

A photograph of three children riding bicycles on a paved street. The child on the left is wearing a blue patterned shirt and green striped shorts. The child in the middle is wearing a blue t-shirt and blue shorts. The child on the right is wearing a grey t-shirt and blue shorts. All three children are wearing helmets and smiling. The background shows green foliage and a residential street.

Ballard Stay Healthy Street

17th Ave NW - 2022 Evaluation

Our Vision, Mission, Values, & Goals

Seattle is a thriving equitable community powered by dependable transportation. We're on a mission to deliver a transportation system that provides safe and affordable access to places and opportunities.

Core Values & Goals:

Equity, Safety, Mobility, Sustainability, Livability, and Excellence.

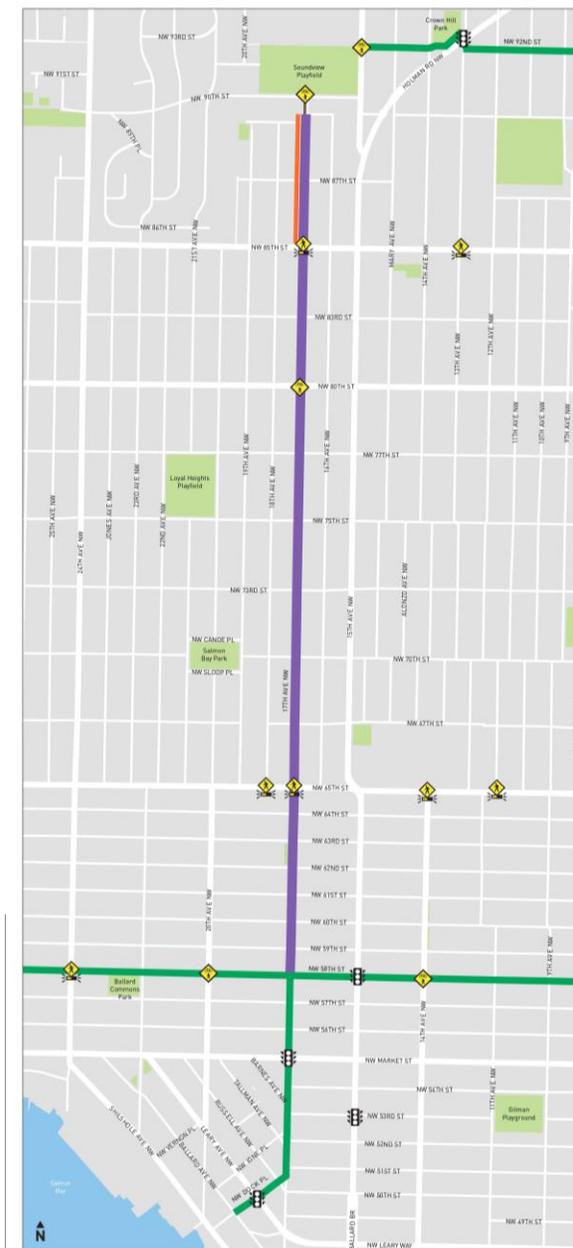
Presentation Outline

- COVID-19 Response
- Evaluation
- What's next?
- Q&A

STAY HEALTHY STREETS

Ballard

- Stay Healthy Streets
- SPU Project
- Crossing Improvement
- Crossing Signal
- Flashing Beacon Crossing
- Existing Bike Facilities
 - Multi-use Trail
 - Neighborhood Greenway



Making life easier during COVID-19

Stay Healthy Streets were added to:

- Create space for you to walk and bike 6 feet apart close to home
- Connect you to groceries stores, pharmacies, and businesses
- Reduce car traffic to keep you safer while walking and biking
- Reduce impacts to hospitals and essential workers

KEEP IT MOVING
Stay Healthy Streets
Keep it Distant: 6 + feet



STAY HEALTHY STREETS

Process for Identifying Permanent Stay Healthy Streets



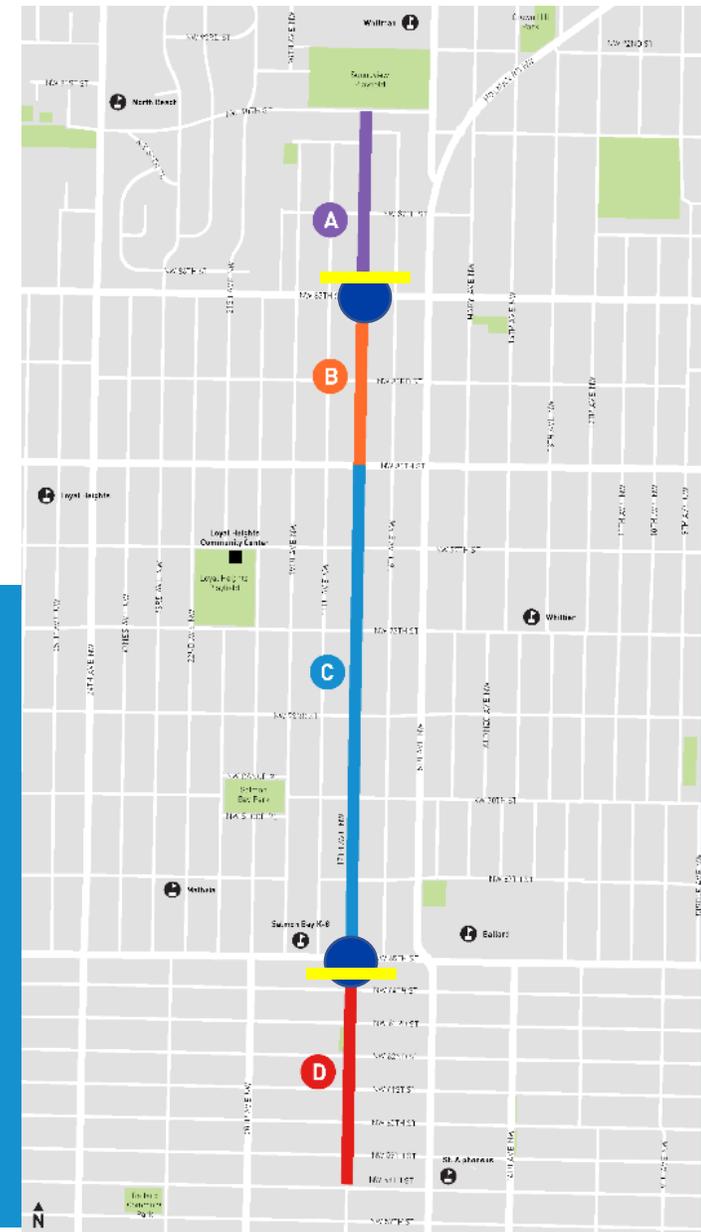
Is this street a good candidate for permanent implementation?



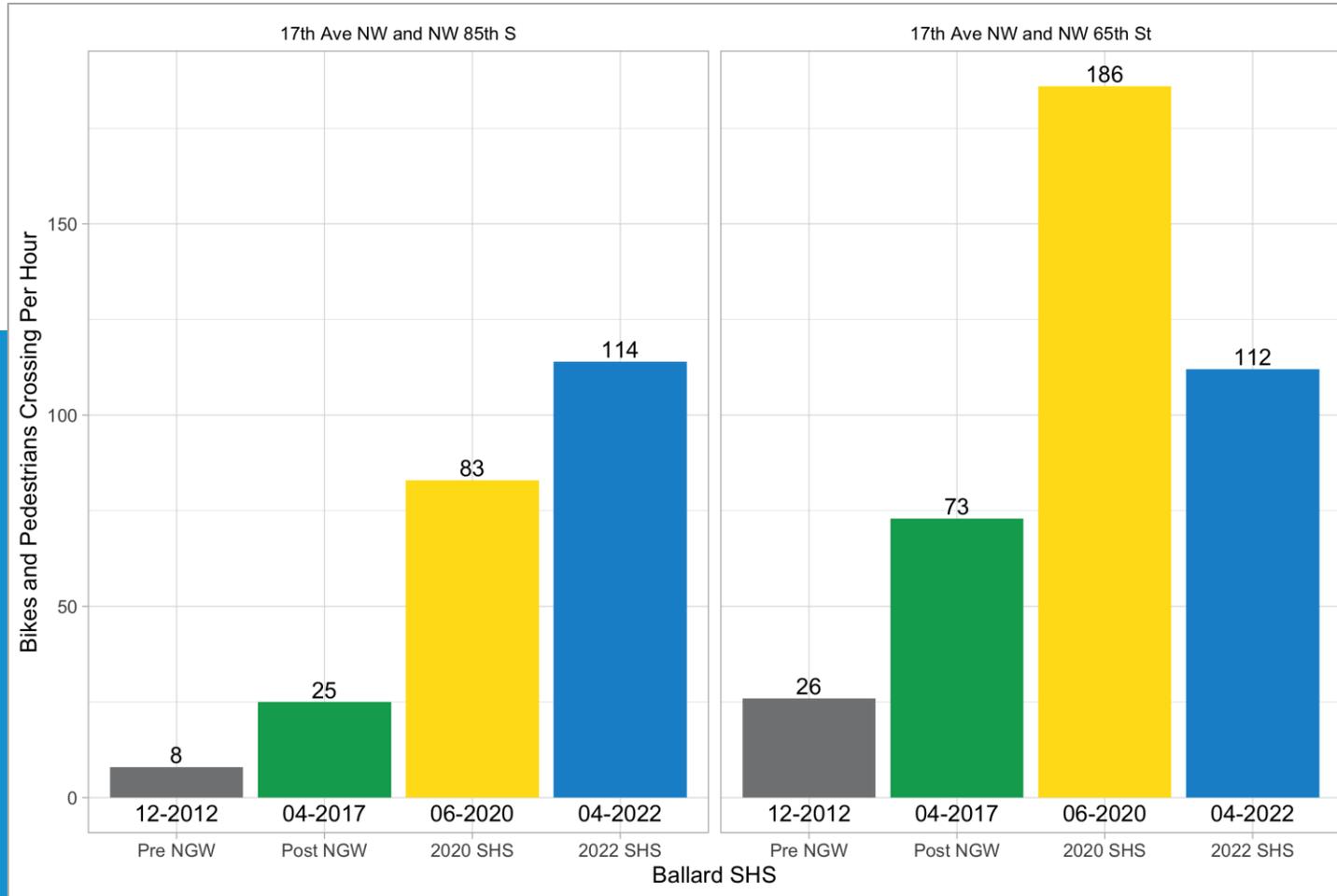
3 PILOT A TEMPORARY STAY HEALTHY STREET	4 EVALUATION OF A PILOT STAY HEALTHY STREET			
 <p>Observe Listen Evaluate</p>	 <p>Are there more people walking, rolling and biking?</p>	 <p>Is there neighborhood support for keeping the Stay Healthy Street?</p>	 <p>How well did this Pilot SHS serve the diversity of the neighborhood? (Race, Gender, Age, Ability)</p>	 <p>Are there fewer vehicles driving on the street? Are the vehicles traveling slowly?</p>

Data Collection Locations

Icon	Location	Type
●	17 th Ave NW & NW 65 th St	Turning Movement Count
	17 th Ave NW & NW 85 th St	
▬	17 th Ave NW, South of 65 th St	7 day bike data 7 day vehicle data
	17 th Ave NW, North of 85 th St	

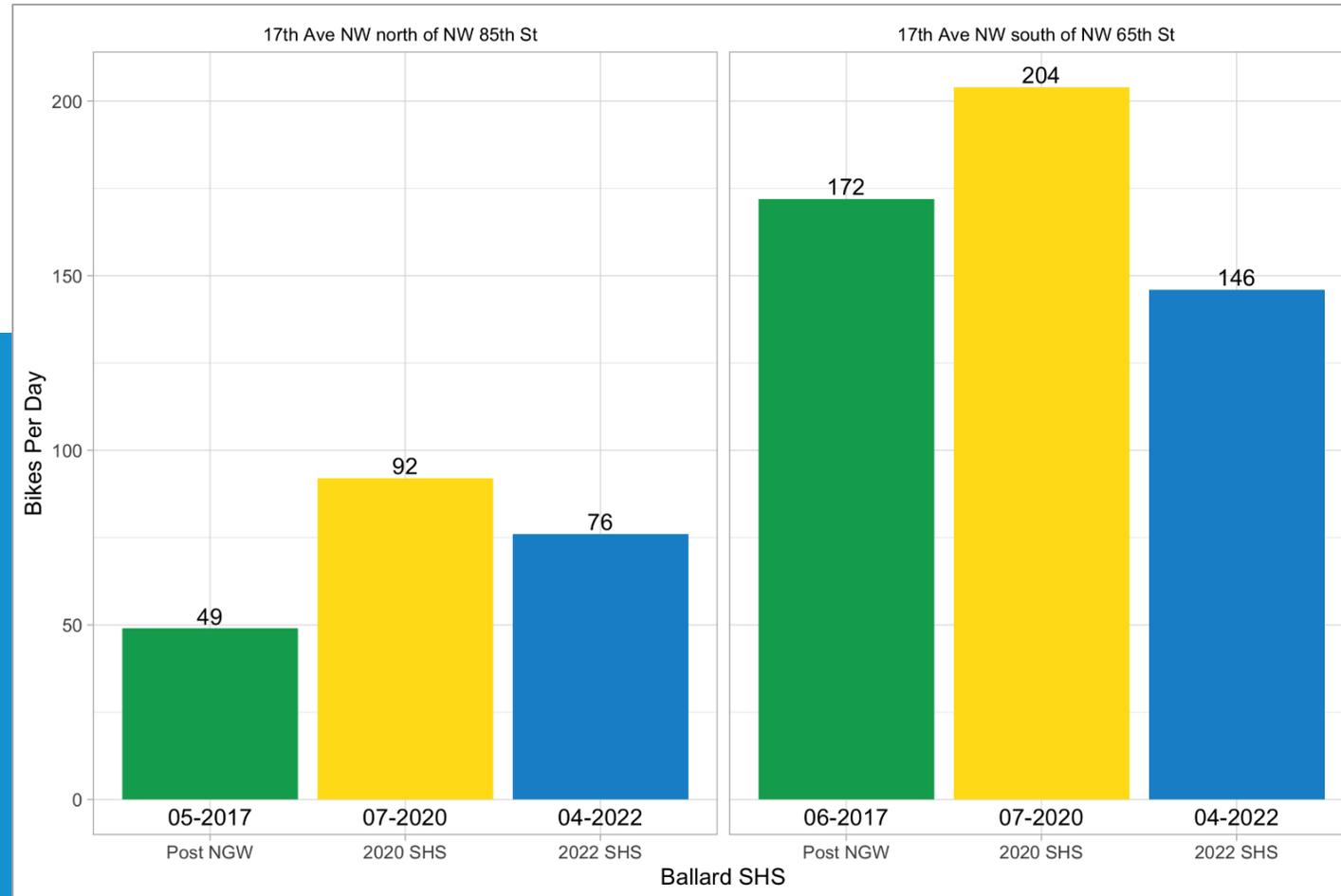


People walking and biking per hour



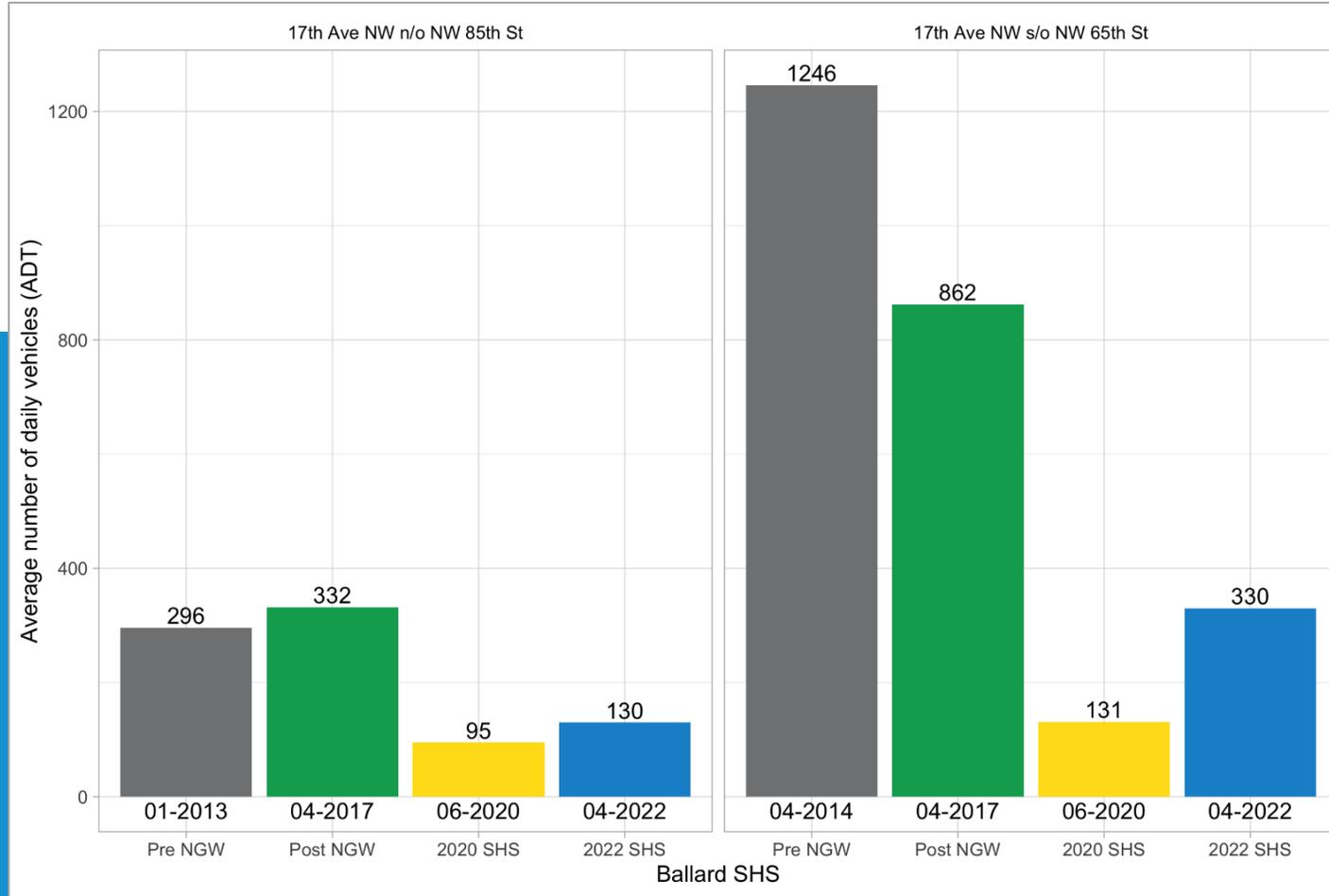
Are there more people walking, rolling and biking?

People biking per day (7 day average)



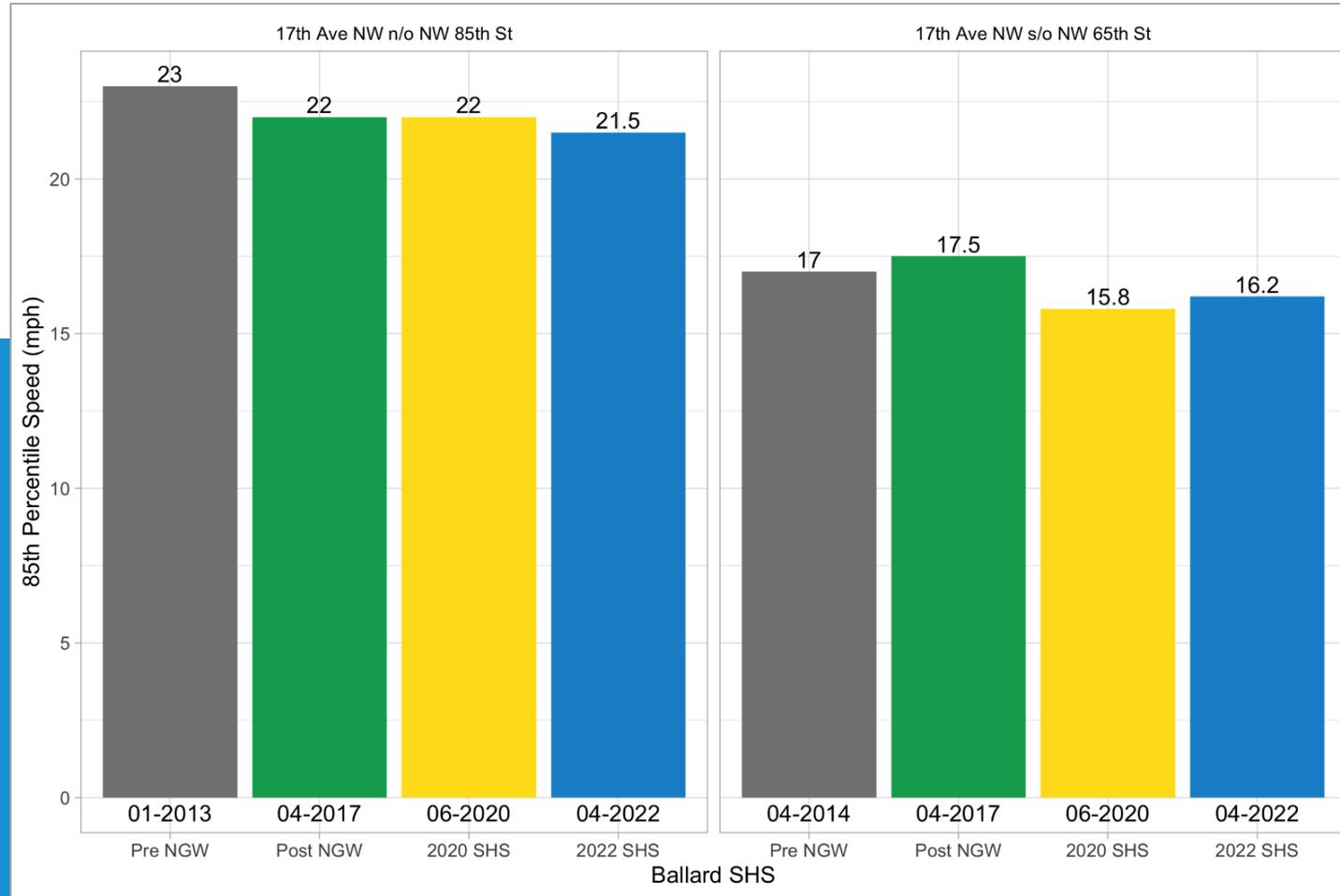
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Vehicles per day (7 day average)



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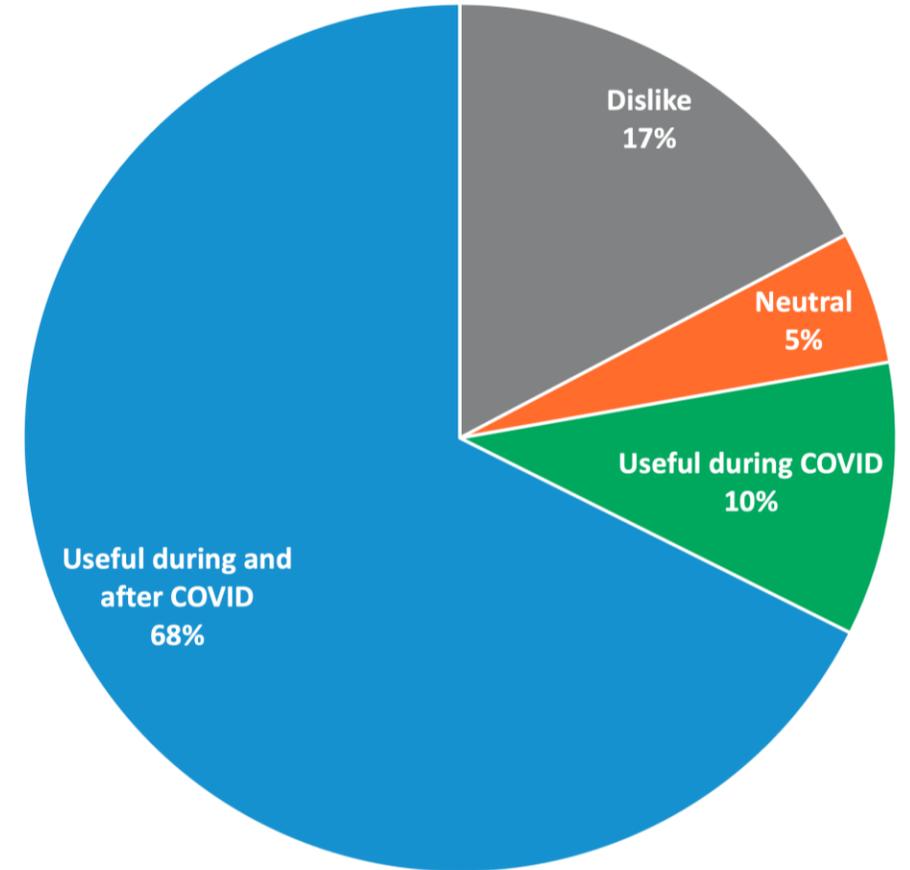
Vehicles speed (85% of vehicles drive this speed or slower)



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Online Survey ~670 Responses for Ballard*

How do you feel about the Stay Healthy Streets that were put in your neighborhood during the pandemic?



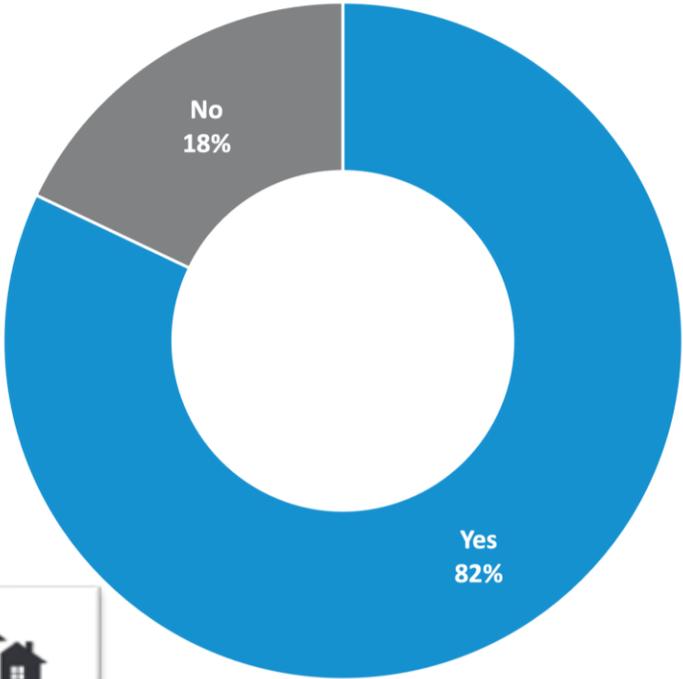
(n= 663 responses)



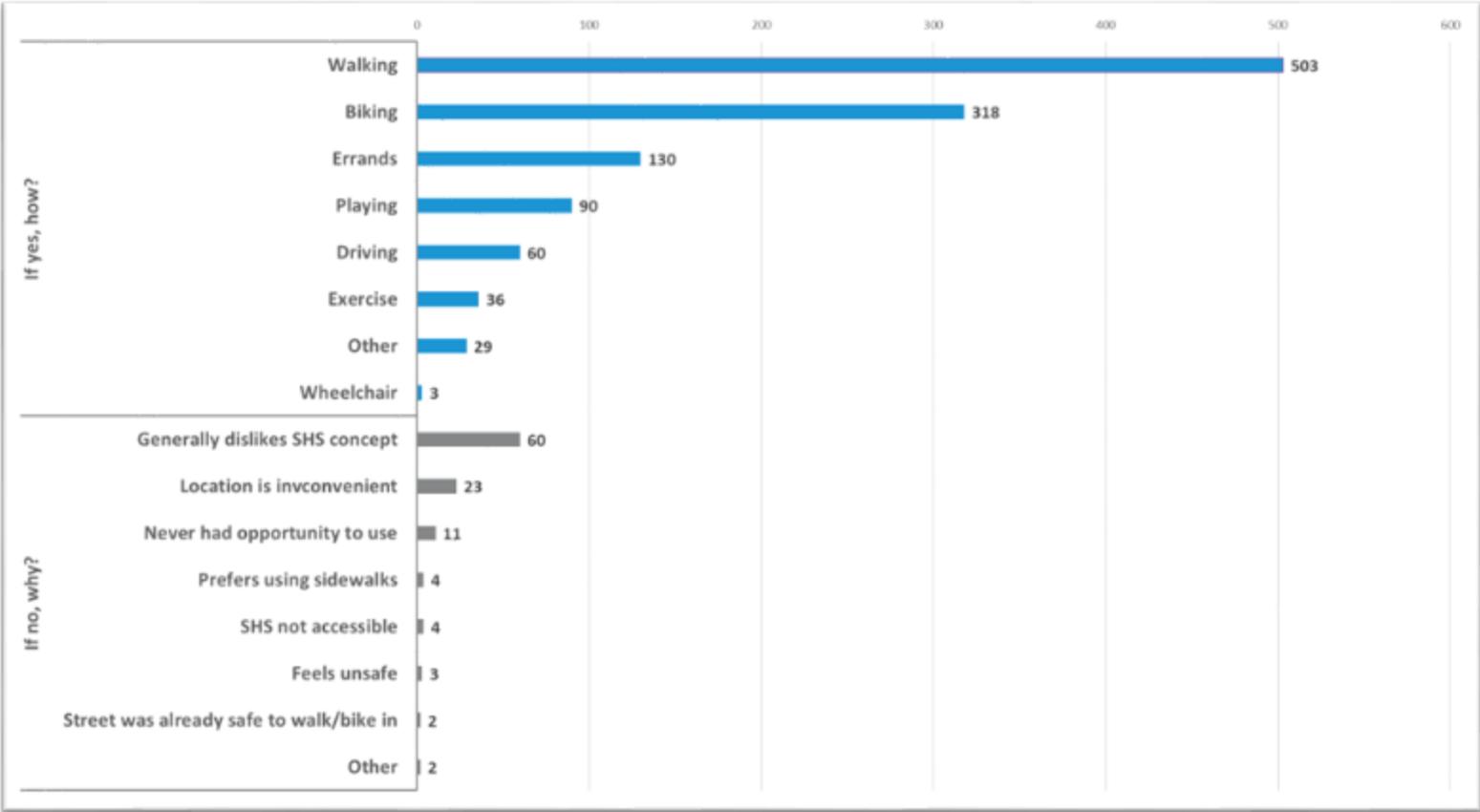
Results as of June 10, 2022

Online Survey

Have you or your household used the Stay Healthy Streets? If yes, how?



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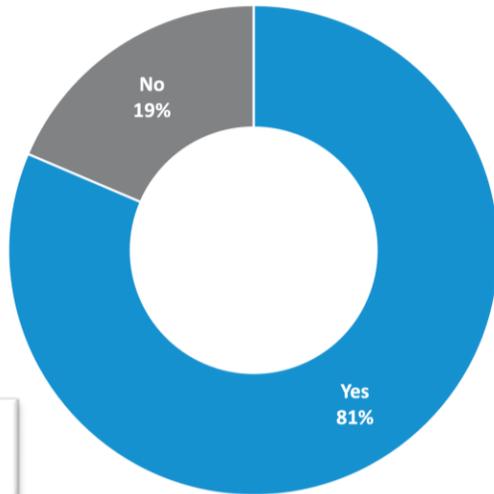


(n= 632 responses)

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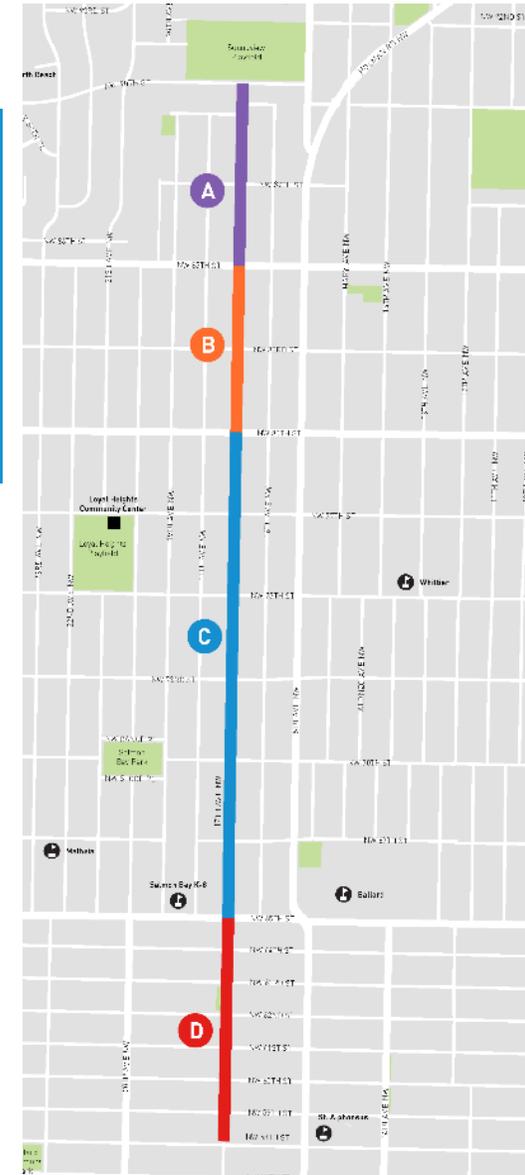
When using Stay Healthy Streets do you feel safe? If you answered no, where on the Stay Healthy Street do you feel unsafe?



(n= 630 responses)

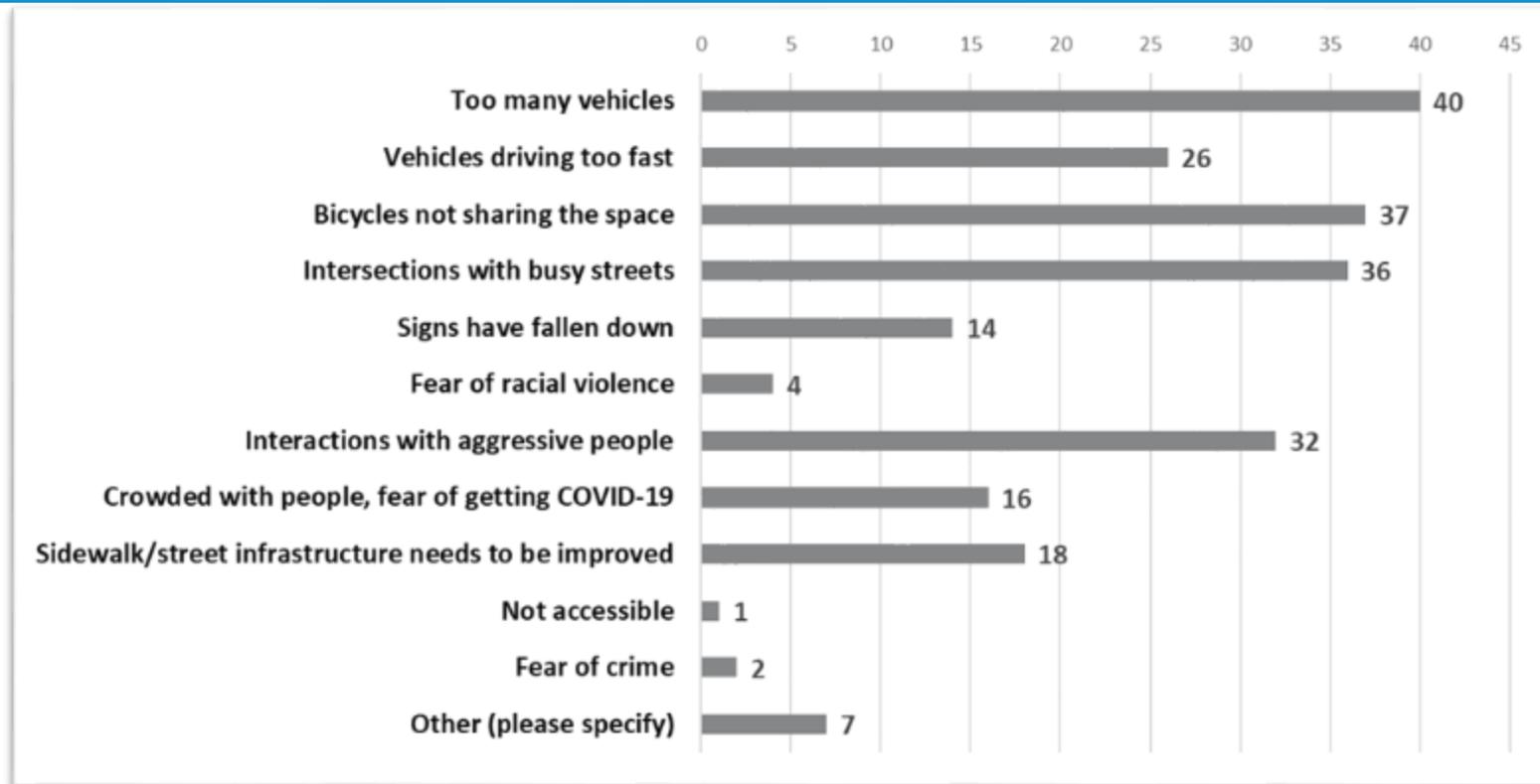


(n= 624 responses)



Online Survey

Why do you feel unsafe on the Stay Healthy Street?

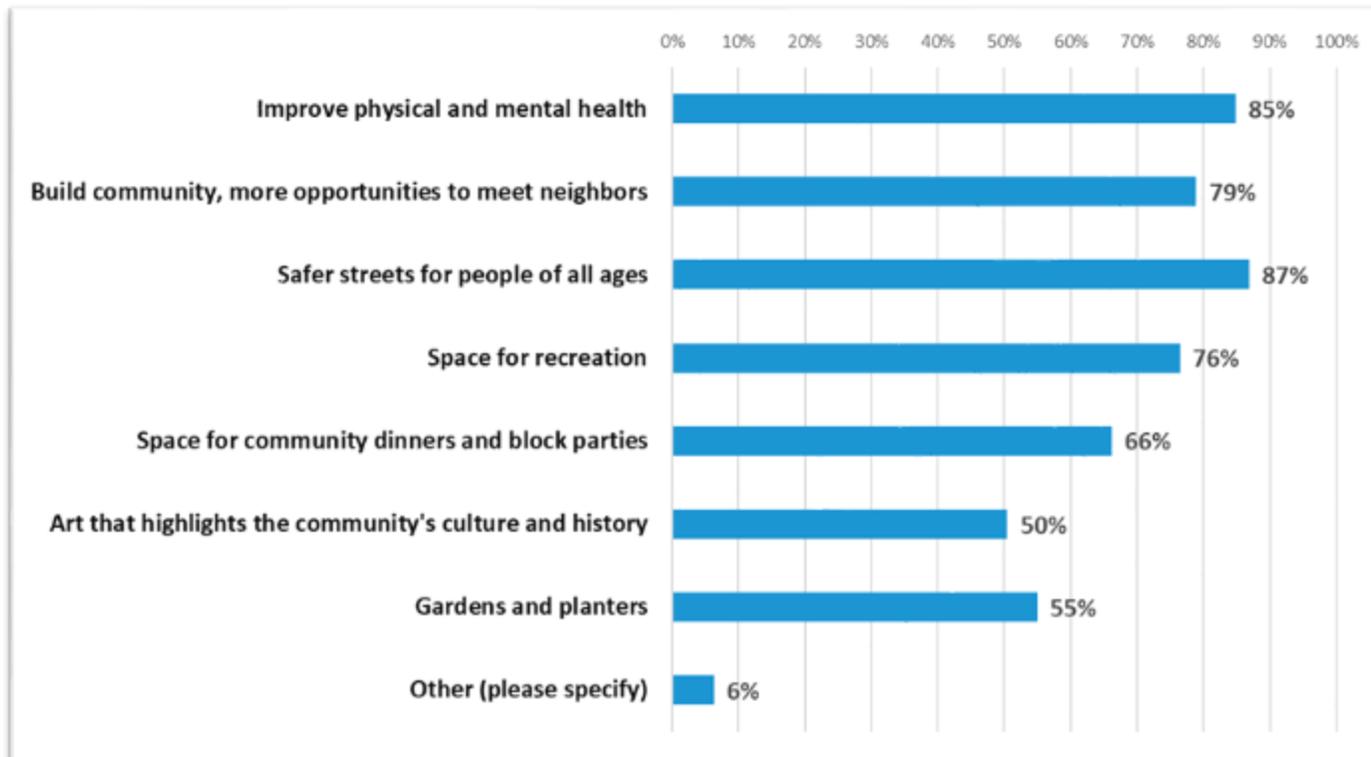


(n= 102 responses)



Online Survey

Thinking about the future of your neighborhood after COVID-19: How could Stay Healthy Streets improve your community?

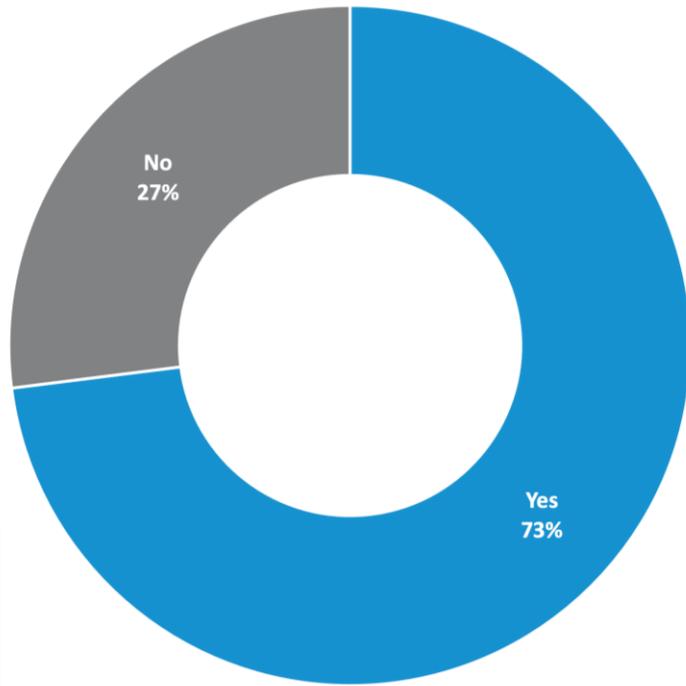


(n= 488 responses)

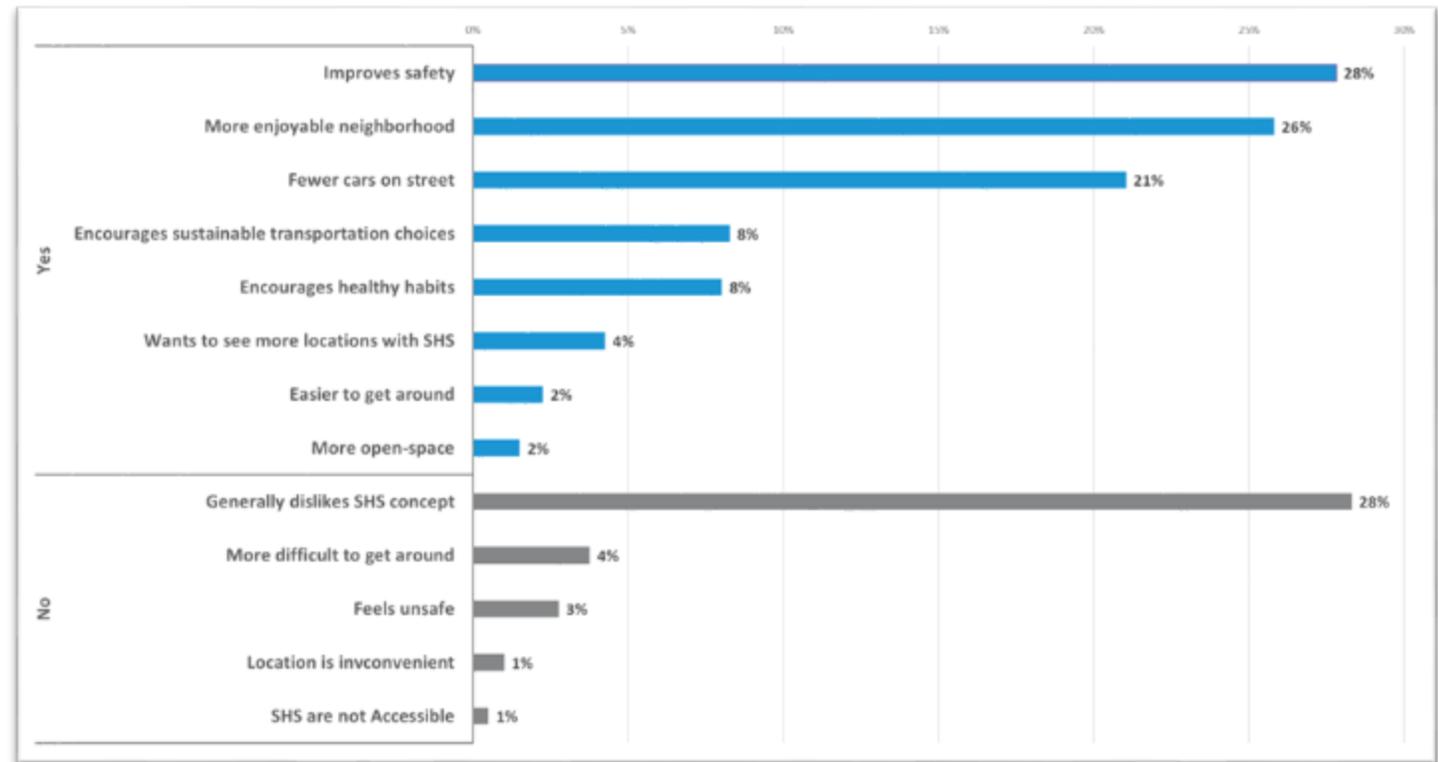


Online Survey

Do you want Stay Healthy Streets to be permanent in your community? Why?

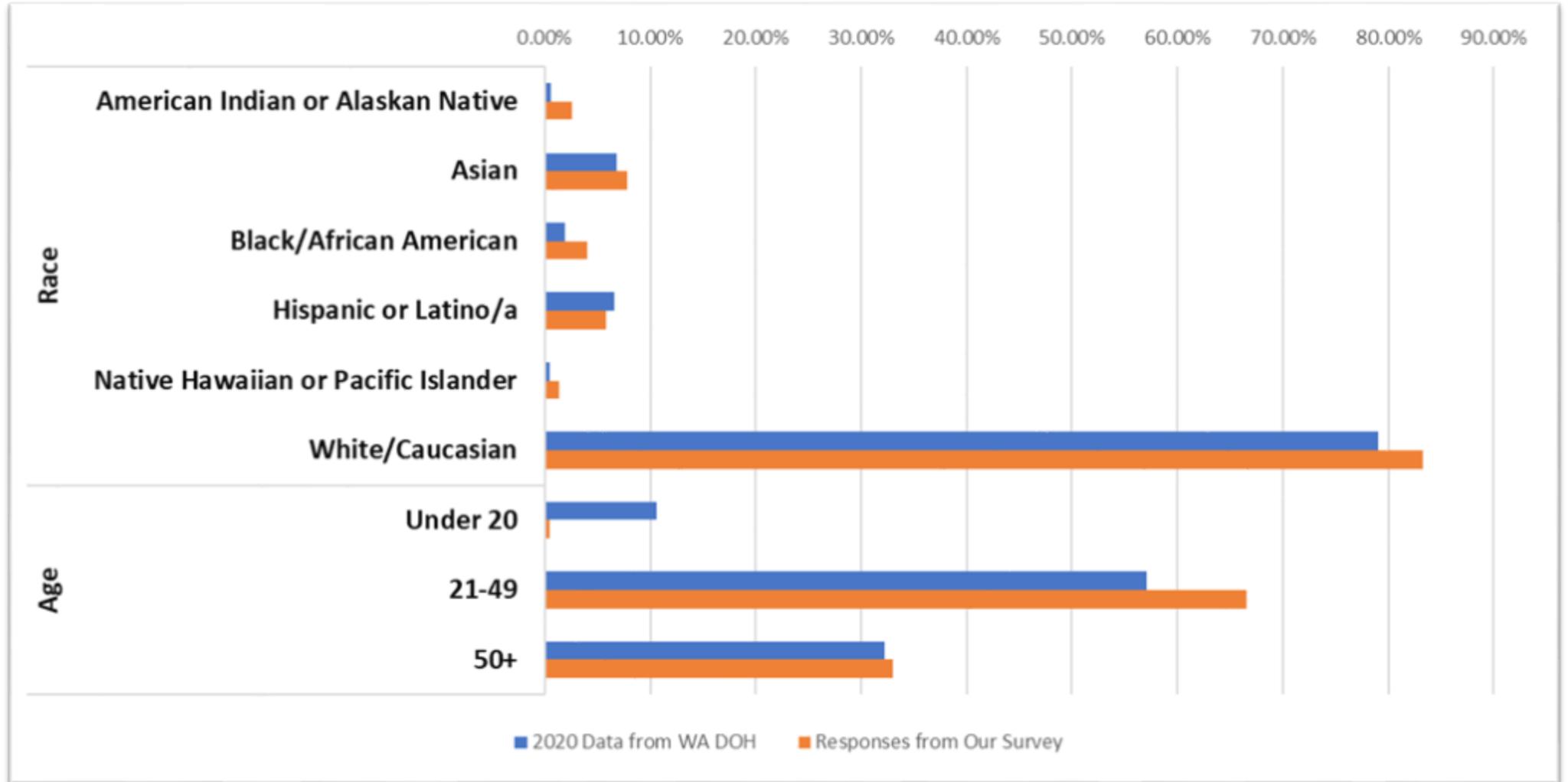


(n= 605 responses)



(n= 399 responses)

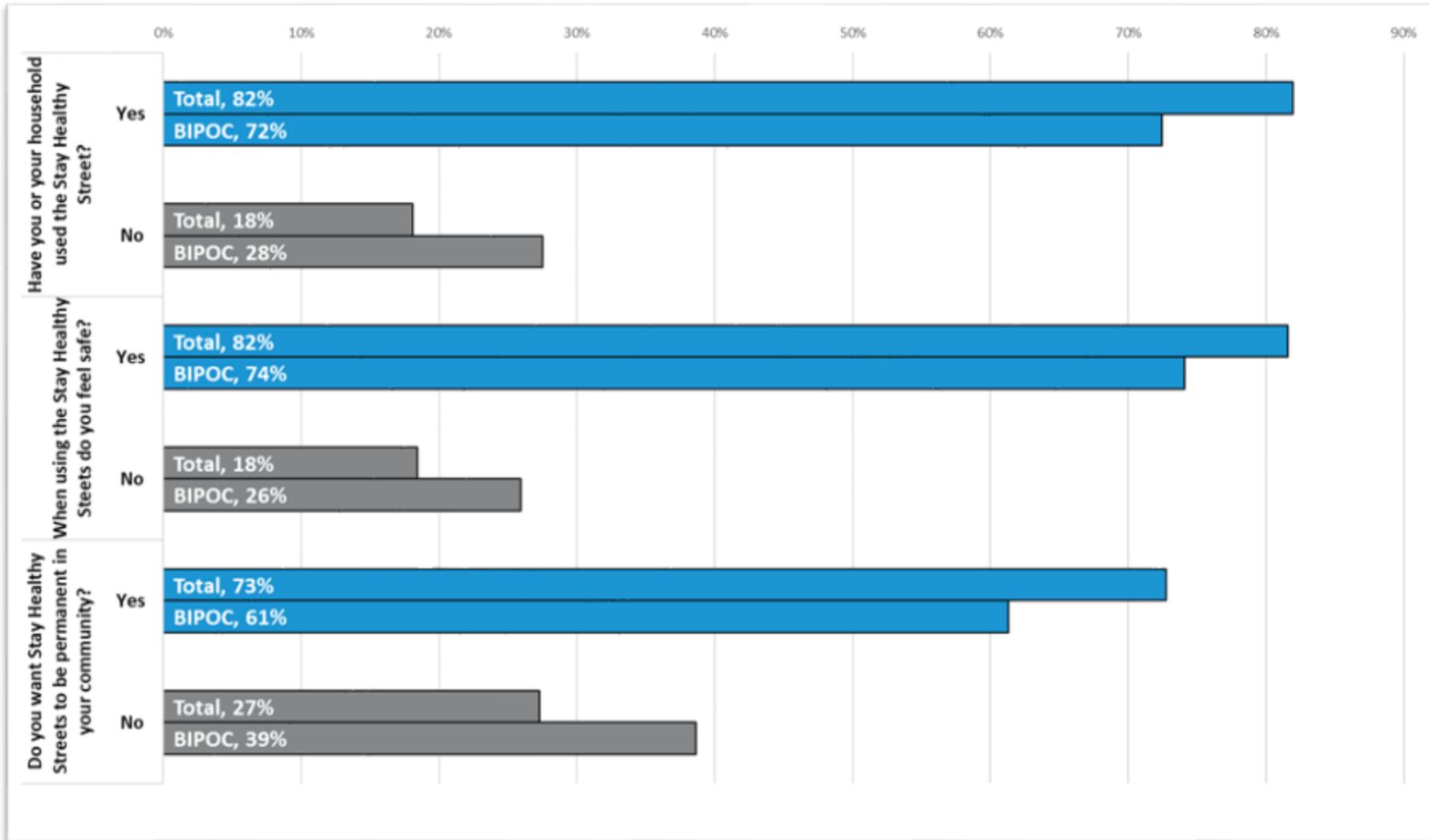
Survey Response Demographics



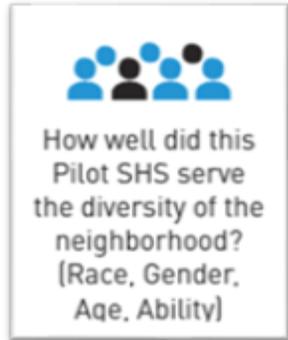
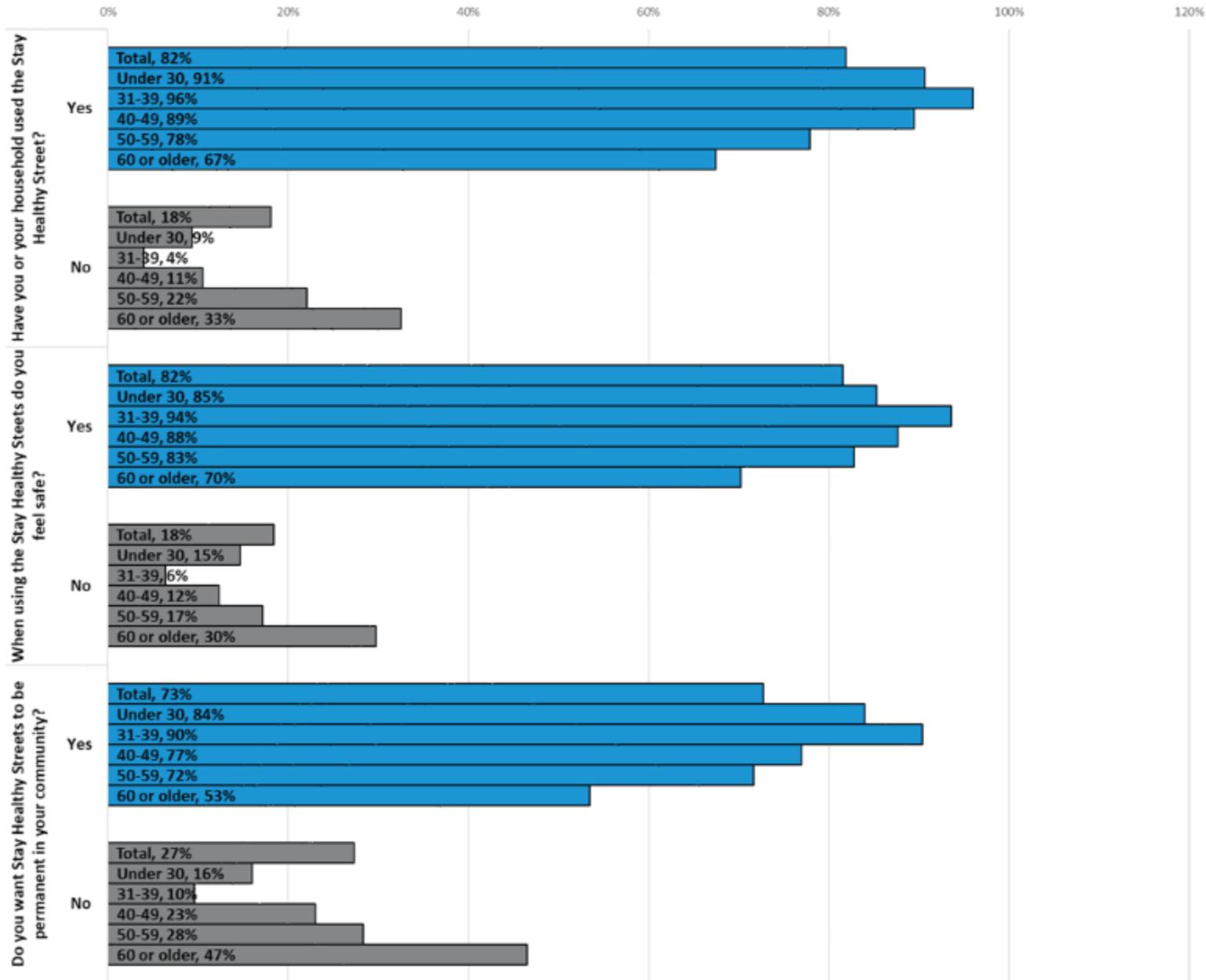


 How well did this Pilot SHS serve the diversity of the neighborhood? (Race, Gender, Age, Ability)

Survey Responses by Race



Survey Responses by Age Group



"...I was absolutely thrilled when I found 17th. It felt like an oasis away from stressful walking conditions. I make a point to go out of my way to walk on 17th if I'm going that way, even if it's just for a few blocks.

Recently, my 70 year old parents visited us. They like to walk but don't enjoy walking near cars or traffic, as they find it stressful and noisy. It's just not enjoyable to walk next to loud traffic while you attempt to have a conversation. So what I did was take them to 17th so we could walk, chat, sit, and participate in the local street life. It was one of the best experiences we had while they visited Seattle, and they both remarked how calming and delightful the low-stress street was.

I really hope this program is made permanent (and ideally expanded to create a network of calm streets). It's a perfect example of why quality for all users is so important for streets and roads."

Email Feedback

"My daughters (5 and 7 years old) and I regularly walk in the street on the way to school (usually to give more space to dogs and other people in the sidewalk), and they bike with their dad in the street, and it's nice to worry less about oncoming traffic. We live right on 17th, and we constantly see people biking and walking on the greenway."

"My partner and I use this route almost daily to commute, run errands, visit local businesses and recreate. It's been a huge blessing since we have been able to bike much more than before... Please make this street permanent, it's become an important piece of infrastructure and there is nothing that is an alternative right now."



Seattle Public Utilities Stormwater Improvements

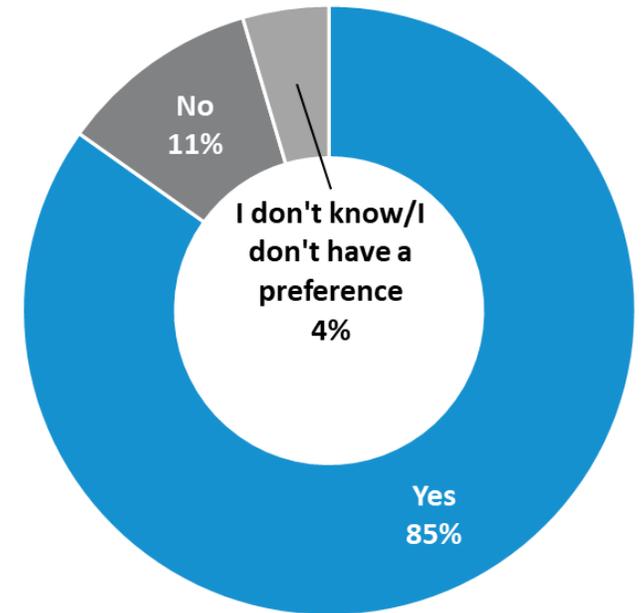
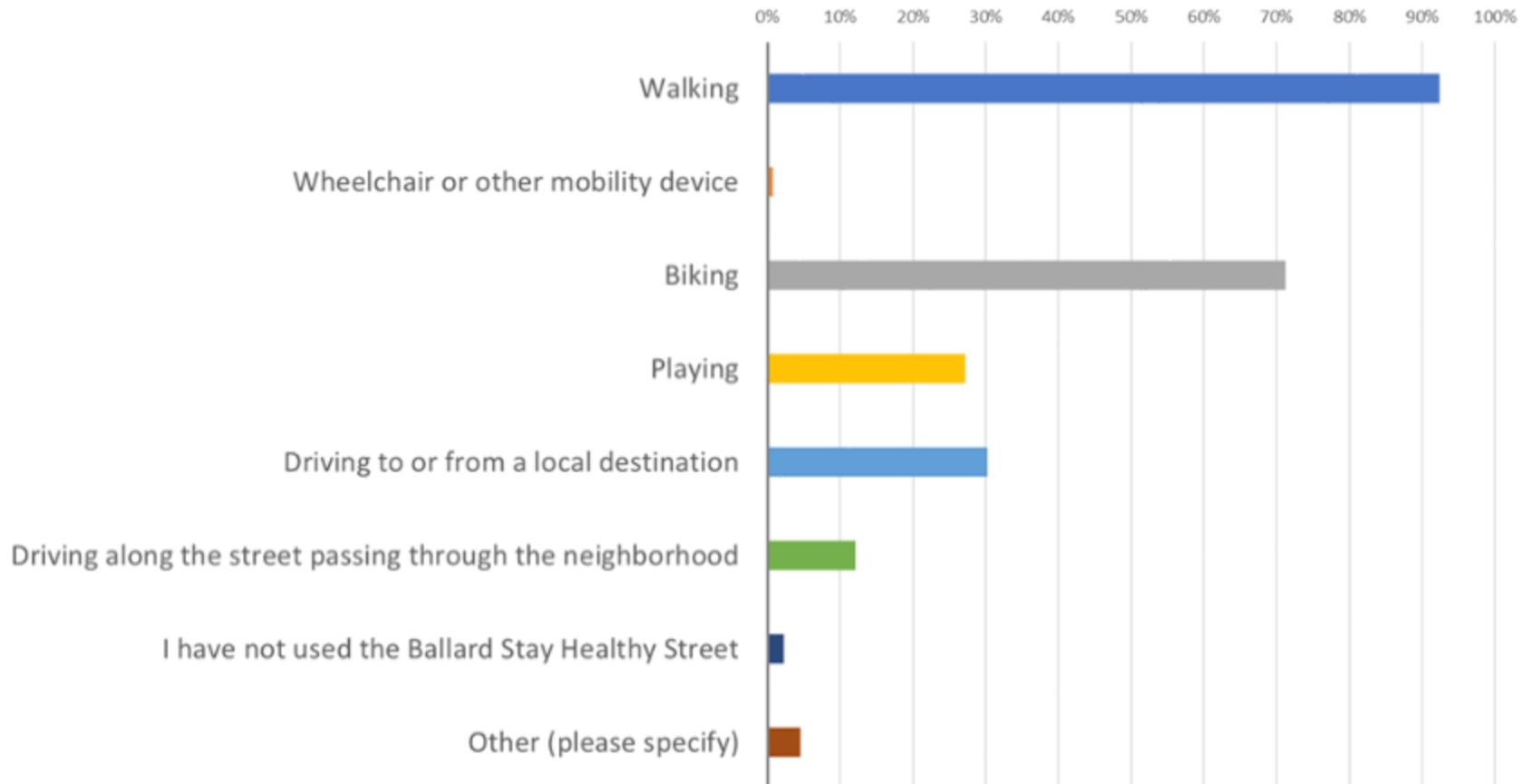


Parts of the Crown Hill neighborhood experience street flooding or sewer backups. The 17th Ave NW Stormwater Improvements project will address an area with the most frequent flooding problems. The Healthy Street and Stormwater Improvement Projects overlap on 17th Ave NW from NW 85th St to NW 90th St.

SPU conducted a survey in June - July 2022 about the stormwater project and included the following questions about the Healthy Street.

SPU Survey Responses about the Healthy Street

Q8 How have you or people from your household used the Ballard Stay Healthy Street since May 2020?



Summary



Are there more people walking, rolling and biking?

- 53-356% increase in walking/biking per hour*



How well did this Pilot SHS serve the diversity of the neighborhood? (Race, Gender, Age, Ability)

- Survey responses reflected neighborhood diversity
- Majority of all demographic groups expressed support for Stay Healthy Street



Is there neighborhood support for keeping the Stay Healthy Street?

- 73% of respondents in favor on SHS Survey
- 85% of respondents in favor on SPU survey
- 81% of respondents felt safe
- No one segment was identified as significantly less safe than the others



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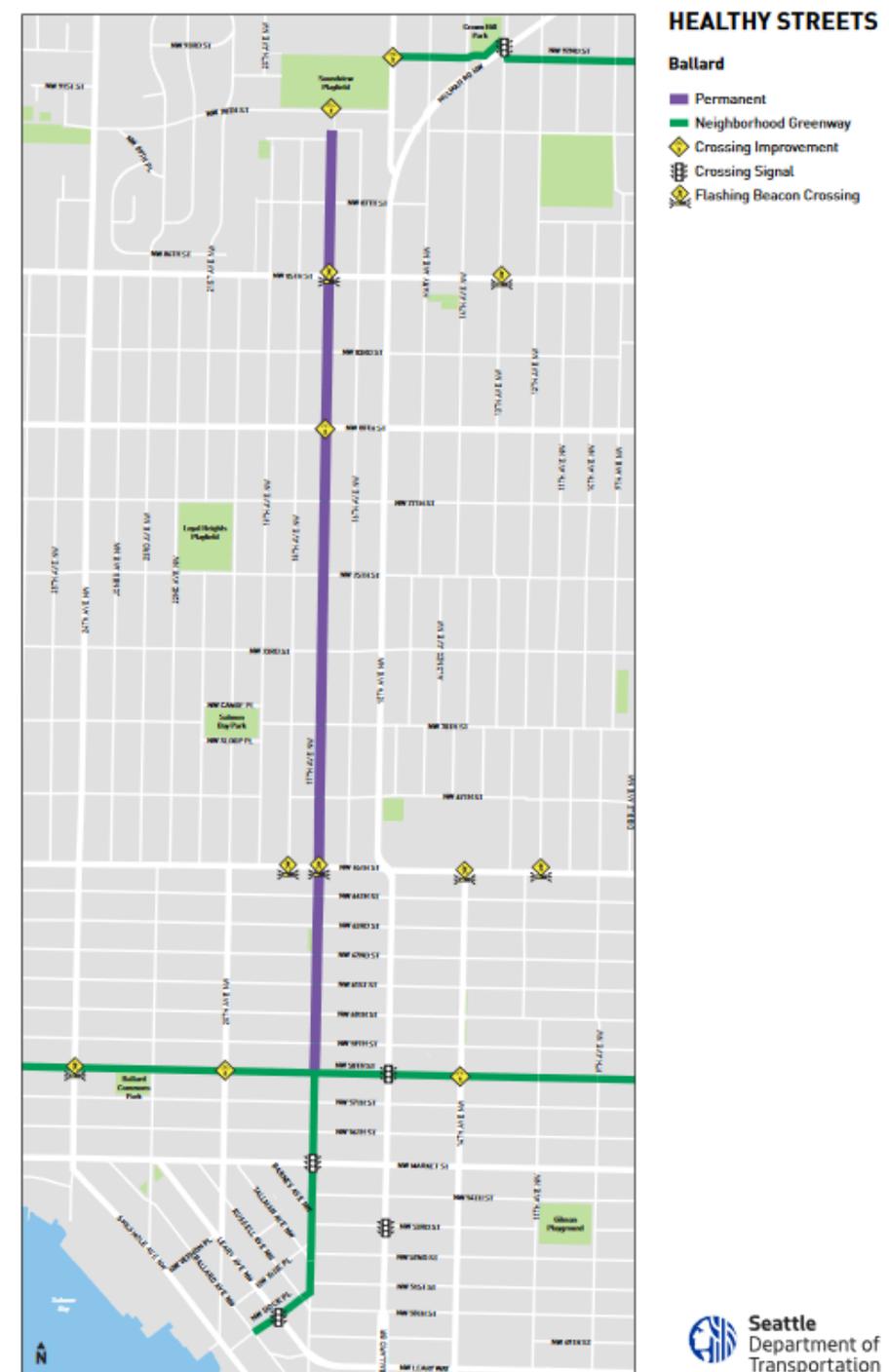
- 2-7% decrease in speeds*
- 61-62% decrease in traffic volume*

* Comparing 2017 (Post-NGW) to 2022 (SHS) operation

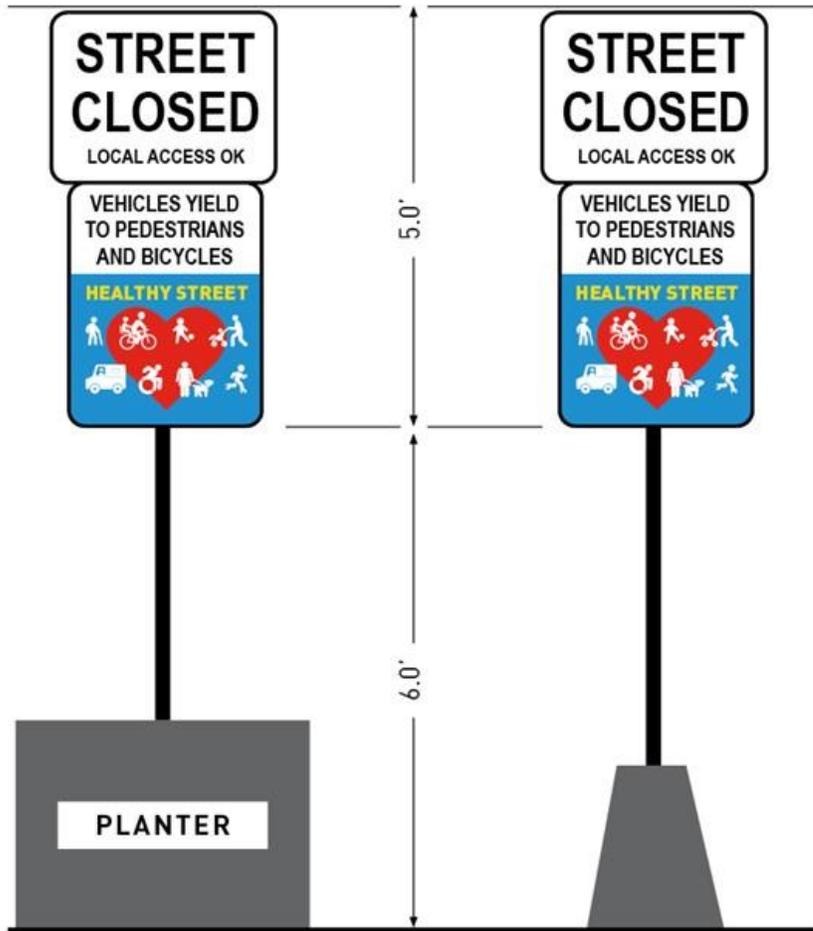
Which sections, if any, should be made permanent?

Recommendations:

- Make all sections permanent

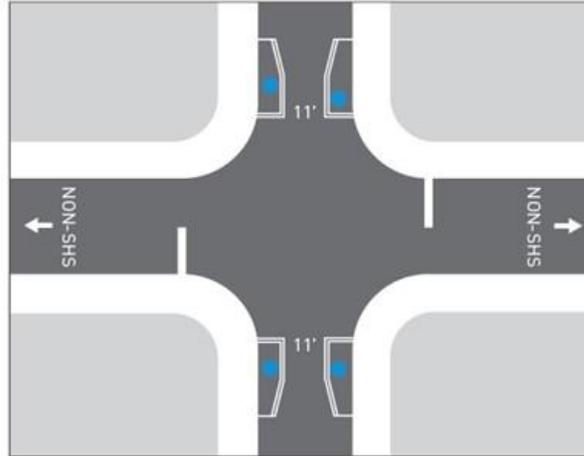


Permanent Healthy Street Options



Planter:
42" Diameter x 30" Tall

Sign Block:
22" Diameter x 23" Tall



Conceptual diagram of Healthy Street intersection



Permanent Healthy Street treatments in Greenwood)



Questions?

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From the entire SDOT Team:
Thank you!

