

# Hermitage Road Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements

Staples Mill Road to Hilliard Road



## Project Summary

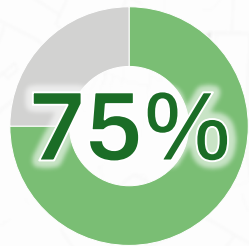
The Hermitage Road Pedestrian and Roadway Improvements study has determined the feasibility of adding **pedestrian accommodations** along Hermitage Road. The study developed cost estimates for different segments to identify short and mid-term options for improving pedestrian safety.

## Public Engagement Process

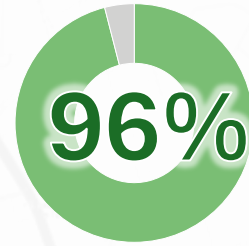
The County of Henrico, Department of Public Works hosted a public information meeting and launched a public feedback survey on February 26, 2025, to collect community feedback on five proposed roadway segments and related design elements. The survey was promoted on the County's website, on social media, via community newsletters and the media, and through portable message boards along the study corridor.

## Public Feedback

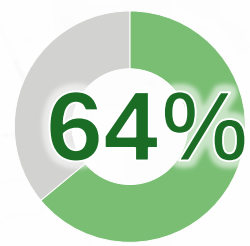
The survey closed on March 12, 2025, and a total of **51** people took the survey. Based on survey results:



Respondents agree that the improvements address or somewhat address their safety concerns



Respondents are more likely to walk or ride a bicycle on Hermitage Road if the proposed changes are made



Respondents identified the short-term measures (Segments 2 and 3) as their highest priority for the County to build first

### These common themes emerged from the public's feedback:



#### Speeding

- Support for traffic calming measures to reduce vehicular speeds and improve safety.
- Concern regarding high speeds contributing to safety risks for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Desire for measures like speed humps, roundabouts, or narrower lanes to slow traffic.



#### Safety

- Strong support for safer crossings and improved visibility for pedestrians.
- Concern about existing safety hazards, particularly for children, seniors, and people with disabilities.
- Support for improved lighting in pedestrian-heavy areas to increase safety at night.
- Strong support for safety treatments at the Gibraltar/Hermitage Road intersection.



#### Bicycle and Pedestrian Access

- Strong interest in dedicated infrastructure for pedestrians and future cyclists. Respondents mentioned preference for features such as separated bike lanes or shared use paths.
- Support for more connectivity to nearby locations such as the Lidl grocery store and nearby schools.

## Public's Priority Segment Segment 2 Typical Section – Walkways (Oakview Avenue to Lourdes Road)



## Typical Section – Traditional Sidewalk (Oakview Avenue to Lourdes Road)



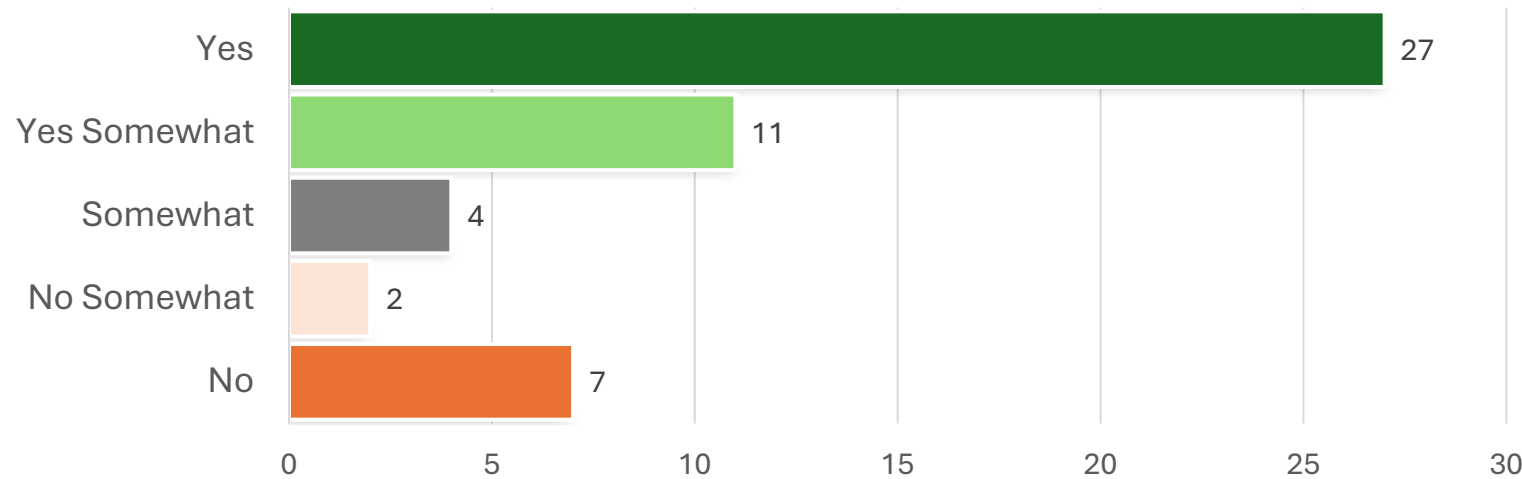
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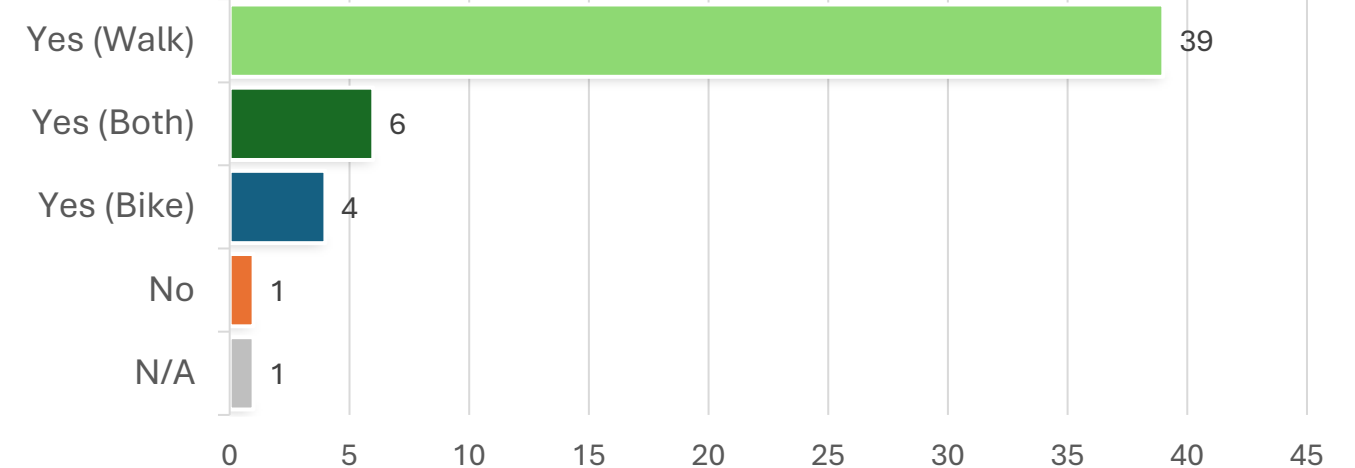


## Additional Survey Insights

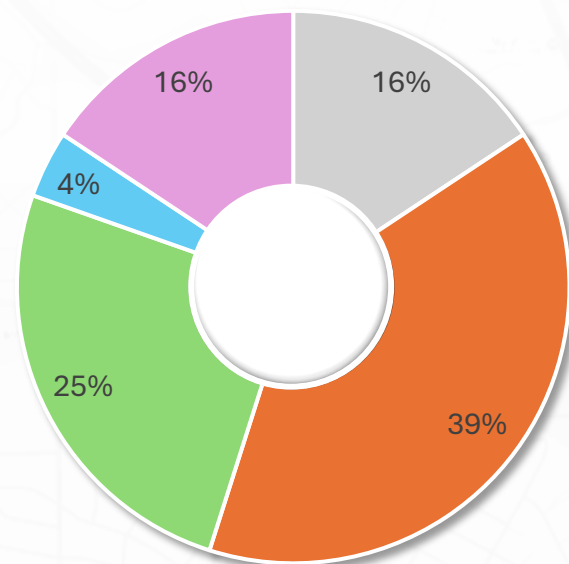
Do the proposed pedestrian walkways, sidewalks, mid-block crossings, and traffic calming measures address your safety concerns?



Are you more likely to walk or ride a bicycle along the roadway if the proposed changes are made?

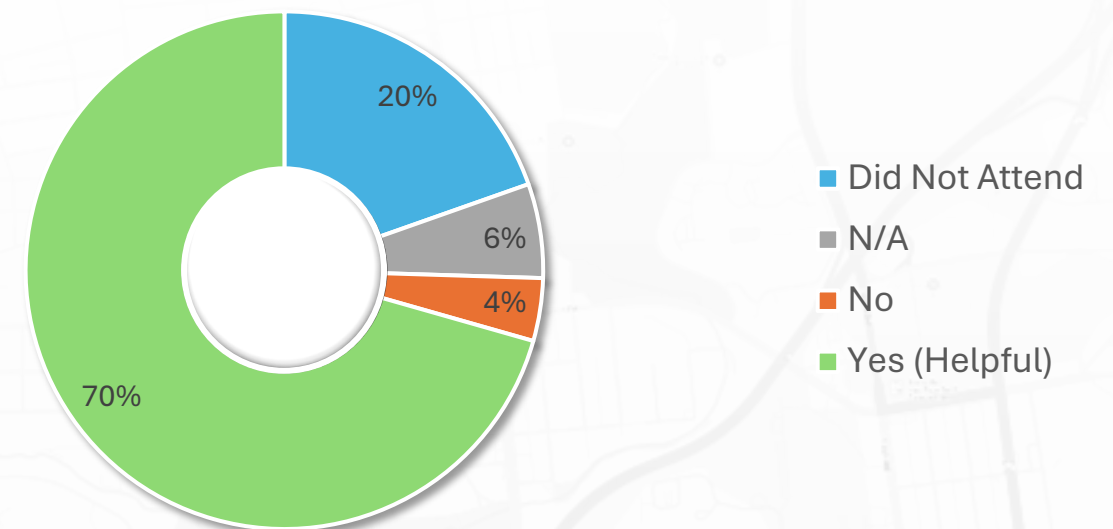


Segment Preference



- Segment 1 (Lidl to Oakview Avenue)
- Segment 2 (Oakview Avenue to Lourdes Road)
- Segment 3 (Lourdes Road to Alycia Avenue)
- Segment 4 (Alycia Avenue to Woodman Road)
- Segment 5 (Woodman Road to Hilliard Road)

Did this meeting help you better understand the proposed project?



### Priority Segments

- Segment 2 (Oakview Avenue to Lourdes Road) was the most preferred area for improvements, followed by Segment 3 (Lourdes Road to Alycia Avenue)
- Survey participants provided feedback that the improvements should not be concentrated in one area, with some calling for corridor wide improvements.