

Pioneer Park Pedestrian Improvements Public Feedback Summary

Council Work Session
Monday, July 10, 2023

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Purpose – Summarize the public feedback received from several recent public meetings and studies.

2023 Public Outreach Conducted

- Public Open House #1 (March 23).
- Presentation to Accessible Communities Advisory Committee (May 17).
- Public Open House #2 (May 18).
- Division Street resident survey re: parking needs and bike lanes (May 18-June 1)
- Parking Survey (May, 2023 – PBS and City)



Public Feedback Themes

Open Houses & Surveys:

- + Intersection traffic safety
- + Loss of parking
- + Pedestrian safety & accessibility
- + Vehicle speeds
- + Bicycle safety
- + Preference for crosswalks near park entrance
- + Importance of park beauty
- + Concerns over curb extensions

Meeting with Accessibility Committee:

- + Bulb-outs and accessible RFFBs allow drivers to better see and respond to people with disabilities.
- + Being able to hear moving traffic and the audible tones from crossing tools are important cues for people with disabilities.

Survey #2 Overview



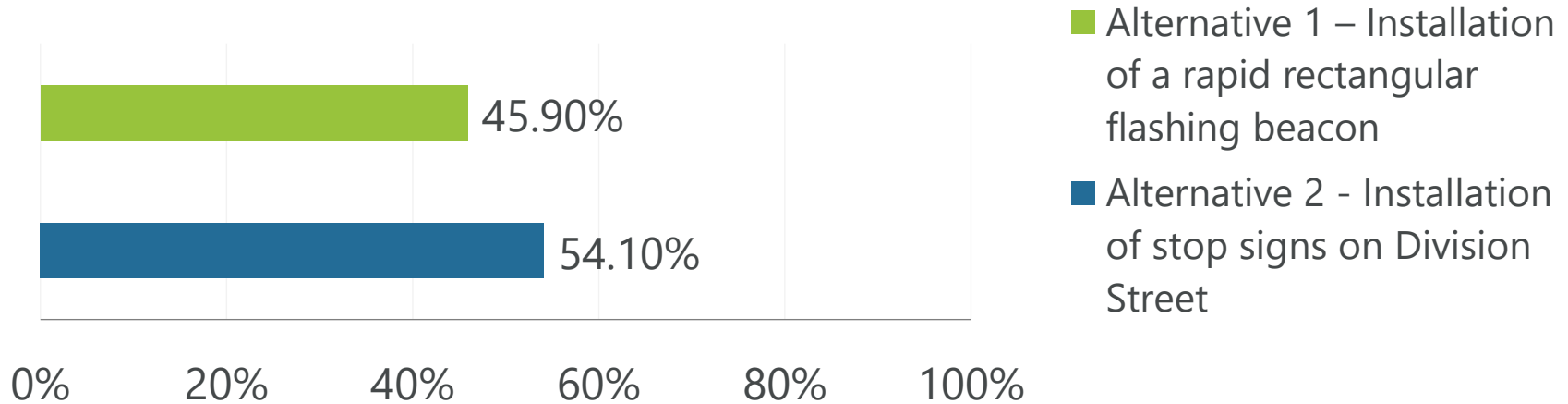
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TOTAL
RESPONDENTS

Survey Duration: Open May 17 – June 4, 2023

Question 1

The city is considering the installation of a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB) crossing (Alternative 1) or the installation of all-way stop signs (Alternative 2) at the intersection of Division Street and Whitman Street. As you examine the two exhibits, which alternative would you prefer the city to install at this intersection?



Answered: 61 Skipped: 0

Question 2

For the Division and Newell intersection, the City is considering improvements consisting of

- + Curb extensions to narrow Division Street
- + Pedestrian crossing signs and striping
- + ADA ramps for pedestrian crossings
- + Relocation of ramp and sidewalk on park side of intersection

Do you have comments or concerns about any of the proposed improvements?

- + Opposition for bulb-outs/curb extensions. Have not noticed improvement with the temporary improvements placed at Whitman.





Question 3

For the Division and Lincoln intersection, the city is considering improvements consisting of:

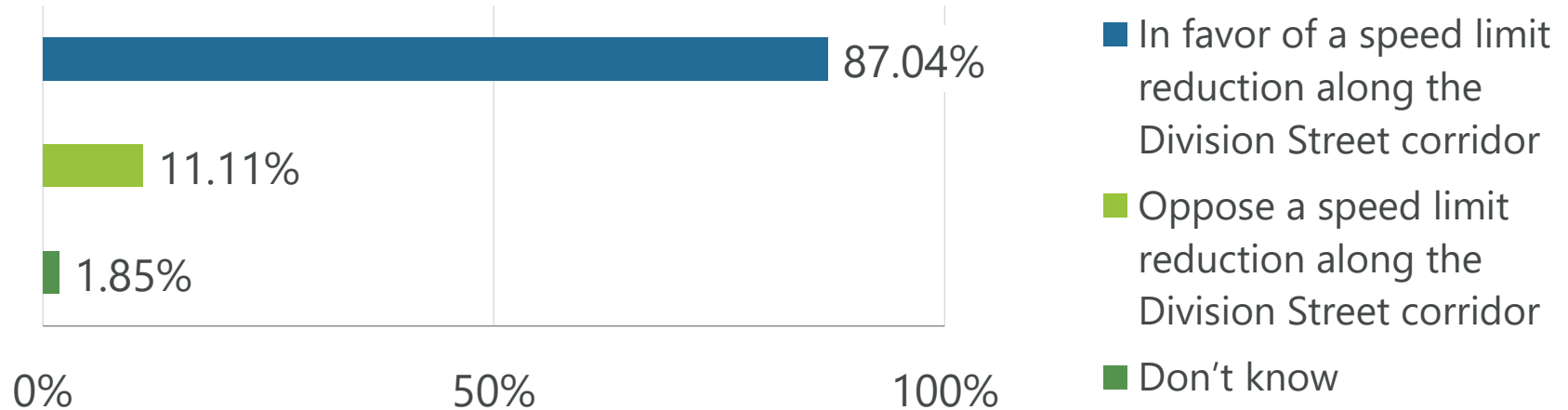
- + Curb extensions to narrow Division Street
- + Pedestrian crossing signs and striping
- + ADA ramps for pedestrian crossings

Do you have comments or concerns about any of the proposed improvements?

- + Continued opposition for bulb-outs, desire for improved bike safety
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Question 4

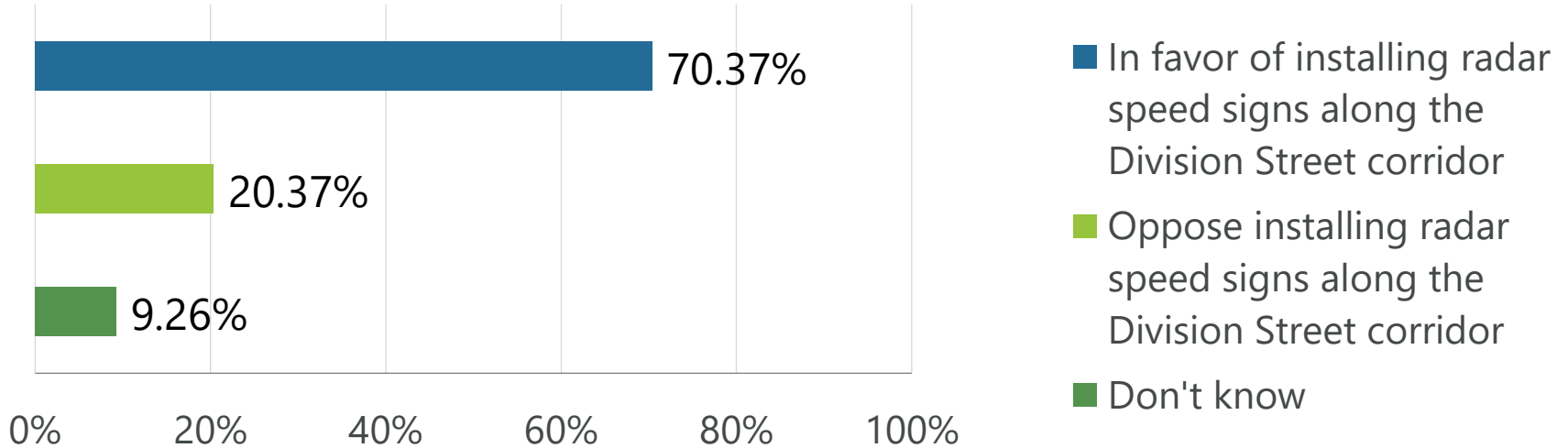
The City is considering a speed limit reduction in the area of Pioneer Park. Are you in favor of a speed limit reduction from 30-miles-per-hour to 25-miles-per-hour on Division Street?



Answered: 54 Skipped: 7

Question 5

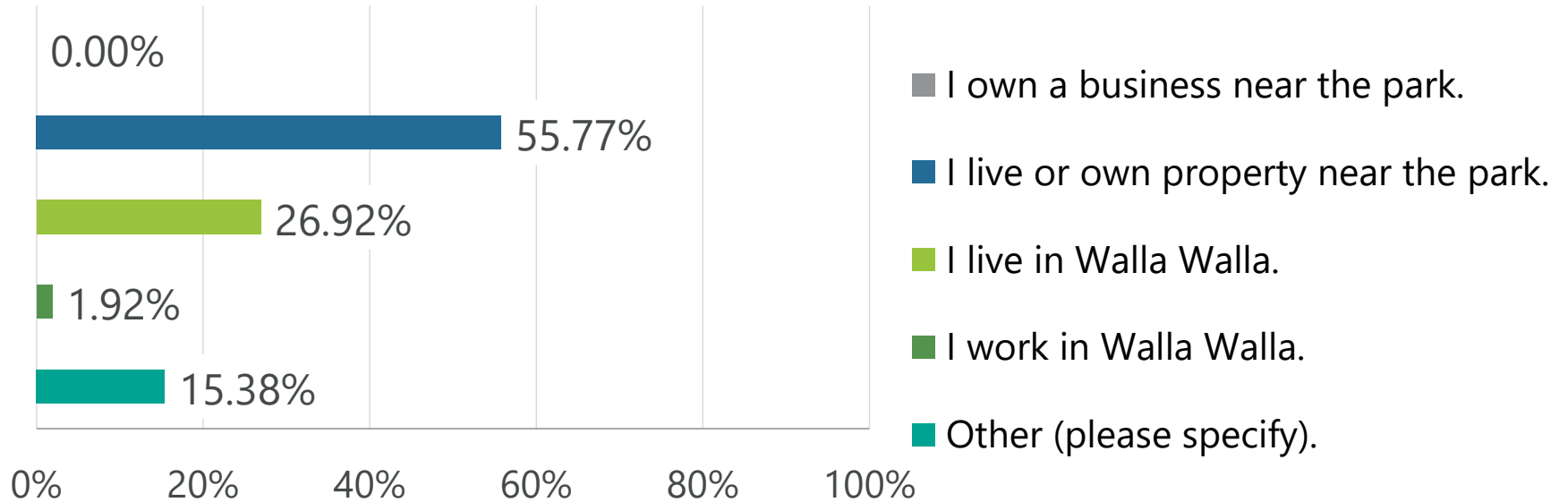
The City is considering enhancements to speed limit notifications and monitoring in the Pioneer Park area. Are you in favor of installing radar speed signs along Division Street?



Answered: 54 Skipped: 7

Question 6

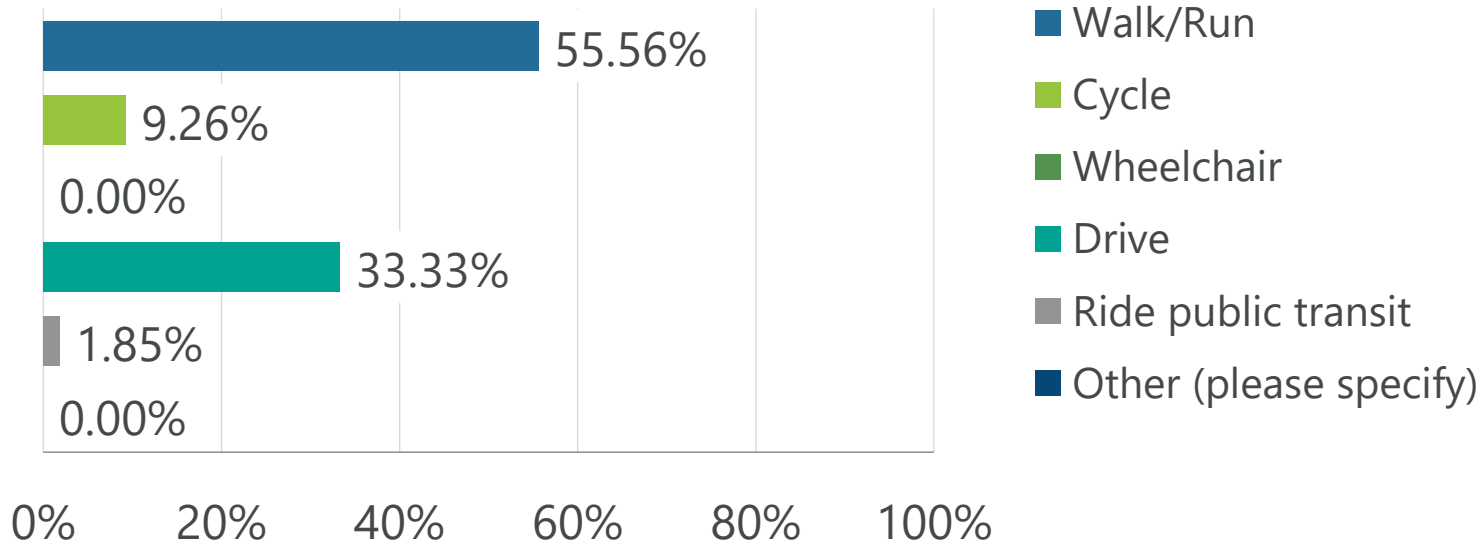
Which best describes your interest in the project? Choose one option.



Answered: 52 Skipped: 9

Question 7

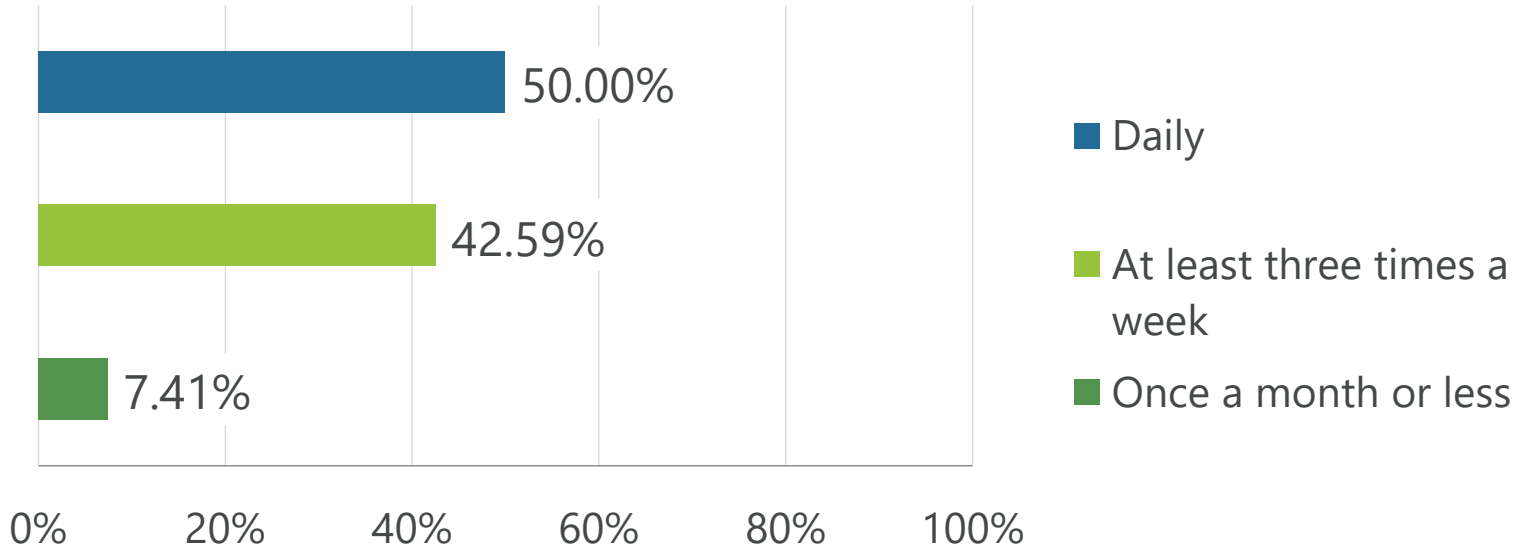
What form of travel do you use most often when visiting Pioneer Park or travelling near the park?



Answered: 54 Skipped: 7

Question 8

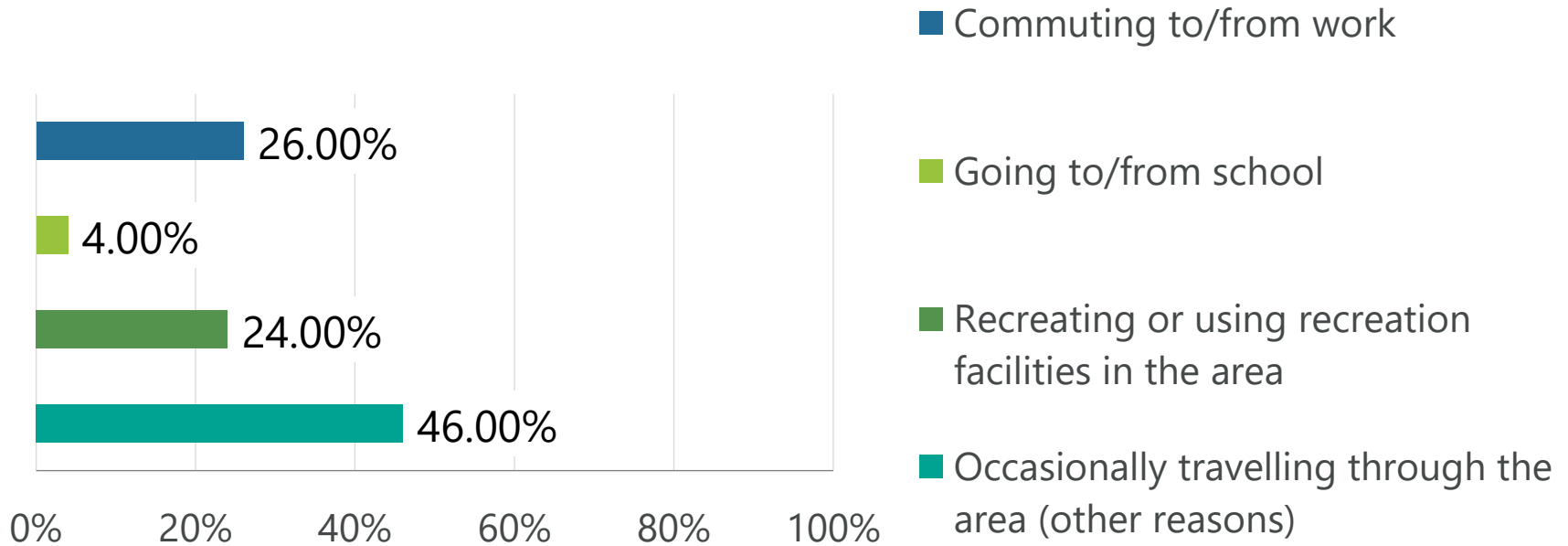
How often do you travel along S Division Street?



Answered: 54 Skipped: 7

Question 9

Why do you typically travel or use S Division Street?




- Answered: 50 Skipped: 11



Question 10

Anything else you'd like to say about the 2023 Pioneer Park Improvements project?

- + Eager to see new safety features
 - + Continue the beautiful and natural look of the park
 - + Preference to not narrow Division Street with curb extensions
 - + Would like to see speed bumps. Don't think the new speed limit will be obeyed.
 - + Concerned about losing parking.
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