Neighborhood Leadership Gathering

Transportation—the Road Ahead

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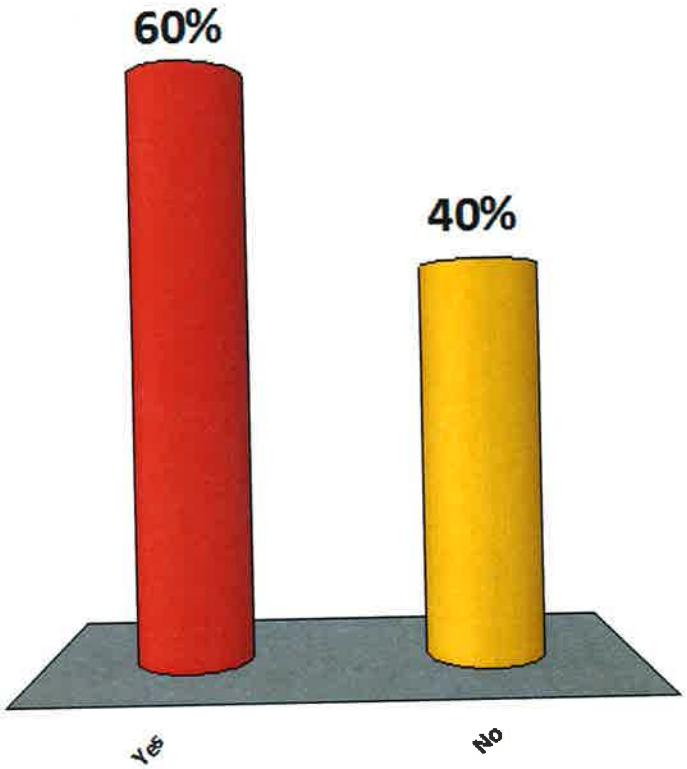
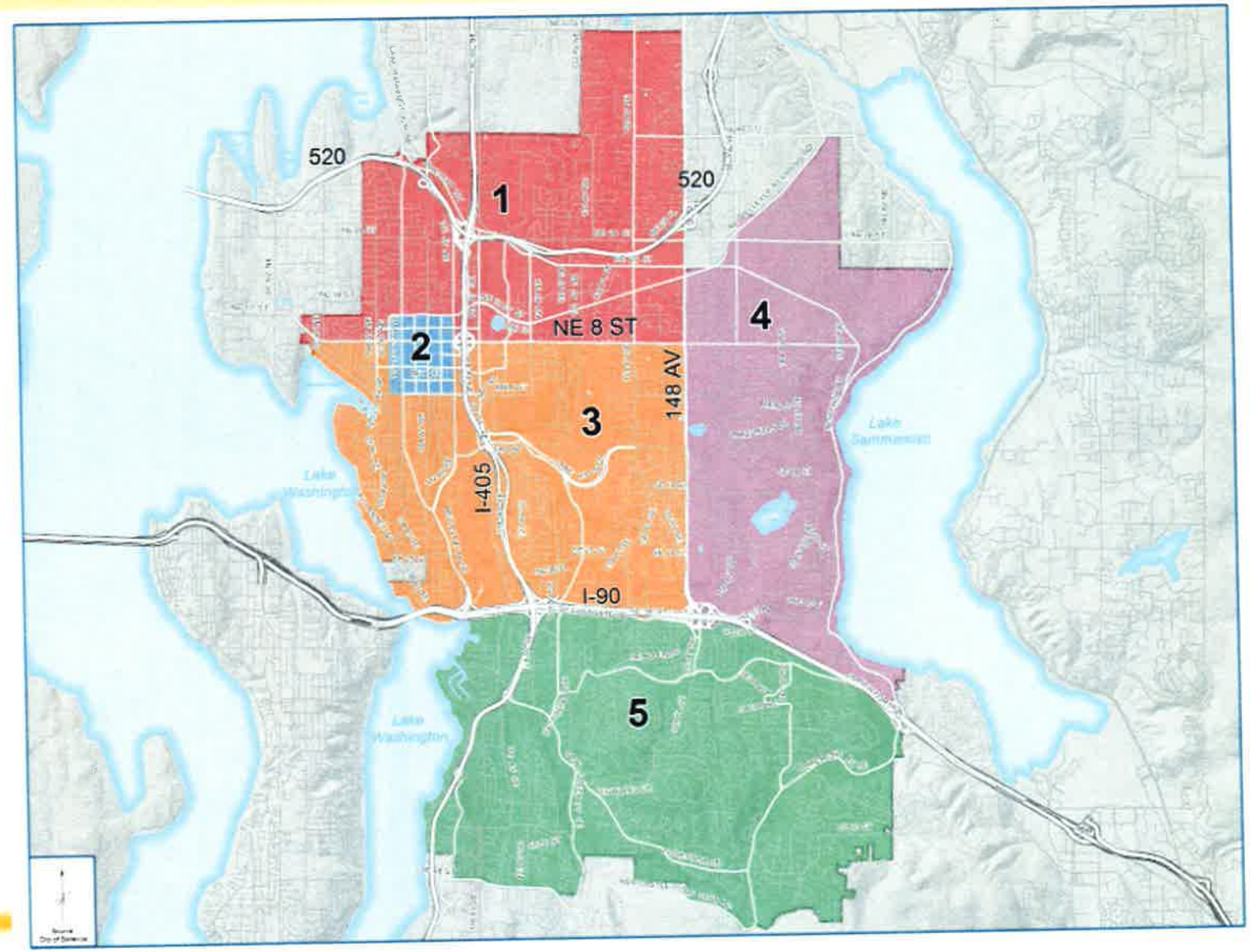


Where Do You Live?



Where do you live?

A. Zone 1

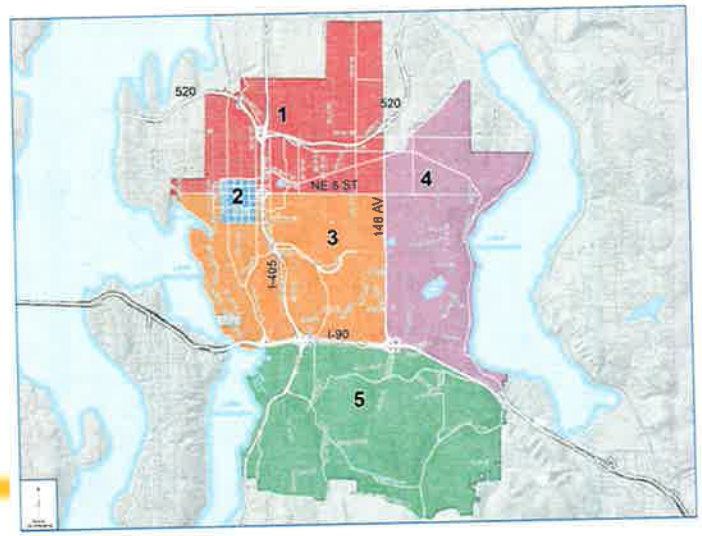
B. Zone 2

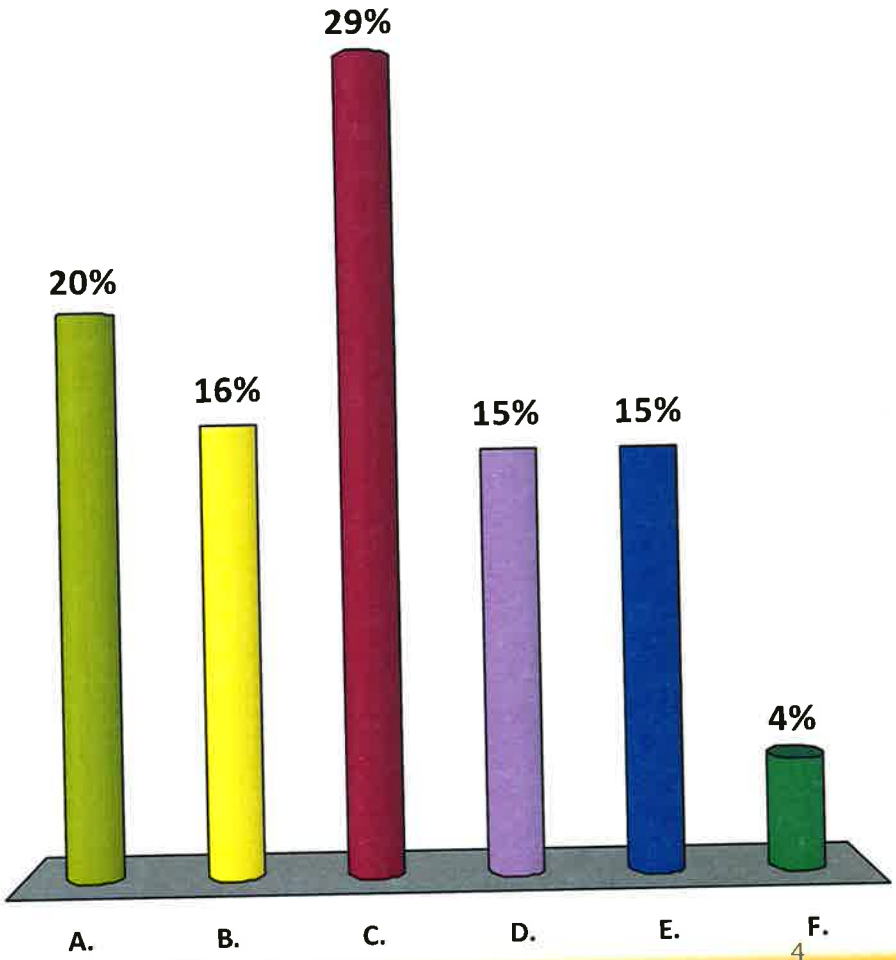
C. Zone 3

D. Zone 4

E. Zone 5

F. None of the above

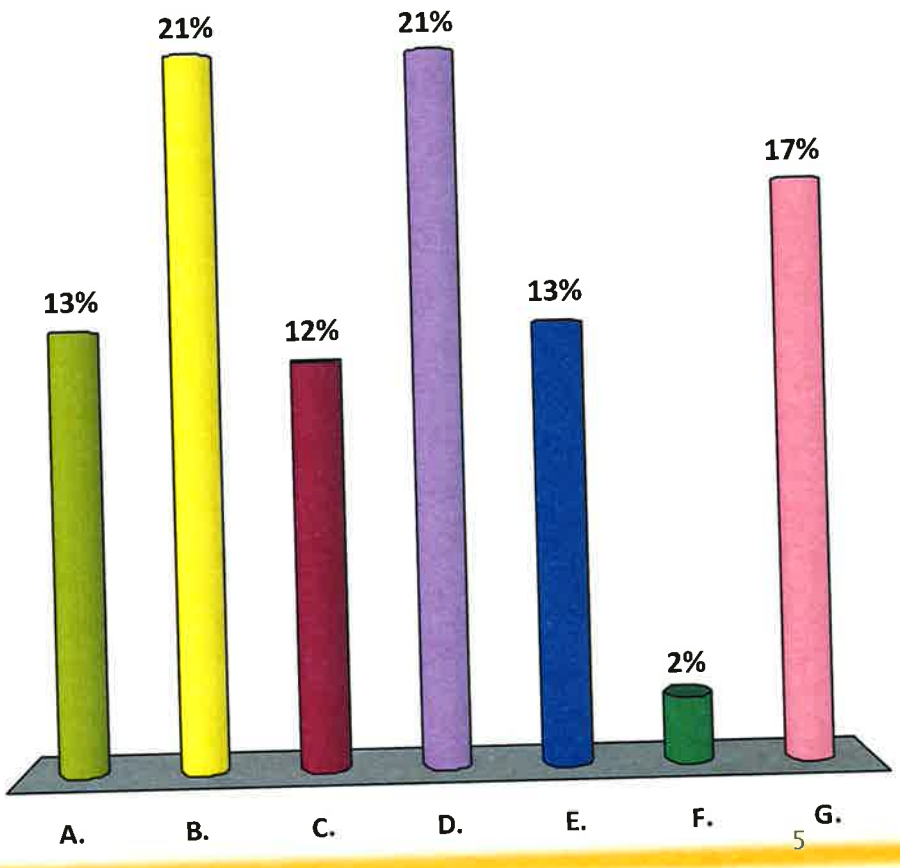




What do you love most about your neighborhood?

Select all that apply

A. I love the people!
B. Natural beauty
C. The schools
D. Parks and trails
E. Proximity to work
F. The traffic
G. Feeling of safety



Transportation Department

The Road Ahead

Bellevue Way near NE 8th St

Tonight's Presentation

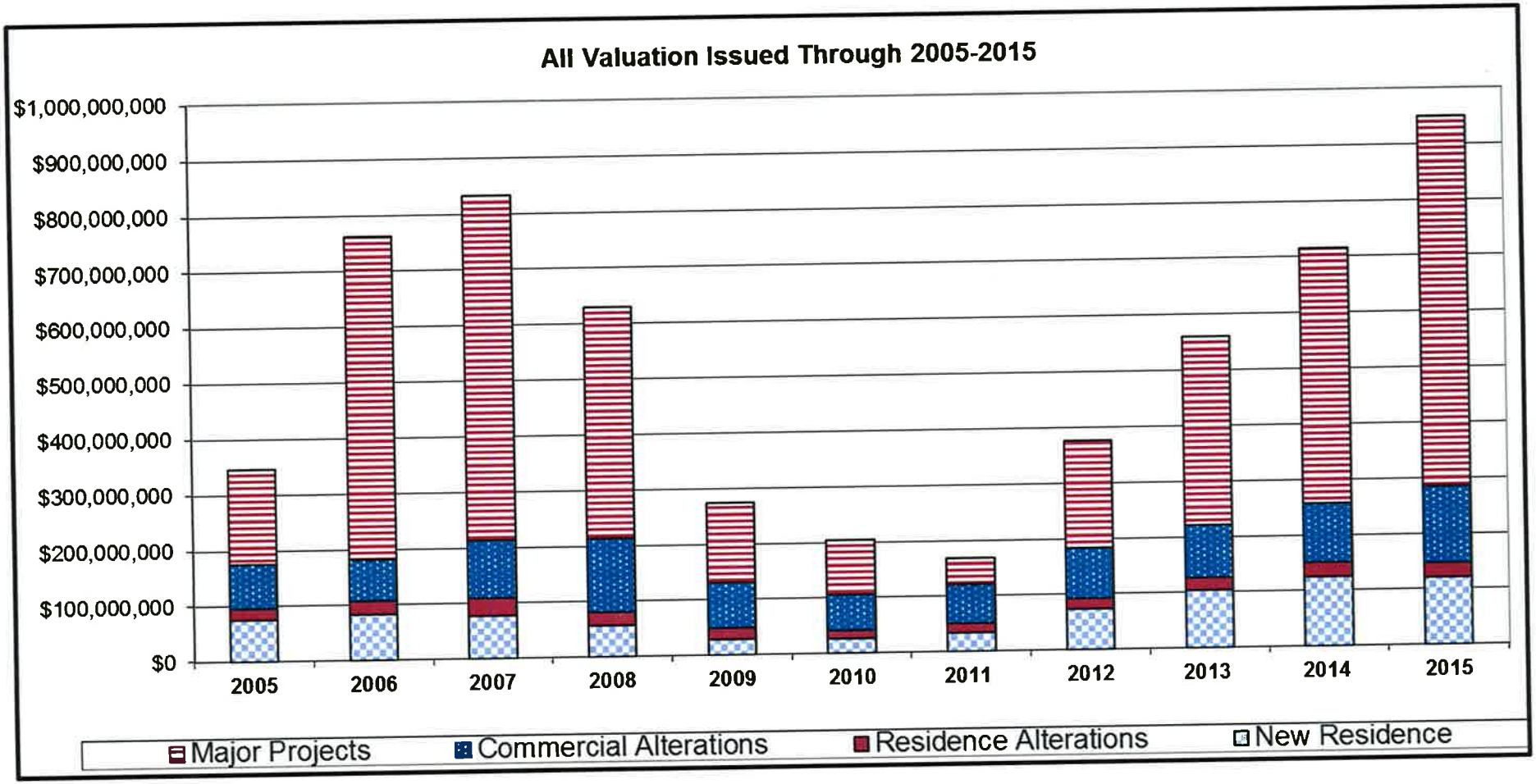
- What We've Heard in the Past
- We are Eager to Hear from You
- Specific Areas of Interest –
  - Driving
  - Walking
  - Biking
  - Neighborhood Protection
- Additional Opportunities to Learn from Each Other

Moving in the Right Direction

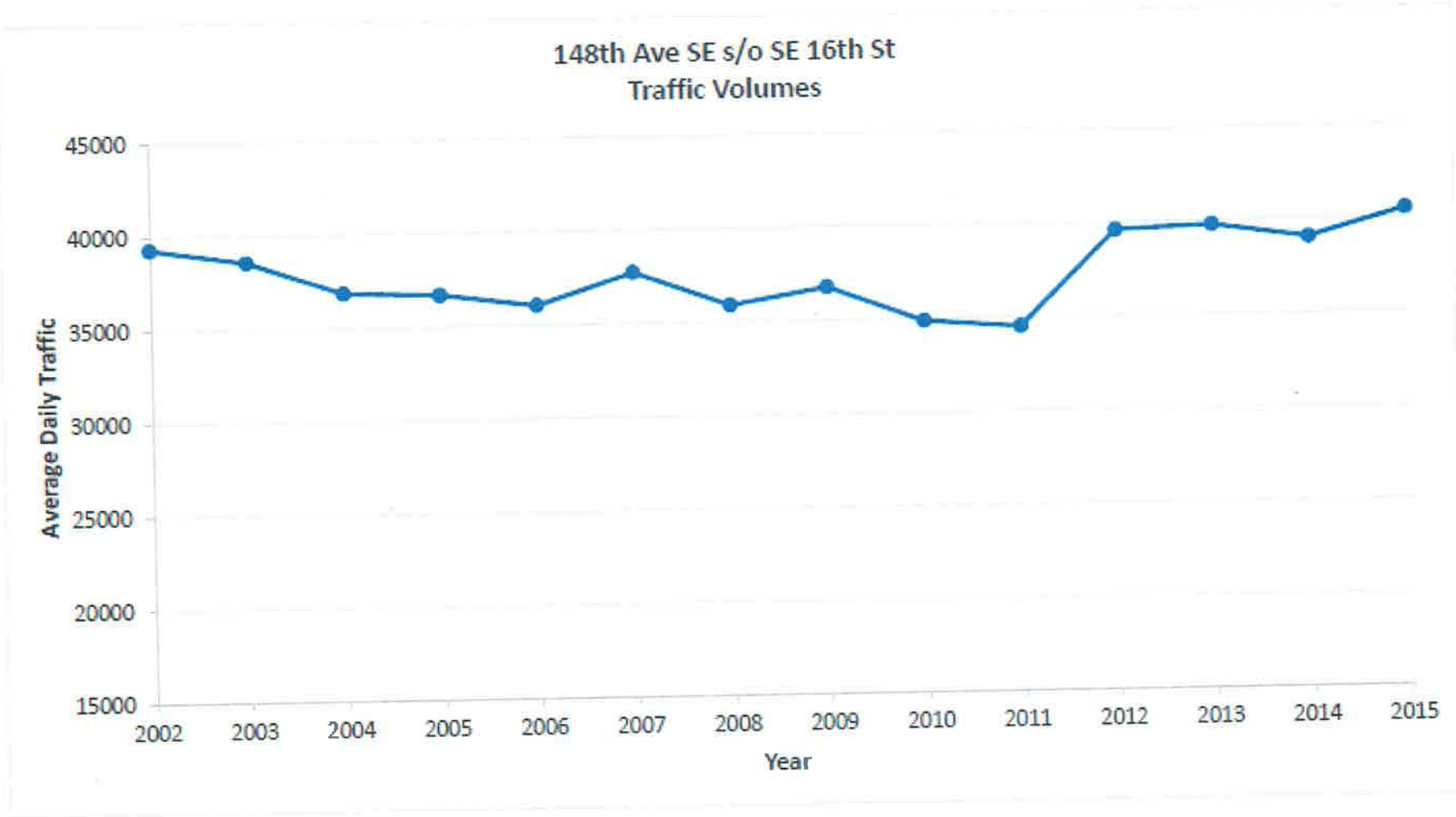
Growth = New Development

- Office
- Retail
- Housing

Development Services Historical Valuation



Traffic Volumes 2002 Through 2015



Best Tools to Address Traffic Congestion

- Increase Supply
  - Freeway Expansion
  - City Major Roadway Expansion

- Expand Options to Get Around
  - Car
  - Transit
  - Carpool/Vanpool
  - Walking/Biking
  - Telecommuting/Flex Time

Over the past year, has it taken you longer to drive to work, school, store, etc. in Bellevue?

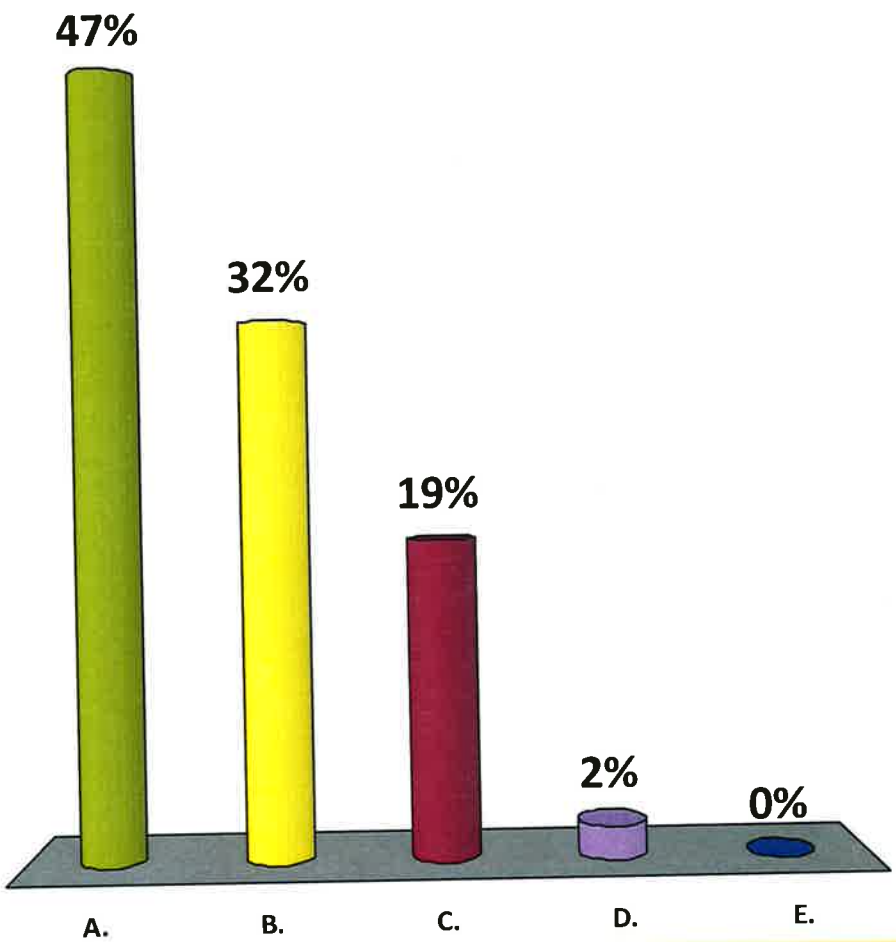
A. Yes, definitely!

B. Yes, a bit longer.

C. No. Drive times are about the same.

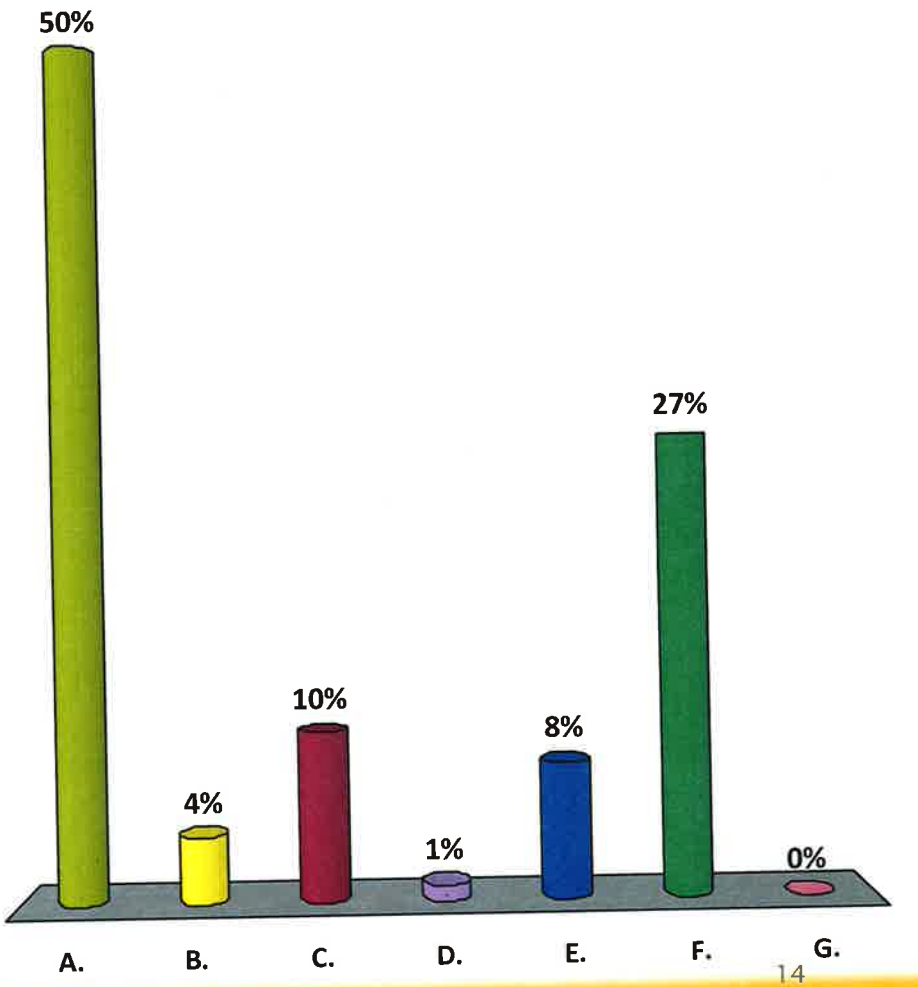
D. No. Drive times seem shorter.

E. Undecided



Has the congestion changed your commute?

A. No
B. Yes, car-pooling more
C. Yes, taking transit
D. Yes, biking more
E. Yes, walking more
F. Yes, discovered new route
G. Prefer not to answer



Has the congestion changed the time of your commute?

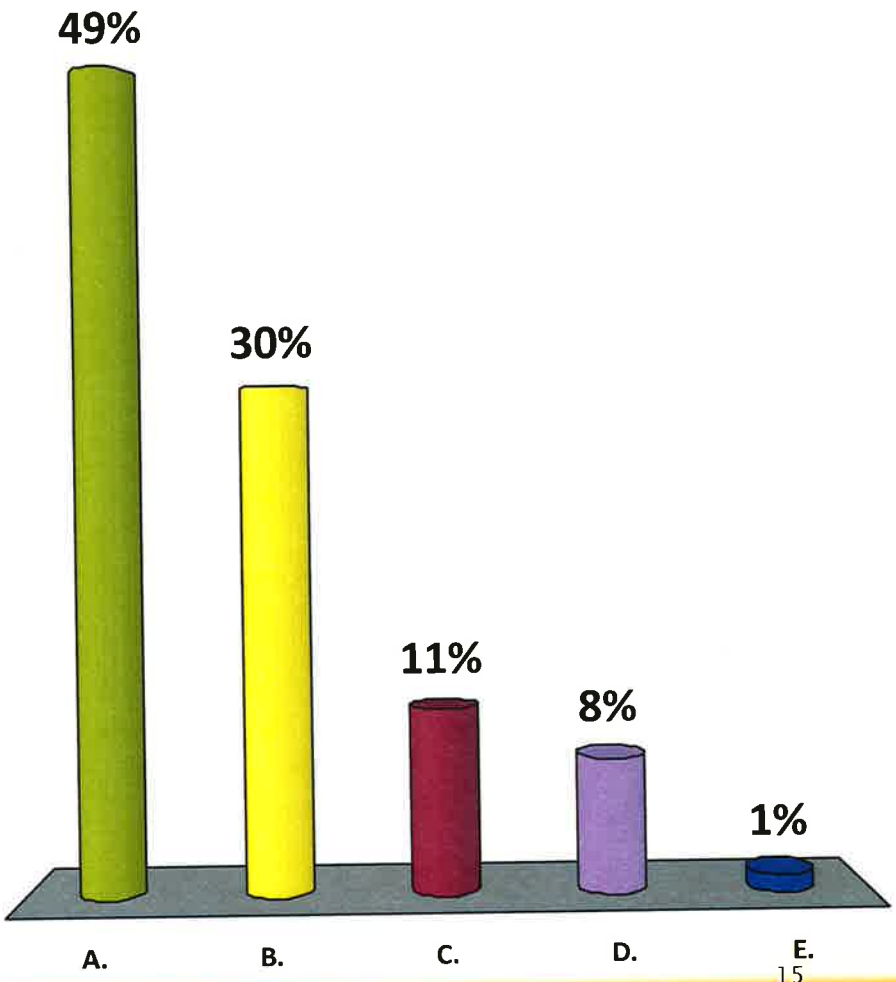
A. No

B. Yes, I go to work earlier and leave earlier

C. Yes, I go to work later and leave later

D. Yes, I telecommute more

E. Prefer not to answer



When do you feel traffic is most congested?

Select your top 2 that apply

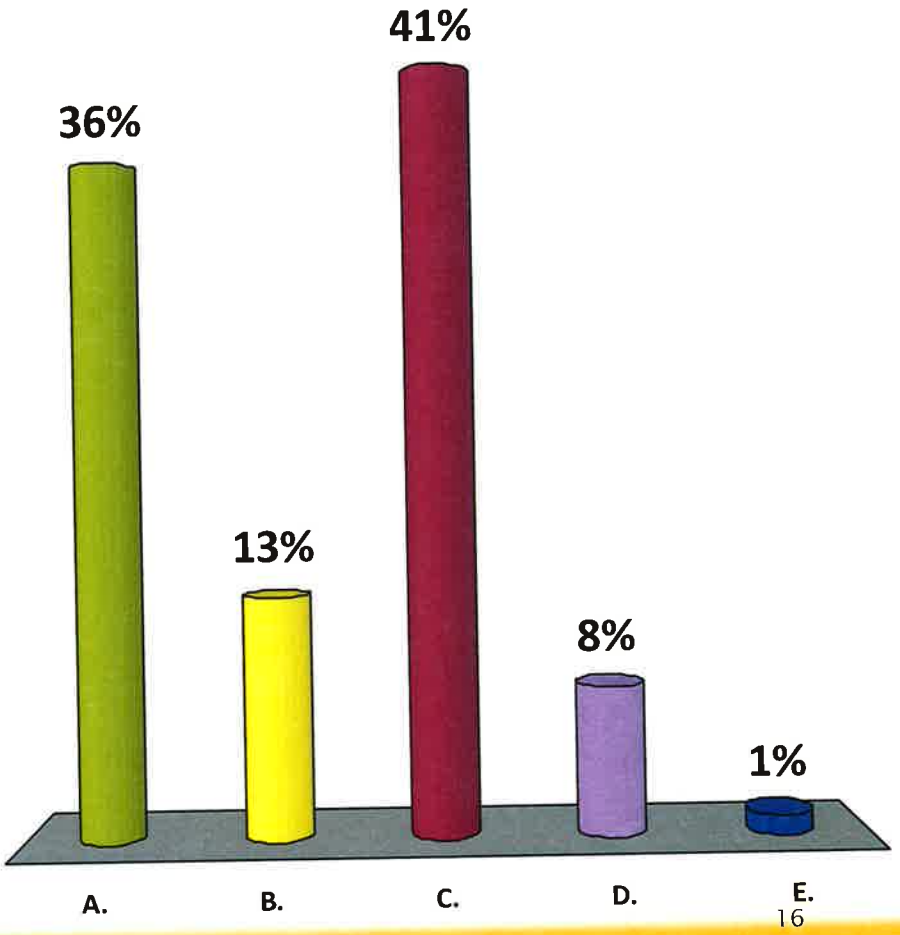
A. Weekday mornings (6 to 9 am)

B. Weekday afternoons (1 to 4 pm)

C. Weekday evenings (4 to 7 pm)

D. Weekends

E. Other



Where do you experience the worst traffic delays?

Select your top 2 that apply

A. My neighborhood

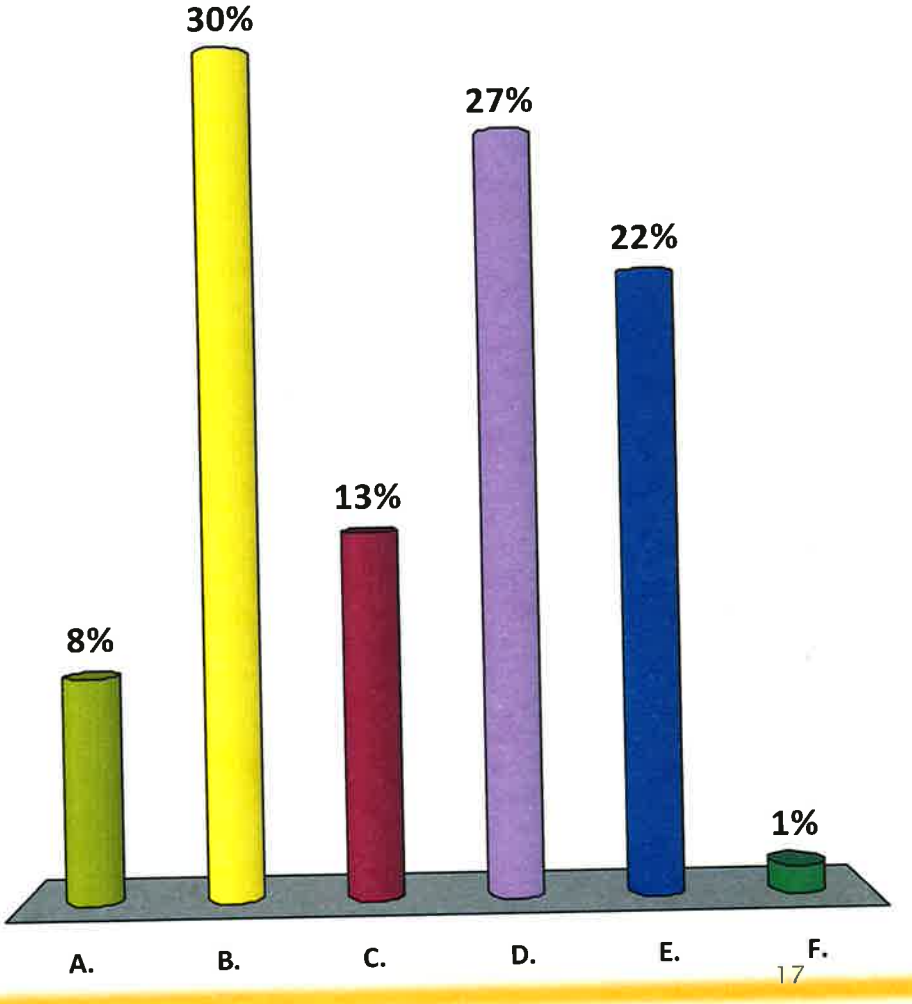
B. Major roadways (148th, NE 8th, etc.)

C. Downtown streets

D. On freeways

E. At freeway on-ramps/off-ramps

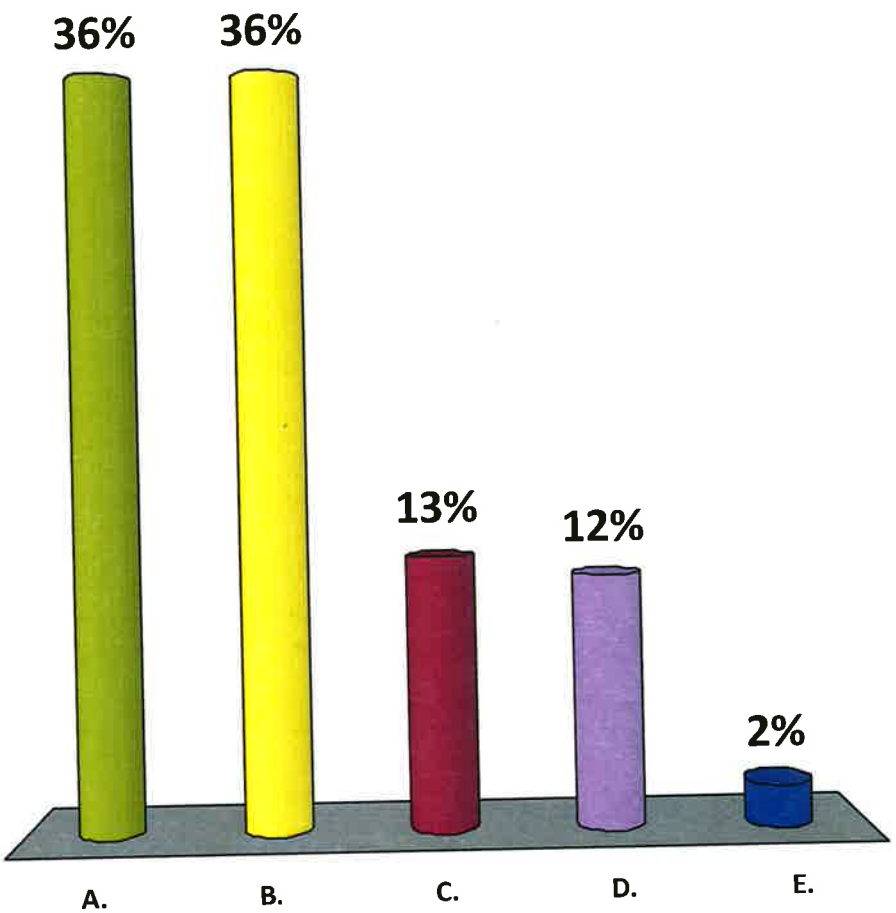
F. Other



What are the main contributing factors to making drives longer?

Select your top 2 that apply

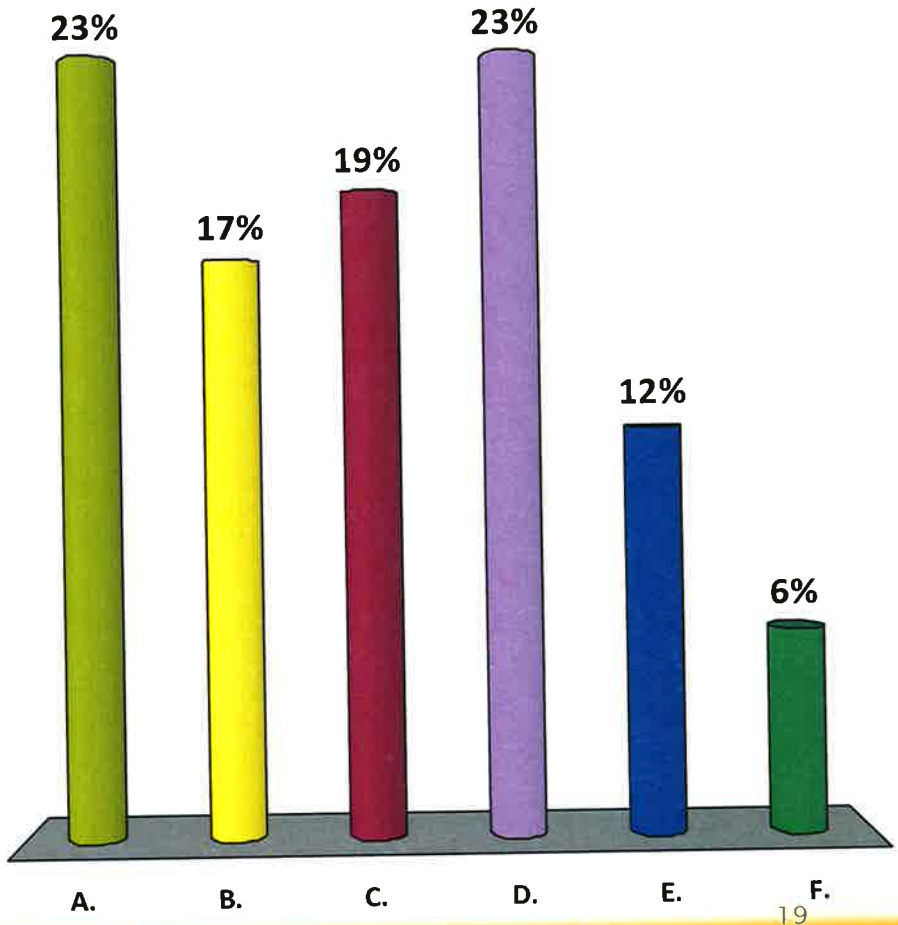
A. Freeway congestion
B. Congestion on City roadways
C. Construction impacts
D. Signal timing
E. Other



What would be the best ways to reduce traffic congestion?

Select top 2 that apply

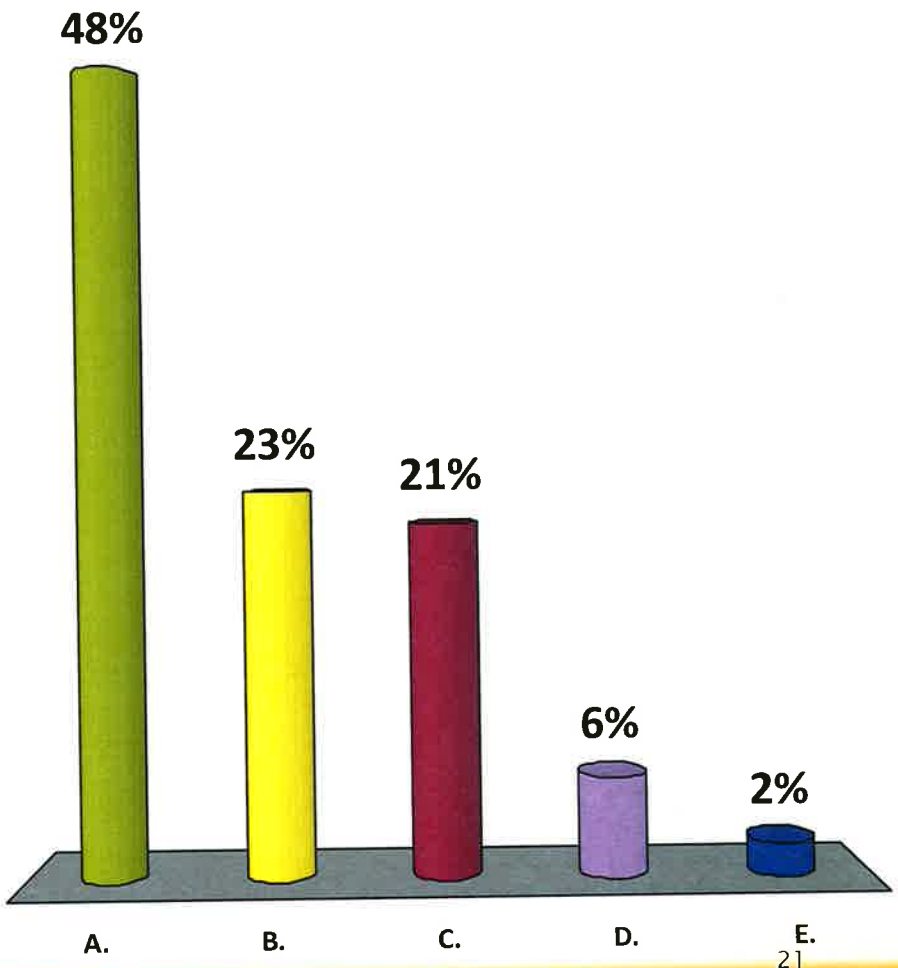
A. Expand freeway
B. Widen major City roadways
C. Build new street connections
D. Add bus routes/bus frequency
E. Add more bike lanes
F. Other



Biking

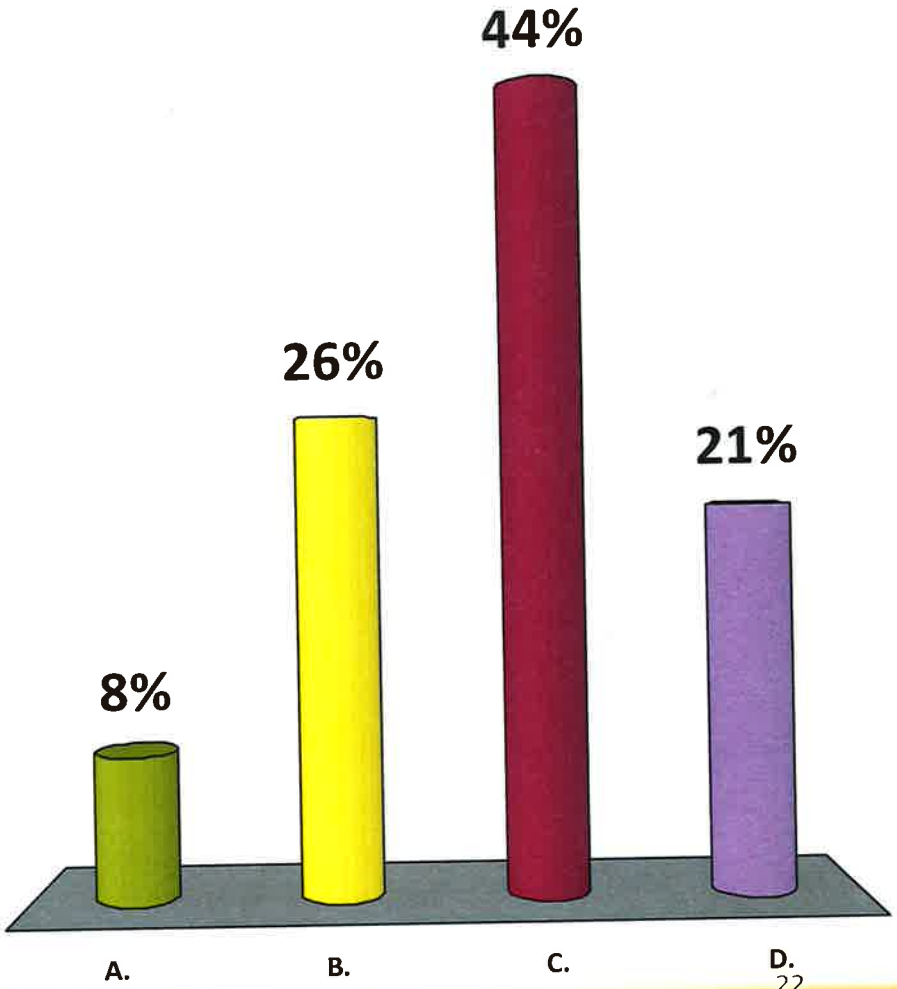
How often do you bike in Bellevue?

A. Never!
B. Rarely
C. Sometimes
D. Often
E. All the time!



Do you feel safe biking in Bellevue?

A. Yes
B. Sometimes
C. No
D. Not applicable



What kind of bike trips would you want to take?

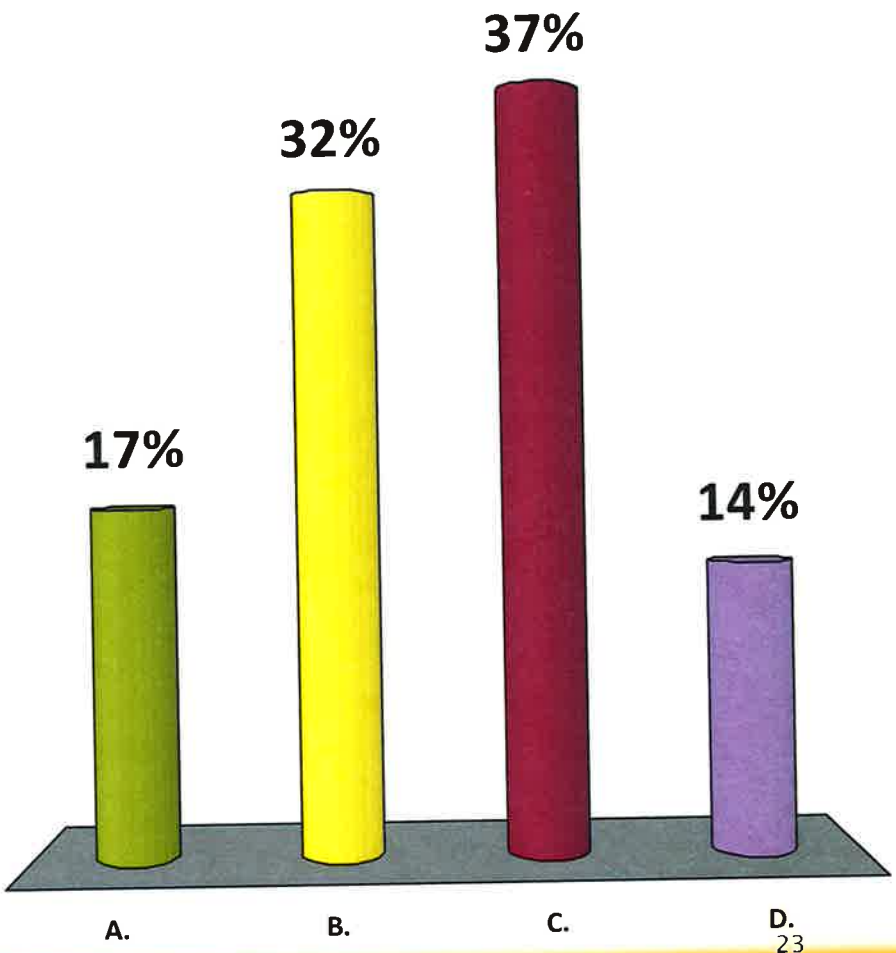
Select all that apply

A. Longer trips (across town, commute to work, etc.)

B. Shorter trips (school, local park, etc.)

C. Recreational biking around neighborhood

D. Other



What would prompt you to bike more?

Select your top 2 that apply

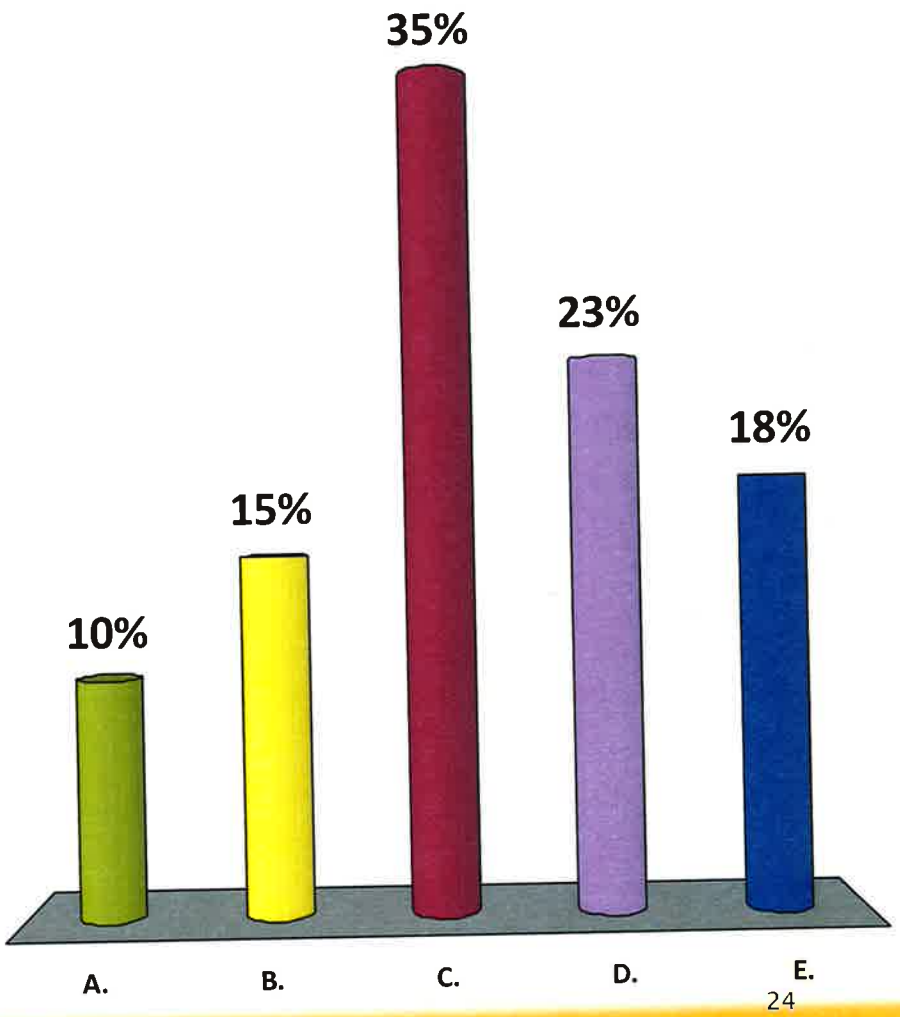
A. Slower traffic

B. Fewer vehicles

C. More separation of bikes from cars

D. More traditional bike lanes

E. Other



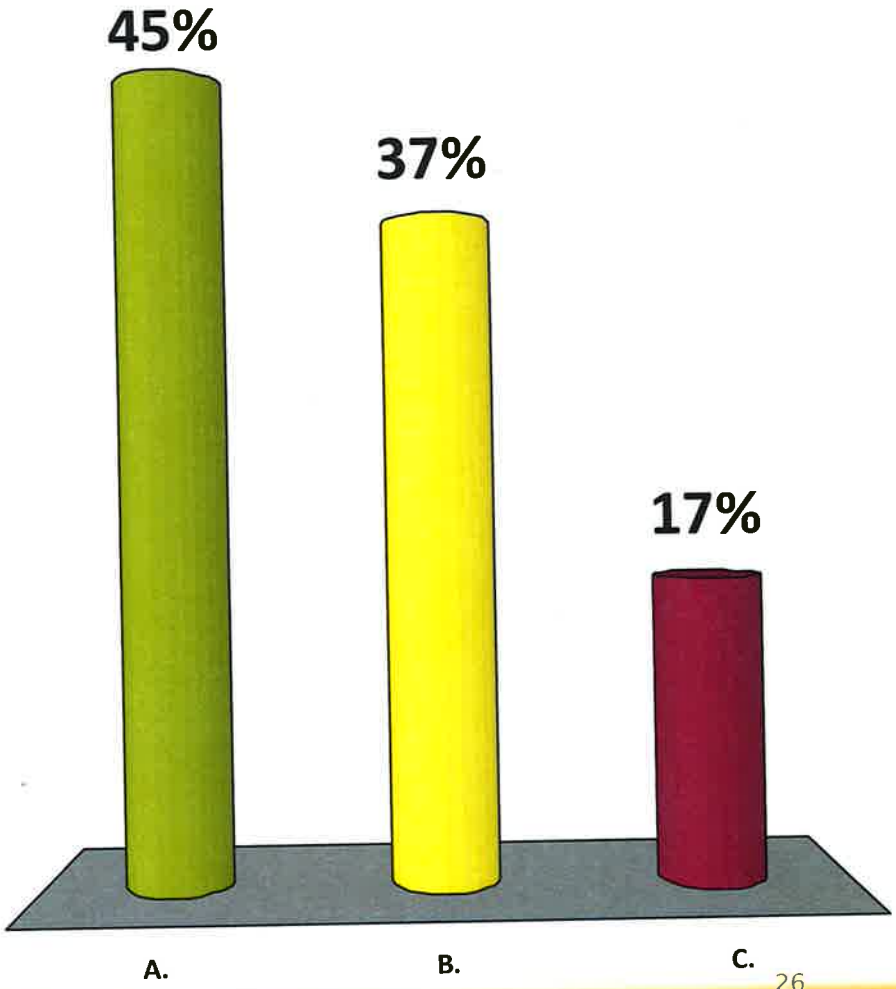
Walking

Do you feel safe from traffic when walking in your neighborhood?

A. Yes

B. Sometimes

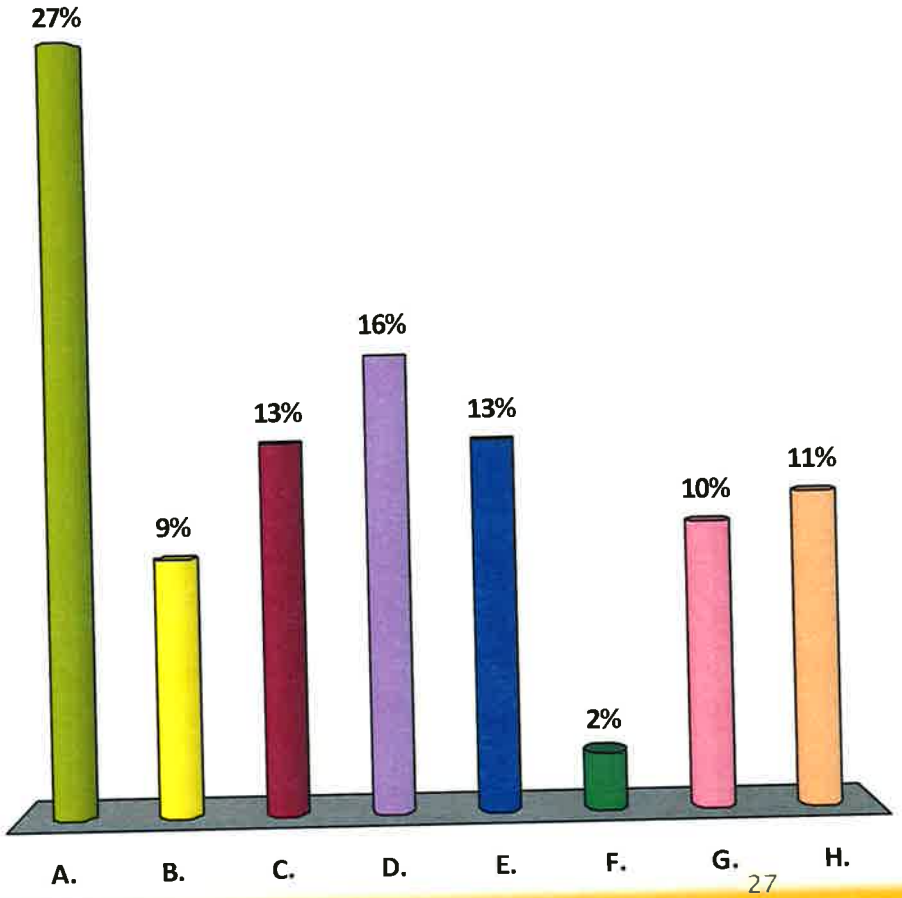
C. No



What would help you feel safer when walking around your neighborhood?

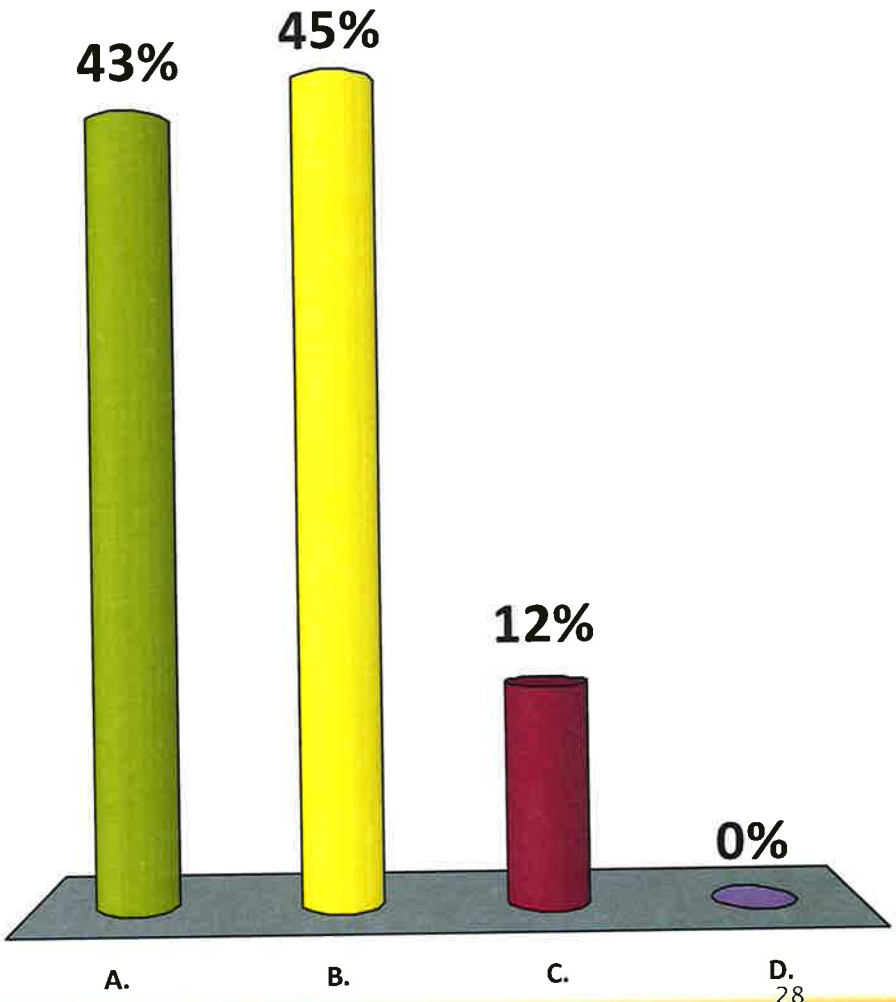
Select your top 2 that apply

A. More sidewalks, trails, etc.
B. More speed humps, etc.
C. More police enforcement
D. Lower speeds
E. Less cut-through traffic
F. Less parking
G. More street lighting
H. Other



How available are walking areas, such as trails and sidewalks in your neighborhood.

A. Very available
B. Somewhat available
C. Unavailable
D. Undecided



3 Tiers of Walkway Alternatives

- Tier 1: Interim Walkways with Paint, Posts, etc.
  - $
  - Short Process to Construction
- Tier 2: Raised and/or Separated Asphalt Walkway
  - $$
  - Medium Length Process to Construction
- Tier 3: Traditional Concrete Sidewalk
  - $$$
  - Long Process to Construction
    - 34 Sidewalks Currently Identified in Neighborhood Sidewalk Program

Tier 1: Interim Walkway

Shoulder Separated from Travel Lane by Painted Stripe

Shoulder Separated from Travel Lane by Posts

Tier 1: Interim Walkway

Painted shoulder Separated from Travel Lane by Painted Stripe and Posts

Tier 2: Raised Asphalt Walkway

Tier 2: Separated Asphalt Walkway

Asphalt Path Separated from Travel Lane by Curb

Asphalt Path Separated from Travel Lane by Planter Strip

Tier 3: Sidewalks

- Challenges
  - Landscaping
  - Underground work
- 850 feet long
- $350,000

- Challenges
  - Major underground work
- 2000 feet long
- $1.9 million

Which type of walkway would you prefer for your neighborhood?

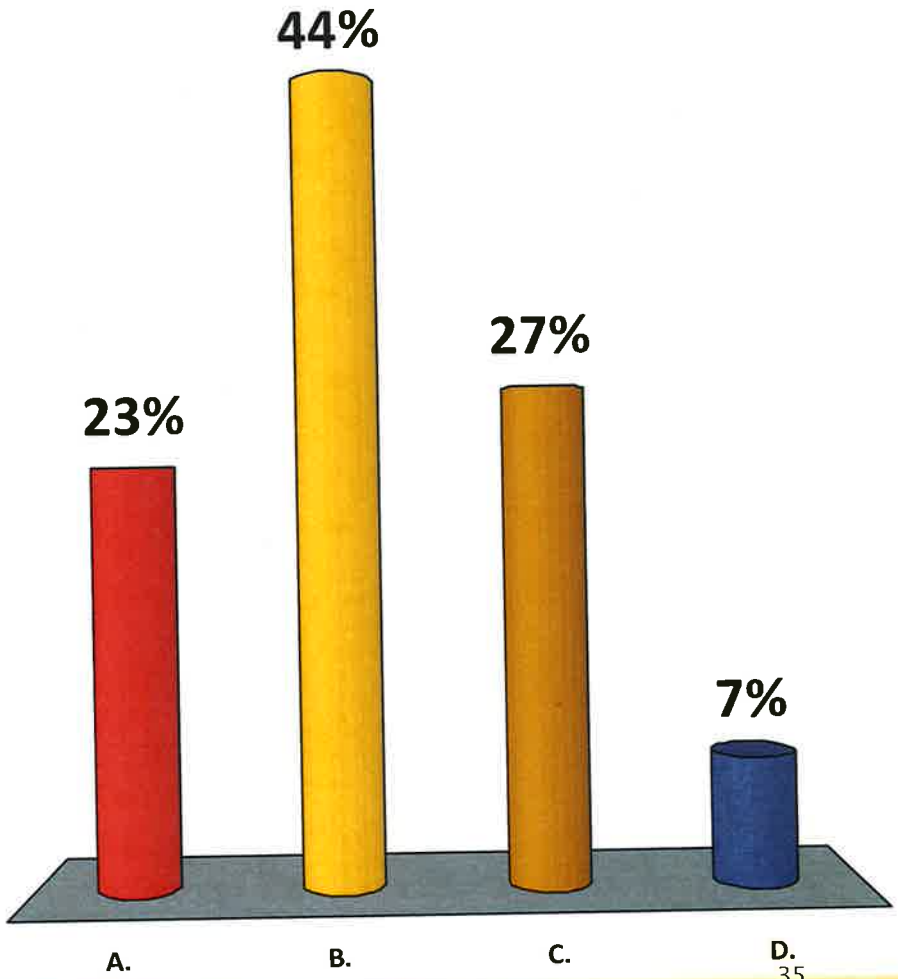
Rank your top 2

A. Tier 1

B. Tier 2

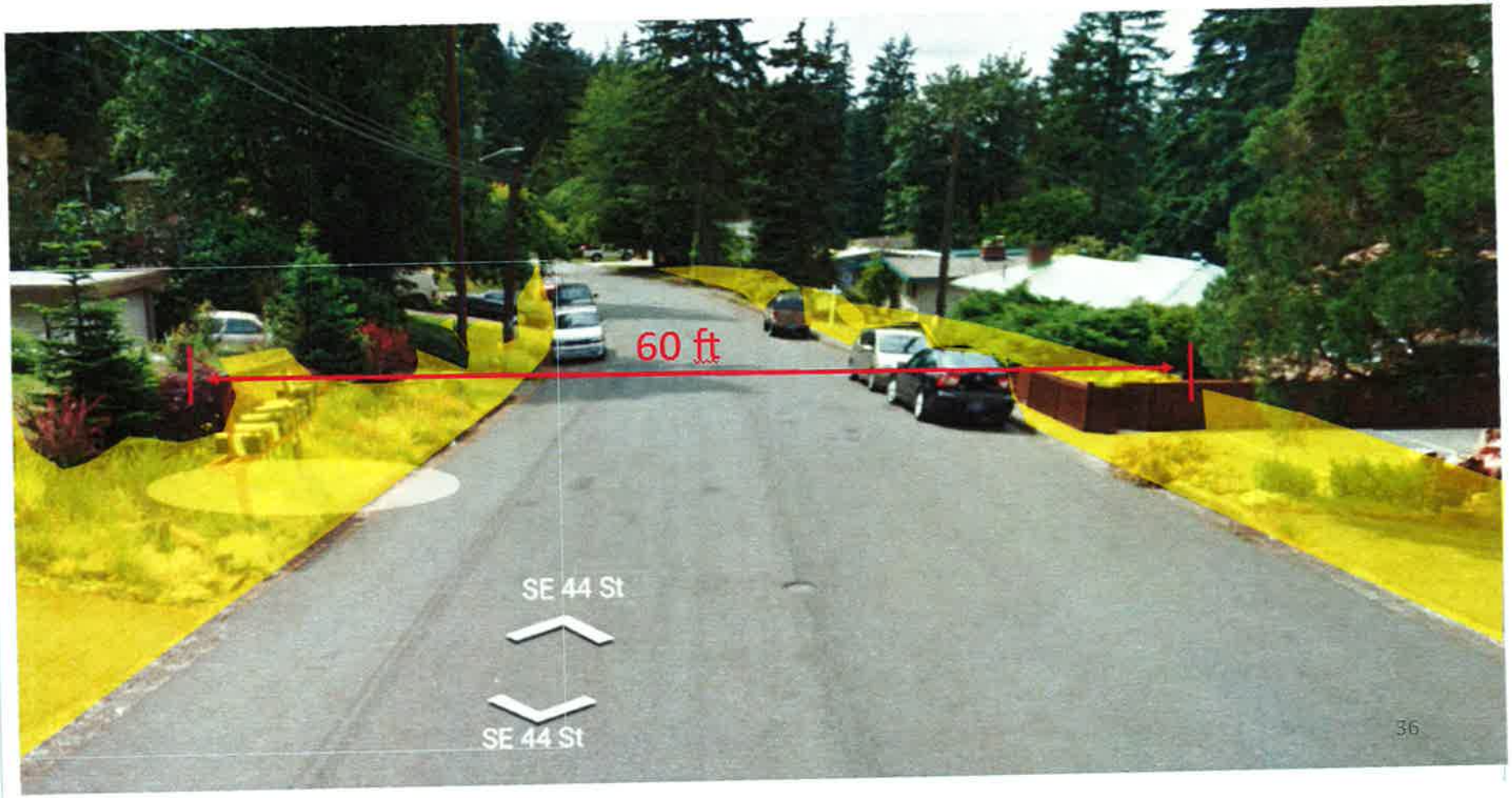
C. Tier 3

D. None of the Above



Public Right-of-Way

- Typically 60’ (30’ Back from Center of Street)



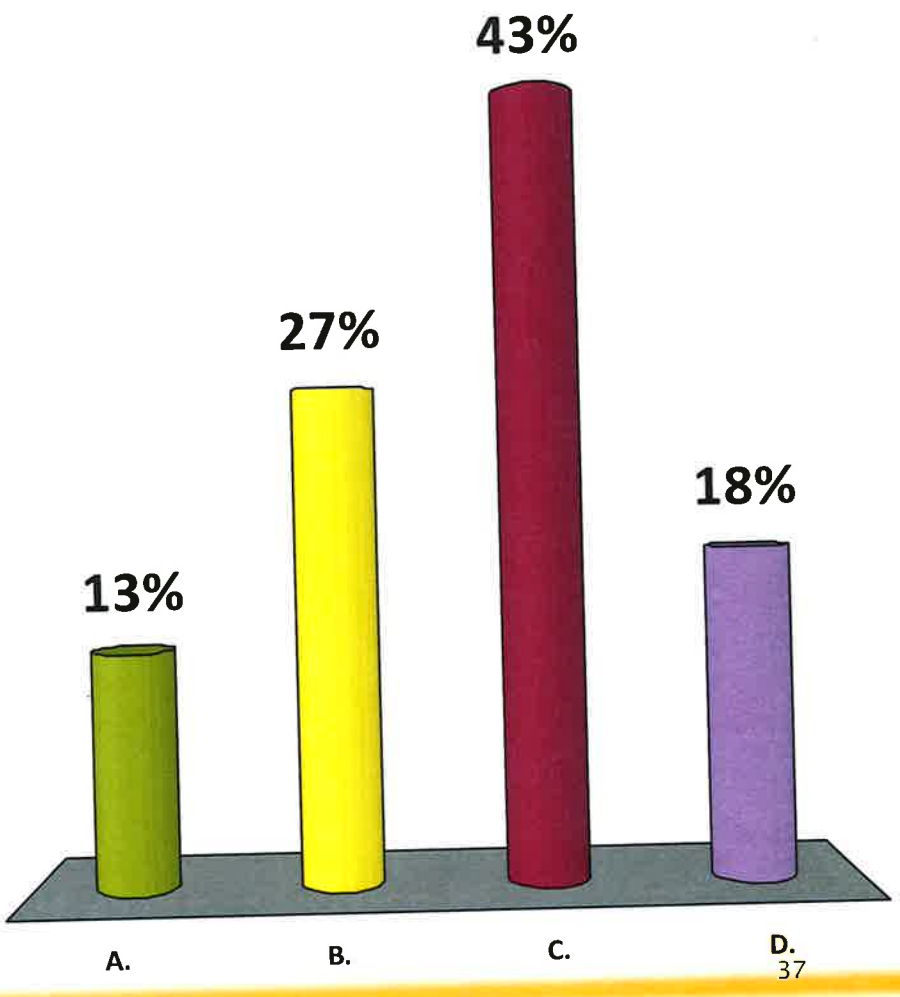
What trade-off would you accept for a walkway?

A. Remove parking

B. Remove landscaping

C. Keep parking and landscaping, but narrow roads and travel lanes

D. None of the above



With limited funds, where should walkway improvement resources be spent first?

Rank your top 2

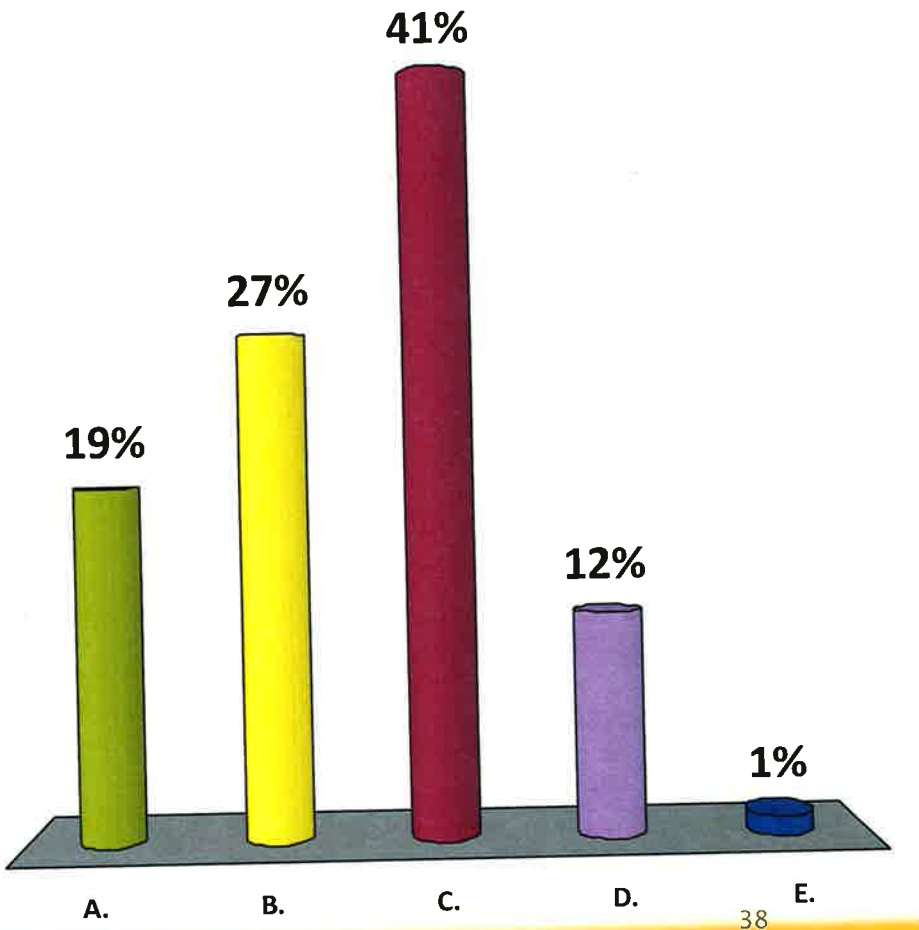
A. In your neighborhood

B. Routes to transit stops (Metro, school, etc.)

C. Routes to local destinations (parks, schools, etc.)

D. Around business districts

E. None of the above



Neighborhoods

Crosswalks

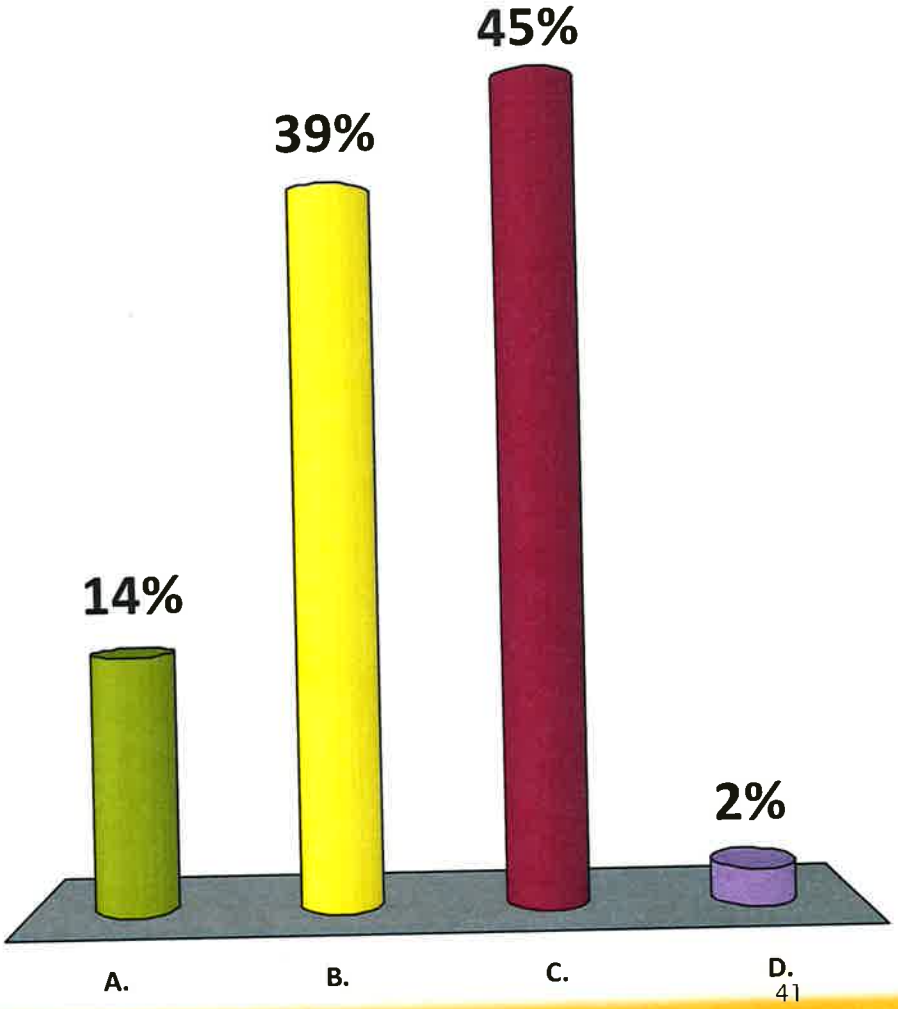
Compared with sidewalks, how important is installing/improving crosswalks?

A. Less important

B. Just as important

C. More important

D. Undecided



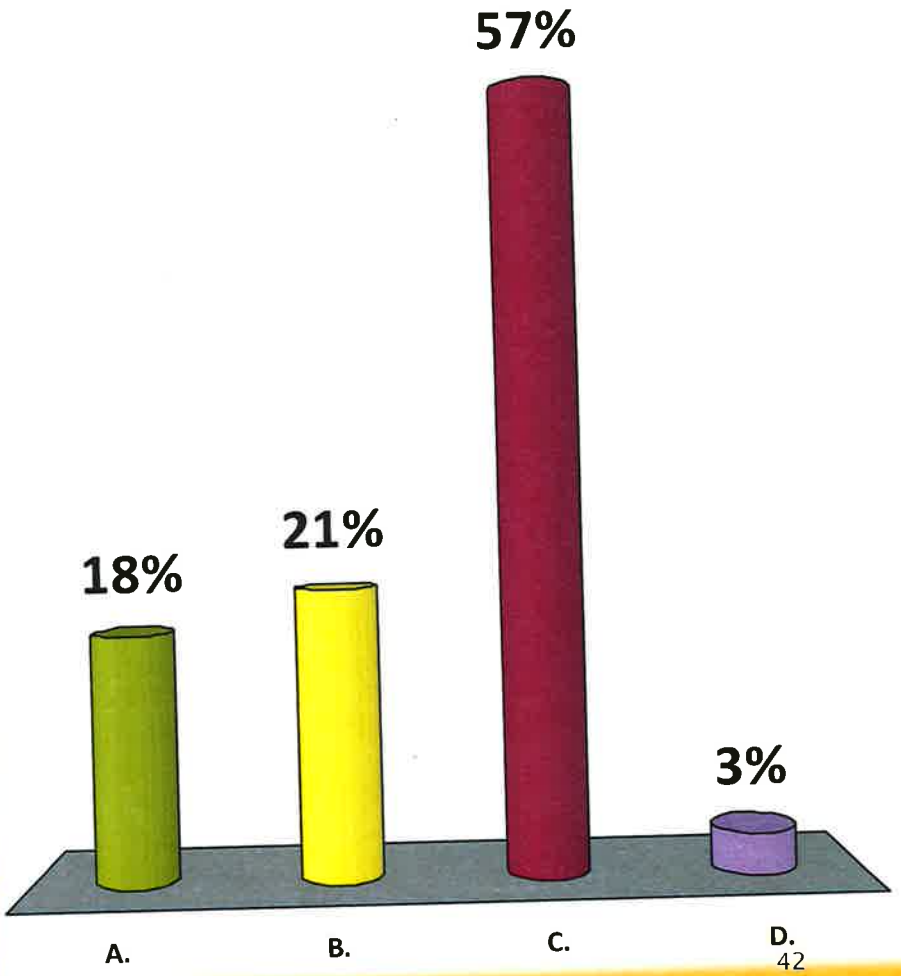
With limited funds, where should crosswalk improvement resources be spent first?

A. Improving existing crosswalks with flashing lights

B. Building new crosswalks

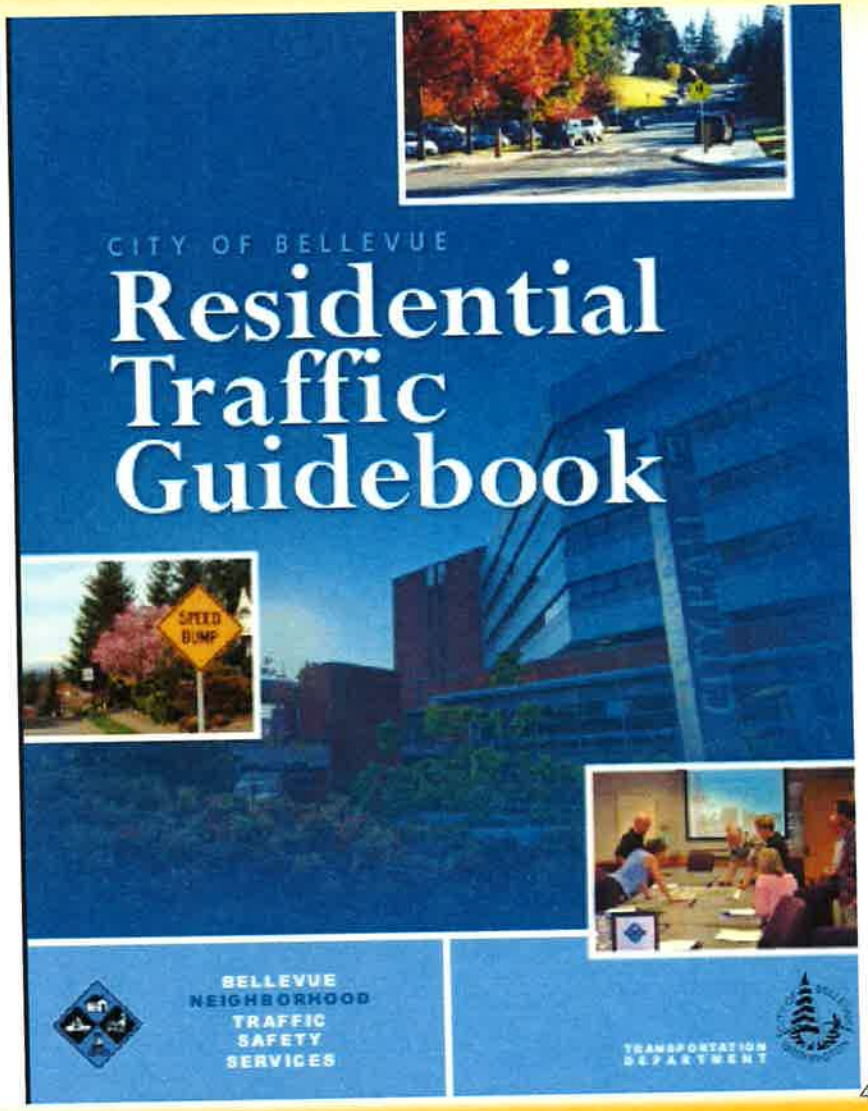
C. Both A and B

D. Undecided



Neighborhood Traffic Safety Services Process

- We Hear Concerns
- Investigated
- Projects Planned
  - Intensive Public Involvement Process
    - Community
    - Adjacent Residents
- 2+ Year Process

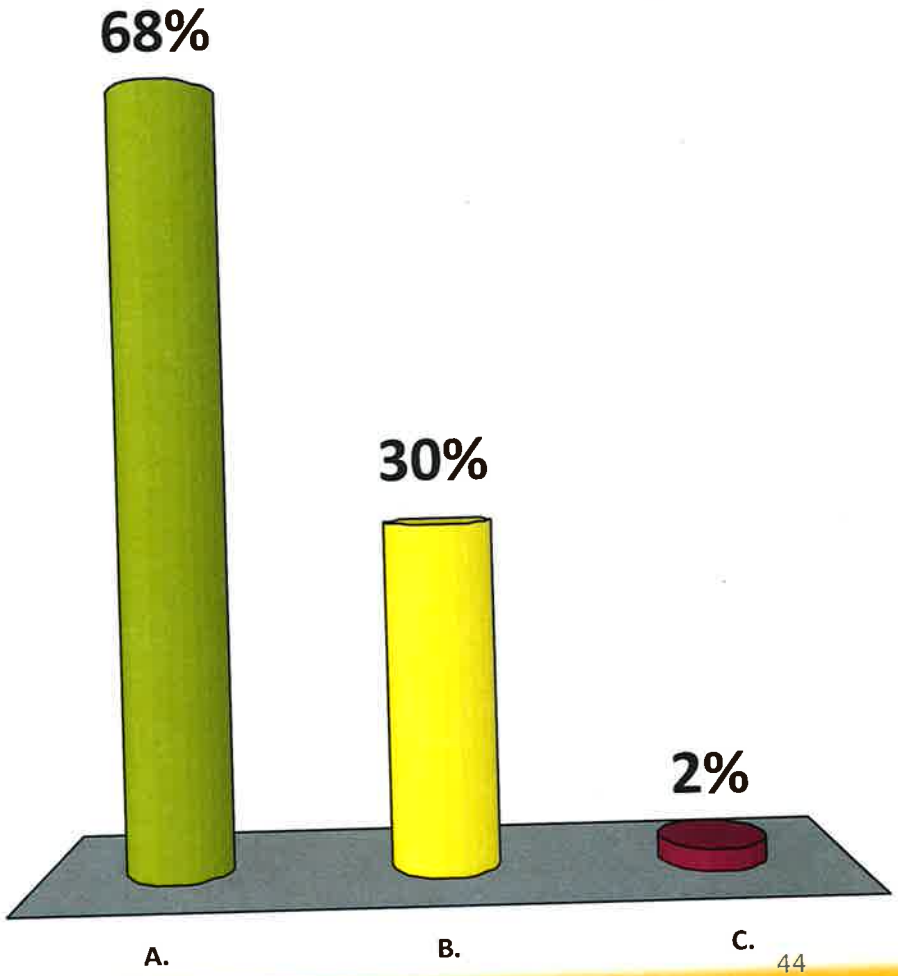


Is speeding an issue in your neighborhood?

A. Yes

B. No

C. Undecided

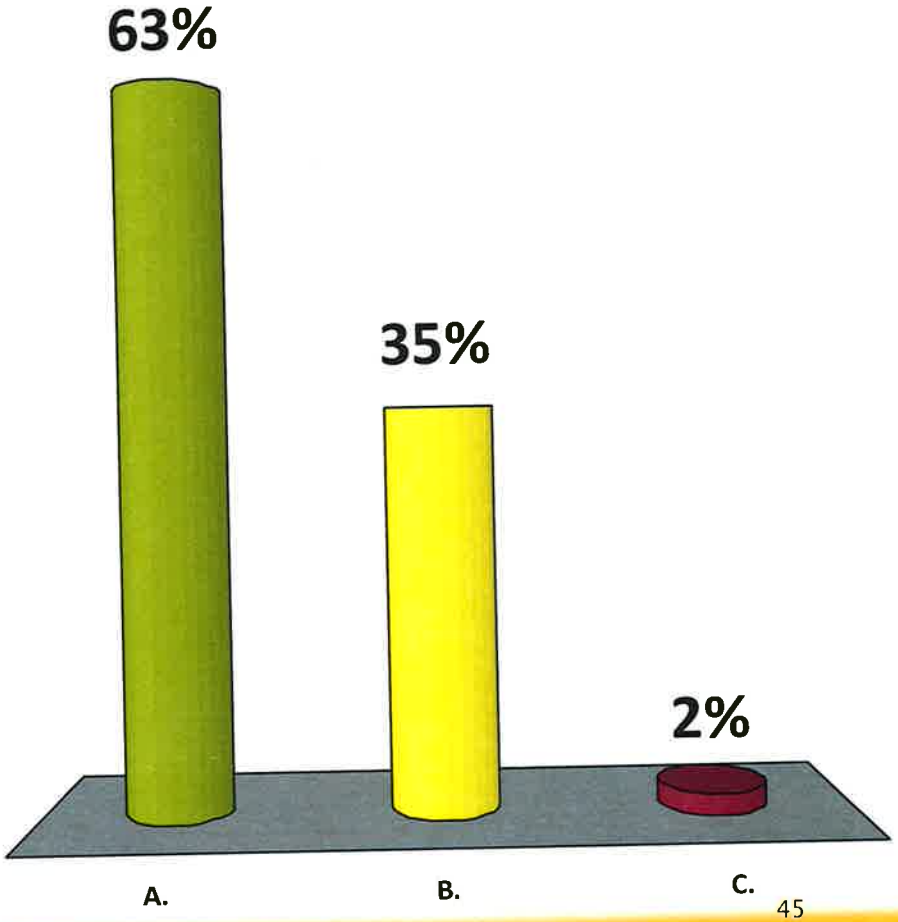


Do you think cut-through traffic is a problem in your neighborhood?

A. Yes

B. No

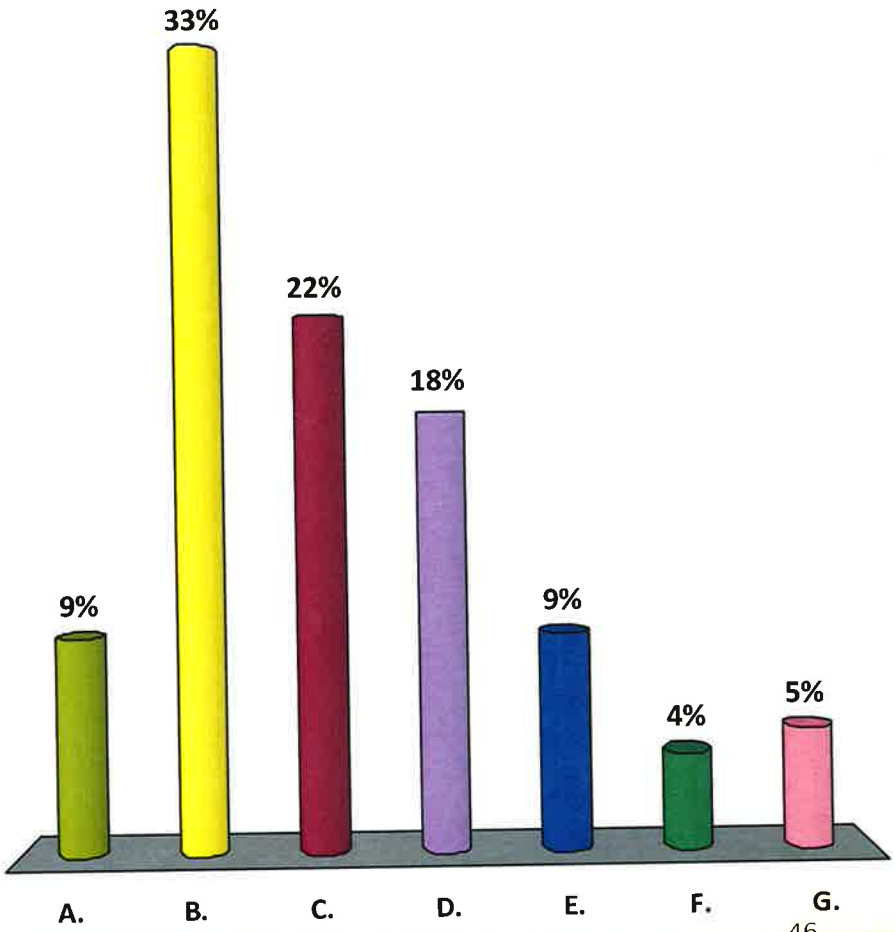
C. Undecided



If so, why is cut through traffic a problem?

Select your top 2 that apply

A. Devalues neighborhood
B. Reduces safety
C. Increases speeding
D. Makes exiting driveway difficult
E. Leads to excessive road noise
F. Increases crime
G. No. I don't think it is a problem.

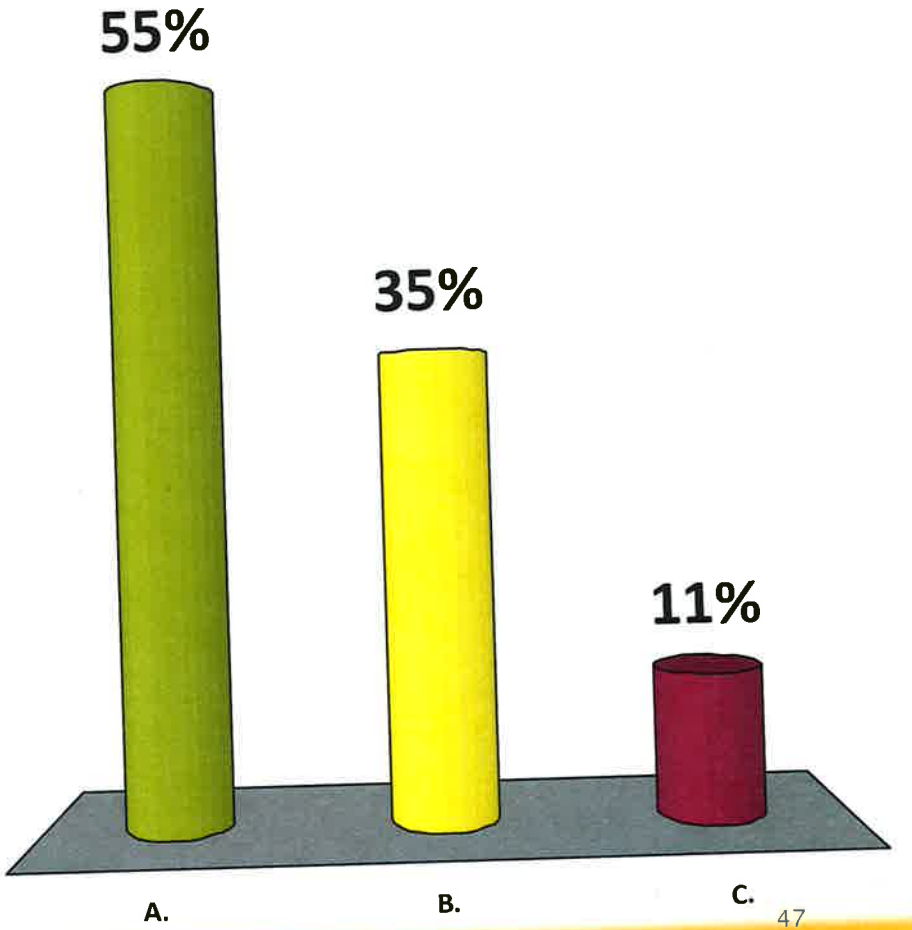


Are you currently wanting traffic calming in your neighborhood?

A. Yes

B. No

C. Undecided



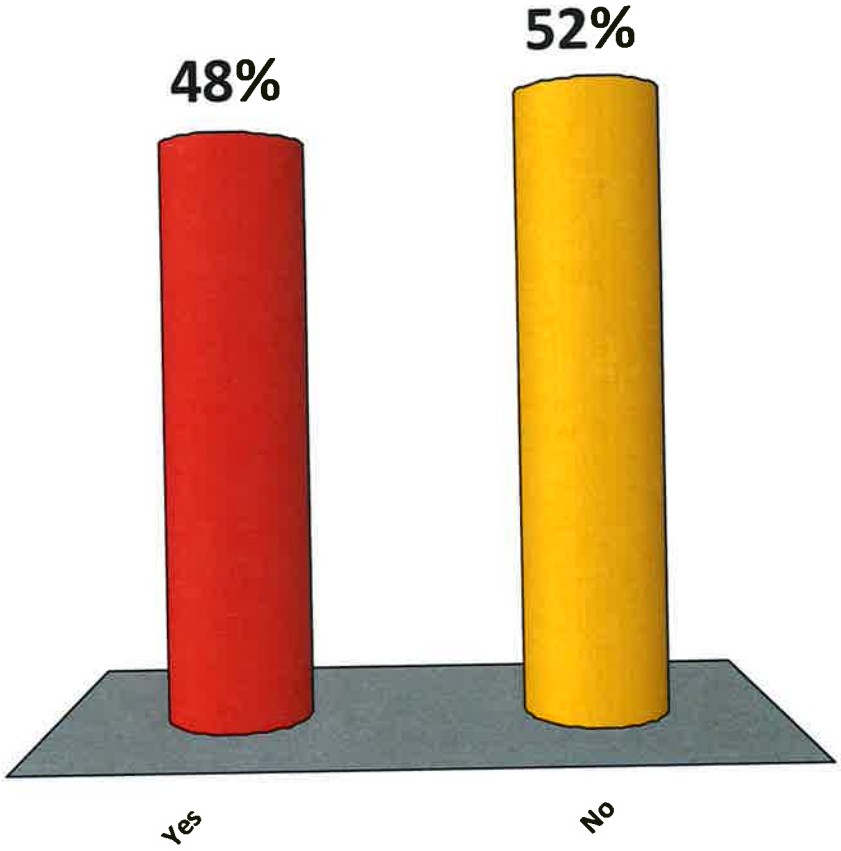
Speed Humps

- Most Frequently Requested
- Most Cost Effective
- Considerations:
  - Vehicle volume
  - Hills and curves
  - Emergency response travel delay
  - Noise
  - Signing

Would You Support Installation of Speed Humps in Your Neighborhood?

A. Yes

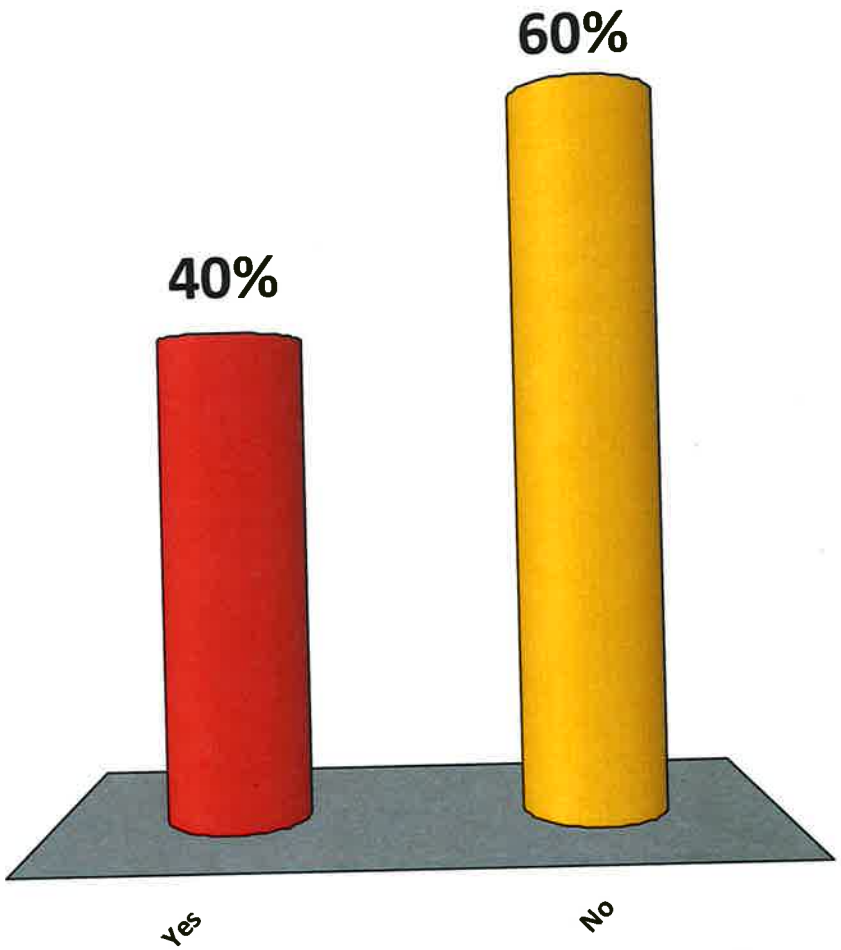
B. No



Would You Support a Speed Hump with a Sign in Front of Your House?

A. Yes

B. No



Community Support

Legend

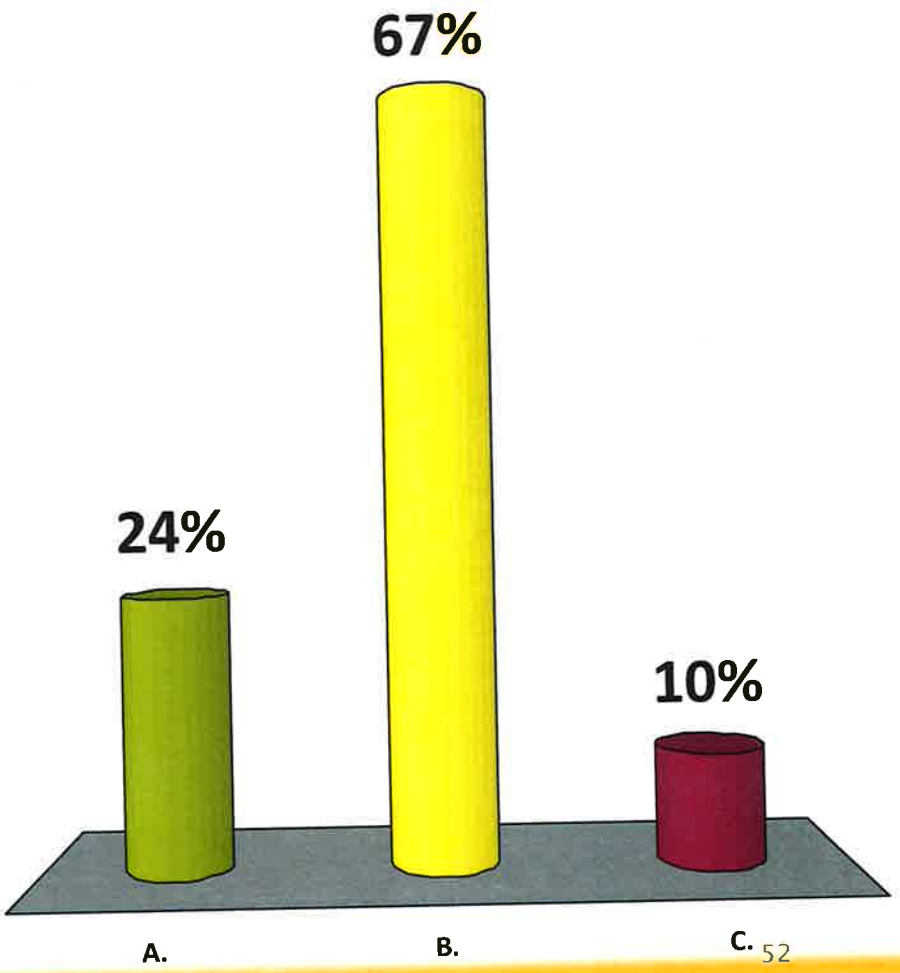
- Project Street
- Households in Support
- Households Opposed

Who decides if a proposed traffic calming project gets built?

A. Wider community

B. Only adjacent residents

C. Undecided



One Final Question—

How would you like to receive information?

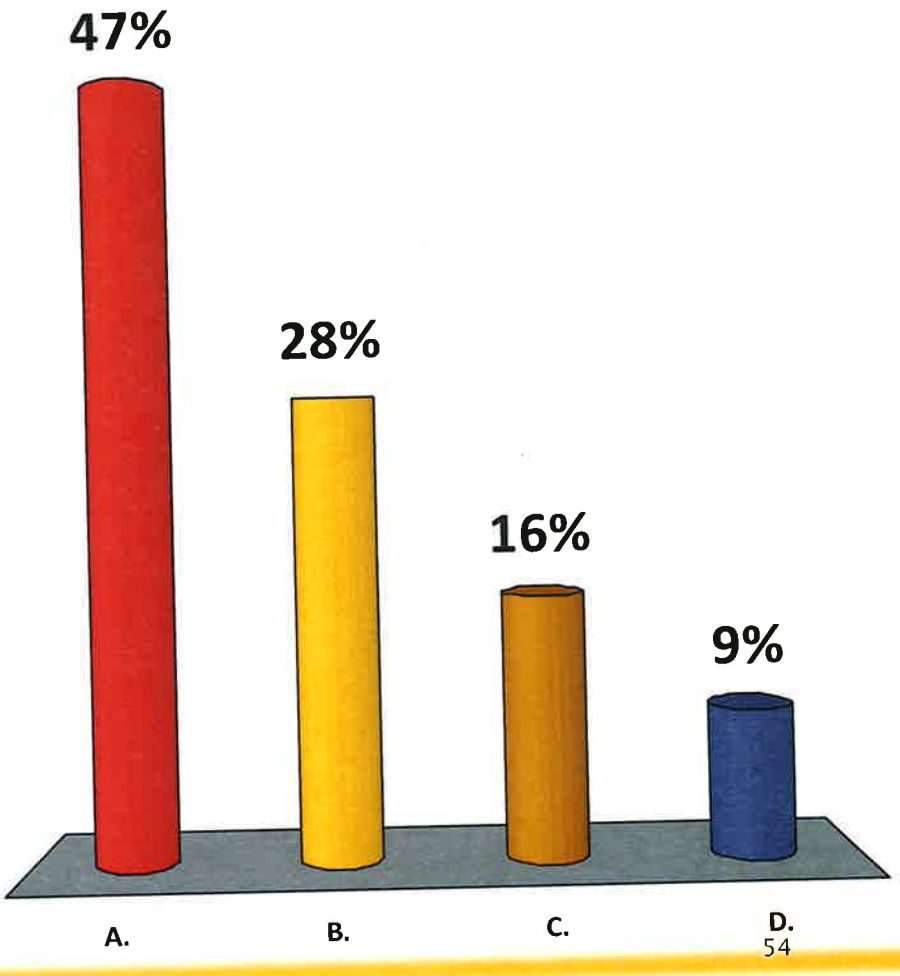
Select your top 2 that apply

A. **Email/Text** (Gov_Alert, NextDoor)

B. **Online** (Traffic Advisories, Projects in Your Neighborhood Map, project webpage)

C. **Print** (Direct project mailer, *It's Your City,* news release)

D. **Social Media** (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter)



Thank You!