

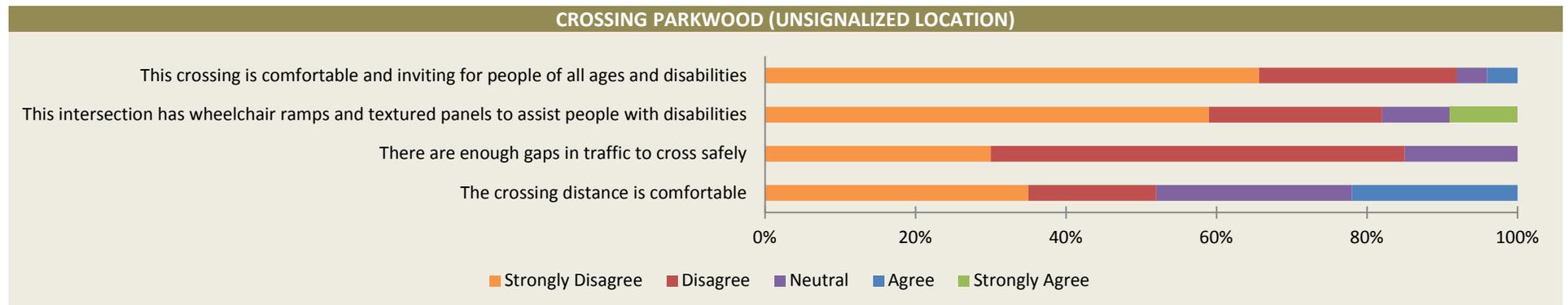
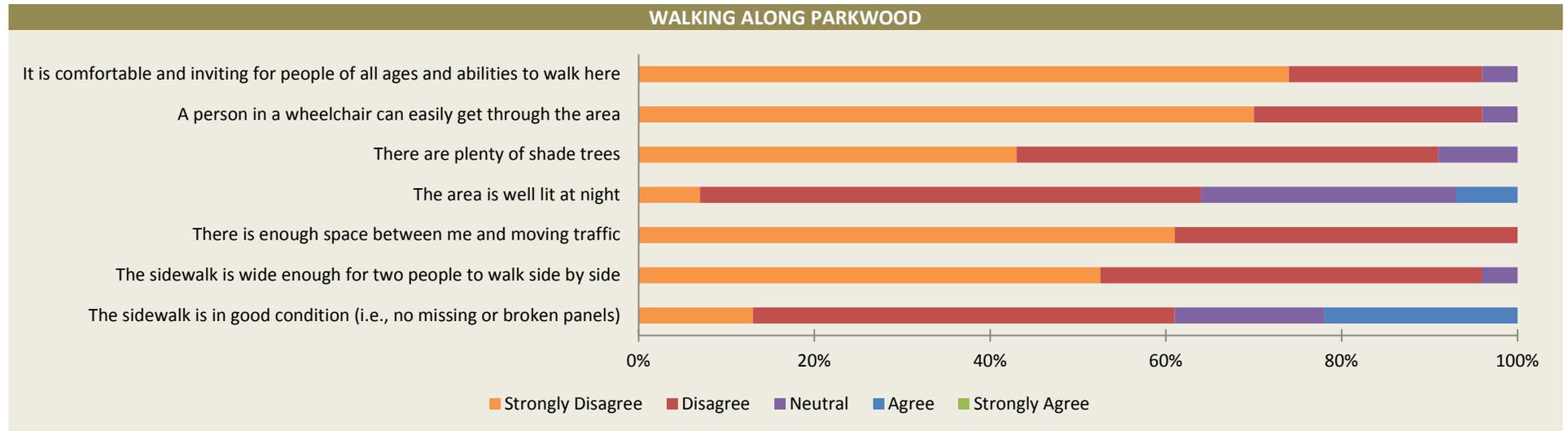
THE PLAZA WALKING TOUR SURVEY SUMMARY

The UPshot:

Most respondents indicated that walking in The Plaza is not comfortable and inviting in many areas due to proximity to traffic, lack of shade, and sidewalk width. In areas where pedestrian facilities were better, respondents reported that driver behavior was still a concern. While many respondents felt comfortable bicycling on neighborhood streets, most reported that it is difficult to bicycle along or across The Plaza.

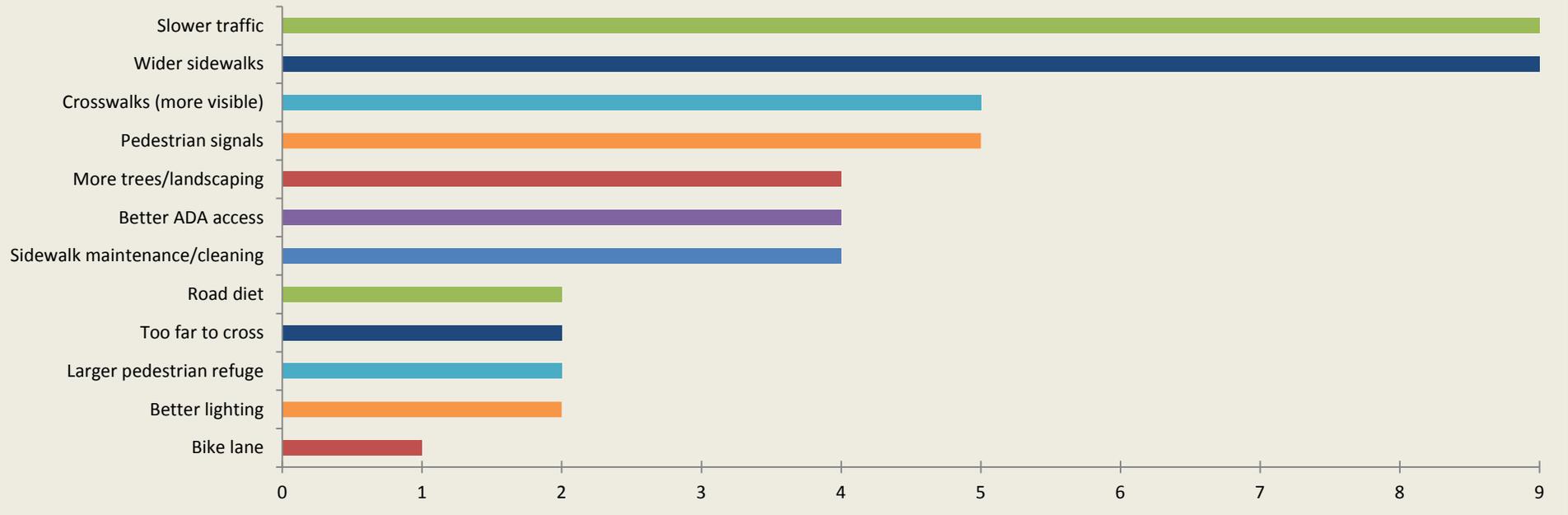
Parkwood Avenue & Union Street

Responses regarding walking along Parkwood were generally negative, with the vast majority of respondents indicating that it is not comfortable or inviting for people of all ages and abilities. All of the respondents felt that there is not enough space between pedestrians and moving traffic. Respondents' opinions on crossing Parkwood Avenue were also unfavorable; over 80% of respondents indicated that it was not comfortable or inviting, and there are not enough gaps in traffic to cross safely. Wider sidewalks and slower traffic were the two most common suggestions for improving Parkwood Avenue for pedestrians.



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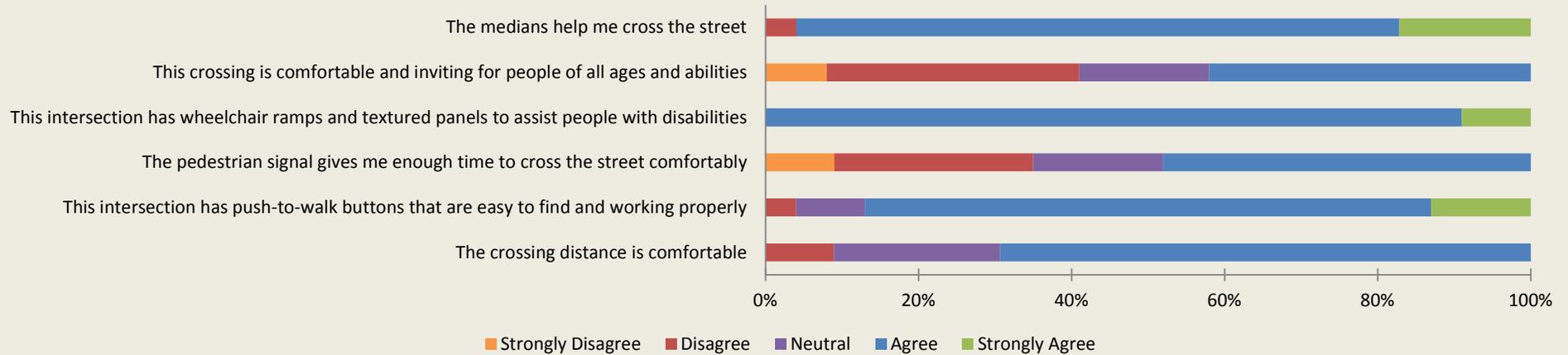


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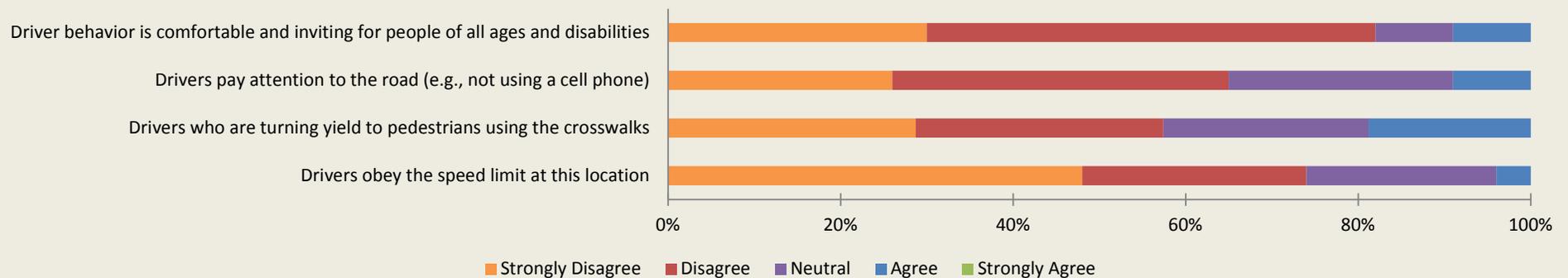
The Plaza & Mecklenburg Avenue

The majority of respondents indicated that the intersection had appropriate pedestrian facilities, including a median, wheelchair ramps, and a pedestrian signal with enough time to comfortably cross. However, driver behavior at the intersection was a concern, with over 80% of respondents saying the driver behavior was not comfortable or inviting for people of all ages. Most said that drivers do not pay attention, do not yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk, and do not obey the speed limit. Longer pedestrian crossing times was the most common suggestion for improving this intersection for pedestrians.

WALKING ACROSS PARKWOOD & THE PLAZA (SIGNALIZED LOCATION)

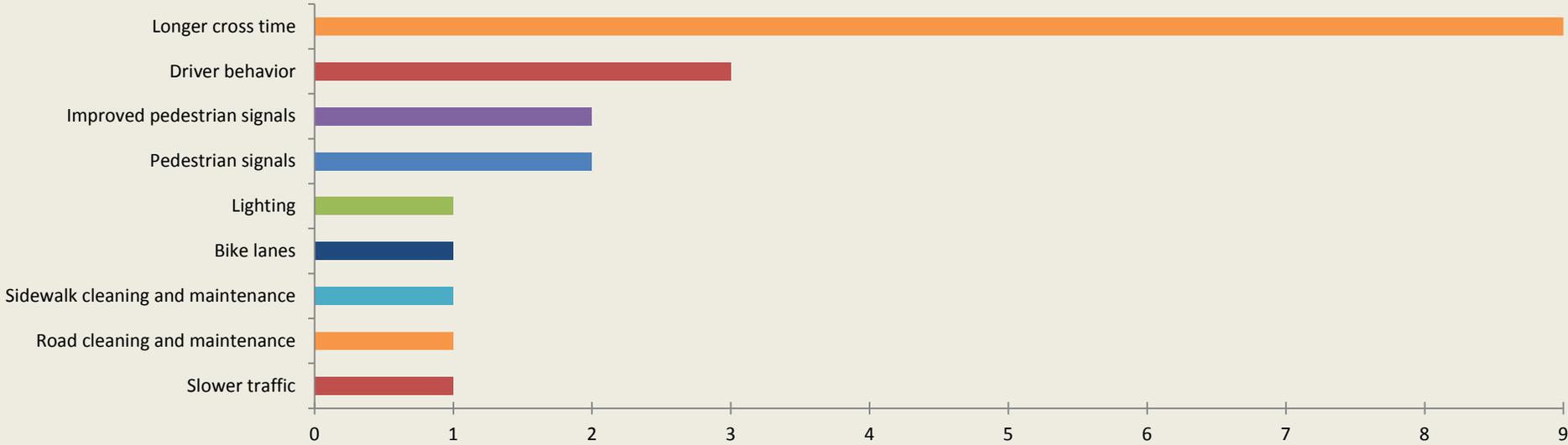


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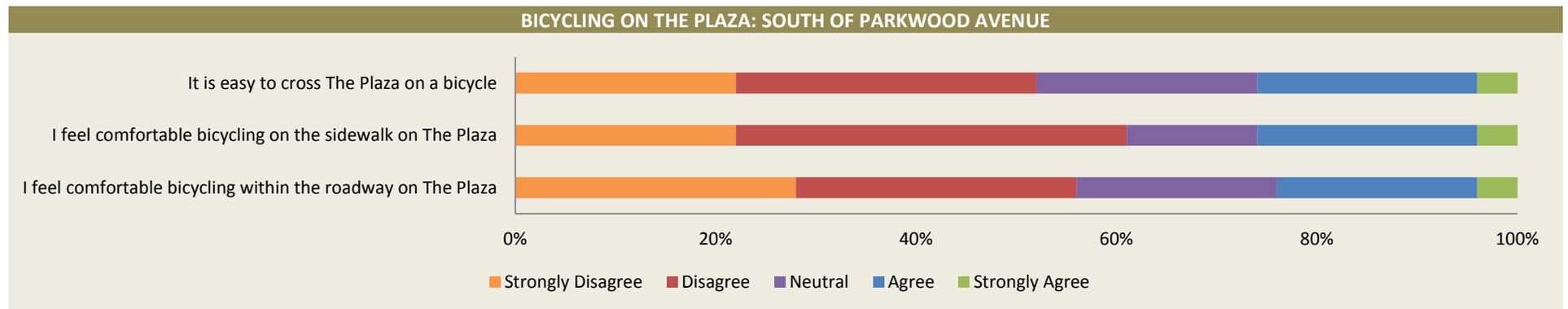
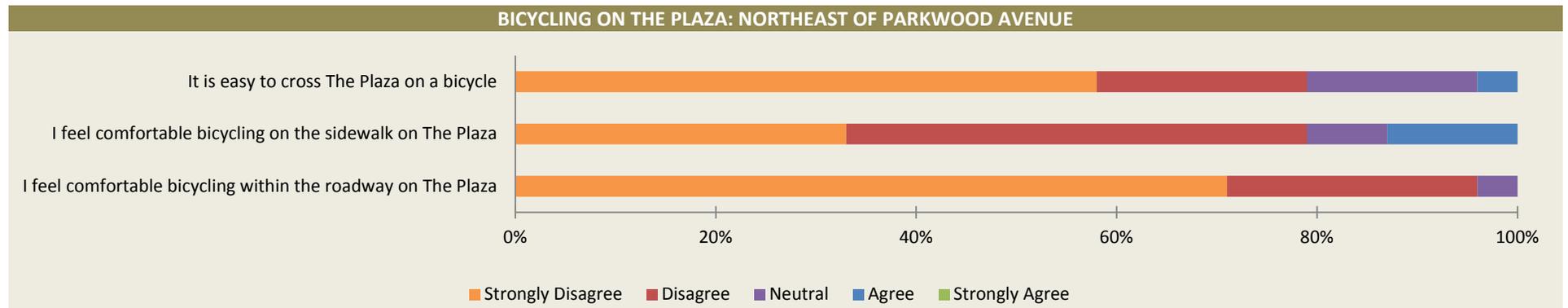
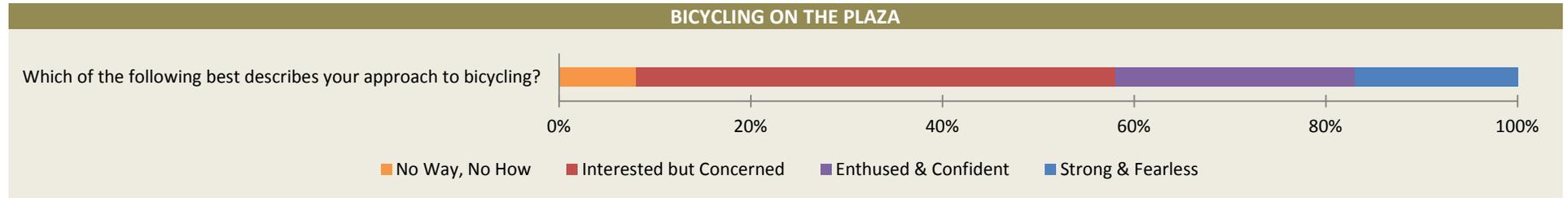
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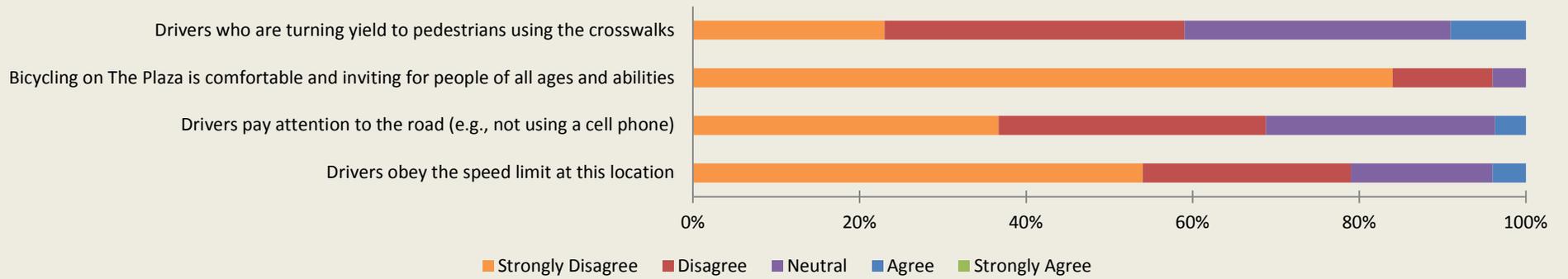
The Plaza & Grace Street

Half of respondents reported that they are “interested but concerned” about bicycling in general. Almost none of the respondents felt comfortable bicycling in the roadway northeast of Parkwood Avenue, with slightly more feeling comfortable on the sidewalk. South of Parkwood Avenue, between 50% and 60% of respondents did not feel comfortable riding on the sidewalk or the road. Additionally, many respondents indicated that it is not easy to cross The Plaza on a bicycle. A majority of respondents indicated that driver behaviors such as not paying attention and exceeding speed limits are issues in this area. Bike lanes were the most common suggestion for making The Plaza better for bicycles.

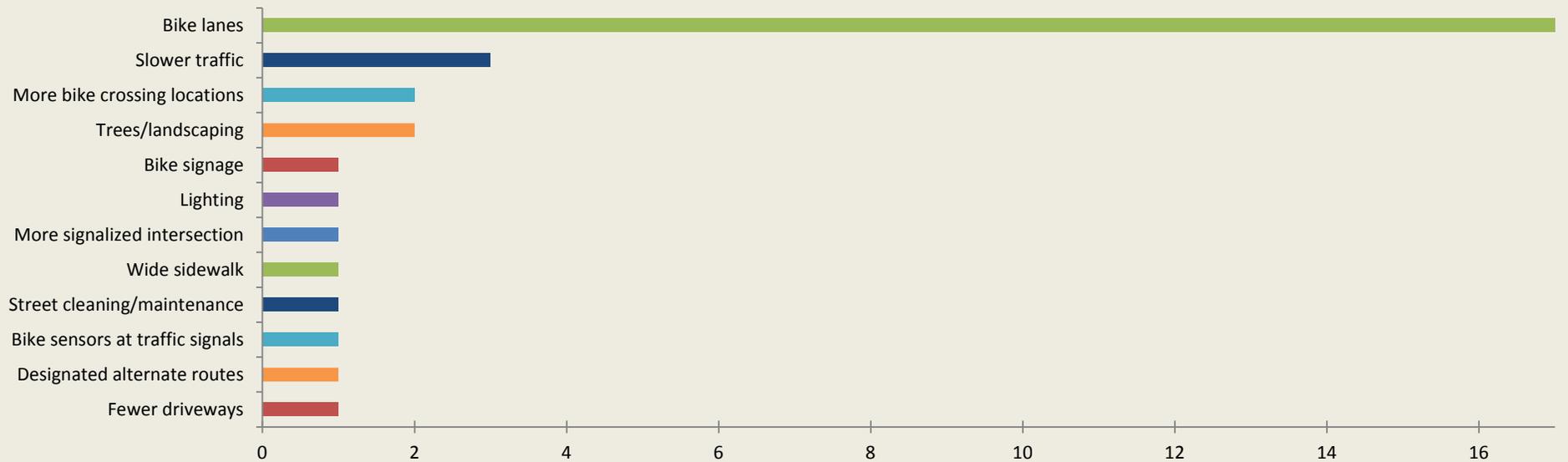


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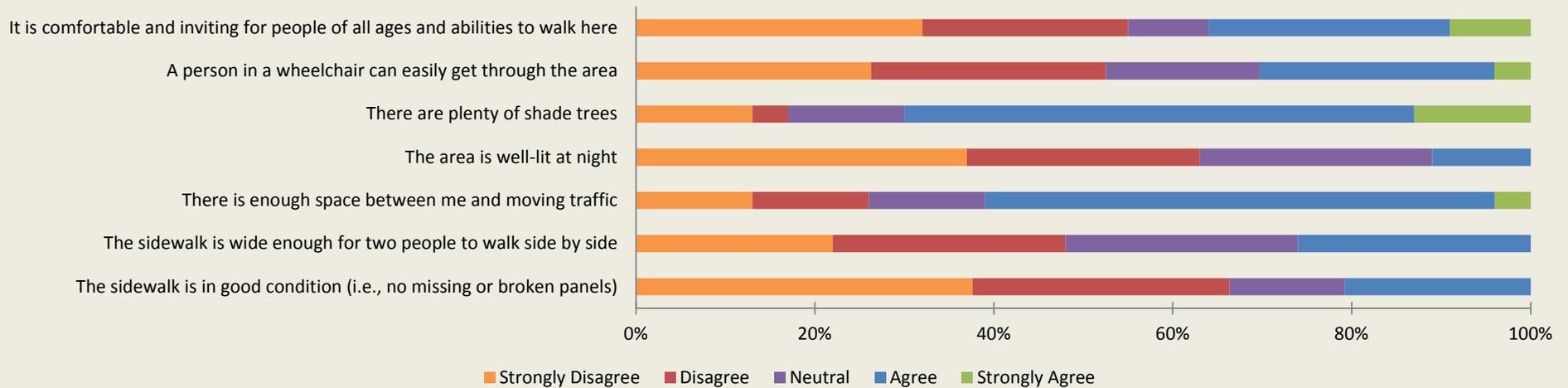


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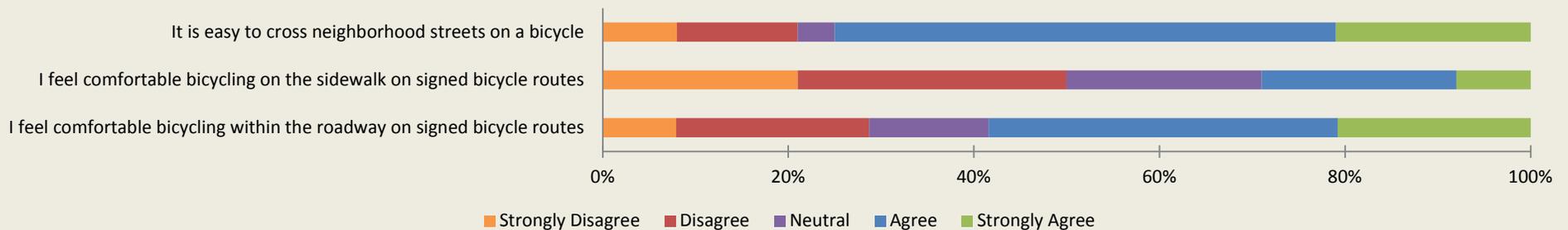
Duncan Avenue & Drummond Avenue

Over 60% of respondents agreed that there are enough shade trees and space between pedestrians and moving traffic in this area. However, many respondents indicated that the sidewalk is not in good condition. Access for people in wheelchairs and lighting were also issues for pedestrians cited by a majority of respondents. Most respondents indicated that they are comfortable biking in the roadway and crossing neighborhood streets on a bicycle. Closing gaps in the sidewalk network, sidewalk maintenance, and wider sidewalks were the most common suggestions for making neighborhood streets better for pedestrians. Bicycle signage, street maintenance and cleaning, and bike lanes were the most common suggestions for making neighborhood streets better for bicyclists.

WALKING ALONG NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS

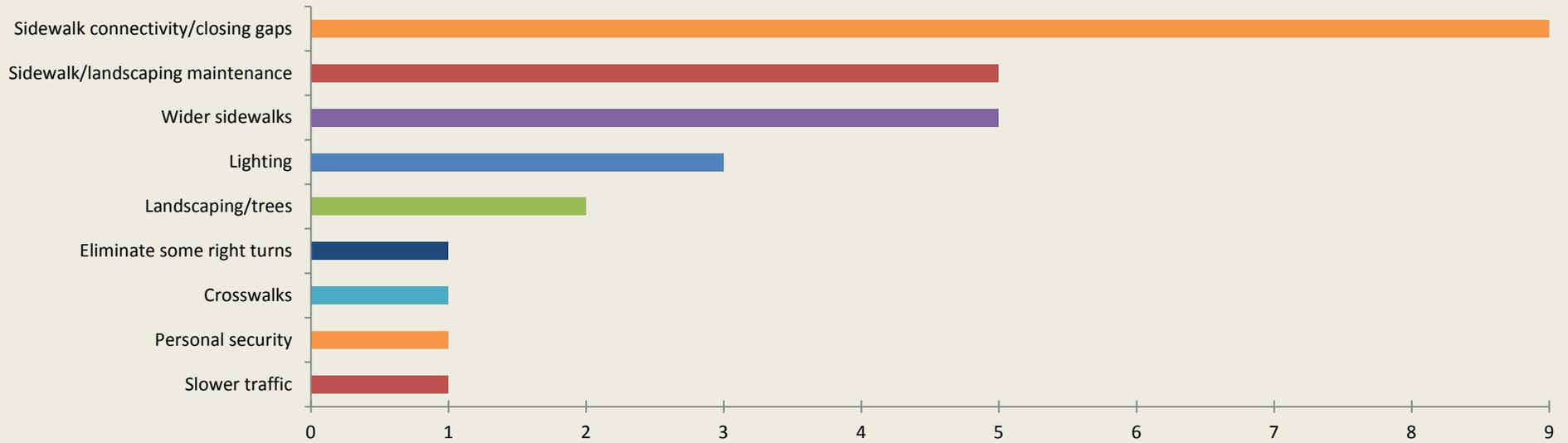


BICYCLING ON NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS & SIGNED BICYCLE ROUTES

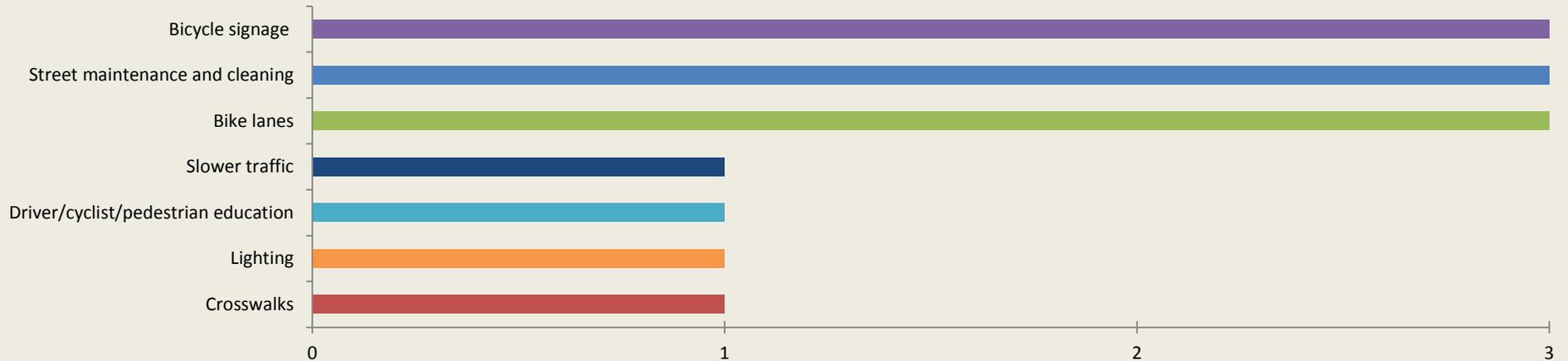


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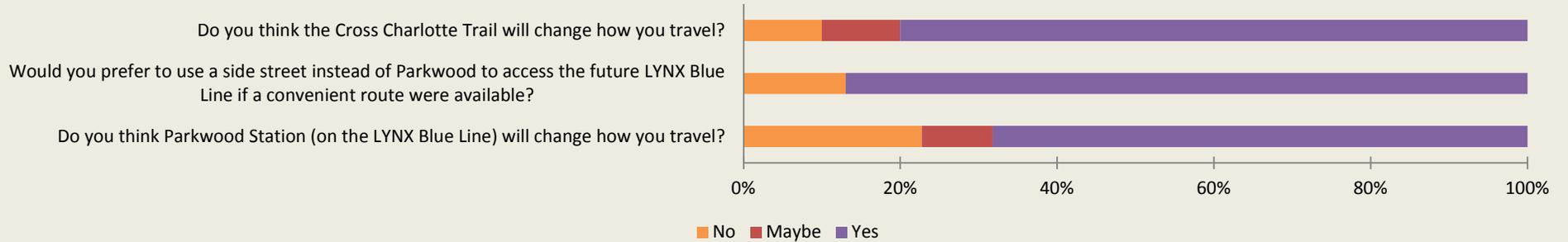


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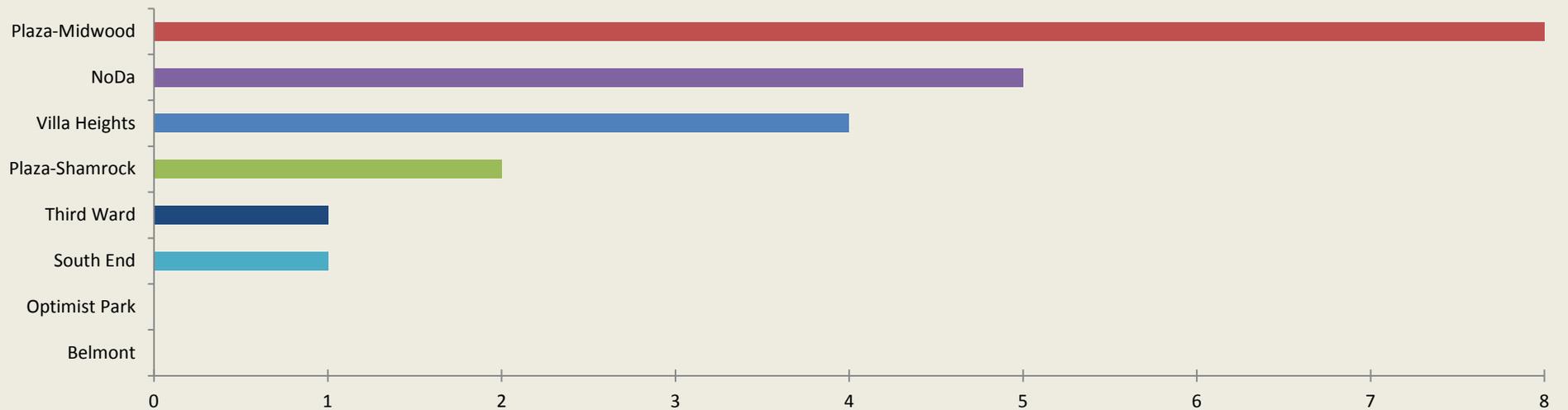
The Plaza & Clemson Avenue

Over 60% of respondents indicated that the Parkwood Station and the Cross Charlotte Trail will change how they travel. Parks were the most highly reported destination that people would like to be able to walk to, followed by the retail locations, bars, restaurants, and neighborhoods, such as NoDa. The neighborhoods with the most residents participating in the survey were Plaza-Midwood, NoDa, and Villa Heights.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

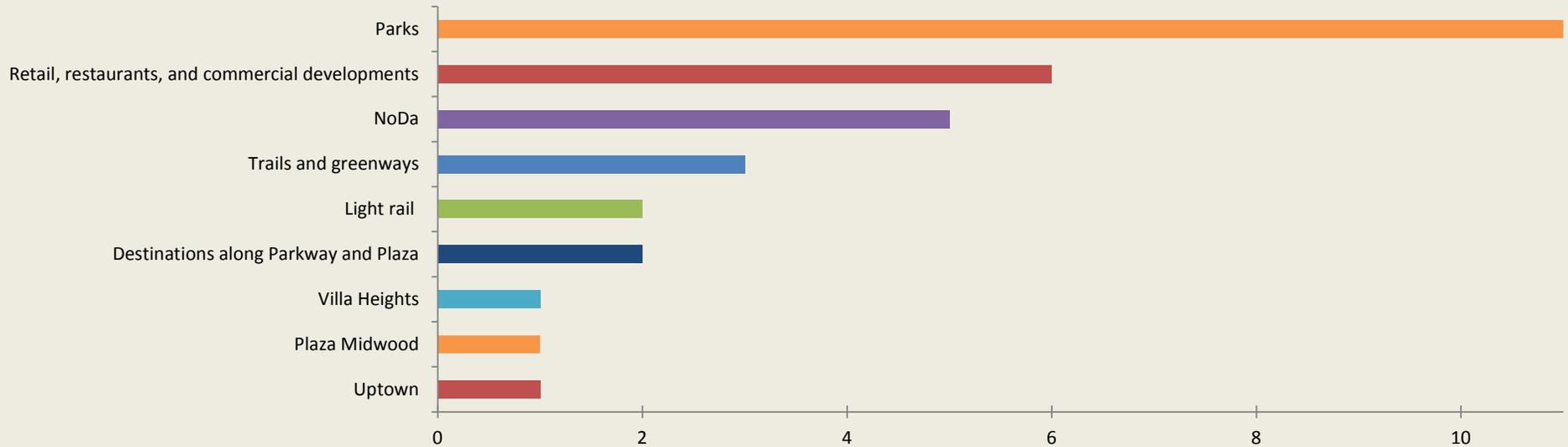


WHERE DO YOU LIVE?



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COMMENTS: LOCATIONS TO WHICH YOU OR YOUR NEIGHBORS WALK OR WOULD LIKE TO WALK IN THIS AREA



OTHER NOTES AND COMMENTS

- Parkwood needs more crosswalks and pedestrian refuge islands.
- Parkwood needs bike lanes.
- More bus shelters on Parkwood.
- More shade trees on Parkwood.
- Need better wayfinding and connections to the greenways.
- More bikeshare locations near transit.
- Parkwood and The Plaza should be narrowed to function as a neighborhood Main Street.
- Parkwood and The Plaza need traffic calming measures and/or a road diet with wide sidewalks and protected bike lanes.
- The Plaza has very heavy traffic and is not bike or pedestrian friendly.
- If traffic increases with LYNX, this area will need more speed bumps and sidewalks.
- The pedestrian cross times are too short at several locations, including at the Food Lion at Matheson and Central & Morningside.
- Bike signage needs to be painted on the pavement, not just on signs.