

Active Transportation Plan Public Survey and Comment Map Results Summary



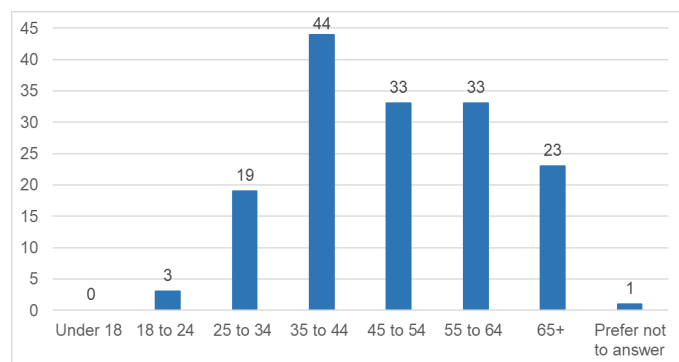
The TPO conducted an online survey and comment map from September 18, 2024 to February 28, 2025. The purpose of the survey was to gather input from the public regarding participation in active transportation, community needs and improvements. The survey results will be used to supplement the technical analysis and priority project strategies, in addition to gaining an understanding of various perspectives in the community.

A total of 158 participants completed the online public survey located on the Active Transportation project page. In some cases, participants did not provide a response to a question. The following report summarizes the results of the survey. Following the survey instrument format, a breakdown of results are provided by mode of active transportation, including walking/hiking, biking and horseback riding. A total of 67 additional comments were provided by participants and are included in this summary report. The Survey Instrument is also attached to the report.

1. What is your age?

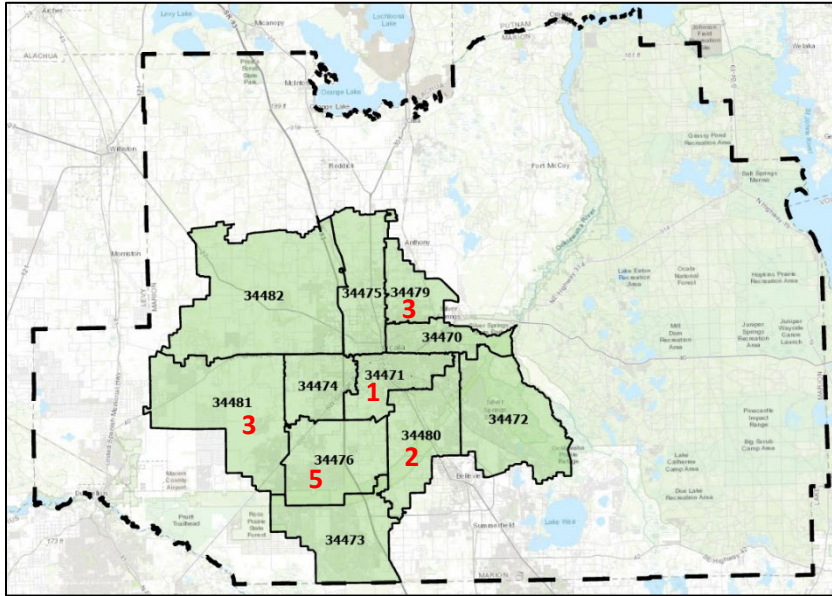
A total of 156 responses were received. The largest participating age group is 35 to 44 years old. The two other largest age groups are 45 to 54 and 55 to 64.

0 (0%) Under 18 years old
3 (2%) 18 to 24 years old
19 (12%) 25 to 34 years old
44 (28%) 35 to 44 years old
33 (21%) 45 to 54 years old
33 (21%) 55 to 64 years old
23 (15%) 65+ years old
1 (1%) Prefer not to answer



2. Please provide your home zip code.

The map displays zip codes with at least five survey participants. The top five zip codes with participation include: 34471 (31), 34480 (19), 34470 (13), 34481 (13) and 34476 (12).



Responses by Zip Code
(5 minimum)

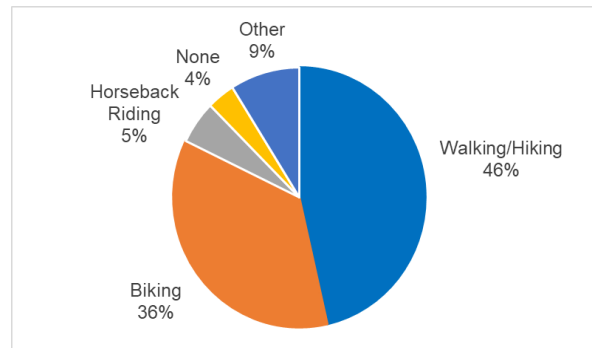
34471	31
34480	19
34470	13
34481	13
34476	12
34472	11
34474	11
34479	9
34475	7
34473	5
34482	5

3. In Marion County, what type of active transportation do you participate in? (select all that apply)

A total of 280 responses were received. The majority of participants reported Walking/Hiking and Biking as an active transportation activity.

130 (46%) Walking/Hiking
100 (35%) Biking
15 (5%) Horseback Riding
25 (9%) Other
10 (4%) None

Other: Running/Jogging (11); Kayaking (2); Skating; Bus, Bus Transit

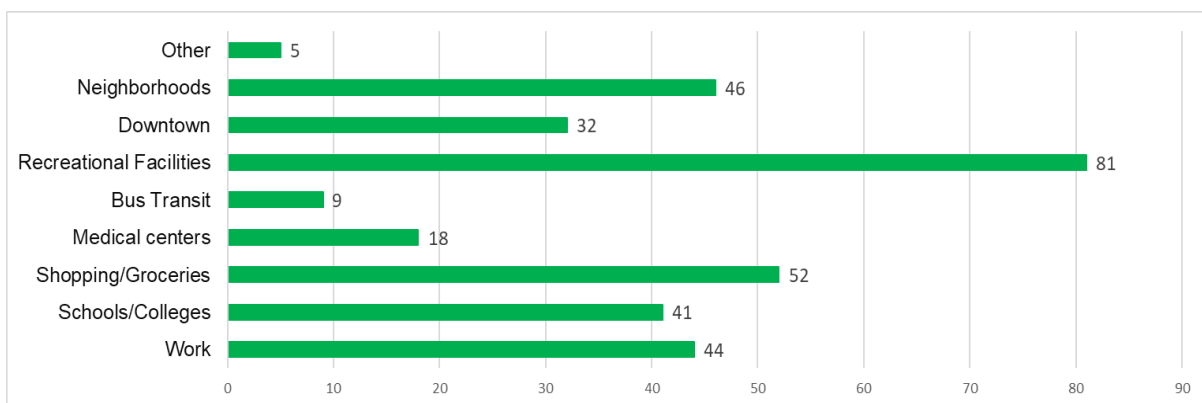


4. What are the top 2 most important land uses to connect to a safe active transportation network?

A total of 328 responses were received. The top two selections were Recreational Facilities (25%) and Shopping/Groceries (16%). Both selections combined account for 41% of the total responses.

44 (13%) Work
41 (13%) Schools/Colleges
52 (16%) Shopping Centers/Grocery Stores
18 (6%) Medical Centers
9 (3%) Bus Transit facilities
81 (25%) Recreational facilities (trails and parks)
32 (10%) Downtown
46 (14%) Neighborhoods
5 (2%) Other

Other: Sidewalks; Neighborhoods; Bike Lanes/Sidewalks



5. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much does active transportation contribute to your quality of life, health and well-being?

Based on type of active transportation activity selected, participants were asked to provide a response between 1 (lowest) and 10 (highest). The following summarizes the average from all responses for the three major activities in the survey.

Walking/Hiking (145 responses)

8.4

Biking (118 responses)

7.7

Horseback Riding (32 responses)

6.4

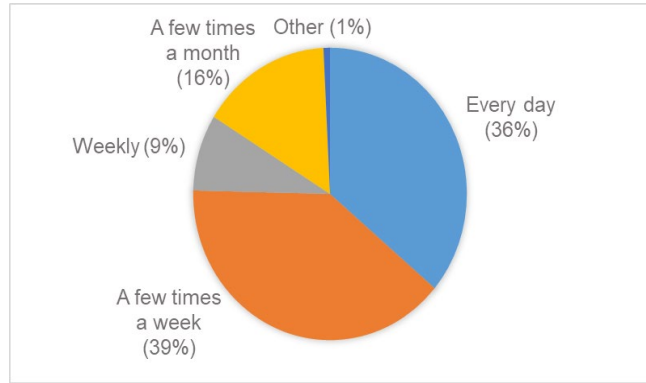
Walking/Hiking Responses

This section summarizes responses from participants that selected walking/hiking as a form of active transportation.

1. How often do you walk or hike?

A total of 130 responses were received. The top two selections were A Few Times a Week (39%) and Every Day (36%)

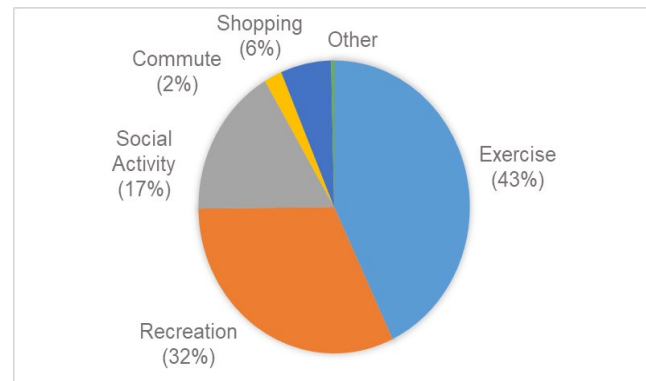
47 (36%) Every day
51 (39%) A few times a week
11 (9%) Weekly
20 (16%) A few times a month
1 (1%) Other



2. Why do you walk or hike in Marion County?

A total of 282 responses were received. The top two selections were Exercise (43%) and Recreation (32%)

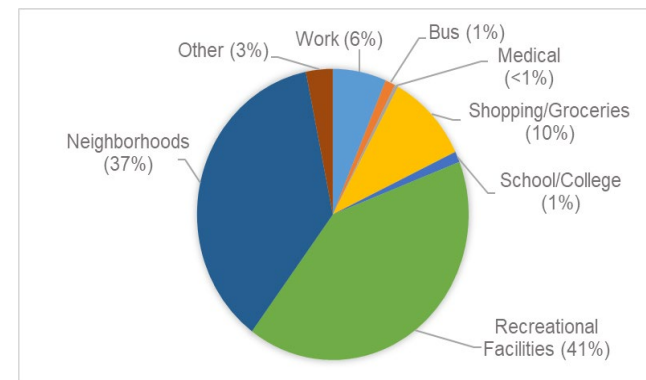
121 (43%) Exercise
90 (32%) Recreation
47 (17%) Social Activity
6 (2%) Commute to work/school
17 (6%) Shopping
1 (0%) Other



3. Where do you walk or hike in Marion County?

A total of 251 responses were received. The top two selections were Recreational Facilities (41%) and Neighborhoods (37%)

16 (6%) Work
3 (1%) School/College
1 (<1%) Medical Centers
25 (10%) Shopping/Grocery
3 (1%) Bus Transit
103 (41%) Recreational Facilities (trails, parks)
92 (37%) Neighborhoods
8 (3%) Other



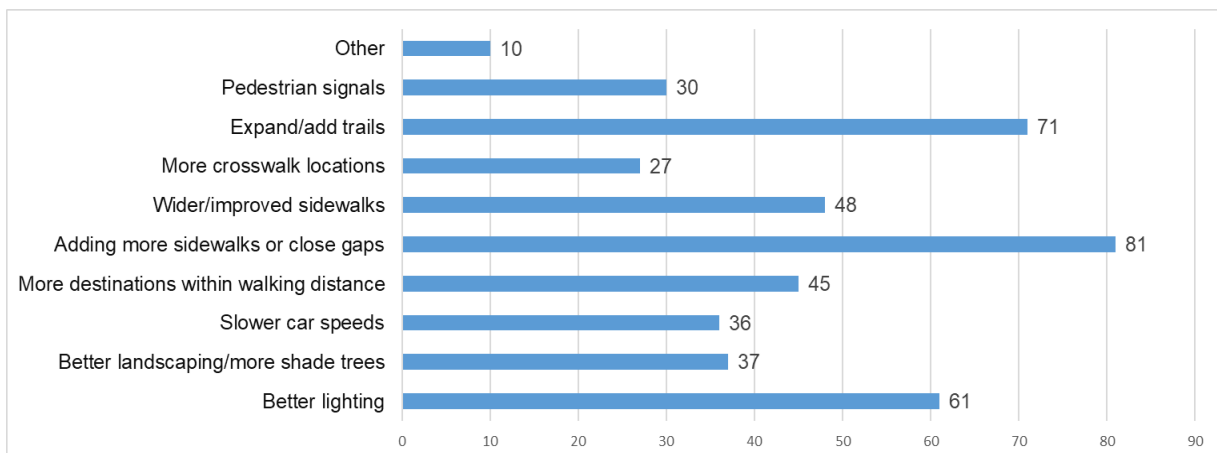
Other: Trails; Ocala National Forest or Baseline trails; Library; Wal-Mart; College of Central Florida; Neighborhood; Home/property; Around town

**4. What improvements would encourage you to walk or hike more often?
(Please select your top 3)**

A total of 446 responses were received. The top three selections were Adding more sidewalks or closing gaps (18%), Expanding/adding trails (16%) and Better Lighting (14%).

61 (14%) Better Lighting
37(8%) Better landscaping/more shade
36 (8%) Slower car speeds
45 (10%) More destinations within walking distance
81 (18%) Adding more sidewalks or close gaps
48 (11%) Wider/improved sidewalks
27 (6%) More crosswalk locations
71 (16%) Expand/Add trails
30 (7%) Pedestrian signals
10 (2%) Other

Other: Underpass tunnel on 80th from Stone Creek to Calesa; Add sidewalks around Santos Trailhead; Pedestrian walkway over Silver Springs downtown; More bus routes; More bathrooms; More water fountains; Less speeding on SW 7th and 35th; Florida is too hot to walk other than exercise; Respect for nature; Eliminate trash; Do not make bike lanes part of roadway projects; Drivers are preoccupied; Bike lanes connecting trails to schools and neighborhoods



5. How much do you spend on Walking or Hiking items in one year?

Participants were asked to provide annual estimated expenditures in support of their walking or hiking active mode of transportation for five related areas. The following summarizes each expenditure tier with the two most frequent response highlighted in bold. For all five expenditures combined, the most frequent range selected is \$100 to \$250.

Clothing/Shoes (127 responses)

\$0: 0
\$1-\$50: 16 (13%)
\$50-\$100: 25 (20%)
\$100-\$250: 39 (31%)
\$250-\$500: 25 (20%)
\$500+: 22 (17%)

Equipment (119 responses)

\$0: 26 (22%)
\$1-\$50: 17 (14%)
\$50-\$100: 21 (18%)
\$100-\$250: 22 (18%)
\$250-\$500: 15 (13%)
\$500+: 18 (15%)

Supplies/Food (122 responses)

\$0: 18 (15%)
\$1-\$50: 19 (16%)
\$50-\$100: 27 (22%)
\$100-\$250: 28 (23%)
\$250-\$500: 14 (11%)
\$500+: 16 (13%)

Fees (state park, etc) (123 responses)

\$0: 30 (24%)
\$1-\$50: 43 (35%)
\$50-\$100: 27 (22%)
\$100-\$250: 17 (14%)
\$250-\$500: 2 (2%)
\$500+: 4 (3%)

Events (117 responses)

\$0: 28 (24%)
\$1-\$50: 25 (21%)
\$50-\$100: 15 (13%)
\$100-\$250: 17 (15%)
\$250-\$500: 15 (13%)
\$500+: 17 (15%)

Biking Responses

This section summarizes responses from participants for questions specific to biking as an active form of transportation.

1. What type of bicycle do you mostly use?

A total of 100 responses were received.

93 (93%) Pedal Bicycle

7 (7%) Electric Bicycle

2. How often do you Bike?

A total of 99 responses were received. The top two selections were A Few Times a Week (33%) and A Few Times a Month (29%).

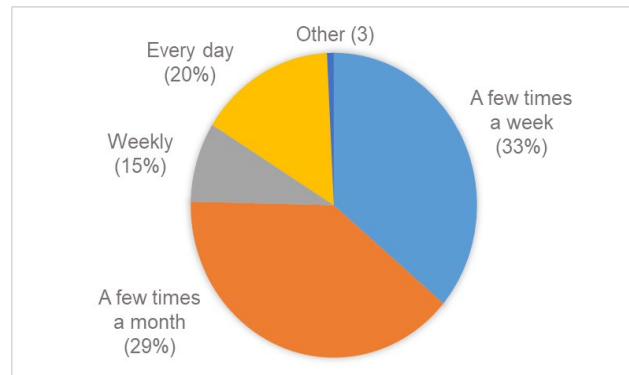
20 (20%) Every day

33 (33%) A few times a week

15 (15%) Weekly

28 (29%) A few times a month

3 (3%) Other



Other: Rarely do not feel safe; Few times a year; Few times a month

3. Why do you bike in Marion County?

A total of 224 responses were received. The top two selections were Exercise (41%) and Recreation (35%).

92 (41%) Exercise

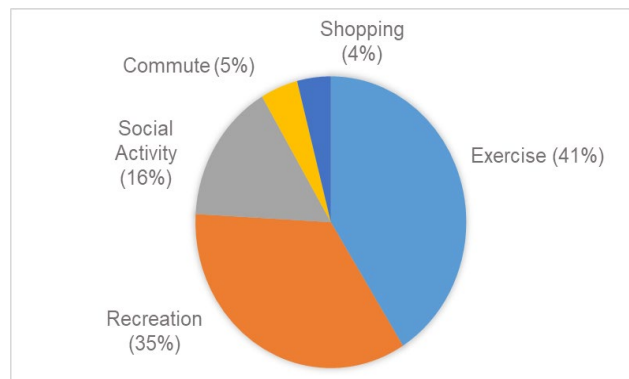
78 (35%) Recreation

35 (16%) Social Activity

10 (5%) Commute to work/school

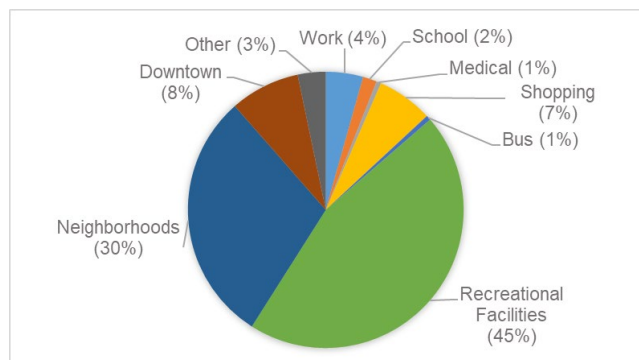
9 (4%) Shopping

0 (0%) Other



4. Where do you bike?

A total of 183 responses were received. The top two selections were Recreational Facilities (45%) and Neighborhoods (30%).



8 (4%) Work
3 (2%) School/College
1 (1%) Medical Centers
12 (7%) Shopping/Grocery
1 (1%) Bus Transit
83 (45%) Recreational Facilities
54 (30%) Neighborhoods
15 (8%) Downtown
6 (3%) Other

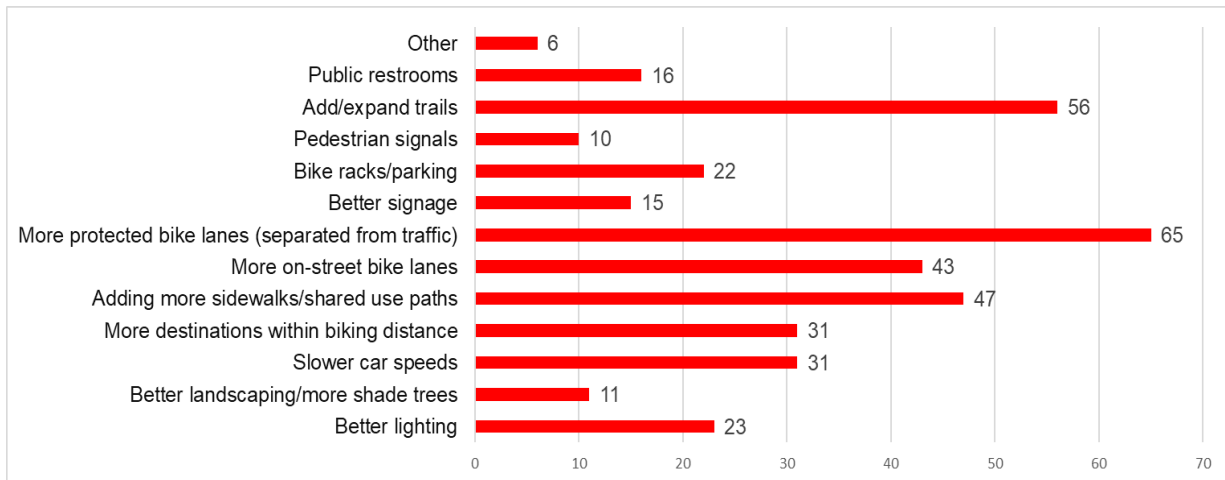
Other: Throughout the county; In county but challenging with poor shoulders/pavement conditions

5. What improvements would encourage you bike more often? (Please select your top 3)

A total of 376 responses were received. The top three selections were More protected bike lanes (17%), Expand/Add trails (15%), Adding more sidewalks/shared use paths (12%) and More on-street bike lanes (12%).

23 (6%) Better Lighting
11 (3%) Better landscaping/more shade
31 (8%) Slower car speeds
31 (8%) More destinations within biking distance
47 (13%) Adding more sidewalks/shared use paths
43 (11%) More on-street bike lanes
65 (17%) More protected bike lanes (separated from traffic)
15 (4%) Better signage
22 (6%) Bike racks/parking
10 (3%) Pedestrian signals
56 (15%) Expand/Add trails
16 (4%) Public restrooms
6 (2%) Other

Other: Stiffer penalties for drivers hitting cyclists; Resurfacing/better maintain roads and shoulders; Multi-use paths; More access to the Cross FI Greenway from neighborhoods; Cleaner bike lanes; Better pavement on major roadways



6. How much do you spend on Bicycle-related items in one year?

Participants were asked to provide annual estimated expenditures in support of their biking active mode of transportation for five related areas. The following summarizes each expenditure tier with the two most frequent responses in bold. For all six expenditures combined, the most frequent range selected is \$1 to \$100.

Clothing/Shoes (97 responses)

\$0: 9 (9%)

\$1-\$100: 23 (24%)

\$100-\$250: 32 (33%)

\$250-\$500: 19 (20%)

\$500-\$1,000: 8 (8%)

\$1,000+: 6 (6%)

Equipment (98 responses)

\$0: 10 (10%)

\$1-\$100: 21 (21%)

\$100-\$250: 21 (21%)

\$250-\$500: 19 (19%)

\$500-\$1,000: 8 (8%)

\$1,000+: 19 (19%)

Supplies/Food (94 responses)

\$0: 10 (11%)

\$1-\$100: 32 (34%)

\$100-\$250: 28 (30%)

\$250-\$500: 8 (9%)

\$500-\$1,000: 5 (5%)

\$1,000+: 11 (12%)

Repair/Maintenance (97 responses)

\$0: 12 (12%)

\$1-\$100: 24 (25%)

\$100-\$250: 29 (30%)

\$250-\$500: 20 (21%)

\$500-\$1,000: 9 (9%)

\$1,000+: 3 (3%)

Fees (state park, etc) (95 responses)

\$0: 28 (29%)

\$1-\$100: 45 (47%)

\$100-\$250: 9 (9%)

\$250-\$500: 12 (13%)

\$500-\$1,000: 0 (0%)

\$1,000+: 1 (1%)

Events (93 responses)

\$0: 36 (39%)

\$1-\$100: 23 (25%)

\$100-\$250: 9 (10%)

\$250-\$500: 11 (12%)

\$500-\$1,000: 4 (4%)

\$1,000+: 10 (11%)

Equestrian Responses

This section summarizes responses from participants for questions specific to equestrian/horseback riding as an active form of transportation.

1. How often do you horseback ride in Marion County?

A total of 15 responses were received. Every day was the highest selection.

- 8 (53%) Everyday
- 3 (20%) A few times a week
- 3 (20%) Weekly
- 1 (7%) A few times a month
- 0 (0%) Other

2. Why do you horseback ride in Marion County?

A total of 30 responses were received. The most frequent response was recreation (43%).

- 6 (20%) Exercise
- 13 (43%) Recreation
- 7 (23%) Social activity
- 0 (0%) Commute to work/school
- 0 (0%) Shopping
- 4 (13%) Other

Other: Emotional therapy; Sport/training; Enjoyment; Competition

3. Where do you horseback ride?

A total of 20 responses were received. The most frequent response was trails.

- 2 (10%) Shoulder of road
- 12 (60%) Trails
- 6 (30%) Other

Other: Farms

4. What would encourage you to horseback ride more often? (Please select your top 3)

A total of 51 responses were received. The top three selections were: Better access to trails (18%), More separated horse trails (16%) and Improved amenities for horses (16%). However, the improvement suggestions were all closely ranked.

- 8 (16%) More separated horse trails
- 9 (18%) Better access to trails
- 7 (14%) Safe horse crossings
- 7 (14%) Affordable horse rentals

3 (6%) Better trailer parking at trailheads
8 (16%) Improved amenities for horses
5 (10%) Shelter/shade
2 (4%) Better signage
2 (4%) Other

5. How much do you spend on horseback-related items in one year?

Participants were asked to provide annual estimated expenditures in support of horseback riding for five related areas. The following summarizes each expenditure tier and corresponding responses. For all five expenditures combined, the most frequent range selected is \$1 to \$100.

Clothing/Shoes (13 responses)

\$0: 1 (8%)
\$100-\$250: 2 (15%)
\$250-\$500: 1 (8%)
\$500-\$1,000: 1 (8%)
\$1,000-\$2,500: 4 (31%)
\$2,500+: 4 (31%)

Equipment (13 responses)

\$0: 2 (15%)
\$100-\$250: 3 (23%)
\$250-\$500: 1 (8%)
\$500-\$1,000: 2 (15%)
\$1,000-\$2,500: 1 (8%)
\$2,500+: 4 (31%)

Supplies/Food (14 responses)

\$0: 2 (14%)
\$100-\$250: 1 (7%)
\$250-\$500: 1 (7%)
\$500-\$1,000: 1 (7%)
\$1,000-\$2,500: 2 (14%)
\$2,500+: 7 (50%)

Transportation (13 responses)

\$0: 3 (23%)
\$100-\$250: 6 (46%)
\$250-\$500: 0 (0%)
\$500-\$1,000: 2 (15%)
\$1,000-\$2,500: 1 (8%)
\$2,500+: 1 (8%)

Fees (state park, etc) (13 responses)

\$0: 3 (23%)

\$1-\$100: 6 (46%)

\$100-\$250: 0 (0%)

\$250-\$500: 2 (15%)

\$500-\$1,000: 1 (8%)

\$1,000+: 1 (8%)

Events (12 responses)

\$0: 3 (25%)

\$1-\$100: 4 (33%)

\$100-\$250: 0 (0%)

\$250-\$500: 1 (8%)

\$500-\$1,000: 0 (0%)

\$1,000+: 4 (33%)

Do you have any additional comments to share?

A total of 67 additional comments were shared by the participants. The comments are organized by topic areas for ease of review.

Facility Needs and Connections (20)

- Would love to see more paved bike/pedestrian trails
- With cost of vehicles, biking will be more important in future
- Not enough handicap spaces
- A paved trail on the greenway needs to be completed to Dunnellon.
- There needs to be bike lanes on all roadways that lead to the Santos Trailhead.
- Please make bike lanes mandatory for any new or improved roads. There is also a need for camera coverage to help catch the drivers who will hit the riders/walkers.
- Please invest in a comprehensive trail network
- Please help make ocala more active and accessible for all by giving us safe through ways, sidewalks and more wonderful trails!
- Please complete the trail from Dunellon to Hwy 200 with an ability to cross Hwy 200 safely.
- Please add more ways to get around Ocala and Marion county safely by bike.
- Please put a route to the WEC, thank you
- My husband and I live on the Ne side of Silver Springs. We love that we can walk or bike downtown and enjoy everything it has to offer. However, it is not easy crossing Silver Springs. A pedestrian crosswalk over the road would make life so much easier !
- More sidewalks in summerfield area please!
- More protected bike lanes
- It would be nice to have several hubs to start from. These could also serve for bikers/hikers to meet one another. Water fountains along the trails may help although most hikers/bikers carry their own. Trails should also accommodate the handicapped. Parking. Facilities should be available near hubs. THANK YOU.
- I worked in the trauma ICU and saw a lot of patients hit by cars on 200, 40, and busy roads. I live in Fore Ranch and would love to walk to the mall or movies but 200 is so busy I am afraid to cross it even with the crosswalk. Could there be pedestrian bridges built? Our community is growing SO fast. Can we slow down the amount of farms getting sold of for huge apartment complexes? Our roads aren't ready for this many people let alone safe for people to walk or bike along. I used to ride bikes on the road and saw too many friends get hit by car drivers. There needs to be more options of transport for the elderly who are on a fixed income and do not drive.

- I want to see Santos trailhead connect to downtown Ocala and Belleview as well as the Greenway without having to bike ride along fast roads without sidewalks or bike paths. It's so hard to ride my bike on a soft shoulder and the cars zipping by makes it feel too dangerous.
- Forest service recently disked (plowed?) fire access around the greenway. There was walking, biking access at the southern end of 65th street in the Liberty Triangle region allowing access without reliance on motor vehicles that is now impossible. Why not allow access here and maintain the fire break at the same time. I contacted the Forest Service and they consider this use as illegal. That could be changed and assist the neighborhood with access
- Biking in particular is vital to ensure low-income individuals are able to get to work. Many people can not afford a car or registration and maintenance of a car. Biking needs to be made safe for those individuals through (ideally protected) bike lanes. I also bike for recreation on the local trails and connecting the west end of the Santos Trail to the Withlacoochee Trail would be a huge improvement to our trail system. Also adding a trail that extends into downtown Ocala would promote tourism from long-distance trail cyclists coming from the southern trails that connect to the Withlacoochee already.
- Any kind of lane on the side of the road would be better than none.

Safety/Access/Lighting (18)

- There are virtually no sidewalks in my neighborhood (north of the social security office on rt 40). There is heavy traffic in the area. 11th ave NE is a major thoroughfare with a lot of pedestrian traffic and no sidewalks. It is a miracle no one has been killed. I see people jump onto lawns to avoid vehicles. Vehicles speed between stop signs. Vehicles do not stop at 4 way stop signs. How's about some enforcement. The same holds true for the neighborhoods on the other side of rt 40. Lots of traffic, lots of people walking and no sidewalks. Pedestrian cross walks need to have flashing lights. 2 new pedestrian cross walks were installed by the police station on 301. No flashing lights were installed. How stupid is that. There is so much traffic there. Anybody would be crazy to use those crosswalks. Drivers are not going to see pedestrians trying to cross. Please add flashing lights. At least give pedestrians a chance to cross safely.
- The hardest part of biking in Ocala is the cars. I don't feel safe biking with my kids outside of trails. More awareness to drivers is needed, because they are not used to driving with bikes sharing the roads. I am used to Gainesville where there are a lot of pedestrians and biking is a normal mode of transportation.
- The greenway is amazing. Our sidewalks are OK, but cars travel so fast and drive reckless, so urban walking is terrifying.
- The downtown roadways/crossings are SO DANGEROUS! Cars do not stop at stop signs especially between Harry's and Cantina. I have almost been hit twice while in the crosswalk. Let's improve the safety of our citizens.

- The bike lanes on local roads are not safe with distracted drivers of all types including drugs, alcohol, PHONES, and unlicensed drivers of all ages. Expand sidewalks for bikes and walkers for more safety.
- The biggest issue in Ocala that prevents me from doing said activities is the drivers so many people run red lights and if I'm in a cross walk they don't care they still go for it
- We need more places that are safe and well lighted at night
- More lighting, pedestrian and bike traffic is a huge fatality situation now and for people who love to walk or bike and have the option to choose won't because it's unsafe. Major intersections with crosswalks don't have lights or appropriate signage. A speed study was done on SE 30th avenue for example due to it being a major cut from maricamp to fort king. Study showed over 89% of cars speeding but said they couldn't do anything once it was complete & said Opd needs to do more traffic. Well we are a local law enforcement family and that didn't sit well. I couldn't believe how bad the results from the study were. We've considered petitions to attempt to simply get stop signs or even speed humps. Average speeds are 40-55 in a 30mph resd street. According to the study a car passes on average 30 seconds apart at those speeds. Kids from buses and bike riders genuinely risk their life just walking or riding where they need to. It's disappointing this city is so far behind. Been here 40 years.
- In addition the above, I often see school aged children who walk to school and there are no/limited sidewalks and poor lighting. All areas up to schools and areas around schools should all have sidewalks accessible and pedestrian crossing.
- I would like to be able to commute more on my bike but fear of getting hit keeps me in my truck.
- I used to cycle through town. Even the so-called bike lanes are unsafe now. Distracted and impatient drivers make it untenable. Plus the bike lanes are rarely swept of the debris that inevitably collects at the sides of a road. There are a lot of people who ride even bc they can't afford a car. We need to do better
- I think we missed the mark on this survey. We are geared toward parks and shopping etc, but often these areas are only used because sidewalks and lighting don't exist in the citizen's own neighborhood. We also failed to address school children walking to and from school/bus stop; how is that prioritized below "shopping?" Watch your neighborhoods when you drive through them and pay attention to all the people walking, biking, and jogging. Do they have sidewalks, any marked crosswalks, lighting, bike lanes, signals, etc? Do they have cars passing them? Do they look safe?
- I have noticed the increment of noisy cars e.i hot rod engine, also speeding cars, loud music etc. It's turning into a hard place to live.
- I commute often to work and ride many bike paths/parks in the Ocala/marion county area. The biggest hazard to our health are drivers driving too fast or too

close to us and the road debris taking up 1/2 to 3/4 of every bike lane in the Ocala area. We have to ride very close to the line separating cars and cyclists on the road and we often are nearly hit because the debris we have to avoid in the bike lanes or edge of roads that don't have bike lanes. Baseline road has largest bike lanes but literally has 3/4 of lane full of debris on baseline south of Maricamp. We hit debris, we can flat a tire and crash Or we ride on edge of bike lane and we can easily get hit by a car. Bike lanes have not been cleaned across the city/county. I ride 9K miles a year at this point in ocala and it's sad how the county/city seems to not care about its cyclists.

- Existing roads need resurfacing and maintained. Potholes and rough patch jobs are rampant and not safe for the high psi tire pressures on bicycles. We depend on the quieter back roads for our safety!
- Existing bike lanes filled with debris causing frequent tire damage
- Bike lanes are very good and important, but the bike lanes in Marion County are so dirty! So much garbage and debris that it's dangerous to ride in them.
- Auto technologies have made need for safer walking/biking more important than ever!

Events (1)

- More bike events related to biking would be nice, the only thing I know about it the Fat Tire Festival. No road bike events.

Specific Roadway Locations (8)

- The Santos Trailhead has become a cycling destination and needs more accessibility by putting in a bike lane on 80th. Also, a tunnel under U.S. 301 would help the trail to so many people.
- When 80th becomes four lanes in 2026 or 2027, a multimodal underpass needs to be constructed at 63rd Street Road. It is very dangerous to cross. Construction will also reduce traffic load since people will be able to use golf carts to attend events and new retail at Calesa.
- SW 38th Street. From 20th to Sam's club is extremely dangerous. Adding apartments with hundreds of more speeding cars is beyond worrying. Sidewalks and bike lanes are desperately needed. The Sam's club intersection needs to be dealt with. There is space for an additional driveway behind the store.
- In SW Ocala, there are 2 great multimodal paths separated by the traffic light intersection of SW 80th Ave. and SW 63rd Street Road. This is the light connecting Stone Creek to Calesa. Does you know who I could contact to see if a connection is part of the plan in Marion County? Two great paths separated by a nasty intersection with curbs.
- I would love to commute via bike or running, but it is definitely not safe. Especially in certain corridors such as Baseline Rd between 92nd/441, 441, and Maricamp on the county maintained portion.

- Create off road bike/walking path along SR 200 and 484 to Santos trail. Approx 1/4 mile Paved path required. Will improve access and safety
- Create better access to Santos trail from SR 200
- NE 36th Ave is in dire need of paved bicycle path from NE 14th St to NE 49th St. NE 35th Street from NE 36th Ave to Baseline Road in Silver Springs also needs paved bicycle path.

Community Facilities (6)

- Would really benefit from a waterpark or zoo for kids with mascot characters
- We need a good outdoor track for kids/ Not having a public track is sad. Brick city is good but needs improvement!
- Our parks only offer scenery and nothing to do or to promote activity. All we have is a million springs and trees. We need more social activities and equipment for out door use. Frisbee park? Dog parks? Soccer, baseball, sports parks. We all can't afford the WEC center and that's all you worry about. I get nothing for my taxes.
- As a senior, I am extremely active. I power walk minimally 5 mornings every week. I am a member of Marion County Parks and Rec hiking and Kayaking clubs meeting monthly. I physically work out in Tuscawill Park daily along with others, effectively turning our Park into a gym by using Park benches, children's play ground equipment and stairs. There is a huge emphasis on children's playgrounds in our parks, but adult workout stations are grossly overlooked.
- Active recreation centers are great for the community. Thank you for looking into ways to improve and add them. Sites like the Cross Florida Greenway are wonderful and I hope to see more areas to walk and bike safely added.
- Should have a large park with a body exercise weights on the SW side of Ocala

General (14)

- This was a confusing questionnaire.
- Thank you for asking how you can improve bike safety and promote a healthy lifestyle.
- Stop paving horse country.
- Stop building houses. You're worried about transportation? You are ruining the roads because of all of the building. Worry about that first. YOU ARE RUINING OUR COUNTRY CITY OCALA!
- Something DESPERATELY needs to be done with the roads BEFORE we even consider parks!!!
- Please reduce traffic
- Add more bus services
- Ocala needs a passenger train rail system to connect passengers from Major cities. It's critical and much needed when we need to fly using Orlando or Tampa International Airports... Amtrak would be a great option.

- Marion county's public transit is HORRIBLE and the lack of sidewalks to even walk around my own neighborhood is HORRIBLE and all the added construction of new homes have made it even worse and over crowded streets
- I would definitely be spending and going more if we had public transportation on a better timely schedule.
- Consider improving these conditions for the Marion county diaspora community who have left home and enjoy the qualities of sound infrastructure and urban planning. If you do small investments now, then it will be amenable for outta state Ocalans to want to visit and extend their stays. Just sayin.
- Citizens organized trash pickups on the parks, trailheads, along side of the roads and trails.
- Beyond this the over development is destroying Marion county The traffic. The lack of left turn lanes The traffic especially on 200 and at 60th. The poor quality builders are detrimental to our safety. This state has become extremely buyer beware. Be very beware
- Belleview and Ocala could be a huge bike mecca promoting B&Bs, hotels, restaurants, etc if we had more bike lanes connecting to the paved and dirt trails. Connect neighborhoods and restaurants to the trails.

Active Transportation Plan Comment Map Summary

The following summarizes comments received from the online comment map. A total of 29 comments were shared by members of the public. Comments were organized by Pedestrian, Cyclist, Equestrian and Other. The comment map was open the public from September 18, 2024 to February 28, 2025.



Pedestrian (17)

- 62nd Place, Ocala Park Estates: Paved sidewalk needed for busy neighborhood. Children walking or waiting for bus in the grass.
- SW 20th Street: Sidewalk needed from CF to under I-75. Currently, pedestrians walk on grass and side of road from 38th to College.
- SR 200: Need better crosswalk at Paddock Mall crossing to CF.
- SR 200 at 27th Avenue: Difficult intersection to cross, scary for walkers. Needs improvements.
- SW 5th Street, east of SW 20th Avenue: Review this area of city. Sidewalks missing or in bad shape.
- Downtown to Mid-Town: Need better crosswalks for pedestrians between Midtown areas with new hotel and Downtown Square.
- NW 22nd Street, between MLK and US 301/Pine Avenue: Sidewalks needed. A lot of walkers on the street traveling to Howard Academy.
- NW 35th Street, between W. Anthony Road and US 301/Pine: Sidewalks needed.
- NE 28th Street, between NE Jacksonville Road and NE 14th Avenue: Need lighting and sidewalks. Children walking to school and pedestrians along road and in dark.
- NE 35th Street at NE 18th Terrace area: Need sidewalks on 35th including in county limits. Death trap to commute with pedestrians in the roadway or bicycles popping in and out of nowhere, poor lighting.
- NE 25th Avenue (7), between NE 34th Place and NE 28th Street: Sidewalks needed, curves of road are dangerous, two churches with pedestrian activity and speeding vehicles.



Cyclist (7)

- SW 80th and SW 63rd Avenue: Multimodal underpass needed from Stone Creek to Calesa.
- Ocala Park Estates/NW 49th: Ocala Park Estates at 49th Street, using new interchange and access via 35th Street.
- Highway 314: Bike Path needed from SR 40 to Salt Springs.
- SE 18th Street/SE 18th Avenue: Bike comment.
- NE 25th Avenue (2), between NE 34th Place and NE 28th Street: curves of road are dangerous, two churches, no bicycle access.
- NE 36th Avenue area. Bike comment.



Other (5)

- Landbridge over I-75 (Cross Fl Greenway): Safety improvements. Cyclists travel too fast with people and horses walking. Tight crossing.
- SW 27 Avenue at Easy Street: Dark, poor lighting at intersection.
- Florida Northern Trail: Convert existing rail line to trail in City of Ocala.
- NE 25th Avenue (2), between NE 34th Place and NE 28th Street: curves of road are dangerous, two churches, no bicycle access, no sidewalks. Fast driving.

The map displays Marion County, Florida, with various locations marked by icons representing different active transportation modes. The legend on the left identifies the icons: Pedestrian (yellow), Cyclist (red), Equestrian (blue), and Other (green). Key locations include Silver Springs, Ocala, and various state parks and recreation areas. A search bar at the top right allows for finding addresses or places.

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Map showing Marion County, Florida, with various locations marked for active transportation comments. Key locations include Silver Springs, Ocala, and various state parks and recreation areas. The map also shows major roads like US Highway 40 and US Highway 19, and geographical features like Lake Weir and Lake Okechobee.



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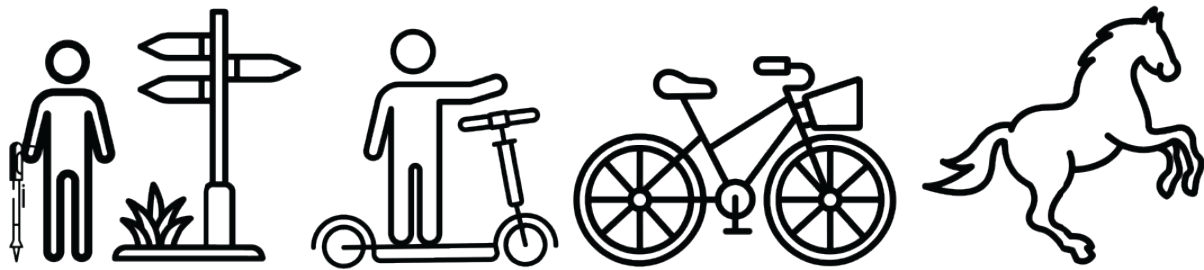
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Ocala Marion TPO Active Transportation Plan Survey

Biking - Walking - Equestrian

The Ocala Marion TPO is conducting a public survey in support of our Active Transportation Plan. Active transportation is human-powered mobility, such as biking, walking, or rolling. Please share your thoughts on transportation challenges and opportunities in Marion County by completing this survey.

For more information on the Active Transportation Plan please visit the website at: www.ocalamariontpo.org. The project website includes an overview of the plan, timeline, important updates, a public comment map, and photo gallery.

For general information please contact the Ocala Marion TPO:

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Thank you for your participation!

1. What is your age?

- ☐ Under 18 years old
- ☐ 18 to 24 years old
- ☐ 25 to 34 years old
- ☐ 35 to 44 years old
- ☐ 45 to 54 years old
- ☐ 55 to 64 years old
- ☐ 65+ years old
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

2. Please provide your home ZIP code.

3. In Marion County, what type of active transportation do you participate in? (select all that apply)

- ☐ Walking/Hiking (go to Q5)
- ☐ Biking (go to Q9)
- ☐ Horseback Riding (go to Q14)
- ☐ None (go to Q22)
- ☐ Other (please specify) (go to Q18)

4. What are the top 2 most important land uses to connect to a safe active transportation network?

- ☐ Jobs
- ☐ Schools/Colleges
- ☐ Shopping Centers/Grocery Stores
- ☐ Medical Centers
- ☐ Bus Transit Facilities (bus stops, station)
- ☐ Recreational facilities (trails, parks)
- ☐ Downtown
- ☐ Other (please specify)

WALKING/HIKING RELATED QUESTIONS

5. How often do you walk or hike in Marion County?

- ☐ Everyday
- ☐ A few times a week
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ A few times a month
- ☐ Other (please specify)

6. Why do you walk or hike in Marion County?

- ☐ Exercise
- ☐ Recreation
- ☐ Social Activity
- ☐ Commute to work/school
- ☐ Shopping
- ☐ Other (please specify)

7. Where do you walk or hike?

- ☐ Work
- ☐ School/College
- ☐ Medical Centers
- ☐ Shopping Centers/Grocery Stores
- ☐ Bus Transit Facilities (bus stops, station)
- ☐ Recreational Facilities (trails, parks)
- ☐ Downtown
- ☐ Other (please specify)

8. What improvements would encourage you to walk or hike more? (please select your top 3)

- ☐ Better lighting
- ☐ Better landscaping/more shade trees
- ☐ Slower car speeds
- ☐ More destinations within walking distance
- ☐ Adding more sidewalks or close sidewalk gaps
- ☐ Wider/improved sidewalks
- ☐ More crosswalk locations
- ☐ Expand/add trails
- ☐ Pedestrian signals
- ☐ Other (please specify)

BIKING RELATED QUESTIONS

9. What type of bicycle do you mostly use?

- ☐ Pedal Bicycle
- ☐ Electric Bicycle

10. How often do you bike in Marion County?

- ☐ Everyday
- ☐ A few times a week
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ A few times a month
- ☐ Other (please specify)

11. Why do you bike in Marion County?

- ☐ Exercise
- ☐ Recreation
- ☐ Social Activity
- ☐ Commute to work/school
- ☐ Shopping
- ☐ Other (please specify)

12. Where do you bike?

- ☐ Work
- ☐ School/College
- ☐ Medical Centers
- ☐ Shopping Centers/Grocery Stores
- ☐ Bus Transit Facilities (bus stops, station)
- ☐ Recreational Facilities (trails, parks)
- ☐ Downtown
- ☐ Other (please specify)

13. What improvements would encourage you to bike more? (please select your top 3)

- ☐ Better lighting
- ☐ Better landscaping/more shade trees
- ☐ Slower car speeds
- ☐ More destinations within biking distance
- ☐ Adding more sidewalks/shared use paths
- ☐ More on-street bike lanes
- ☐ More protected bike lanes (separated from cars)
- ☐ Better signage

- ☐ Bike racks/parking
- ☐ Pedestrian signals
- ☐ Add/expand trails
- ☐ Public Restrooms
- ☐ Other (please specify)

HORSEBACK RIDING RELATED QUESTIONS

14. How often do you horseback ride in Marion County?

- ☐ Everyday
- ☐ A few times a week
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ A few times a month
- ☐ Other (please specify)

15. Why do you horseback ride in Marion County?

- ☐ Exercise
- ☐ Recreation
- ☐ Social Activity
- ☐ Commute to work/school
- ☐ Shopping
- ☐ Other (please specify)

16. Where do you horseback ride in Marion County?

- ☐ Shoulder of the road
- ☐ Trails
- ☐ Other (please specify)

17. What improvements would encourage you to horseback ride more? (please select your top 3)

- ☐ More separated horse trails
- ☐ Better access to trails
- ☐ Safe horse crossings
- ☐ Affordable horse rentals
- ☐ Better trailer parking at trailheads
- ☐ Improved amenities for horses (water stations)
- ☐ Shelters/shade
- ☐ Better signage
- ☐ Other (please specify)

OTHER ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION RELATED QUESTIONS

18. How often do you participate in Marion County?

- ☐ Everyday
- ☐ A few times a week
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ A few times a month
- ☐ Other (please specify)

19. Why do you participate in Marion County?

- ☐ Exercise
- ☐ Recreation
- ☐ Social Activity
- ☐ Commute to work/school
- ☐ Shopping
- ☐ Other (please specify)

20. Where do you participate in your type of active transportation?

- ☐ Work
- ☐ School/College
- ☐ Medical Centers
- ☐ Shopping Centers/Grocery Stores
- ☐ Bus Transit Facilities (bus stops, station)
- ☐ Recreational Facilities (trails, parks)
- ☐ Downtown
- ☐ Other (please specify)

21. What types of improvements would encourage you to do it more often?

DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION RELATED QUESTION

22. What would encourage you to participate in active transportation?

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

23. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much does active transportation contribute to your quality of life, health, and well-being? (1-lowest, 10-highest, N/A-not applicable)

	N/A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Walking/ Hiking											
Biking											
Horseback Riding											
Other											

24. How much do you spend on Walking and Hiking related items in one year?

	\$0	\$1 to \$50	\$50 to \$100	\$100 to \$250	\$250 to \$500	Above \$500
Clothing/ Shoes						
Equipment						
Supplies/ Food						
Fees (State Park, etc)						
Events						
Other						

25. How much do you spend on Bicycle-related items in one year?

	\$0	\$1 to \$100	\$100 to \$250	\$250 to \$500	\$500 to \$1,000	Above \$1,000
Clothing/ Shoes						
Equipment (bicycles, parts, accessories)						
Supplies/ Food						
Repair/ Maintenance						
Fees (State Park, etc)						
Events						
Other						

26. How much do you spend on Horseback Riding-related items in one year?

	\$0	\$1 to \$250	\$250 to \$500	\$500 to \$1,000	\$1,000 to \$2,500	Above \$2,500
Clothing/ Shoes						
Equipment						
Supplies/Food						
Transportation						
Fees (State Park, etc)						
Events						
Other						

27. How much do you spend on your other Active Transportation-related items in one year?

	\$0	\$1 to \$50	\$50 to \$100	\$100 to \$250	\$250 to \$500	Above \$500
Clothing/ Shoes						
Equipment						
Supplies/ Food						
Fees (State Park, etc)						
Events						
Other						

28. Do you have any additional comments?

Name/Contact Information