

# Proctor Neighborhood Plan – Draft Actions Survey Summary

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## About the Neighborhood Planning Program

The City of Tacoma’s pilot Neighborhood Planning Program enhances planning and development support to help communities create strong, vibrant, and diverse neighborhoods. The program begins with a robust community engagement phase, and then moves into implementation of key neighborhood strategies.

After hearing from you and your neighbors through our interactive map, surveys, and outreach at the Farmers’ Market, Library, University of Puget Sound, and community events, the Proctor Neighborhood Plan is focusing in on five priority areas:

- Human-scale design
- Pedestrian safety and comfort
- Community space
- Climate adaptation and sustainability
- Commercial and residential affordability

## About the Draft Actions Survey Summary

The Draft Actions Survey was an opportunity for the community to “check our work” and see if we heard your input correctly. This survey asked for feedback on the draft actions and, in some cases, how those actions should be implemented.

The survey was hosted on the Social Pinpoint platform, <https://engagepiercecounty.mysocialpinpoint.com/proctornp/proctor/>. Between July 28 and September 23, 2023, the survey received **279 responses**; this document outlines and summarizes the responses and major themes that emerged.

In addition to the survey, the Proctor Neighborhood Plan collected votes on how the Community Booster Project should spend \$50,000 to implement Neighborhood Plan priorities. 698 people participated to select two top priorities.

The responses to this survey, as well as other feedback from community engagement throughout the process, were shared with the Proctor Neighborhood Plan Steering Group in order to prepare the draft Proctor Neighborhood Plan for review. The draft Proctor Neighborhood Plan will be reviewed by the City of Tacoma Planning Commission and City Council through winter 2023, with adoption anticipated in early 2024.

## Survey Questions and Response Summaries

### Booster Project Voting Results

To support implementation of the Proctor Neighborhood Plan, the program set aside \$50,000 to implement community-identified priorities. The Proctor Steering Group selected five projects that were put to the community for a vote, with the goal of funding the top two winning projects. The following projects were considered:



#### Painted Street Intersection Murals Near Schools

Identify locations and add painted street murals in intersections around schools. *Note: Photo is an example*



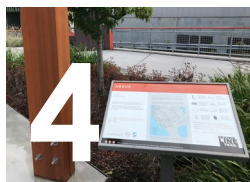
#### Support for Community Events and/or Periodic “Open Streets” Closures

Work with a local organization to regularly close streets within the business district for events and general community gathering (e.g., monthly on a Friday or Saturday evening).



#### Nomination for Key Buildings in Proctor

Develop a nomination to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places to add a handful of historically significant buildings within the business district to preserve the historic character and prevent demolition/significant changes of these buildings.



#### Interpretive Signage

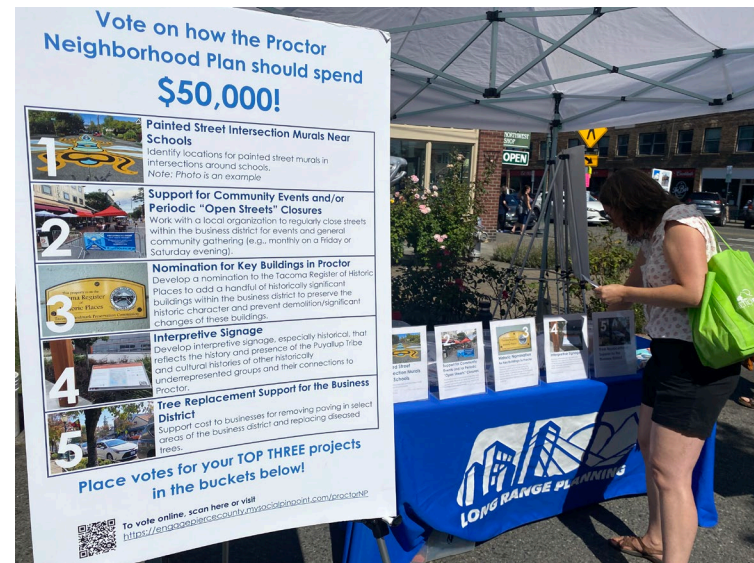
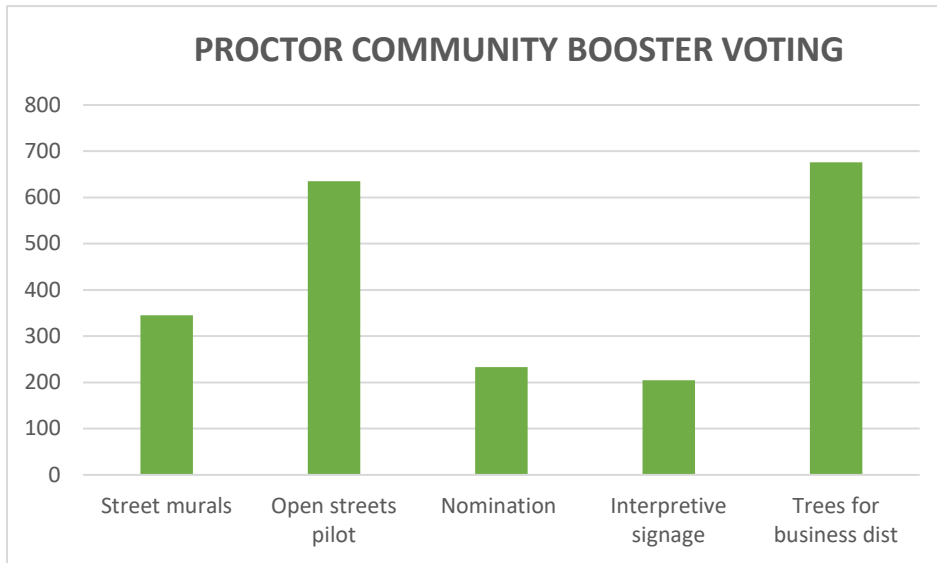
Develop interpretive signage, especially historical, that reflects the history and presence of the Puyallup Tribe and cultural histories of other historically underrepresented groups and their connections to Proctor.



#### Tree Replacement Support for the Business District

Support cost to businesses for removing paving in select areas of the business district and replacing diseased trees.

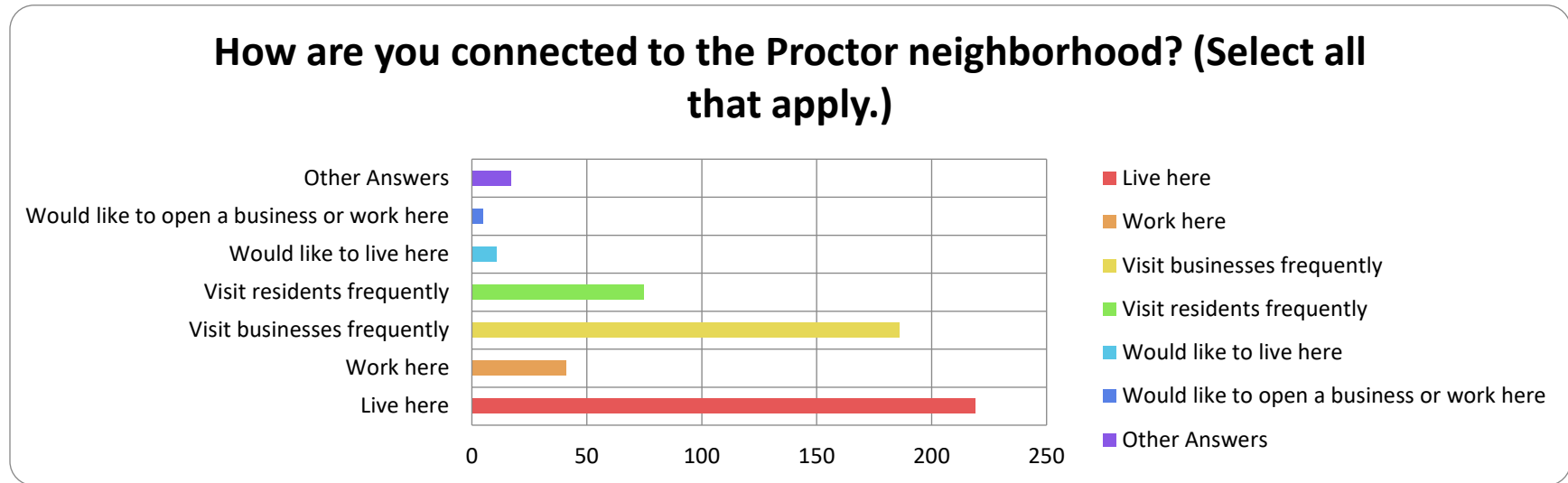
Community members were able to vote online via the Social Pinpoint page, and staff also attended four in-person community events to collect votes (see photo below). Each community member received a total of three votes to distribute between the five projects, and multiple votes for one project were allowed.



Booster Project	In-Person Voting	Online Voting	Total
Street murals	260	85	345
Open streets pilot	480	155	635
Nomination	159	74	233
Interpretive signage	153	52	205
Trees for business district	492	184	676
<b>Total votes</b>			<b>2,094</b>
<b>Total participants</b>			<b>698</b>

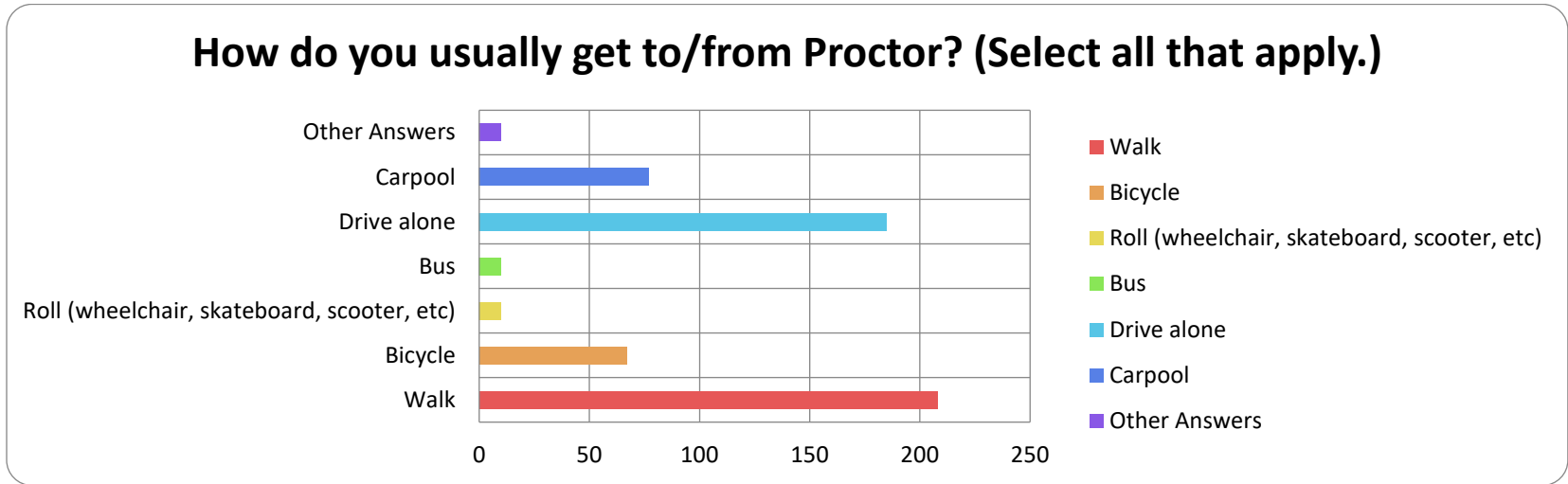
## Demographics

*How are you connected to the Proctor neighborhood? (Select all that apply.)*



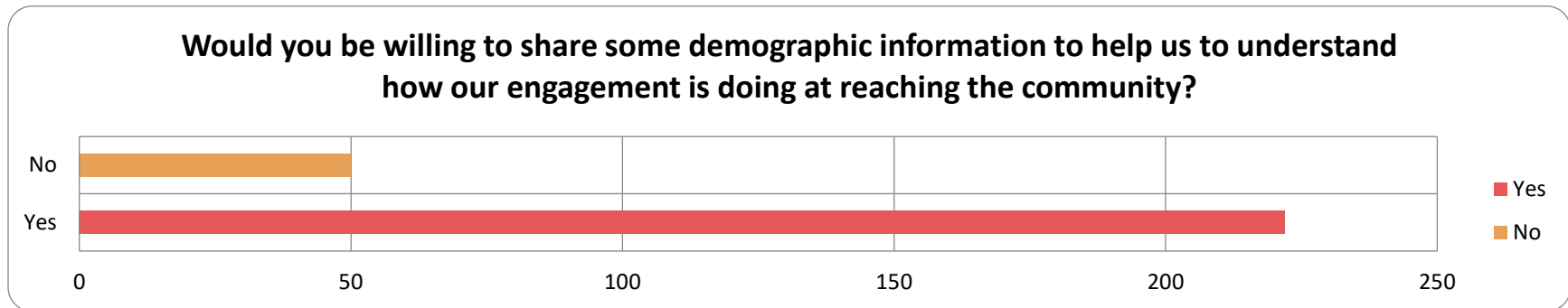
Choice	Responses	
	Count	Percentage
Live here	219	79.35%
Work here	41	14.86%
Visit businesses frequently	186	67.39%
Visit residents frequently	75	27.17%
Would like to live here	11	3.99%
Would like to open a business or work here	5	1.81%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>276</b>	
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>2</b>	

*How do you usually get to/from Proctor? (Select all that apply.)*



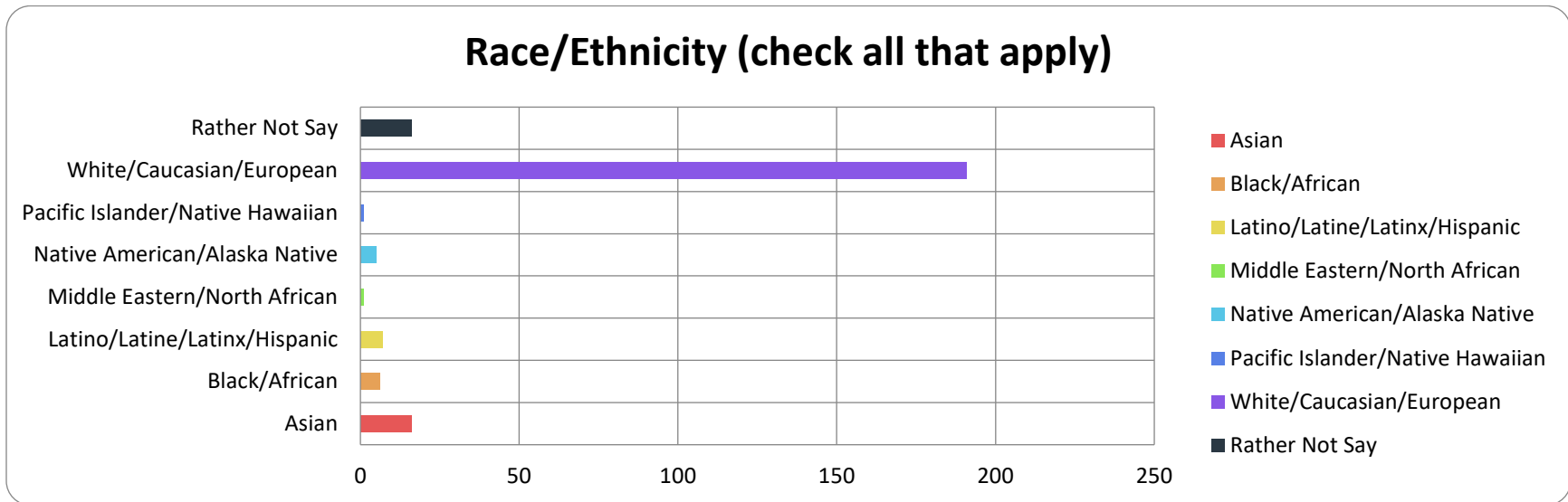
Choice	Responses	
	Walk	208
Bicycle	67	24.19%
Roll (wheelchair, skateboard, scooter, etc)	10	3.61%
Bus	10	3.61%
Drive alone	185	66.79%
Carpool	77	27.80%
Other Answers	10	3.61%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>277</b>	
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>1</b>	

**Would you be willing to share some demographic information to help us to understand how our engagement is doing at reaching the community?**



Choice	Responses	
Yes	222	81.62%
No	50	18.38%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>272</b>	
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>6</b>	

**Race/Ethnicity (check all that apply)**

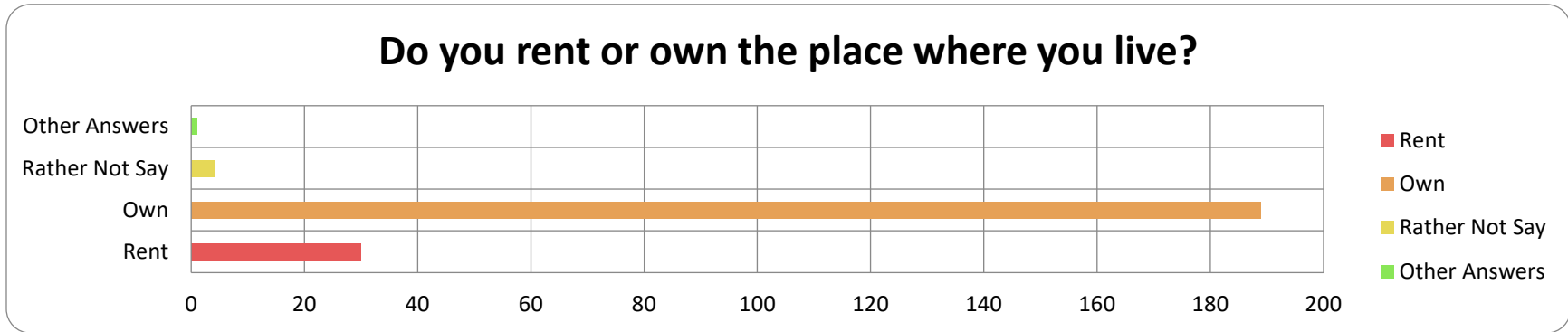


<b>Race/Ethnicity (check all that apply)</b>		
<b>Choice</b>	<b>Responses</b>	
Asian	16	7.31%
Black/African	6	2.74%
Latino/Latine/Latinx/Hispanic	7	3.20%
Middle Eastern/North African	1	0.46%
Native American/Alaska Native	5	2.28%
Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian	1	0.46%
White/Caucasian/European	191	87.21%
Rather Not Say	16	7.31%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>219</b>	
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>59</b>	

<b><i>Please list any specific race, ethnic, and national groups, and tribal/band affiliations with which you identify:</i></b>	
<b>Response</b>	
Indians	
Wyandotte	
Jewish	
Chinese/Taiwanese, The Lummi Indian tribe	
Croatian/Serbian	
Jewish	
Korean	
Chinese	
Jewish	
Jewish	
I want to encourage multi ethnic participation and residence in this neighborhood.	
American Norwegian	
Polish and English	
Chippewa, North Dakota	
American	
South Korean, Filipino, and white	
Filipino, Puerto Rican	
Chinese/Taiwanese, The Lummi Indian tribe	
Scandinavian	
<b>Answered</b> (note: N/A responses removed)	<b>22</b>
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>256</b>

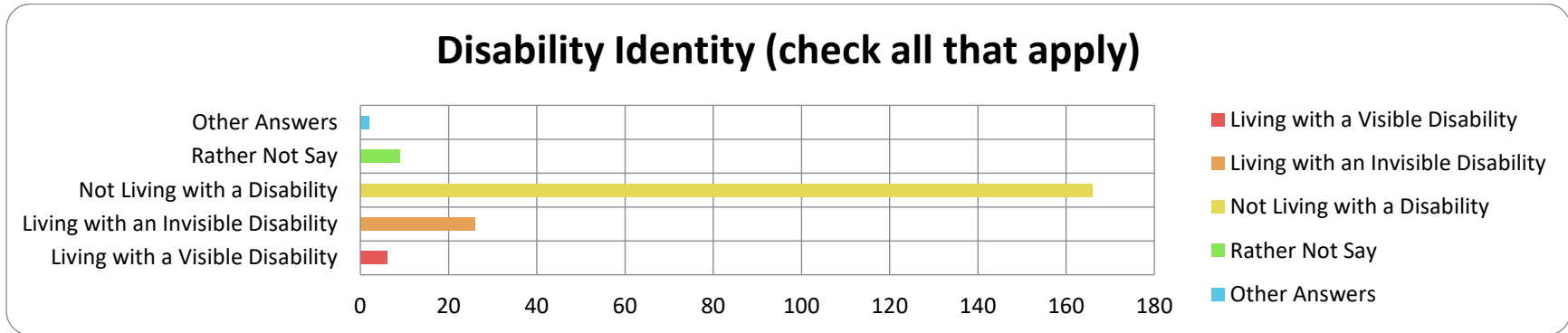


**Do you rent or own the place where you live?**



Choice	Responses	
	Rent	30
Own	189	85.14%
Rather Not Say	4	1.80%
Other Answers	1	0.45%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>222</b>	
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>56</b>	

**Disability Identity (check all that apply)**



Choice	Responses	
Living with a Visible Disability	6	2.88%
Living with an Invisible Disability	26	12.50%
Not Living with a Disability	166	79.81%
Rather Not Say	9	4.33%
Other Answers	2	0.96%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>208</b>	
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>70</b>	

<b>Please list ADA accommodation requests:</b>	
<b>Response</b>	
fix the sidewalk ramps that trap water and don't allow water to flow into the drain	
Public restrooms.	
Ramp access on sidewalks for wheelchairs and strollers	
More programs for those recovering from serious injuries.	
Wider sidewalks, updating pavement issues	
more inclined ramps at businesses	
Seating	

Hearing	
Elderly parent walks with cane or walker.	
Stroller access too!	
All sidewalks along thoroughfares should have accessible curbs.	
I'd request Disabled parking off district served by frequent bus trips into proctor.	
There should be 1 ADA parking spot on every block. Right now there is only 2. By the fire station and 1 by Knapp's. I do not count the ones at the 3 mixed use buildings.	
More cross walks with activated warning lights	
ADA accessibility improves quality of life for everyone! I regularly have a double stroller of children.	
Better conditions if sidewalk! Many are not well maintained and pose hazards to pedestrians, especially seniors. I know several residents who have tripped on damaged or uneven sidewalks and suffered serious injuries!	
I have an invisible disability. I look young and healthy and people assume I can walk fast across the crosswalks. The fast traffic and drivers speed after me when I walk across the street and are not kind. Slowing traffic a bit would help me walk through the area, and if I feel this way I can only imagine how older people feel walking this street.	
<b>Answered</b> (note: N/A responses removed)	<b>20</b>
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>258</b>

### ***Primary Language Spoken at Home***

All 181 respondents to this question reported that English was their primary language spoken at home.

28 respondents noted that they also speak a different language at home in addition to English. Additional language spoken at home include: Spanish, French, Hebrew, Khmer, ASL, German, Cantonese, Mandarin, Yiddish, Japanese, Croatian/Serbian, Portuguese, Tagalog, Swahili

## Pedestrian Safety and Comfort

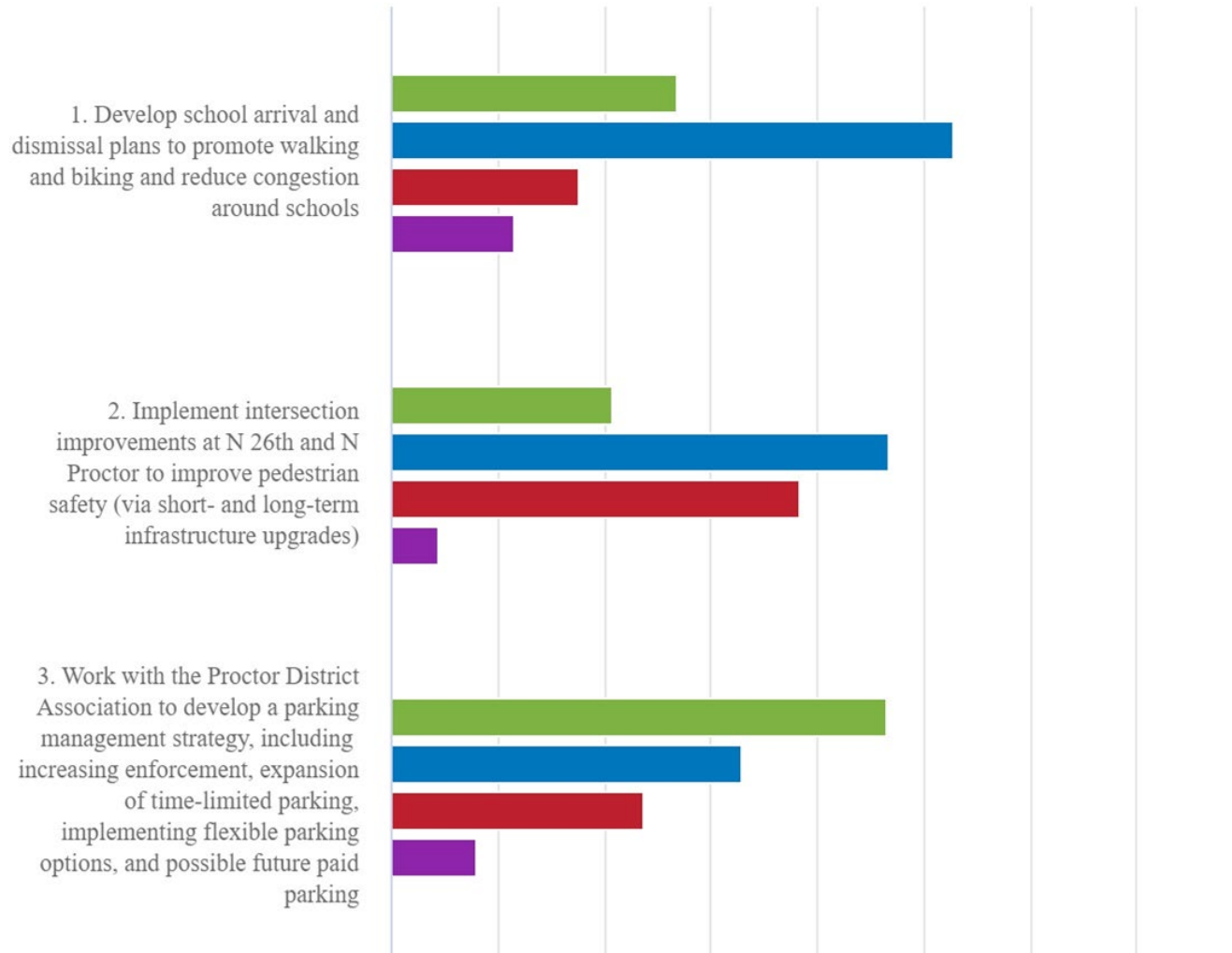
*Supporting safe access to key neighborhood destinations for people walking, biking, and rolling.*

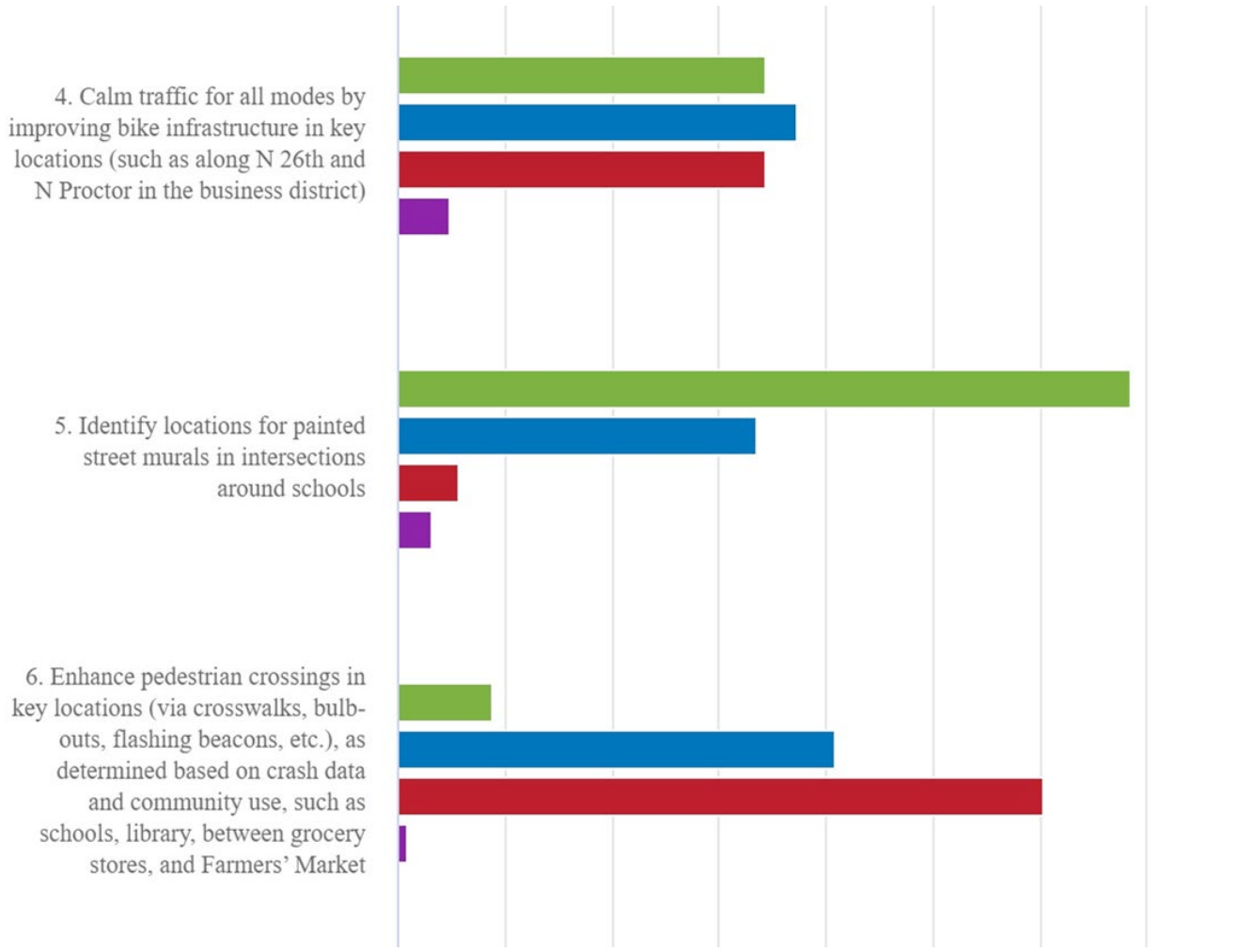
<b><i>Pedestrian Safety and Comfort: How important is the following action to you?</i></b>								
	<b>Less important</b>		<b>Important</b>		<b>Most Important</b>		<b>Don't know/ need more info</b>	
1. Develop school arrival and dismissal plans to promote walking and biking and reduce congestion around schools	67	24.19%	13 2	47.65%	44	15.88%	29	10.47%
2. Implement intersection improvements at N 26th and N Proctor to improve pedestrian safety (via short- and long-term infrastructure upgrades)	52	18.77%	11 7	42.24%	96	34.66%	11	3.97%
3. Work with the Proctor District Association to develop a parking management strategy, including increasing enforcement, expansion of time-limited parking, implementing flexible parking options, and possible future paid parking	116	41.88%	82	29.60%	59	21.30%	20	7.22%
4. Calm traffic for all modes by improving bike infrastructure in key locations (such as along N 26th and N Proctor in the business district)	86	31.05%	93	33.57%	86	31.05%	12	4.33%
5. Identify locations for painted street murals in intersections around schools	171	61.73%	84	30.32%	14	5.05%	8	2.89%
6. Enhance pedestrian crossings in key locations (via crosswalks, bulb-outs, flashing beacons, etc.), as determined based on crash data and community use, such as schools, library, between grocery stores, and Farmers' Market	22	7.94%	10 2	36.82%	15 1	54.51%	2	0.72%
7. Make improvements to the Mason walking path and street crossings	68	24.55%	11 8	42.60%	64	23.10%	26	9.39%
8. Add traffic calming such as speed humps, diverters, and signage on key residential streets, such as bike boulevards and streets adjacent to schools (e.g., N 27th St; N 24th St)	82	29.60%	88	31.77%	92	33.21%	14	5.05%
9. Work with a local organization to regularly close streets within the business district for events and general community gathering (e.g., every Friday evening and/or Saturday)	99	35.74%	89	32.13%	66	23.83%	21	7.58%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>277</b>							
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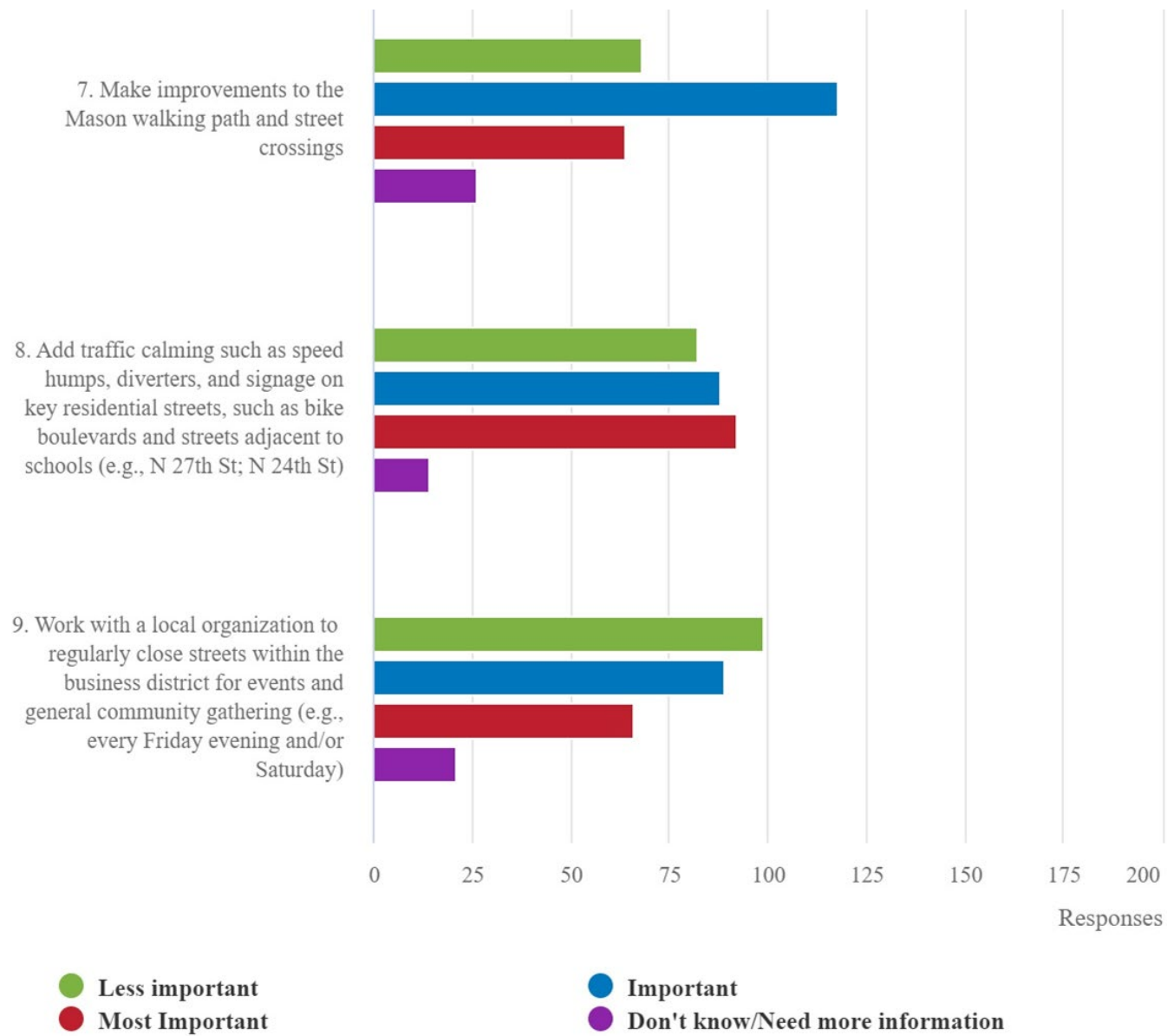
**Pedestrian Safety and Comfort: How important is the following action to you?**

Q3. How important is the following action to you?

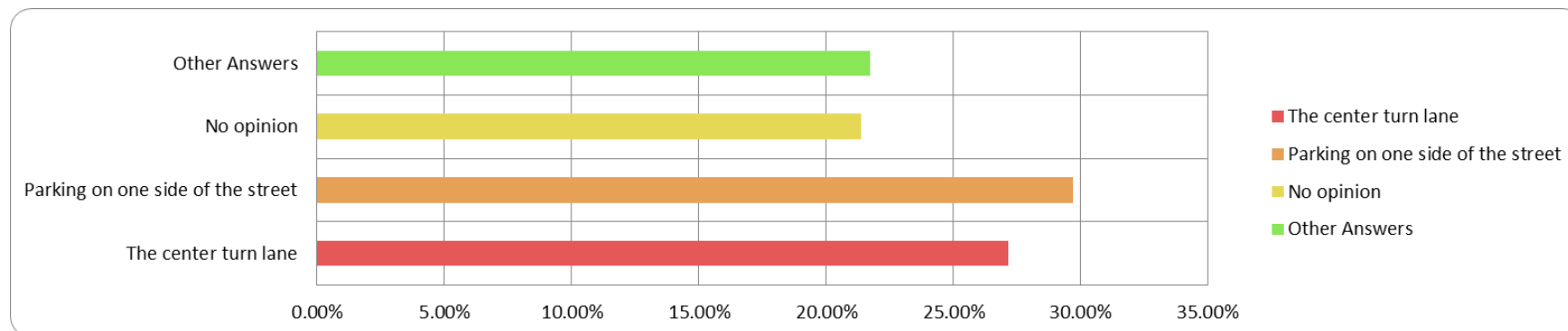
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**Action 4, to improve bike infrastructure in key locations, aligns with Tacoma's Transportation Master Plan to implement bike lanes in locations such as N Proctor St and N 26th. When bike lanes are implemented, would you rather they replace:**



Choice	Responses	
	The center turn lane	75
Parking on one side of the street	82	29.71%
No opinion	59	21.38%
Other Answers	60	21.74%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>276</b>	
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>2</b>	

**Other answers include:**

- Concern over loss of parking
- Concern about removal of turn lanes due to use for deliveries
- Preference to see new bike lanes be protected (e.g., through use of parking or planters) to maximize safety for people biking
- Support for any street reconfiguration option that creates new bike lanes
- Interest in seeing bike lanes located off of major arterials (e.g., N 27th St, N Mason St) and/or to enhance existing bicycle boulevards (e.g., N 24th St)
- Concern that Proctor is already congested and that bikes will create more traffic issues
- Preference to see sharrows through the core of the Proctor business district



- Desire to accommodate lost parking elsewhere in the district
- Desire for more traffic calming in the district for people walking
- Desire for future bike lanes to be connected to the rest of the bike network
- Interest in seeing residential streets changed to one-way streets to accommodate both people biking and existing parking

**Action 9 addresses temporary street closures to cars for events and community gathering. If you support this action, select the frequency and timing of when you would like to see street closures (Select all that apply):**



Choice	Responses	
	Count	Percentage
Permanently	56	21.21%
Weekly	46	17.42%
Monthly	51	19.32%
For special events	195	73.86%
Weekend daytime	61	23.11%
Weekend evening	64	24.24%
Weekday evening	22	8.33%
Other Answers	17	6.44%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>264</b>	
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>14</b>	

**Other answers include:**

- Do not support street closure of N Proctor
- Support closures for large events only, or limited to 4 events per year
- Interest in seeing a side road and/or alley closed more often to create more outdoor space for restaurants and coffee shops
- Support for additional closures to create more space for the Proctor Farmers' Market

***Pedestrian Safety and Comfort: What is important to include or consider for the actions listed above? Are there specific locations for any actions listed above?***

General comments include:

- Desire for traffic calming actions to be data driven and consider equity and need
- Prioritize safety for people over car travel and convenience
- Ensure access to businesses and business district
- Support for increased public transit, especially buses
- Emphasize pedestrian safety; people biking and walking, especially elders and youth, should be prioritized
- Enforcement for speeding
- Interest in low-cost infrastructure improvements to make streets safer for all
- Desire for traffic calming (e.g. speed humps) on N Proctor St
- Interest in accommodating skateboarding in public spaces

Parking:

- Concern about loss of parking and potential impact on businesses
- Desire for more parking garages/off-street parking accommodation
- Belief that there is already too much parking
- Desire for paid parking within the center of Proctor

Biking:

- Desire for protected bike lanes
- Desire for bike boulevards connecting Proctor to the rest of the bike network
- Concern about loss of parking
- Limited support for dedicated bike infrastructure and/or belief that people biking do not follow the rules of the road
- Bike parking is a priority

Open streets/temporary street closures:

- Interest in seeing more of downtown Proctor made accessible for people and not cars
- Interest in seeing a semi-permanent closure on a block (weekends only or seasonally in the summer)

- Desire to see block(s) of N Proctor St and/or N 26th St permanently closed for people
- Desire to require advance notice of closure, as well as notice outside of the area (e.g., near N 21st and N 30th streets)
- Concern about impact of closures on retail shops
- Desire for outdoor dining and gathering space for families
- Concern that this kind of project would make Proctor less accessible for those outside of the district and/or limit equity
- Individual comments about a temporary street closure/festival street:
  - “Would like to see more of a slow community ambiance where children are safe and can stroll about while families enjoy outdoor covered food and shopping. Consider closing a block permanently for community. Perhaps only on weekends (Sept-April) and then 24/7 seasonally May - early Sept.”
  - “For street closures, making it clear earlier from N 30th and Proctor (cars often start turning onto Proctor and then only noticing the street closure sign - not safe as they often then start turning back onto 30th mid-turn).”
  - “Encouraging businesses to provide year-round outdoor space, or otherwise using the outdoor space that would be created by street closures, e.g., outdoor dining for restaurants.”
  - “We already close 27th once weekly for the market. I support occasional street closures for events, but not more than once weekly to be rotated amongst various streets so all businesses are impacted and supported equally.”

Some individual comments said:

- “Lives and safety are more important than travel times. Prioritize safety over car traffic flow.”
- “Anything you can do to improve bike lanes and pedestrian safety and slow traffic will improve the safety and usability of the space. The space is too congested with cars and more biking walking safety should be priority.”
- “Please don't get rid of parking on one side of the street--parking is already such a big issue.”
- “Given how much parking there is around the proctor district, would like to see less in it; would also be interested in diverting through traffic away from 26th to 21st—maybe with some speed bumps, extra lights, etc.”
- “A market study should be conducted to see how much of the retail and other business in the district is due to people driving cars to Proctor. We should not have the businesses suffer by making it harder for their customers to get to them. If we try to force people to other modes, they will go other places to shop, dine, etc.”
- “Please consider traffic calming strategies on N 30th St. As folks exit the highway through Old Town and head up the hill, they grind their engines and go super fast... there is no enforcement of the 25 mph limit. I live on this street and often feel unsafe crossing.”

### ***What pedestrian safety and comfort actions did we miss?***

#### General ideas:

- Remove head-in parking to improve safety for people biking
- Increase parking and calm traffic by converting parallel parking to angled parking
- Increase street trees to calm traffic
- Improved crossings for bicycle boulevards
- Some people suggested eliminating parking minimums, while others would like to see an increase in parking availability with the construction of new buildings
- Improve ADA access for people rolling (wheelchairs, strollers)
- Improve transit service and frequency
- Electronic speed signs at entrance to Proctor
- Enforcement for speeding and drivers yielding to people walking
- Roundabouts to improve safety on residential streets
- Bike parking
- Raised crosswalks to calm traffic
- Improved safety around schools, including closures to cars an hour before and after school
- Increase sidewalk width to improve accessibility and create space for amenities (trees, benches, etc.)
- Desire for RRFBs at more crossing locations

#### Specific location ideas:

- Improvement to N 27th St and N Proctor St crossing
- Crossings between Met Market and Safeway (e.g. N 24th and N 25th streets and N Proctor St)
- All-way crossing at N 26th and N Proctor St
- Alley daylighting at the alley between N 27th and N 28th St and N Proctor St
- Improvements to the bike boulevard crossing at N 24th St and N Proctor St
- Signal changes at N 30th St to eliminate left turn conflicts for pedestrians
- More crossings along N 21st St and N 30th St; crossing safety and calm traffic along N 30th St

## Human-Scale Design

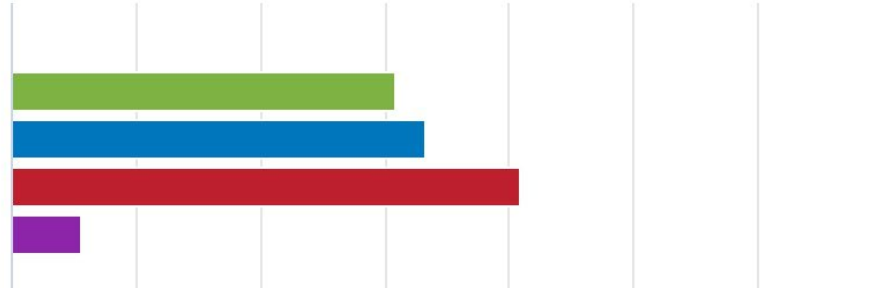
*Human-Scale Design: development that promotes pedestrian-oriented urban design and maintains Proctor's historic character.*

<b>Human-Scale Design: How important is the following action to you?</b>								
	<b>Less important</b>		<b>Important</b>		<b>Most Important</b>		<b>Don't know/Need more information</b>	
1. Develop a nomination to the Tacoma Register of Historic Places to add a handful of historically significant buildings within the business district to preserve the historic character and prevent demolition/significant changes of these buildings	77	27.90%	83	30.07%	102	36.96%	14	5.07%
2. Support City efforts to encourage adaptive reuse of historic buildings, including for housing and other community-serving uses, through incentives or by identifying opportunity sites	52	18.84%	106	38.41%	100	36.23%	16	5.80%
3. Support City efforts to create design standards to ensure large-scale new development complements existing buildings and supports pedestrian orientation in Neighborhood Centers like Proctor, in coordination with the City of Tacoma's new Design Review program	39	14.13%	81	29.35%	144	52.17%	12	4.35%
4. Develop interpretive signage, especially historical, that reflects the history and presence of the Puyallup Tribe and cultural histories of other historically underrepresented groups and their connections to Proctor	107	38.77%	109	39.49%	48	17.39%	12	4.35%
5. Create new wall murals	155	56.16%	92	33.33%	23	8.33%	5	1.81%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>276</b>							
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>2</b>							

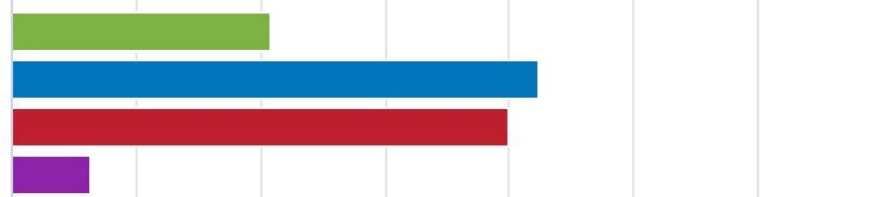
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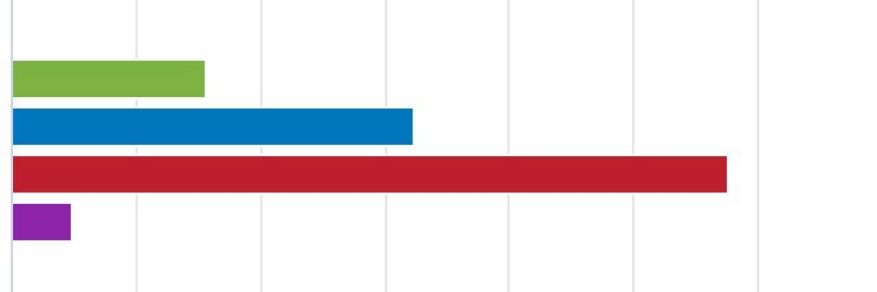
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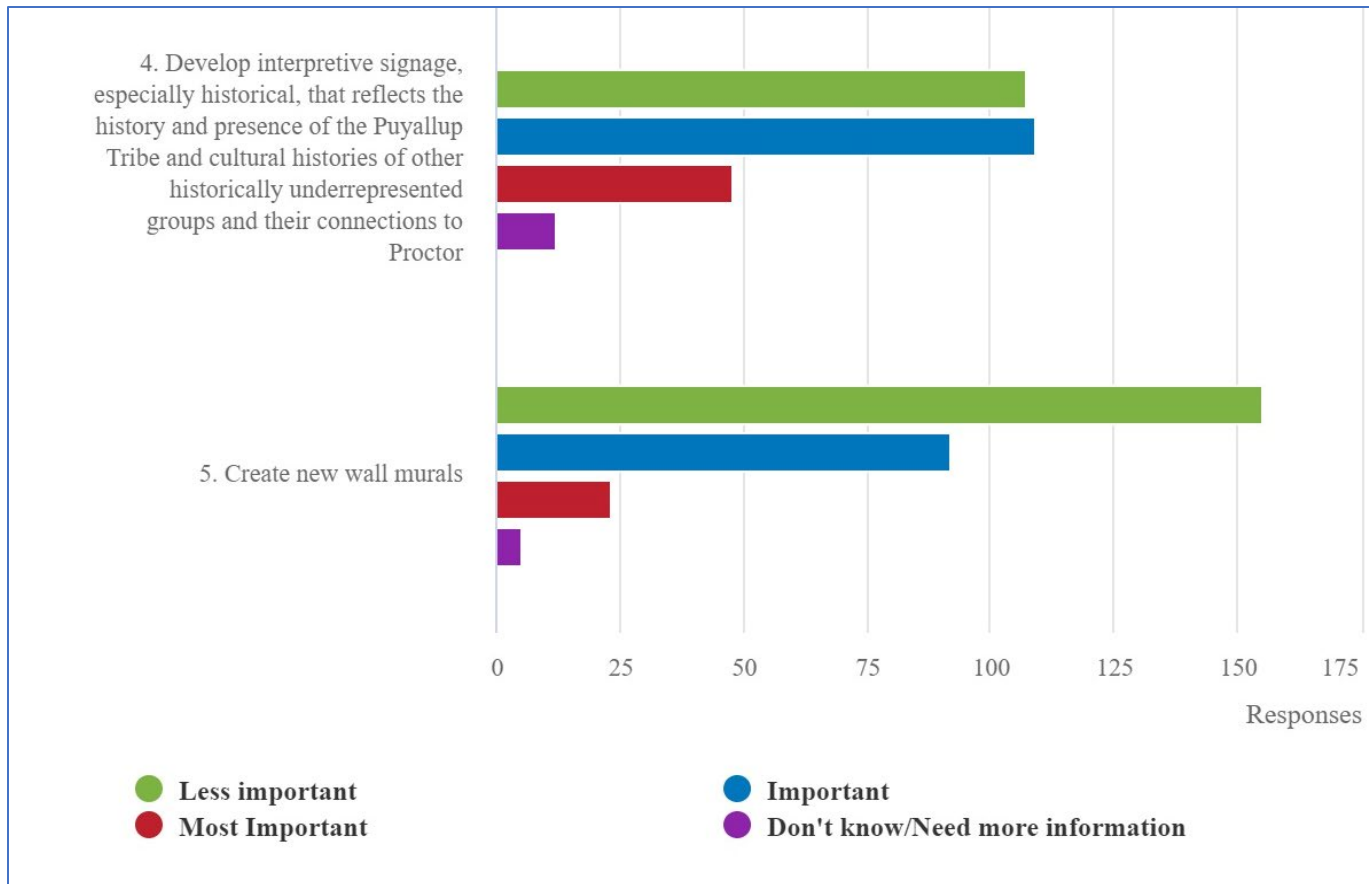
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***Human-Scale Design: What is important to include or consider for the actions listed above? Are there specific locations for any actions listed above?***

The most common responses addressed:

- Parking requirements—both for and against.
- Historic preservation and balancing it with the need for density.

- Design Review/Zoning Control—with many for and against.
  - “Think about standards that would allow new development to integrate historic buildings, see San Diego historic ballpark district for examples.”
  - “Absolutely do not add design review for development (#3 above). We need to encourage more building and density; adding unnecessary hoops and red tape like this is what causes delays and causes the price of housing to be much more expensive. If we want to stop Proctor from being even more unaffordable for lower- or middle-income families, we need to make permitting EASIER, so that our ever-increasing demand can be met.”
  - “Maintain the small to moderate scale of the business district instead of adding large scale development.”

Several comments addressed:

- Affordable housing
- Equity
- Scale of new development

Some comments shared concerns about:

- Government interference
- Building heights
- Over development

Some comments shared feedback on Cushman and Adams Substation:

- Would like to see the Cushman building and grounds re-purposed into a community center and park.

Some comments requested:

- Public art/murals
- Skateboarding amenities
- Complete sidewalks
- Tree canopy

Other miscellaneous comments questioned why do Neighborhood Planning in Proctor:

- “Honestly, all of this is not needed right now. Proctor is just fine as is. The city needs to spend its money on dealing with crime, and cleaning up the downtown.”

### ***What human-scale design actions did we miss?***

Comments mentioned:

- Trees/plantings/open space
- Art
- Bike parking
- Bike lanes
- Design standards
- Parking
- Increased transit
- Amenities such as drinking fountains; street eateries; skateboarding features; trash cans; lighting

Some individual comments said:

- “If we want pedestrian-oriented urban design, what is needed above all is DENSITY, DENSITY, DENSITY! More people living close to businesses equals more walking (and more customers for those businesses!). Greatly expand the commercial district zone and allow large increases in building size and height. Get rid of stupid regulations such as FARs and parking requirements for new building. Better yet, allow more commercial development outside of the core business district. One of the best features that we should have more of our businesses in a random neighborhood like the Rosewood Cafe or Terry's Office Tavern--it encourages walking/biking and is a great amenity to have close by. More of those scattered about would be fantastic!”
- “Consider building scale transitions so you don't have large apartment complexes abutting small houses. Need mid-height transitions such as townhouses. Where street level business is incorporated are there ways to incentivize businesses the community can enjoy. We don't need more banks and real estate offices taking over independent shops.”
- “The historical signage is a good idea, but it's not there yet. These communities are part of our present as well as the history of Tacoma. We should consider working with them (especially the Puyallup tribe, who are actively improving and investing in communities) on the best way to represent and honor their presence in Tacoma. Overall, I'd like to see a bigger modern representation of indigenous and underrepresented communities. If we can't do it through affordable housing, perhaps we consider monthly cultural events that feature food, vendors, art, and even movies of different cultures (I.e. Months celebrating indigenous heritage, black history, AAPIHN, Hispanic/Latinx, disability, etc.)”
- “Proctor should be a pedestrian oriented business district that is bike friendly and places automobile parking as a final consideration following optimized urban neighborhood design.”

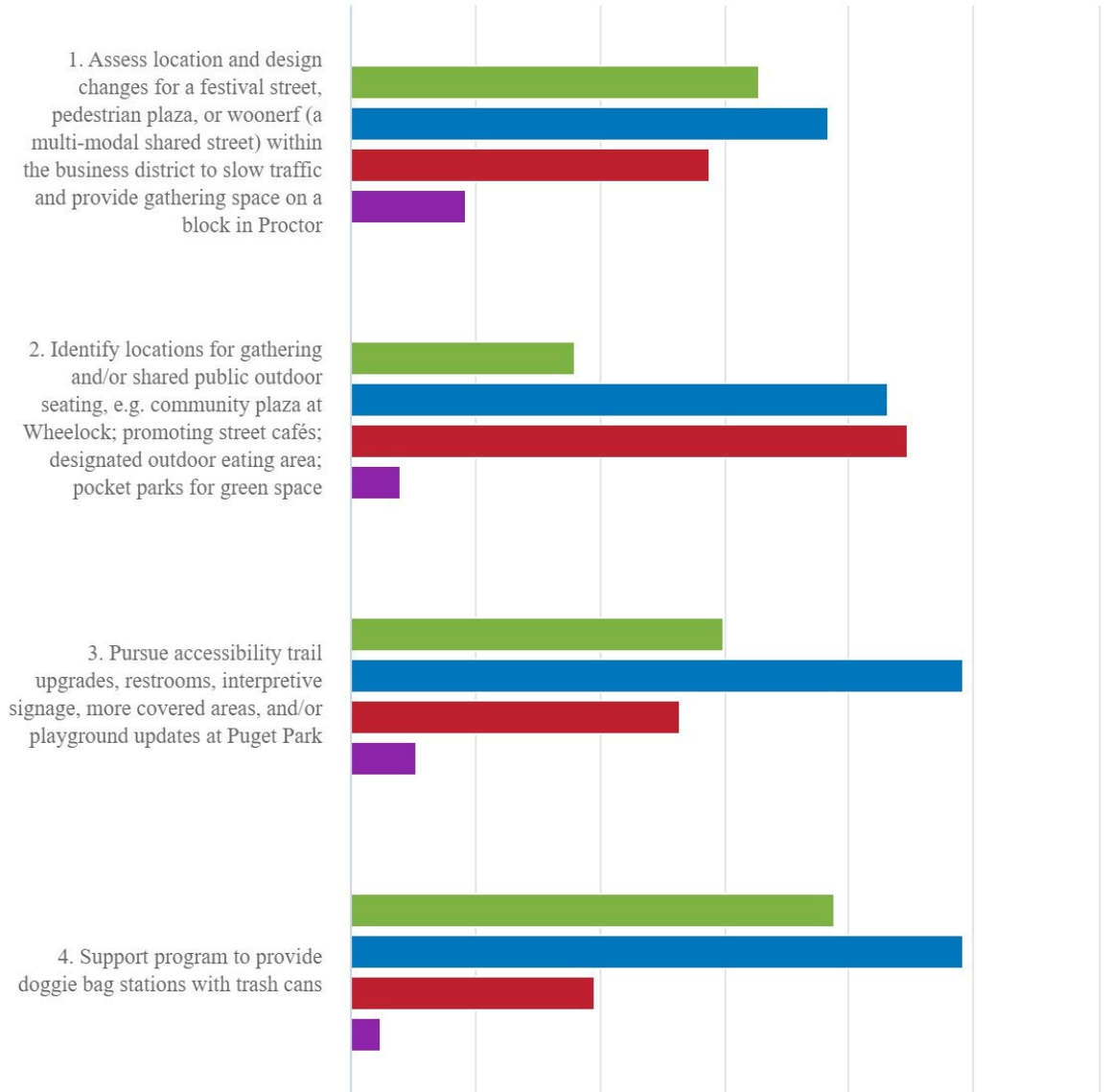
## Community Space

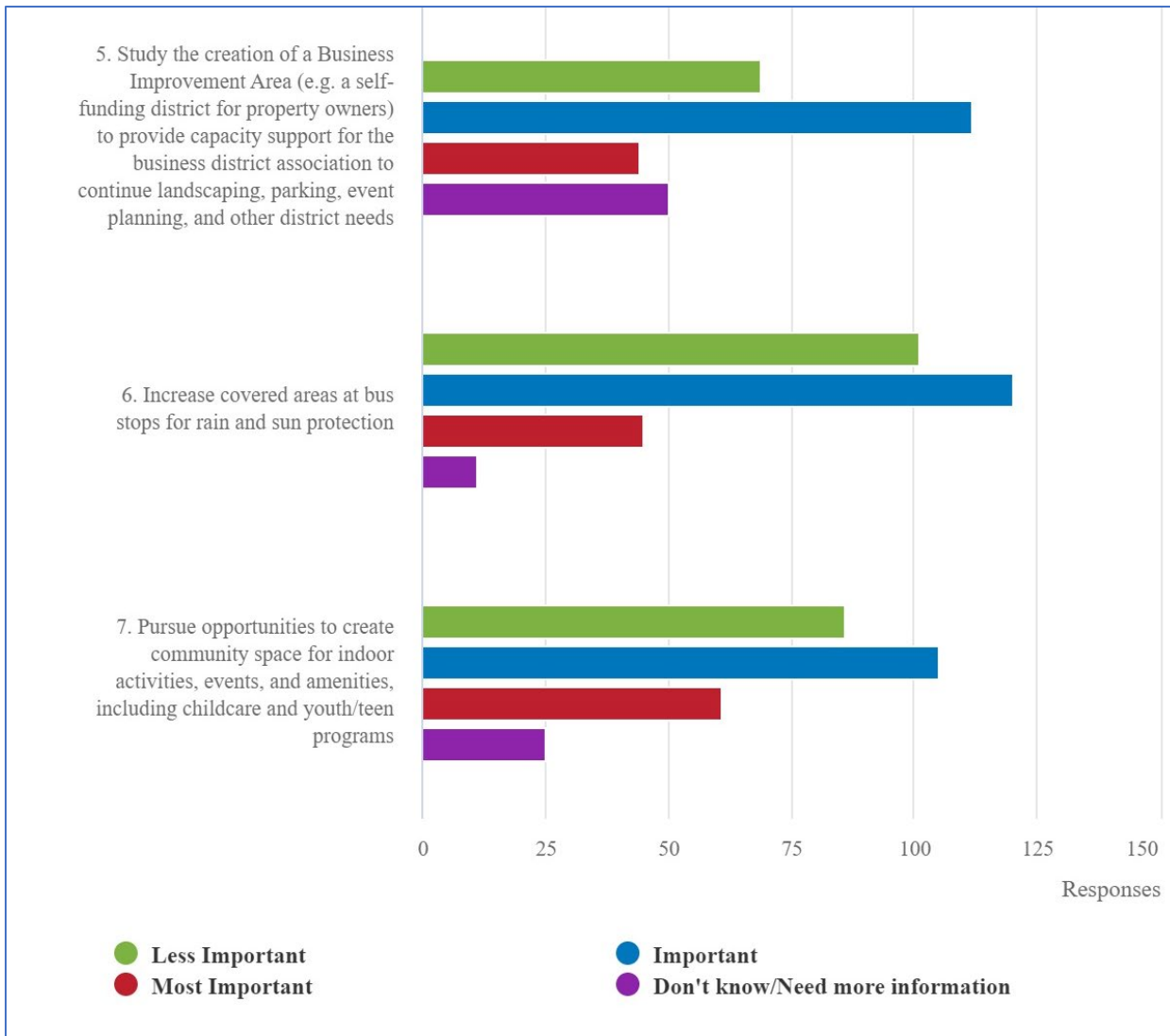
*Community Space: community space for gathering indoors and outdoors, including enhancing access to existing spaces and parks.*

<b>Community Space: How important is the following action to you?</b>								
	<b>Less Important</b>		<b>Important</b>		<b>Most Important</b>		<b>Don't know/Need more information</b>	
1. Assess location and design changes for a festival street, pedestrian plaza, or woonerf (a multi-modal shared street) within the business district to slow traffic and provide gathering space on a block in Proctor	82	29.60%	96	34.66%	72	25.99%	23	8.30%
2. Identify locations for gathering and/or shared public outdoor seating, e.g. community plaza at Wheelock; promoting street cafés; designated outdoor eating area; pocket parks for green space	45	16.25%	108	38.99%	112	40.43%	10	3.61%
3. Pursue accessibility trail upgrades, restrooms, interpretive signage, more covered areas, and/or playground updates at Puget Park	75	27.08%	123	44.40%	66	23.83%	13	4.69%
4. Support program to provide doggie bag stations with trash cans	97	35.02%	123	44.40%	49	17.69%	6	2.17%
5. Study the creation of a Business Improvement Area (e.g. a self-funding district for property owners) to provide capacity support for the business district association to continue landscaping, parking, event planning, and other district needs	69	24.91%	112	40.43%	44	15.88%	50	18.05%
6. Increase covered areas at bus stops for rain and sun protection	101	36.46%	120	43.32%	45	16.25%	11	3.97%
7. Pursue opportunities to create community space for indoor activities, events, and amenities, including childcare and youth/teen programs	86	31.05%	105	37.91%	61	22.02%	25	9.03%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>277</b>							
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# Q11. How important is the following action to you?

277 answers





**Actions 1 and 2 promote community gathering through a festival street (Action 1) and seating or other outdoor space (Action 2). What are your top 3 priorities for community gathering space?**



Choice	Responses	
Seating	100	37.59%
Green space	166	62.41%
Can accommodate special events and gatherings	93	34.96%
Slow or no through traffic	143	53.76%
Near to other businesses in the core of Proctor	81	30.45%
Food trucks or other activation	68	25.56%
Placemaking elements like lighting or art	47	17.67%
Other Answers	21	7.89%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>266</b>	
<b>Skipped</b>	<b>12</b>	

Summary of other responses:

- No changes because Proctor has enough already; Use other locations, such as Cushman
- Green space/dog park
- Skateboarding features
- Parking management
- Flexible space

***What is important to include or consider for the actions listed above? Are there specific locations for any actions listed above?***

Many comments identified these locations as opportunities for community space:

- Cushman and Adams Substations
- Wheelock Library
- Washington Elementary
- Mason Middle School
- Mason Trail

Some comments identified these locations:

- Union Ave
- Alleys
- N 27th Street (used by Farmers' Market)
- Mason United Methodist Church
- Puget Park
- Parking lots

Several comments shared these concerns:

- Impacts to the Business District
- Parking
- Heat/climate adaptation; shade creation



- Tree canopy/native plants/green space
- Need for indoor/outdoor space
- Need for seating
- Limited sidewalk space

Some comments identified these concerns:

- Crowding
- Cost
- Restrooms
- ADA issues
- Safety

Some individual comments:

- “We need to be careful not to damage the business district through a misguided effort to turn it into a park! The Proctor "downtown" should be, first and foremost, a place that is easy, safe and pleasant for North End residents to visit on foot or bike, where there is reasonable parking for those who need to visit by car, and where visitors can patronize local businesses and enjoy a small town, "Main Street" ambiance. It may also be an appropriate gathering place for \*some\* events (e.g., the Farmers' Market). But we should be careful NOT to mess up a wonderful downtown by trying to turn it into an event venue! Other locations are available for that function (e.g., the Cushman Substation site).”
- “Parking in Proctor is a problem, which directly impacts businesses. While I support having a ‘delivery zone’ for local restaurants, it blocks valuable parking spaces for other patrons of the business district. Consider making those delivery zone/food pick up spots for a specific time, and painting the curb so other street parking folks know where the parking allotted for that pickup space begins and ends.”
- “Would love for Proctor to have more green walk/trail/bike paths connecting Proctor gardens to proctor business area down to Puget Park- would like more emphasis on walking and biking, with benches and greenway (wider sidewalks + safe bike path for young kids to bike alone) through the area. + outdoor cafes.”
- “Public health and safety are first items to deliver in planning any event. Puget Park is a great spot, but the intersection at 30th and Proctor is unsafe with speeding and red-light violations, needs enforcement cameras to calm.”

### ***Are there any community space actions we missed?***

Several comments mentioned:

- Cushman and Adams Substation
- Skateboarding opportunities
- Green space
- Need for public restrooms
- Safety
- Parking (both reducing and increasing)
- Ongoing maintenance of public spaces

Some comments mentioned:

- Dog park
- Community center
- Waterfront access

Some individual comments:

- “Green space and community gathering is a huge gap that is missing from the Proctor area - we don't have a Metroparks community center or something similar, but we do have two sizeable schools. What partnerships can happen with the school to effectively use those spaces, but also help to maintain those spaces (keeping the playgrounds and sports fields in good shape)?”
- “Thinking about this issue should be guided not only by what we want to create, but ALSO by what we want to preserve! In the age of online (Amazon) and ‘big box’ shopping (Costco, Walmart, Home Depot, etc.) areas like the Proctor business district are \*precious\* and VERY hard to create. We need to focus on helping those small businesses stay healthy and viable, and be VERY careful not to mess up what is already a truly ‘good thing!’”
- “Safety, noise, parking, pedestrian, bike, and limited mobility accessibility. Indoor/ outdoor connected space for community gathering for health and fitness. Adult-size playground fitness equipment in the parks can bring young and old together. As there are already 2 schools in the neighborhood, what's lacking is community space for adults and the elderly and/or that brings young and old together. Agree that the Cushman and Adam's substation properties have so much potential!”

## Sustainability and Climate Adaptation

*Sustainability and Climate Adaptation: Reducing climate impacts through environmentally sustainable practices and development and preserving the urban tree canopy.*

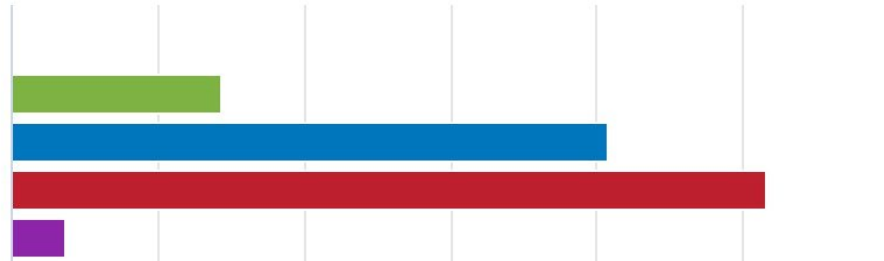
### **Sustainability and Climate Adaptation: How important is the following action to you?**

	Less important		Important		Most Important		Don't know/Need more information	
1. Remove paving in select areas of the business district and replace diseased trees. Integrate green elements into future changes in the business district (e.g., rain gardens, permeable paving, planter boxes)	36	13.00%	102	36.82%	129	46.57%	9	3.25%
2. Support residential tree planting and care through outreach partnerships for Grit City Tree program and community education	33	11.91%	112	40.43%	126	45.49%	6	2.17%
3. Provide public recycling bins and solar trash compactor cans; identify locations for future glass drop-off	65	23.47%	111	40.07%	92	33.21%	7	2.53%
4. Support installation of new electric vehicle charging stations in the business district; select locations and limit charging/parking time to ensure parking access supports businesses	136	49.10%	92	33.21%	42	15.16%	6	2.17%
5. Work with businesses to install bike parking in the business district	85	30.69%	115	41.52%	71	25.63%	6	2.17%
6. Advocate for improved transit service to Proctor as housing and employment increases	53	19.13%	98	35.38%	109	39.35%	17	6.14%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>277</b>							
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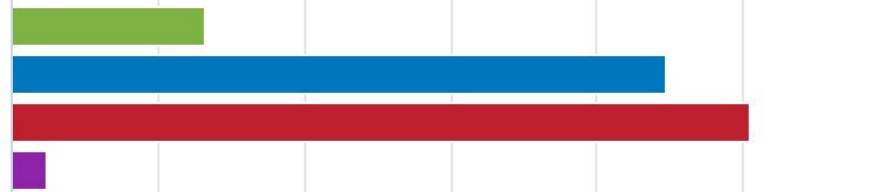
### Q15. How important is the following action to you?

277 answers

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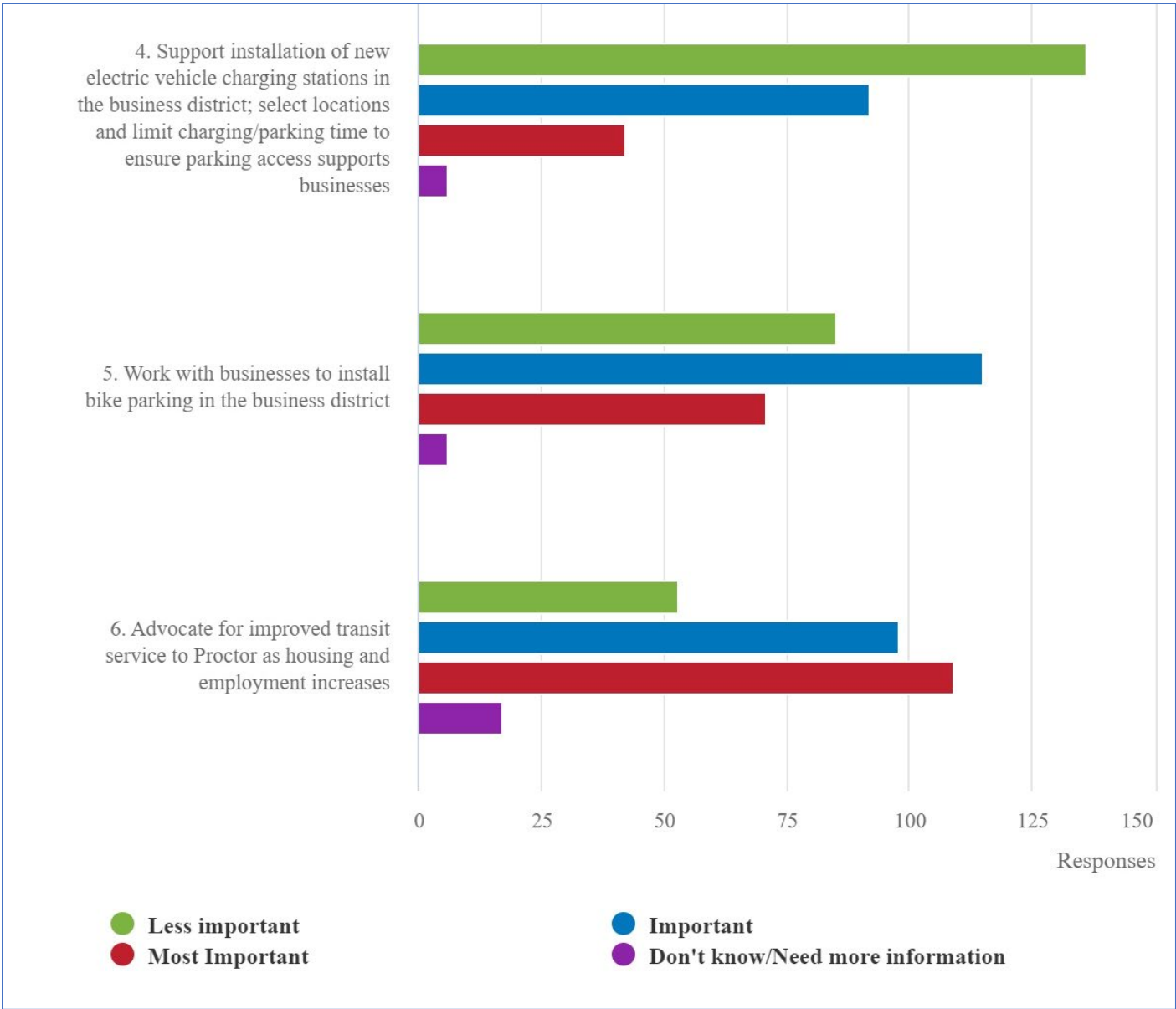


2. Support residential tree planting and care through outreach partnerships for Grit City Tree program and community education



3. Provide public recycling bins and solar trash compactor cans; identify locations for future glass drop-off





***What is important to include or consider for the actions listed above? Are there specific locations for any actions listed above?***

Several comments mentioned:

- Trees
- Ongoing maintenance
- Green space

Some comments mentioned:

- Increased transit
- Bike infrastructure
- Trash/recycling receptacles
- Support for renewable energy

Some individual comments:

- “As a community how do we help all members of our community shift from car dependency? Allowing cars is different than prioritizing. This extends to how Proctor interfaces with neighboring arterials like 21st and 30th.”
- “Don’t lose the pedestrian character of Proctor in the name of green infrastructure. Sidewalks should be widened. Paving is a necessary in this urban space. Raingardens are too suburban a green solution for this urban space...Currently the rain garden at the Safeway overflow parking lot is one of the most cared-for spaces in the neighborhood. It is always filled with trash and weeds.”
- “Plant and care for larger trees around the school, library and grocery store. Leave the little existing trees along the small businesses. It seems wasteful to plan for and plant trees that are not taken care of.”
- “I’m all for green spaces, but I’m very leery of this plan. It feels like trying to get the green light to spend money by redoing and so called ‘upgrading’ which I do not approve of. It feels like you are trying to make a Stepford village out of Proctor. Let’s not ‘redo’ and ‘replace’ but rather let’s better care for what we have.”

### ***What sustainability actions did we miss?***

Several comments mentioned:

- Trash compactors/trash and pollutant management
- Green infrastructure, including stormwater and green roofs
- Trees and plants

Some comments mentioned:

- Creating a green district
- Ending parking subsidies
- Adaptive reuse of existing buildings
- Encourage biking
- Need for parking
- Manage growth
- EV charging stations (both for and against)

Some individual comments:

- “How to have enough space for people, parking and beauty.”
- “More thoughtful vendor and business inclusion to create walkable one-stop shop live/work/play communities in and adjacent to Proctor. Rather than food trucks bringing additional emissions, a space that serves as a food hall would be more sustainable and become a go-to dining experience in the neighborhood. Also, a focus on using sustainable materials in all projects, especially incorporating solar and water re-use as possible.”
- “Change City code so that vegetable gardens planted in the tree lawns are compliant. Right now I think it's a "look the other way" issue. Considering banning the replacement of greenery with gravel on tree lawns. Amend the code to require the planting on trees in yards with major remodels (flipped).”

## Residential and Commercial Affordability

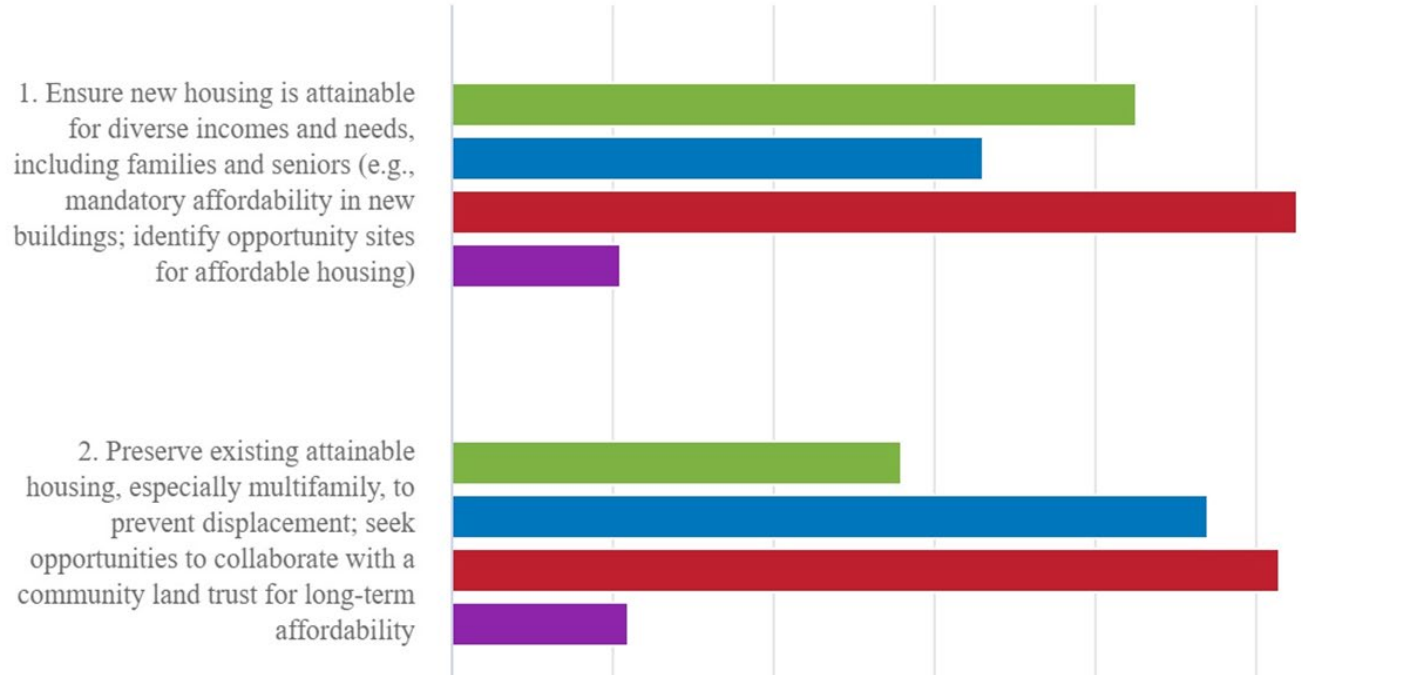
*Commercial and Residential Affordability: Preserving and constructing housing that is attainable for diverse incomes and needs and affordable commercial space for small and diverse businesses.*

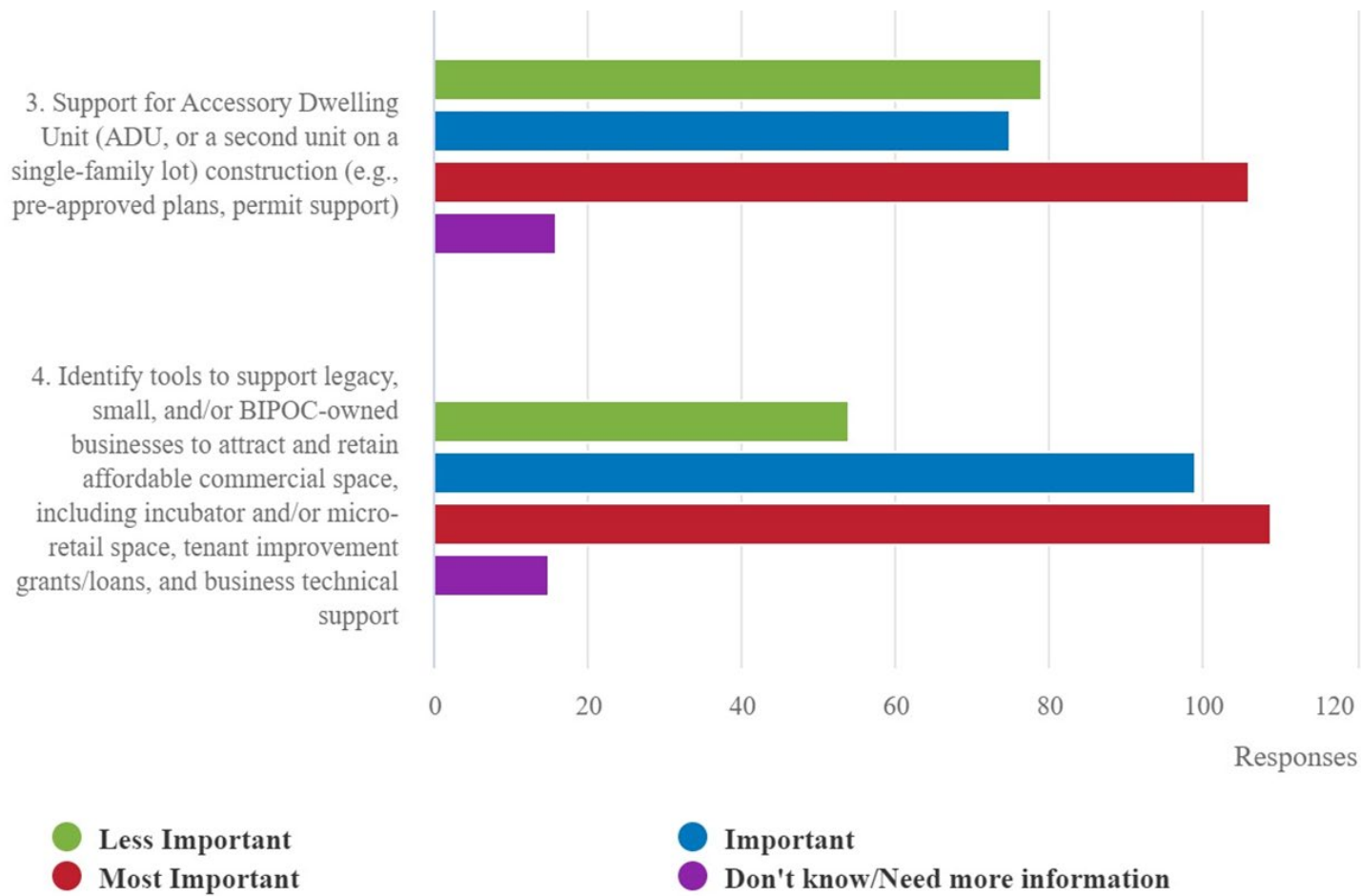
<b>Residential and Commercial Affordability: How important is the following action to you?</b>								
	Less Important		Important		Most Important		Don't know/Need more information	
1. Ensure new housing is attainable for diverse incomes and needs, including families and seniors (e.g., mandatory affordability in new buildings; identify opportunity sites for affordable housing)	85	30.69%	66	23.83 %	105	37.91%	21	7.58%
2. Preserve existing attainable housing, especially multifamily, to prevent displacement; seek opportunities to collaborate with a community land trust for long-term affordability	56	20.22%	94	33.94 %	103	37.18%	22	7.94%
3. Support for Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU, or a second unit on a single-family lot) construction (e.g., pre-approved plans, permit support)	79	28.52%	75	27.08 %	106	38.27%	16	5.78%
4. Identify tools to support legacy, small, and/or BIPOC-owned businesses to attract and retain affordable commercial space, including incubator and/or micro-retail space, tenant improvement grants/loans, and business technical support	54	19.49%	99	35.74 %	109	39.35%	15	5.42%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>277</b>							
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# Q18. How important is the following action to you?

277 answers





***Commercial and Residential Affordability: What is important to include or consider for the actions listed above? Are there specific locations for any actions listed above?***

General comments:

- Desire to see increased housing to increase affordability
- Desire to make housing construction easier
- Concern about loss of single-family character
- Interest in creation of flexible housing types (e.g. units with shared kitchens or co-operative housing)
- Interest in an increase in requirements for developers to include affordable housing in multifamily housing
- Desire to see ADUs be affordable and used as long-term (not short-term) rentals
- Individual comments include:
  - o “Reduce allowed heights in the Proctor MUC especially where the MUC boundary abuts low-scale residential.”
  - o “The new apartments that are going into Proctor are far from affordable. Need to address how to making housing attainable for all. Same for small businesses. Proctor has such a diverse set of businesses that draw people to the area. Need to support and preserve those businesses and attract new ones.”
  - o “There is no housing crisis. There is simply desirable real estate in the north end.”

Commercial affordability:

- Desire to see Proctor commercial rents maintained to support existing small businesses
- Individual comments included:
  - o “Proctor needs a diversification of businesses - there are too many banks and real estate offices! But those businesses also need to provide services or be at price points that those living in the neighborhood can support.”
  - o “Part of Proctor's charm is its array of small, locally owned businesses, not large corporate chains. The city should work with these businesses to make sure they are not priced out of their locations.”

Residential affordability:

- “Support more housing in Proctor! This shouldn't be a neighborhood just for the affluent.”
- “Relaxing zoning and design rules would take care of these issues. Not more rules. Just need to make building housing more legal.”
- “If we want to retain affordable commercial space then we need to allow the construction of new residential units outside of the commercial area. Preserving old commercial space while meeting our housing goals necessitates developing in residential space.”
- “Increase the minimum percentages of mandatory affordable housing in new buildings. We don't need hundreds of luxury apartments to establish a dozen affordable apartments - developers aren't exactly struggling to make ends meet.”

- “Develop a program that provides for affordable, deed restricted ADU development”
- “I saw affordable housing in Beacon Hill that was so well supported it was a boon to all. Near transit, with thriving businesses and schools, bringing together an amazing diversity of people. And it was incredibly well funded. If Proctor can do that, it would be the most amazing thing. It brings in amenities like transit and increased public school funding that all people benefit from and all people get to be safe.

***What affordability actions did we miss?***

General comments:

- Overall support for affordability requirements (although some people shared questions about whether Proctor is the best place for new affordable housing due to cost of land compared to other parts of Tacoma)
- Desire to see more affordable homes for ownership opportunities (versus affordable rentals)
- Desire to see more public/private partnerships
- Desire for more infill housing
- Interest in changes to make housing more affordable to construct (e.g., eliminating parking requirements)

Some individual comments:

- “The Cushman Power Station needs to be retained for use by the community and should be turned into a community center with possible year round farmers/crafts market. The rest of the property needs to be used to build affordable housing. “
- “The City needs to follow-up it's housing rental regulations with commercial leasing standards and regulations that find a balance to support both landlords and small businesses.”
- “Stop interfering in the free market. There is plenty of affordable housing in Tacoma; that said, one needs to have a job and be willing to live south of 38th. This is NOT a crisis.”
- “Residential affordability should trump commercial affordability every single time. There is no such thing as a homeless business.”