



King City TSP

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Introduction

ODOT and King City conducted outreach activities between September 14 and October 30, 2020 to solicit feedback from the community for King City's Transportation System Plan (TSP). This feedback will help the City and its consultants create a TSP that addresses planned growth in King City and help respond to the changing transportation needs of King City residents.

Outreach activities were amended to encourage community feedback during the COVID-19 pandemic and included a variety of online engagement opportunities and a mail-in survey.

Feedback received through this outreach period will be considered as King City creates an integrated, multimodal TSP.

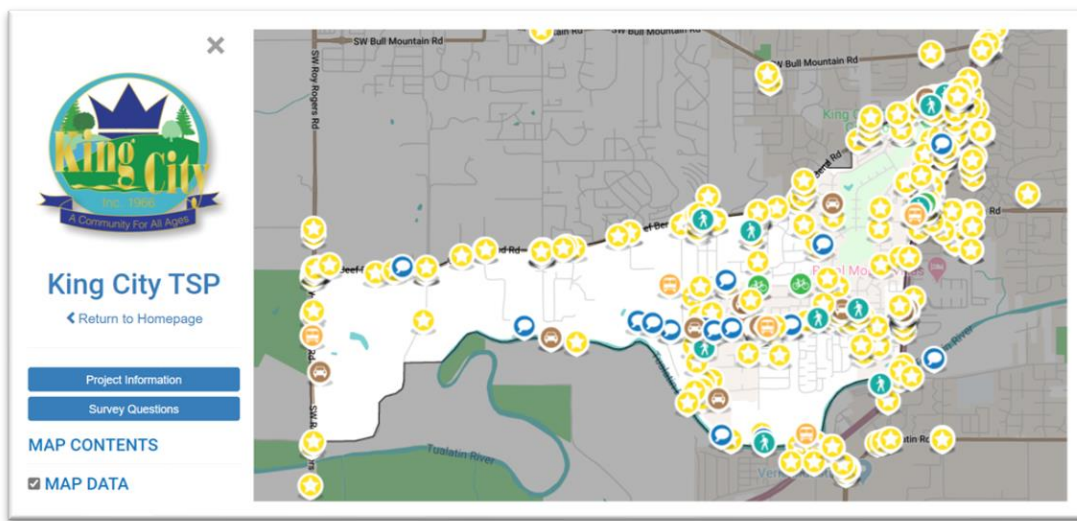
Overall Participation and Notification

To gather feedback on the proposed TSP, the project team developed an **online open house and mail-in survey** and hosted an **in-person tabling event** to gather community feedback.

Overall, the project team received **survey responses and talked with over 450 people**. Of those comments, 169 people responded to the survey in the online open house and 236 responded via the mail-in survey. Additionally, approximately 50 people attended the in-person tabling event, 709 comments were submitted with the comment map, and 4 comments were received via email.

Community members were informed about the online open house through the following:

- Newsletter with mail-in survey to residents within the City of King City boundaries
- Email to stakeholder and interested parties list
- Posts to the King City Facebook pages, Twitter, Nextdoor, and Instagram
- Posts on the project website



Outreach Opportunities

Online Open House

The online open house was intended to provide community members with information about the TSP and the opportunity to provide feedback on King City's current transportation system. This online event included a feedback map and online survey.

The feedback map was the main feedback tool included in the online open house, which asked participants to use the map to tell the project team where they were experiencing transportation issues and identify important destinations (such as schools, businesses, or parks).

Tabling Event

The project team held their first in-person tabling event to gather community input about King City's Transportation System Plan (TSP) on Thursday, October 8th and talked to **approximately 50 community members**. The purpose of the tabling event was to make the community aware of the project and to solicit feedback on transportation in King City.

The event was successful, especially considering that the event was hosted during the pandemic and included several CDC recommended distancing measures. Participants shared their thoughts on potential TSP improvements and more generally about transportation in King City. People who decided to participate were able to speak with City staff and the Mayor of King City, Ken Gibson, ODOT staff, and engagement specialists from JLA Public Involvement.



Newsletter with Mail-in Survey

A newsletter was distributed to all residents within King City boundaries that included two sections: an informational section and a feedback section.

With the informational section, the newsletter aimed to introduce residents to the project. With the feedback section, recipients could respond to a series of questions that mirrored the online survey and mail it into the project team.

Feedback Summary

Feedback Map, Survey Questions, and Tabling Event

This section summarizes the feedback received through the virtual workshop/public event and the mail-in survey. The graphs for each section include only the responses from the virtual workshop, the newsletter did not contain those questions.

Feedback Map

Participants in the online open house and mail-in survey were given the opportunity provide feedback on locations that could use improvements on a map of King City. Participants submitted a total of **709 location comments**. Comments from both are summarized below.

Important Destinations

Participants submitted **395 comments** that identified important destinations in King City and the surrounding areas. The following is a summary of the most commonly mentioned locations:

- **Beef Bend Road**
 - **Intersection of Beef Bend and Highway 99W** (King City Plaza and adjacent businesses)
 - **Deer Creek Elementary School**
 - **Intersection of Beef Bend and Roy Rogers** (residences and access to Hillsboro)
- **Fischer Rd**
 - **Intersection of Fischer Road and Highway 99W** (residences, businesses/shopping, and access to and from King City)
 - Intersection of Fischer Road and 131st Avenue (residences)
- **Intersection of Durham Road and Highway 99W** (residences, Tigard Town Square, businesses/shopping, access to Bridgeport, access to the hospital)
- King City Community Park
- Intersection at Royalty Parkway and Highway 99W
- Intersection at Tualatin Road and 124th Avenue (access to Fred Meyer, I-5, Tualatin, and the coast)

Challenging and/or Dangerous Locations

Participants submitted **268 comments that identified challenging and/or dangerous locations** in King City and the surrounding areas. The most common locations and the issues raised by participants include:

- **Beef Bend Road**
 - **Pedestrian concerns** included narrow sidewalks, sidewalk gaps, and a lack of pedestrian crossings
 - **Intersection of Beef Bend Road and Highway 99W**
 - Heavy traffic
 - Signals are too short and/or not coordinated well to support the flow of traffic
 - Lack of bike infrastructure
 - Unsafe driving behavior
 - **Intersection at Beef Bend Road and 131st Avenue**
 - Inconsistent speeds
 - Lack of sidewalks
 - Speed limits are too high
 - Lack of sufficient lighting

- Too busy
 - Unsafe driving behavior around pedestrians
 - Landscaping and streetscape restrict visibility
- **Fischer Road**
 - **Intersection at Fischer Road and Highway 99W**
 - Driveway conflicts
 - Congestion
 - Signals need better coordination
 - Lack of sidewalk access
 - Pedestrian signals are too short
 - **Intersection at Fischer Road and 131st Avenue**
 - Congestion
 - Unsafe driving behavior
 - Lack of sidewalk connectivity
- **Intersection at Durham Road and Highway 99W**
 - Signal timing is too long
 - Unsafe driving behavior and speeding
 - Perceived high frequency of collisions
 - Lack of pedestrian safety or driver awareness
 - Difficult to cross as a bike or pedestrian
- Intersection at Royalty Parkway and Highway 99W
 - Needs a left turn signal
- Intersection at Tualatin Road and 124th Avenue
 - Lane changes are dangerous
 - Signal need better coordination
- Intersection at Bull Mountain Road and Highway 99W

Survey Responses

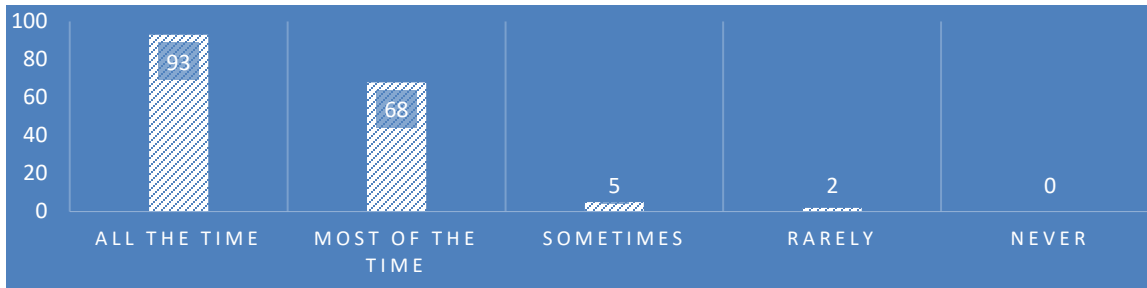
Participants from both the online open house and the mail-in survey were given the opportunity to ask a series of questions related to their perspectives and use of the transportation system in King City. Some questions were not included on the mail-survey due to its limited space, but participants were also provided the online open house link if they wished to respond to the full survey. Feedback is summarized below.

1. *How do you usually get from one place to another?*

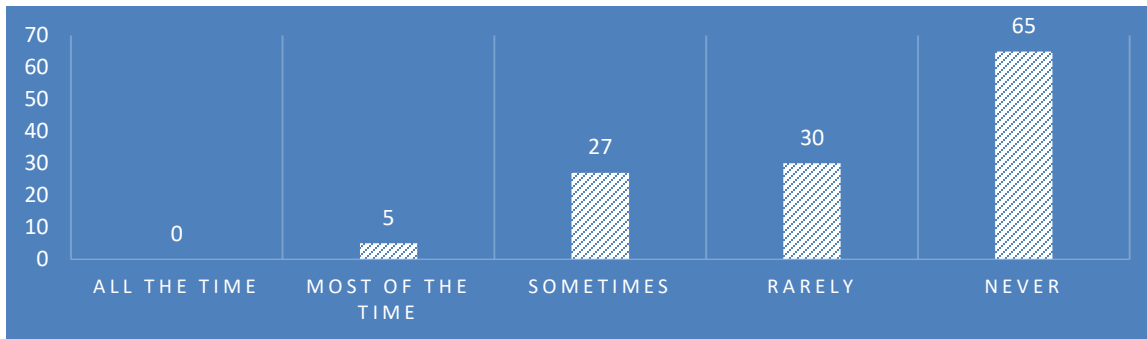
The project team wanted to know how people are currently getting around King City. **Of the people that responded to the questions related to this topic, the majority travel by car.**

Online open house participants were asked how they most commonly get around and how frequently they travel by each mode of transportation.

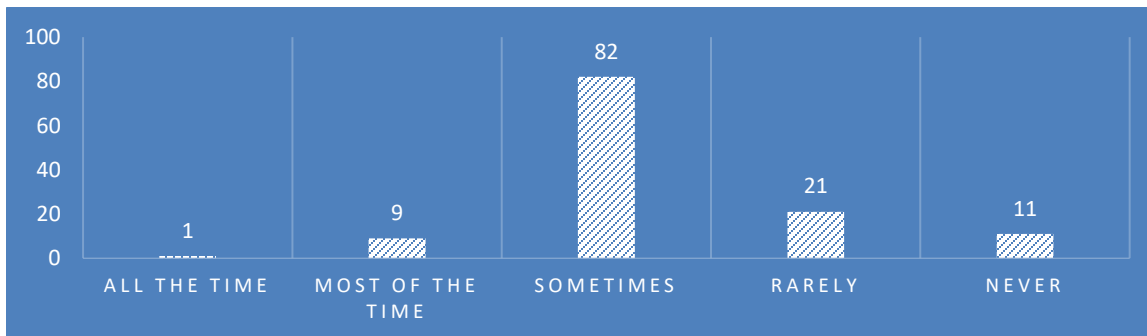
How often do you drive by car? (*Online survey responses only*)



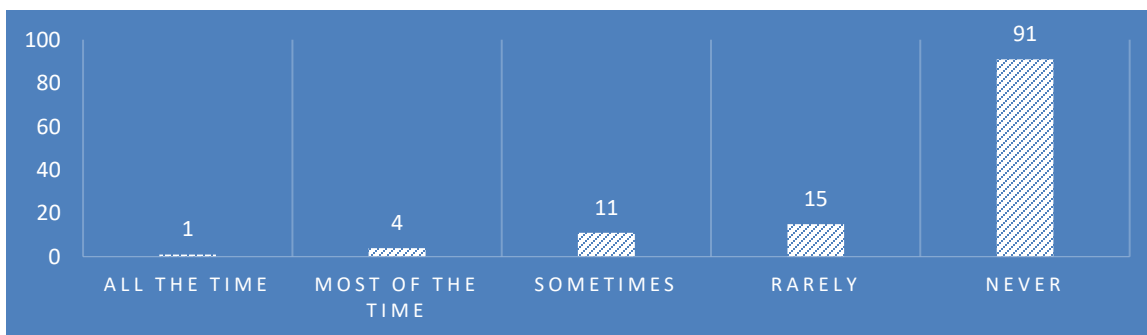
How often do you ride a bike? *(Online survey)*



How often do you walk? *(Online survey)*

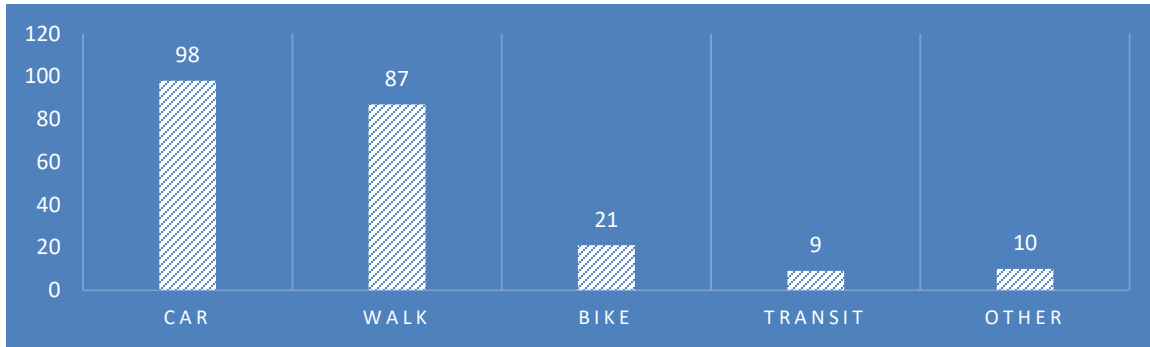


How often do you use transit? *(Online survey)*



What ways do you typically use to get around? *(Mail-in survey)*

Mail-in survey participants were asked to select all the ways they travel.

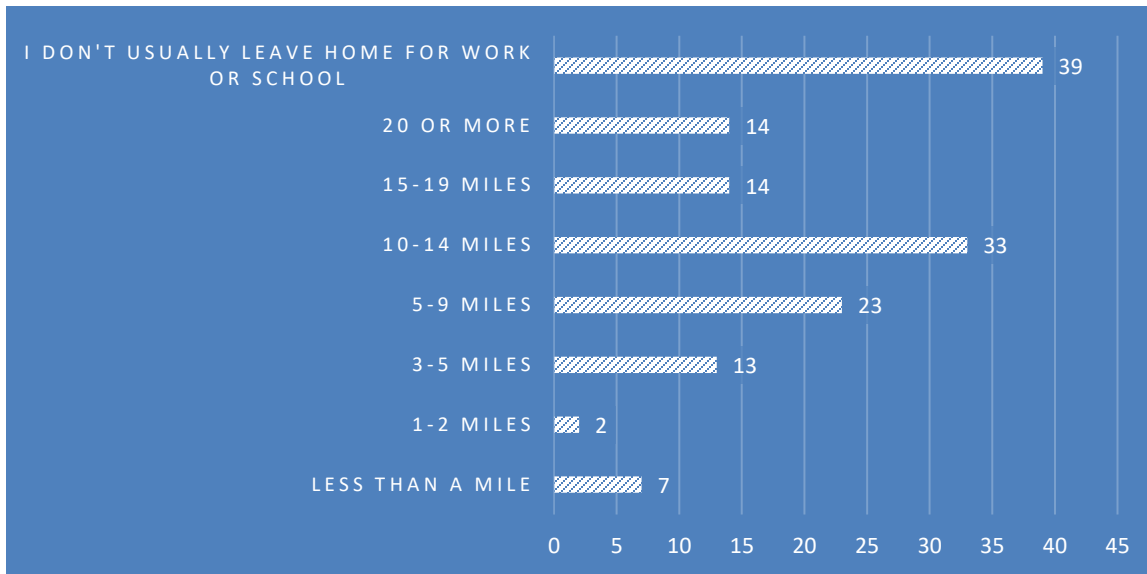


Participants from both the online survey and the mail-in survey were given the option to list other modes they use to get around. Other modes listed include:

- Golf cart
- Motorcycle
- Mobility scooter
- Rideshare (Lyft, Uber, etc.)

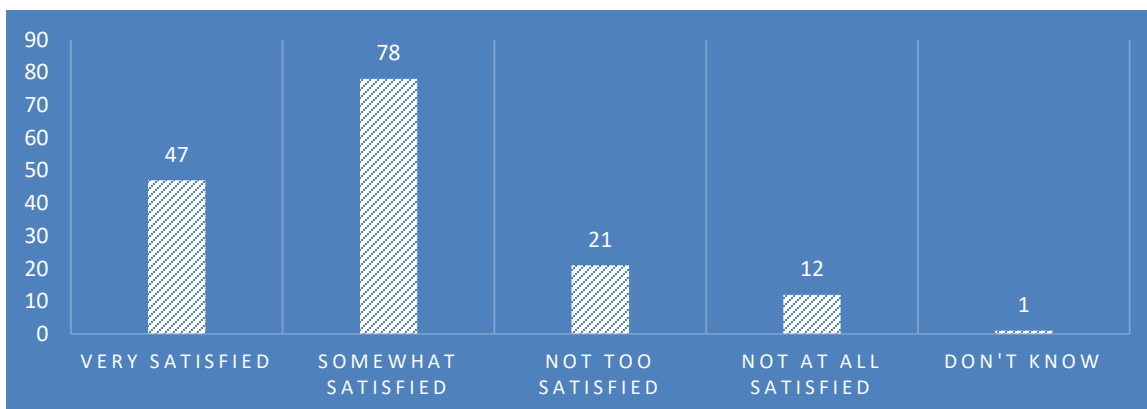
2. *How far do you typically commute for work or school? (mail-in survey only)*

Participants of the mail-in survey were asked how far they typically commute for work or school. Of the people that responded, **the largest group said they don't commute or leave home for work or school**. It is unknown how much of this response is due to stay at work orders during the pandemic. The second largest group of responses indicated that **people are traveling between 10 – 14 miles**, which may mean many people are traveling to nearby Portland for work.



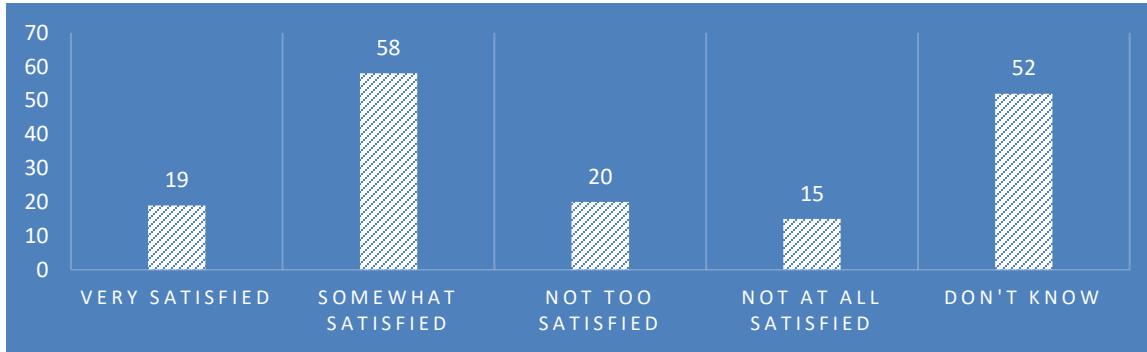
3. *How satisfied are you with the roadway network and driving conditions for cars in King City? (online survey only)*

Of the participants that responded to this question, **most people are satisfied with the current roadway network and driving conditions in King City**. This is consistent with the feedback received at the tabling event feedback.



4. *How satisfied are you with the conditions for bikes in King City?* (online open house only)

Feedback on how satisfied participants are with the current conditions for biking in King City was mixed with a large number of people saying they are somewhat satisfied and almost the same amount of people saying they don't know, which may be due to how many people said they don't currently travel by bike.



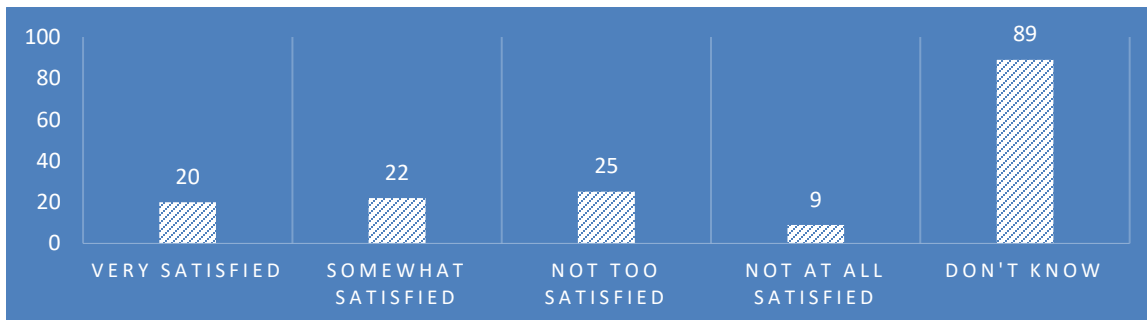
5. *How satisfied are you with the conditions for walking in King City?* (online open house only)

Of the participants that responded to this question, most people are satisfied with the current walking conditions in King City.



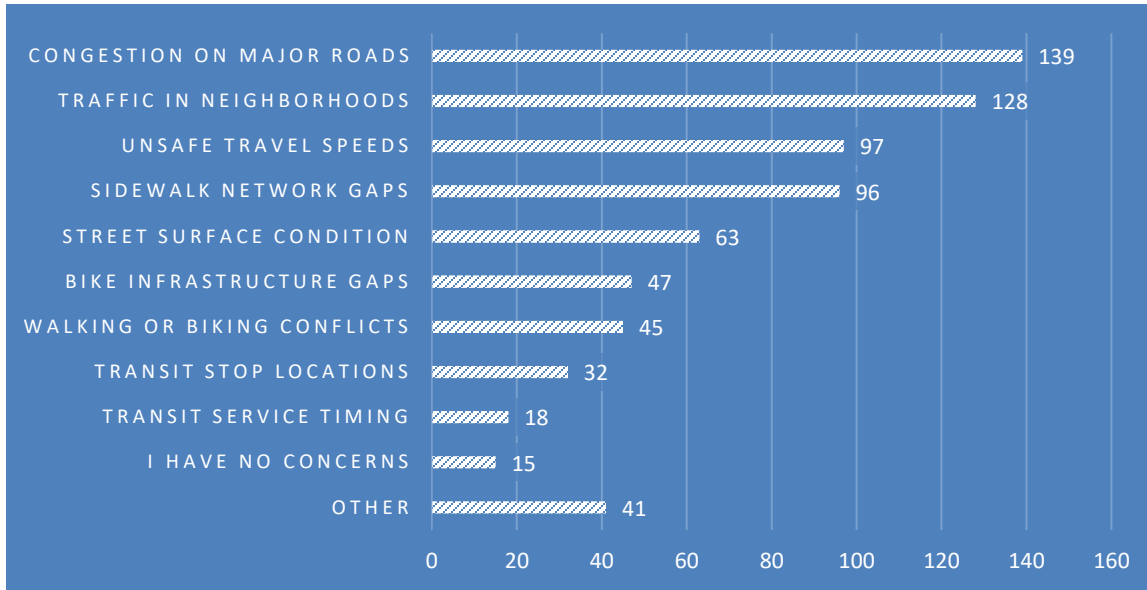
6. *How satisfied are you with the transit service and connections in King City?* (online open house only)

Feedback on how satisfied participants are with the current transit service in King City was mixed, with most people indicating that they don't know.



7. **What are your main concerns with getting around in King City?** (included with both surveys)

Participants responded that **congestion on major roads and traffic in neighborhood streets are their biggest concerns with getting around in King City today**. There were also a fair number of participants that indicated that unsafe travel speeds and sidewalk network gaps are a concern.



Of those that chose the option “other,” common answers included:

- Concern about the impacts of extending Fischer Road
- Limited infrastructure that does not support all modes
- Parking limitations and conflicts
- Lack of inter-city transit options
- Lack of multiuse trails and paths
- Golf cart mobility and access
- Lack of general safety
- Increased development impacts

8. **How do you usually use the King City transportation system?** (online open house only)

There was almost an even split with the top response for how people usually use the King City transportation system. Today, people are using it to reach local businesses and destinations and to access other places in nearby cities.



For those that chose the option “other,” a majority responded with answers that indicated that they do not ride the bus or mainly use their car.

9. *What should we consider as we develop this plan?* (included with both surveys)

Key themes include:

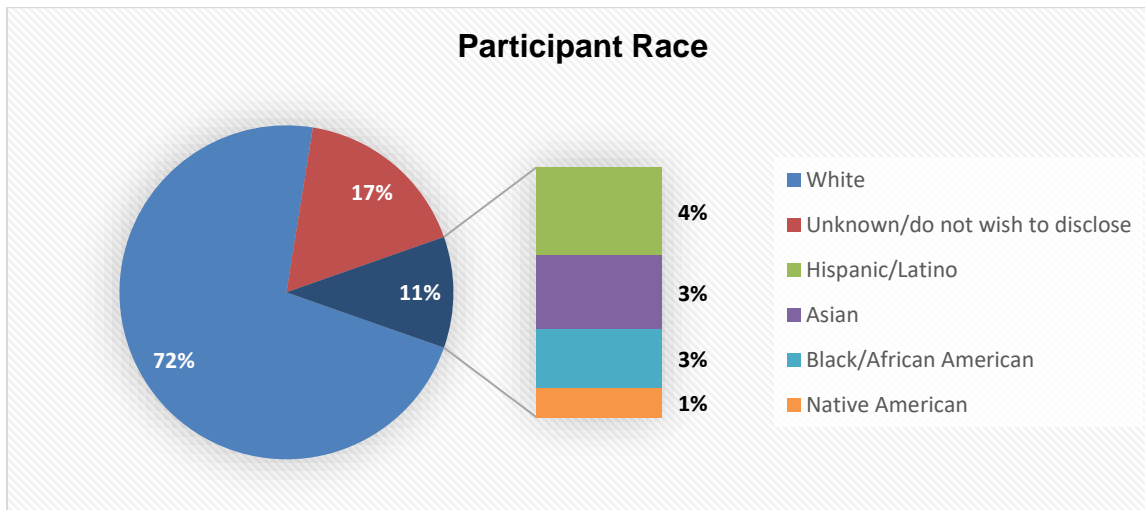
- **Strong opposition to the proposed extension of Fischer Road**
- **Desire for capacity and traffic improvements on major arterials and popular roads to support new development and address connectivity issues**
 - Improved signal coordination
 - Coordinate with adjacent jurisdictions
- **Demand for less traffic on neighborhood streets**
 - Reduced traffic through neighborhoods
 - Restriction of vehicle access through neighborhoods
 - Neighborhood speed reduction measures
- **Support for increased pedestrian safety, facilities, access, and connectivity**
 - Fill gaps in the sidewalk system
 - Pedestrian crossings on major arterials and popular roads to provide access and safety while walking
 - Improved walkability and mobility options for seniors and the disabled
 - Maintenance of existing pedestrian facilities
- Support for reduced speed limits and creating consistent speed limits on roads. Multiple comments asked to prevent the need for quick braking.
- Desire for connected multiuse (bike, pedestrian, etc.) paths throughout King City
- Support for safety improvements that protect users of all modes (specifically pedestrian, bike, and student safety)
 - Address issues related to unsafe user behavior (specifically drivers)
 - Increase police enforcement

Demographic Information

Participants from the online open house were asked a series of optional demographic questions. This information is useful to compare with the city's current demographics.

Race

The majority of participants identify as white, which the second largest group of participants selecting that their race is unknown or that they do not wish to disclose it.

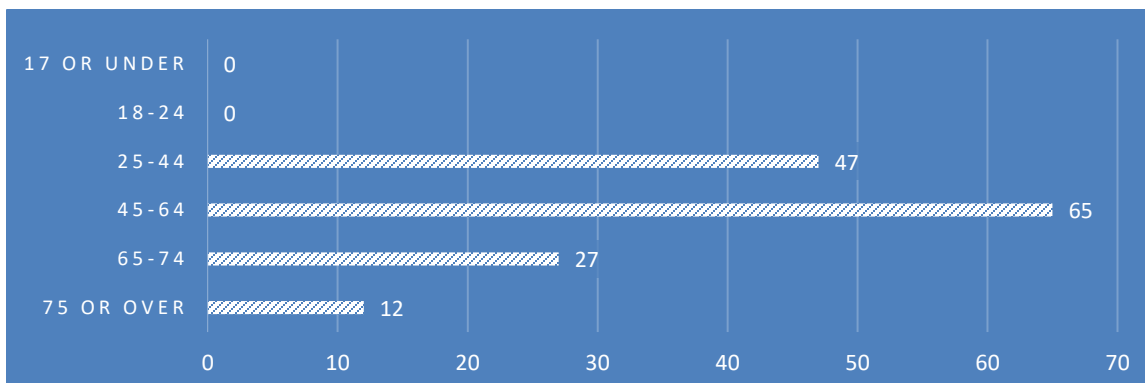


Language (other than English)

Participants were asked if they spoke any language other than English at home. **A majority did not respond indicating that they do not speak another language**, seven responded that they speak Spanish, four responded that they speak German, and three responded that they speak Bosnian. Answers that were submitted by only one participant each included: Chinese, Korean, Russian, Polish, and Tamil.

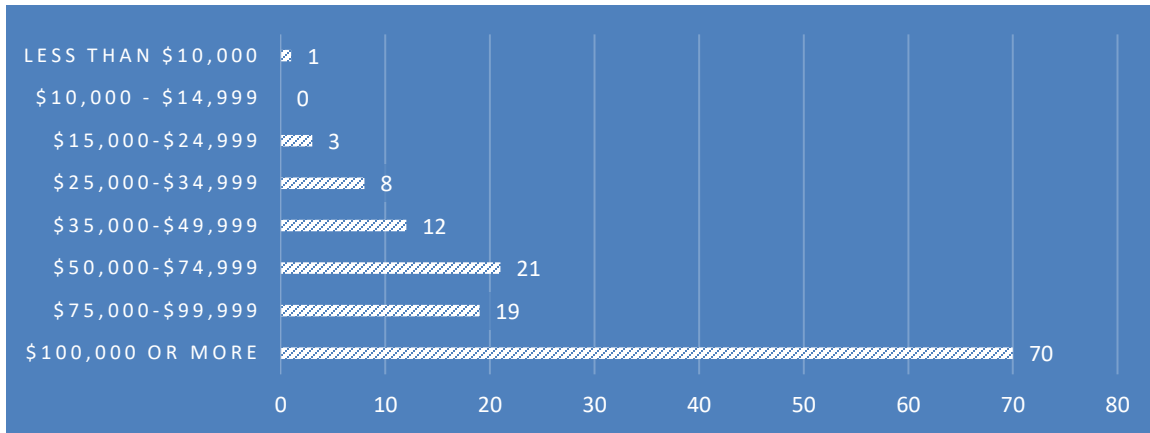
Age

Overall, the age of participants with the online survey are consistent with the average ages of community members in King City. Of those that responded, the largest group of participants are within the ages of 45 – 64. The second largest group of participants are between the ages of 25 – 44.



Household Income

The **majority of the online survey participants have a household income of \$100,000 or more** a year, which is higher than the average household income in King City.



Appendix A: In-Person Tabling Event Summary

Date and Time: Thursday, October 8, 2020, 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Location: King City Community Park, near the basketball court

Key Themes

Most folks were generally happy with the current transportation system in King City with 99W and a lack of safe bike lands and crosswalks being common exceptions. In terms of the TSP, many were concerned about extending Fischer Rd. into the Rivermeade Community and increased traffic in neighborhoods. Many (if not all) participants mentioned that they had either gotten the mailed survey and sent it or were going to mail it soon.

More details below for each key theme and specific comments from the public.

Fischer Rd Extension

- Rivermeade residents and city residents on Fischer between the power lines and 131st share concerns about the proposed extension and don't feel that the city is listening to them.
- Residents are concerned about increased traffic in their community – many describe their neighborhood as a calm and quiet neighborhood and don't want that to change. They don't want a major road going through their neighborhood.
- Many are worried that the neighborhood will change and look like Fischer between 131st and 99W.
- Some were worried about the impact to waterways and nature.
- Worried that people will speed along the extension, creating safety concerns.
- The extension may increase noise levels.
- There was general worry about over-population in the area.
- Folks are worried about "cut-through" traffic.

What to consider moving forward: We need to make a thorough explanation of the Fischer Rd. extension and have a detailed explanation of why we are doing the extension on-hand when we talk to the community. Consider creating more than one "Fischer" route west of the power lines to reduce traffic in Rivermeade. We also need to keep Washington County in the loop so that we are all on the same page.

Pedestrian and Bike Connections

- Several mentioned their interest in continuing to improve connections for pedestrians and cyclists, including trails.
- Several people mentioned that they get around by bike to do errands, but the bike paths were either dangerous or there were not enough to run all errands by bike.
- They like having biking trails and would like more.
- There are no bike paths between 150th and the 99W on Beef Bend Rd, making it dangerous for all. A designated bike path along this section of the road would be good.
- Crossing and walking along 99W is scary and dicey.

- Folks want running paths near nature; interconnected, regional trails between all the nearby cities; and, more formal trails along the river, there are informal trails right now that are dangerous.
- Someone mentioned that there are potholes in Gabriel Park and that it is not walkable.

What to consider moving forward: How can we create more safe sidewalks and crosswalks?

Traffic

- Roundabouts would be nice
- Folks are worried about “cut-through” traffic
- 131st at Fischer – need speed signs for cars
- There were a lot of concerns about 99W, including:
 - People avoid 99W as much as they can
 - Many expressed their frustration with 99W – it’s like the strip in Las Vegas, you can’t go anywhere in King City without it, and there is no parallel route.
- Widening Beef Bend: This would require more signalized (?) intersections.

What to consider moving forward: How can we minimize traffic in neighborhoods while creating more streets and connections within the City (and to neighboring cities)?

Safe Routes to School

- One parent mentioned the importance of safe routes to school and noted the problem with Deer Creek Elementary having students on the north side of Beef Bend with no safe way to cross the street.
- One community member said that there need to be more schools as the area grows

What to consider moving forward: Existing and potential attendance areas for the schools serving King City and the master plan area.

King City Community Park

- Love what the city is doing with the park
- Stairs down to the river near the community park would be nice, as well was more lighting and a boat launch
- Would be nice to have manmade paths under the electrical lines
- There needs to be better signage about how to get the King City Community Park – many people simply take the private road.

Questions / Ideas from participants:

- Could there be alternative boundaries for school districts? 150th? Halfway up to Bull Mtn?
- Could we include a wildlife preserve with the new development? Could we do a wildlife study about how much space wildlife will need?
- Could we extend Durham Rd? (instead of Fischer Rd. extension)

Other

- One participant said they were excited about the Master Plan growth.