

Walkers Brook Drive Survey Summary

Survey respondents answered the questionnaire aimed at understanding the corridor usage patterns and exploring community vision topics, with the goal of shaping a more efficient and sustainable transportation future.



Project Goals



Goal #1

*Pedestrian, Cyclist,
Vehicular Improvements*



Goal #2

*Community Engagement
Program*



Goal #3

*Solidify an overall
community vision*

- Provide the community and key stakeholders with design alternatives for the Walkers Brook Corridor. Design alternatives will include a variety of pedestrian, cyclist, and vehicular improvements while preserving the commercial use of the corridor by abutting businesses.
- Initiate a community engagement program to showcase alternatives and gather feedback.
- Solidify an overall community vision for Walkers Brook Drive and future implementation efforts for the corridor.

Survey Highlights

Survey respondents answered a series of questions for the Walkers Brook Drive Redesign. Here are some key trends we noticed throughout responses.



#1

Wider
pedestrian-friendly
sidewalks



#2

Pedestrian & Biking
Signage



#3

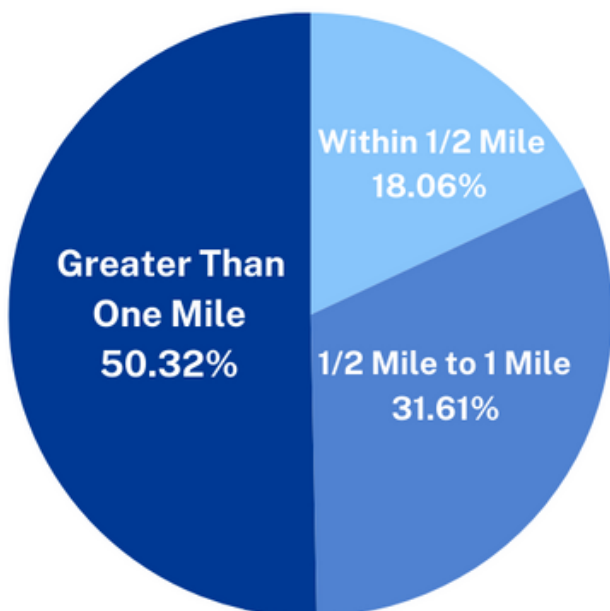
Aesthetic
Enhancements

Data

310 survey respondents have given their opinions on what they would like to see from the Walkers Brook Drive Project. The data below reflects the communities' aspirations for what they believe will build a safer, more accessible community.

Question #1

How far do you live from the Walkers Brook Drive corridor?



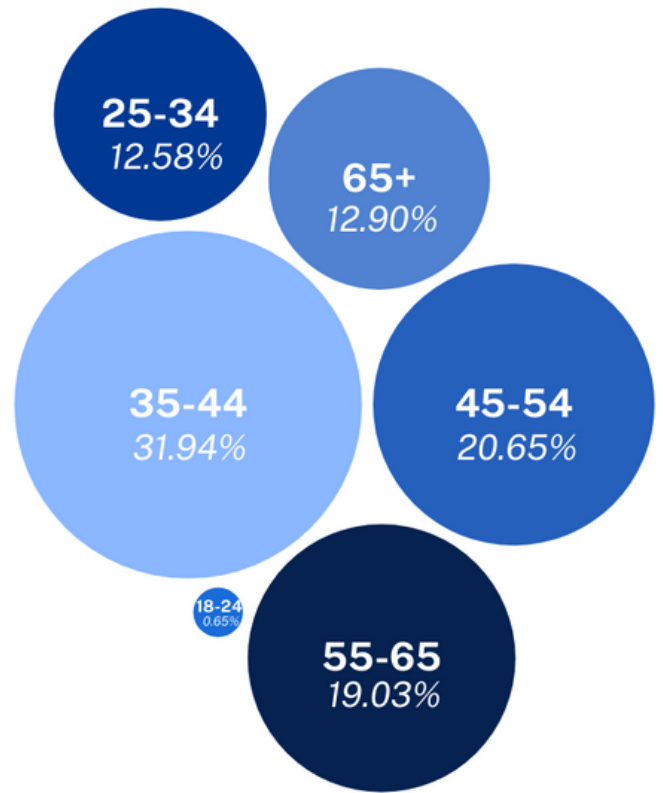
More than 50% of survey respondents live greater than one mile away from the Walkers Brook Drive Corridor.

Question #2

What age group describes you?

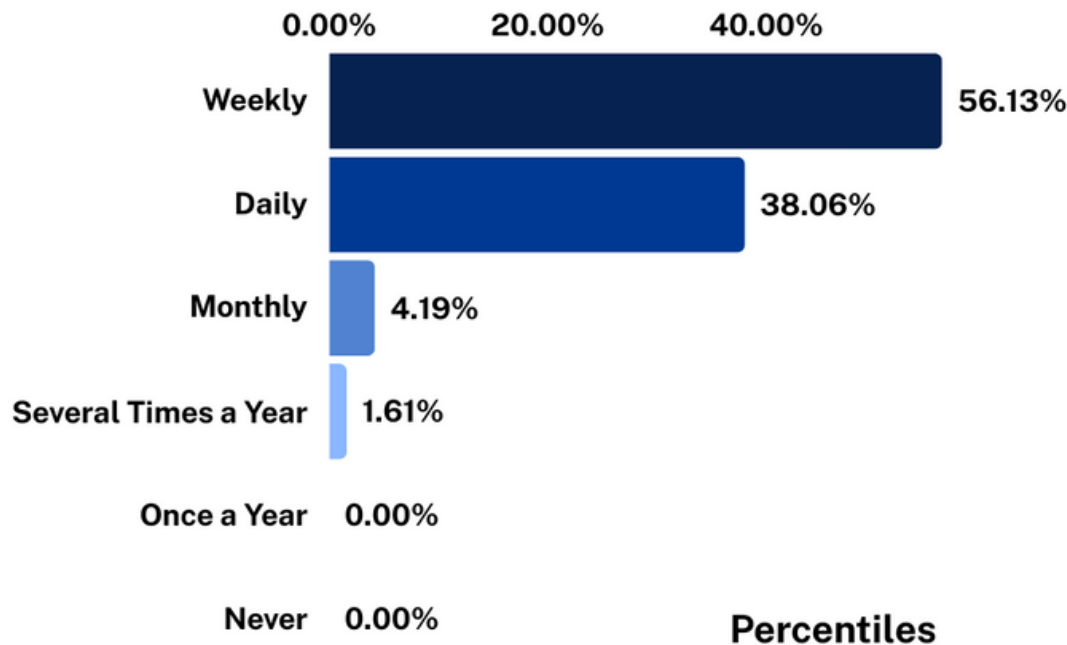
The majority of survey respondents ranged in the 35-44 age group.

Only 12.9% of respondents were seniors, 65+.



Question #3

How often do you utilize the Walkers Brook Drive corridor?



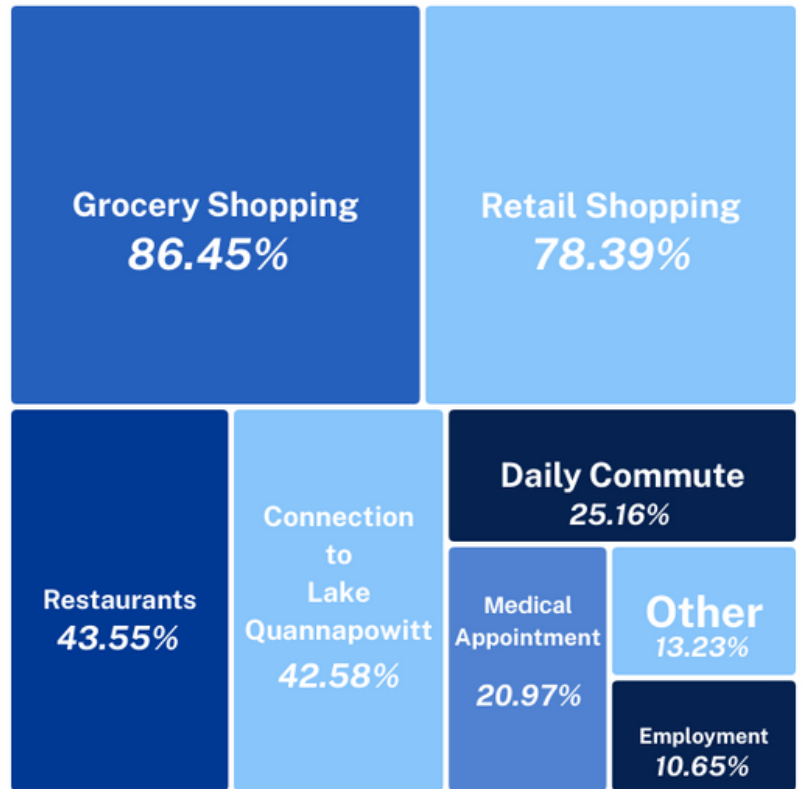
More than half of survey respondents utilize the Walkers Brook Drive corridor weekly.

All survey respondents utilize the Walkers Brook Drive corridor at some point. No one responded with never utilizing.

Question #4

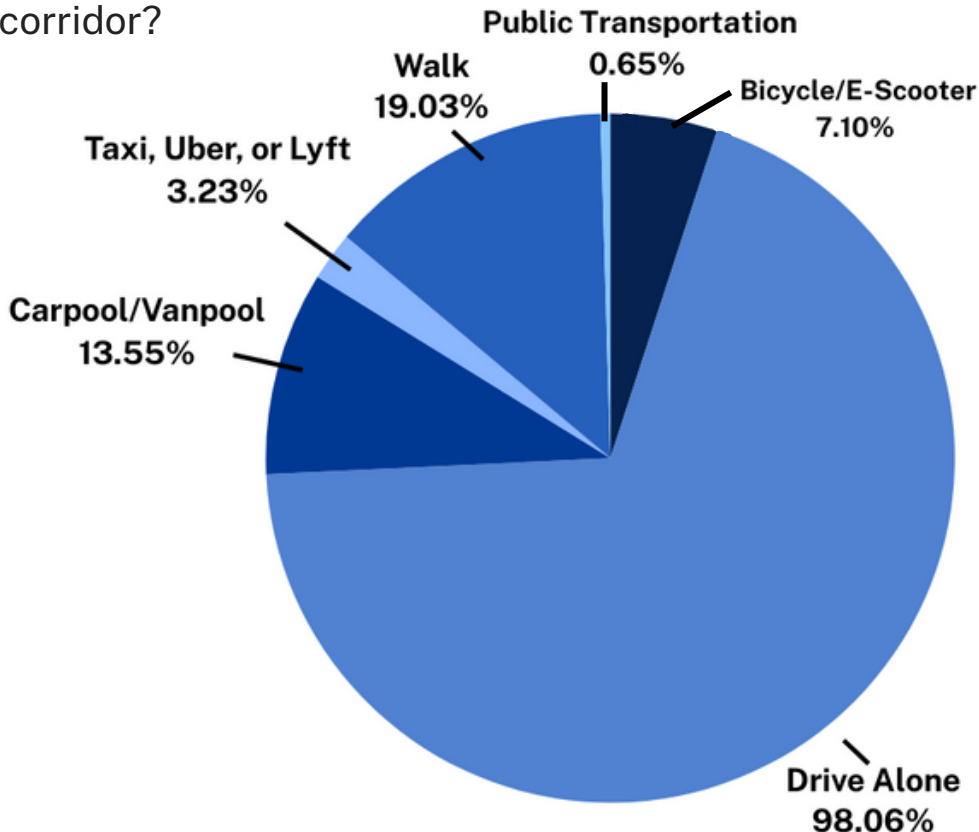
What reasons do you visit Walkers Brook Drive corridor?

Most survey respondents reasoning for visiting Walkers Brook Drive were for retail and grocery shopping.



Question #5

How do you typically travel to the Walkers Brook Drive corridor?

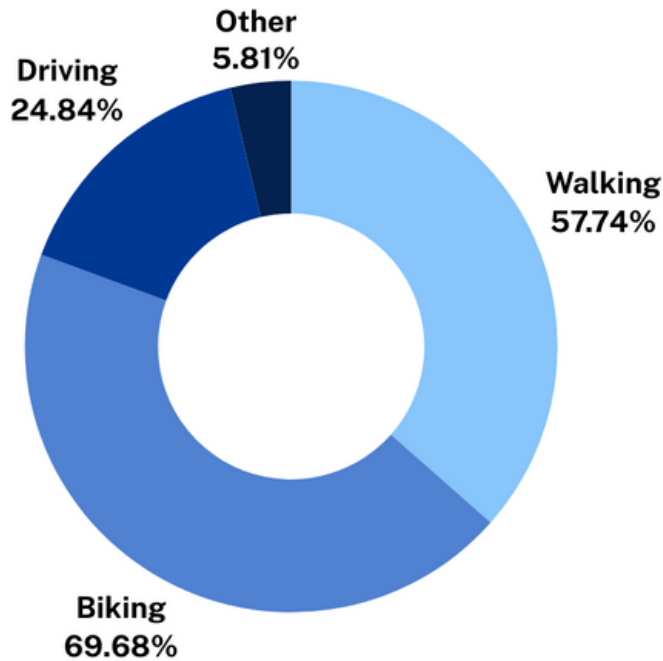


Driving alone to travel to the Walkers Brook Drive corridor is the most common method for traveling.

Many survey takers do not use public transportation to travel to the Walkers Brook Drive corridor.

Question #6

Which current mode of transportation along Walkers Brook Drive is most unsafe?

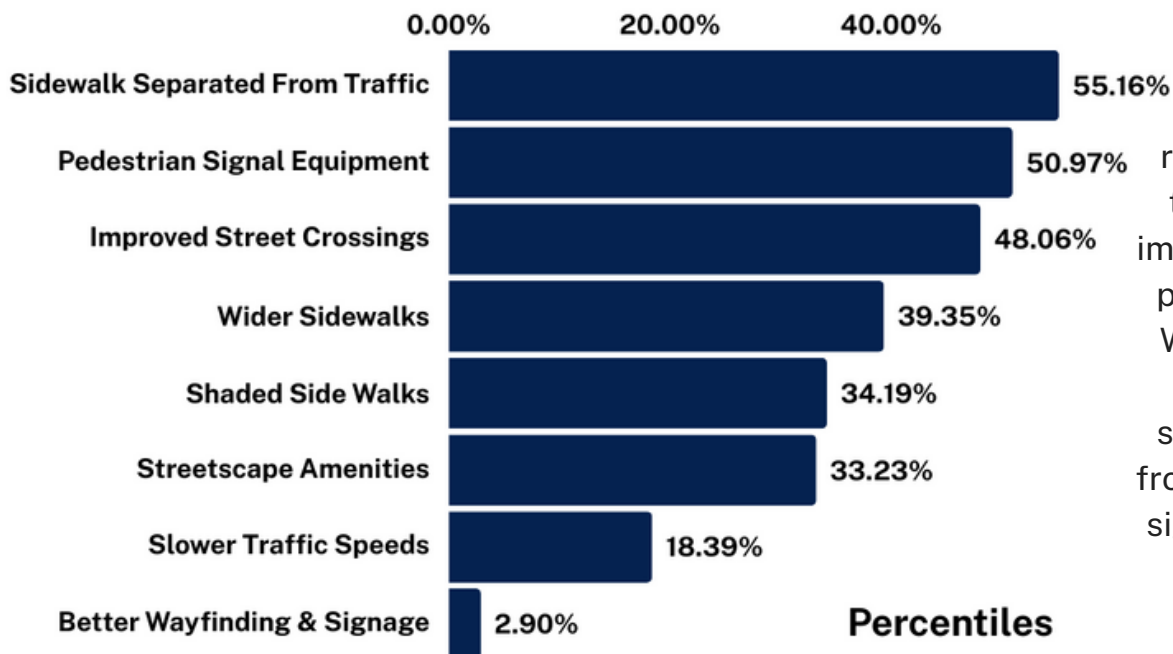


Based on the survey results, people have answered that walking and biking seem to be the most unsafe mode of transportation along Walkers Brook Drive.

The main opinion under the "Other" category was that people believe it is safe enough.

Question #7

How important do you think the following improvements would be to encourage more people to **WALK** along Walkers Brook Drive?

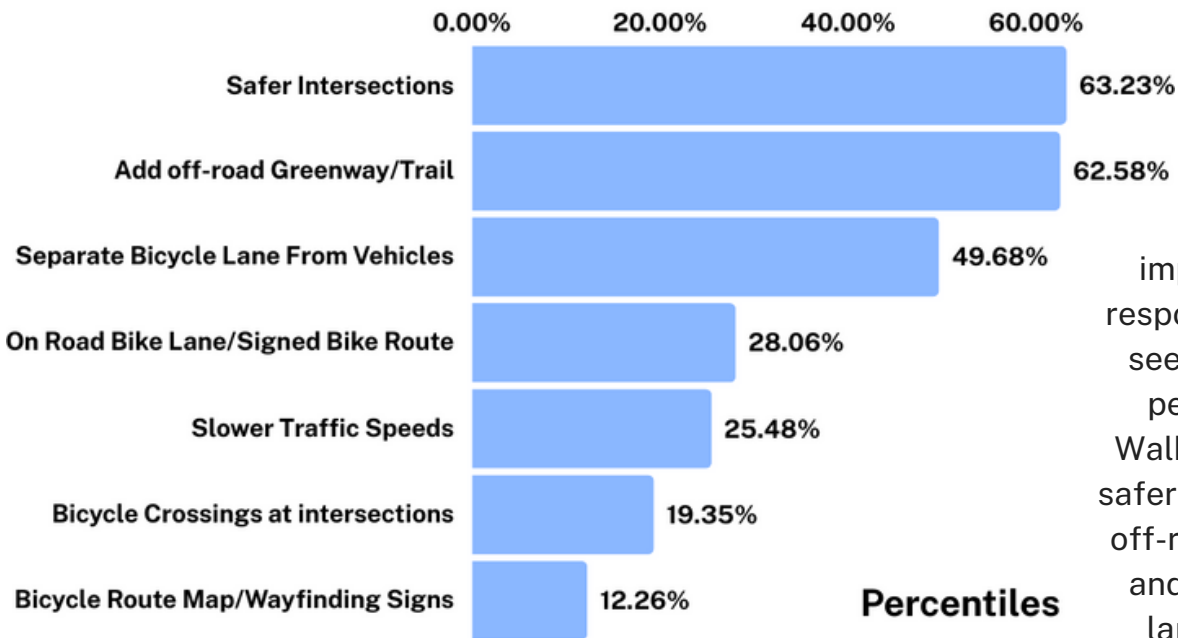


Most survey respondents believe the most important improvements for more people to walk along Walkers Brook Drive would be to add sidewalks separated from traffic, pedestrian signal equipment, and improved street crossings.

Percentiles

Question #8

How important do you think the following improvements would be to encourage more people to **BIKE** along Walkers Brook Drive?



The top three improvements survey respondents would like to see to encourage more people to bike along Walkers Brook Drive are, safer intersections, adding off-road greenway/trails, and separating bicycle lanes from vehicles.

Response #9

Please provide any additional WALK or BIKE improvements you would like to see.

Here are majority of what respondents stated for #9.

- Wider Sidewalks
- Speed Limit Enforcement
- Proper Pedestrian & Bicycle Signage
- Designated Bicycle Lanes

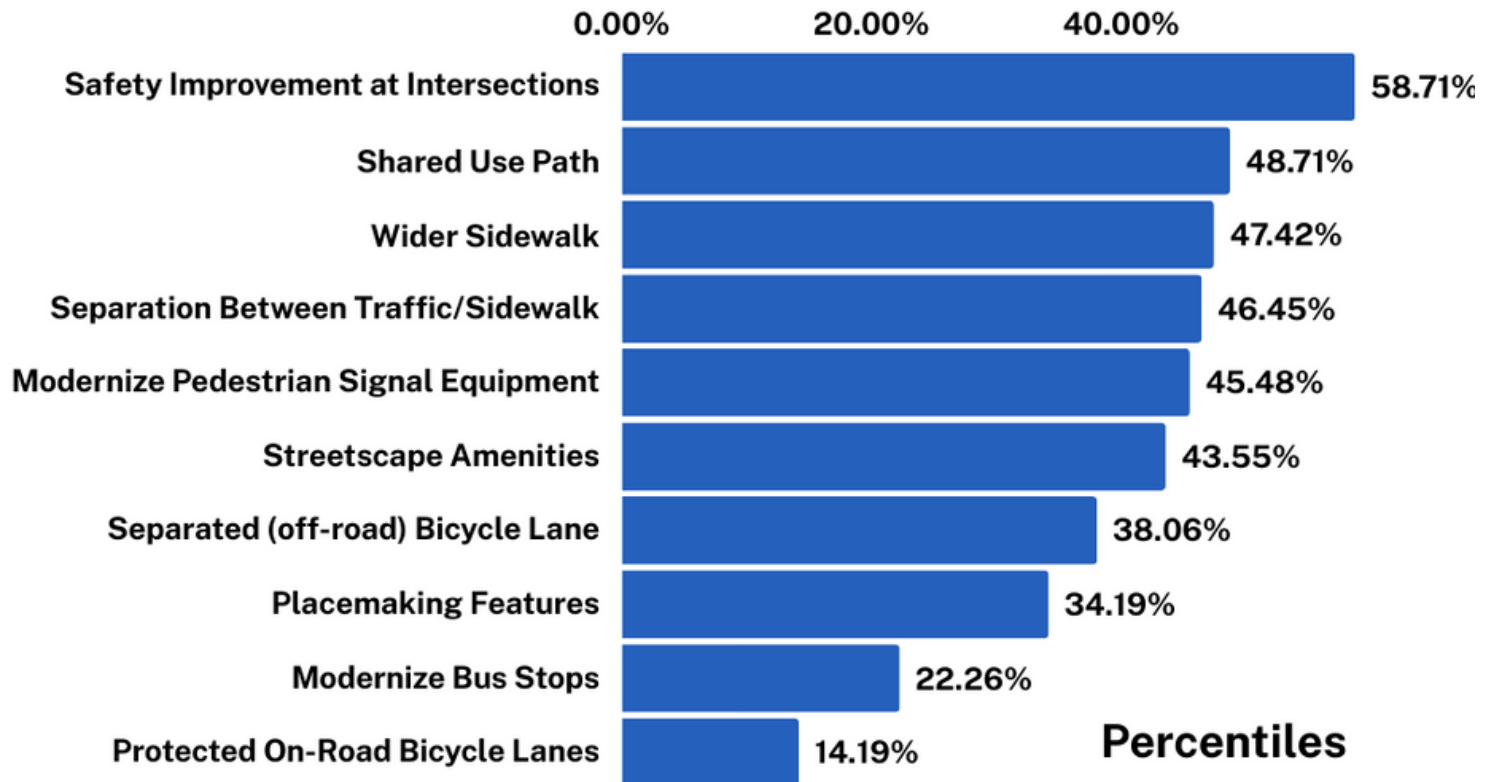
Question #10

Imagine the year 2033, how would you want the Walkers Brook Drive corridor to look like? **Here are majority of what respondents stated for #10.**

- Pedestrian Friendly
- Trees, Bushes, Benches, Lights
- Less Exposure to Car Traffic
- Well Paved Areas

Question #11

What type of infrastructures/features should the Town invest in to improve the Walkers Brook Drive corridor?



The most common response for infrastructure/features the community would like to see the Town invest in are; safety improvement at intersections, shared use paths, and wider sidewalks.

Conclusion

The survey results have spoken loud and clear, reflecting the desires and aspirations of the community for the Walkers Brook Drive corridor. People envision a corridor that goes beyond being just a thoroughfare for vehicles; they envision a space that prioritizes safety, accessibility, aesthetics, and sustainability.

One of the most prominent findings from the survey is the overwhelming desire for wider pedestrian-friendly sidewalks. Walkers Brook Drive should not merely accommodate pedestrians; it should welcome them with ample space for walking, jogging, and strolling. These sidewalks will not only promote physical activity but also foster a sense of community as residents and visitors can leisurely explore the area on foot.

Pedestrian and biking signage emerge as crucial elements for improving transportation in the corridor. By clearly marking paths and routes, we can encourage more sustainable modes of transportation, reduce traffic congestion, and promote a healthier lifestyle. Furthermore, this signage will contribute to enhancing safety for both pedestrians and cyclists.

The aesthetics of the corridor are another vital concern for the community. People wish to see a corridor that is not only functional but also pleasant to be around. To achieve this, the integration of trees for shading, benches for sitting, and an abundance of greenery is essential. The addition of these natural elements will create an inviting and serene environment that beckons people to linger, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

Improved lighting for dusk is a necessity for ensuring safety and security along the corridor. Adequate lighting will not only provide a sense of comfort for pedestrians and cyclists but also enhance the corridor's overall ambiance.

Additionally, the inclusion of turning lanes for vehicles and dedicated lanes for biking will improve traffic flow and reduce potential conflicts between different modes of transportation. This enhancement will make the corridor more accessible and user-friendly for all.

In conclusion, the Walkers Brook Drive corridor has the potential to evolve into a vibrant, sustainable, and community-centric space that caters to the diverse needs of its users. The community's vision, as reflected in the survey results, calls for wide sidewalks, clear signage, aesthetic enhancements, improved lighting, and dedicated lanes. By listening to these desires and working collaboratively, we can transform Walkers Brook Drive into a model corridor that showcases the best of urban planning, sustainability, and community engagement. The road ahead may require careful planning, resources, and effort, but it is a path worth treading to create a corridor that the community can be proud of for generations to come.