

TOWN OF NISKAYUNA
Complete Streets Committee
A G E N D A
March 26, 2021
2:30 P.M.
VIA REMOTE MEETING SOFTWARE

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. MINUTES
 - 1. February 26, 2021
- IV. PUBLIC CONCERNS
 - 1. Wyoming Ave
 - 2. Fieldstone Drive
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. Priority Project Letters Approval
 - 2. Complete Streets Survey Results (Mr. Levy)
 - 3. Subcommittee for 2021 Demonstration Project
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - 1. Standard traffic calming measures/requests
 - 2. Complete Streets connections for School Improvements (Chairman Chapman)
 - 3. Complete Streets Accomplishments / Website (Chairman Chapman)
 - 4. Co-op Plaza Updates (Ms. Robertson)
- VIII. REPORTS
- IX. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING
April 30, 2021
At 2:30 pm

**TOWN OF NISKAYUNA
COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE
Virtual Meeting
Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2020**

Members Present: William Chapman, Chairman
Jim Levy
Theresa Healey
Paulina Manzo
Karla Duggal
David Hogancamp
Gregg Diebold
Elise Corbin, Student Committee Member

Also Present: Laura Robertson, Planner
Clark Henry, Assistant Planner
Jean Foti, Planning Clerk

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Dart Strayer was absent for the meeting.

III. MINUTES

1. September 24, 2020

Chairman Chapman stated a few changes that needed to be made in the minutes. Line 62 should say "River Road at St. Josephs". Line 53 should say developer instead of developed. Line 116 should say "St. Josephs" instead of "St. David's."

2. October 20, 2020

There was one edit to the October minutes on line 49.

3. December 10, 2020

After reviewing all minutes, the committee voted to approve all 3 minutes.

IV. PUBLIC CONCERNS

1. Ben Mastrianni – Wyoming Ave Concerns

Mr. Ben Mastrianni discussed with the Committee the amount of volume and speed that Wyoming Ave endures every day. He asked for input from the Committee on what actions could be taken. Mr. Mastrianni asked Ms. Robertson if Wyoming Ave could drop its speed limit to 20 mph. Ms. Robertson stated the Town would need permission from the State for this to happen. Mr. Levy added that there has been a big push to allow cities and towns to regulate their own speed limits. As of today, it hasn't happened. He stated that he liked Ms. Robertson's idea of using Wyoming as a speed demonstration project. Ms. Manzo agreed. She stated that Wyoming is a wider street than Regent and could support a demonstration.

Mr. Mastrianni asked the Committee who controls how MapQuest or Google Maps send people for directions. Ms. Robertson stated she has reached out to Google on routing before and received no response.

Chairman Chapman thanked Mr. Mastrianni for attending the meeting and stated the committee will get to work on how they can help.

2. Fieldstone Drive speed issue

Ms. Robertson stated she was contacted by the Police Department to look into traffic calming measures for Fieldstone Drive. She stated that there is a stretch of Road that connects Fieldstone to State Street and it is being used for a cut through from State to Consaul. The Police study showed an uptick of speed in this area. The committee discussed options for traffic calming in this area. This included bump outs and medians.

4. Paul Brownsey – Rosendale Road and Old River Road Intersection Improvement

Mr. Brownsey discussed with the Committee the upcoming County project regarding that intersection. He displayed the options presented by the County. He stated that a change needs to happen but he is concerned with the options presented. Mr. Brownsey discussed all three options. One of Mr. Brownsey's concerns related to there being no options for cyclists or pedestrians. He stated that people do use the road to walk and bike on and this should be considered.

Ms. Robertson stated she has not been in contact with the County on this and that due to this being a County Road, the Town does not control the approval process. She added that though Niskayuna does not have a formal role they can reach out and give suggestions to the County. Ms. Robertson asked for input from other Committee members.

Mr. Levy reiterated that this Committee is to advocate for better pedestrian and cycling access. He believes that the CSC should contact the County and advocate for better and safer access for the walkers and bikers.

V. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business today.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Priority Project Letters Approval

Chairman Chapman discussed the priority letters. He stated one of the important letters was to the State to request better pedestrian access on Troy Road to connect it to the bike path. He suggested meeting with the State contact person to discuss the possibility of better access at Craig Elementary and Troy/Schenectady Road. Chairman Chapman stated similar letters with the top 3 priorities will be sent to State, County and District. The Committee discussed the importance of being concise with each request. Ms. Manzo emphasized the need to be clear on what is requested with each letter. This will help achieve each goal so that it does not get lost in the pile of other needs.

2. Complete Streets Survey Results (Mr. Levy)

Chairman Chapman stated the Committee received about 365 responses to the survey. Mr. Levy stated that the response to the survey was incredible. It had 100% completion which is amazing for a survey that takes approximately 9 minutes to complete. Mr. Levy stated that the majority of responses were in the first few days.

Mr. Levy gave a brief overview of the survey. He stated that residents are walking approximately 3-5 days or more a week. They do not feel the safety has changed since the pandemic.

Mr. Levy stated he will be going over the written responses and is hoping to find some new traffic calming demonstration sites. Chairman Chapman and Mr. Levy discussed how other committee members could help with the data received by the Niskayuna residents. Ms. Duggal stated she would like to help organize the data.

3. Subcommittee for 2021 Demonstration Project

Chairman Chapman discussed with the Committee possible demonstration projects for 2021. The list included the 2 streets discussed by the residents at today's meeting. He asked if the subcommittee could take a look at these streets and make recommendations to the Committee.

4. Meeting times discussion

Chairman Chapman asked the committee if morning or afternoon times work better. Ms. Corbin stated she might have difficulty with morning meetings due to school commitments. The Committee decided to try a meeting time of 2:30 pm for the next meeting in March.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS**1. Standard traffic calming measures/requests**

Chairman Chapman discussed with the group creating a list of 10 traffic calming measures that could alleviate traffic issues on various streets in Niskayuna. He stated this would be a resource for the various Boards and Departments. He would like to add examples of these traffic measures if possible.

104 **2. Complete Streets connections for School Improvements (Chairman Chapman)**

105 Chairman Chapman stated he is waiting for the school improvements memo and will set up a
106 meeting with the school superintendent to discuss goals for the future.

107 **3. Complete Streets Accomplishments / Website (Chairman Chapman)**

108 Chairman Chapman discussed what will be listed on the website.

109 **4. Co-op Plaza Updates (Ms. Robertson)**

110 Ms. Robertson stated that she has had a brief meeting discussing pedestrian options for the Co-op
111 Plaza updates. She stated they are continuing to work on this.

112 **VII. REPORTS**

113 There were no reports this meeting.

114 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

115 Mr. Hogancamp made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Mr. Levy. The meeting was
116 adjourned at 4:00 pm.



Resolution No. 2021-74

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING COMPLETE STREETS PRIORITY LETTERS FOR THE TOWN, COUNTY, STATE AND SCHOOLS WITHIN THE TOWN OF NISKAYUNA

The following resolution was offered by **Councilman Della Ratta and Councilwoman McGraw**, who moved its adoption, and seconded by

BE IT ENACTED, by the Town Board of the Town of Niskayuna, as follows:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2016-158, the Town Board established a Complete Streets Committee for the Town of Niskayuna to study areas of the Town where Complete Streets could be implemented and advise as to best practices for such implementation; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2017-41, the Town Board established a Complete Streets Policy with the intent to give bicyclists, pedestrians, motorists and mass transit equal consideration in the planning and design of all new street construction and street reconstruction undertaken by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Policy states the Town's intent to recognize that principal Town roads that are characterized as having high vehicle volumes and high travel speeds are important for bicycle and pedestrian travel to access and connect to destinations in and adjacent to the Town and shall be considered for Complete Streets treatments; and

WHEREAS, the Complete Streets Policy further encourages NYSDOT and Schenectady County to consider Complete Streets approaches to their respective streets in the Town of Niskayuna; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Complete Streets Policy goals, the Complete Streets Committee has developed priority letters identifying their top three recommended Complete Street treatments that could be undertaken within Niskayuna by the Town, County, State and Niskayuna schools; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development, Historic Preservation and Environmental Conservation Committee, the Water, Sewer and Engineering Committee, and the Highway, Parks and Recreation Committee concurs with their priority letter recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that this Town Board does hereby endorse the attached Complete Streets priority letters and authorize the Town Supervisor to execute said letters in support and furtherance of the Town of Niskayuna's Complete Streets Policy.



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Schenectady County
Rory Fluman, County Manager
County Office Building
620 State Street, 6th Floor
Schenectady, NY 12305

March 5, 2021

Dear Mr. Fluman,

The Town of Niskayuna appointed a Complete Streets Committee and adopted a Complete Streets Policy to enable safe and convenient access to our streets for all users and support and invite safe, active and ample space for pedestrians, bicycle and public transportation. This in turn promotes healthy living, cost savings, reduces traffic congestion and helps lower greenhouse gas emissions, improving the general quality of life to New York residents.

One of the tasks for the Complete Streets Committee is to work with Schenectady County on Complete Streets initiatives in the Town of Niskayuna. We have been reviewing priorities and have identified the following top three priorities for implementation in Niskayuna.

1. Crosswalk at Nott Street and Regent Street

The Complete Streets Committee identified this as the best location for school aged children and pedestrians to cross Nott Street. Schools and businesses south of Nott Street are a large draw for pedestrians in the northern neighborhoods. Creating a high visibility crosswalk at this location will increase safety and encourage people to cross Nott St in a single spot. The Town is currently pursuing funding this with a grant.

2. Crosswalk at St. Joseph's Drive and River Road

St. Joseph's Drive and River Road is a high traffic pedestrian and bicycle crossing of River Road because St. Joseph's is at the end of a signed on-road bike path "Canalway Trail" that connects to the Mohawk Hudson Bike Hike Trail (MHBHT) across River Road. The "Canalway Trail" bike route also connects into the Nott St East bike path and Windsor Estates, so this trail connects a lot of neighborhoods and funnels them to cross at River Road if they are going north. The Town is currently pursuing funding this with a grant.

3. Crosswalks and sidewalks on Rosendale Road to Lisha Kill

Currently a sidewalk goes from Mayfair Road to Rosehill Boulevard along Rosendale Road. It is a heavily used sidewalk and critical pedestrian connection for the Rosendale Estates subdivisions to access schools and churches. The Complete Streets Committee has identified the need for a multi-use path / sidewalk to extend from Rosehill Boulevard to Iroquois Middle and Rosendale Elementary schools. The addition of these sidewalks and crosswalks will encourage safe pedestrian traffic to the schools and reduce the need for vehicle trips on Rosendale Road.

We understand that budget constraints, staff time and prior commitments all have a role to play, but we'd like to discuss these priorities with you to move them forward in 2021. We will be contacting your

office to set up a meeting to discuss them in the next few weeks. Please feel free to reach out sooner with any questions or concerns, thank you!

Sincerely,

Yasmine Syed, Town Supervisor

William Chapman, Complete Streets Committee Chairman

CC. Laura Robertson, Town Planner
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Cosimo Tangorra, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent
Niskayuna Central Schools
1239 Van Antwerp Road
Niskayuna, NY 12309

March, 2021

Dear Dr. Tangorra,

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One of the tasks for the Complete Streets Committee is to work with the Niskayuna Central School System on Complete Streets initiatives in the Town of Niskayuna. We have been reviewing priorities and have identified the following top three priorities for implementation in Niskayuna.

1. School Zone for Craig Elementary School

The Town of Niskayuna received a grant award from the Capital District Transportation Committee/Capital District Regional Planning Committee (CDTC/CDRPC) for technical assistance to evaluate potential improvements to the walking environment along Balltown Road in the vicinity of the Craig Elementary School. The first and most crucial step for Complete Streets improvements for all modes of traffic in that area is to establish a school zone in front of Craig Elementary School.

2. Crosswalk for Craig Elementary School and Schenectady JCC

The second critical step for Complete Streets identified in the CDTC/CDRPC study is the creation of a crosswalk between Craig Elementary School and the Schenectady JCC. Many Craig Elementary School students attend after school programs at the JCC, there is an overlap in staff and the JCC is the shelter in place site for the school. Aerial photography indicates there was a crosswalk between the two as little as 8 years ago, and the lack of crosswalk there now creates difficulty for these two major pedestrian generators.

3. Paving trails connecting River Road Park to Rosendale & Iroquois schools

Many students and pedestrians who live in the Rosendale Estates subdivisions use rudimentary trails that run through River Road Park to access the neighborhood schools. Paving trails from the two school buildings to the school property line with River Road Park will make them more user friendly and increase their usage. Increased pedestrian/bicycle traffic will decrease vehicular traffic and greenhouse emissions and improve drop off and pick-up times for schools.

We understand that budget constraints, staff time and prior commitments all have a role to play, but we'd like to discuss these priorities with you to move them forward in 2021. We will be contacting your office to set up a meeting to discuss them in the next few weeks. Please feel free to reach out sooner with any questions or concerns, thank you!

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Mark Pyskaldo,
Regional Traffic Engineer
NYSDOT Region 1 Traffic Mobility and Safety
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Albany, NY 12232

March 5, 2021

Dear Mr. Pyskaldo,

In 2016 the Town of Niskayuna appointed a Complete Streets Committee and adopted a Complete Streets Policy to enable safe and convenient access to our streets for all users and support and invite safe, active and ample space for pedestrians, bicycle and public transportation. This in turn promotes healthy living, cost savings, a reduction in traffic congestion and helps lower greenhouse gas emissions, improving the general quality of life to New York residents.

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3. Pedestrian connection to Mohawk Hudson Bike Hike Trail (MHBHT)

Within the last 2 years the Town finished a Transportation Improvement Project that resulted in a pedestrian connection from Flower Hill to the MHBHT. This allows people to access the trail without having to drive to it. A well placed crosswalk across Route 7 will allow more people on the south side of Route 7 to take advantage of this critical pedestrian connection and increase the benefits of this funding.

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1. Sidewalk on Plum Street

There is currently a sidewalk on Van Antwerp Road but there is no sidewalk on the block of Plum Street that connects Van Antwerp Road to Hillside Elementary School. This is a heavily traveled pedestrian and vehicle route to the school. The addition of a sidewalk along this section of Plum Street will separate the pedestrian traffic from the vehicular traffic. This will increase safety at a very congested confluence of buses, cars and pedestrians. Additional, the Complete Streets Committee has learned that the most affected property may be willing to work with the Town on this. Because it is a small section of sidewalk, has high safety impacts, and has a property owner willing to work with the Town, this is the Complete Street's Committee's number one priority for 2021.

2. Sidewalk on Cornelius Street

Many elementary school children and families use Cornelius Street when walking to Hillside Elementary School. However, the sidewalk on Cornelius Street currently ends at Ray Street. This requires that people walk in the street where cars and buses are traveling to drop off and pick up children. A sidewalk would make the trip safer by separating pedestrian and vehicular traffic, reduce congestion, encourage more people to walk to the school rather than drive, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

3. Sidewalk on Birchwood to Route 7

There is currently no sidewalk on Birchwood Lane making it difficult for pedestrians and bicycles to safely travel to Birchwood Elementary School. Birchwood is a busy road and walkers need the extra protection on this route to make it safely to the school.

We understand that budget constraints, staff time and prior commitments all have a role to play, but we'd like to discuss these priorities with you to move them forward in 2021. We will be contacting your

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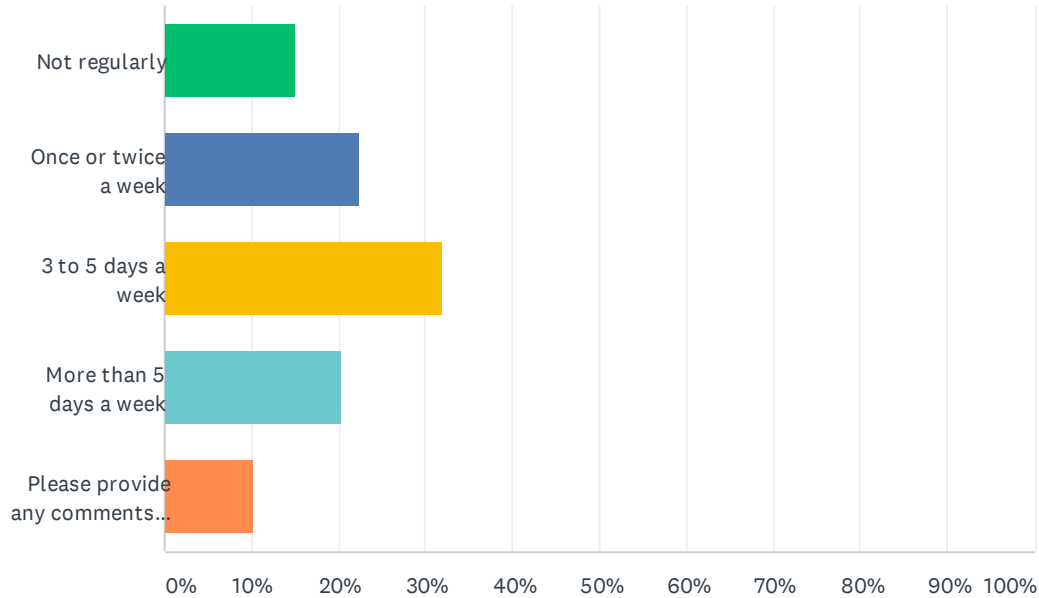
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Town of Niskayuna Complete Streets Committee

Q1 Where do you live? Please provide your neighborhood or street name as this will provide context to many of the answers you provide in this survey. (Note: Individual survey results will not be published).

Answered: 355 Skipped: 11

Q2 Thinking about the period prior to the Pandemic (prior to February 2020), how many days a week would you say you were walking or biking in Niskayuna?

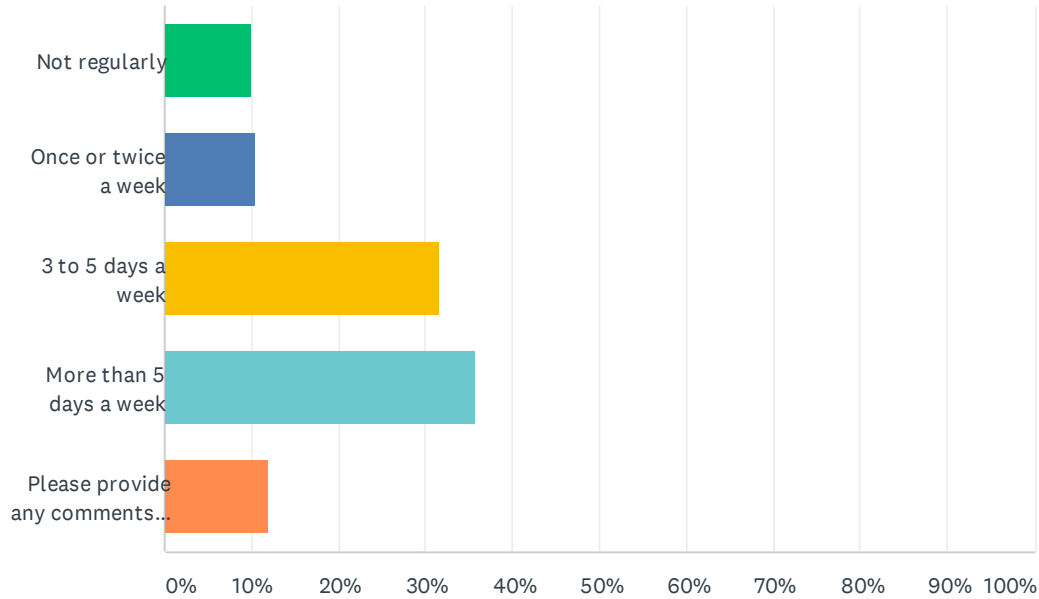
Answered: 363 Skipped: 3



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Not regularly | 15.15% | 55 |
| Once or twice a week | 22.31% | 81 |
| 3 to 5 days a week | 31.96% | 116 |
| More than 5 days a week | 20.39% | 74 |
| Please provide any comments related to this question here. | 10.19% | 37 |
| TOTAL | | 363 |

Q3 During the Pandemic (March 2020 to the present), how many days a week would you say you were walking or biking in Niskayuna?

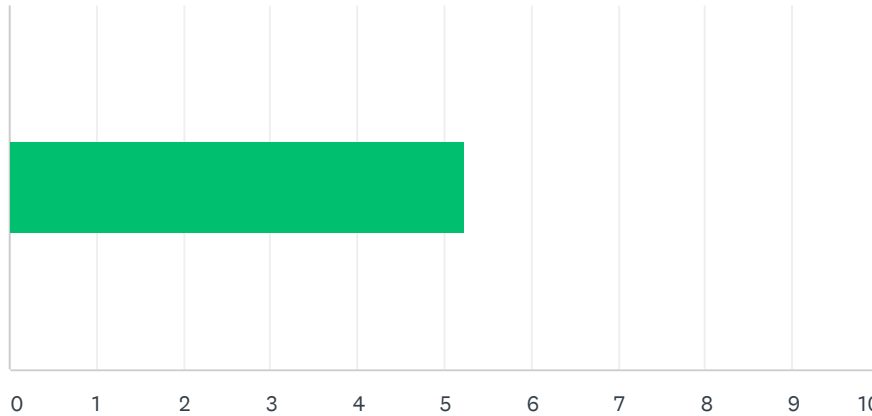
Answered: 366 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|------------|
| Not regularly | 10.11% | 37 |
| Once or twice a week | 10.38% | 38 |
| 3 to 5 days a week | 31.69% | 116 |
| More than 5 days a week | 35.79% | 131 |
| Please provide any comments related to this question here. | 12.02% | 44 |
| TOTAL | | 366 |

Q4 Does it seem like vehicle drivers are more prepared to encounter bicyclists and pedestrians on the street today than they were prior to the pandemic?

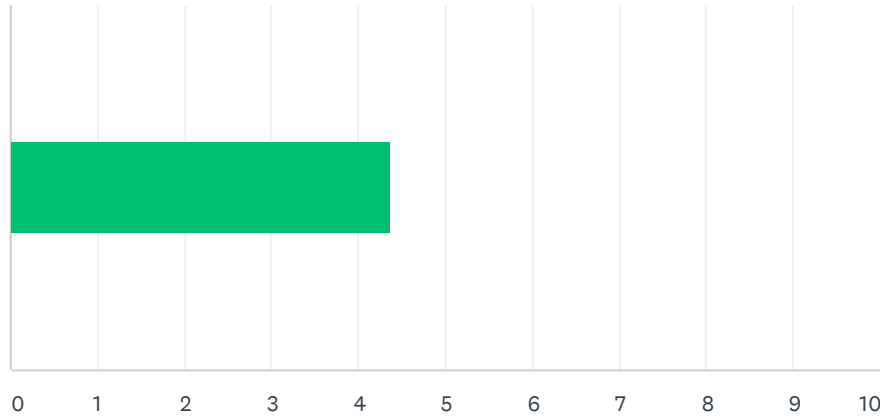
Answered: 360 Skipped: 6



| ANSWER CHOICES | AVERAGE NUMBER | TOTAL NUMBER | RESPONSES |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| | 5 | 1,882 | 360 |
| Total Respondents: 360 | | | |

Q5 How often do you experience aggressive drivers as a bicyclist or pedestrian?

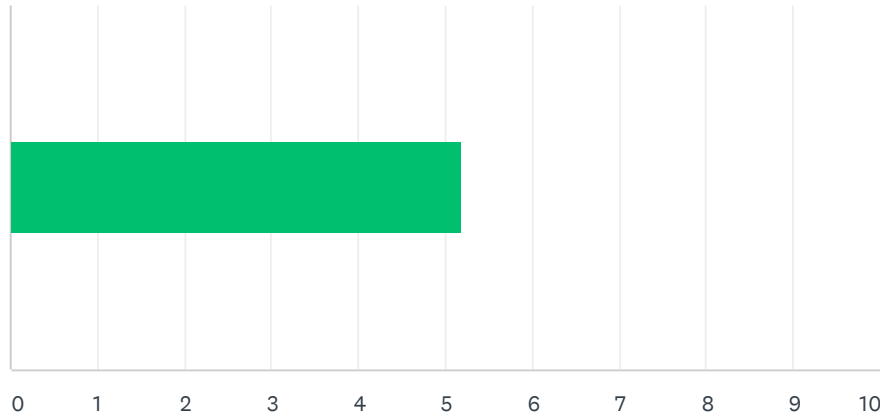
Answered: 337 Skipped: 29



| ANSWER CHOICES | AVERAGE NUMBER | TOTAL NUMBER | RESPONSES |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| | 4 | 1,470 | 337 |
| Total Respondents: 337 | | | |

Q6 How safe, from a traffic safety perspective only, do you feel when walking or biking throughout the Town today?

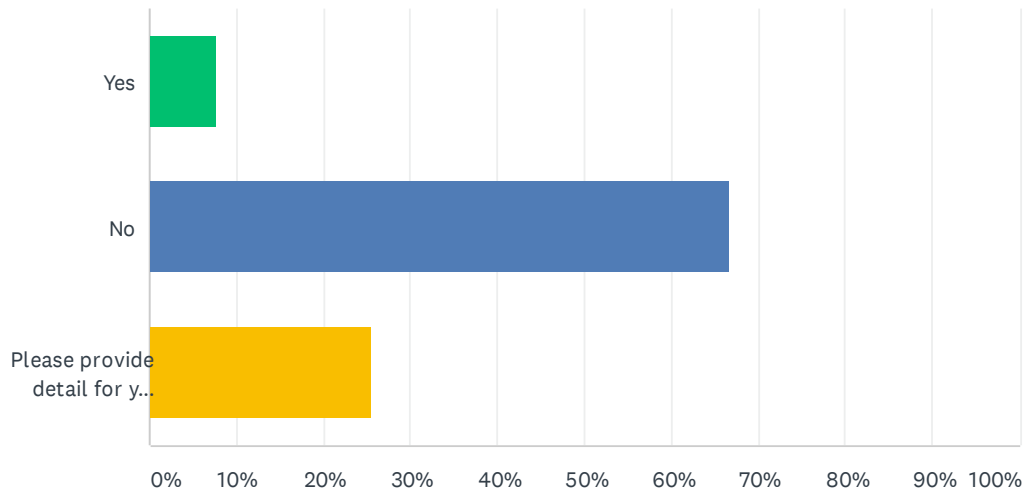
Answered: 357 Skipped: 9



| ANSWER CHOICES | AVERAGE NUMBER | TOTAL NUMBER | RESPONSES |
|------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------|
| | 5 | 1,854 | 357 |
| Total Respondents: 357 | | | |

Q7 Has your overall impression of your ability to safely walk or bike from your doorstep changed since the Pandemic began?

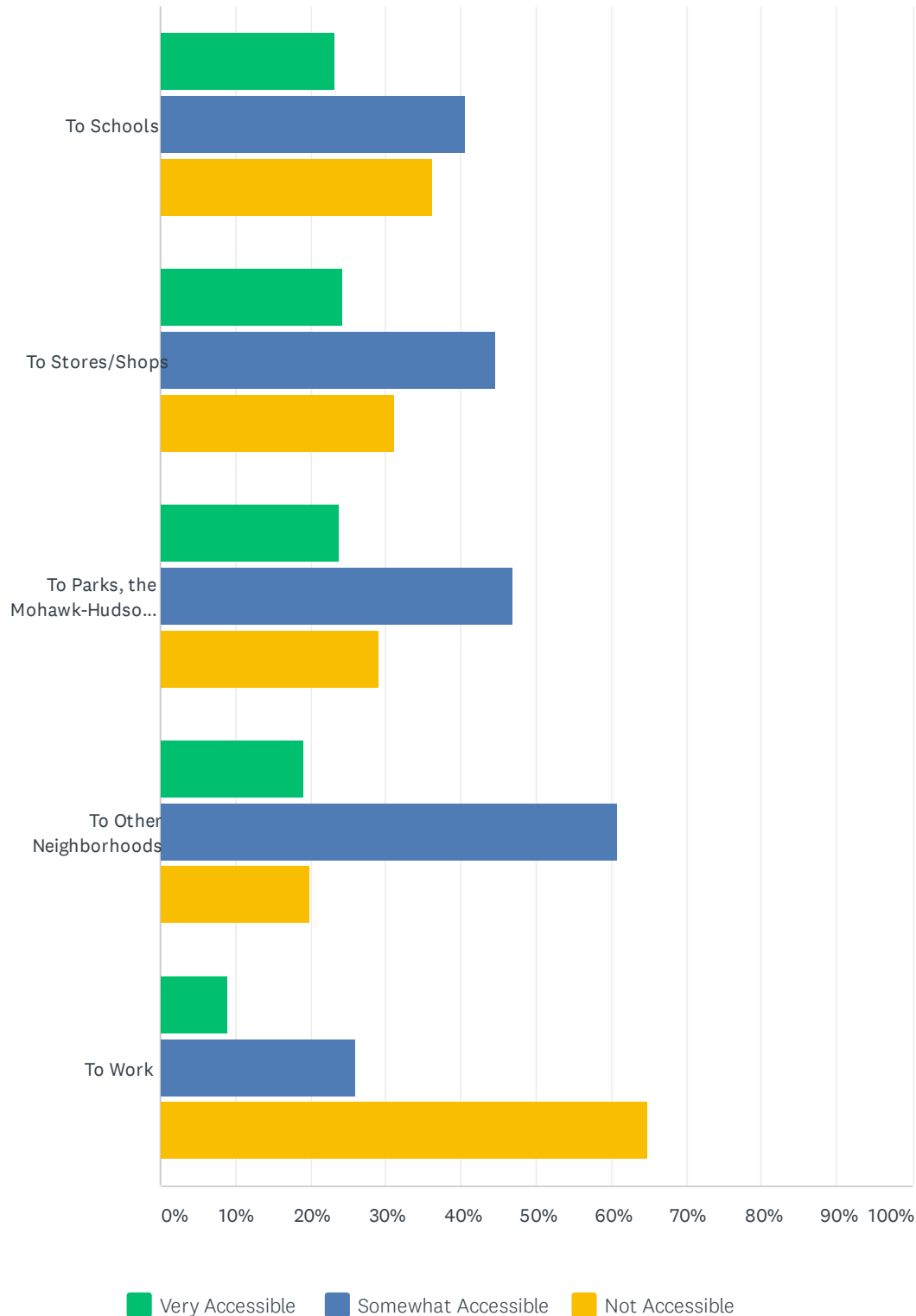
Answered: 364 Skipped: 2



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Yes | 7.69% | 28 |
| No | 66.76% | 243 |
| Please provide detail for your answer. | 25.55% | 93 |
| TOTAL | | 364 |

Q8 How would you rate accessibility of walking or biking from your neighborhood to destinations you would like to reach such as parks, schools, shops/stores, other neighborhoods, etc.?

Answered: 365 Skipped: 1



Niskayuna Complete Streets Resident Survey

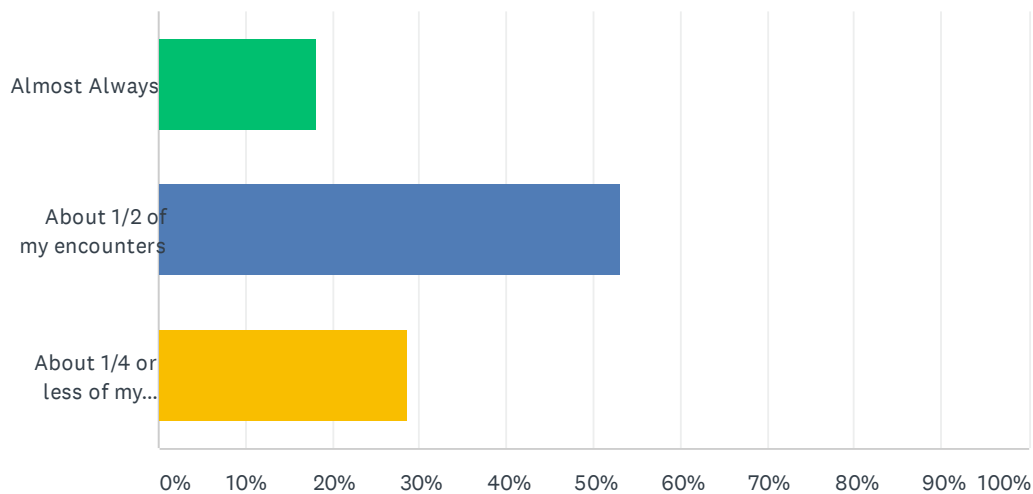
| | VERY ACCESSIBLE | SOMEWHAT ACCESSIBLE | NOT ACCESSIBLE | TOTAL |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------|
| To Schools | 23.25% 83 | 40.62% 145 | 36.13% 129 | 357 |
| To Stores/Shops | 24.23% 87 | 44.57% 160 | 31.20% 112 | 359 |
| To Parks, the Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail, Other Recreation | 23.89% 86 | 46.94% 169 | 29.17% 105 | 360 |
| To Other Neighborhoods | 19.11% 69 | 60.94% 220 | 19.94% 72 | 361 |
| To Work | 9.09% 29 | 26.02% 83 | 64.89% 207 | 319 |

Q9 What could be improved or what needs to be improved to increase your feeling of safety, connectivity, or accessibility (Once again, the focus is on your ability to get around your neighborhood/the Town)? Some low-cost ideas include adding signage, striping for bike lanes, striping more crosswalks, etc.

Answered: 319 Skipped: 47

Q10 On those occasions when you have been driving or walking in town after dark and encountered a pedestrian or bicyclist, how often would you say that walkers or bicyclists have had adequate visibility (e.g. flashlight, headlamp, blinking lights, reflective clothing) so that you could easily see them?

Answered: 356 Skipped: 10



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----|
| Almost Always | 18.26% | 65 |
| About 1/2 of my encounters | 53.09% | 189 |
| About 1/4 or less of my encounters | 28.65% | 102 |
| TOTAL | | 356 |

Q11 The Town has identified two priority locations to install crosswalks based on their work over the last few years. Do you:

Answered: 325 Skipped: 41

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-----|
| Currently cross Nott Street at Regent Street and do you support the installation of a crosswalk at this location? | 96.92% | 315 |
| Currently cross River Road at St. Joseph Drive and do you support the installation of a crosswalk at this location? | 92.92% | 302 |

Q12 The Niskayuna Complete Streets Committee has held a bike education event in each of the last two years to promote bicycle use and safety. These events were well attended by Town residents. While such a festival is unlikely this year due to the Pandemic, do you want to see these events continue?

Answered: 318 Skipped: 48

Q13 The Niskayuna Complete Streets Committee is working on identifying potential Complete Streets/Traffic Calming measures that may be appropriate or desired in the Town, most often through physical changes to the design of a street. Do you believe a physical change/improvement could successfully improve bicycle and pedestrian mobility and safety in your neighborhood? If so, please tell us where, why you believe the existing situation needs to change, and provide thoughts on the type of change you would like to see (if you have a specific change in mind). Finally, would you be willing to talk with a Complete Streets member about a possible demonstration project (5-7 day temporary setup) to "test-drive" a traffic calming measure? If yes, please be sure to provide your name and contact information in the answer box below.

Answered: 209 Skipped: 157

Q14 If you have any additional thoughts on pedestrian and bicycle safety in the Town of Niskayuna, please provide them below.

Answered: 166 Skipped: 200

Traffic Calming Definitions & Examples

Chicane

Description:

A series of alternating curves or lane shifts that force a motorist to steer back and forth instead of traveling a straight path.

Seen in Niskayuna at:



Photo Credit: Richard Drdul - Traffic Calming Flickr Photoset, CC BY-SA 2.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=3759526>

Roundabout

Description:

A road junction at which traffic moves in one direction around a central island to reach one of the roads converging on it; a traffic circle.

Seen in Niskayuna at:



Photo Credit: Jim Levy

Speed Cushion

Description:

A median is the portion of the roadway separating opposing directions of the roadway, or local lanes from through travel lanes.

Seen in Niskayuna at:



Photo Credit: Jim Levy

Speed Hump

Description:

Speed humps are 3–4 inches high and 12–14 feet wide, with a ramp length of 3–6 feet, depending on target speed.

Speed humps reduce speeds to 15–20 mph and are often referred to as “bumps” on signage and by the general public.

Seen in Niskayuna at:



Photo Credit: <https://nacto.org/publication/urban-street-design-guide>

Speed Table

Description:

Speed tables are mid-block traffic calming devices that raise the entire wheelbase of a vehicle to reduce its traffic speed. Speed tables are longer than speed humps and flat-topped, with a height of 3–3.5 inches and a length of 22 feet.

Seen in Niskayuna at:

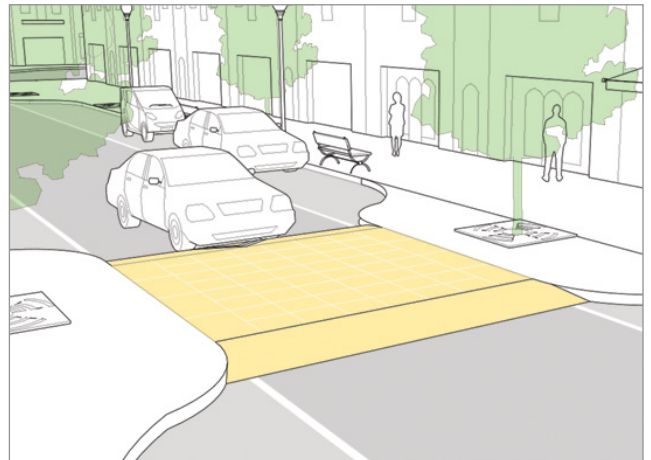


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Speed Cushion

Description:

Speed cushions are either speed humps or speed tables that include wheel cutouts to allow large vehicles to pass unaffected, while reducing passenger car speeds. They can be offset to allow unimpeded passage by emergency vehicles and are typically used on key emergency response routes.

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