

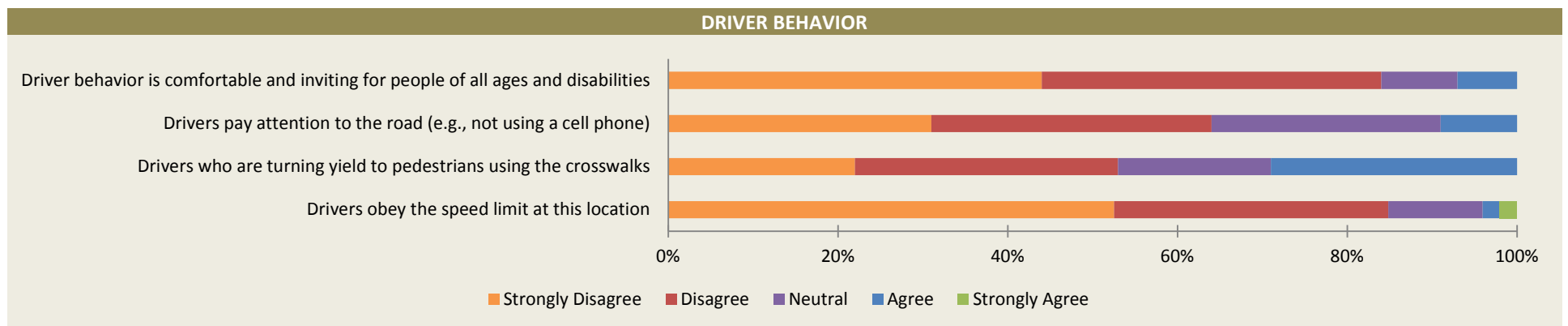
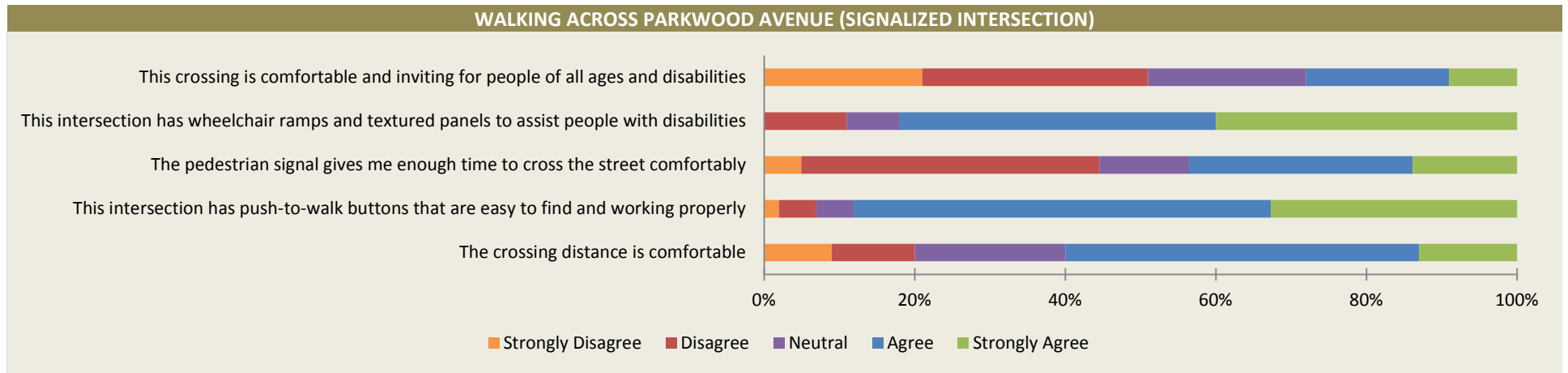
# PARKWOOD AVENUE WALKING TOUR SURVEY SUMMARY

## The UPshot:

Many survey respondents felt that Parkwood Avenue was not a comfortable street to walk or bike. Maintenance, sidewalk width, and distance between pedestrians and traffic were cited as key issues. Respondents also indicated that driver behavior, including paying attention and obeying the speed limit, was a concern on this corridor. People felt more positive about walking and bicycling conditions along neighborhood streets.

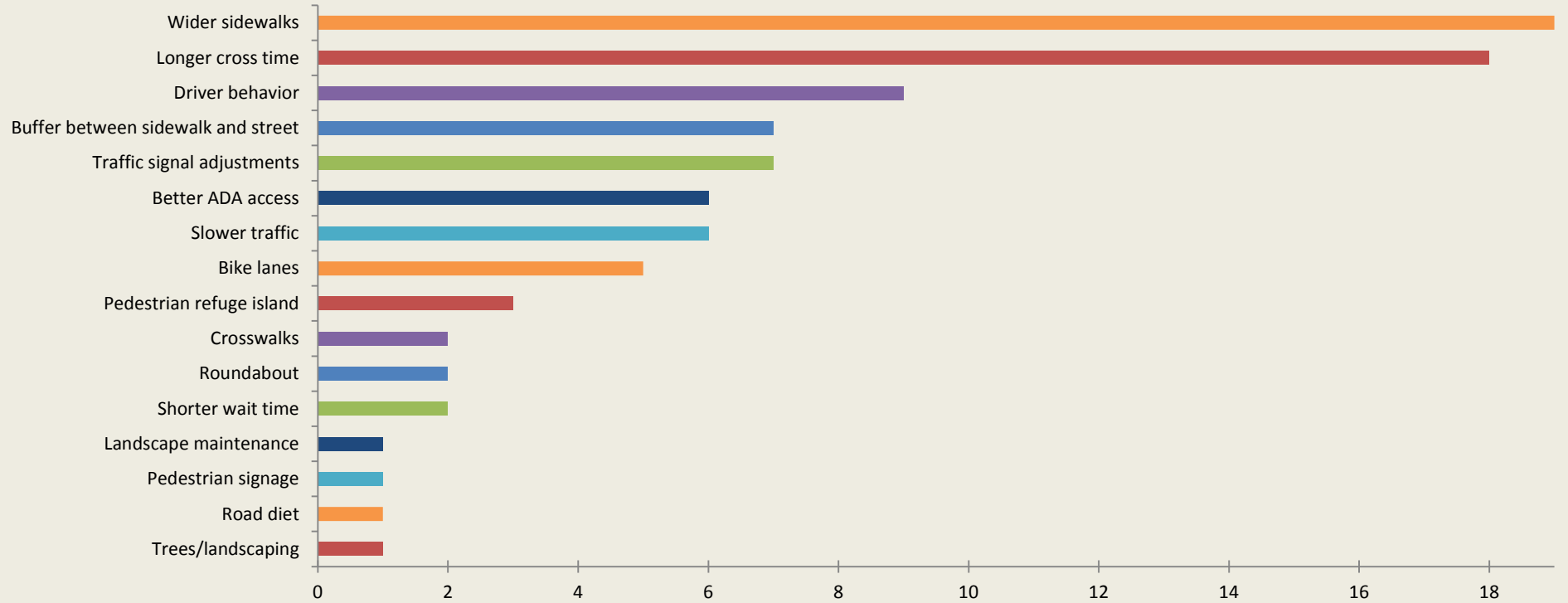
## Parkwood Avenue & Hawthorne Lane

The location has a pedestrian signal and wheelchair ramps, and most people feel that the intersection crossing distance is comfortable. However, over 40% of people indicated that the pedestrian signal does not give them enough time to cross the street, and over 50% of people indicated that the crossing is not comfortable for people of all ages and abilities. Driver behavior was perceived to be negative at this location, with a majority of respondents disagreeing that drivers obey speed limits, yield to pedestrians, and pay attention to the road. Wider sidewalks and longer pedestrian crossing times were the two most common suggestions for making the intersection better for pedestrians.



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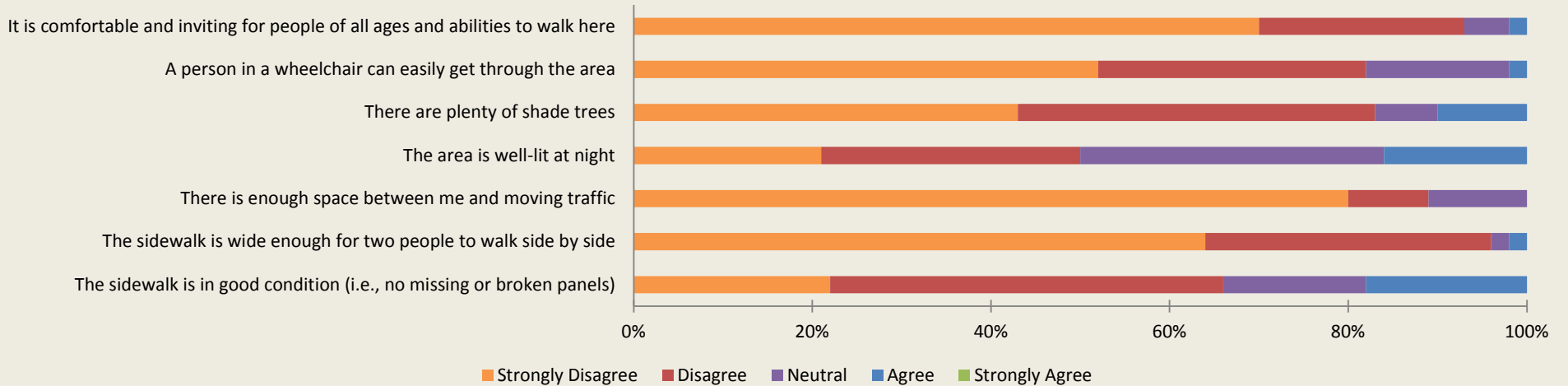


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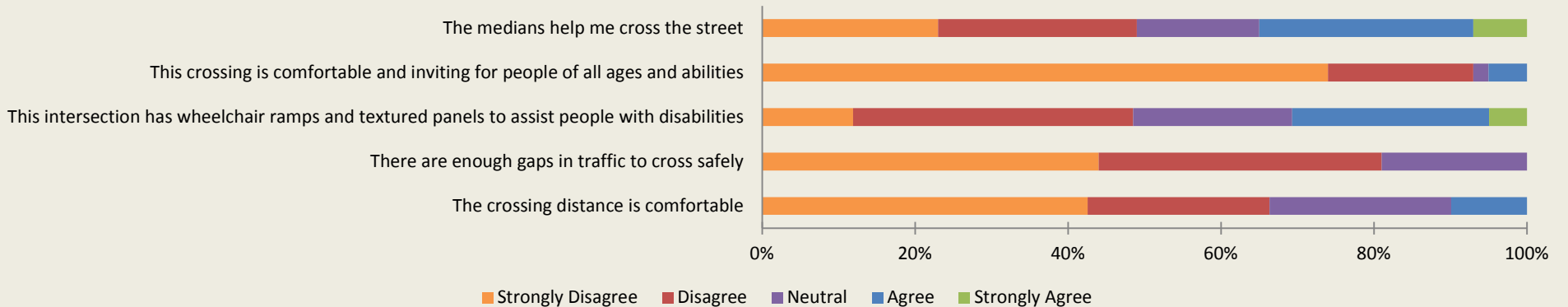
## Parkwood Avenue & Pegram Street

Most of the respondents indicated that walking along Parkwood Avenue is not comfortable and inviting, with over 80% strongly disagreeing or disagreeing with statements that the sidewalk is wide enough, there is enough space between pedestrians and traffic, and it is easy for a person in a wheelchair to get through the area. Over 90% of respondents also indicated that crossing Parkwood Avenue is not comfortable and inviting for people of all ages and abilities. Approximately 35% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that medians help them cross the street. Slower traffic, additional traffic signals, and wider sidewalks were the most common suggestions for making Parkwood Avenue better for pedestrians.

### WALKING ALONG PARKWOOD AVENUE

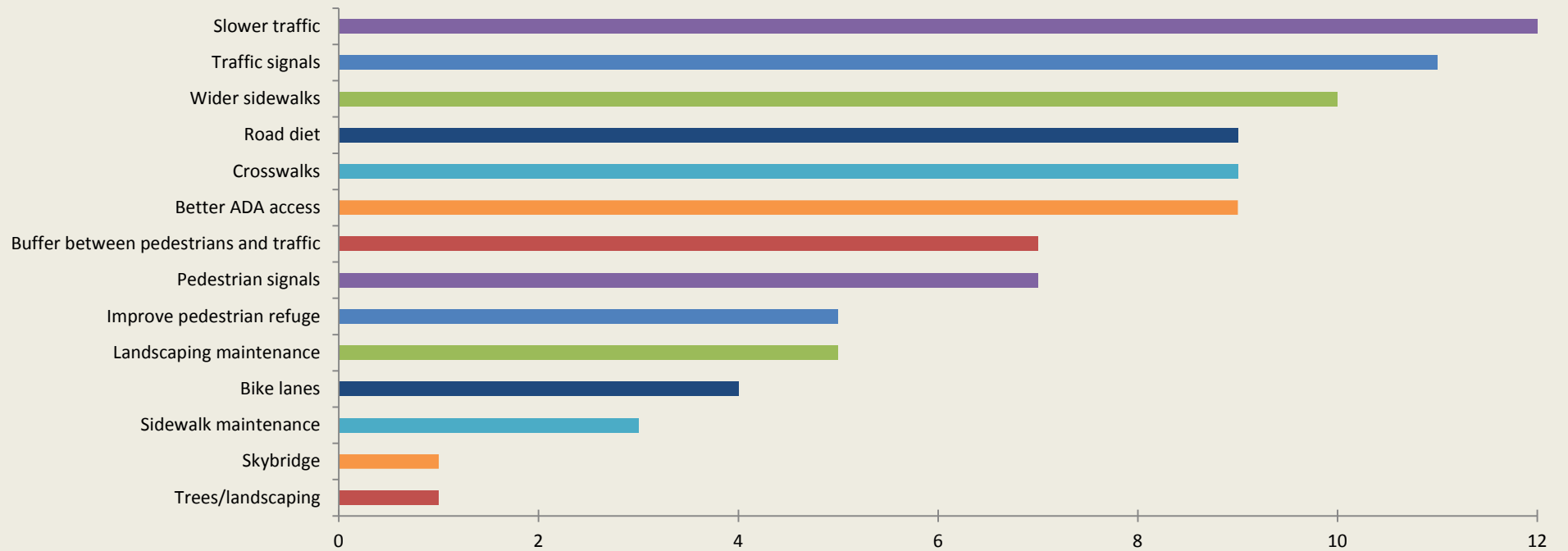


### CROSSING PARKWOOD AVENUE (UNSIGNALIZED LOCATION)



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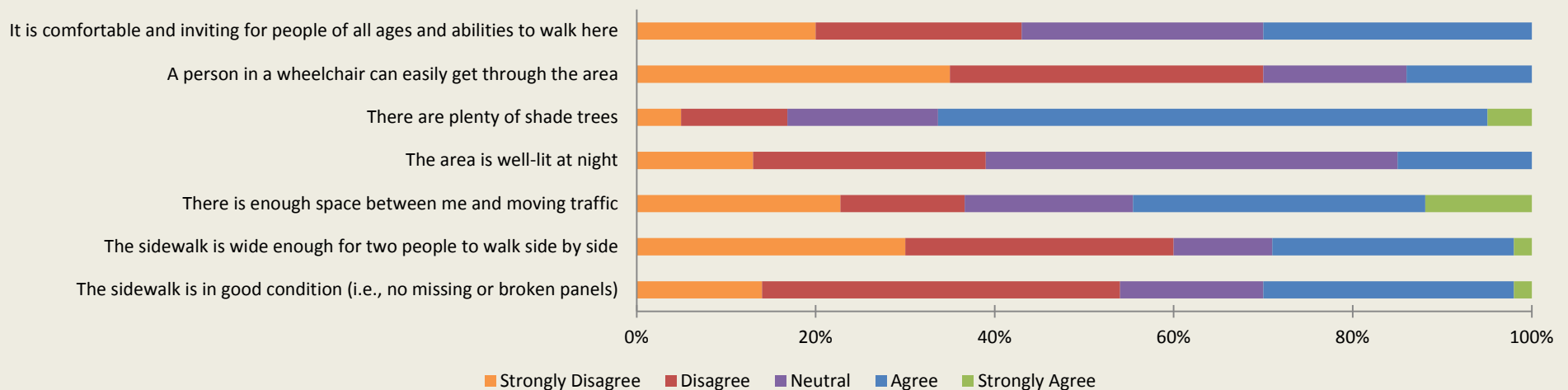


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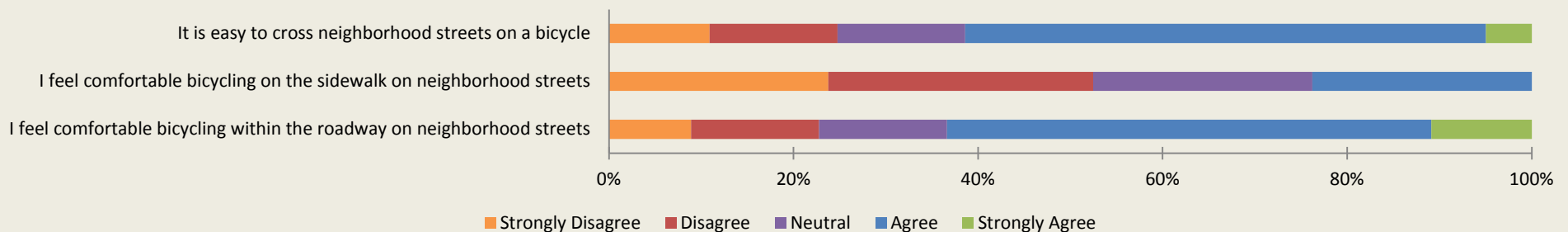
## 20<sup>th</sup> Street & Harrill Street

Approximately 25% of respondents agreed that this area is comfortable and inviting for people of all ages and abilities to walk, and approximately 75% indicated that it would be difficult to get through the area in a wheelchair. Other concerns noted by at least half of respondents included sidewalk condition and sidewalk width. However, many respondents (approximately 65%) indicated that there are plenty of shade trees in this area. With respect to bicycling, approximately 60% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that it is comfortable to bicycle within the roadway and cross neighborhood streets. The majority of respondents do not feel comfortable bicycling on the sidewalk. Landscaping and sidewalk maintenance were the most common suggestions for improving neighborhood streets for pedestrians. Bike lanes and landscaping maintenance were the most common suggestions for improving neighborhood streets for bicyclists.

### WALKING ALONG NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS

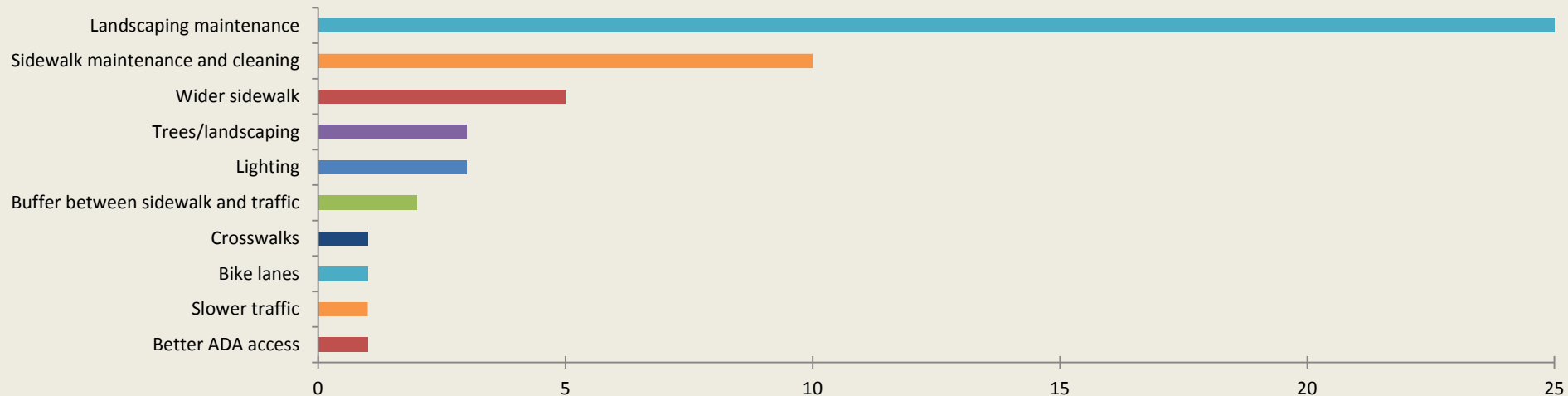


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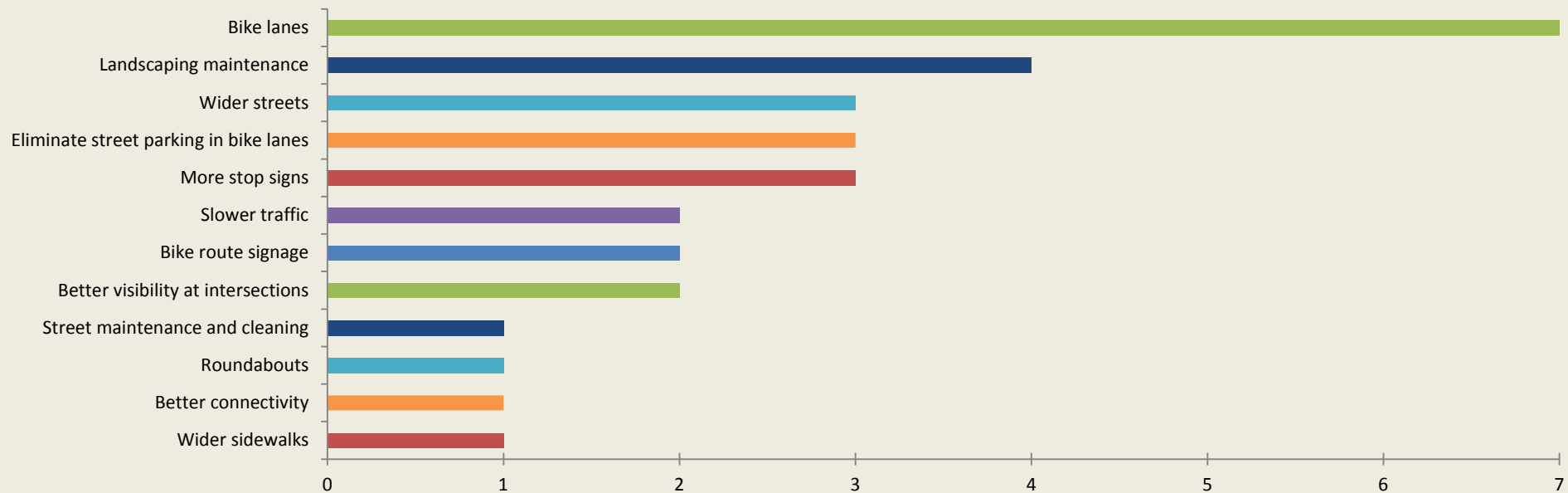


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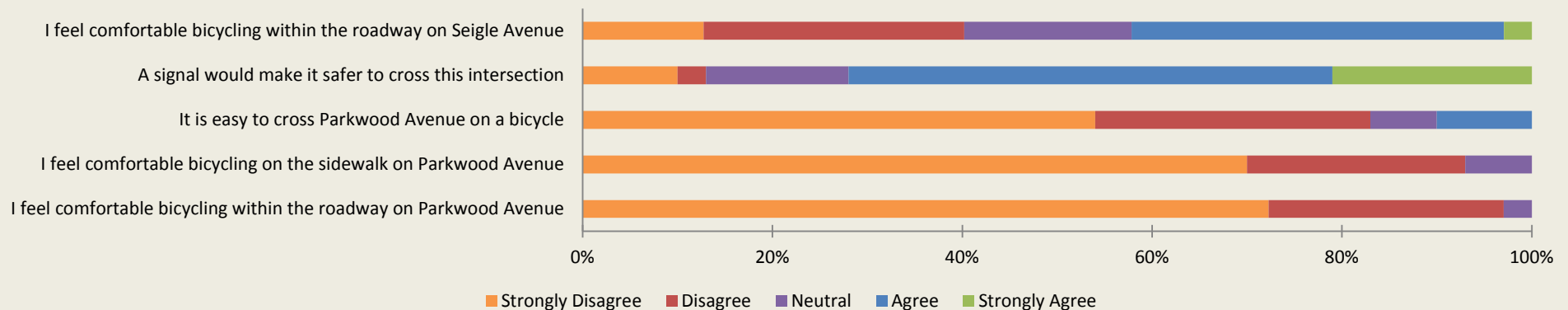
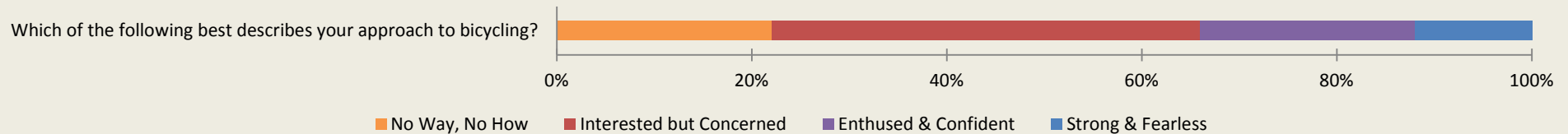


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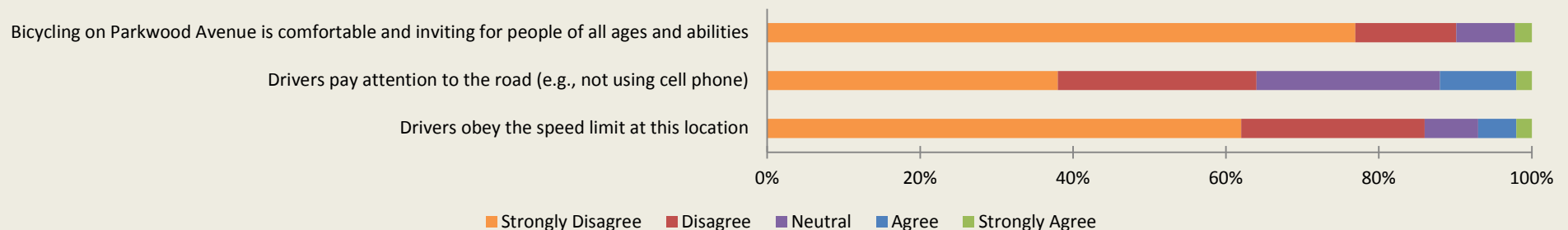
## Parkwood Avenue & Seigle Avenue

Many (44%) of the respondents indicated that they are “interested but concerned” about bicycling in general. While approximately 40% of respondents feel comfortable bicycling on Seigle Avenue, most respondents do not feel comfortable bicycling on the road or sidewalk on Parkwood Avenue, or crossing Parkwood Avenue on a bicycle. Most respondents indicated that a signal would improve safety at the intersection. Driver behavior, including paying attention and obeying the speed limit, were concerns for a majority of respondents at this location. Bike lanes and slower traffic were the most common suggestions for making Parkwood Avenue better for bicyclists.

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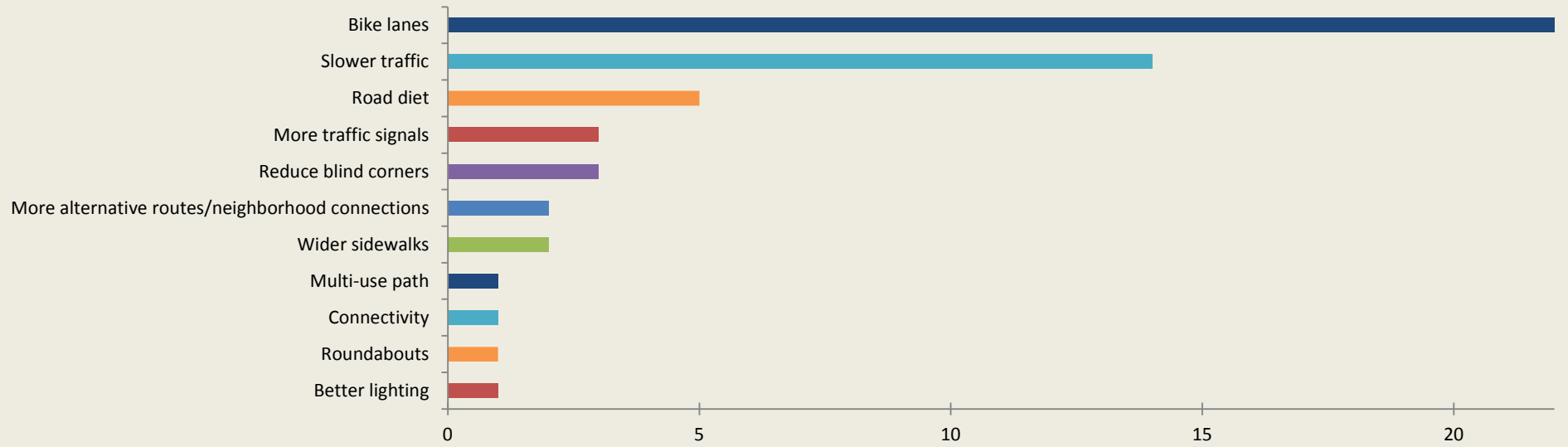


### DRIVER BEHAVIOR



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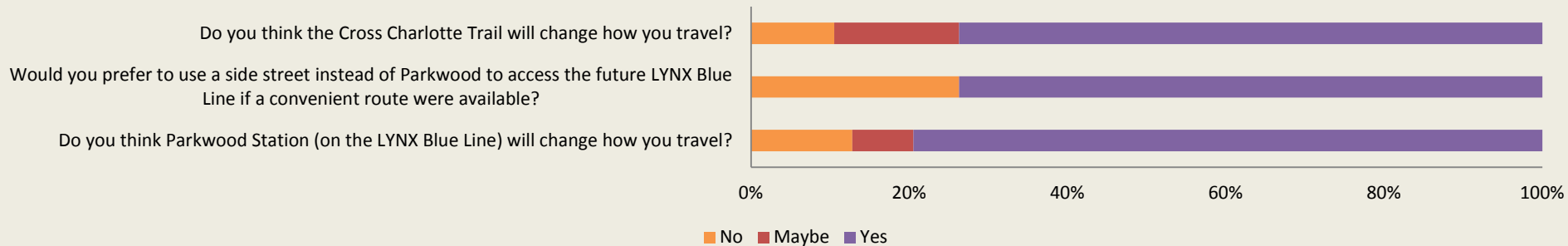


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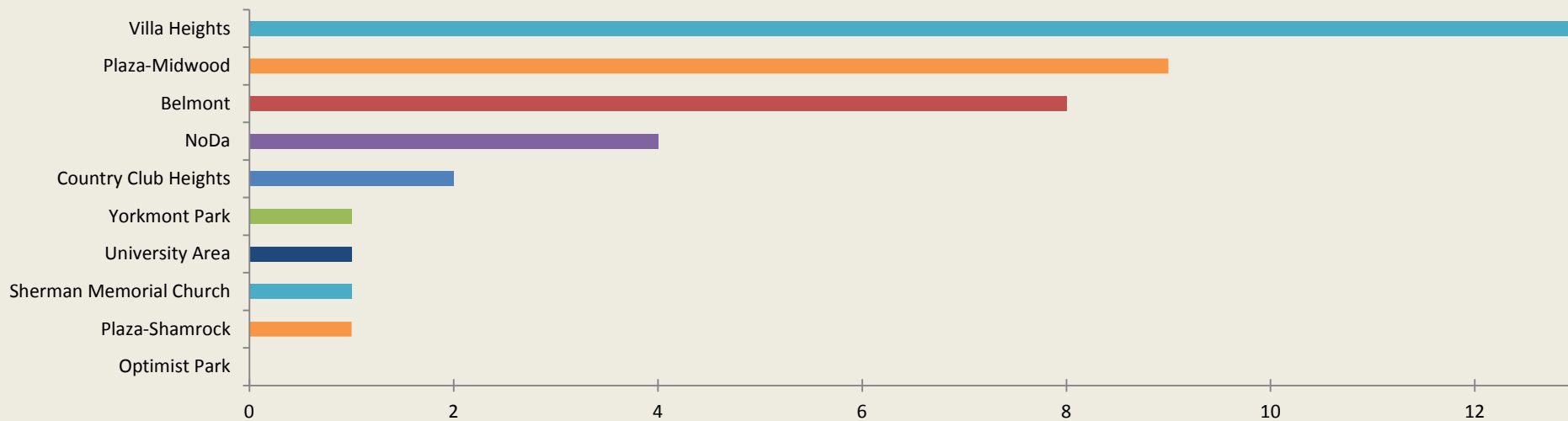
## Belmont Regional Center

Over 60% of respondents indicated that the Parkwood Station and the Cross Charlotte Trail will change how they travel. Parks were the most highly reported destination that people would like to be able to walk to, followed by the light rail line, retail locations, bars, restaurants, and greenways. The neighborhoods with the most residents participating in the survey were Villa Heights, Plaza-Midwood, and Belmont.

### GENERAL QUESTIONS

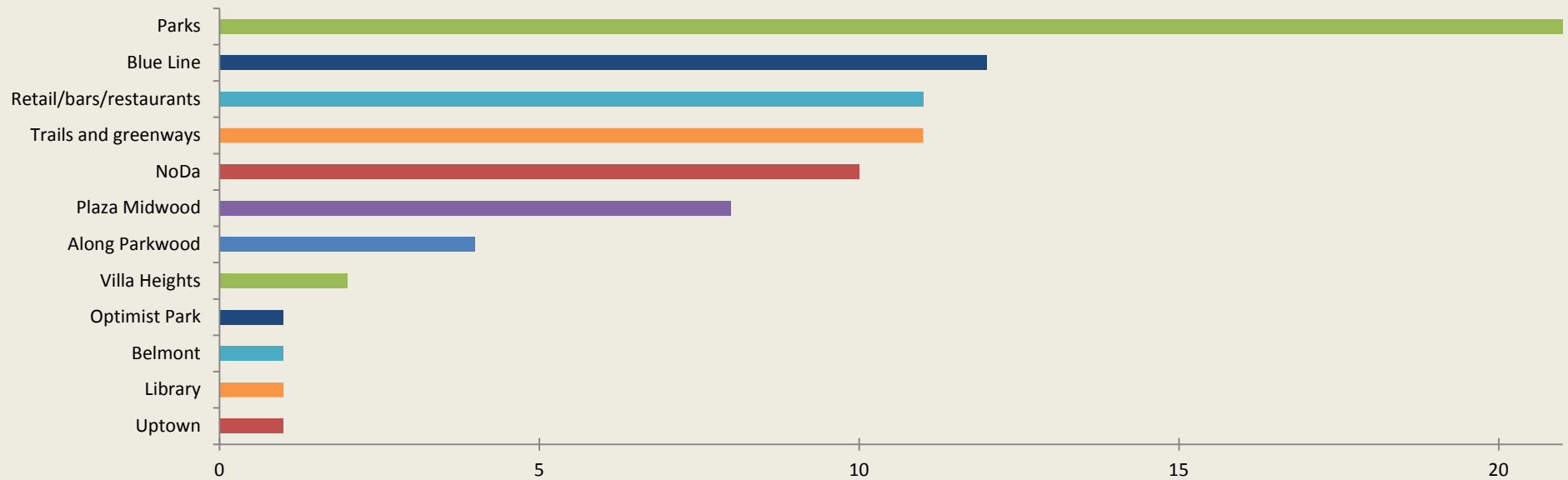


### WHERE DO YOU LIVE?



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## COMMENTS: LOCATIONS TO WHICH YOU OR YOUR NEIGHBORS WALK OR WOULD LIKE TO WALK IN THIS AREA



## OTHER NOTES AND COMMENTS

- Parkwood feels narrow and busy for everyone (walkers, bikers, and drivers). Slowing down cars would help even if you can't widen sidewalks
- Lots of people are going to want to get to the Blue Line station.
- Concerned that a road diet on Parkwood and The Plaza would create more traffic and safety issues on other arteries.
- Parkwood Avenue street design encourages people to drive like they are on a freeway.
- Would be great to model Parkwood after 4<sup>th</sup> Street (median planters, one lane in each direction, bike lanes on both sides).
- Traffic flow needs to be better regulated. Speed is a major concern.
- Improving Parkwood would bring more businesses, improve overall health through exercise, make people safer, and connect neighborhoods.
- There is not a single place along Parkwood where I feel safe as a pedestrian or cyclist.
- Parkwood is not well lit at night, uninviting for pedestrians.
- Need a safe way for Plaza Midwood residents to access Cross Charlotte Trail and LYNX.
- Road diet all along Parkwood!