



Agenda Item: 5A

BIKE & WALKWAYS COMMITTEE



Community Survey

-2022-



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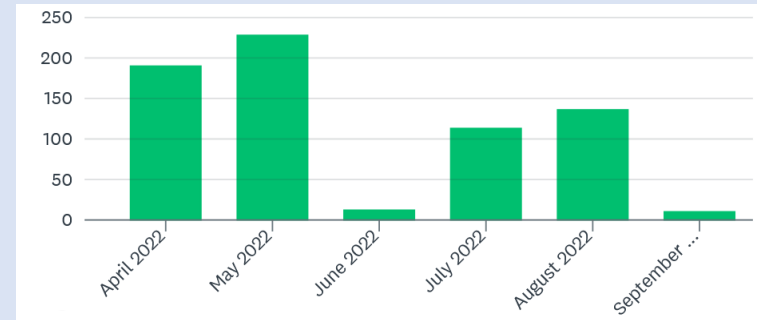
- **Launched** Monday, April 25, 2022
- **Advertised**
 - Town Facebook page and Department Facebook pages (including Recreation)
 - Shared on Facebook at least 12 times to various groups and individual pages
 - Chair made public comment at 4/26/22 Select Board Meeting
 - Posted on Town of Truro website main page (News & Announcements) with email to subscribers
 - Print flyers posted at various local locations.
 - ALERTruro system
 - Provincetown Independent story
 - Distribution through Truro Central School
- **Closed** Friday, September 30, 2022



RESPONSES

689

**TOTAL
RESPONSES**



**RESPONSES
VOLUME**

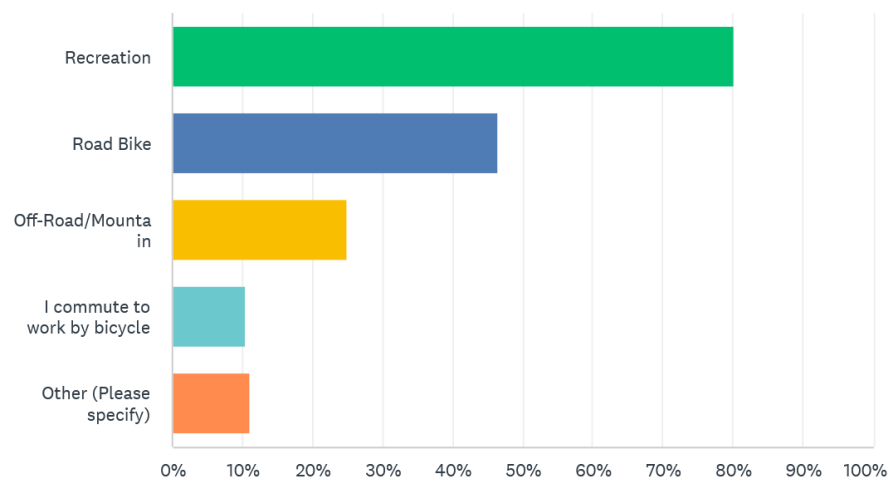


RESPONSES

Question 1

What type of bicycling do you participate in? Check all that apply.

Answered: 671 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Recreation	80.18%	538
Road Bike	46.50%	312
Off-Road/Mountain	25.04%	168
I commute to work by bicycle	10.43%	70
Other (Please specify)	11.03%	74
Total Respondents: 671		



RESPONSES

Question 1

Other (Please Specify)

Representative Responses

"Shopping"

"To do errands"

"Errands, exercise, social visits"

"use bike to go to the beaches"

"I don't currently bike"

"ebike"

"Fat bike"

"stationary exercise recumbent bike"

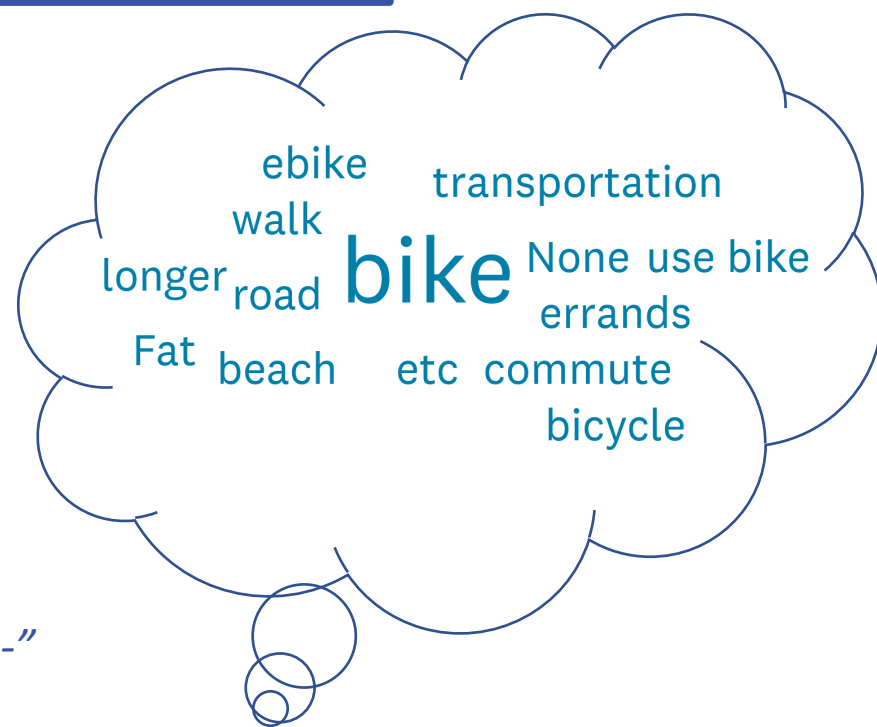
"I rollerblade"

"I commute my kids to school by bike some days-"

"walk"

"Moped"

"Local transportation"



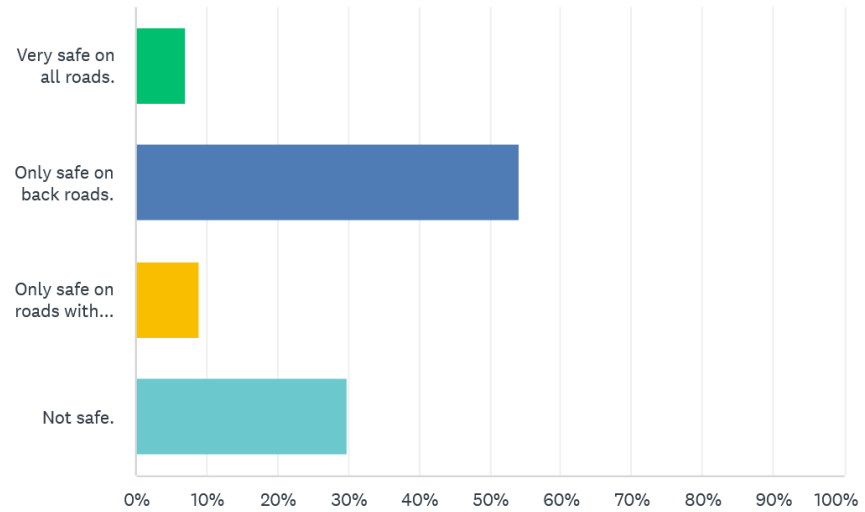


RESPONSES

Question 2

How safe do you feel walking or bicycling on Truro roads?

Answered: 684 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Very safe on all roads.	7.02% 48
▼ Only safe on back roads.	54.24% 371
▼ Only safe on roads with sidewalks.	8.92% 61
▼ Not safe.	29.82% 204
TOTAL	684



RESPONSES

Question 3



What would you like to see the Town of Truro do to improve safety on your street, neighboring roads, or Route 6 as it relates to bicycles or pedestrians being able to use the roads more safely?

Answered: 585 Skipped: 104

Representative Responses

"Dedicated bike lanes"

"Widen waking/bicycling paths along the roads."

"Sidewalks would be nice"

"Create a bike path"

"SHARE THE ROAD SIGNAGE, ENHANCED BIKE LANES ON MAJOR ROADS"

"Separate the bike lane from the road..."

"I would like to see a dedicated crossing light (or pedestrian-activated flashers)..."

"...The roads are just too narrow, hilly and windy and I don't see sidewalks being practical..."

"...A major problem is the cars use the current shoulder to go around turning cars where 6 is two lanes."

"Bike lanes or bike riders obeying rules..."

"1) bike lanes throughout Truro 2) a continuation of the rail trail from Wellfleet into Truro 3) update/re-configuration of the area where Whitmanville Rd intersects with Route 6 at Truro Central Village, an intersection known to be very dangerous for bikes, cars, and pedestrians."



RESPONSES

Question 3

CONTINUED

What would you like to see the Town of Truro do to improve safety on your street, neighboring roads, or Route 6 as it relates to bicycles or pedestrians being able to use the roads more safely?

Answered: 585 Skipped: 104

Representative Responses

"Enforcement of speed limits"

"The full bike lane and more speed bumps on small roads"

"Somehow make Old County from Truro to Wellfleet safer..."

"In general, I think our roads are safe."

"Route 6 is too dangerous for bikes and pedestrians."

"Prohibit bike riding by children under 12 on Routes 6 and 6A, prohibit best cycle travel after dark on 6 and 6A. Require helmets at all times."

"Early morning towed boats on Depot Road go fast enough to put pedestrians at risk..."

"Cyclists should pay an excise tax or a yearly fee like motorist do and that money should be used for upkeep and enhancements"

"Speed limit enforced and lowered in many areas. Hands free phone use enforced"

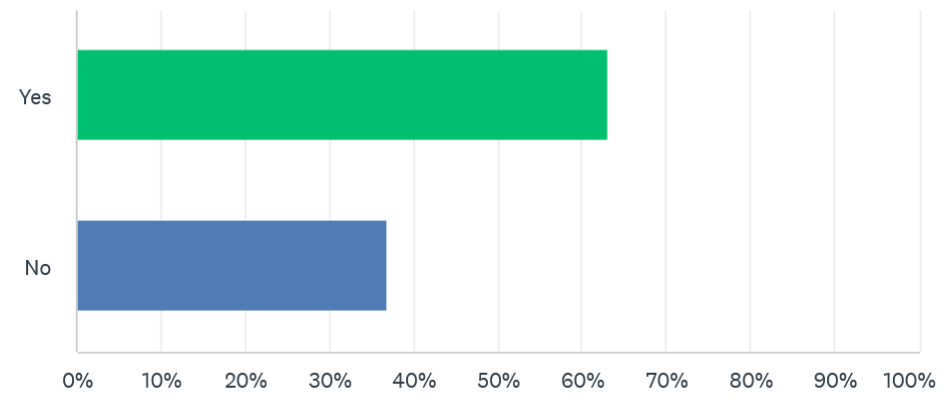


RESPONSES

Question 4

Does a lack of infrastructure (i.e., sidewalks, trails, or specific lanes) deter you from walking or biking in Truro, whether for exercise, recreation, or commuting?

Answered: 684 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.16%	432
No	36.84%	252
TOTAL	684	



RESPONSES

Question 5



If yes, please explain:

Answered: 394 Skipped: 295

Representative Responses

"I only walk on 6A when absolutely necessary"

"Traffic is too steady and fast. The roads are narrow"

"Some streets are just too narrow and it is dangerous for both people and bicyclists to be on them..."

"In the summer months especially, I don't feel safe riding on busy roads, Route 6 in particular."

"I very seldom walk into Truro Center via Truro Center Road, though I could, bc there is no sidewalk and poor visibility for cars due to curves in the road."

"Running is safe on most back roads, biking can be risky."

"Crossing rte 6 is dangerous. Some designated crossings spread out along the way would be helpful"

"It's not safe to walk on the road"

"Yes, if I felt safer there are many more places I would opt to bike to rather than drive."

"Would love to do more mountain biking but there is a lack of trails"

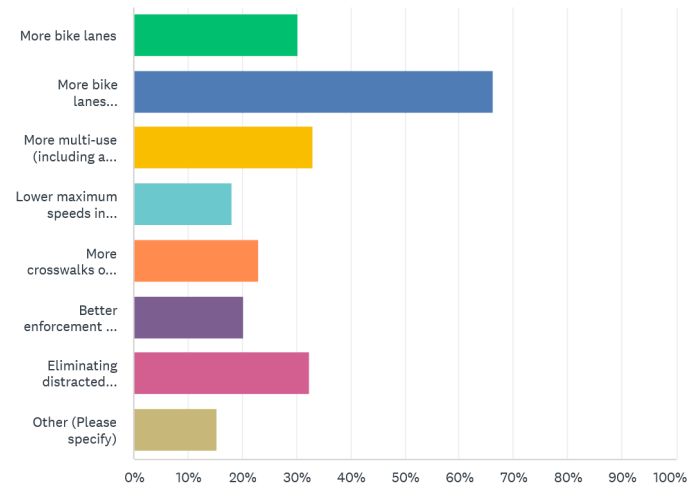


RESPONSES

Question 6

What is the most important thing that would make bicycling feel more comfortable and/or safer in Truro?

Answered: 682 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More bike lanes	30.21%	206
More bike lanes physically separated from cars and other traffic	66.28%	452
More multi-use (including all non-motorized travel) paths	33.14%	226
Lower maximum speeds in certain areas	18.18%	124
More crosswalks on higher speed roads or highway	23.02%	157
Better enforcement of speed limits	20.23%	138
Eliminating distracted driving (i.e., texting)	32.40%	221
Other (Please specify)	15.40%	105
Total Respondents: 682		



RESPONSES

Question 6

Other (Please Specify)



Representative Responses

"...the speed limit should be lower on certain parts of 6, eg in front of the Hillside Farms (25 mph) shopping area and for a few miles past it. One traffic light in Truro on 6 would help slow things down too."

"Any way to skip route 6!"

"Enforce bicycle rules as well."

"Police presence could help slow people down. More signage re pedestrians and cyclists."

"Signs that say single file biking is the law"

"Better routing of bikes to avoid rt. 6"

"Separate infrastructure for bikes would always be best."

"Ticket folks driving in bike lanes"

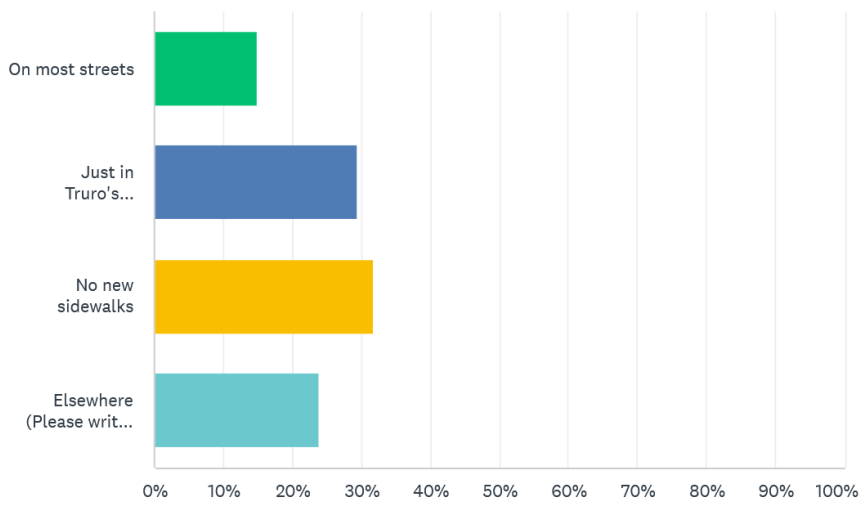


RESPONSES

Question 7

Truro has almost no sidewalks. Most towns have sidewalks at or near their downtown areas. Where would you like to see more sidewalks in Truro?

Answered: 637 Skipped: 52



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
On most streets	14.91% 95
Just in Truro's "downtown" areas	29.36% 187
No new sidewalks	31.87% 203
Elsewhere (Please write your suggestion)	23.86% 152
TOTAL	637



RESPONSES

Elsewhere
(Please Write Your Suggestion)

Question 7



Representative Responses

"Downtown areas and roads leading to beaches"

"6A"

"...Truro Center Road, Castle road..."

"Castle road full length."

"From the police station to the road where the library is on rte 6a"

"Old County Road, 6A, I Truro Center, salty market area, Routes leading to bus stops"

"Downtown areas plus beach areas"

"On sides of highway and secondary roads leading to commercial or municipal buildings"

"Pathways leading into South Truro"

"North Truro, where there are partial sidewalks."

"No new sidewalks. Please do not suburbanize Truro."

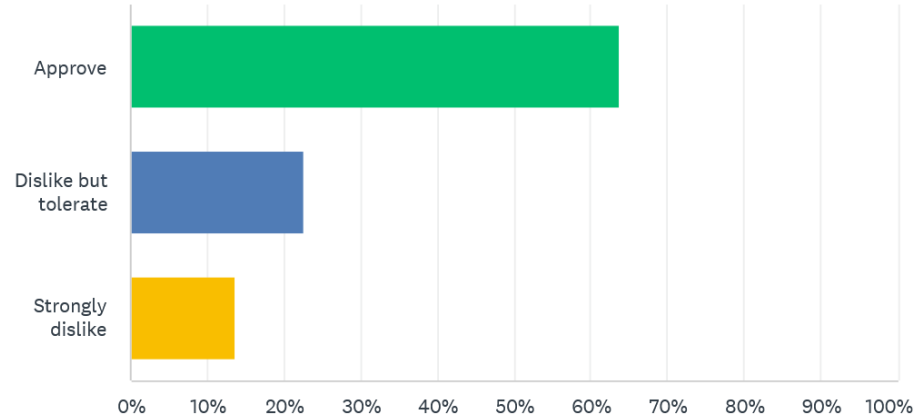


RESPONSES

Question 8

Dotted line bike lanes can significantly improve bicycling safety and help drivers navigate around cyclists more effectively. How would you feel about dotted bike lines on most Truro roads?

Answered: 669 Skipped: 20



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Approve	63.83%	427
Dislike but tolerate	22.57%	151
Strongly dislike	13.60%	91
TOTAL	669	

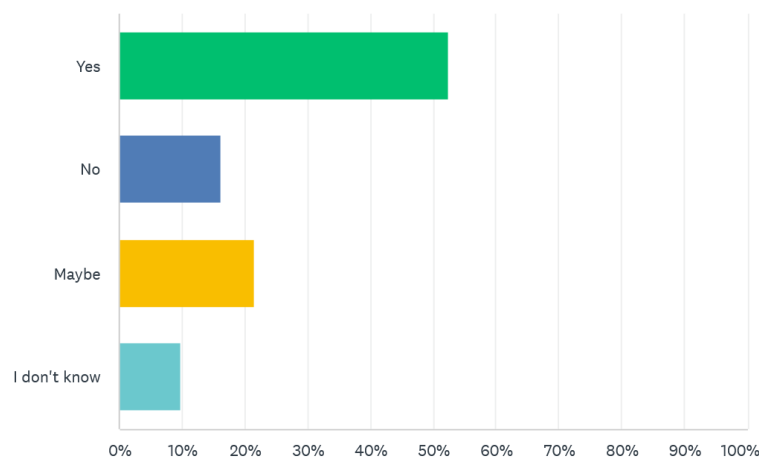


RESPONSES

Question 9

Truro has no “HAWK” (manual-use beacons that flash when activated by cyclists or pedestrians) lights to stop traffic briefly, allowing safe crossing of busy roads and intersections. Would you favor a crossing HAWK light on one or multiple Truro intersections?

Answered: 681 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	52.42%	357
No	16.15%	110
Maybe	21.59%	147
I don't know	9.84%	67
TOTAL		681



RESPONSES

Question 10

If yes, on what road or intersection? (Possible locations for HAWK lights include Stott's Crossing, Head of the Meadow Road, Castle Road)

Answered: 306 Skipped: 383



Representative Responses

"at route 6 where roads leading to beaches and shopping areas intersect"

"Highland rd"

"CASTLE ROAD, WHITMANVILLE RD, HEAD OF THE MEADOW"

"6A and Old County"

"All 3 of those examples would be great. I wouldn't want a lot of these though."

"The above mentioned are great. Also by the school"

"On 6a by Salty's Market"

"The intersection in downtown Truro where Castle Road and Truro Center Road meet..."

"Somewhere Near Great Hollow (Highland Farms, Great Hollow, Savory/Sweet Escape)."

"Wellfleet end of Rose Road."

"Stott's"

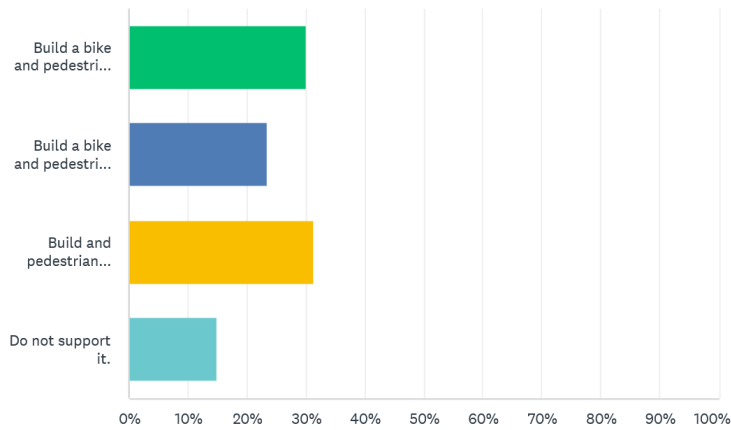


RESPONSES

Question 11

The Cape Cod Commission and MassDOT are considering ways to augment bicycle lanes from Truro into Provincetown. One possibility is construction of a fully separated bike and pedestrian path between the fork of Route 6 and 6A (Shore Road) and the Provincetown border. To reduce cost and natural resource impact the path could use the existing Route 6 and eliminate one traffic lane from Truro to Provincetown. What is your view on this proposal?

Answered: 659 Skipped: 30



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Build a bike and pedestrian path on the east (ocean) side and eliminate one traffic lane.	30.05%	198
▼ Build a bike and pedestrian path on the west (bay) side and eliminate one traffic lane.	23.52%	155
▼ Build and pedestrian path, but keep four traffic lanes, regardless of cost.	31.41%	207
▼ Do not support it.	15.02%	99
TOTAL	659	

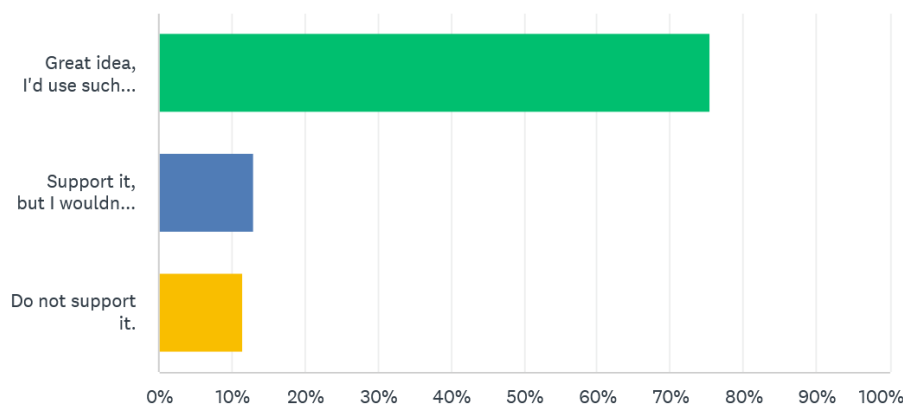


RESPONSES

Question 12

Also under consideration is a fully separated path bike and pedestrian path along the east (ocean) side of Route 6 between the Pamet Roads intersection and the Highland Road intersection. What is your view of this proposal?

Answered: 666 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Great idea, I'd use such a lane.	75.53%	503
Support it, but I wouldn't use it.	13.06%	87
Do not support it.	11.41%	76
TOTAL	666	

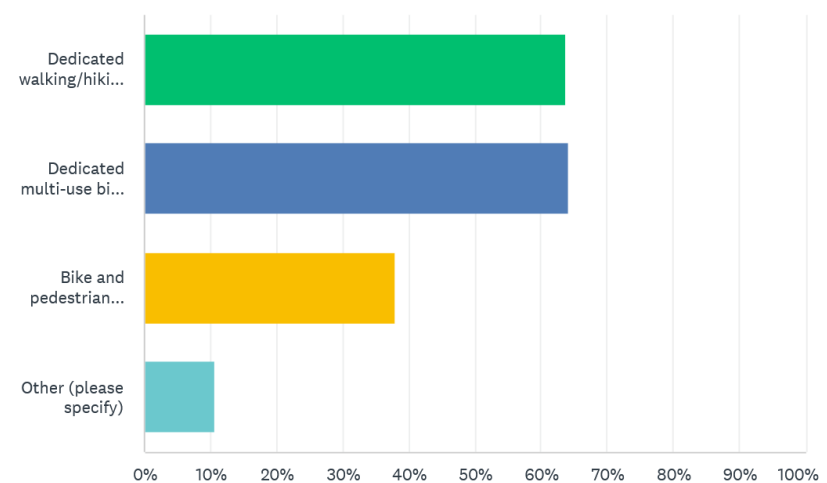


RESPONSES

Question 13

The Town of Truro is developing plans for the Walsh property. Related to bike and pedestrian access please check all that you support:

Answered: 636 Skipped: 53



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Dedicated walking/hiking trails.	63.84% 406
▼ Dedicated multi-use bike and pedestrian pathways.	64.15% 408
▼ Bike and pedestrian pathways alongside roadways.	38.05% 242
▼ Other (please specify)	Responses 10.69% 68
Total Respondents: 636	



RESPONSES

Question 13

Other (Please Specify)



Representative Responses

"Dog hiking trails..."

"The Walsh property also provides access to the National Seashore bike trails. Access and parking should be provided."

"Allow mountain biking on trails"

"Nature trail"

"Benches and shade like the bike rotary in Dennis"

"BIKE PATHS SHOULD BE MADE THAT GO FROM SOME PLACE TO ANOTHER PLACE, NOT JUST CONTAINED WITHIN ONE PROPERTY"

"Housing is the most important issue that needs to be addressed on the Walsh property."

"Recreation and conservation use of the Walsh property should be the top choices."

"I do not want any paved paths on the Walsh property"

"I'd like to see the DPW facility on Walsh property"



RESPONSES

Question 14

If you would like to provide your email address to receive future information on the Bike and Walkways Committee or to answer follow up questions from the Committee, please enter it here:

Answered: 357 Skipped: 332

*Thanks for
wanting to
stay in touch!*

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**EMAIL
ADDRESSES
PROVIDED**



Thank you for your participation!



Bike & Walkways Committee