



# **Village Market Streetscape Improvement Plan**

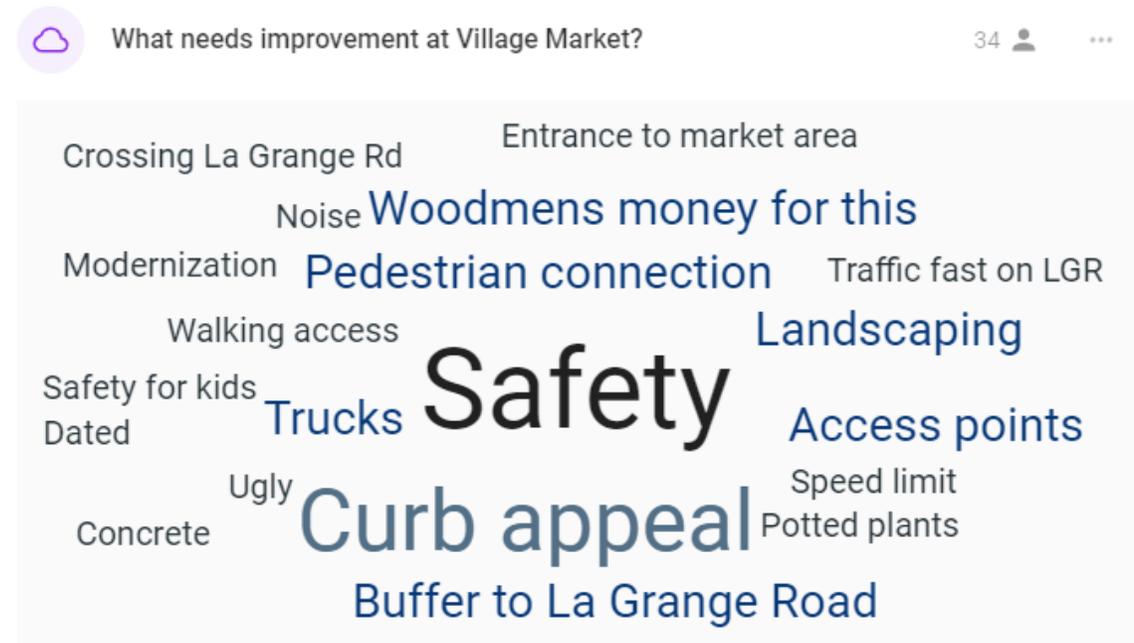
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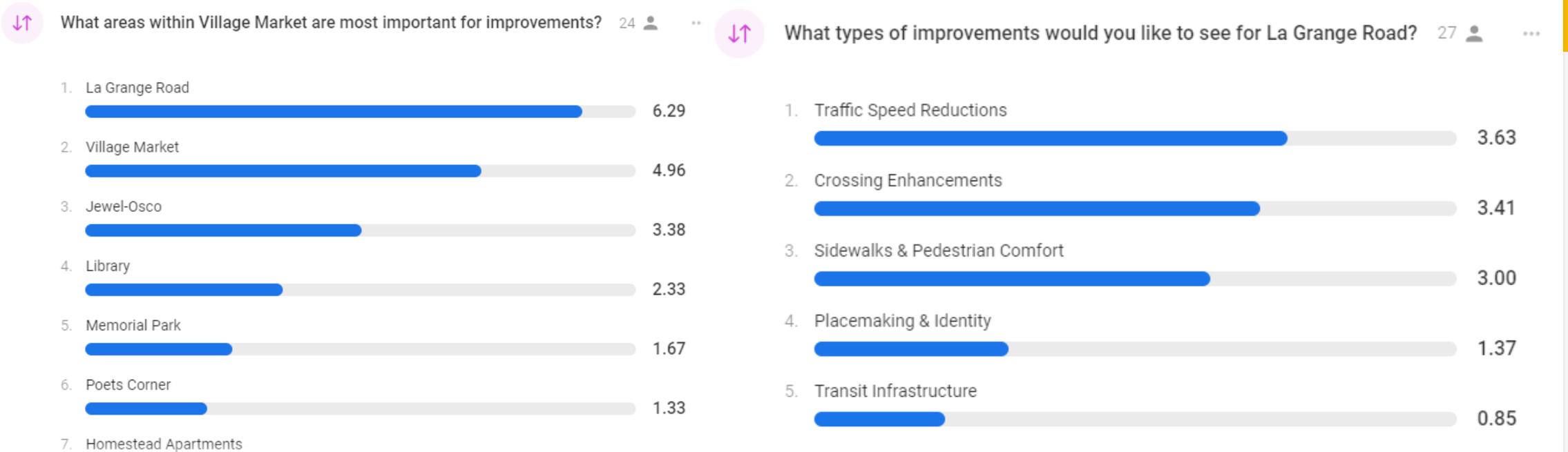
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- Public Engagement Summary (35 min)
- Preliminary Design Ideas

# Meeting Recap



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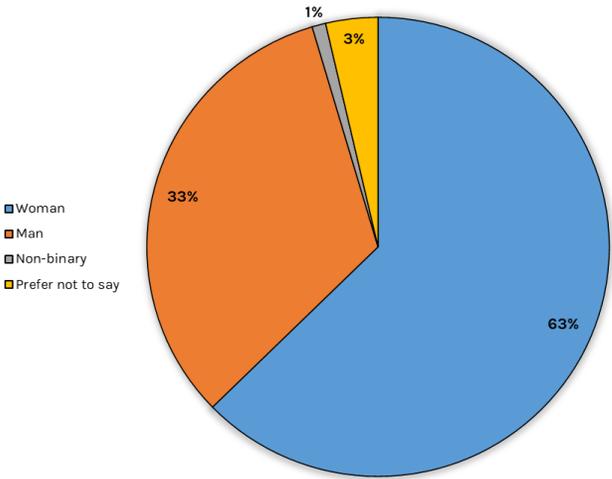
# Themes of Survey

Total survey  
respondents: 649

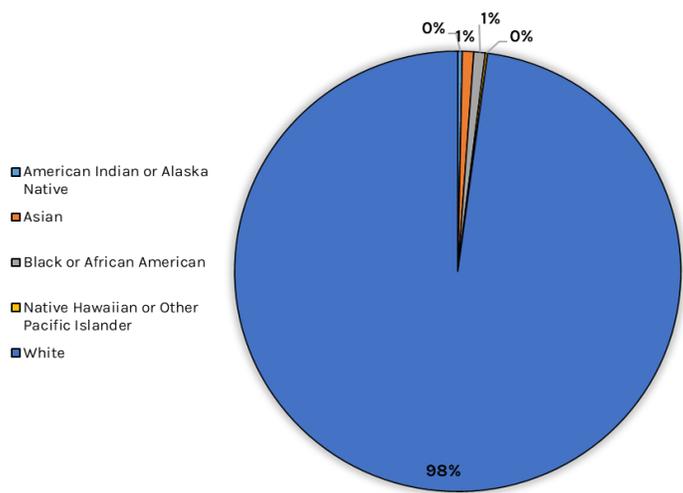


# Survey Demographics

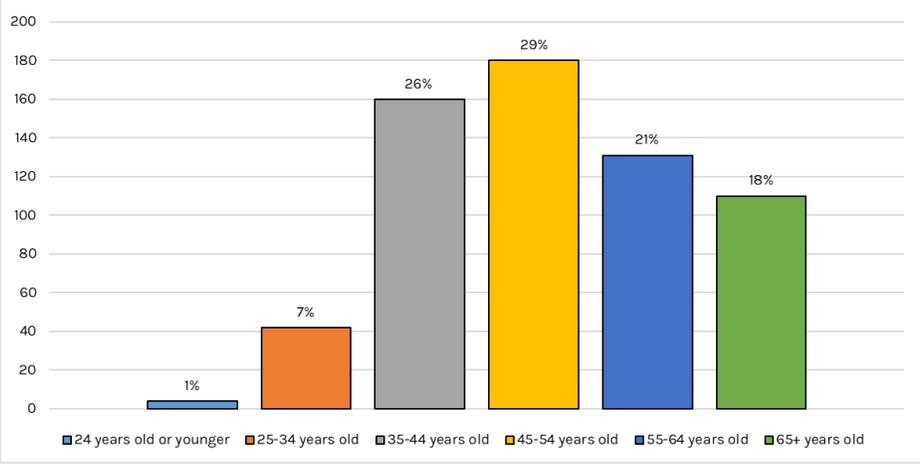
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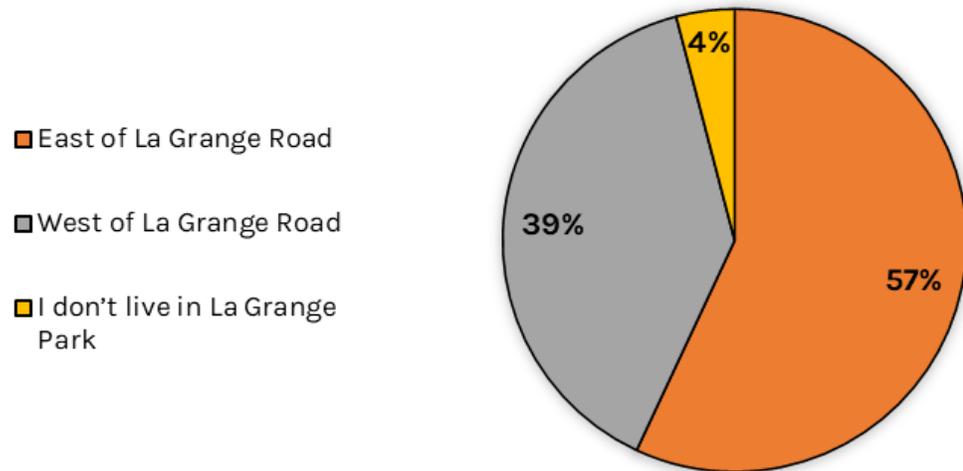


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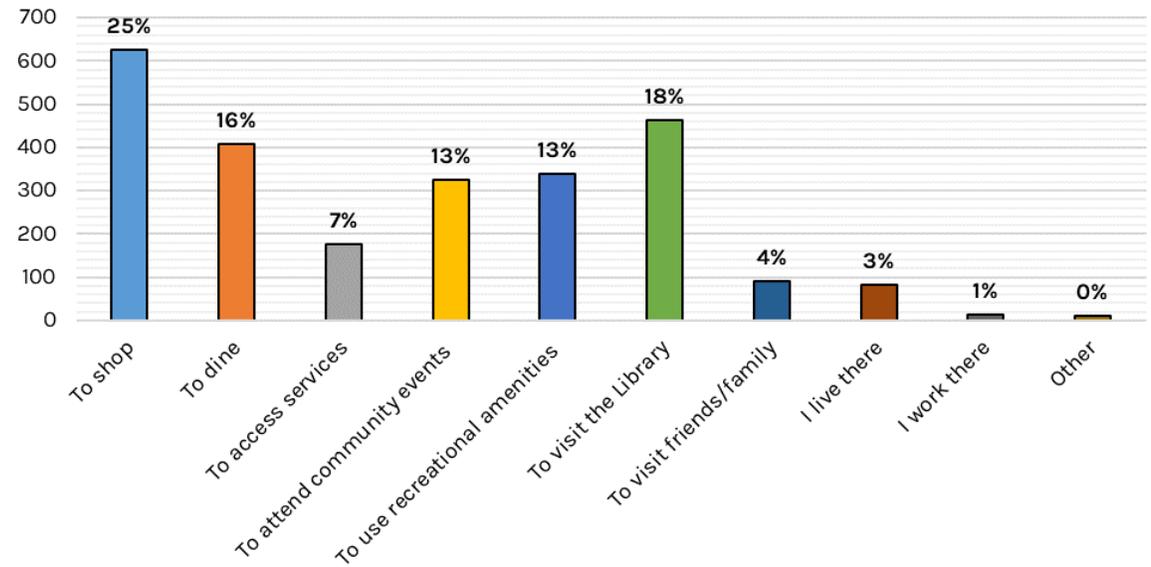


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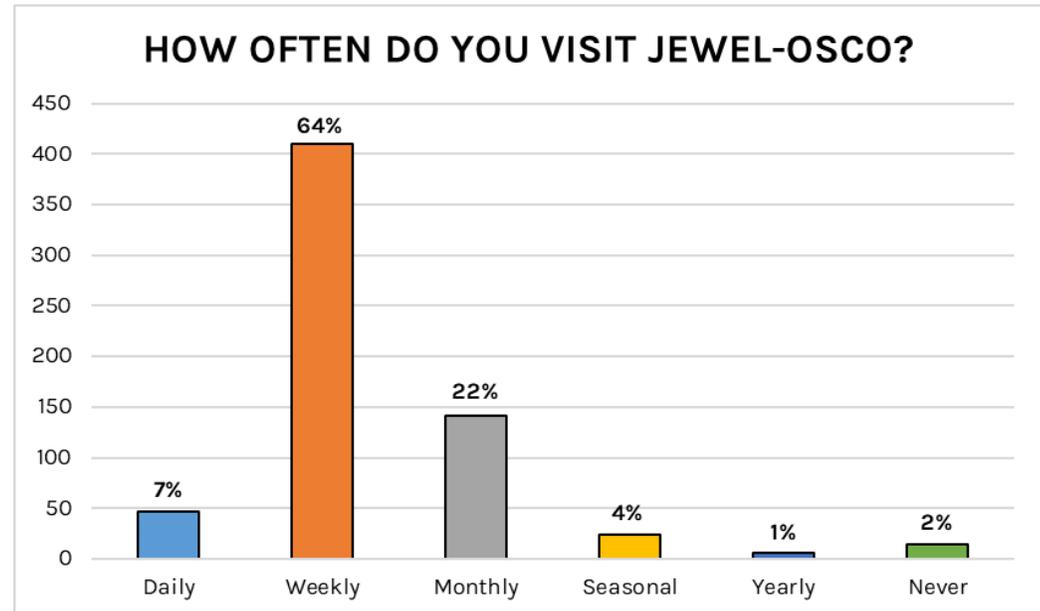
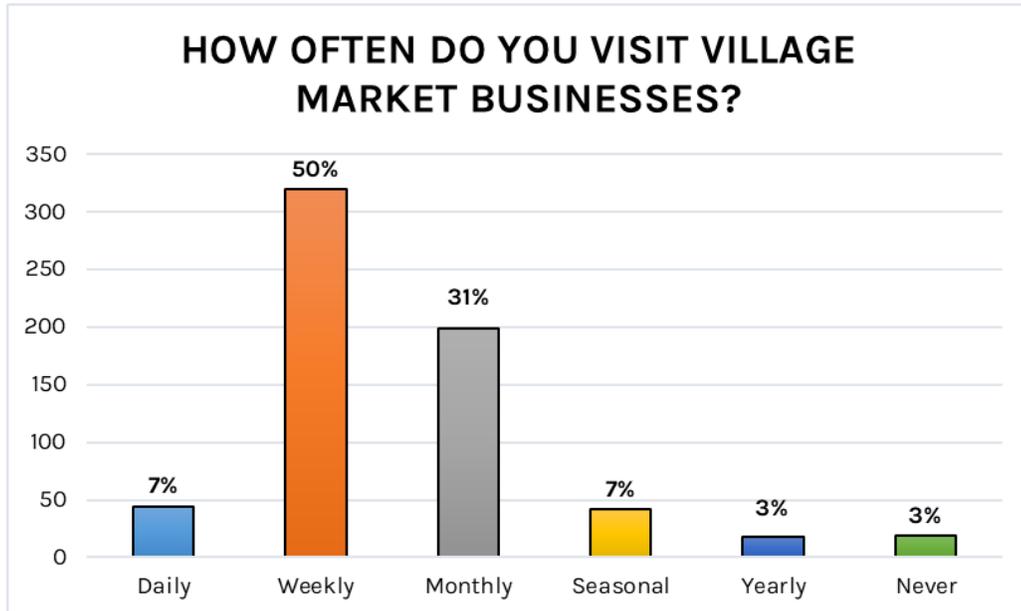
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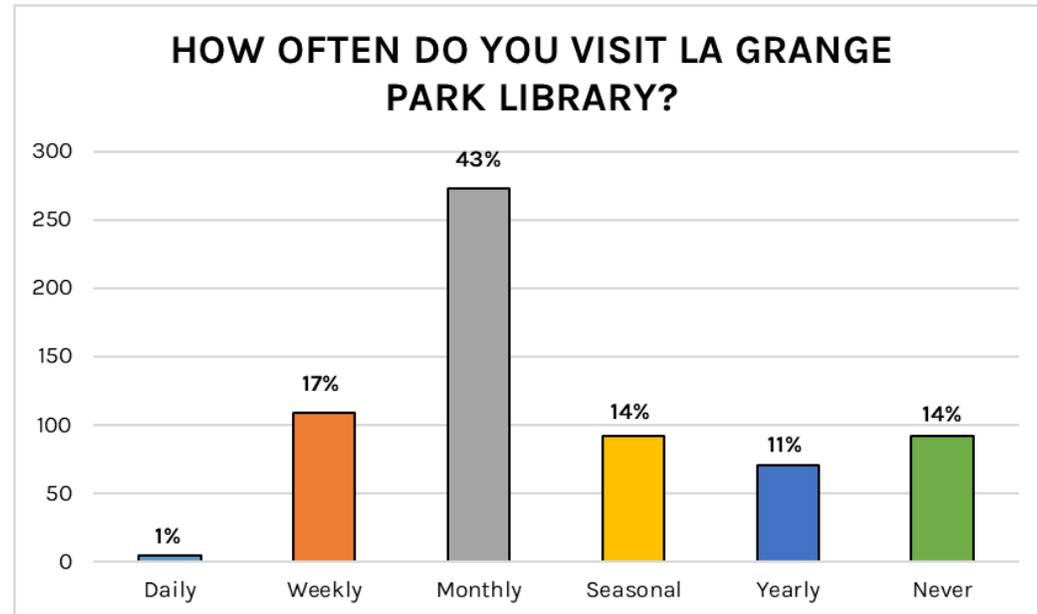
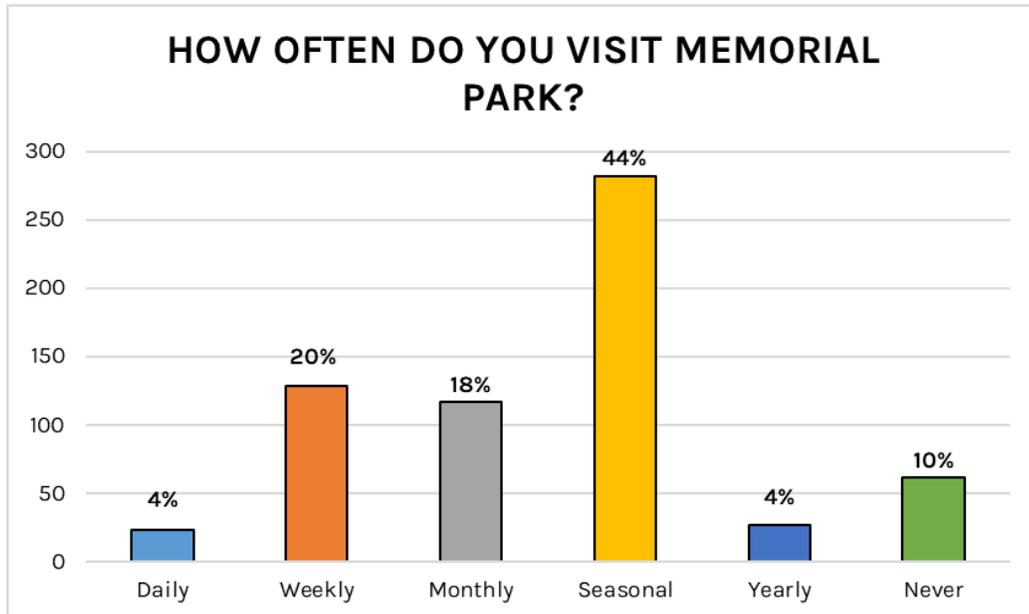
## WHERE DO YOU GO WHEN YOU VISIT THE STUDY AREA?



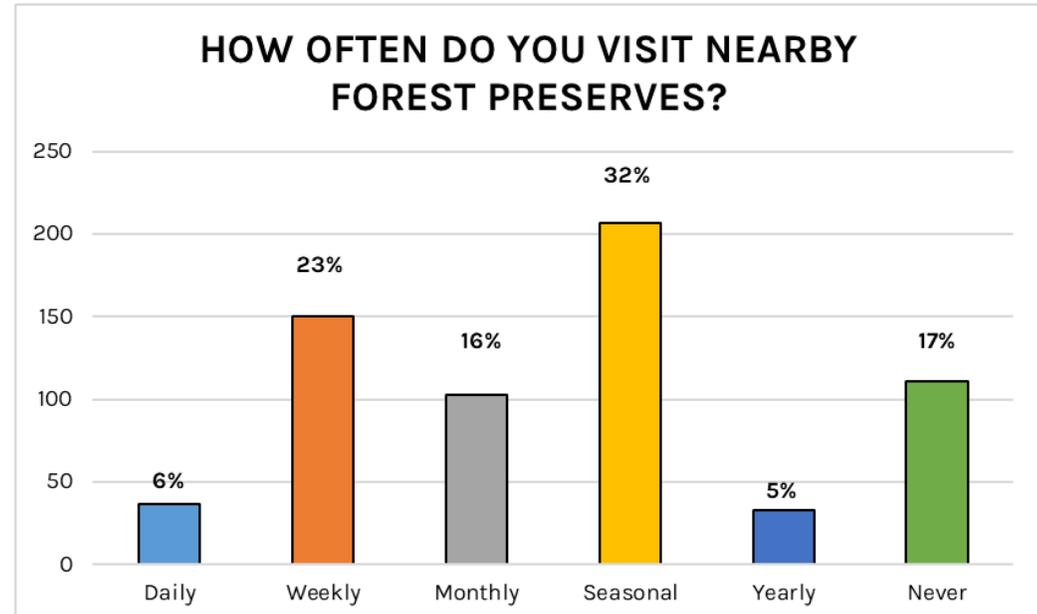
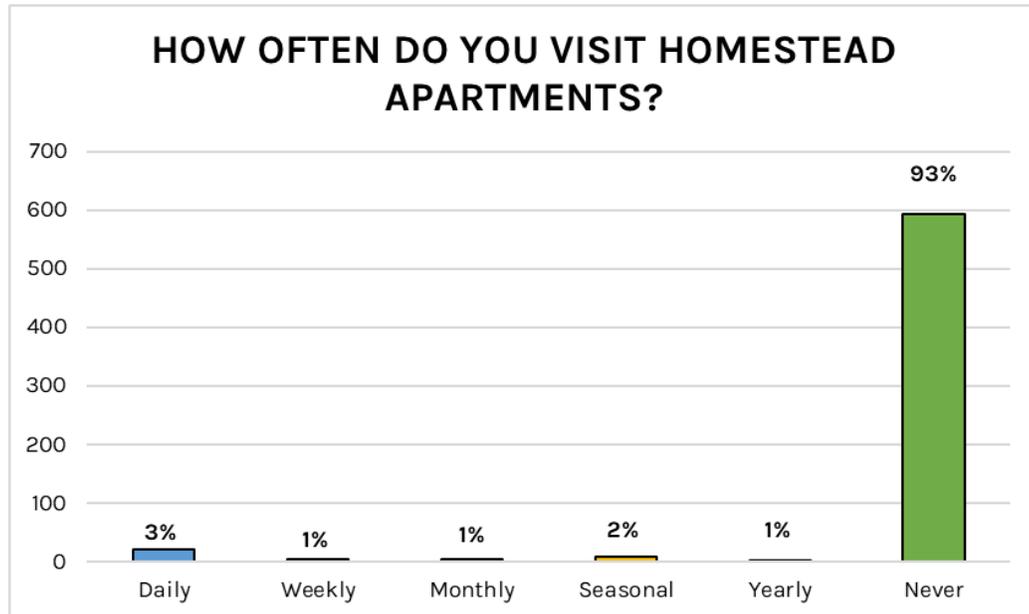
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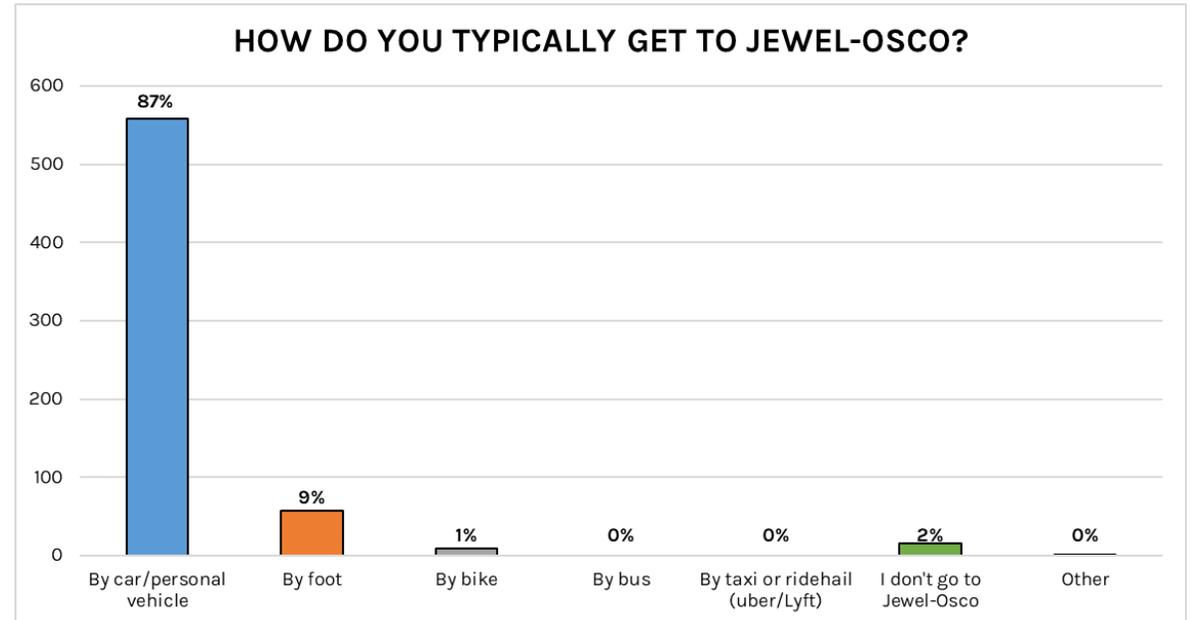
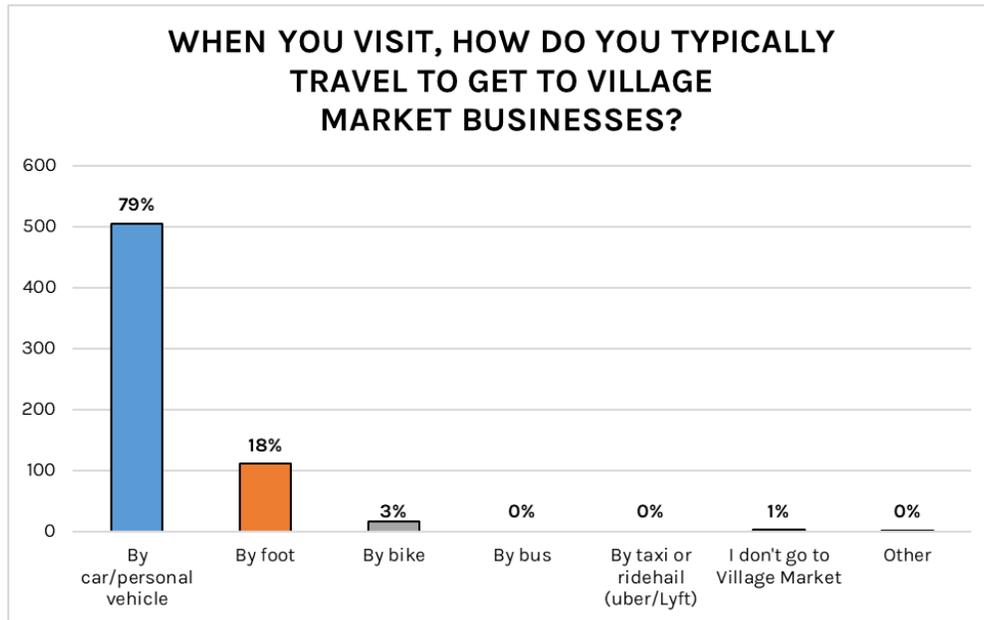
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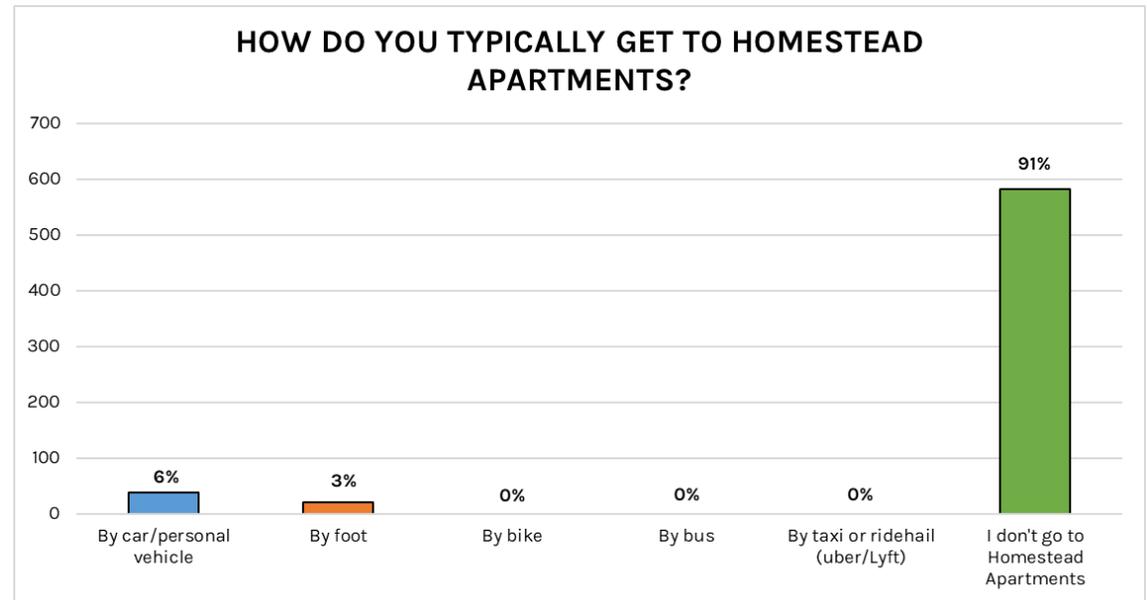
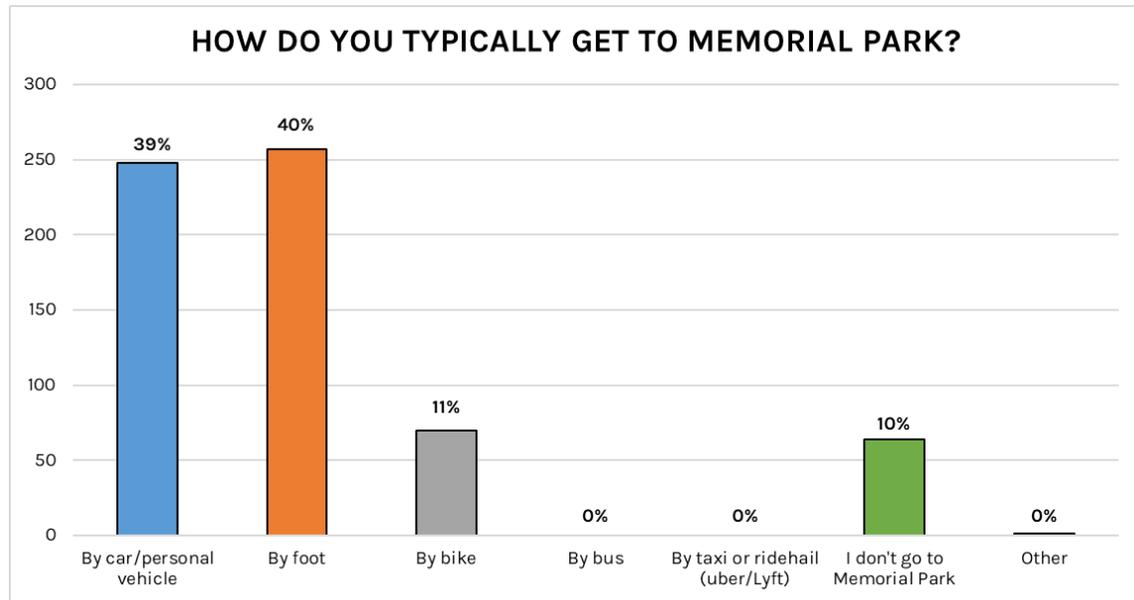
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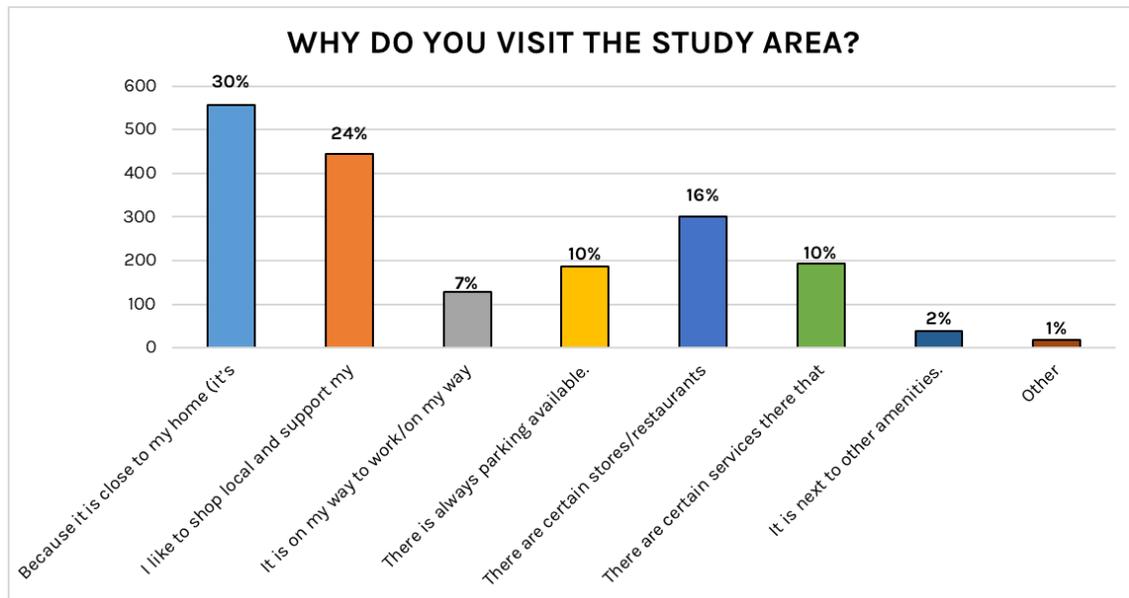
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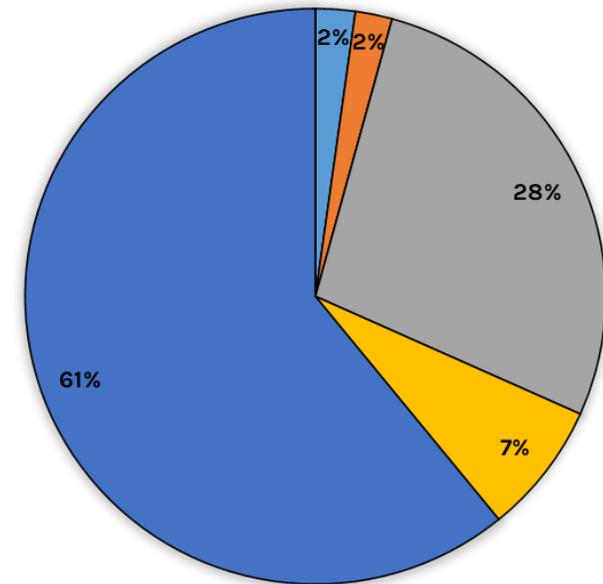


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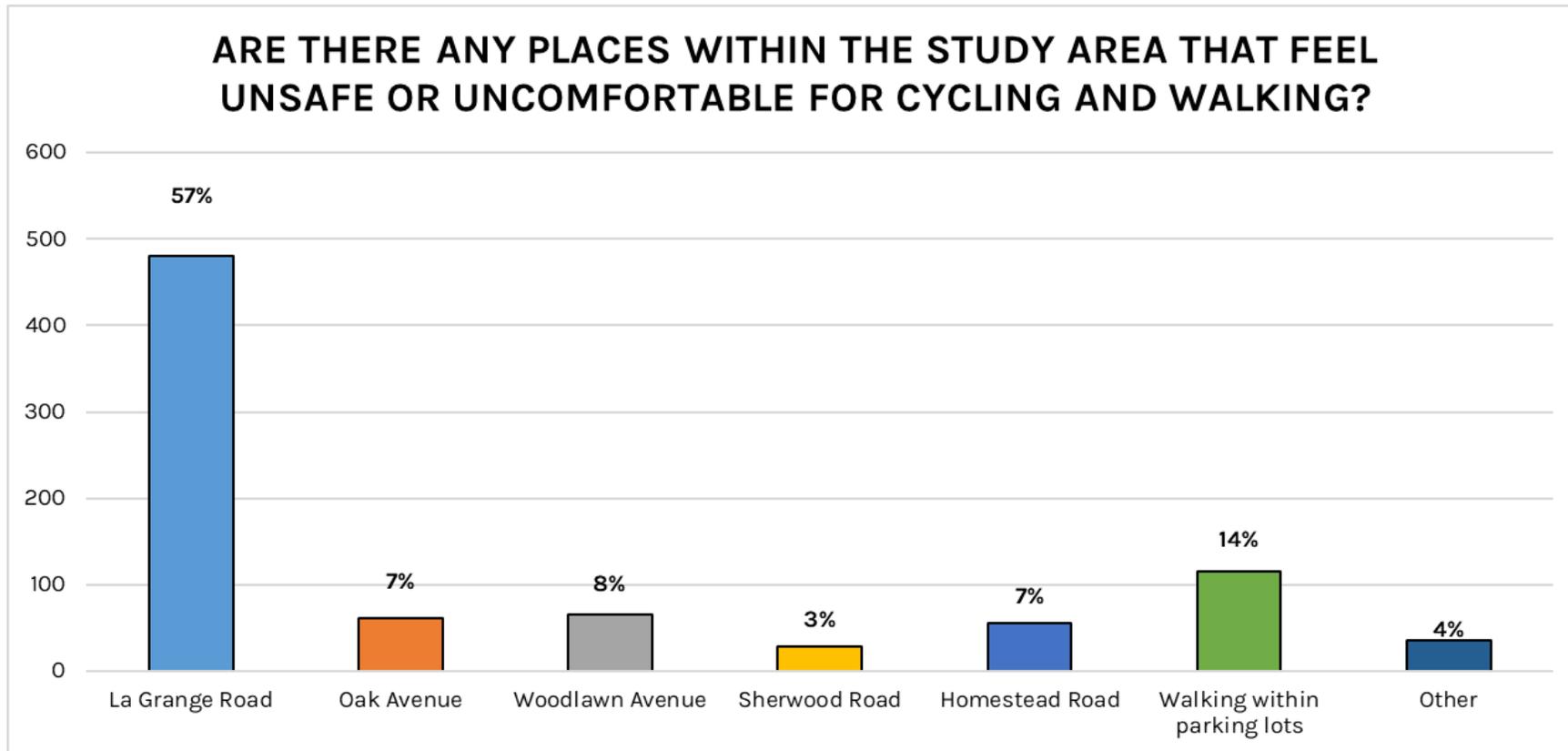


### IF THERE WAS ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING AVAILABLE AT VILLAGE MARKET, WOULD YOU USE IT?

- I have an EV and I might use the charging station
- I do not have an EV but plan to buy one, and would use the charging station
- I plan to buy an EV but would not use the charging station
- I do not plan to buy an EV so this question does not apply to me.



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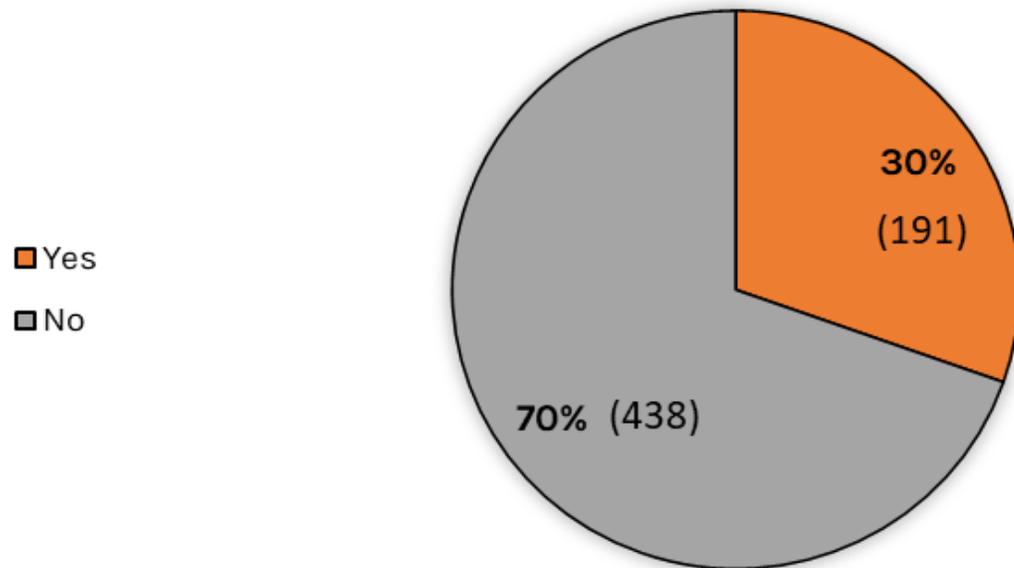
What, if anything, makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable cycling or walking along the streets you identified?

59 respondents (12%) answered La Grange for this question.

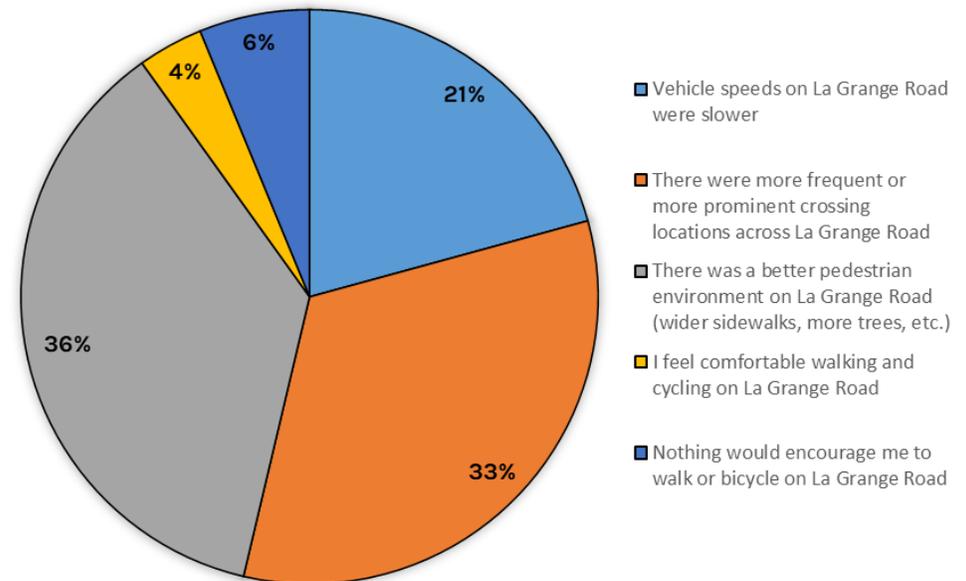


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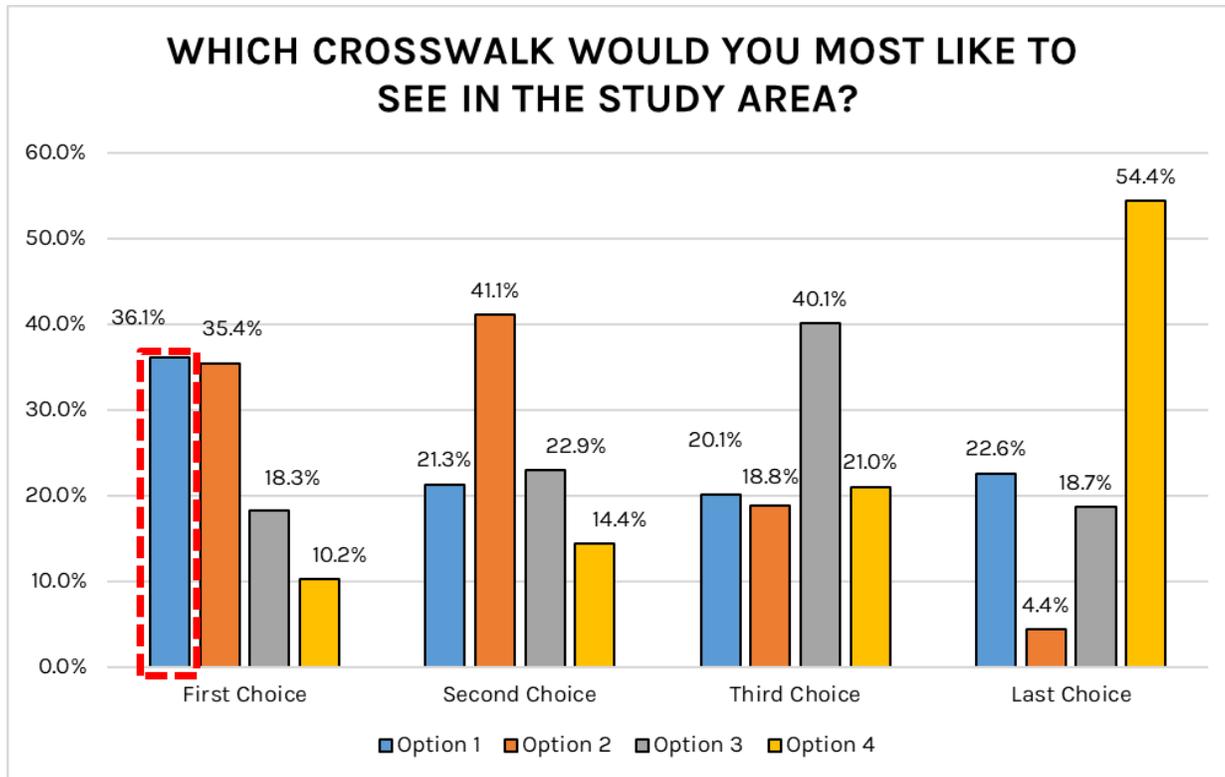
## DO YOU FEEL SAFE CROSSING LA GRANGE ROAD BY FOOT?



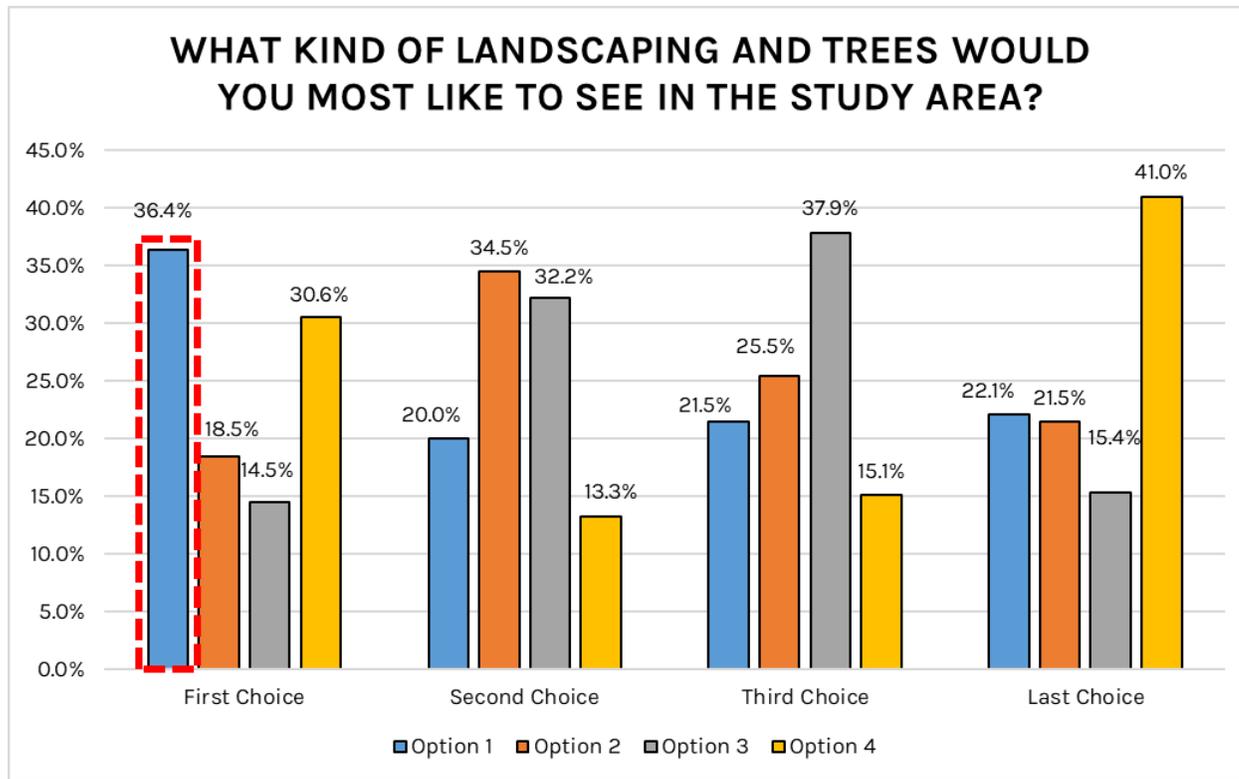
## I WOULD WALK OR BIKE ALONG/ON LA GRANGE ROAD MORE IF...



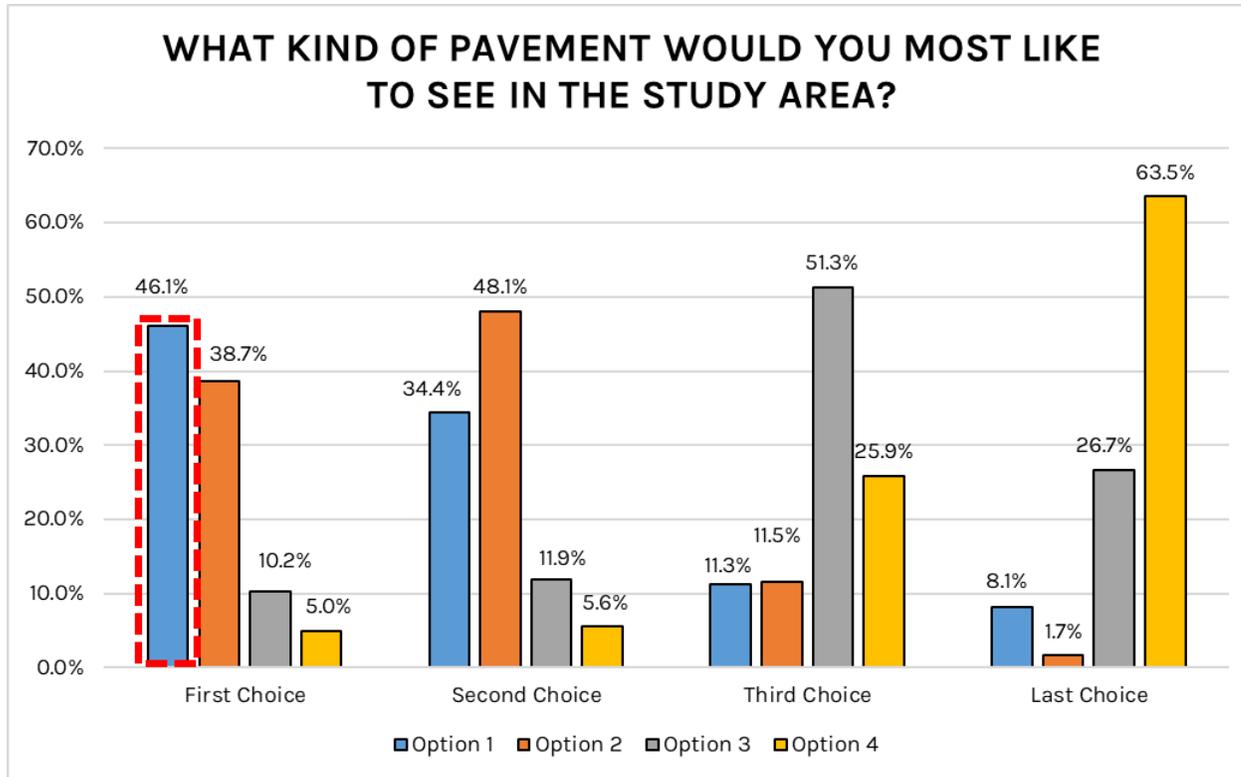
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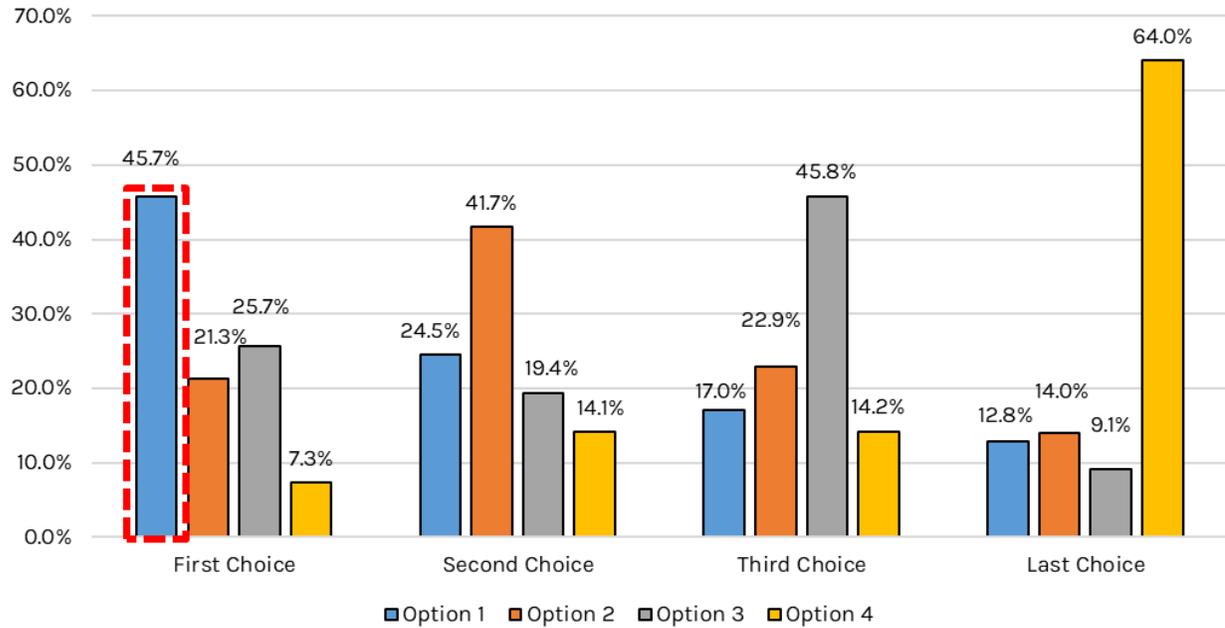


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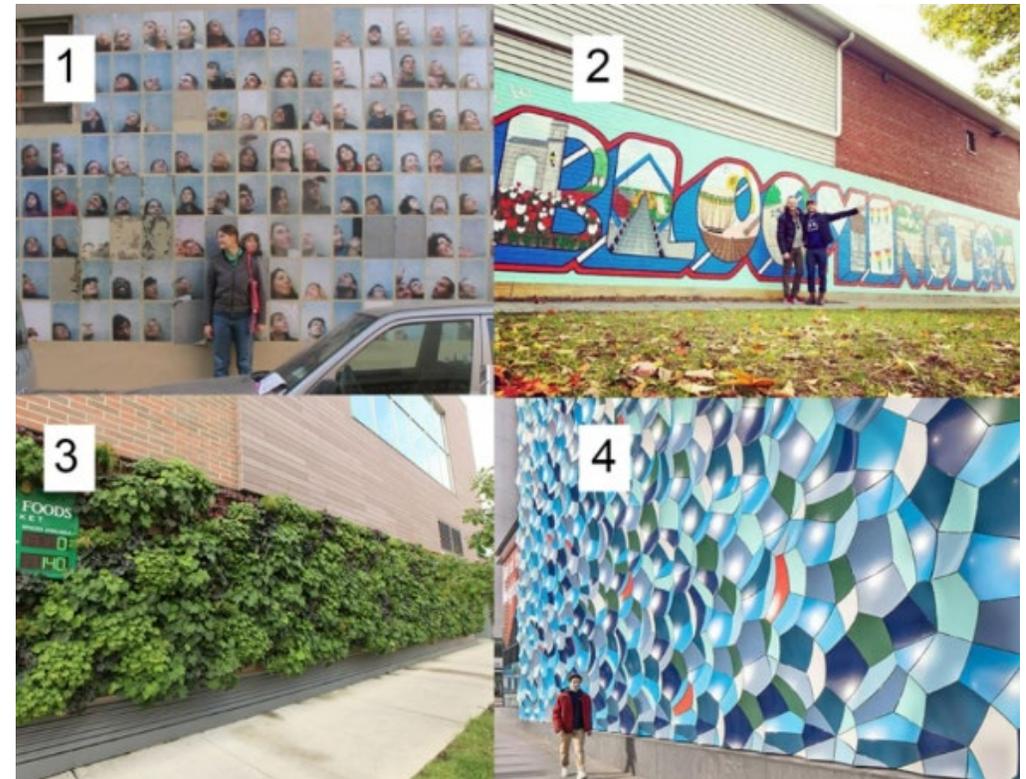
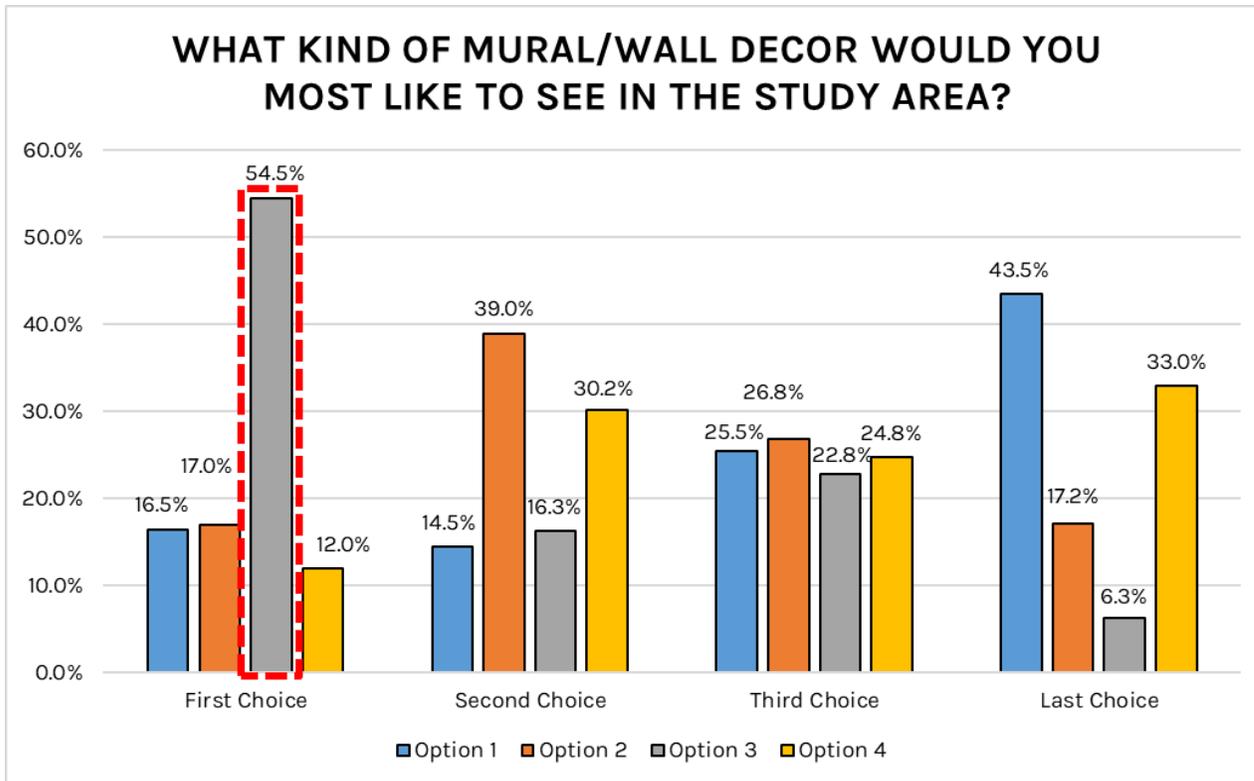


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WHAT KIND OF SITE FURNISHINGS WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE IN THE STUDY AREA?

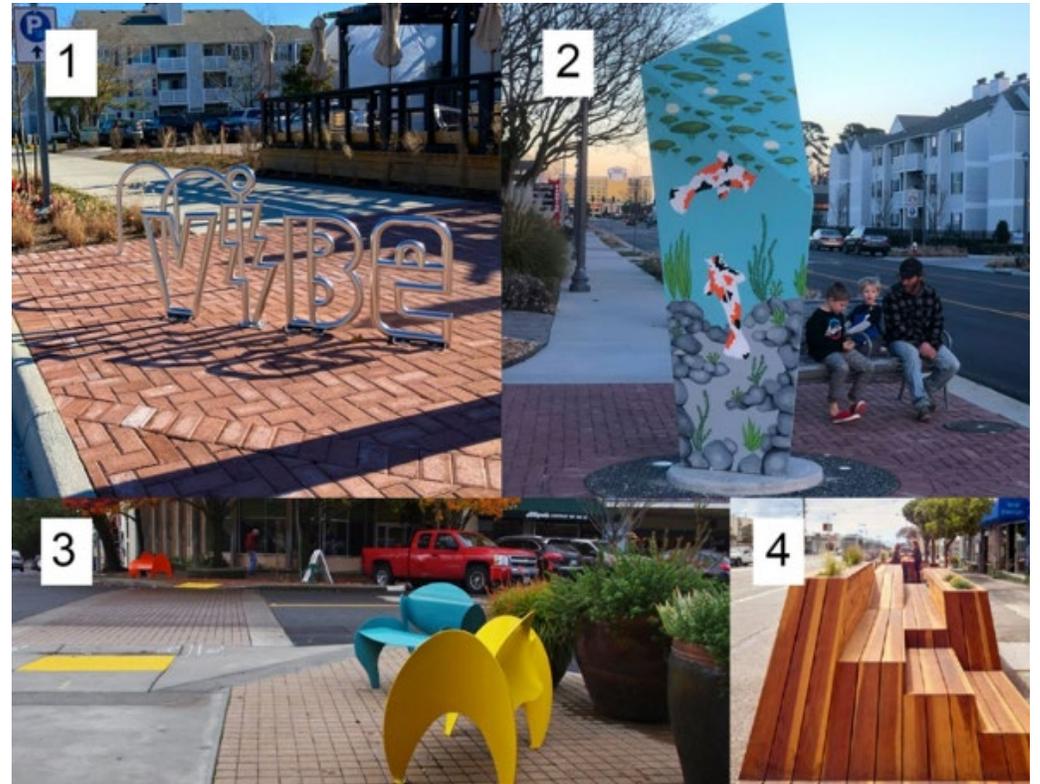
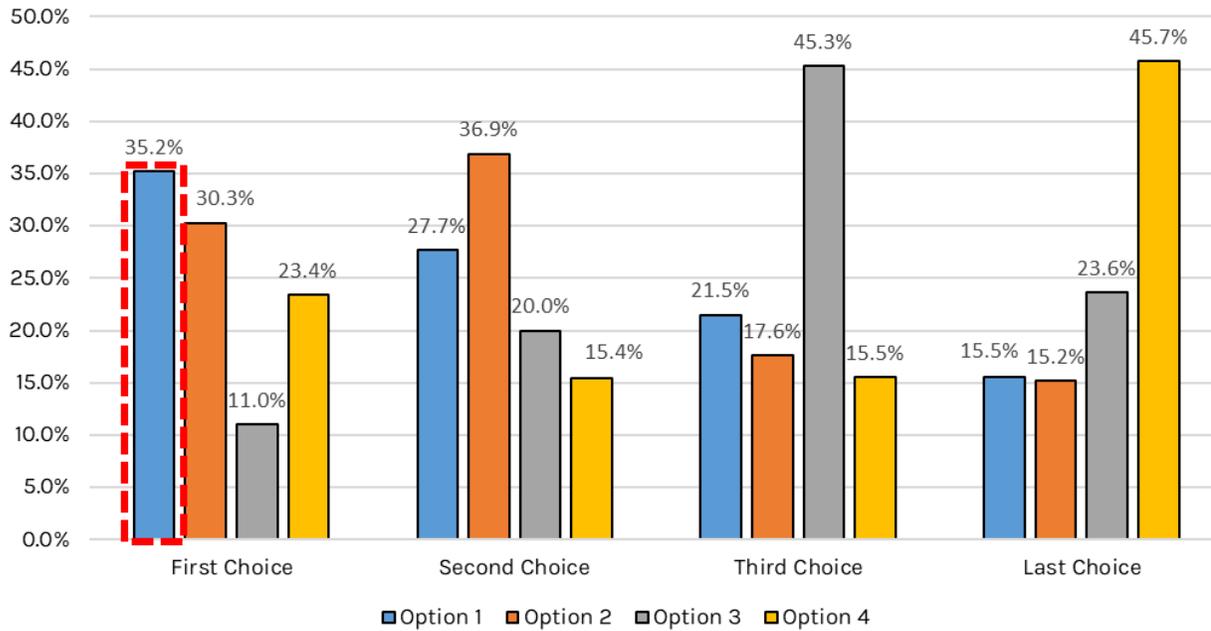


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WHAT KIND OF PUBLIC ART WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO SEE IN THE STUDY AREA?



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What do you think is the biggest opportunity to improve the look and feel of the Village Market study area?

- "Provide more **outdoor seating**"
- "Make it **safer** for pedestrians"
- "**Trees and wider sidewalks** along La Grange Rd with designated **crosswalks**"

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## What else would you like to share about the study area?

- "We desperately need a **cross walk** across LaGrange Road by the library. Many kids and people walk to library and park - we need a safer cross walk solution."
- "**Too many trucks** going down La Grange Road. Everyone **drives too fast** down La Grange Road."
- "Needs **more lighting** at night and wider sidewalks."

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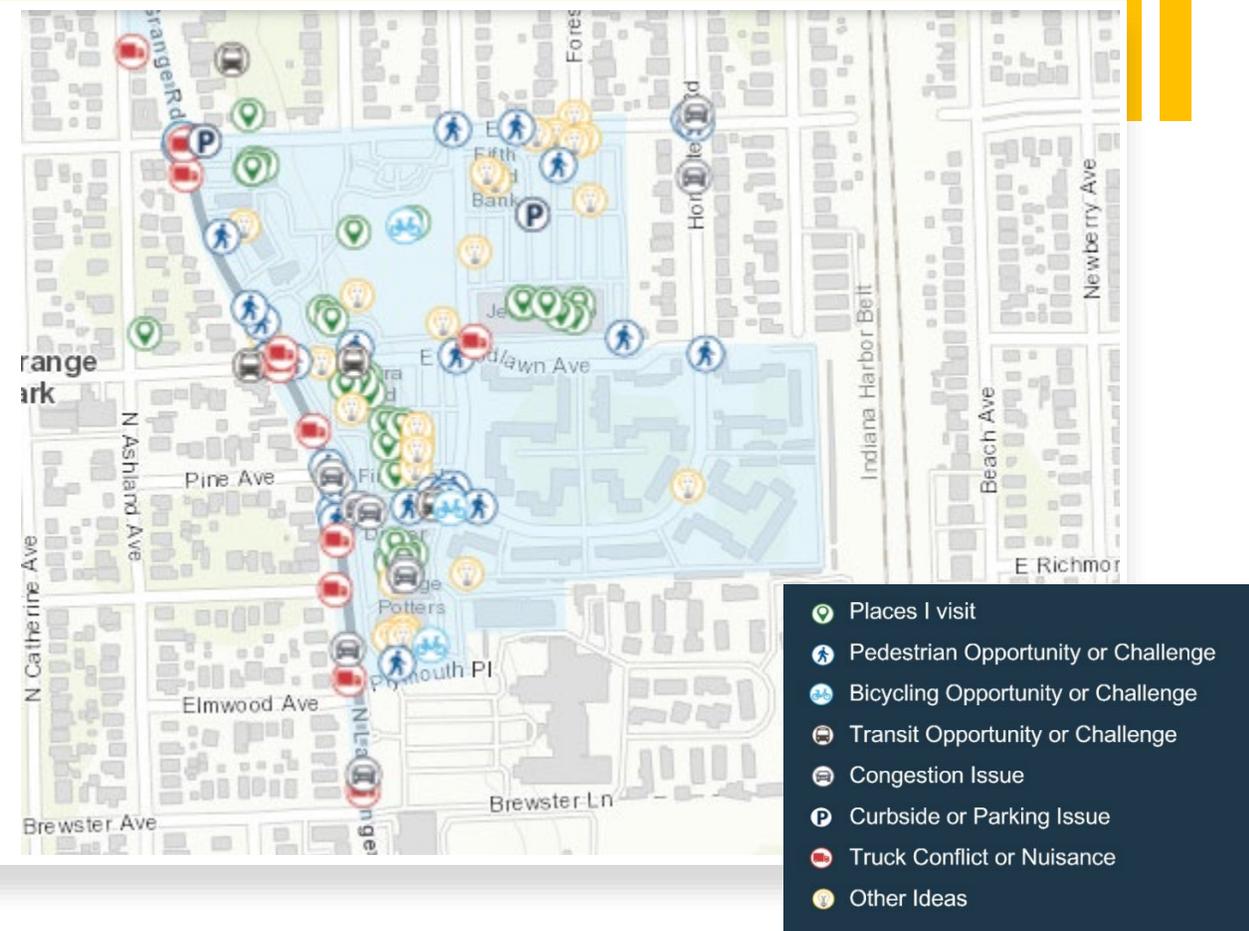
What do you love most about living in La Grange Park? What is your favorite part of living in La Grange Park?

115 respondents (25%) answered **Community** for this question.



# Interactive Map

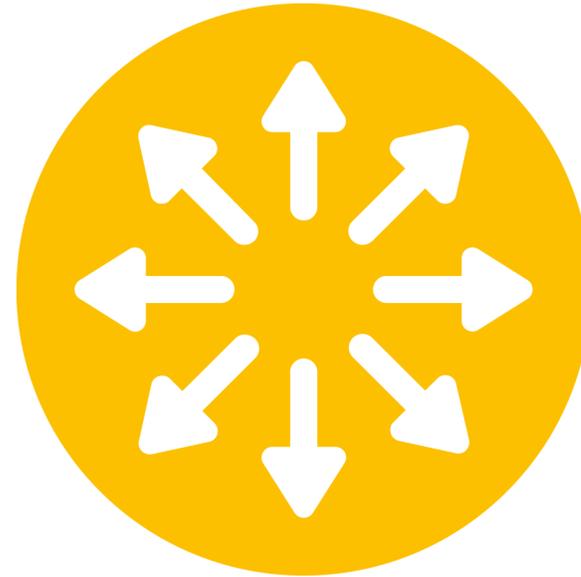
- Viewed 671 times
- 31 pins re: pedestrian access
- 4 pins re: bicycle access
- 13 pins re: truck conflict
- 26 pins re: other ideas
- Green pins mostly indicate destinations (few comments)



# Big Ideas: Vision Statement



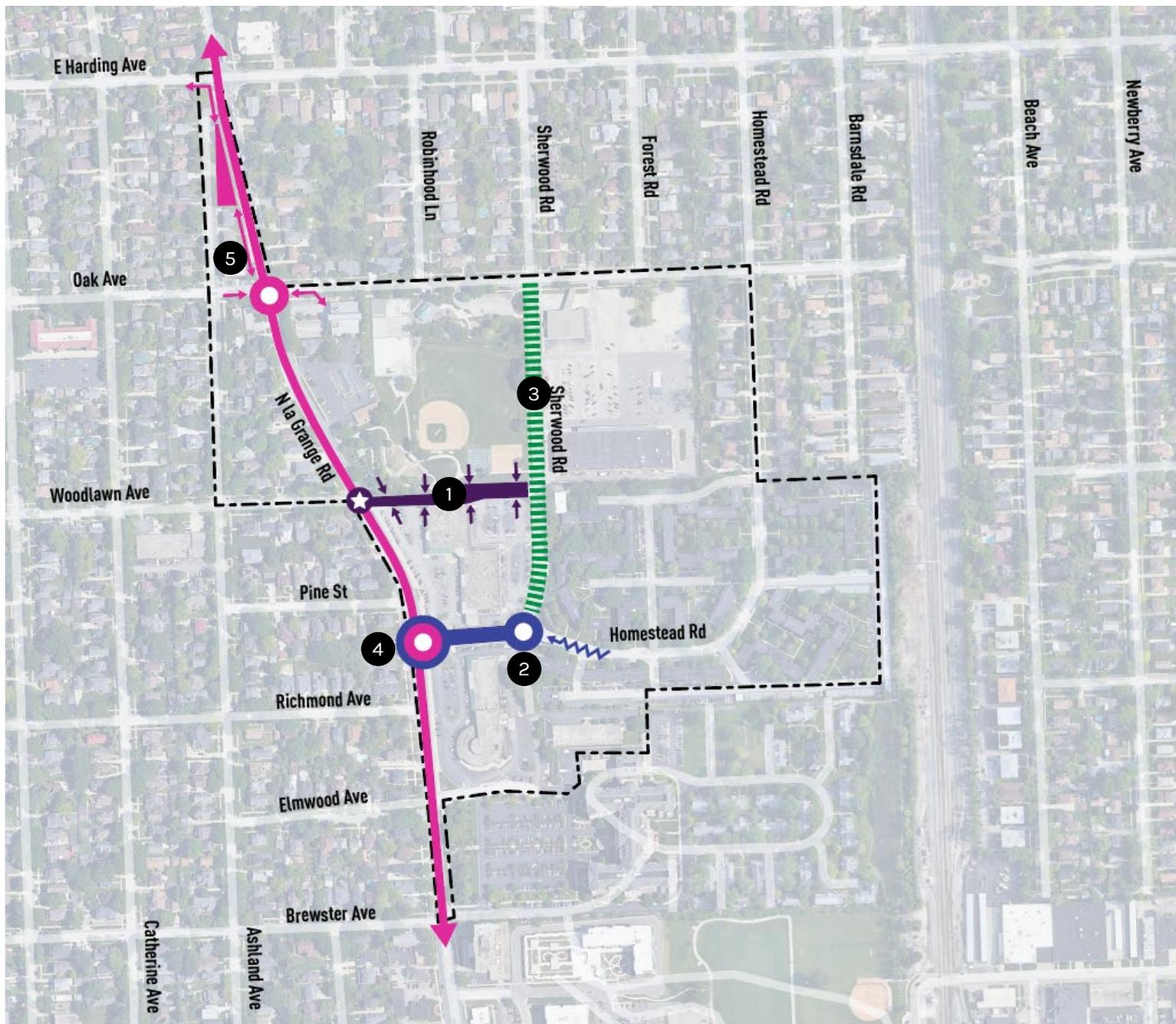
A Cohesive Village  
Market Area



Connect to La  
Grange Park

# Big Ideas: Vision Statement

- Connect **Market to Park Connection** with a Woodlawn Woonerf
- Make La Grange Rd a **Gateway, not a Barrier**
  - Improve crossings at Oak & Homestead
  - Improve pedestrian experience along the length of the site
- Create a safe and slow **Grand Entry** at Homestead
- Create a **Bike/Ped Community Green-Street** along Sherwood
- Support Design with **Policy Changes** (truck traffic etc.)



# Big Ideas

- 1 Woodlawn Woonerf / Market to Park Pedestrian Access Improvements
- 2 Homestead and Sherwood Traffic Circle and Green Stormwater Infrastructure
- 3 Sherwood Bike/Ped Community Green Street and Stormwater Infrastructure
- 4 La Grange Rd traffic calming and pedestrian improvements
- 5 Oak Ave Crossing Improvements

# Scaffolded Costs & Effort

- Every idea exists at different scales
- The design team will help the Village to think through the cost implications of each scale
  - Pilot  $\leftrightarrow$  Permanent
- Some projects will interact with each other more explicitly than others, with attendant cost implications



# 1. Woodlawn Woonerf

**What we heard:** There are poor connections between Memorial Park and Village Market. These facilities do not support each other.

- Close Woodlawn to traffic and convert into a **pedestrian street/woonerf**.
- Limit Jewel-Osco **truck access** hours or re-route via Homestead and Sherwood.
- Provide **amenities** including lighting, art, seating, and stormwater infrastructure.



# Woodlawn Woonerf

## Interim Steps:

- Close Village-owned section of Woodlawn to vehicular traffic.
- Provide barriers, striping, and/or ground murals to differentiate from parking lot.
- Activate with events and markets.
- Begin negotiations with Woodmen of the World to eventually acquire entire street.



## 2. Homestead & Sherwood

**What we heard:** The intersection of Homestead & Sherwood is not human-scale, and feels unsafe to cross

- Traffic circle
- Curb bump-outs
- Change pull-out from VM
- Close southern curb cut



Bump out and added cross walk

# Interim: Homestead & Sherwood

## Interim Steps:

- Paint and post
  - Curb bump-outs
  - Traffic circle
  - Curb-cut reduction



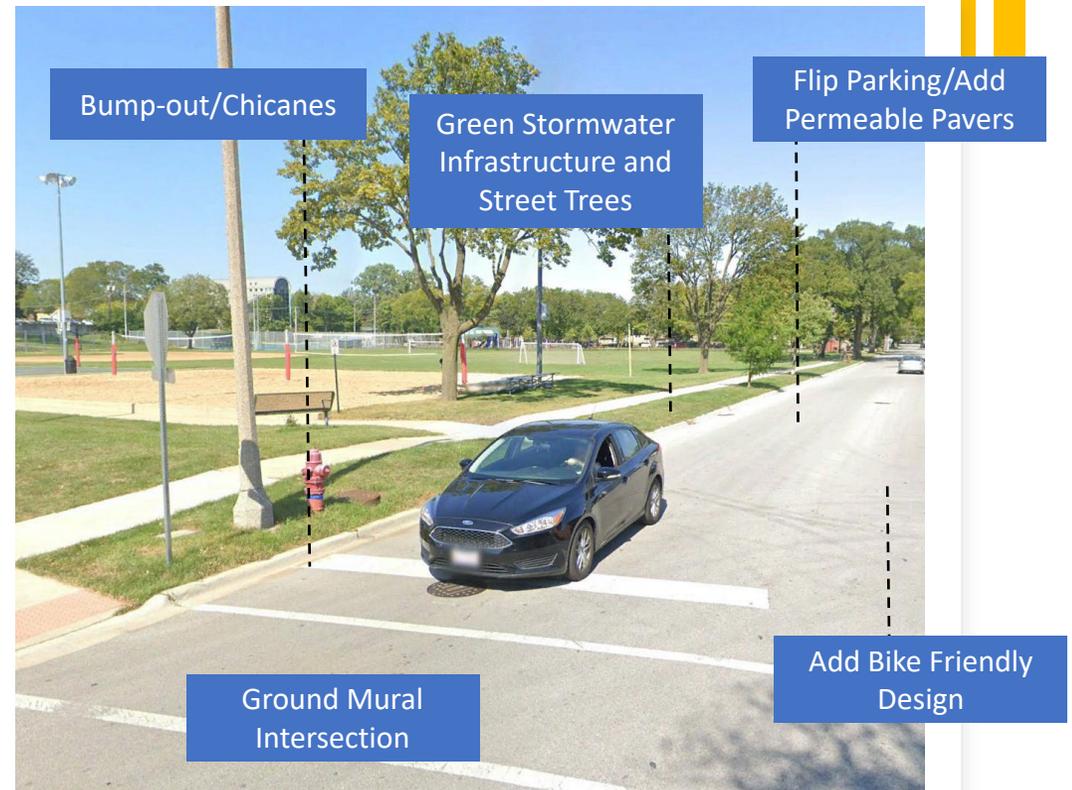
# Progression: Homestead & Sherwood



# 3. Sherwood Community Green Street

**What we heard:** Sherwood has high-speed fast traffic, floods frequently, and could better serve cyclists, and park users.

- Reinforce character, community, and safety with ground murals at intersections.
- Introduce permeable pavers (parking only), chicanes, and bump-outs to provide stormwater infrastructure.
- Increase shade tree canopy.



# Interim: Sherwood Community Green Street

## Interim Steps:

- Flip parking to be on park side.
- Introduce street paint at crossings or as ground mural.
- Add chicanes for traffic calming.



# 4. La Grange Rd

**What we heard:** There are fast moving vehicles and truck traffic along La Grange Rd. There are few places for pedestrians to cross and the sidewalks are narrow.

- Add crossing infrastructure at La Grange Rd with Homestead & Harding
- Add LPIs, countdown timers & pedestrian refuge island
- Opportunity to reduce lane widths and install narrow painted median
- Install landscaping & street trees
- Speed study; potential for reduced speed limit & speed management/feedback signs



# La Grange Rd



**Figure 1 – Summary of Recommendations for Pedestrian Crossings at Uncontrolled Locations, Two Way Streets Only**

Configuration, including turn and parking lanes *	ADT ≤ 9000				9000 < ADT < 15,000				15,000 < ADT < 25,000				25,000 < ADT < 35,000				ADT > 35,000		
	Posted Speed or 85 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Speed, mph																		
	≤30	35	40	≥ 45	≤30	35	40	≥ 45	≤30	35	40	≥ 45	≤30	35	40	≥ 45	All		
2 lanes or 3 with refuge	1	2	4	Site-Specific Design	1	3	4	Site-Specific Design	2	3	4	Site-Specific Design	2	4	4	Site-Specific Design	Site-Specific Design		
3 lanes no refuge	1	2	4		1	4	4		3	4	4		4	4	4			4	5
4 lanes with refuge	2	3	4		3	4	4		4	4	4		4	4	4			5	5
6 lanes with refuge	3	4	4		3	4	5		4	4	5		4	4	5			5	5
> 4 lanes no refuge	Site-Specific Design								Site-Specific Design										
4 lanes, refuge not feasible	3	3	5	3	4	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	5					

Treatment Number	Treatment Detail
1	Four W11-2 Ped Signs, two with W16-9P “Ahead”, two with W16-7P Slanted Down Arrow plaques
2	Treatment 1 + Timed or pedestrian actuated warning beacons. Continuously operated beacons are not recommended.
3	Treatment 2 + R1-5b Stop Here for Pedestrians signs at stop bar pavement marking (omit R1-5b for single lane approach)
4	Treatment 1 + Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon
5	Standard Traffic Signal or Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon; review IL MUTCD for placement restrictions

Crosswalk Pavement Marking	Application
Parallel lines	Signal controlled intersections, stop controlled legs of intersections
Continental	Uncontrolled intersections, mid-block crossings, uncontrolled legs of intersections
Ladder	Enhanced conspicuity at uncontrolled locations

\* Refuge is defined as a raised median or other pedestrian safety island

# La Grange Rd

- Improvements at E Oak Ave
  - Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon
  - Relocate library sign



# Interim: La Grange Rd

## Interim Steps:

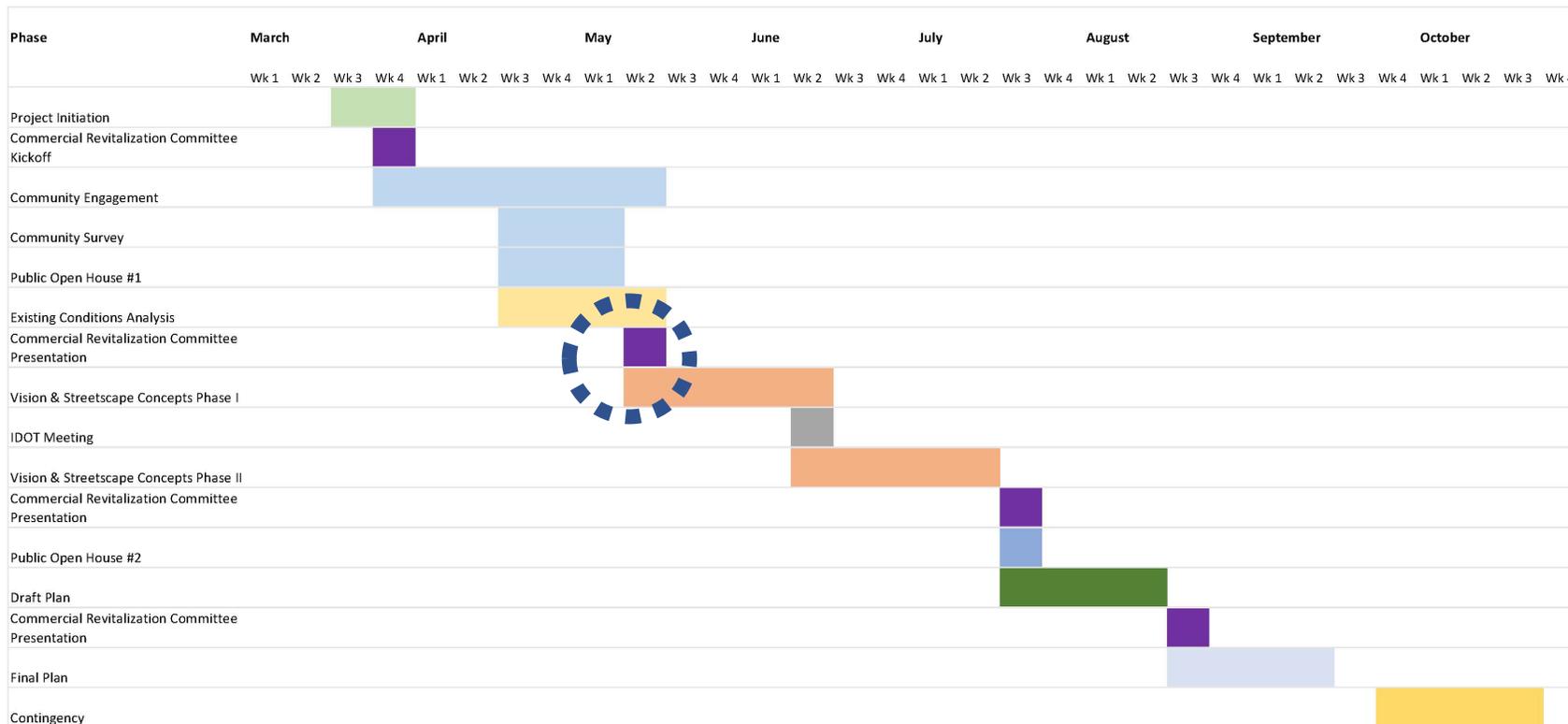
- Paint the crosswalk at Homestead & Harding
- Planters and street furniture at Pace stops (incl. Poet's Corner)
- Hanging baskets (in addition to or in lieu of banners)



# Big Idea: Policies & Regulation

- Snowplow plan
  - Initiate a conversation with Woodmen, CBRE, the Village and businessowners regarding winter weather best practice
- Change speed limit/speed management on La Grange Rd.
- Reduce/minimize impact of truck traffic on La Grange Rd.
  - Overflow effects: Likely re-route to Wolf Rd. (1.5 mi) or 294 (2.4 miles)
  - IDOT has final determination on truck routes (indicated with signage)
  - Lobby for more stringent state laws regarding truck covers
- Consider next steps for implementation (SSA, BID, etc.)

# Next Steps



## Next Steps:

- Develop the ideas the CRC endorses into more detailed design ideas
- Meet w IDOT to determine what they support
- Begin planning for the next public meeting (July/Aug)