



Coordinated and Connected Infrastructure Survey Summary

Introduction

In the spring of 2018, the City of Sherwood launched the Sherwood 2040 Comprehensive Plan Vision, a city-wide community engagement process that outlines a desired future for the Sherwood community in the year 2040. As part of the community-wide 2040 Comprehensive Plan Vision, the Sherwood community developed vision and goal statements for attractive and attainable housing in Sherwood’s future. In 2019, the City launched the Comprehensive Planning Process to develop draft goals for the Comprehensive Plan. The City conducted outreach at local events and community committees to help develop policies and objectives to reach these goals. On December 21, 2020, the City of Sherwood launched a community-wide survey to share draft infrastructure goals and policies and receive feedback from residents.

Survey Summary

The Infrastructure Survey presented draft infrastructure goals and policies for Sherwood’s Comprehensive Plan Update. Respondents had the ability to indicate whether they supported, did not support or felt neutral about each policy. There were four open-ended question for respondents to share their thoughts about the policies. The City will use this input to guide its goals and policies for the coordinated and connected infrastructure theme in the Sherwood 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update.

The survey was available between **December 21 and January 8**. In this timeframe, the survey received **162 responses**. The results of this survey are not statistically representative, meaning the respondent sample is not predictive of the opinions of the Sherwood community. This report summarizes the responses and comments collected from community members using the survey.



Key Takeaways

The following key takeaways were observed from the survey results:

- Most respondents supported all four policy concepts.
 - Approximately the same proportion of respondents liked, disliked or were neutral on each policy concept. This implies that people largely had the same opinion of all four policies. However, Safe Routes to School was somewhat more popular and Broadband was somewhat less popular.
- Cost and tax concerns were common in commentor responses. Many noted that the pandemic and increasing housing costs have created economic hardship.
- Traffic congestion and pedestrian safety were also common concerns for commentors.

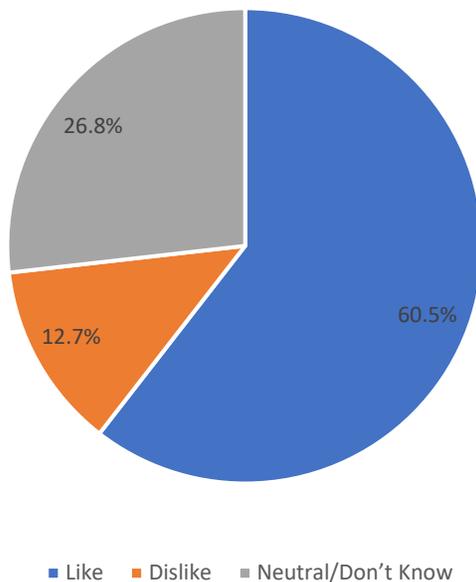
Summary of Responses by Survey Question

Question 1

Respondents were presented with the following policy concept: Develop a growth plan for Sherwood Broadband to expand fiber services for all users and support smart city applications.

They were asked: **To what extent do you support this policy concept?** Their responses are shown in Chart 1.

Chart 1: Support for Broadband Policy



Respondents were also given the chance to provide open-ended comments on this policy. Commentor responses included:

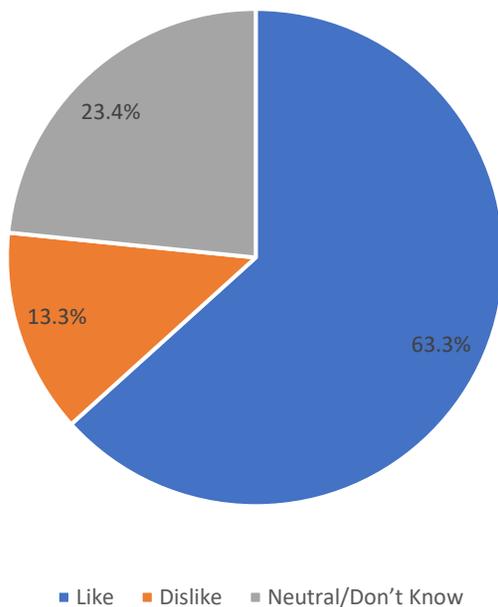
- The highest number of commentors supported the expansion of broadband. However, many were concerned about cost or tax increases.
- Some commentors felt that broadband was not a priority and that government should not, or cannot, compete with private internet providers.
- Some other commentors felt that internet access was an essential service that the City should prioritize providing to low income and marginalized communities.

Question 2

Respondents were presented with the following policy concept: Coordinate with Clean Water Services to promote green infrastructure practices and identify opportunities for innovative stormwater management techniques in new growth areas.

They were asked: **To what extent do you support this policy concept?** Their responses are shown in in Chart 2.

Chart 2: Support Green Infrastructure and Stormwater Management Policy



Respondents were also given the chance to provide open-ended comments on this policy. Commentor responses included:

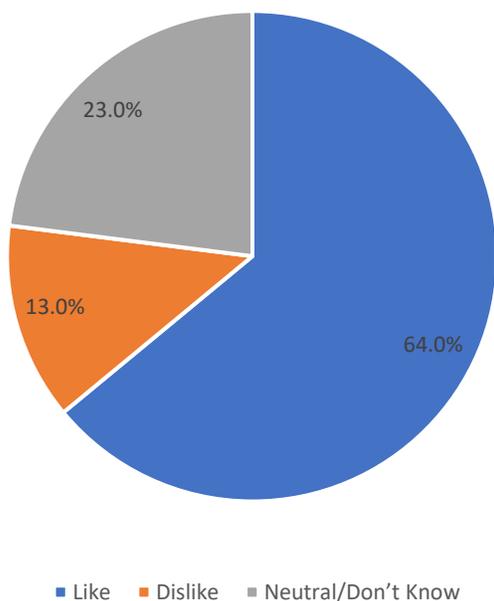
- The highest number of commentors had concerns about cost or tax increases related to this policy.
- Many commentors supported the expansion of green infrastructure.
- Some commentors noted a need for greater access to natural areas while others felt that environmental policies were not a priority.

Question 3

Respondents were presented with the following policy concept: Prioritize incorporation of street design features and techniques that promote safe and comfortable travel by pedestrians, cyclists, emergency responders, transit users and motorists based on street context and function.

They were asked: **To what extent do you support this policy concept?** Their responses are shown in in Chart 3.

Chart 3: Support for Street Design Policy



Respondents were also given the chance to provide open-ended comments on this policy. Commentor responses included:

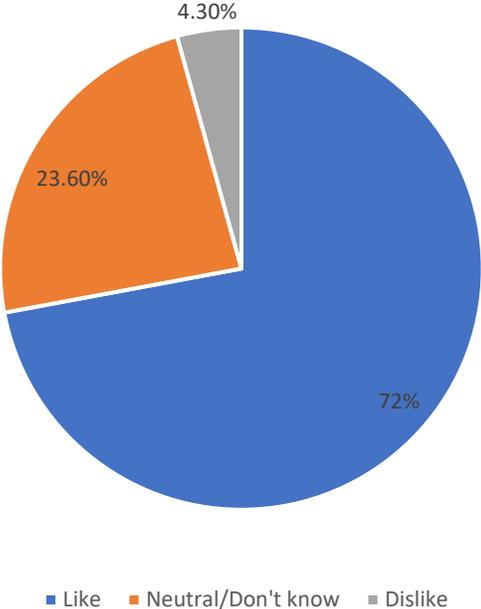
- The highest number of commentors felt that pedestrian safety was an issue and needed addressing.
- Many commentors advocated for widening roads, adding more sidewalks and adding more bike lanes, especially those that separate cars and bicycles.
- Some commentors had concerns about cost and tax increases related to this policy.

Question 4

Respondents were presented with the following policy concept: Partner with the Sherwood School District to develop a city-wide Safe Routes to School program that improves safety, encourages walking, rolling and biking to school, identifies critical infrastructure needs, and positions the City for regional, state and other funding opportunities.

They were asked: **To what extent do you support this policy concept?** Their responses are shown in in Chart 4.

Chart 4: Support of Safe Routes to School



Respondents were also given the chance to provide open-ended comments on this policy. Commentor responses included:

- The highest number of commentors were concerned about students getting safely to school.
- Many commentors supported building pedestrian walkways for students, in particular, some had concerns about the pedestrian design near the new high school.
- Some commentors were concerned about the cost and tax increases associated with this policy.
- Some commentors showed skepticism that Safe Routes to School programs result in behavior change.