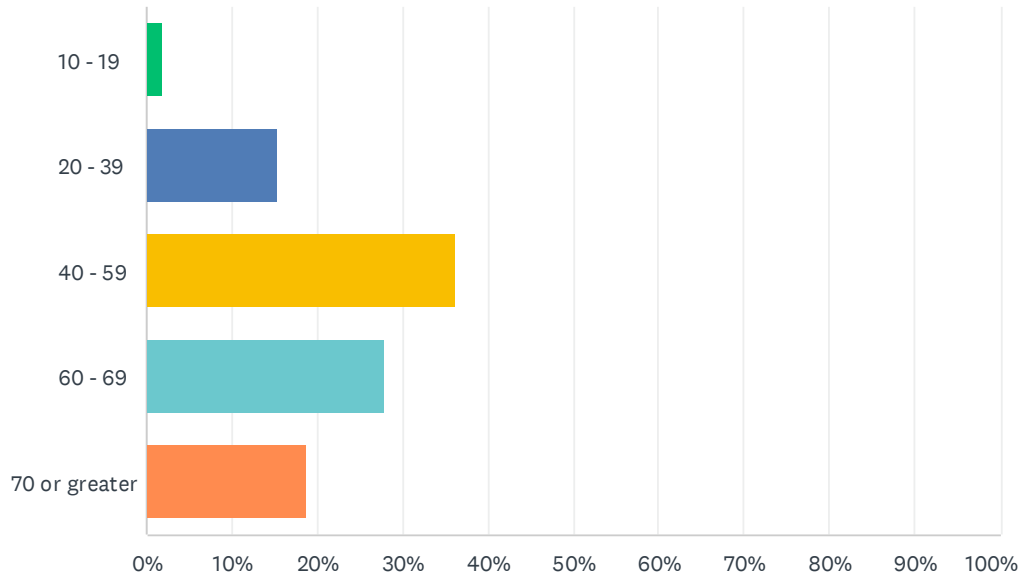


## Q1 Please check your age group.

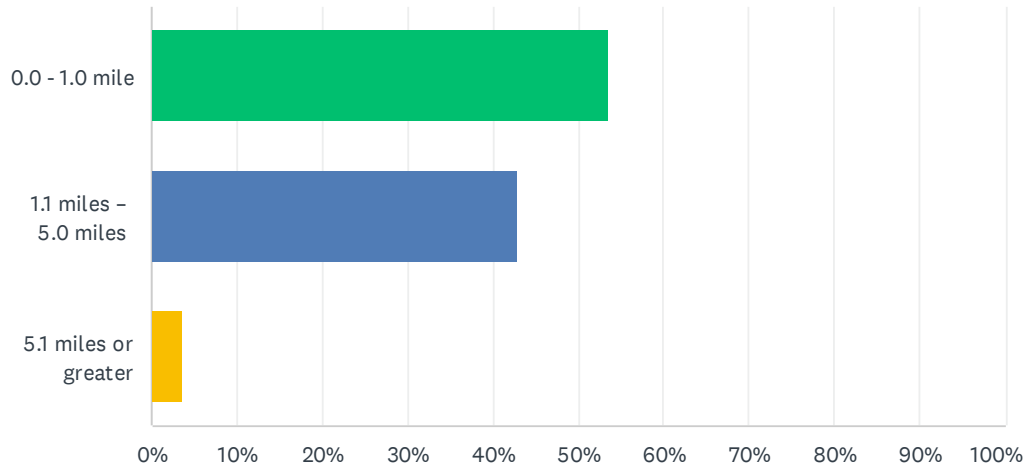
Answered: 406 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
10 - 19	1.97% 8
20 - 39	15.27% 62
40 - 59	36.21% 147
60 - 69	27.83% 113
70 or greater	18.72% 76
TOTAL	406

## Q2 How close do you live to the village center?

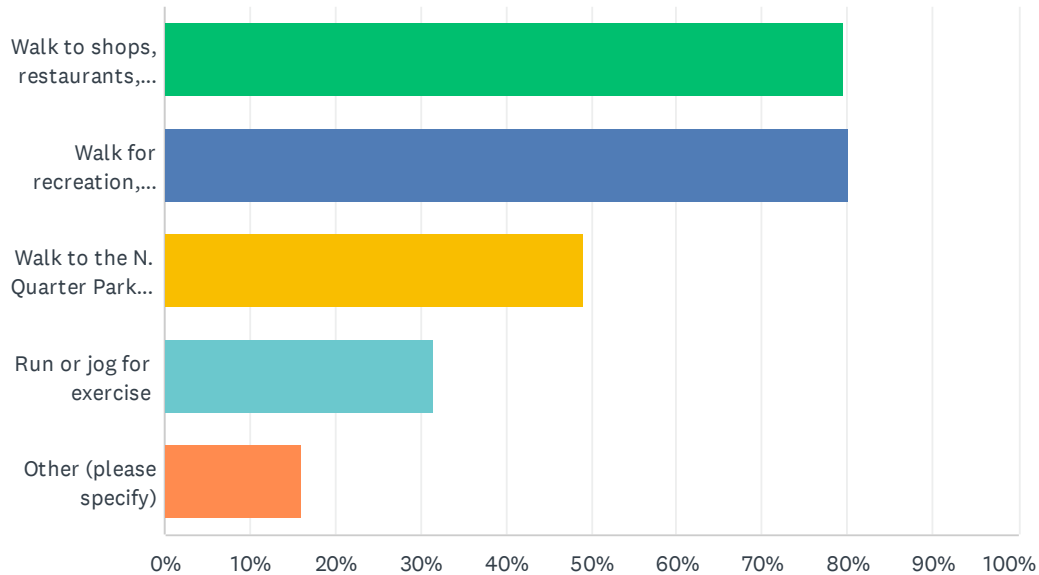
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0.0 - 1.0 mile	53.45%	217
1.1 miles – 5.0 miles	42.86%	174
5.1 miles or greater	3.69%	15
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>406</b>

### Q3 PEDESTRIAN QUESTIONS: Please check all answers that apply. When in Chester, I ...

Answered: 405 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Walk to shops, restaurants, activities in the village center	79.51% 322
Walk for recreation, exercise/ fitness	80.25% 325
Walk to the N. Quarter Park, Meeting House, post office, work, school	49.14% 199
Run or jog for exercise	31.60% 128
Other (please specify)	16.05% 65
Total Respondents: 405	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Ride my bike	6/13/2022 9:34 AM
2	Walk my dog throughout town and would love to be able to safely walk to state forest trails.	6/10/2022 6:02 PM
3	Birdwatch	6/3/2022 9:36 AM
4	ebike around or walk	6/2/2022 9:36 AM
5	Bike	5/31/2022 2:44 PM
6	Cycle to post office , bank, Congregational church	5/29/2022 7:09 PM
7	Bike	5/27/2022 12:21 PM
8	Bike around town	5/25/2022 5:59 AM
9	ride a bike around town	5/24/2022 9:37 AM
10	I live 3 miles outside the village - I ride my bike to get takeout/delivery etc.	5/24/2022 7:28 AM

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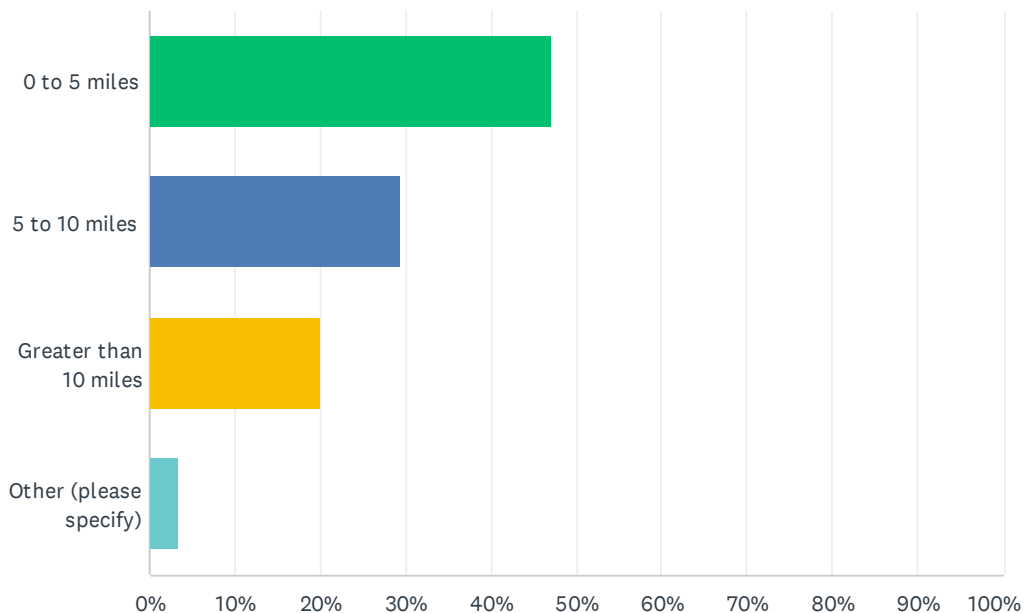
11	Bicycle the area	5/24/2022 3:33 AM
12	Live here, Worked here and retired here 40 years	5/23/2022 8:57 PM
13	bicycle	5/20/2022 11:11 AM
14	Occasionally bike into town.	5/19/2022 5:44 AM
15	Ride my bike.	5/16/2022 7:01 PM
16	bicycle around town	5/15/2022 7:16 PM
17	Bike for excercise	5/15/2022 4:41 PM
18	Working, Boating	5/15/2022 8:52 AM
19	In the neighborhood	5/14/2022 10:04 AM
20	WALK/BIKE WITH MY CHILDREN AND DOG	5/13/2022 1:15 PM
21	Unsafe to walk to town	5/13/2022 11:39 AM
22	rarely go to center of town	5/13/2022 10:19 AM
23	Water features are amazing	5/13/2022 6:03 AM
24	none	5/12/2022 10:06 PM
25	Walk dogs	5/12/2022 9:25 PM
26	Biking	5/12/2022 9:09 PM
27	My bike	5/12/2022 9:05 PM
28	Bike	5/12/2022 4:58 PM
29	DO NOT WALK IN DOWNTOWN CHESTER BECOUSE OF THE TRAFFIC	5/12/2022 2:58 PM
30	Work on a farm	5/11/2022 7:29 PM
31	None of the above	5/11/2022 5:30 PM
32	When I was younger, I walked to the village.	5/11/2022 10:45 AM
33	Gardening yard maintenance and chasing grandkids	5/11/2022 10:00 AM
34	Safely riding bikes with children from Bokum to North Quarter and CES	5/11/2022 7:19 AM
35	Ride bike near my house.	5/10/2022 5:08 PM
36	Bike	5/10/2022 11:19 AM
37	Park then walk	5/10/2022 10:46 AM
38	I can't walk far at all because of back issues but I think this is a terrific idea for the town and support it	5/10/2022 9:59 AM
39	Walk my dog	5/10/2022 2:12 AM
40	Walk dog.	5/9/2022 10:05 PM
41	Cycle	5/9/2022 9:44 PM
42	Bike the paths in Cockaponset	5/9/2022 8:47 PM
43	Walk dog	5/9/2022 8:19 PM
44	If I'm parked in town I walk around.	5/9/2022 8:01 PM
45	Split wood mow 2 acres do my own maintenance	5/9/2022 6:45 PM
46	focus beyond chester down town!	5/9/2022 6:25 PM
47	Marina	5/9/2022 6:13 PM
48	I love to ride bikes and walk but don't feel safe on most Chester roads.	5/9/2022 5:48 PM

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49	follow behind my kids (on foot) while they are on bicycles	5/9/2022 5:05 PM
50	Am intimidated by traffic along 154 where I live. Would love to be able to walk or bike safely	5/9/2022 4:58 PM
51	I would love to have a 3 mile loop I could walk with my dog for exercise and not fear for my life. The village is the only area I feel safe from the traffic.	5/9/2022 4:30 PM
52	I like to hike in NQ park itself.	5/9/2022 4:07 PM
53	Walk our dog at least twice a day.	5/9/2022 3:46 PM
54	Play disc golf	5/9/2022 3:43 PM
55	dog walks	5/9/2022 3:41 PM
56	Walk near lake	5/9/2022 3:22 PM
57	None of the above	5/9/2022 3:08 PM
58	try to walk 3 to 4 times per week for 45 minutes each walk	5/9/2022 3:03 PM
59	Cycle for fitness	5/9/2022 2:58 PM
60	Ride a bike	5/9/2022 2:50 PM
61	Walk every day	5/9/2022 2:48 PM
62	bike and walk to friends and neighbors	5/9/2022 2:40 PM
63	Drive to another town	5/9/2022 2:36 PM
64	Bike ride	5/8/2022 3:28 PM
65	Bike	5/7/2022 1:50 PM

### Q4 If you walk or jog/ run in Chester, please indicate how far you go in a typical week.

Answered: 376 Skipped: 31



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0 to 5 miles	47.07% 177
5 to 10 miles	29.52% 111
Greater than 10 miles	19.95% 75
Other (please specify)	3.46% 13
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>376</b>

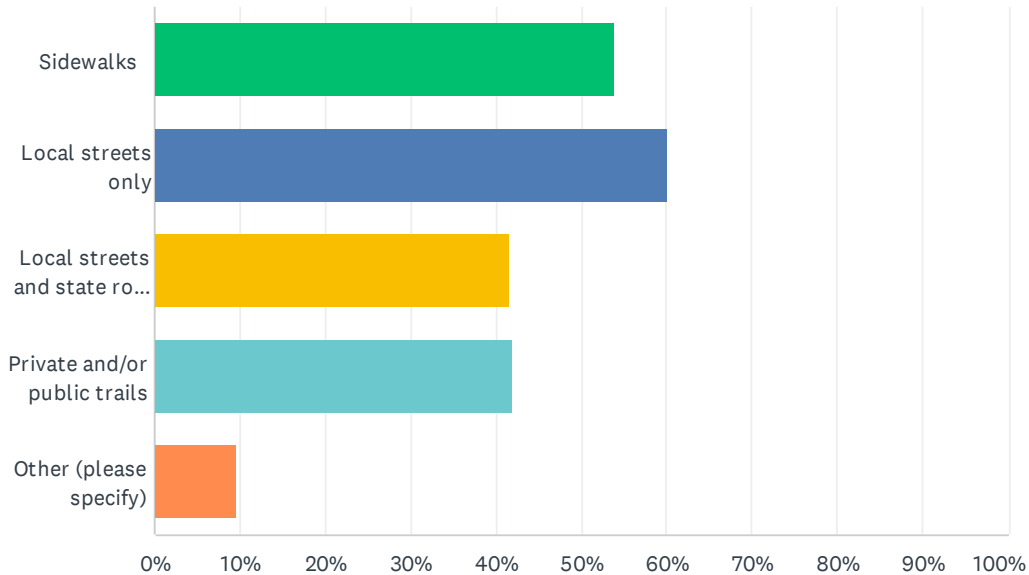
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Thanks	5/29/2022 7:09 PM
2	Get in my auto and drive to other towns for supplies.	5/23/2022 8:57 PM
3	Less than 5 miles	5/23/2022 6:14 AM
4	Hiking in state forest	5/19/2022 5:44 AM
5	none	5/12/2022 10:06 PM
6	Average 4 to 5 miles per day	5/12/2022 9:09 PM
7	35-40 miles per week	5/12/2022 5:24 PM
8	Na	5/11/2022 5:30 PM
9	Bike - 3-5 miles	5/10/2022 11:19 AM
10	N/A	5/10/2022 10:46 AM

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11	I walk in cold weather and bike in warm weather	5/9/2022 8:38 PM
12	Varies	5/9/2022 3:51 PM
13	8 - 12 miles per week	5/7/2022 12:14 PM

## Q5 If you walk, run, or jog for exercise, where do you typically do so? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 377 Skipped: 30



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Sidewalks	53.85%	203
Local streets only	60.21%	227
Local streets and state roads (Rte. 145, Rte. 148 & Rte. 154)	41.64%	157
Private and/or public trails	41.91%	158
Other (please specify)	9.55%	36
Total Respondents: 377		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Woods	6/13/2022 9:34 AM
2	Rte 148 to get to the library.	6/6/2022 5:00 PM
3	Outside Chester	6/2/2022 4:16 PM
4	Outside Chester	6/2/2022 4:15 PM
5	Would prefer sidewalks but they are limited and in poor condition and prone to risk of injury	5/29/2022 7:23 PM
6	Pattaconk lake	5/24/2022 6:56 AM
7	I walk through the Town parking lot to pay my high taxes. Otherwise just taking care of my household gives me enough to do.	5/23/2022 8:57 PM
8	Cedar lake rd	5/23/2022 8:28 PM
9	I am allowed to walk on roads with sidewalks	5/23/2022 6:14 AM

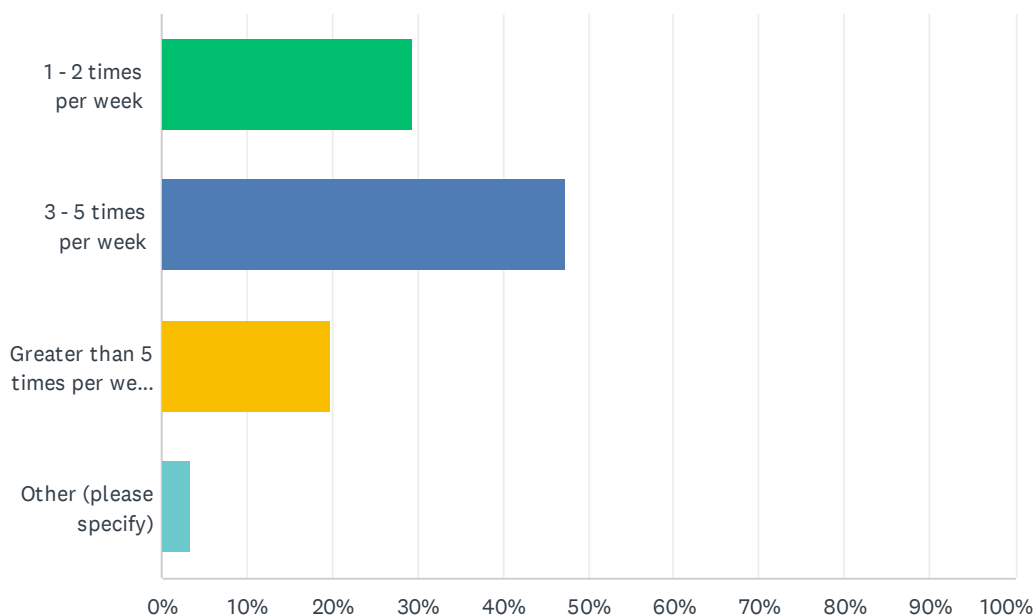


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10	None	5/19/2022 9:31 PM
11	Biking	5/19/2022 5:44 AM
12	Railroad Ave to the marinas	5/17/2022 12:08 PM
13	walkers, runners, & joggers are in the road whether there's a sidewalk or not.	5/15/2022 8:52 AM
14	I live on other side of 9 too dangerous getting to town	5/13/2022 12:03 PM
15	Unfortunately, I need to drive to go for a walk	5/13/2022 11:39 AM
16	none	5/12/2022 10:06 PM
17	Laurel Hill Cemetery	5/12/2022 9:14 PM
18	Less traffic streets	5/12/2022 9:09 PM
19	Other towns	5/12/2022 9:05 PM
20	State Parks (Chatfield Hollow, Hammonasset, etc.)	5/12/2022 5:50 PM
21	Sadly the sidewalk doesn't connect the whole way, so we have to go around the back	5/12/2022 5:33 PM
22	Na	5/11/2022 5:30 PM
23	Parks	5/10/2022 3:24 PM
24	Parks	5/10/2022 10:46 AM
25	Neighborhood and trails nearby.	5/10/2022 8:15 AM
26	I walk a mix of roads and trails through Pine Ledge	5/9/2022 8:38 PM
27	Marina roads	5/9/2022 6:45 PM
28	Walking tracks at Plattwood Park and the Killingworth Field.	5/9/2022 5:28 PM
29	I run several half marathons a year and have been running in Chester for many years. I pick routes that have little traffic on most (Deep Hollow Road, Ferry Road) but can not avoid traffic	5/9/2022 5:05 PM
30	Chester Elementary School playground	5/9/2022 3:49 PM
31	Stay off main roads due to them being narrow with lots of traffic and no shoulders	5/9/2022 3:29 PM
32	No railroad	5/9/2022 3:21 PM
33	Railroad tracks	5/9/2022 3:15 PM
34	Valley track	5/9/2022 3:12 PM
35	around the cedar lake boat launch area on local streets	5/9/2022 3:03 PM
36	cockaponsett	5/9/2022 2:51 PM

## Q6 How often do you usually walk or run/jog?

Answered: 382 Skipped: 25



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1 - 2 times per week	29.32%	112
3 - 5 times per week	47.38%	181
Greater than 5 times per week to daily	19.90%	76
Other (please specify)	3.40%	13
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>382</b>

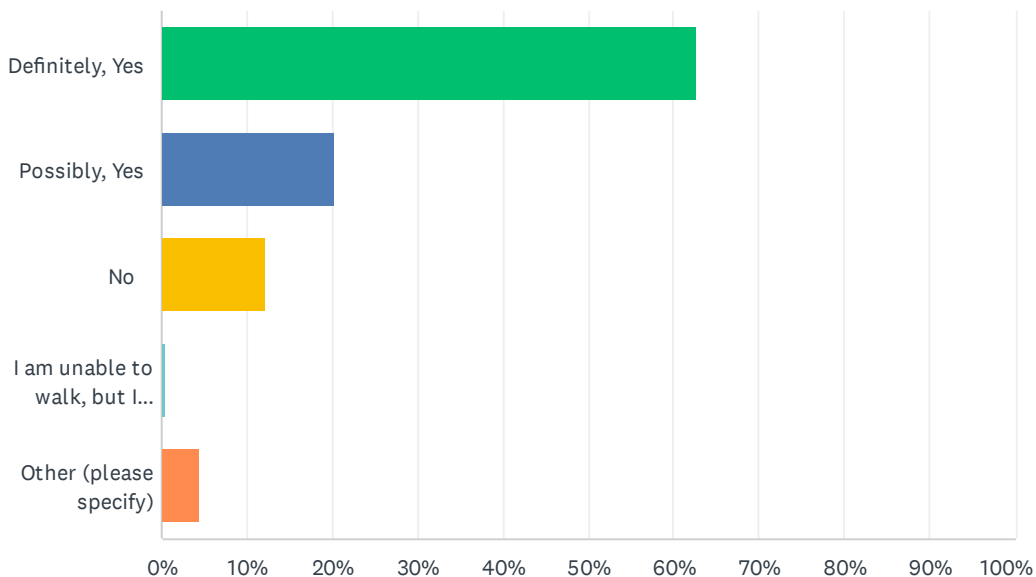
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Daily weather permitting	6/2/2022 4:16 PM
2	Daily weather permitting	6/2/2022 4:15 PM
3	I run once a week, From the other reason it costs too much to live here , The Grocery store. e	5/23/2022 8:57 PM
4	1/month	5/23/2022 7:13 AM
5	Biking	5/19/2022 5:44 AM
6	I walk my daughters dog regularly 1.5 /2.5 miles	5/16/2022 6:02 PM
7	none	5/12/2022 10:06 PM
8	Na	5/11/2022 5:30 PM
9	I usually bike but once or week or so will jog	5/10/2022 7:06 AM
10	Seasonal mixed with biking	5/9/2022 8:38 PM
11	1x a month...our road is curvy	5/9/2022 8:01 PM

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12	once a month	5/9/2022 7:50 PM
13	occasionally	5/9/2022 3:29 PM

## Q7 Do you think you would walk/jog/run more frequently if sidewalks or pathways in Chester were inter-connected?

Answered: 397 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Definitely, Yes	62.72% 249
Possibly, Yes	20.15% 80
No	12.09% 48
I am unable to walk, but I would like to see the improvements so I could use my wheelchair to get to accessible places	0.50% 2
Other (please specify)	4.53% 18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>397</b>

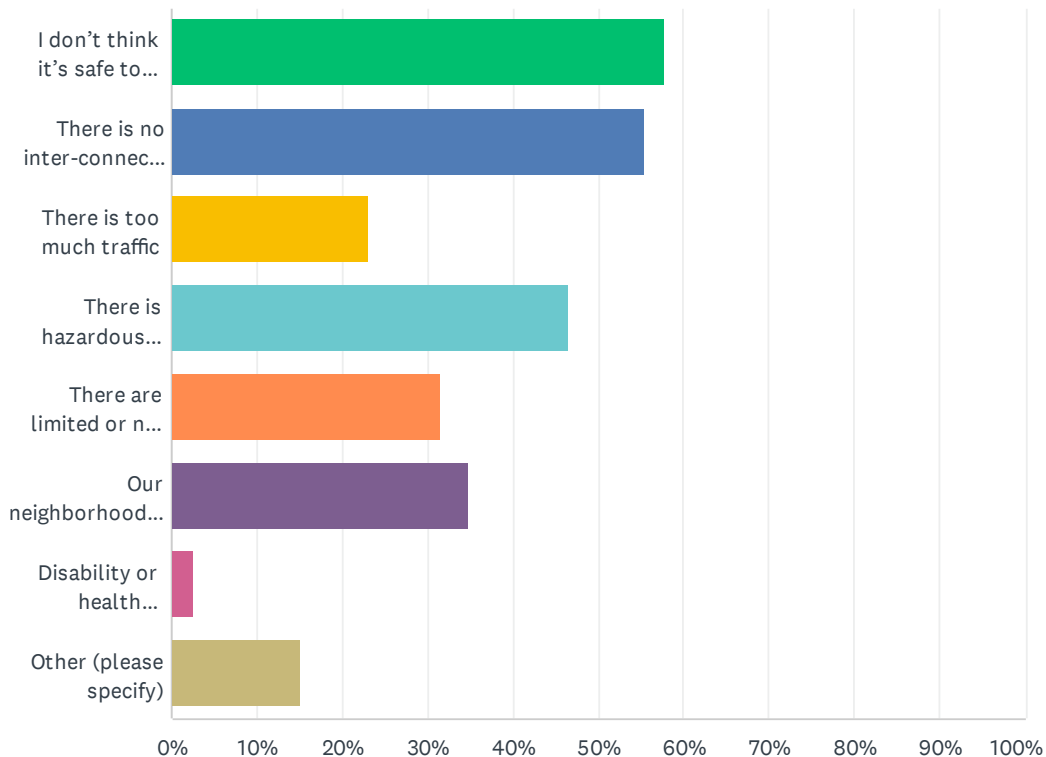
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1	Not comfortable with some streets walking, especially after dark, would like more sidewalks	6/2/2022 4:16 PM
2	Not comfortable with some streets walking, especially after dark, would like more sidewalks	6/2/2022 4:15 PM
3	Yes	5/27/2022 11:01 AM
4	I would love the sidewalk on 154 to go to Deep River. The corner with none is awful.	5/24/2022 6:56 AM
5	Would feel safer	5/23/2022 8:03 AM
6	Middlesex Ave in Chester towards Deep River has terrible sidewalks and/or they are overgrown with grass and dirt. Also, the curve at the DR and Chester border is dangerous! Hope this helps!	5/17/2022 7:09 PM
7	We need a walking bridge or light to cross 154 at or near St. Joesph Church.	5/15/2022 9:41 AM
8	none	5/12/2022 10:06 PM
9	I don't think I would walk any more, but it would be helpful to have safe sidewalks and	5/9/2022 9:14 PM

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	pathways.	
10	It is my belief that there are innumerable venues for safe running/walking in Chester. The cost to the town for the construction of a pedestrian path, (despite state and federal grant funding being available) in addition to the continued budgetary increase for upkeep and maintenance, far outweigh the purported safety benefits of such a project.	5/9/2022 7:33 PM
11	only if the focus is beyond Chester down town.	5/9/2022 6:25 PM
12	For individuals who are reasonably fit and mobile, you can find roads to walk/jog/run on relatively safely but there are no shoulders and many are covered in poison ivy. When vehicle approach (especially in both directions at once) there is nowhere to go. This means that when my kids were small, we never walked/ran on roads around town and had to go to Essex/Deep River to walk. I think less mobile individuals and families with small children will be much more active if we had safe walkways through town.	5/9/2022 5:05 PM
13	Time allocation is my biggest impediment to jogging more often.	5/9/2022 4:07 PM
14	Depends on how much it costs and where it's located	5/9/2022 3:14 PM
15	I would choose different routes given better interconnections.	5/9/2022 3:01 PM
16	Wish I could get from Straits to Main safely	5/9/2022 2:40 PM
17	I started to walk in Deep River, liked the idea of sidewalks and they are flat.	5/9/2022 2:40 PM
18	I would feel safer with inter-connected sidewalks or pathways	5/7/2022 12:14 PM

### Q8 If you are hesitant to walk, jog or run in or around town, please indicate your reason(s). Please check all that apply.

Answered: 305 Skipped: 102



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I don't think it's safe to walk, jog or run in Chester in some areas	57.70%	176
There is no inter-connectivity of sidewalks, and I don't like to walk in the road	55.41%	169
There is too much traffic	22.95%	70
There is hazardous driver behavior	46.56%	142
There are limited or no places to cross the road(s) safely	31.48%	96
Our neighborhood is separated from walking paths or sidewalks	34.75%	106
Disability or health difficulty	2.62%	8
Other (please specify)	15.08%	46
Total Respondents: 305		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	There's no safe way to walk from the center of town to state forest or other public trails.	6/10/2022 6:02 PM
2	I don't like to walk at night because of the lack of sidewalks and I don't walk or bike with my kids because its really not safe. Fixing this problem would be an incredible change for our	6/6/2022 10:23 AM

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family. There is also no cross walk to the NQ park from the sidewalk - this really needs to be corrected, its just too dangerous for kids to cross.

3	I am not hesitant to walk. But, I pay very close attention to traffic.	6/3/2022 9:36 AM
4	Our town is very scenic but very frustrating that many of the most scenic spots have no safe walking or biking access. We should have dedicated pedestrian walkways from downtown to river as well as sidewalks along west main to commuter lot.	5/30/2022 10:19 AM
5	We run alone. However, we like to bike with our son and have to drive to Airline Trail across the river or Hammonasett.	5/27/2022 3:48 PM
6	People shooting guns in residential neighborhoods. (see comments under #23)	5/24/2022 6:19 AM
7	There is nothing to walk to.	5/23/2022 8:57 PM
8	The absence of safe walking along Water Street limits walking to town.	5/20/2022 8:41 AM
9	NA - I don't hesitate	5/19/2022 9:31 PM
10	Narrow roads, no shoulders	5/17/2022 12:08 PM
11	I think all the above is a problem depending on traffic and circumstances	5/16/2022 6:02 PM
12	Common sense.	5/15/2022 8:52 AM
13	Not enough lighting which is dangerous without sidewalks or designated paths	5/14/2022 10:58 PM
14	148 from downtown chester to Moravellas is a nightmare	5/13/2022 8:23 PM
15	That sharp, blind turn on 148	5/13/2022 7:10 AM
16	Downtown not conducive for running. Sidewalk congestion, parking and sidewalk disjointed on other side of road downtown	5/13/2022 6:03 AM
17	On Chester's many winding roads, it can be especially difficult for drivers to see those on foot or on bikes along the edge of the road; sidewalks would be much safer.	5/12/2022 5:50 PM
18	We live close to downtown and are having a baby and looking forward to lots of walks, but crossing West Main Street and going around the bend before the library is too busy to take the dog or stroller.	5/12/2022 5:33 PM
19	Water street from 154 to straits road needs a dedicated walking path.	5/12/2022 5:24 PM
20	Chester is such a great place to walk, but since there are no sidewalks on route 154 it is very limited. Sidewalks are not necessary on side roads, absolutely necessary at least on the Chester stretch of 154, just like it is in deep River.	5/11/2022 7:06 AM
21	I do not like walking the state roads without sidewalks	5/10/2022 8:53 PM
22	I feel perfectly safe	5/10/2022 8:21 PM
23	Drivers rarely slow down for or maneuver around pedestrians on the roadways	5/10/2022 5:26 PM
24	We live off of 148 and it is dangerous from the Brush Mill to true church where the sidewalks begin. Fine for biking though.	5/10/2022 7:06 AM
25	Narrow shoulders especially on 148. People drive like fools.	5/9/2022 10:05 PM
26	I live on Middlesex Ave (out near Chester vet) and depending on the time of day the traffic can be quite heavy and during the winter months unsafe (shorter/darker days and ice/snow banks alongside the road). A walking path along the Essex steam train tracks/river would greatly improve walkability in and enjoyment of our part of town.	5/9/2022 10:02 PM
27	Do not hesitate to walk	5/9/2022 9:31 PM
28	I am not hesitant. This is a small safe town & easy to find places to walk, run & bike.	5/9/2022 9:03 PM
29	Sharp corners with minimal breakdown lanes/space on the inside of the white line (this is on state roads too which I know there is minimal control over from this committee)	5/9/2022 8:47 PM
30	Limited areas to walk with stroller	5/9/2022 7:10 PM

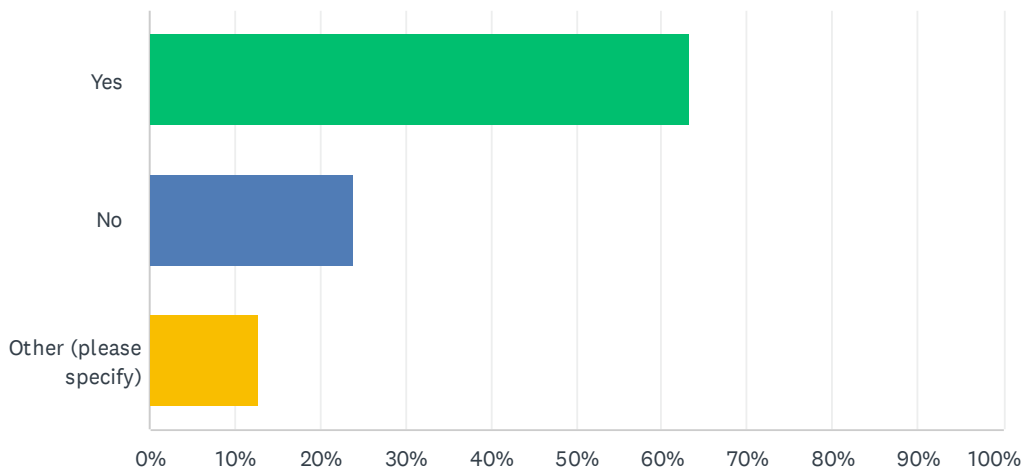
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31	The roads are narrow and people drive fast and disregard crosswalks	5/9/2022 5:48 PM
32	can connections be made between streets such as Hickory Hill and Gilbert Hill? Perhaps there are other connections that could avoid street walking.	5/9/2022 5:24 PM
33	We live on Maple Street which has many curves as you approach and pass Prospect. We have to listen closely for vehicles before crossing as you can not see very far and cars can move fast through these curves. There are no shoulders or pathes to walk along. Over the last 2 decades I have observed numerous people every day passing our home (walking, jogging, pushing strollers, riding bikes). I am happy to report that I am not aware of any pedestrian/traffic accidents (though there may have been some I am unaware of) in this area yet am amazed that we have been so fortunate given the sketchy conditions.	5/9/2022 5:05 PM
34	No sidewalks or separation from roadway on 154 and no alternative streets	5/9/2022 4:58 PM
35	Do not hesitate to walk. Do it regularly.	5/9/2022 4:24 PM
36	No hesitancy at all. Chester is a great place to jog and bike - as it is.	5/9/2022 4:07 PM
37	Do not want to annoy pedestrians on sidewalk in town center, and too dangerous to run on roadside due to parked cars.	5/9/2022 3:49 PM
38	Especially risky in the Winter.	5/9/2022 3:46 PM
39	Would like a sidewalk/trail on Water street to walk closer to creek. Maybe a Bridge/walkway that would Extend over creek.	5/9/2022 3:43 PM
40	I am hesitant to walk, but I do it anyway. I have had many close calls with vehicles and try to always remain alert so I can step off the road as needed.	5/9/2022 3:41 PM
41	I am not hesitant but am bothered by the speed of traffic and their lack of consideration!!!	5/9/2022 3:14 PM
42	It's fine and safe to walk in Chester..it's a small town not a huge city!	5/9/2022 3:06 PM
43	Also need winter sand cleaned in April	5/9/2022 2:40 PM
44	Area up hill near Goose Lane and continue the sidewalk west of the Library and church would make things much safer	5/9/2022 1:36 PM
45	West Main Street is especially hazardous as entering town near Jennings pond...the curve is not posted (or drivers alerted) to frequent pedestrian crossing there to the end/beginning of the city sidewalk. The speed limit in that area is 25mph. The police have told me they have given tickets in excess of 50mph there ! :(	5/9/2022 12:33 PM
46	I walk regularly despite my concerns about people driving too fast. But I avoid state roads whenever possible.	5/2/2022 5:22 PM



## Q9 Do you think the addition of crosswalks that provide marked areas for pedestrians to cross streets should be a high priority for the town?

Answered: 393 Skipped: 14



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.36%	249
No	23.92%	94
Other (please specify)	12.72%	50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>393</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Any place where a drivers view is obstructed	6/13/2022 9:34 AM
2	I'm new to the area so don't know about this question yet.	6/10/2022 6:02 PM
3	Especially at North Quarter park!	6/6/2022 10:01 AM
4	a priority but not necessarily high	6/3/2022 8:45 PM
5	We have enough servicable crosswalks throughout town.	6/2/2022 9:53 AM
6	Safe interconnected sidewalks and walking paths should be the highest priority	5/31/2022 8:20 AM
7	Long overdue and in reality shouldn't be even up for debate. Local towns have far surpassed us for safe walking/jogging. It would go a long way to a more vibrant, active and healthy town.	5/29/2022 7:23 PM
8	O	5/24/2022 6:27 AM
9	Tourists dont pay taxes or live here. A hand full of over priced eateries make a living . Just like Essex...Where i am from. Another useless town from what once they were.	5/23/2022 8:57 PM
10	Definitely should be paved from Straits to Pleasant st. Many walk that way. Also above the church coming out of town. The sidewalk ends and it should be paved to straits.	5/18/2022 7:21 AM
11	It should be a priority, but not enough to raise the mil rate yet again	5/17/2022 12:08 PM
12	Safe sidewalks or paths are more important.	5/16/2022 7:01 PM
13	But the pedestrian should use them. As a driver our town is very difficult to pass through	5/16/2022 6:02 PM

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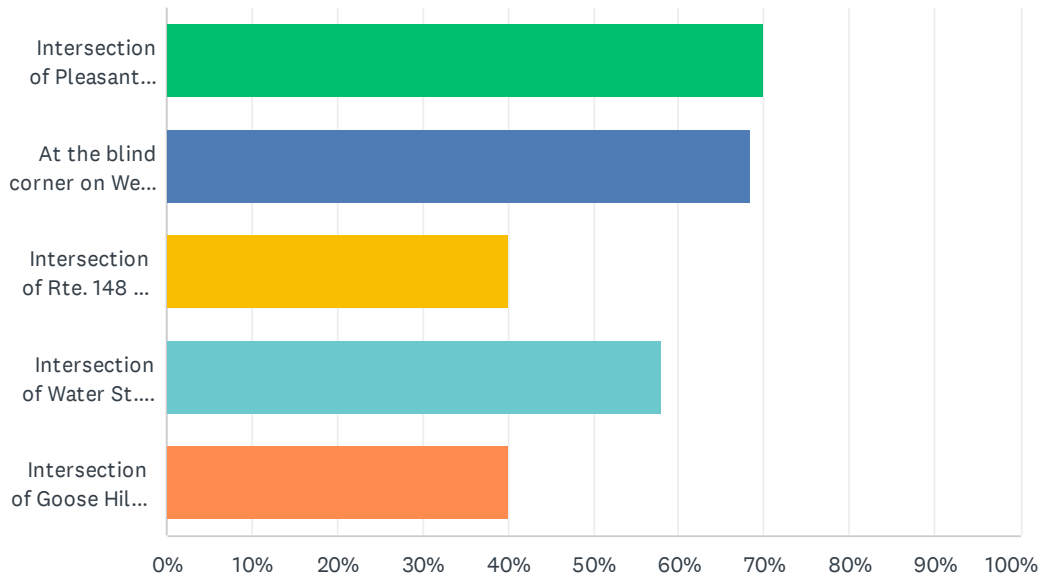
	because of all the people visiting with friends, cutting between cars, bikes & lack of space	
14	We have crosswalks... no? Is this a solution in search of a problem? Or a response to new overdone curbing? More crosswalks are not a bad thing but are there other priorities?	5/15/2022 4:41 PM
15	crosswalks are a good idea but putting them in blind spots without speed controls and/or connecting sidewalks won't make a difference safety wise	5/14/2022 10:58 PM
16	I'm most interested in getting from Route 9 into village safely.	5/13/2022 12:03 PM
17	My child would have walked to or from CES if there were a crosswalk between Straits and Pleasant. She could not have safely crossed 148 without it.	5/12/2022 9:25 PM
18	Pedestrians in Chester don't use crosswalks except Camp Hazen is very good about using their crosswalk.	5/12/2022 9:03 PM
19	The crossing points for me are already marked	5/12/2022 6:26 PM
20	a lot of drivers ignore crosswalks -- not sure how much it would help, except maybe in the center of town where people tend to go slower anyway.	5/12/2022 5:50 PM
21	I don't think crosswalks are the biggest problem! Just sidewalks!	5/12/2022 2:34 PM
22	But parking at the corner of main st and water street Should be eliminated	5/11/2022 6:43 AM
23	It's important in areas where there is traffic. Chester does this already in many spots. The cross walk by the library is the hardest for cars to see pedestrians (or for cars to remember to stop at) in my opinion.	5/10/2022 8:53 PM
24	Sidewalks are a higher priority. I have seen people parking on crosswalks so they are already not too effective	5/10/2022 10:12 AM
25	Helpful but not a high priority	5/9/2022 9:31 PM
26	The priority should be 1. Repairing the sidewalks we do have in town. They are in disrepair, i.e., broken and uneven which can lead to injury. Ex. Sidewalk from the Town Center up North Main Street.	5/9/2022 9:14 PM
27	With speed bumps	5/9/2022 7:10 PM
28	By public building crossing locations	5/9/2022 6:45 PM
29	Not sure	5/9/2022 6:12 PM
30	E	5/9/2022 6:10 PM
31	Yes, but not overdone. Mostly within a half mile of the village.	5/9/2022 6:01 PM
32	I don't think we need more necessarily but many people don't stop for designated sidewalks? I front of the post office especially	5/9/2022 5:48 PM
33	The crosswalk location suggestions in #10 are at locations where there are no sidewalks...	5/9/2022 5:28 PM
34	yes for where sidewalks end and crossing the street is required	5/9/2022 5:24 PM
35	I do think this is important but did not answer yes for this reason: The recent downtown update added and upgraded crosswalks. My family and myself always use the designated areas downtown. However, I also drive through downtown frequently and find people crossing anywhere and everywhere with no regard for the crosswalks. So, if people are just going to ignore them, and there is no enforcement for downtown parking or pedestrian behaviour, then they should not be a hig priority.	5/9/2022 5:05 PM
36	Don't see an issue in the downtown area.	5/9/2022 4:24 PM
37	Neutral. Crosswalks not always safe so should try to avoid crossing as much as possible.	5/9/2022 4:14 PM
38	Depends on what the full list of priorities looks like, and how much money we're talking about.	5/9/2022 4:07 PM
39	Need safe places/paths/sidewalks first. I've had to jump up on yards to avoid cars coming too close both in town Chester on Goose Hill Rd near Meeting House (I avoid walking that road now after a very close call) and on 154 near Town Hall.	5/9/2022 3:50 PM
40	i don't walk in/through town enough to have an opinion. but i think crossing at the blind corner	5/9/2022 3:29 PM

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	below is dangerous.	
41	Perhaps it really depends on where.	5/9/2022 3:14 PM
42	Not necessarily a high priority but definitely a priority.	5/9/2022 3:12 PM
43	It would be great if drivers actually stopped at the Stop signs in Chester - especially the four where Water St meets Main, N Main and W Main. People just roll through and rarely use the signals.	5/9/2022 2:58 PM
44	We already have that	5/9/2022 2:47 PM
45	Lots of people don't use them even if marked	5/9/2022 2:40 PM
46	So dangerous down town, but it is mainly peds ignoring the crosswalks. I think one is also needed on middlesex ave by veterans memorial and from sidewalk to north quarter on main street	5/9/2022 2:37 PM
47	What we have works well. Please keep the existing crosswalks.	5/9/2022 1:36 PM
48	Unsure	5/8/2022 3:28 PM
49	Possibly - sidewalks more important	5/7/2022 2:44 PM
50	More interested in the bike path	5/7/2022 1:50 PM

Q10 If you answered 'Yes' to the above question, where are the crosswalks most important? Please check all that apply.\*Add any missing intersections to the box in #11.

Answered: 257 Skipped: 150



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Intersection of Pleasant St./ West Main St./ Straits Rd.	70.04%	180
At the blind corner on West Main St. near the Congregational Church	68.48%	176
Intersection of Rte. 148 and Rte. 145	40.08%	103
Intersection of Water St. and rte. 154 (near Moravela's)	57.98%	149
Intersection of Goose Hill Rd. & Liberty St./ E. Liberty St.	40.08%	103
Total Respondents: 257		

## Q11 Walkers/ Runners: In your opinion, what locations in Chester are in greatest need of attention, improvement due to lack of sidewalks, incomplete sidewalks, sidewalks in disrepair or inadequate roadway shoulders?

Answered: 216 Skipped: 191

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Sidewalk to library. West main st. North main st and goose hill up to meeting house	6/22/2022 6:58 PM
2	I live at corner of Goose Hill and king's , people run the stop sign coming from town across kings on goose.... all the time!!!!	6/13/2022 9:34 AM
3	Intersection from 154 to north quarter park	6/8/2022 7:21 AM
4	stretch from pleasant to straits along rt 148/ west main. Would like to see a sidewalk from elementary school to straits	6/7/2022 9:15 PM
5	Railroad Ave	6/7/2022 12:42 PM
6	North Main Street sidewalks are a disaster. Accident waiting to happen and not useable for strollers, wheelchairs.	6/7/2022 9:59 AM
7	Straits road needs a sidewalk, and I also think that pleasant street could benefit due to its proximity to school grounds. Also west Main Street to downtown could use a sidewalk. The sidewalk on liberty street needs improvements, and it would be good to have an extension of that sidewalk.	6/6/2022 5:02 PM
8	Rte 148 between Straits and church.	6/6/2022 5:00 PM
9	148 from town center to Moravella's (there are ALWAYS pedestrians there and no room for them), and West Main Street.	6/6/2022 12:28 PM
10	Railroad Ave from the Marina to downtown	6/6/2022 12:22 PM
11	At NQ park! Kids walking on the sidewalk have nowhere safe to cross into the park, this should be the #1 priority.	6/6/2022 10:23 AM
12	There is no crosswalk at north quarter park	6/6/2022 10:01 AM
13	Rt. 154 from town hall to center	6/5/2022 12:47 AM
14	Water street	6/3/2022 8:49 PM
15	The corner near the church where the sidewalk ends up toward Straights rd/Pleasant Street and from CES down to the firehouse and library. The kids take walking field trips into town which is wonderful but they have to walk in the road.	6/3/2022 12:26 PM
16	State Roads, 148 and 154	6/3/2022 9:36 AM
17	Blind corner near Congregational Church	6/3/2022 8:36 AM
18	All of the above	6/2/2022 4:16 PM
19	All of the above	6/2/2022 4:15 PM
20	A portion of the the sidewalk on Liberty Street (#23-#35) is an embarrassment to the town --- and in a condition that begs a liability lawsuit against the town. Walking and/or running over this stretch of the sidewalk is hazardous.	6/2/2022 9:53 AM
21	The eastern end of Main Street between School Lane and Rt 154. It's a mess. Certainly not safe for a wheelchair. Bricks are regularly falling into the street from the wall on the Chesterfield side. There is poor visibility when someone is approaching (usually too quickly) School Lane, from the Town Center, so not prepared for a crosswalk. Of course the "corner of	5/31/2022 2:44 PM

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roots", also at that intersection, is a hazard. (Yes, I understand the tree-sidewalk dilemma. It's tough) So this makes access to North Quarter Park and Rt 154 very poor, really separating the Town Center. Equally treacherous is a walk from Town Center past the Library along W Main. It's a shame it's too dangerous to walk from Town Center to ferry (or at least Moravela's).

22	all areas branching out from downtown within a mile+ radius. Maple Street and surrounding streets in particular.	5/31/2022 8:20 AM
23	First two area to address one connecting all existing sidewalks from east liberty and Ridge Rd down Pleasant and West main creating a continuous system from downtown to meeting house to elementary school to Congregational church and library.	5/30/2022 10:19 AM
24	Connect the sidewalks that are already in place An additional walkway from downtown Chester out to the river	5/30/2022 10:05 AM
25	-West Main Street, specifically from Pleasant Street to town center - town center to 154 on water street	5/30/2022 9:59 AM
26	Everywhere take a look - only section of town with sidewalks outside that are adequate are in the town center. Essex recently obtained funding, what applications has Chester made if any?	5/29/2022 7:23 PM
27	High nine brewery and sidewalks along middlesex Ave	5/29/2022 6:50 PM
28	West Main Street, from 145 to center of town, particularly around the long blind bends in the road	5/29/2022 6:16 AM
29	Liberty street for disrepair of sidewalk/sidewalk extension Water St. from village to Moravella's needs sidewalk/better shoulder for walking Extending sidewalk/better shoulder down West Main past service station, around sharp corner to rt. 9 on-ramps Extending sidewalk past St. Joseph's to meet up with sidewalk in Deep River at the town line.	5/28/2022 1:32 PM
30	Route 148.	5/28/2022 10:39 AM
31	Downtown to marinas, ferry, Cedar Lake and Deep River	5/27/2022 3:48 PM
32	Rt 148 along the creek	5/27/2022 3:43 PM
33	There should be a sidewalk from cedar lake road to the town beach along RT 148. Would add a layer of safety in that area.	5/27/2022 12:21 PM
34	We need sidewalks that lead from downtown to the elementary school.	5/27/2022 11:01 AM
35	Goose hill and liberty street. 148 around the blind turn between TLB architecture and the brush mill.	5/26/2022 4:14 PM
36	Middlesex Ave... Goose Hill Rd	5/25/2022 8:14 AM
37	I would love to see the Ridge Rd sidewalk continued past the school to High St, continued on High St & connected to the Library crosswalk. (Steps at the Library crosswalk are a major challenge for strollers!)	5/24/2022 3:11 PM
38	148 (West Main Street) from library/church to Pleasant Street	5/24/2022 1:15 PM
39	Connecting sidewalks on Rt 148 from pleasant st. to town center.	5/24/2022 10:20 AM
40	RT. 154 and 148	5/24/2022 9:37 AM
41	RT 148 from center to Rt 154	5/24/2022 8:06 AM
42	The main roads are terrifying. It would be great to connect our main roads to trails and parks via sidewalks or bike paths.	5/24/2022 7:28 AM
43	Chester center to 154/ st joes	5/23/2022 8:28 PM
44	West Main Street. South Wig Hill Wig Hill. Route 154 Maple Street Straits Road	5/23/2022 7:32 PM
45	Between the Ferry to center of Chester. Many people walk or bike but drivers go fast between Moravelas and town.	5/23/2022 6:20 PM
46	Into deep river	5/23/2022 8:39 AM
47	Section from Main to Bokum Length of Maple Main to East Liberty North Main Liberty	5/23/2022 8:03 AM

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48	Water street and 154. If you could connect down town area with a walking loop to North Quarter park. My friends and I would use it a lot.	5/23/2022 6:14 AM
49	Interconnection with deep river on 154. Better access to cedar lake. Crosswalk to Key Bank location on water street.	5/22/2022 9:38 AM
50	On 154 there should be a sidewalk on the west side of the road that connects deep river to Chester	5/22/2022 9:37 AM
51	along cedar lake road	5/20/2022 1:00 PM
52	Maple Street is extremely dangerous between Prospect and Straits, with speeding school buses, no shoulder, blind curves. Also, tree branches growing into the street between 24 and 28 Maple Street are a pedestrian hazard.	5/20/2022 11:45 AM
53	Rte 148 from Pleasant Street to the Congregational Church. The blind corner without any sidewalk is treacherous and cars and trucks go at hazardous speeds along this stretch of road.	5/20/2022 11:11 AM
54	Water Street is very dangerous for walkers, joggers and even bicyclists. The space for pedestrians is nonexistent (6 inches of shoulder in some places), high traffic and high vehicle speed. Also, a pedestrian crosswalk should be built across 154 at the Kings Highway intersection.	5/20/2022 8:54 AM
55	Water Street from town to Moravela's. I won't walk it but many do, in spite of the twists that keep cars unable to see pedestrians. A boardwalk inside the guard rail would be a wonderful improvement for the town, also allowing one to walk to the ferry (or train).	5/20/2022 8:41 AM
56	West Main St, church to pleasant st	5/19/2022 9:31 PM
57	Straits to pleasant	5/18/2022 7:21 AM
58	No sidewalk or adequate shoulder along the section of 148 between 154 & Main St.	5/18/2022 6:08 AM
59	Middlesex Ave towards DR (personal opinion).	5/17/2022 7:09 PM
60	Route 154	5/17/2022 6:36 PM
61	Rt.154 could use sidewalks, I've almost been hit running along there several times.	5/17/2022 4:27 PM
62	Railroad Avenue and the wall in front of Apple Rehab.	5/17/2022 12:08 PM
63	The broken/dangerous sidewalk on Liberty Street!!	5/17/2022 7:21 AM
64	Liberty Street. Sidewalk ends just before the curve near Deep Hollow Road. Cars can't see you until it's too late. We almost got hit once.	5/16/2022 8:33 PM
65	Maple street and surrounding areas.	5/16/2022 7:01 PM
66	Route 148 by the United Church of Chester	5/16/2022 6:33 PM
67	There is a push button at the intersection near Moravela's, but whoever designed and installed it has obviously never ridden a bike or even walked. Try it sometime. You have to get off your bike to push the button. It is not a crosswalk issue, but trying to get around the corner just west of the Main Street Garage is very dangerous, as is the hill climb up towards the Brush Mill Restaurant from there.	5/15/2022 7:16 PM
68	Rte 154 and Main Street.	5/15/2022 9:41 AM
69	sidewalk on same side as North Quarter Park for continuous path to downtown and back. Sidewalks from churches to downtown	5/14/2022 10:58 PM
70	All along Rt 154	5/14/2022 7:34 PM
71	Goose Hill between the Meeting House and King's Highway. From the center of town up towards Norma Terrace theatre. From center of town to Moravela's. (Treacherous spot there, but would be nice to be able to safely view the wildlife along the marsh). Moravela's to tge Ferry Dock.	5/14/2022 5:43 PM
72	From north quarter park to Moravela. Lots of people walk on Middlesex Ave myself included and it would be safer with sidewalks.	5/14/2022 1:10 PM
73	Water street and 154 where the side walk breaks up around the bend between Chester and	5/14/2022 11:40 AM

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Deep River		
74	Liberty street has crumbling sidewalks in front of old Brooks Factory.	5/14/2022 10:04 AM
75	Liberty st	5/14/2022 7:11 AM
76	See abovr	5/13/2022 8:23 PM
77	It would be awesome to be able to bike from Cedar Lake to Village! Also it would be awesome for steam train to share rails and trails type path	5/13/2022 12:03 PM
78	Water street (148) and Middlesex (154)	5/13/2022 11:39 AM
79	Route 148, west of Cedar Lake- they widened the lanes and removed the shoulder access for walking	5/13/2022 10:19 AM
80	Cedar lake/cocoponsrtt to town center.	5/13/2022 7:10 AM
81	Water street- no shoulder; west Main Street-traffic and limited shoulder	5/12/2022 10:56 PM
82	none	5/12/2022 10:06 PM
83	It would be great to have a crosswalk on Main Street to north quarter park to the sidewalk	5/12/2022 9:35 PM
84	West Main north past the Church and Pleasant. South to Moravelas intersection.	5/12/2022 9:25 PM
85	Cedar lake area on 145. By 154 and n quarter park The turns by the Congregational church and w main and turn just past brushmill going towards town on w main st. The turn just south of camp hazen on w main st where the yellow house is.	5/12/2022 9:15 PM
86	Water St, Rt 154 from Pratt St to Deep River, Rt 148 from Pleasant St to Library	5/12/2022 9:14 PM
87	148 Middlesex ave	5/12/2022 9:09 PM
88	1. The blind corner on West Main St. near the Congregational Church and 2. the brick wall and sidewalk on Main St. near School Lane.	5/12/2022 9:03 PM
89	West Main	5/12/2022 8:46 PM
90	West main from Congregational church to Pleasant St	5/12/2022 8:40 PM
91	Straits Road, Maple Street, and West Main St. (between Pleasant St. and the center of town)	5/12/2022 5:50 PM
92	Water street to straits road	5/12/2022 5:24 PM
93	I would love some hiking trails in the wilderness.	5/12/2022 5:13 PM
94	154	5/12/2022 4:58 PM
95	All locations within a half mile of the center, as a start.	5/12/2022 2:34 PM
96	All of Maple Street. I walk, run, bike here a lot (and so do many others and with pets). This road is very curvy and cars go way too fast - can't see around corners. School buses use this route to and from the bus company several times a day are also a hazard (they should be using Straights Rd to get back to the bus parking area).	5/12/2022 10:35 AM
97	Not wasting town money.	5/11/2022 5:30 PM
98	Main St near Congregational Church....scary spot...unable to see around the curve	5/11/2022 10:45 AM
99	Sidewalk on 154 is in poor condition.	5/11/2022 10:04 AM
100	WATER STREET!!!	5/11/2022 10:00 AM
101	Side walks on Bokum	5/11/2022 7:19 AM
102	On 154 running the length of Chester. Then definitely water Street from Moravelas Pizza to the center of Chester. That is a very treacherous road and many people bike or walk. That road connects many to the center	5/11/2022 7:06 AM
103	All along Water Street from Main to 154 @ Moravelas	5/10/2022 11:16 PM
104	rt 148 downtown to cedar lake	5/10/2022 10:52 PM



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105	Castle view Drive	5/10/2022 9:42 PM
106	The hill going up Liberty near Deep Hollow Rd. Road is in rough shape and cars have to be careful to avoid potholes, making walking there a bit tight. Is there a cross walk at North Quarter over to the sidewalk? If not, definitely should have one there.	5/10/2022 8:53 PM
107	None	5/10/2022 8:21 PM
108	I think the main roads should have sidewalks, but on other side roads - drivers need to be aware and slow down! A sidewalk on Water Street, out to 154 would be spectacular. But again as I type this, i realize fully that the road is very narrow in spots so it would be difficult/expensive to execute.	5/10/2022 5:26 PM
109	West main street	5/10/2022 5:08 PM
110	1. Corner near the Congo church on rt148 2. From center of town to rt148/154 intersection. 3. All of rr 154	5/10/2022 4:59 PM
111	Water street 154	5/10/2022 3:24 PM
112	From CES to the library; all along 154 from Deep River to Haddam and Water Street.	5/10/2022 11:19 AM
113	Chester Elementary school's surrounding area, cedar lake/ rte 148, and down 154 from the town line to morvelas and down water st	5/10/2022 10:21 AM
114	Sidewalks around the elementary school! Boardwalk along Water St! Top of Main to Water St along 154! Connect Water to Town Hall! Pick up sidewalk on 154 where Deep River's ends! Sidewalks on Railroad/Old Depot now that there is lots more traffic from Marker 37!	5/10/2022 10:12 AM
115	Rt 154 from Deep River to Main Street, Chester. West Main St from the center of town, west Water Street from the center of town to 154	5/10/2022 9:40 AM
116	West Main to Water Street	5/10/2022 9:14 AM
117	State roads	5/10/2022 9:02 AM
118	Rte 148	5/10/2022 8:15 AM
119	There needs to be a connection with the Upper Chester Creek...	5/10/2022 7:54 AM
120	Maple street and straits road	5/10/2022 7:37 AM
121	See above comment.	5/10/2022 7:06 AM
122	route 154	5/10/2022 1:03 AM
123	Blind corner crossing and big bend corner make walking to public parking commuter lot bus depot a deadly walk or ride. Our walking route around town is purposefully routed to avoid the blind and deadly corner near Congo church (sidewalk needs to continue on one side or the other cross walk there is just stupid !	5/9/2022 11:17 PM
124	Water street	5/9/2022 10:27 PM
125	Run a boardwalk trail up 148 to Cedar lake all the way to the boat launch. I'll donate my strip along 148 or do easements. It's dumb that locals and kids can't bike to the lake.	5/9/2022 10:05 PM
126	Greatest need on West Main and Water Streets. I live on Straits, which many walkers & cycles use, but since the traffic is relatively light and sight lines are generally good, sidewalks are probably not a high priority.	5/9/2022 9:44 PM
127	148 from 154 to town . 154 from 148 to deep river	5/9/2022 9:40 PM
128	Turkey hill road	5/9/2022 9:34 PM
129	Rt 154	5/9/2022 9:31 PM
130	1. North Main Street 2. Main Street toward North Quarter Park	5/9/2022 9:14 PM
131	The sidewalk by Liberty St & that old factory is all broken. The area by Rt 9 exit frequently gets too overgrown for people coming off the highway to see bikes & cars coming.	5/9/2022 9:03 PM
132	From Whelen Engineering (145) to the Center (148)	5/9/2022 8:49 PM

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133	Need a crosswalk in downtown by Grano and Simons/Villager as there is none and people are ALWAYS crossing there.	5/9/2022 8:47 PM
134	Liberty St,	5/9/2022 8:44 PM
135	I only run a loop from my home on Bokum, down Straits Road and back.	5/9/2022 8:38 PM
136	There are a TON of people who walk Turkey Hill and Wig Hill, but these roads are so curvy and folks drive too fast. There should be paths or something for cyclists and walkers out this way. I'd probably allow my 5th grader to ride his bike to school if there was a safer option than just our road.	5/9/2022 8:01 PM
137	The area from Pleasant Street heading east on West Main Street to downtown is dangerous to walk near the congregational church.	5/9/2022 7:44 PM
138	Down towards the marinas and water street	5/9/2022 7:27 PM
139	West main st past the church. Pleasant st	5/9/2022 7:21 PM
140	Rte 148 from Bokum to Rte 9	5/9/2022 7:20 PM
141	Pedestrian Crossing to north quarter park	5/9/2022 7:10 PM
142	There are no safe areas to walk/run in town. Extremely unsafe with everyone on their phones all the time as they drive (including the police!).	5/9/2022 7:03 PM
143	Cedar lake. Cocaponsett. Approach to Chester ferry	5/9/2022 6:45 PM
144	The intersection of Cedar Lake Road and West Main Street does not serve residents well because the line of sight is so wide open that drivers are not paying attention to what's in their peripheral vision, and there's spotty "safe space" for walkers/runners/bicyclists.	5/9/2022 5:28 PM
145	see previous write in responses. Most town roads and state roads do not have adequate space for walking or riding.	5/9/2022 5:24 PM
146	All roads leading to the village!! 154 people walk all the time but cars drive so fast! It seems so dangerous	5/9/2022 5:14 PM
147	North Main Street sidewalks need to be replaced. My wife tripped and fell on a raised section 15 years ago. John Divis made a temporary repair with cement and it has since broken up.	5/9/2022 5:11 PM
148	Maple Street from Main to Straits would be a good place to start focusing on a pedestrian path/sidewalk for the following reasons: pedestrian activity along this road experiences a high volume, traffic can be fast, there is little visibility along sections with curves and hills. In addition, our town parking area is on Maple and people must walk in the road to and from the lot. The lot would be better used and relieve the intense competition for roadside parking downtown if there were a nice path along Maple from the lot to Main street. I know there is a nicely improved path from the lot to the area near the cemetery ( i use it regularly) but also see many town visitors walking down the middle of Maple to get to restaurants and shops. The existing sidewalk from Main, along the road with Norma Terrace, to Liberty needs an upgrade. It is uneven and broken in many places. It also gets heavy use and once Norma Terrace re-opens will be in heavy use again. The sidewalk along Liberty toward Deep Hollow falls apart near its end. It should be fixed. However, this road has very good line of sight and traffic is not that heavy. A novel idea would be to create a boardwalk path along Carini wetlands to 154 (Moravela's area). This could be an interpretive nature path that could bring additional visitors to town (Audubon Society collaboration?) It would also be separated from the road and allow a safe activity trail for young families, people with mobility issues, and nature lovers looking to see some wetland birds.	5/9/2022 5:05 PM
149	154 and goose hill	5/9/2022 5:04 PM
150	Water St. Rte 154	5/9/2022 4:58 PM
151	Rte 148	5/9/2022 4:56 PM
152	Sidewalks down north Main Street and between Pratt and 154 sidewalks are in disrepair. There should be a continuous side walk on 154 into deep river in order to walk to their down town safely	5/9/2022 4:29 PM
153	All the above-mentioned areas	5/9/2022 4:22 PM

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154	Rt 148, Rt 154, Rt 145	5/9/2022 4:14 PM
155	Things are great.	5/9/2022 4:07 PM
156	I live near cedar lake and the shoulders on 148 are very much inadequate. Cedar lake rd has no shoulders, lots of pedestrians/bikes and out of town drivers speeding and blowing through the stop signs going to and from cockaponsett state forest and the boat launch.	5/9/2022 3:51 PM
157	Route 145 and 148	5/9/2022 3:50 PM
158	154 from Town Hall to Kings Highway & then continuing down to Water St/154 intersection then from there into downtown. If outside of downtown Chester along 154 trying to find a safe way to walk into town is a challenge.	5/9/2022 3:50 PM
159	Pleasant Street, Ridge Road down to High Street, all of High Street, Liberty Street to Pleasant.	5/9/2022 3:49 PM
160	Rt 148 from Pleasant Street to United Church	5/9/2022 3:46 PM
161	Connecting Chester to Deep River via 154	5/9/2022 3:46 PM
162	West Main/Pleasant St. School traffic (buses, teachers, speeding parents). Shoulder on Pleasant limited by encroaching brush across from 10 Pleasant driveway.	5/9/2022 3:46 PM
163	Blind corner on west main street. Be sure to consult Master Plan created by Kent + Frost for helpful information regarding walking, jogging, and biking around town. Specifically, information about West Main Street, North Main Street, and a proposed boardwalk along the estuary connecting the village with 154 along Water Street.	5/9/2022 3:44 PM
164	Crosswalk to connect North Quarter Park to sidewalk (lots of kids cross here!!)	5/9/2022 3:43 PM
165	Rte 148	5/9/2022 3:43 PM
166	Turkey hill road, wig hill, cedar lake area,	5/9/2022 3:41 PM
167	Intersection of Pleasant St & West Main, continuing up Pleasant. The bus and car traffic before and after school make it a busy area. Near the bottom of the hill the road is extremely narrow due to overgrowth in front of a house there (2 houses from corner approaching intersection with W.Main St)	5/9/2022 3:41 PM
168	Cedar lake area, ie cedar lake road and 148	5/9/2022 3:32 PM
169	West Main after UCC, sharp corner near West Main Services,	5/9/2022 3:31 PM
170	Pleasant st and west main intersection. Pleasant and ridge rd. Deep hollow and liberty st.	5/9/2022 3:25 PM
171	We should be able to walk from the lake area into town safely without threat of being run over be side we have to walk in the roadway or breakdown lane	5/9/2022 3:22 PM
172	Along Route 154 and Water Street	5/9/2022 3:19 PM
173	Route 148 - Pleasant Street intersection Maple Street	5/9/2022 3:18 PM
174	148 is too narrow but that could desperately use sidewalks but don't see how that would be possible.	5/9/2022 3:14 PM
175	West Main at the United Church.	5/9/2022 3:12 PM
176	Connecting a sidewalk to deep river	5/9/2022 3:12 PM
177	North Main from downtown to Liberty	5/9/2022 3:10 PM
178	Liberty St heading towards Deep Hollow	5/9/2022 3:09 PM
179	Fix North Main Street to Liberty sidewalks and roads	5/9/2022 3:06 PM
180	It would be nice to connect to Deep Rivers side walk along 154. I would like a connection from NQP and the cemetery.	5/9/2022 3:01 PM
181	Water street	5/9/2022 2:57 PM
182	Honestly the entire length of 148 from Cedar Lake to Morivella's is tough. I try to avoid it when possible. But I understand it's a older road with a narrow shoulder. The sidewalk along Liberty Street by the Brooks factory is in dis-repair.	5/9/2022 2:57 PM

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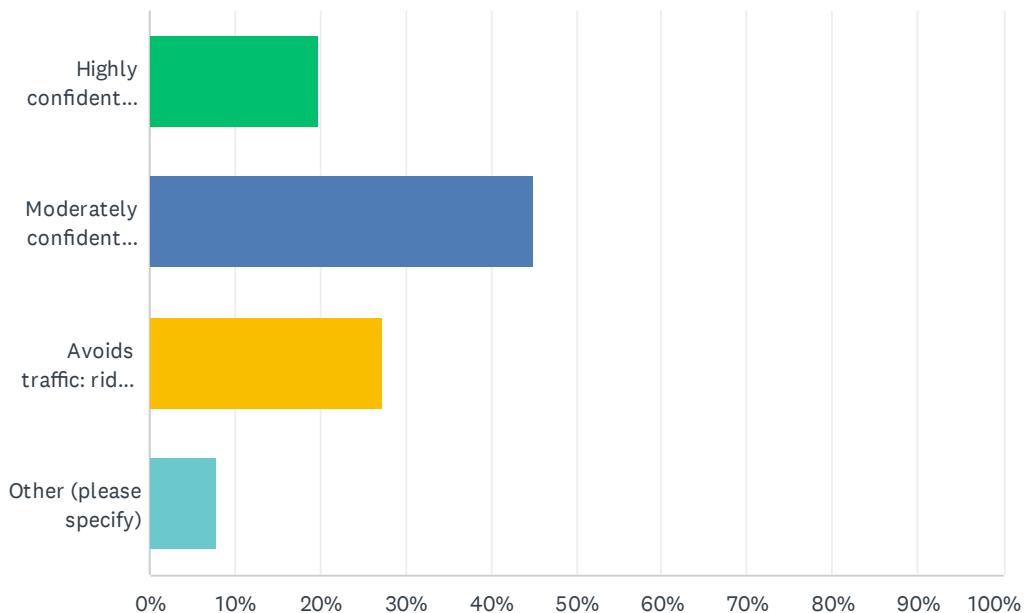
183	Rte 148 and 154. Road to meeting house.	5/9/2022 2:51 PM
184	Water Street from Center of Town to Moravela's. Preferably on the creek side.	5/9/2022 2:50 PM
185	Near fire department Down 148 from library to town	5/9/2022 2:48 PM
186	When they redid Ted downtown they used brick and cement which makes it very difficult to walk on those bricks as a woman and nice shoes. I think you shouldn't redo anything because you made too many mistakes there!!!!	5/9/2022 2:48 PM
187	There needs to be a crosswalk in front of North Quarter Park. It is very unsafe for kids/families to be crossing to the park across Main Street.	5/9/2022 2:47 PM
188	Meet up with Deep Rivers sidewalk on RT 154	5/9/2022 2:47 PM
189	Roadway shoulders are lousy	5/9/2022 2:43 PM
190	Straits Rd, Maple St, intersection of Straits and W Main into town	5/9/2022 2:42 PM
191	sidewalk between straits and main	5/9/2022 2:40 PM
192	High Street, 148 sharp corner below Brushmill, Goose Hill	5/9/2022 2:40 PM
193	Water Street, 154 crossing to Main Street	5/9/2022 2:40 PM
194	lack of sidewalks	5/9/2022 2:40 PM
195	The entire town except downtown. And do you really think that adding sidewalks would make a difference? There is no room for sidewalks on most of our streets.	5/9/2022 2:38 PM
196	Perhaps too big of an undertaking, but it would be nice to have sidewalks along 148.	5/9/2022 2:38 PM
197	East liberty is a mess	5/9/2022 2:37 PM
198	West Main St - from The Brushmill to the Library.	5/9/2022 2:33 PM
199	It would be nice if attention were paid to areas other than just the center of town.	5/9/2022 2:08 PM
200	Cedar Lake/CampHazen to state forest area	5/9/2022 2:01 PM
201	I'd like to see some improvements in the intersections you listed in the previous question, but there's no way that a *crosswalk* is going to improve things at some of these spots. e.g. the blind corner on west main near congregational church - that curve is super-dangerous and just painting a crosswalk across the road isn't going to help. It needs sidewalks.	5/9/2022 1:51 PM
202	The sidewalk area on Liberty St that is crumbling and in serious disrepair is in the greatest need of attention.	5/9/2022 1:46 PM
203	From the town hall and down Water Street to Chester Center. From the town hall to North Quarter Park, From the town hall to connect with Deep River.	5/9/2022 1:42 PM
204	From the town hall down around water street and up back from middlesex ave where a style above is back to Moravella's	5/9/2022 1:25 PM
205	Water St	5/9/2022 1:13 PM
206	We need a physically accessible public library, but that's not the issue here.	5/9/2022 1:03 PM
207	The curve at Jennings Pond on West Main Street.	5/9/2022 12:33 PM
208	West Main and Water Street	5/9/2022 7:24 AM
209	Cedar lake road	5/8/2022 4:09 PM
210	Cedar lake to town	5/8/2022 3:28 PM
211	Main st	5/8/2022 2:45 PM
212	Water St. Rte. 154 West Main St.	5/7/2022 2:44 PM
213	Between cedar lake and downtown	5/7/2022 1:50 PM
214	North Main St. and Liberty St. sidewalks are in disrepair. All intersections above are important. Very concerned about blind turns on West Main St. Very concerned about pedestrians and	5/7/2022 12:14 PM

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	runners who run on 154.	
215	liberty street, water street	5/2/2022 6:11 PM
216	Goose Hill Rd, Water St have no sidewalks. Sidewalk on Liberty St needs repair.	5/2/2022 5:22 PM

## Q12 BICYCLE/ CYCLIST QUESTIONS Please check the box that most closely describes which type of cyclist you are.

Answered: 253 Skipped: 154



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Highly confident rider: rides at faster speeds, for advanced exercise, in almost any traffic conditions, typically on streets/roads.	19.76%	50
Moderately confident rider: prefers not to ride in heavily trafficked roads, unless separated from traffic; typically rides off main streets, on sidewalks or on trails.	45.06%	114
Avoids traffic: rides mostly for recreation on off-road trails/ paths.	27.27%	69
Other (please specify)	7.91%	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>253</b>

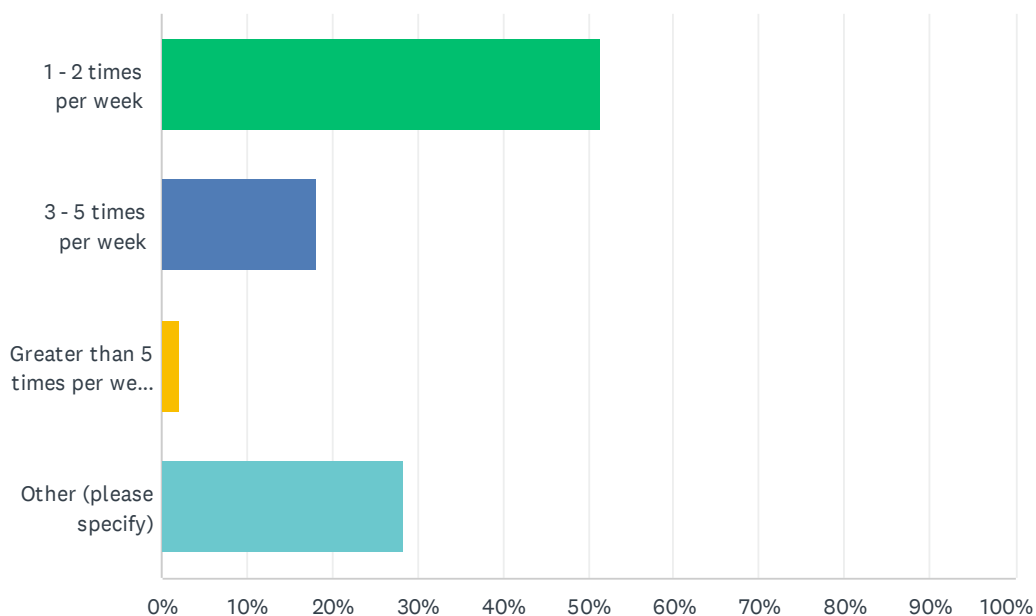
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Moderately confident, ride on all road, but pay attention to traffic	6/3/2022 9:36 AM
2	Would like to bike w my baby but scared	5/29/2022 6:50 PM
3	Or the ones that do 30 in the center, Or the ones that blow off the Ferry rd light ?	5/23/2022 8:57 PM
4	I'm a new bike rider I need safe places to ride.	5/16/2022 7:01 PM
5	Ride where I want but use caution and look for traffic.	5/15/2022 4:41 PM
6	Thinking more about grandkids on bikes	5/14/2022 7:11 AM
7	Not a cyclist	5/13/2022 7:48 AM
8	none	5/12/2022 10:06 PM
9	Not a cyclist	5/11/2022 7:29 PM

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10	Rides with children	5/11/2022 7:19 AM
11	N/A	5/10/2022 10:46 AM
12	Don't cycle often once or twice a month	5/10/2022 10:21 AM
13	Bikes on 148 is just asking to be an organ donor. No way. On foot facing the fools and ready to dive in the ditch if necessary.	5/9/2022 10:05 PM
14	I no longer ride because of the lack of shoulder on the roads.	5/9/2022 9:14 PM
15	Moderately confident rider on main and side streets; nervous on tight roads with no, or debris-filled, shoulders.	5/9/2022 8:44 PM
16	ISO bike rack to take my kids to another town to ride bikes.	5/9/2022 5:28 PM
17	Don't ride much	5/9/2022 4:24 PM
18	I avoid riding in Chester because I cannot get from my house to a safe riding area, and I feel the roads are narrow and dangerous for an older rider.	5/9/2022 3:41 PM
19	I was taught that bikes should not be ridden on sidewalks!	5/9/2022 3:12 PM
20	I do not bike but use a scooter, moderately confident	5/9/2022 2:49 PM

## Q13 How often do you usually bike?

Answered: 243 Skipped: 164



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1 - 2 times per week	51.44%	125
3 - 5 times per week	18.11%	44
Greater than 5 times per week to daily	2.06%	5
Other (please specify)	28.40%	69
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>243</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Few times per year	6/7/2022 9:15 PM
2	Not often	6/7/2022 12:42 PM
3	Not often.	6/6/2022 12:28 PM
4	Rarely, it's too dangerous	6/5/2022 12:47 AM
5	I don't often	6/3/2022 12:26 PM
6	Not regularly-Got a new bike so that will change-don't even try to bike nearTown Center	5/31/2022 2:44 PM
7	Twice month	5/31/2022 6:23 AM
8	Don't too scared	5/29/2022 6:50 PM
9	Once or twice a month.	5/28/2022 10:39 AM
10	More often in good weather	5/27/2022 12:21 PM
11	Na couple times a year	5/27/2022 11:14 AM



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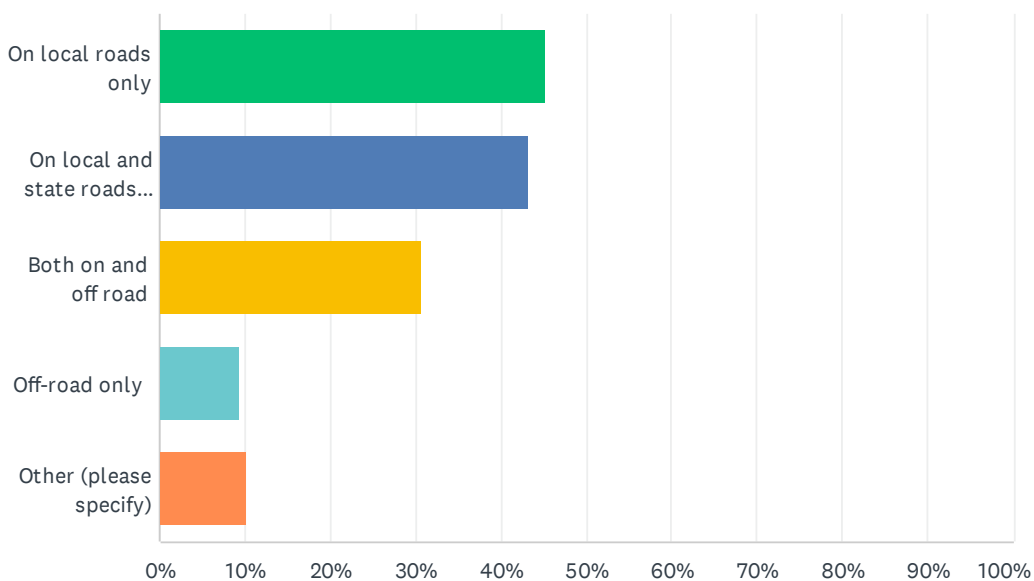
12	1-2 times per month	5/27/2022 11:01 AM
13	I used to bike many days a week but have not been riding due to road traffic	5/25/2022 5:59 AM
14	1-3 a month	5/23/2022 11:08 PM
15	Did it as a kid....1960...It was dangerous then. Cars pay taxes, Bikes dont.	5/23/2022 8:57 PM
16	2-3/yr	5/23/2022 7:13 AM
17	Less than 1 a month	5/23/2022 6:14 AM
18	Never	5/22/2022 9:38 AM
19	Less than once a week in recent years.	5/20/2022 11:45 AM
20	2x month	5/19/2022 5:44 AM
21	Less than once a week.	5/18/2022 4:58 PM
22	infrequently	5/17/2022 4:27 PM
23	summer	5/14/2022 10:58 PM
24	Not at all	5/14/2022 10:04 AM
25	In the warm months	5/13/2022 12:25 PM
26	Too much traffic	5/13/2022 12:03 PM
27	Sadly, rarely. Too unsafe here as there are no bike lanes or trails	5/13/2022 11:39 AM
28	0	5/12/2022 10:06 PM
29	Never	5/12/2022 8:46 PM
30	Rarely	5/12/2022 5:33 PM
31	Would like to bike more, no bike path.	5/12/2022 4:58 PM
32	Once a month	5/12/2022 4:52 PM
33	0	5/11/2022 7:29 PM
34	5-10 times a year	5/11/2022 6:36 PM
35	Not anymore. I work.	5/11/2022 5:30 PM
36	Sadly, sold my bike....getting old...liked to do local streets	5/11/2022 10:45 AM
37	only during warm months, like to bike with my son on less traveled roads.	5/10/2022 8:53 PM
38	Never- no trails and it doesn't feel safe.	5/9/2022 10:27 PM
39	Currently not at all	5/9/2022 10:02 PM
40	not that often in Chester but would if there were bike lanes	5/9/2022 9:37 PM
41	Seasonally: spring, summer. 1-2x's a week.	5/9/2022 8:44 PM
42	won't bike due to safety concerns	5/9/2022 8:35 PM
43	1-3 times per month	5/9/2022 8:19 PM
44	I'd bike daily if I felt it were safe on my road (Turkey Hill) and surrounding roads.	5/9/2022 8:01 PM
45	1/month	5/9/2022 6:56 PM
46	Waiting for hip replacements to allow me to ride again	5/9/2022 6:45 PM
47	Would do it more often if it felt safe	5/9/2022 5:48 PM
48	rarely due to lack of safe places to do so	5/9/2022 5:24 PM
49	I would if I felt safe	5/9/2022 4:58 PM

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50	Less than 1x per week	5/9/2022 4:41 PM
51	0	5/9/2022 4:24 PM
52	occasionally	5/9/2022 4:22 PM
53	When I ride I drive someplace else. I do not like riding along 154 and that's the only way I can get anywhere from my house.	5/9/2022 3:50 PM
54	Would ride more if safer	5/9/2022 3:46 PM
55	Occasionally	5/9/2022 3:44 PM
56	Few times a month	5/9/2022 3:43 PM
57	I do not allow my children nor myself to ride bicycles in Chester - the traffic and roads are too dangerous	5/9/2022 3:27 PM
58	1-3 times/year. Too unsafe by the lake	5/9/2022 3:22 PM
59	Get rid of rail trail	5/9/2022 3:21 PM
60	do not bike	5/9/2022 3:03 PM
61	Doesn't seem safe to ride a bike near my house	5/9/2022 2:57 PM
62	Once or Twice a month	5/9/2022 2:57 PM
63	Use the scooter 3-5 times a week in good weather	5/9/2022 2:49 PM
64	Occasionally	5/9/2022 2:40 PM
65	infrequently, recreationally	5/9/2022 1:51 PM
66	A few times per month on average	5/9/2022 1:46 PM
67	Few times a month	5/7/2022 2:44 PM
68	Infrequently. My husband and I ride mopeds in town.	5/7/2022 12:14 PM
69	occasionally	5/2/2022 6:11 PM

## Q14 Where do you ride your bike? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 245 Skipped: 162



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
On local roads only	45.31%	111
On local and state roads (Rte. 145, Rte. 148, Rte. 154)	43.27%	106
Both on and off road	30.61%	75
Off-road only	9.39%	23
Other (please specify)	10.20%	25
Total Respondents: 245		

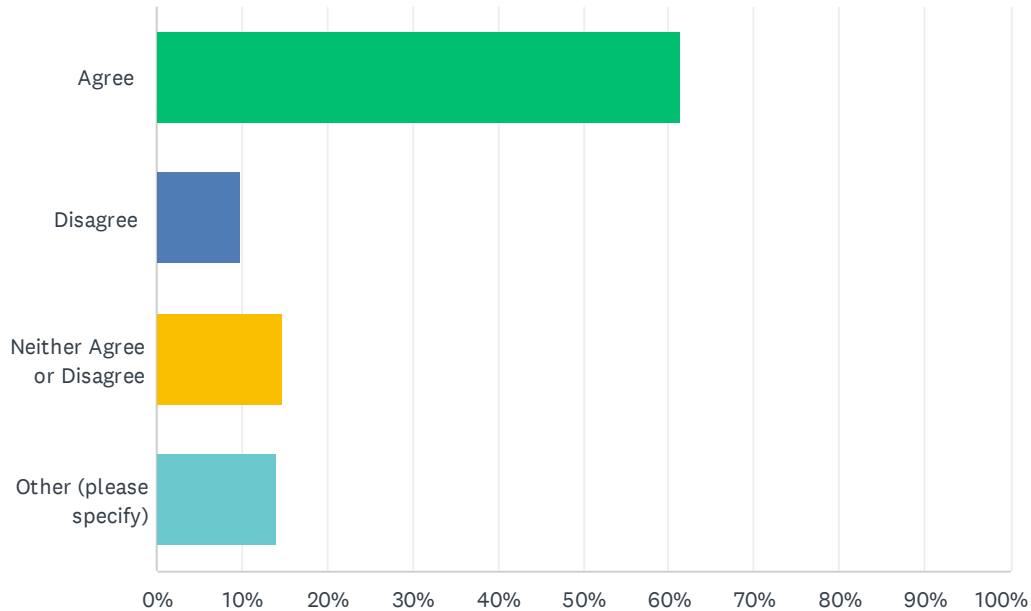
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Other towns	5/31/2022 2:44 PM
2	Prefer dedicated bike trails which our area lacks. Would like to see dedicated trails through state forest or even better a system that connects haddam through old saybrook or Westbrook	5/30/2022 10:19 AM
3	Mostly local roads	5/27/2022 12:21 PM
4	never	5/23/2022 8:57 PM
5	I'm not allowed to ride on busy roads	5/23/2022 6:14 AM
6	Hammonasset and Airline trail	5/16/2022 8:11 PM
7	My driveway because it's safer.	5/16/2022 7:01 PM
8	Bike paths	5/14/2022 1:16 PM
9	Drive to bike trails , mostly in Rhode Island	5/13/2022 11:39 AM
10	Hammonaddett	5/13/2022 7:10 AM

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11	Minimal riding on streets with distracted drivers	5/13/2022 6:03 AM
12	0	5/12/2022 10:06 PM
13	NA	5/11/2022 7:29 PM
14	Beach	5/11/2022 6:36 PM
15	Would bike if we had a path on middlesex	5/9/2022 10:02 PM
16	The paved path through Cockaponset off of 148 and on the packed dirt roads through the forest.	5/9/2022 8:47 PM
17	I would ride on streets if it were safer.	5/9/2022 8:01 PM
18	Not in Chester! Drivers regularly stop to yell profanities at you if you ride in town even if you are in the shoulder! Scary!	5/9/2022 7:03 PM
19	see above	5/9/2022 5:24 PM
20	On bike trails out of town	5/9/2022 4:41 PM
21	N/A	5/9/2022 4:24 PM
22	Trails	5/9/2022 3:44 PM
23	state roads ONLY WHEN NECESSARY to connect to other local roads	5/9/2022 3:43 PM
24	n/a	5/9/2022 3:27 PM
25	Almost never in Chester because it there is nowhere safe to ride.	5/9/2022 1:51 PM

## Q15 Do you believe that it is too dangerous for someone to ride his/her bike alongside the traffic on existing streets and roads?

Answered: 314 Skipped: 93



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Agree	61.46% 193
Disagree	9.87% 31
Neither Agree or Disagree	14.65% 46
Other (please specify)	14.01% 44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>314</b>

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I wouldn't feel safe biking here because there's no shoulder on many of the roads and the vehicle speed limit is too high.	6/10/2022 6:02 PM
2	Especially children.	6/8/2022 1:22 PM
3	Roads are just not set up to accommodate bike traffic and not all drivers understand how to safely pass	6/6/2022 10:23 AM
4	Distracted drivers and both drivers and cyclists who do not understand the rules of the road, or who flaunt those rules, are very dangerous to everyone who uses the roads. If you invest in ped/cycle infrastructure, it would behoove you to invest in education and safety classes, open and free to all.	6/5/2022 9:47 AM
5	It is an accident hazard, the risk for which could and I believe should be lowered.	6/3/2022 8:36 AM
6	Too many blind spots on curves. Deep River to Chester is hazardous.	5/31/2022 2:44 PM
7	It's very dangerous especially for kids we need dedicated trails	5/30/2022 10:19 AM

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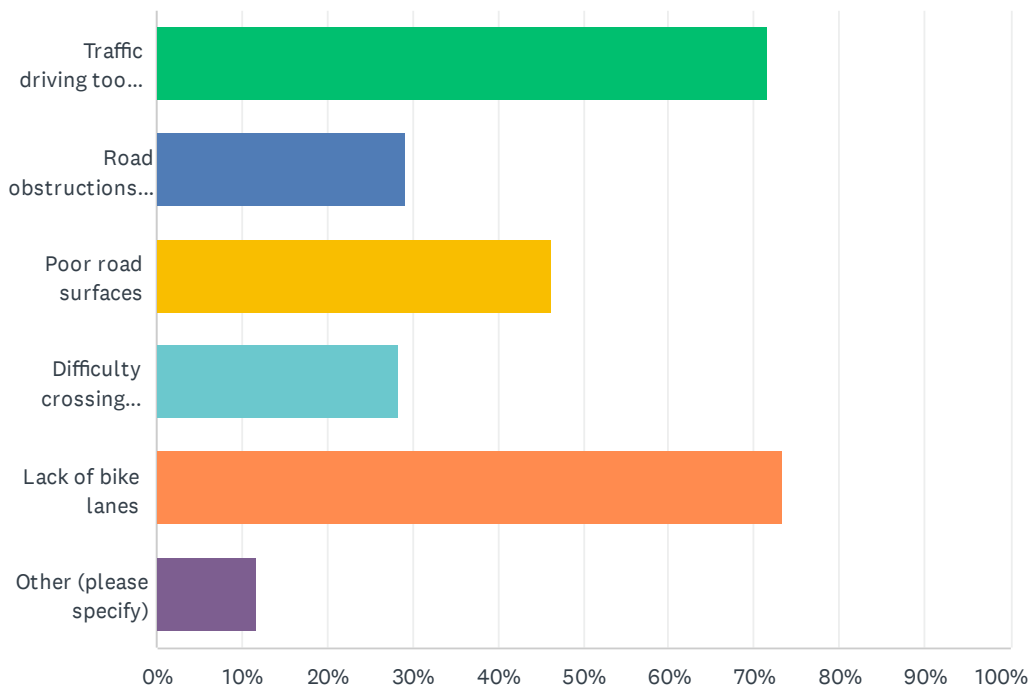
8	strongly agree	5/29/2022 7:23 PM
9	It's incumbent cyclist obey road rules and be alert for distracted drivers, walkers and joggers.	5/29/2022 7:09 PM
10	There are almost no shoulders and many blind turns. Chester is not bike friendly in most parts, particularly for children.	5/29/2022 6:16 AM
11	When I ride with my son	5/27/2022 3:48 PM
12	Depends on what road/part of road. Typically, town roads are lightly traveled and are no issue (I'm excluding the town center as I do not typically ride through there). State roads, being higher vehicle speed roads, can be dangerous. I avoid state roads whenever possible. Some sections of state roads are wider, which helps. Other sections are narrow and/or are narrow around a turn (turn on 148 near intersection of wig hill is a good example), which increases risks both for cyclists and vehicles due to poor visibility of both cyclists and oncoming traffic.	5/23/2022 9:54 AM
13	The speed and carelessness among drivers is definitely on the increase, especially among those coming off the highway or faster roads.	5/20/2022 11:45 AM
14	I think it could be dangerous if you are not confident in your ability to drive straight on a thin part of the road like that.	5/18/2022 3:51 PM
15	In some areas, yes.	5/17/2022 4:27 PM
16	Too dangerous along the state roads; I feel I am taking my life in my hands to venture on these. I try to avoid them as much as possible, but sometimes there is no option.	5/15/2022 7:16 PM
17	Somewhat agree.	5/15/2022 6:38 PM
18	It is if you don't pay attention to your own safety, just like everywhere else.	5/15/2022 8:52 AM
19	Cyclist need to OBEY the traffic rules. They can't have it both ways and be a pedestrian & a vehicle with the traffic rights of both.	5/13/2022 10:19 AM
20	Agree, it is a risk. We still like to ride in Chester.	5/12/2022 9:25 PM
21	Local roads mostly ok due to light traffic, State Rds unsafe due to lack of bike lanes, narrow shoulders and speeding	5/12/2022 9:14 PM
22	Depends on whether there is designated bike lane and how busy the road is.	5/12/2022 4:58 PM
23	It's risky! Drivers are so distracted and go too fast.	5/12/2022 10:35 AM
24	Very dangerous for children to ride in the road without a bike lane	5/11/2022 7:19 AM
25	I am not comfortable having my teen or my elementary kid ride without an adult on many of our roads.	5/10/2022 8:53 PM
26	Shoulders of 148 are too narrow	5/10/2022 5:34 PM
27	Risky, but not too dangerous.	5/10/2022 5:08 PM
28	On 154 and Water Street definitely.	5/10/2022 11:19 AM
29	I feel some areas like middlesex ave to main st and the village center area safe while younger kids biking from school (ces) have less recourses like a bike path to get to school	5/10/2022 10:21 AM
30	Professional and seasoned cyclists have been hit by cars-	5/10/2022 10:12 AM
31	stupid question! !!! Totally depends on the stretch of road and how wide it is!!!	5/9/2022 11:17 PM
32	I'd absolutely depends on which roads, and the width of (or even existence of) road shoulders. E.g. I try to avoid Water St, and going westbound on 148 about 1.5 miles west of the village- I always take the Baker St spur there.	5/9/2022 9:44 PM
33	My only area of concern is riding up 148 from the church to the curve at the top of the hill before Cedar Lake. Traffic is very close on the narrow curve between Bokum Road and Rt. 9. This is the most dangerous section I ride anywhere and isn't much better until I reach Cedar Lake.	5/9/2022 8:38 PM
34	There are some areas that are more dangerous than others.	5/9/2022 7:00 PM
35	Local roads are dangerous narrow and blind curves	5/9/2022 6:45 PM

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36	I know that our area is popular for many experienced cyclists but as a cyclist myself and someone who also drives and runs on our roads I know there are many areas that are unsafe for multiple use. When a runner is running along a lane (oncoming) with no shoulder and a bike is heading toward them (with traffic) we can generally avoid one another amicably. But when cars are also in the mix, it becomes stressful and dangerous. I don't like it as a driver (not eager to hit someone with my car) and really don't like it as a runner (having to step off to the side into a ditch or poison ivy to avoid a collision). It is more dangerous for the cyclist who has less control and ability to stop than a runner.	5/9/2022 5:05 PM
37	I both believe and agree that it is very dangerous to bicycle, run or walk on all roads around Chester	5/9/2022 4:22 PM
38	I've been riding here for 10 years and have never had any issues. I also drive here, and carving out real estate for bikes could create dangers for drivers that don't exist today.	5/9/2022 4:07 PM
39	On some streets, yes.	5/9/2022 3:51 PM
40	My wife believes I am foolhearty, but I ride anyway.	5/9/2022 3:46 PM
41	On some roads it is hazardous, on others it's not a problem.	5/9/2022 3:12 PM
42	You always need to be careful but in general I feel safe in Chester	5/9/2022 2:58 PM
43	some roads are definitely more hazardous than others	5/9/2022 2:51 PM
44	We need bike/ped paths to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.	5/7/2022 12:14 PM

## Q16 When you ride your bike in Chester, do you encounter any of these problems? Please check all that apply.

Answered: 240 Skipped: 167



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Traffic driving too close to the cyclists	71.67%	172
Road obstructions, e.g., trash cans, parked vehicles	29.17%	70
Poor road surfaces	46.25%	111
Difficulty crossing intersections	28.33%	68
Lack of bike lanes	73.33%	176
Other (please specify)	11.67%	28
Total Respondents: 240		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I don't ride downtown	6/3/2022 12:26 PM
2	Speed is inconsistent with visibility and road width, some passing width areas could allow vehicles to hold back knowing they will have passing opportunities.	6/3/2022 8:36 AM
3	Visibility issues at multiple intersections.	5/25/2022 3:50 PM
4	I	5/24/2022 3:33 AM
5	Oh the humanity ! Those poor bikes that dont pay road tax are bothered by those darn cars !	5/23/2022 8:57 PM
6	While dedicated bike lanes would be nice. However, they are not necessary in my opinion.	5/23/2022 9:54 AM



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Having an appropriate shoulder width on higher vehicle speed state roads would be a large safety improvement. Bike lanes might prove more useful for recreational use (i.e. non-avid cyclists) around the town center/other congested areas as appropriate, but I would prioritize improving the sidewalk infrastructure over creating bike lanes. I would like to see Chester be more pedestrian friendly overall, with much more sidewalks - well outside the town center.

7	Biggest worry: Too often drivers maintain a high speed and cross into the opposite lane when passing, causing hazards when oncoming traffic is encountered from around a bend in the road. I prefer that cars slow down and share the lane with me.	5/20/2022 11:45 AM
8	This is life.	5/15/2022 4:41 PM
9	More bike lanes	5/13/2022 6:03 AM
10	none	5/12/2022 10:06 PM
11	Traffic driving too fast close to cyclists.	5/12/2022 9:03 PM
12	No shoulder on the main roads	5/12/2022 5:33 PM
13	No bike racks	5/12/2022 5:24 PM
14	Don't ride	5/11/2022 7:29 PM
15	Nope	5/11/2022 5:30 PM
16	Lack of bike lanes on the main roads. I would love to bike to Cedar lake, but I don't want to ride on 148.	5/10/2022 8:53 PM
17	Downtown- not much room to negotiate on a weekend	5/10/2022 7:06 AM
18	Stupid question again . . totally depends on what stretch of road and how wide median is!	5/9/2022 11:17 PM
19	Traffic going twice the speed limit with luxury car owner attitude AKA I didn't buy a BMW for the brakes entitled idiot attitude.	5/9/2022 10:05 PM
20	The bad curve as described on 148. Coming downhill is less dangerous on the other side of the road.	5/9/2022 8:38 PM
21	Width of roads	5/9/2022 5:48 PM
22	N/A	5/9/2022 4:24 PM
23	lack of pedestrian and bike lanes and too much emphasis on vehicles and driver comfort	5/9/2022 4:22 PM
24	I don't encounter the above. Just the beauty of Chester	5/9/2022 4:07 PM
25	Speed of vehicles	5/9/2022 3:27 PM
26	Roads are too narrow and busy to ride my bike	5/9/2022 3:14 PM
27	I do not ride my bike in Chester because it doesn't feel safe to do so	5/9/2022 3:12 PM
28	Narrow roads with limited shoulder area.	5/9/2022 2:57 PM

## Q17 Cyclists: Please provide any comments, concerns, recommendations related to biking in and through Chester.

Answered: 75 Skipped: 332

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Would like to see tritown kids able to bike to their friends in the other two towns. There is no where for kids to safely bike.	6/8/2022 1:22 PM
2	148 into town is highest priority, in my opinion, for a bike lane	6/3/2022 11:46 AM
3	Any chance of converting the Essex steam train rails into a bike/walking path?	6/3/2022 11:22 AM
4	Any improved bike paths need to be done with ecological sensitivity.	6/3/2022 9:36 AM
5	Making some local roads one way for powered vehicles could enable width for passing bicycles and strollers. Width enough for a car to pass a bicycle which is itself passing two side by side pedestrians!	6/3/2022 8:36 AM
6	I think our town roads are pretty safe	6/2/2022 9:36 AM
7	I sometimes choose vacation spots because they have bike paths, so having one in Chester would be exciting	6/1/2022 7:55 PM
8	Bike Lanes would change everything. Or at least some extra space on curves like the hill curve between Chester and Deep River on Rt 154.	5/31/2022 2:44 PM
9	Roads are too tight and twisted to allow for safe bike riding. Need to connect downtown to Marina's and cedar lake or state forest.	5/30/2022 10:19 AM
10	While I do bike I do feel I have some control on my ability to maneuver out of some risk, my preferred method of exercise is brisk walking due to poor road conditions and limited to poor sidewalk conditions it creates additional hazards having to maneuver off/on sidewalk to road and vice versa	5/29/2022 7:23 PM
11	Separate trails from roads would be great. (i.e. bike paths not bike lanes	5/27/2022 3:48 PM
12	please do not install center rumble strips. Cars are more reluctant to move over crossing the rumble strip, so they don't give me the law required 3 feet of clearance .between their car and me.	5/26/2022 3:03 PM
13	Yes, could you please eliminate some of the hills? (j/k)	5/25/2022 3:50 PM
14	Middlesex Ave is not safe for walkers or Cyclists...actually extremely dangerous	5/25/2022 8:14 AM
15	Wider shoulders marked well	5/24/2022 8:06 AM
16	While it's nice to have main roads connected to the village, it would be a dream to have a safe bike path to the village. There's something very special about riding your bike to town to grab lunch or ice cream or takeout. I also prefer a cleaner earth. The more I ride by bike to do so errands, the better it is for the earth.	5/24/2022 7:28 AM
17	I'd like to be able to ride my bike to N Q Park and to Chester Elementary School. And my friends houses	5/23/2022 6:14 AM
18	Interconnection from Pratt street to deep river would help kids safely bike between towns.	5/22/2022 9:38 AM
19	Really need bike lanes from cedar lake to downtown, some very hazardous corners and narrow lanes. Would get a lot of use now with electric assist bikes	5/20/2022 1:00 PM
20	None	5/19/2022 9:31 PM
21	The curb lane should be wider. In some cases it is a foot wide and the road is more narrow.	5/17/2022 8:58 AM
22	Seasoned and very active cyclists have little problem with Rte 148, except on the climb	5/15/2022 7:16 PM

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parallel to Baker Road. There are practically no shoulders, and traffic is very fast there. Route 154 is a very scary place to ride. The DOT did a fine job making the bridge over ChesterCreek wide enough, but the stretches along RTE 154 on either side of the bridge are a nightmare.

23	More bike lanes etc would be good but unintended consequences are likely ... road widening kills trees, need more curbing that affects runoff, wildlife crossings (turtles, amphibians). Other stuff.	5/15/2022 4:41 PM
24	I'm concerned about distracted driving, something that is taking the joy out of cycling for me. I don't have a good idea on how to address this but hope someone does.	5/14/2022 11:26 PM
25	The 154 and 148 are among the most dangerous roads I've taken my bike on.	5/13/2022 11:39 AM
26	Lack of shoulder on 148	5/13/2022 7:10 AM
27	none	5/12/2022 10:06 PM
28	Cars go very near bikers	5/12/2022 9:09 PM
29	Would LOVE a recreation path in Chester. Taxpayer money well spent.	5/12/2022 4:58 PM
30	Most of our roads are not cyclist friendly.	5/12/2022 10:35 AM
31	Don't waste town money.	5/11/2022 5:30 PM
32	Road shoulder to narrow on most roads in town.	5/11/2022 10:04 AM
33	more bike lanes please	5/10/2022 10:52 PM
34	None	5/10/2022 8:21 PM
35	Generally things are ok but some roads have a lot of rough spots, many drivers are distracted (or drive dangerously close for other reasons, and some roads have a lot of rough spots	5/10/2022 5:34 PM
36	No shoulders or narrow shoulders rt148 and 154. Rt9 bisects town.	5/10/2022 4:59 PM
37	Chester is pretty calm as a town to cycle in. Avid cyclists don't like bike/ped paths unless they are cycle cross cyclists on rail trails and such as it's too dangerous for a road cyclist to maneuver around pedestrians ambling along a bike/walk path.	5/10/2022 7:06 AM
38	Build walking / biking path on 148 from downtown to Cedar lake.	5/9/2022 10:05 PM
39	Some areas might benefit from Cyclists may use full lane signs. Do not consider "sharrows" striping and signage- they provide a false sense of security to cyclists, since they have been proven to be utterly perplexing to motorists, thus too easily ignored.	5/9/2022 9:44 PM
40	Life threatening to ride on route 148 or 145	5/9/2022 9:34 PM
41	Mainly tough to get they downtown. This is an issue for all modes of traffic though.	5/9/2022 9:18 PM
42	I have issues with other cyclists when I'm driving not obeying the rules of the road (stopping at stop signs, cutting off cars at intersections, no turning "signals" and wrong side of the road)	5/9/2022 8:47 PM
43	I love the many route possibilities for cycling in Chester. Most roads are fairly quiet and safe. As stated above 148 is the only scary part of my ride and I try to get through it as quickly as possible. Connecting the center of town with a path to Cedar Lake would be great but more practical would be widening the bad curve so there is more room between cars and bikes there.	5/9/2022 8:38 PM
44	Would bike more if bike path like rails to trails	5/9/2022 8:19 PM
45	I prefer to NOT ride on the street. Too many cars.	5/9/2022 8:06 PM
46	I biked down to deep river via straits rd once but I felt really unsafe with all the pick up trucks passing me at high speed. I feel much safer walking because I can more easily scramble up on the shoulder if a truck goes roaring by. I wish I felt safer because I could very easily bike down to Adam's to do my grocery shopping.	5/9/2022 7:21 PM
47	Would like police to follow up with citations when report drivers passing in dangerous situations, i.e. When traveling down 148 from Rte. 9 into tight turn and doing over the speed limit on bike and people insist on passing even though no passing zone.	5/9/2022 7:20 PM
48	Encourage bike usage by creating bike parking (locking) area	5/9/2022 7:10 PM

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49	Roads need to be widened with a dedicated bike path in order for it to be safe. Ideally, the bike path would be divided from the road.	5/9/2022 7:03 PM
50	Safer on state roads	5/9/2022 6:45 PM
51	Multi-use lanes along many roads would help cyclists, runners/joggers, walkers, and motor vehicle operators. Right now everyone has to share the lane designated officially for motor vehicles. Some runners and bikers behave poorly/irresponsibly and ignore the cars, and some drivers are rude and dangerous to cyclists/runners. However, I have to add that in 2 decades of running on our roads I primarily encounter courteous drivers and cyclist who give a friendly wave and allow space when it is possible. But it only takes one irresponsible person (or one mistake by a generally responsible person) to irreparable damage the lives of an individual or entire family. If it is within our means to make strides to protect our citizens and improve the quality of their lives, we should make this a priority.	5/9/2022 5:05 PM
52	I'm from NYC so Chester is pretty safe biking town.	5/9/2022 4:40 PM
53	Depending on time of day, sometimes it is too risky to ride around Chester.	5/9/2022 4:14 PM
54	As a moderate rider, I prefer taking my bike out of town where I feel safer	5/9/2022 3:46 PM
55	Shared roadway signage could raise awareness.	5/9/2022 3:46 PM
56	Cyclists hate chip seal paving!	5/9/2022 3:43 PM
57	I would love to ride my bike if conditions were safer!	5/9/2022 3:41 PM
58	I would feel much safer if I could ride on designated bike lanes.	5/9/2022 3:33 PM
59	i don't ride, but think a dedicated , well signed bike lane is best.	5/9/2022 3:29 PM
60	Essex rail trail convert to bike and walk. No more smelly dirty lazy train.	5/9/2022 3:21 PM
61	Roads are too narrow and busy to ride my bike. However, because the roads are so narrow, I don't see how it would be possible.	5/9/2022 3:14 PM
62	Riding through the center of town is scary due to the narrowness of the Road and limited visibility.	5/9/2022 3:12 PM
63	I don't feel the money spent on bike lanes would be well spent. In general Chester is safe	5/9/2022 2:58 PM
64	In addition to the speed of traffic, the narrow roads, drains, and other obstacles (trash cans) on RT 154 and Rt 148 are daunting for older cyclists like myself.	5/9/2022 2:56 PM
65	145 has some good sections and some very narrow sections. 148 is the same.	5/9/2022 2:50 PM
66	There needs to be more room for bike lanes along Water Street between town center and Route 154.	5/9/2022 2:47 PM
67	sand. we have so many hills that its necessary in winter but temps have been good for riding but too much sand.	5/9/2022 2:40 PM
68	The roads in chester are just way too narrow to safely bicycle. And as a driver, I feel very uncomfortable when I come upon a cyclist because it is difficult to pass safely on the narrow, curving roads. I would LOVE it if there were a bike path nearby. As it is, the nearest bike path is many miles away. I would also prefer a dedicated bike path - not just a marked lane alongside regular traffic.	5/9/2022 1:51 PM
69	If we had bike lanes I would ride a bike in town.	5/9/2022 1:36 PM
70	Future development of safe bike paths in and around Chester would be a draw for tourists and safer for residents.	5/9/2022 12:33 PM
71	Would love bike lanes wherever possible	5/8/2022 3:28 PM
72	Bike paths are needed	5/8/2022 2:45 PM
73	People on their phones	5/8/2022 2:38 PM
74	Bike path would be amazing for our family, and proper bike racks scattered throughout community (downtown, library, cedar lake, etc), one's that don't obstruct the sidewalk and can park multiple bikes.	5/7/2022 1:50 PM

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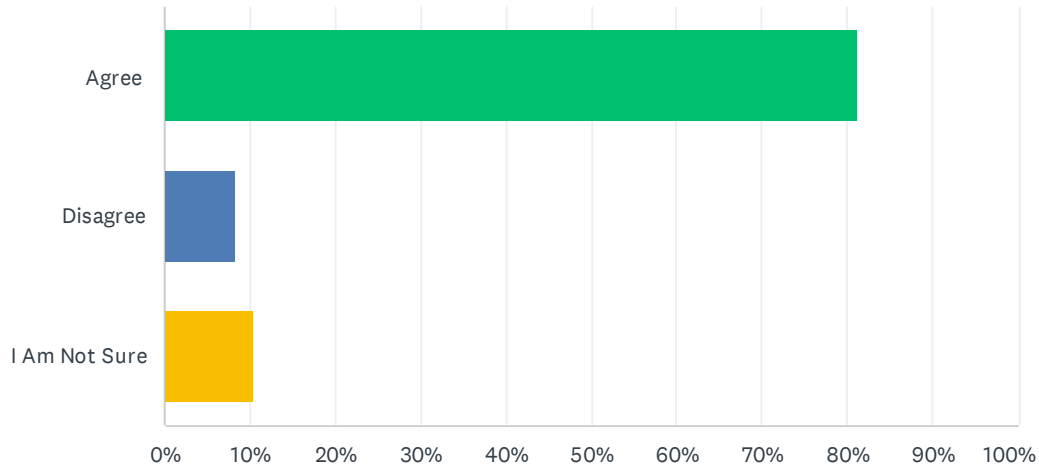
We need bike/ ped paths to improve safety, as well as crosswalks in the above stated intersections.

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## Q18 GENERAL QUESTIONS Would a comprehensive pedestrian and biking path system enhance the quality of life in Chester?

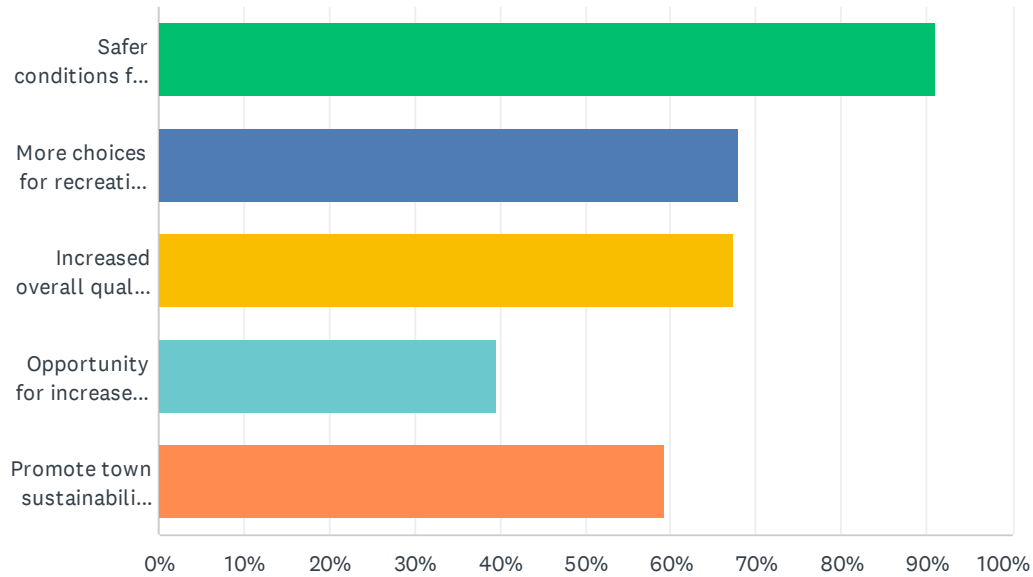
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	81.23%	316
Disagree	8.23%	32
I Am Not Sure	10.54%	41
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>389</b>

Q19 What goals & outcomes of implementing a plan for pedestrian/ bicycle paths in Chester are important to you? Please check all that apply.

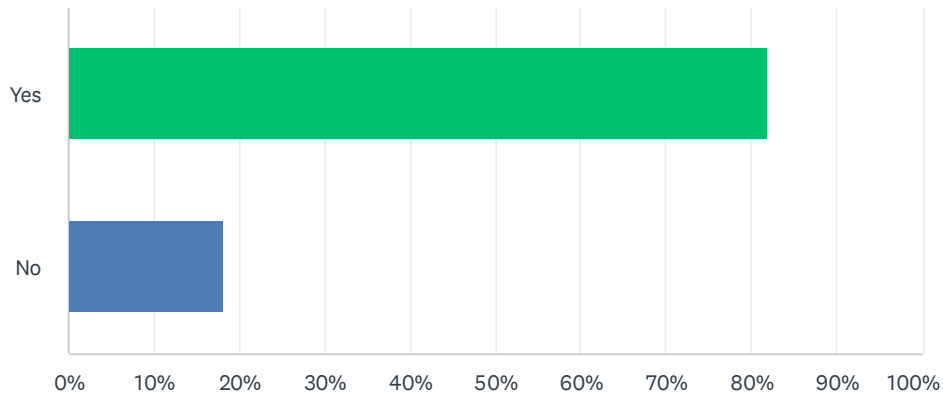
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Safer conditions for walking/ jogging/ running/ bicycling	90.96%	332
More choices for recreation and exercise with improved connection between neighborhoods	67.95%	248
Increased overall quality of life	67.40%	246
Opportunity for increased tourism and property values	39.73%	145
Promote town sustainability now and for future generations	59.18%	216
Total Respondents: 365		

Q20 If safer pedestrian/ bike paths are implemented, would you take advantage of them and be apt to leave your car at home and walk or bike to the destinations and amenities in town?

Answered: 386 Skipped: 21

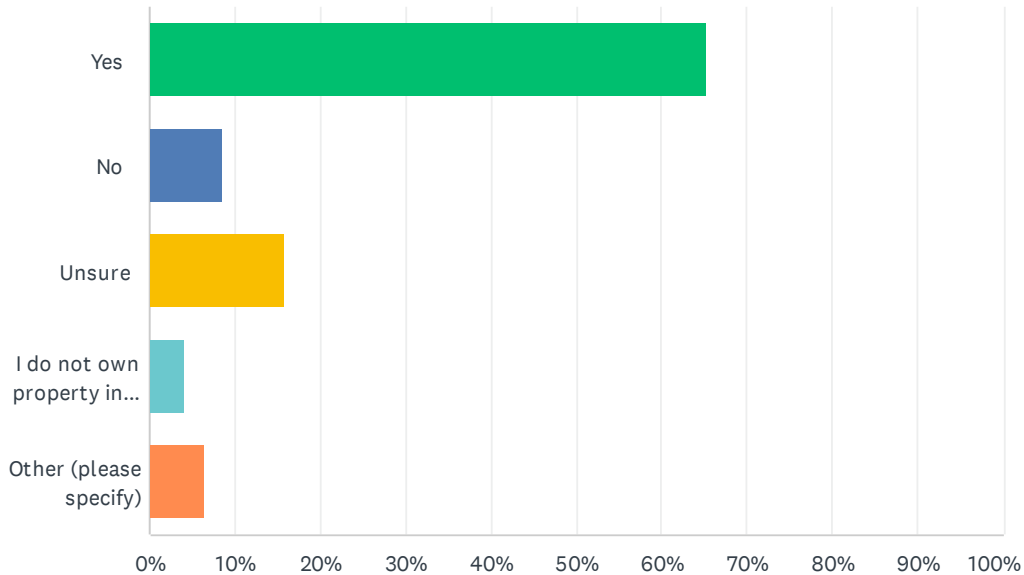


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	81.87%	316
No	18.13%	70
TOTAL		386



## Q21 If a right-of-way was needed for a bike/ped plan that did not damage or devalue a piece of your property, would you grant it?

Answered: 394 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	65.23%	257
No	8.63%	34
Unsure	15.74%	62
I do not own property in Chester	4.06%	16
Other (please specify)	6.35%	25
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>394</b>

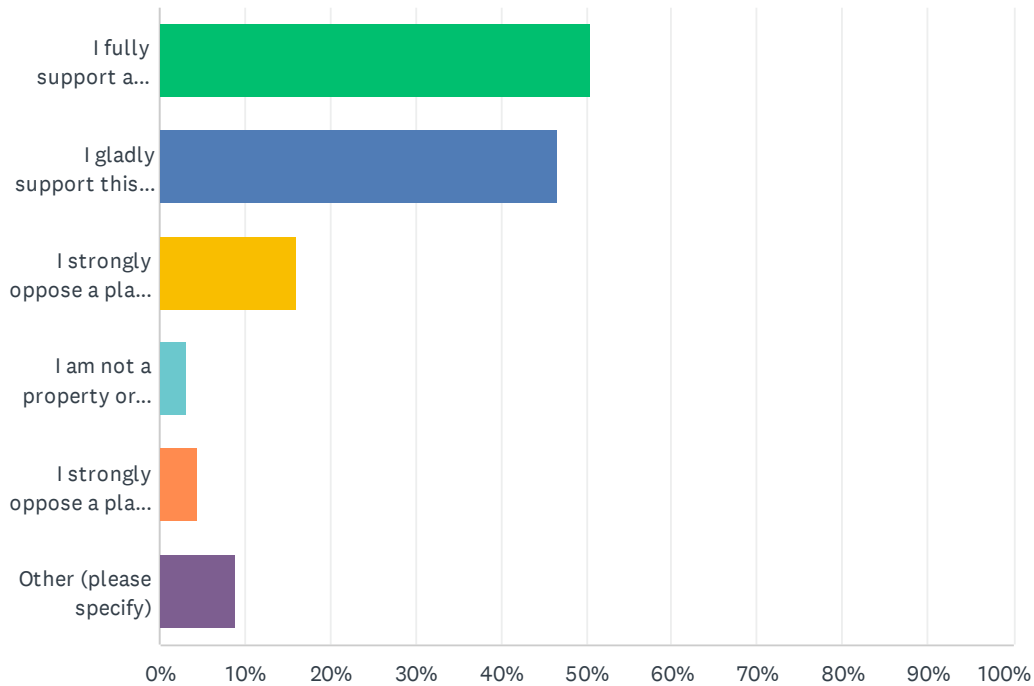
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	It would depend on the exact requirements	6/3/2022 8:45 PM
2	I live outside of the village but if I did live in the the village I would support sidewalk installation.	6/3/2022 12:26 PM
3	I believe so	6/2/2022 4:16 PM
4	I believe so	6/2/2022 4:15 PM
5	I don't believe my property would be impacted but if so I would grant	5/30/2022 10:05 AM
6	This question alone is misleading without context on what impact it would cause to said properly. Personally I hope this question holds little weight on the overall objective which should be to build a long overdue sidewalk connection between town and surrounding neighborhoods as step one. Is the town willing to maintain snow removal if not that would be a burden and cost on residents	5/29/2022 7:23 PM
7	My property already has a sidewalk so easy to say yes.	5/24/2022 6:56 AM

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8	Are you kidding...They already pee in my front yard !	5/23/2022 8:57 PM
9	Yes my parents would.	5/16/2022 7:01 PM
10	Our property is at the end of a cul-de-sac.	5/15/2022 7:16 PM
11	Yes, provided I am protected from liability should an injury occur.	5/13/2022 9:15 PM
12	Renter	5/13/2022 6:03 AM
13	My property does not abut a road	5/12/2022 9:14 PM
14	I'd have to see the plan before I answer this question.	5/12/2022 10:35 AM
15	we already have a sidewalk and I'm happy we do!	5/10/2022 8:53 PM
16	I'll give you the lower two acres or let you pave a cut over to wig hill if it means my kids can visit neighbors without getting run down.	5/9/2022 10:05 PM
17	I live in the woods	5/9/2022 8:38 PM
18	I don't understand what a right of way is. I think the roads in Chester are too narrow and winding to accommodate a bicycle path. I think bicyclists should obey the rules of the road and not, for example, make a left turn without checking traffic behind them.	5/9/2022 7:50 PM
19	Use the side of the tracks	5/9/2022 6:45 PM
20	I don't picture a crossing at my property.	5/9/2022 5:11 PM
21	Chester is so beautiful as it is. Please leave it that way.	5/9/2022 4:07 PM
22	It would depend on what part of the property it was on (through gardens, areas my family uses regularly, etc) and would depend on any potential issues or rate increases to insurance, resale liability.	5/9/2022 3:51 PM
23	N/a due to location	5/9/2022 3:15 PM
24	would not apply to our area	5/9/2022 2:50 PM
25	would depend on where and how much and liability	5/9/2022 2:40 PM

Q22 Please indicate which statement most closely reflects your opinion on spending money to construct new pedestrian/ bike pathways. Please check all that apply.

Answered: 399 Skipped: 8



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I fully support a bike/ped plan in Chester regardless of how it is funded.	50.63%	202
I gladly support this if grant, county, state or federal funds are used for the improvements.	46.62%	186
I strongly oppose a plan if funding is going to increase my property taxes.	16.04%	64
I am not a property or business owner in Chester.	3.26%	13
I strongly oppose a plan to construct new pedestrian/ bicycle pathways.	4.51%	18
Other (please specify)	9.02%	36
Total Respondents: 399		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I would support a plan with some increase in taxes SO LONG as it is ecologically sensitive in design.	6/3/2022 9:36 AM
2	I would hope the state would aid residents with this improvement	5/30/2022 10:05 AM
3	My preference is to start with Sidewalks - or elaborate on why combining is the current position. Is cost the driver, funding etc.	5/29/2022 7:23 PM
4	There may be more pressing needs that should be addressed before this. Like more parking in town. Extension to sewer system, for more people to access. Cedar lake issues (weeds, more	5/25/2022 7:44 PM

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	sand)	
5	Is the same amount of concern and time and money being spent on those who choose not to walk or ride or jog in town? I understand this is all around biking paths but what if people want parked benches a long time to sit chat and watch town go by... Maybe ultimately there should be a survey of do we want bike paths at all or would we like something else how do we want the town's money and time to be spent...bike paths seems silly to me!!!	5/24/2022 3:57 PM
6	I think there are bigger issues in town that need to be dealt with first.	5/24/2022 6:19 AM
7	This is a joke ...Right ?	5/23/2022 8:57 PM
8	I oppose construction of pedestrian/bike infrastructure, as it feels like an urban-style intrusion on our modest, charming town. The money would be better spent on three or four strategically placed driver-feedback signs, like they've used effectively in Deep River, placed in proximity to speed limit signs. These really work to get motorists to calm down and share the roads more responsibly. This is the biggest problem in need of a solution, as I see it.	5/20/2022 11:45 AM
9	It is perhaps prohibitive, but it would be wonderful to have a pedestrian path along Water Street, from the center of town to 154 (Moravela's)	5/20/2022 8:54 AM
10	I hope this could be done without increasing taxes, but feel safety should be a priority and currently roads that are commonly walked are not safe.	5/20/2022 8:41 AM
11	I'm just a kid.	5/16/2022 7:01 PM
12	I want to be able to walk a dog	5/16/2022 6:02 PM
13	Support is context dependent. Not enough information.	5/15/2022 4:41 PM
14	Would not want it to significantly affect property taxes, please!!	5/14/2022 5:43 PM
15	We are not opposed to applying for grants also.	5/13/2022 10:21 PM
16	I realize that the first two options contradict each other, what I want to say, is that there should a combination of Chester funds and grant, county , state or federal funds.	5/11/2022 4:10 PM
17	I would need to know more about the budget etc. to make this decision.	5/11/2022 7:06 AM
18	I don't want to spend too much on this, but I think the main roads going into town would be safer for bikers/ pedestrians with some signage and designated space.	5/10/2022 8:53 PM
19	Again stupid question . . none of your choices are real as presented! funding from outside sure but depends on stipulations . . local funding sure if the projects make sense!!!	5/9/2022 11:17 PM
20	I would back this 100%.	5/9/2022 10:05 PM
21	Before answering this question, I need to have a sense of the extent of the proposed plan. At a minimum the Town needs to allocate the necessary funds to repair and maintain its current sidewalks.	5/9/2022 9:14 PM
22	It is my opinion that the addition of a pedestrian/bicycle pathway would be a one time purchase with a lifetime of maintenance and associated upkeep costs to an already overburdened infrastructure. (ie. snow removal and de-icing to name a few.) While I would agree that Chester should have safe venues for those who enjoy bicycling/walking/running, I also believe that this type of project is most suitable for more urban areas, whereas a rural setting such as Chester should focus more on the relationship between vehicular and pedestrian traffic law observance for safety.	5/9/2022 7:33 PM
23	This doesn't affect where I live.	5/9/2022 6:01 PM
24	I could support a plan that increased my property taxes but it would depend on the amount	5/9/2022 4:41 PM
25	I would need more information	5/9/2022 4:40 PM
26	Look to the Airline trail for funding sources	5/9/2022 4:30 PM
27	If we're going to spend money on sustainability, let's do something ambitious like small downs in Europe do: go to 100% renewable energy townwide. THAT would be worth investing in.	5/9/2022 4:07 PM
28	Ct DOT has responsibilities for pedestrian safety. Re-paving streets & roads is costly. Every mile of street paving should be matched with equal funding for a mile of pedestrian safety.	5/9/2022 4:04 PM

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29	So far my taxes property taxes have doubled since I moved to Chester with little visible benefit. If I choose to move from Chester it will be because of either lack of safe walkability or increasing taxes. If the bike/ped paths are thoughtfully designed, and various funding options considered as well to make downtown Chester more accessible to those of us along 154, I feel that would increase quality of life. As a town resident, I would then consider supporting the associated funding/property taxes. Thank you for exploring these options.	5/9/2022 3:50 PM
30	If money is available use than and supplement if necessary through town funds.	5/9/2022 3:46 PM
31	This is not the time. Even if it's grant money, it's still coming from the taxpayer. Whether it's at local state or federal level. It's still the taxpayer that is paying. Although it's nice to have, the roads that really need it are too narrow to accommodate. Or maybe revisit in the future when the economy is doing better. Although I like to walk and ride my bike and wish I had more options, I believe the majority of people in town would not be able to take advantage of this. I prefer to have money spent on some thing the entire town can enjoy rather than a few.	5/9/2022 3:14 PM
32	We can do some serious fundraising for some of it.	5/9/2022 3:01 PM
33	I feel there are much more important infrastructure projects that could use attention	5/9/2022 2:58 PM
34	It's something to consider when roads are repaired or re-surfaced. An example of that would be when the bridge on water street was replaced a side-walk was added from 4 water street to the Carini Preserve.	5/9/2022 2:57 PM
35	Let's pay for this properly. The Federal govt. has shown no common sense in spending. Don't do the same.	5/9/2022 2:47 PM
36	I would need to know more about requirements for grant or cost from town; I do not think much support can be gathered if peoples property is affected	5/9/2022 2:37 PM

**Q23 The Chester Sustainability Committee, the Economic Development Commission and town and community leaders THANK YOU for completing this survey!\*If this survey left out any questions or thoughts that you would like addressed, please use this space to add your comments.**

Answered: 68 Skipped: 339

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I hope to move to the town in early July and lack of sidewalk and bike lane infrastructure and safe walkable access to state trails are the only reservations I have about the area.	6/10/2022 6:02 PM
2	Many pedestrians and bikers come down Railroad Ave daily. Non-local Motorists fly through the neighborhood traveling to and from the marina or restaurant. A ped/bike path would create a safer environment and would connect downtown to the CT river	6/6/2022 12:22 PM
3	I believe a bike/ped plan in Chester will dramatically improve the downtown parking situation making it great for small businesses and more accessible to people who are not walking distance from town.	6/6/2022 10:23 AM
4	Thank you for recognizing this need as it would greatly improve my enjoyment of living in Chester.	6/5/2022 12:47 AM
5	With respect to question 20, I do not let traffic stop me from walking or biking now. I walk or bike to events whenever I can. Walkers, joggers, runners, and cyclists also have a responsibility to pay attention to traffic, which means looking, listening and staying single file when cars approach. I would only support new pathways that are designed with utmost ecological sensitivity.	6/3/2022 9:36 AM
6	Information on options for one way streets and traffic calming.	6/3/2022 8:36 AM
7	Area of downtown around flagpole is a nightmare for walking; stop sign in front of 44 Main is routinely run through. Have brought up to BOS for years. They call it the stop sign that no one stops at! This is not a joke, this area needs to be addressed.	6/2/2022 4:16 PM
8	Area of downtown around flagpole is a nightmare for walking; stop sign in front of 44 Main is routinely run through. Have brought up to BOS for years. They call it the stop sign that no one stops at! This is not a joke, this area needs to be addressed.	6/2/2022 4:15 PM
9	Important to keep our sidewalks and roads in condition encouraging walking, running and biking.	6/2/2022 9:53 AM
10	I had a rare "opportunity" to be unable to drive for three and a half months last winter. I was totally dependent upon friends and Nine Town Transit. Everyone should try this on. Walking or Biking to Deep River-ugh. Lucky that there is a bus stop right in front of my driveway but I don't understand it because there is no sidewalk access to it for everyone else. I learned a lot about how dysfunctional NTT is. If I were disabled, it really wouldn't be possible to live in Chester, even though I'm as close to Town Center as possible. So kids can't get to NQP and grownups have a bus stop with no safe place to wait for or exit the bus.	5/31/2022 2:44 PM
11	I did not answer #20 because I walk in the conditions as they exist and do not limit my activity due to no sidewalks. I would not walk more or leave my car home more if there were better conditions because I use what we have now. That does not mean I am opposed to improvements just that the question does not apply to my activities	5/30/2022 9:09 PM
12	Our town has focused all improvements to downtown neglecting improvement for pedestrian walkways and bikes which are desperately needed. We should be connected to neighboring town systems as well as our natural assets of riverfront and state forest from heart of Town which is a wonderful place.	5/30/2022 10:19 AM
13	Overall I enjoy and feel safe walking around Chester. However, an interconnection of sidewalks would provide a safe environment for all individuals.	5/30/2022 10:05 AM

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14	Also think it would be great to work with neighboring towns (especially Deep River, I walk into Deep River all of the time) to improve walkability/safer biking between	5/28/2022 1:32 PM
15	Ok	5/27/2022 11:01 AM
16	addendum to #8: While this isn't a continuous problem, and we have many responsible gun owners in town who would never do it, it's distressing that a few people think it's o.k. to use residential neighborhoods as their private shooting ranges. A bullet can travel 2 miles, which makes this an issue for pedestrians, etc. I have personally felt incredibly unsafe taking walks (even being out in my yard) with this behavior going on. There are numerous private, established shooting ranges in CT that make this completely unnecessary. I respect hunters (we hike around them safely blazed during hunting season), and I respect responsible firearm owners. But I dread what's going to happen, if neighborhoods continue to be used as shooting galleries. I'm sure The Town will go through the "We didn't think it could happen here, thoughts and prayers" routine, because it's not in your backyards so not your problem. When it happens, it's a big problem. Not safe for walkers runners, joggers, cyclists, horse riders, children, animals, or anyone else. It's a bigger issue than building a sidewalk or painting some lines, I know, but one that should be addressed.	5/24/2022 6:19 AM
17	How in heck is a bike deal going to add to sustainability when a whole lot of folks are leaving because of high taxes and no town that sustains life ?	5/23/2022 8:57 PM
18	The left hand turn off story hill at gazebo. Going left towards town is super super dangerous	5/23/2022 8:28 PM
19	This would be a classic waste of taxpayer dollars.	5/23/2022 9:14 AM
20	The town should be more proactive in addressing roads that are in need of repair. Some sections of roads such as on Spring, Straits & Liberty are in very poor condition	5/23/2022 8:03 AM
21	Thank you	5/23/2022 6:14 AM
22	I think handicap access to north quarter park alongside a pavilion would be a great addition to Chester center.	5/22/2022 9:38 AM
23	Having a multi year plan so that costs are manageable each year, or using infrastructure grant would be ideal. By the way, this survey was hard to find...no link from conservation commission or main page of website, nor from within Facebook app that I could see. Thanks for doing this!	5/20/2022 1:00 PM
24	The corner of Deep Hollow Rd. and Liberty St. is on a curved hill, making viability poor. There is a stop sign there, but many people ignore it, making it very dangerous. I witnessed 1 accident there a few years ago, and nearly got hit there several times. I would like some police presence and maybe a warning sign.	5/16/2022 8:33 PM
25	No thank you	5/16/2022 7:01 PM
26	Bravo. thanks for undertaking this important project.	5/15/2022 7:16 PM
27	23. Do you think cyclists should be required to obey vehicular traffic signs, lights, and regulations when on public ROADWAYS.	5/15/2022 8:52 AM
28	You're welcome! Thank you for asking!	5/13/2022 10:21 PM
29	Thanks!	5/13/2022 12:03 PM
30	why don't bikers stop at the stop signs like they are suppose to and adhere to the traffic laws.	5/13/2022 10:25 AM
31	thanks	5/12/2022 10:06 PM
32	Please keep in mind the Cedar Lake crosswalk. Safety enhancements in that area would be a good investment.	5/12/2022 9:03 PM
33	This would greatly enhance the quality of life here in chester!	5/12/2022 5:24 PM
34	Promote our state park trails	5/12/2022 4:52 PM
35	In the meantime, how can we slow down traffic?	5/12/2022 10:35 AM
36	Don't waste town money	5/11/2022 5:30 PM
37	I feel the biggest problems are - speed of cars, not stopping at crosswalk and stop signs.	5/11/2022 12:48 PM

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38	More Sidewalks are needed as a first step in getting more people outside for better social and health improvement.	5/11/2022 10:45 AM
39	Thanks for all that you do	5/10/2022 5:26 PM
40	Essex and it's boroughs and Deep River have extensive sidewalk systems. I've lived in Chester 19 years and have been talking about this to various selectmen. How can the other towns do it and not us??? There are plenty of grants out there!!	5/10/2022 10:12 AM
41	I'm not certain if a full bike/walk path is needed. Just some basic sidewalks would suffice on the bad parts of 148 to town.	5/10/2022 7:06 AM
42	Seriously, bike trail from downtown to Cedar lake, and downtown to the marina. Right along 148. It gives the whole town pedal access to huge parks and recreation and makes it safe for kids to socialize. Don't make it a "green" thing because it's going to take removing some trees and spreading some asphalt. If you can get permissions from landowners and funding it would be a game changer. Dave Baker 164 W Main	5/9/2022 10:05 PM
43	I do like the way the deep River walking/biking path connects the community to the center of town	5/9/2022 9:45 PM
44	Nicely done!	5/9/2022 9:44 PM
45	Kids need to be reminded to wear helmets!	5/9/2022 8:47 PM
46	Would love to see conversion of railway to bike path along ct river	5/9/2022 8:19 PM
47	West Main Street could use speed bumps.	5/9/2022 7:38 PM
48	We live on west Main st near the church I would really love my kids be able to walk to school. But to do that we need a sidewalk that goes up pleasant street. And it would be so nice to have the sidewalk on w Main Street extend west to at least bokum hill rd. But ideally to rt 9. It would increase the property values on w main st past the church by making those houses truly walkable to town. Also it might cut down on the speeders on w main st. Regarding speeders I would not be opposed to speed bumps on w main st. But I know it's a state rd and that's unlikely! We love Chester because it's a walking town.	5/9/2022 7:21 PM
49	Walkers runners and cyclists would love a bike path running alongside the Valley Railroad. I am an abutttwr and have seen how bike paths increase the value of nearby homes	5/9/2022 6:10 PM
50	Chester is widely beautiful and safe NOW! I'm quite opposed to turning the town into a Disneyland - there's already a sense by those in a lesser income bracket that the town is unapproachable and expensive. Please consider this fact.	5/9/2022 6:01 PM
51	The survey did not address the popularity of dog walking. Every day I encounter between 10-20 individuals out walking their dogs. They are out in winter, summer, in the rain, during snowstorms, early in the morning and late in the evening (in the dark in winter months). I like dogs and have no issue with people out with theri pets when they are responsible. BUt they also have no where to go and walk in teh middle of a road. I have had several near misses with dogs and their walkers around dusk and am not a fast driver. Having activity paths for dog walkers, as well as runners, families pushing strollers, friends out for a chat and walk, and town visitors of our shops, restaurants, and performing arts would be wonderful.	5/9/2022 5:05 PM
52	I have been seeking a safe area to walk for a few years. I need an improved base for stability. I want to move my body!!! I've ended up at Hammonasset or Niantic to find a safe place to walk. Would love to stay in town!!	5/9/2022 4:30 PM
53	Need for more pedestrian crossing or slow down signs	5/9/2022 4:28 PM
54	make sure the bike/ped paths are cleaned as well as the auto lane are during all seasons.	5/9/2022 4:22 PM
55	I am in favor of zebra crossing w pedestrian enabled light to stop traffic if necessary.	5/9/2022 3:46 PM
56	Trim brush from the limited walkways/road shoulders. Ex.: Walk up Liberty from N Main towards Deep Hollow. You are forced off the limited sidewalks by encroaching brush . Try walking on Pleasant near W Main as a school bus comes by. Nowhere to go, especially in the Winter	5/9/2022 3:46 PM
57	I live too far from town to safely walk to bicycle from my home. I would have to cross the entrance/exit ramps of Rt 9, which are too dangerous and already present blind spots for	5/9/2022 3:27 PM



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	drivers exiting.	
58	While I support the concept it is important that there are cyclist on the state roads riding 2-3 abreast and creating unsafe events on weekends	5/9/2022 3:22 PM
59	No more train. Bike rail path like cape cod. Get rid of the smelly train hurting property values and quality of life	5/9/2022 3:21 PM
60	A survey should be limited to adults only.	5/9/2022 3:14 PM
61	Thank you for pursuing this and I hope the town can move this ideas forward. It's been in the plan of conservation and development for years.	5/9/2022 3:01 PM
62	I think we need parking enforcement on Main St there are too many large vehicles that make it unsafe and difficult to drive through	5/9/2022 2:58 PM
63	Do it !! Please we need it :)	5/9/2022 2:51 PM
64	We sincerely hope that this comes to fruition. As we do walk almost every day in our neighborhood, we believe making access and visibility to the Chester Creek would benefit the town. And allow more people to appreciate this beautiful area.	5/9/2022 2:50 PM
65	There should be questions asked for a female before they put those stupid bricks that they have downtown into the sidewalks. I actually walk on the street now because of the stupidity that was taken when designing the sidewalks along the shops and restaurants in downtown.	5/9/2022 2:48 PM
66	This is not a priority. We need a physically accessible public library, which serves the ENTIRE community, first. We don't get much for our taxes in town, and I don't see many people losing out due to walking or bicycling issues. This sounds like another downtown project that cuts out the rest of the town.	5/9/2022 1:03 PM
67	I thank you for addressing these safer pedestrian and bicyclist issues. Going a step further to develop the downtown area as a pedestrian only center could also increase tourism IF adequate parking and ability to drive to it easily could be implemented? I know that would take major planning to not "scare" vehicular traffic away- for example; truck delivery to downtown businesses and restaurants would need be addressed?	5/9/2022 12:33 PM
68	Thank you for looking into this and hoping for infrastructure in the not too distant future.	5/7/2022 12:14 PM