



Report for the Rockford Metropolitan Area Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Survey

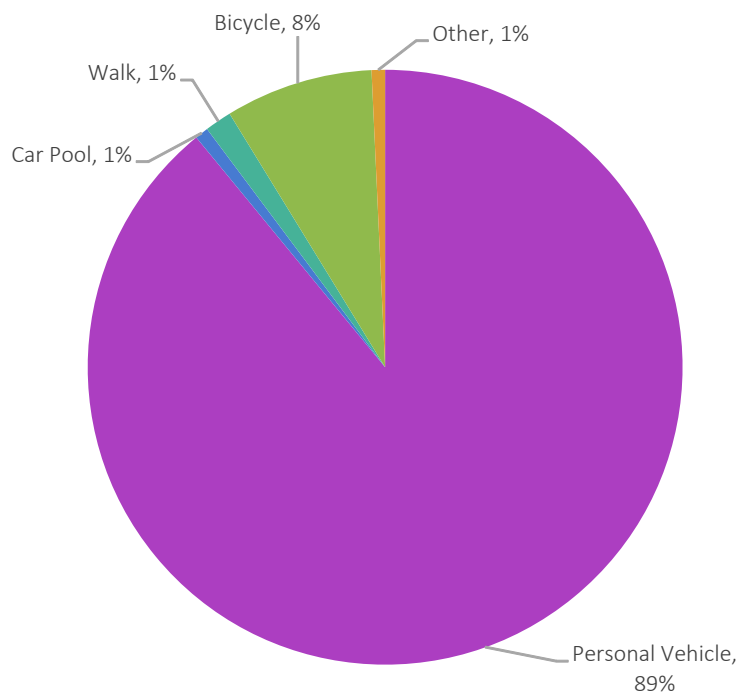
About the Survey

The public survey was available through Survey Gizmo beginning on June 1st, 2016. Links to the survey were on the Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan Facebook page and RMAP's website. An additional press release was sent out to media outlets on June 24th. In addition to the online survey, hardcopies were available at the three public open houses hosted on June 1st, 8th and 9th. On July 31st, the survey was closed. RMAP received a total of 120 complete surveys and 39 partial surveys with a completion rate of 75.5%. We will be releasing the survey results on the Facebook page.

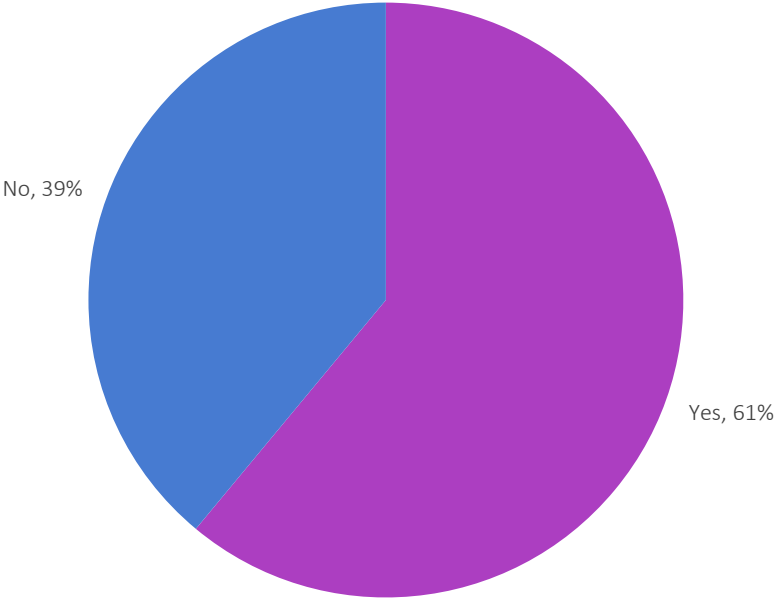
The survey included questions regarding transportation access, pedestrian travel, bicycle travel, and demographic information. In total, the respondents were asked to answer 16 questions regarding their transportation habits, preferences, and importance of active transportation. An additional four questions were asked to determine if the survey results reflected the population characteristics of our region.

The following report provides the questions and responses received from the survey. Please note that the responses to questions 16, 21, and 22 have been left out of this report.

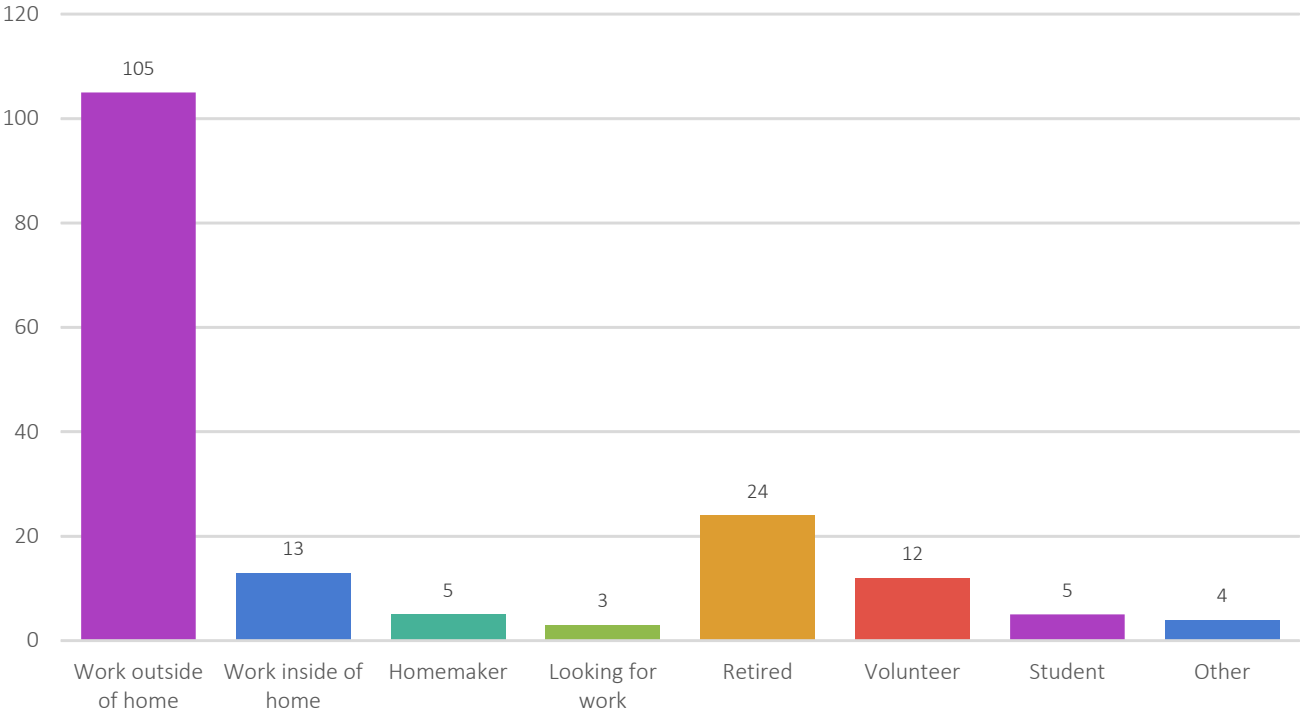
1. What is your primary mode of transportation?



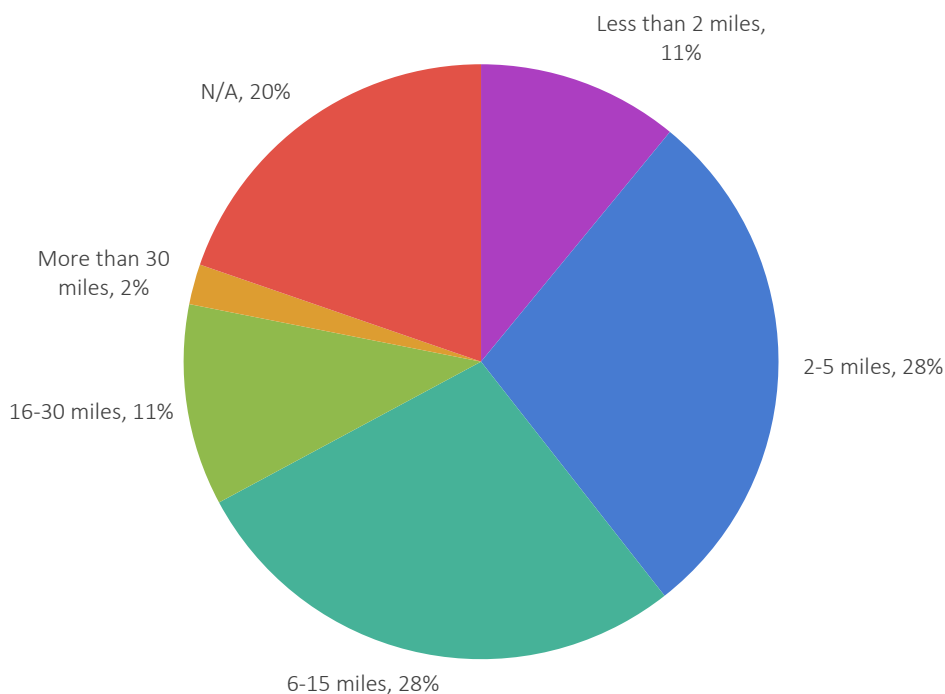
2. Do you have access to public transit?



3. What best describes you? (Check all that apply)



4. How long is your regular commute to work or school?



5. What do you consider the most important reasons for investing in cycling and walking? Please rate the importance of each on a three (3)-point scale from “not at all important” to “extremely important.”

	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Extremely important
Providing an independent transportation option for youth, senior citizens, people with disabilities and others with limited access to a private vehicle	6 4.5%	36 26.9%	92 68.7%
Increasing health and physical activity	1 0.7%	22 16.2%	113 83.1%
Improving safety for walking and cycling	2 1.5%	11 8.1%	123 90.4%
Improving facilities in center cities, town center and main streets and near transit stops	9 6.6%	51 37.2%	77 56.2%
Support the environment by offering low-impact transportation options	10 7.5%	47 35.3%	76 57.1%
Creating safe routes for walking or bicycling to schools	2 1.5%	16 11.6%	119 86.9%
Supporting tourism and economic development	12 8.8%	52 38.2%	72 52.9%
Providing affordable transportation option for low-income citizens	11 8.1%	50 37.0%	74 54.8%
Enhancing access to and experience of natural environment	7 5.3%	46 34.6%	80 60.2%

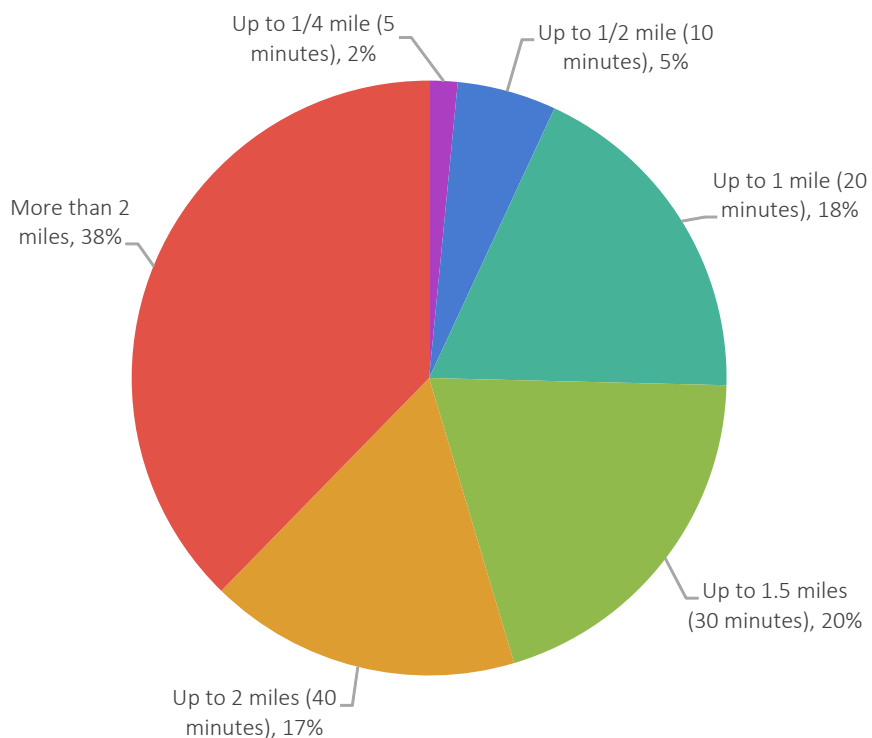
Other- Please Specify, 24 responses

6. Please select how often you typically are a pedestrian for the following trip purposes.

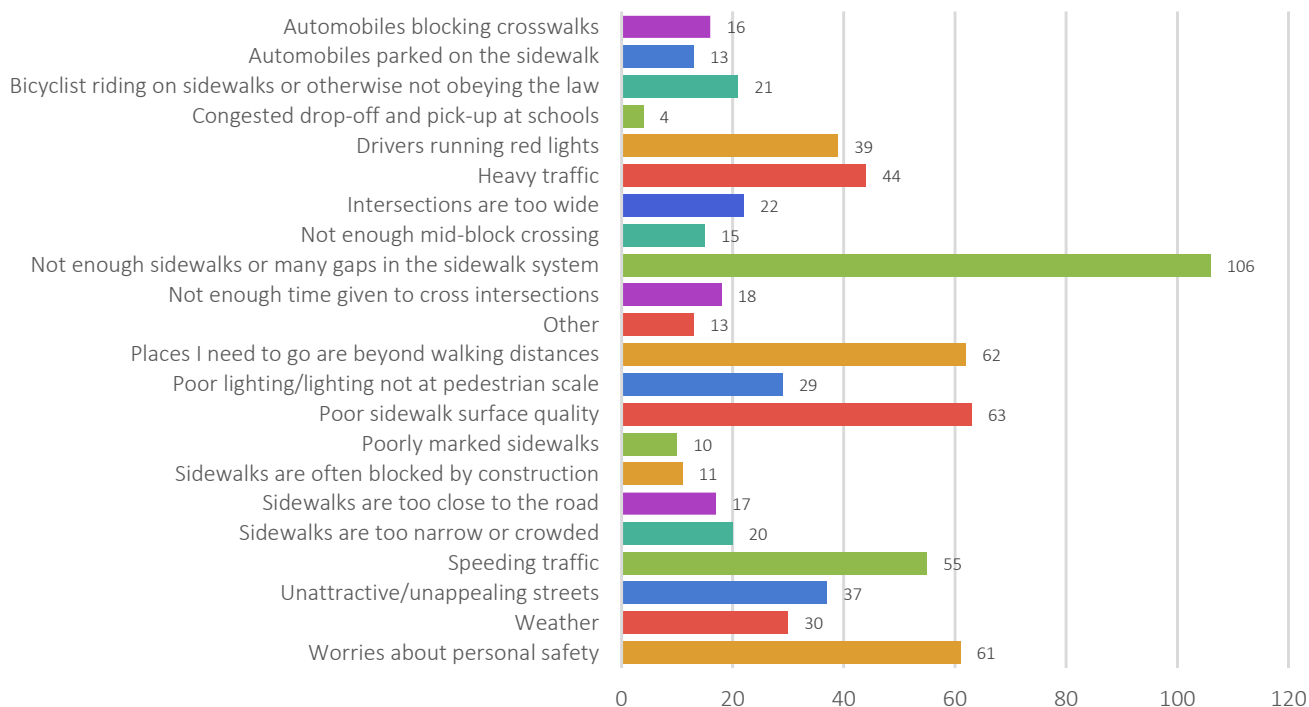
	1 or more times a day	1-6 times a week	1-3 times a month	Very rarely	Never
Leisure/fitness	26 20.3%	75 58.6%	12 9.4%	10 7.8%	5 3.9%
Shopping, errands, dining	6 4.6%	39 29.8%	26 19.8%	44 33.6%	16 12.2%
To get to transit	2 1.5%	6 4.6%	7 5.3%	34 26.0%	82 62.6%
Commuting to school	2 1.6%	5 3.9%	1 0.8%	12 9.3%	109 84.5%
Commuting to work	7 5.3%	19 14.5%	10 7.6%	17 13.0%	78 59.5%
Worship, community events	2 1.5%	15 11.5%	31 23.8%	27 20.8%	55 42.3%
Walk dog/pet	26 20.0%	28 21.5%	9 6.9%	8 6.2%	59 45.8%
Visiting friends	4 3.1%	31 23.7%	29 22.1%	32 24.4%	35 26.7%

Other- Please Specify, 12 responses

7. For a typical walk, what distance is comfortable for you?



8. Generally speaking, which of the following factors make it difficult or unpleasant for you to be a pedestrian in your city? Please choose up to five factors.

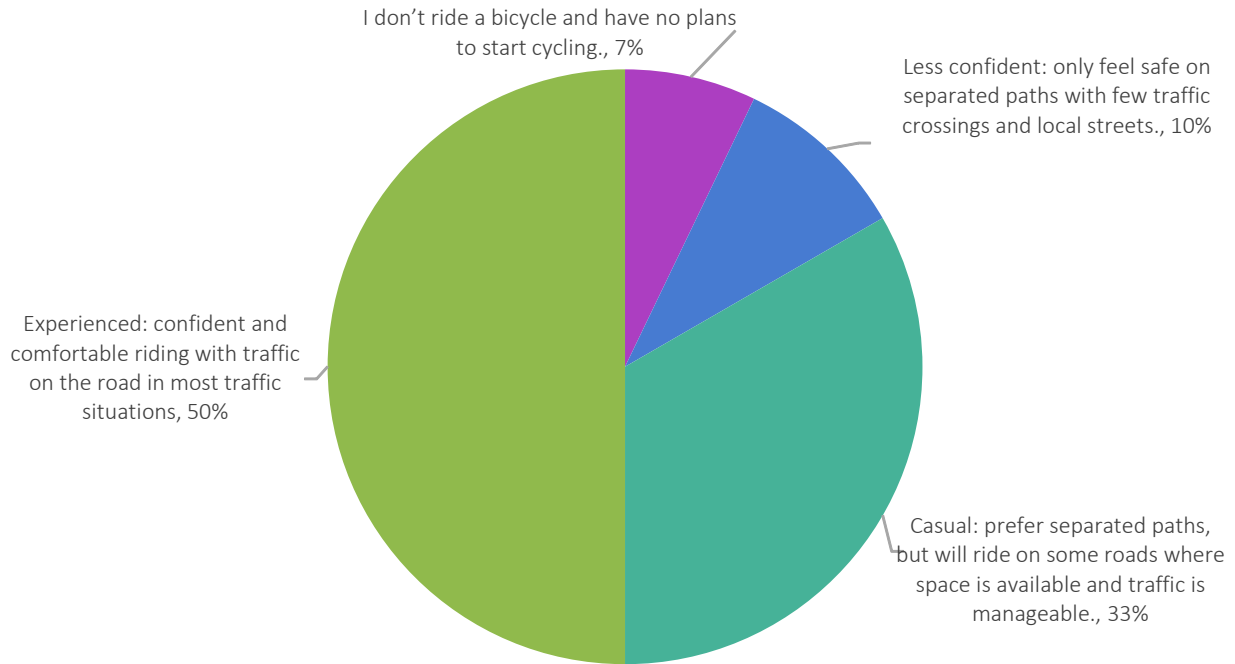


9. What facilities or programs are most needed to promote walking in your community? Please rate the importance of each on a three (3)-point scale from “not at all important” to “extremely important.”

	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Extremely important
Improved pedestrian crossings (signals, crosswalks, warning signs)	7 5.4%	56 43.4%	66 51.2%
Improved curb ramps and accessibility for people with disabilities	7 5.4%	62 48.1%	60 46.5%
Slower traffic	29 22.7%	64 50.0%	35 27.3%
Improved sidewalks (wider, fewer obstructions, and more buffer from vehicles)	5 3.9%	37 28.9%	86 67.2%
Fill in gaps in the sidewalk system	2 1.5%	32 24.2%	98 74.2%
Improved pedestrian access to transit stops and stations	16 12.5%	63 49.2%	49 38.3%
Better lighting or security measures	9 7.0%	64 50.0%	55 43.0%
Better sidewalk maintenance (repair of infrastructure, or removal of snow/debris)	2 1.5%	42 32.1%	87 66.4%
More walking paths and trails	4 3.1%	20 15.5%	105 81.4%
Increased education and enforcement of pedestrian traffic laws	26 20.3%	54 42.2%	48 37.4%

Other- Please Specify, 13 responses

10. How would you describe your level of comfort or confidence bicycling?

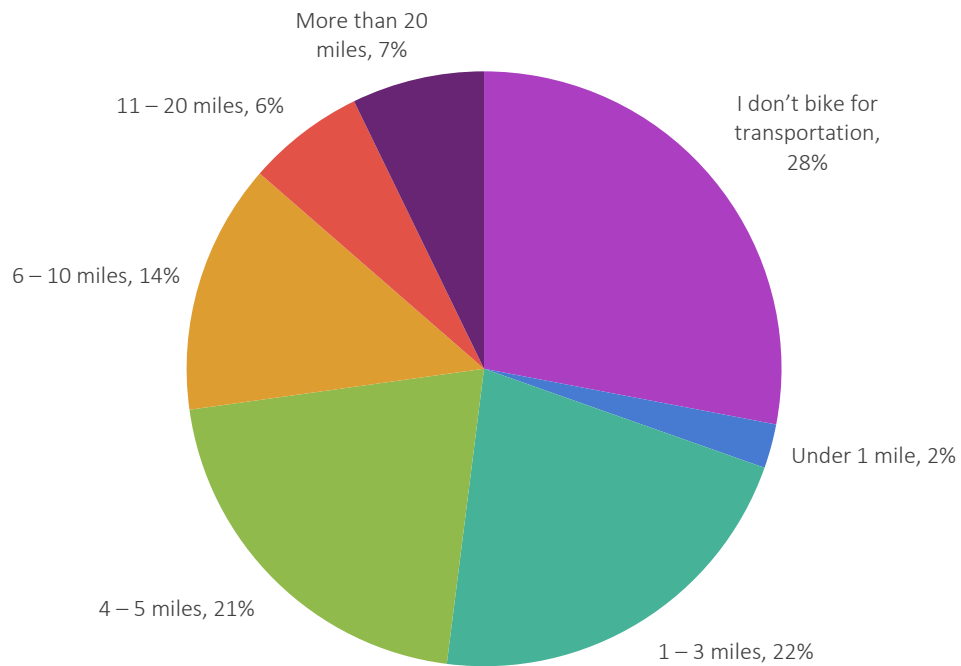


11. Please select how often you bicycle for each of the various trip purposes listed below:

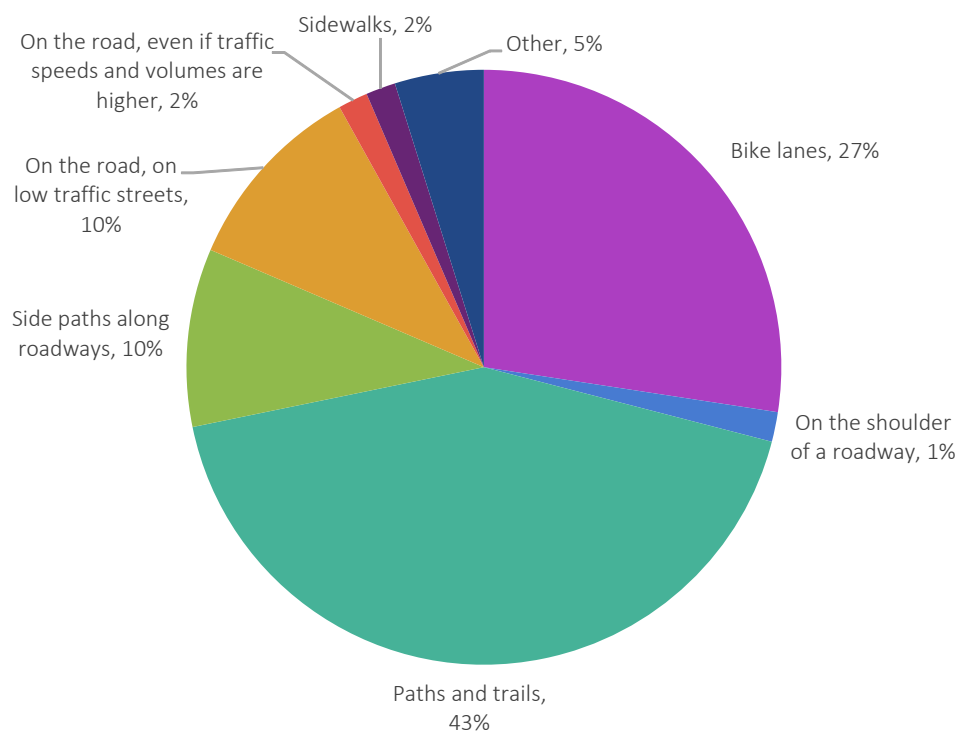
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Leisure/fitness	17 13.7%	74 59.7%	16 12.9%	8 6.5%	9 7.3%
Shopping, errands, dining	3 2.4%	29 23.4%	29 23.4%	27 21.8%	36 29.0%
To get to transit	1 0.8%	4 3.2%	4 3.2%	17 13.7%	98 79.0%
Commuting to school	2 1.6%	5 4.1%	5 4.1%	9 7.3%	102 82.9%
Commuting to work	6 4.8%	15 12.1%	18 14.5%	15 12.1%	70 56.5%
Worship, community events	2 1.6%	9 7.3%	21 16.9%	25 20.2%	67 54.0%
Visiting friends	3 2.4%	17 13.7%	31 25.0%	35 28.2%	38 30.6%

Other- Please Specify, 8 responses

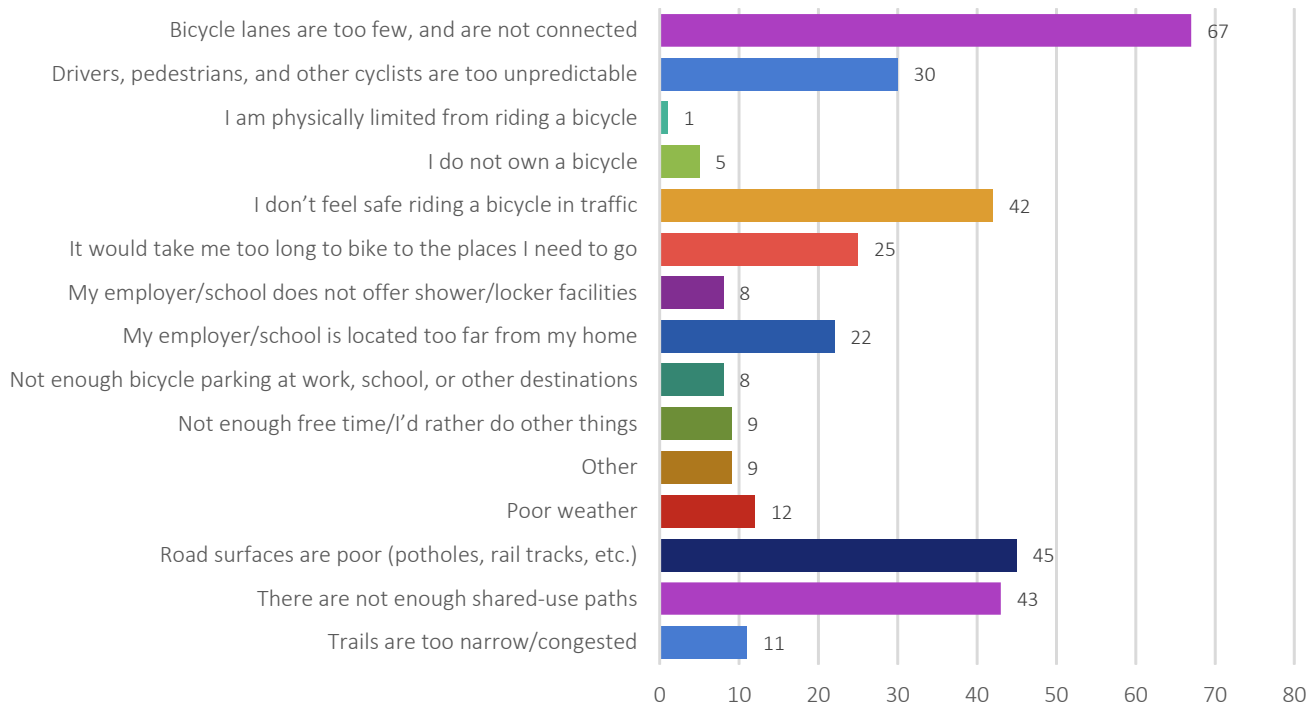
12. What is the distance of your typical ride for transportation purposes (i.e., not including fitness and leisure riding)?



13. What types of facilities do you prefer to ride on?



14. If you have not bicycled in your city or do not bicycle frequently in your city, which factors most prevented you from doing so? Please choose up to five factors.

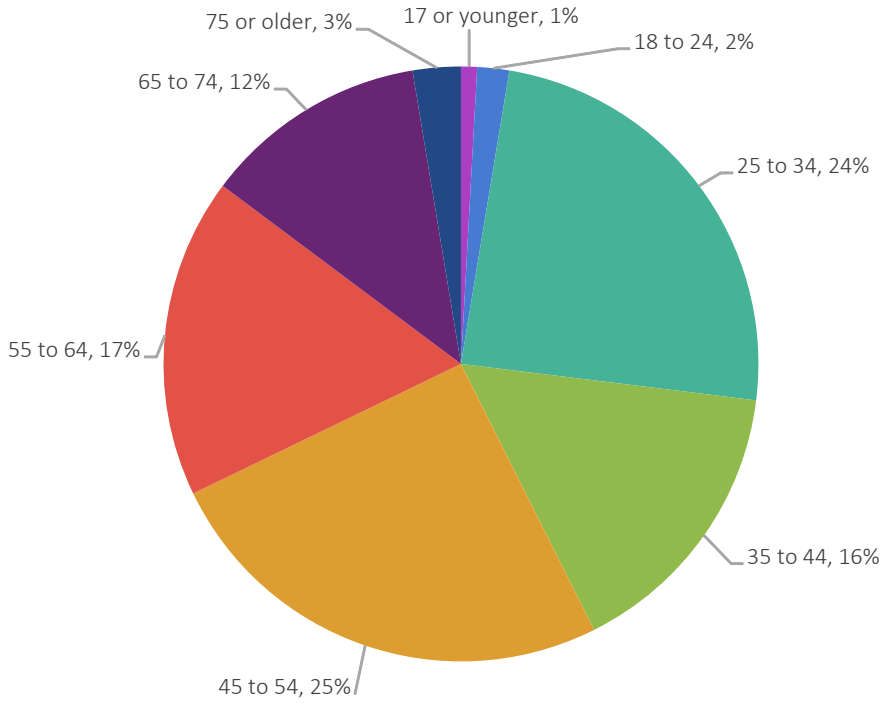


15. What facilities or programs are most needed to promote bicycling in your community? Please rate the importance of each on a three (3)-point scale from “not at all important” to “extremely important.”

	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Extremely important
More bike lanes on major streets	6 5.1%	20 16.9%	92 78.0%
More bike lanes on minor streets	13 10.9%	47 39.5%	59 49.6%
More bicycle paths and trails	5 4.2%	10 8.4%	104 87.4%
Paved shoulders on narrow roads	6 5.1%	37 31.6%	74 63.2%
More wide outside lanes (easier to share with cars)	11 9.5%	41 35.3%	64 55.2%
More shared lane markings (sharrows) in travel lanes	14 12.2%	44 38.3%	57 49.6%
Improved buffers between bicyclists and vehicles	5 4.2%	35 29.4%	79 66.4%
Better bicycle parking, storage and workplace amenities	14 12.0%	57 48.7%	46 39.3%
Better access to transit stations and bus stops	38 32.8%	58 50.0%	20 17.2%
More on-road bike signage (share the road signs/bike may use full lane signs)	11 9.4%	53 45.3%	53 45.3%
Better bicycle accommodation through intersections and interchanges	7 6.0%	37 34.6%	73 62.4%
Slower traffic	27 23.1%	62 53.0%	28 23.9%
More and better bike route wayfinding signs and bike maps	13 11.1%	38 32.5%	66 56.4%
Increased maintenance (street sweeping/repair of roads)	5 4.3%	50 43.1%	61 52.6%
Increased enforcement and education of traffic laws	13 11.2%	47 40.5%	56 48.3%
A bike sharing program	41 35.3%	51 44.0%	24 20.7%

Other- Please Specify, 5 responses

19. Please tell us you age.



20. Gender

