



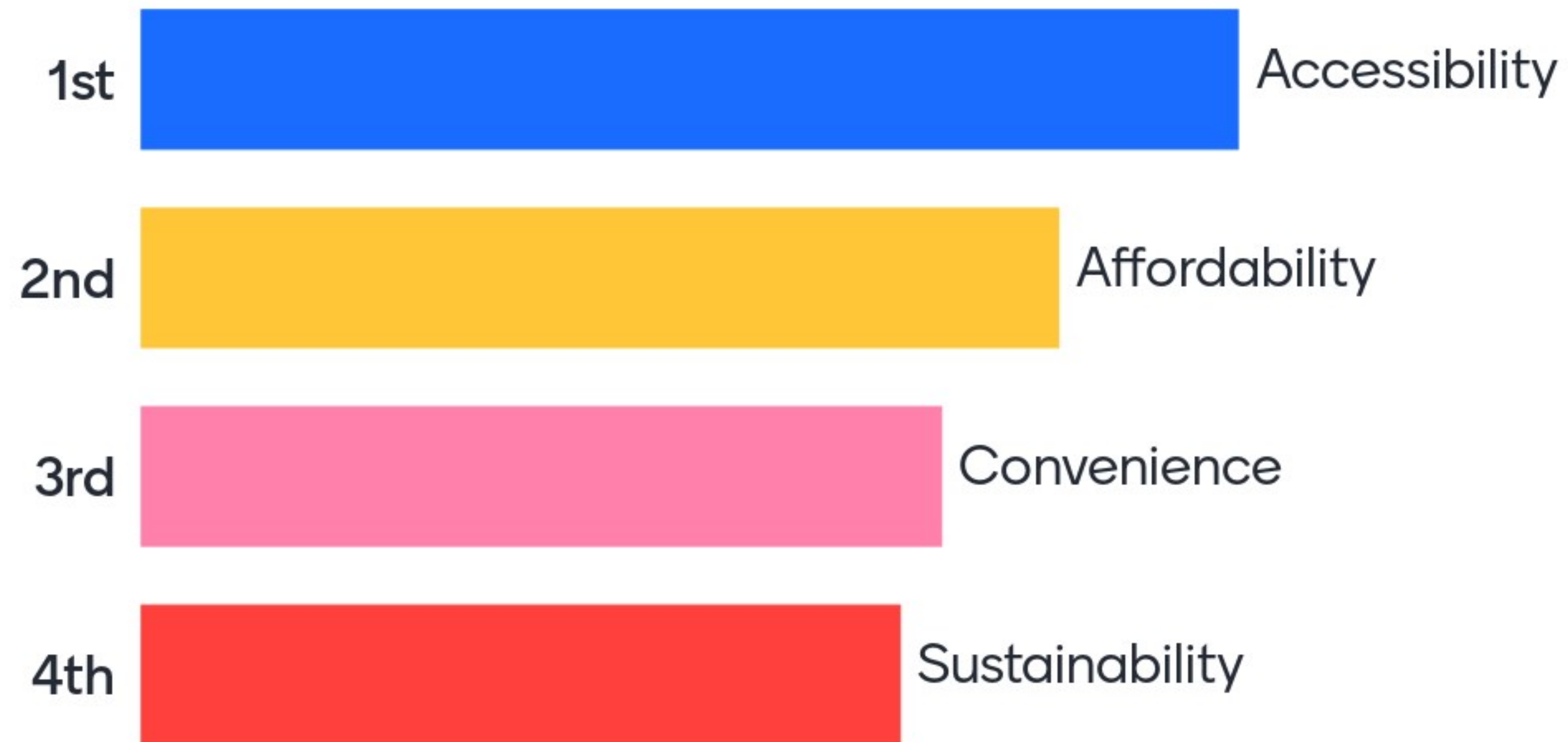
**Sustainable,
Accessible,
Affordable
Transportation:
Exploring the Rural
Experience**



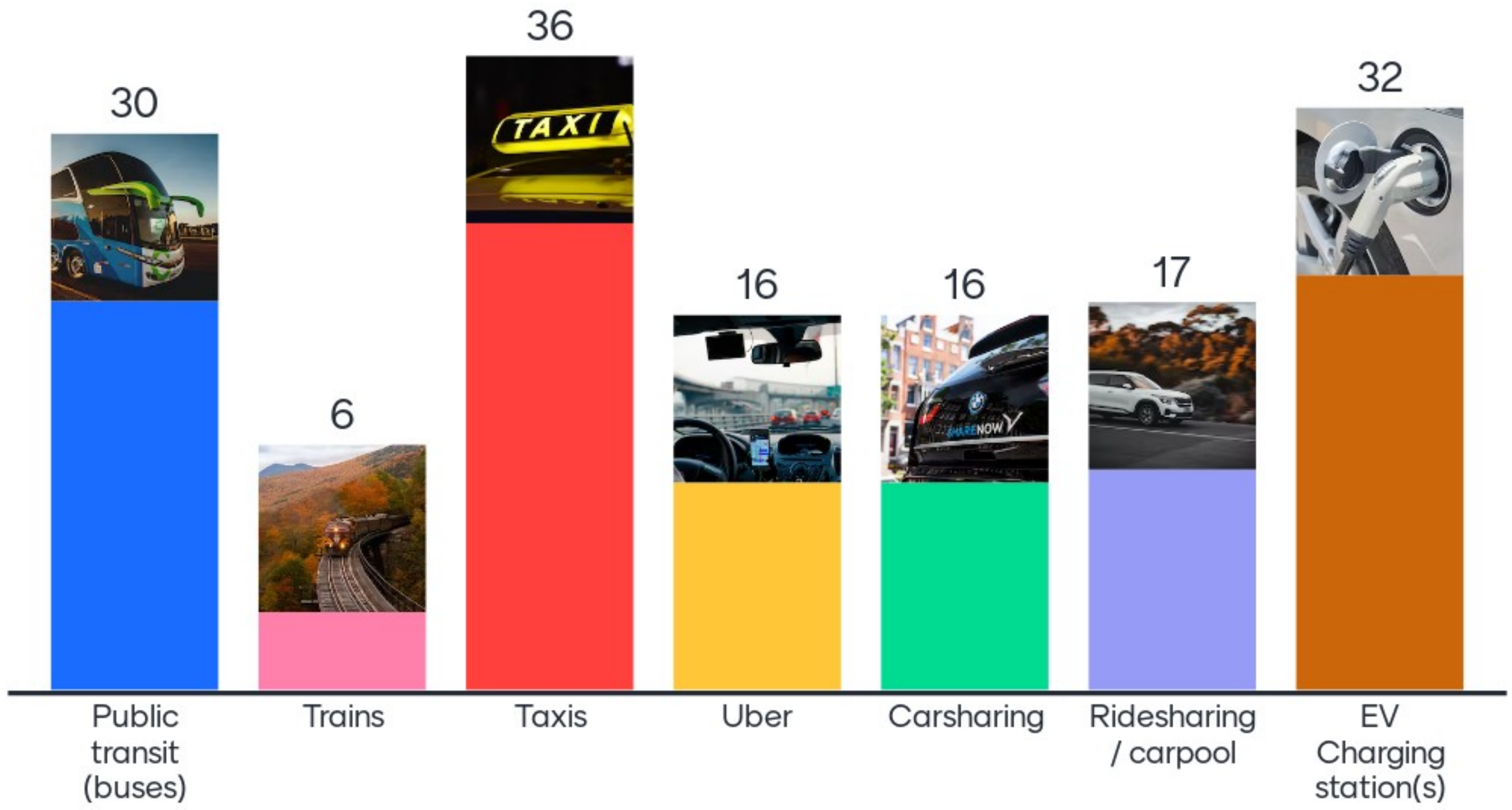
Qualities of Transportation Options

- Accessibility means is it close to you, can users with disabilities use it?
- Convenience means is it available at convenient times?
- Sustainability means what impact does it have environmentally?
- Affordability means how expensive is it to use? If it is public, how much does it cost govt?

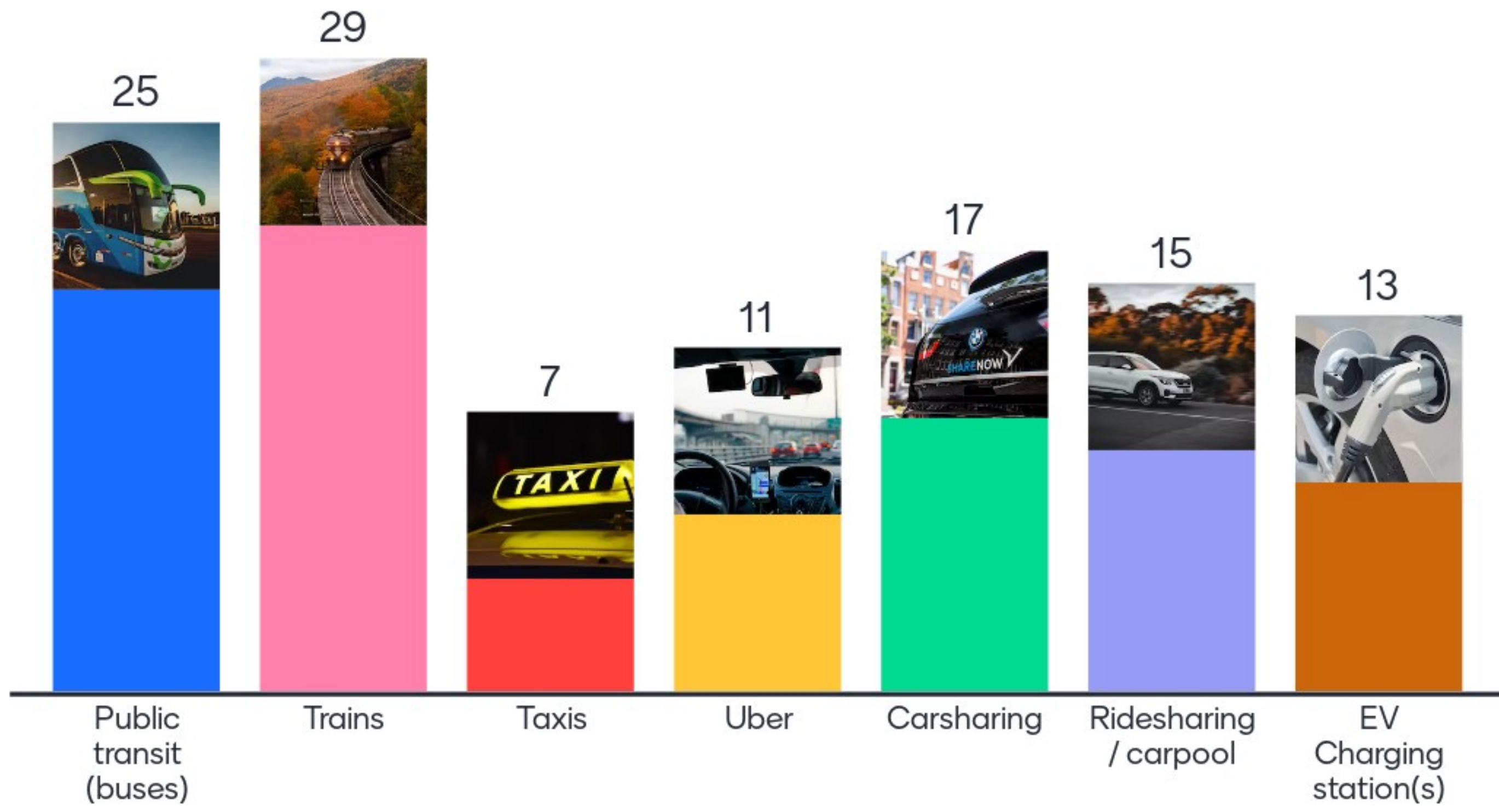
Rate these qualities in order of importance to you.



Which of these are available in your community?



Which of these services do you WISH you had in your community?



What surprised you from the discussion?

that everyone loves trains

Library connections

Complexity of problems

Municipal ride sharing

Lack of knowledge about existing services and networks.

Complexity

How far along some projects and initiatives are.

How much is already being worked on, and some of the innovative projects and solutions already underway. Very hopeful!

Very shocking to discover the number of communities with no access to public transportation

What surprised you from the discussion?

How many different organizations are active and working on transportation

I'm always heartened by how much awesome work is being done all over the place - that I don't know about! It gives me hope!

Not a surprise but nice to see so much passion!

The focus on cars as opposed to forms of transit

Challenge of insuring vehicles

The 22 community based rural providers are doing excellent work in rural communities, do Nova Scotians know this

The number of people and groups working on this issue already.

How the issues are interconnected in a way that should be simple, but are not

Solutions already in motion because of experts' hard work!

What surprised you from the discussion?

Mindsets can narrow the field of options.

Insurance challenges. Insurance companies are the worst!

The ways in which existing services are often overlooked or underutilized.

Going to take a lot of working together

Worried about how risk and liability impede creative and essential care. But curious about the potential for collective models and remaining hopeful that new ways are possible.

How many different green initiatives are underway by other organizations