

Lower Cascades Park
Pilot Road Conversion

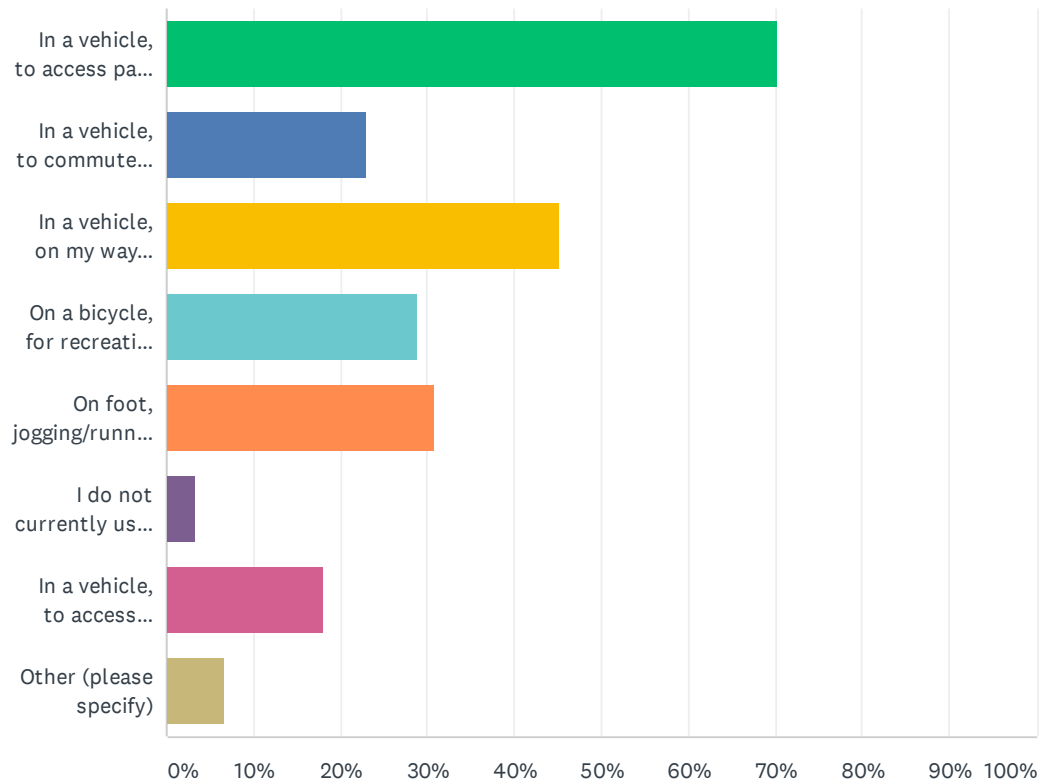
CASCADES TRAIL STUDY SURVEY

City of Bloomington, Indiana
Parks & Recreation Department



Q2 How do you currently use Old State Road 37 North through Lower Cascades Park?

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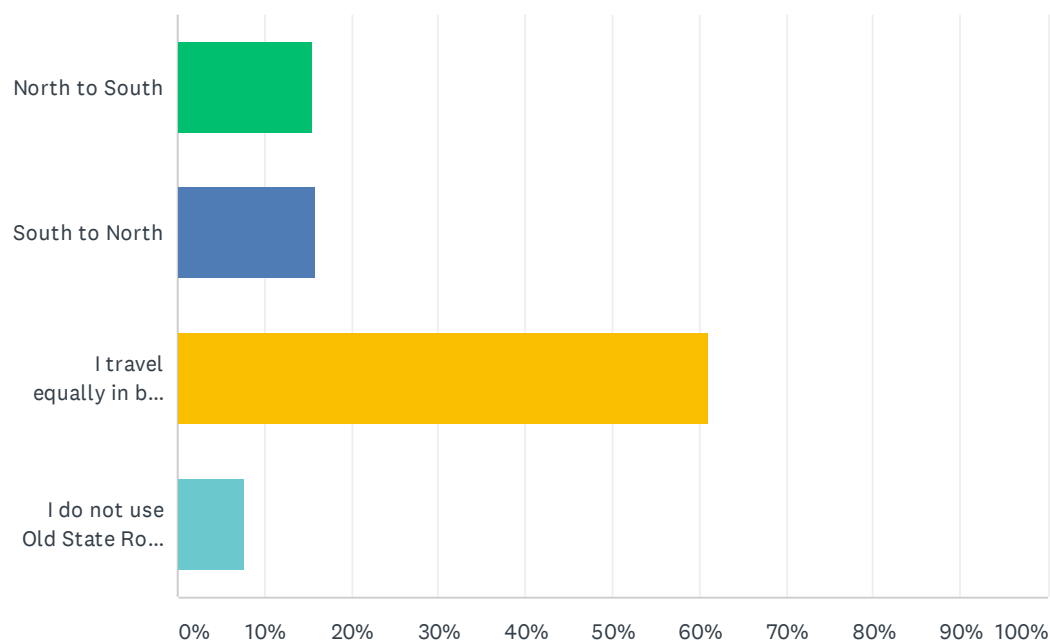
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
In a vehicle, to access park amenities	70.28%	149
In a vehicle, to commute to/from work or school	23.11%	49
In a vehicle, on my way somewhere else	45.28%	96
On a bicycle, for recreation or to commute to work or school	28.77%	61
On foot, jogging/running/walking for recreation or exercise	30.66%	65
I do not currently use Old State Road 37 North	3.30%	7
In a vehicle, to access nearby businesses	17.92%	38
Other (please specify)	6.60%	14
Total Respondents: 212		

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	During events at IU to avoid heavy traffic congestion.	3/24/2019 9:40 PM
2	I don't drive through Lower Cascades Park. I take old state road 37 North from the stop light near the dog park. I turn at the stop sign and head up to the golf course. I never pass through the area with the playground. I always walk through that area.	3/18/2019 9:11 PM
3	In the morning, anyone north of Ind. 46 going south has only Kinser Pike and Old 37 as access to the south. During North's drop off period it takes 3 or 4 light changes to get through.	3/18/2019 2:26 PM
4	Walk dogs through area	3/17/2019 7:25 PM
5	Coming home from Indianapolis it is much closer to my home.	3/16/2019 11:08 AM
6	I also use OSR 37 to avoid the intersection of N Walnut St and SR 46 when going downtown.	3/15/2019 2:08 PM
7	I access the golf course.	3/14/2019 5:17 PM
8	Gourley pike to Old 37N to college ave makes great cut through access	3/14/2019 4:27 PM
9	I drive through for pleasure as a preferred alternative route.	3/14/2019 8:46 AM
10	often use it when there are IU games and traffic is bad. Living in Blue Ridge makes travel difficult on game days and we depend on using Lower Cascades as a transportation route	3/14/2019 8:16 AM
11	I rarely drive on it, but wouldn't want to see it closed to vehicle traffic	3/11/2019 5:04 PM
12	When I drive on Old State Road 37 it is to access the amazing playground in Lower Cascades Park.	3/11/2019 10:44 AM
13	Joyriding on a mototcycle	3/11/2019 8:36 AM
14	on the way to/from Ferguson dog park	3/9/2019 9:04 AM

Q3 If you use Old State Road 37 North primarily in a vehicle, which direction do you typically travel?

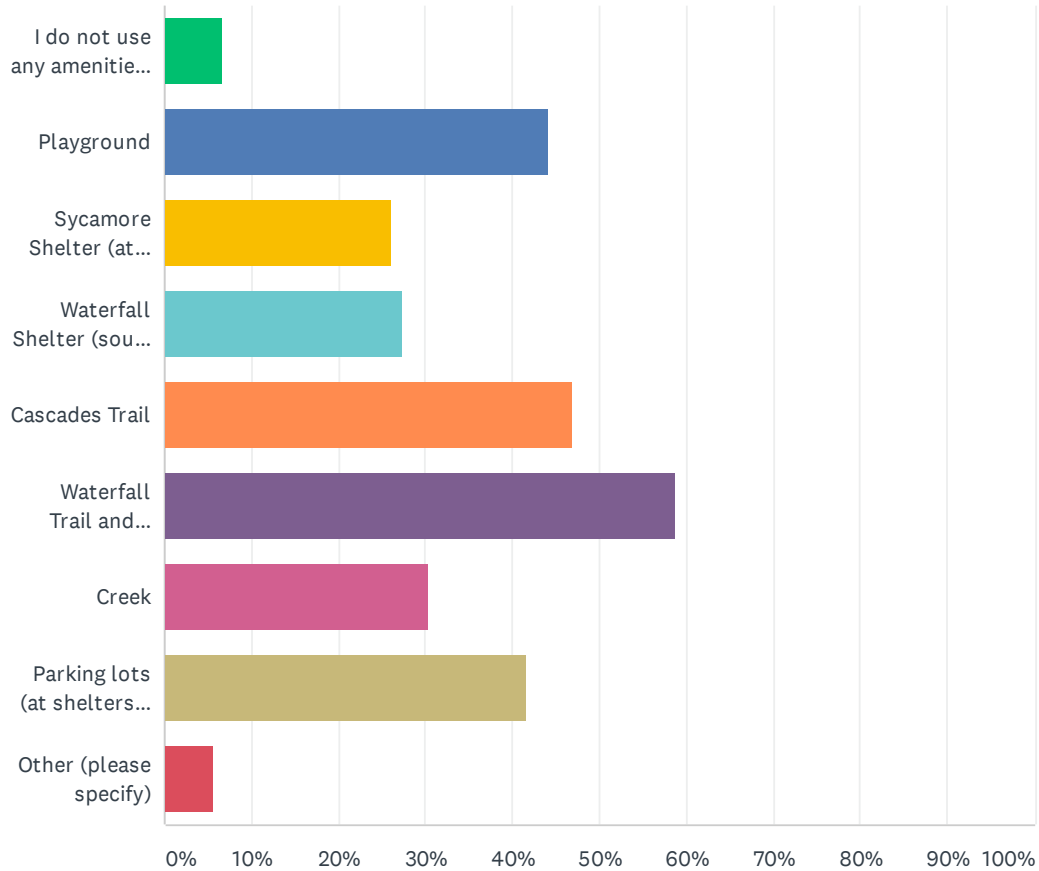
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
North to South	15.38%	32
South to North	15.87%	33
I travel equally in both directions	61.06%	127
I do not use Old State Road 37 North	7.69%	16
TOTAL		208

Q4 What amenities at Lower Cascades Park do you use most often?

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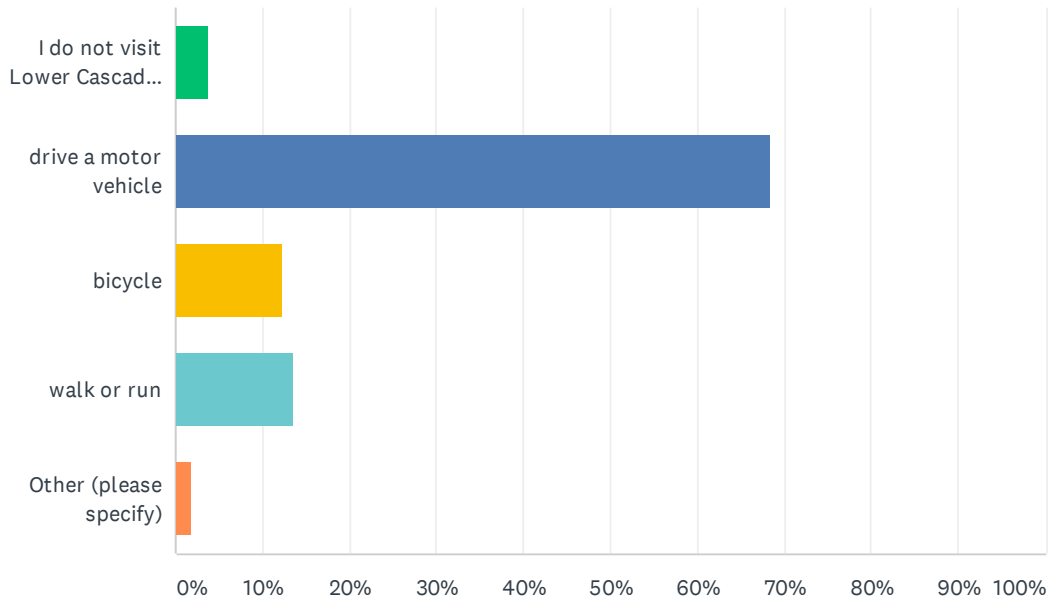
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not use any amenities at Lower Cascades Park.	6.64%	14
Playground	44.08%	93
Sycamore Shelter (at Clubhouse Drive & Old State Road 37 North)	26.07%	55
Waterfall Shelter (south side of the park, across the creek)	27.49%	58
Cascades Trail	46.92%	99
Waterfall Trail and waterfall	58.77%	124
Creek	30.33%	64
Parking lots (at shelters, playground, or along Old State Road 37 North)	41.71%	88
Other (please specify)	5.69%	12
Total Respondents: 211		

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Golf course	3/31/2019 10:46 AM
2	I use these facilities, but rarely.	3/24/2019 1:09 PM
3	Walking my dogs.	3/18/2019 6:21 PM
4	Softball fields	3/18/2019 2:53 PM
5	golf course	3/17/2019 10:31 AM
6	I use OSR 37 and the existing trails daily for walking (usually about 4 miles a day).	3/15/2019 2:08 PM
7	Softball fields!	3/15/2019 10:32 AM
8	Sometimes just a cruise through the park for a natural break from the city crowd	3/14/2019 2:13 PM
9	Access golf course and BHSN	3/14/2019 1:59 PM
10	Just to get to/from either the bottom rd area or north on Old 37 on bicycle.	3/8/2019 10:29 PM
11	The open green spaces along the creek for hammocking and lounging.	3/8/2019 12:29 PM
12	So far the playground, though we intend to explore more as a family (two 6-year-olds and a 9-month-old).	3/8/2019 12:17 PM

Q5 When you visit Lower Cascades Park, do you usually:

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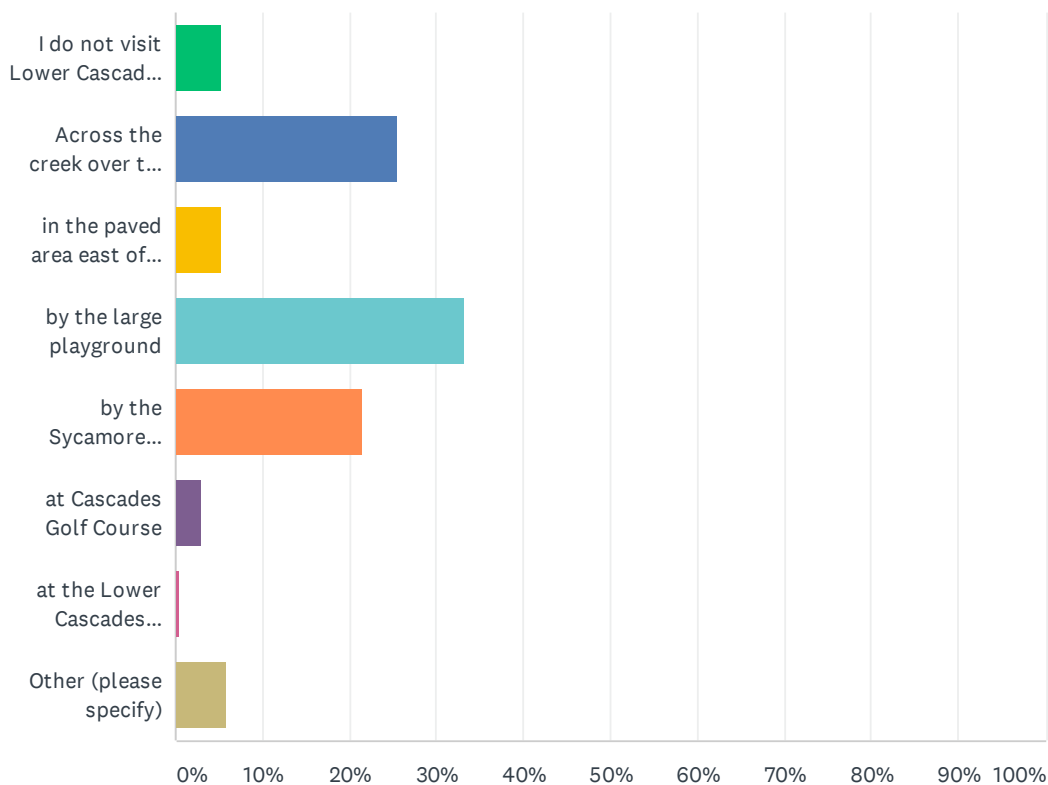


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not visit Lower Cascades Park	3.77%	8
drive a motor vehicle	68.40%	145
bicycle	12.26%	26
walk or run	13.68%	29
Other (please specify)	1.89%	4
TOTAL		212

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Vehicle and walk/run	3/18/2019 9:11 PM
2	Bike or drive or walk	3/18/2019 8:51 AM
3	Take grandchildren to the park.	3/16/2019 11:08 AM
4	Vehicle	3/14/2019 4:20 PM

Q6 When you visit Lower Cascades Park, which parking area do you use most often?

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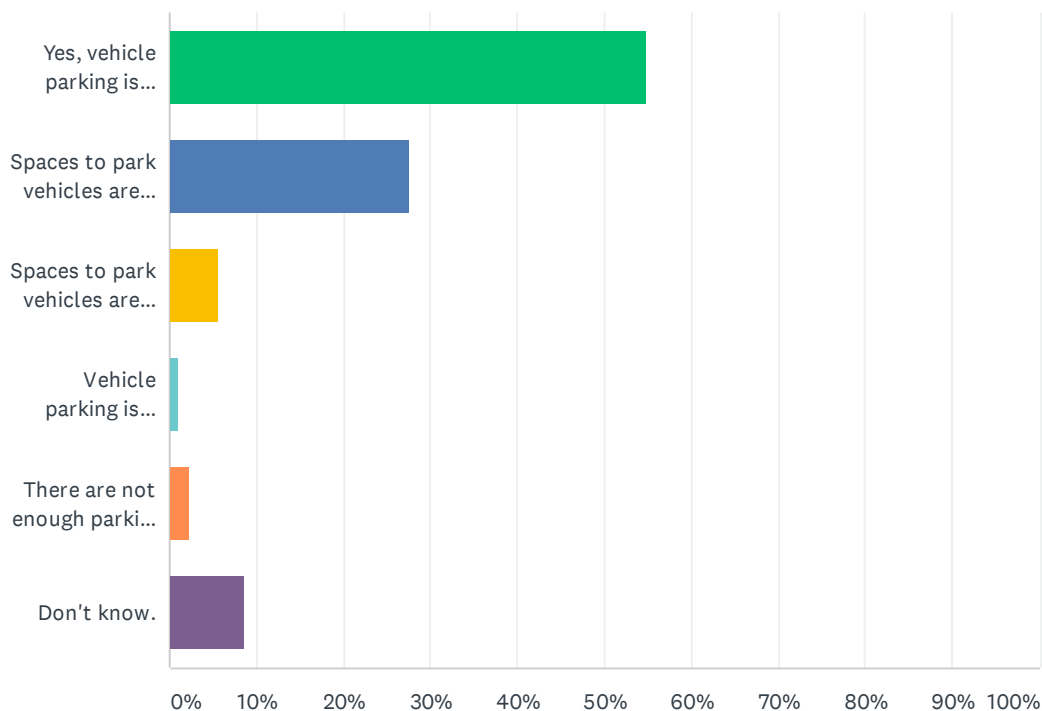
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not visit Lower Cascades Park.	5.29%	11
Across the creek over the concrete spillway, by the Waterfall Shelter	25.48%	53
in the paved area east of the road	5.29%	11
by the large playground	33.17%	69
by the Sycamore Shelter	21.63%	45
at Cascades Golf Course	2.88%	6
at the Lower Cascades ballfields	0.48%	1
Other (please specify)	5.77%	12
TOTAL		208

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Bicycle parking	3/30/2019 6:06 PM
2	I dont drive to the park.	3/30/2019 5:49 PM
3	I do not use the parking areas. I bike there.	3/30/2019 4:38 PM
4	I do not drive to Lower Cascades Park. I typically bike or walk.	3/30/2019 4:29 PM
5	n/a	3/19/2019 1:23 PM
6	do not park my bike, always just riding through	3/18/2019 5:23 PM
7	I am generally on a bicycle and so do not use the parking lot for parking a car.	3/16/2019 5:54 PM
8	Use dirt trail through west side of cascades	3/14/2019 7:37 PM
9	wherever it is closest!	3/14/2019 4:20 PM
10	I don't park. I ride from town and through lower cascades without stopping	3/8/2019 10:29 PM
11	I walk - live nearby	3/8/2019 3:23 PM
12	I only run to it	3/8/2019 3:14 PM

Q7 Do you believe there is adequate parking available at Lower Cascades Park?

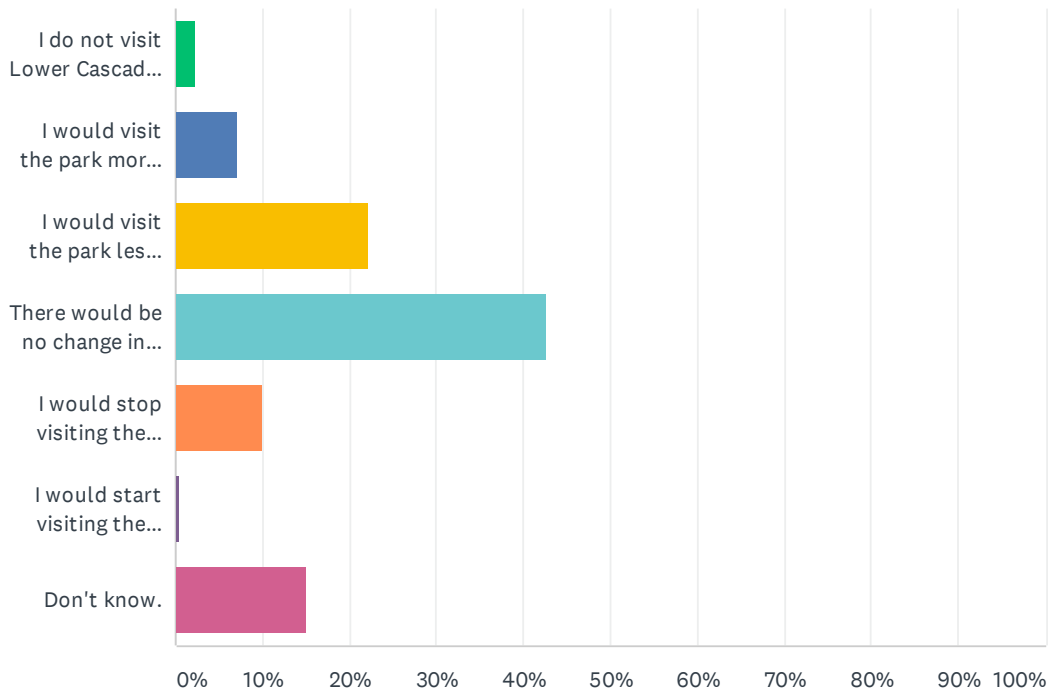
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, vehicle parking is always available.	54.76%	115
Spaces to park vehicles are usually available.	27.62%	58
Spaces to park vehicles are sometimes available.	5.71%	12
Vehicle parking is often not available.	0.95%	2
There are not enough parking spaces for vehicles.	2.38%	5
Don't know.	8.57%	18
TOTAL		210

Q8 If the road were changed to be one-way only for vehicle traffic, how would your visits to Lower Cascades Park change?

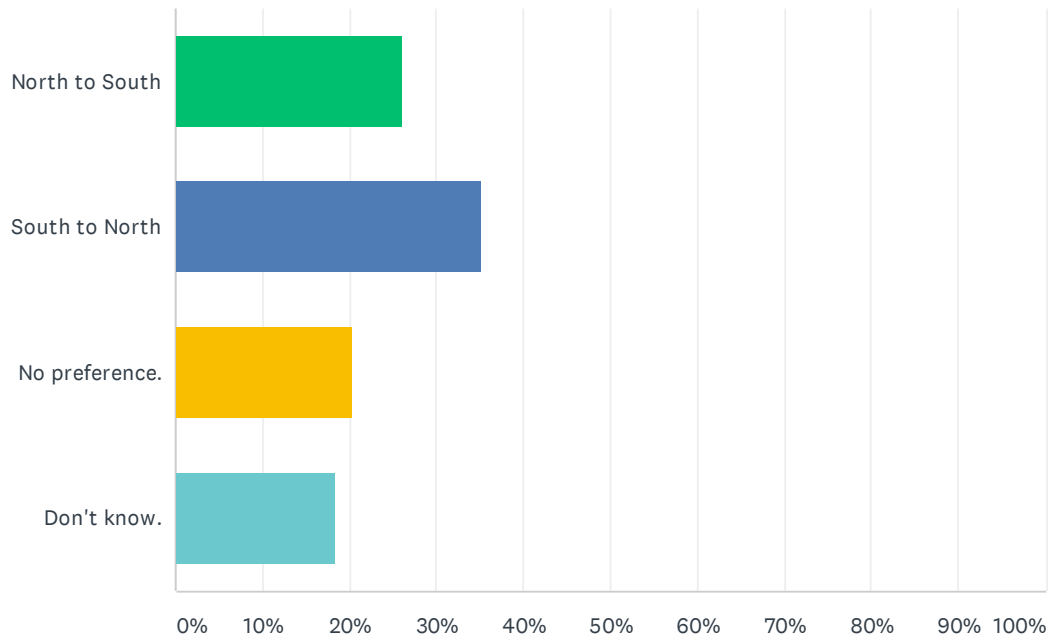
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I do not visit Lower Cascades Park.	2.37%	5
I would visit the park more frequently.	7.11%	15
I would visit the park less frequently.	22.27%	47
There would be no change in the number of times I visit the park.	42.65%	90
I would stop visiting the park.	9.95%	21
I would start visiting the park.	0.47%	1
Don't know.	15.17%	32
TOTAL		211

Q9 If the road were changed to be one-way only for vehicle traffic, which direction would you prefer vehicles to travel?

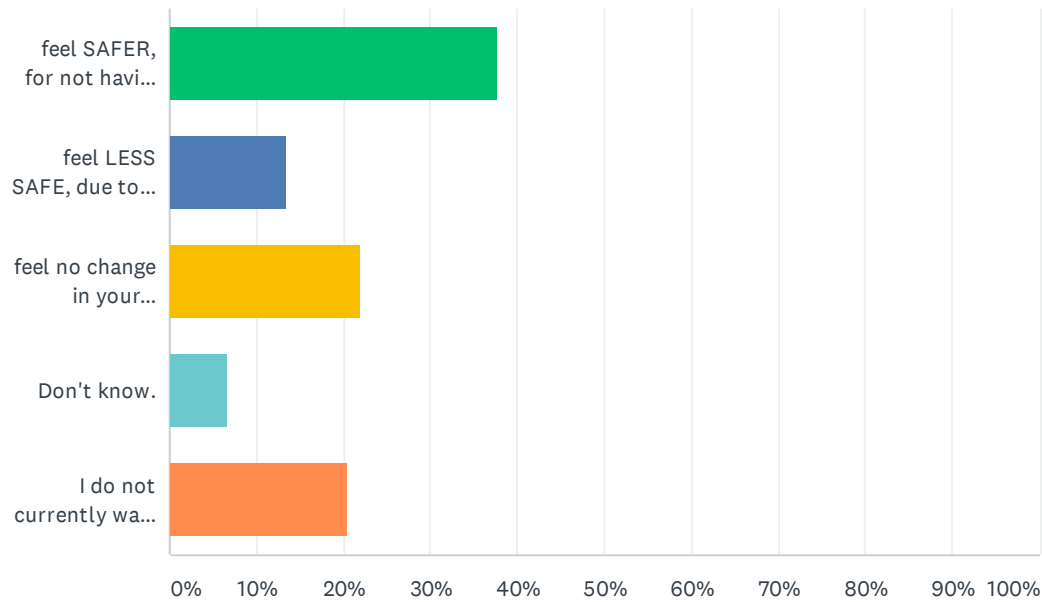
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
North to South	26.07%	55
South to North	35.07%	74
No preference.	20.38%	43
Don't know.	18.48%	39
TOTAL		211

Q10 If the road were changed to be one-way for vehicle traffic, would you, as a pedestrian or cyclist:

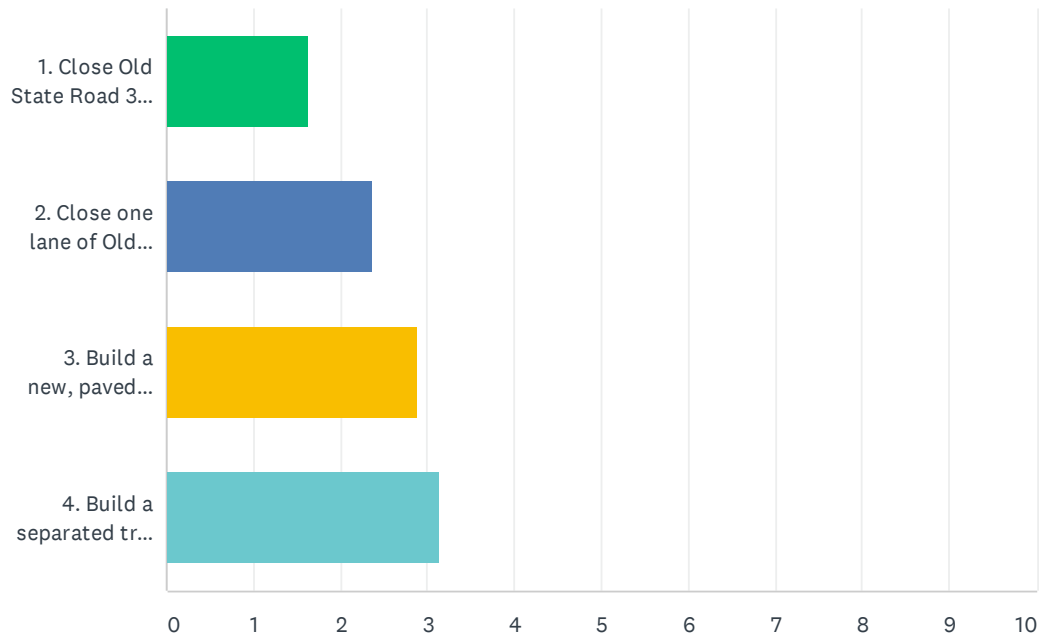
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
feel SAFER, for not having to share the lane with vehicle traffic	37.62%	79
feel LESS SAFE, due to being more isolated with less vehicle traffic	13.33%	28
feel no change in your perception of personal safety	21.90%	46
Don't know.	6.67%	14
I do not currently walk, run, or cycle in Lower Cascades Park.	20.48%	43
TOTAL		210

Q11 Please consider the way you use Lower Cascades Park and Old State Road 37 North, and, using options 1-4 at the top of this survey, list your first through last choices for the development of the Cascades Trail connector.

Answered: 209 Skipped: 3



	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
1. Close Old State Road 37 North to vehicle traffic.	15.46% 32	2.42% 5	11.59% 24	70.53% 146	207	1.63
2. Close one lane of Old State Road 37 North to vehicle traffic, and designate one lane for pedestrians/bicycles.	13.66% 28	18.05% 37	60.00% 123	8.29% 17	205	2.37
3. Build a new, paved sidepath along the existing Old State Road 37 North.	26.70% 55	46.60% 96	15.53% 32	11.17% 23	206	2.89
4. Build a separated trail that does not necessarily follow Old State Road 37 North.	44.66% 92	33.01% 68	13.11% 27	9.22% 19	206	3.13

Q12 Please share your thoughts, ideas, suggestions, and concerns regarding the creation of a paved bicycle/pedestrian trail connector between Miller-Showers park and Clubhouse Drive.

Answered: 93 Skipped: 119

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I totally understand the need for it. I encounter runners and cyclists using roadway even where sidepath is available. And in the curves at south end where there is no path, they are often on wrong side of road. But I use that road EVERY DAY in my vehicle. So I would prefer it NOT be closed to vehicle traffic. I feel a solution could be found that works for both.	3/31/2019 10:46 AM
2	Keep it simple add a side path and some speed bumps.	3/31/2019 6:37 AM
3	Any additional bicycle/pedestrian trails will be welcome!	3/30/2019 10:53 PM
4	I use this road daily for work and very often for the park. I don't want to see the road closed or made one way. I think expanding the trails is a great idea. I have had trouble with adults, perhaps homeless on two occasions and it has made me rethink the time of day that we go to the park. I believe decreasing traffic could cause more problems for safety on this more isolated but beautiful area. I also worry about trails away from traffic areas for this reason.	3/30/2019 10:51 PM
5	I think that this would be a great and critical bicycling infrastructure improvement.	3/30/2019 10:38 PM
6	Jogging on Old State Road 37 North in particular feels very dangerous as there is no sidewalk or path for parts and lots of blind curves.	3/30/2019 6:06 PM
7	This may not be an issue at all but I am worried about disturbing existing natural features and environment.	3/30/2019 5:38 PM
8	As a long time biker, who has gone over many, many bike paths, as well as following main roads, I prefer to see a separate bike path. This is as much for folks in general, who are not always terribly confident about biking with traffic.	3/28/2019 6:16 PM
9	I think it would be great. Cascades Park is currently an under appreciated park that needs a face lift and some TLC	3/25/2019 11:09 AM
10	The path is a great idea if bicycles would really use it, but considering this road is a vital infrastructure for use by the public for providing appropriate traffic flow under normal and special event times closing the road and/or making it a one way creates a great strain on the public. It also limits use, growth, and ease of access of this great park facilities. Keep the road open as is and build a separate path for bikes and pedestrians. Make the bicyclist really use the designated path.	3/24/2019 9:40 PM
11	I am pretty surprised that closing old 37 seems like such a serious option here...I grew up on the north side and we own land there. I don't mind some of the work that has been done to improve the parks, but shutting down the real dog park and the idea of closing driving through Cascades is getting a little ridiculous...	3/24/2019 9:31 PM
12	This is a good idea! I hope construction can go forward without completely cutting off access to the park.	3/24/2019 11:51 AM
13	I think this is an excellent idea which will increase the accessibility of the park from the north side of downtown	3/21/2019 3:33 PM
14	do it	3/21/2019 2:01 PM
15	Taylor--We live in Marlin Hills and use Old State Road 37 to drive our grandchildren to play on the playground. We could not walk with them to the playground as it would be too far for the little ones. We also use that road when IU has a football game, commencement, basketball game, or other function that draws a large amount of guests in order to avoid the traffic congestion going south from the stop light at Old 37 N and N Walnut. We love the new bicycle trail and use it quite frequently during the spring, summer, and fall months. Please don't completely close Old 37 North through Cascades for cars. We don't mind bicycling along with the cars and it would really hurt us when we wanted to drive through the park.	3/19/2019 8:22 PM
16	I like the idea of closing the road, but I think the closure should start at the large parking lot by the playground and end at Gourley Pike. This would eliminate most parking/mobility concerns for the playground, and there would be ample access to most of park from there. Traffic from Walnut to Kinser would be minimally impacted as well. As a parent of small children, I love the idea of a large, safe area to bike, run and play. That being said, I am excited about the connection regardless of which avenue is chosen.	3/19/2019 4:51 PM
17	The road is not really required for vehicular traffic, so making it one-way doesn't create much	3/19/2019 1:23 PM

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	hardship and makes for safer biking and walking.	
18	This roadway is part of the old Dixie Highway and as such, should be maintained as a north-south corridor.	3/19/2019 8:59 AM
19	I would feel safest if the area by the playground did not have any traffic through it. I like being able to access the golf course via old 37 north. I would feel safest in a bike lane near the imi entrances to remain most visible.	3/18/2019 9:11 PM
20	I believe creating a new paved path not along old 37 and not changing the current traffic pattern is the best option. I use the road through the park from Fritz Terrace neighborhood to get to old state road 37 north to get on and off I-69. I also use the road to get to old state road 37 north to Bethel Lane to bypass heavy game day traffic. Having a path not following old state road 37 would be much safer for bikers and walkers/runners because they would be away from heavy traffic. This would provide a much safer environment for everyone especially for people with kids or pets that may be enjoying the trail as well.	3/18/2019 6:21 PM
21	No concerns- please do it	3/18/2019 5:46 PM
22	Please consider connecting the skate park to the trail. This would allow bicycles/pedestrians to commute to town from Fritz Terrace and the Skyline Drive area using the 46 underpass without backtracking to Clubhouse Drive.	3/18/2019 5:04 PM
23	great	3/18/2019 4:21 PM
24	My first choice is for you to "leave a good situation alone" and do nothing that changes the current access and use situation. A one way road? really? And where does that traffic congestion go? And please, leave the connecting road between as is. There is no real compelling reason to change the current use patterns. Many people use these roads and all of users are entitled to the benefits of access, in whatever form that takes, without changing it to privilege one group (ie: bicyclists, joggers,) . We have children and use the park quite a bit, and I drive there with them in tow. If you change it ,make it one way or close it, I will be forced to go elsewhere. I'll explain it to the kids by saying that "the Government doesn't want me to drive to the park so you can play and since you can not get to it any other way.... well, when you get older, you can.." We also meet our friends there and that is equally important in our social lives. We also use the road between the Golf Course and the Park and you should leave that road alone too. If you want to make a new trail here and there through out the park... We say Bravo... more new trails... go for it... but not at the expense of the current lay out and usage. Please please please don't make a mistake and cripple a perfectly great park under some misguided sense of "improvement" Thanks for reading my thoughts.	3/18/2019 3:38 PM
25	I think it is great idea, and will be well used. But removing vehicular use would be detrimental, as the number of options has been reduced significantly with 69.	3/18/2019 3:08 PM
26	I believe closing this road to vehicle traffic is a bad idea. If you want to make it walk/bike friendly put in a path for them.	3/18/2019 3:04 PM
27	The wide path they added to the hill (up to the golf course) and from the stop sign to old SR 37 is very nice. Adding a path like this that runs the length of the park would be nice for the people who bike/run. However, taking away access by car would limit a lot of people from using the parks. Think about all the groups that have picnics in the shelter houses...how would they get their supplies in?	3/18/2019 2:53 PM
28	This will continue to choke traffic from Kinser Pike north of 46 going south. It will make it more difficult to access the Kroger shopping area.	3/18/2019 2:26 PM
29	As a lifelong Btown resident, I've seen the evolution of Cascades park and its uses. It's come a long way! That being said, I believe cutting off vehicle access in any way would be a step backward. We live in the age of Amazon Prime and Kroger-to-go... Parents won't bring kids to a park that can't be easily accessed. If there are fewer families visiting, that makes the park the perfect isolated spot for other, unwanted "recreational" activities. As a female, if I know there is even the chance of those things going on in an area, there is no way I'm using that trail. Additionally, to remain a family-friendly area, emergency vehicles need to have easy access from multiple directions. Flooding and downed trees are a common problem in that area, so limiting access points would be short-sighted. In short, building a bike path along the current road seems like a great addition to the park, without the risk of creating unnecessary complications or potentially negative ripple effects by removing vehicle access.	3/18/2019 2:18 PM

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30	<p>First and foremost, money needs to be put towards restroom facilities in both upper and lower Cascades parks. This alone will attract more families. And we all know that that will reduce the number of shady characters and activities in the area. Since Acuff and Kinser closed to 69, I use the park to reach my home when I'm coming back from Indy. My husband uses the drive every day to avoid the traffic that builds up at the stoplight at Kinser in the mornings. Also, I work at the Visitor Center so I'm on that road every day... both directions. And I often use Lower Cascades as a point of interest for people who come into the Visitor Center and ask about parks or something to do. Also, when people need directions to Bloomington North, I send them through the park. I'm certain that it's used by many high school students on the north side of town (Marlin Hills, old 37) as their way to school. To put more traffic on Bayles Road seems very irresponsible. Another point is that, if there was an accident that closed old 37 between the two lights (45/46 & old 37) there would not be a very easy way around it. Bloomington's construction last summer was a nightmare. To eliminate a road and interfere with traffic flow, along with adding even more onto Kinser and Bayles seems ill conceived and the notion needs to be abandoned. I'm all for building nice trails but not at the expense of tax payers daily commutes. I think you will be buying yourselves a lot of ill will. Are you planning on doing a traffic count first? I am willing to bet you'll be surprised at the numbers. And a partial or temporary closing would reveal the nightmare you would cause. But you would need to do it during the school year. Finally, I'd like to know if you've reached out to the administrators at Bloomington North and let them know that you are considering closing one of the ways that their students reach the school? That is real input that you need to hear! Thanks for letting me vent!</p>	3/18/2019 1:47 PM
31	<p>Two way traffic in this area is a necessity now that most Bloomington roads are now closed thanks to the monstrous Interstate69. Traffic is bad enough already. Changes will make it even worse and more aggravating for access, especially to the High School.</p>	3/18/2019 1:10 PM
32	<p>I am not in favor of changing the vehicular access, or traffic pattern in the park.</p>	3/18/2019 12:59 PM
33	<p>Trails are great and we certainly need more. But keep access for those of us with disability in mind as well. I'm an adult who has some limiting physical disabilities. Cascades has been a staple of my family's history in Monroe county for a very long time and I would hate to lose the ability to get to the shelter houses and the lower Cascades area because it can only be accessed by non motorized means. I think adding an additional trail is fantastic, but why in the world would you remove motorized vehicle access?</p>	3/18/2019 10:39 AM
34	<p>I would love a biking/running trail but to make Cascades one way or close it would put far too much stress on the bypass. Quit causing congestion.</p>	3/18/2019 10:00 AM
35	<p>Thank you for working on this project. The park is a beautiful space that combines the natural and utilitarian needs of people. I live just north of the park and use it both as an alternate route to town when game/IU event traffic makes it difficult to travel, and as a safe and idyllic bike/walking route used for fun, recreation, or commuting. I think that making one or even two alternative pathways would be a nice addition to the park for commuting and also to create more ways to enjoy the park.</p>	3/18/2019 8:51 AM
36	<p>I think it paramount to conduct an environmental impact assessment. Closing Old State Road 37 to traffic, or converting to one way traffic would negatively affect my commute for work and business-related travel. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.</p>	3/17/2019 7:25 PM
37	<p>It isn't necessary</p>	3/17/2019 4:35 PM
38	<p>Please increase police presence at Lower Cascades to address drug use (this is primarily people sitting in parked cars during off hours, but sometimes also includes drug use inside the shelters) to make users of this proposed new trail connector feel more comfortable.</p>	3/17/2019 12:59 PM
39	<p>I am very much against both shutting down the road and making it one-way because it will impact not only my commute, but also it will eliminate this route as an alternative way to drive during game days and other Bloomington functions that often affect N.Walnut St. and Dunn/Stadium area.</p>	3/17/2019 10:43 AM
40	<p>I live in the area and not only do I use the road to get to work and personal use, but I also recreationally use the park and if you all were to shut down the road to vehicles it would greatly hamper my lifestyle. I am absolutely against closing the road. If you all would like to add additional avenues for biking/walking/etc. that's fine, but please DO NOT close the road.</p>	3/17/2019 10:29 AM
41	<p>Closing the road would be a terrible idea and would adversely effect my ability to drive from my home to where I need to go on a weekly basis</p>	3/17/2019 10:18 AM

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42	Cars can use Kinser Pike to the West and Walnut Street to the East. Through traffic should be banned on Old 37 because it is a park and there are parallel roads for cars on either side of the park. Simply install bollards at the intersection of Club House and Old 37 so that bicycles can pass through but road becomes a dead end for cars. That would eliminate unnecessary vehicle traffic and save money on building bicycle facilities.	3/17/2019 8:19 AM
43	I think the idea of closing the road to motorized vehicles can work to improve the aesthetic and safety of the park. Bicyclists need this road for recreational and commuting rides in and out of Bloomington and so any proposal that puts fast moving riders in competition with pedestrians and strollers would negatively impact bicycle travel. A one-way or partial one-way street might work as a compromise, but not many motorists use the corridor now, so closing it to motorized traffic could be a positive development.	3/16/2019 5:54 PM
44	One of my biggest concerns, particularly with the addition of the adaptive play ground, is that in restricting vehicular access to the park, you are restricting anyone with mobility limitations. By this I don't just mean individuals who use wheelchairs, scooters or other mobility aids, but those with reduced stamina, with anxiety, with other disabilities that affect mobility in less visible ways. From a purely selfish standpoint, even when I don't stop and park and use the facilities, I will drive through just to enjoy the trees and the creek. I also will typically exit I69 at the Walnut St. exit and drive through Cascades either to the Club House Dr. intersection (I live in Fritz Terrace) or to Gourley Pike or Walnut St.	3/16/2019 12:09 PM
45	A paved trail is a great idea, but I'm completely against the road being closed. Making it one way from north to south is an acceptable compromise.	3/16/2019 11:26 AM
46	If the road was closed I would not visit lower cascades. We have a reunions at the shelter and walking in would not all many in our families to attend because if age/ mobility issues as well as bringing in food. Closing the road would be terrible as well for those wanting to visit the large playground. Please don't remove this access to a park I visit more than any other park.	3/16/2019 10:12 AM
47	IU sporting events make travel difficult to cross the bypass. Old 37 is an option I use when this occurs. The road isn't that busy that I haven't felt safe when riding and the current walking paths are well away from the road. Additional walking trails would be nice.	3/16/2019 9:40 AM
48	We have had our family reunion at Cascades for over 50 years. Please make sure the elderly and handicapped can still get to the shelter houses.	3/15/2019 8:10 PM
49	I would truly hate to see the entire road closed to traffic as it further isolates the neighborhoods on the north side. We lost access to 37/69, so now the only way in and out of several neighborhoods is by using Kinser Pike, which I live on. The traffic is so bad in the morning that it's backed up to my driveway. Closing that road just further isolates us.	3/15/2019 4:23 PM
50	I think it's a great park, especially for an area that does not have as many parks as say the South side of town. I worry if the road is closed, less people will take their kids to that park. Although I primarily just bicycle through there, I don't think it would be wise to close the road to vehicles. I'd rather see a paved path or alter the sidewalks on Kinser Pike to be for multi-modal use instead of just sidewalk pedestrian width.	3/15/2019 4:18 PM
51	I am against closing OSR 37. It is an important connecting road and used during high volume traffic times. I use the park daily (weather permitting) for walking. I currently feel safe using the park with OSR 37 open to auto traffic.	3/15/2019 2:08 PM
52	I cannot imagine people walking from Clubhouse Dr. to Miller-showers park only if they want to turn around and walk back to Clubhouse Dr. to their car! When visiting the park I see several bicyclists using Cascade road, maybe just a bike path would the first option.	3/15/2019 10:32 AM
53	Would like to see the road preserved as it is, without adding an extra lane for bikes etc. The road through the park feels like you're driving on a country lane and I like that. Would prefer to see it made into one-way, or build separate trail not attached to the road.	3/15/2019 10:02 AM
54	I'm not sure what you're trying to accomplish, you can already ride a bike and run on this road and coexist safely with traffic. I do it all the time....	3/15/2019 7:37 AM
55	Roads are for cars, bikes on trails for safety. Pedestrians should stay on sidewalks & trails, no bikes on sidewalks.	3/14/2019 10:08 PM
56	Close it completely or just leave it alone. I live at the top of Kinser Pike and go through Cascades frequently. People speed, drive recklessly and do not yield or slow down for bikes or	3/14/2019 9:25 PM

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runners. It is dangerous on the blind curves and constructing anything new in that corridor will detract from the beauty of the area. It should be closed to all vehicles.

57	I wish you all would stop trying to prevent car usage. Cars will not go away anytime soon. People will switch to electric cars and help the environment but they will still need cars.	3/14/2019 4:24 PM
58	Please do not spend any money on this. There are far too many other urgent problems in our city that require these funds. Our city leaders must be fiscally responsible and budget and spend appropriately.	3/14/2019 4:21 PM
59	I think it is a bad idea!	3/14/2019 4:20 PM
60	I really think that if all vehicle traffic (and parking) is eliminated from Old State Road 37 North there will be a drastic decline in use of the park, especially the awesome playground. Please don't cut out vehicle access and parking.	3/14/2019 3:33 PM
61	Leave the road alone. We have enough pedestrian/bike trails already.	3/14/2019 3:27 PM
62	Having cycled on this stretch of road many times, I would appreciate a safer route through this narrow and winding section of road. I would hate to see this beautiful section cut off completely to motorists as this is a very beautiful section of road to drive down. I would imagine using the existing roadway for a foot path would be logistically the easiest decision, but I would miss being able to take the scenic route when I am driving that way.	3/14/2019 2:18 PM
63	Closing Cascades road to cars would eliminate families and folks over 30. Cascades Park should be shared with cars, bikes, pedestrians and maybe scooters. Closing the road would make it an 'elite park' for bikers...not very democratic.	3/14/2019 2:13 PM
64	Having a trail through this area will be vital for the connection of our great city resources. If this trail is built, it will connect Griffy through Lower Cascades, through Miller Showers Park to the (soon to be) 17th Street multi use path (in the MPO 20-24 Transportation Improvement Program) which will connect to the B-Line after the new section is completed. This multi use path will not only add to a fun recreational experience, it will greatly enhance the City's active transportation network, with a minimal affect to the vehicular traffic network.	3/14/2019 2:06 PM
65	Don't limit vehicles dumbasses	3/14/2019 1:59 PM
66	How will young children access the park without vehicles? Lower Cascades park is designed for children who cannot walk/run or bike long distances to easily reach. It is not easily or safely accessible from any neighborhoods without driving. Closing Old 37 to vehicles without providing safe, short access for nearby neighborhoods would make the park essentially useless for families, and would convert the area almost exclusively into a biking/running space mostly for adults and older children. Right now, it is both. Rather than focusing only along paths along Old 37, consider ways to create greater access for nearby neighborhoods. A stepped path from the Bloomington visitors center would provide access for Blue Ridge, or other drivers from nearby neighborhoods without requiring them to drive down to lower Cascades. Similar parking and access from the east side of Cascades Golf Course would also provide this option, but be accessible from a different set of neighborhoods.	3/14/2019 11:26 AM
67	Existing traffic volumes through this area are low and appear to have Cascades Park as the primary destination. Cyclists from IU Teams frequently us this corridor for spinning up the hill to the Golf Course, as do runners such as myself. The existing west side edge of roadway pavement is severely/dangerously undermined by stream bank scouring and large (generally American Sycamore) trees that could fall in a westerly direction thereby taking more pavement. Bank stabilization is severely needed in some locations. Walking/running along the park roadway in the area of a wooden guardrail is fraught with danger since on-coming NB cars rarely move over. Thank you!	3/14/2019 9:20 AM
68	Vehicle traffic needs to be slowed in the single lane configuration and in the two way as well. The stop sign at the north end is still hard to see for new comers to the road.	3/14/2019 8:46 AM
69	Great idea. I would like to see one lane left open. I don't think it matters which way traffic flows as long as the road remains open from Clubhouse Dr. north to Collage Ave.	3/14/2019 8:16 AM
70	Have widened "passing" areas for congested times of use to make flow better	3/13/2019 1:44 AM
71	Building a separate pathway would be the best option for pedestrians and vehicles. I live nearby and I know we (wife and son) would walk to the park more often if there was a safe way to access the park. But we are not the average user of the park. We need to consider the	3/12/2019 7:00 AM

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concrete business and those who regularly use the baseball fields. I think making access to park one-way would be very disruptive.

72	The trail could be a good thing, but not at the expense of losing that road for motor vehicles. Closing the road—even partially—is a bad idea. The “one way” road will be confusing and we'll end up with cars on the pedestrian road.	3/12/2019 3:12 AM
73	I do appreciate our parks department. I enjoy Griffey Lake!	3/11/2019 9:39 PM
74	Because of the number of families who bring young children to Lower Cascades Park, and the park's distance to the City center and residential neighborhoods, vehicular access is needed.	3/11/2019 6:33 PM
75	I live on Ironwood Court, near where the Cascades Trail is supposed to expand one day. I'm definitely in favor of more walking trails in Bloomington, especially in the northside. I'd rather not see existing roads closed to vehicle traffic though, especially as traffic is only increasing from one year to the next. Thanks for taking the time to survey us. I was lucky to see this on the bloomington subreddit - otherwise I wouldn't have heard about it.	3/11/2019 5:04 PM
76	I am excited about the prospect of making this corridor more bicycle friendly but don't want those with families who access the playground and other amenities by vehicle to lose this opportunity.	3/11/2019 10:44 AM
77	There's already a desire path in place for most of it. Just pave it and rebuild the two pedestrian bridges. The ground might need to be built up between the road and creek for a small portion just north of IMI, and we'll need a new bridge at the top of that section; but it doesn't seem all that complicated.	3/11/2019 8:36 AM
78	close old sr 37 to cars! i can't tell you how many times i have been *intentionally harrassed* by drivers for cycling on that road. drivers there are almost unanimously impatient on that stretch of road. a side path is garbage, you'd still have a highway running through a park. close it to cars!	3/9/2019 11:41 PM
79	I already rely on a motor vehicle primarily because I feel safer, it gets me places faster, and as it is, it makes commuting in most ways, easier. My point is not to so much to the project planners, but to my fellow drivers: our routes are a privilege, not a right, and we should value making these routes more accessible to others in our community whether they choose or have to commute by bike or foot. If drivers want to push back by inconvenience caused by closing part or all of the road, I implore them to consider: we already have a much easier, safer commute through the area. Would giving up 15 min of convenient driving really make THAT much difference to us, when opposed to what pedestrians and cyclists have to gain? I say this against any pushback some of the options may receive. In general, I know *I* would open to any of them, and at the end of day would not be too greatly affected, but I think more "radical" redesigning strengthens the fabric and identity of what Bloomington can be. Thank you!	3/9/2019 11:53 AM
80	a path on the inside of the creek, to separate bike/foot and car, would be great!	3/9/2019 9:04 AM
81	I use the roadway for accessing the Golf course via a vehicle and ride my bicycle for recreation. I feel safer on my bike in the park than many of the streets in Bloomington. For families bringing their bikes to the park for family riding, a separate trail would be best. But the new switchyard Park may serve this purpose best.	3/9/2019 7:01 AM
82	I'm hopeful that a solution can be found that both allows for the trail and does not inhibit vehicle traffic	3/8/2019 9:47 PM
83	Closing the road to only allow traffic in one direction would be a bad choice. You'd be causing access issues for people that live north or south of Cascades. I do like the idea of improving / making new paths for pedestrians. I feel vehicle and pedestrian traffic can coexist it is short sighted to feel one or the other should be preferred in this situation.	3/8/2019 4:37 PM
84	No comments	3/8/2019 4:31 PM
85	When I do walk/run through the park, I am often alone. I am not in favor of any changes that would result in less traffic or less use of the park, because being a woman alone in a deserted area is unfortunately quite scary. Even though I would still bring my family to play at the park, I would be much less inclined to walk/run at the park by myself, which I do often.	3/8/2019 4:21 PM
86	As a runner, I love the idea of more of a primitive single-track trail that connects to the paved trail. As a road biker, I like the idea of having my own paved lane next to traffic.	3/8/2019 3:34 PM

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87	I would be very excited about this prospect. I go to the park with my small child and a paved bicycle/pedestrian trail would allow us more options for visits. We don't walk or bike there now because I feel it's too dangerous. Yet, completely closing the park to traffic would make it harder to visit -- especially for short visits less than one hour. We wouldn't be able to quickly or easily access the park's amenities that are closer to the north side of the park (the shelters/playground). I think closing to one lane would be an excellent compromise -- especially if the bike/ped lane were separated by a physical barrier for even more safety.	3/8/2019 1:50 PM
88	Why is this connection "highly" desired? If funding has been identified, why not just apply it to fix the erosion issue first?	3/8/2019 1:04 PM
89	I think the best possible use of this space would be first a path which runs alongside SR 37 until right after the quarry (going north). At which point, a new pedestrian/bike bridge could cross the creek, followed by an expansion of this area to allow for the creation of a new paved pedestrian path on the west side of the creek between the creek and hillside. This new path could run along the creek until meeting up with the current multi-use path north of the playground.	3/8/2019 1:03 PM
90	I like this concept and also see the challenges. I would hate to see the stream impacted any further, which to me means you can't build a path right along the road. I'm not sure where else you are envisioning. And nice as it might be to turn the whole road into pedestrian and bicycle only, it would greatly discourage me from taking my kids to the playground. Thanks for seeking a solution that will work for everyone.	3/8/2019 1:02 PM
91	Due to the long, skinny shape of Lower Cascades Park, if the park were completely closed to traffic, I think I would be much less likely to use the park. There are many other spaces around town that would be easier to access and I'd be much more likely to use those instead.	3/8/2019 12:29 PM
92	I like the idea of closing off traffic, but not near the playgrounds. That would surely decrease use of the park. Could the southern end of the road be turned into a trailhead? The road could be a trail down to the parking area that is across the creek by Waterfall Shelter. From there to Clubhouse drive the trail could veer away from the road since there is more space. This is tricky, thanks for working on this exciting project!	3/8/2019 12:17 PM
93	If I am not able to drive right up to facilities I will not deal with wrangling my children to come to this park.	3/8/2019 12:15 PM