

Oregon City Loop Trail Refinement Plan
Community Survey Summary

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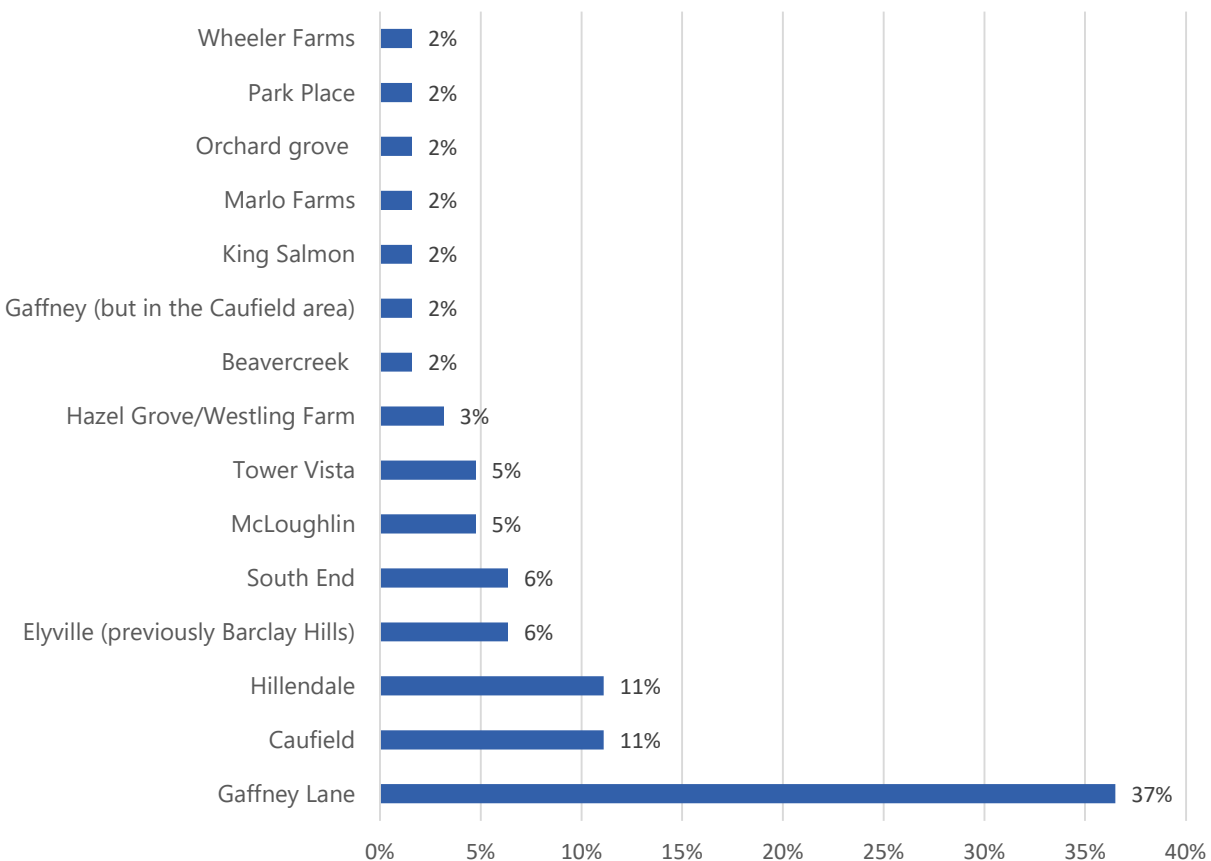
Introduction

To gather input as part of the early technical work for the Oregon City Loop Trail Refinement Plan, an online community survey was launched in early September and was available for community members to complete through mid-October. This survey focused on two segments of the Oregon City Loop Trail (Meyers Road Shared Use Path and Orchard Grove-Hazelnut Shared Use Path) and two paths that will connect people walking and bicycling to the Loop Trail (Gaffney Lane Elementary School Shared Use Path and Meyers Road to Beavercreek Shared Use Path). This survey asked respondents to share how they would use the proposed paths and to identify challenges, concerns, and opportunities for each of the four paths.

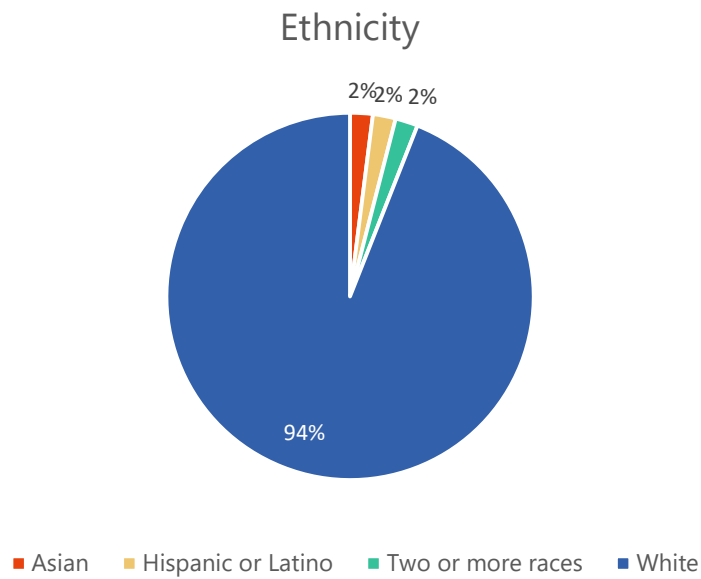
Demographics

Sixty-eight respondents completed the online survey. While nearly 40 percent of respondents live in the Gaffney Lane neighborhood, with the exception of the Canemah, Rivercrest, and Two Rivers neighborhoods, all other neighborhoods within the City were represented in the responses.

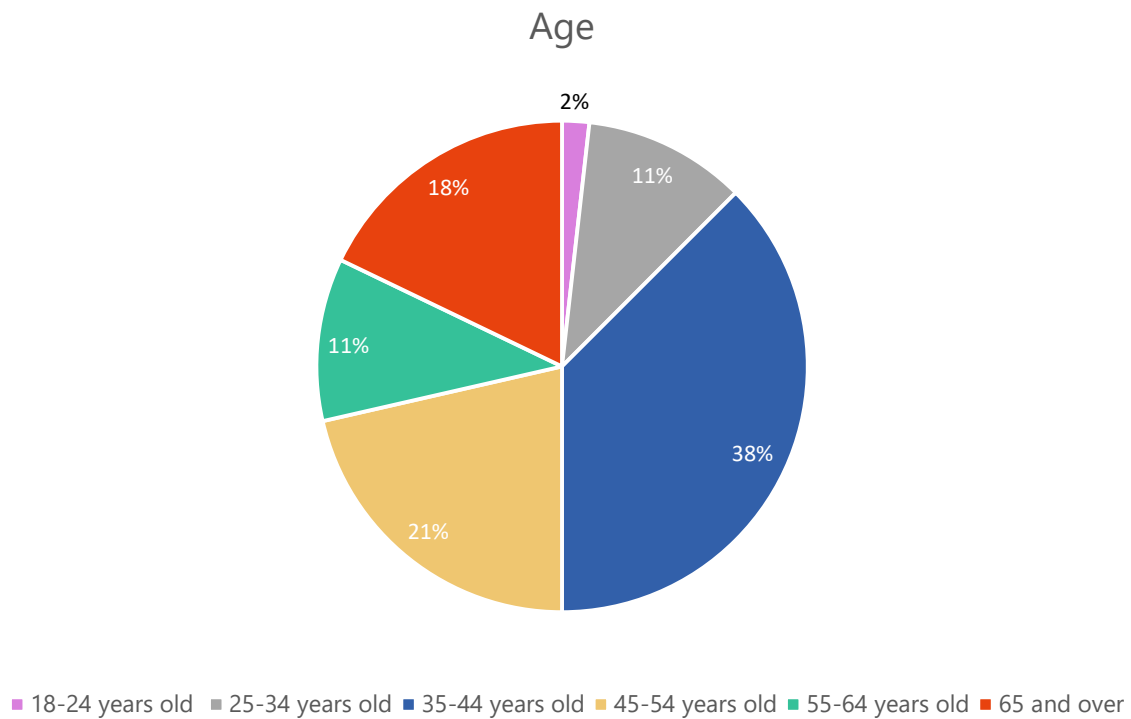
Neighborhoods



Most respondents, who chose to share, identify as White.



Of respondents who chose to share, nearly 40% identify as 35-44 years old, approximately 20% identify as 45-54 years old, and 20% identify as 65 and over.



Overview

Community members were asked whether they typically walk or bike, the reasons behind their mode choice, why they would use the proposed shared use paths, which challenges they face when walking or bicycling in the area near the proposed paths, and which safety features would encourage them to walk or bike.

Most respondents shared that they currently walk or bike for recreation or exercise and identified that as how they would use each of the proposed paths when constructed.

When asked what prevents them from walking or bicycling today, most respondents identified interactions with cars and poor sidewalks/pavement condition as barriers. Safety is also a major concern for most of the respondents across all shared use paths. Some respondents identified additional concerns, including:

- Concerns about proximity of the houseless/transient population to residential areas
- The need for dog waste stations along the paths
- Lack of connections to existing infrastructure when paths end
- Loss of privacy where trails would be located adjacent to residential areas
- Proximity to Gaffney Lane Elementary School
- Lack of ADA infrastructure in areas where paths may be on-street

While most respondents would be encouraged to walk or bike more if the proposed paths were separated, many did not feel that on-street facilities with vertical barriers would address their concerns. When asked what additional safety and design features would make it more likely that they would walk or bike, respondents identified:

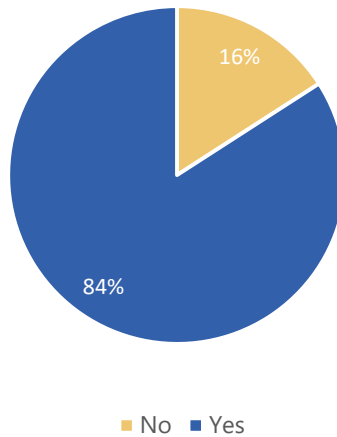
- Better signage
- Traffic calming measures to slow cars
- A more complete sidewalk network
- Connectivity for biking (instead of connecting to no-outlet streets)
- Improved lighting
- Dog waste stations
- Improved driveways and entrances to businesses

One respondent also expressed desire for trails that can be used for mountain biking and hiking.

Meyers Road Shared Use Path – S23

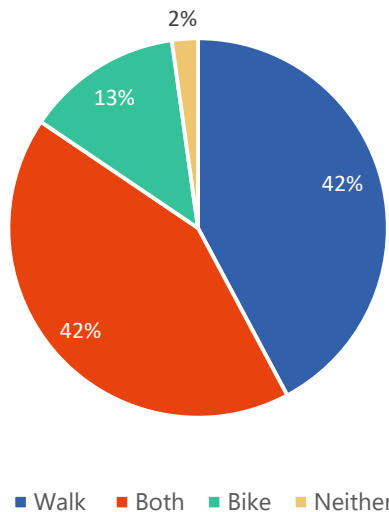
This segment received the most feedback with 45 responses.

Would you use this proposed trail segment to walk or bike if it were built?



Most respondents either walk, or both walk and bike.

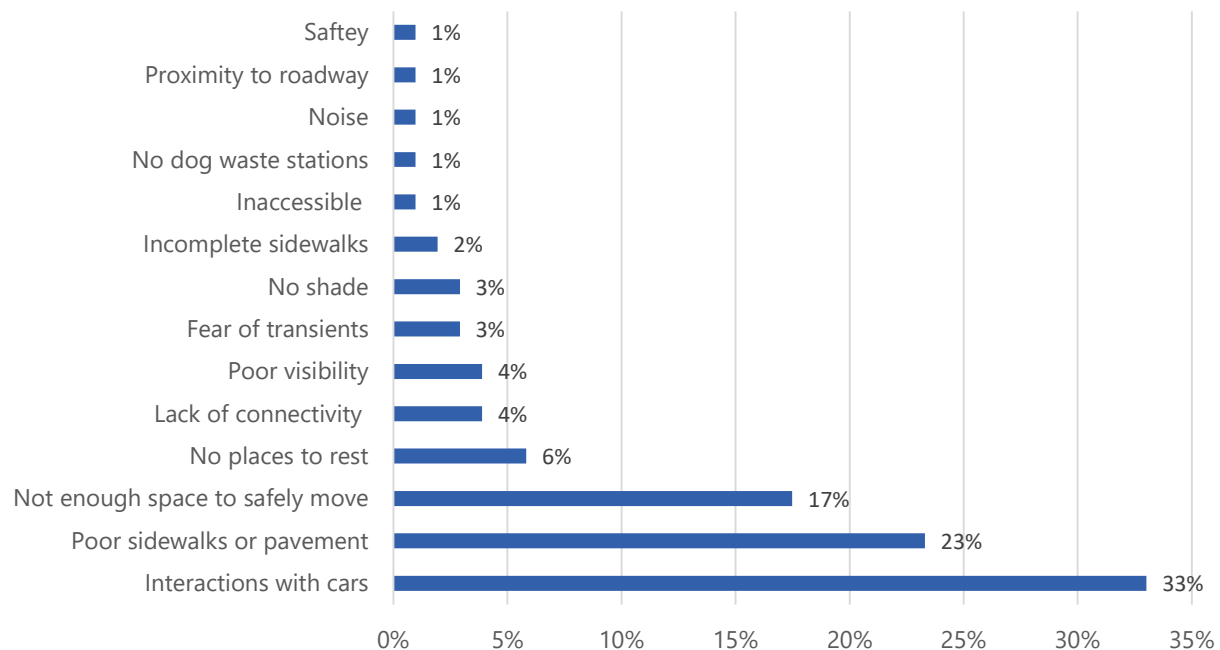
Do you typically walk or bike?



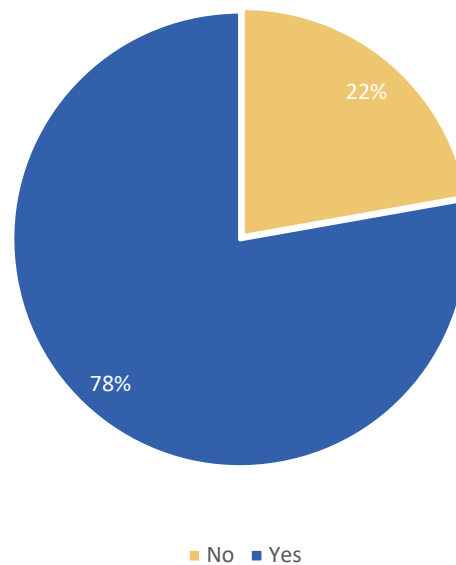
Challenges and Concerns

The main challenges that respondents experience when walking or biking in the area near the proposed Meyers Road Shared Use Path include interactions with cars, poor sidewalks or pavement, and not enough space to travel safely.

What challenges do you face when walking or biking in the area near this proposed trail segment? Please choose all that apply.

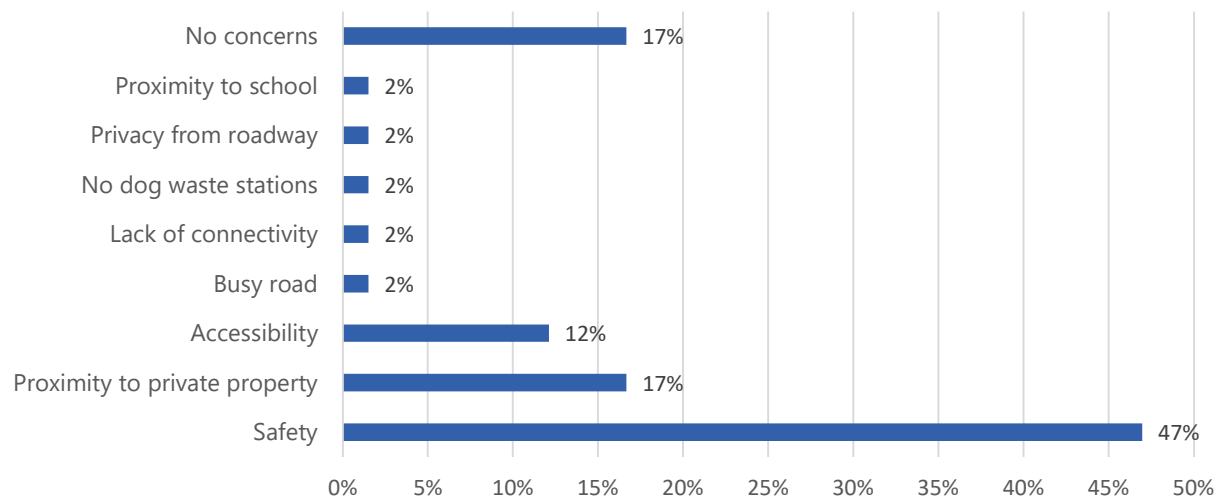


Do these challenges discourage you from walking or biking?



Respondents for this proposed shared use path are primarily concerned with safety.

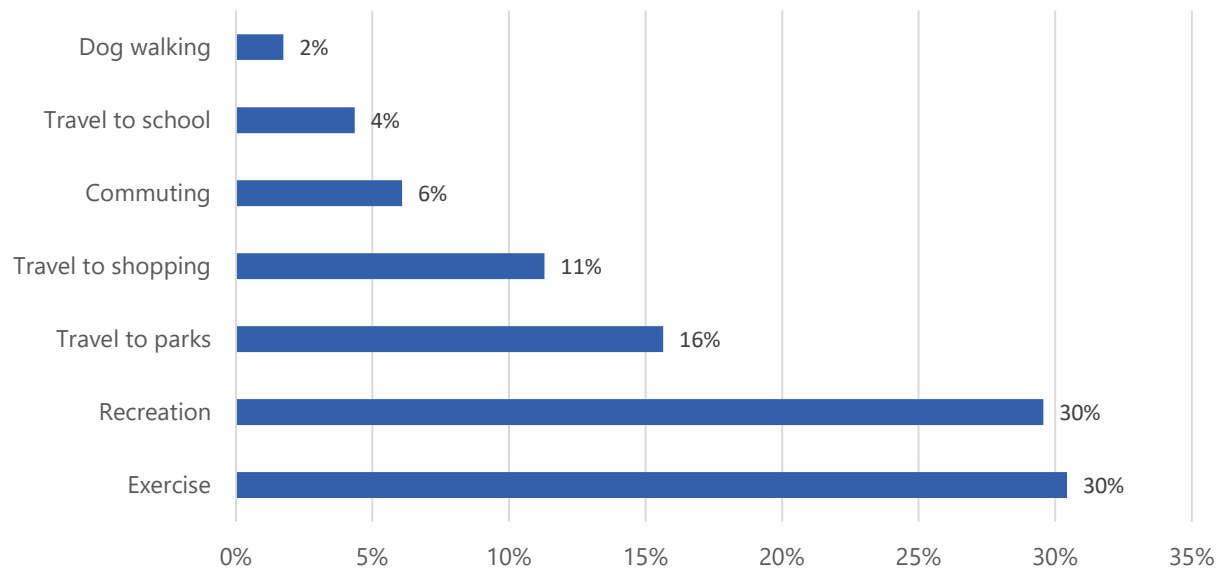
What concerns, if any, do you have about where the trail could be located? Please choose all that apply.



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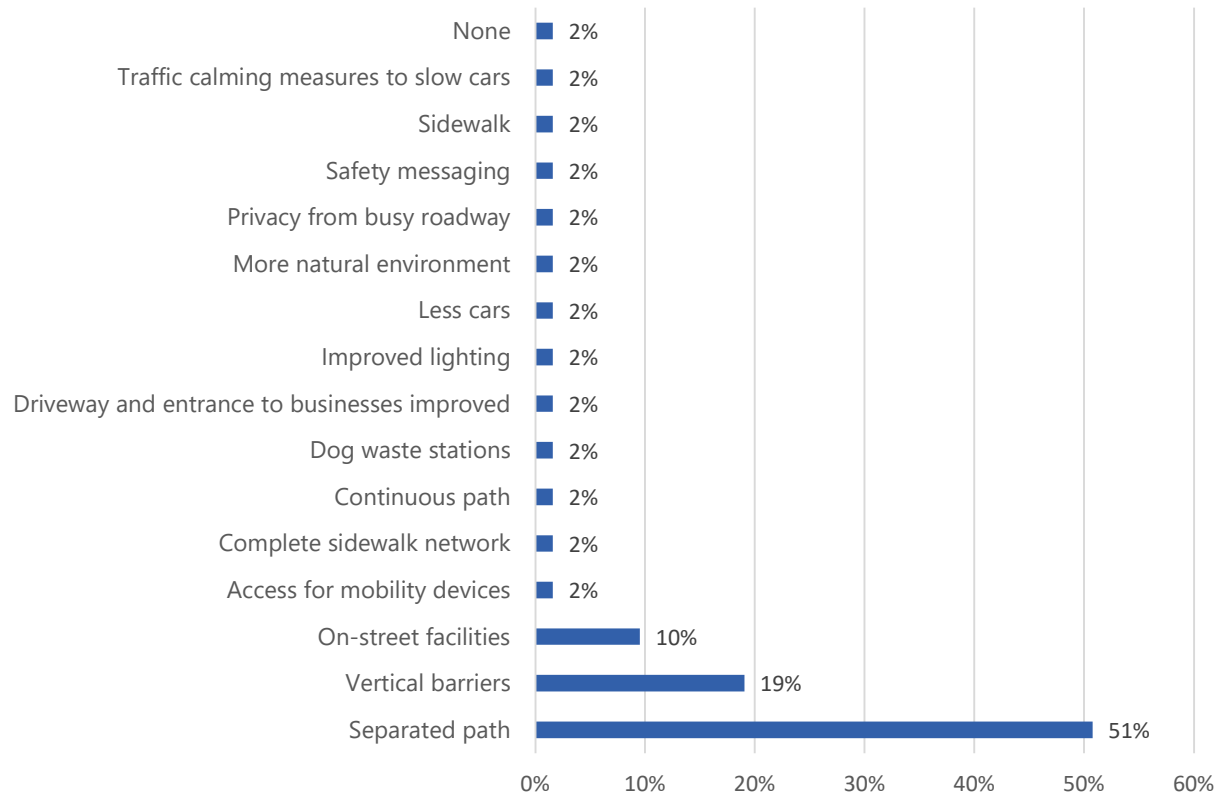
Respondents shared that they would use the proposed shared use path most for recreation or exercise.

For which reasons would you use this proposed trail segment? Please choose all that apply.



Most respondents would be encouraged to walk or bike more if the proposed path was separated.

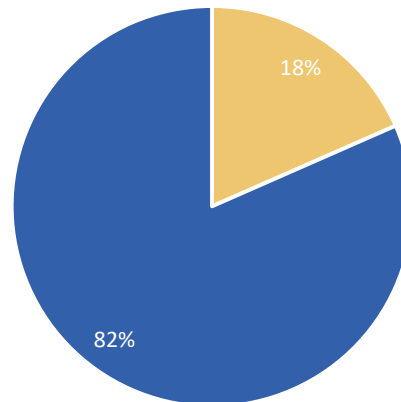
Which safety or design features would encourage you to walk or bike more? Please choose all that apply.



Meyers Beavercreek Shared Use Path – S22

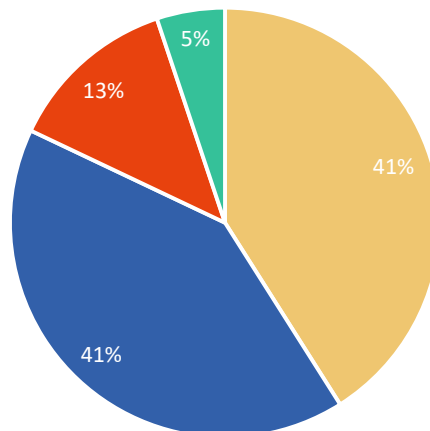
This segment received 39 responses and more than 80% of respondents said they would use the trail if it were built.

Would you use this proposed trail segment to walk or bike if it were built?



■ No ■ Yes

Do you typically walk or bike?

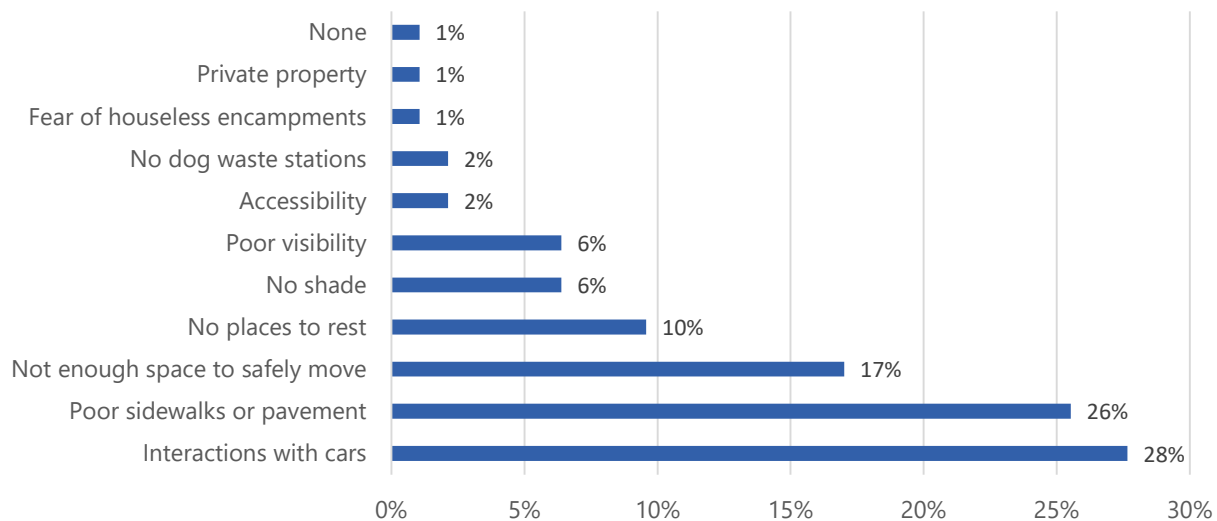


■ Walk ■ Both ■ Bike ■ Neither

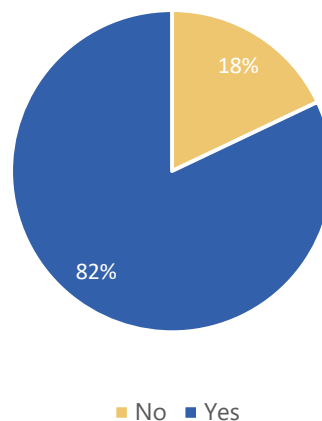
Challenges and Concerns

Respondents identified interactions with cars, poor sidewalks or pavement, and not enough space to safely move as significant challenges. Approximately 80% of respondents said these challenges discourage them from walking or biking.

What challenges do you face when walking or biking in the area near this proposed trail segment? Please choose all that apply.

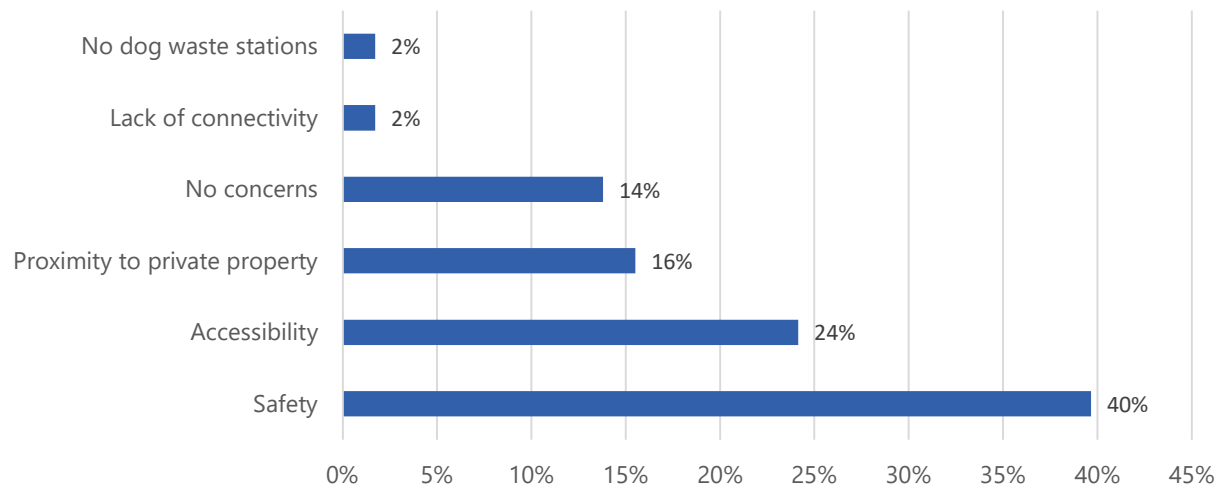


Do these challenges discourage you from walking or biking?



Safety was the primary concern identified by community members when asked about location of the proposed trail.

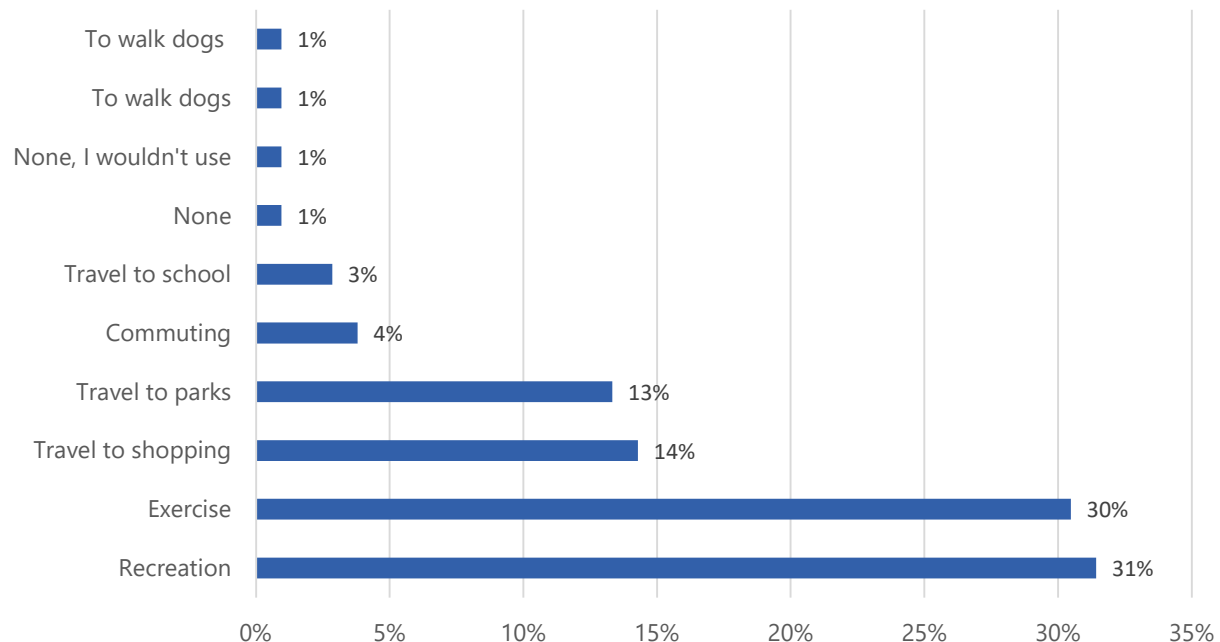
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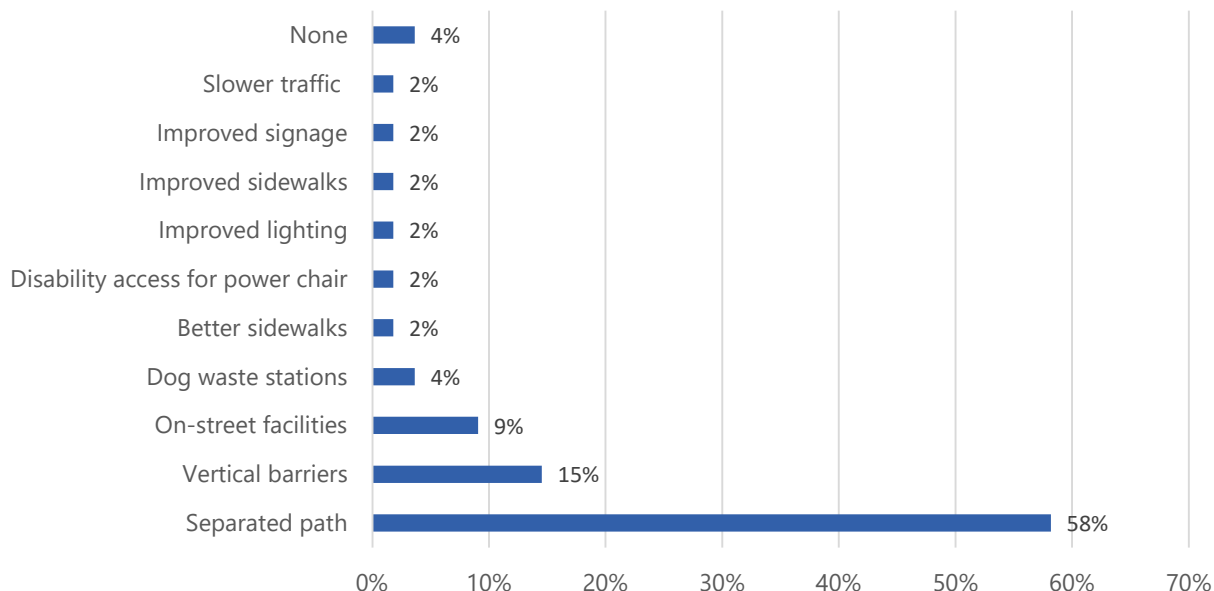
Respondents shared that they would use the proposed shared use path for recreation or exercise. Travel to shopping and travel to parks were other notable reasons for using the proposed path.

For which reasons would you use this proposed trail segment? Please choose all that apply.



Most respondents would be encouraged to walk or bike more if the proposed path was separated.

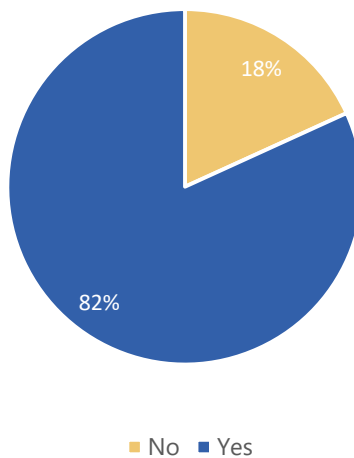
Which safety or design features would encourage you to walk or bike more? Please choose all that apply.



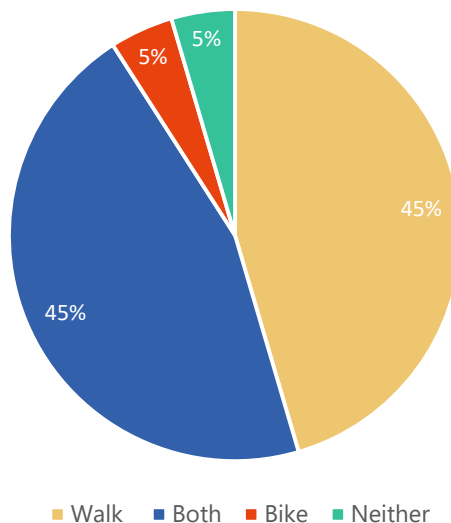
Gaffney Lane Elementary Shared Use Path – S24

This segment received 22 responses. Similar to other segments, over 80% of respondents said they would walk or bike more frequently if this trail were built.

Would you use this proposed trail segment to walk or bike if it were built?



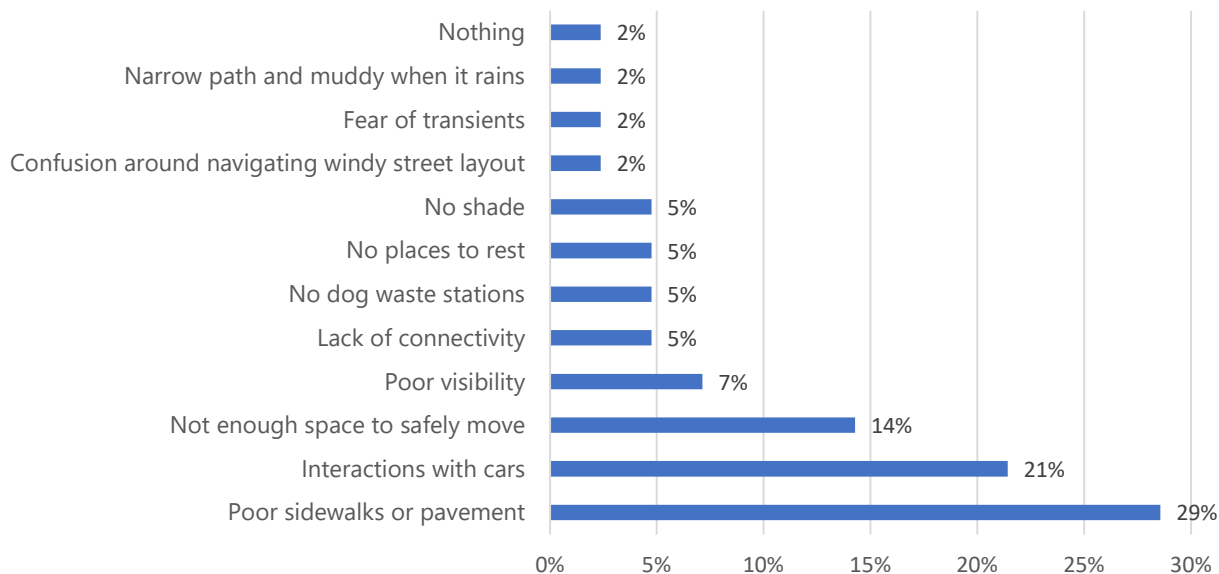
Do you typically walk or bike?



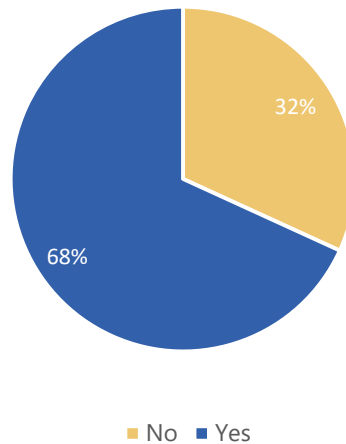
Challenges and Concerns

The major challenges for respondents include poor sidewalks or pavement, interactions with cars, and not enough space to safely move.

What challenges do you face when walking or biking in the area near this proposed trail segment? Please choose all that apply.

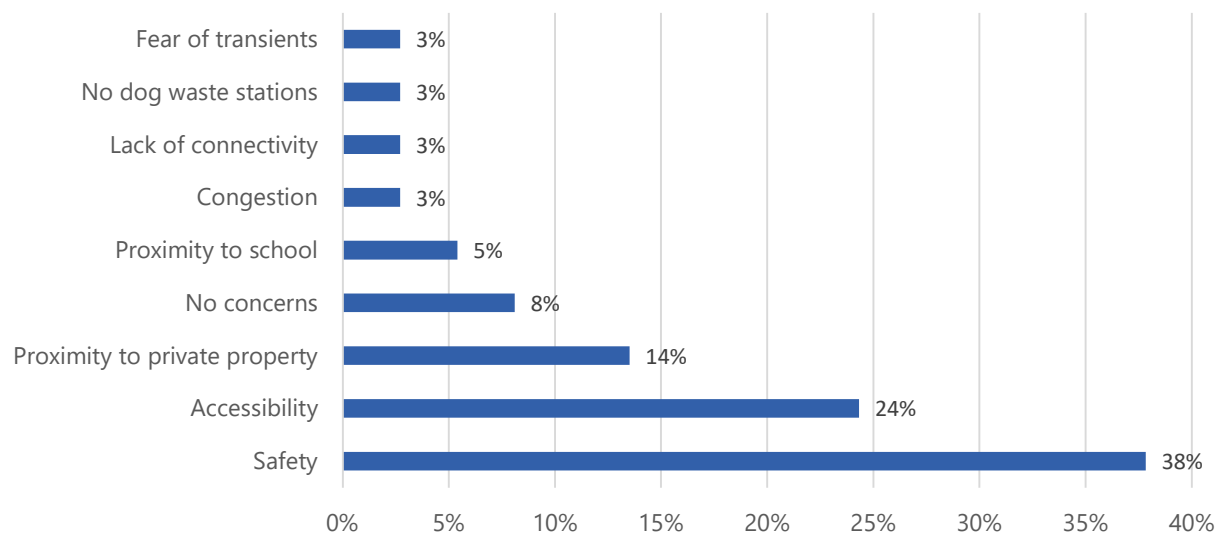


Do these challenges discourage you from walking or biking?



The biggest concerns for respondents when it comes to the location of this shared use path are safety and accessibility.

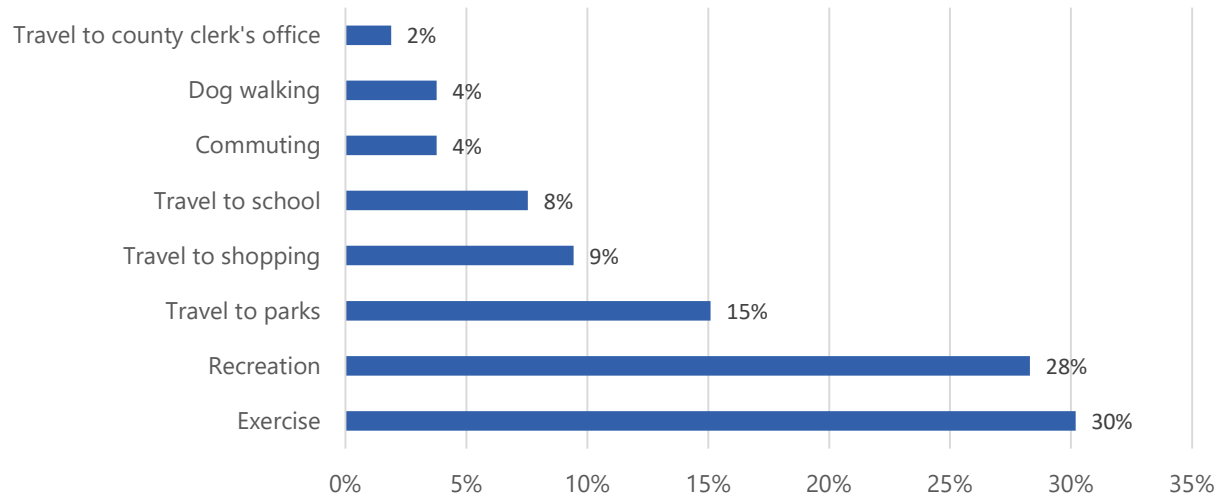
What concerns, if any, do you have about where the trail could be located? Please choose all that apply.



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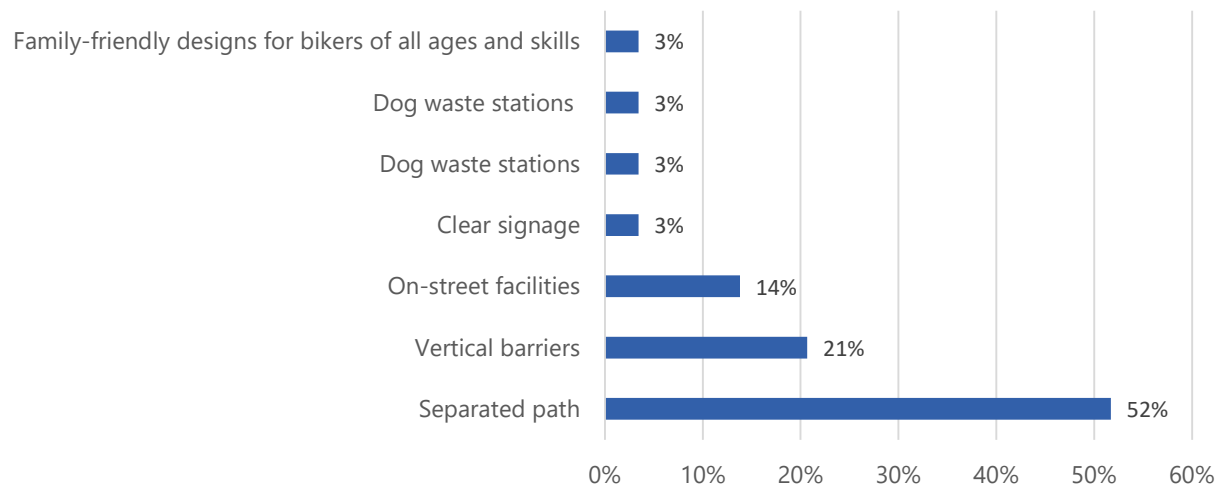
Respondents would likely use the proposed shared use path for recreation or exercise.

For which reasons would you use this proposed trail segment? Please choose all that apply.



Most respondents would be encouraged to walk or bike more if the proposed path were separated from vehicle traffic.

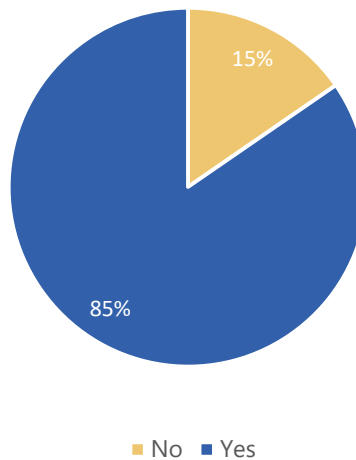
Which safety or design features would encourage you to walk or bike more? Please choose all that apply.



Orchard Grove Hazelnut Shared Use Path – S30

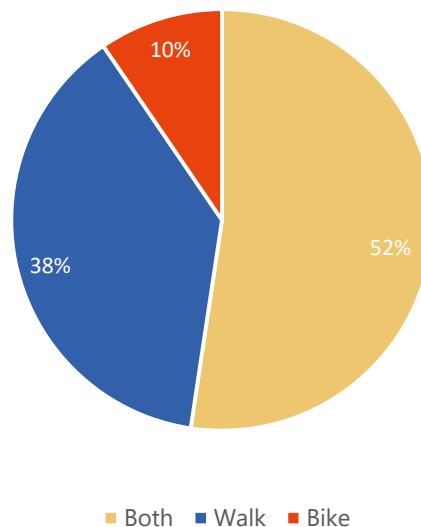
This proposed shared use path received 14 responses.

Would you use this proposed trail segment to walk or bike if it were built?



Most respondents typically walk, or both walk and bike.

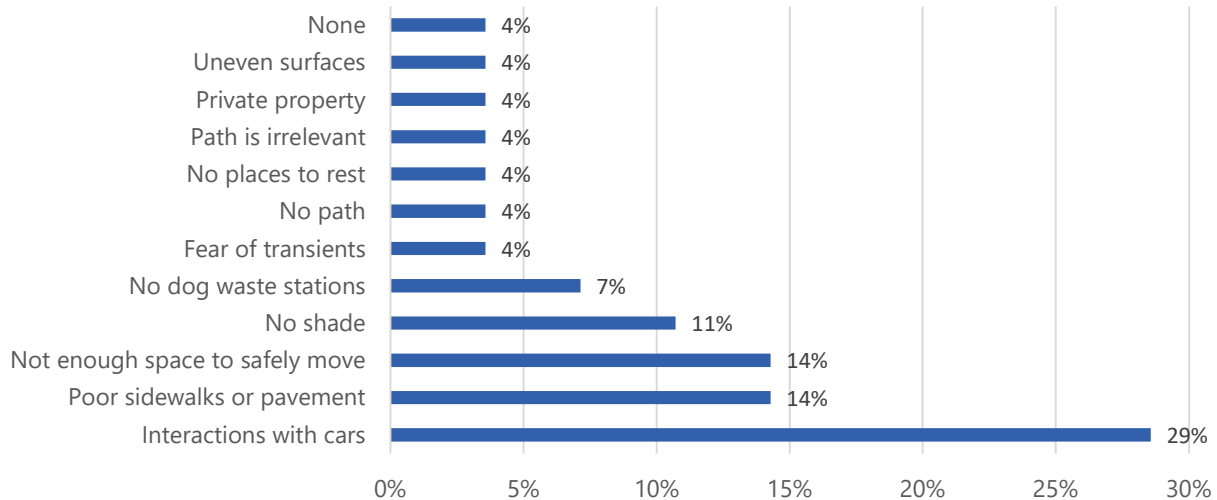
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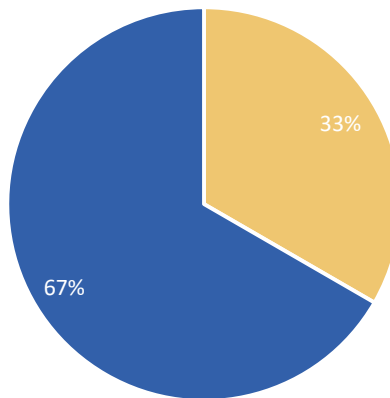
Challenges and Concerns

The challenges that respondents face when walking or biking include interactions with cars, not enough space to safely move, poor sidewalks, and no shade.

What challenges do you face when walking or biking in the area near this proposed trail segment? Please choose all that apply.



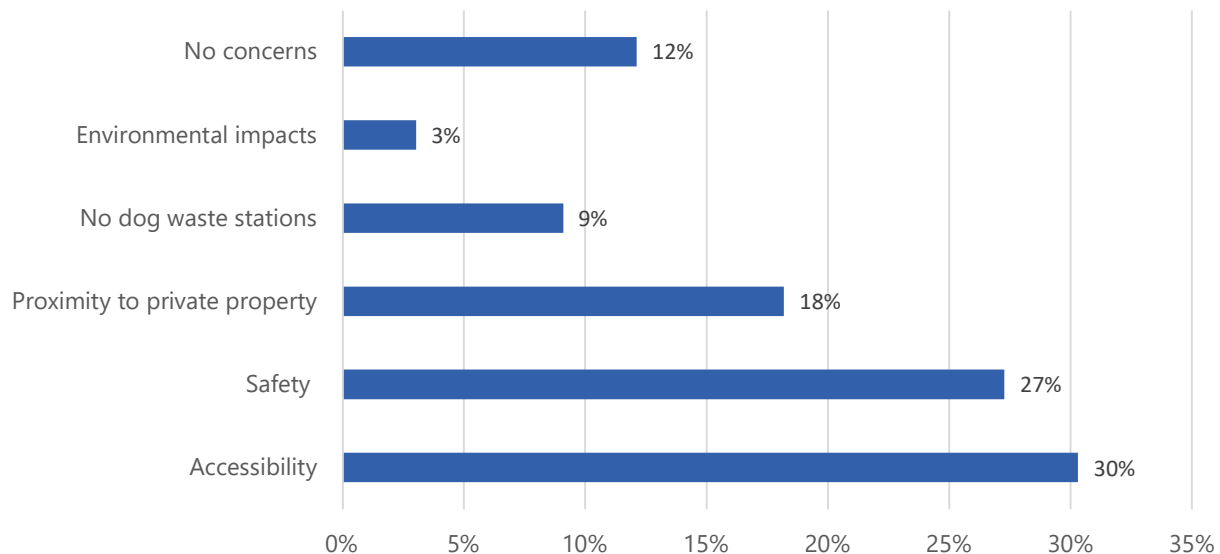
Do these challenges discourage you from walking or biking?



■ No ■ Yes

For this segment, respondents are concerned with safety, accessibility, and proximity to private property.

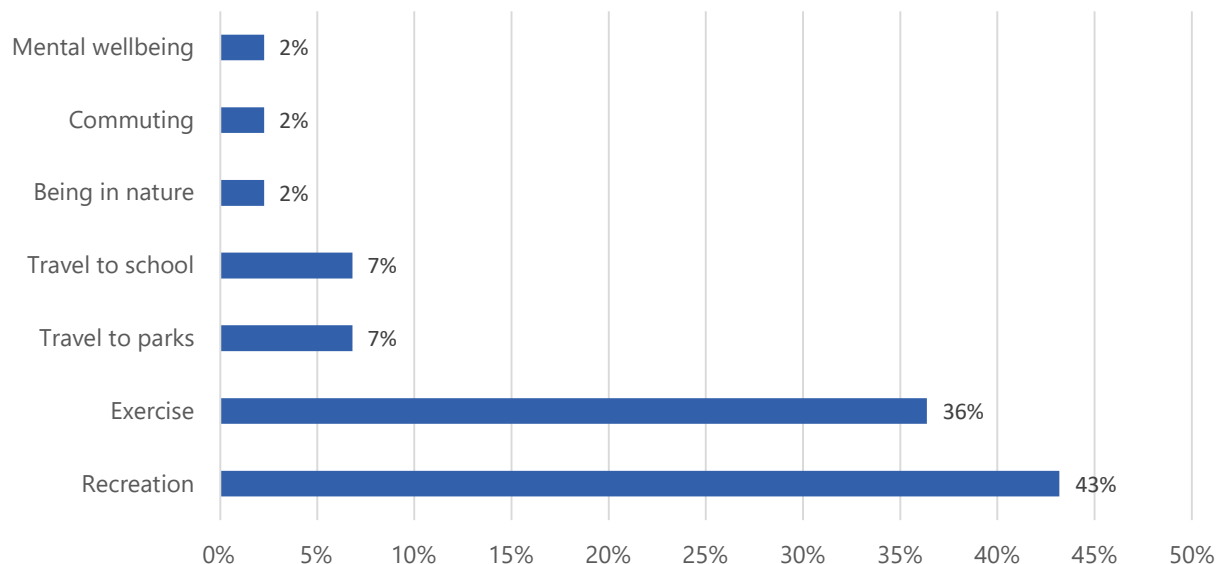
What concerns, if any, do you have about where the trail could be located? Please choose all that apply.



Opportunities

If the proposed path were built, respondents would likely use it for recreation or exercise.

For which reasons would you use this proposed trail segment? Please choose all that apply.



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Which safety or design features would encourage you to walk or bike more? Please choose all that apply.

