



Bike Cochrane

Results of Member/Non-Member Survey 2020

March 2021

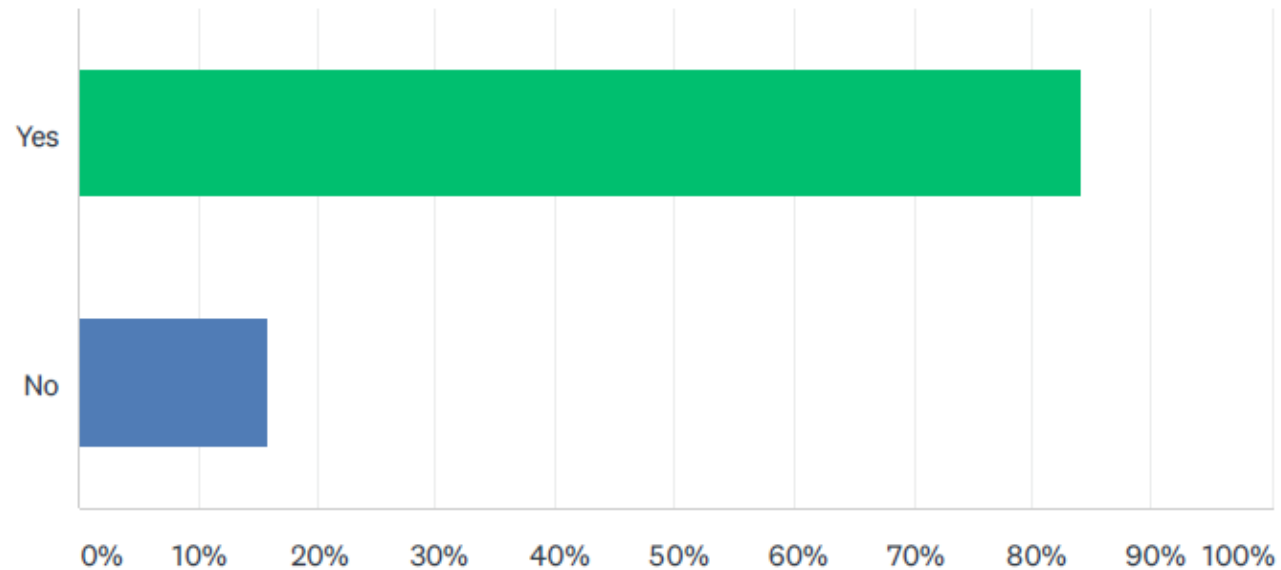
Background

- Bike Cochrane's Active Transportation Committee commissioned a SurveyMonkey to survey our members on their perceptions of using their bike for transportation in Cochrane
 - Limitation of Free Survey Monkey is 10 questions, and manual analysis of responses
 - Full Results (N=120) from 31 Jan 2021 attached (it ran for ~6 weeks)
 - Survey went out to members along with the larger community through community associations, other non-profit societies, and through a link in the local newspaper



Q1 Have you ridden a bike in 2020 for transportation purposes in the Town of Cochrane ?

Answered: 120 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	84.17%	101
No	15.83%	19
TOTAL		120



Q2 If not, what do you feel is stopping you from riding your bike? Or, what would help you consider biking for transportation in the Town of Cochrane?

Answered: 60 Skipped: 60

Text answers

Designated bike lanes in busier areas would be a good thing.

Very limited bike lanes.

I need a bike

More places to lock my bike

The 1A/22 intersection is terrifying. The new railway crossing is nice but I want more options to bike to the main streets of Cochrane

Slippery streets and pathways in winter.

Better safe bike access from my community not having to ride on the 1a

More path ways connecting my neighborhood to central Cochrane. Specifically a paved path behind Sunset View, and when the pathway under the train bridge open up again.

Better pathway systems throughout town.

It is challenging to lock up the bike and chariot, 1A was also a road block before the crossing opened

A bicycle lane on 1A and 22 as well as more courteous motorists

I mainly go to town to shop or transport my child. Need to have space in the car for people and goods

Better pathway connectivity from communities into town

More bike paths

More clearly marked bike lanes or at least bike lanes that don't suddenly disappear on the same route part way along the road.

Would not consider it.

Cochrane has a great pathway system but our neighbourhood of fireside is not connected

More 'road' lanes that are separate from the road and sidewalk

A better link to downtown from heartland would encourage bicycle use. Cochrane has some nice trails, but they're not well linked together.

Improved cycle ways and lanes between major parts of Cochrane separated by highway

Lack of driver awareness

Safety and accessibility

more bike lanes

I did use my bike

Signed routes

Hard to take a roadbike from sunset to the town (highway with no lanes... people have died). There's an option on a gravel bike through the Ranche... but with bad conditions it's not really rideable

Lack of bike trails in town that allow enough space for bikes, pedestrians and cars. Our neighbourhoods lack space for bikes to share the road, and sidewalks are far too narrow to have a safe option to get off the road

More bike lanes would help

Nothing is stopping me, always room for improvements though

All communities connected by paved pathways. Little kids can't ride on roads where cars do t respect cyclists!

No reason preventing me from commuting by bike

Worries about theft if I had to leave the bike to go in somewhere

Super steep paths in Sunset, off-leash dogs a danger to kids in bikes

More dedicated bike lanes

Better system coming from Sunset Ridge

Age and knowledge of safe places to ride



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Answered: 60 Skipped: 60

The path systems don't all connect. I don't want to ride on the road even on a bike lane

It would be helpful if the bike lanes were cleared of snow.

Poor drivers make road biking unsafe

Multi use pathways designed for connectivity rather than long circuitous 'leisure walking' routes. Sweeping gravel from road shoulders.

Safe access from Rocky View County.

I bike for exercise and pleasure, but not transportation

Bike lane through 1 ST W

I feel that biking in Cochrane is very unsafe due to the attitude of fellow cochraneites. On the pathway system people yell at you and drivers on the road are also disrespectful. This happens when I ring my bell go less than the speed limit and don't even mention the multiuse area by the recreation centre the people that use it as an off leash area have no respect for other users and complain that it is a dog park and you shouldn't be there if you are running or biking

Cars unaware of bicycles. Feels unsafe on busy streets. Glenbow Rd, 5th Ave, etc. Even with the level bike lane. I'll ride in the lane but still end up on the sidewalk with my children

underpass from sunset to town going below road and train, was closed during construction, but also is frozen/dangerous at end of winter. Need safe way to get from sunset to town and back

Road and weather conditions

There are not good bike paths except the road west on George Fox Trail. The road is not very safe - too narrow. The path following the river was wiped out in 2013 from the flood and never repaired. It was a good path from Crawford Ranch to Hwy 22.. now it is hardly walkable.

Don't live in town

Not having to ride on the road is great

Crossing the river is a challenge! I find the bike path on the Hwy 22 bridge very narrow, and would love to see a better connection to get across from my home south of the river!

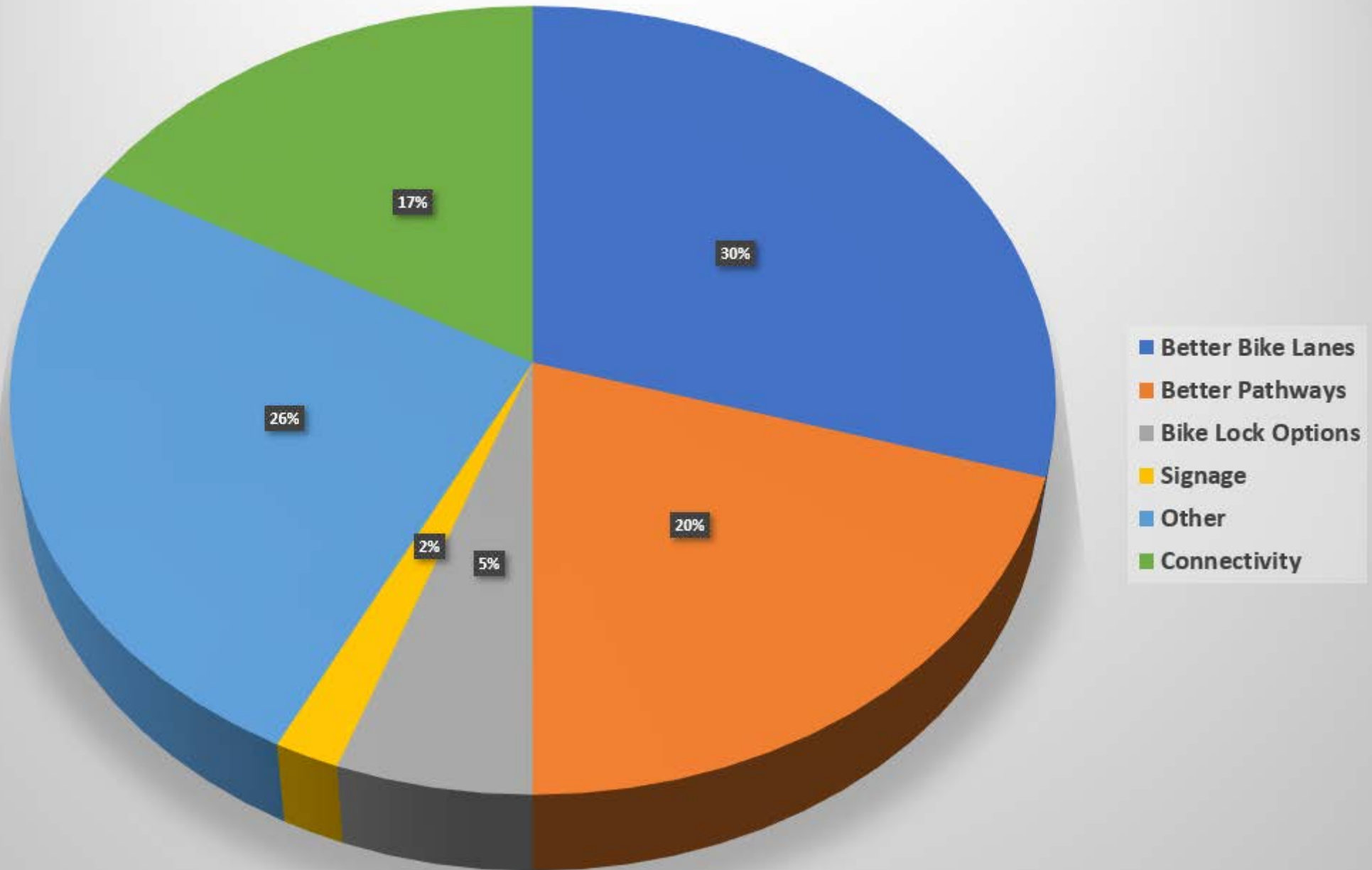
A path from the Ranch to town other than under the train bridge would help. Public awareness would be nice. Drivers will stop their cars to yell at someone on their bike on the road. Bylaw changes that require children to ride on sidewalks. This is a dangerous habit and obviously written a long time ago.

I don't own a bike but would like one

Connection of Fireside to the "core" that doesn't require crossing the death trap that is Highway 22!



Q2 - If you haven't ridden a bike for Transportation in 2020, what is stopping you from riding a Bike in Cochrane for Transportation



Q3 Where do you feel the most safe riding your bike in the Town of Cochrane?

Answered: 118 Skipped: 2

Everywhere but the highways.	
Railway Street	
River trail	
Along the river, on the paths.	
Bike paths	
Paths	
Nowhere	
On the hiking trails	
Down by the river on the pathways	
On the pathways	
During the day	
On the paths	
On multi-use trails	
Pathways	
Multipurpose paths	
Horse creek Rd	
Along river	
Pathways	
Pathways, both gravel and paved	
Bike Lanes	
On the bike paths	
River paths and side streets	
Bike paths through town	
By the river	
Pathway system with the kids.	

Residential areas, pathways	
Surrounding trails and paths	
Pathways	
Anywhere but on the highway shoulders	
In bike lanes	
On pathway systems	
Pathways	
Ranch, pathways and town centre	
Pathways	
Riverfront area	
River pathway. Ranch.	
In the neighborhoods	
Bike path	
Pathways	
Downtown area and bike paths	
On pathways	
In the bike lane	
Pathways	
Bike pathways	
By the river pathways	
Quieter roads less traffic	
River paths excluding dog park	
Offroad	
Trails	

IN Cochrane - the trails and neighborhoods. Otherwise I head out on the quiet country roads or to Bragg	
The trail that parallels the 22 along the creek. Wish this was standard for all new communities. And mitford park	
On Pathways	
Cochrane Ranche and area up to Sunset and around the coulees	
In the bike path	
Bike lanes and multi use pathways	
On the pathways	
Flat paved pathways.	
Community paths and subdivision streets	
On existing pathways not roads	
Ranchhouse trails	
Designated Pathways	
Flat pathways by river- but stop before dangerous dog park	



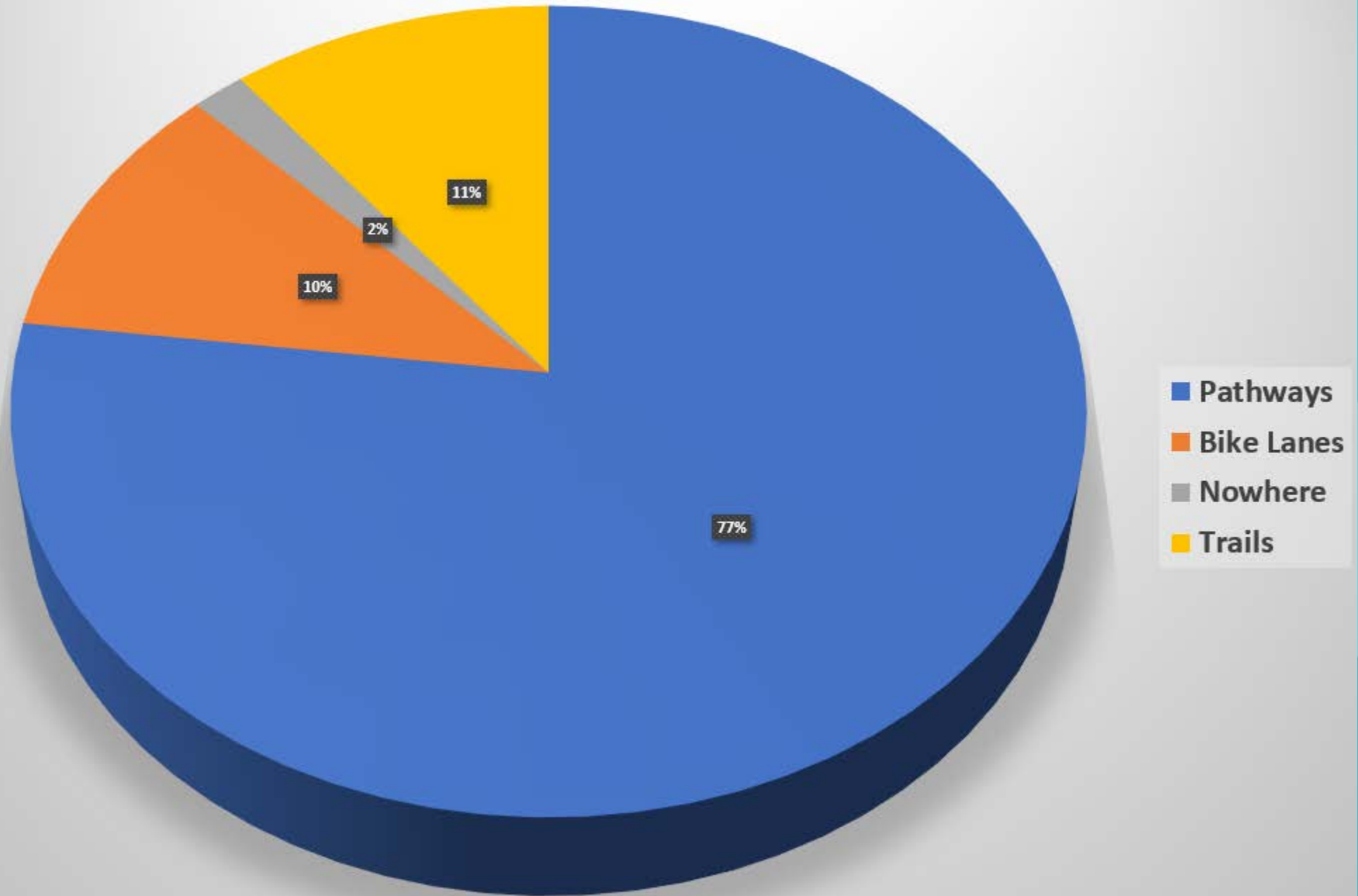
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Only on the trails. Bike paths would be needed to ride in town.	bike paths
Bike paths and side roads	On paths
Pathways are great. Wide shoulders on main roads (22 and 1A) specifically, aren't consistent	Along the river trails.
Paved trail system except Bow River dog park	Along the river
On the trails through Glenbow and along the river.	Pathways
Pathways	On bike trails
Pathways	On the bike/walking paths
Pathway system	Along the river front east of Hwy 22
Pathways	On the trails
on the trails	Pathways
pathway systems in town, towers trail to sibbald road/grand valley-wildcat area when on road	Bike Lane on Glenbow
Wishing my own community and along some pathways	Bike paths in parks and along riverbanks
On the paths.	Trails system
On pathways	I'm comfortable on the roads.
Everywhere except the roads.	On bike paths
Quiet pathways	On the bike paths for sure.
On the Pathway systems	On the paved trails
Pathways	paved pathways
Pathways.	I feel fine on all roads and pathways except 1A and 22.
bike trails	Downtown
Riverfront path	The pathway (for the most part)
On the pathways	the designated trails
I feel safe most places. Maybe not at night.	downtown, the quarry and by the river
? Something missing in the grammar of this question	From the bike rack of my vehicle. That's the only safe way for my young family to access the core!
On the pathway system	
Pathways	
pathways.	
On the path system	
Where there are designated bike lanes or bicycle paths	



Q3 - 'Where do you feel the most safe riding your bike in Cochrane?'



Q4 Where do you feel the most unsafe riding your bike in the Town of Cochrane?

Answered: 117 Skipped: 3

Type	Text answers
Highway	On and around the highways.
Highway	1A and 22
Highway	Highways
Dog Park	Dog parks, with out of control dogs. (Can be off leash, need to be under control)
Highway	Highway riding
Roads	Streets
Other	Everywhere
Roads	Streets due to so much traffic
Highway	From heritage hills in the 1a
Roads	In my neighborhood. Drivers seemed surprised to see a bike on the road
Highway	Near or crossing the hwy.
Roads	On the streets near downtown
Roads	On the road around parked cars, avoid the main roads
Roads	All streets without designated bicycle lanes
Highway	Hwy 1A, Hwy 22
Highway	1a and 22 intersection
Roads	Roads
Roads	5th avenue, main roads with no bike lanes where impatient driver might be held up for .02 of a second.

Roads	On main roads	
Roads	Anywhere on the Town road network, regardless if it says bike lane or not. Designated paved multi-use trails are overloaded with users (great problem to have!) but since they are so infrequent and only serve those who	
Highway	On the 22hwy, and the 1A hwy	
Griffin	Griffin drive	
Roads	on the streets	
Dog Park	On the roads with no bike lanes, on busy pathways with people with dogs cutting you off and they yell at bikers. The multi use area is so dangerous- for cyclists and dogs!	
Highway	Highways 22 and 1A	
Roads	Roads such as River Ave	
Dog Park	Recreational path along the river that runs through the middle of the off-leash dog park. This alone precludes any considerations of riding to Spray Lakes with the kids.	
Roads	on the rail road tracks	
Roads	Crossing streets - motorists don't seem to pay attention	
Dog Park	Steep sunset paths, near spraylakes with dogs cutting bikers/people off.	
Summary		63
Highway		32
Roads		24
Griffin Rd		2
Dog Park		4
Other		1

Highway	Going up hills out of town on 1A or 22	Roads	Lack of bike lanes
Roads	On the roads & in the historic downtown area of Cochrane	Highway	Hwy 22 or 1a
Highway	Railway street, hwy 22, hwy 1a	Highway	Intersection of highway 22 and 1A
Highway	HWY 1a and HWY 22 intersection	Roads	Roads
Roads	On the roads especially where the bike path just ends in Glenbow	Highway	Highway 22 and 1 A all directions
Highway	Downtown and Hwy 1A/22 intersection	Highway	Highway 22 and 1A
Highway	Highway, roads, main streets	Roads	On the roads, especially where there isn't a seperate space such as the road by No Frills/Safeway, River Heights Drive, and there isn't any pathway access either. We end up riding on the sidewalks
Highway	1a highway	Highway	The highway 22 bridge over the river.
		Highway	Highways 1a and 22 specifically. But most roads here are not great as people aren't paying attention
		Roads	Railway at, 5th ave, griffin rd
		Highway	Hwy 22 and 1a
		Roads	Roads ways
		Roads	Quarry area. Vehicles are driving fast and parking lots are scary
		Highway	On the highway 1A
		Highway	Any intersection of 22
		Highway	Roadways, specifically hwy 22 and hwy 1a
		Highway	22 highway
		Roads	Heartland, Heritage Hills , Sunset into town
		Roads	fighting with cars for space
		Highway	Hwy 22
		Highway	1A-22 intersection
		Highway	Highway 22 or 1A
		Highway	The highways
		Highway	The highways (22, 1A to Canmore)
		Griffin	Anywhere downtown or in the Quarry. From the quarry to spray lakes, that road is dangerous. River heights drive is also unsafe, especially if you're towing a chariot. I have to make sure my will us up to date before biking to town from Riversong



Q4 Where do you feel the most unsafe riding your bike in the Town of Cochrane?

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Roads	On main roads
Roads	Anywhere on the Town road network, regardless if it says bike lane or not. Designated paved multi-use trails are overloaded with users (great problem to have!) but since they are so infrequent and only serve those who live on the Bow River, not the rest of Town due to lack of connectivity!!!
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Dog Park	Steep sunset paths, near spraylakes with dogs cutting bikers/people off.
Roads	Anywhere near the 1A
Highway	Main thoroughfares & highways
Highway	Along the 22 and 1A highways through town
Dog Park	Bow River dog park for kids and accessing the skills park
Roads	Downtown and southwest access to the Launchpad (along No Frills)
Highway	Hwy 1A / 22 and rail crossings
Roads	Downtown with the parking is dangerous
Roads	Any roadway.
Roads	Downtown
Roads	on the main streets
Highway	In town: 22 corridor, railway between river dr and 5th ave. Out of town: 1 A/22 junction, 22 any direction horse creek increasingly
Roads	Would not ride my bike in downtown area or in high traffic areas
Roads	On the road
Roads	Roadways
Highway	On hwy 22, hwy 1, surrounding rural roads, glenbow drive, railway street
Highway	Major roadways
Roads	Off pathways particularly - trying to get from Sunset Ridge over to Heritage Hills and - from Jumping Pound to Fireside. These are two areas where there is no off road path system between these communities.
Roads	I feel safe on roads and orgeats within the town of Cochrane.
Highway	Major artery routes with big vehicle operators not expecting cyclists and pedestrians, particularly hwy 22, hwy 1a, griffin road.
Roads	all down town roads and connecting highways

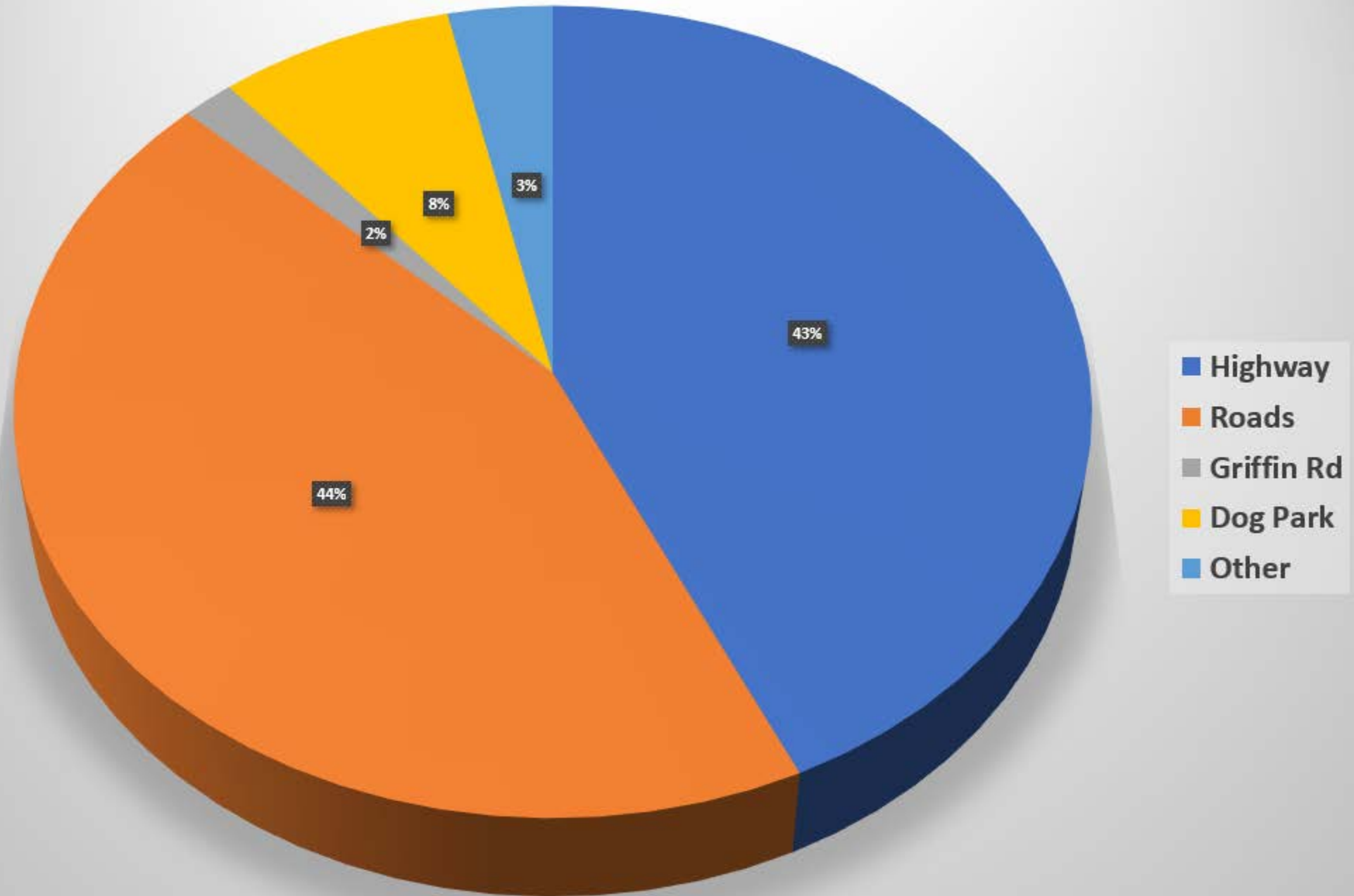


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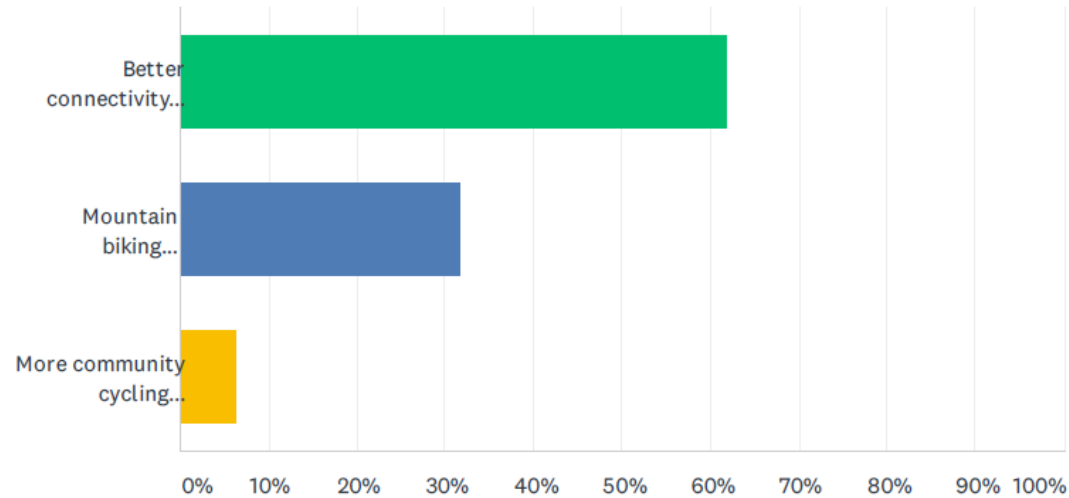
Highway	Roads, highway 22
Roads	Roads
Other	At night maybe in some areas below and surrounding bridges
Highway	Still grammar an issue... but the 1a and 22 are the most dangerous places to ride.
Roads	In the roads
Dog Park	Off leash dog park near SLSFSC
Roads	Roads
Roads	Main Roads
Roads	roads with no shoulder. 1a/Hwy 22 intersection is treacherous. Going up the big hill from town is narrow at the bottom. Actually all the main roads coming onto and leaving town are too narrow. Cochrane is a destination location for Calgary cyclist and some don't come because of the narrow shoulders in town. Promoting Cochrane as a cycling friendly location for cycle tourist will also build support for improved cycle infrastructure in and around town. If all the neighbourhoods were better connected with pathways more people would cycle. The town does a good job of winter path maintenance for cycling, thank you. And thanks for listening
Dog Park	bike paths that go through off-leash dog areas; all streets that cross railway; hwy 1A-hwy22 intersection; fireside hwy22 intersection
Roads	Downtown
Roads	Old town area and coming from glen eagles side into town and at railway crossings.
Roads	Under the bridge that goes across the river
Highway	Bridge crossing river on 22
Highway	Road ways and Hwy 1A
Roads	On the streets where I need to pass by parked cars quite closely (I was struck by a truck door last year and crashed into the traffic lane)
Roads	On George Fox Trail and 5th Ave.
Roads	On the roads
Highway	1A and 22 highways.
Highway	bridge over railway on Hwy 22 or 1A between Park and Hwy 22
Roads	Town thoroughfares
Roads	River Ave
Other	There isn't anywhere I feel unsafe
Roads	On the road, especially the main thoroughfares
Highway	On Highway 22
Roads	Anywhere there is traffic
Dog Park	Crossing HWY 22 and through the dog park
Highway	As listed above. The 2 highways.
Highway	Highway 22
Dog Park	The pathway section with the dog park.
Other	in parking lots
Highway	Highway 1A, Highway 22
Highway	James Walker/Highway 22 intersection!

Q4 - 'Where do you feel the most unsafe riding your bike in Cochrane?'



Q5 Bike Cochrane is Cochrane's non-profit cycling advocacy society. They have successfully advocated, fundraised, planned, and executed the construction of the Launchpad Bike Park in Cochrane, which opened in the summer of 2020. What is YOUR number 1 issue that you'd like to see Bike Cochrane advocating for in Cochrane?

Answered: 113 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Better connectivity/pathway options in Cochrane	61.95%	70
Mountain biking trails/single track in Cochrane	31.86%	36
More community cycling activities like bike clinics, learn-to bike, etc	6.19%	7
TOTAL		113



Additional comments Q5

Text answers

Bike lanes would be nice but not at the expense of narrowing the vehicle lanes.

Connection to glenbow park

Bike clubs for riding and community connection

Bike routes clearly signed and established

Safe bike lanes and ability to commute to farther places safely. Like ghost lake and Canmore... but you have to be a brave single rider with the non existent shoulders

All of the above are important. Thinking long term to the future growth of Cochrane, these conversations need to happen now to secure vacant land within town limits and surrounding. Mountain bike trails would make cochrane a destination!

More bike pathways are always welcome

and connecting trails and areas that we currently have , and future developments. It can be such an attraction for the growing bike travel industry, including touring, gravel biking, box, mountain, etc etc. We have so much to offer , from e-biking to top notch mountain biking. We could be as popular as a town for multiple aspects, all bike related to business

Positive awareness of active transportation to move away from culture of trucks pushing cyclists off the road and honking / swearing

Also better Hwy shoulders on all main roads into town

Better biking lanes in downtown

Proper pedestrian/bike bridge from the Bow Meadows/Bow Ridge/Jumping Pound to north side of river

If I didn't have to pick just one, I would add single track trails and education for both cyclists and drivers on road rules

Group Biking for seniors

Bike safety, bike rodeos, hand signals etc.

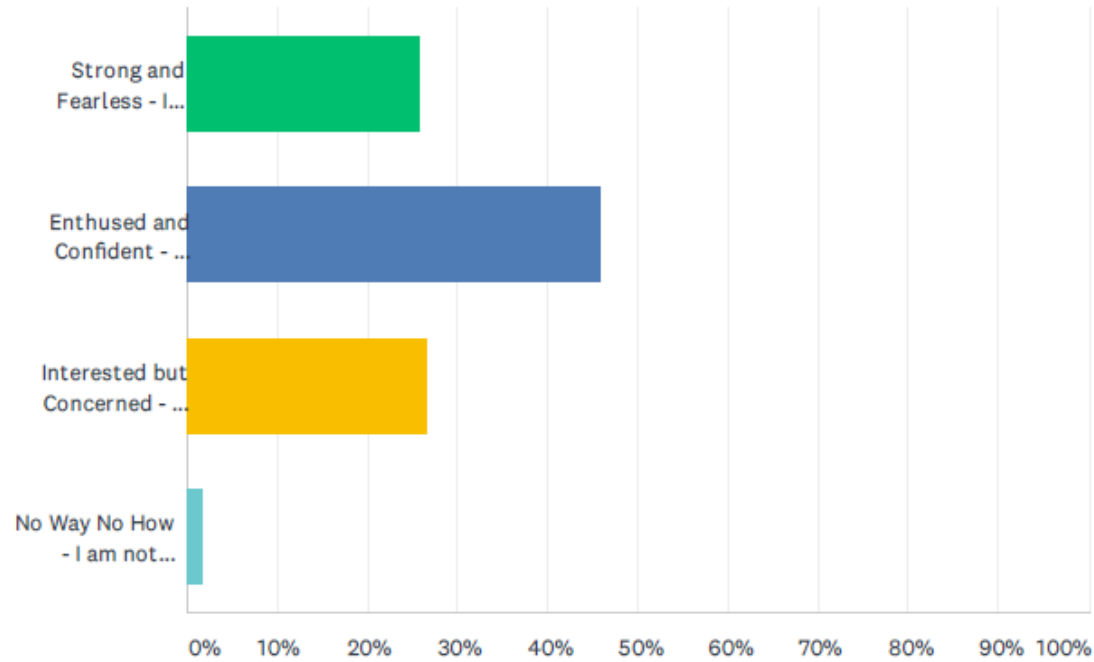
I have commuted with my bike for years. This means grocery shopping, working and socializing. I love Cochrane and the trail systems. I would like to see more people use the trails and take some traffic off of our road system. This would probably be a mental transition more than something the town can do.

Sweet park! If you live anywhere... But Fireside.



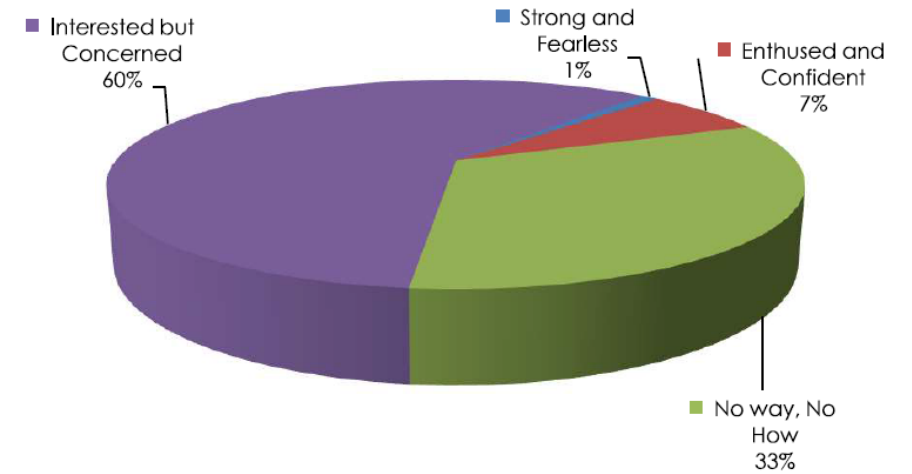
Q6 How would you describe yourself as a cyclist?

Answered: 120 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strong and Fearless - I will cycle no matter the available infrastructure available	25.83%	31
Enthused and Confident - I have a high interest in cycling, I'm confident in my cycling ability, and I will make efforts to cycle provided there are reasonable facilities provided.	45.83%	55
Interested but Concerned - I have an interest in cycling as part of my transportation needs, but I have significant concerns that affect my ability to cycle for transportation	26.67%	32
No Way No How - I am not interested in cycling	1.67%	2
TOTAL		120

Figure 2: Target Market for Cycling (Portland, OR)

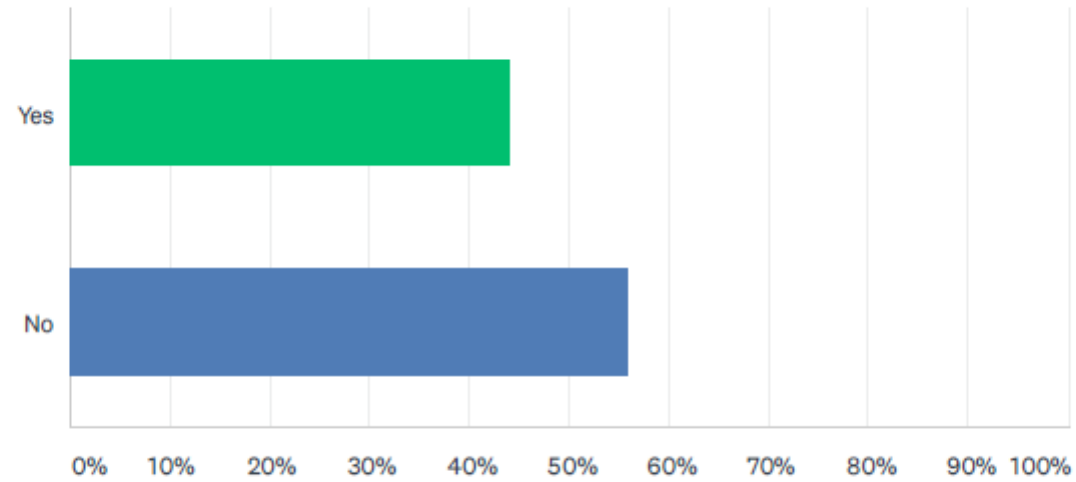


Comparison demographics from Portland '4 Types of Cyclists' research



Q7 Have you been to the new Launchpad Bike Park?

Answered: 120 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	44.17%	53
No	55.83%	67
TOTAL		120



If you have used the Launchpad Bike Park, please feel free to leave comments/suggestions here.

Answered: 30 Skipped: 35

Text answers

I love it! the more cycling spots the better. the only reason I haven't used it is that I ride a road bike, which wouldn't do well on a dirt track

It's awesome, for all ages!

My son loves it (4 years old). I think it's great, but gets a bit dusty

Suggested flow paths for peak times so more people can ride safely

Where is it?

Son used it. Basic etiquette posted for newbies would be helpful

great starter facility. Quickly realized how overdue our community is for something like this and how another bike park would be highly valued

It is really nice to see these types of places being built in Cochrane.

It needs a more defined flow pattern. Too many high traffic intersections. I know it is meant for riders of all abilities but the beginning riders/parents are the ones that don't know bike park etiquette and a defined flow pattern might help solve the problem. My kids love pump tracks and jump parks, they were really excited for the opening of the Launchpad but in the end they were really disappointed with the final product and don't even want to go anymore.

We love the Bike park. It's versatile for all skill levels. My 3 kids love it!

The wall ride is designed for the Whistler A-Line, not a bike park for children

It's a good bike park

I have safety concerns on the launch pad. When I went there I saw numerous occasions where kids almost ran into each other as there is not really flow to the park. The one log feature if someone falls off the one side could result in an injury. I saw one child fall off the high side of the track right to the gravel on the north side of the park. For a little kid this is a big fall. It's great to have something in town but I'm not sure this is built that well. It's not easy to find flow in the park and be able to actually pump through it.

The park lacks a flow and design to it that will make it robust for years to come. You can see kids picking paths over berms and between features that are already eroding away. The berms are built poorly and too tight. The start ramp needs to be actually elevated so a user doesn't have to pedal in the pump track, because you know- that's the point. The wall ride is overbuilt for the speed that can be reasonably brought into it. All of this feedback does not take away from the fact that small children really enjoy riding on it. But they would also enjoy riding on a pile of dirt that didn't cost \$50k. Make improvements to those features and you might actually see progression in rider skill. Right now it's not built with the ability to improve cornering or pressure control. Which is what they are for.

My son loves it!

Great initiative and project in the heart of our community

The small one by good earth? I think it's neat... but let's be honest, you're not going to go there a lot

It's great, just wish it wasn't in a parking lot. Not ideal if you have little kids who run off and it's not easy to just bike there from your house...we live in Riversong.

Launchpad feels like it was build for BMX, its too small to have fun with a 29er

Keep it going

Can be hard to get flow going, haven't quite figured out good lines yet

Amazing! What a win for our town. Thanks!

The wall ride is too steep. There's no way anyone would have fun on it

Great addition to our community

Awesome- kids love it. What an amazing space- THANK YOU





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Answered: 30 Skipped: 35

It's great! My boys enjoy it.

That park seems to me to be more for kids

Offer clinics for kids and maybe designate age groups during certain times of day so that parents know when the park is designated for young beginners and older kids can have more freedom to do their thing without little ones in the way. Overall all groups play well together but just a suggestion when things get busier

LOVE it! safer pathway access for young families coming from the west (eastbound) would be great.

Kids love it

i have seen it, but it was way too busy to use.

No I haven't tried it. it looks great for kids

I see this as only for youngsters.

Larger space and maybe certain age based time slots?

It's excellent thanks a lot. Only improvement is remove the large rocks that are below the skinny long bridge. If a kid goes off there it will be unnecessarily nasty.

Turf or dirt would be much better. Otherwise my kids love it

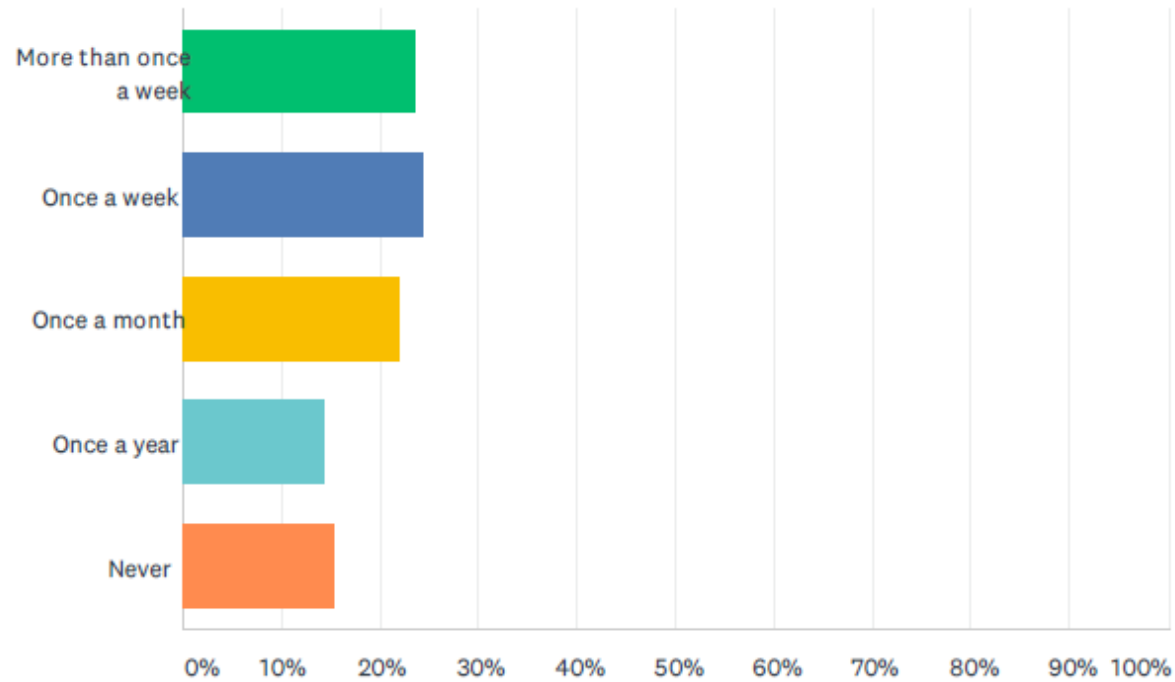
Excellent, kids love it. Cant wait to use it again in summer.

Not used, nor will use. Not interested

It's fantastic

Q9 How often do you drive out of Cochrane to ride your bike? Consider both summer and winter and choose the most frequent.

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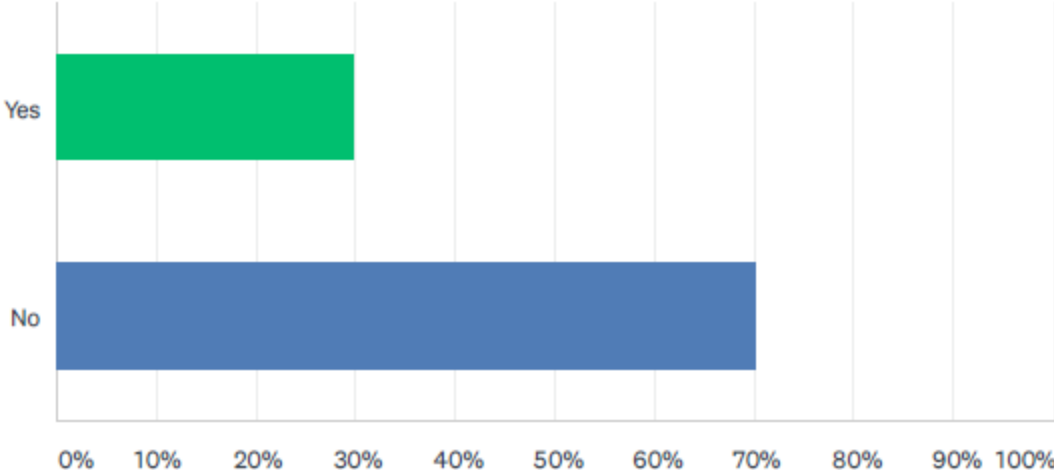


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More than once a week	23.73%	28
Once a week	24.58%	29
Once a month	22.03%	26
Once a year	14.41%	17
Never	15.25%	18
TOTAL		118



Q10 Are you a Bike Cochrane member?

Answered: 120 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	30.00%	36
No	70.00%	84
TOTAL		120

