



# The Mobility Wallet & Equitable Access to Transportation



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# **OUR VISION**

# Mobility solutions for the *health and wellbeing* of every person in every community.

# **Transportation Barriers**

# 5.8 million

Americans **miss medical appointments** due to lack of transportation resulting in emergency room visits and worsening health conditions.



respondents shared limited transportation is a root **cause of hunger.** 



Americans have **no access to public transit.** This is a significant factor in upward mobility of families in underserved neighborhoods.









#### The New York Times

#### TheUpshot

IMPORTANCE OF PLACE

#### Transportation Emerges as Crucial to Escaping Poverty



#### By Mikayla Bouchard May 7, 2015

TOLLING. MOVING SMARTER.

James Baker was pedaling to work along a slick, snow-covered road in Frederick County, Md., when a traffic light changed abruptly. He braked and skidded to the ground, unhurt but making a mess of his clothes before a long day of work and school.

He was on his bicycle that snowy morning last December, about an hour northwest of Washington, because the bus service in Frederick was so erratic. Routes were far apart and the buses often late, making a 30-minute bike ride, whatever the weather, a better option.

His commuting problems highlight a central theme for many lowincome people trying to build a better life: A lack of reliable and efficient transportation is often a huge barrier.

In a large, continuing <u>study</u> of upward mobility based at Harvard, commuting time has emerged as the single strongest factor in the odds of escaping poverty. The longer an average commute in a



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SYSTEMIC RACISM

#### Why the next step for antiracism is transportation

Apr 22, 2021



Mouchka Heller Lead, Automotive and New Mobility, World Economic  COVID-19 acted as a stress test for racial inequities, for example by affecting Black Americans disproportionately;

# THE PROBLEM



The fragmented labyrinth of resources, policies, and programs for transportation is **not working for those who rely on it the most.** 



### Debt Ceiling Deal Includes New Work Requirements for Food Stamps

The agreement will place additional work requirements on older Americans to receive food assistance, but will remove those barriers for veterans and homeless adults.

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The debt limit agreement includes new work requirements for older adults who

The independent source for health policy research, polling, and news.

#### 🛃 Medicaid

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### 10 Things to Know About the Unwinding o the Medicaid Continuous Enrollment Provision

Jennifer Tolbert and Meghana Ammula 🎔

Published: Jun 09, 2023



- Medicaid enrollment increased since the start of the pandemic, primarily due to the continuous enrollment provision.
- KFF estimates that between 8 million and 24 million people will lose Medicaid coverage during the unwinding of the continuous enrollment provision.
- 3. The Medicaid continuous enrollment provision stopped "churn" among Medicaid enrollees.
- 4. States approaches to unwinding the continuous enrollment provision vary.

### And if it wasn't already complicated enough, we're making it even harder...

# **Transportation Available to Support Health Equity**



# **Feonix Solution:** Transportation Assistance Hub



#### **Staffing** Community Development Manager Mobility Navigator Fundraiser



#### **Community Support**

Mobility Leadership Circle Transportation Directory Transportation Subsidy Library





#### Technology

Community Operations Support Center MaaS Technology Mobility Wallet

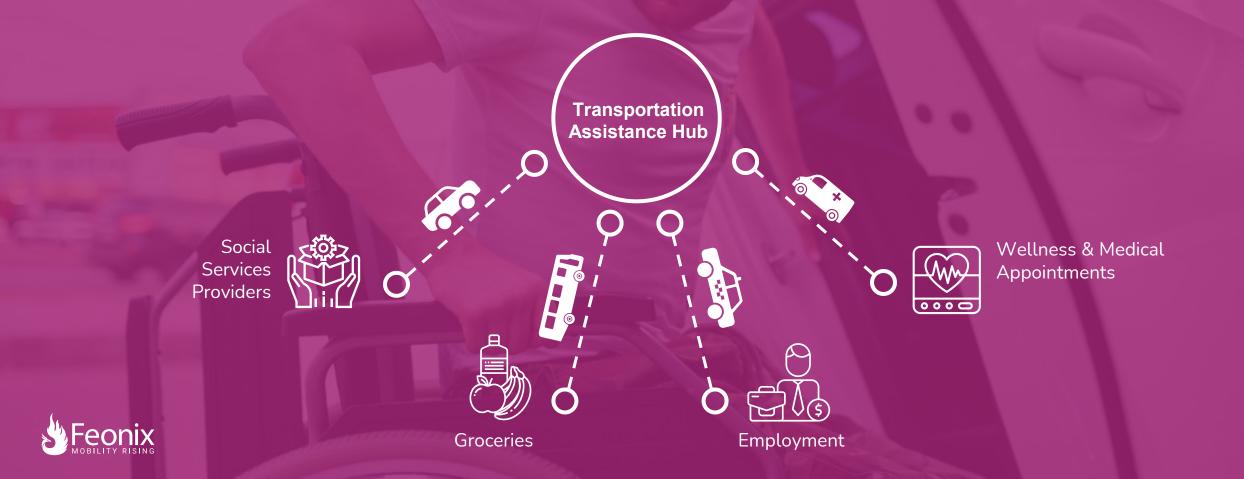


**Capacity** Local Transportation Providers

- Public, Private, & Public Transit Volunteer Drivers



# **Transportation Assistance Hubs Enable** Mobility for all Social Determinants of Health





# Mobility as a Service





# **Partner with Local Transportation Providers**

We reach out to existing transportation providers in the community and first work to partner and integrate technology to optimize use of local options, support small business, and expand capacity if needed.



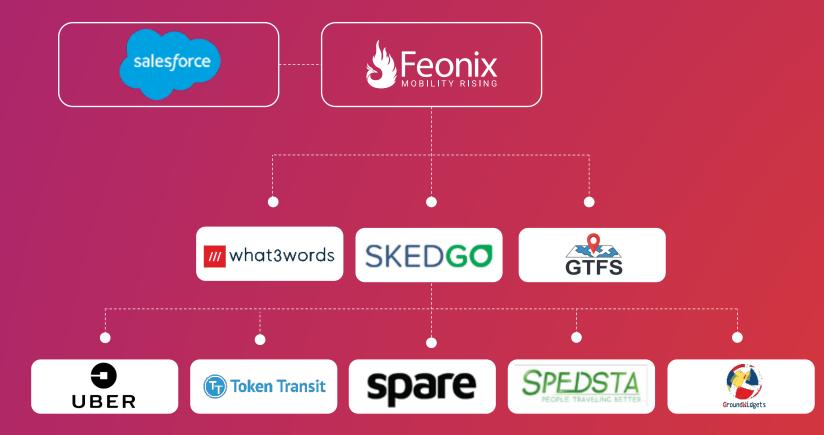
Public Transit Agencies Taxi Services

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Providers

Bike & Scooter Share



# **Technology Architecture**









## Silos of Transportation Resources & Information

## Food Stamps – Printed in 1997



### Food Stamps – Every State Uses EBT Cards in 2023

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North Dakota EBT





# **Banking the Unbanked** with Mobility Wallets & MoCaFi Partnership

Providing a cashless payment option for the unbanked.

OR CUSTOMER SERVICE 18043

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# Michigan Mobility Wallet Project Overview





Deploy advanced Mobility Wallet Technology to address transportation insecurity for Veterans and Michigan families currently living in poverty.

#### **Project Deployment Across 3** Locations/Regions:

- l. Wayne County
- 2. Kent County
- 3. Jackson, Hillsdale, & Lenawee Counties

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# **Project Development Partners**







# UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN



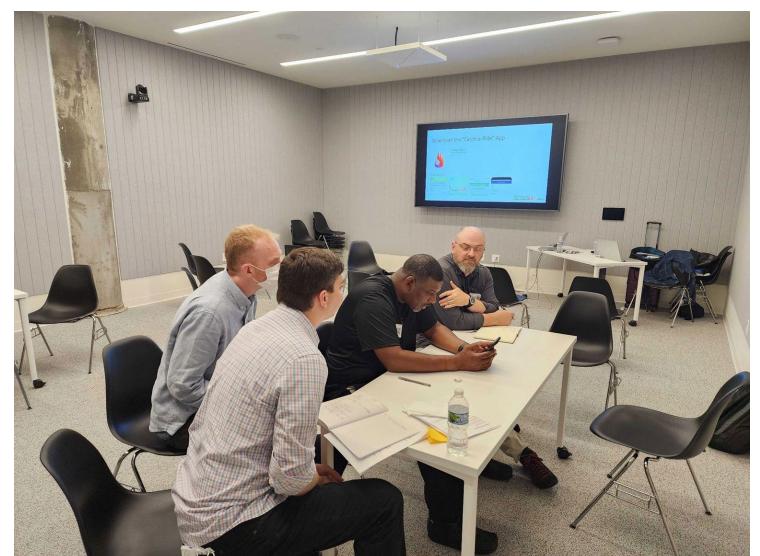
**Current Public & Private Transportation Partners & Technology Integrating into the Mobility Wallet App** 





# Passenger Beta Mobility Wallet Technology Input Session - July 21, 2023







#### SUNDBERGFERAR PRODUCT INNOVATION STUDIO



# Technology Deployment - Current Status & Path Forward

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#### Live in App Store

- "Catch a Ride" by Feonix - Mobility Rising

#### **Rolling Out Provider Integration in 3 Phases**

- August 2023 Beta Go-Live
- October 2023 Phase 1
- January 2024 Phase 2

#### **Wallet Technology**

- Invoice for Wallet Assigned in App Live
- MoCaFi Mastercard Debit Card January 2024

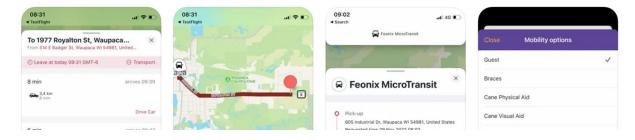
Data Analytics & Mapping - January 2024



#### Catch a Ride 4+ Feonix - Mobility Rising

#### Free

#### iPhone Screenshots







#### Launch Celebrations in:

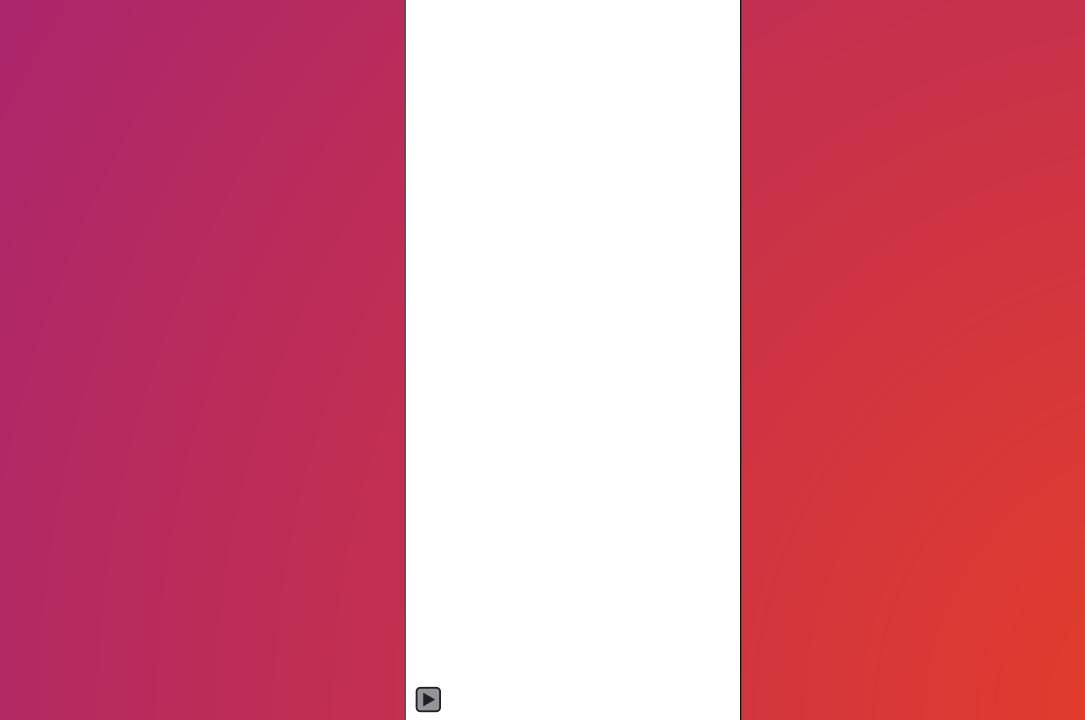
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# **Mobility Wallet Working Group – Engagement & Sustainable Funding**

Provide Leadership & Guidance for the Mobility Wallet User Experience, **Research & Funding Allocated** within the Wallet

KEY OPPORTUNITIE

Mobile GR & Parking Services CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS





NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES CITIZENS IN SUPPORT OF SEA SERVICES











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Kent County **Essential Needs Task Force** 



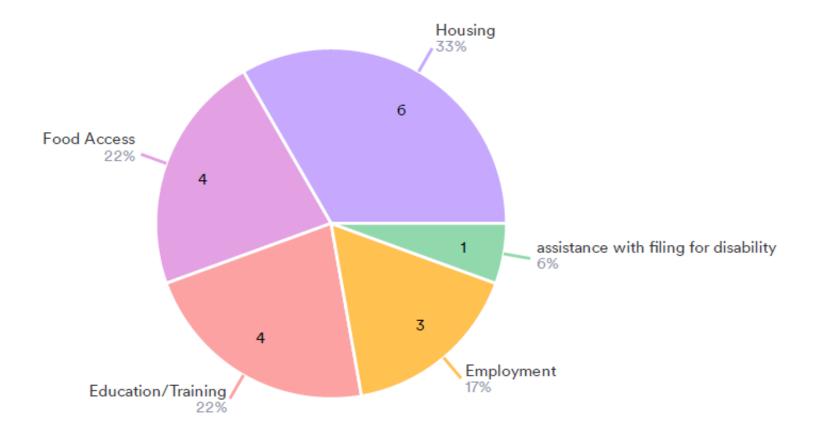
The Welcome Home Organization

# **Mobility Navigators**





# Michigan Mobility Wallet – Identified Social Determinant of Health Needs for Veterans



## **Rider Referral Workflow**

#### Referral

- Contact Information
- Partner
   Contact Info

#### Intake

- Research Pre-Assessment for Impact
- Demographic Info & Mobility Security 411
- Other Social Determinates of Health Needs

#### Assessment Worksheet

- Transportation
   Providers
   Available
- Distance of Rides Needed / Duration Needing Mobility Wallet
- Budget Estimation for Wallet

#### Weekly Check-ins

- Experience with Technology
- Experience with Transportation Provider
- Experience with Call Center

# **Project Data Collection**



#### Technology User Satisfaction Scores (Monthly) - Online / Paper

- Riders
- Third-Party Booking Agents
- Transportation Providers

### Rider Impact - Pre & Post Assessment (Pre & Post Enrollment) - Online / Paper

- Individual Demographics
- Transportation Security
- Improved Quality of Life
- Reduced Isolation
- Improved Health
- Appointment Adherence
- Medication Adherence
- Reduced Stress
- Reduced ER Utilization
- Improved Job Satisfaction

#### Community Partner - Third-Party Booking Agent (Monthly) - Online

- Reduced Stress
- Improved Productivity
- Improved Outcomes
- Cost Avoidance

#### Community Impact - Mapping & Infographics (Quarterly)

- Map of Rides Booked Pick-up & Destination
- Community Characteristics & Patterns
- Ridership Characteristics
- Mobility Wallet/Budget Utilization

\* Community Resource Coordinators Distribute & Collect Paper Surveys Locally

# **U-M – Transportation Security Index**



### **Transportation Security Index (TSI):**

A validated, individual-level measure that directly captures the experience of transportation insecurity, regardless of geography or mode of transit (Gould-Werth et al. 2018; Murphy et al. 2021)

https://poverty.umich.edu/research-funding-opportunities/datatools/the-transportation-security-index/

#### Validated TSI Short-form (6-items)

In the past 30 days, how often did you have to reschedule an appointment because of a problem with transportation?

In the past 30 days, how often did you skip going somewhere because of a problem with transportation?

In the past 30 days, how often were you **not** able to leave the house when you wanted to because of a problem with transportation?

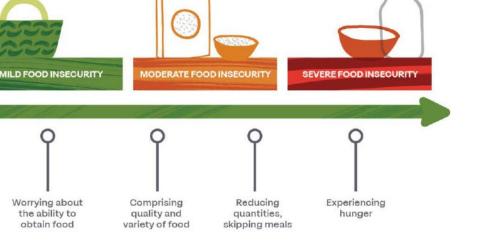
In the past 30 days, how often did you feel bad because you did not have the transportation you needed?

In the past 30 days, how often did you worry about inconveniencing your friends, family, or neighbors because you needed help with transportation?

In the past 30 days, how often did problems with transportation affect your relationships with others?

- Inspiration: The Food Security Index which directly captures the experience of food insecurity by measuring symptoms (vs inputs):
  - "In the last 12 months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food?"
  - "The food that we bought just didn't last, and we didn't have money to get more." Was that often, sometimes, or never true for your household in the last 12 months?

# **TSI Inspiration**

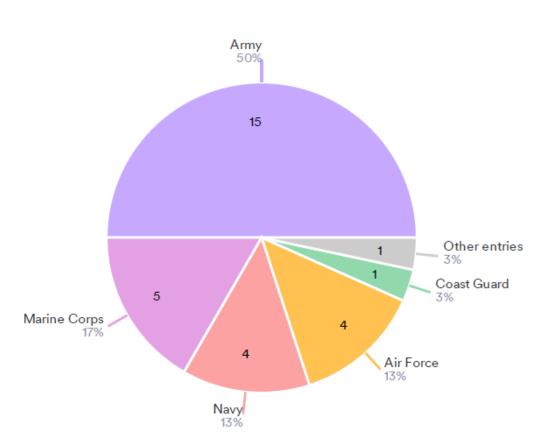






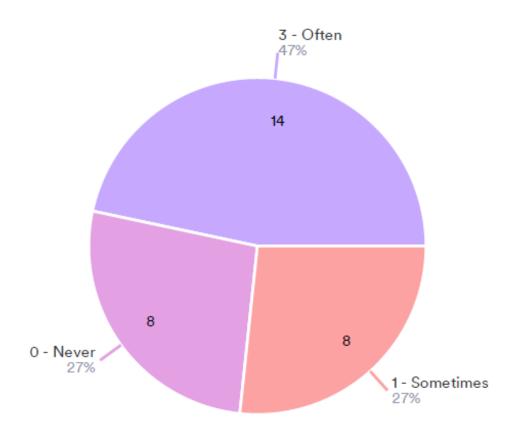
# Michigan Mobility Wallet Participants

Are you a Veteran of the Armed Forces, Reserves or Guard (Check all that Apply)



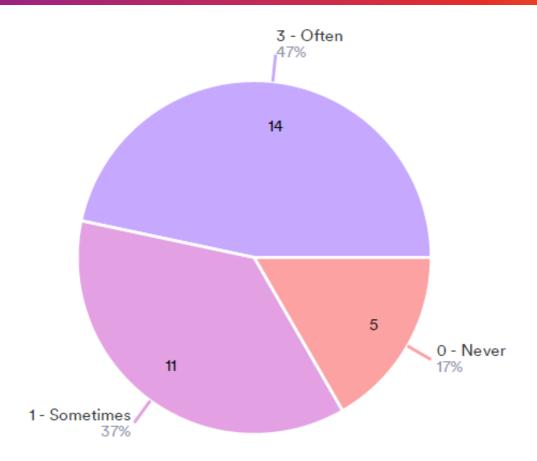
30 Responses

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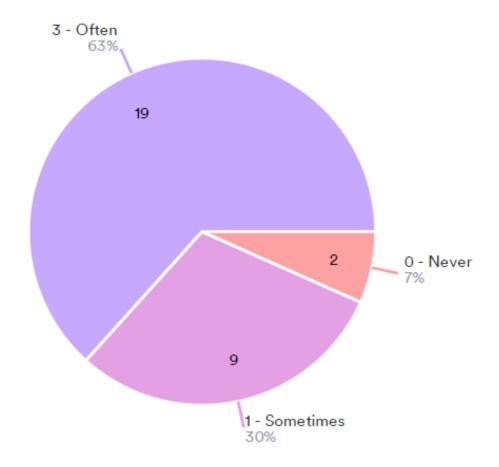


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# In the past 30 days, how often did you skip going somewhere because of a problem with transportation?

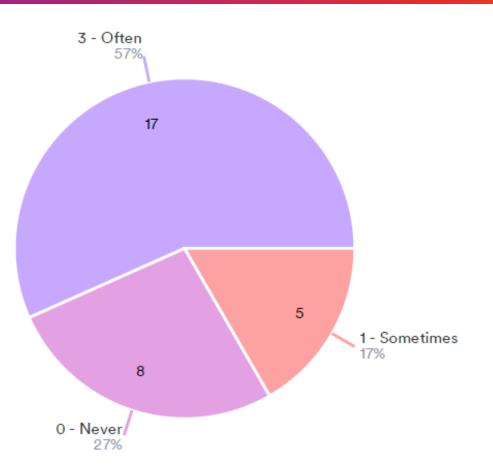


### In the past 30 days, how often did you feel bad because you did not have the transportation you needed?



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# In the past 30 days, how often did problems with transportation affect your relationships with others?

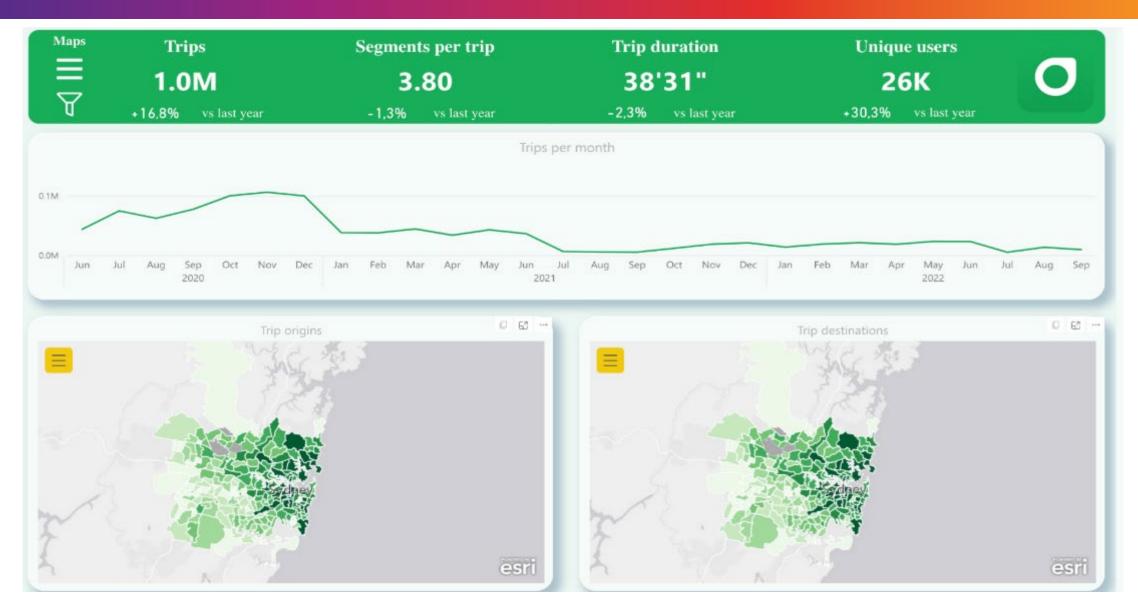


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# **Analytics Dashboard**

#### Displaying trips per month and aggregate trip data.



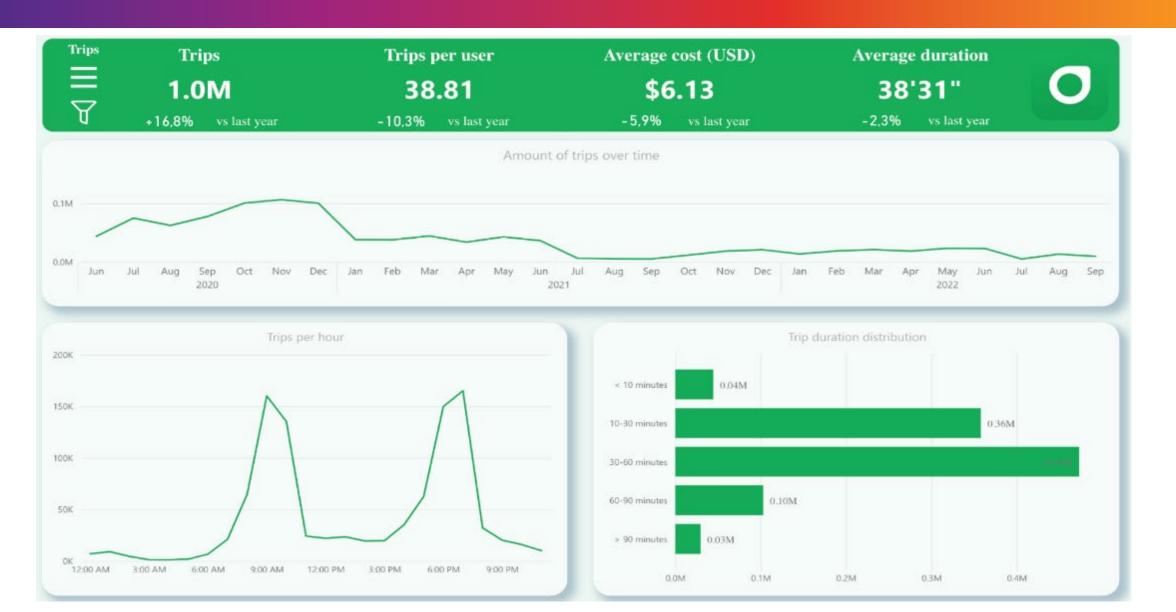


### Analytics Dashboard Travel mode data analysis.





## **Analytics Dashboard** Trip volume by time and number of trips by duration.





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