
134	Congestion is only for 6 to 8 weeks of the year, so pricy solution.	9/23/2016 8:57 PM
135	I think this is innovative and a great idea. It is self sustaining and an awesome attraction. I love that it is a bit unconventional- go for it!!	9/23/2016 8:50 PM

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136	Might work for a first or second ride but will not allow riders to embark and depart at many of the interesting destinations along the way. Locals will not likely use this option leaving many of their cars still on the streets and in the parking lots. Seems like an attraction more than a solution.	9/23/2016 8:22 PM
137	Are you talking helicopters? Yikes sounds expensive or... are you talking like the ski hills have-	9/23/2016 7:36 PM
138	For the reasons you describe above. And it'll be fun, relaxing, not so polluting and free up space on the ground. I love the idea!	9/23/2016 7:27 PM
139	Best solution but not totally comfortable with it being privately owned.	9/23/2016 7:26 PM
140	Could very easily be a "tourist" draw as well as an effective people mover. I've experienced many systems like this in countries around the world. clean, minimal impact, and touristy. Though you might need a lot of parking at the non-Banff end. Clearly marked with the number of available spots.	9/23/2016 4:01 PM
141	Will accommodate a larger number of people and sustainable in the long run. Our population is increasing, not decreasing. More affordable in the long run. Better big picture idea.	9/23/2016 1:07 PM
142	It is distinctive enough to appeal to the tourist population. It'll be a huge bonus for the town	9/23/2016 10:27 AM
143	I think this offers a scenic alternative ... would need to determine the attraction as fee-for-use transportation mode vs. visitor attraction. Would route obscure sight lines/ mountain views on ground within town boundaries?	9/23/2016 9:58 AM
144	The concept fits with a mountain park experience. Unless the Town receives more \$\$ from the province, infrastructure for visitors should be user pay.	9/23/2016 9:49 AM
145	Not sure how this would actually alleviate traffic and parking congestion in the core like intercept parking and free transit would but open to the concept.	9/23/2016 9:14 AM
146	I think adding more buses and having shuttles would do the trick. This seems over kill.	9/23/2016 8:55 AM
147	Taxpayers don't want this. Too much money. Taxpayers don't want to see the skies filled with tourist gondolas. The town is already an "assault" on the senses (congestion, noise, pollution, etc.)	9/23/2016 8:03 AM
148	Conceptually I love the prospect, however this would be a monumentally expensive ordeal. Would it be a walk-on or pay-per-use?	9/23/2016 7:37 AM
149	Could be interesting but has a Single Point of Failure causing major disruption when problems occur / maintenance is required.	9/23/2016 7:07 AM
150	what sort of aerial transport? more specific please	9/23/2016 4:39 AM
151	Even though there would be a visual impact I would prefer this solution. Let's face it, the visual impact is already happening when you see cars lined up all summer long along Banff Ave and past the traffic bridge. The air quality in town really suffers at times and I would rather have a gondola to look at than frustrated drivers and smell fumes all summer long.	9/23/2016 12:02 AM
152	Awesome idea that offers a sightseeing opportunity tied with transportation. Impact on wildlife is less than increased roadway density or traffic issues (bear jams etc...), and quality of life for residents increases (tourists are landing in areas prepared to cater to them)	9/22/2016 10:07 PM
153	It makes financial and environmental sense.	9/22/2016 9:37 PM
154	Environmental impact, noise pollution	9/22/2016 8:51 PM
155	So glamorous! Amazing views, enhancing the visitor experience. Makes Banff even more unique than it already is. Would provide a much greater incentive than ground-level transit for visitors to use the intercept lots	9/22/2016 4:31 PM
156	Sounds fun, but I am not sure if repeat visitors will use it as a transportation method. I imagine folks will use it once for the novelty and then continue to use their vehicle. (Unless forced to, of course)	9/22/2016 3:49 PM
157	Would set Banff Apart even more	9/22/2016 2:46 PM
158	Is this supposed to run as public transit or private, luxury transportation? It's likely going to be too expensive and inconvenient to consider this as a way for locals to commute so I can only imagine it would be for people from other cities and countries who are visiting Banff. It sounds like a tourist attraction to me which I don't think Banff taxpayers would be interested in paying for. However, if this aerial transit did bring in more money to Banff which is then put back into programs and subsidies for the locals then it might be a good idea.	9/22/2016 2:38 PM
159	Not sure for tour groups. They would still drive through town. Certainly appealing for families as this is an experience in itself	9/22/2016 2:27 PM
160	This is NOT about "visitor experience". No.	9/22/2016 2:10 PM
161	Visual clutter, viability in inclement weather (rain, wind, extreme cold)	9/22/2016 12:05 PM

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162	this is going to ruin the look and feel of living in a national park - why is this even an idea?????	9/22/2016 9:45 AM
163	The visual impact is a major concern, but if it can pay for itself and be part of a larger system of intercept lots, it could work. I believe the gondola would need to connect directly to intercept lots.	9/21/2016 9:59 AM
164	Enhanced visitor experience, minimal environmental impact, cost efficient with small fares charged.	9/20/2016 2:16 PM
165	Your recommended choice does nothing to solve parking, vehicle congestion as it starts from downtown! The only proposal that solves objectives is the one that provides route from both ends of town with intercept parking created.	9/20/2016 12:03 PM
166	Capacity of a gondola system is fixed, and so is the operating cost. I would want to know that guests are likely to ride the gondola throughout the year and not just in the summer. My preferred route would include both intercept parking lots as well as downtown, the Banff Centre, Banff Springs and Sulphur Mountain Gondola.	9/20/2016 2:39 AM
167	There's another attraction at mt Norquay. Diverting people/providing an alternative to going up sulphur mountain can reduce congestion in that side of the mountain.	9/19/2016 11:55 PM
168	Pricing of fares for locals would probably be prohibitive see Banff & Norquay gondola fares. I think it would be a visual blight.	9/19/2016 8:18 PM
169	Banff does not have a lot of space to work with and building gondola stations is not going to help with making town feel congested. I also really don't like how it impacts the views or could potentially be going up residential (Private!) streets. Also the proposed concepts do not include a station at the elk woods lot, which means people may still drive into town to gain access to the gondola. If there was transit from elk wood lot, then why would we need to spend money on a gondola too. It would be more cost efficient to just have the bus system in place and have more frequent buses.	9/19/2016 7:20 PM
170	Bold move	9/19/2016 4:33 PM
171	I believe an aerial transit system would completely ruin the town of the Banff. It would destroy some of our most important site lines, cause massive parking congestion, and turn Banff into Disneyland.	9/19/2016 3:44 PM
172	It's a concept that fits well with our beautiful town. Relatively quiet and gentle.	9/19/2016 3:27 PM
173	My choice is based on the needs of locals - i feel too much is invested in tourist and tourism and not enough is considered for the people with need to reside in the area. plus i get concerned over aerial construction and the views of our local area being obstructed	9/19/2016 3:21 PM
174	This is a national park, - a place to connect with our natural and cultural heritage - not an amusement park. I don't think this is attractive or sustainable.	9/19/2016 1:36 PM
175	Visitors may want to experience this way to travel from point A to point B and I could see it being successful.	9/19/2016 10:46 AM
176	Community consultation needed. This option would have the greatest impact on the local population - visual impact, noise concerns, location of stations etc.	9/19/2016 9:24 AM
177	If it was used in conjunction with conventional transit (buses), it may help alleviate tourist congestion. This option would not benefit the taxpayers as directly as bike paths and an improved bus system would (ie: I just want to get to the grocery store and Post).	9/18/2016 10:53 AM
178	It's worth thinking outside the box on a theoretical level, but to commit time, resources, a feasibility study (please no, not more wasting of taxpayer \$) is nuts. Drop it. ToB won't let a homeowner put up a white picket fence for visual incongruity, but it considers an aerial tram congruent with visual sight lines in the national park?!	9/18/2016 9:44 AM
179	I feel a private investor or company should be part of the funding model	9/18/2016 8:42 AM
180	This solution feels like 'a deal' with Sulphur Mountain Gondola. It sounds like an entrepreneurial solution and I don't think riders would want to pay.	9/17/2016 8:49 PM
181	Visual impact too great, especially over Bow Falls.	9/17/2016 6:48 PM
182	Of the choices at hand, this would be my preference as a resident. Measures would need to be put in place at the Banff Centre station to ensure riders did not cut through the private townhouse property to access Tunnel Mtn Road. Would like to see this subsidized for residents to encourage use for short trips such as grocery runs or daycare drop offs.	9/17/2016 5:40 PM
183	Aerial transit is ridiculous and expensive and not necessary. Seems frivolous, people can WALK across town.	9/15/2016 1:36 PM
184	Seems far-fetched and requires huge investment (E.g. gamble) but the potential revenue is interesting	9/15/2016 7:04 AM

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185	We are absolutely against any aerial transit system in Banff. Banff is not Disneyland. It is already highly commercialised. We don't need any more gimmicks to draw more visitors here and further stress our infrastructure, natural environment, wildlife or human residents. We don't know of any National Park in the US that has an aerial transit system. Banff is not a ski-in ski-out town like Telluride, Breckenridge, Vail or Whistler. If there was a ski hill up Sulphur Mountain, then we might consider this. However, there isn't. Any aerial transit system will encroach on residents' privacy, destroy iconic sight lines/scenery that draw so many visitors here and keeps locals living in Banff despite the challenges associated with its high cost of living. If an aerial transit system is built, we would seriously consider relocating. This project is overkill to mitigate traffic congestion when it is busy for a predictable time period during the year. Aerial transit is what we perceive as distasteful, tacky and an eye-sore - not at all in keeping with the quaint uniqueness that Banff embodies, which appealed to us from the first time we visited and then decided to move here.	9/14/2016 5:17 PM
186	Gondolas are cool, always loading (high frequency on demand), and have reasonable operating costs relative to buses.	9/14/2016 4:59 PM
187	eyesore	9/14/2016 3:38 PM
188	Creating another unique experience while visiting Banff - still need to consider parking lots that will needed for visitors	9/14/2016 1:19 PM
189	I don't like the idea of the visual impact. The noise is loud at the gondola stations. It would not address all destinations in Banff.	9/14/2016 11:04 AM
190	Bold idea with lots of potential. Would encourage visitors to get off the road and allow residents to drive out of town without huge traffic backups. As in the study, must be coupled with intercept parking, or it won't work.	9/14/2016 10:34 AM
191	It's an attraction in itself and very convenient	9/14/2016 10:34 AM
192	People are attracted to aerial transit as it is high above the ground and offers great views. This system would be above buildings, would not be very attractive and would sacrifice privacy over the areas it travelled	9/14/2016 8:53 AM
193	Would give another attraction and provide needed relief	9/13/2016 8:10 PM
194	No way - I do not support this at all. How unsightly would that be, and noisy at the Staion. Bad, bad idea	9/13/2016 5:12 PM
195	I am thrilled with this idea - Banff is a destination known around the world and this would be one more reason why people would want to come here. This concept is a tourist attraction in itself, is remarkably affordable and in my opinion the disadvantages (visual impact) don't stack up against the advantages. What a wonderful way to get people out of their cars and enjoying Banff!	9/13/2016 4:03 PM
196	By the time you line up, board, travel slowly, un load at quite likely a spot that is still not that close to your destination it is quicker to walk	9/13/2016 12:07 PM
197	It would be a huge eye sore in the area and more congestion because tourists will think of it as a ride	9/13/2016 12:01 PM
198	I'm not completely against the concept, I'm just not convinced it's needed. While it would be an interesting visitor experience, I'm not sure the capacity is needed, nor is the visual and physical environmental impact worth it.	9/13/2016 10:49 AM
199	I think it is a cool tourism idea and would be an attractive feature for the town. However, it is not something functional for improving our transit infrastructure. People would still need a vehicle to get here and then would still need to park it. We need a solution in bringing people to Banff without the need for a vehicle.	9/13/2016 10:37 AM
200	The idea of it being a visitor experience in itself is a huge bonus. Also a 'green' alternative if constructed properly.	9/13/2016 10:24 AM
201	Absolutely not, adamantly opposed to this idea. Only supports point to point transport that favours specific tourism attractions to the detriment of others, not flexible like buses (routes or stops) and would have an unacceptable visual impact.	9/13/2016 10:16 AM
202	Please! NO! Worse than power lines running through town. Inflexible, costly and limited. Not only answer "don't think so" I say under no circumstances!	9/13/2016 9:41 AM
203	For the residents who live in the downtown core, this idea would be most invasive. Peeping into apartment and hotel windows. The noise in the downtown corridor is already too loud enough. Aerial transit only adds to the noise. Go visit Chicago or Calgary to learn about noise and invasiveness.	9/13/2016 9:28 AM
204	very high investment and will not solve the problem. at best it will be a partial solution	9/13/2016 7:35 AM
205	what an eye sore. This is Canada not Europe~keep our park beautiful	9/13/2016 6:40 AM
206	Novel, large scale option, good for user experience. Lacks flexibility to respond to future attractions or changing visitor use patterns. Free into/around town, cost to the Springs and Sulfur would reduce tend to ignore and drive anyway.	9/12/2016 11:55 PM
207	I think this could have long-term benefits.	9/12/2016 10:35 PM
208	I don't know what it is.	9/12/2016 8:54 PM

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209	66 Million is too much for the tax payer to pay for!!	9/12/2016 7:03 PM
210	Severe visual impact to anywhere along the route, residents along the streets near the towers or aerial line will not be happy at all.	9/12/2016 5:56 PM
211	Aerial transit could complement other transportation options while providing a great visitor experience, and, too a lesser extent, reduce local traffic.	9/11/2016 7:16 PM
212	Expensive capital outlay, likely to be highly inflexible once built and will require other modes of transit at terminals. I'd seriously consider if this is a good idea in reality.	9/11/2016 6:43 PM
213	The high capital cost makes this an uncertain proposition. Aerial travel systems also have a history of being somewhat slower than comparable bus systems.	9/11/2016 1:02 PM
214	Makes the place seem like an amusement park	9/11/2016 12:32 PM
215	Might be fun to see town from above.	9/11/2016 12:05 PM
216	Novelty transit systems are generally inferior to proven solutions. This option would need to be practical, not just a tourist attraction.	9/11/2016 11:07 AM
217	Unless the Feds and the province will pick up the tab - no way - not willing to have my municipal taxes pay for this - I won't be using it.	9/10/2016 11:18 AM
218	This is a really great idea. I like everything about it. It's bold, modern ideas like this that will transform Banff into a leading community again.	9/10/2016 9:21 AM
219	I believe it will be too costly to operate and maintain	9/10/2016 6:54 AM
220	I like the experience aspect and the fact it does not require tax subsidy. Beside visual aspect there is minimal ecological repercussions.	9/9/2016 7:31 PM
221	This is a mitigation option that not only provides frequent, affordable and consistent mode of transportation for residents, but also an attraction for tourists.	9/9/2016 5:12 PM
222	Has seen huge success in Europe.	9/9/2016 3:10 PM
223	Is this referring to a cable car(gondola) system? I think this a wonderful idea for not just congestion, but for tourism. If you look at South American cities like Medellin or La Paz, these systems have been a great success and I think it adds to the character of cities.	9/9/2016 12:15 PM
224	Interesting concept, but concerns remain. Expensive and requires the agreement and approval of several levels of government which may be difficult to obtain. New and extensive infrastructure is required which is not easily adaptable to future demands and requirements. Project could end up becoming a white elephant. Current proposal mostly appear to be designed to facilitate movement of visitors. A critical goal, but it may be difficult to get adequate community support for the project.	9/9/2016 12:02 PM
225	I don't think you would hit enough pickup spots to make this a convenient method. though, its a fun concept.	9/9/2016 10:56 AM
226	Good idea, but not everyone will want to ride the gondola and swim in pools. Lot of people wanna shop and drink.	9/9/2016 9:57 AM
227	Is it to move people or to draw more people to town.	9/9/2016 9:06 AM
228	Demonstrates exploring all options	9/9/2016 8:02 AM
229	Do you mean roads similiar to overpasses? Rhis sounds like it would make banff look more like a concrete jungle	9/8/2016 11:14 PM
230	council is like a teenager always dreaming of expensive ways to spend taxes on frills, frills, get intercept lots , big ones , charge for downtown parking also Parks may not approve	9/8/2016 9:09 PM
231	Only good for tourists. And you expect people to take a gondola just so they can get to another gondola? It still requires intercept parking, and it still won't stop traffic to the Springs, Rimrock or Middle Springs, so you still have lots of through downtown traffic and congestion on the bridge.	9/8/2016 9:08 PM
232	if it's operation cost is fully recovered then I am all for this. But will it really?	9/8/2016 5:58 PM
233	Love it, works in other areas of the world.	9/8/2016 5:38 PM
234	This option made the most sense to me! It's an experience that tourists and residents could be easily attracted to! New amazing views all over the town, and a unique experience to get around that most people wouldn't be used to in a small town! I think this idea is great!!	9/8/2016 5:02 PM
235	WORST idea ever!! You are idiots for wasting money to even consider this	9/8/2016 3:36 PM

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236	This will have two or three "stops" at best - the capital cost for each additional stop will be huge. We will need to find a way for people to leave their cars at those places - huge numbers of cars. It will impinge on our beautiful views. It is yet more "Disneyfication" of our park.	9/8/2016 2:28 PM
237	I like the idea of a mode of transportation that separates people from their cars, and requires little to no wait times.	9/8/2016 1:51 PM
238	ridiculous idea. As a local I wouldn't use it and not sure there would be enough interests with tourists. It's just more money they'd have to spend.	9/8/2016 1:43 PM
239	Does this really solve the problem? Just moving the crowds higher up in the way of the mountain views? This is surely contrary to why people (think they) want to come to a National Park.	9/8/2016 1:32 PM
240	No way this only cost \$66 million! Try \$166 million. People freaked over a Ped bridge no way this goes through.	9/8/2016 12:16 PM
241	It will have the appearance of a amusement park not a national park.	9/8/2016 11:58 AM
242	I think this shift of moving people around town in a different way is the kind of bold thinking that will significantly change the visitor experience in Banff.	9/8/2016 11:51 AM
243	This might help with visitor congestion. We are in a national park, where do we draw that line as to what is acceptable?	9/8/2016 11:50 AM
244	that would benefit a few key business	9/8/2016 11:49 AM
245	I don't believe we have the land, capacity, to accommodate the required infrastructure without taking away from existing amenity spaces - High School field - Fenlands etc. I am vehemently opposed to Banff taxpayers paying for any of this.	9/8/2016 11:45 AM
246	They're ugly, not scale able - a permanent gondola for a few busy summer weekends is not a reasonable solution. No residents along the route should have to deal with people peering down on them/their property. A gondola that funnels people directly to another private gondola seems 'dirty/fishy' to me. What happens if a mechanical issue occurs to any one of the stations during a busy weekend - the entire solution could be down for days/weeks waiting for a fix/part.	9/8/2016 10:54 AM