

York Biking and Walking Survey

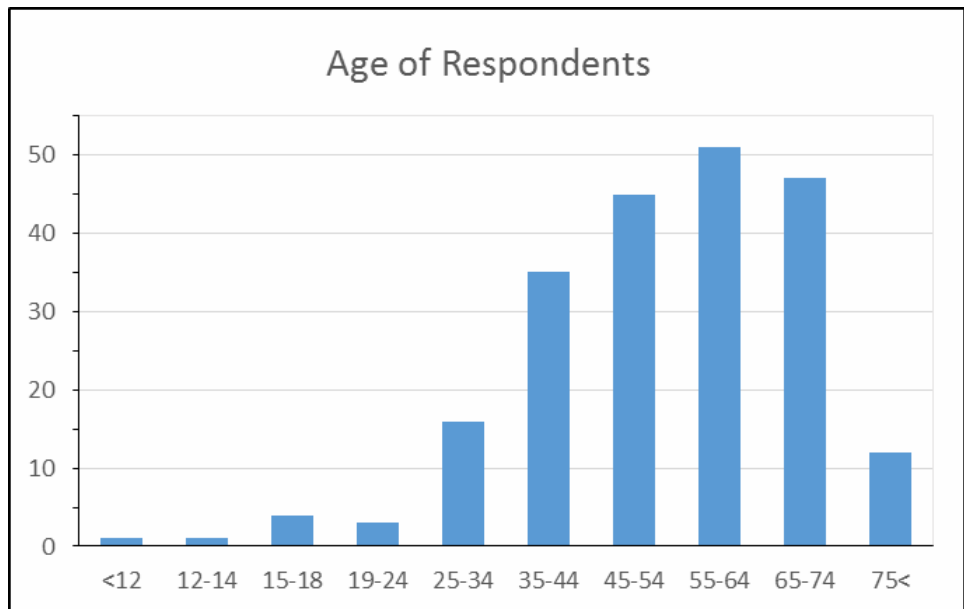
Initial Results

The York Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee has been with developing a Master Plan for improving safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists in York. The first step in gathering public input for this plans was The Town of York Walking and Biking Survey. This survey was made available to the residents and visitors to York online and in hard copies from early April to mid June of 2016. 219 people filled out the survey and the following is a graphical and tabular summation of those responses sorted by category.

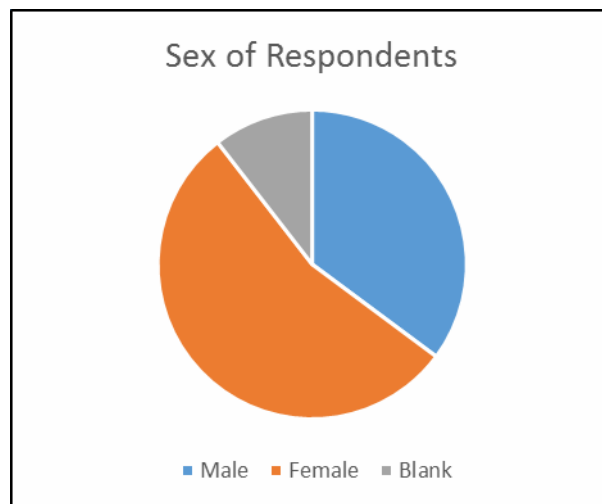
Demographics:

The first section asked some basic demographic questions to make sure that the responses we got were representative of the town.

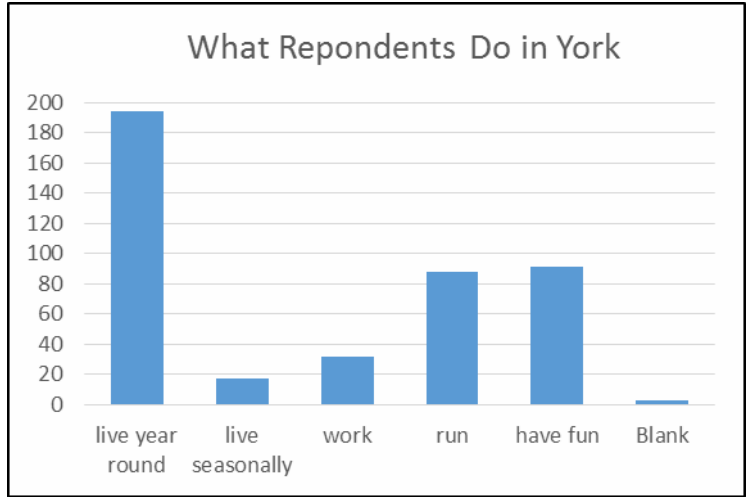
Age	
<12	1
12-14	1
15-18	4
19-24	3
25-34	16
35-44	35
45-54	45
55-64	51
65-74	47
75<	12
blank	4



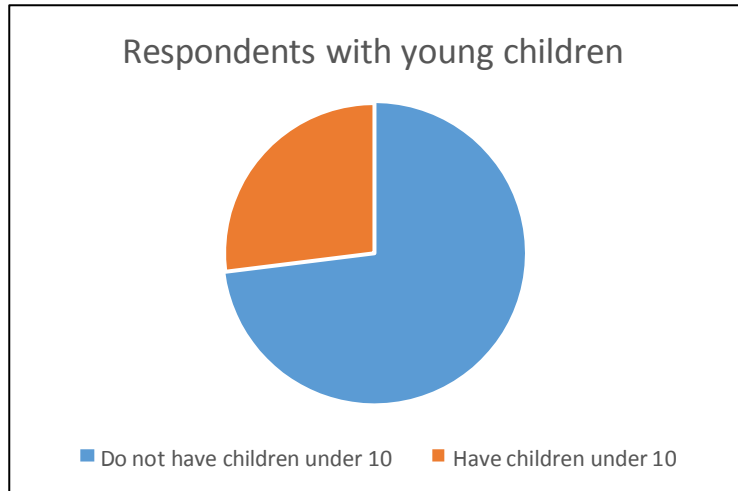
Sex	
Male	77
Female	119
Blank	23



What do you do in York? Check all that apply	
I live in York year round	194
I live in York seasonally	17
I work in York	32
I regularly run errands in York	88
I have fun in York	91
Blank	3



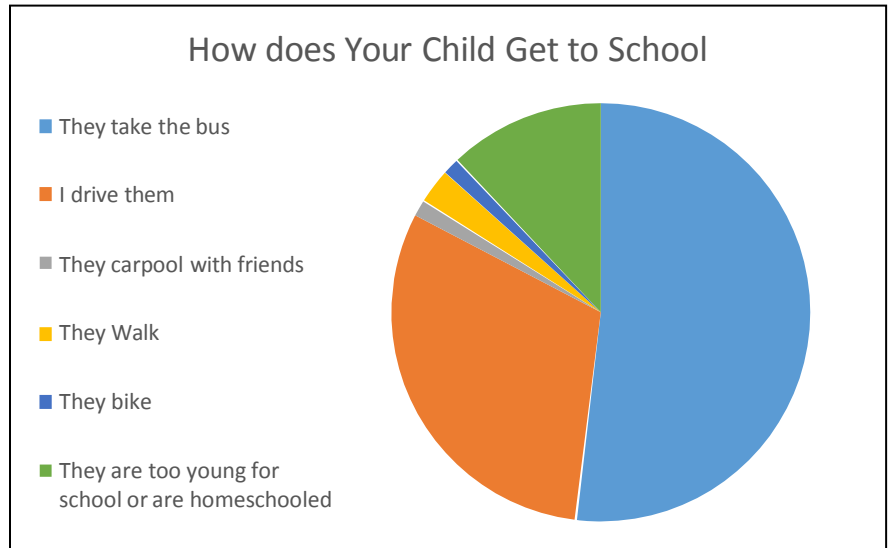
Do you have children under 10	
no	157
yes	58



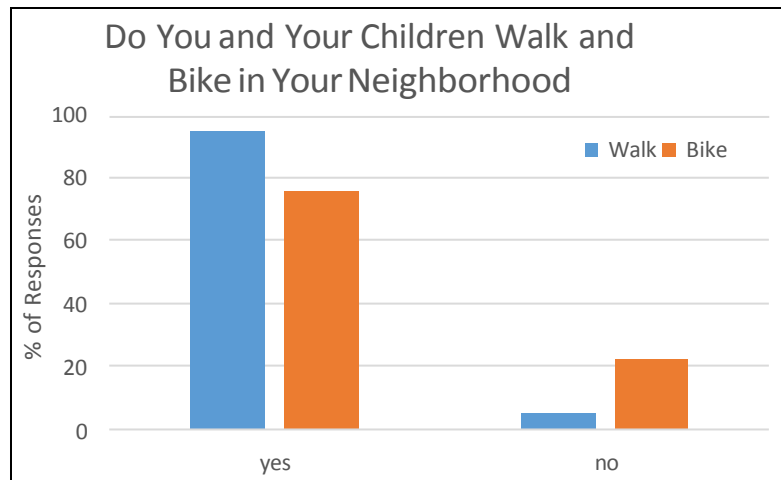
Younger Children:

In order to get an understanding how bike and pedestrian issues affect our youngest residents we asked the parents of young children to answer a few questions aimed just at them.

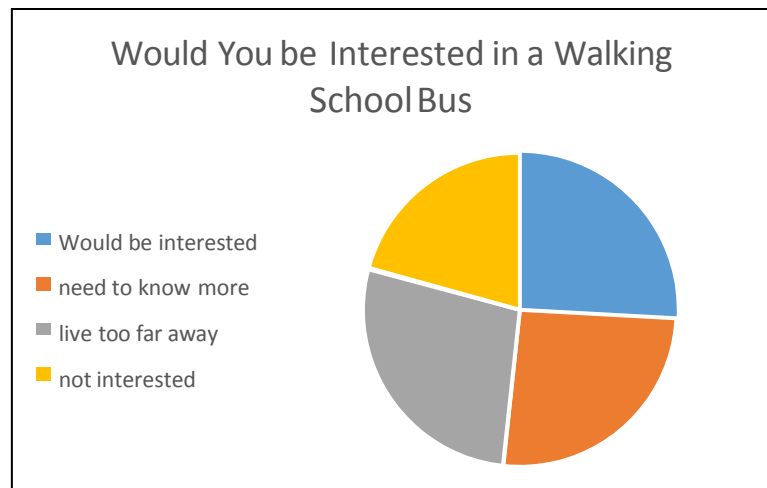
How do your children get to school	
They take the bus	39
I drive them	23
They carpool with friends	1
They Walk	2
They bike	1
They are too young for school or are homeschooled	9
Total	58



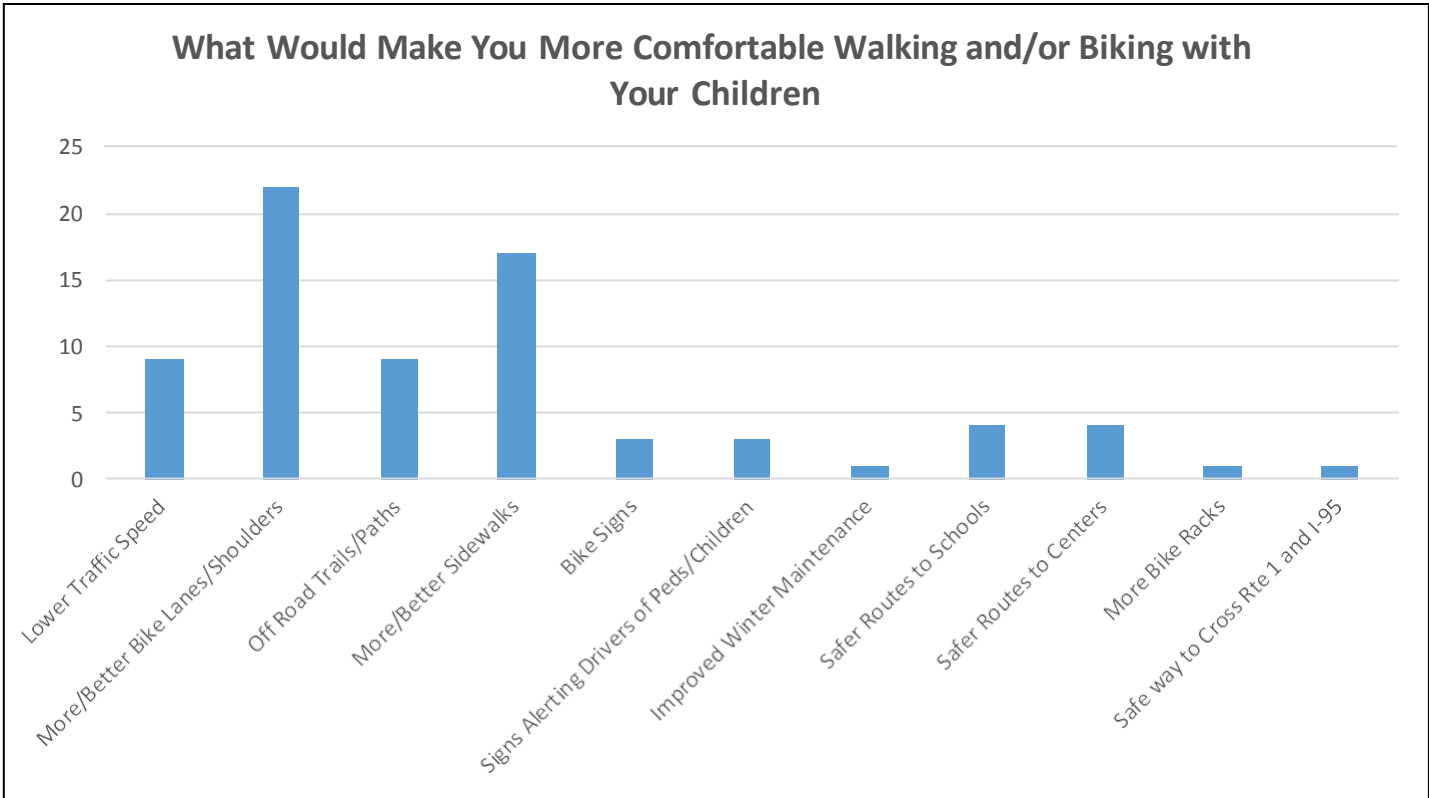
In your neighborhood do you and your children:	Walk	Bike
Yes	55	44
No	3	13



Would you be interested in walking School Bus program in York?	
Would be interested	15
Need to know more	15
We live too far away	16
Not interested	12
Total	58



The Walking School Bus program has adults walk a route through a neighborhood to the local school, collecting and accompanying children on their way to and from school.



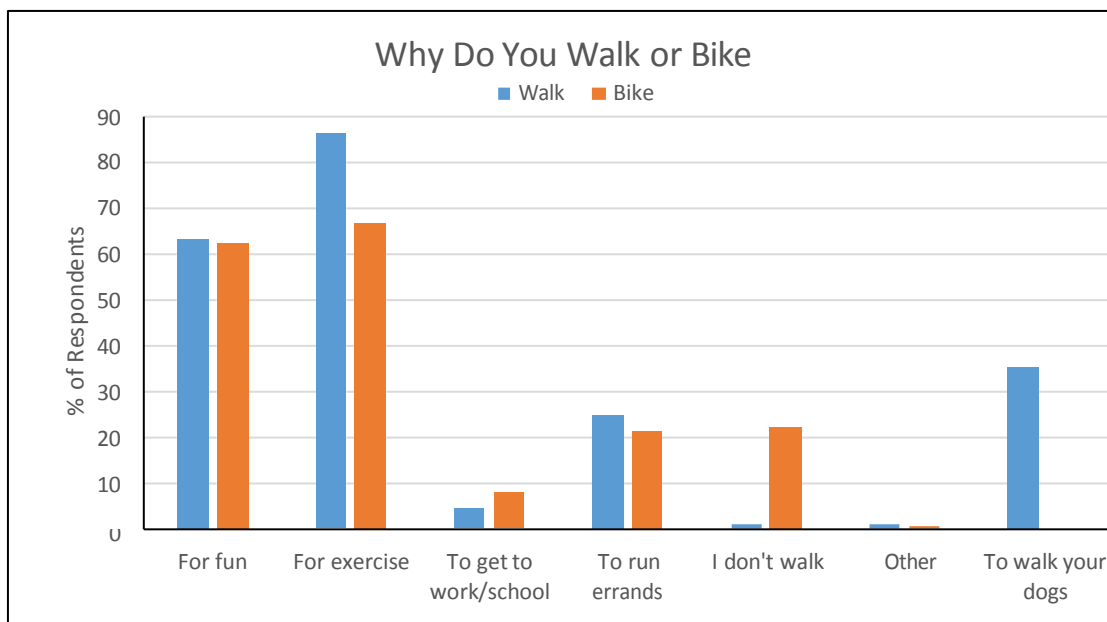
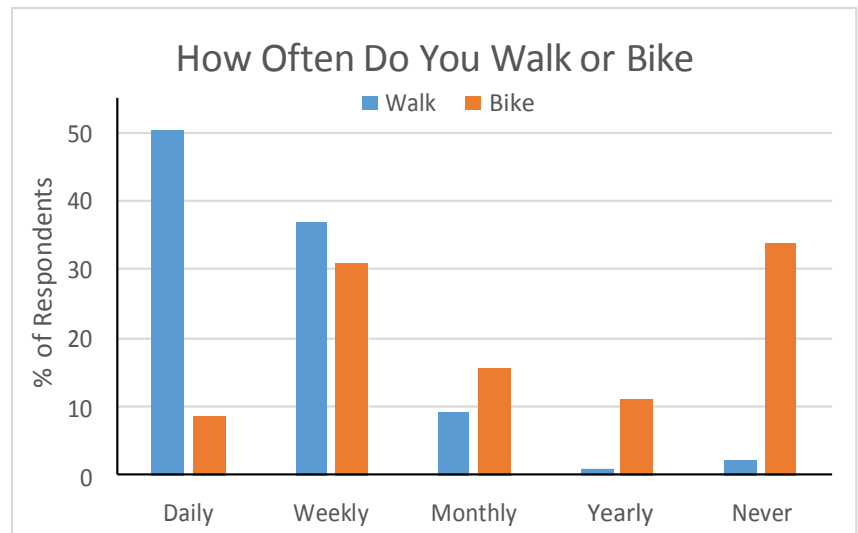
We specifically asked what could be done in town that would make parents of young children more comfortable to walk and bike with their kids.

Are there any improvements or amenities that would make you more comfortable biking and/or walking with your children.	
Lower Traffic Speed	9
More/Better Bike Lanes/Shoulders	22
Off Road Trails/Paths	9
More/Better Sidewalks	17
Bike Signs	3
Signs Alerting Drivers of Peds/Children	3
Improved Winter Maintenance	1
Safer Routes to Schools	4
Safer Routes to Centers	4
More Bike Racks	1
Safe way to Cross Rte 1 and I-95	1

How much and why do people in York Walk and Bike?

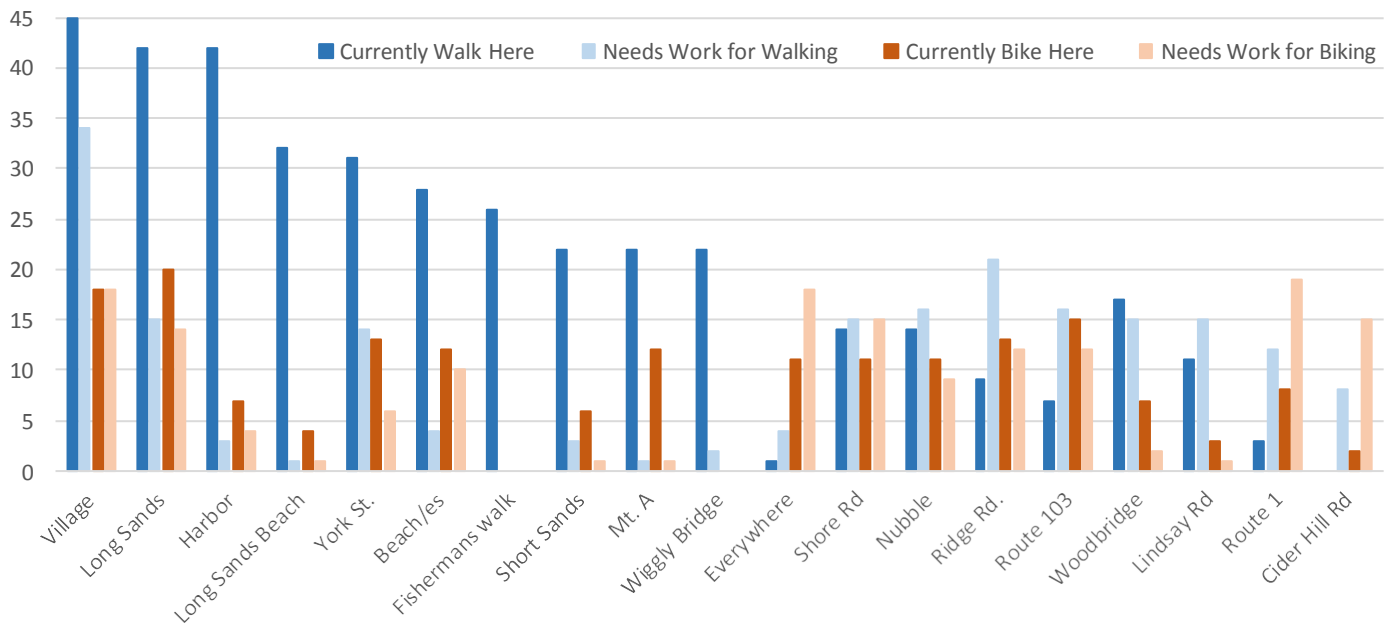
The next section focused on how frequently, for what reasons, and where in town people chose to walk and bike.

How often do you:	Walk	Bike
Daily	108	18
Weekly	79	66
Monthly	20	33
Yearly	2	24
Never	5	72
Total respondents	214	213



Why do you:	Walk	Bike
For fun	135	117
For exercise	185	125
To get to work/school	10	15
To run errands	53	40
I don't	2	42
Other	2	1
To walk my dogs	76	N/A
Total Responses	214	188

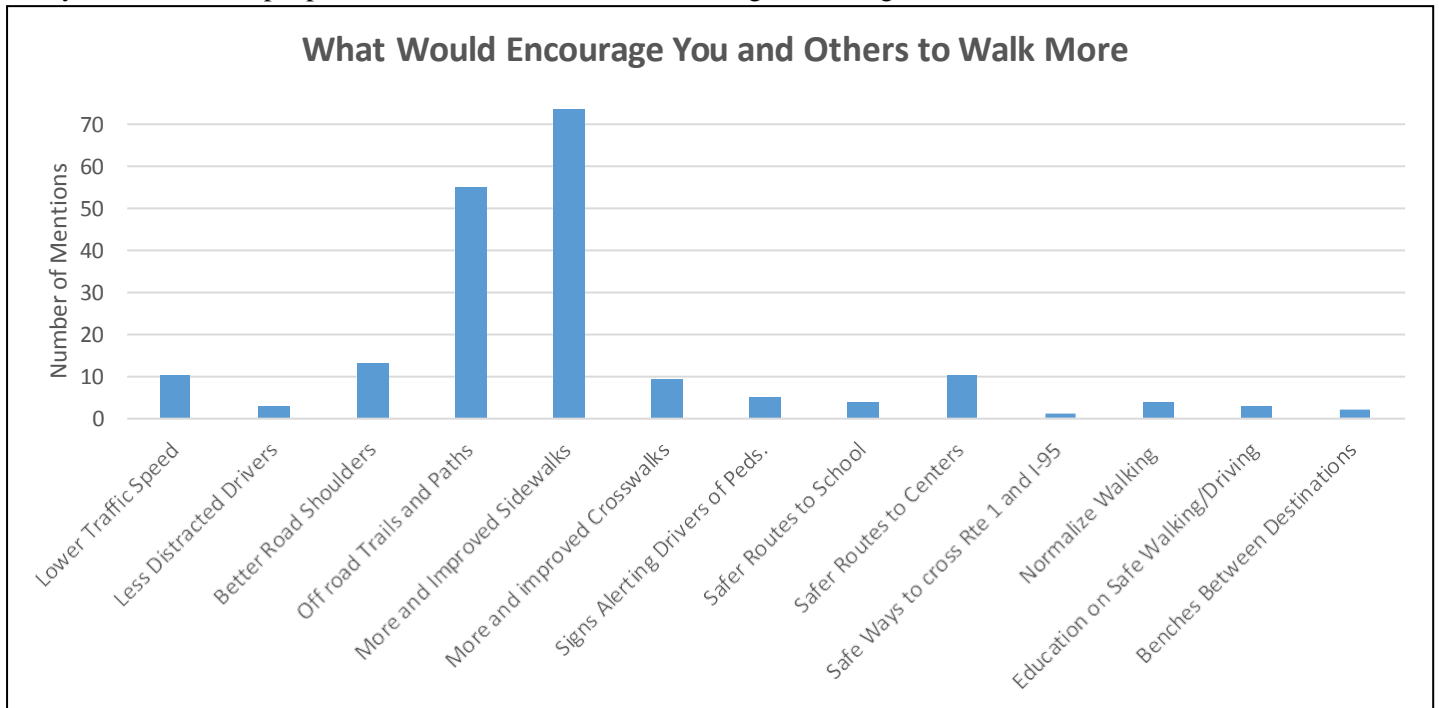
Where Do People Walk or Bike and Where Do They See Need for Improvements



	Currently Walk Here	Could be better for Walking	Currently Bike Here	Could be better for Biking
Village	45	34	18	18
Long Sands	42	15	20	14
Harbor	42	3	7	4
Long Sands Beach	32	1	4	1
York St	31	14	13	6
Beach/es	28	4	12	10
Fisherman's walk	26	0	0	0
Short Sands	22	3	6	1
Mt. A	22	1	12	1
Wiggly bridge	22	2	0	0
Everywhere	1	4	11	18
Shore Rd	14	15	11	15
Nubble	14	16	11	9
Ridge Rd.	9	21	13	12
Route 103	7	16	15	12
Woodbrige	17	15	7	2
Lindsay	11	15	3	1
Route 1	3	12	8	19
Cider Hill	0	8	2	15

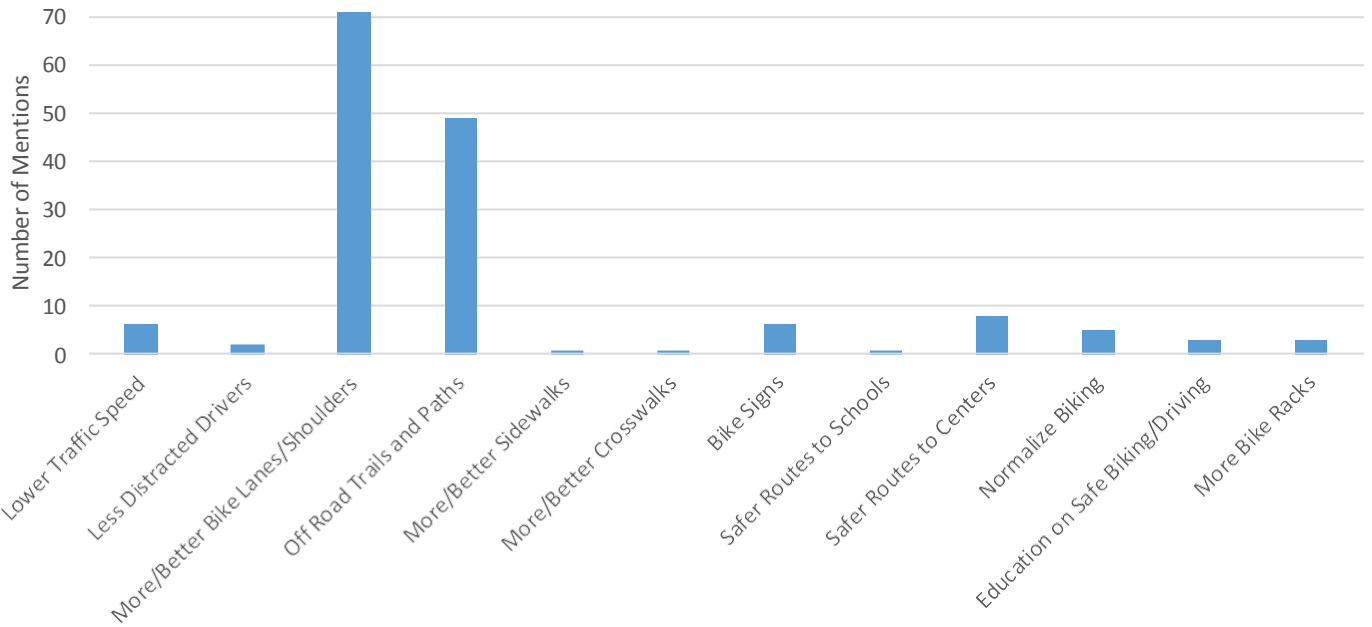
90 different places/roads were mentioned at least once. The top 10 of each category are shown here.
 201 people identified 545 places they walk, 168 people identified 298 places that could use pedestrian improvements
 127 people identified 277 places they bike, 121 people identified 219 places that could use biking improvements

Finally we asked what people felt could be done to make walking and biking safer and easier.



What would encourage you and others to walk more	
Lower Traffic Speed	10
Less Distracted Drivers	3
Better Road Shoulders	13
Off road Trails and Paths	55
More and Improved Sidewalks	74
More and improved Crosswalks	9
Signs Alerting Drivers of Peds.	5
Safer Routes to School	4
Safer Routes to Centers	10
Safe Ways to cross Rte 1 and I-95	1
Normalize Walking	4
Education on Safe Walking/Driving	3
Benches Between Destinations	2

What Would Encourage You and Others to Bike More



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Lower Traffic Speed	6
Less Distracted Drivers	2
More/Better Bike Lanes/Shoulders	71
Off Road Trails and Paths	49
More/Better Sidewalks	1
More/Better Crosswalks	1
Bike Signs	6
Safer Routes to Schools	1
Safer Routes to Centers	8
Normalize Biking	5
Education on Safe Biking/Driving	3
More Bike Racks	3