



# Central/Norland/Kilborne Improvements

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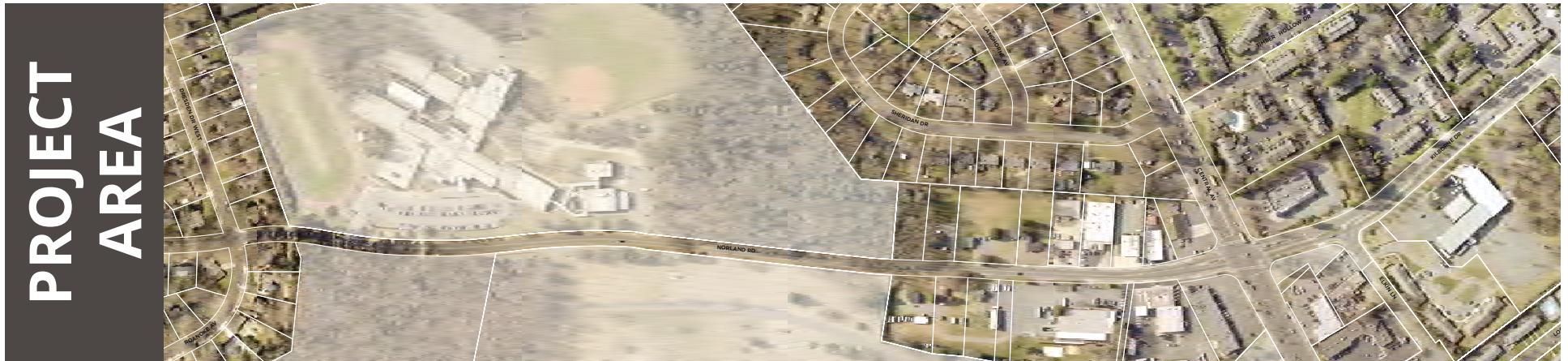
PUBLIC MEETING SUMMARY

JUNE 2017



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On Thursday, June 1, 2017 over 40 people attended a public meeting to share ideas and opinions for the Central/Kilborne/Norland Improvements project, which is a part of the City of Charlotte's Central/Albemarle/Shamrock Community Neighborhood Improvement Program. This project aims to:

1. Create a safer pedestrian and bicycle connection between the Evergreen Nature Preserve and Kilborne Park and, ultimately, to the future Briar Creek Greenway on Eastway Drive.
2. Maintain, stabilize and revitalize the neighborhood through comprehensive infrastructure improvements.
3. Strengthen the neighborhood and surrounding community.

The following pages represent data and comments received at the June 1st public meeting both through completed written surveys as well as comments captured on posters and maps stationed at the meeting.

“ *We need to celebrate this place and our area.* ”

- Public Meeting Attendee

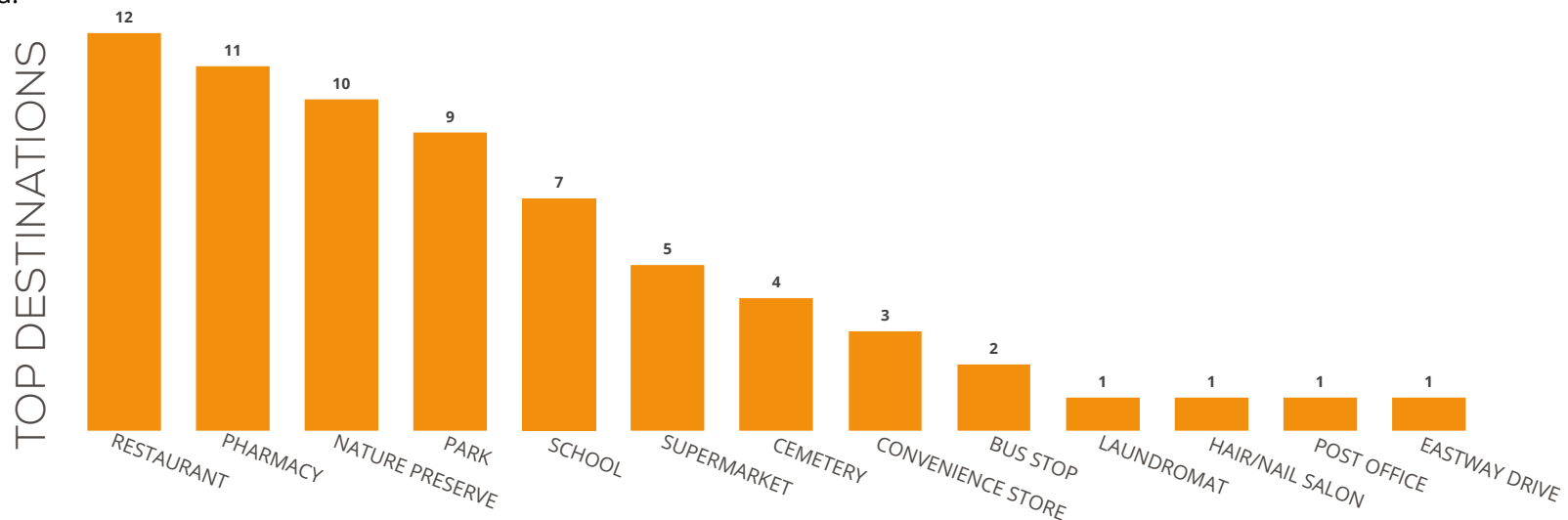
Recurring themes gathered from the public meeting include:

## KEEP LOCAL CHARACTER

Many residents admire the unique and diverse character of the surrounding neighborhood. While infrastructure improvements are certainly welcomed and desired, it is important to reflect, celebrate and harness the local character.

## INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

The Central/Kilborne/Norland intersection received many comments on the need for bicycle and pedestrian improvements. Overall the intersection is currently viewed as unsafe and unwelcoming. Suggestions for improvements include landscaping, beautification, no right on red, Barnes Dance (pedestrian scramble) crossing, wider bike lanes, wider sidewalks, medians with a pedestrian refuge, enhanced crosswalks, and sufficient crossing time. Other intersections along the corridor also create conflict between motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians, including Norland Road and Dresden Drive, Norland Road and Woodland Drive, and Kilborne Drive and Havenwood Road.



## TRAFFIC CALMING

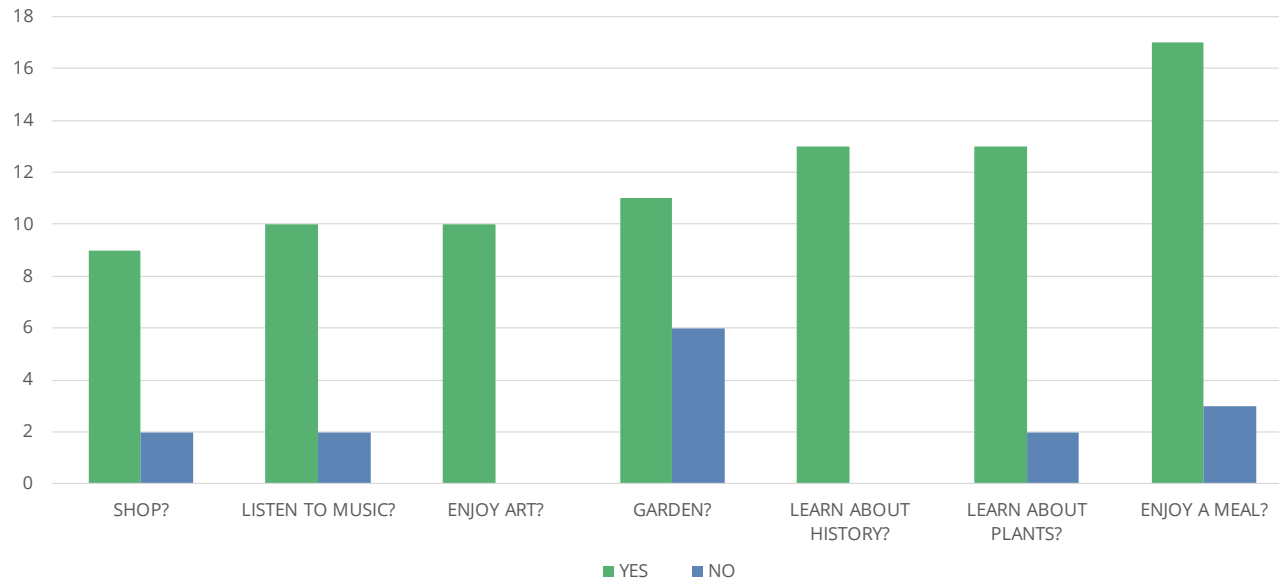
Both along Norland Road and Kilborne Drive, residents witness excessive speeds and a high volume of cut through traffic creating a dangerous environment for pedestrians and bicyclists. Suggestions include roundabouts and center medians with pedestrian and bicyclist safety islands.

## SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

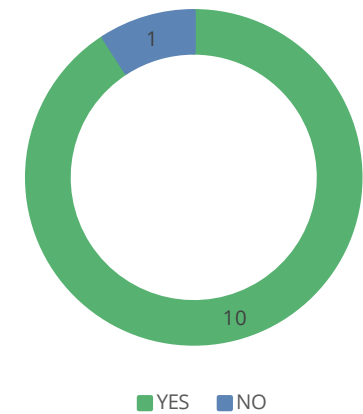
Walking and biking to destinations is a part of the neighborhood fabric. Residents, however, do desire enhancements that foster a safer, more enjoyable multi-modal environment. Lighting, wider sidewalks, sidewalks on both sides of the corridor, additional protected bike lanes, widening of the existing bike lanes, lighted mid-block crossings at the Preserve, Kilborne Park and bus stops along Central Avenue are all ideas commonly expressed among residents to create a more holistic and connected multi-modal network.



WOULD YOU COME HERE TO...



IS COMMUNITY IDENTITY IMPORTANT HERE?



## WHAT WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE AT THE PARK?

LIGHTING - 21

BENCHES - 21

TREES - 17

TRASH RECEPTACLES - 17

BIKE RACKS - 12

TABLES & CHAIRS - 12

ART - 3

## CONCERNS

- Who will maintain and program the park?
- Kid's safety at risk with busy street and intersection.
- What happens when the retail area surrounding the park redevelops?
- Will park be in conjunction with intersection redesign?
- High traffic congestion and traffic noise.
- Pollution from traffic.
- Small site.
- Insufficient parking.
- Not pedestrian friendly to access.

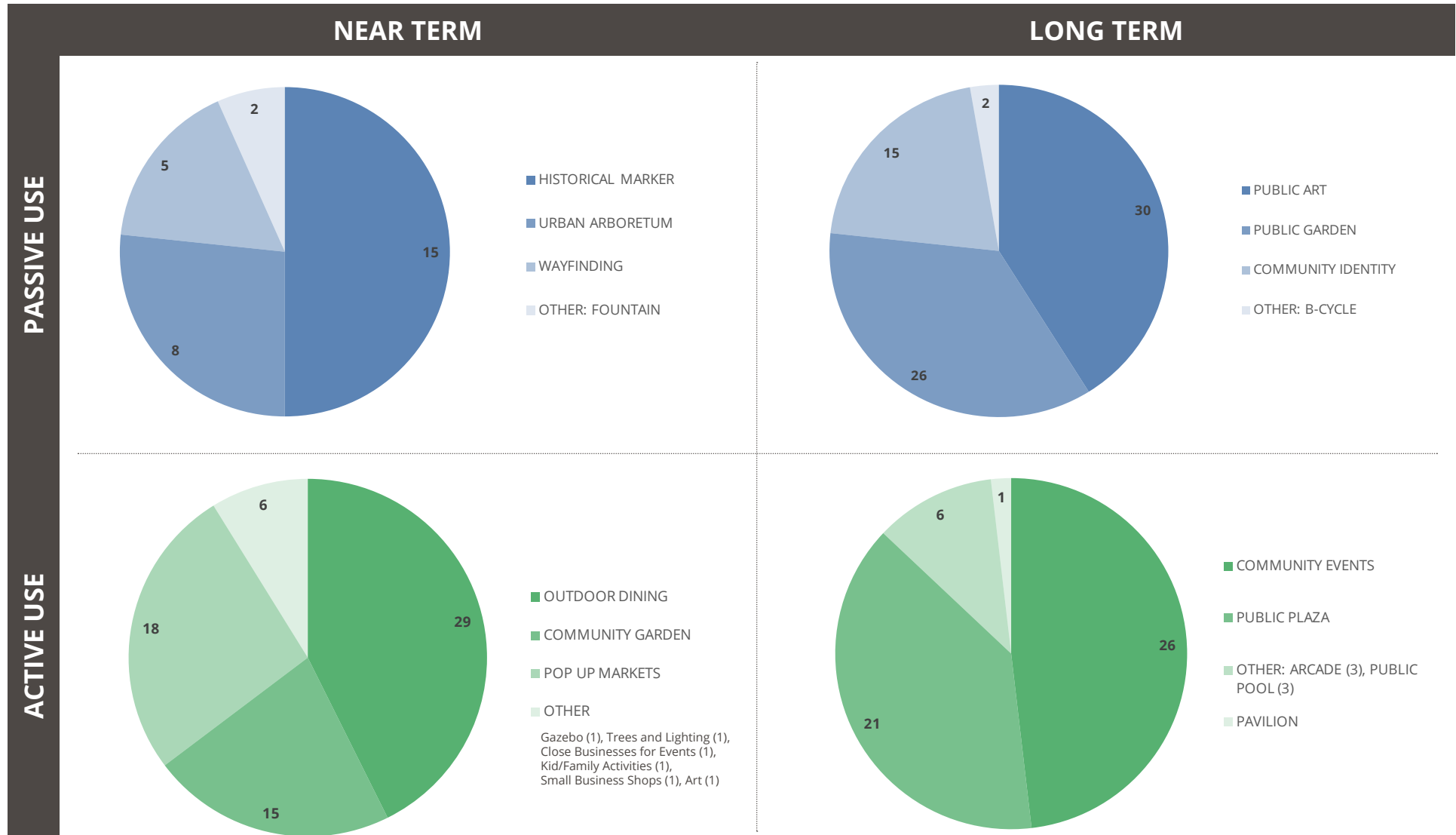
## INTERESTS

- Opportunity to celebrate the diverse, multi-cultural neighborhood.
- Best ethnic food in Charlotte. Easy to walk to many different food options.
- History is knowledge. It would bring awareness and identity to the area.
- Art could be a landmark and create a sense of pride for the neighborhood.
- Beautiful trees are a great asset for an arboretum.
- Park events would encourage more walking in the neighborhood.
- Plants would be fun and educational.
- Great spot for food carts.
- Want to embrace and display positive community identity.
- Harness the funky, vibrant energy of the neighborhood.



SUSTAINABLE LEARNING CENTER - 1, B-CYCLE/BIKESHARING - 1

# WHAT DO YOU ENVISION AT THE PARK?

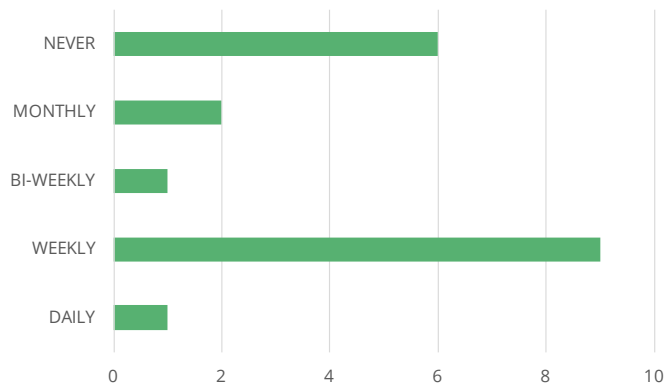




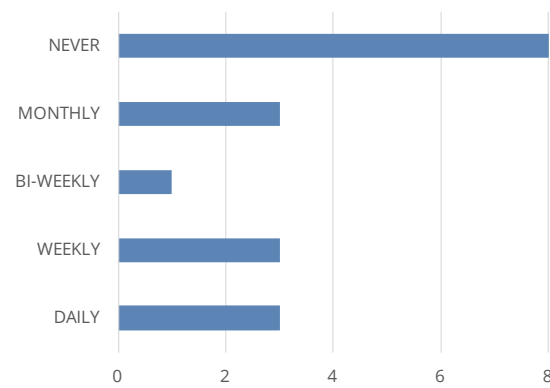
**BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS**

HOW OFTEN DO YOU...

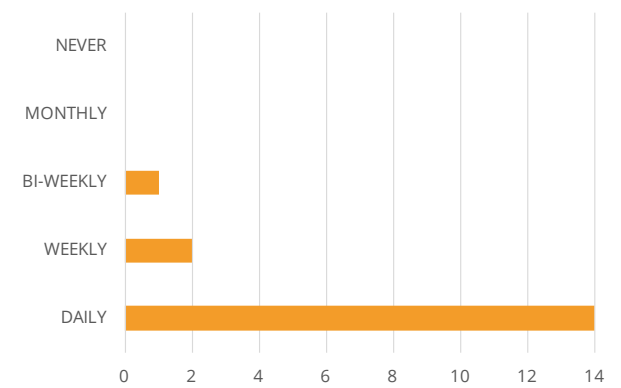
Walk along Kilborne, Norland or Central?



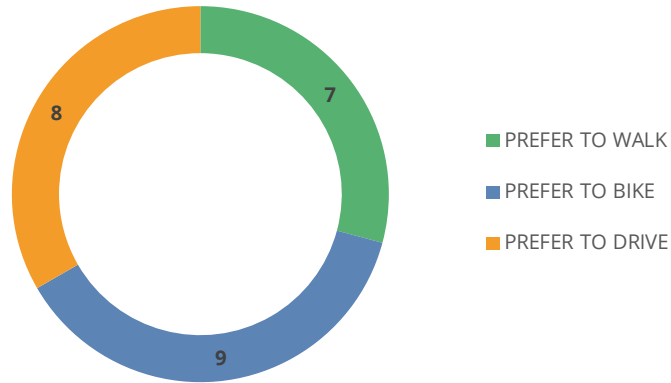
Bike along Kilborne, Norland or Central?



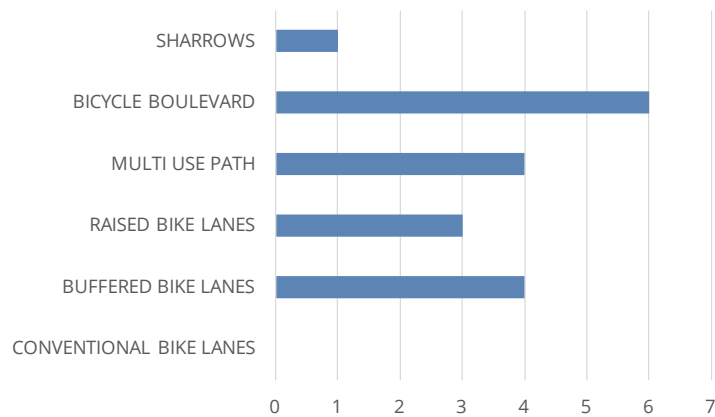
Drive along Kilborne, Norland or Central?



## HOW WOULD YOU PREFER TO USE THE CORRIDOR?



## WHAT IS YOUR INITIAL BIKE FACILITY PREFERENCE?

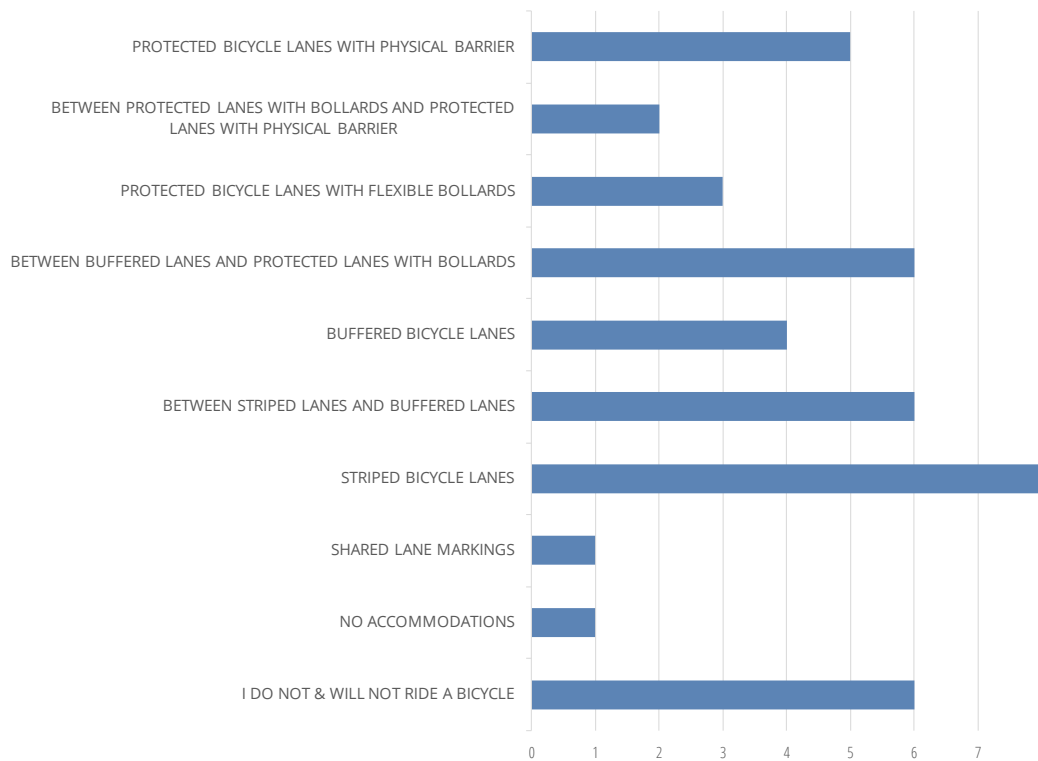


“ I want a bike boulevard because I want separation from large SUVs that do not see a bicycle.

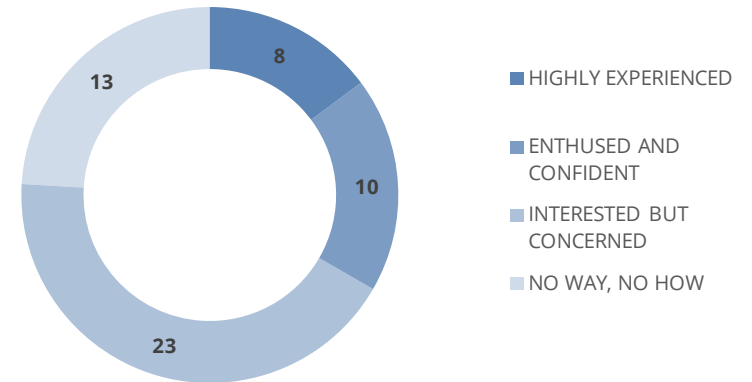
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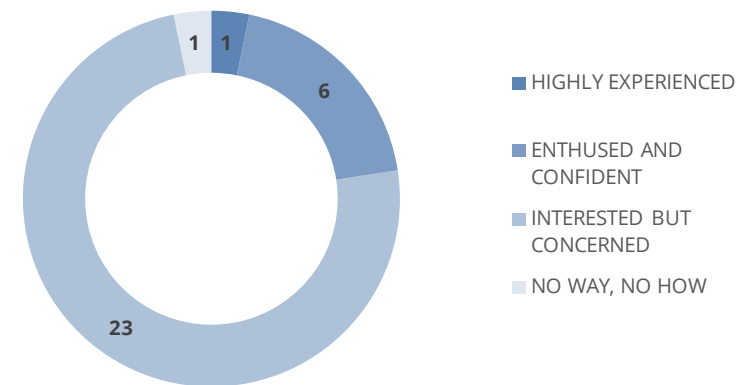
## WHEN WOULD YOU START TO FEEL COMFORTABLE RIDING ON A BUSY STREET?



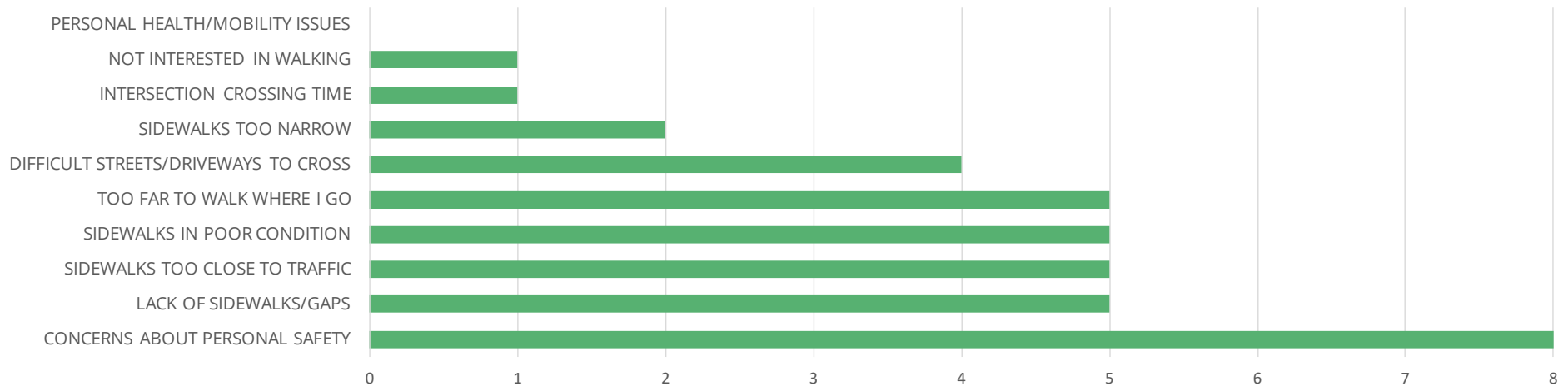
## WHAT TYPE OF CYCLIST ARE YOU?



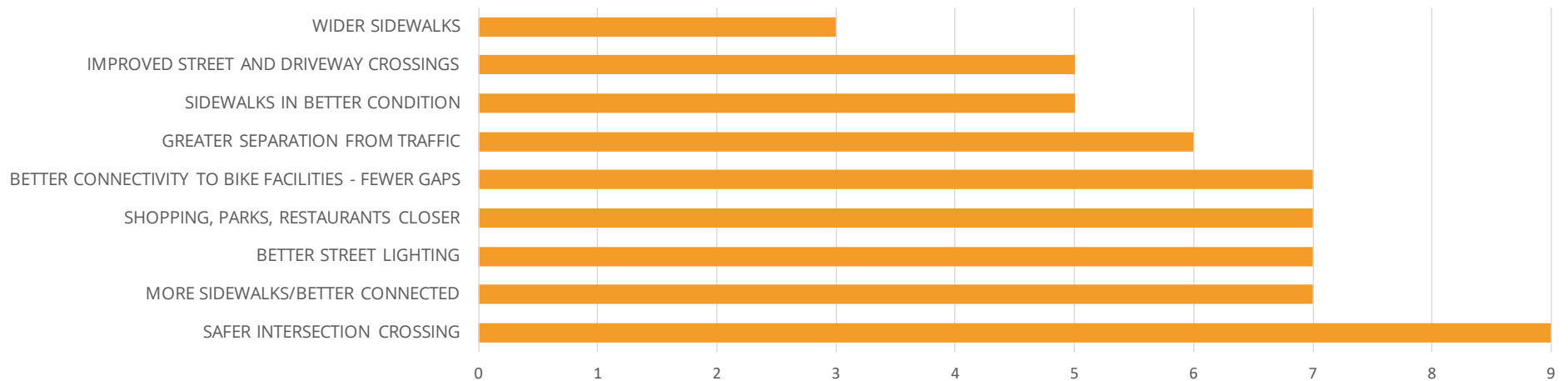
## WHAT TYPE OF CYCLIST SHOULD THE CORRIDOR BE DESIGNED FOR?



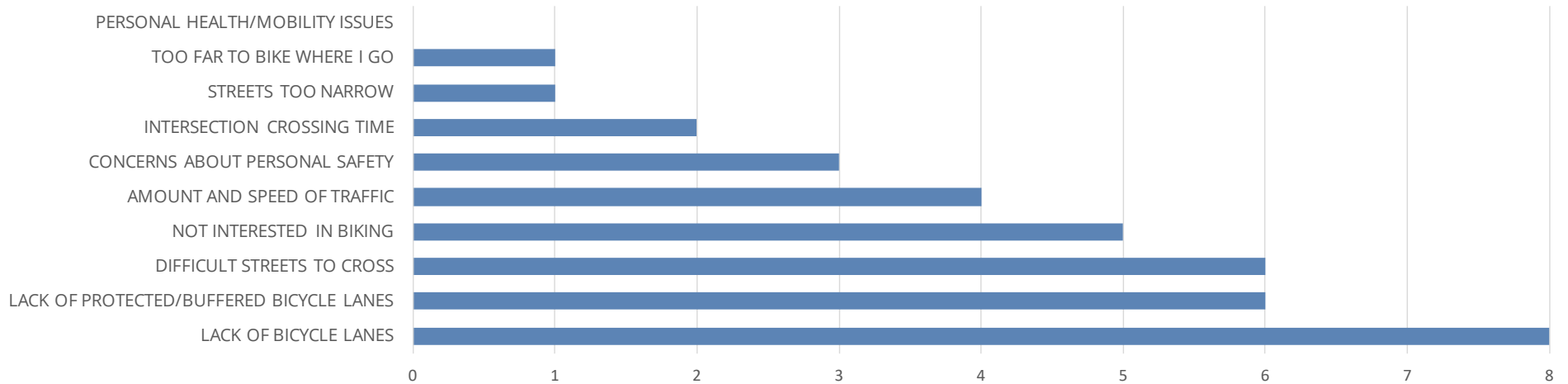
## WHAT PREVENTS YOU FROM WALKING MORE OR AT ALL?



## WHAT WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO WALK MORE?



## WHAT PREVENTS YOU FROM BIKING MORE OR AT ALL?



## WHAT WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO BIKE MORE?

