

# RICE STREET VISIONING STUDY

## Improvement Toolbox Engagement Summary

From August to December 2020, the project team gathered feedback on specific tools that could be used to improve the project area. These tools were released in five separate topic groups: pedestrian and bicycle, transit, streetscape, vehicle traffic, and neighborhood design improvements. Members of the public were given the opportunity to learn about each option and provide their feedback via an online survey. After these online topics were released, the project team held an open house in November to discuss results and share potential roadway design options.

### IMPROVEMENT TOOLBOX PHASE

Aug. 2020

Sept.

Oct.

Nov.

Dec. 2020

## TOOLBOX PHASE ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT



## ONLINE ENGAGEMENT TIMELINE



## WHAT'S NEXT FOR 2021?

From January - August 2021, the remaining community engagement will focus on design solutions and alternatives for the corridor and surrounding community. In this phase, please continue to share your feedback on roadway design options and which options are best for the Rice Street corridor.

### ROADWAY DESIGN OPTIONS

### SELECTED DESIGN

Nov. 2020

Dec.

Jan. 2021

Feb.

March

April

May

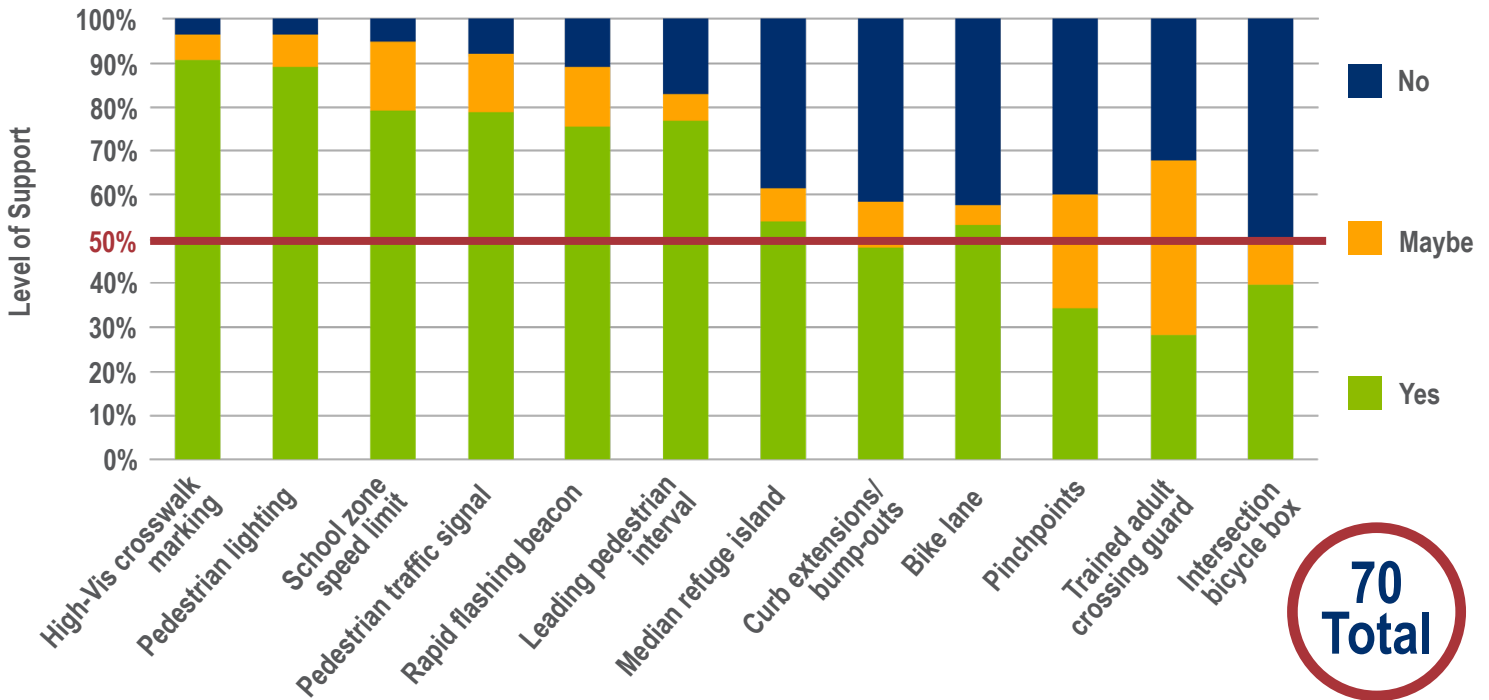
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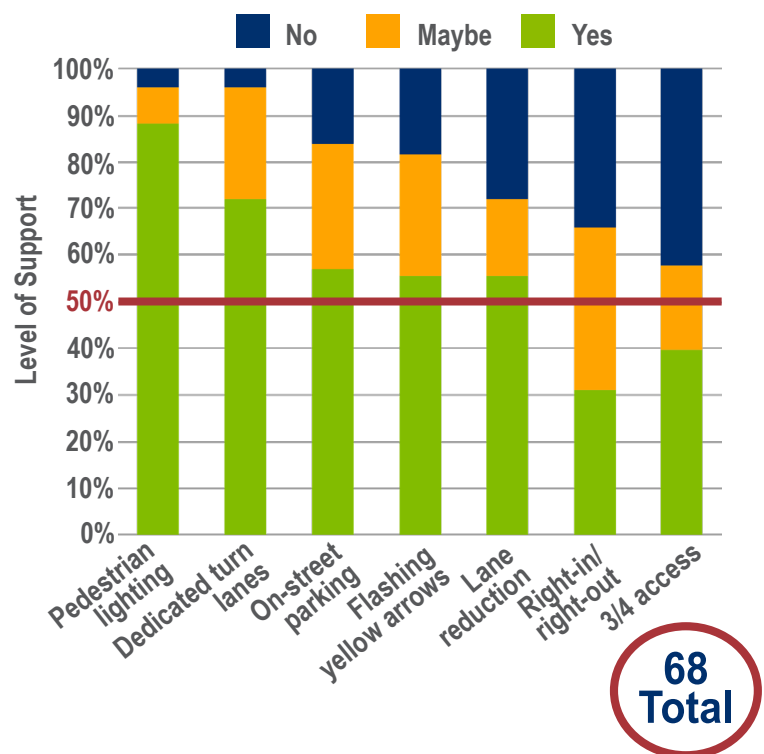
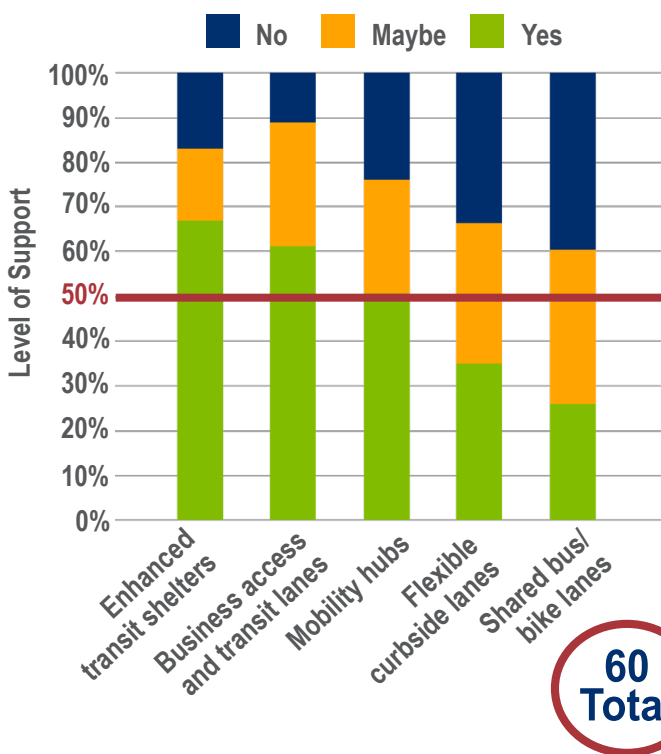
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## PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE SURVEY

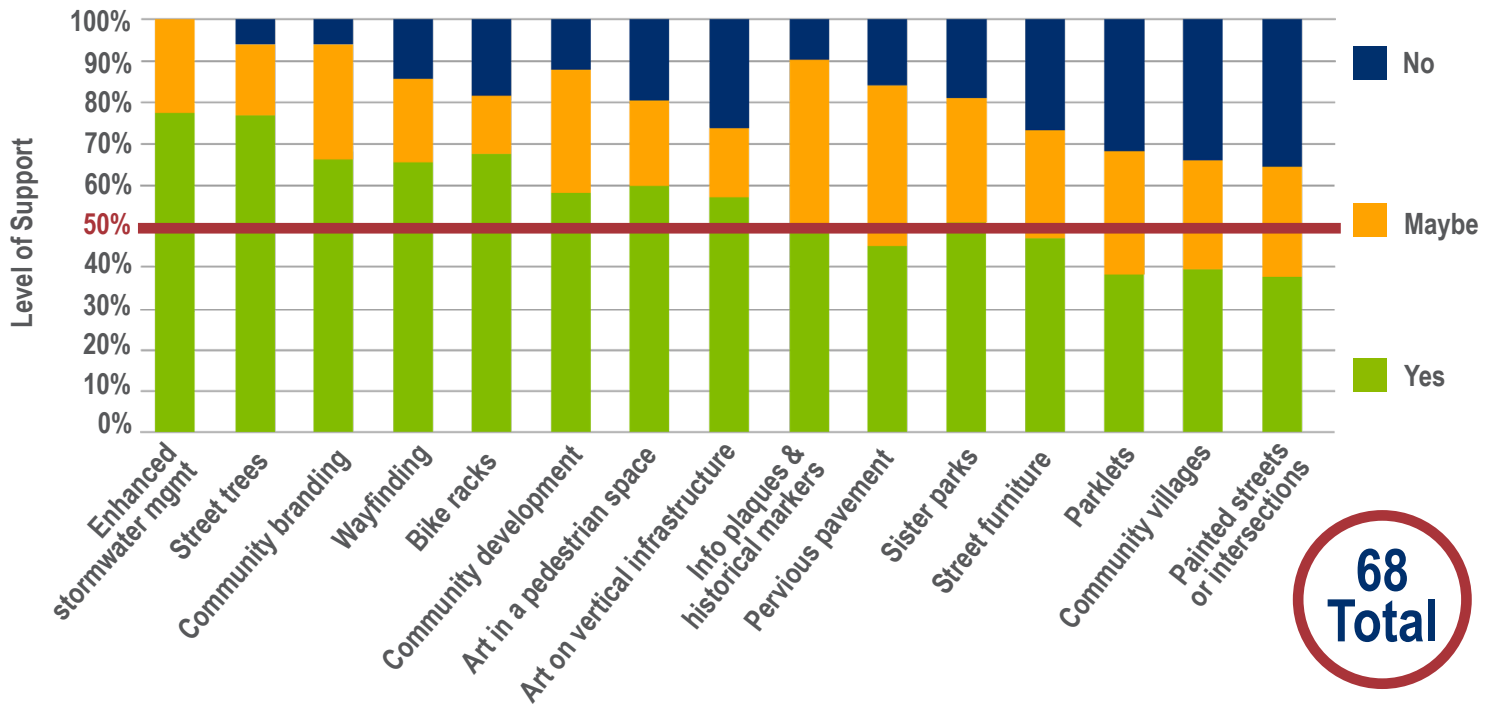


## TRANSIT & VEHICLE SURVEY

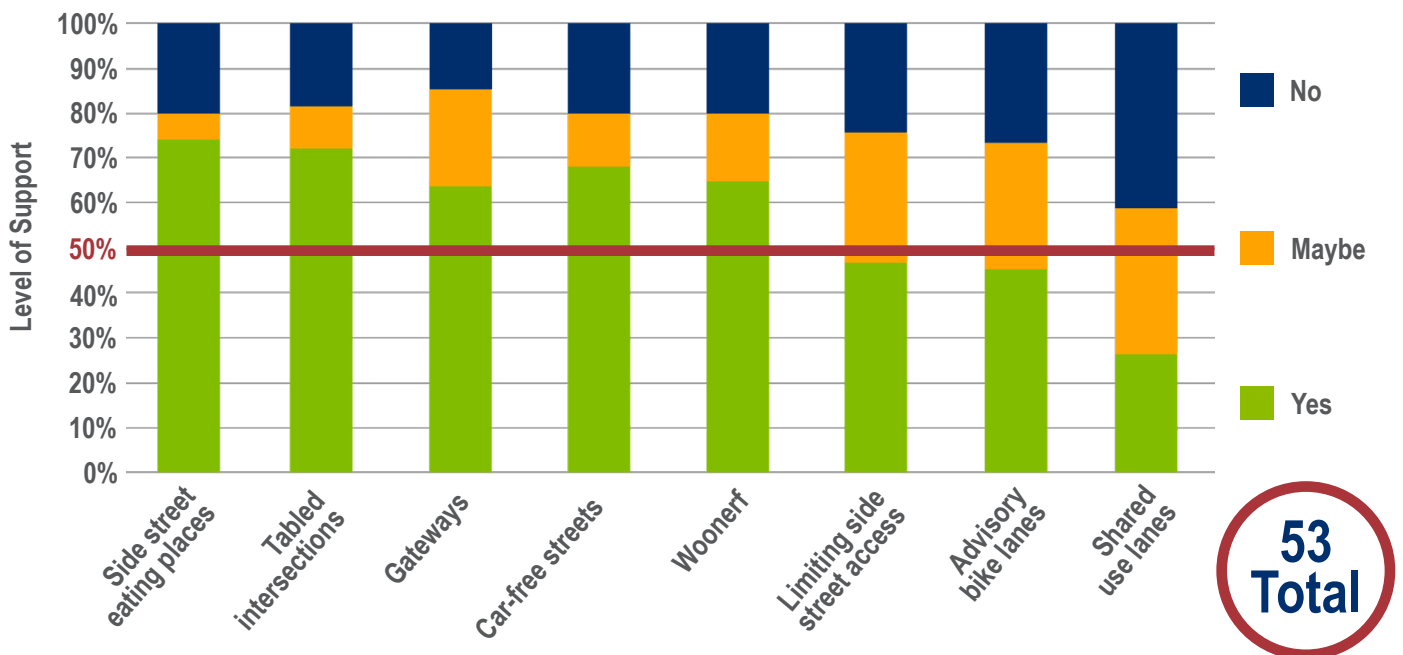


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## STREETSCAPE SURVEY



## NEIGHBORHOOD DESIGN SURVEY



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## TOOLBOX SURVEY COMMON THEMES

### Needs

- Prioritize businesses, transit, non-motorized users and vulnerable populations (children, elderly, disabled).
- Maintain current traffic flow and lanes.
- Safer pedestrian infrastructure (wider sidewalks, medians, pedestrian lighting).
- Traffic calming devices (narrowing lanes).
- Safer bicycle infrastructure (protected bike lanes rather than advisory or shared bike lanes).
- Maintain or increase amount of parking.
- Placemaking (attractive infrastructure, green spaces, art, community branding, historical plaques).

### Concerns

- Bus and bike lanes impact on traffic flow.
- Traffic speed and congestion.
- Impacts of limiting side street access.
- Right-of-way space.
- Diversion of traffic to side streets.
- Bike lane usage in winter.
- Winter maintenance of non-motorized facilities.
- Access to businesses.
- Improvement costs.

## OPEN HOUSE SURVEY COMMON THEMES



Seven different roadway concepts were presented at the open house. You can review the concepts by viewing slides 39-46 of the open house presentation on the project website. These newly introduced concepts will be explored much more in the next phase.

### Concept 1

- » Concern about pedestrian and bicycle safety.
- » Support for dedicated turn lanes.
- » Comments that sidewalks are too narrow.
- » Concern about lack of parking.

### Concept 2

- » Road feels comfortable and community oriented.
- » Mixed response about on-street parking and bike lanes.
- » Support for center turn lanes.
- » Concerns about pedestrian safety.

### Concept 3

- » Mixed response for the shared use path.
- » Concern about pedestrian conflicts with bicycles and cars.
- » Support for wide boulevards.
- » Concern about lack of parking.

### Concept 4

- » Support for large sidewalks and center medians.
- » Desire for permanent parking and bike lanes.
- » Support for removing temporary parking.
- » Concern about traffic backups.

### Concept 5

- » Support for balance of non-motorized and motorized uses.
- » Mixed response about on-street parking and bike lanes.
- » Support for larger sidewalks.
- » Concern about lack of center turn lane.

### Concept 6

- » Desire for bike lanes and center turn lanes.
- » Positive comments about pedestrian safety.
- » Mixed response about parking.
- » Positive comments about bump-outs.

### Concept 7

- » Concerns about bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- » Desire for more parking and wider sidewalks.
- » Negative comments about the prioritization of motorized over non-motorized users.

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## POP-UP EVENTS

Plant Pop Up  
July 31, 2020

Dars Ice Cream  
Aug. 21, 2020

Larpen TOUR  
Sept. 26, 2020

Double Dragon Foods  
Oct. 17, 2020



**Key Quote**  
"Rice Street redesign **NEEDS** to be truly transformative."

**Key Quote**  
"I would like to see cleaner streets and the community coming together more."



**Key Quote**  
"Our youth are our future, we must build them up to have a better Rice Street."

