

# BRUCE VENTO REGIONAL TRAIL EXTENSION – PHASE 2

## ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Ramsey County Parks & Recreation is looking to re-envision the Bruce Vento Regional Trail as a 13.3 mile trail from downtown Saint Paul to the county boundary in White Bear Township.

Ramsey County is working to design an extension of the Bruce Vento Regional Trail that will stretch the remaining 3.5 miles of the corridor between Whitaker Street and County Road J. This document provides a summary of community and stakeholder engagement that has helped to inform the initial design of the trail.



#### HOW DID WE GATHER FEEDBACK?

In the summer and fall of 2021, project partners hosted a pop-up event, virtual engagement, public open house and community outreach to present initial design concepts and gather community feedback. These in-person and virtual public input opportunities were promoted broadly, including mailed meeting notifications, social media promotion, a press release, email notifications, and updates to the project website to share digital copies of meeting materials.



#### WHAT ENGAGEMENT OCCURRED?

- 135+** Engaged at WBL MarketFest pop-up event (July 1, 2021)
- 2** virtual public meetings (lunch / evening ) on July 14, 2021
- 90+** Attendance for public meeting on Oct. 21 2021
- 135+** Survey responses. Survey open for public input from Oct. 21 - Nov. 10
- 70+** Interactive map comments



#### WHAT SUGGESTIONS AND DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS DID WE RECIEVE FROM THE COMMUNITY?



**Pedestrian safety** concerns with trail crossing at Hwy 96.



**Property and environmental impacts** are significant community concerns. Project partners have heard a range of opinions about the potential route of the Bruce Vento Trail extension. We are working to address these community concerns.



Suggested to **route trail on lakeside** of Bald Eagle Avenue.



Project **planned in coordination** with White Bear Lake, White Bear Township and White Bear Lake School District.



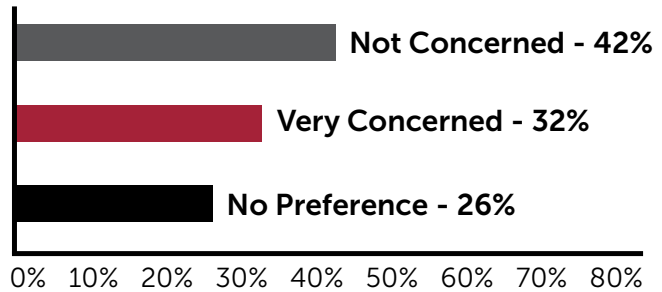
Suggestion to consider **potential one-way roadway** on portions of Bald Eagle Ave. and/or Hugo Road.



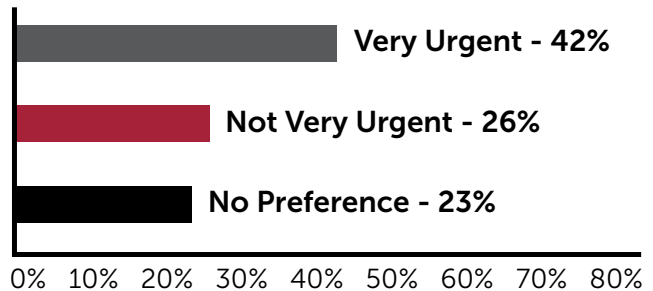
## WHAT DID WE HEAR?

In October 2021, Ramsey County conducted a survey to better understand community preferences for several design considerations for the Phase 2 Extension of the Bruce Vento Regional Trail. The survey received more than 135 responses and below is a summary of community feedback provided on the survey.

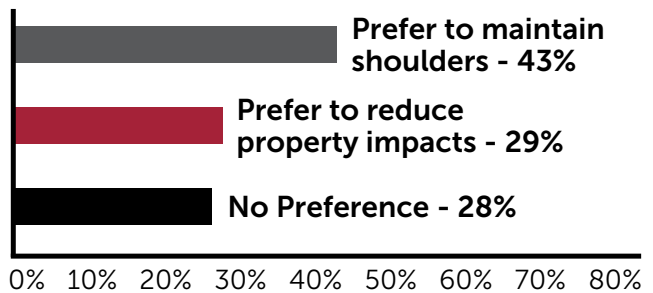
**1) Would you be concerned about the narrowing of Lincoln Ave. and the potential loss of on-street parking?**



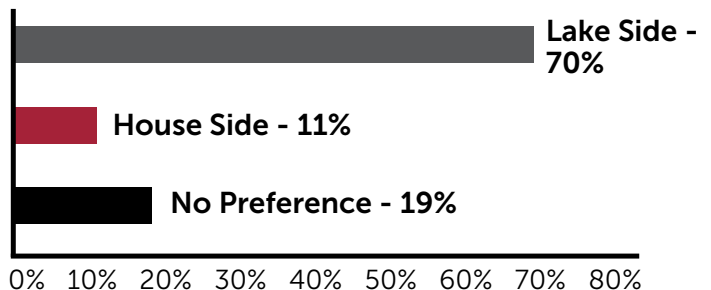
**2) In your opinion, if safe bicycle and pedestrian access can be accomplished with improvements at road-level, is a pedestrian bridge over Highway 96 still urgent?**



**3) How important is it that existing road shoulders north of the high school remain in place once the project is constructed?**



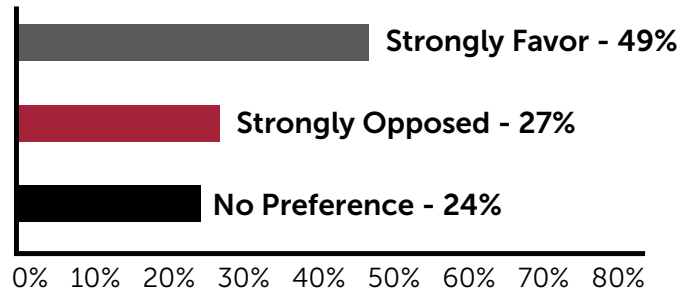
**4) Do you have a preference for which side of the road a trail would be located along Bald Eagle Blvd.?**



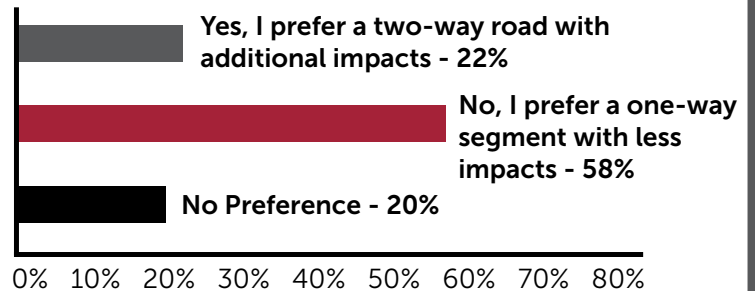


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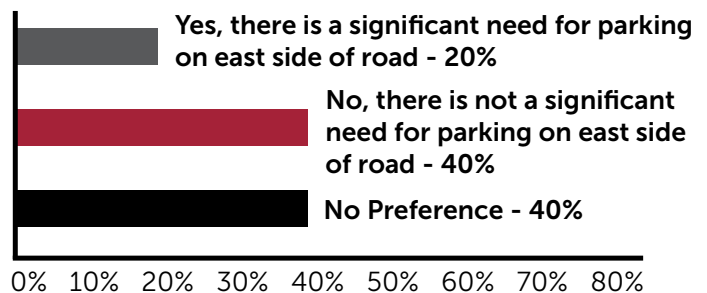
**5) How do you feel about converting a portion of Bald Eagle Blvd. to one-way? (Park Ave. to Taylor Ave.)**



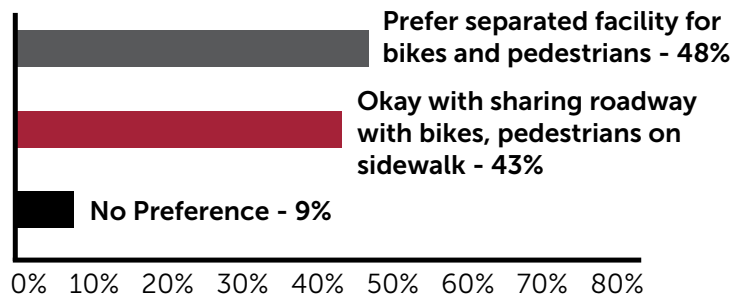
**6) Do you prefer that Bald Eagle Blvd. remain a two-way road with trail if that means impacts such as acquiring more road right of way to fit a trail will occur?**



**7) In your opinion, is there a significant need for parking on the east side of Hugo Road, between Taylor Ave. and the Bald Eagle picnic area?**



**8) How do you feel about sharing the roadway with bikes along Hugo Road, between Taylor Ave. and the Bald Eagle picnic area?**





WHAT DID WE HEAR?

**9) What amenities would you like to see along the trail?  
Check all that apply.**

