



Bicycle Master Plans Benton and Mt. Vernon

Advisory Committee Meeting #2
Joint Meeting at Rend Lake College
November 15, 2023



Round Table Design





AGENDA



- **Introductions**
- **Overview and Schedule**
- **Engagement to Date**
- **Survey Results**
- **Connections to Rend Lake**
- **Homework for Next Meeting**



PLANNING TEAM



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INTRODUCTIONS



No Way, No How

No desire to bicycle at all!



Interested
but Concerned



You enjoy bicycling, but are nervous about riding in traffic. You prefer bike trails and bike facilities separated from traffic.



Enthusied
and Confident



You are comfortable riding in traffic, but prefer facilities like bike lanes.



Strong
and Fearless



You ride in all types of traffic, regardless of whether there are bike facilities.



ADVISORY COMMITTEE



- Meeting 3 Times During Process
- Representatives from across the City
- “Ad-Hoc” Committee (sounding board for the planning team)





OVERVIEW



- Greater Egypt Regional Planning and Development Commission funding both plans.
- Individual Bike Master Plans for each City
- Same schedule



Website
(Hub of
Communications)

www.BentonBikePlan.com

www.MtVernonBikePlan.com



SCHEDULE

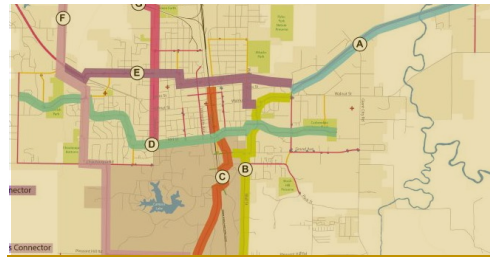


Open House **1**



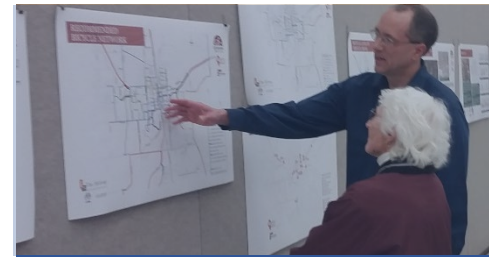
Existing Conditions and Survey

Summer - Fall 2023



Analysis of Potential Routes

Fall - Winter 2023 - 2024



Draft Master Plan

Winter - Spring 2024



Final Master Plan / ITEP Application

Spring 2024



ENGAGEMENT: STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS



Stakeholder Meetings

- August 30: Mt. Vernon
- August 31: Benton





ENGAGEMENT: OPEN HOUSE #1



Sept 9th: Mt. Vernon Market Days



Oct 3rd: Benton
(Great coverage by WSIL TV)



CHANGING THE MINDSET





SURVEY RESULTS: HIGHLIGHTS



Large Segment of “Potential” Riders

Strong Consensus of Priority Destinations and Preferred Streets

Strong Consensus on the Desirability of Shared-Use Paths

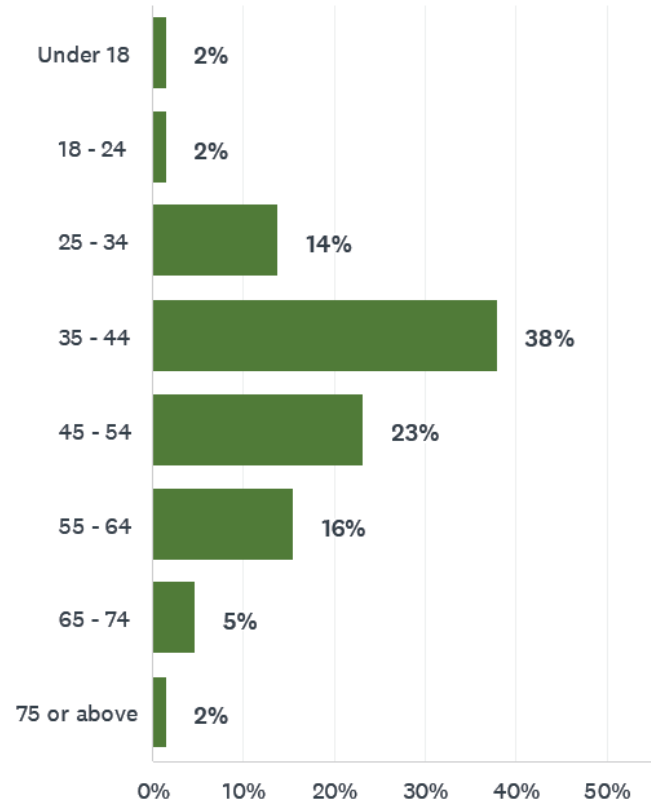
Rend Lake as Destination



ENGAGEMENT: SURVEY RESULTS

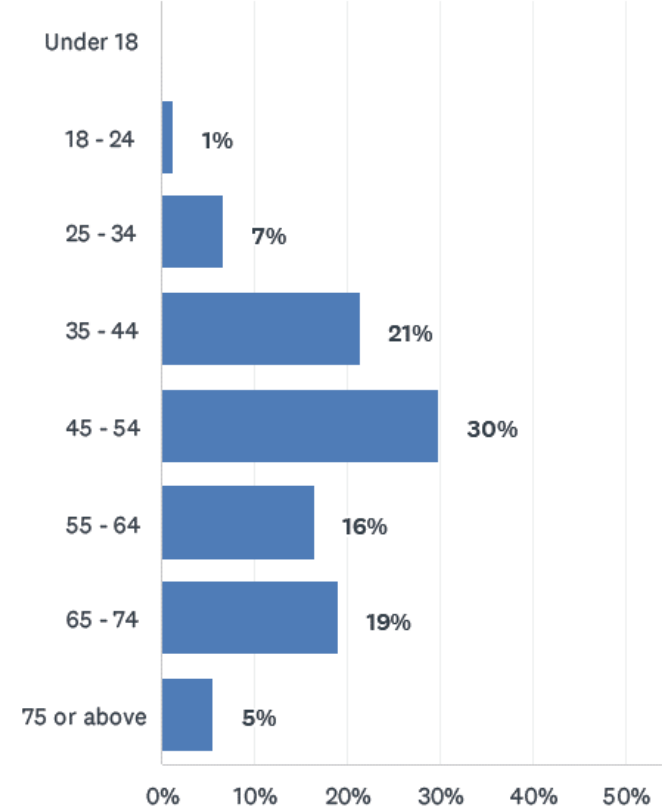


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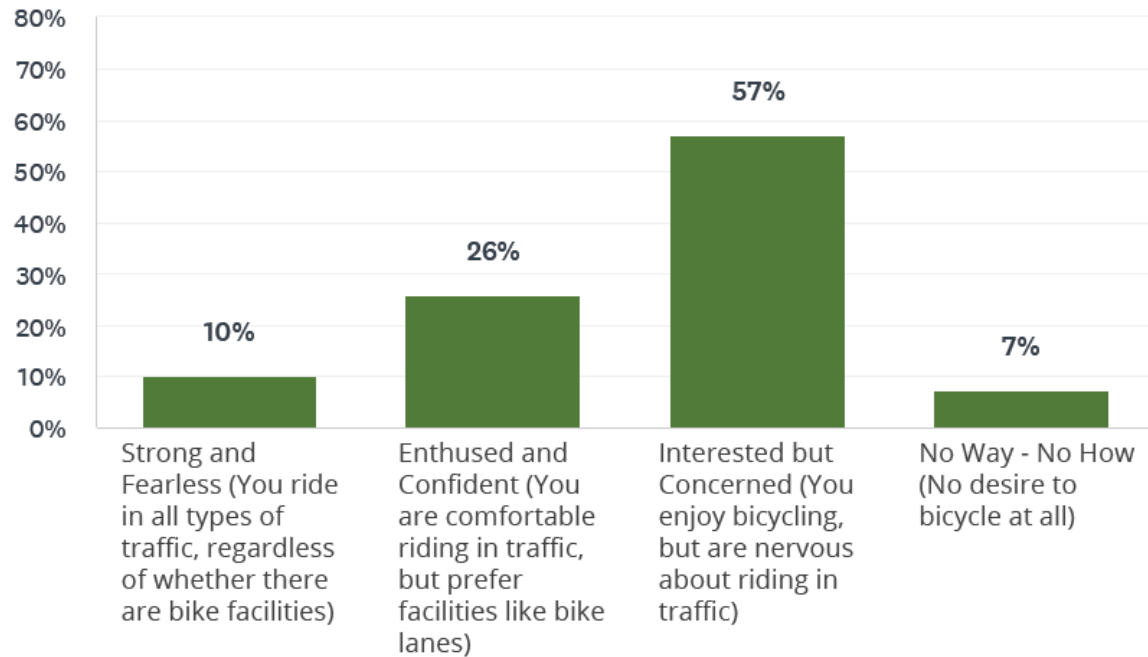
Benton

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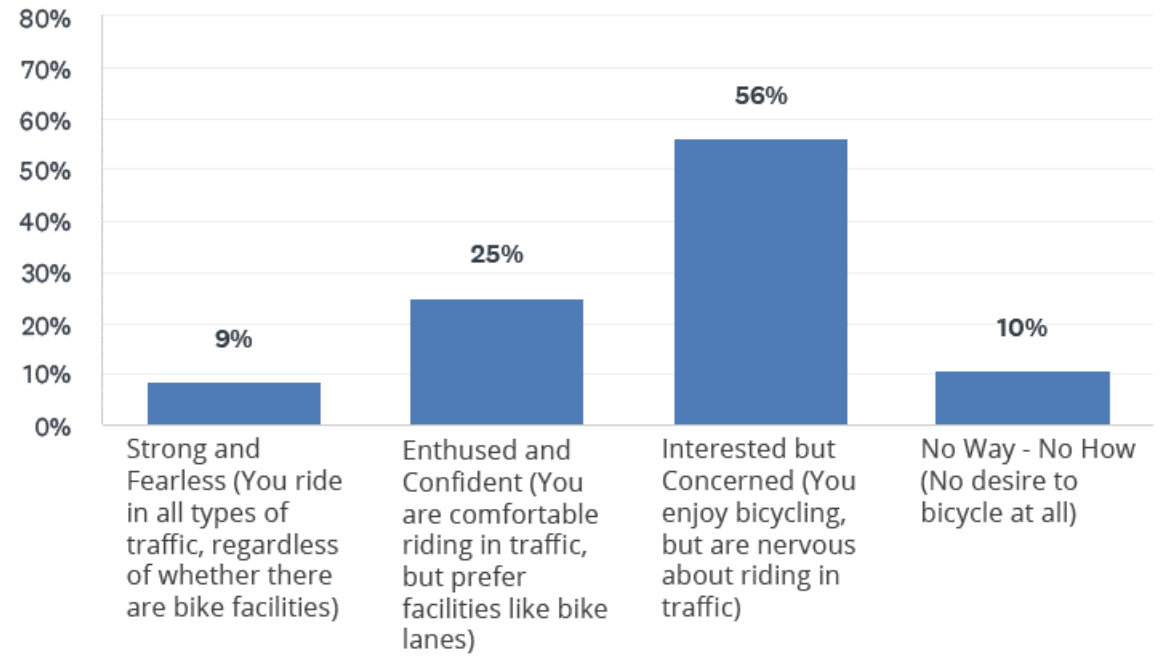
Mt. Vernon

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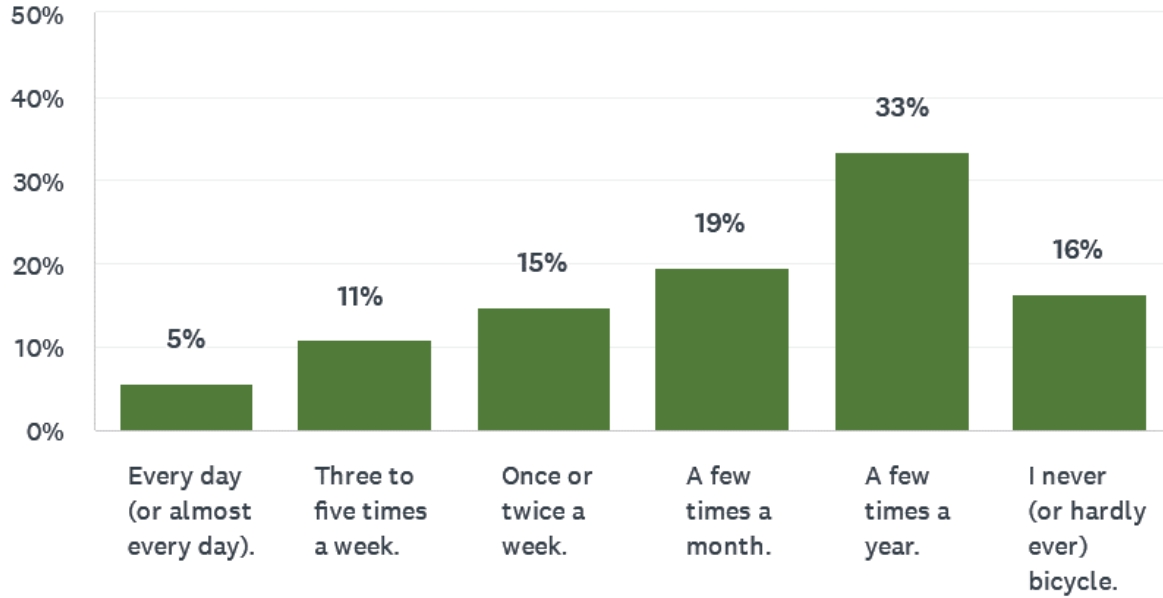
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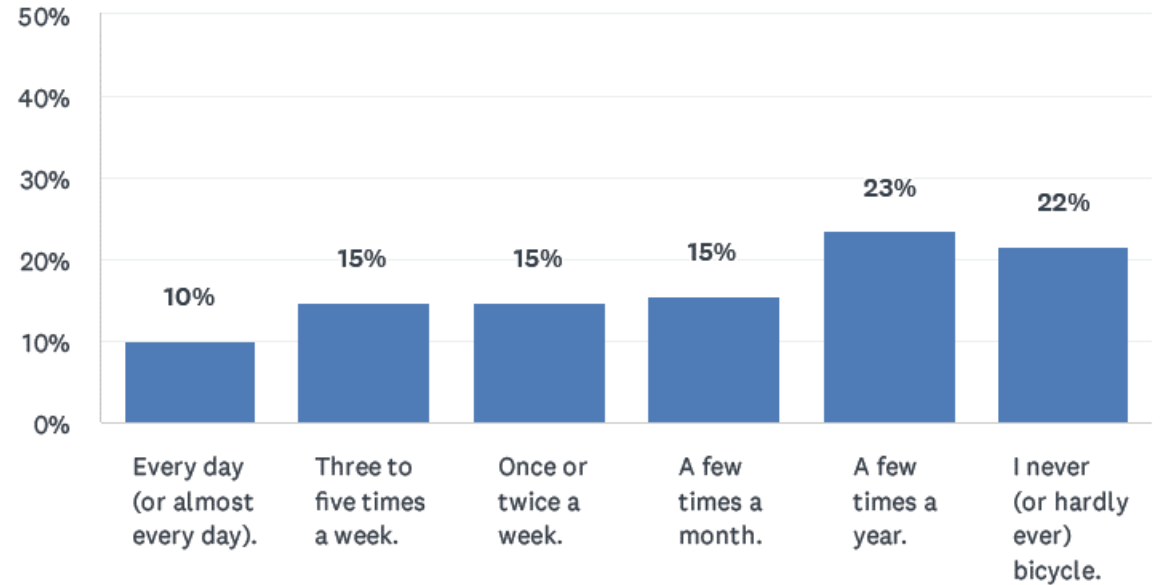
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Q4. How often do you currently bicycle? (choose one)



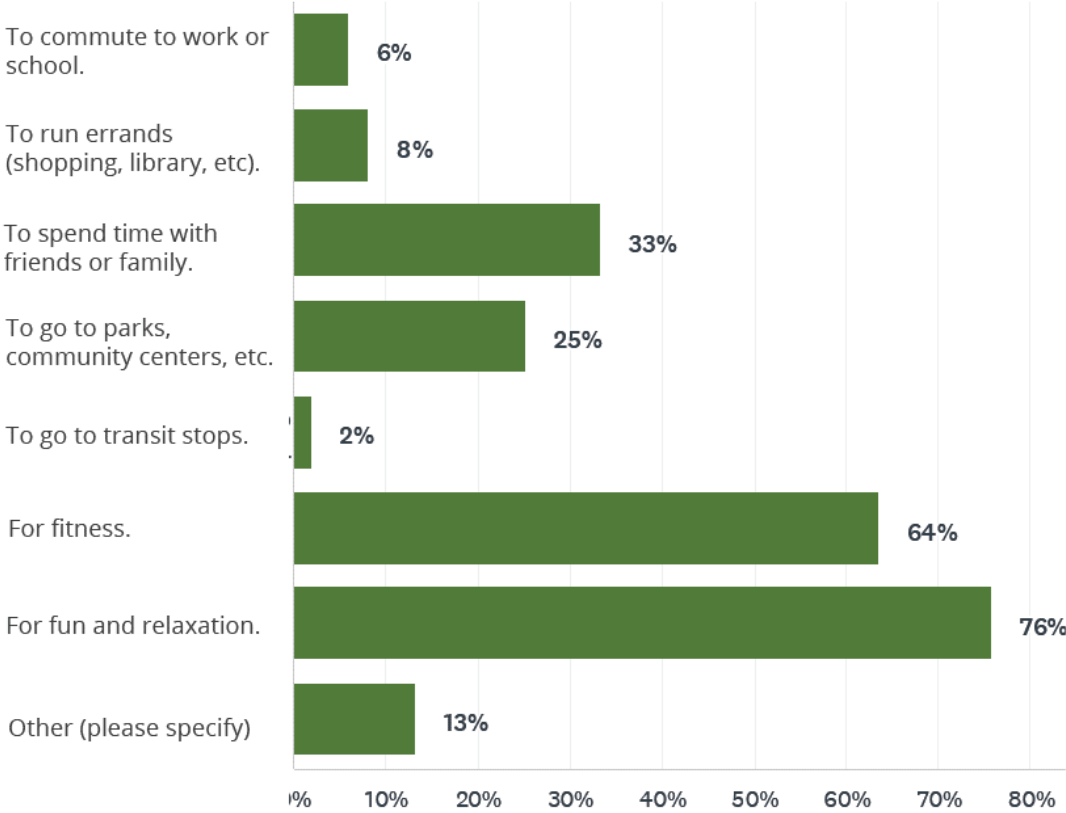
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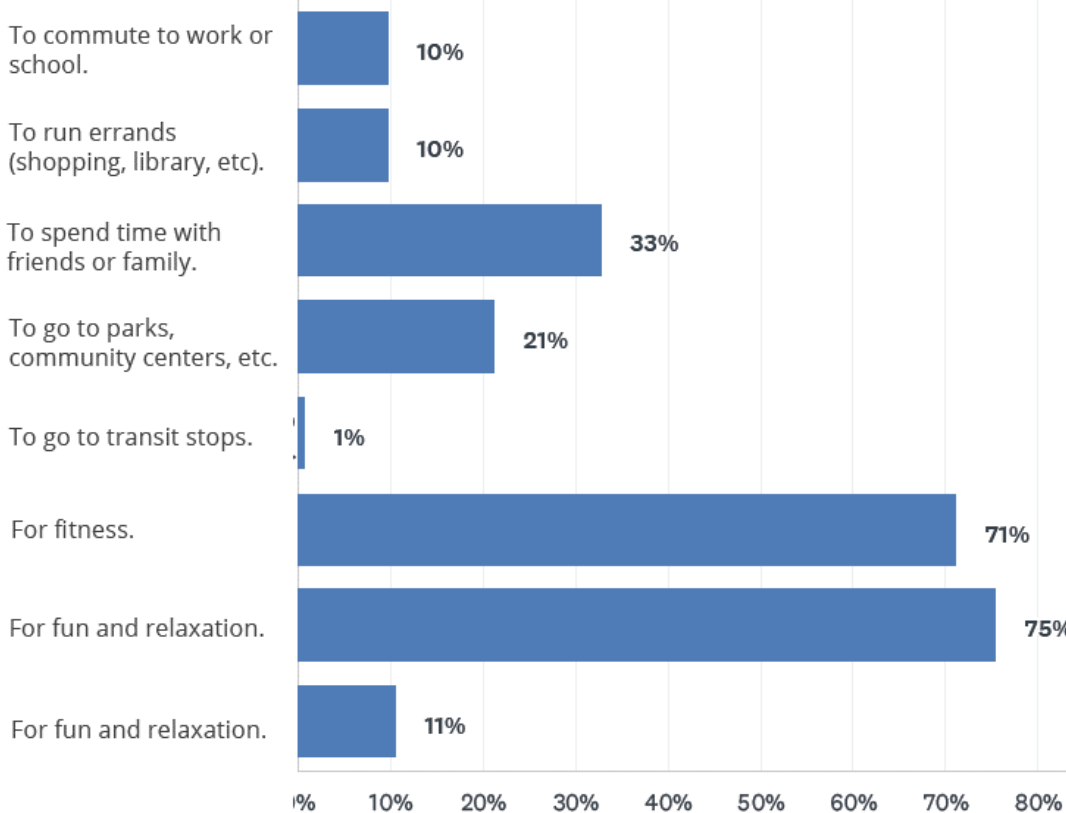


Mt. Vernon

Q5. Why do you bicycle now? (choose one)



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Benton

Mt. Vernon

What are destinations outside of the City limits that you bike from (or would like to bike from)? (List up to three)



Benton

Q7. What are destinations outside of the City limits that you bike from the City (or would like to bike from)? (List up to three)



Mt. Vernon

Currently, what streets do you frequently bicycle on?



Benton

Q8. Currently, what streets do you frequently bicycle on?



Mt. Vernon

In the future, what streets would you like to bicycle on? (Perhaps 't bicycle on these streets now because you feel unsafe)



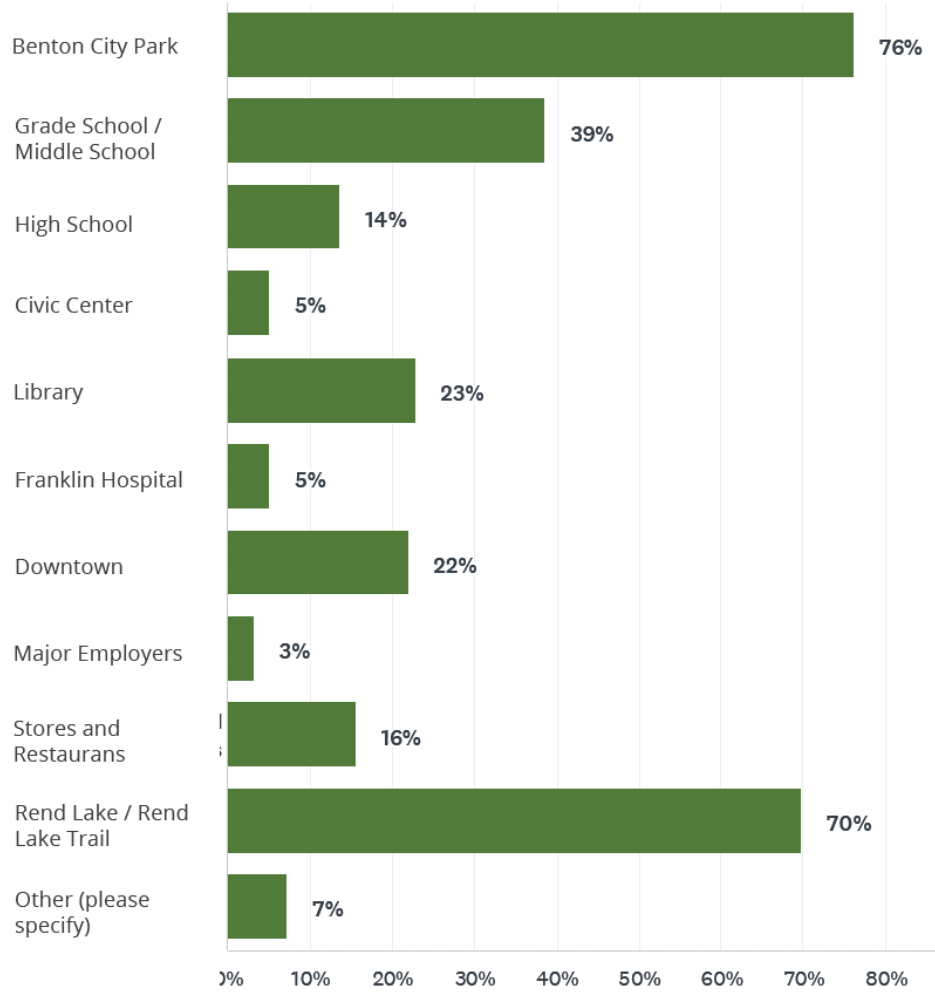
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Q9. In the future, what streets would you like to bicycle on? (Perhaps you don't bicycle on these streets now because you feel unsafe)



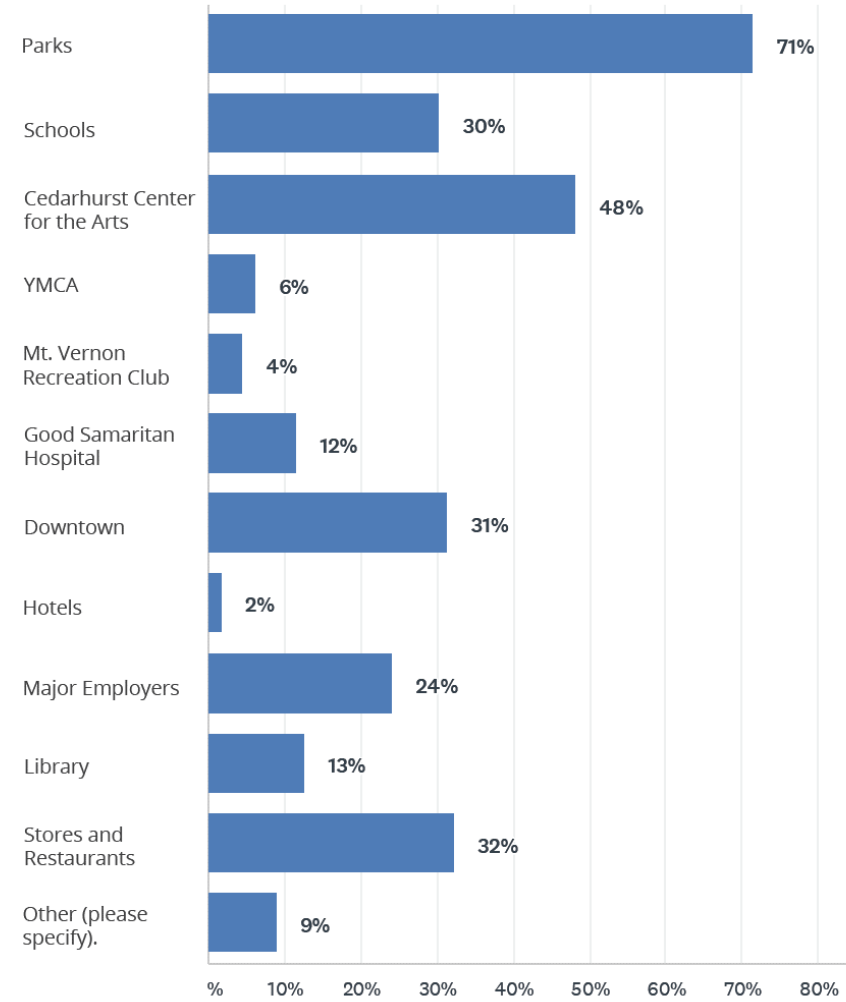
Mt. Vernon

Q10. What are your top three priorities for destinations in the City that future bike facilities should connect? (Choose up to three)



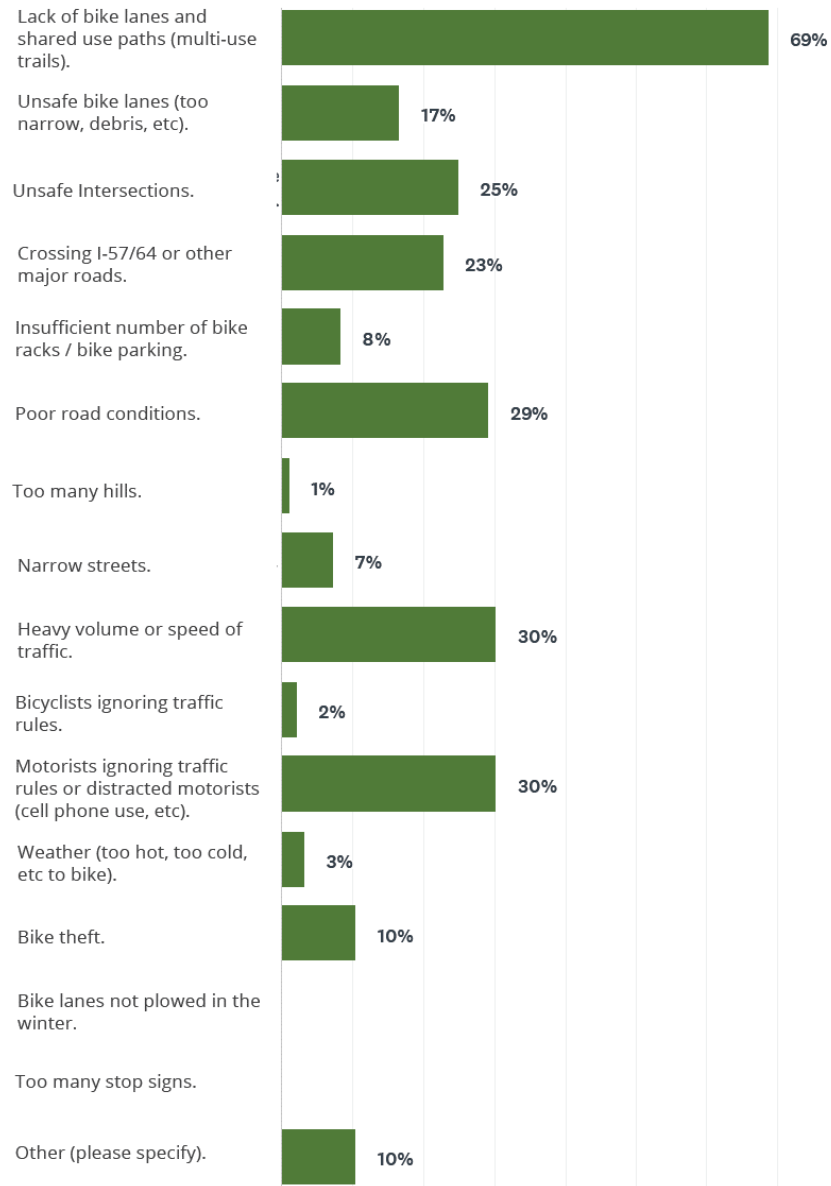
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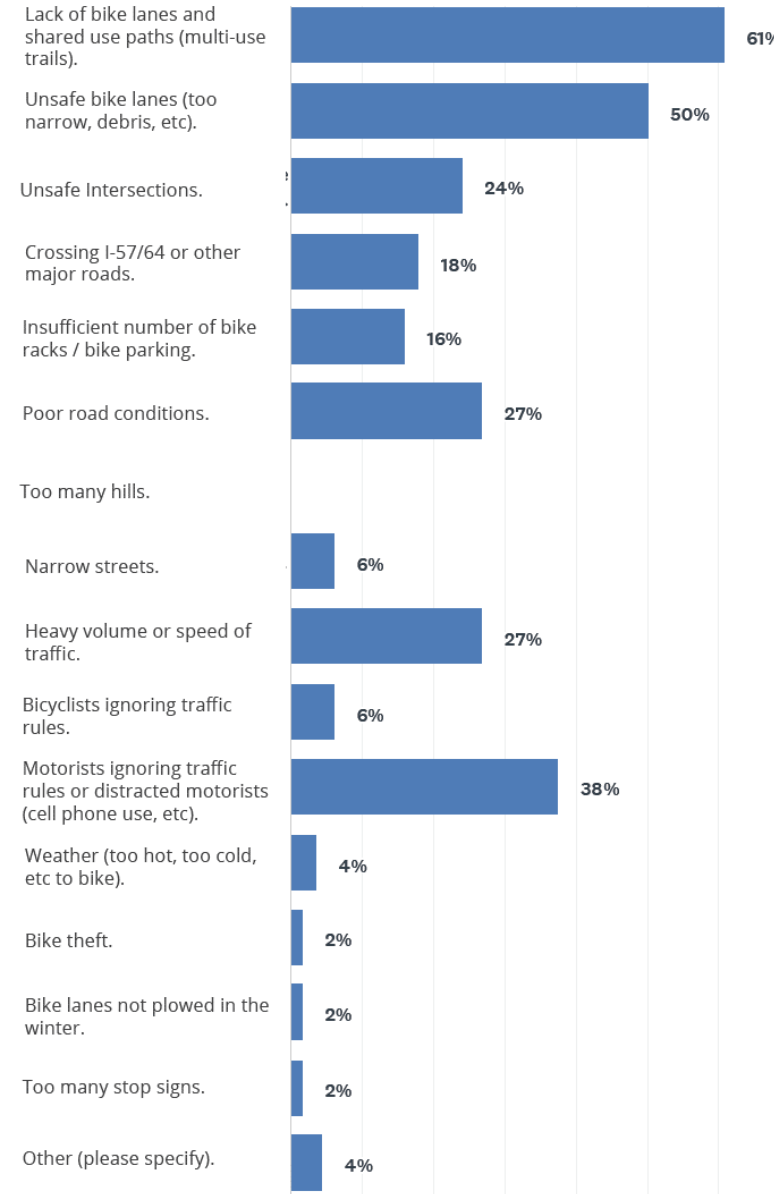
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Q11. What are the top three challenges to biking in Benton? (Choose up to three)



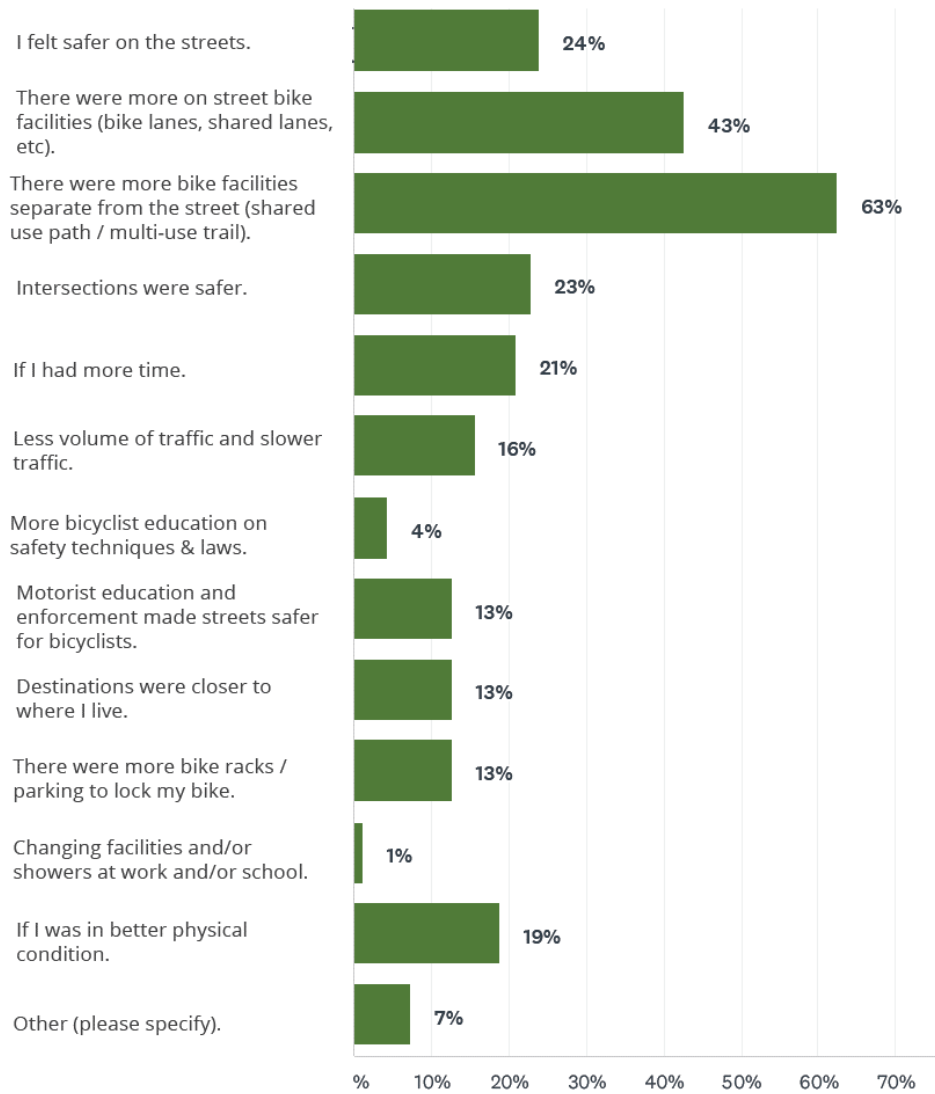
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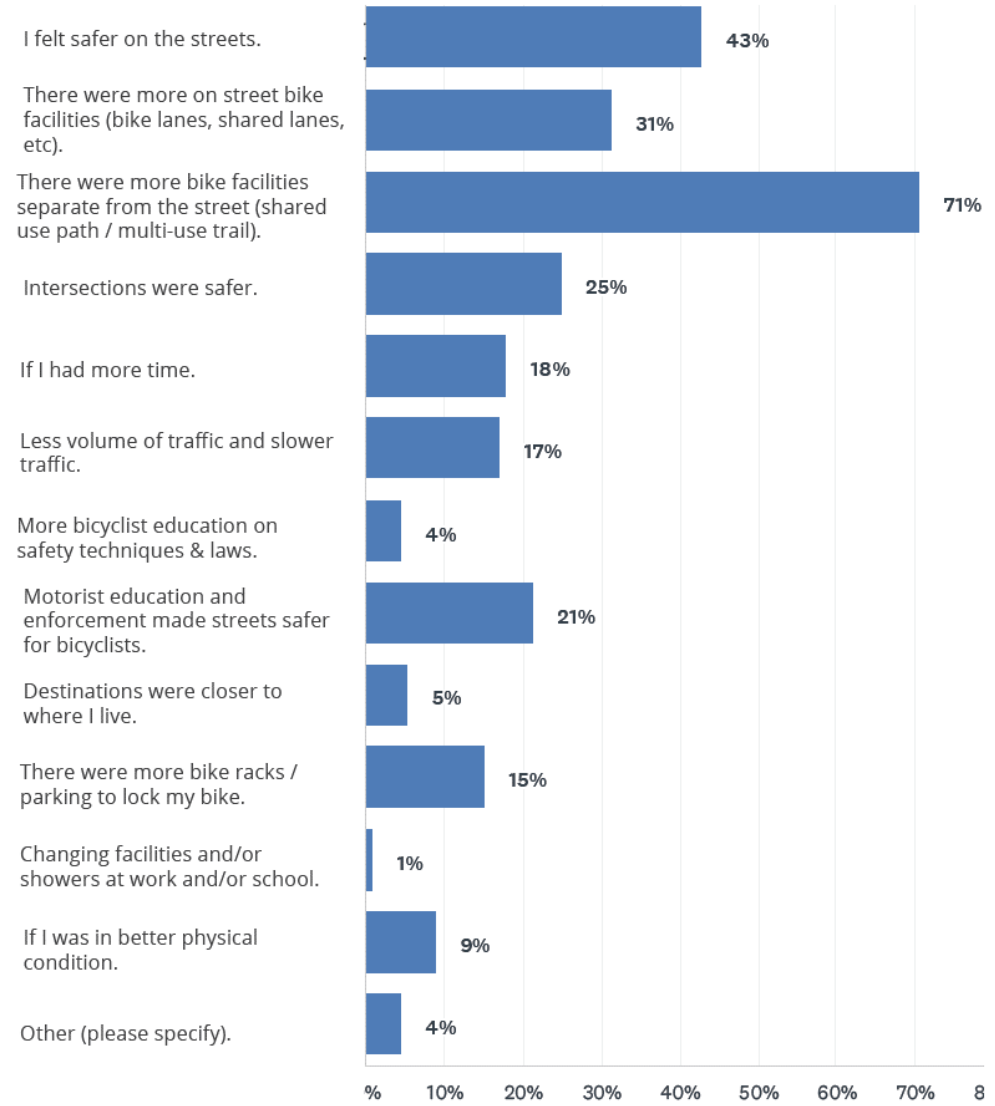
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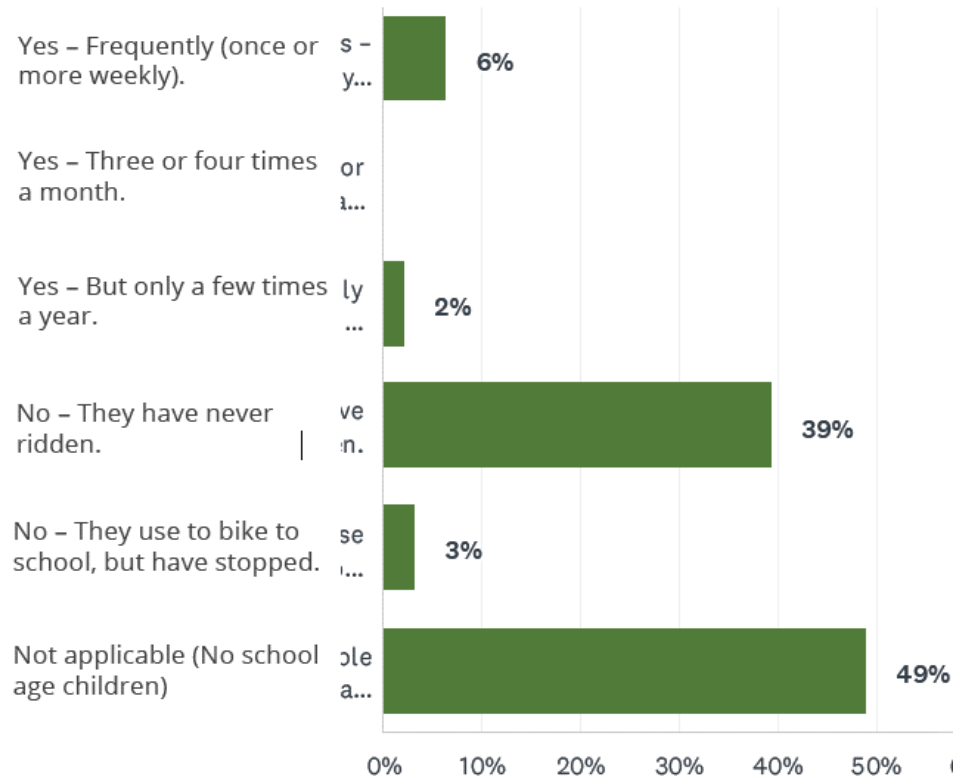
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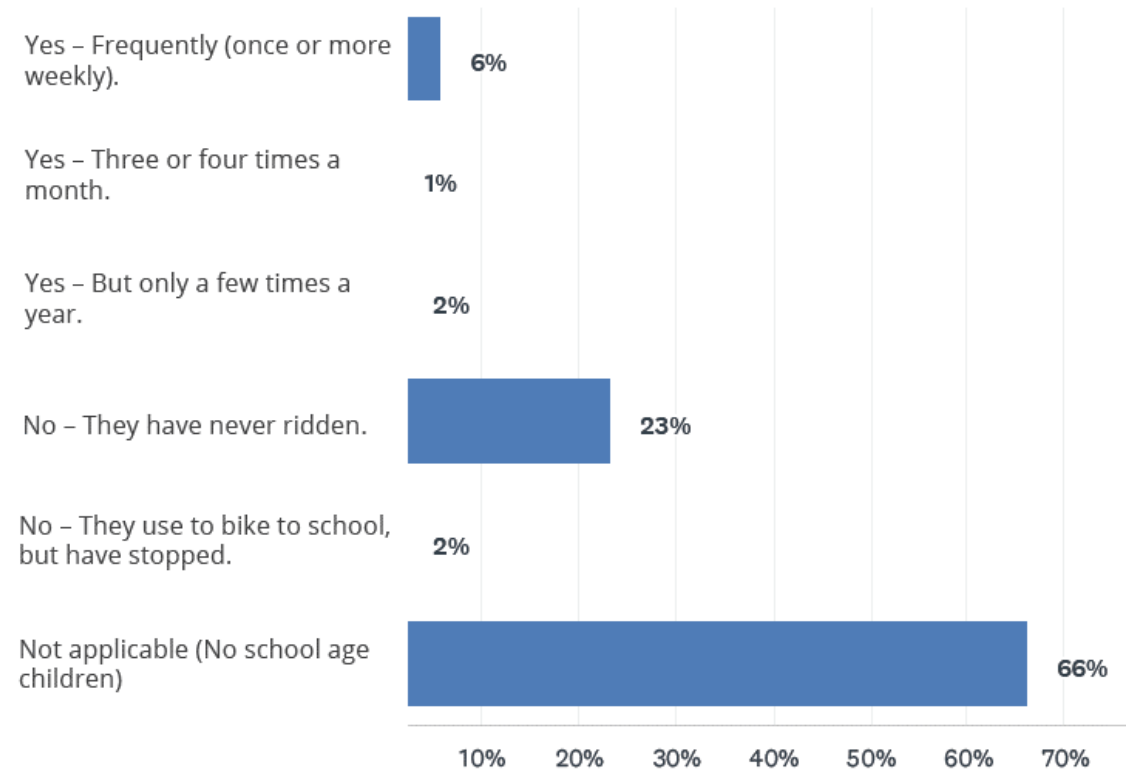
Mt. Vernon

Q14. If you have school age children (grade school thru high school), do they bike to school? (choose one)



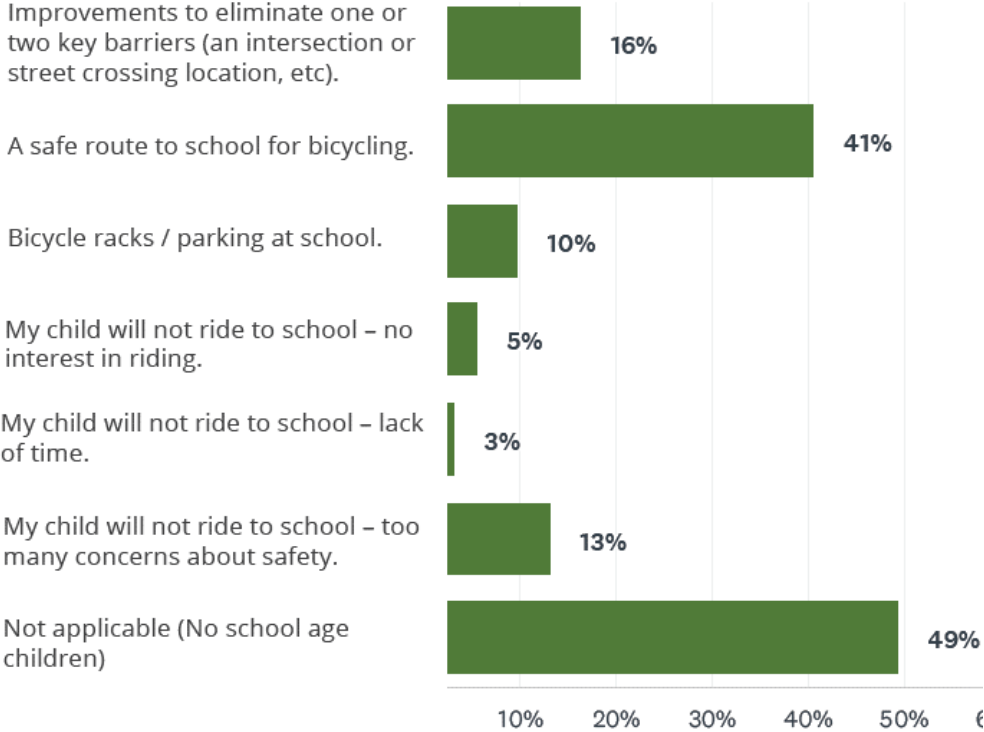
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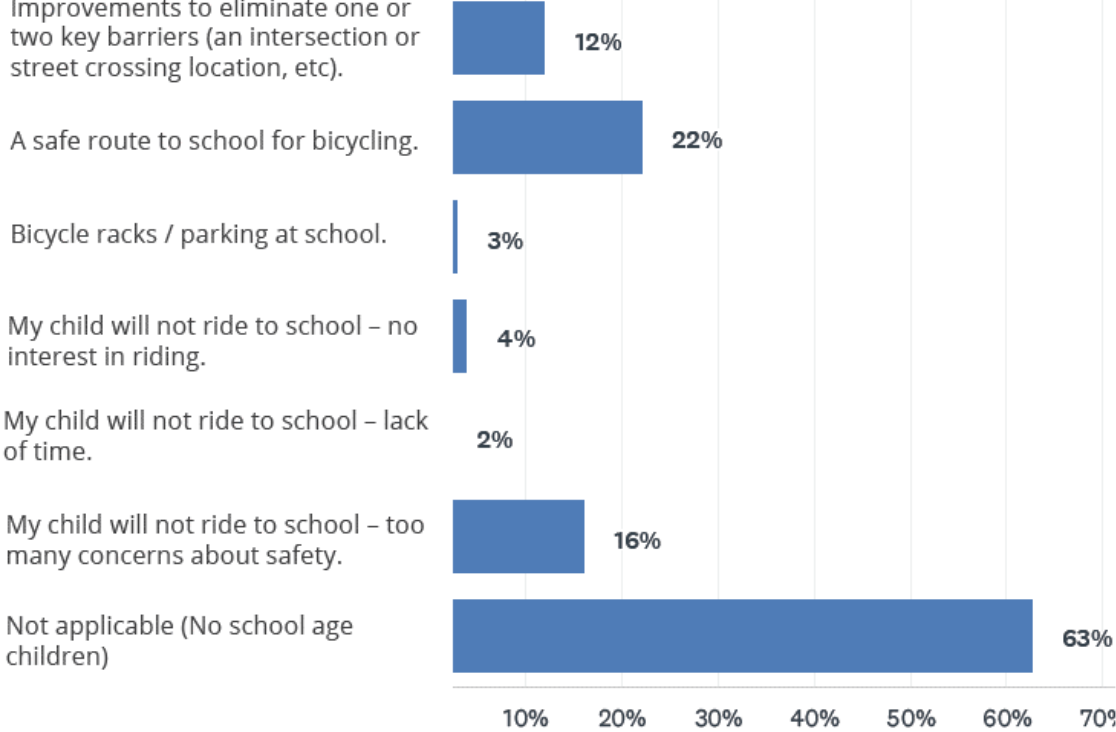
Mt. Vernon

Q15. If your child doesn't ride or rides infrequently, what would help your child bike to school? (Choose all that apply)



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IMPROVEMENTS LEADING TO RIDING

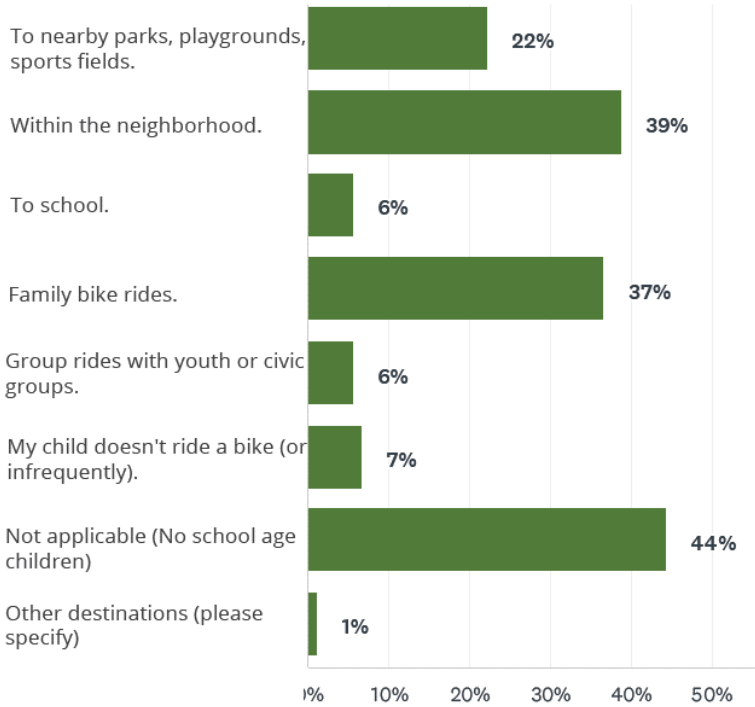


Mt. Vernon School District

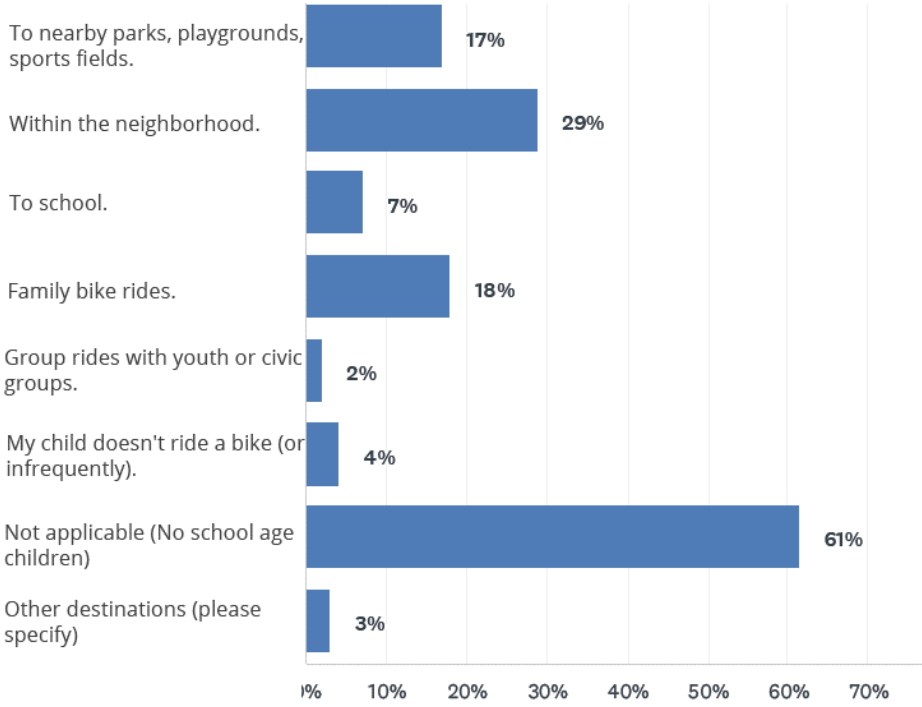
New Bike Rack at K-3
Building



Q16. If you have school age children, where do they bicycle?
(Choose all that apply)



Q16. If you have school age children, where do they bicycle?
(Choose all that apply)



Benton

Mt. Vernon

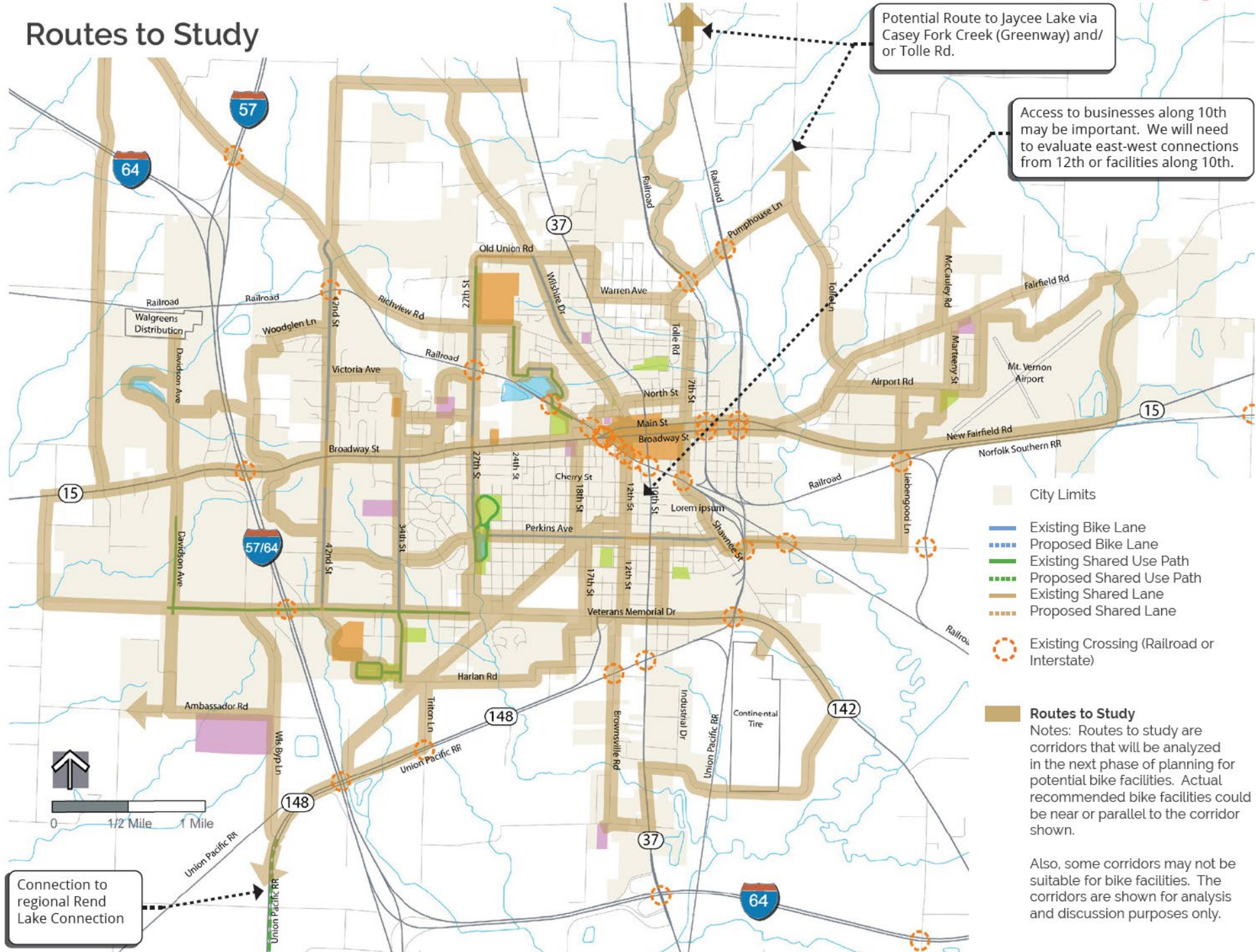


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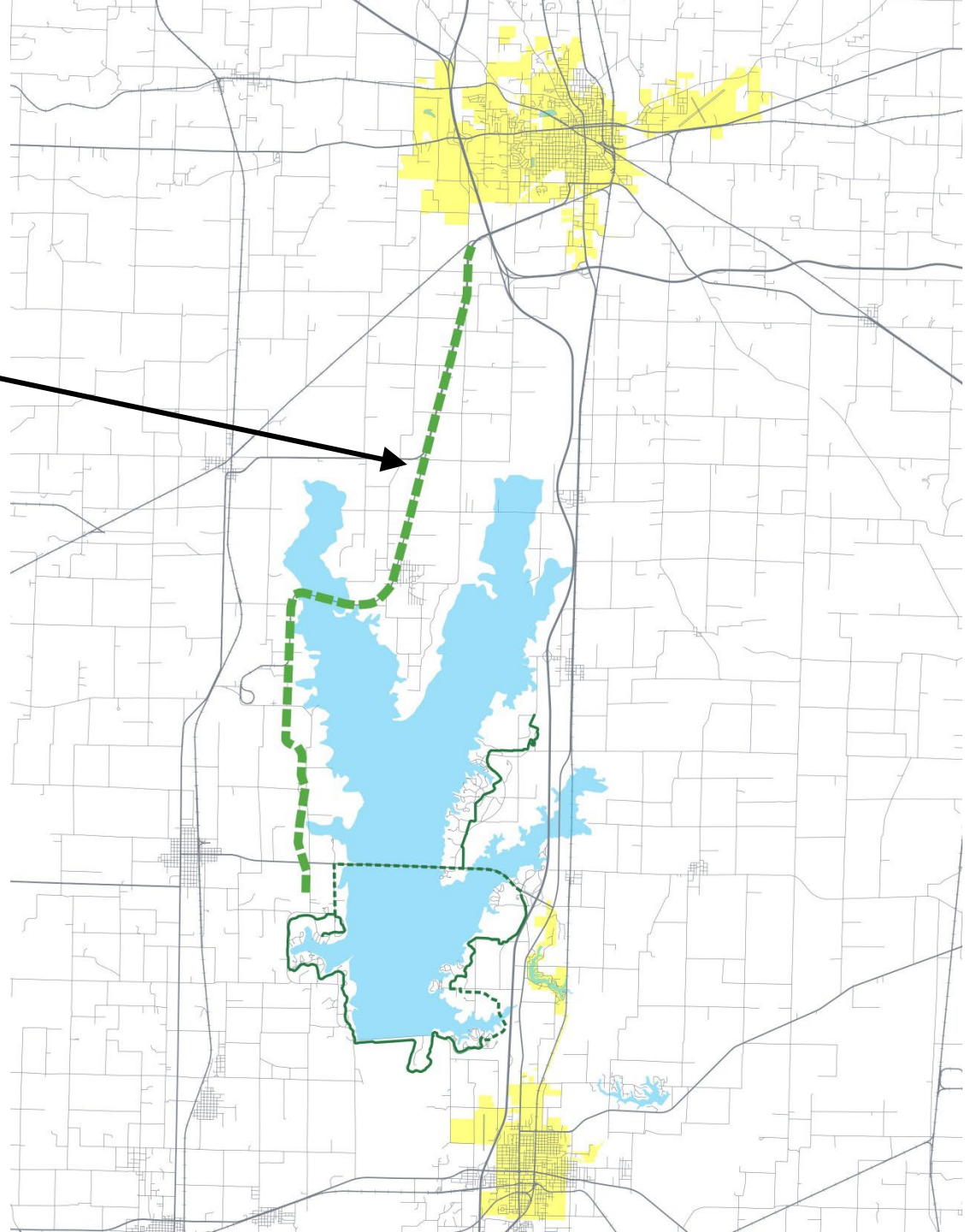


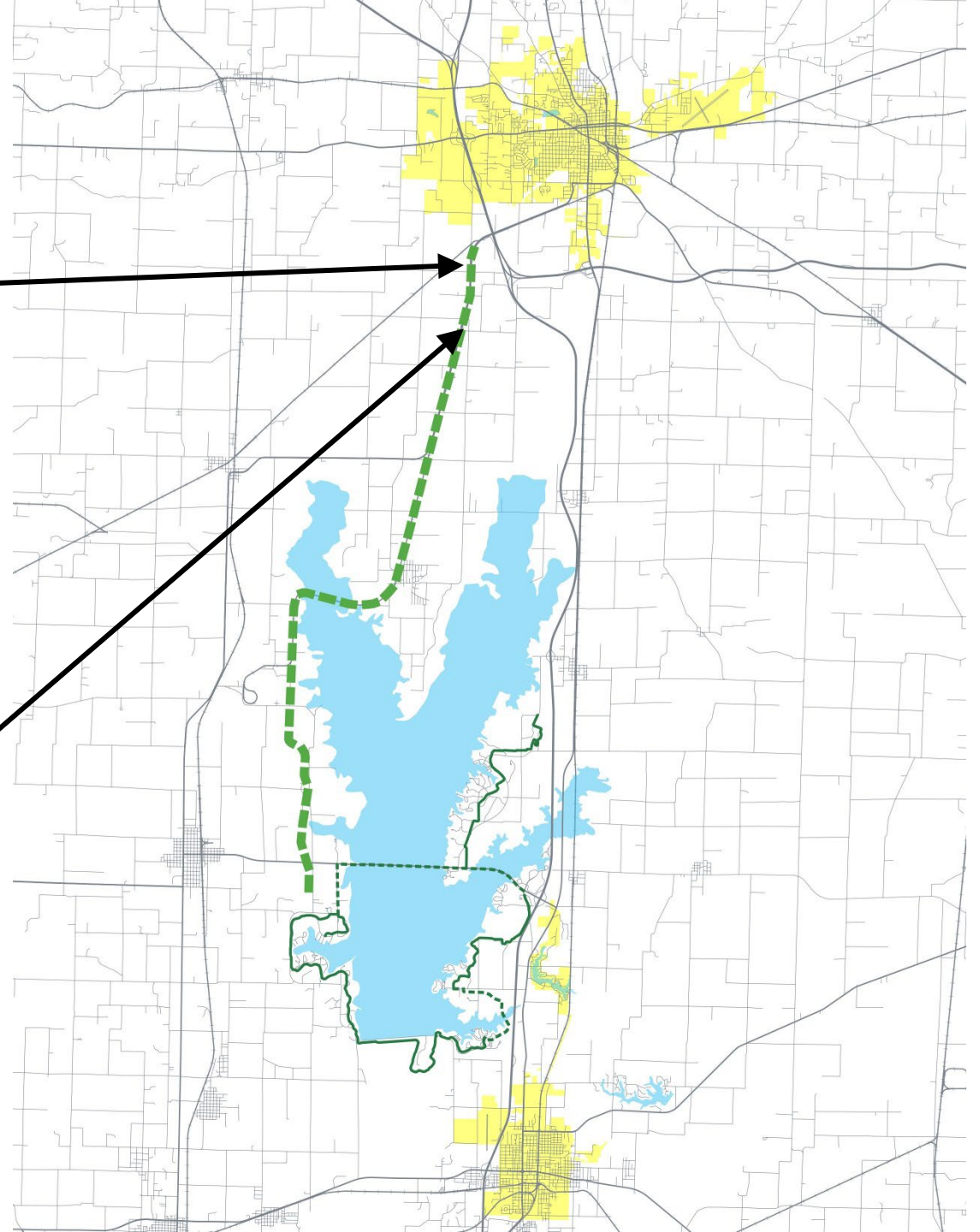
Routes to Study



Connection to Rend Lake

(Illustrative Project in the
Greater Egypt Long Range
Transportation Plan)







NEXT STEPS



- **Existing Conditions Report (Next Week)**
- **Analysis of Potential Routes**
- **Open House #2: February**
- **Advisory Committee Meeting: March**
- **Final Plan: Late Spring**
- **(Advisory Committee Homework)**

Thank You!

Discussion and Questions

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Round Table Design

