

5th Street – Farmer to College Avenues Streetscape

Phase I Public Input Summary

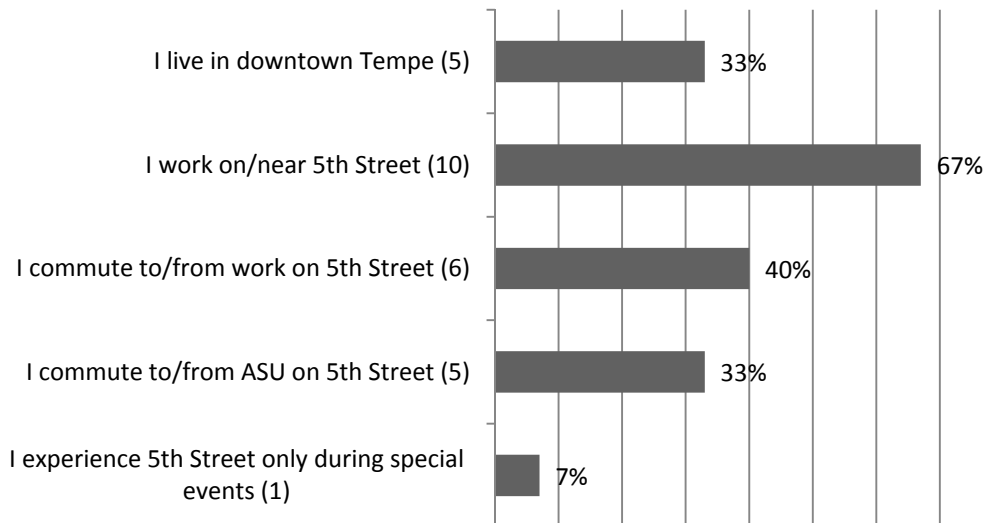


A public meeting was held Oct. 19, 2016, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E. 5th Street, to gather input. Online comment was taken from Oct. 19 to Nov. 2, 2016.

- 16 people attended the meeting
- 7 people submitted comment cards at the meeting
- 8 people submitted comments online

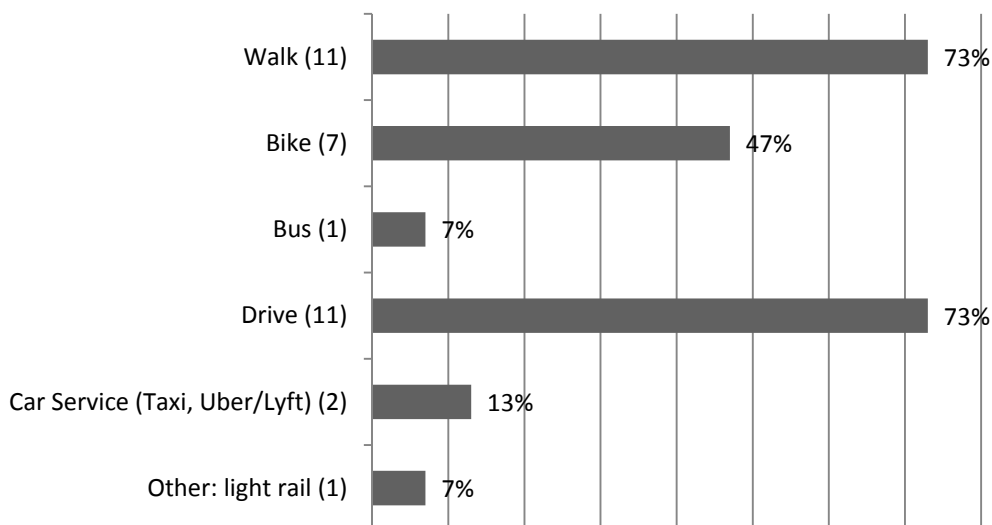
Survey Responses

1. What is your connection to the 5th Street corridor? (check all that apply)



Total respondents = 15

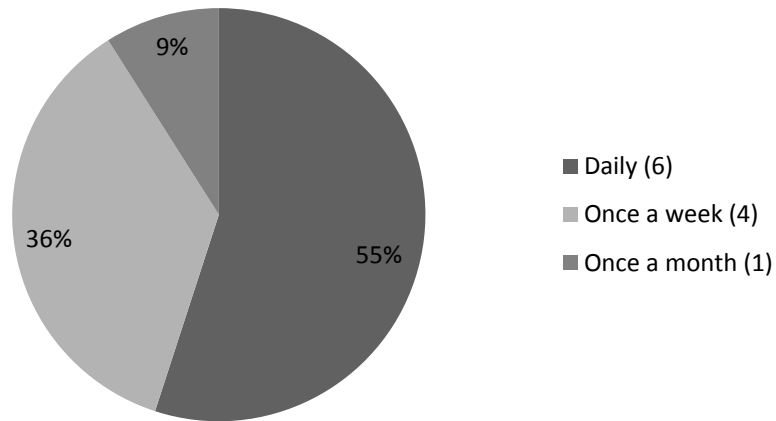
2. How do you typically travel on the 5th Street corridor? (check all that apply)



Total respondents = 15

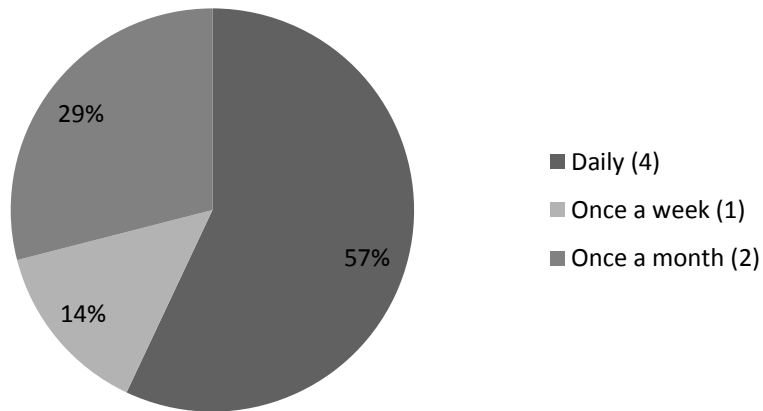
3. Based on your typical travel, how often to do use 5th Street?

Walk



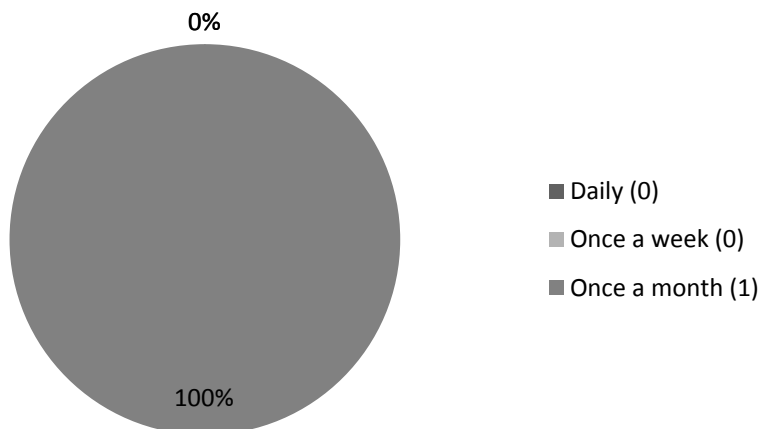
Total respondents = 11

Bike



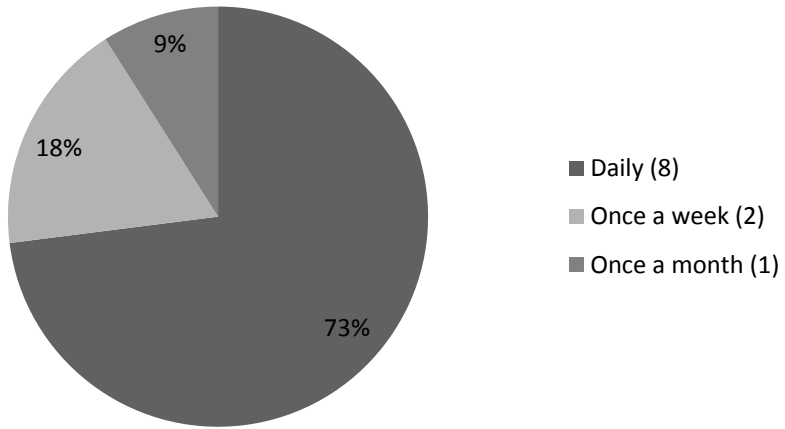
Total respondents = 7

Bus



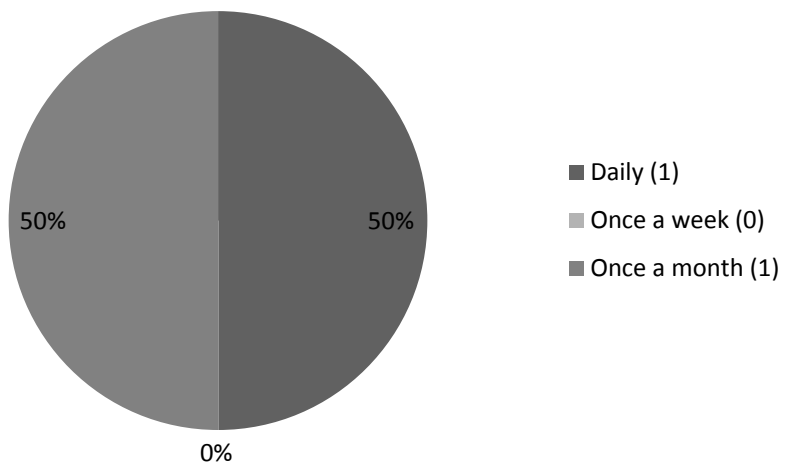
Total respondents = 1

Drive



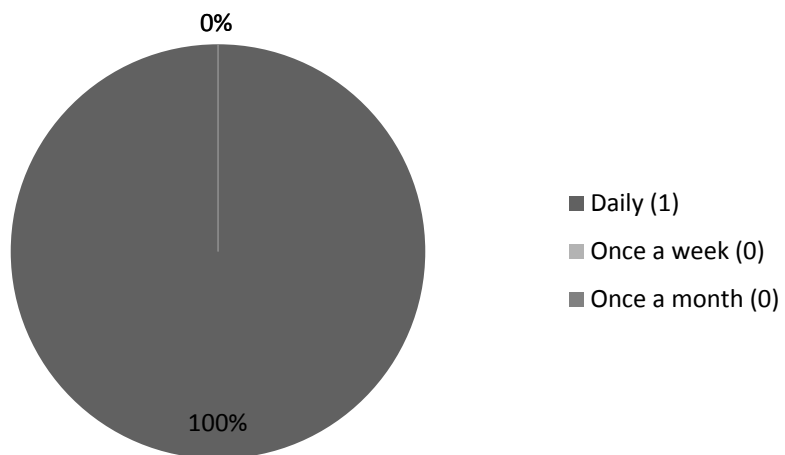
Total respondents = 11

Car Service



Total respondents = 2

Other – light rail



Total respondents = 1

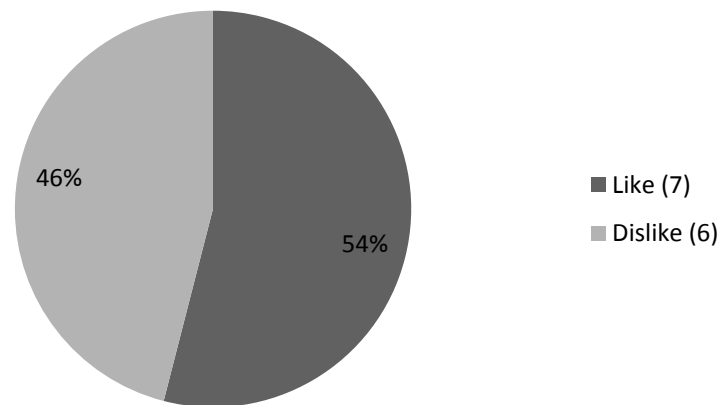
4. What are your favorite places to visit or activities to do on 5th Street?

1. Thirsty Dog 2 Go, 6th St. Park and Mad Hatter
2. Live on 5th, walk to Starbucks or other restaurants on Mill via 5th.
3. I like biking on 5th street or to restaurants and businesses along the 5th street corridor.
4. My office is at 5th and College. I mostly hang out on College, because it's more interesting.
5. Lunch, Dinner, yoga, hiking A Mountain
6. Tempe Transportation Center, Starbucks, Spinelli's, City Hall
7. Starbucks, use utility/tax pay drop box, attend Council meetings.
8. Mill Ave., City Hall, ASU Stadium, Transit Center
9. I commute to ASU on 5th Street, use it as a shortcut to many locations and patronize Starbucks, post office, Thirsty Dog. Also live on 5th Street (Hayden Square condos).
10. Walking route to lunch or other businesses from work. Post office and municipal building visits.
11. Home, post office, eat and drink.
12. The bars to socialize with fellow students.

Tell us about your overall impression of 5th Street currently?

5. Of the following items currently found on 5th Street, what is your overall impression of:

Sidewalks



More explanation

1. Love idea of more brick or textured sidewalks. Was very disappointed that Hanover was allowed to build so close to the road and that bottom floor uses not reserved for commercial businesses.

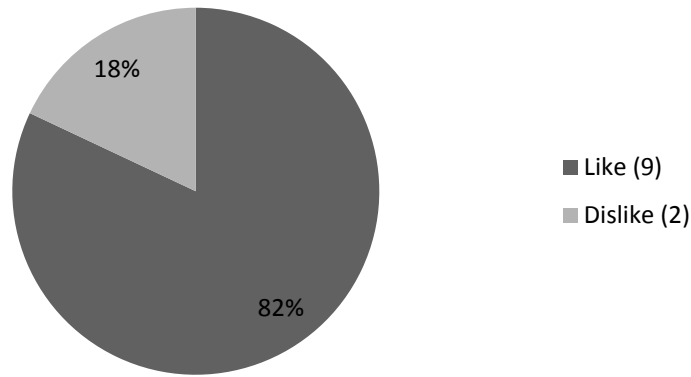
Like:

2. Some inconsistency in materials.

Dislike:

3. Split level by Tempe city garage is bad. Not enough shade on sidewalks.
4. Widen to allow side by side walking.
5. Need more shade/consistency
6. The off set elements on the east side are odd.
7. Plain boring.
8. Too hot with concrete, replace with LID

Bike Lanes:



More explanation:

1. Good, could be better
2. I prefer to bike on the sidewalk, since the cars are so close to me on certain points

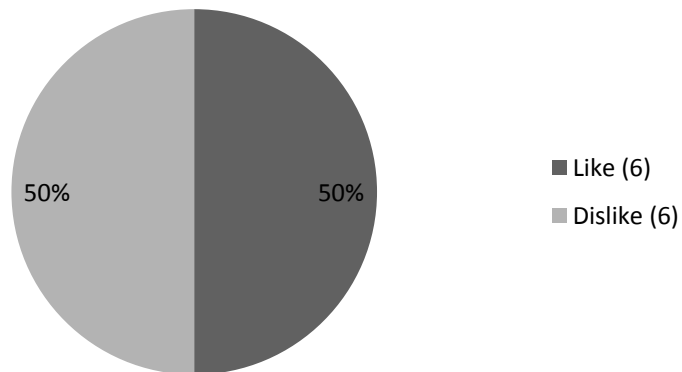
Like:

3. The existing bike facility is nice. It's about what Hardy looked like.
4. Like buffered bike lanes

Dislike:

5. Nothing special

On Street Parking:



More explanation:

1. Would like to see more (via slanted) but not back in. Unsafe. Our drivers are challenged enough driving forward.

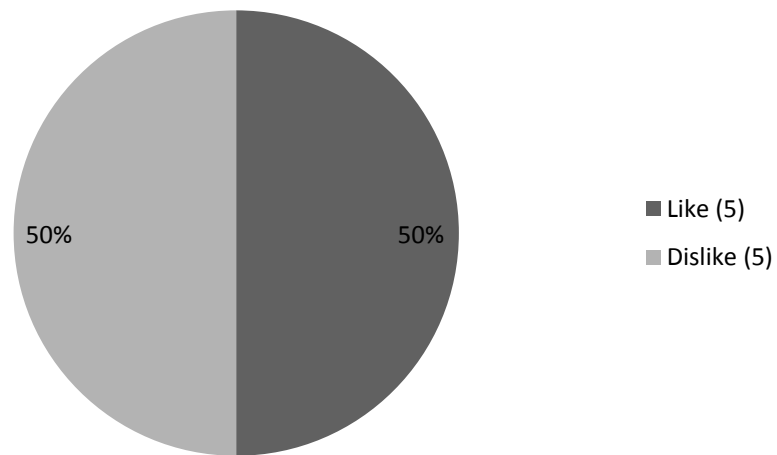
Like:

2. Usually available
3. Adequate

Dislike:

4. Would like to see less parking between Maple and Ash
5. Parking lanes are too close to bike lanes, and I have almost been hit by people opening doors or leaving their spot without looking. Luckily, when I swerved into the driving lane, I wasn't hit.
6. I'd go to angled or reverse angled
7. Need more

Center Turn Lane:

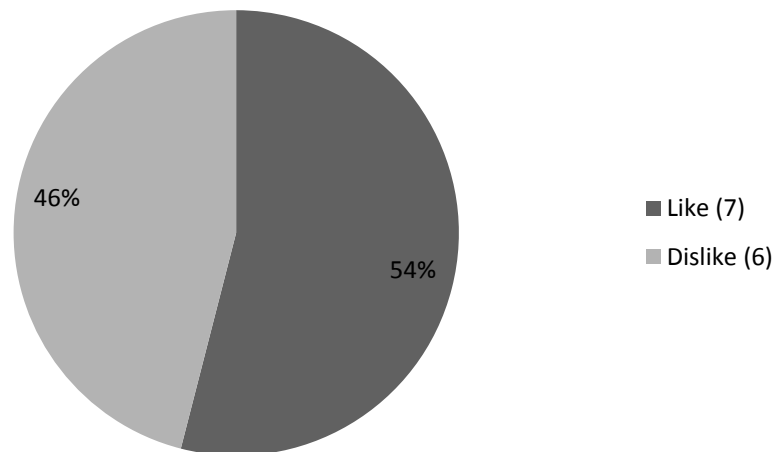


More explanation

Dislike:

1. Totally stupid. Not enough places to turn to justify continuous center turn lane.
2. Would rather have trees/reduce paving.
3. Too short to accommodate traffic.

Pedestrian Crossings:

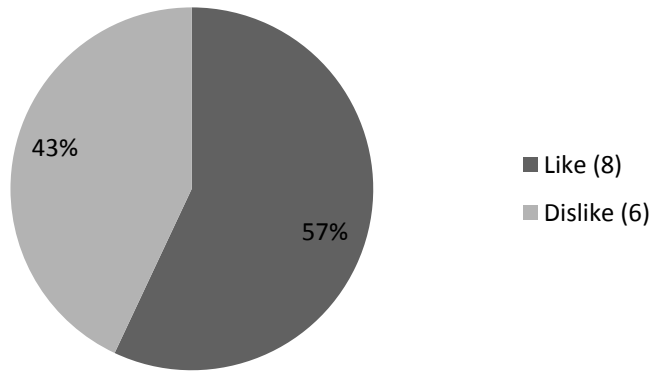


More explanation

Dislike:

1. Transit center people jaywalk a lot.
2. Need more street markings.
3. Cars don't stop
4. Need more signs, flatter services

Street Trees:



More explanation:

1. Do not currently provide much shade, but may just need more time to grow.

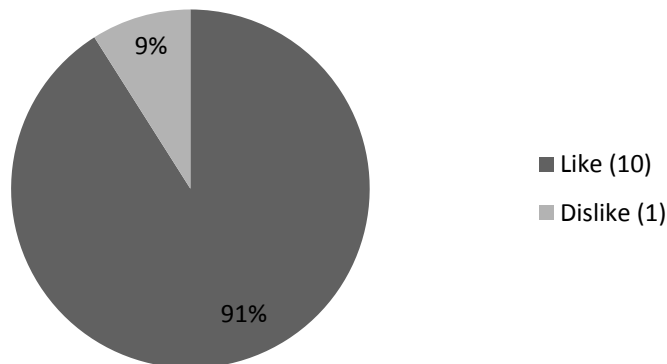
Like:

2. More please.
3. Would like to see more date palms, symbolic and AZ significance.
4. Birds are challenge.

Dislike:

5. Most areas of 5th from Farmer to College could use more tree/shade coverage.
6. Heritage live oak are bad: grow too slow, die to easily when insufficient water, make a mess with sap and varnish.
7. Too many types/not enough.
8. I walk the sides where buildings create shade.
9. They don't have enough exposed soil to survive.

Lighting:



More explanation:

1. The right lighting can both increase safety and be aesthetic

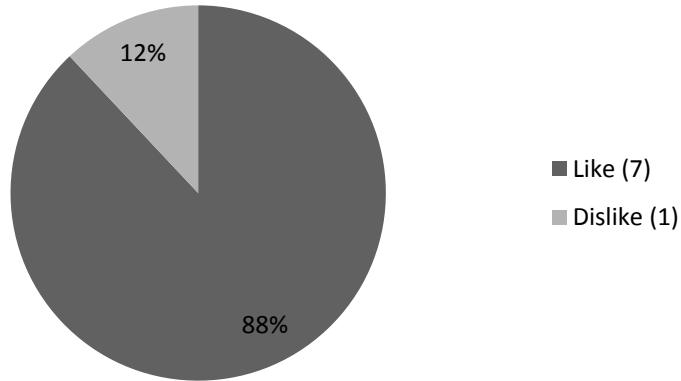
Like:

2. Most of 5th is well lit except for 5th and Farmer just past the railroad tracks where cars frequently do not look for cyclists and don't realize there are stop signs on Farmer.
3. Adequate, not too harsh.

Dislike:

4. Too many types. differentiate between Mill and 5th

Public Art:



More explanation:

1. Could use more
2. 5th Street could use more public art! Perhaps even some art that functions as shade or lighting.
3. Transit center art is good, otherwise spotty
4. What art?
5. Not enough of it. ASU students should exhibit here.

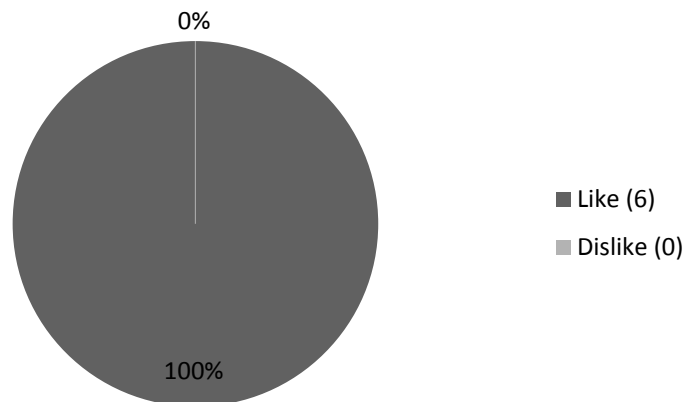
Like:

6. Could use more
7. Would love to see more art - modern feel.

Dislike:

8. Is there public art?

ADA Access



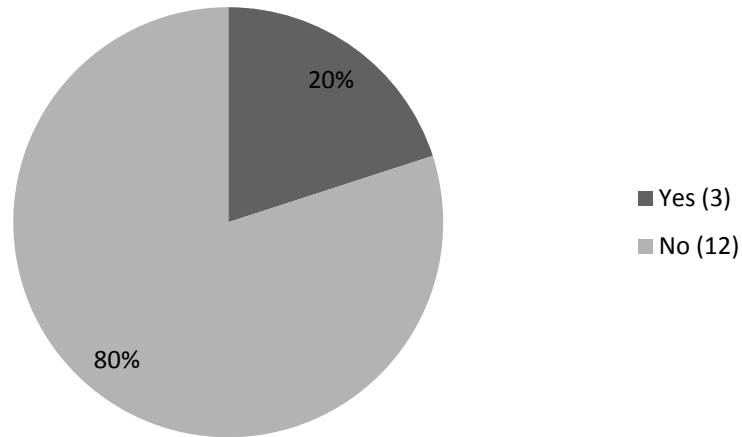
More explanation:

1. I do not have a disability, so I have not noticed.

Like:

2. Adequate

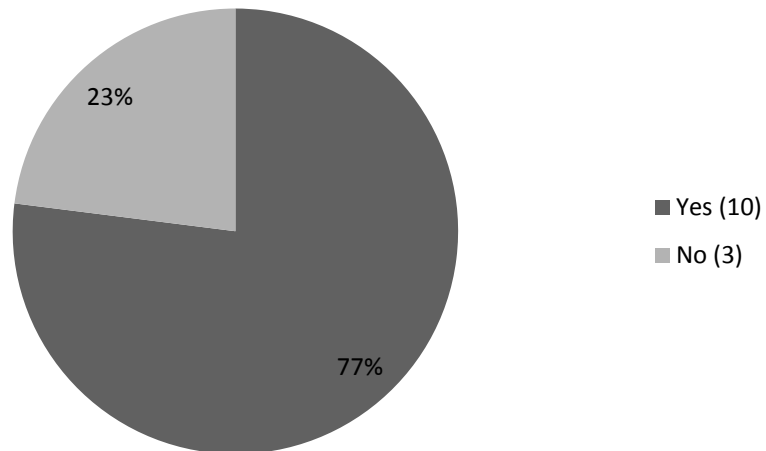
6. When driving on 5th Street, do you often experience excessive traffic delay?



Comments:

1. Especially on Tuesday and Thursday around 4:30 pm. Another stop light could be used or 4 way stop.
2. only typical rush hour traffic
3. I know when to avoid street
4. I hope 5th street can be beautified, but still functional as a short cut.
5. 5th and Farmer intersection is accident prone and aligned awkwardly.
6. Especially during football games and back-ups during commute hours to ASU.

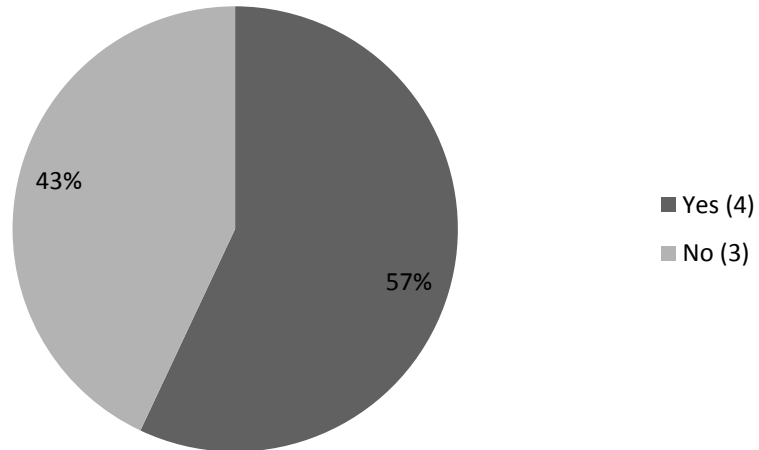
7. As a pedestrian, does 5th Street feel comfortable?



Comments:

1. Needs more shade, but may just be a function of trees needing time to grow.
2. Loose bricks on between Forest & College area on South side of 5th Street.
3. Except for crossing at Maple.
4. Comfortable, but not great.
5. Too wide/some good parts (urban interface) but need more.
6. Plain and old looking. Lots of broken, uneven sidewalks
7. The traffic is heavy due to the buses leaving the Tempe Transit Center.

8. When biking in bike lanes along 5th Street, does it feel comfortable?



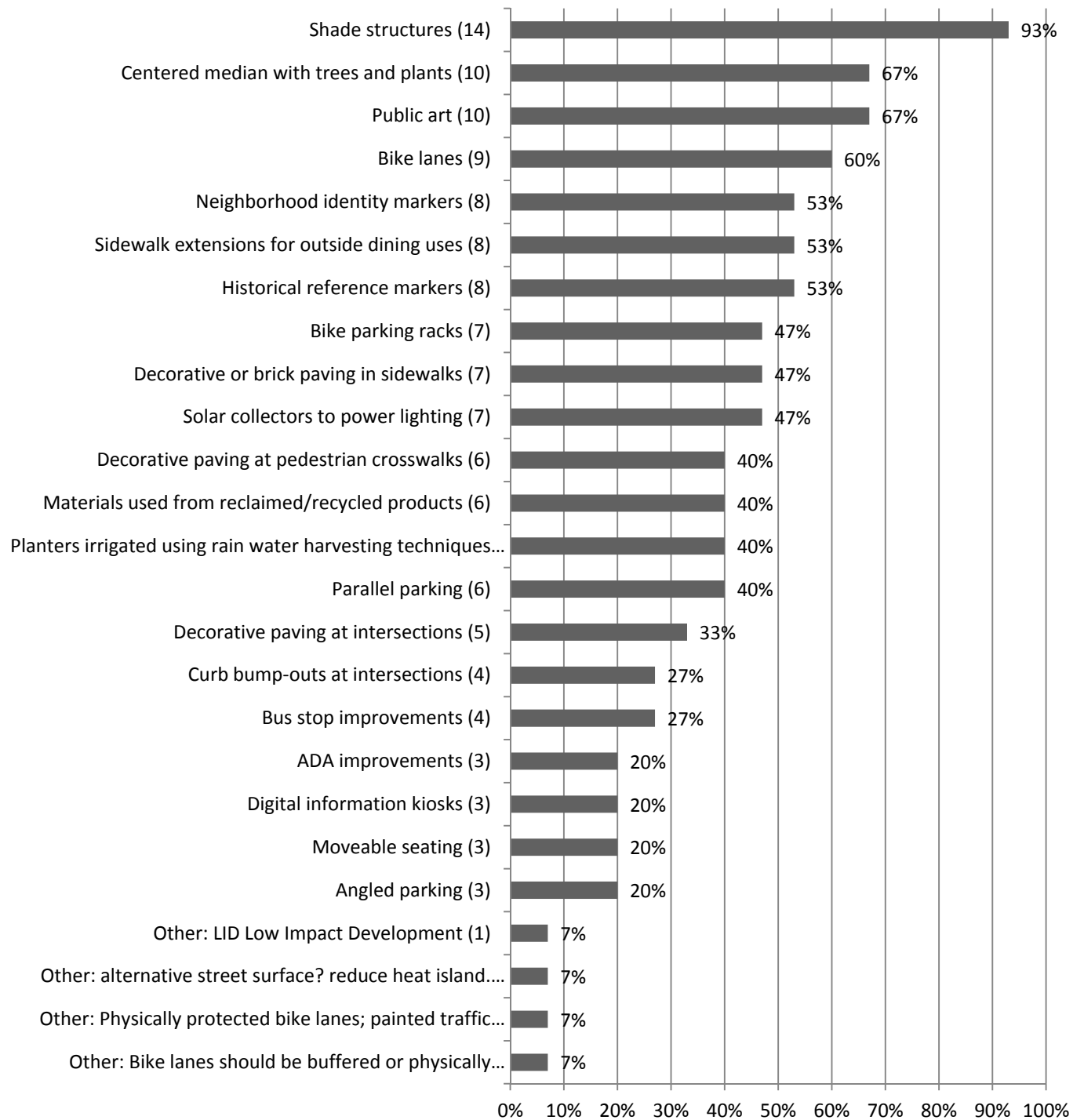
Comments:

1. A good biking street, but would prefer physically protected or buffered lanes.
2. Sometimes, but the cars get too close to the bike lanes. The buses also stop right in the bike lanes and sometimes pull right out in front of you while cycling. This causes a safety hazard and feels dangerous. Also the parked cars along 5th street that sit beside the bike lanes are sometimes hazardous due to opening doors and drivers who don't look for cyclists when they leave.
3. I don't bike.
4. No uppy/downy like further west on 5th Street please.
5. Buffer would be nice.
6. Don't ride on 5th.
7. Don't bicycle.

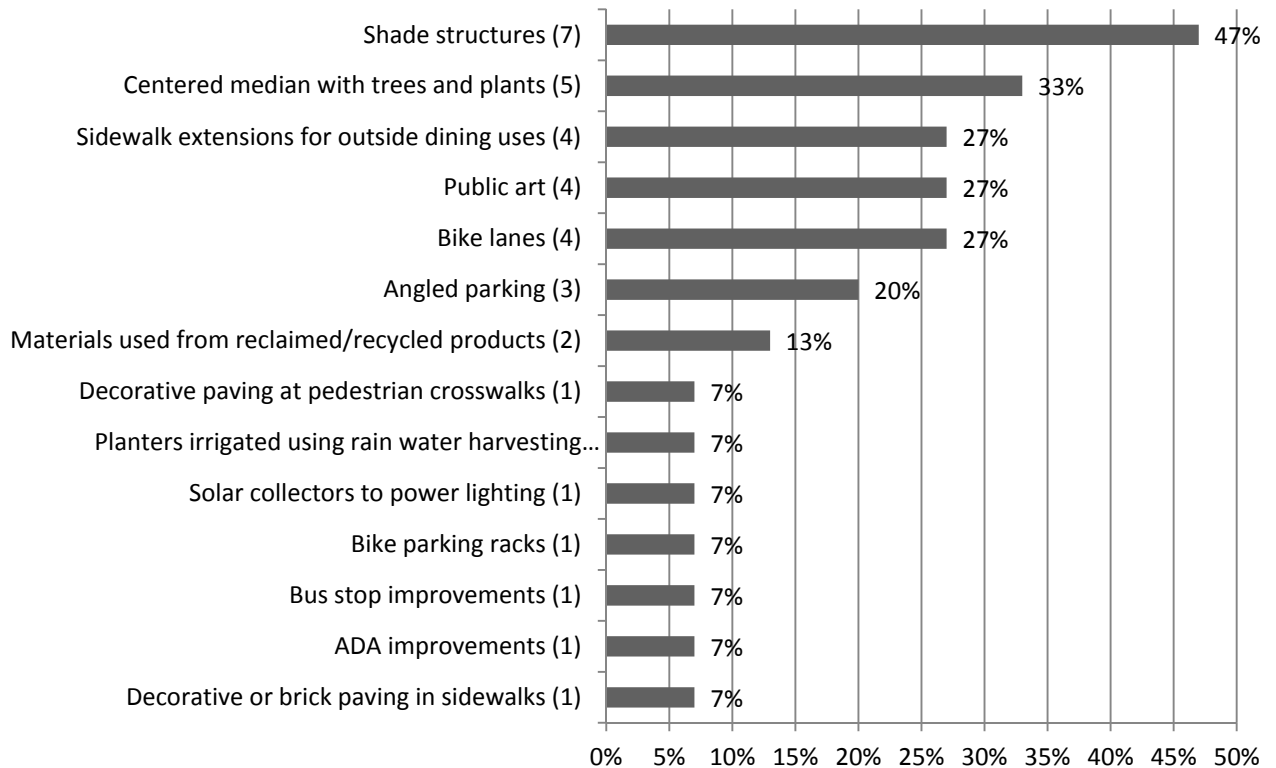
What improvements do you want to see built?

We would like your input on potential improvements that could be incorporated into 5th Street. Your ideas will be considered in the formulation of design alternatives.

9. What elements would you like to have on 5th Street? (check all that apply)



10. Of the improvements checked in #9 above, circle your top three desired elements.



11. Do you have any additional comments that you want us to consider with respect to the potential improvements on 5th Street?

1. Would enjoy buffered or separated bike lanes as in pp. 72-73 in the powerpoint.
2. My comment is actually for the entire downtown area. I feel the city may need to consider one way streets with the way the population of traffic is increasing.
3. Tucson has reverse angle parking and most people dislike it. Making the UPRR look better would add to the look of the streetscape
4. Decide whether the street is 5th street, Veterans Way or Stadium Way. This causes endless confusion. It's hard to even give people directions. Pick a name and stick to it!
5. Bike lane facility throughout using street level paving. Please no sidewalk/bike lanes.
6. 4 way stop at Farmer and 5th Street or roundabout. No palo verde trees, there are much better choices that provide shade while being water wise.
7. Keep brick on Mill. Opportunity to measure current condition and improved. Condition as example to reduce heat island (resiliency case study?) also look at urban forest case study? Opportunity to create unified streetscape (trees/lighting/surfaces/setbacks, etc.). How sustainable of a street can we create? (relative to the Sonoran desert) entry/gateway to Farmer Ave and Riverside/Sunset neighborhood.
8. Green lanes and boxes, but not at stoplights. Date palms in center median. Perhaps one median for a large scale, clearly visible piece of urban art (like the arms/palms on Apache). Would love to see more use of date palms in medians. Very symbolic and have AZ significance.
9. Pop up parks. ADA improvements on a universal design scale.
10. Hide Century Link building.
11. I would like to see a shared street landscape such as was built in New Road, Brighton, England. I want to see Low Impact Development techniques incorporated into the design - bio scales, permeable pavement, bio-retention, native species, parkinsonia florida, prosopis glandulosis trees