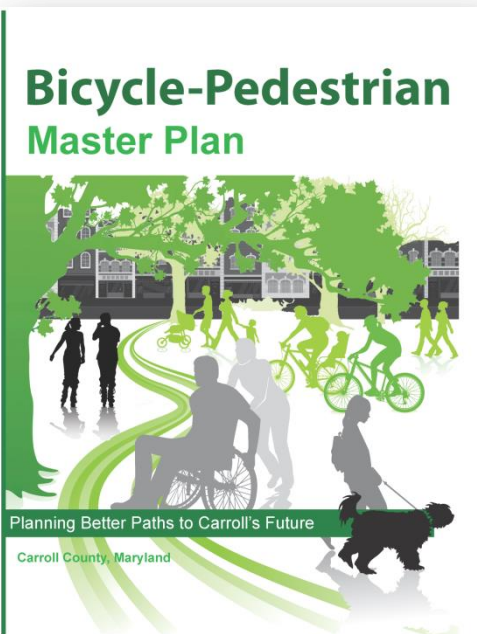


Carroll County Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan Updates



Finksburg Planning and Citizens Council
April 28, 2016



Carroll County Bicycle-Pedestrian Master Plan



URL

Interest Survey

Planning Better Paths to Carroll's Future

Interest Survey

- Purpose
 - To determine the interest of those in Carroll County wishing to use bicycle and pedestrian facilities

Interest Survey Results



822

Responses from
Carroll County
Residents

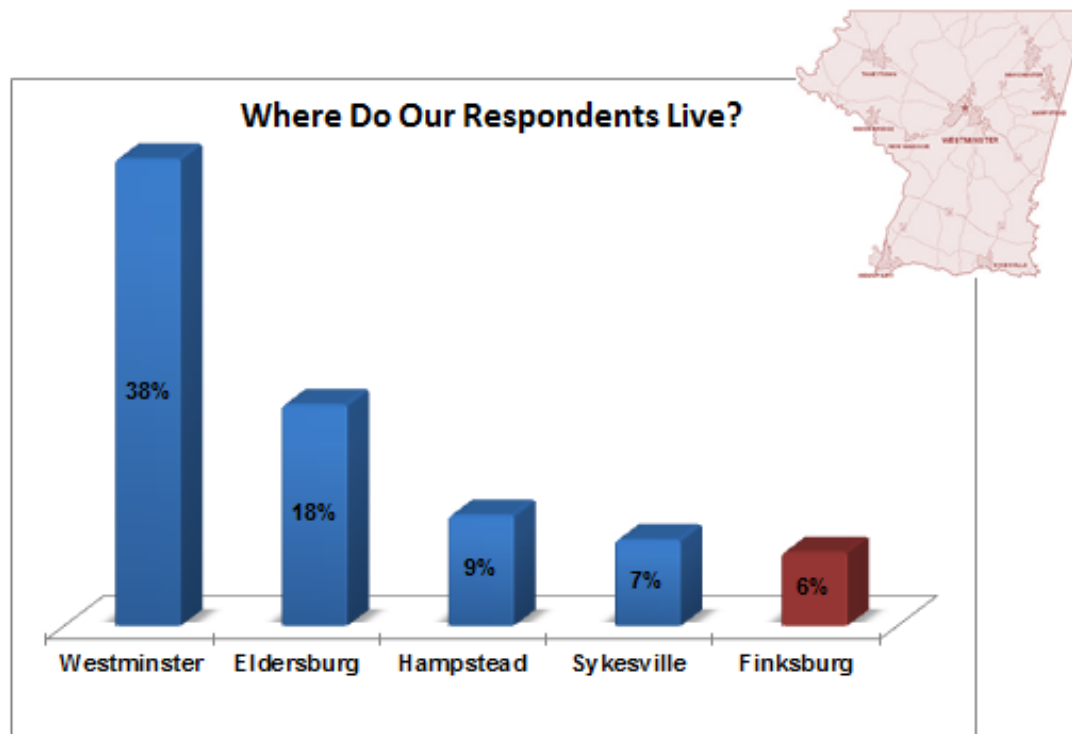


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Responses from
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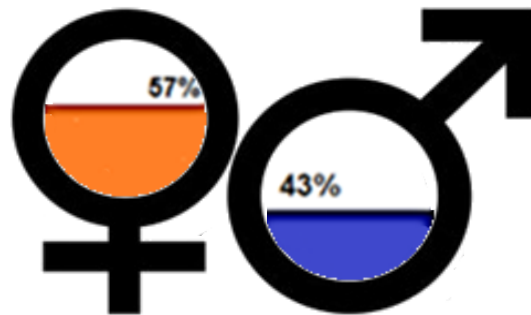
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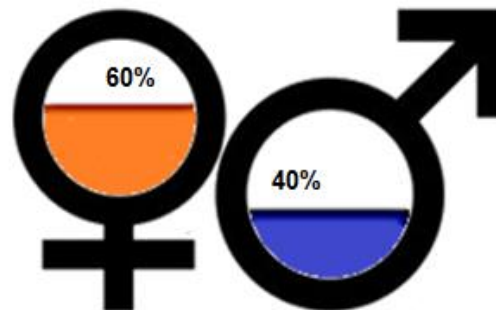
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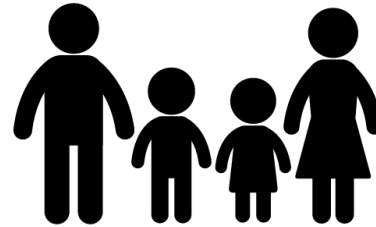
County



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Interest Survey Results: Demographics



County

Married, No Kids

36.3%

Married w/ kids <18

43.7%

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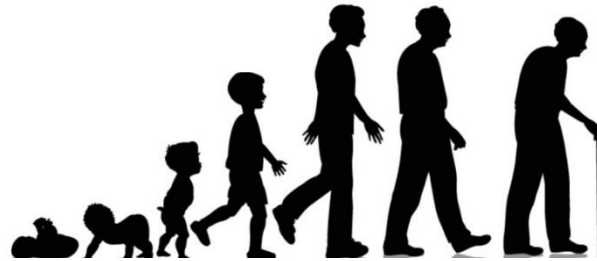
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Married w/ kids <18

50.0%

Interest Survey Results: Demographics



County Age

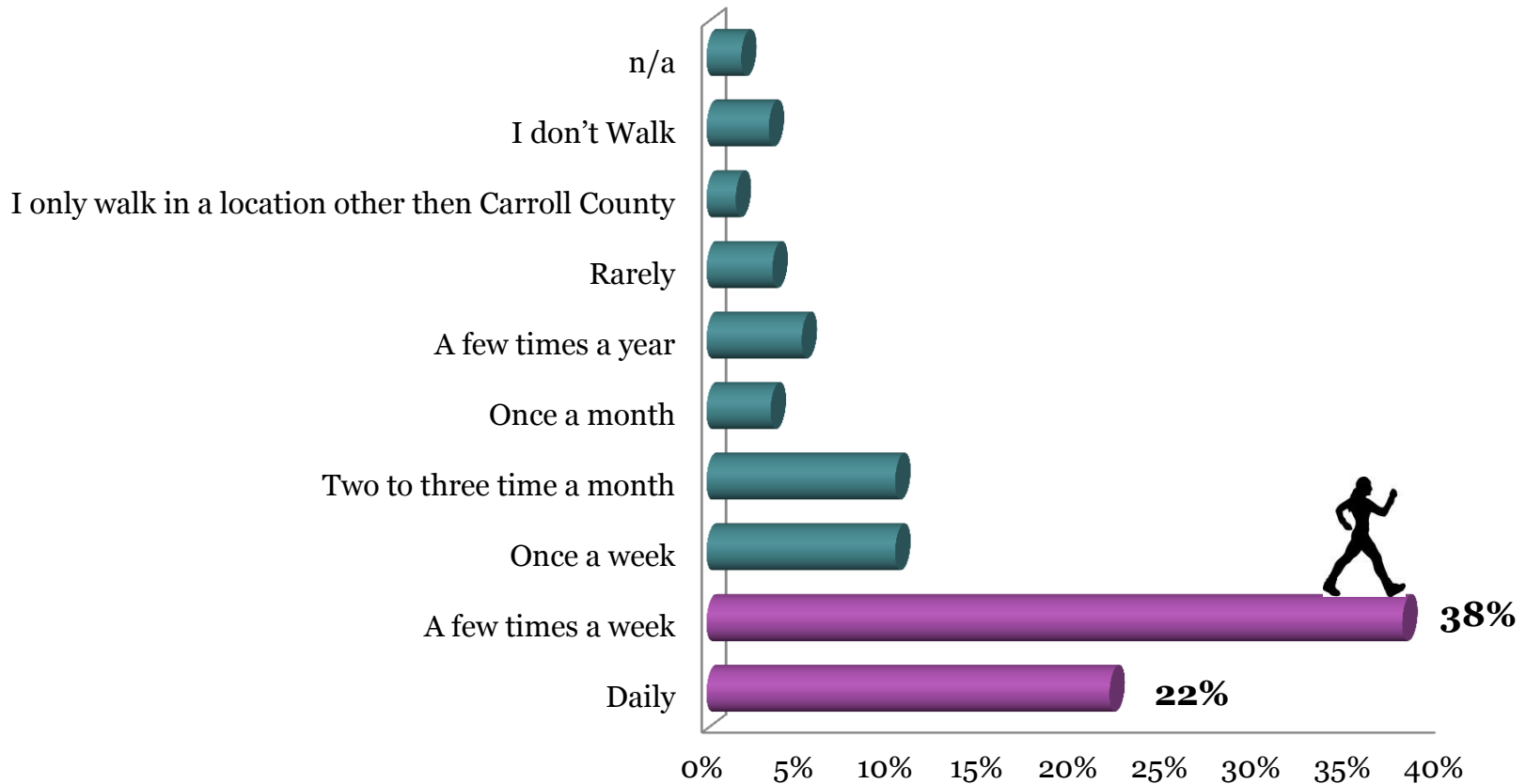
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18-24	2.7%
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35-44	25.8%
45-54	29.4%
55-64	21.3%
65 <	9.2%

Finksburg Age

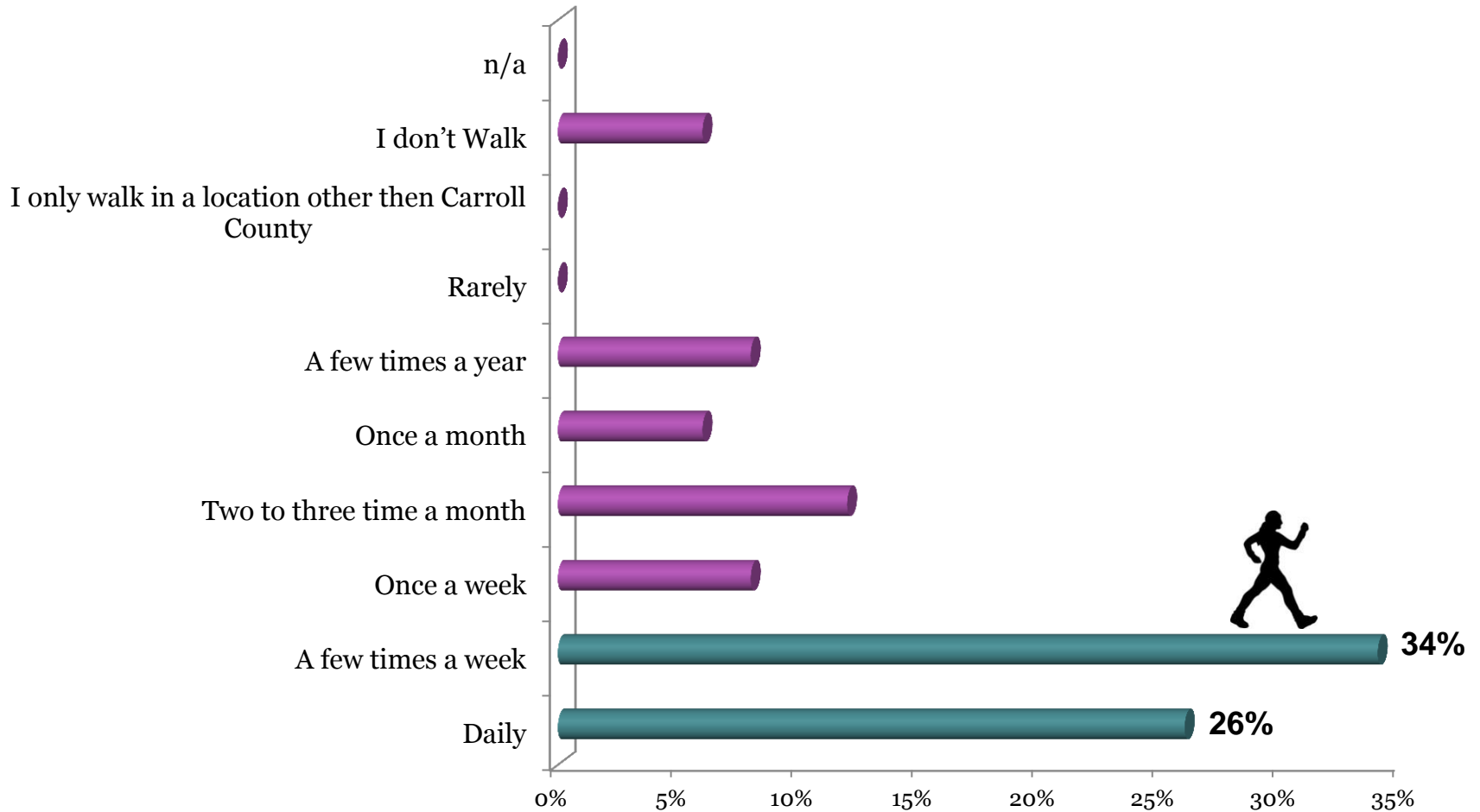
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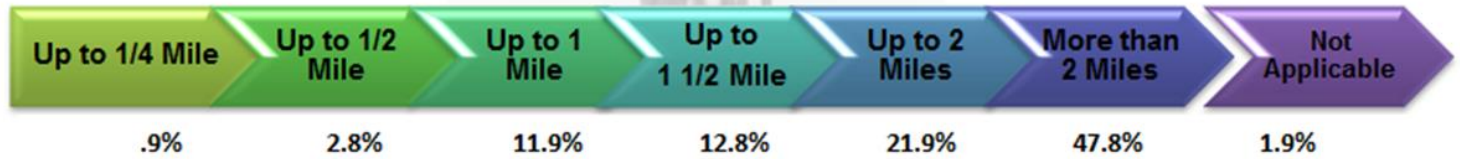
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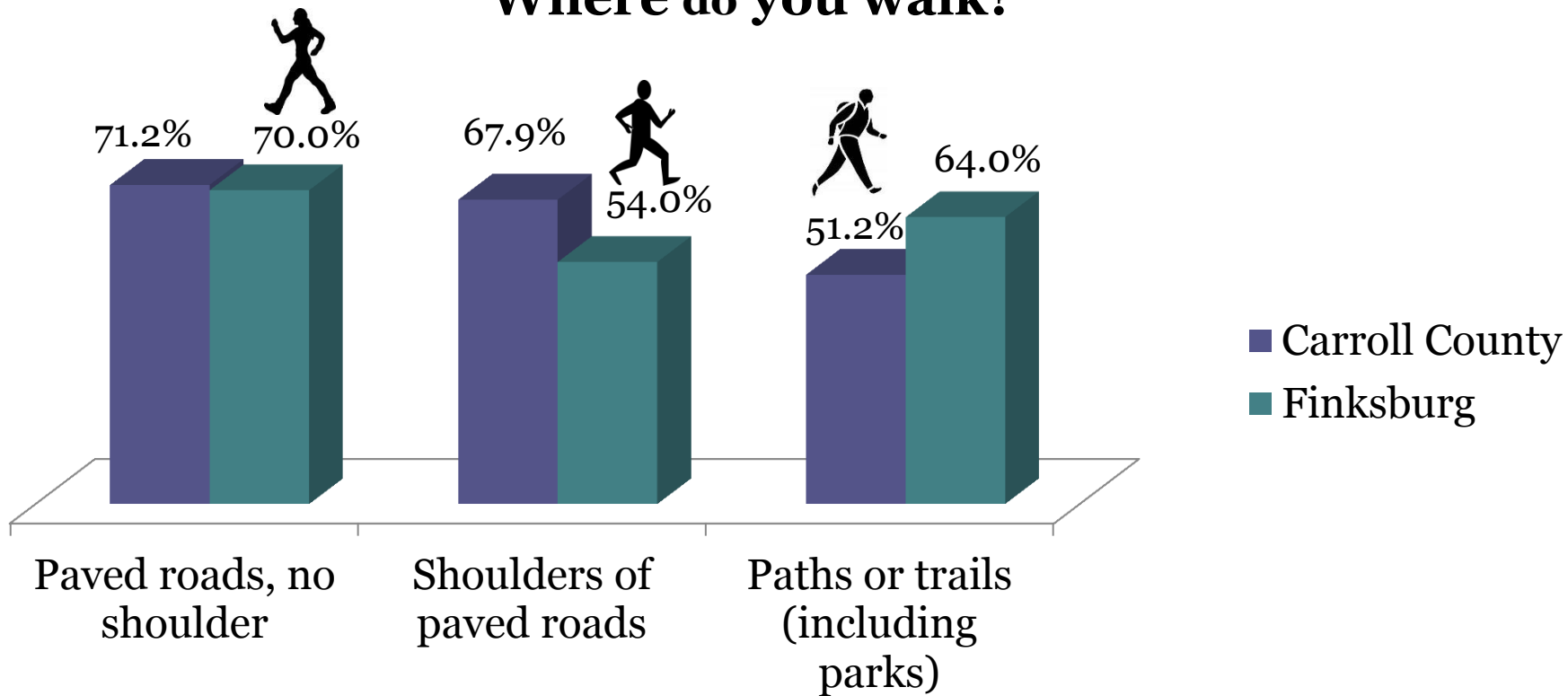
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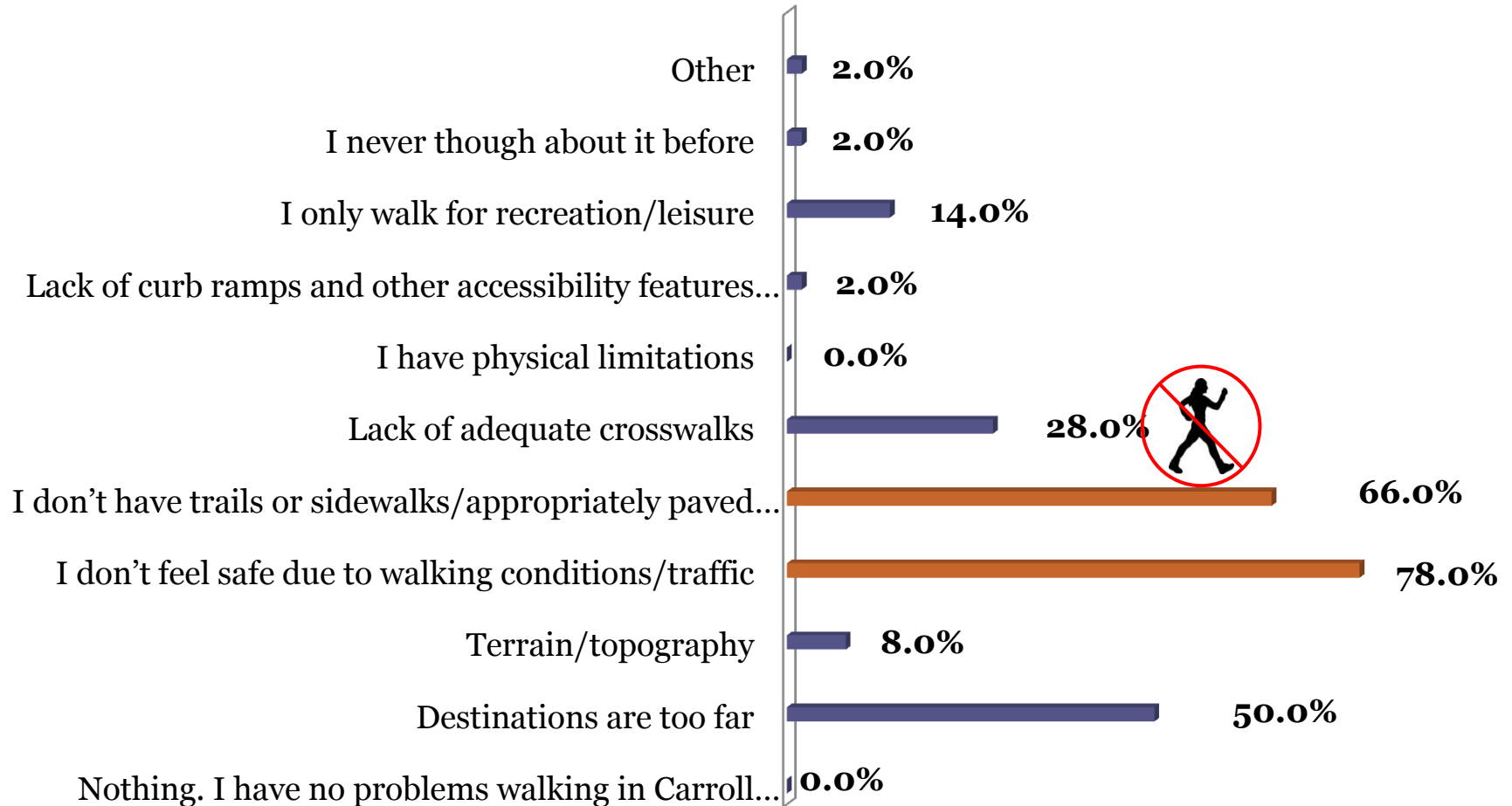
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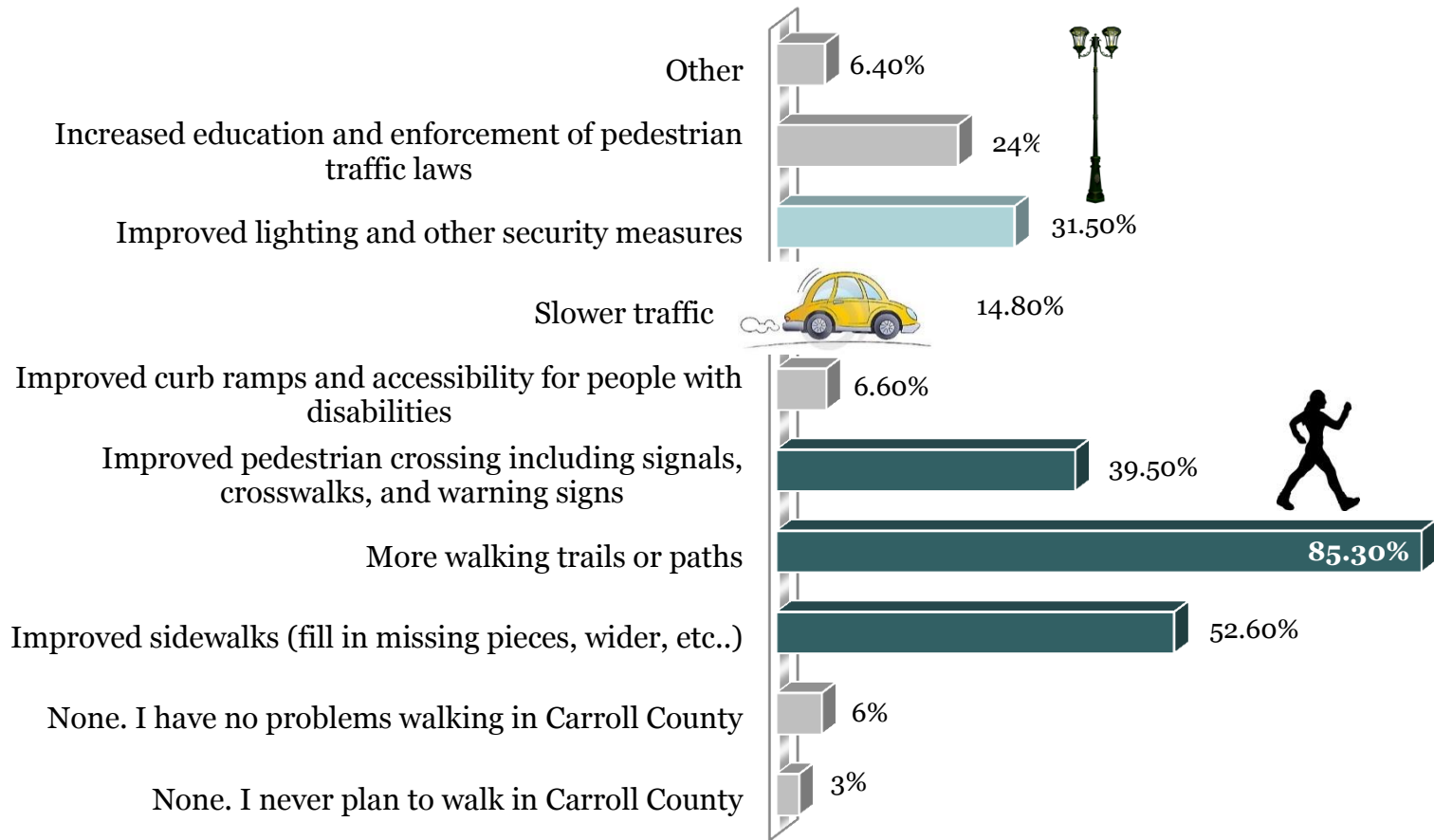
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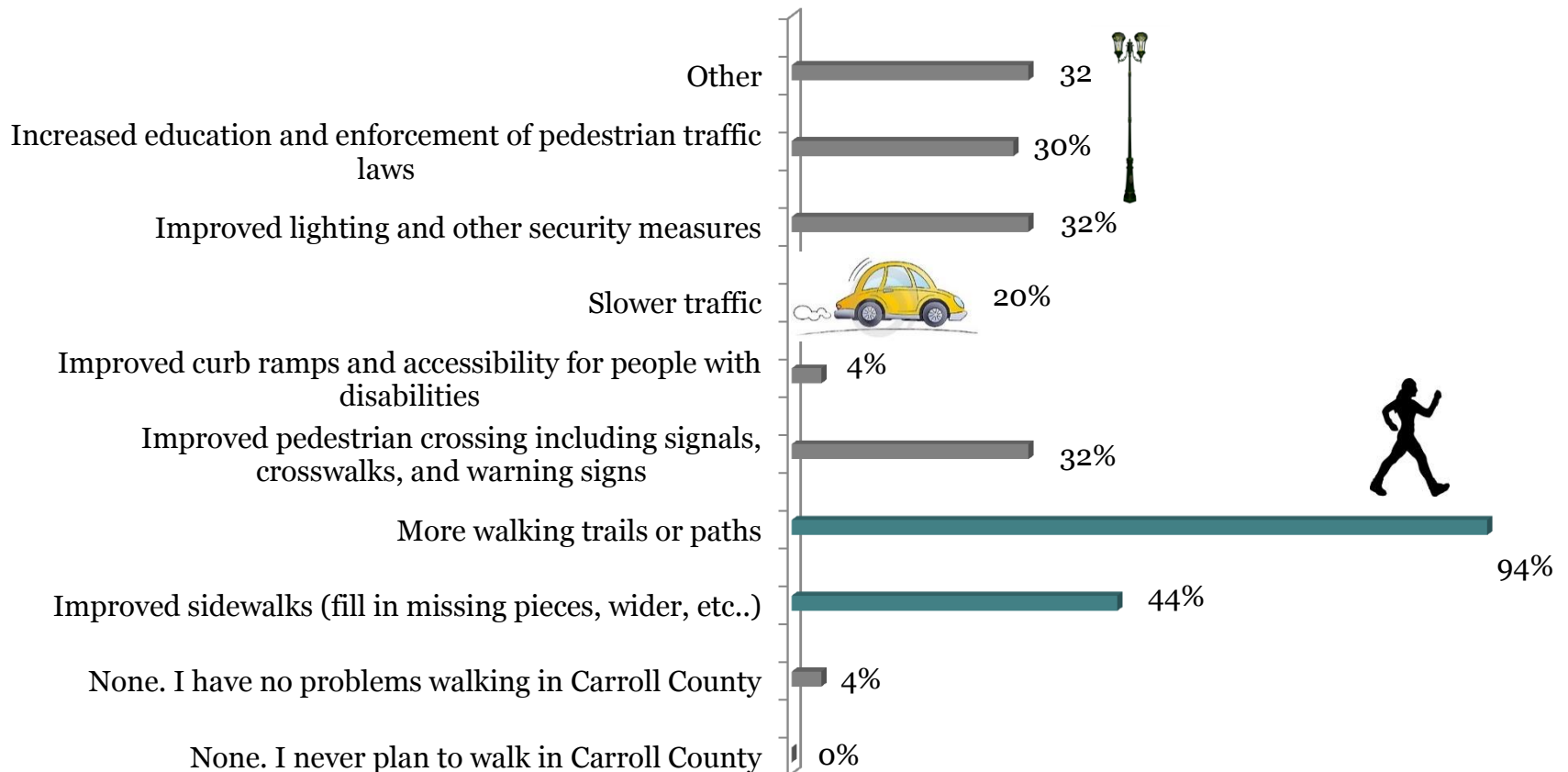


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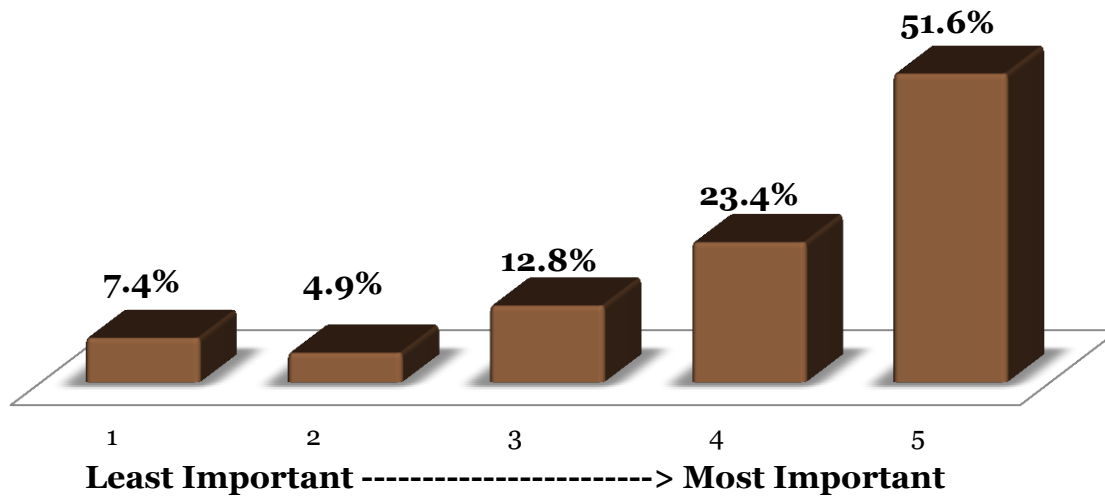


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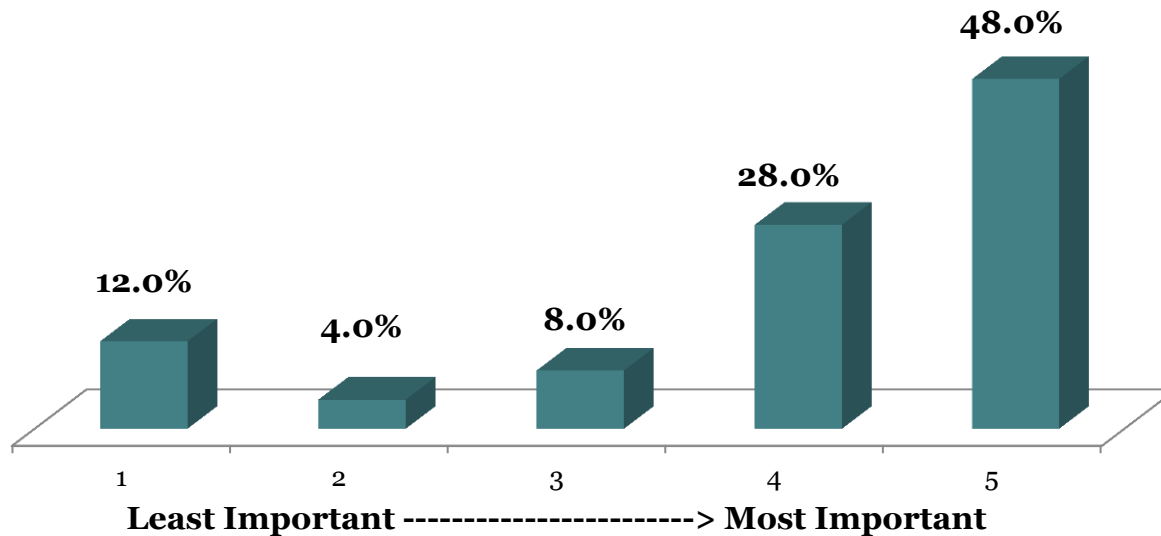
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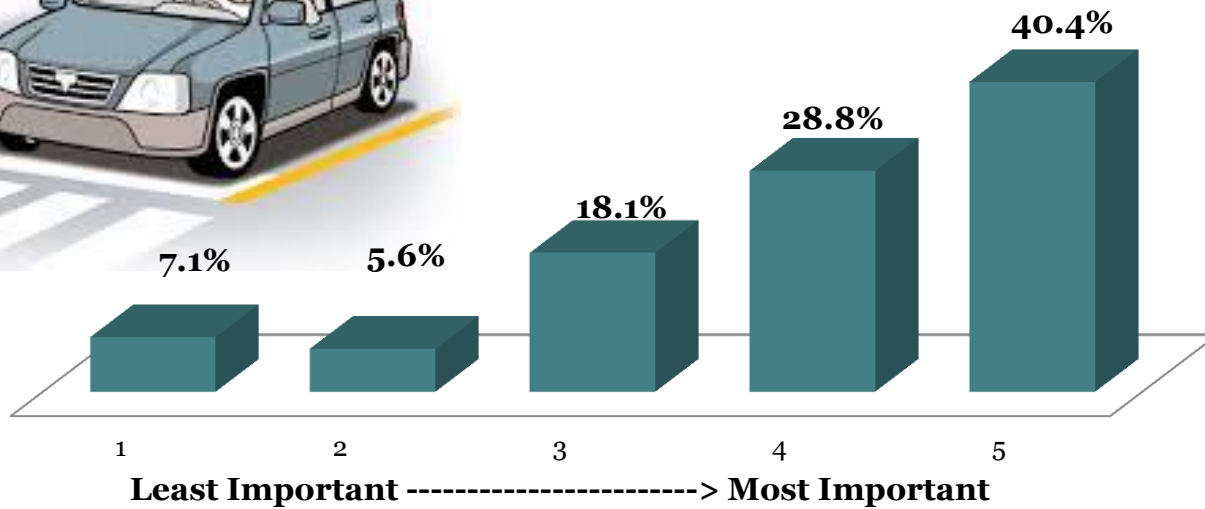
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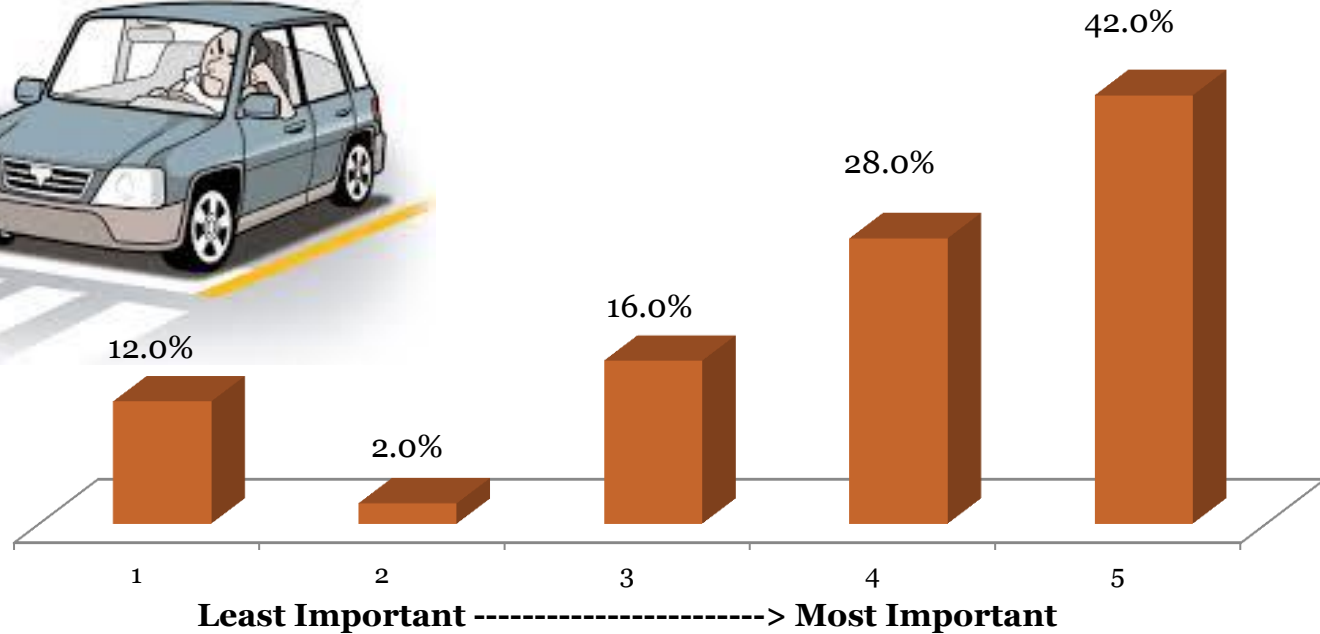
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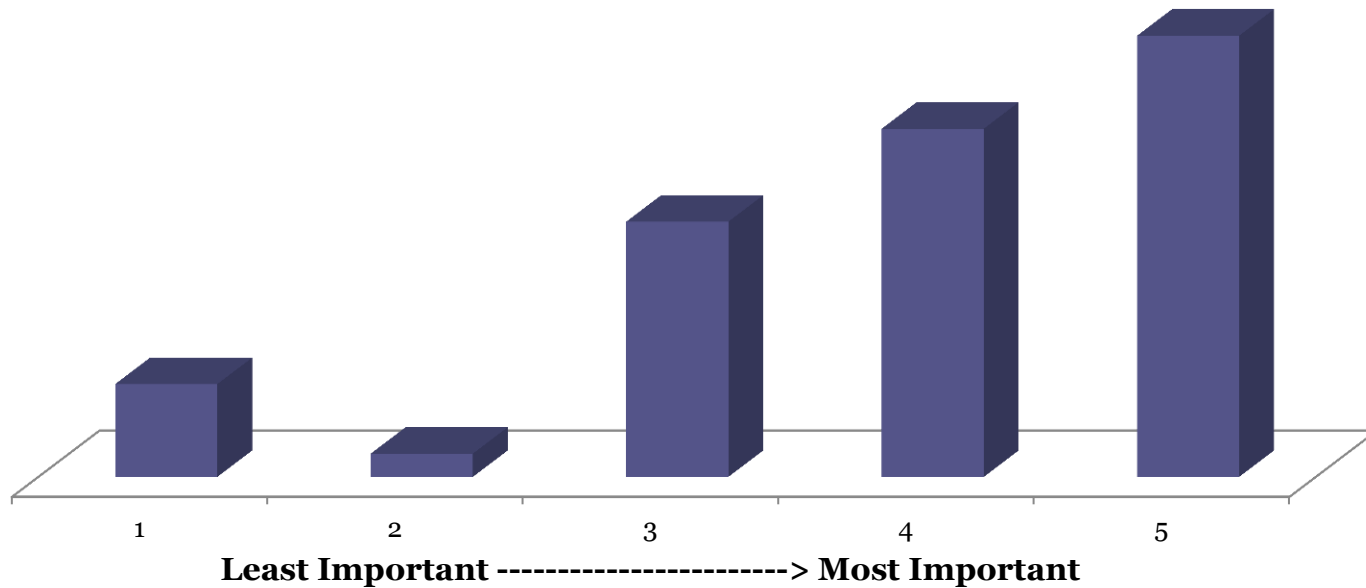
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Finksburg Respondents:
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Quotes from Respondents

- “Walking should be a free, easy, and safe way for people of all ages to be active!”
- “I feel more connected to the community and its place when I walk.”
- “I think many people would utilize trails and sidewalks if they were available, they would provide economic benefits and improve quality of life for Carroll County Residents.”

Quotes from **Finksburg** Respondents

- Carroll County families would benefit greatly from a 'rails to trails' and we have the land for it. Let's promote the great rural feel of Carroll County with more walking trails. Years ago, there were plans in work in **Finksburg**...bring them back!!
- I would love to see more walking trails or at least sidewalks in **Finksburg**.
- **Sandymount and Lawndale** are posted at 30mph speed limits but motorists routinely speed heavily on these roads. It makes it impossible to enjoy your very own neighborhood.

Walking



- County Summary
 - Most walk for leisure, fun, and exercise
 - For a typical walk, most walk for a distance of 1.5 miles or more
 - Most walk on path/trails, sidewalks, and paved roads with no shoulder

- Finksburg Summary
 - Most walk for leisure, fun, and exercise
 - For a typical walk, a comfortable distance is more than 2 miles
 - Most walk on paved roads with and without shoulders, paths/trails, and sidewalks

Walking



County:

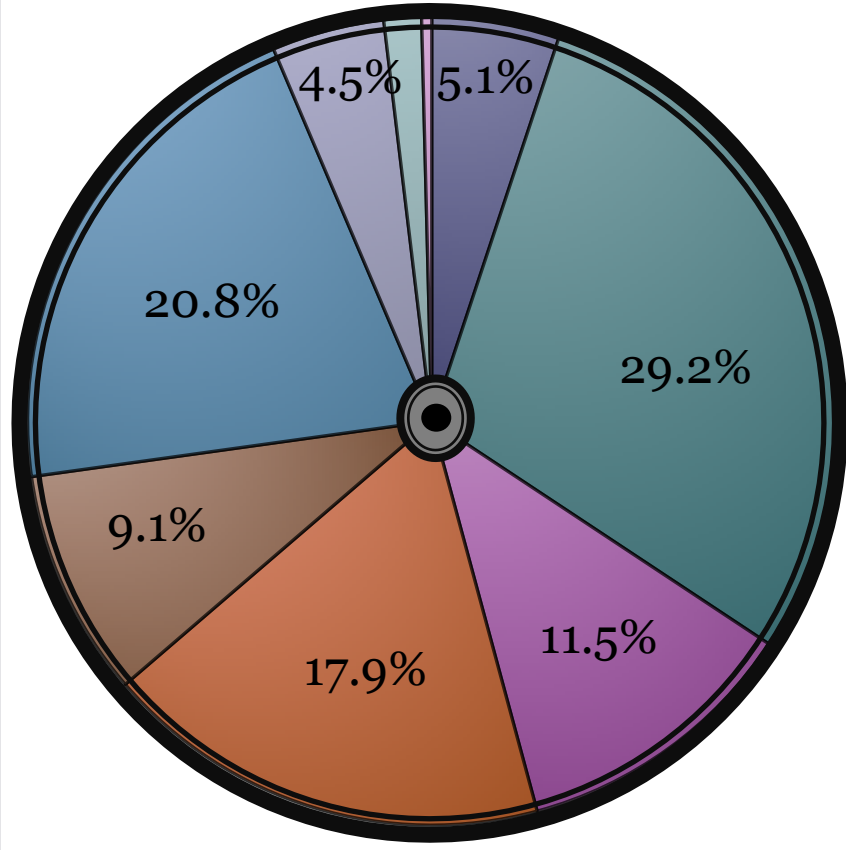
- **Inhibitors:** feeling safe and inappropriate infrastructure
- **Suggested Improvements:** trails and paths, sidewalks, crossing infrastructure, and lighting and security measures
- **Important Factors:** infrastructure, distance, motorist respecting pedestrians, and safety and ease when crossing the road

Finksburg:

- **Inhibitors:** feeling safe and inappropriate infrastructure
- **Suggested Improvements:**
- **Important Factors:** walking trails or paths and improved sidewalks
- infrastructure, motorists respecting pedestrians, safety and ease when crossing roadways, distance and agreeable weather

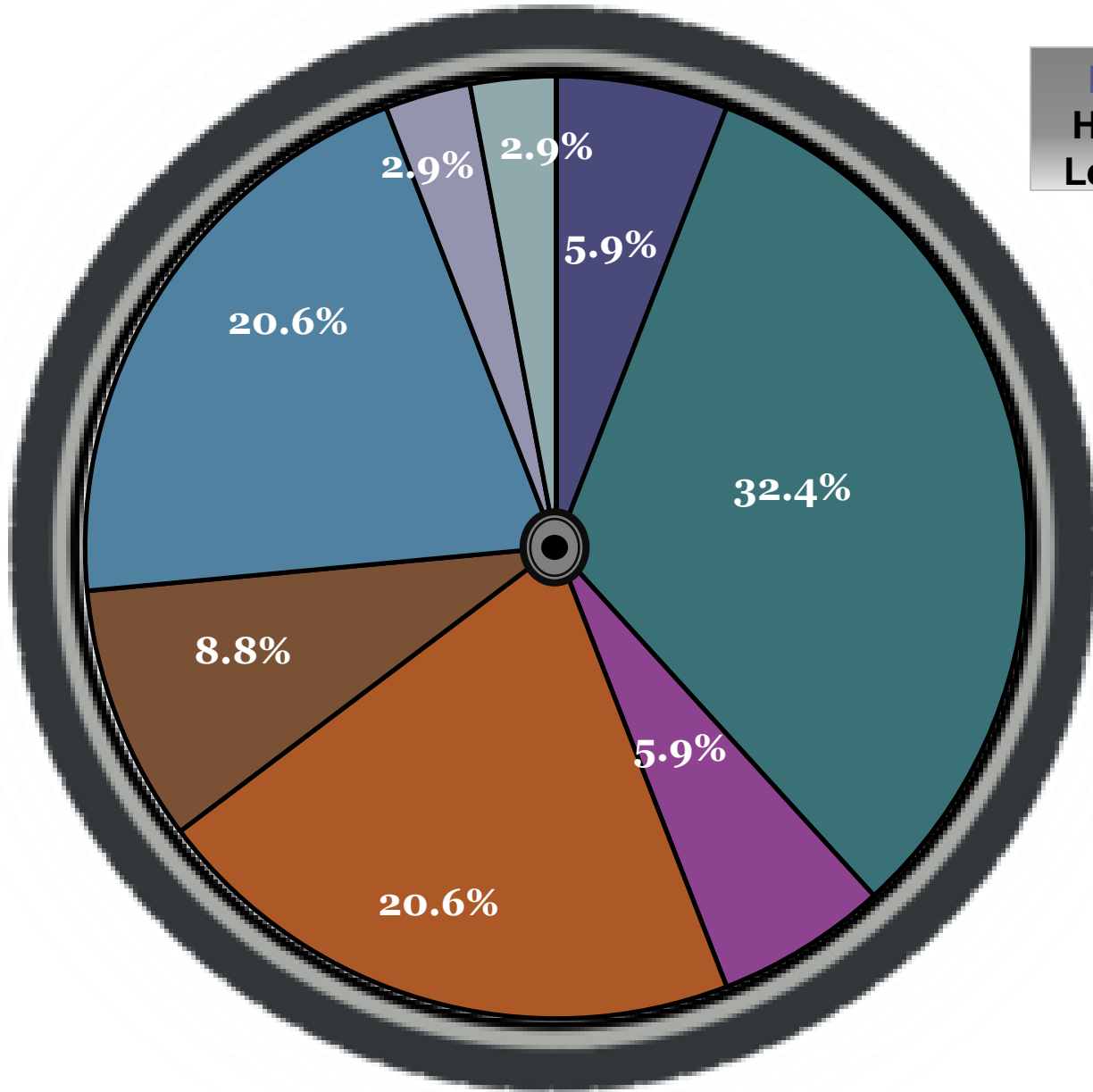
Biking

How Often do you Bike for Leisure, Fun and Exercise?



- Daily
- A few times a week
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- I only walk in a location other than Carroll County
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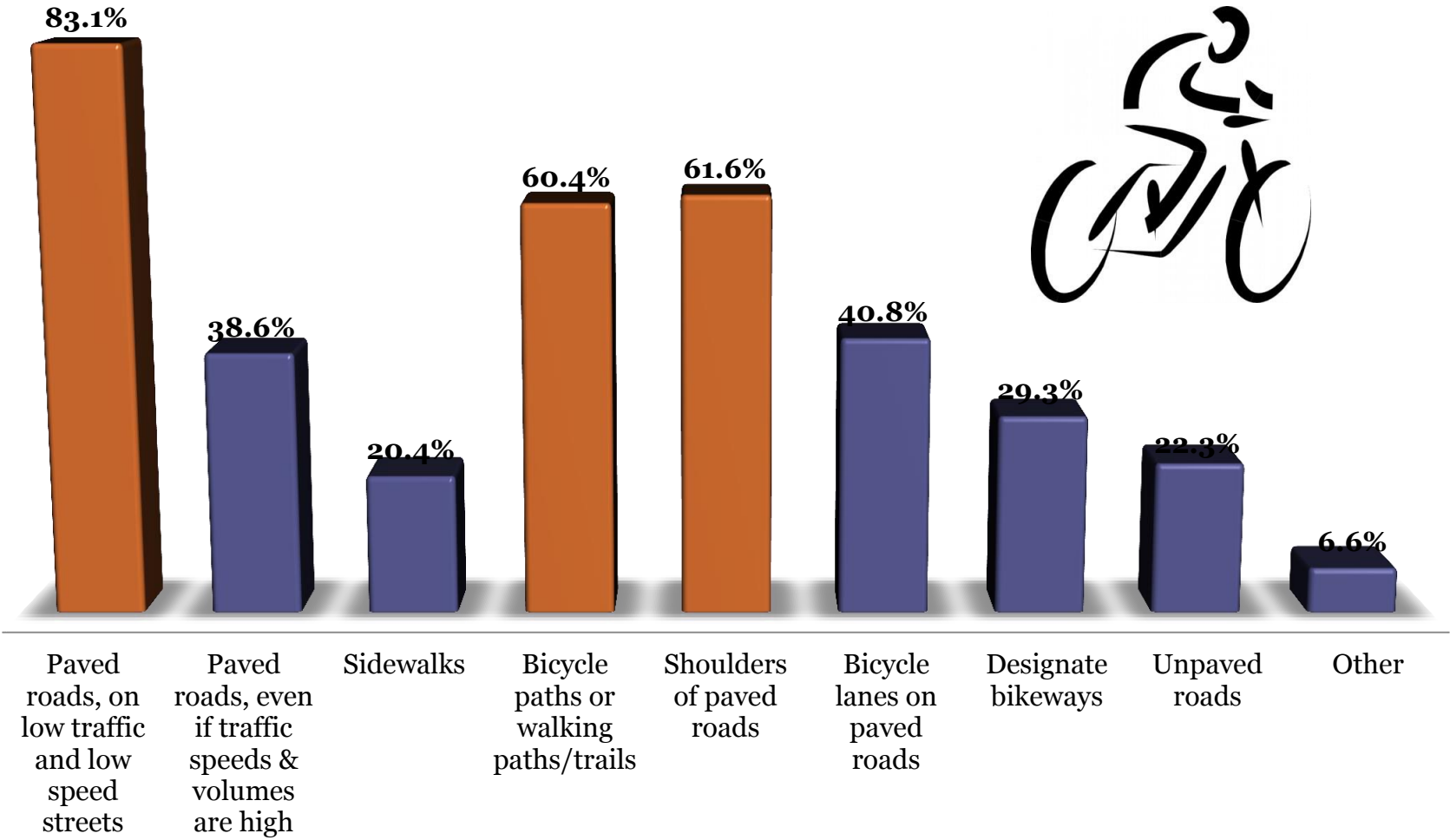
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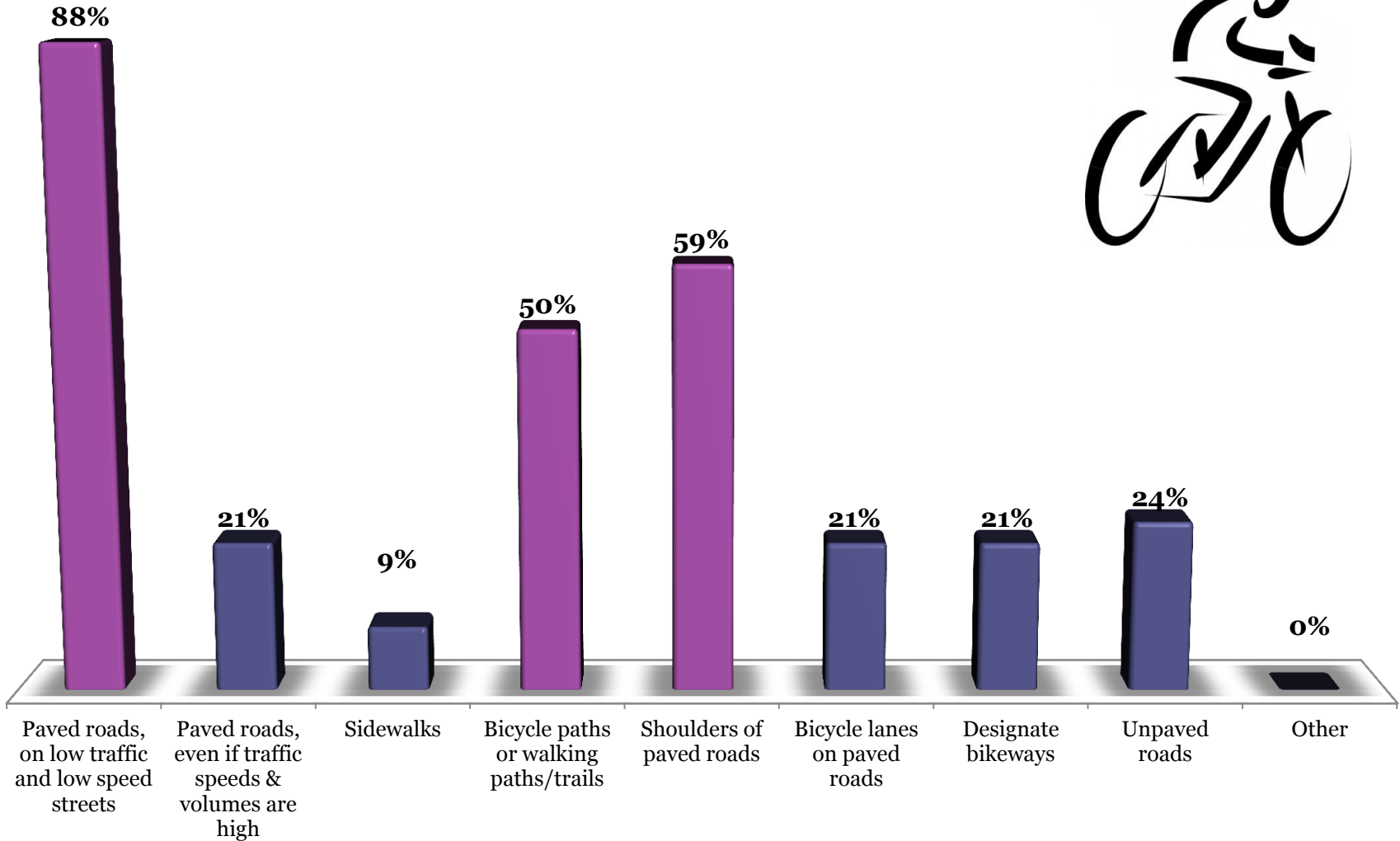
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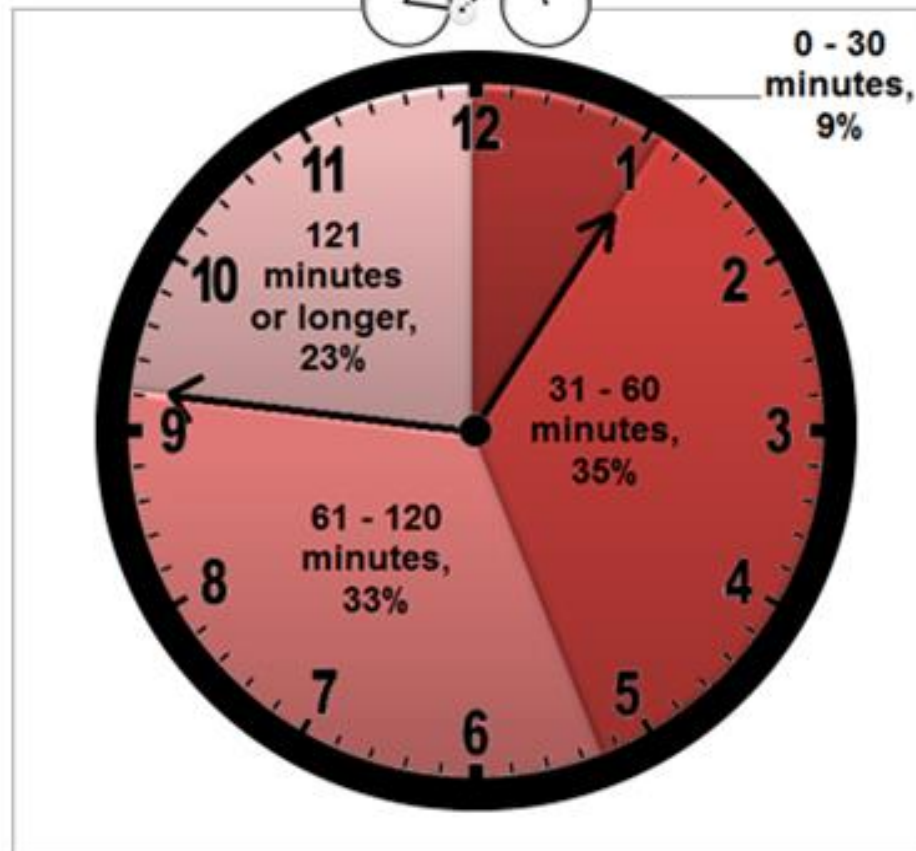


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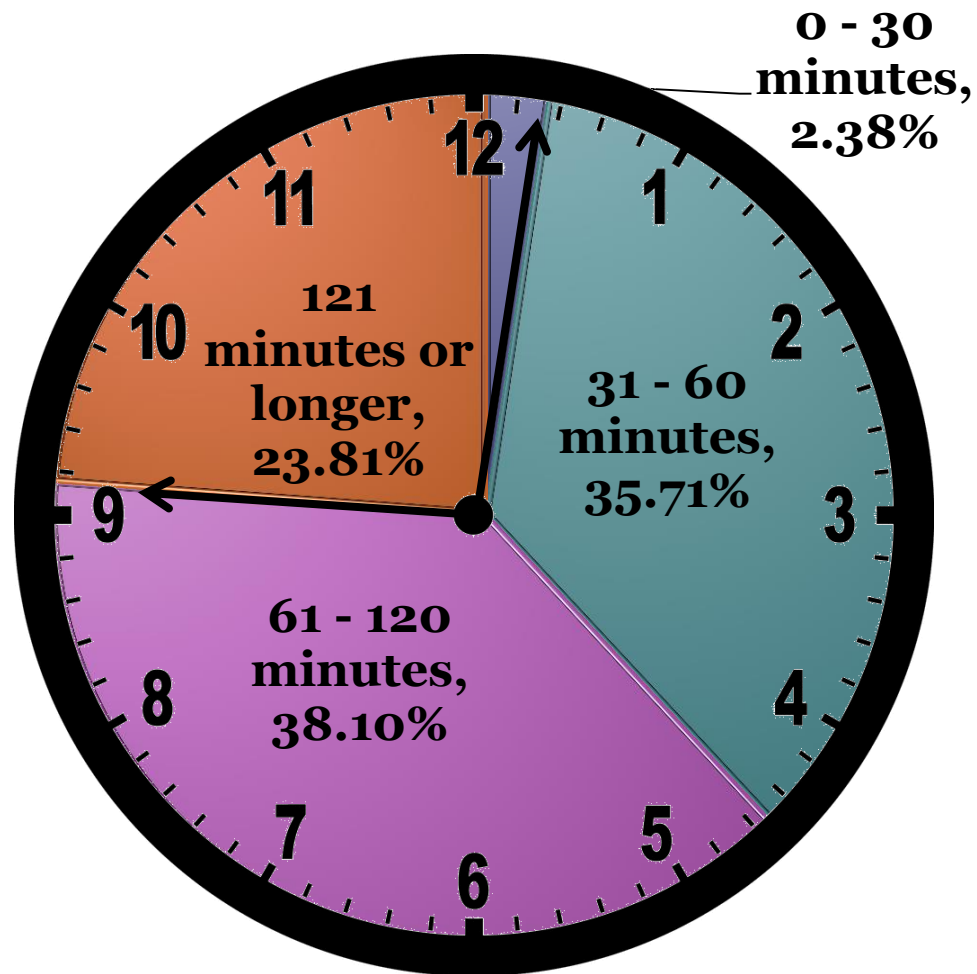
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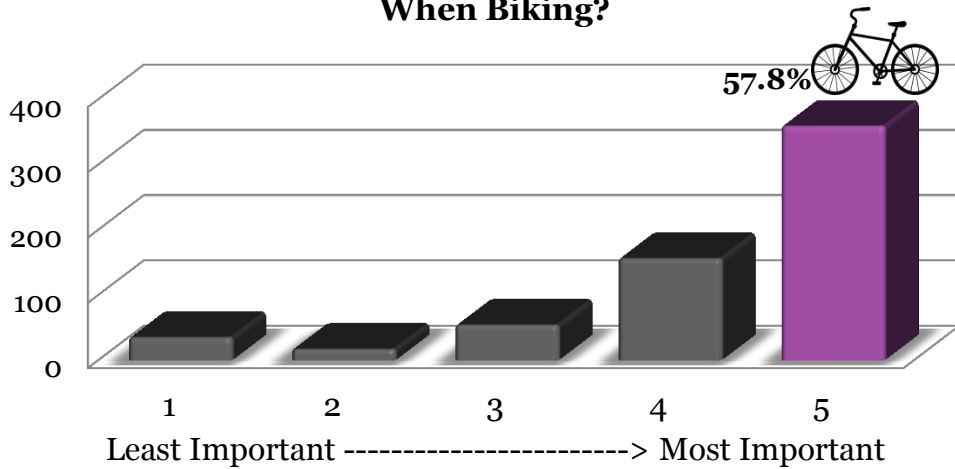
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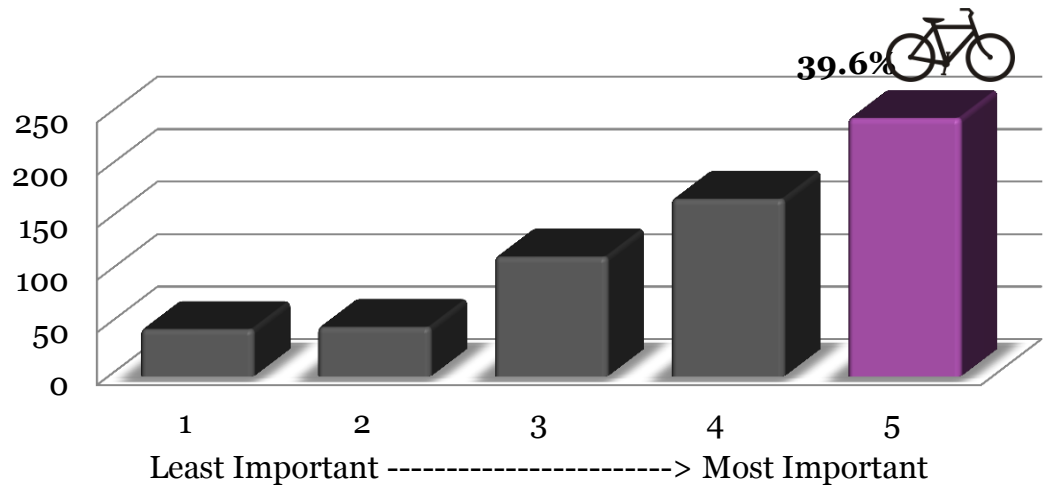
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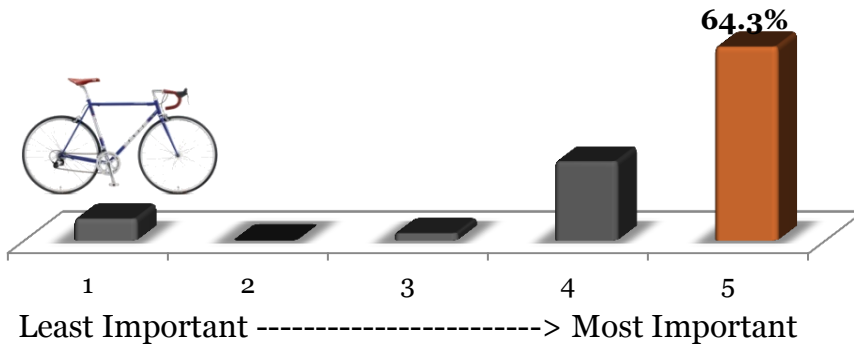
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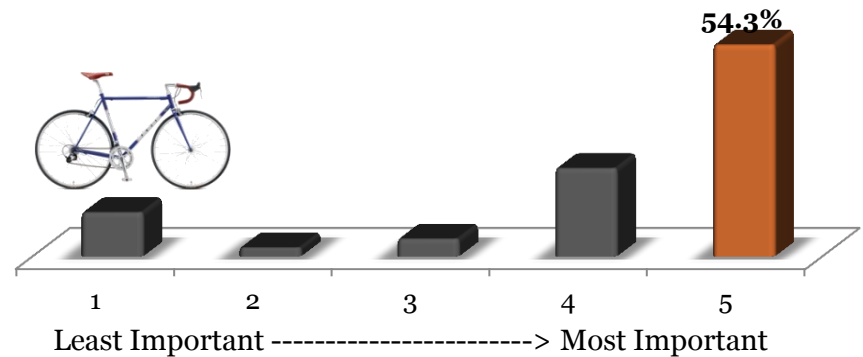
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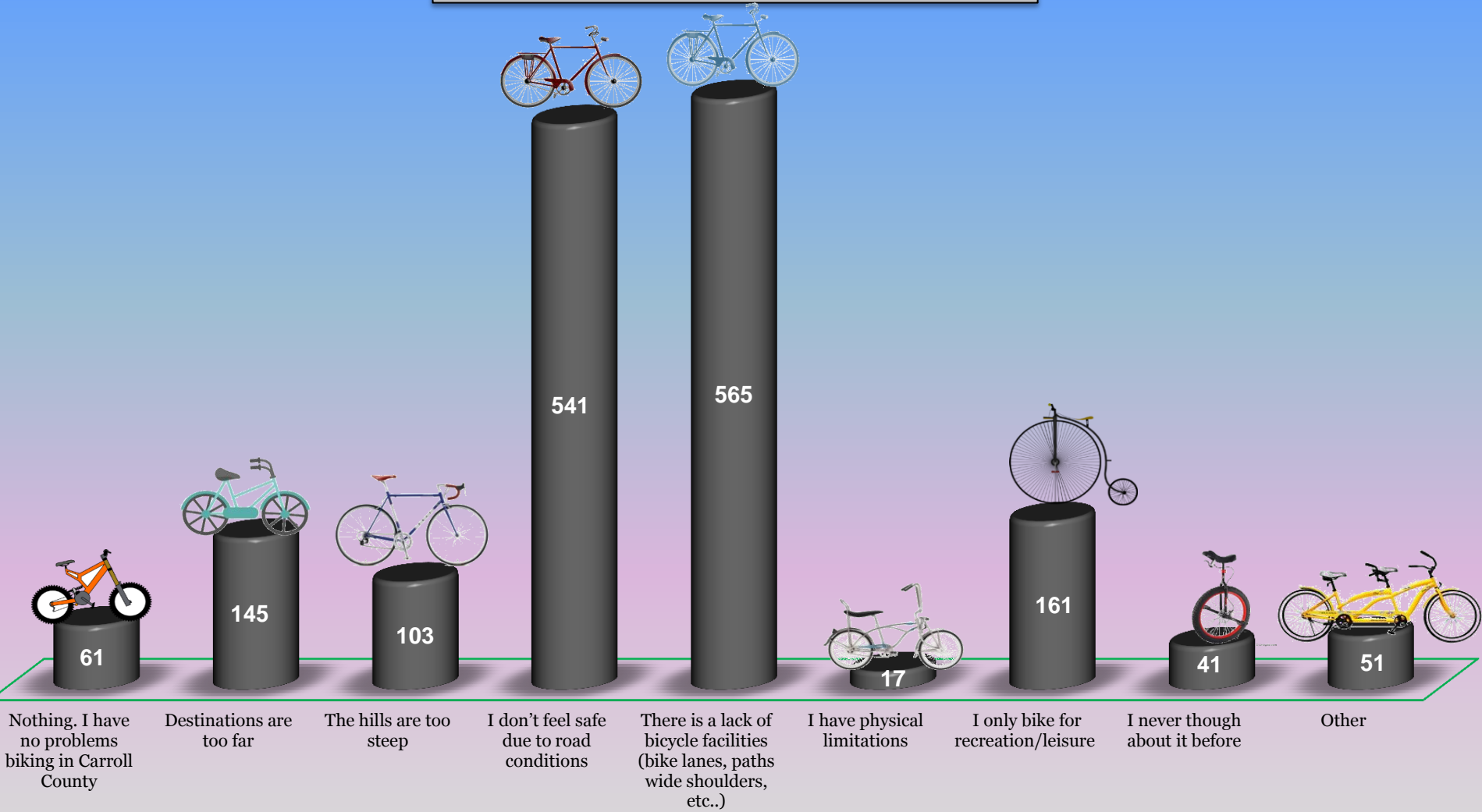
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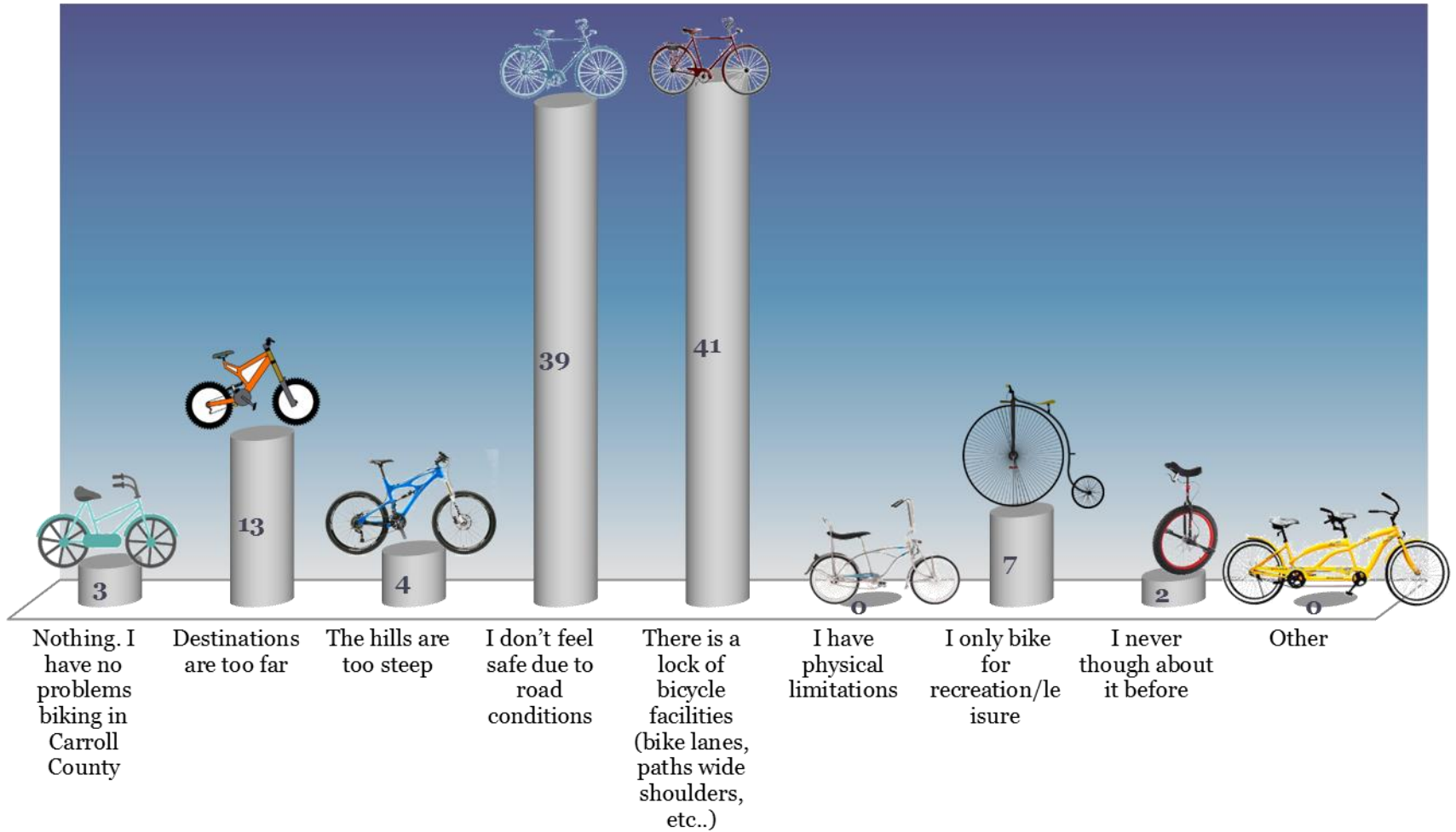
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What Keeps You From Riding?



Finksburg Respondents: What Keeps You From Riding?



Quotes from Respondents

- “The public needs to be well-educated on the laws that pertain to bicyclists.”
- “There exists so much opportunity for tourism in conjunction with bike trails.”

Quotes from Finksburg Respondents

- “There are no shoulder on may roads which make riding on those road dangerous.”
- “We need better education for people who drive...cars ...and respect for bikers. The roads belong to all”

Biking

County

- Most bike a few times a week to a few times a year for leisure, fun, or exercise
- Most biking takes place on paved, low speed and low traffic roads; also, shoulders of paved roads and bike paths/trails
- Most bike from over a half hour to 2 hours

Finksburg

- Finksburg Respondents bike slightly more frequently and longer than all County residents
- Paved roads, on low traffic and low speed streets, shoulders of paved roads, bicycle paths or walking paths/trails
- Most bike from over a half hour to 2 hours



Biking Summary



County

- Important factors: infrastructure, motorist respecting bicyclists, safety and ease when crossing roads, weather and distance
- Inhibitors: bike facilities and unsafe road conditions
- Suggested Improvements: off-road paths, bike lanes, paved shoulders and bicycle wayfinding and education of motorists

Finksburg

- Important Factors: motorist respecting bicyclists, infrastructure, safety and ease when crossing roads, weather
- Inhibitors: Infrastructure is a greater problem in Finksburg; a lack of bicycle facilities, unsafe road and traffic conditions
- Suggested Improvements: bicycle lanes (selected more often), off-road paths, paved shoulders; signage and wayfinding

Vision and Goals

Vision

- Carroll County is a diverse community made up of suburban centers, towns, rural areas, places of recreation and heritage destinations that are well connected in a safe and efficient manner to enable recreational choices and transportation options

Goals

- **Goal 1:**
Identify and assess existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities and networks.
- **Goal 2:**
Identify a hierarchy of key connections and destinations within Carroll County.
- **Goal 3:**
Support walkable and bikeable communities to achieve sustainability, livability, health and economic benefits, including tourism opportunities.
- **Goal 4:**
Place a greater emphasis on walking and bicycling in all planning and development processes.

Goals

- Goal 5:

Develop and construct bicycle and pedestrian facilities to effectively balance the needs of all transportation users to promote travel choices, ensuring that bicyclist and pedestrian needs are prioritized in appropriate locations and with safety in mind.

- Goal 6:

Leverage and utilize, to the greatest extent possible, state and federal funding for improvements to existing bicycle and pedestrian facilities as well as construction of new bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure in a way that will yield the greatest impact on the County as a whole.

- Goal 7:

Work with local elected officials, government agencies, and the community to promote and emphasize bicycle and pedestrian safety training and outreach.

Next Steps:

- Drafting Chapters
 - Based on data collection
- Continue Outreach

