

MEMO

Tualatin Garden Corner Curves

DATE: April 14, 2017

RE: Public Engagement Summary Memo



Overview

This document summarizes the public engagement conducted to date for involving stakeholders and informing the public about the Garden Corner Curves (GCC) project. The public outreach strategy utilized many tools of engagement to reach stakeholders and the broader community, such as an online survey, a project website, community meetings, and a corridor site tour. Primary stakeholders included landowners and residents who would be directly affected by alignment choices, people who live in the general area, and stakeholders who may potentially be impacted by changes to traffic patterns.

Public Involvement Strategy Goals

As stated in the project Public Involvement Strategy, the City of Tualatin is committed to public engagement that:

- Provides early and ongoing opportunities for stakeholders to raise issues and concerns
- Facilitates equitable and constructive communication between the public and project team
- Empowers residents to become involved with the project
- Enables experiential review and participation in the design process
- Provides the public with balanced and objective information to help the public understand issues, alternatives, opportunities, solutions, and related costs
- Builds on existing communication networks and resources
- Enhances the project outcome and acceptance within the community

Public Outreach Summary

During the listening phase of the GCC public engagement process, some common themes emerged from community members. The following infographic describes the most common themes heard during this process:

City of Tualatin
GARDEN CORNER CURVES
Public Outreach Summary



CORRIDOR EXPERIENCE:

71%
of survey respondents travel
on the corridor every day



90%

of survey respondents live immediately adjacent
to the corridor or in an adjoining neighborhood



Many residents walked the corridor for the
first time at the street closure event

SURVEY RESPONDENTS SAID:



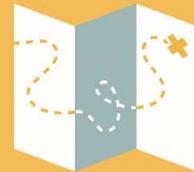
98%

do not feel safe walking
on this corridor



97%

do not feel safe
biking here



58%

said there are no safe and convenient
alternate routes for walking or biking

TOP SAFETY CONCERNS:



Blind corners
and limited visibility

Outreach to Date

As outlined in the project Public Involvement Plan, the GCC public engagement process comprised three categories of outreach. To date, the project team has accomplished the following:

- General Outreach Tools
 - Information sharing in the City of Tualatin’s newsletter
 - An article in the Ibach CIO newsletter
 - Information sharing by stakeholders via Next Door
 - Additional City outreach via website and social media posts

- Targeted Stakeholder Outreach
 - Stakeholder meetings with affected property owners
 - Kitchen table meetings (small neighborhood meetings hosted by neighbors near the corridor)
 - Presentation at the Ibach Community Involvement Organization’s (CIO) meeting

- Public and Online Events
 - Corridor site tour
 - Virtual corridor tour video
 - Online survey
 - Project website

Outreach Meeting	Meeting Date	Attendance
Stakeholder Meeting	September 19, 2016	1 Property Owner
CIO Meeting - Project Update	October 3, 2016	18
Closed Street Site Tour	October 8, 2016	Est. 45-50 Attendees
Stakeholder Meeting	October 8, 2016	2 Property Owners
Kitchen Table Meeting #1	November 7, 2016	5 Attendees
Kitchen Table Meeting #2	November 29, 2016	5 Attendees
Stakeholder Meeting	April 3, 2017	2 Property Owners
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Stakeholder Meeting	April 12, 2017	2 Property Owners

Targeted Stakeholder Outreach

Stakeholder Meetings

The listening phase of the outreach process included several stakeholder meetings with affected property owners. The purpose of the meetings was to gain a better understanding of stakeholder observations or concerns along the corridor, and learn about the history and aspirations of the community.

Kitchen Table Meetings

The project team has hosted two “kitchen table” meetings, small neighborhood meetings that allow hosts to invite their neighbors, and speak directly with the project team. Emphasis for the meetings was on communication with neighbors and affected property owners. Below are some common comments and questions heard at both meetings:

- Access along the corridor is needed for connectivity
- Large trucks are restricted from using the corridor, but some still do. A truck was stuck at the corner and had to back out.
- Speeding is an issue along the corridor.
- There is very little traffic during the day/outside of rush hour.
- It’s impossible to walk/bike to school.
- Are improvements a forgone conclusion?
- Can the City implement interim / phased solutions?
- What is the construction timeline?
- Can the City change the speed limit?

Community Outreach Meetings

Community outreach meetings attended by the project team included the Ibach Community Involvement Organization’s (CIO) meeting, where the team gave a presentation on the project, answered questions and discussed upcoming opportunities to provide input.

Public & Online Events

Corridor Site Tour

With support and traffic control provided by the City, the project team closed the street for two hours to let people walk and bike the corridor. This open streets-style event drew many long-time residents who were excited to walk the corridor for the first time in many years. The project team provided information on the width of the right of way and pointed out specific challenges of the site. The following summarizes the types of comments collected during the event:

- Safety seemed to be the main concern, over traffic congestion.
- Speed is a major concern. Project should do something to reduce speeding.
- Corridor is unsafe for pedestrians.
- Corridor is used as a cut through for N-S traffic due to congestion on alternative routes.
- Providing a separate space for people biking and walking along the corridor is a big priority.
- The corridor lighting needs to be improved.

Project Website

A project website was developed as a simple site within the City of Tualatin’s website: www.gardencornercurves.com. The site features elements such as background documents, project

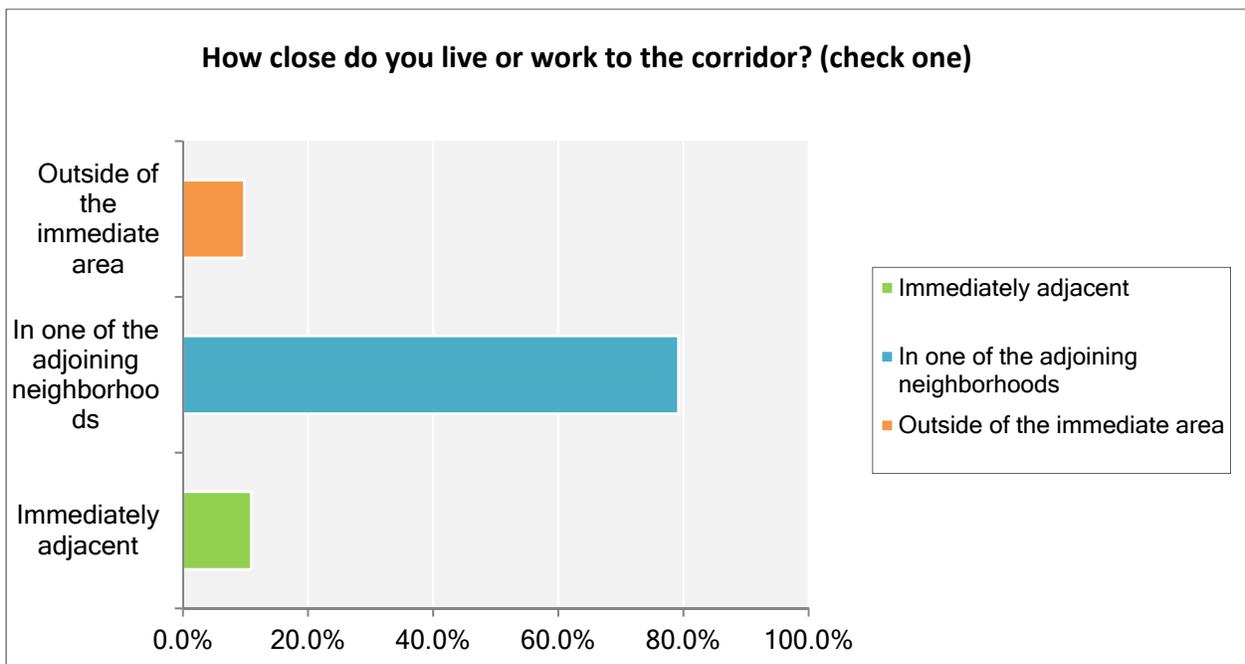
timeline, calendar, photos/slideshow, project tour video, meeting minutes, online survey, email list, FAQ, and project team contact information.

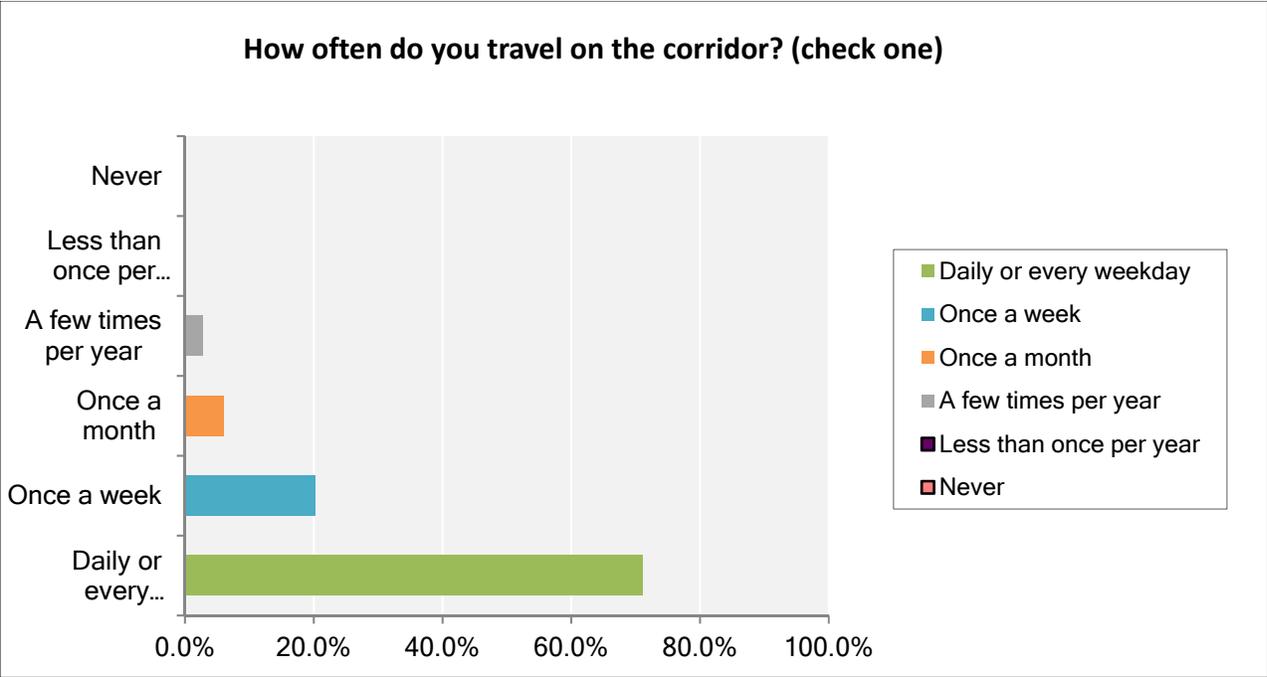
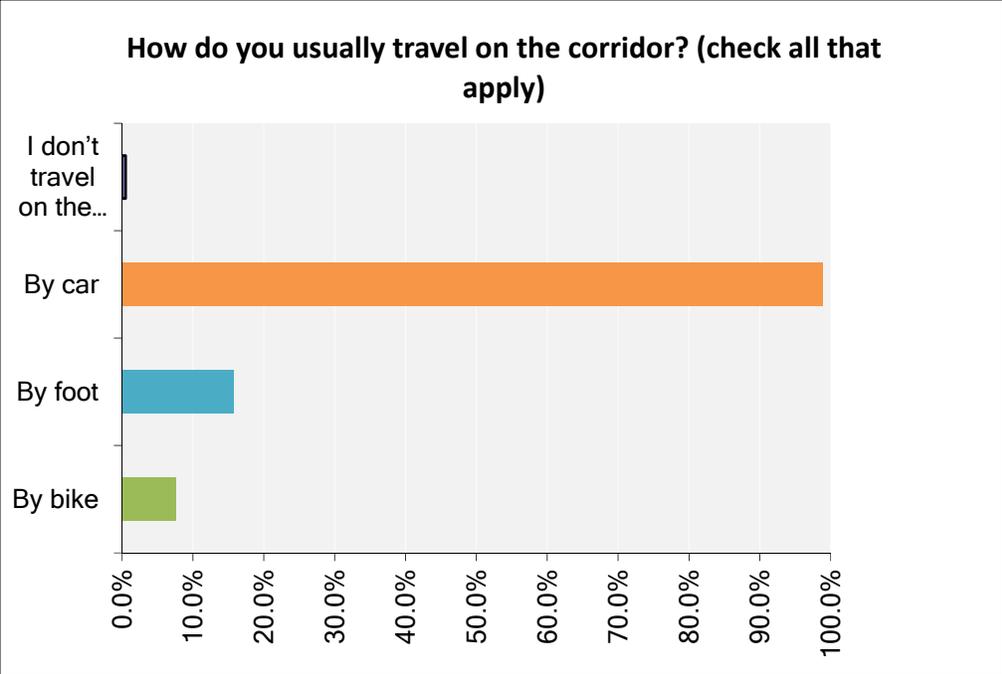
Virtual Corridor Video Tour

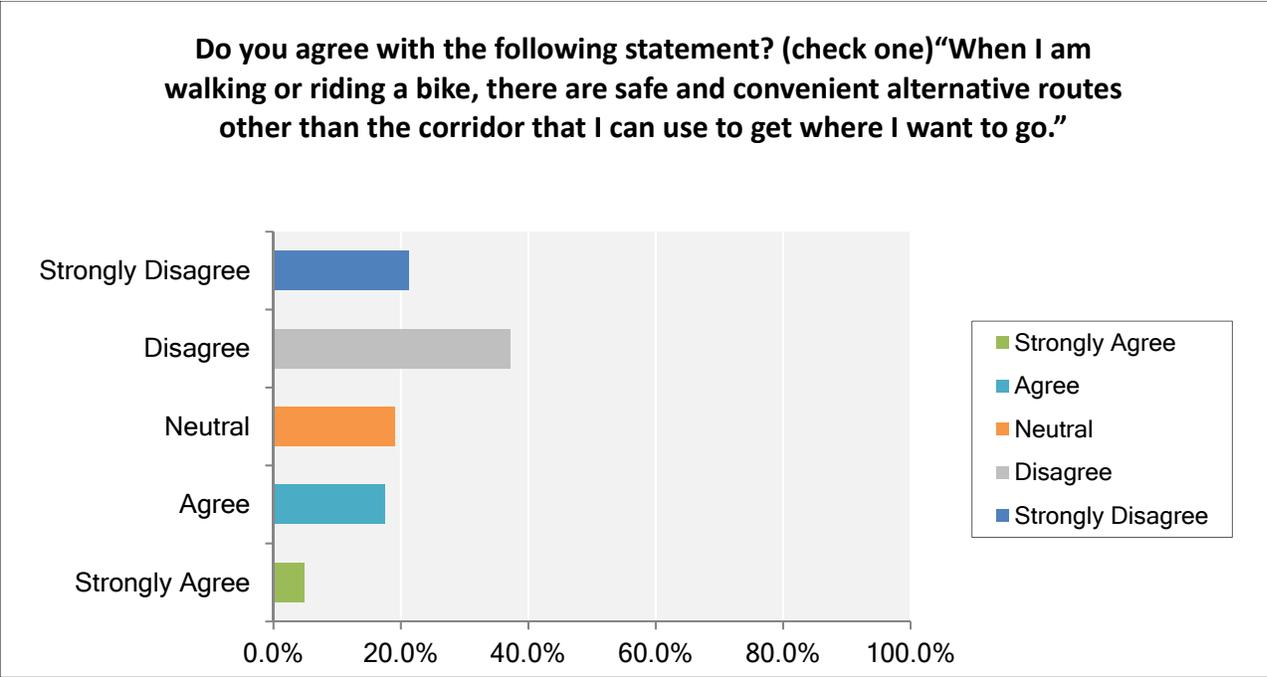
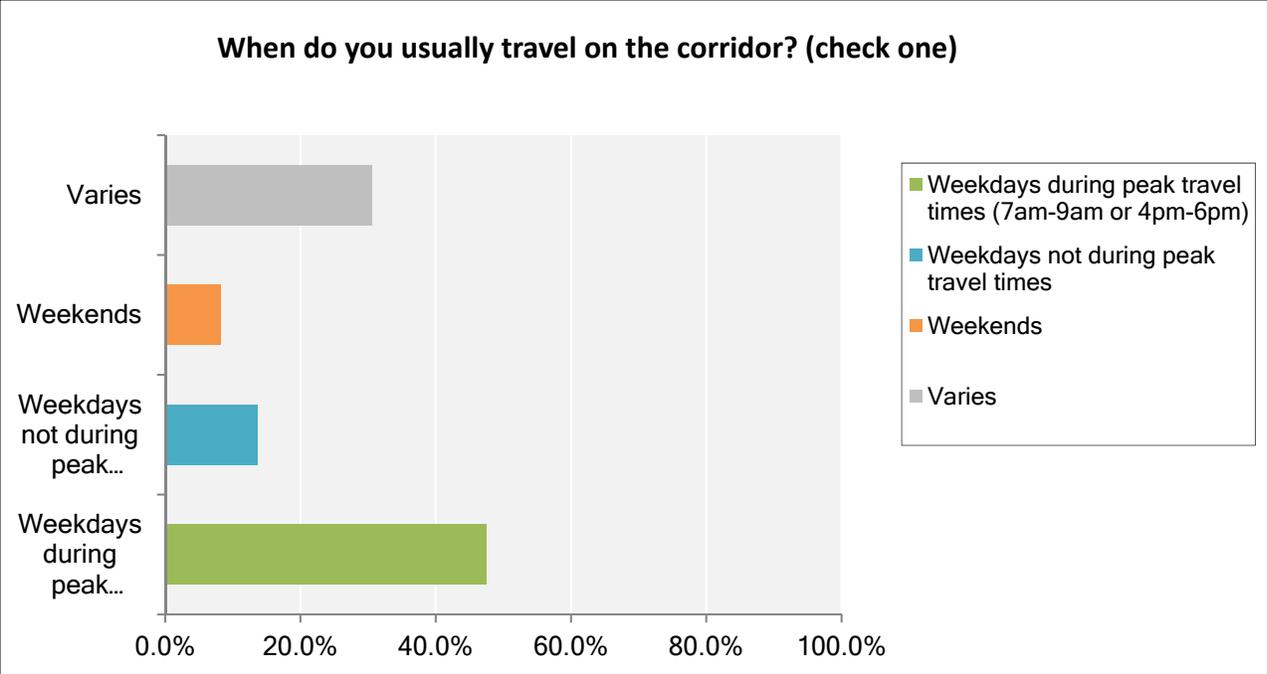
The project team enlisted a professional drone pilot to help prepare a video tour of the corridor. The video, which features a flyover of the corridor, pauses at key locations to highlight opportunities and constraints. The video is featured on the project website and YouTube. This video will be useful throughout the project, as a reference during the alternatives development phase.

Online Survey

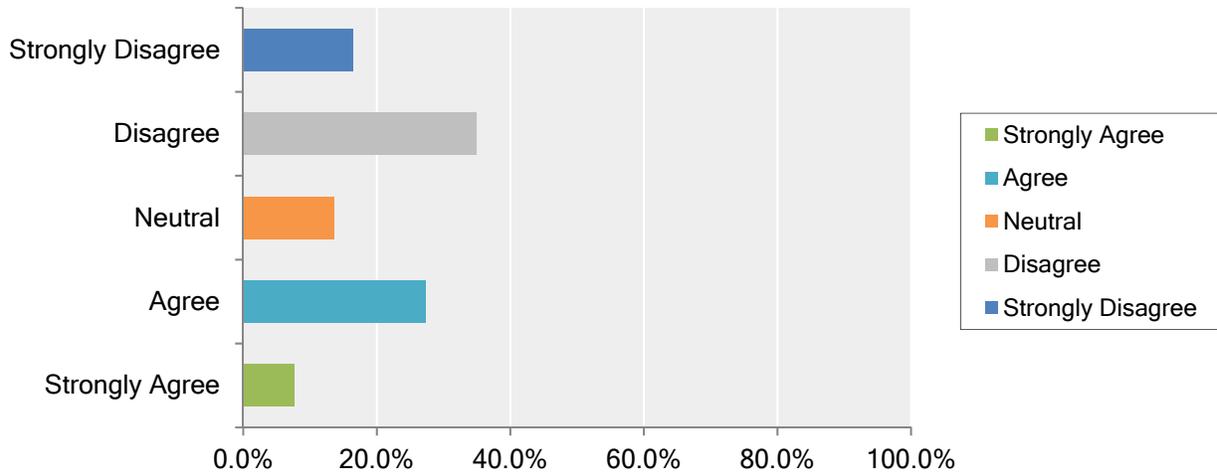
Using Survey Monkey, the project team created an online survey to ask questions about the corridor's safety for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. 183 people responded to the survey; a summary of each question follows:



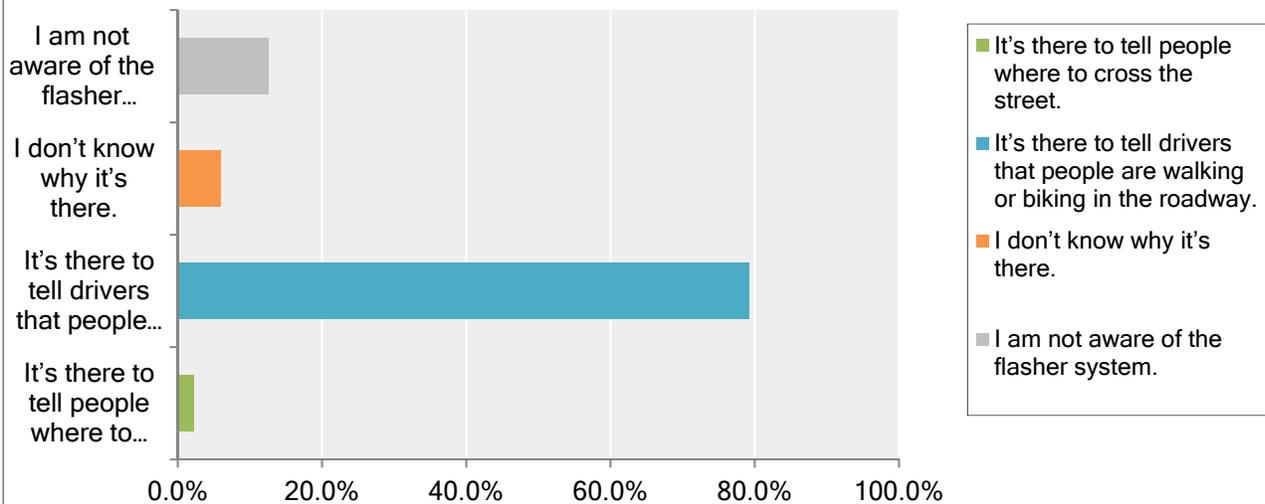




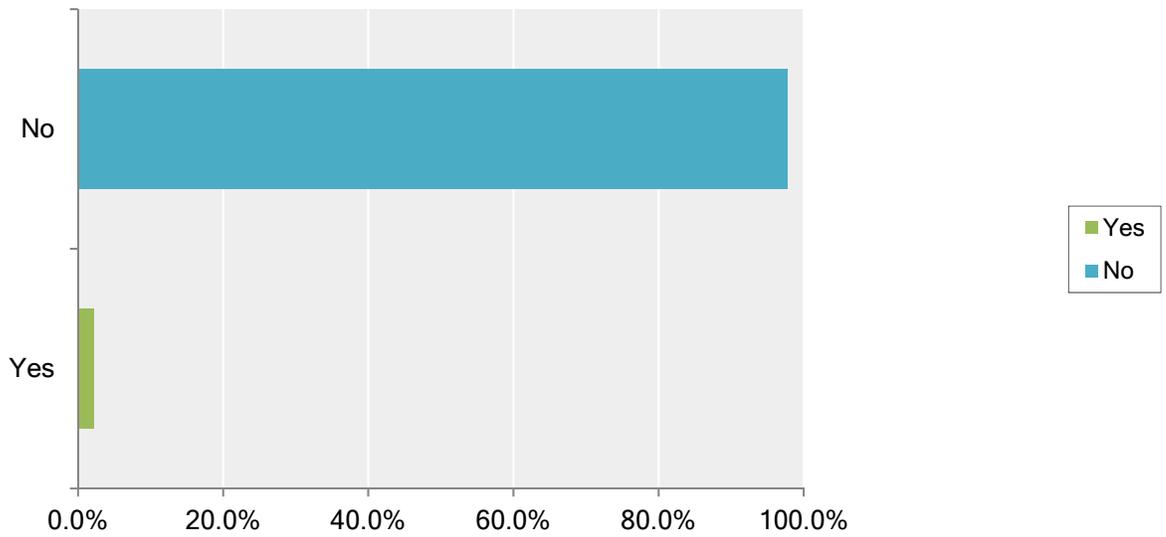
Do you agree with the following statement? (check one) "When I am driving, there are safe and convenient alternative routes other than the corridor that I can use to get where I want to go."



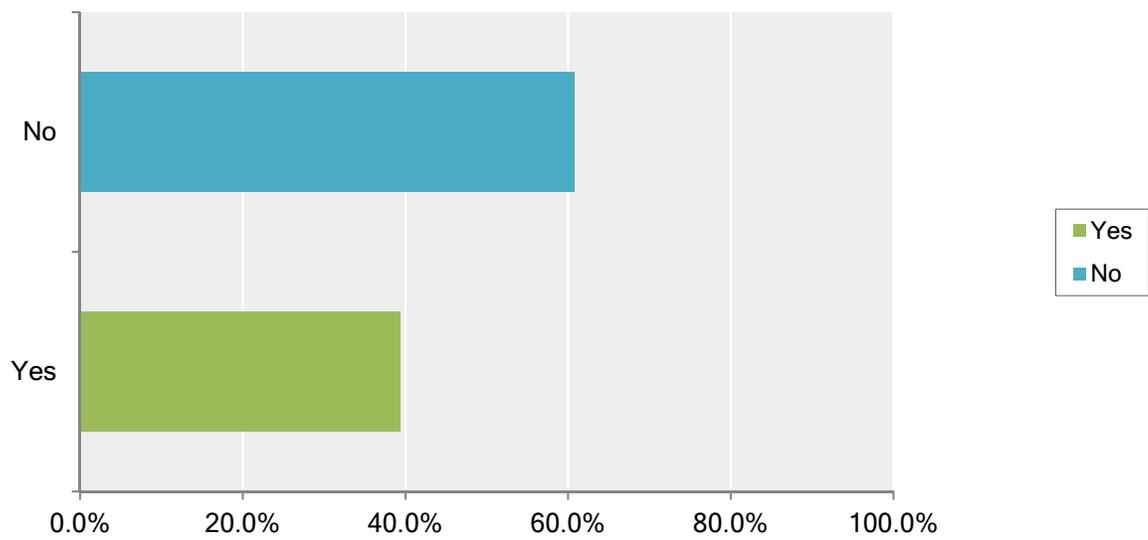
There is an existing flasher system at each end of the corridor, do you understand what it's used for?

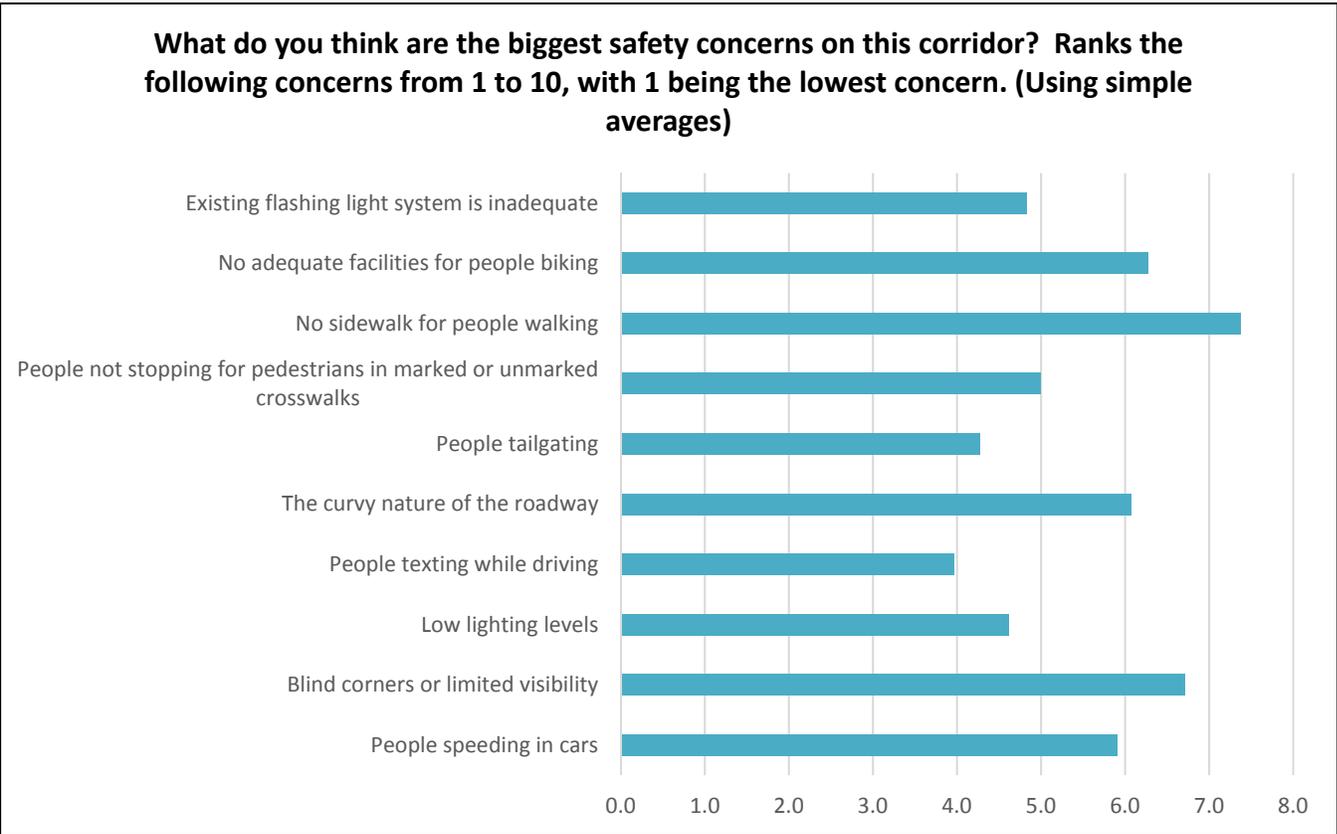
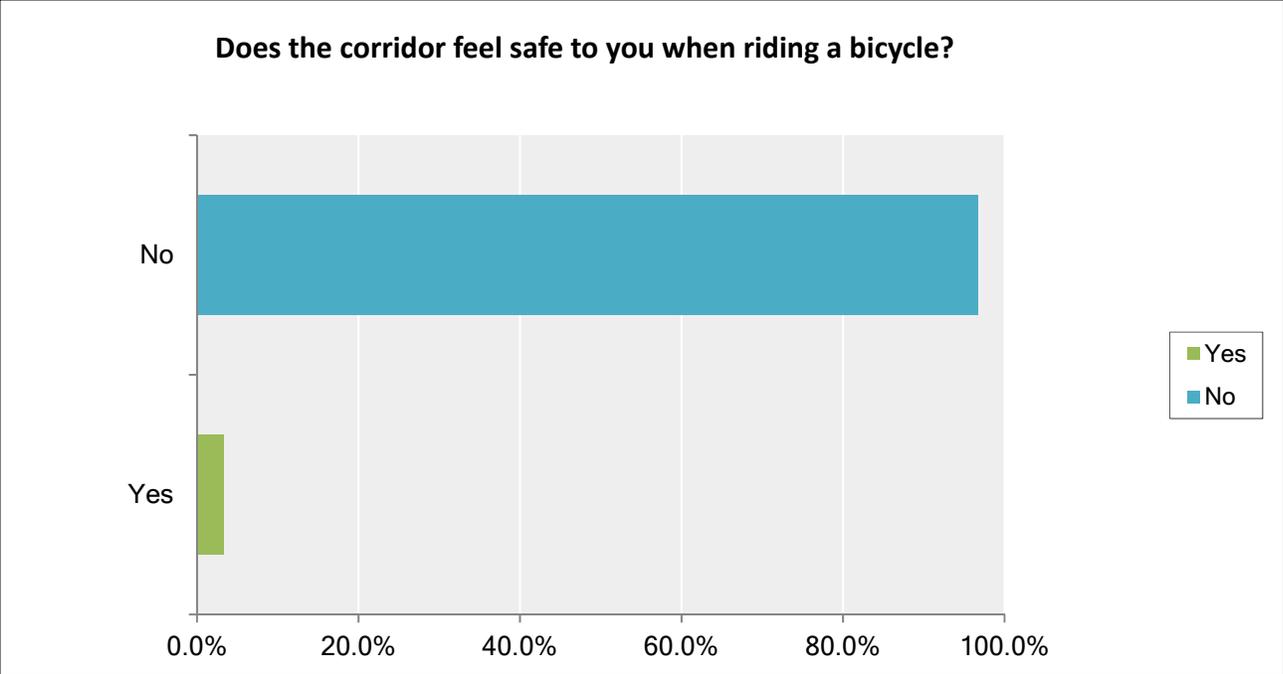


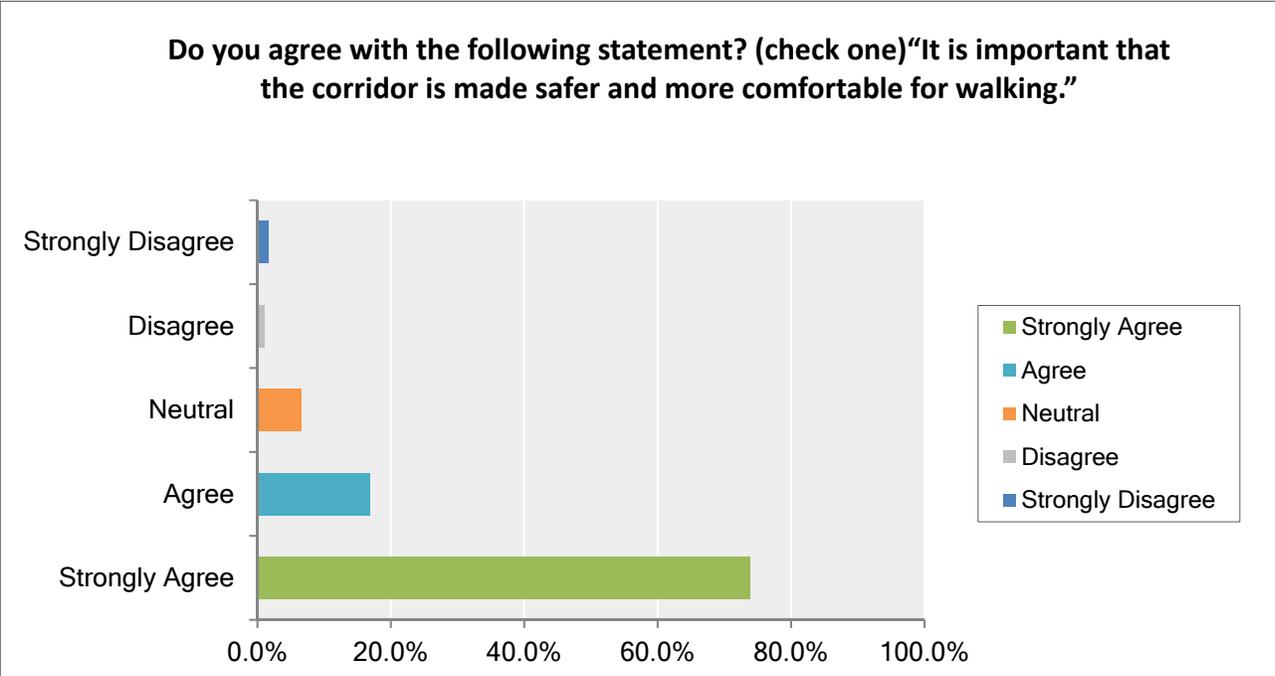
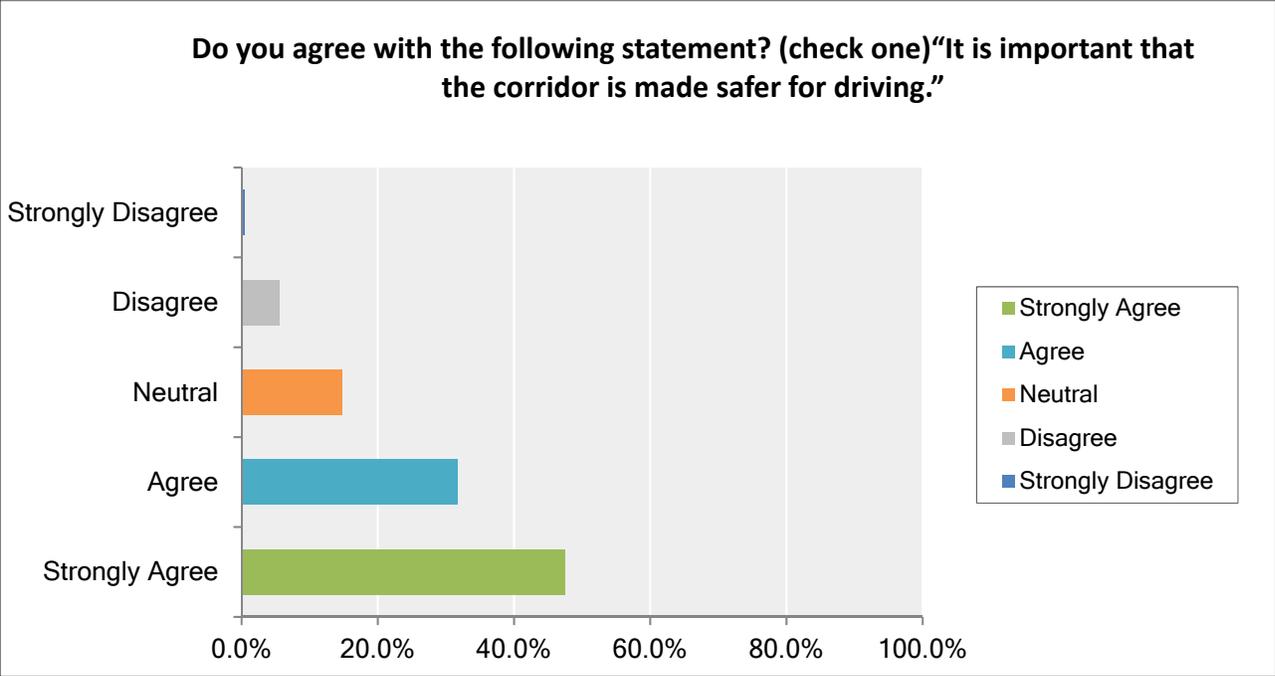
Does the corridor feel safe to you when walking?



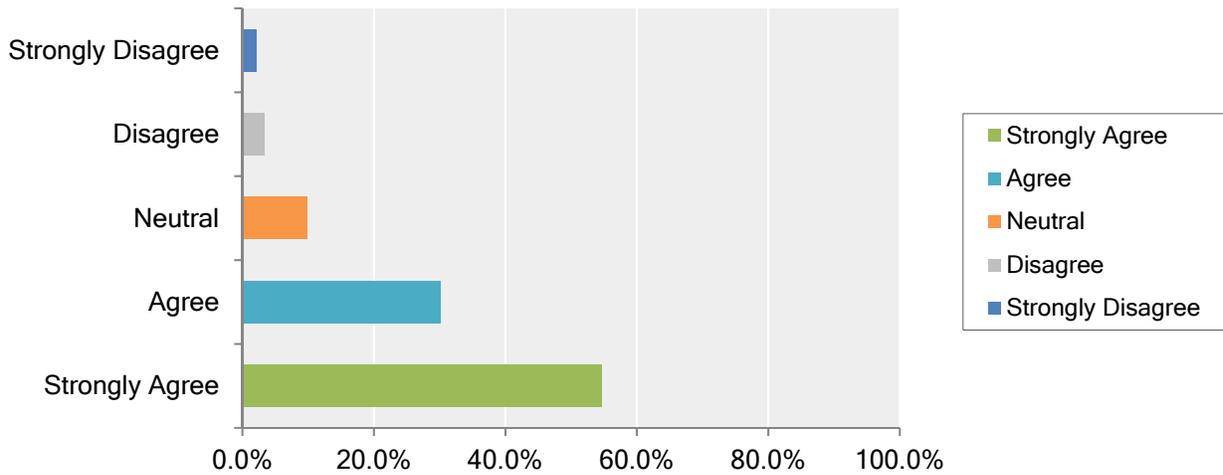
Does the corridor feel safe to you when driving or riding in a car?







Do you agree with the following statement? (check one) "It is important that the corridor is made safer and more comfortable for bicycling."



Considering other potential traffic safety and improvement needs throughout Tualatin, how important is it to improve this corridor? (check one)

