



*Virtual Public Engagement #2*

*May 11 – June 1, 2023*

# Proposed Bike Lanes for State Route 161 (SR 161)



# Project Overview

- **History / Timeline:** The Department of Public Works initiated a project several years ago to design bike infrastructure on Westover Hills Blvd (State Route 161) between Forest Hill Ave and Riverside Drive (on the approach to the “Nickel” Bridge). One of the primary comments from the public at the time was that the project was too limited in scope, and that bike infrastructure needed to extend beyond those limits. DPW secured additional funding from the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program to extend the design south of Forest Hill Ave, as well as designing bike lanes on SR 161 (Park Drive and Blanton Ave) north of the James River.

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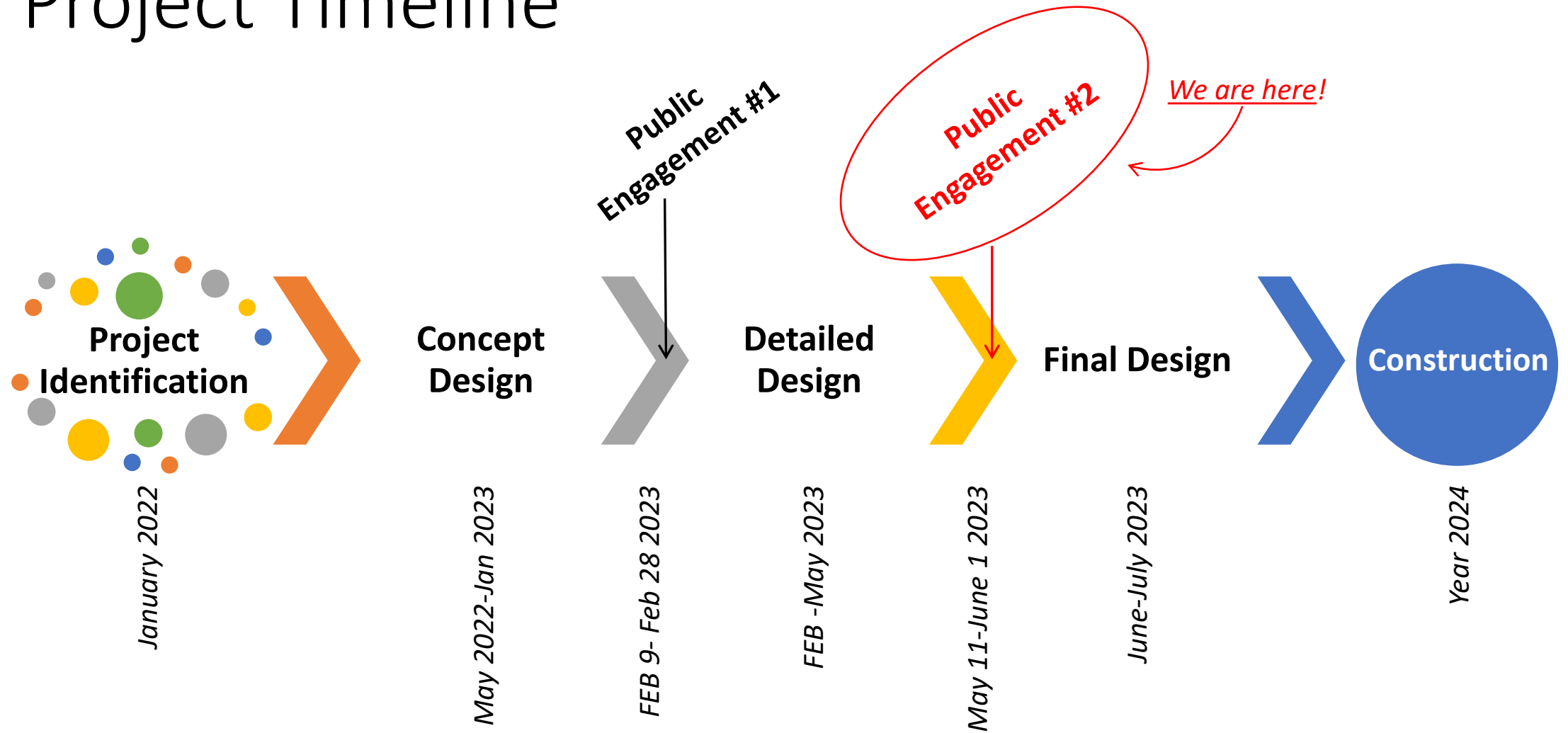
- **Project Purpose:** Improve safety, accessibility, and connectivity along this urban corridor. This project support the City's [Vision Zero Action Plan](#) by using our [Better Streets](#) multimodal approach to improve safety for all.

- **Project Limits:**

**Phase I:** Just south of the Boulevard Toll Bridge and running south to the intersection with Dunston Avenue / 49th Street. This phase will also propose pedestrian and bicycle improvements along 49th Street beginning at the Dunston Avenue / Westover Hills Boulevard intersection and running south to the cul-de-sac at the Hill Top Drive intersection.

**Phase II:** Park Drive and Blanton Avenue (SR 161) beginning at Pump House Drive and running north to the French Street intersection.

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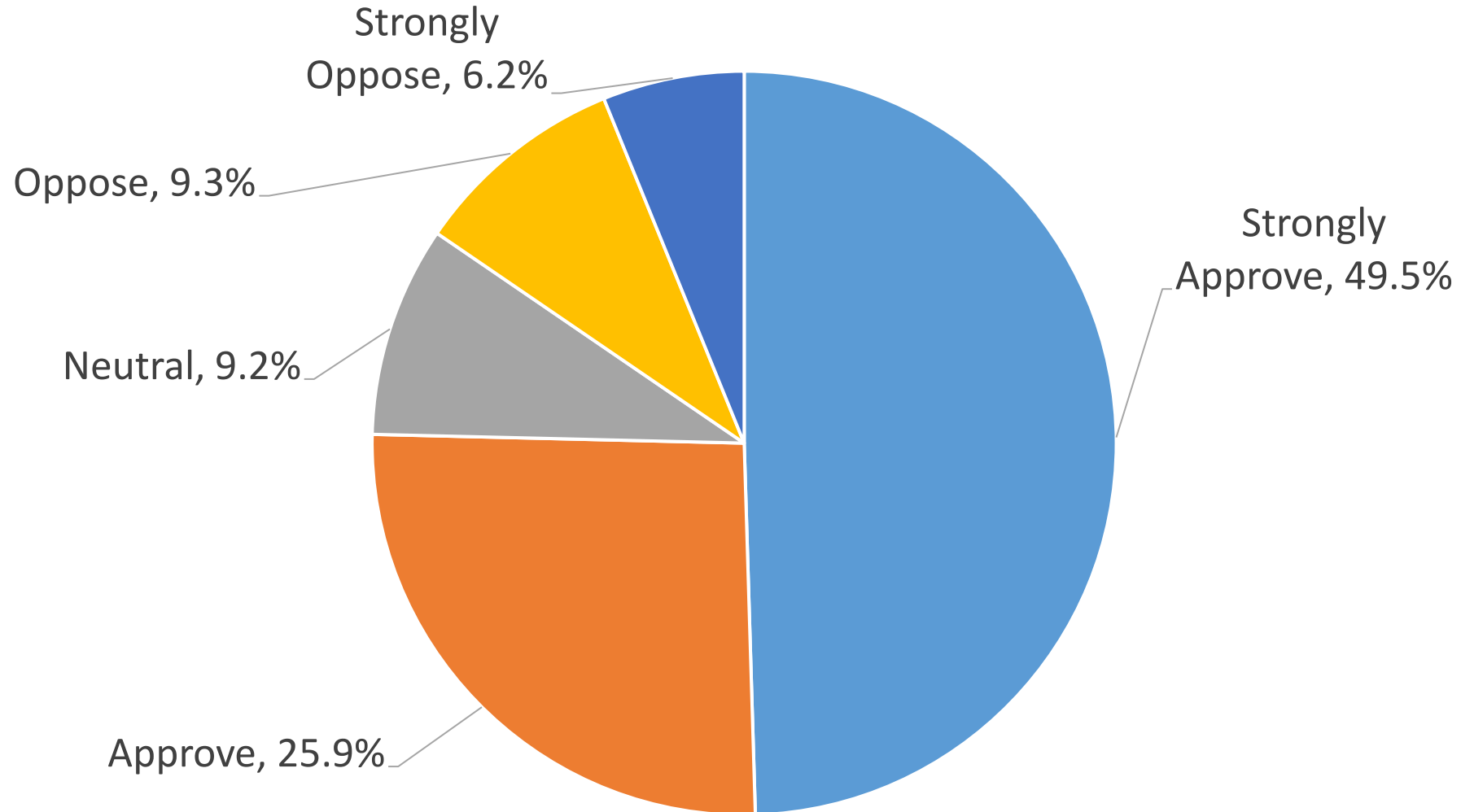


# Summary of Public Engagement #1

- The online survey ran from Feb 9th through Feb 28, 2023
- Concept designs were shown
- Respondents rated the options for each section/corridor from “Strongly Approve” to “Strongly Oppose”
- Over 740 responses recorded (**THANK YOU!**)
- Over 500 individual comments received

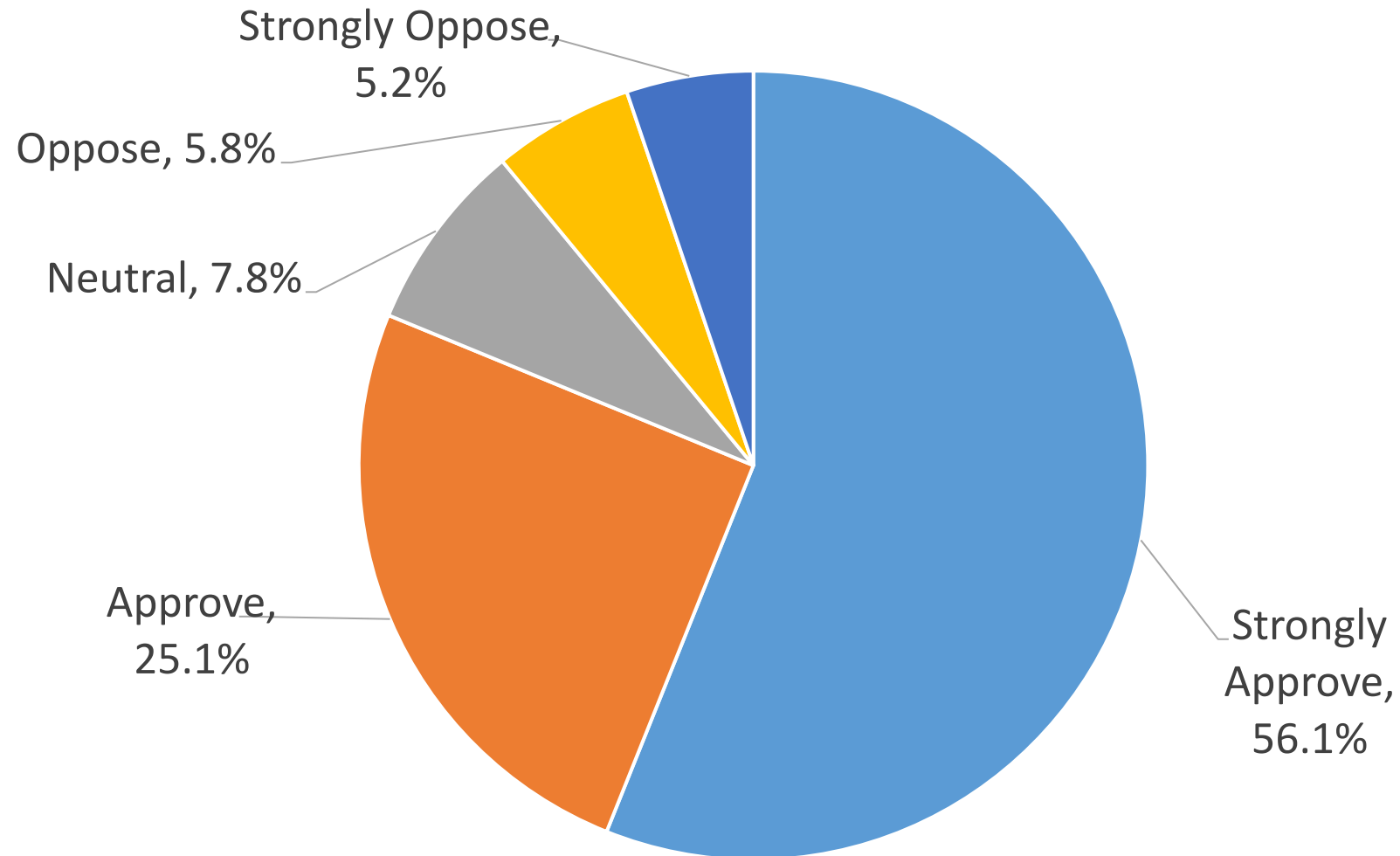
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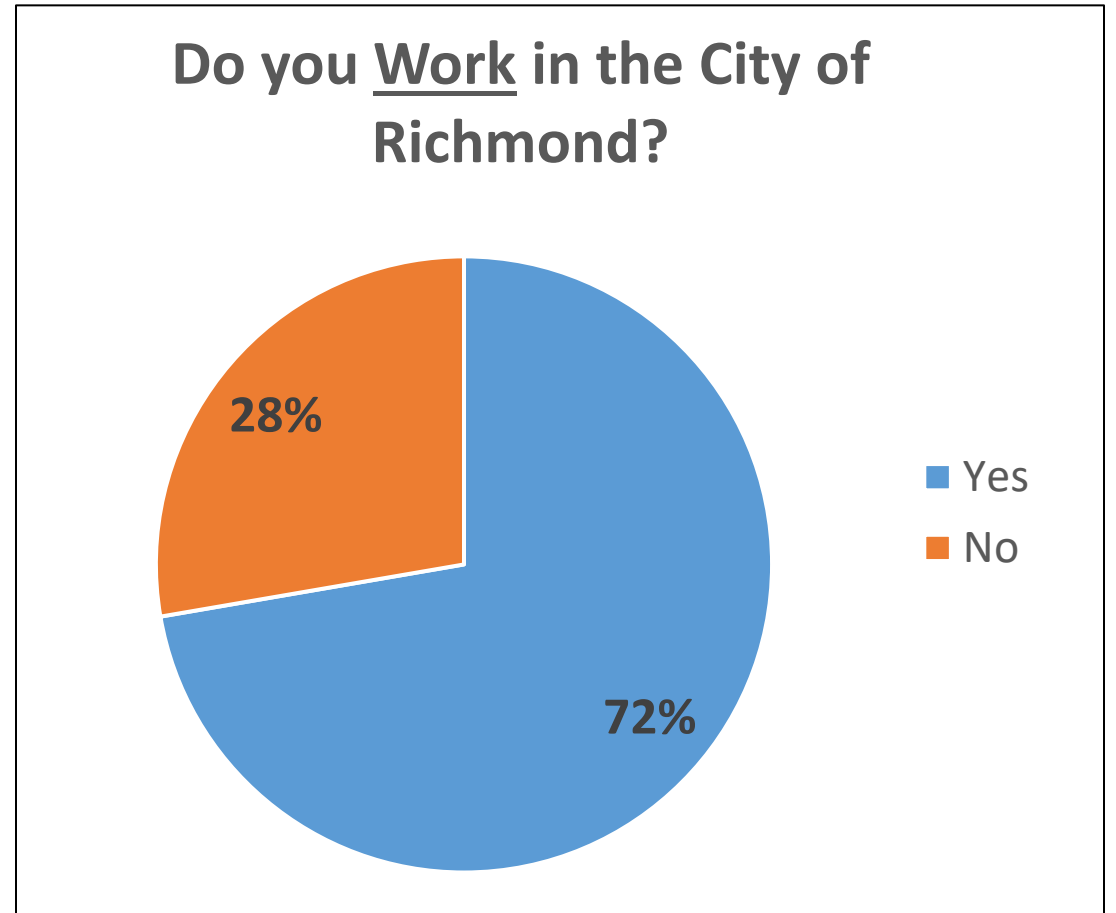
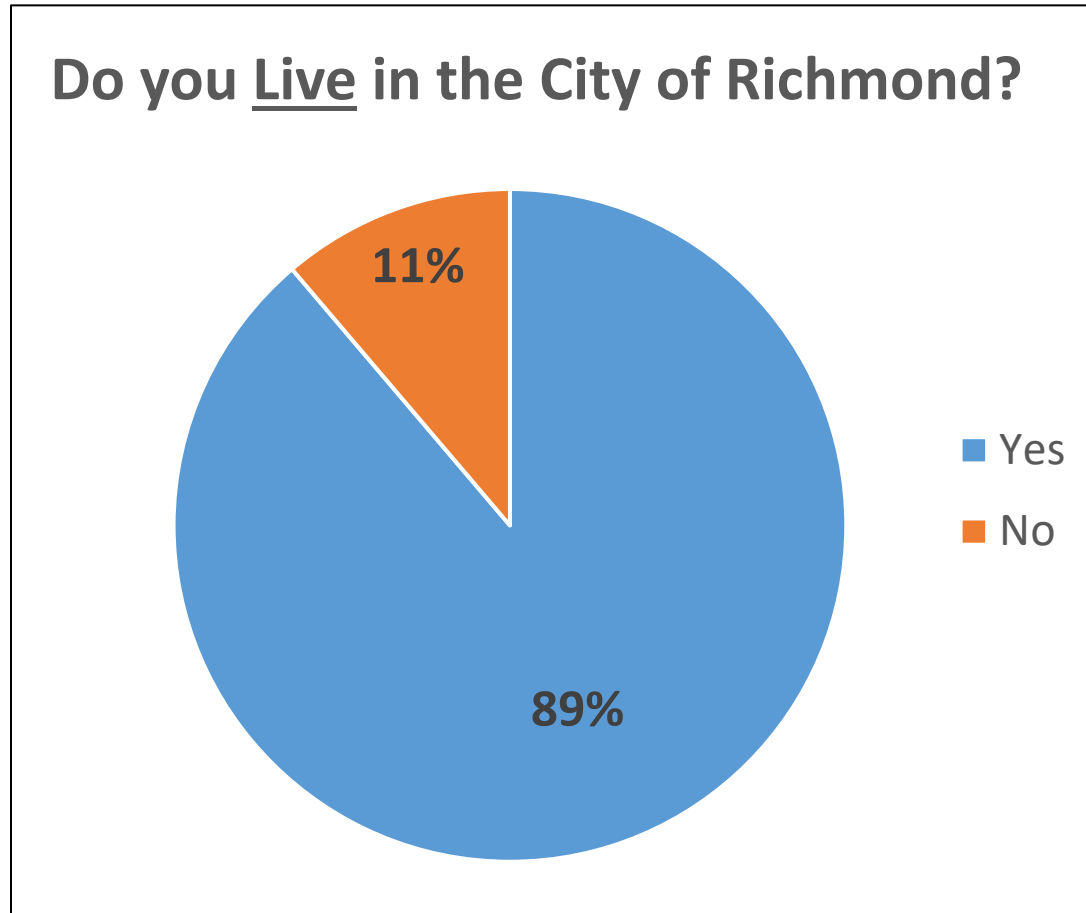


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To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed changes in Phase II?

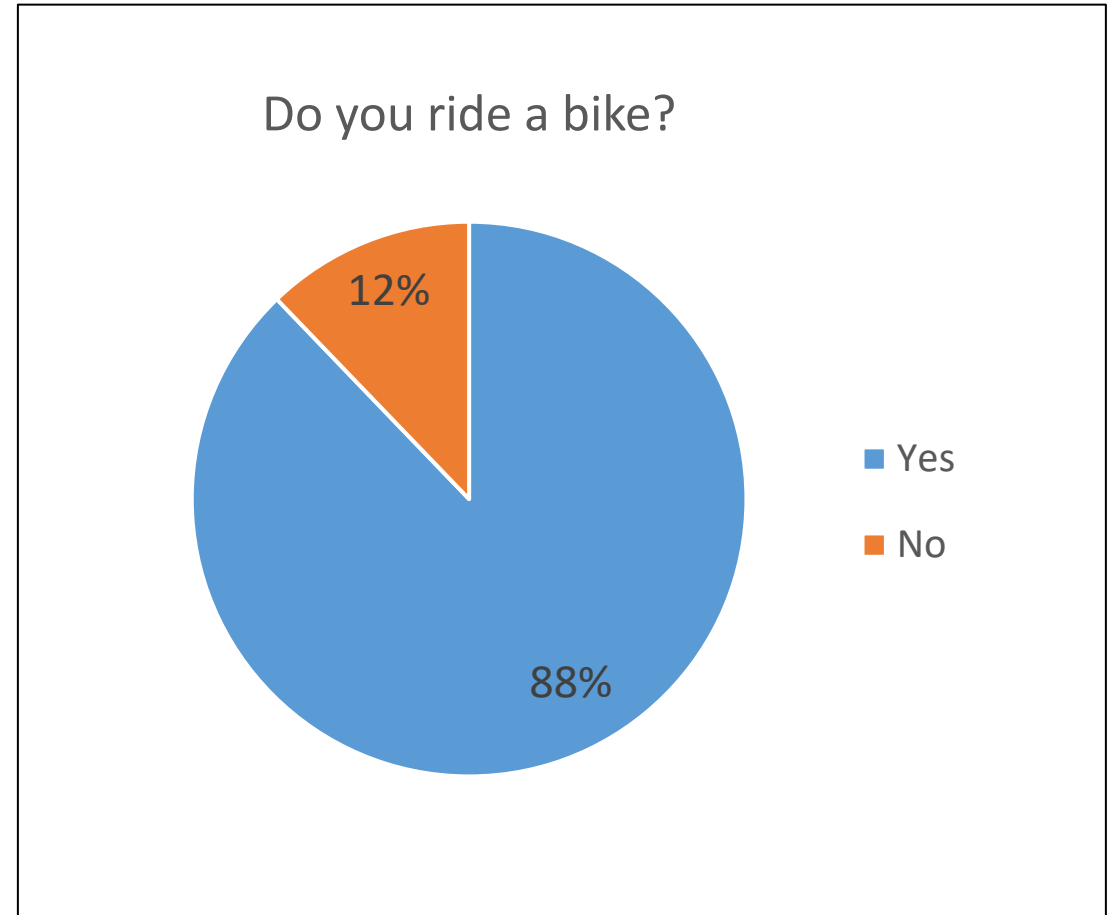
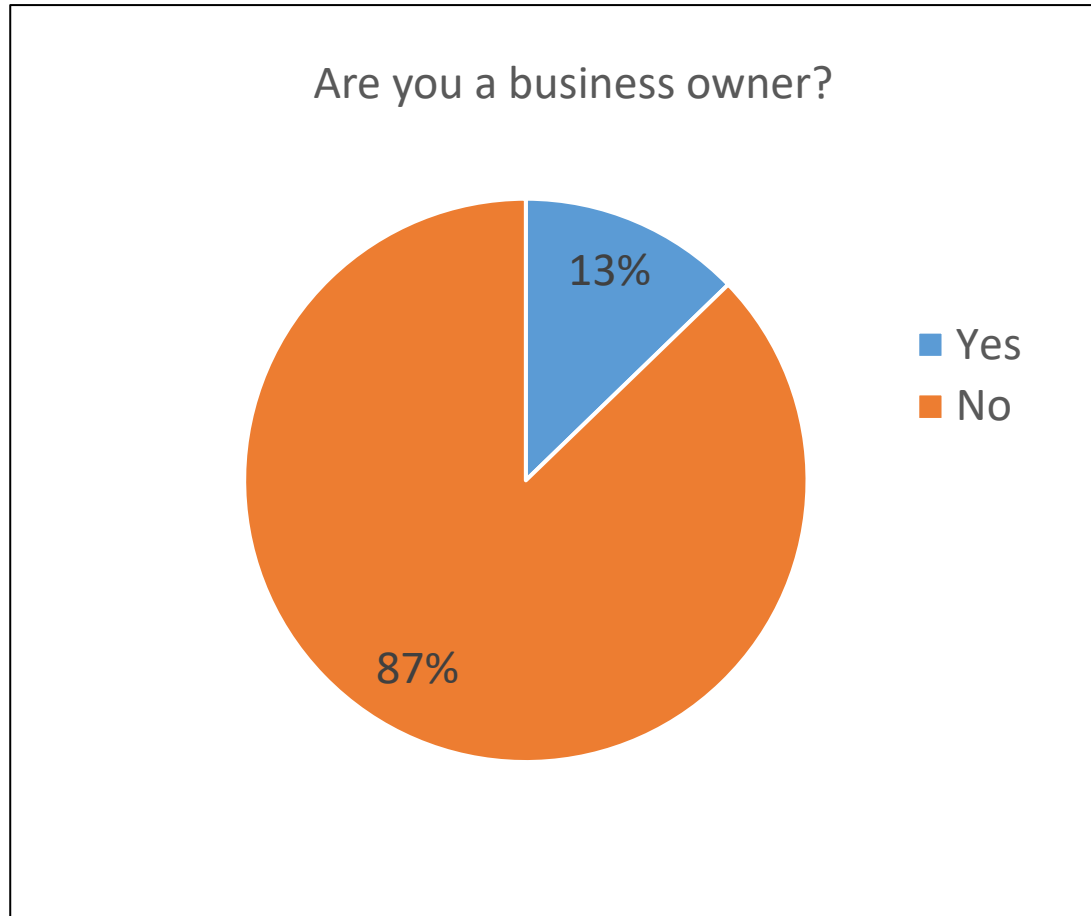


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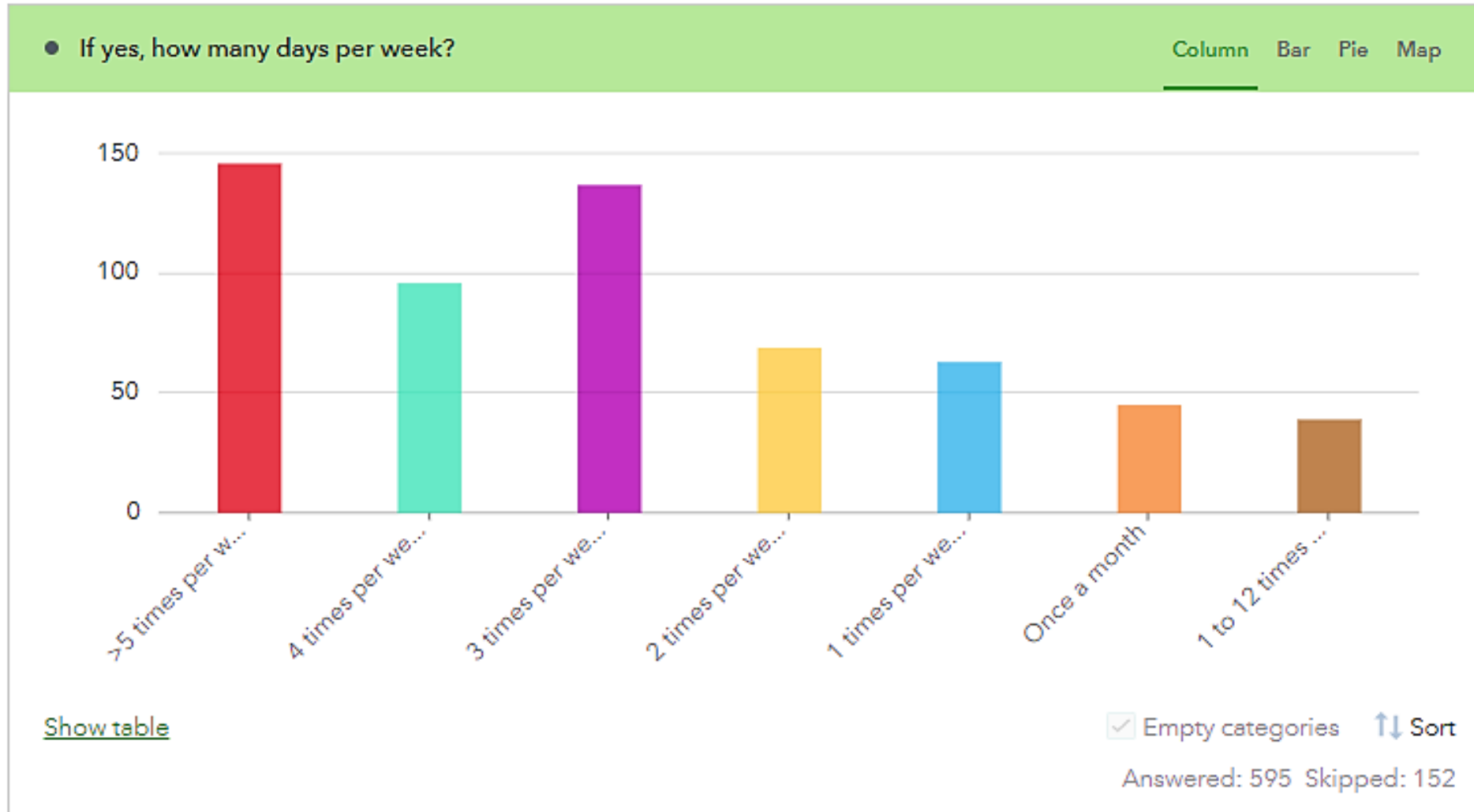




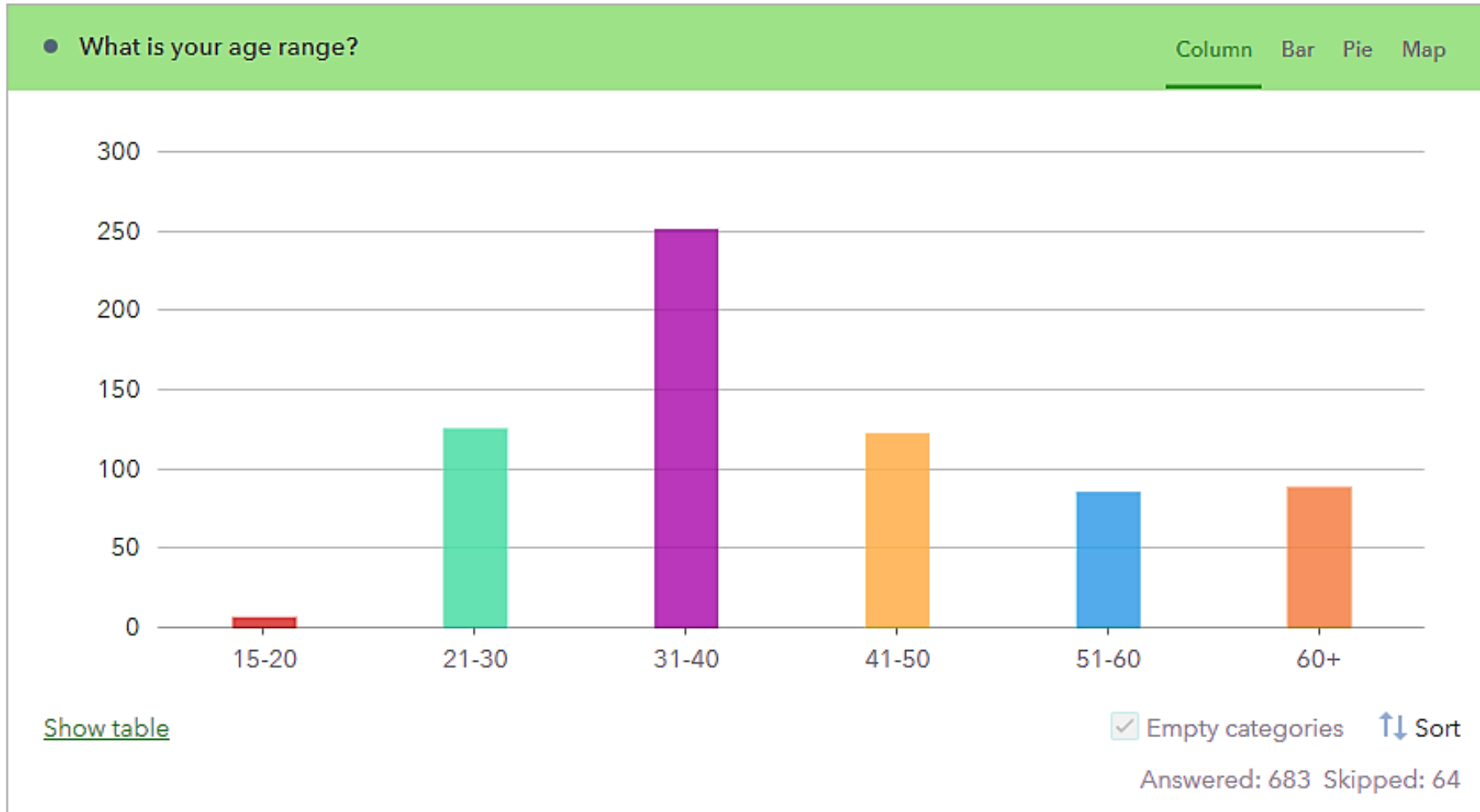
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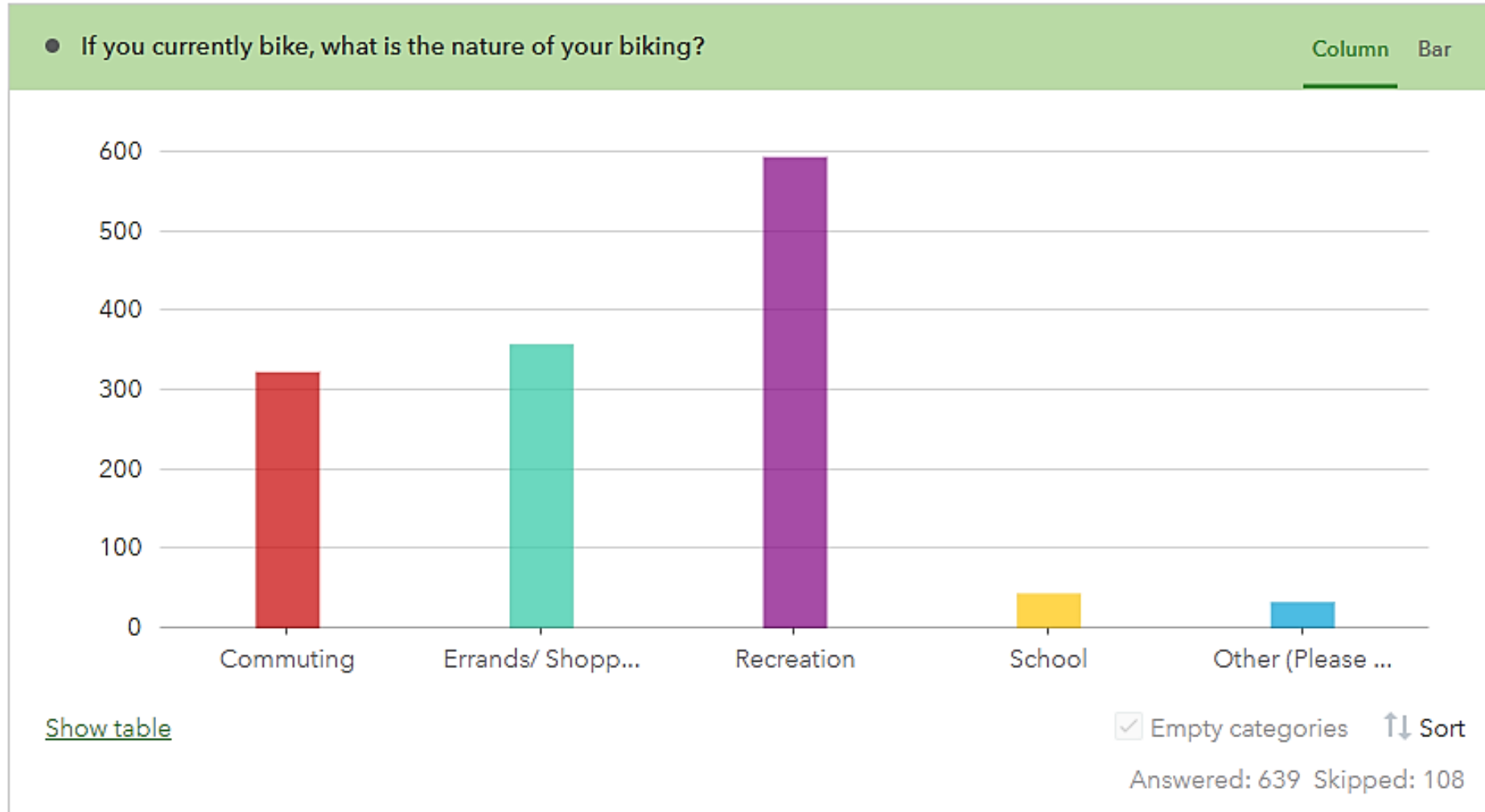
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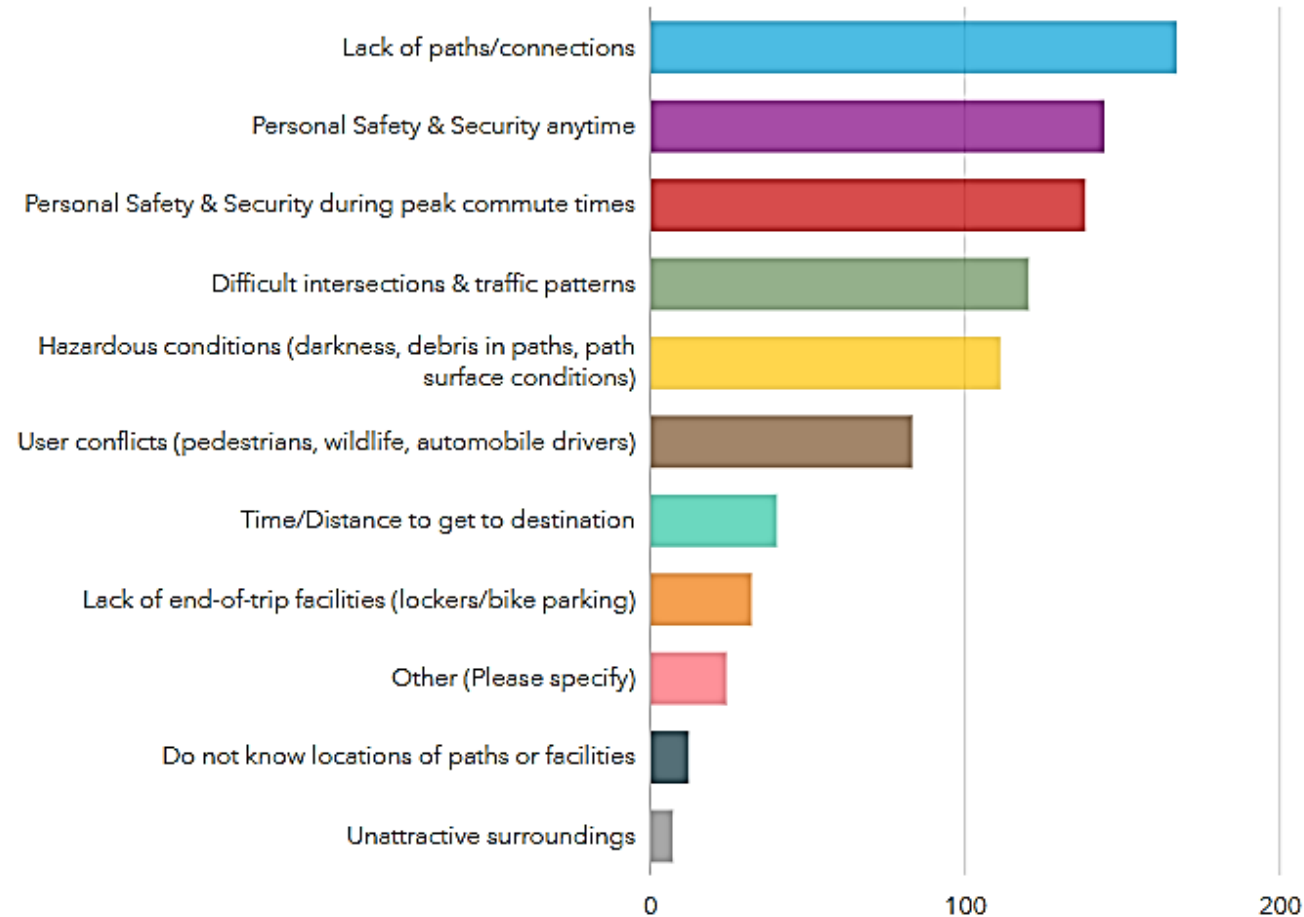


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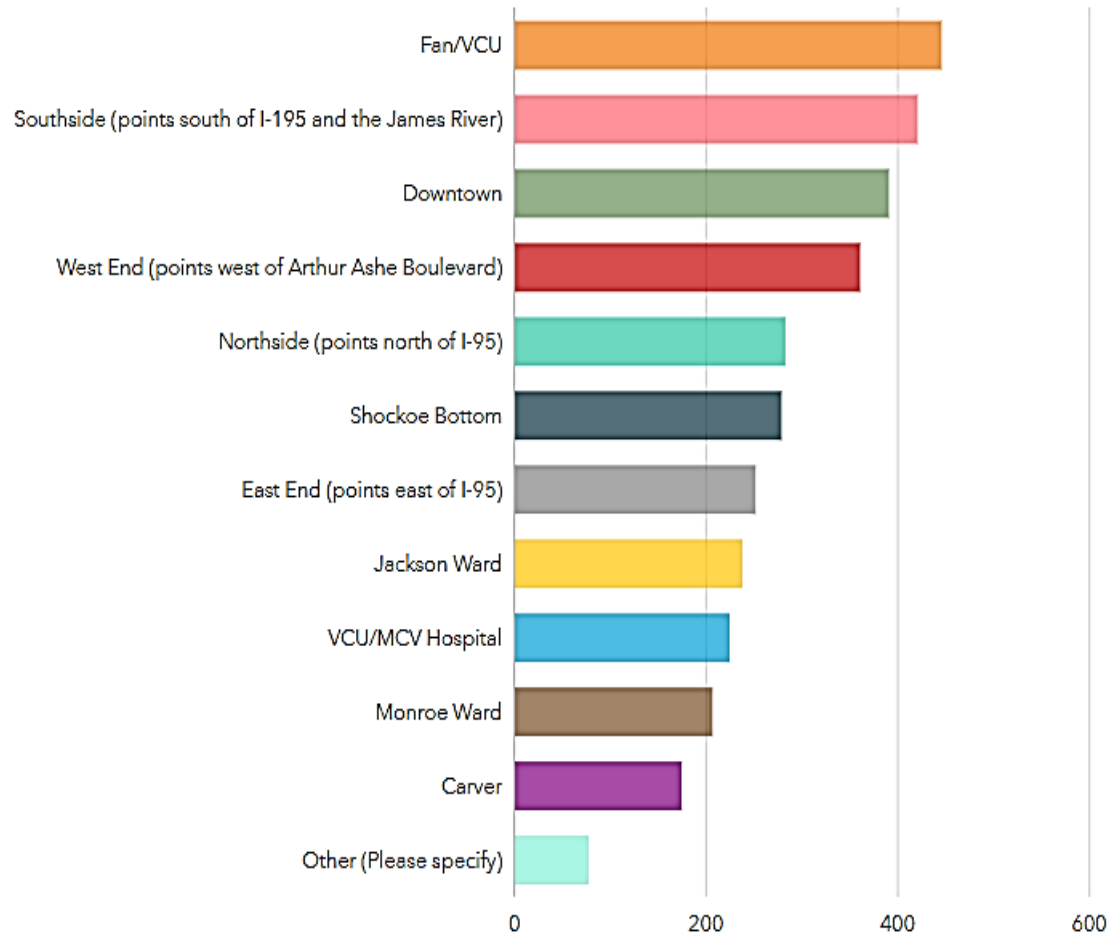
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If currently don't bike, what are your reasons for NOT biking?

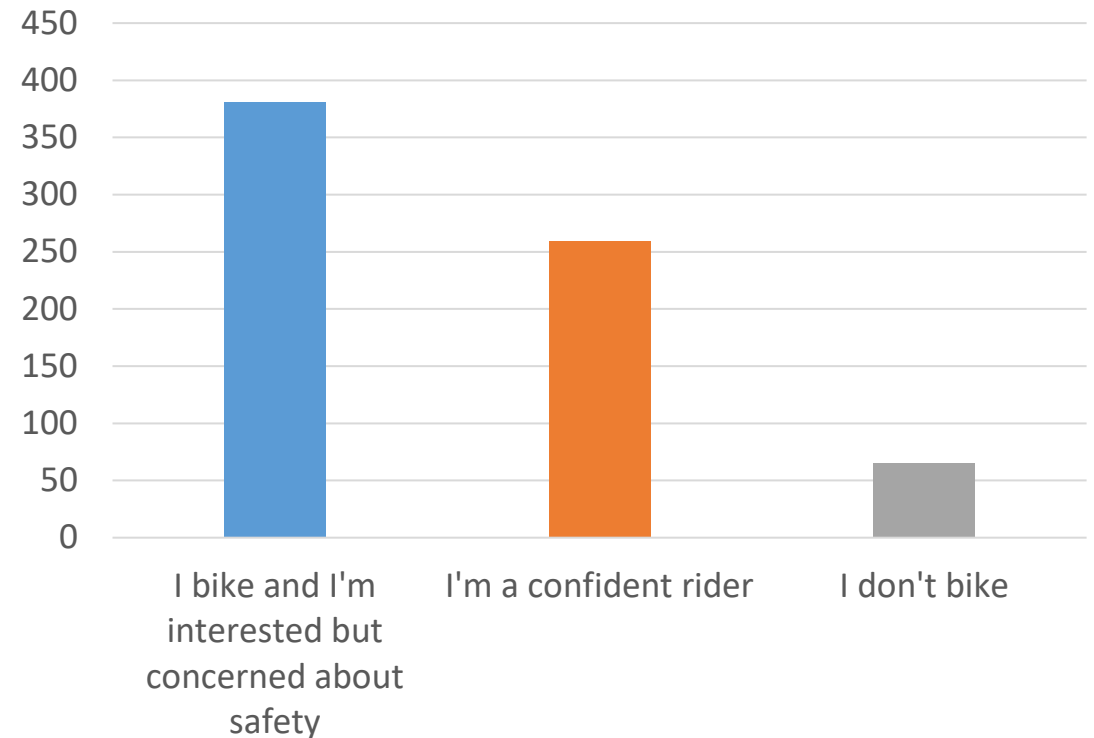


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## Where do you bike to?



## Do you ride a bike and how would you describe yourself as a cyclist?



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✓ Over 500 individual comments received

DPW received significant feedback to add physical protection to the proposed bike lanes. Based on previous survey feedback, the new proposal recommends placing a physical barrier between the bike lane and traffic. Typical physical separation for the City bike lane projects are flex posts within the buffer area.



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- ✓ While there is support to extend the bike lane further south to Crutchfield, that is unfortunately outside the scope of this project.





# Public Engagement #2

- Fill out the survey to provide general feedback on each phase of the proposed project.

**Link:** <https://arcg.is/5me4S0> or scan the QR Code below.

- Review 90% plans and graphics:

**Link:** <https://www.rva.gov/index.php/public-works/pedestrian-bicycling-and-trails>

- Public comment period open:

Thursday, May 11 through Thursday, June 1, 2023

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# Next Steps

- DPW will use the feedback provided in the survey and on the detailed design plans to finalize the design and plan for each phase before implementation begins next year.
- If you have other questions or if you need an alternate way to provide comment, please contact the project manager:

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