

APPENDIX D

SURVEY RESULTS

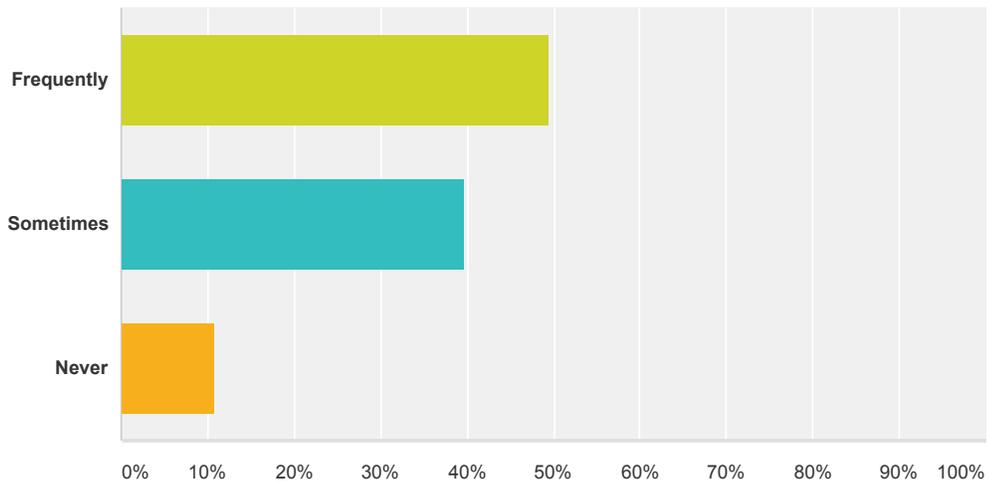
D. SURVEY RESULTS

An online survey was designed in April 2016, and implemented from the beginning of May until the beginning of June. The survey was designed in two sections, one with a focus on biking and the other with a focus on walking. Participants answered questions for both topics. The survey utilized a skip pattern, which allowed participants to answer specific questions based on how often they biked or walked, meaning that no respondent answered all of the questions. This specific design accounts for the high number of people who skipped certain questions. The survey received 419 responses, which far surpassed the anticipated number. At the end of the survey, an optional question allowed participants to enter comments. We received 145 comments, indicating that many participants had specific thoughts on biking and walking in Whitefish.

The data collected from the online survey is detailed on the following pages. Participants' email addresses were omitted from this public record.

Q1 How often do you ride a bicycle in Whitefish

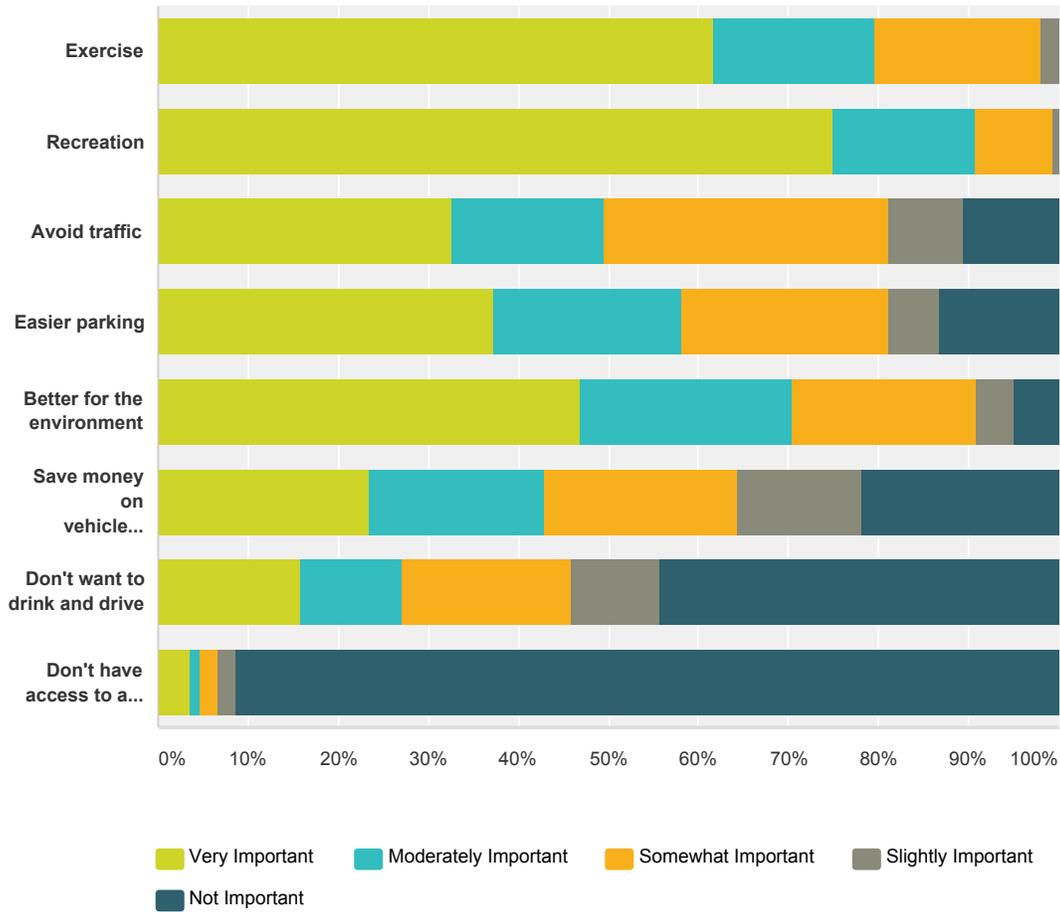
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Answer Choices	Responses
Frequently	49.52% 206
Sometimes	39.66% 165
Never	10.82% 45
Total	416

Q2 Why do you ride your bicycle

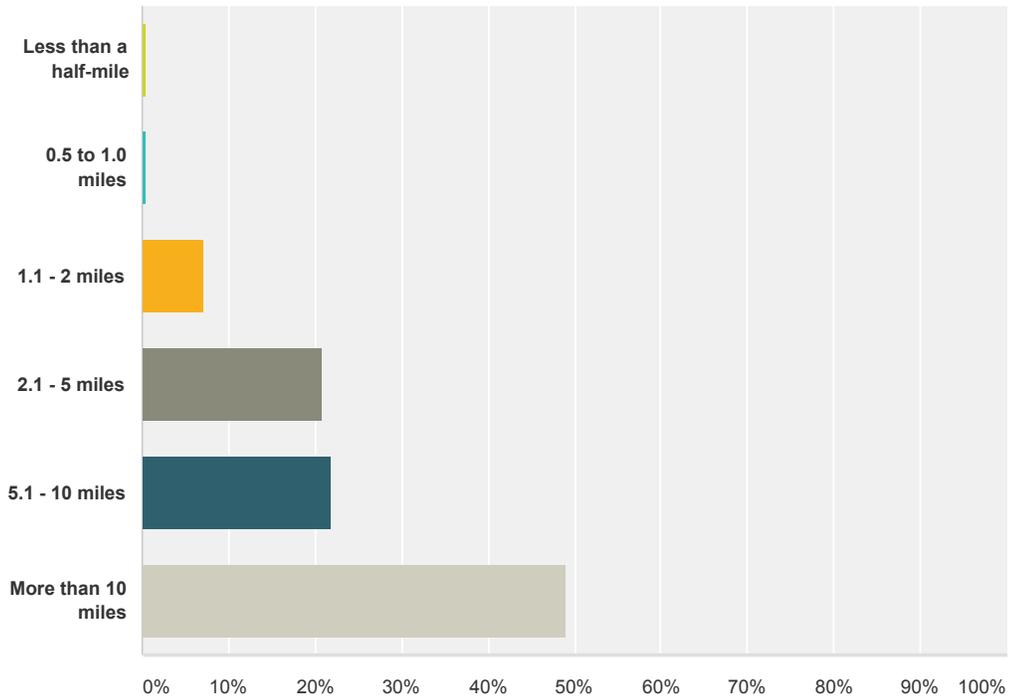
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	Very Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
Exercise	61.73% 121	17.86% 35	18.37% 36	2.04% 4	0.00% 0	196	1.61
Recreation	75.00% 147	15.82% 31	8.67% 17	0.51% 1	0.00% 0	196	1.35
Avoid traffic	32.65% 64	16.84% 33	31.63% 62	8.16% 16	10.71% 21	196	2.47
Easier parking	37.24% 73	20.92% 41	22.96% 45	5.61% 11	13.27% 26	196	2.37
Better for the environment	46.94% 92	23.47% 46	20.41% 40	4.08% 8	5.10% 10	196	1.97
Save money on vehicle expenses	23.47% 46	19.39% 38	21.43% 42	13.78% 27	21.94% 43	196	2.91
Don't want to drink and drive	15.82% 31	11.22% 22	18.88% 37	9.69% 19	44.39% 87	196	3.56
Don't have access to a vehicle or can't drive	3.57% 7	1.02% 2	2.04% 4	2.04% 4	91.33% 179	196	4.77

Q3 How far do you typically ride a bicycle each WEEK in Whitefish

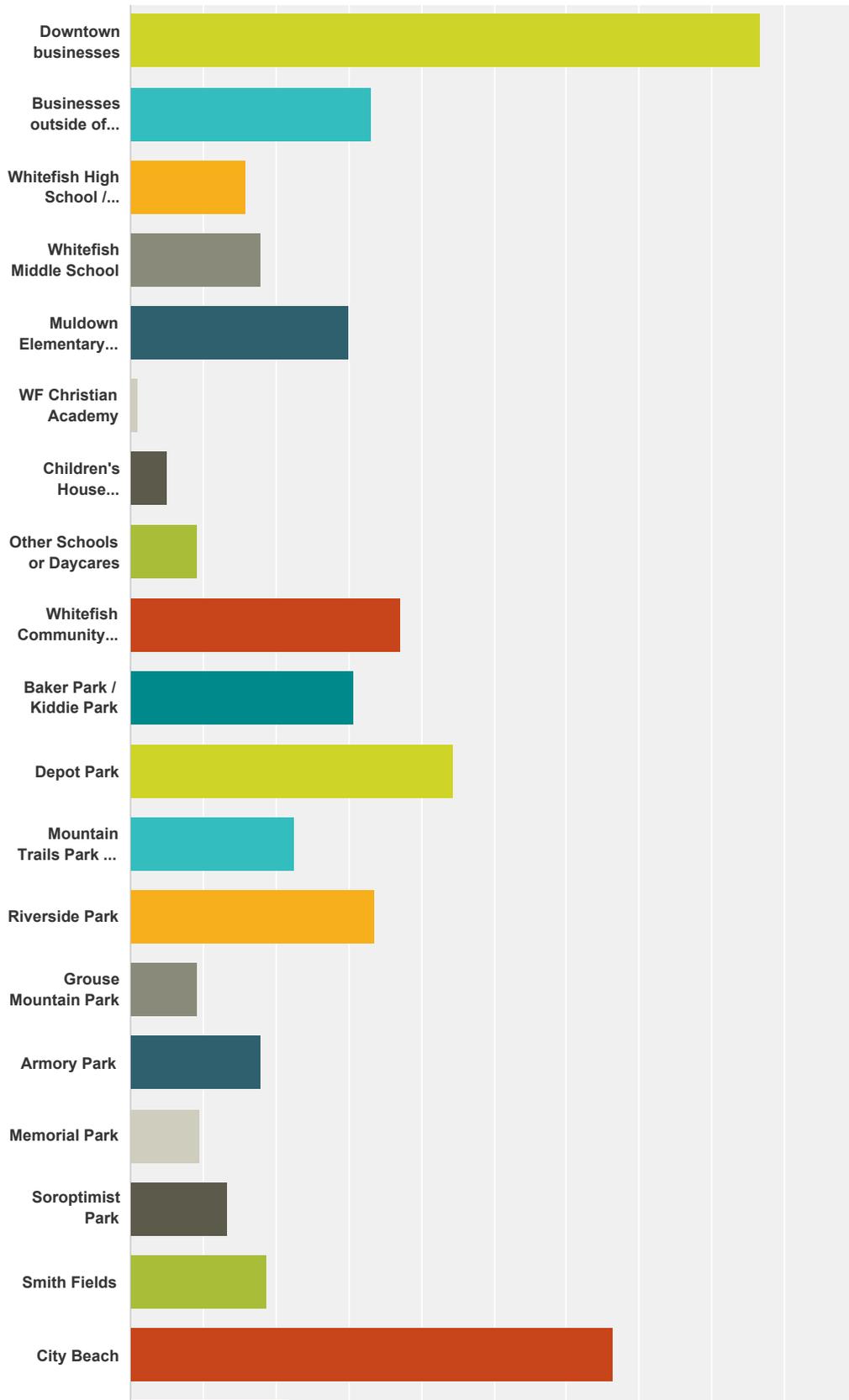
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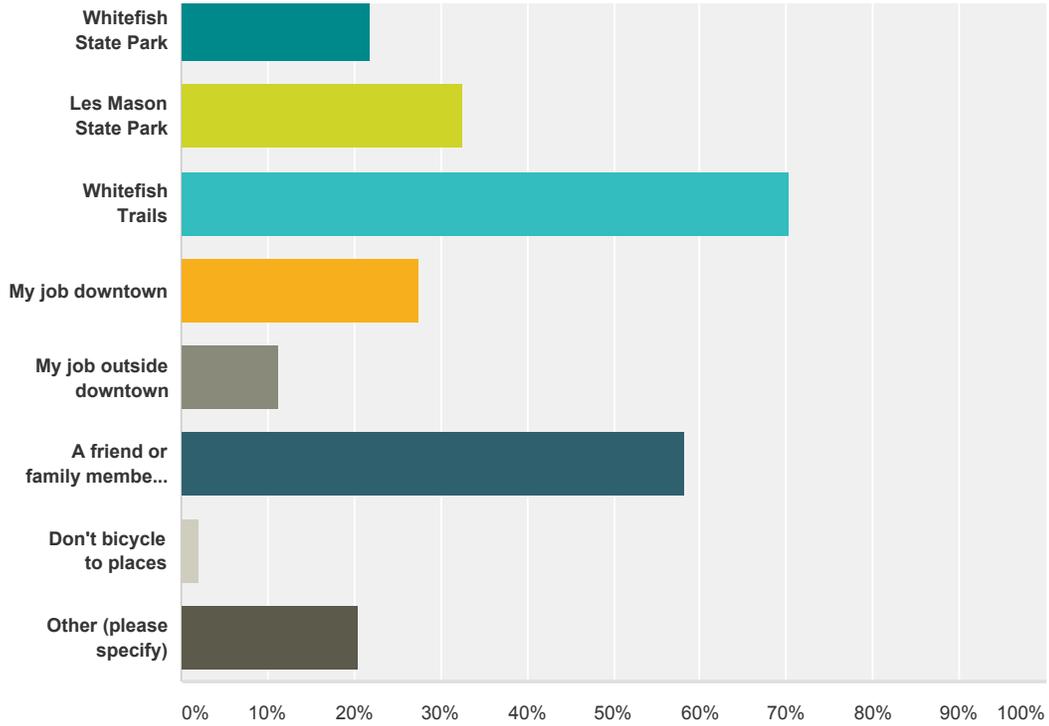
Answer Choices	Responses
Less than a half-mile	0.51% 1
0.5 to 1.0 miles	0.51% 1
1.1 - 2 miles	7.14% 14
2.1 - 5 miles	20.92% 41
5.1 - 10 miles	21.94% 43
More than 10 miles	48.98% 96
Total	196

Q4 Where do you go to on your bicycle (check all that apply)

Answered: 196 Skipped: 223



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Answer Choices	Responses
Downtown businesses	86.73% 170
Businesses outside of downtown	33.16% 65
Whitefish High School / Whitefish Independent High School	15.82% 31
Whitefish Middle School	17.86% 35
Muldown Elementary School	30.10% 59
WF Christian Academy	1.02% 2
Children's House Montessori	5.10% 10
Other Schools or Daycares	9.18% 18
Whitefish Community Library	37.24% 73
Baker Park / Kiddie Park	30.61% 60
Depot Park	44.39% 87
Mountain Trails Park / Stumptown Ice Den	22.45% 44
Riverside Park	33.67% 66
Grouse Mountain Park	9.18% 18
Armory Park	17.86% 35
Memorial Park	9.69% 19
Soroptimist Park	13.27% 26
Smith Fields	18.88% 37

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City Beach	66.33%	130
Whitefish State Park	21.94%	43
Les Mason State Park	32.65%	64
Whitefish Trails	70.41%	138
My job downtown	27.55%	54
My job outside downtown	11.22%	22
A friend or family member's house	58.16%	114
Don't bicycle to places	2.04%	4
Other (please specify)	20.41%	40

Total Respondents: 196

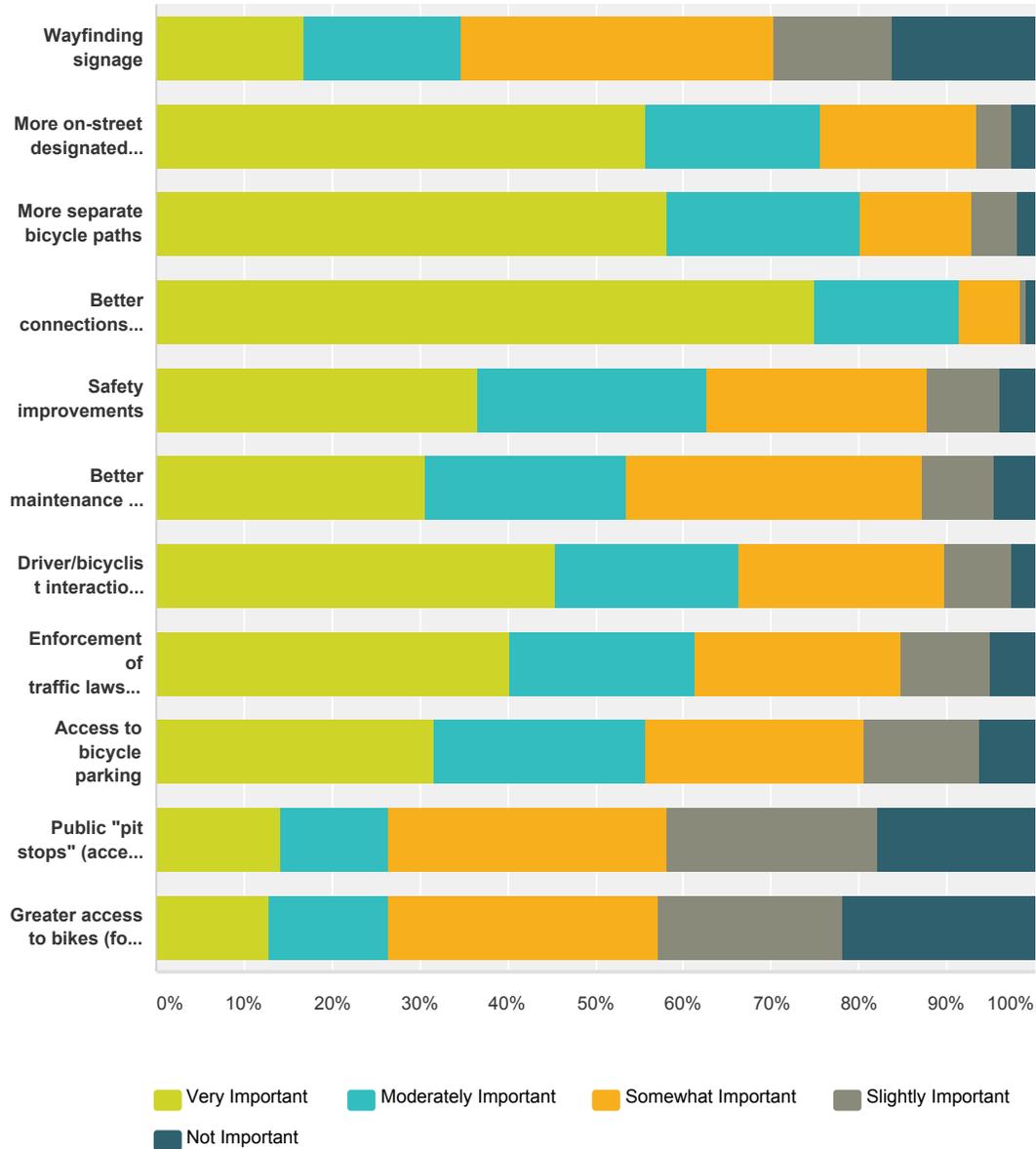
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Often distance rides	6/2/2016 2:32 PM
2	City bike/ped paths	5/23/2016 5:40 PM
3	Iron mtn	5/20/2016 3:34 PM
4	WF to Columbia Falls; downtown to ski area	5/20/2016 1:50 PM
5	Wherever I want/need to be, though not downtown	5/20/2016 1:15 PM
6	Yoga classes & boot camp at Yoga Room/SBGi.	5/20/2016 12:26 PM
7	Bike all round whitefish in every direction also commute to Kalispell at times	5/20/2016 12:21 PM
8	Kalispell and Columbia Falls	5/20/2016 9:19 AM
9	end of Whitefish Lake	5/20/2016 8:46 AM
10	to grocery shop	5/19/2016 10:20 PM
11	A route to town and back via streets and bike paths through neighborhoods and along the river.	5/19/2016 8:24 PM
12	bonsai	5/18/2016 9:55 PM
13	East Lakeshore Drive; East Edgewood	5/18/2016 5:13 PM
14	Reservoir Road	5/18/2016 2:17 PM
15	Around Whitefish within a 10 mile radius	5/18/2016 12:42 PM
16	East of the city	5/18/2016 12:15 PM
17	the wave	5/18/2016 12:04 PM
18	Voerman Rd. to Armory Rd. loop	5/18/2016 8:04 AM
19	Bonsai Brewery	5/17/2016 1:40 PM
20	Grocery stores	5/17/2016 12:17 PM
21	For exercise- north end of whitefish lake	5/17/2016 11:07 AM
22	Surrounding communities	5/17/2016 10:27 AM
23	I just REALLY enjoy riding around the trails in town, such as along the river and by the beach.	5/13/2016 4:38 PM
24	The Wave, dentist (near Alpine Market), hospital	5/13/2016 12:43 PM
25	Downtown Kalispell!!!	5/12/2016 12:16 PM
26	road	5/11/2016 10:54 AM
27	The Wave (my most common destination)	5/9/2016 10:10 AM

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28	run errands in whitefish	5/6/2016 6:17 PM
29	Kalispell	5/6/2016 11:36 AM
30	Grocery store (Super 1 & Safeway)	5/6/2016 7:24 AM
31	Spencer Mtn	5/5/2016 11:02 PM
32	just cruising around for fun	5/5/2016 6:01 PM
33	Need a path to happy valley!	5/5/2016 1:28 PM
34	Farmer's Market	5/5/2016 11:09 AM
35	Super 1	4/28/2016 5:00 PM
36	City paths- just for fun (not to get anywhere)	4/28/2016 1:43 PM
37	Edgewood drive	4/26/2016 8:04 AM
38	Farmers Market, Wave, Grocery Store	4/22/2016 8:02 PM
39	ride in the country east of Whitefish	4/16/2016 9:35 AM
40	The Wave and grocery stores and mall	4/14/2016 1:02 PM

Q5 As a frequent bicyclist in Whitefish, please rank what you feel are the most important improvements needed

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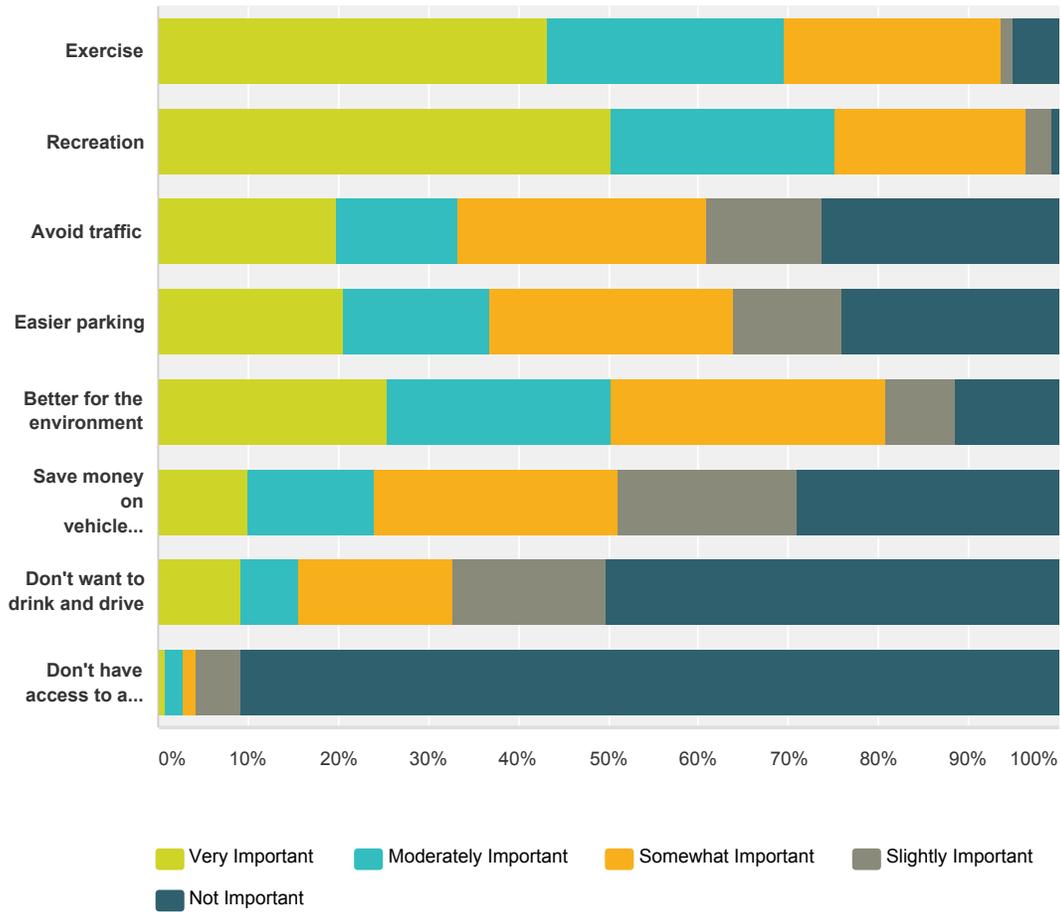
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Wayfinding signage	16.84% 33	17.86% 35	35.71% 70	13.27% 26	16.33% 32	196	2.94
More on-street designated bicycle routes	55.61% 109	19.90% 39	17.86% 35	4.08% 8	2.55% 5	196	1.78
More separate bicycle paths	58.16% 114	21.94% 43	12.76% 25	5.10% 10	2.04% 4	196	1.71

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Better connections between existing bicycle routes and paths	75.00% 147	16.33% 32	7.14% 14	0.51% 1	1.02% 2	196	1.36
Safety improvements	36.73% 72	26.02% 51	25.00% 49	8.16% 16	4.08% 8	196	2.17
Better maintenance of bicycle routes and paths	30.61% 60	22.96% 45	33.67% 66	8.16% 16	4.59% 9	196	2.33
Driver/bicyclist interactions (awareness and education)	45.41% 89	20.92% 41	23.47% 46	7.65% 15	2.55% 5	196	2.01
Enforcement of traffic laws to keep bicyclists safe	40.31% 79	20.92% 41	23.47% 46	10.20% 20	5.10% 10	196	2.19
Access to bicycle parking	31.63% 62	23.98% 47	25.00% 49	13.27% 26	6.12% 12	196	2.38
Public "pit stops" (access to air, work stations, etc.)	14.29% 28	12.24% 24	31.63% 62	23.98% 47	17.86% 35	196	3.19
Greater access to bikes (for example bike share programs, bikes for rent at hotels, etc.)	12.76% 25	13.78% 27	30.61% 60	20.92% 41	21.94% 43	196	3.26

Q6 Why do you ride your bicycle

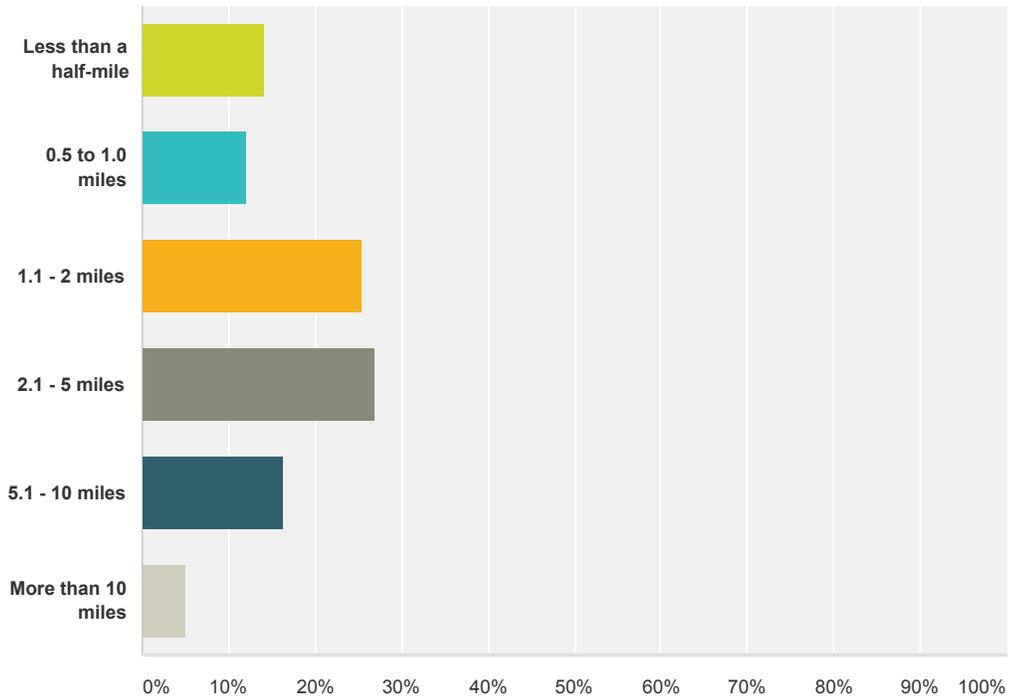
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	Very Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
Exercise	43.26% 61	26.24% 37	24.11% 34	1.42% 2	4.96% 7	141	1.99
Recreation	50.35% 71	24.82% 35	21.28% 30	2.84% 4	0.71% 1	141	1.79
Avoid traffic	19.86% 28	13.48% 19	27.66% 39	12.77% 18	26.24% 37	141	3.12
Easier parking	20.57% 29	16.31% 23	26.95% 38	12.06% 17	24.11% 34	141	3.03
Better for the environment	25.53% 36	24.82% 35	30.50% 43	7.80% 11	11.35% 16	141	2.55
Save money on vehicle expenses	9.93% 14	14.18% 20	26.95% 38	19.86% 28	29.08% 41	141	3.44
Don't want to drink and drive	9.22% 13	6.38% 9	17.02% 24	17.02% 24	50.35% 71	141	3.93
Don't have access to a vehicle or can't drive	0.71% 1	2.13% 3	1.42% 2	4.96% 7	90.78% 128	141	4.83

Q7 How far do you typically ride a bicycle each WEEK in Whitefish

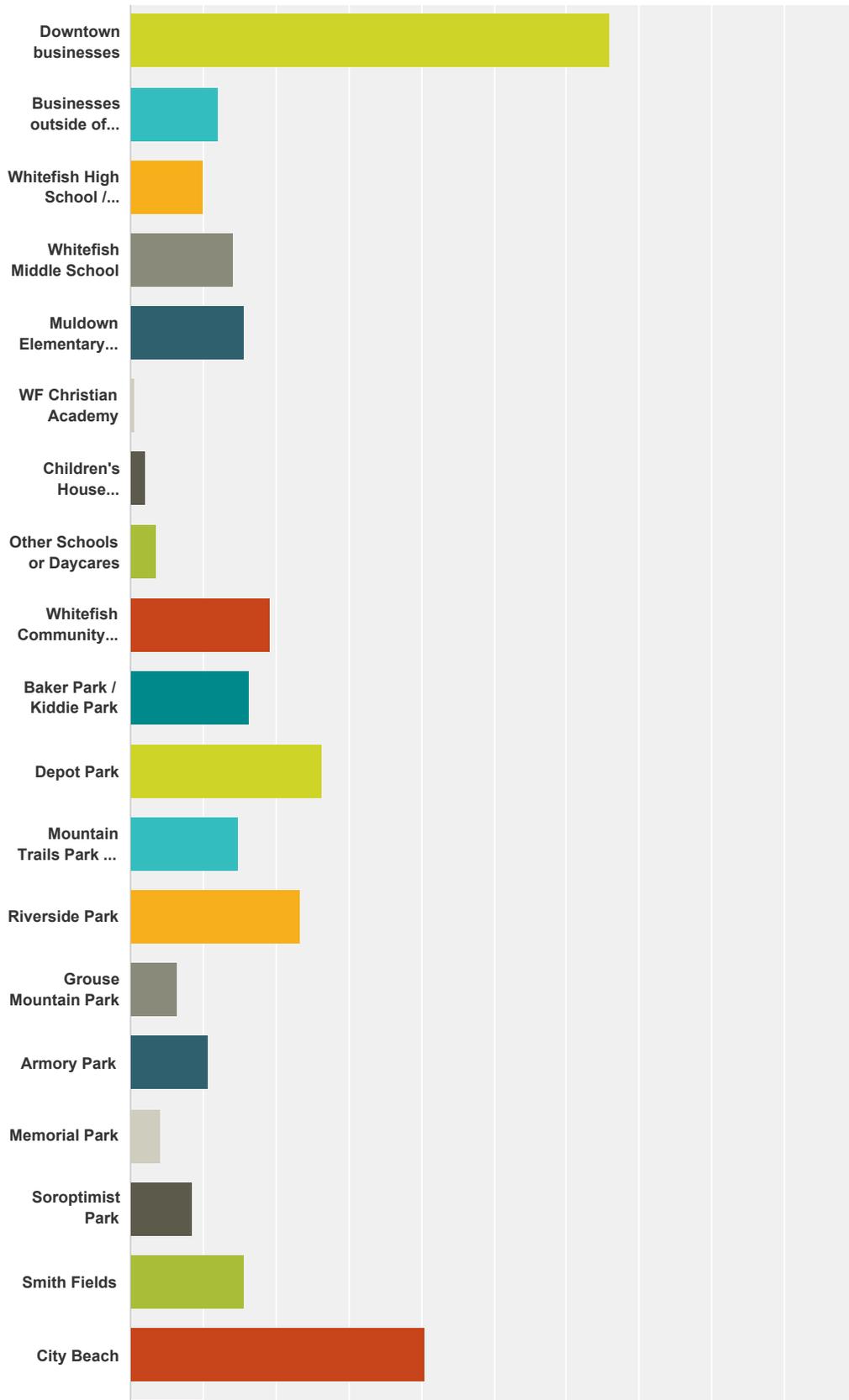
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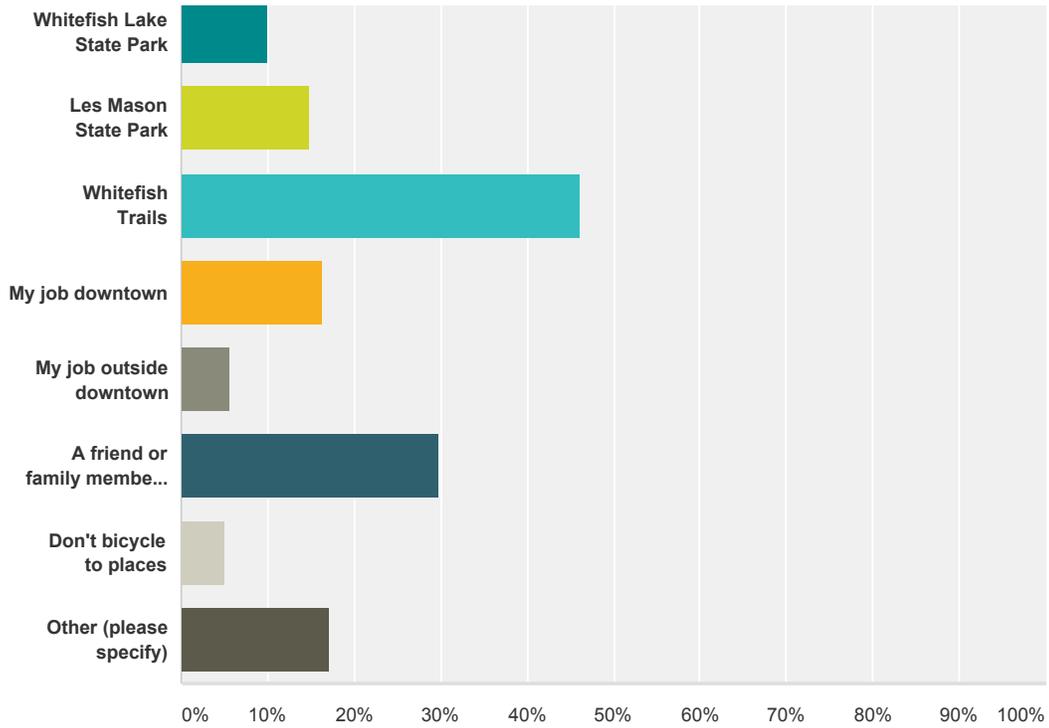
Answer Choices	Responses	
Less than a half-mile	14.18%	20
0.5 to 1.0 miles	12.06%	17
1.1 - 2 miles	25.53%	36
2.1 - 5 miles	26.95%	38
5.1 - 10 miles	16.31%	23
More than 10 miles	4.96%	7
Total		141

Q8 Where do you go to on your bicycle (check all that apply)

Answered: 141 Skipped: 278



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Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Downtown businesses	65.96%	93
Businesses outside of downtown	12.06%	17
Whitefish High School / Whitefish Independent High School	9.93%	14
Whitefish Middle School	14.18%	20
Muldown Elementary School	15.60%	22
WF Christian Academy	0.71%	1
Children's House Montessori	2.13%	3
Other Schools or Daycares	3.55%	5
Whitefish Community Library	19.15%	27
Baker Park / Kiddie Park	16.31%	23
Depot Park	26.24%	37
Mountain Trails Park / Stumptown Ice Den	14.89%	21
Riverside Park	23.40%	33
Grouse Mountain Park	6.38%	9
Armory Park	10.64%	15
Memorial Park	4.26%	6
Soroptimist Park	8.51%	12
Smith Fields	15.60%	22

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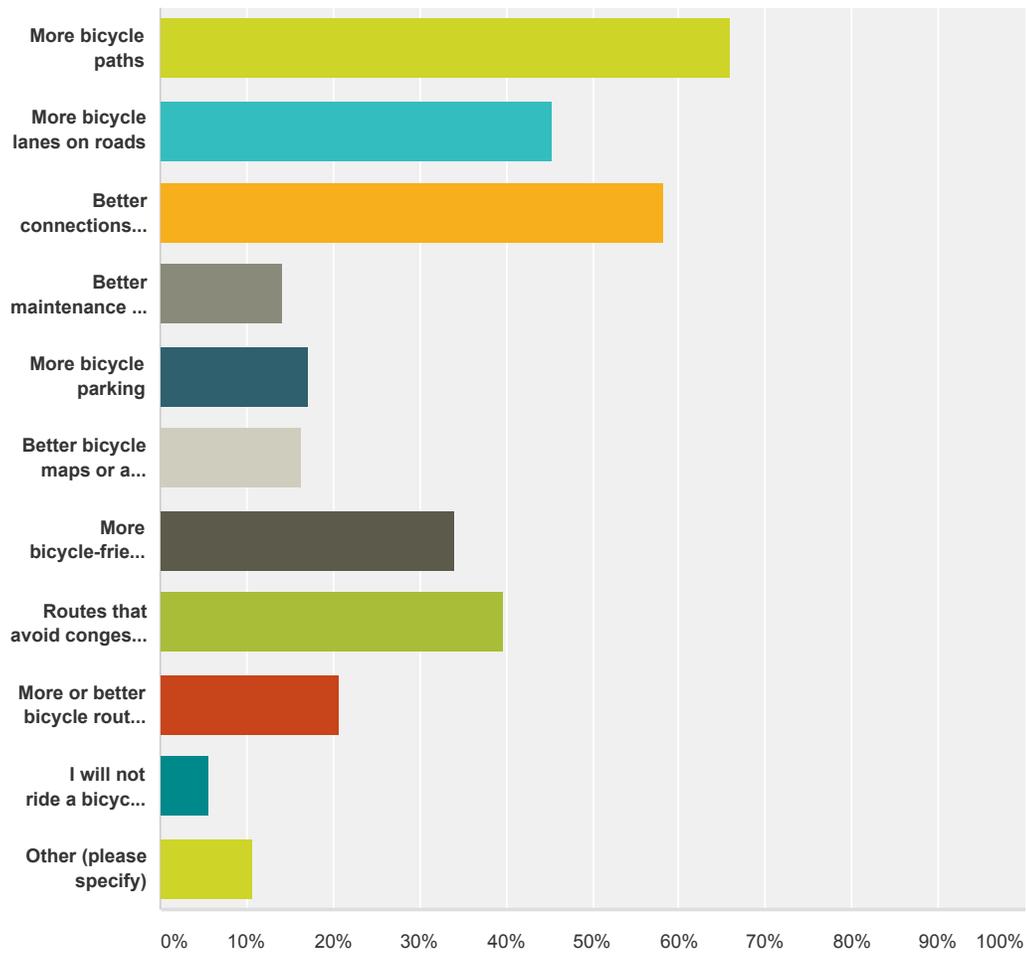
City Beach	40.43%	57
Whitefish Lake State Park	9.93%	14
Les Mason State Park	14.89%	21
Whitefish Trails	46.10%	65
My job downtown	16.31%	23
My job outside downtown	5.67%	8
A friend or family member's house	29.79%	42
Don't bicycle to places	4.96%	7
Other (please specify)	17.02%	24

Total Respondents: 141

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Hsbak	6/3/2016 11:20 PM
2	Whitefish Mountain	5/27/2016 7:40 AM
3	Exercise: Big Mountain Road / Ironwood	5/26/2016 7:41 PM
4	Into town from home on Blanchard Lake Road	5/21/2016 11:12 AM
5	East lakeshore Dr	5/20/2016 8:36 PM
6	Columbia Falls	5/19/2016 6:58 PM
7	CFalls, Kalispell	5/18/2016 12:40 PM
8	Happy Valler and state land	5/17/2016 5:58 PM
9	Farmers market	5/17/2016 4:55 PM
10	Roadways in the area	5/17/2016 12:47 PM
11	I usually just go on a ride, rather than riding from one business to another.	5/17/2016 12:07 PM
12	Just around for pleasure	5/17/2016 11:40 AM
13	around my neighborhood	5/17/2016 10:57 AM
14	Walk to work, and especially walk the dog in the winter when there is less access to public trails.	5/17/2016 10:26 AM
15	restaurant	5/17/2016 10:24 AM
16	Just ride around town for recreation or exercise	5/17/2016 10:24 AM
17	The Springs at Whitefish	5/17/2016 9:20 AM
18	Like to use the bike paths for recreation	5/4/2016 3:04 PM
19	just use the bike paths	5/4/2016 9:03 AM
20	Bonsai Brewing!	5/3/2016 11:06 AM
21	sometimes to Glacier Unitarian Fellowship on Trumble Creek Rd	5/2/2016 4:49 PM
22	I ride to/from all locations to avoid boredom, not as a destination	4/28/2016 3:49 PM
23	wherever the desire leads me	4/22/2016 10:59 AM
24	Community garden, Doctor appt, hospital, when ever I can, out to lunch, bank, credit union, grocery	4/16/2016 11:02 AM

Q9 What would make you ride your bicycle more (check all that apply)

Answered: 141 Skipped: 278



Answer Choices	Responses
More bicycle paths	65.96% 93
More bicycle lanes on roads	45.39% 64
Better connections between routes	58.16% 82
Better maintenance of bicycle routes or paths	14.18% 20
More bicycle parking	17.02% 24
Better bicycle maps or a smartphone app	16.31% 23
More bicycle-friendly drivers	34.04% 48
Routes that avoid congested areas	39.72% 56
More or better bicycle route signs	20.57% 29
I will not ride a bicycle more	5.67% 8

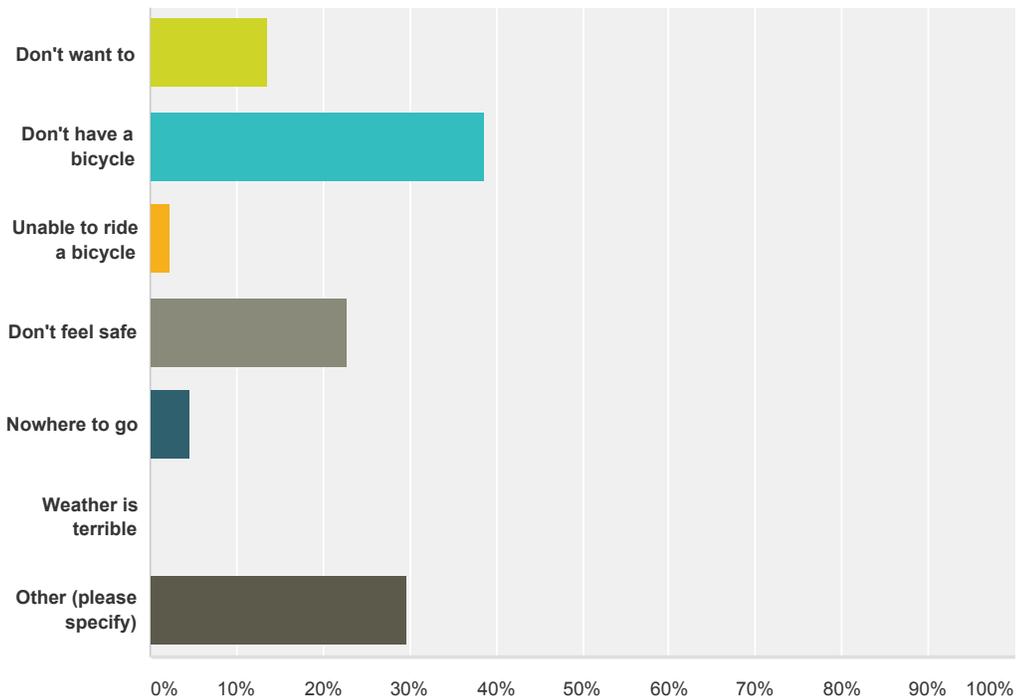
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Other (please specify)	10.64%	15
Total Respondents: 141		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Spencer Mountain	6/4/2016 10:00 PM
2	Trail to twin bridges and connection bridge between skyles and spencer	5/31/2016 5:35 PM
3	Stop signs at "uncontrolled intersections." We have occasional near-misses when driving, so we're afraid to bike in the neighborhood east of downtown.	5/23/2016 3:49 PM
4	If I didn't need a car for work site visits	5/18/2016 2:34 PM
5	When my son is a little older and can keep up!	5/17/2016 6:32 PM
6	Bike path to town from Happy Valley	5/17/2016 5:58 PM
7	Armory Road is terrible for bikes and yet it is the preferred method for kids to get to the skate park....very unsafe!!!	5/17/2016 11:57 AM
8	DO NOT CONDEMN PROPERTY TO ADD MORE ROUTES	5/17/2016 11:39 AM
9	access to the soccer fields.	5/17/2016 10:26 AM
10	vehicle safety awareness of bicyclers	5/17/2016 10:13 AM
11	retirement	5/4/2016 9:03 AM
12	a new bike!	5/2/2016 11:11 AM
13	More riding options, no interaction w/ traffic, longer rides	4/28/2016 3:49 PM
14	bike paths are not where I'm heading and it appears they are not getting all the use they should. They're not for me, apparently not really for others either and they are not maintained. Not sure you need to keep investing.	4/22/2016 10:59 AM
15	Being younger (I am 84), less killer hill @ home, more warm weather, a group of elders who are less 'gung-ho' ng-ho' (am looking for same), grocery, credit union, bank,	4/16/2016 11:02 AM

Q10 Why don't you ride a bicycle (check all that apply)

Answered: 44 Skipped: 375



Answer Choices	Responses	
Don't want to	13.64%	6
Don't have a bicycle	38.64%	17
Unable to ride a bicycle	2.27%	1
Don't feel safe	22.73%	10
Nowhere to go	4.55%	2
Weather is terrible	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	29.55%	13
Total Respondents: 44		

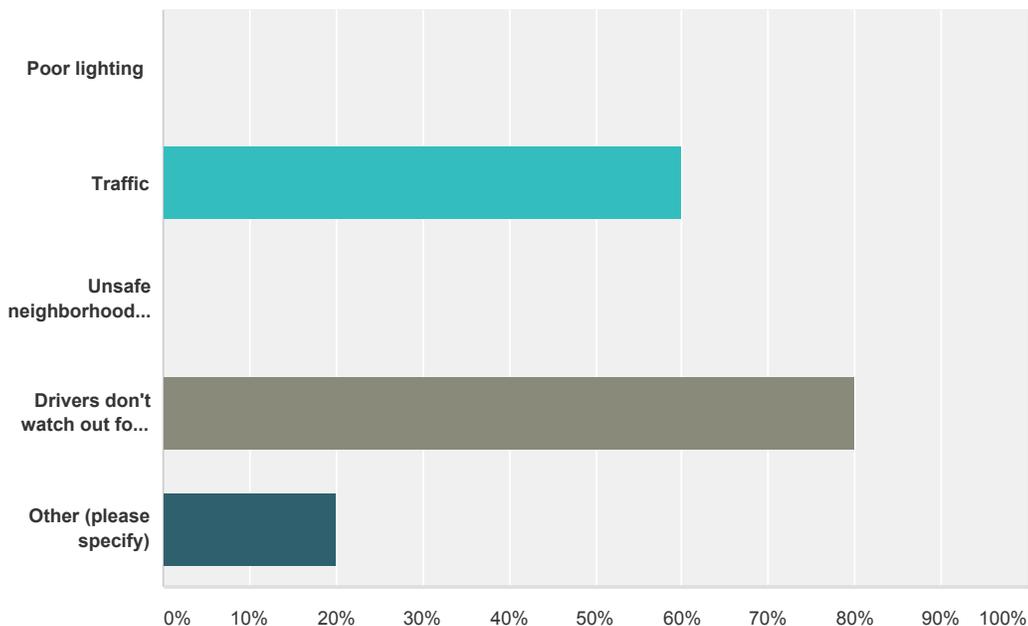
#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Commute to work from out of town	5/30/2016 9:20 AM
2	speeding traffic	5/24/2016 9:15 PM
3	difficult to get my bike to downtown from home	5/24/2016 3:52 PM
4	Live in Columbia Falls	5/22/2016 5:30 PM
5	Used to ride a horse, never got used to a bike. soon to be 82 yrs. old	5/21/2016 3:58 PM
6	orthopedically unable to do so but support a bike path for others	5/19/2016 10:04 AM
7	we live in happ valley	5/19/2016 5:18 AM

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8	Live too far outside the City	5/18/2016 11:50 AM
9	Reside south of town and there is not a safe bike route.	5/17/2016 10:57 AM
10	Traffic is often sporadically dangerous in and around town	5/17/2016 9:51 AM
11	I only work in Whitefish, I don't live here	5/17/2016 9:21 AM
12	Live in Kalispell, but have friends that do go up to Whitefish to ride	4/30/2016 8:09 PM
13	live off hwy 40 so ride in that area. work close to downtown and walk everywhere. Would ride bike if I lived in town.	4/28/2016 3:38 PM

Q11 Why don't you feel safe (check all that apply)

Answered: 10 Skipped: 409



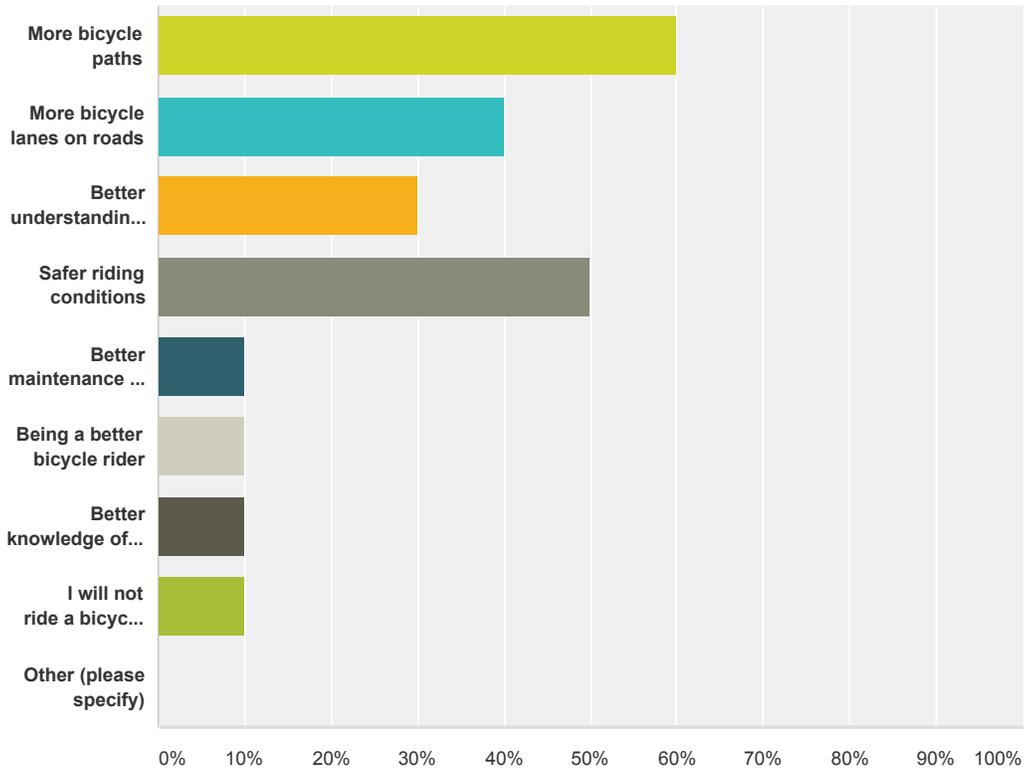
Answer Choices	Responses
Poor lighting	0.00% 0
Traffic	60.00% 6
Unsafe neighborhoods or areas	0.00% 0
Drivers don't watch out for bicyclists	80.00% 8
Other (please specify)	20.00% 2
Total Respondents: 10	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Not many bike lanes in places of high speed traffic	5/20/2016 6:00 PM
2	It's me, not the path. But I do think that the lighting is terribly inadequate!	5/18/2016 11:43 AM

Never Bikers

Q12 What would make you ride a bicycle in Whitefish in the future (check all that apply)

Answered: 10 Skipped: 409

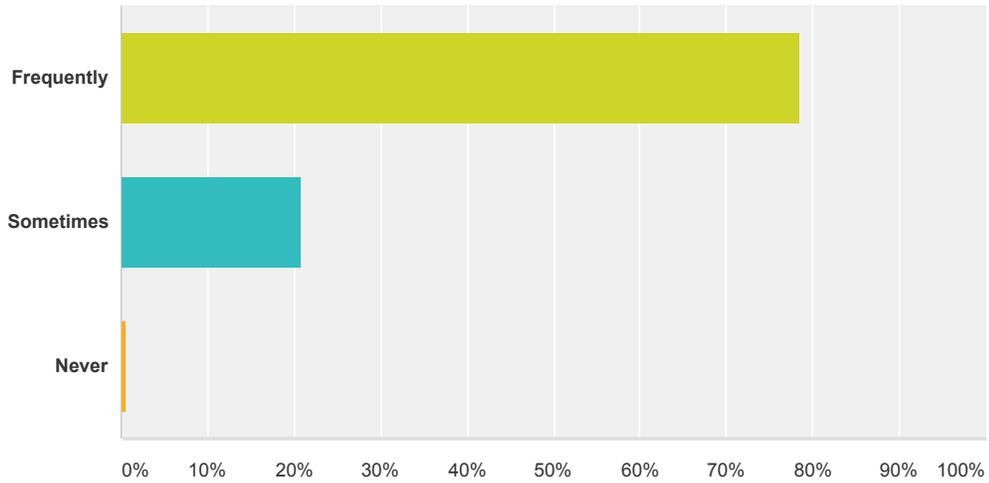


Answer Choices	Responses
More bicycle paths	60.00% 6
More bicycle lanes on roads	40.00% 4
Better understanding of bicycle routes	30.00% 3
Safer riding conditions	50.00% 5
Better maintenance of bicycle routes and paths	10.00% 1
Being a better bicycle rider	10.00% 1
Better knowledge of bicycling road rules	10.00% 1
I will not ride a bicycle more in the future	10.00% 1
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 10	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
	There are no responses.	

Q13 How often do you walk outdoors in Whitefish

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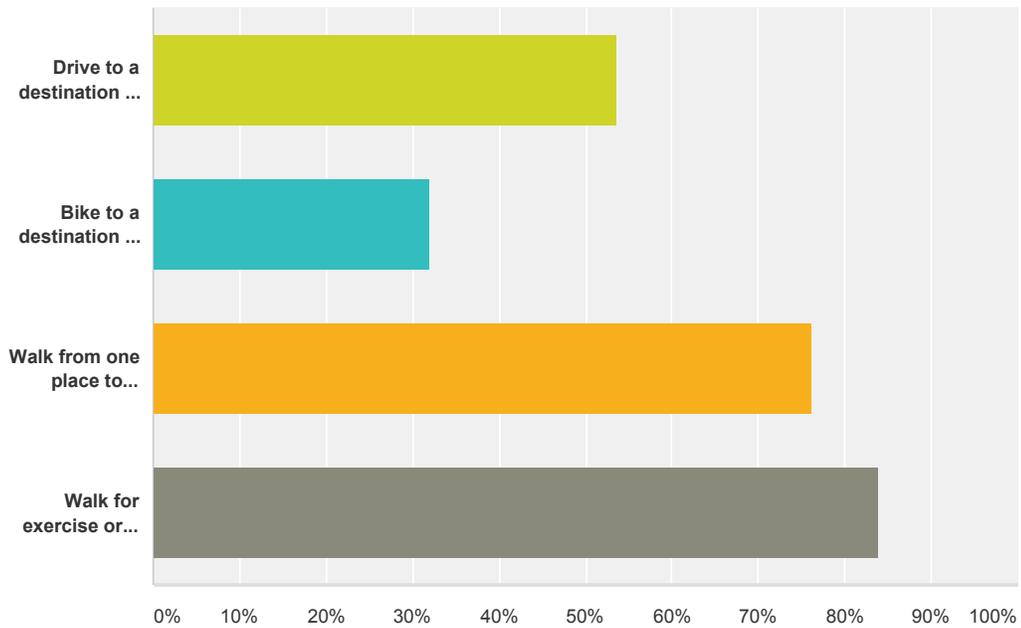


Answer Choices	Responses
Frequently	78.57% 297
Sometimes	20.90% 79
Never	0.53% 2
Total	378

Frequent Walkers

Q14 When you walk in Whitefish do you (check all that apply):

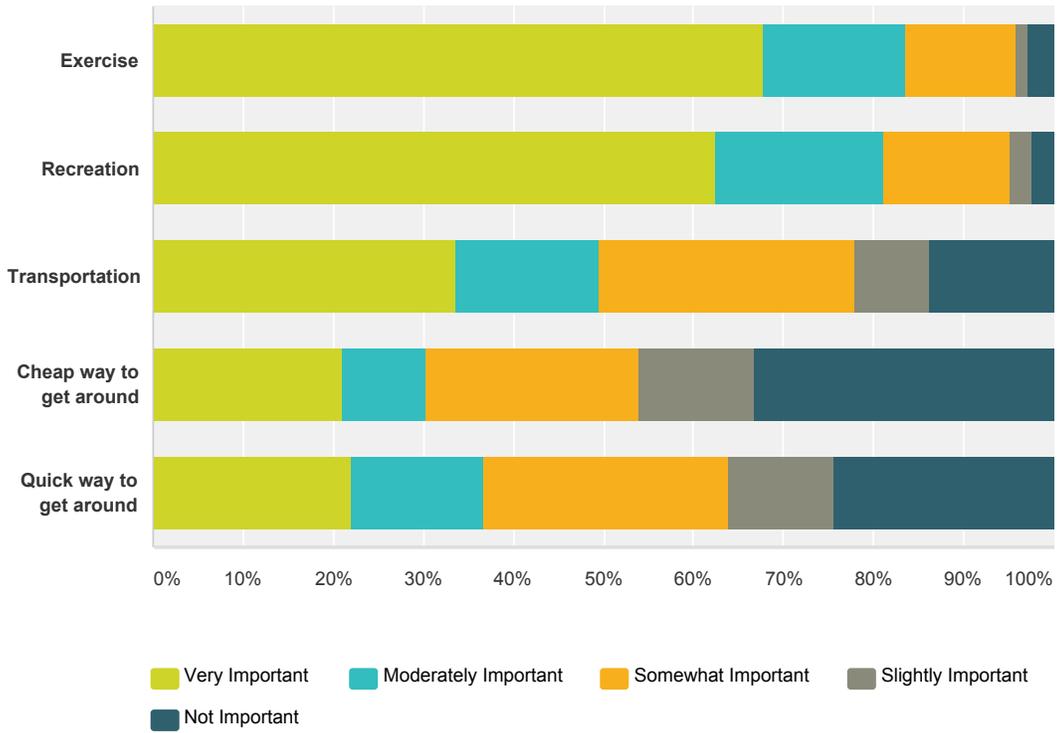
Answered: 291 Skipped: 128



Answer Choices	Responses
Drive to a destination and walk around there	53.61% 156
Bike to a destination and walk around there	31.96% 93
Walk from one place to another (walking as a form of transportation)	76.29% 222
Walk for exercise or recreation	83.85% 244
Total Respondents: 291	

Q15 Why do you walk

Answered: 291 Skipped: 128

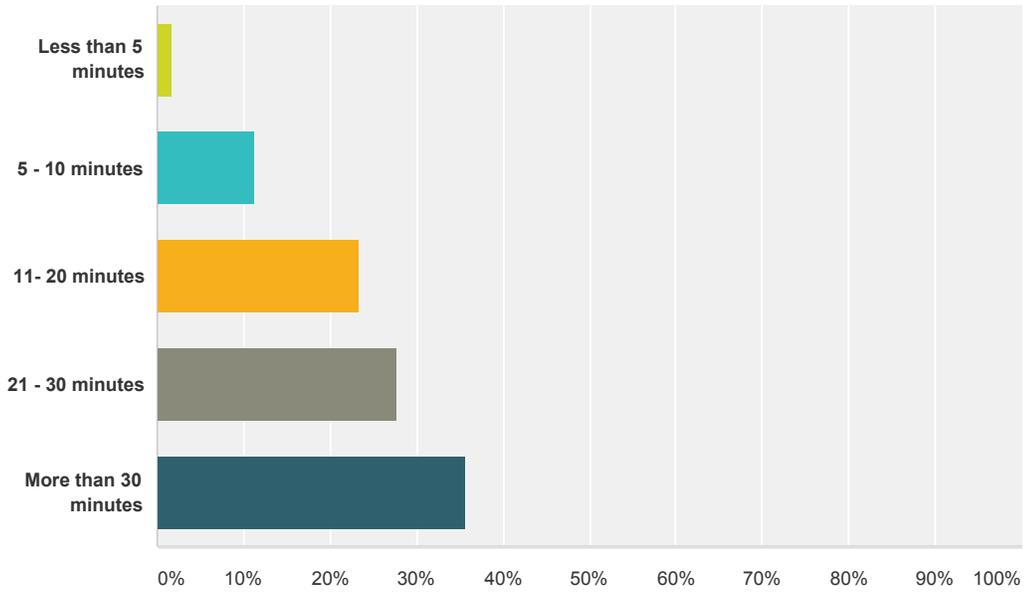


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Exercise	67.70% 197	15.81% 46	12.37% 36	1.37% 4	2.75% 8	291	1.56
Recreation	62.54% 182	18.56% 54	14.09% 41	2.41% 7	2.41% 7	291	1.64
Transportation	33.68% 98	15.81% 46	28.52% 83	8.25% 24	13.75% 40	291	2.53
Cheap way to get around	20.96% 61	9.28% 27	23.71% 69	12.71% 37	33.33% 97	291	3.28
Quick way to get around	21.99% 64	14.78% 43	27.15% 79	11.68% 34	24.40% 71	291	3.02

Frequent Walkers

Q16 On an average DAY, how much time do you spend walking in Whitefish

Answered: 291 Skipped: 128

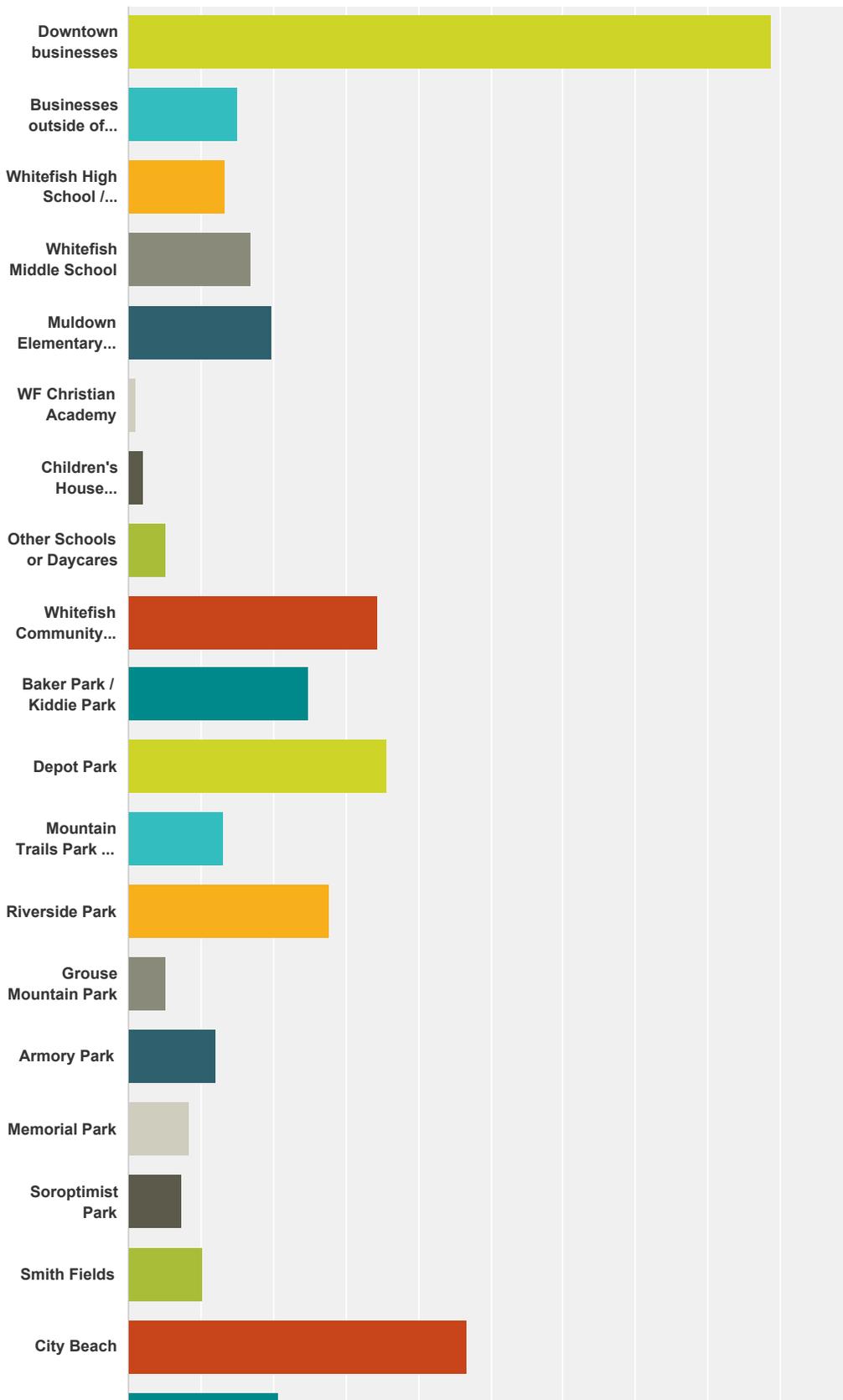


Answer Choices	Responses
Less than 5 minutes	1.72% 5
5 - 10 minutes	11.34% 33
11- 20 minutes	23.37% 68
21 - 30 minutes	27.84% 81
More than 30 minutes	35.74% 104
Total	291

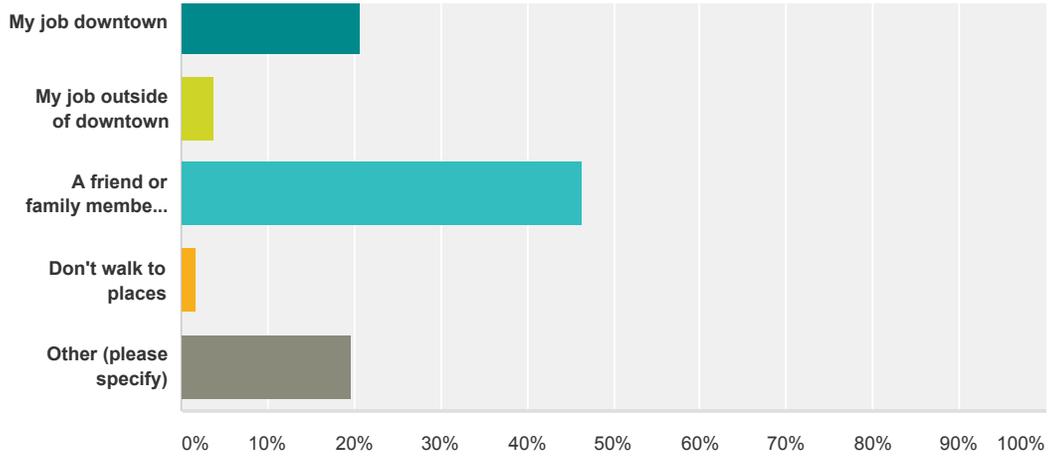
Frequent Walkers

Q17 Where do you walk to (check all that apply)

Answered: 291 Skipped: 128



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Answer Choices	Responses	
Downtown businesses	88.66%	258
Businesses outside of downtown	15.12%	44
Whitefish High School / Whitefish Independent High School	13.40%	39
Whitefish Middle School	16.84%	49
Muldown Elementary School	19.93%	58
WF Christian Academy	1.03%	3
Children's House Montessori	2.06%	6
Other Schools or Daycares	5.15%	15
Whitefish Community Library	34.36%	100
Baker Park / Kiddie Park	24.74%	72
Depot Park	35.74%	104
Mountain Trails Park / Stumptown Ice Den	13.06%	38
Riverside Park	27.84%	81
Grouse Mountain Park	5.15%	15
Armory Park	12.03%	35
Memorial Park	8.25%	24
Soroptimist Park	7.22%	21
Smith Fields	10.31%	30
City Beach	46.74%	136
My job downtown	20.62%	60
My job outside of downtown	3.78%	11
A friend or family member's house	46.39%	135
Don't walk to places	1.72%	5

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Other (please specify)	19.59%	57
Total Respondents: 291		

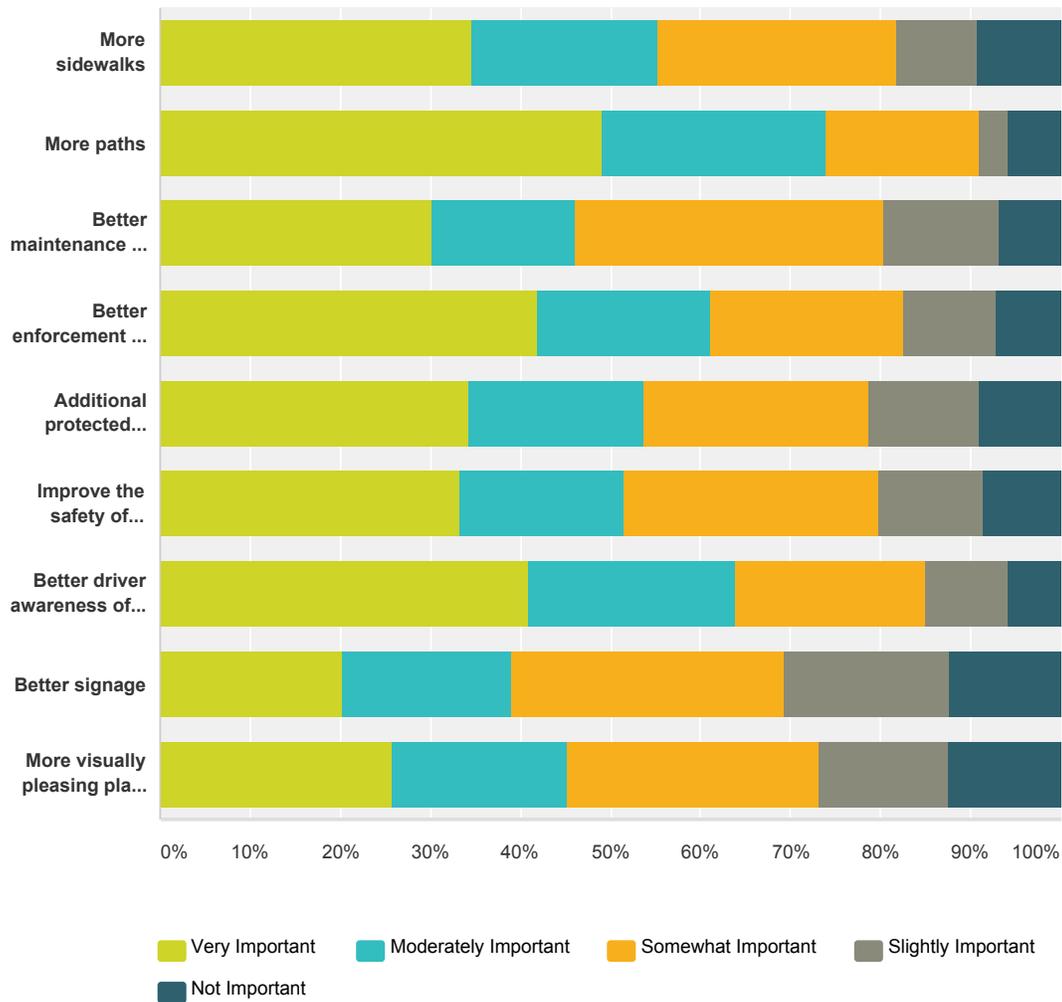
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1	Dog park	6/3/2016 11:21 PM
2	the post office :)	6/3/2016 4:00 PM
3	The river trail area	5/24/2016 3:02 PM
4	Events in Whitefish at the O'Shaughnessy Center	5/23/2016 5:43 PM
5	Events in Whitefish at the O'Shaughnessy Center	5/23/2016 5:22 PM
6	To mailbox	5/21/2016 5:06 AM
7	East Lakeshore Dr	5/20/2016 8:39 PM
8	Several loops north of via duct	5/20/2016 6:30 PM
9	Whitefish Trails	5/20/2016 6:02 PM
10	Wherever I want/need to be, though never downtown	5/20/2016 1:16 PM
11	dog park	5/20/2016 11:37 AM
12	Whitefish trails, my neighbourhood	5/20/2016 9:16 AM
13	generally walk loops out and back through the city	5/20/2016 7:32 AM
14	I drive in order to meet and walk with the Whitefish Walkers	5/19/2016 8:30 PM
15	Great Northern Peace Park	5/19/2016 10:06 AM
16	train depot	5/18/2016 9:02 PM
17	Running on streets/paths	5/18/2016 5:16 PM
18	Reservoir Road towards Haskill Basin	5/18/2016 2:20 PM
19	East & south of the city	5/18/2016 12:18 PM
20	The Wave	5/18/2016 11:53 AM
21	My property	5/18/2016 11:45 AM
22	WF trails from Monegan	5/18/2016 10:06 AM
23	bike/walking paths around town	5/17/2016 9:46 PM
24	Different locations with Whitefish Walkers	5/17/2016 7:48 PM
25	We frequently do the Voerman, Armory Loop	5/17/2016 6:05 PM
26	Happy Valley state land	5/17/2016 6:01 PM
27	Riverside trail near Don K	5/17/2016 4:57 PM
28	Trail around railroad yards and the river trail at JP Road	5/17/2016 2:02 PM
29	I like to walk on the Whitefish trails and I like to make a loop from downtown, over to the dog park, over to Super One and back to downtown.	5/17/2016 12:10 PM
30	Whitefish trails	5/17/2016 11:10 AM
31	Whitefish Trails	5/17/2016 10:28 AM
32	neighborhoods around town	5/17/2016 10:26 AM
33	walk with friends,family and dog	5/17/2016 10:21 AM
34	whitefish trail system, lion mountain trail	5/17/2016 9:25 AM
35	Trails along river (off of Monegan and from Railway district), Viking Creek wetlands	5/17/2016 9:12 AM
36	Walk on Whitefish Trail	5/12/2016 12:18 PM

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37	the sidewalks with my dog	5/11/2016 10:56 AM
38	Walking the dog	5/9/2016 9:04 PM
39	I make a loop from my house and back.	5/9/2016 10:29 AM
40	walk for exercise around town	5/6/2016 6:19 PM
41	Markets/businesses north of viaduct	5/6/2016 11:35 AM
42	Safeway, Glacier Medical, Wave, USPS	5/6/2016 11:07 AM
43	post office, bank	5/6/2016 7:25 AM
44	Dog walk on Whitefish trail system	5/5/2016 7:07 PM
45	I	5/5/2016 7:06 PM
46	Whitefish Trail	5/5/2016 2:07 PM
47	WF Trail	5/5/2016 1:25 PM
48	Post office	5/5/2016 11:53 AM
49	Bonsai Brewing!	5/3/2016 11:07 AM
50	no place in general--just to get outside	5/2/2016 11:14 AM
51	Bars, restaurants	4/28/2016 5:03 PM
52	Dog Park	4/28/2016 2:30 PM
53	Walk to access the Whitefish River (with my paddleboard)	4/28/2016 1:46 PM
54	I frequently walk my dog.	4/26/2016 4:40 PM
55	my neighborhood	4/22/2016 11:01 AM
56	Near home, whitefish trail	4/16/2016 11:04 AM
57	the Wave	4/14/2016 1:04 PM

Q18 As a frequent walker, what do you think is most needed in Whitefish

Answered: 291 Skipped: 128



	Very Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
More sidewalks	34.71% 101	20.62% 60	26.46% 77	8.93% 26	9.28% 27	291	2.37
More paths	49.14% 143	24.74% 72	17.18% 50	3.09% 9	5.84% 17	291	1.92
Better maintenance of existing sidewalks and paths	30.24% 88	15.81% 46	34.36% 100	12.71% 37	6.87% 20	291	2.50
Better enforcement of sidewalk snow removal	41.92% 122	19.24% 56	21.31% 62	10.31% 30	7.22% 21	291	2.22
Additional protected pedestrian street crossings	34.36% 100	19.24% 56	25.09% 73	12.37% 36	8.93% 26	291	2.42
Improve the safety of current pedestrian street crossings	33.33% 97	18.21% 53	28.18% 82	11.68% 34	8.59% 25	291	2.44
Better driver awareness of pedestrians	40.89% 119	23.02% 67	20.96% 61	9.28% 27	5.84% 17	291	2.16

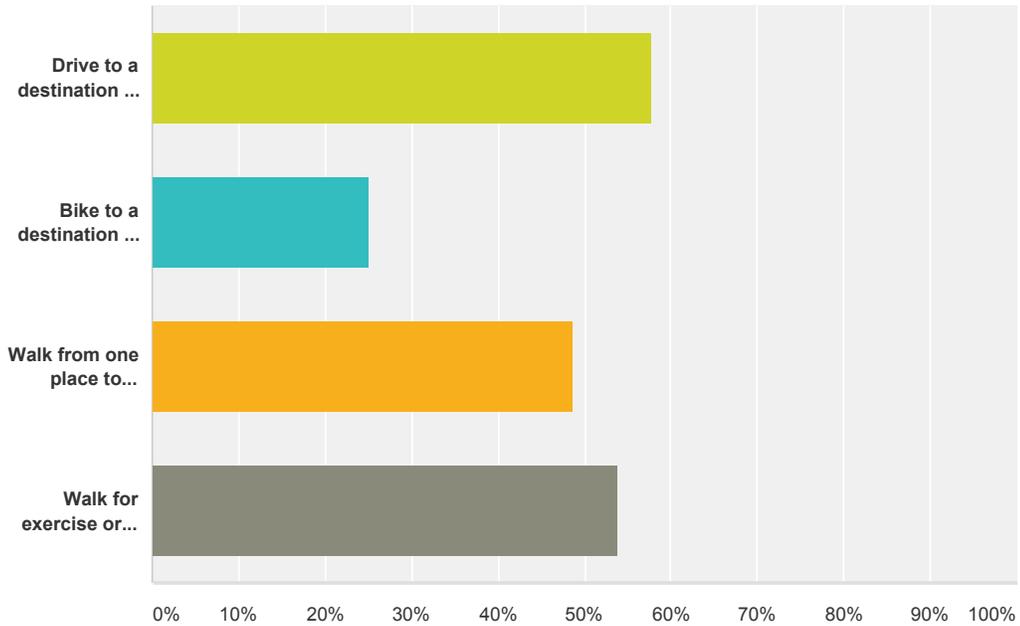
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Better signage	20.27% 59	18.90% 55	30.24% 88	18.21% 53	12.37% 36	291	2.84
More visually pleasing places to walk (more landscaping, benches, etc.)	25.77% 75	19.59% 57	27.84% 81	14.43% 42	12.37% 36	291	2.68

Sometimes Walkers

Q19 When you walk in Whitefish do you (check all that apply):

Answered: 76 Skipped: 343

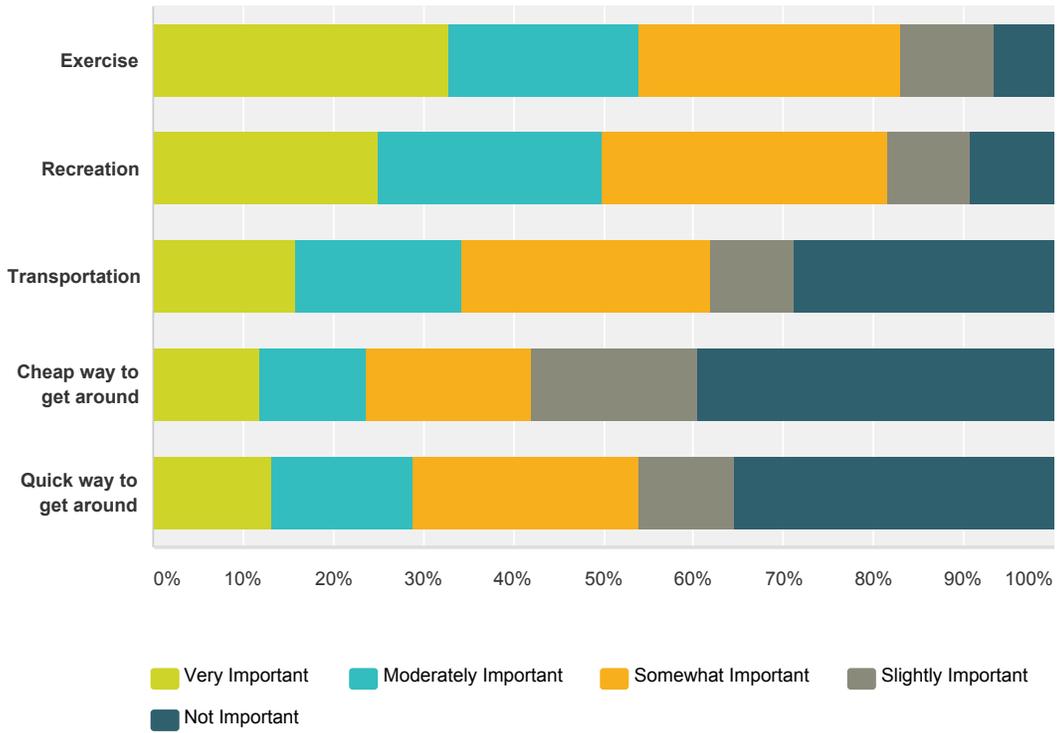


Answer Choices	Responses
Drive to a destination and walk around there	57.89% 44
Bike to a destination and walk around there	25.00% 19
Walk from one place to another (walking as a form of transportation)	48.68% 37
Walk for exercise or recreation	53.95% 41
Total Respondents: 76	

Sometimes Walkers

Q20 Why do you walk in Whitefish

Answered: 76 Skipped: 343

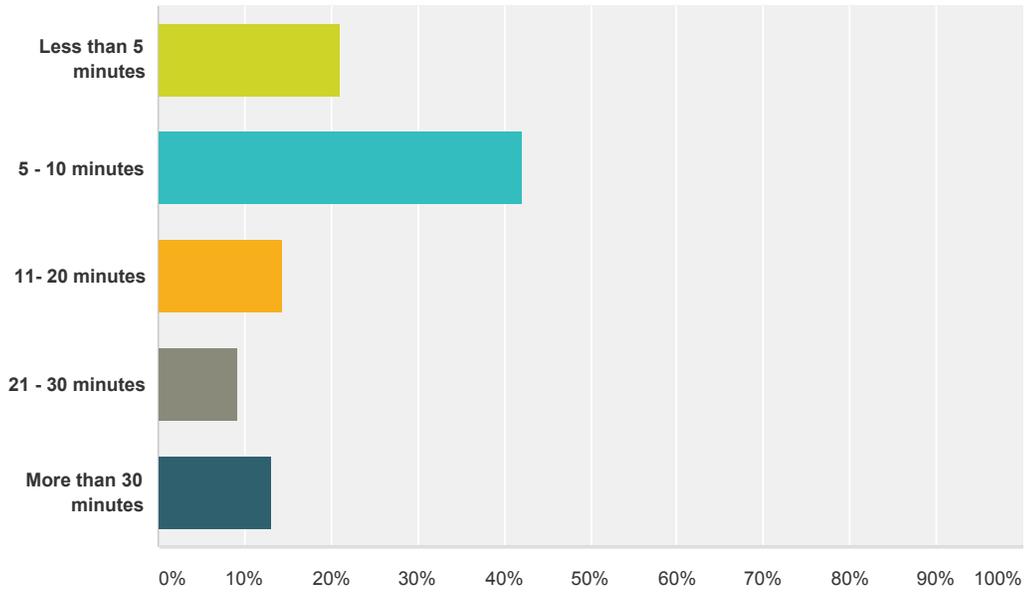


	Very Important	Moderately Important	Somewhat Important	Slightly Important	Not Important	Total	Weighted Average
Exercise	32.89% 25	21.05% 16	28.95% 22	10.53% 8	6.58% 5	76	2.37
Recreation	25.00% 19	25.00% 19	31.58% 24	9.21% 7	9.21% 7	76	2.53
Transportation	15.79% 12	18.42% 14	27.63% 21	9.21% 7	28.95% 22	76	3.17
Cheap way to get around	11.84% 9	11.84% 9	18.42% 14	18.42% 14	39.47% 30	76	3.62
Quick way to get around	13.16% 10	15.79% 12	25.00% 19	10.53% 8	35.53% 27	76	3.39

Sometimes Walkers

Q21 On an average DAY, how much time do you spend walking in Whitefish

Answered: 76 Skipped: 343

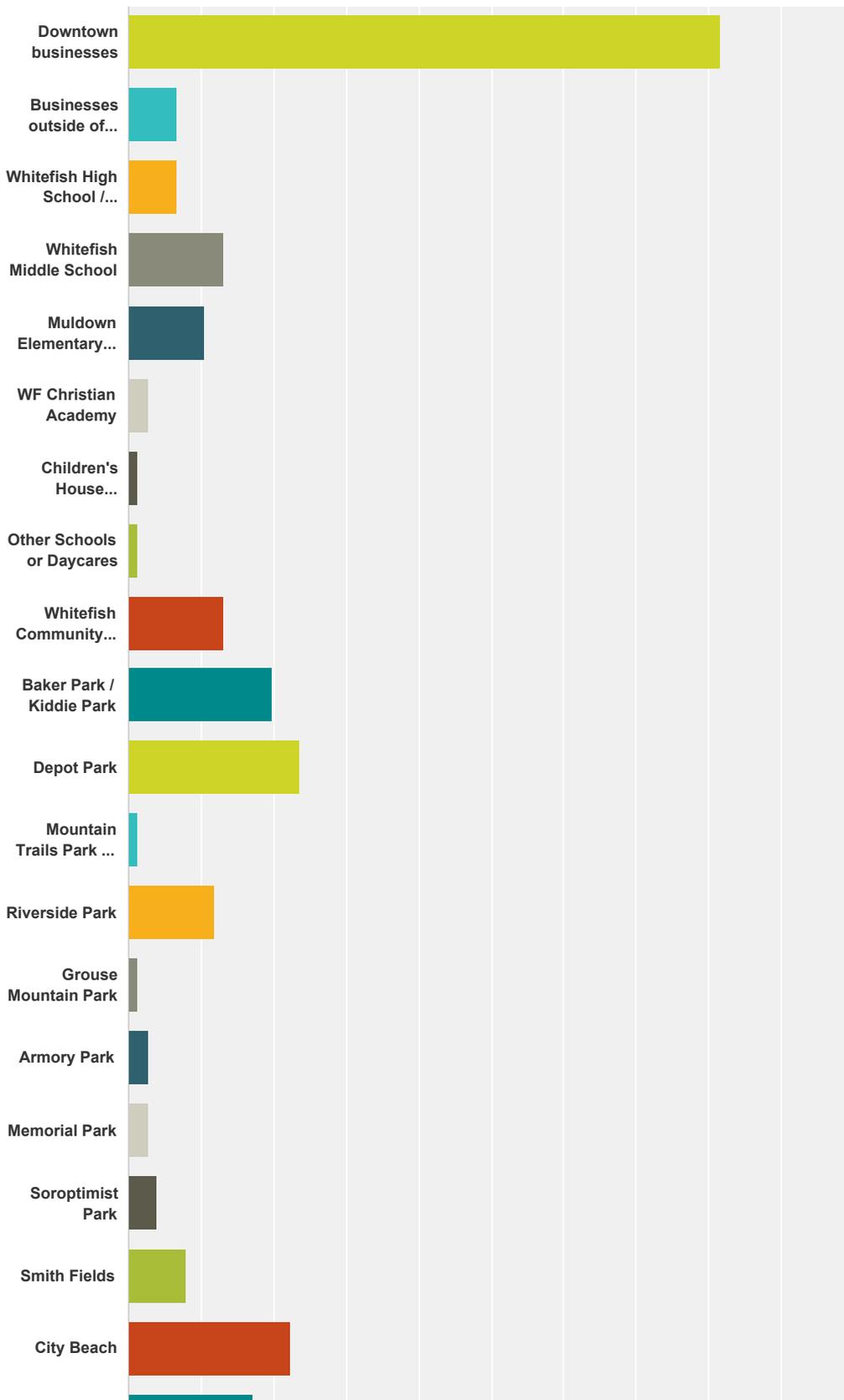


Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Less than 5 minutes	21.05%	16
5 - 10 minutes	42.11%	32
11- 20 minutes	14.47%	11
21 - 30 minutes	9.21%	7
More than 30 minutes	13.16%	10
Total		76

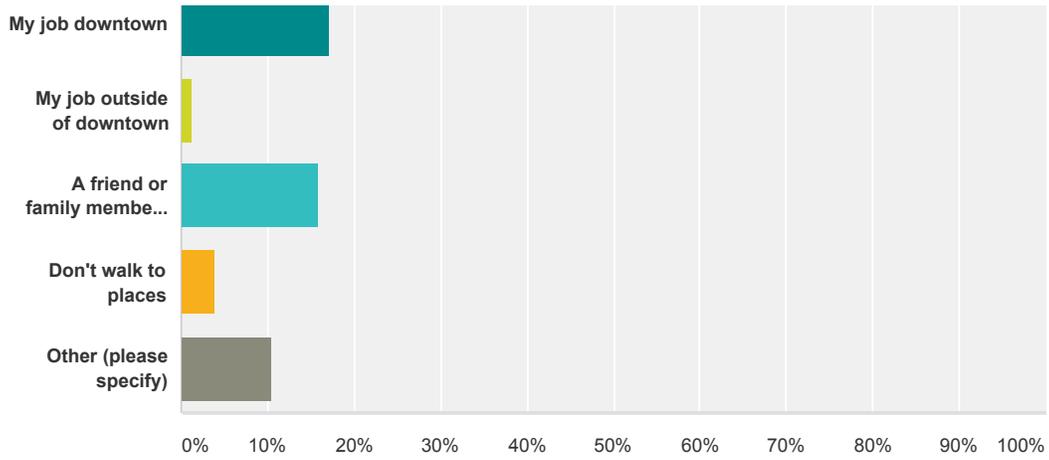
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Q22 Where do you walk to (check all that apply)

Answered: 76 Skipped: 343



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Answer Choices	Responses	
Downtown businesses	81.58%	62
Businesses outside of downtown	6.58%	5
Whitefish High School / Whitefish Independent High School	6.58%	5
Whitefish Middle School	13.16%	10
Muldown Elementary School	10.53%	8
WF Christian Academy	2.63%	2
Children's House Montessori	1.32%	1
Other Schools or Daycares	1.32%	1
Whitefish Community Library	13.16%	10
Baker Park / Kiddie Park	19.74%	15
Depot Park	23.68%	18
Mountain Trails Park / Stumptown Ice Den	1.32%	1
Riverside Park	11.84%	9
Grouse Mountain Park	1.32%	1
Armory Park	2.63%	2
Memorial Park	2.63%	2
Soroptimist Park	3.95%	3
Smith Fields	7.89%	6
City Beach	22.37%	17
My job downtown	17.11%	13
My job outside of downtown	1.32%	1
A friend or family member's house	15.79%	12
Don't walk to places	3.95%	3

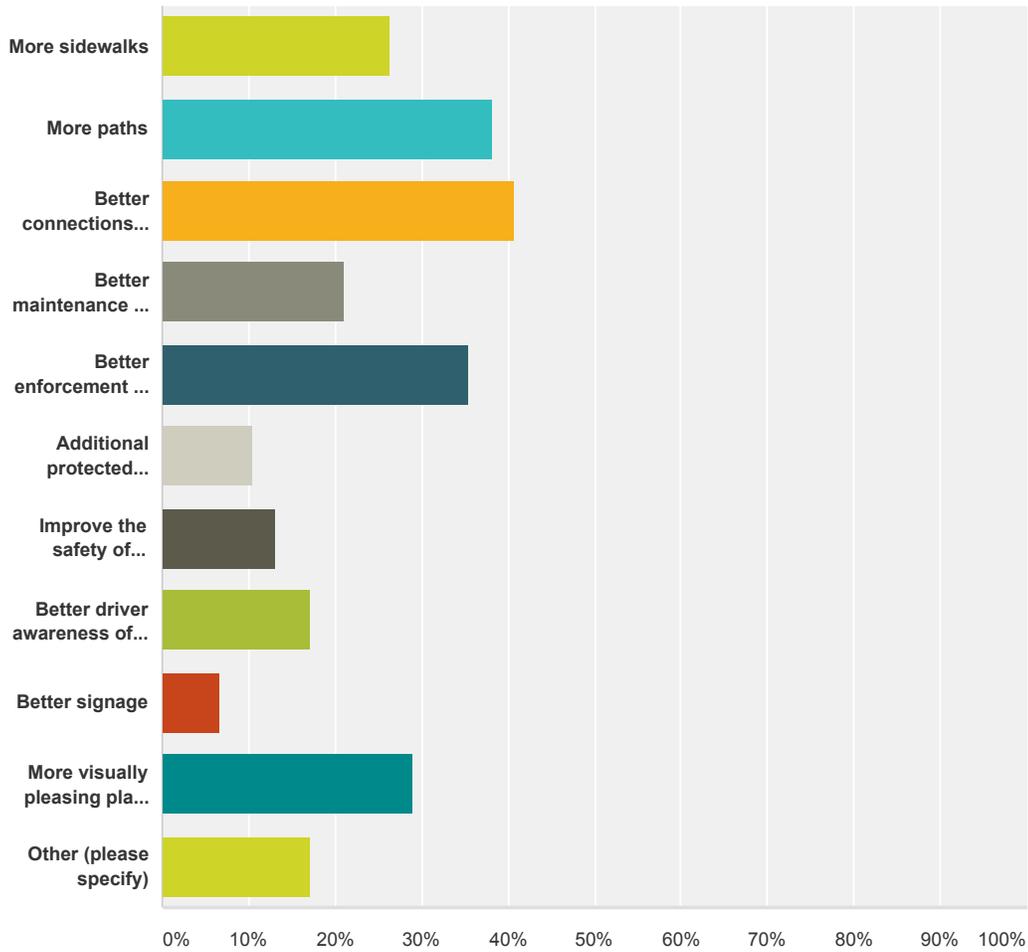
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Other (please specify)	10.53%	8
Total Respondents: 76		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	dog walking on the edges of town	5/20/2016 5:27 PM
2	My neighborhood	5/19/2016 9:51 AM
3	the wave	5/18/2016 12:06 PM
4	Bank	5/18/2016 10:15 AM
5	Just around my house for pleasure.	5/17/2016 11:42 AM
6	Lion Mountain	5/13/2016 4:39 PM
7	church	5/5/2016 9:56 AM
8	All over, primarily as exercise	4/28/2016 3:52 PM

Q23 What would make you walk more (check all that apply)

Answered: 76 Skipped: 343



Answer Choices	Responses
More sidewalks	26.32% 20
More paths	38.16% 29
Better connections between routes	40.79% 31
Better maintenance of existing sidewalks and paths	21.05% 16
Better enforcement of sidewalk snow removal	35.53% 27
Additional protected pedestrian street crossings	10.53% 8
Improve the safety of current pedestrian street crossings	13.16% 10
Better driver awareness of pedestrians	17.11% 13
Better signage	6.58% 5
More visually pleasing places to walk (more landscaping, benches, etc.)	28.95% 22

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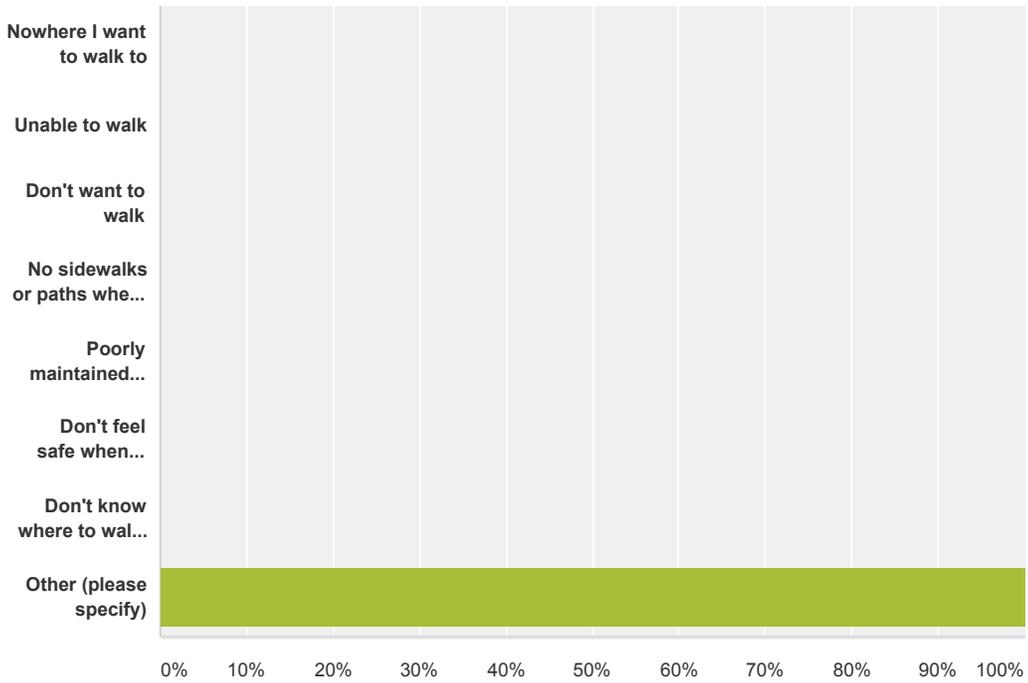
Other (please specify)	17.11%	13
Total Respondents: 76		

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	personal motivation	5/27/2016 12:12 AM
2	BIKE STOLEN	5/22/2016 2:54 PM
3	Granddaughter who lives in Whitefish and is very active come and get me!	5/21/2016 4:00 PM
4	I'd walk more if my knees didn't hurt	5/20/2016 5:27 PM
5	no bicycle :)	5/19/2016 10:22 PM
6	not sure	5/18/2016 3:53 PM
7	warmer weather	5/18/2016 12:22 PM
8	more time	5/18/2016 10:15 AM
9	People walking and biking downtown hinders vehicle driving flow	5/18/2016 8:19 AM
10	No dog crap.	5/17/2016 9:06 AM
11	I really prefer biking when I have the chance	5/13/2016 4:39 PM
12	A path from happy valley	5/5/2016 1:30 PM
13	Less need to interact with traffic	4/28/2016 3:52 PM

Never Walkers

Q24 Why don't you walk (check all that apply)

Answered: 1 Skipped: 418



Answer Choices	Responses
Nowhere I want to walk to	0.00% 0
Unable to walk	0.00% 0
Don't want to walk	0.00% 0
No sidewalks or paths where I want to walk	0.00% 0
Poorly maintained sidewalks and paths	0.00% 0
Don't feel safe when walking	0.00% 0
Don't know where to walk or how to get places I want to go	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	100.00% 1
Total Respondents: 1	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	I only work in Whitefish I don't live here	5/17/2016 9:21 AM

Q25 Why don't you feel safe when walking (check all that apply)

Answered: 0 Skipped: 419

! No matching responses.

Answer Choices	Responses
Poor lighting	0.00% 0
Traffic	0.00% 0
Unsafe neighborhoods or areas	0.00% 0
Street crossings don't feel safe	0.00% 0
Drivers don't watch out for pedestrians	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 0	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
	There are no responses.	

Never Walkers

**Q26 What would make you walk more
(check all that apply)**

Answered: 0 Skipped: 419

! No matching responses.

Answer Choices	Responses
More sidewalks	0.00% 0
More paths	0.00% 0
Better maintained sidewalks and paths	0.00% 0
Additional protected crosswalks	0.00% 0
Better knowledge of where I can walk	0.00% 0
Better driver pedestrian awareness	0.00% 0
Feeling safer	0.00% 0
More appealing places to walk (more landscaping, benches, etc.)	0.00% 0
Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
Total Respondents: 0	

#	Other (please specify)	Date
	There are no responses.	

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Q27 Add any additional comments you have that weren't addressed in the survey

Answered: 145 Skipped: 274

#	Responses	Date
1	<p>1. Residents of the eastern section of Edgewood Place are completely trapped in a non-pedestrian friendly zone with poor access to the bike/pedestrian path. I know it seems like this shouldn't be a problem, because the trail is RIGHT across the road, but it is really trecherous to try to access the path from the homes that front east Edgewood. This is especially true because drivers are typically using that section of Edgewood at about 40mph. The homes on Texas and Denver, similarly, are very unfriendly for pedestrian use, and honestly that is really frustrating because we are so close to downtown and so close to the trail system, but it's really awkward and borderline dangerous to access the very nice trail system that we can literally see from our homes. The rectangle consisting of Colorado, Denver, Texas, and Edgewood has some serious access issues, desperately needs sidewalks, or at the very least access to the existing route to downtown that isn't dangerous. I live off Colorado (on Copperwood Ct) and own a rental home on Edgewood Place between Texas and Colorado, and for my and my renter's sakes I hope this is a priority. 2. The yield sign at the O'Shaunessy center / Wisconsin Ave corner, where people can yield and then go right over the viaduct, is DANGEROUS. I am speaking as someone who got hit by a car in that intersection about a year ago, while in the crosswalk. Drivers pause and look left, watch for a gap in traffic, and then hit the gas pedal. I got in the way of one such driver and got hit. I am now incredibly paranoid, so it's obviously not going to happen again (to me), but it shouldn't feel like I'm gambling with my life everytime I try to navigate that part of town, and I feel that way every day trying to get from my home on Copperwood Court to my workplace in the railway district, and then back home again. It's also ridiculous that there is no access from the corner by the O'Shaunessy center over to the trails on the west side of Wisconsin. They are RIGHT there, and yet so hard to get to without violating traffic laws and just running across the road, which many people do, at their own risk. It's also completely absurd to me that vehicle traffic isn't given a stronger signal to STOP or WATCH or generally be aware of people on foot or on bikes in that intersection and in the general vicinity of the viaduct as a whole. I saw in the draft master plan that a pedestrian tunnel is proposed to address this, and I am a HUGE advocate. I would use it at least twice a day in my walking commute to work. 3. The parking / sidewalk / street situation in front of Markus foods is DANGEROUS. People turn off of Wisconsin/Baker at 30 mph and tear into Markus or that salon or what have you. There is a sidewalk there, but the sidewalk also has a bunch of business entry-ways, which drivers use at high rates of speed without paying any attention to people using the sidewalk or walking in the parking lot. This is extra bad during the winter, because it's not even evident that it's a sidewalk. If you're a pedestrian there in the winter, and a driver turns in and veers towards you, it would look very much like you were a senseless person walking in a driveway where you should not have been. But it's a sidewalk! And I need to use it! Ideally without being ran into by cars! Also, the poor visibility situation introduced by the city hall construction is making this even worse, because people using that parking lot (pedestrians on the sidewalk, or people walking to their cars, etc.) can't see Wisconsin traffic about to turn into the parking lot and bear down on them, and similarly the traffic about to turn into that parking lot can't see ahead to know whether there are people on foot to watch out for. I know the construction is temporary, but it's only part of the problem. The problem is that we're all trying to use the same piece of concrete simultaneously as: a driveway, a sidewalk, a bike path, a street, a parking lot.... so you end up with a lot of people moving at a lot of different speeds, some in vehicles, some on bikes, some on foot. My personal priority is that that stretch needs to be considered sidewalk, and vehicles and bikes need to be given indication to watch out for pedestrians. Alternatively, I need another route. If the pedestrian tunnel goes in under the viaduct, all my problems are solved and I don't have to endure the peril of feeling twice per day like someone is about to run me down with their car on the sidewalk in front of Markus Foods. I obviously have a very specific set of comments, related to the route from my house to my job. I realize that my trials and tribulations as one individual are not going to sway the Whitefish city plan, but I do appreciate you taking the time to read this. I appreciate that this town is so conscientious of how its citizens are using the public spaces and access-ways in our community. Thank you!</p>	6/3/2016 4:37 PM
2	<p>Pedestrian and bicycle improvements already adopted in City plans such as the Downtown Master Plan should be included, not just referenced, in the new Whitefish Bike/Ped Master Plan. These include protected bikeways on Spokane Avenue to Depot Park, across Railway Street, under the viaduct, and connecting into existing ped/bike paths on the west side of baker avenue, improvements over the viaduct and railroad tracks, and better connections from current paths to paths adopted in the plans. Immediate actions that can be implemented to benefit pedestrians and bicyclists are lowering the in-town speed limit to 20 miles/hour, which has been discussed for some time now. Also putting a large bike rack like the rack in front of the O'Shaugnessy Center (purchased by the Heart of Whitefish) in every parking lot to provide sufficient bike parking downtown would provide an immediate benefit to bicyclists.</p>	6/2/2016 7:09 PM
3	<p>Install permanent crosswalks in busy intersections. Concrete crosswalks with inlaid bricks for striping.</p>	6/2/2016 9:48 AM

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4	I ride my bike around town daily to my job downtown because it's close to home and easier to park and it's just convenient. I feel that in general, we need biker education. Enforcement of rules of the road by bikers needs to be addressed. We're giving ourselves a bad name. Also, cars stop for bikes when they don't need to. Maybe specific bike routes or road crossings would make traffic between bikes and motorized vehicles flow better. The new wide road on 93N is great. But is that wide sidewalk a bike path from the golf course back to town? Maybe some signage would be helpful. Park and bike lots? To help with the parking problem downtown, work with one of the grocery stores or other places just out of town for parking spaces to encourage employees and tourists to bike to town instead of drive. Thank you!	6/1/2016 11:15 AM
5	Bike share would be nice. Bike lanes on highways would be excellent. Bike paths to hikes would be cool too.	5/29/2016 7:08 PM
6	I would like to see more bicycle paths outside of central city. Perhaps a route to Columbia Falls along Edgewood or other route in that direction other than by local knowledge of how to get there via non busy streets and roads (Dillion, Voreman, River Lakes Pkwy, etc). A path or route to Kalispell, Reserve Road area (Home Depot). From that area Kalispell has paths into town.	5/27/2016 12:16 AM
7	IF people lived within the city / just outside the city, then most of the too-much-driving issue would solve itself. With people living a mile or more outside of town...	5/26/2016 7:46 PM
8	Promoting more and safer walking and biking will cut down on vehicle pollution and lessen the need for expensive parking. Enforcing snow removal from sidewalks is very important. On my street....Colorado Ave. sidewalks are rarely cleared of snow. *****I would pass an ordinance against smoking cigarettes on public sidewalks/walkways, especially in town, The city of Ashland, Oregon has just done this. If you will look at their city web site, you can see their comprehensive and well thought out plan; they are glad to talk with anyone interested in what they have done and why. Ashland is much like Whitefish, with the Oregon Shakespearean Theater, etc. They depend on tourists for business. Smoking is not allowed inside public places. Why is it allowed outside of them?	5/24/2016 9:32 PM
9	As a biker as well as someone who drives often, I also think that biker education is important. Bikers aren't always safe, crossing in front of cars or in unsafe places, and I think the more aware bikers are of the dangers of other drivers and commuters will be effective long term.	5/24/2016 4:06 PM
10	There is a disconnect between commuting on foot or on a bicycle in this community. How will we be able to encourage residents to become cycling or pedestrian commuters? Should this happen, parking for the tourist population will be freed up during the busy months in town. We need signage that reflects and encourages cycling and walking as an important aspect of the culture of Whitefish. IE: 'Share the road'. The bike paths are wonderful, but there has not been consideration of how to safely be a commuter downtown. One idea is to have park and ride lots outside town on highway 93 to accommodate those in the workforce who would be willing to park and ride to their jobs or to engage in commerce. This would free up parking for those who choose to visit our community during the tourist seasons.	5/24/2016 7:39 AM
11	Whitefish is making great improvements. We are very thankful for the flashing crossing sign at 5th and Spokane. More of these for safe student travel would be much appreciated (one on Baker near the tennis courts??). This year's Bike to School was truly amazing. Our neighborhood near the high school felt much safer with the wide bike path on 5th -- it slowed traffic down and allowed us to have a straight line of vision vs. trying to peek around parked cars. Summer traffic is a real concern -- not sure how to address it. We rarely let our children ride their bikes alone in town in the summer because it's too dangerous -- which is a true crime. This is one of the reasons we live here so it would be nice to have better signage and education for the tourists as well. And possibly community involvement and brainstorming so the locals are less of the congestion problem. Thank you for ALL your efforts. We are so thankful and fortunate to live in this community.	5/24/2016 2:05 AM
12	We need to develop and maintain a visible bike and pedestrian path system with more signage and the connectivity of bike and pedestrian paths. It would be helpful to residents, their visitors and our tourists to have signage showing maps and the distances of the WF bike/ped path system as we currently enjoy on the Whitefish Trail. Currently, only the most diligent individuals can figure out where the path system can be found and accessed. Few know how to follow the WF River as it meanders through the town. The City Park area around Shady Lane, Creekwood, the City water treatment area and across from the old hospital is difficult to access and needs to be planned, developed and connected to the WF bike/ped paths. We will all be enriched by a viable and usable WF bike/ped path system.	5/23/2016 6:01 PM
13	The bike to school day was a great success. The bike paths here in town are my favorite addition to town in my time living here. The newest along 93w/2nd w were much needed safety wise. The only place that seems a little sketchy riding thru town is Baker ave which is just congested in general. Thanks	5/23/2016 5:42 PM
14	Way to move it forward! Hells yes!	5/23/2016 12:14 PM

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15	The most important thing that would facilitate more bike use in Whitefish would be working with the private and public sectors to install more functional bike racks and to replace current 1950's-style wheel-holding bike racks with simple tubular units that make it easy to securely lock the frame. Old-fashioned wheel-holding racks are next-to-useless for a bike equipped with utilitarian features such as full fenders and a front rack and/or basket. (Unless one takes up the whole rack, or is lucky enough to get a space at the end of the rack.) In finding places for bike parking, it would be ideal if the bikes did not obstruct pedestrians, and truly luxurious if the racks were under a roof, where that is an option. The green bike racks in the CBD are fine.	5/22/2016 3:23 PM
16	I would walk more in Whitefish as I love to walk if Katie Siebrasse, my granddaughter, had time to come and get me. She loves Whitefish and it's trails.	5/21/2016 4:02 PM
17	We would love to see more trails along the river... You guys already do a good job and this place is Heaven! But yes, trail systems are AMAZING!!	5/21/2016 3:05 PM
18	I would like Whitefish to be "known" as a bike friendly town.....more signage and education.	5/21/2016 11:09 AM
19	Connection of Birch Point Drive to West Lakeshore Drive should be an easy and important improvement of connectivity.	5/21/2016 5:08 AM
20	Since I moved to Whitefish in 2002, the path system has come a long way!!	5/20/2016 6:31 PM
21	the compact car parking spots downtown would make really good bike parking.	5/20/2016 5:30 PM
22	Even tho I'm an avid hiker/biker, most of it is out of town. I would enjoy biking for groceries, but consider Spokane too much of a hazard. Would be nice if trails extended out to Spencer Mtn., as I consider 93N. also too much of a hazard.	5/20/2016 3:23 PM
23	Construction of additional paved bike paths and linking of existing paved bike paths would be very beneficial. Especially continuation of paved bike paths outside of downtown (e.g., around lake, further along Hwy 93, etc)	5/20/2016 1:56 PM
24	Rather than building more bike/walking paths it is more important to maintain the ones you currently have. Many of these paths are falling apart, right here in town, massive rocks falling onto the paths. Therefore becoming a danger to those using these trails. Quit spending money on extravagances and maintain what you already have. Or would you rather spend your funds repairing harm caused to the people using those trails?	5/20/2016 1:19 PM
25	The bike to school day last week was so nice - I was wishing that there was a bike lane on 5th every day!! We bike to city beach with our young kids often, and it would be great if there was a crosswalk by the Veterans Memorial bridge so that we can safely cross and connect to the rest of the bike path.	5/20/2016 12:53 PM
26	Connection of current multi-use trails is critical and signage for tourists with mileage markers and printed maps. Flashing lights/signage is critical on major thoroughfares notifying drivers that this is a bike friendly community and slow down, etc. Additionally we need the police presence and education as the town becomes larger and larger with more cars, more traffic and more road rage. I am an avid mountain biker and prefer to be off-road, especially with people texting and driving over the speed limit. If in town, I always use the multi-use paths or sidewalks to at least give myself a little bit of a buffer from the cars. If it becomes illegal to travel on the sidewalks while riding my bike, I will no longer ride in town. The work that has been done is awesome. The trail system needs to be more cohesive and maintenance and repairs are also crucial. I also do a lot of walking in the winter months but find it difficult and dangerous at times because many residents choose not to shovel their walks. There needs to be enforcement to correct this oversight or complacency.	5/20/2016 12:45 PM
27	There are a couple safety items that need to be addressed regarding the recently completed Highway 93 west project. 1. There needs to be mirrors in the tunnel by the golf course before there is collision 2. The interchange leading to the State Park Road/Whitefish Trail at the end of the bike path by the golf course is poorly designed and creates a hazard for a cyclist approaching from the east toward the Whitefish Trail. The cyclist is forced to cross at the point where a vehicle uses the exist like an interstate off-ramp, in their blind spot. Naturally there is a path across the grass where it is safer to navigate the intersection. That should be the main path to the bike path from the intersection instead of forcing a cyclist coming to and from the trail to cross multiple vehicle paths instead of just one intersection to get to the safer path and tunnel system.	5/20/2016 12:33 PM
28	Put the police on bikes. Have car free days on certain routes to encourage bicycle riding.	5/20/2016 9:22 AM
29	Thank you for the ability to have input to this very important strategic planning process. Please publish the results.	5/20/2016 9:18 AM
30	Using the example of paved/protected/maintained bicycle paths in surrounding states and communities the positive benefits are obvious both in physical and economical health of the community.	5/20/2016 7:41 AM
31	Summer traffic comprised of out of town visitors need to be "educated" that this town respects cyclists, which would help us ride around town easier (safer).	5/19/2016 10:24 PM

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32	Walking around Whitefish is easy and seems to be getting easier as roads are improved, but cycling is still a challenge unless you get out and go with the traffic. We really need to connect the trails and routes on roads to get around and across the town. I know money is a big thing to overcome but the city leaders need to know how important this is to all of us who live and visit here.	5/19/2016 10:21 PM
33	The biggest problem currently with the Bike/Ped is its piecemeal nature. Most important would be to connect all the pieces so it is possible to take a bike ride without going on and off streets and alleys. Currently there is no logic to the system and it is very difficult to find your way if you are unfamiliar with the path. The Plan for a protected bikeway connecting downtown is very important.	5/19/2016 11:26 AM
34	I would love to see a bike path /lane on 93 from Whitefish to Twin Bridges, Spencer Lake turn off. There are too many bikes and way to dangerous on that road! Maybe this is already part of the master plan which would be amazing!	5/19/2016 10:28 AM
35	Whitefish is making strides in the right direction to increase bike/walking paths. These are much needed. Snow removal on sidewalks along Highway 93 (town to golf course) is needed. I've noted that snow removal and lawn/boulevard care is good from downtown, across the Vet's bridge and to Karrow, then stops. The sidewalks continue though west past Whitefish Golf Course and need to be maintained year-round. I'd like to see updated maps of our city's bike/pedestrian paths available at downtown businesses and the Chamber of Commerce. Thanks for the opportunity to take this survey. Gail Shay Linne	5/19/2016 10:10 AM
36	Riverwalk path (along Whitefish River) has to be plowed and maintained They did a good job last winter . Need more bike lanes and walking lanes on voerman and Dillon.	5/19/2016 8:43 AM
37	We need a bike path that runs from junction of hwy 93 and hwy 40	5/19/2016 5:21 AM
38	We need a bike trailhead downtown with parking	5/18/2016 9:58 PM
39	Better enforcement of the leash law is critical. It is very hard to run on the river trails and some side streets because of uncontrolled dogs that chase and 'herd'.	5/18/2016 5:38 PM
40	We live West of Whitefish off of 93. I know we need to wait for the path to be completed, but it would help in the interim if the existing path from the State Park turn to the dead end is maintained. (Maybe this is the DOT instead of City?) Also - I know that the path on the south side of the street (from Karrow east to the bridge) is the bike path but it still needs signage so people know to watch for bikes. Also I see those who don't know still riding the road with no shoulder. Also would be great to have a safe way for kids to get from the bridge across the river to the middle school - we rode on the sidewalks - but probably not the best place for us - nor possible in the summer. There may be a route I don't know about? The bike to school day lanes were excellent - thank you for those! And thanks for all the new trails/paths - plan to ride into town more this summer so I don't have to park!	5/18/2016 4:02 PM
41	All of the paths and trails are kept up by the city really well so I didn't think it was high priority to make it better. The city looks great!	5/18/2016 3:57 PM
42	I live on Waverly Place, which does not have sidewalks, nor does Texas Ave which is a house away from our address. The lack of sidewalks on Texas Ave specifically, is concerning to my wife and I. We have young children and we do not feel safe to have them ride bikes or walk on either street. I have come close to being hit by vehicles on early morning walks several times, as there is no place to go but the ditch, which I've had to use to avoid being hit. There's limited lighting on the street as well. The continual increased amount of traffic due to construction of a additional homes and the speed in which cars and trucks travel on Texas is alarming and dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists. I'd like my kids to be able to ride bikes to school and around the neighborhood but would not consider it due to the lack of sidewalks / bike paths. It's upsetting to see such large scale projects continue to pop up and yet improvements to Texas ave. continue to be overlooked or passed over. I've even considered moving to a safer neighborhood in order to ensure their safety	5/18/2016 3:54 PM
43	More pedestrian enforcement needed with drivers year round too. Also much more cell use while driving needs to be ticketed as the prevalence is vast & noticeable when a pedestrian, also makes us nervous for safety as cyclists in particular.	5/18/2016 3:29 PM
44	So many people use East Edgewood and Voerman/Armory roads for recreation. I see bikers, runners, walkers, skateboarders, stroller pushers, etc. using this roads but there is NO shoulder and no path. These routes are so lovely and could be used more safely and used by more people if they had paths. In particular, the 90 degree corners are dangerous, I never know if safer (to avoid motorists) by sticking to the inside or outside of those corners. It is only a matter of time before someone gets struck on East Edgewood. I hope one day we can have a path here...thanks for the survey...	5/18/2016 3:21 PM

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45	<p>Three major areas to launch bike/ pedal trails is: 1. From Wisconsin Ave all the way up adjacent to Reservoir Road connecting into Haskill Basin. Probably the most dangerous place in Whitefish for mixed uses on a sub standard road. 2. From Wisconsin Ave add trails all the way up adjacent to Big Mountain Road connecting the mountain to town - should be added and done simultaneously when the bottom half of Big Mountain road is completed. Currently extremely dangerous mountain biking and walking on that road to get to the village. 3. Connect the rest of the Smith Field area with trails in all directions but especially The Lakes subdivision sections all the way along the river, around the pond, and ultimately safely into the trail that currently ends abruptly near JP Road at the senior living center. What a catastrophe the entrance to Smith Fields area is and has been since it was built. People use the fire lane and wipe out into the chain across the road. Rethink the sidewalks and put lots more sidewalks in along the roads, and put the trails in that have been required by law for that subdivision and the public. It's a wonder no body has been killed yet along that section of river lakes from JP road to the Hospital and park, or maybe somebody has and I don't know.</p>	5/18/2016 2:42 PM
46	<p>There is a disconnect on Dakota Avenue. MANY people walk and ride but when they get to the north end of the street, the sidewalk ends and there is no bike/ped path. No lights, either. It would be great if that section was like the others.</p>	5/18/2016 2:17 PM
47	<p>There are homes in the avenues with more automobiles/trucks than can be parked on private property. Street parking is important. Any bike lanes that reduce the availability of on street parking should not be planned. The downtown avenues have sidewalks, encourage the bikes to use these sidewalks responsibly to respect pedestrians. Parking in a manner that blocks the sidewalk should be addressed by police while on routine patrol. I do not support any reduction in on street parking! Also, as a frequent walker, please encourage courteous bike usage as being as important as is asked of motorists.</p>	5/18/2016 1:16 PM
48	<p>We definitely need improved connections between bike paths and sidewalks. Nothing is worse than riding/walking on a path that suddenly ends, leaving only the roadway or ditch in which to make your way.</p>	5/18/2016 12:56 PM
49	<p>I'm all for Bike Paths as long as it is not part of Agenda 21. You know to take us out of our cars. All that New World Order Bullshit that I will not stand for.</p>	5/18/2016 12:52 PM
50	<p>Connect bike/walk trails to one another so you can go from downtown to out of town area</p>	5/18/2016 12:45 PM
51	<p>A couple of suggestions: adequate dog bag stations with trash cans are essential and we could use more (e.g. at the start of the river path by the bridge on JP road and at the hospital path). Snow removal services could be improved and weed control on the sides of the paths need addressing - this is from a dog owner who spends a lot of time picking burrs off of our dog. :) Obviously, connecting paths is key, e.g. the river path behind the mall isn't currently functional. I think Whitefish's pedestrian/bike paths are a key component to making this a successful, connected community. Beyond the health benefits, the infrastructure helps foster a sense of community, improves quality of life, and keeps us accountable to each other and the environment. Thank you for all the work, time, thought and effort that has gone into the master plan - it is all worthwhile and appreciated!</p>	5/18/2016 12:11 PM
52	<p>My neighborhood has petitioned the city regarding the lack of safety for our neighbors and children to walk. I live on Texas Avenue: an unsafe road with steep culverts where people often speed down the road. Texas Avenue has no sidewalk, no slow down signs, no speed bumps and no safe walkways, yet – ironically - it is our connection to the bike path/sidewalk that ends at Edgewood. We used to at least have a cross walk at the intersection of Texas and Edgewood and the city has taken that down. I have a child at Muldown Elementary and our address is considered to be in close enough proximity to the schools so he cannot benefit of a school bus, yet I fear to let my child bike or walk alone due to the very dangerous roads the City of Whitefish has created by allowing the development on and off of Texas. I am excited about better passageways for walkers and bikers but ask that you rectify dangerous traffic situations that exist now, that your residents have addressed already with a petition and a visit to a City Council meeting regarding our neighborhood. Thank you, Gerda.</p>	5/18/2016 11:59 AM
53	<p>The lighting on Wisconsin is VERY INADEQUATE! I drive it everyday and occasionally go to the Lodge, necessitating walking across Wisconsin. DANGEROUS</p>	5/18/2016 11:46 AM
54	<p>My neighborhood has petitioned the city regarding the lack of safety for our neighbors and children to walk. I live on Waverly Place, off of Texas and we are trapped. Our street has zero sidewalks, yet is congested due to the apartment complexes at one end. Our cross street, Texas Avenue, is no safer, it is a highway and people often drive 65 miles per hour down the road. Texas Avenue has no sidewalk, no slow down signs, no speed bumps and no safe walkways, yet it is our connection to the bike path/sidewalk that ends at Edgewood. We used to at least have a cross walk at the intersection of Texas and Edgewood and the city has taken that down. As a resident of this town, I would like to see you focus on areas that you continue to allow building permits in and ask yourself whether you are protecting the residents of that area by not requiring sidewalks on roads you know are busy and dangerous. My children are considered to be in close enough proximity to the schools so they are not allowed a bus, yet I would never allow them to bike or walk alone due to the very dangerous roads you have created by allowing the development on and off of Texas, without installing a sidewalk and by removing a cul-de-sac on Waverly PI which was formerly there. I am excited about better passageways for walkers and bikers but ask that you work on messes that exist right now, that your residents have addressed already with a petition and a visit to a City Council meeting regarding our neighborhood.</p>	5/18/2016 11:37 AM

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55	Whitefish is on the right path (no pun intended) to creating a pedestrian friendly community. With the drastic increase in development in Whitefish, especially downtown, creating not only a pedestrian friendly but pedestrian safe network throughout the community is vital to the continued success of the community. Thank you for your work on this project and continued work to make Whitefish the best community possible!	5/18/2016 11:24 AM
56	There are eventual plans to take part of the highway towards Spencer lake by Bar W Ranch to put in a bike path. This would be extremely dangerous as we drive that highway daily. It also takes away a persons business and it's the only dude ranch in Whitefish! Many times bikes do not pay attention to the car drivers. Education to bike riders on respect of the people in cars would be highly recommended. My teenager frequently gets very upset when bikers do not move to the side or more recently was riding down the middle of the lane of highway he was driving in, moved towards the center, looked back then went straight in front of the car across the lane to the other side. This was just instance of bikers acting as if they own the road and they get angry when you try to pass them. Bike paths may be the answer in some areas but not all and bike riders should be respectful of that as well.	5/18/2016 11:22 AM
57	I walk about 2-4x weekly from my home in Creekwood to the WF trail head off of Monegan. Many other walkers, runners, cyclists and kids ride to Smith Fields for their sports practices frequently use Monegan as the connection to the WF trail head. There are two major issues: Dust and Traffic Increase. In order to connect to the WF trail head off of Monegan, Monegan road is EXTREMELY dusty and vehicle traffic has increased. My dog and I, and others are covered in dust to and from the trail head when we use this connection. A possible safer connection would be for the City of WF to purchase an empty lot at the end of Shady River Lane (owned by Eric Berge), and to have a neighborhood connection there. I'm available to discuss this issue. Thank you, Michelle Daniels (406) 471-3857 or michelle.daniels40@gmail.com	5/18/2016 11:05 AM
58	More info on Whitefish Trail expansion - to include connecting with Big Mountain	5/18/2016 10:55 AM
59	Use ally way in between central and Spokane as a bike/pedestrian path rather than remove any of the very important parking spaces in downtown.	5/18/2016 10:17 AM
60	The ease of walking and biking around Whitefish is one of the top reasons I choose to live in town. I even ride my bike to the SNOW bus regularly in the winter. Better snow removal of the side walk from town to Super 1 would be very nice.	5/18/2016 8:17 AM
61	I've noticed there is a need for education or more safety signage for the kids that bike to school from the north east section of town. specifically at the intersection of Colorado and Edgewood, in the last year I've twice seen middle school aged kids almost get hit while biking across edgewood to access the paved walk that goes up the northeast side of the viaduct and several times noticed that kids are not looking left when they cross, or struggle to get their speed up when cars are coming around the corner. I've also noticed there is a need for education for (again) middle school aged kids crossing at the traffic lights specifically at 2nd and baker ave. I'm always watching out for them at my car because there have been a few times where I have been turning left off of baker to go east onto second and a kid has shot out in front of me thinking it was their turn to use the crosswalk.	5/18/2016 7:54 AM
62	Ultimately connected trails throughout the city and surrounding neighborhoods with minimal intersection with vehicle traffic is the most desired scenario. Safe travel of school children is the highest priority from any Whitefish neighborhood to the schools.	5/17/2016 9:55 PM
63	I appreciate the quality of walk/bike access here already, and am grateful for the additional efforts to include these in forward planning! Bikes and feet, create really great communities. Thanks, as a mom with two young ones who walk and bike, for the efforts and outreach!	5/17/2016 8:02 PM
64	Snow removal on sidewalks and paths would be extremely beneficial. It is difficult to walk in Whitefish during the winter as everything is covered in ice. If snow were removed down to the pavement this problem could be taken care of.	5/17/2016 7:36 PM
65	The bike path on river toward smith fields is lovely and connect rec area, but you have to get rid of the sewage smell	5/17/2016 6:59 PM
66	We live on Armory Road and see hundreds of walkers, runners and bicyclists using the Voerman/Armory Loop for exercise or to commute to town. Both roads have seen an increase in traffic due to new developments, especially the one on 2nd Street and Armory. We feel that putting a bike path on that loop is critical for safety. Many walkers, runners and even bikers often walk against traffic and frequently walkers can be seen walking two and three abreast, seemingly unaware of vehicle traffic. A bike/walking path would encourage walking and biking, make commuting easier for those of us on that side of the road and increase safety for the folks that already use the route for exercise and recreation. We believe it should be a high priority and look forward to that section being completed. Thanks for all you are doing and keep up the great work!	5/17/2016 6:10 PM
67	Fix the stink at the water treatment plant	5/17/2016 4:58 PM
68	downtown stored need to get their CRAP off the sidewalks. It's a safety hazard	5/17/2016 4:53 PM
69	The neighborhoods between Spokane-High School and 2nd-10th need all intersections to have stop signs. It's absolutely ridiculous that they don't.	5/17/2016 4:31 PM

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70	The Parks and Recreation Dept should ensure that the grass is mowed along side the asphalt trails. Now the trails appear not well maintained (especially to Big Mountain) and the million dollar investment in the walking /bike trails will be sadly quickly lost. The solution requires that someone periodically mow the grass along side the trail to keep the grass from ruining the trail. Thanks, Connie J Johnson. Member of Whitefish Walkers Group	5/17/2016 3:31 PM
71	More than anything the continued work to connect all trails in Whitefish is a very important mission. Kids should be able to bike from City Beach to Smith Fields without being on the road! Overall though, amazing work has been done on this front, it gets better every year. Drivers need to put their cell phones down, use their signals, and be educated that cyclist have the same rights on the roads as they do. Too many stories of crazy drivers going after cyclists. Central Ave in Whitefish should be pedestrian only! (within 20 years :) Not sure who was calling the shots on the recent kids bike-to-school event, but 5th street near the high school looks kind of awful now. Very messy lines and drawings spray painted on the road for years to come. Kind of seems unnecessary for a few hours of extra bikes on the road. Could have been done with chalk, not paint.:-(5/17/2016 3:29 PM
72	Need to get busy with maintaining the trails we already have and spend less money on consulting fees for future trails especially when you aren't maintaining the current trails to a safe level.	5/17/2016 2:04 PM
73	I think that bike or walking paths should not be designed that would take away private property unless the owners really wanted to sell.	5/17/2016 1:06 PM
74	Look at adding additional shoulders to the roadways for bike and pedestrian lanes. Many roads are not wide enough for safe travel with auto's and riders.	5/17/2016 12:53 PM
75	There is so much bike and foot traffic on Armory Road and yet it is extremely dangerous. A separate path and stricter speed controls are a must. A fatal accident is inevitable with the current situation.	5/17/2016 12:45 PM
76	With the addition of the skate and dog park there has been an increase in kids walking and riding along Armory Road. The hill up 2nd Street to get to these areas discourages kids/adults from using the new sidewalks. They still use the Armory Road which remains unsafe for pedestrians without a path or sidewalk. Kids are enticed to come to the skate park however the route there via Armory Road remains unsafe. This needs to be a priority before someone is hurt!	5/17/2016 12:44 PM
77	Maintain the paths you have----DO NOT CONDEMN PROPERTY to gain access to more BIKE/Walking paths!	5/17/2016 11:44 AM
78	I hope my feed back helps improve whitefish	5/17/2016 11:23 AM
79	Being able to pull the kids safely in the bike trailer is so important to our family, some paths are too narrow for this and other people to cross.	5/17/2016 11:21 AM
80	Good job! Thank you for the survey.	5/17/2016 11:12 AM
81	We need bike paths just like the Memorial Trail in Kalispell. We need to have a trail that goes through Whitefish to Kalispell. Some of us riders live on the outskirts of town and would like to be able to ride into Whitefish from Happy Valley or into downtown Kalispell, without having to ride out on the highway.	5/17/2016 11:05 AM
82	Wheelchair acrssability is critical!	5/17/2016 11:01 AM
83	Bicyclists need to be held more accountable for their use. I often see them riding down the road with total disregard for traffic laws. Bicyclists are the biggest cause of unsafe roads. If they ride on the street they need to obey the same rules as vehicles. Drivers can't always see bicyclists when their habits are unsafe and contrary to rules of the road. They are not entitled to be above the law.	5/17/2016 10:58 AM
84	It is ridiculous that people drive their children to school, and there are no safe bike routes due to the extremely heavy automobile traffic. The parking structure built at taxpayer expense which will generate even more automobile traffic should not be free. Other public parking options should charge as well.	5/17/2016 10:55 AM
85	I was biking through downtown Whitefish Sunday, on my way to work. At the intersection of Baker and Hwy93, a Whitefish policeman pulled alongside me and informed me that I need to go ride in the "bike park" and that "people don't like me in the street ". He said; "Please get off the road". I was shocked! I have been biking in Whitefish for 30 years, both for transportation and pleasure. NEVER have I been treated this way! This is a clear sign of ignorance and that we need education as well as bike paths. Thank you for working on such an important issue.	5/17/2016 10:43 AM
86	I would like to see safe crossing at hwy 93 and 40 interchange. It would also be nice to have designated routes to common places (schools, farmers market, city beach, whitefish trails) I like to bike with my kids but at this point I don't feel I can set them loose to bike on their own	5/17/2016 10:38 AM
87	I have always wanted to see more destination parks along the bike paths and more continuity along the river. If it was possible for the city to purchase the house across from the round house, which has one of the best orchards in town, and transition it into a public park over time as funds became available. It could be connected to the old site of the first school in Whitefish a little before the bridge on 93, especially once the bike path is connected to the trail under the bridge... I think this idea could be done at other sites along the river, focusing on setting aside public space before it has been developed.	5/17/2016 10:36 AM

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88	Typically, when walking or biking the drivers on the side of the biker or pedestrian will stop, but the drivers on the other side of the road keep going. More driver awareness would be very helpful.	5/17/2016 10:29 AM
89	Honestly our pedestrians and bicyclists need to be more aware of the rules of the road. No amount of paths or signage will prevent accidents or make biking/riding more enjoyable if people can't follow basic road rules. My experience as a rider/walker/driver in town is that adults are completely ignorant of what laws they need to follow while walking or biking. There is a general disregard that I see everyday, and it is perpetuated by kids who ride or walk with parents who exhibit bad habits on a regular basis. They learn all the wrong things because they truly believe every car should stop and yield to them in every situation. Driver's of vehicles should always display common courtesy to others on the road, but safety cannot rest with being courteous on the road, it's not a reasonable expectation. Learning to ride and walk on the correct side of the road would be a great start. Also always thinking defensively should be the default method of avoiding accidents. Assuming you have the right of way at all times is a recipe for disaster, and also ill prepares people when they venture outside of Whitefish to ride and walk in a community that is not as pedestrian and bike friendly. You are creating a false sense of security by not enforcing proper traffic laws for every mode of transportation. "Share the road" should work all ways, not just in favor of bikes and pedestrians.	5/17/2016 10:12 AM
90	a walking app would be nice for those unfamiliar of our parks and trails and how they inter-connect. Traffic is an issue in town. When I drive, bicycle etiquette seems sporadic making it sketchy for both driver and biker...walkers are a bit more situationally aware, but cyclist have this attitude of owning the road, so, I think to make the community a safe place for walking and cycling, there needs to be a balance with those driving as well.	5/17/2016 9:56 AM
91	New bike lane / sidewalks on 93 north need signage / Very confusing to peds / bikers on where to ride getting to WF trailhead. Paint icons on sidewalk! Roads need clear bike path lanes. Tons of confusion esp with kids on when / where to ride. le sidewalks ok? usually no but confusion reigns (ie in town, not just 93 north). Applaud new bike to school experiment.	5/17/2016 9:46 AM
92	The crosswalk at Edgewood and Colorado is very dangerous. Most cars cannot see you until the come around the corner from Baker and they are usually going very fast!	5/17/2016 9:36 AM
93	The sidewalks throughout Whitefish are not wide enough nor are they maintained well enough. Specifically if you are walking on Highway 93/Spokane ave south of 13th Ave.	5/17/2016 9:34 AM
94	When placing benches on new paths, please do not put them next to the garbage cans (which are full of dog poop bags). I love our trails and would like to see connections behind the mail.	5/17/2016 9:28 AM
95	I live in the lakes; my children would like to ride their bikes to school but I feel part of that ride is unsafe; I will have 2 at the middle school next year; designated bike lanes might help as well as driver education about bike routes to school.	5/17/2016 9:26 AM
96	New bike lanes should not supplant parking on the east side of Pine Avenue.	5/17/2016 9:25 AM
97	Bikers need to be more aware of etiquette as well, not just drivers. Often biking on wrong side of the road, or how many can ride abreast, yield to pedestrians, etc. *Possible other areas to expand: Edgewood to 2nd St. Armory Rd to Armory Park State Park Rd *Development of a pump track at Armory or elsewhere	5/17/2016 9:23 AM
98	I live close to the hospital and I am unable to use one of our bike paths because of the smell from our sewage treatment plant.	5/17/2016 9:22 AM
99	It would be nice to be able to walk downtown without having to navigate merchandise on the sidewalks. Sometimes it is challenging to walk by businesses because of all the "stuff" on the sidewalks.	5/17/2016 9:14 AM
100	Would love to see various paths/trails connected	5/17/2016 9:13 AM
101	Bicyclists have to remember that they are a vehicle and must get off their bike to be considered a pedestrian. I think this is why there is so much conflict between motorists and the cyclists. Also, cyclists should not ride side by side unless there is no traffic. Just my observation.	5/17/2016 9:13 AM
102	Snow removal on bike paths would really be appreciated. Kiddie park is dangerous to cross over to Riverside Park. Would like to see more covered shelters along the way, more benches for people who need to rest. Incentive programs for clearing sidewalks in winter. Art. I would like places to camp in city limits on city property and more places for people to gather outside. Plant all the trees we can now to keep things cooler. Would like more stop signs entering and leaving downtown--trucks ramp up to 45-50 miles/hour once they leave the main intersection along our bike path. Thanks for caring!	5/13/2016 5:44 PM
103	Thank you for caring	5/13/2016 4:39 PM

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104	<p>We live on West 9th Street, and frequently bike to Muldown and Children's House Montessori, as well as to downtown businesses and City Beach. There are a few specific crossings that are dangerous (especially for kids) mostly because about half of the drivers don't stop: Baker Ave. and Spokane (at 5th St) in particular. The temporary bike lanes set up on Bike/Walk to School Day were fantastic because it felt so much safer to have kids biking along the road to school. Trying to cross Baker at any time of day for any reason is difficult. Even at 2nd Street, where there are traffic lights, many drivers begin turning right before looking for pedestrians or cyclists about to (legally) cross, and I've had to pull my children back from crossing there more than once, even though we had the right of way. I would love to see an alternate route for pedestrians and cyclists to get to places like the farmer's market in the summer. Taking my kids along Central Ave. is technically safer than taking them along Baker and trying to cross, but we run into two problems: During high tourism times, the sidewalks are crowded, and it's unwise (and not very nice) to let kids ride bikes down them; but riding on the road puts us at constant risk of having a car back into us, since people tend to back out of downtown spaces very quickly. Obviously, I wouldn't want to see that on-street parking go away, since it's important for downtown businesses, but it would be wonderful to have some alternate way to get to the farmer's market, train station, library, etc., that is safer than going all the way down Baker and trying to cross at Marcus Foods/Naked Noodle. Maybe some kind of protected bike/walk lane that winds through the Railway District and crosses Baker further down, but with a more clearly marked crossing? When the parking garage at City Hall is finished, this will become even more important, as drivers will be exiting and entering over the sidewalk frequently. Last thing: Whitefish has a lot of curved corners at intersections. While these make driving smoother for cars, they're extremely dangerous for pedestrians, especially on roads like ours where there is no sidewalk. We've had a lot of problems, in particular where 8th Ave. W. meets O'Brien, where we're walking down the side of the road and have to jump out of the way as a car comes around the corner too fast. I think people tend not to realize there are a lot of walkers on these roads, but the curved intersection encourages them to take corners at speed, and it's very problematic, especially when there are many children and elderly people living and walking in this area. Even where there are sidewalks, though, people tend to take these corners too fast, like at Baker and 7th.</p>	5/13/2016 1:03 PM
105	<p>We live on 9th St. W. There is no great way to get from the West side of town to the schools. I look forward to the day when the bike path that dead-end by the river and Spokane Ave. (near 6th St.) connects to the East side of town. We love to ride our bikes and find it faster to get to school than driving during the spring, summer, and fall, but I cannot imagine letting my children bike to school on their own from the West side of town. People are often texting as they drive right through the pedestrian crossway on Baker Ave. and people often do not stop at any of the pedestrian crossings. Blinking signs could help. We would like to cycle more in the winter, but snow removal is an issue. It's just not safe with kids because we are pushed out on the road. I'm also concerned for cyclists safety on Wisconsin as more and more people are starting to ride for recreation/exercise to the head of the lake. Both cyclists and drivers need to be educated about riding on that road. As a pedestrian and someone with a bike cart, someone needs to tell businesses NOT to put sandwich sign boards right in the middle of the sidewalk. What about people in wheelchairs? One of the worst sign offenders is The Naked Noodle. I've moved their sign off the sidewalk and they moved it right back. This is such a great town to get around by bike!! With some thoughtful improvements, it can be done. Thanks for doing this survey - we have a real chance to make Whitefish exceptional.</p>	5/12/2016 1:21 PM
106	<p>The top 2 bike issues are, 1. The WF River bridge on HWY 93, between ReMax and Towne Pump, including in front of the Pine Lodge. There is a nice path AND sidewalk on either side of this section, but this area is disastrous. It is just too narrow. It is almost always dirty with road grime and gravel, dangerous in the summer, not accessible in winter at all because of plowing and is an absolute embarrassment to the city to the people who want to walk downtown from the Motel/District. 2. People use the bike paths as turning lanes. This could easily be solved by painting an outline of a bicycle in these lanes, especially at intersections. Signage could help too, and maybe some traffic tickets written to this who use the bike lanes as turning lanes.</p>	5/12/2016 1:12 PM
107	<p>I know it's a long shot - but I think that I bike path from Whitefish to Kalispell would be widely used by the community and a huge improvement on the conditions that currently exist for biking outside of Whitefish city limits. My husband and I sold our second car upon the idea that (by living in the town of Whitefish) one of us would be reliant on bicycle transportation. For the most part, I feel that bicycle transportation is very accessible around Whitefish and I am definitely thankful for the SNOW bus! However, I work off of highway 93 and my husband works in Kalispell, so we ride the shoulder of the highway frequently. I know we're not the only ones. If there were a bike path to connect WF and Kalispell I think that people would be encouraged to bike more - for commuting and recreating. I think that many people avoid commuting to Kalispell from WF by bicycle because of safety and noise concerns as it is...but it's a pleasant ride! Thanks for listening and thanks Connect Whitefish for spearheading the effort to influence the master plan for town travel! Thank you!</p>	5/12/2016 12:24 PM
108	<p>The most problematic thing about walking in Whitefish is the condition of the sidewalks in the winter. Whether everyone shoveled or no one did, consistency would be better than what we have now. As it stands, the variability of the surface makes walking on the sidewalks difficult and/or unsafe in the winter months. You can't wear ice cleats because those are no good in the snow, and you can't wear snow boots or snow shoes because those are no good on the ice. Perhaps designated pedestrian throughways could be maintained? Additionally, some kind of pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Baker Ave and Railway Street would be beneficial.</p>	5/12/2016 10:47 AM

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109	A map of the bike trails around town would be helpful. Seems like there are bits and pieces of trail everywhere and I have no clue how or if they fit together and where they go. It makes it fun to explore, but it would be nice to see what the overview of the trail system looks like.	5/11/2016 10:57 AM
110	The poke out curbs for pedestrian crossings like at Baker and 1st street are really, extremely, very dangerous for cyclists, they make bikes ride right out in the middle of the road with traffic so you don't hit a curb. If you need to turn at that intersection getting hit by a car from behind is very likely since you have to slow down and turn while ridding in a busy traffic lane. Get ride of those things, paint bike lanes and marked crossings will improve things much more than creating traffic furniture.	5/11/2016 9:59 AM
111	My family very much supports safer bike-and walkability in Whitefish. Not only will our lives and environment improve, but these will make Whitefish more attractive to families and businesses. THANK YOU!	5/11/2016 9:31 AM
112	We need better bike-ped shared use signs on new path on south side of 2nd street/hwy 93 west Can we get a trail beneath the viaduct? Crossing Baker Avenue can be hazardous. Great job on all of the recent improvements. We love skye bridge. We need to figure out how to connect sky bridge to state park. Rather than wait forever for BNSF to provide an easement, perhaps we need to carve a little bit off the north edge of the city golf course	5/9/2016 9:12 PM
113	While I don't ride my bike often I frequently walk, not only enjoy the beauty of this place I call home, but also for exercise. I think for many of us walkers (or riders) one deterrent is the large population of dogs running at large. This is especially daunting when we have children with us.	5/9/2016 10:36 AM
114	I haul my kid around in a bike trailer and I'd like the plan to keep things like that in mind when they add barriers at the start of paths. There are a few places where it's a tight squeeze!	5/9/2016 10:15 AM
115	biking or walking on paths gets pretty close to nirvana. like butter, a bike/walking path makes life better :)	5/6/2016 6:20 PM
116	Connect Whitefish and Kalispell with a bike path! I am sure that it would promote more cycling in the valley as well as increase the number of bicycle commuters between the two hubs of commerce! Having that main vein connected with a bike path would really offer to more connectivity and community between the two cities! Also, for the few bicycle commuters currently on the roads, there is NO good and safe route between the two cities... Highway 93 is LOUD and cars are moving fast, and Whitefish Stage has almost NO shoulder...	5/6/2016 11:41 AM
117	I am a father of young children. We, as a family, ride bikes to downtown businesses and parks. Separate bike paths feel much safer than bike paths shared with cars. Also, I believe connecting existing bike paths within the City should be a high priority.	5/6/2016 11:38 AM
118	I think Whitefish is on the right path (no pun intended) when it comes to improvements and increased bike and ped paths around town. We have these great short sections of path throughout town BUT NO DESIGNATED SAFE WAY TO CONNECT THEM. This, in my opinion, should be a top priority. The connection of bike path sections along the Whitefish River (crossing Hwy 93 at Veterans Memorial Bridge) is a prime example. There are NO SIGNS telling path users how to cross safely and where the next connection is (to pick up the trail to continue on to City Beach). Some simple signage and paint on the highway would go a long way. Nor is there any signage telling drivers that there is a path crossing. On a trip to Sandpoint recently, I noticed a big sign (big as in 6' x 6' or more) on the highway as you enter town that reads something along the lines of "Sandpoint is a Bike and Pedestrian Friendly Community!" that really sets the tone and warns drivers that there will be bikes and pedestrians. In resort communities, we have to remember that there are plenty of tourists who come from areas where you never see cyclists or many pedestrians. Having lived in the Southeast for several years, I can tell you those folks aren't guilty of not paying attention for us, they just don't know to . With signage and some paint on the roads, we can let them know! The other top priority is the new bike path headed toward the Whitefish Trails and beyond on Hwy 93 N. There is no sign telling pedestrians that it is a bike path also. I've been yelled at several times by pedestrians that cyclists belong in the road, even though the new highway has no shoulder or bike lane. Again, a little signage goes a long way! Thanks so much for all of your efforts and for helping make our town safer, more charming, and hopefully a little less congested with vehicle traffic!	5/6/2016 7:38 AM
119	Thank you!!	5/6/2016 7:13 AM
120	Let's do everything we can to keep Whitefish a worthy mountain biking destination. More trails!	5/5/2016 11:06 PM
121	Really enjoy the Whitefish trail system for biking and dog walking. I am just starting to use my bike more for commuting now that the construction on Hwy 93 is finished. Anything that makes it easier to get around Whitefish on a without interacting with cars is awesome.	5/5/2016 7:08 PM

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122	The bicycle path intersection at the state park access is now, after the redesign, very dangerous. The removal of the stop sign at the street before HWY93 puts cyclists in grave danger, as does the fact that now cars on HWY 93 either don't see you crossing or they come to a complete stop on the highway to wait for you and both of those issues are very dangerous. I think the bike path, coming from town, should continue straight towards state park road, along the golf course, instead/in addition to the swooping turn it makes out towards the highway. This removes cyclists heading to state park and the whitefish trails from having to interact with cars on the highway. It was a bad decision, in my opinion, to remove the extra space for cyclists on 93 north. I know the sidewalk is now the bike path, though you would never know it and no pedestrian does know it and so cyclists get yelled at for being on the sidewalk, but now there is less room on the road than there was before. And now, with the manhole covers located under the cars' left tires, cars swerve towards the edge of the road eliminating what small space there was for cyclists. And the sidewalk has sunken water and manhole covers that are jarring to ride over, not to mention that the sidewalk is often covered with gravel and such. All makes for a very unpleasant ride out to the tunnel. The tunnel desperately needs convex mirrors on each end so people in the tunnel can see if someone is coming. Someone is going to get crushed there at some point, hopefully not by a golf cart. The bike path is crumbling off the hill over by city beach and is becoming dangerous again (it's been patched once).	5/5/2016 6:17 PM
123	A bike path out to Lion Mountain Trailhead would be amazing!	5/5/2016 6:14 PM
124	The bigger sidewalks downtown were a great idea, but now retailers just clog them up with product and now there is no room to walk. You can barely walk 2 people in front of certain places downtown.	5/5/2016 4:25 PM
125	Crossing Baker at the south side of the viaduct is a disaster waiting to happen. So scary to see people dashing across there trying to link trails.	5/5/2016 3:58 PM
126	Trash receptacles on Wisconsin walk/bike path!!! Please!!!	5/5/2016 3:17 PM
127	A path from happy valley.	5/5/2016 1:31 PM
128	Overall I believe we are blessed with excellent bike and pedestrian infrastructure in our little town. However there is a lack of connectivity on the Fish Trails. It would be wonderful to have a clearly defined route from where the trail ends near Riverside Park to the trails along the river near the wastewater treatment plant.	5/5/2016 11:14 AM
129	More programs to encourage the community to bike or walk instead of driving.	5/5/2016 9:24 AM
130	I really like the biking/walking trails around town- I frequently go from my house (by the river, behind post office area) to City Beach and back for a pleasant afternoon/evening activity. One issue I have, and I'm not sure how this could even be addressed, is that I don't always feel safe on the path when I am by myself as a 27 year old single female. There are some heavily wooded/bushy areas that are not well lit and/or they are secluded. I know we have a small hobo community that hang out around the river and the railroad, and there is always the fear of rapists/murderers- unfortunately that is the world we live in. When I lived in Missoula, they had several stations along some of the prominent paths/campus walkways that was a button/phone you could push and it would connect you to 911, it lit up/flashed and had some sort of alarm to hopefully make criminals run away from you. That might be an option. Other than that, they are great- well maintained and beautiful routes.	5/3/2016 11:16 AM
131	what a great survey :)Karin where are the monkeys? I won't enter below....since that would be kind of bad if I won.	5/2/2016 4:53 PM
132	I'm not a big bicyclist but do love to get outdoors and to walk my dog. I LOVE the Whitefish Trail and use the Lion Mtn access all the time. I also LOVE the bike path along Wisconsin and E. Lakeshore and am thrilled how well it is maintained in the winter. Thank you!	5/2/2016 11:15 AM
133	Need better maintenance of the existing bike/ped paths. Maybe Parks Dept. should contract out the work.	4/29/2016 4:16 PM
134	Connecting the River Trail is critical to elevating the status of the City's bike paths from the ok system it is now. The River Trail can serve as a core for recreation, commuting, and providing access to other connecting paths. This should be the City's focus until a connection is established from City Beach to River Lakes.	4/29/2016 8:58 AM
135	Biking over the Viaduct is challenging. Going north it is hard to cross the street to get back on the bike path. Going South it is hard to cross the street to get to central street. Sometimes there is glass on the viaduct, some people throw bottles from their cars. Also on Wisconsin street, when crossing over streets cars are not aware of bikers and either pull out to far, or don't look for bikes at all. Other than that I think they are great and a huge benefit to Whitefish.	4/28/2016 5:10 PM
136	the easiest, quickest, cheapest way to make biking around town safer and better for everyone is to determine which streets are part of a bike route system and paint "shared lane markings" on those road sections. It really works. Bikers stick to certain areas determined by you, presumably the best for bikers and traffic flow, and its a constant reminder to drivers that they are on a street frequently used by bikers.	4/28/2016 4:24 PM
137	I think the city is doing a great job with addressing all the issues. I think we are on the right track and I love that it is fairly easy to walk around town. I love that the bike path is being extended. Keep up the good work!	4/28/2016 3:41 PM

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138	I think Whitefish is one of the most Cyclist/Pedestrian friendly places I have ever been. I love riding the Whitefish Trails, and appreciate the constant work they're doing to maintain the trail system. I also like that the sidewalk has been extended past the Golf Course. It makes it easier to access places like Lion Mountain on foot/bike. The sidewalks in town are nice, and most drivers are courteous to pedestrians, but I would like to see more of the "pedestrian" flashing lights at intersections (mainly on intersections without a light). Otherwise, keep up the good work! The landscaping has been great and getting better - more trees, flowers, etc. It makes my morning "commute" pretty awesome. Thank you!	4/28/2016 2:14 PM
139	I live a block away from Riverside Park and the pedestrian bridge. I love that park and seeing so many people using the park and the river. The docks are a great asset and used frequently. The other popular spot to access the river, or just to hang out, is the pedestrian bridge. Unfortunately it's not as good of an experience as it could be with a little help. Steep slopes on both sides of the bridge and lots of weeds or dirt. It would be nice to landscape and/or regrade to the river edge to make it more pedestrian friendly, and pretty. Same for the area approaching the docks. While there's grass there, part of the slope could be re-graded. Funny I didn't see Kay Beller Park mentioned in this survey, and the river access there was done nicely. I just don't see as many people hanging out there next to the busy street with the exception of fishermen under the bridge. My other comment is about the asphalt sidewalk on the south side of 3rd street between Baker and the Lupfer alley. It's not concrete, there's no street light (dangerous crosswalk/intersection in the winter) let alone flowers or anything. I think plenty of people access town while walking here whether they live in the area or use park here. Also, it does not always get cleared in the winter right away.	4/28/2016 2:01 PM
140	I think the city does overall extremely well for walking and related accommodations. However, for biking we are extremely lacking. I would love to see some more effort put in here. I bike a lot downtown and this is the first year that I have had so many traffic complications. No good place to bike with traffic and drivers simply don't care if you're biking even when the biker is the right way. I can't tell you how many close encounters I've had on my bike with traffic this year.	4/26/2016 4:43 PM
141	Paint on street bike lanes faded or missing (Baker St by City Hall), Directional lines on wide shared access paths (Stay right unless passing), Painting of bike logo on shared access paths	4/22/2016 8:07 PM
142	there are better ways to spend your funds. start with care and upkeep of the trails you already have. right in town there are landscaping walls falling onto the trails which the city cannot afford to repair. Can they afford to be sued?	4/22/2016 11:02 AM
143	Weather dictates bicycle use and walking. I DO walk in winter, with proper gear. The more we provide/encourage, excite our kids to bike and walk, the better we ALL will be and feel! Groups walks/rides? Exhibitions? TO AND FROM SCHOOLS? Safety reminders and lessons?	4/16/2016 11:10 AM
144	Safety is an issue at the kiddie park. There are no cross walks and it is a 2 way stop. Visibility is poor when you are crossing central avenue. Lots of speeders pass the park!	4/15/2016 9:28 AM
145	We need a safe way to walk or bike to the State Park on State Park Rd. We need a walking path extended from the river walk off JP Rd to the mall. We need a safe route on Columbia Ave. Bike path along the river from Baker to Spokane needs to be paved the whole way	4/14/2016 1:08 PM