

Complete Streets Prioritization Updated Plan

March 24, 2025 Public Meeting

WELCOME!

1. Please sign-in
2. Get some dots
3. Give us your opinion on the two posters

Presentation will start at 7:15

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AGENDA

- What is a Complete Street?
- Overview of MassDOT Funding Program
- Gathering Input
- What We Learned
- Understanding Our Needs (thoughts?)
- Design Decisions (thoughts?)
- Next Steps
- Questions/Comments

What is a Complete Street?

A Complete Street is one that provides safe and accessible options for all travel modes—walking, biking, transit and vehicles—for people of all ages and abilities.



Overview of MassDOT Funding Program



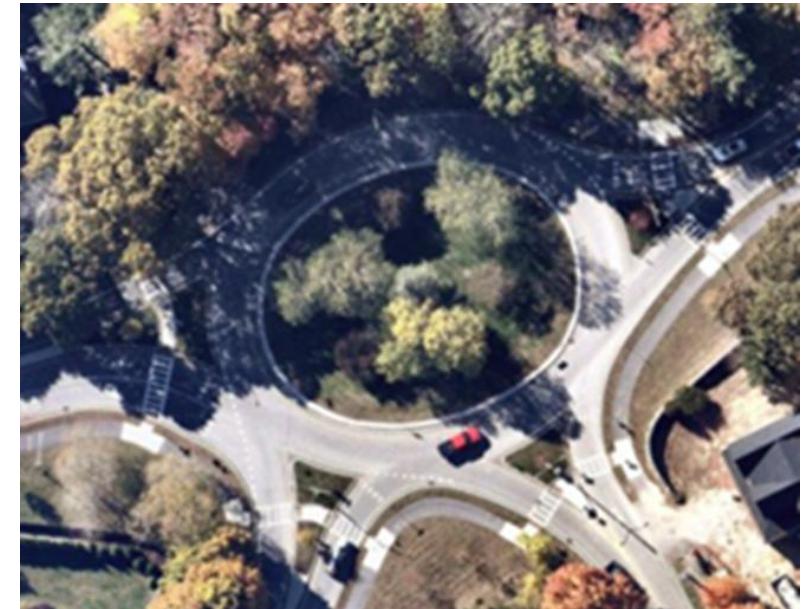
Complete Streets Training and Policy - 2019



Prioritization Plan - 2020
Identify and Prioritize



Project Approval and Construction

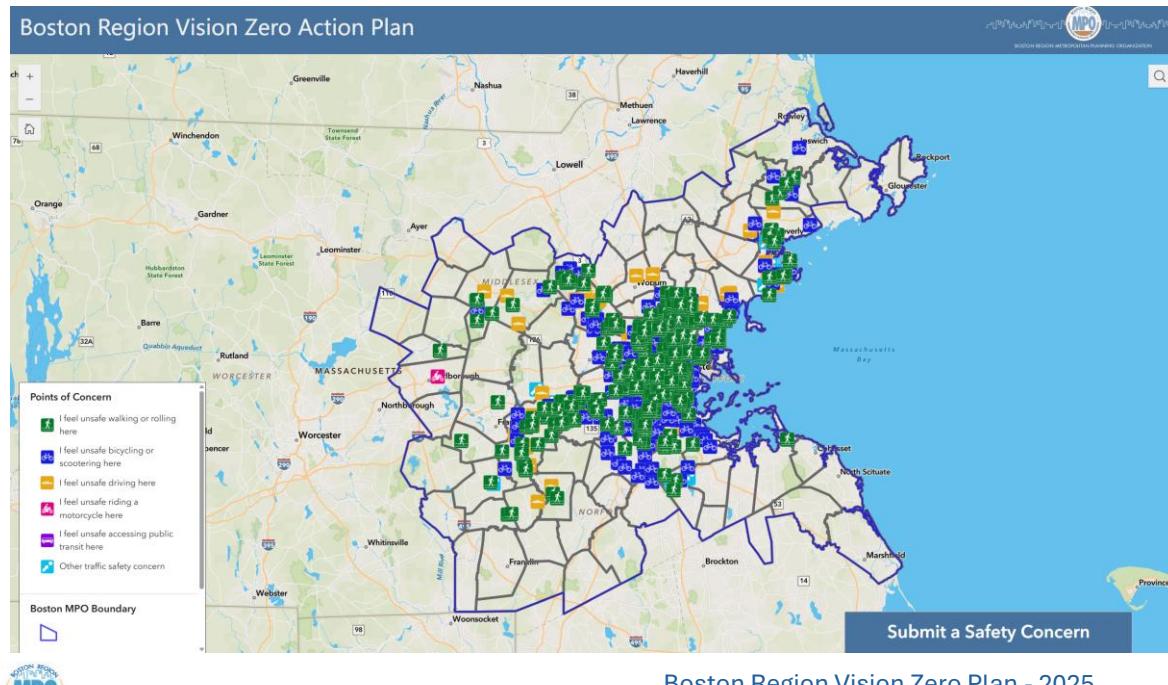


Funding received

- \$500,000 - 2025
- \$382,000 - 2021

Prioritization Plan –Gathering Input

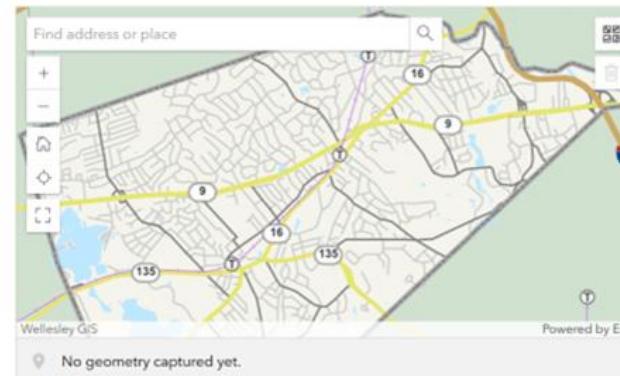
Identify Issues



Wellesley Transportation Survey

Use the plus or minus signs to zoom the map in and out. Click and drag the map to pan and find the location. Click to drop a point. Fill out the form. Click Submit. If you have multiple locations you are concerned about, you will be given the opportunity to fill out the survey again.

Drop a Pin on the map below to locate your safety concern or where you witnessed a near-miss accident.*



What mode of transportation feels unsafe in this location?*

- I witnessed a crash or near-miss.
- I feel unsafe walking or rolling here.



Town of Wellesley

Prioritization Plan –Gathering Input

Identify Community Priorities



- Identify Destinations
- Identify Criteria

A screenshot of a website for the Town of Wellesley, Massachusetts. The header features the town's name and links to SERVICES, GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENTS, and COMMUNITY, along with social media icons and a search bar. The main content area shows a large image of a historic stone building with a red roof. Below the image is a survey form titled "Complete Streets Survey - Prioritizing What We Want". The form includes sections for telling about connections to Wellesley, walking frequency, driving frequency, and cycling frequency. There are also sections for "How often do you BIKE to get around Wellesley?" and "How often do you BIKE to get around Wellesley?". The survey is set against a background of a street scene with trees and buildings.

Available online and paper at Main Library & Tolles Parsons

Prioritization Plan – What We Learned

Common Themes

Drivers Don't Stop



Drivers Run Red Lights



Distracted Driving is a **BIG** Concern

Distracted drivers killed 3,308 people in 2022



Be Part of the Solution!

Prioritization Plan – What We Learned

Common Themes



Camera Enforcement

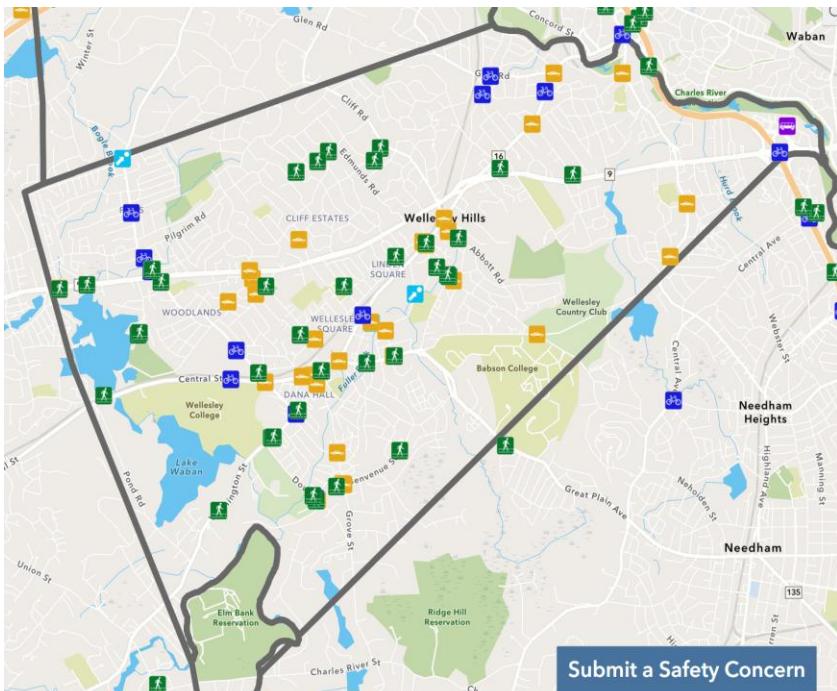


Speed Humps

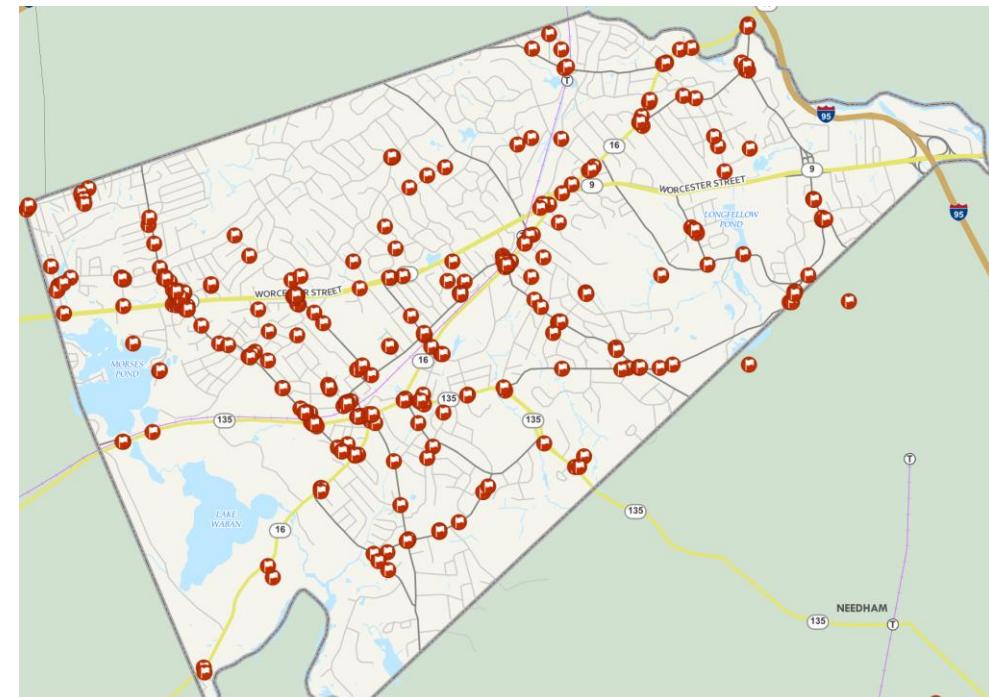


Unaccepted Streets

Prioritization Plan –What We Learned

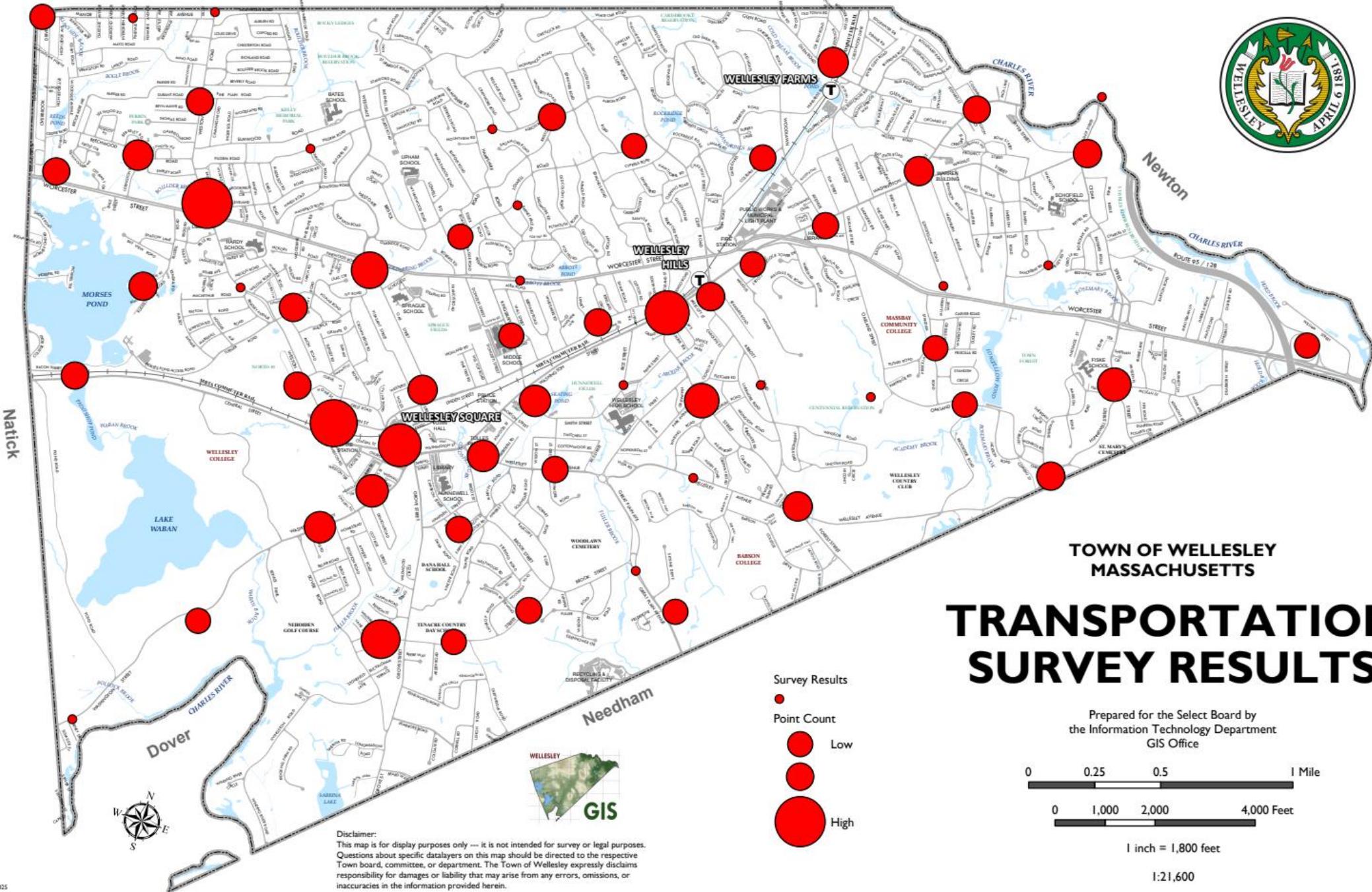


Boston Region Vision Zero Plan - 2025



Town of Wellesley

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**TOWN OF WELLESLEY
MASSACHUSETTS**

COMPLETE STREETS TRAFFIC SAFETY

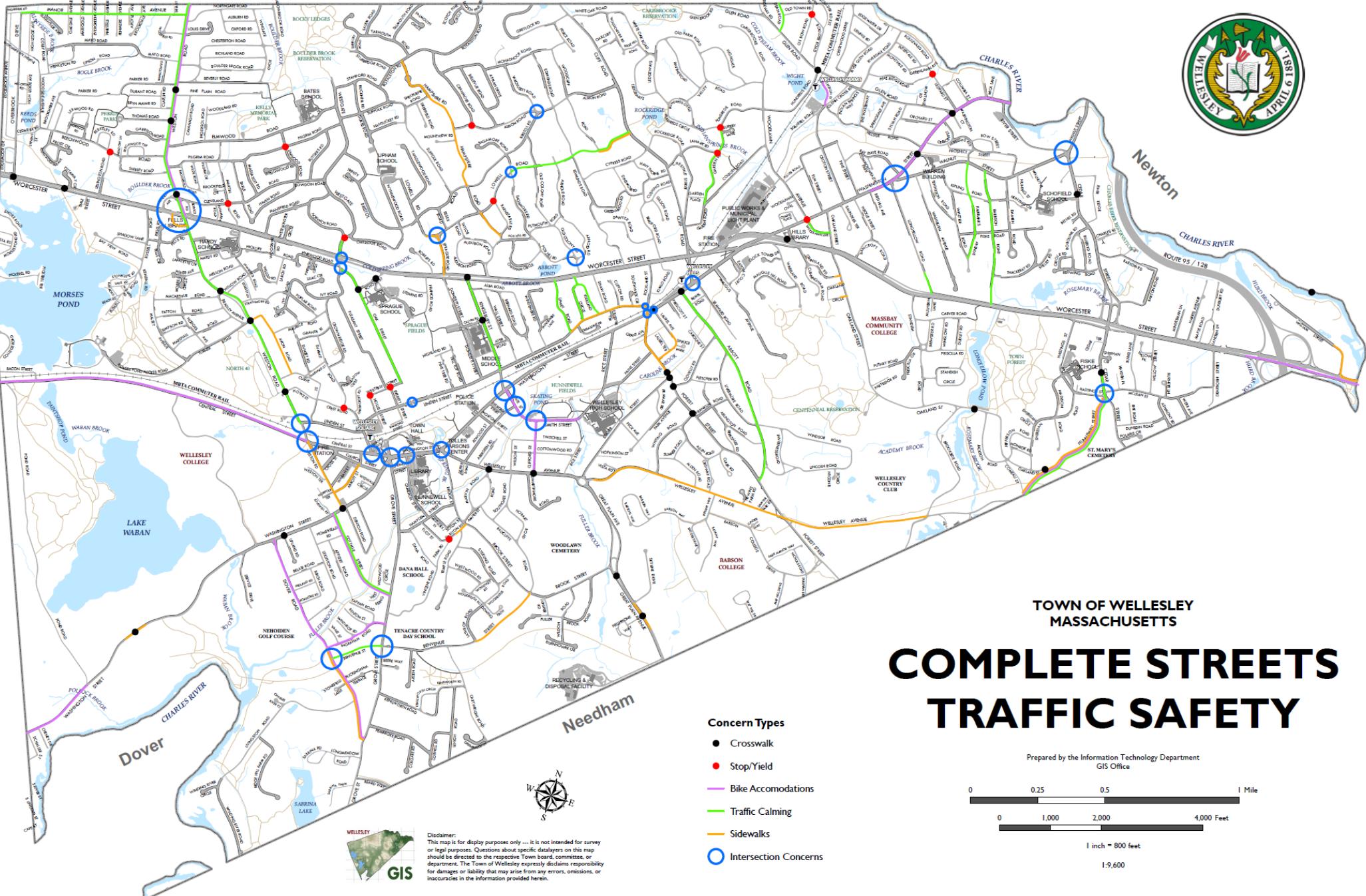
Prepared by the Information Technology Department
GIS Office

Concern Types

- Crosswalk
- Stop/Yield
- Bike Accomodations
- Traffic Calming
- Sidewalks
- Intersection Concerns

Disclaimer:
This map is for display purposes only ... it is not intended for survey or legal purposes. Questions about specific datalayers on this map should be directed to the respective Town board, committee, or department. The Town of Wellesley disclaims responsibility for damages or liability that may arise from any errors, omissions, or inaccuracies in the information provided herein.

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Prioritization Plan – What We Learned

Sort to Fit Grant Opportunities



Vegetation
Traffic Regulations



Major Infrastructure
State Roads

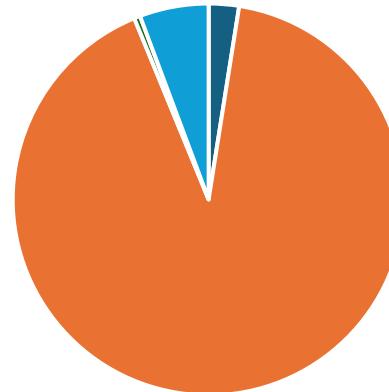
Prioritization Plan – Understanding our Needs

Where should we prioritize?

Complete streets are about helping people get around safely in the mode they want to travel.

- How we get around?
- Where do we want to go?
- How to prioritize our needs?

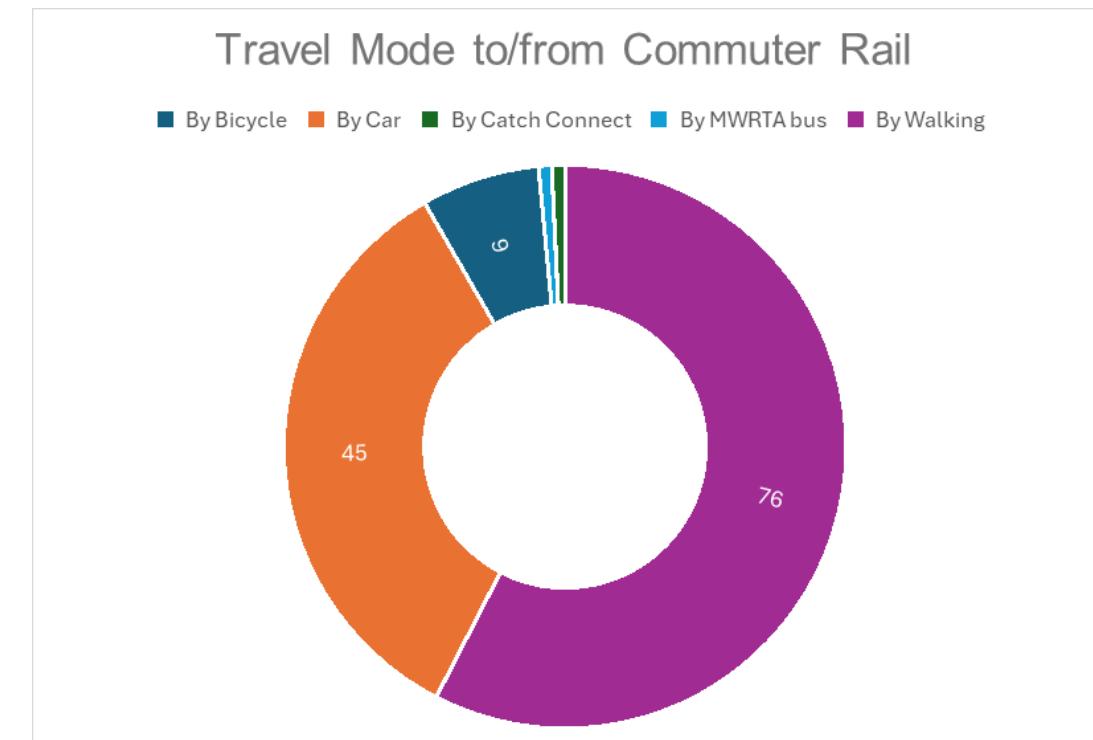
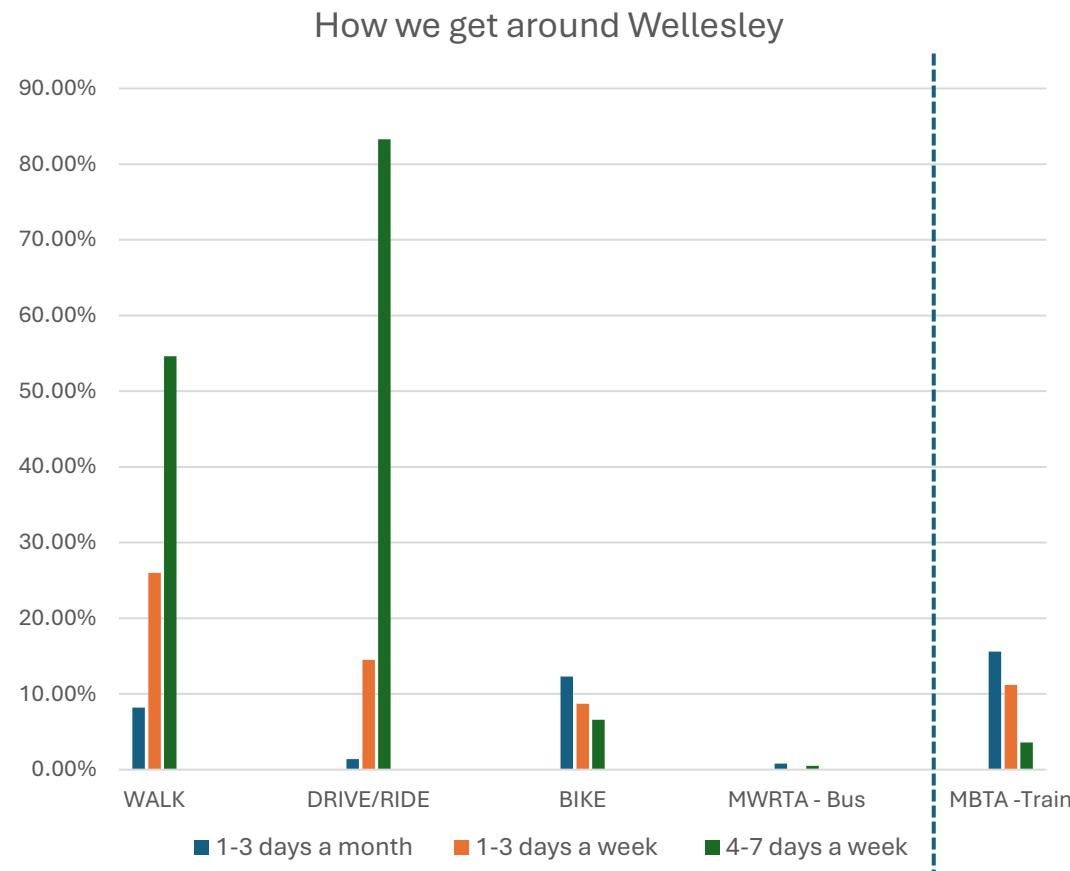
Connection to Wellesley



- I don't live or work in Wellesley but travel to destinations in Wellesley.
- I live or go to school in Wellesley
- I travel through Wellesley
- I work in Wellesley

Survey responses 366 (as of 5pm March 21, 2025)

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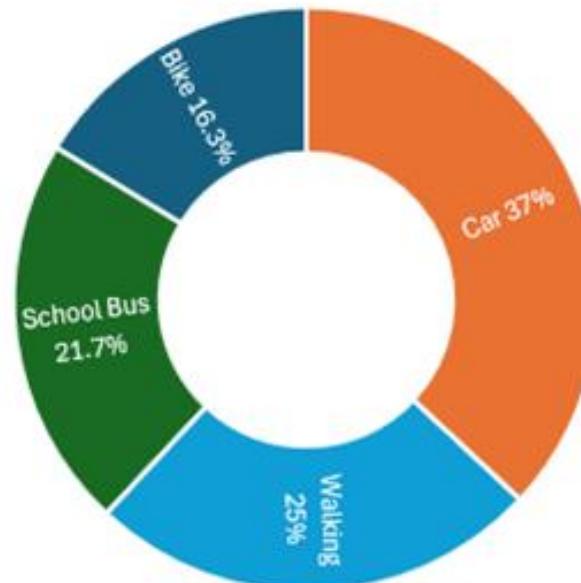


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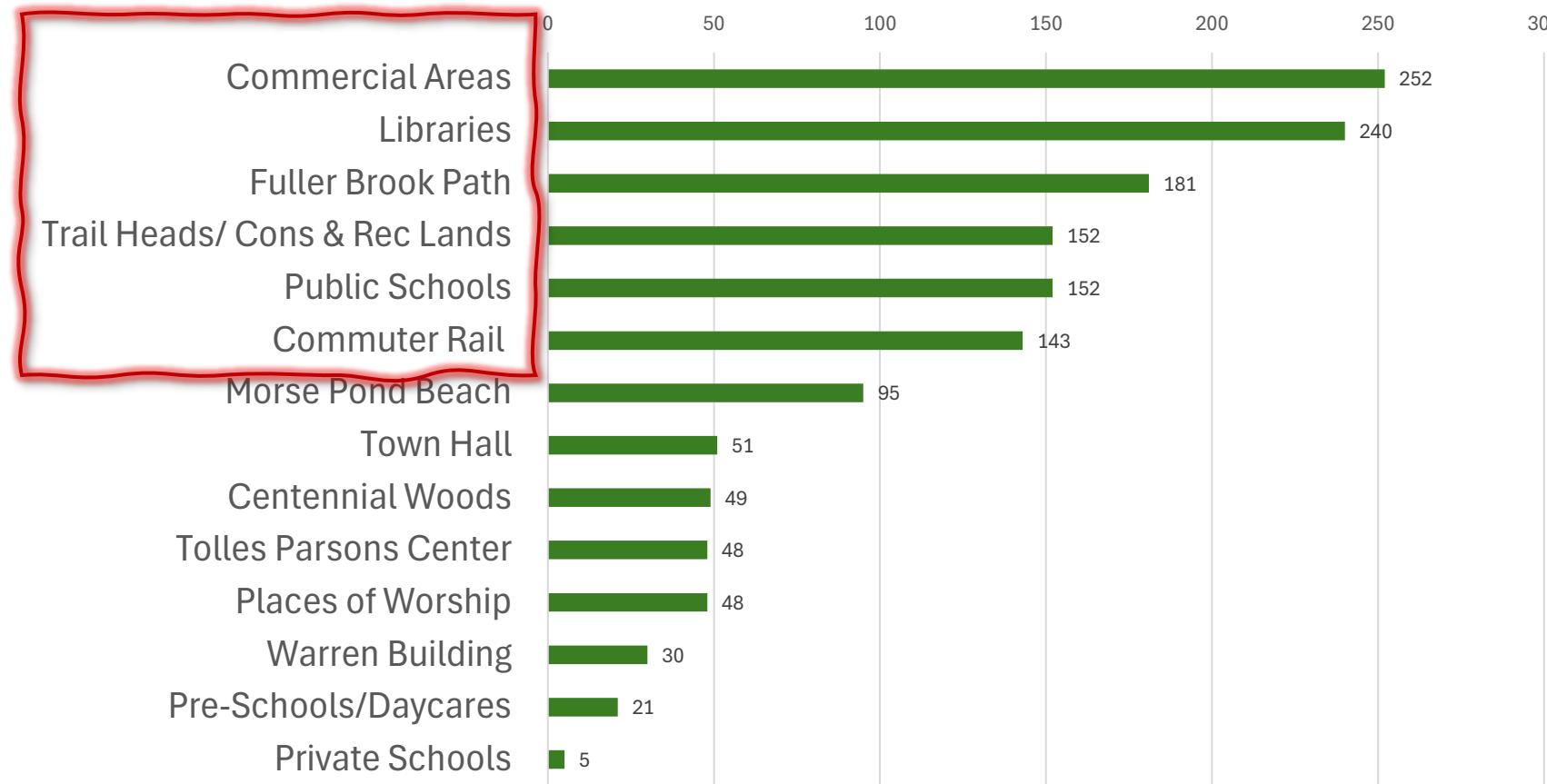
Travel Mode to School*



Of the 366 - 184 said they had school-aged students
(as of 5pm March 21, 2025)

Prioritization Plan – Understanding our Needs

Top FIVE Destinations to walk or bike



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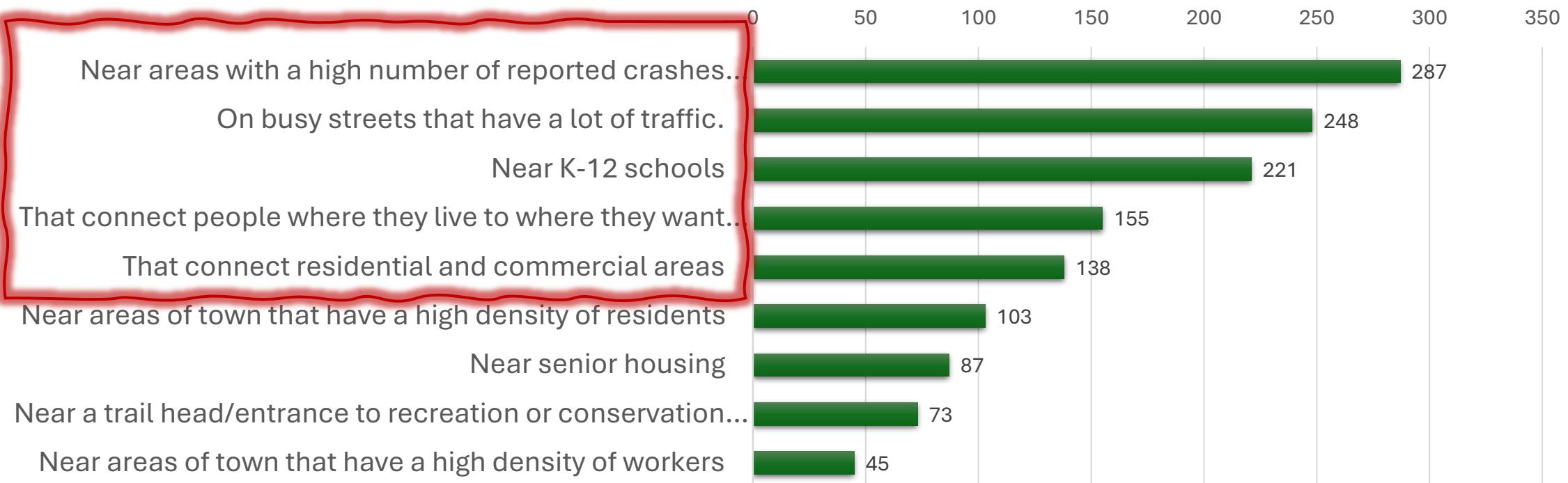
Top 5 Destinations - Do You Agree?

1. Commercial Areas (Wellesley Square, Linden Square, Wellesley Hills, Fells)
2. Libraries (Main, Fells Branch, Hills Branch)
3. Fuller Brook Path
4. Trail Heads/Entrances to Conservation and Recreation Lands
4. Wellesley Public Schools
5. Wellesley MBTA Commuter Rail Stations

Prioritization Plan – Understanding our Needs

Where should we prioritize?

Top FIVE Criteria



Prioritization Plan – Understanding our Needs

Top 5 Criteria - Do You Agree?

1. Near areas with a high number of reported crashes involving cars, pedestrians or bicyclists
2. On busy streets that have a lot of traffic
3. Near K-12 Schools
4. That connect people where they live to where they want to go
5. That connect residential and commercial areas



How should the Town prioritize the Plan's Project Recommendations?

Place a Green Dot  on the criterion you feel is most important. Place the Red Dot  on the criterion you feel is least important.

Project helps improve user safety on roadways with high traffic volume and speed.	
Project helps improve safety and connectivity to Wellesley's Commercial Centers: Wellesley Square, Wellesley Hills, Linden Square, and the Fells.	
Project helps improve safety and connectivity to public and private K-12 schools.	
Project helps improve safety and connectivity to local parks and conservation lands.	
Project helps improve trail connectivity.	
Project helps improve safety and connectivity between neighborhoods and MBTA Commuter Rail Stations.	
Project helps improve safety and connectivity between neighborhoods and MWRTA Bus Route.	
Project helps improve vehicular traffic flow.	
Project funding will likely need to come from Town Meeting appropriation.	
Project helps improve connections to adjacent towns	

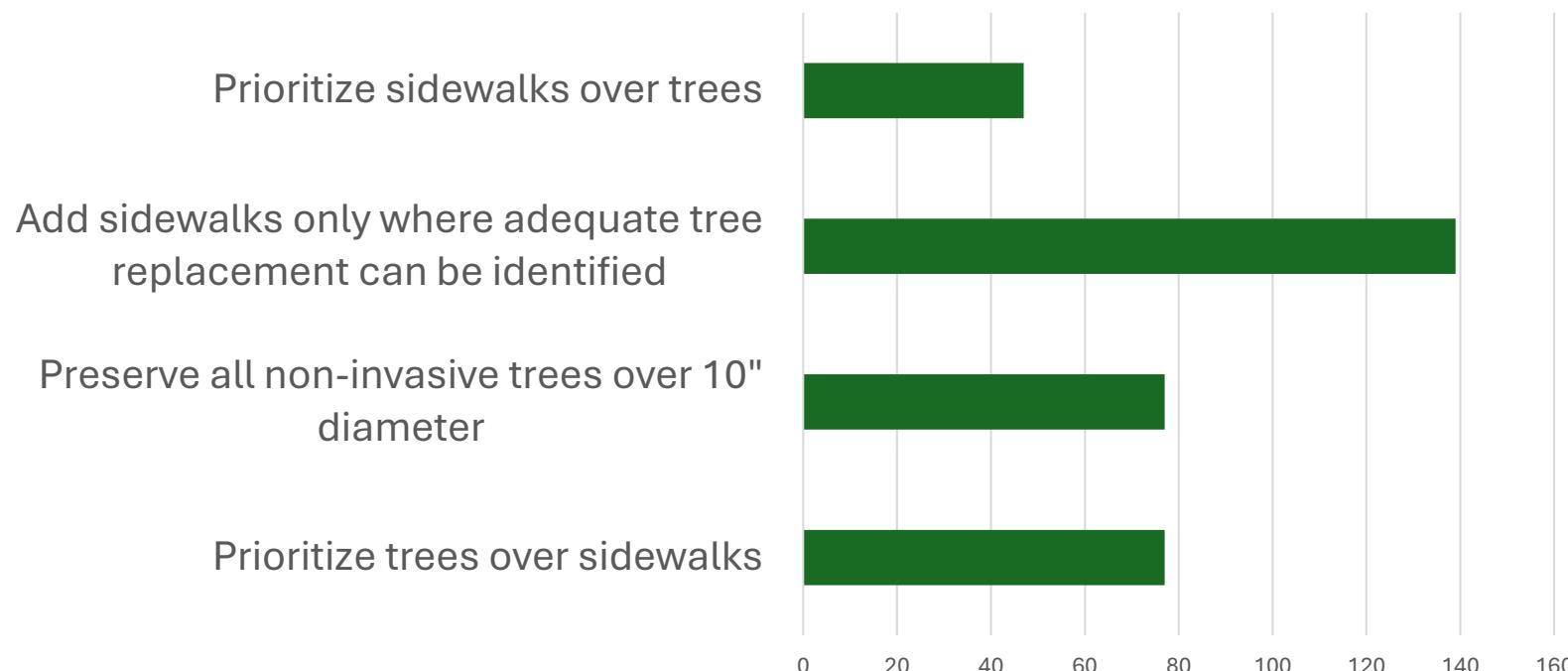
Prioritization Plan – Design Decisions

Conflicting Needs in Limited Space

- Trees
- On-street parking
- Bike lanes
- Sidewalks
- Lane widths
- Walls, Landscaping

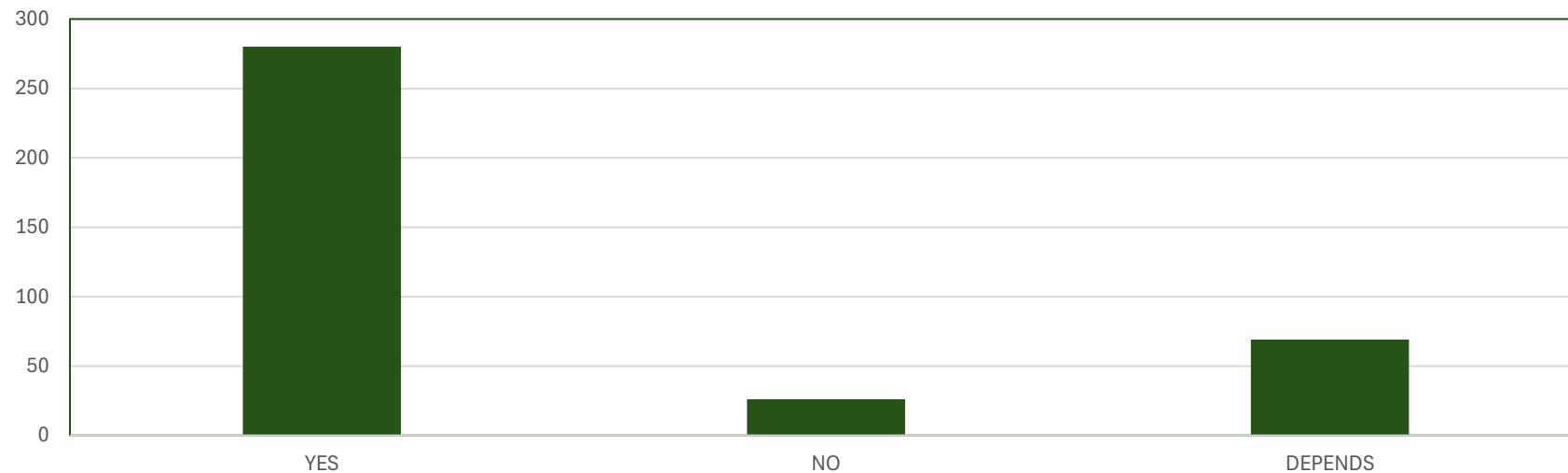
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**Where new sidewalks conflict with existing trees,
how would you like the Town to resolve this issue?**



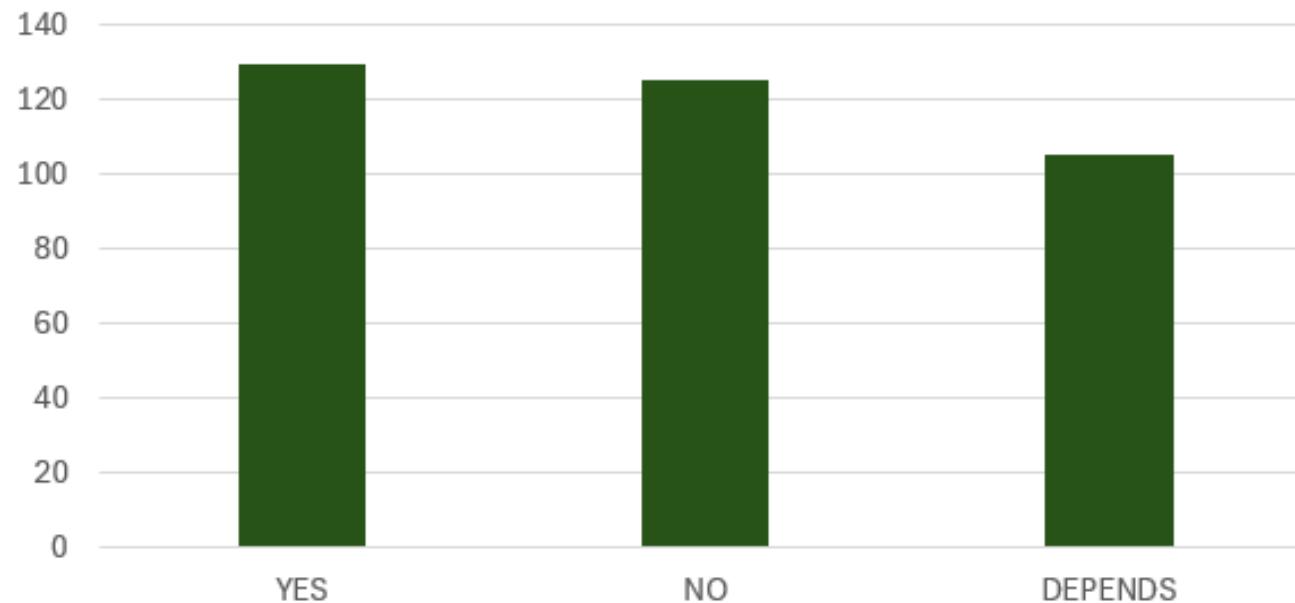
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When building new sidewalks, should the Town prioritize sidewalks on streets currently with no sidewalks on either side over streets that have sidewalk on one side?



Prioritization Plan – Design Decisions

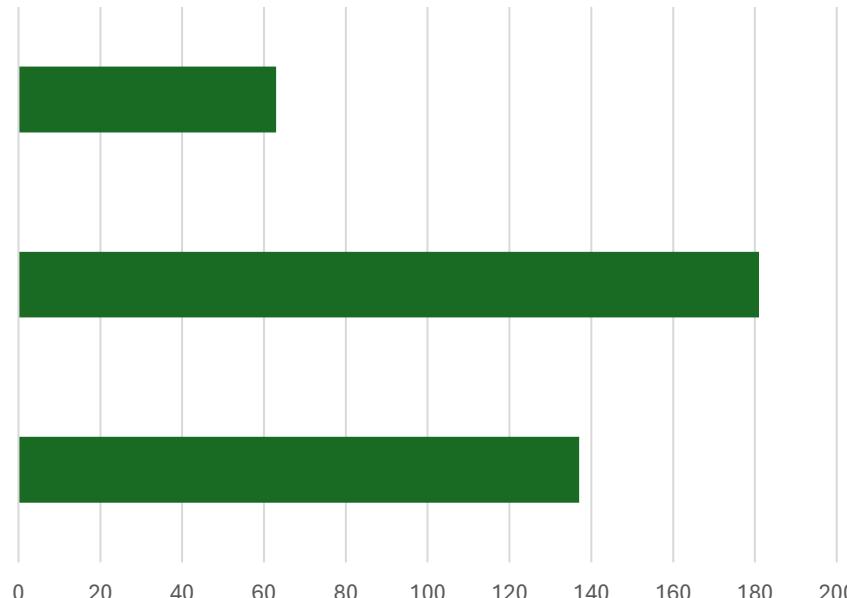
Are you willing to remove trees to make room for a bike lane?



Prioritization Plan – Design Decisions

Wellesley has limited on-street parking but it exists in all commercial districts and is considered essential by our merchants. How important is on-street parking to you when shopping or dining in Wellesley?

Not important and I would prefer to walk or bike if there were dedicated accommodations



Important, but I am willing to walk from nearby lots

Very important



We often have competing priorities with how we should use our limited right-of-way. Which priorities would you pick?

In the locations below, put a sticker on which priority you choose.

In Commercial Areas (Wellesley Square, the Fells Block, Linden Square, Wellesley Hills) would you rather have?

OR

Better sightlines at crosswalks.

Maximum parking capacity.

In Commercial Areas (Wellesley Square, the Fells Block, Linden Square, Wellesley Hills) would you rather have?

OR

On-street storefront parking.

Expanded pedestrian space and functionality.

At signalized intersections would you rather have?

OR

Increased duration for pedestrians to cross.

Time for motor vehicle traffic flow.

On busy streets (arterials) would you rather have?

OR

Grass strip between the road and the sidewalk.

Wider sidewalk (>5 feet).

On busy streets (arterials) would you rather have?

OR

Grass strip between the road and the sidewalk.

Bike lanes.

On streets without sidewalks would you rather?

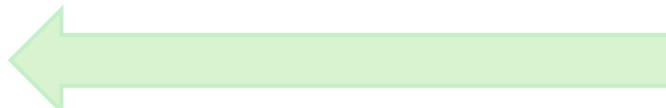
OR

Remove trees where necessary to build sidewalk.

Keep trees with no sidewalk.

Prioritization Plan – Next Steps

- Gather Input
- Develop Prioritization Criteria
- Review Potential Projects
- Apply Criteria
- Post Prioritization Plan for Public Comment
- Revise and Submit to MassDOT for approval



- Surveys Close March 28
- Tolles Parsons March 26
- Trails Committee April 3
- PTO reps

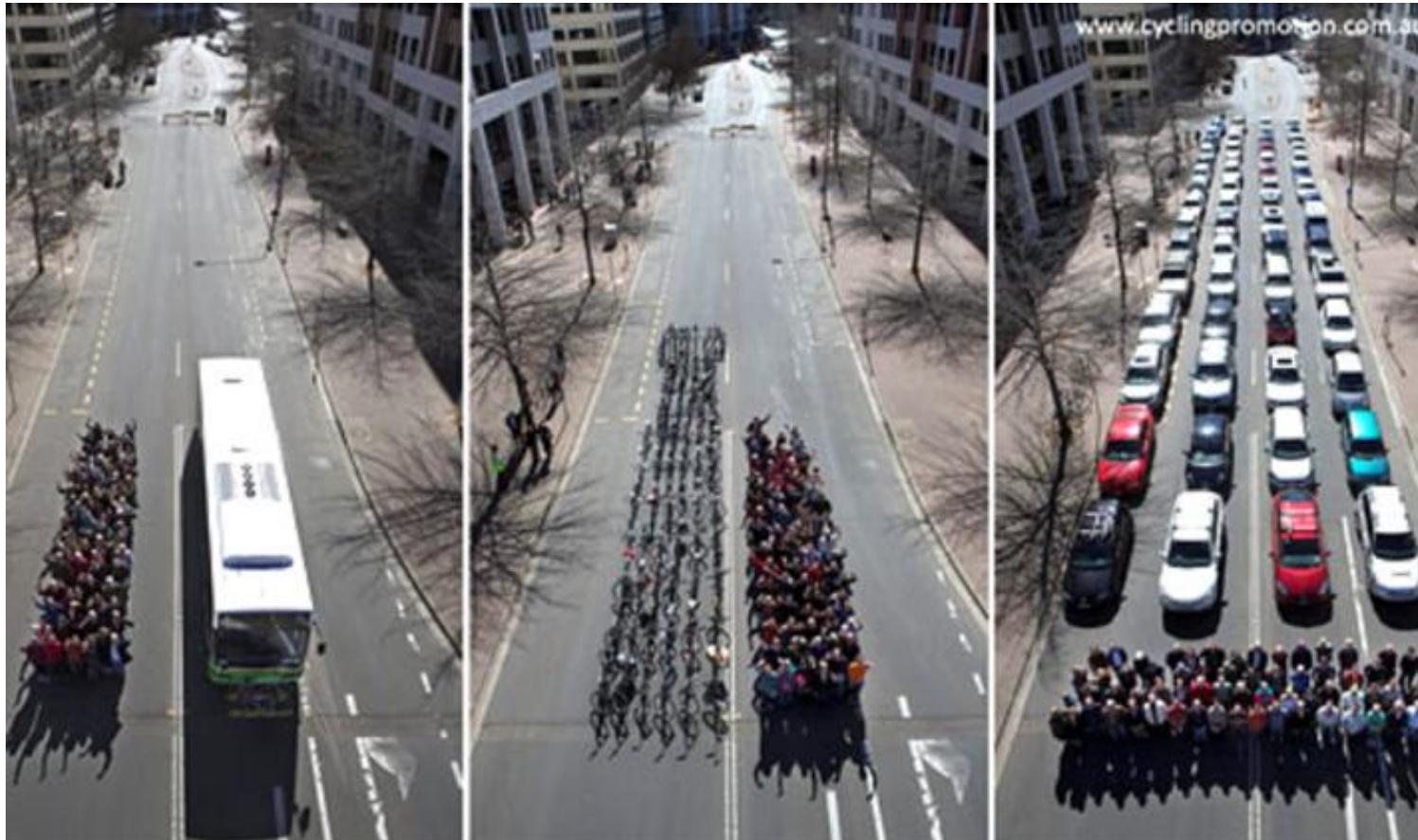
Questions?

Comments?

Thank you!

For more information visit:

<https://wellesleyma.gov/2414/Complete-Streets>



Single occupancy vehicles (SOV's) take up a lot of space and resources.