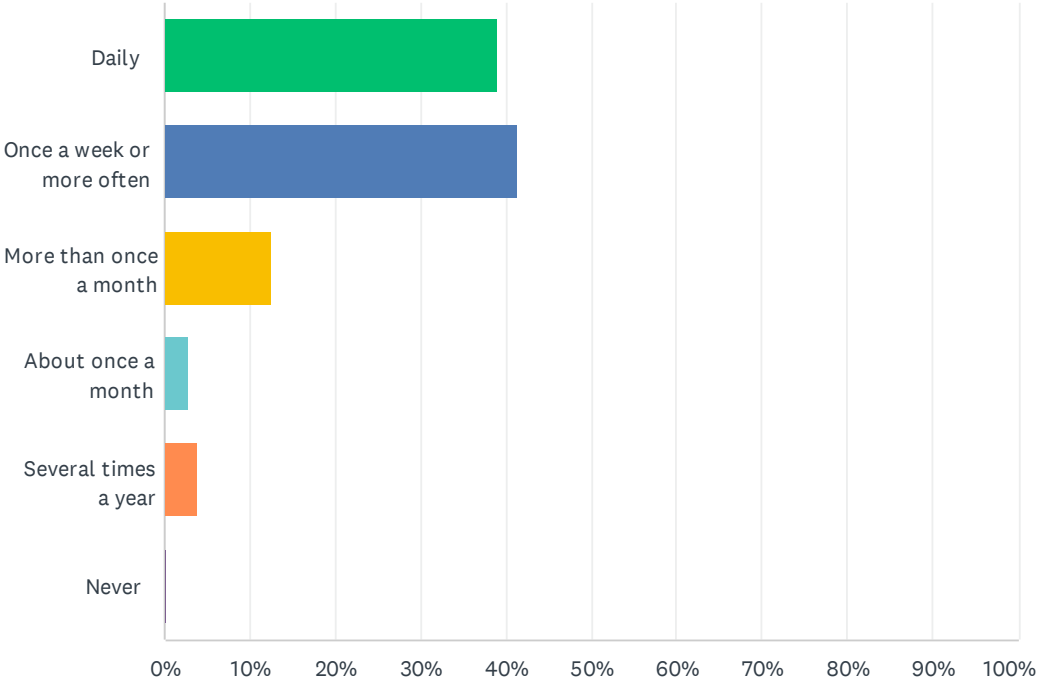


Q1 How often do you visit the Main Street Corridor with an intended destination?

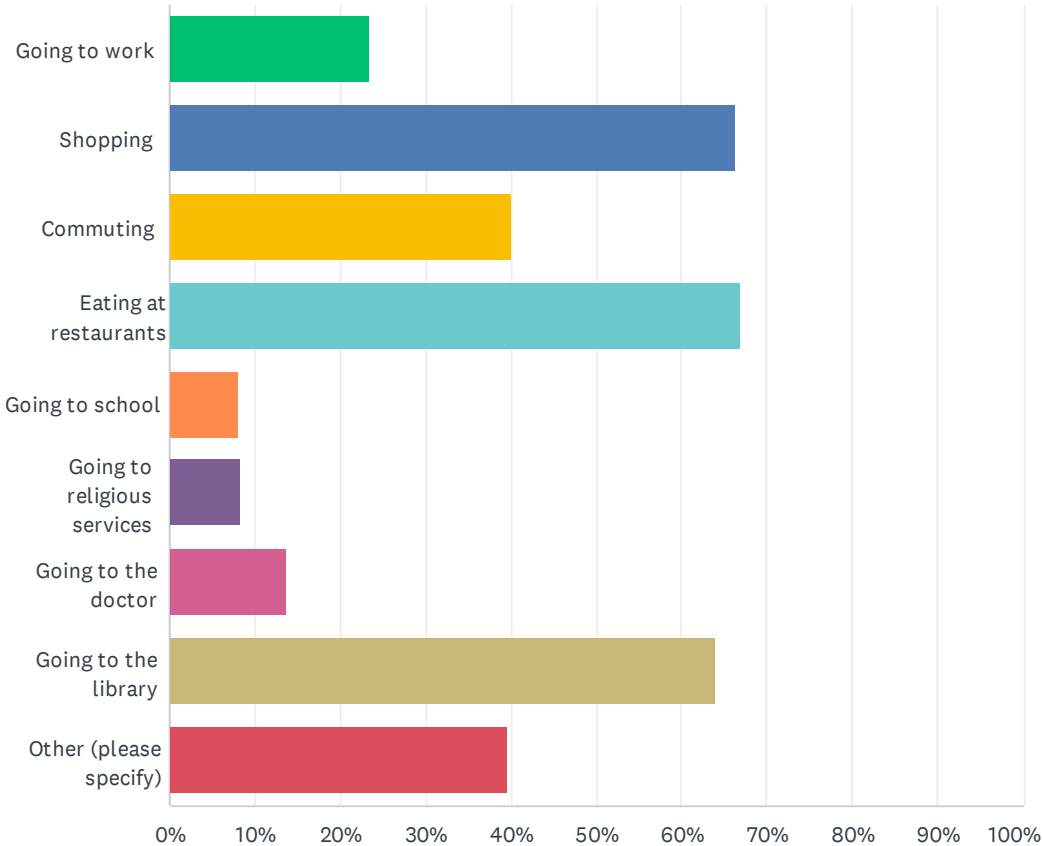
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Daily	39.00%	163
Once a week or more often	41.39%	173
More than once a month	12.68%	53
About once a month	2.87%	12
Several times a year	3.83%	16
Never	0.24%	1
TOTAL		418

Q2 What reasons do you visit the Main Street Corridor?

Answered: 418 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Going to work	23.44%	98
Shopping	66.27%	277
Commuting	40.19%	168
Eating at restaurants	66.99%	280
Going to school	8.13%	34
Going to religious services	8.37%	35
Going to the doctor	13.64%	57
Going to the library	63.88%	267
Other (please specify)	39.71%	166
Total Respondents: 418		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Walking, strolling with babies, music class, PO	6/21/2024 8:01 PM

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2	Recreation	6/20/2024 11:55 AM
3	Volunteering	6/20/2024 11:51 AM
4	farmers market	6/20/2024 11:36 AM
5	BOA ATM; Banking	6/20/2024 10:47 AM
6	Going to hairdresser	6/20/2024 10:29 AM
7	Farmer's market	6/19/2024 10:02 PM
8	passing through from one destination to the other	6/18/2024 5:47 PM
9	Visiting friends	6/17/2024 9:34 PM
10	haircut	6/14/2024 11:46 AM
11	bank	6/13/2024 3:34 PM
12	Banks and Post Office, Town Hall registrar, visiting family	6/12/2024 11:33 PM
13	post office	6/12/2024 7:59 PM
14	Living here	6/12/2024 7:13 PM
15	massage and post office	6/12/2024 5:18 PM
16	Walking for leisure	6/12/2024 8:12 AM
17	Going to the Post Office or Farmer's Market	6/11/2024 11:44 PM
18	Walking dog	6/11/2024 10:45 PM
19	Farmers Market, town hall,	6/11/2024 9:48 PM
20	Banking	6/11/2024 8:54 PM
21	Dropping daughter off at dance studio on Summer St	6/11/2024 4:53 PM
22	community events on the Common, baseball games at Coolidge Park	6/11/2024 4:37 PM
23	Getting haircut, going for walk, farmers market, going to town hall, vote, going to the train station	6/11/2024 4:30 PM
24	Banking, Post Office	6/11/2024 9:43 AM
25	Meeting someone for coffee	6/11/2024 8:59 AM
26	banking	6/11/2024 7:54 AM
27	Sports	6/10/2024 6:20 PM
28	Post Office, jogging, banking, biking	6/10/2024 4:58 PM
29	Post Office	6/10/2024 3:01 PM
30	Banking, Exercising, Walking, Look at the Mosaic Art and Studios, Dance Lessons, Orchestra Practice, Performing Arts, Bakery, Coffee, and Performing Arts	6/10/2024 2:55 PM
31	Banking	6/10/2024 11:52 AM
32	Farmer's Market	6/10/2024 11:41 AM
33	Farmers market, haircut, Metro Pets, paint, ice cream, Darcy Wellness, corner markets	6/10/2024 10:53 AM
34	Post Office	6/10/2024 10:47 AM
35	Picking up grandkids	6/10/2024 10:32 AM
36	Recreational walking	6/10/2024 10:27 AM
37	Banking	6/10/2024 10:02 AM
38	Attend dance classes	6/10/2024 9:32 AM

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39	Live in this corridor.	6/10/2024 9:29 AM
40	Walking my dog	6/10/2024 9:26 AM
41	Visiting the town common	6/10/2024 9:22 AM
42	Exercise	6/5/2024 8:23 PM
43	Farmers market	6/5/2024 8:23 PM
44	Just for a drive	6/5/2024 11:39 AM
45	Just taking a walk	6/4/2024 8:31 PM
46	On the way to recycling center	6/4/2024 8:23 PM
47	Hang out (Sit in park)	6/4/2024 4:53 PM
48	going to Post Office and the bank	5/31/2024 6:34 PM
49	Going Home	5/29/2024 11:13 AM
50	To the common	5/28/2024 11:04 PM
51	Hairdresser	5/28/2024 10:41 PM
52	biking up Cottage St to meet people at town common	5/28/2024 9:31 AM
53	Going to the Post Office. Visiting with a friend on the green. Walking with a friend.	5/27/2024 10:08 AM
54	Farmers Market, Town Hall	5/26/2024 4:44 PM
55	General pass thru or walking	5/26/2024 11:18 AM
56	Walking thru	5/26/2024 9:19 AM
57	Farmers market	5/25/2024 12:13 PM
58	Common, Farmers Market, Cafe, MSBank	5/25/2024 10:46 AM
59	Bank, TCAN	5/25/2024 10:27 AM
60	Banks!!	5/25/2024 10:09 AM
61	Farmers market; going for walks	5/25/2024 7:40 AM
62	Just to walk around	5/25/2024 1:26 AM
63	Walk dog	5/24/2024 9:33 PM
64	Jist about any reason.	5/24/2024 5:43 PM
65	Exercise	5/24/2024 3:55 PM
66	Tcan	5/23/2024 10:59 PM
67	farmers market	5/23/2024 2:54 PM
68	Daily walk around the park	5/23/2024 9:55 AM
69	Town events; exercise (walking through town)	5/23/2024 9:41 AM
70	To go north to route 9	5/22/2024 8:16 PM
71	Events at the Common	5/22/2024 5:17 PM
72	volunteering downtown for Town, local organizations	5/22/2024 10:30 AM
73	Spend time on common, meet people, civic participation.	5/21/2024 7:01 PM
74	I work on the street, 9-5 M-F, in downtown Natick as a Parking Enforcement Officer	5/21/2024 4:52 PM
75	After school activities	5/21/2024 12:11 PM
76	Walking dog	5/21/2024 9:20 AM

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77	Walks with dog and kids, farmers market, music class	5/20/2024 7:02 PM
78	Post office, Summer concerts, Bank, library	5/20/2024 5:30 PM
79	Going to post office	5/20/2024 4:38 PM
80	I walk around it 3-5 times a day	5/20/2024 2:53 PM
81	Going towards Wellesley	5/20/2024 2:07 PM
82	Post Office	5/20/2024 2:03 PM
83	going to the park	5/20/2024 1:59 PM
84	farmers market	5/20/2024 1:52 PM
85	Barber	5/20/2024 1:36 PM
86	farmers market or other events on the common	5/20/2024 1:29 PM
87	ATM bank of America	5/20/2024 1:27 PM
88	Going to the gym, going to farmer's market	5/20/2024 1:23 PM
89	Going to grocery store	5/20/2024 1:16 PM
90	Picking up takeout food.	5/20/2024 1:11 PM
91	Events	5/20/2024 12:55 PM
92	Post office, spa, farmer's market	5/20/2024 12:51 PM
93	Driving through	5/20/2024 12:49 PM
94	Martial arts classes	5/20/2024 12:31 PM
95	Walking/biking for exercise	5/20/2024 12:29 PM
96	Walking, running, and bicycling	5/20/2024 12:18 PM
97	Passive recreation/walking.	5/20/2024 12:14 PM
98	Reaching destinations in MetroWest	5/20/2024 12:11 PM
99	Getting coffee, farmer's market, etc	5/20/2024 11:57 AM
100	Professional services/business	5/20/2024 11:47 AM
101	Outdoor recreation with my children	5/20/2024 11:36 AM
102	town meetings, farmers market, banking	5/20/2024 11:30 AM
103	Events on the common	5/20/2024 11:18 AM
104	Activities on the town square	5/20/2024 10:56 AM
105	I live on East St	5/20/2024 10:49 AM
106	Walking my dog, going to other businesses	5/20/2024 10:41 AM
107	Volunteer work	5/20/2024 8:38 AM
108	Bank, dry cleaning, gas, passing thru to other Natick locations.	5/19/2024 9:45 PM
109	Driving kids to activities	5/19/2024 9:42 PM
110	Walking to the common for events	5/19/2024 8:57 PM
111	Farmer's Market - & Town Hall Business	5/19/2024 8:19 PM
112	Live within walking distance	5/19/2024 7:10 PM
113	Drive children to social events	5/19/2024 6:22 PM
114	Going to the bank or walking my dog	5/19/2024 5:50 PM

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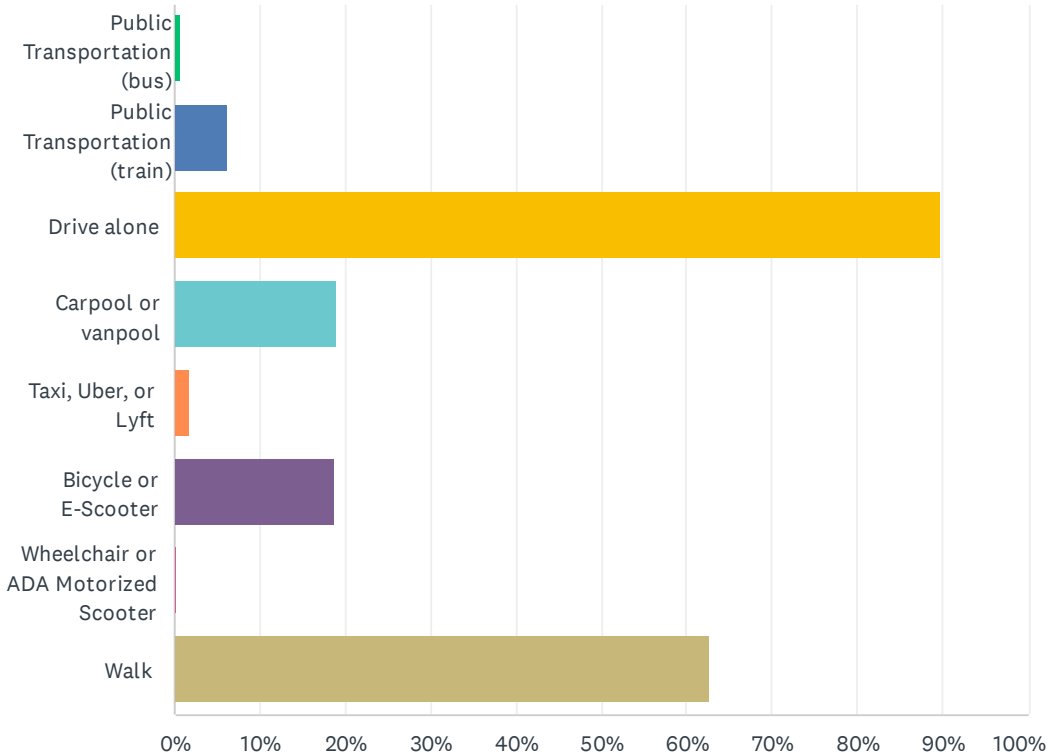
115	Picking up takeout	5/19/2024 5:10 PM
116	Social events	5/19/2024 3:36 PM
117	Going to the Natick Common	5/19/2024 3:17 PM
118	Banking	5/19/2024 2:33 PM
119	Events on the common	5/19/2024 12:44 PM
120	Children's sporting events	5/19/2024 11:16 AM
121	Post office	5/19/2024 10:34 AM
122	Walking/exercise	5/19/2024 8:41 AM
123	walk or a run	5/19/2024 8:03 AM
124	Gym	5/19/2024 7:54 AM
125	Going to the community center	5/19/2024 7:03 AM
126	Going to the bank; Going to the Common; Visiting family members who live there	5/19/2024 6:48 AM
127	General walk	5/19/2024 2:29 AM
128	Bank	5/18/2024 9:07 PM
129	Errands	5/18/2024 6:45 PM
130	Orangetheory Fitness and the post office.	5/18/2024 6:08 PM
131	working out	5/18/2024 5:42 PM
132	I live downtown	5/18/2024 4:58 PM
133	Community events on the Common	5/18/2024 4:46 PM
134	Sometimes get gas at mabardy's	5/18/2024 3:54 PM
135	Farmers Market	5/18/2024 3:43 PM
136	Recreation	5/18/2024 2:34 PM
137	Meetings at Town Hall	5/18/2024 1:11 PM
138	Post office	5/18/2024 10:19 AM
139	the Common, Town Hall	5/18/2024 10:16 AM
140	Going to park	5/18/2024 9:52 AM
141	going to exercise class	5/18/2024 9:27 AM
142	Walking dog	5/18/2024 9:03 AM
143	Gas at Mabardys	5/18/2024 8:12 AM
144	Going to the common	5/18/2024 7:32 AM
145	Attending classes at Boston Body Pilates	5/18/2024 6:33 AM
146	Meeting friends	5/18/2024 6:24 AM
147	I walk and run around there.	5/18/2024 4:50 AM
148	hanging on the Common	5/18/2024 3:05 AM
149	Playing on Common/Farmers Market	5/18/2024 12:56 AM
150	Dropping off Kids at Daycare	5/17/2024 11:33 PM
151	live there	5/17/2024 11:27 PM
152	Using atm and bank	5/17/2024 9:07 PM

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153	To visit friends	5/17/2024 7:52 PM
154	going to recreation areas	5/17/2024 7:04 PM
155	Farmers market, TCAN, special events on the common	5/17/2024 6:54 PM
156	Farmers market & TCAN	5/17/2024 6:47 PM
157	Gas station	5/17/2024 6:41 PM
158	going to post office	5/17/2024 5:39 PM
159	Barber, bakery, heading to Sherborn	5/17/2024 5:27 PM
160	Errands	5/17/2024 5:25 PM
161	Walking for health	5/17/2024 5:22 PM
162	Just getting through Natick	5/17/2024 5:14 PM
163	Meetings at Town Hall	5/17/2024 5:10 PM
164	visit friends	5/17/2024 4:54 PM
165	Traverse to get to activity	5/17/2024 4:21 PM
166	Going home - I live on Main.	5/17/2024 3:20 PM

Q3 How do you typically travel to and around the Main Street Corridor? (Choose all that apply)

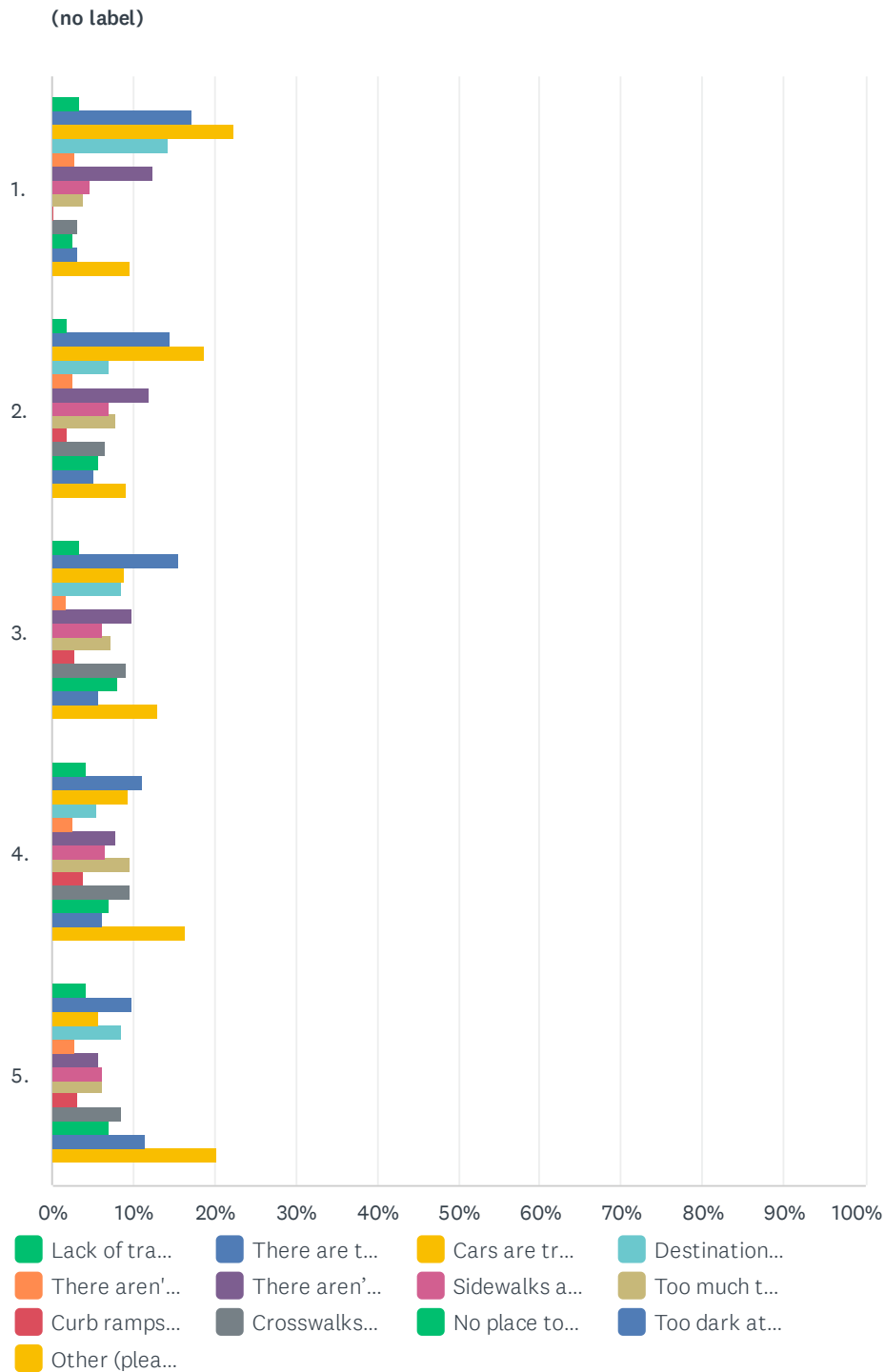
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Public Transportation (bus)	0.72%	3
Public Transportation (train)	6.22%	26
Drive alone	89.71%	375
Carpool or vanpool	18.90%	79
Taxi, Uber, or Lyft	1.67%	7
Bicycle or E-Scooter	18.66%	78
Wheelchair or ADA Motorized Scooter	0.24%	1
Walk	62.68%	262
Total Respondents: 418		

Q4 What are the most critical issues that prevent you from walking or biking the Main Street Corridor frequently? (Select your top 5 issues - 1 being the most important & 5 being the least important.)

Answered: 418 Skipped: 0



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(no label)									
	LACK OF TRANSIT OPTIONS SUCH AS BUS OR TRAIN STOPS	THERE ARE TOO MANY CARS	CARS ARE TRAVELING TOO FAST AND/OR DRIVER BEHAVIOR MAKES IT FEEL UNSAFE	DESTINATIONS ARE TOO FAR (NOT CONVENIENT)	THERE AREN'T SIDEWALKS	THERE AREN'T BICYCLE LANES	SIDEWALKS ARE IN POOR CONDITION	TOO MUCH TO CARRY AFTER RUNNING MY ERRANDS	CURB RAILS ARE IN POOR CONDITION OR NONEXISTENT
1.	3.35% 14	17.22% 72	22.49% 94	14.35% 60	2.87% 12	12.44% 52	4.78% 20	3.83% 16	0.00% 0
2.	1.91% 8	14.59% 61	18.66% 78	6.94% 29	2.63% 11	11.96% 50	6.94% 29	7.89% 33	1.91% 8
3.	3.35% 14	15.55% 65	8.85% 37	8.61% 36	1.67% 7	9.81% 41	6.22% 26	7.18% 30	2.22% 9
4.	4.31% 18	11.00% 46	9.33% 39	5.50% 23	2.63% 11	7.89% 33	6.70% 28	9.57% 40	3.35% 14
5.	4.31% 18	9.81% 41	5.74% 24	8.61% 36	2.87% 12	5.74% 24	6.22% 26	6.22% 26	3.35% 14

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	No other issues	5/17/2024 3:07 PM
2	Drivers not paying attention to crosswalks	5/17/2024 3:20 PM
3	I find it convenient	6/10/2024 12:57 PM
4	No time	5/17/2024 4:21 PM
5	cannot get to it safely from west natick, speen and 135 are too dangerous	5/17/2024 4:38 PM
6	I live about a mile away so walking around town feels safe but outside into the suburbs area I would instead chose to drive at night if alone	5/17/2024 5:06 PM
7	Don't have a bike ?	5/17/2024 5:14 PM
8	# 1 is in regard to biking	5/17/2024 5:27 PM
9	the area is not bicycle friendly..bike lanes will not fix that	5/17/2024 5:39 PM
10	Mobility issues	5/17/2024 5:52 PM
11	angled nose-in parking makes it impossible to see cyclists behind them. Horrible sightlines downtown make it impossible for cars to see cyclists/pedestrians.	5/17/2024 6:28 PM
12	Diagonal parking makes it too dangerous for bikes	5/17/2024 6:47 PM
13	No speed limit signs are present nor is the speed of vehicles monitored on south 27	5/17/2024 7:57 PM
14	I would bike but it's far too dangerous	5/17/2024 8:16 PM
15	Not enough restaurants or attractive destinations	5/17/2024 8:32 PM
16	Speed; unposted so everyone speeds,lines and crosswalks need to be repainted; main st not patrolled, laws not enforced	5/17/2024 8:35 PM
17	None	5/17/2024 10:12 PM
18	Cross lights aren't loud enough or not enough time to cross.	5/17/2024 10:50 PM
19	This survey has a bias towards walkers and bikers--the question leaves out whether we we are able to walk and bike--it is nit a very inclusive question; there also need to be better parking	5/17/2024 11:25 PM
20	Few late night shopping & eating options.	5/18/2024 3:05 AM

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21	Too much traffic congestion due to Farmer's Market	5/18/2024 4:12 AM
22	Couldn't finish the survey without these all filled in...with something.	5/18/2024 4:50 AM
23	need cross walk	5/18/2024 6:38 AM
24	Too far from home in West Natick	5/18/2024 7:37 AM
25	Needs to be a safe way for kids to get through the center of town with their bicycles.	5/18/2024 8:12 AM
26	Limited parking	5/18/2024 9:03 AM
27	I don't have any issues walking downtown. I do not bike downtown, so I cannot comment.	5/18/2024 9:27 AM
28	Nothing, I walk there most days	5/18/2024 9:27 AM
29	Lack of connection to rail trail	5/18/2024 9:52 AM
30	Insufficient parking, no flashing crossing lights in front of the police station or by the crosswalk near the optical shop on Route 27	5/18/2024 9:59 AM
31	I don't live close enough to downtown to be biking there. I have no issues walking to do my errands.	5/18/2024 10:19 AM
32	Good thoughtful planning	5/20/2024 8:38 AM
33	Angled parking blocks pedestrian/bike visibility making it very dangerous	5/18/2024 3:18 PM
34	I hate biking, I get too sweaty. I live too far from center to walk.	5/18/2024 3:54 PM
35	The intersection of 135 and 27, the timing of the walk signal is so confusing and chaotic that I have had a panic attack and been reduced to tears just trying to walk across and not get creamed. I will drive and spend more time parking than it would have taken to walk just to avoid that intersection on foot, but mostly I just choose not to go downtown if I can get my stuff done anywhere else so I can avoid that intersection.	5/18/2024 4:34 PM
36	In a hurry	5/18/2024 4:46 PM
37	too many on street/sidewalk parked cars	5/18/2024 4:58 PM
38	Main reason is that what I might need, shopping wise is not available in the downtown area. Same for restaurants, not enough.	5/18/2024 6:47 PM
39	poor traffic design, piecemeal or no thoughtful , creative use of public space, red tape	5/18/2024 7:56 PM
40	Visibility for pedestrians is poor, and unsure if cars will see/pay attention;	5/19/2024 2:29 AM
41	specifically a *protected* bike lane would help a lot, as it's me and my child on bicycles.	5/19/2024 5:04 AM
42	This is biased to assume that I WANT to bike through that area	5/19/2024 7:03 AM
43	No reason I.e. not a draw (shop, activity)	5/19/2024 8:32 AM
44	Lacking of destinations that other town centers nearby have	5/19/2024 8:53 AM
45	Distance from home. I live across town so have to drive to get there initially	5/19/2024 9:00 AM
46	I didn't really have more than one	5/19/2024 11:57 AM
47	The walk to town doesn't have sidewalks and feels unsafe due to the speed of cars (woodland street)	5/19/2024 12:44 PM
48	The neighborhoods behind the post office and left of cottage street hav awful roads and sidewalks. Coolidge Ave is the worst!	5/19/2024 2:33 PM
49	don't ride a bike anymore	5/19/2024 5:00 PM
50	Angled parking feels unsafe for riding a bike	5/19/2024 8:19 PM
51	None	5/19/2024 8:57 PM
52	DO NOT add bike lanes based on the responses to a leading question.	5/19/2024 9:45 PM
53	Please do not add bike lanes!!!	5/19/2024 10:10 PM

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54	Bike and pedestrian safety concerns are even more acute on streets approaching the corridor, i.e. Marion St., Union St., E. Central St.	5/20/2024 7:03 AM
55	No issues prevent me. just look both ways to cross	5/20/2024 10:34 AM
56	N/A	5/20/2024 10:44 AM
57	Traffic congestion and poor planned traffic flow	5/20/2024 10:49 AM
58	Weather	5/20/2024 10:56 AM
59	na	5/20/2024 11:18 AM
60	Traffic	5/20/2024 11:25 AM
61	rte 27 needs to be repaved- difficult to bike	5/20/2024 11:30 AM
62	Inadequate retail and/or activities for foot traffic / visitors	5/20/2024 11:36 AM
63	Young kids, walking or biking along 135 towards natick can feel scary. It's not peaceful, lots of cars and it's very loud. Lots of construction along the path	5/20/2024 11:51 AM
64	The public transportation to the commuter rail barely exists, and once I get to commuter rail there are fewer trains and the rates are more pricey .	5/20/2024 12:04 PM
65	I walk it frequently.	5/20/2024 12:07 PM
66	Sidewalks on cross streets between Washington and 27 are terrible. Palmer st. feels like a death trap - and either needs to be one way or half sidewalks, preferably both.	5/20/2024 12:14 PM
67	destinations are on side streets	5/20/2024 12:15 PM
68	Not a lot of options that would require more frequent visits.	5/20/2024 12:25 PM
69	I don't have 5 issues	5/20/2024 12:30 PM
70	I live in West Natick and no good options like safe bicycle lanes connect my house to the Main Street Corridor the entire way	5/20/2024 12:31 PM
71	Issue	5/20/2024 12:40 PM
72	Not applicable, I do walk when possible.	5/20/2024 12:44 PM
73	I live too far away when at work I walk	5/20/2024 12:48 PM
74	As A resident of Natick for 70 years, I've had to live with the worst road in this town. Its all about downtown not the people who pay taxes.wake up town officials	5/20/2024 12:47 PM
75	Need more to do and offer adjacent areas to explore off the road. Common is nice, but other alcoves would be good. Maybe even more history or interesting things to know as you walk would motivate people to walk/visit.	5/20/2024 12:53 PM
76	roads are always "being worked on" and never finished	5/20/2024 1:00 PM
77	Get rid of angle parking	5/20/2024 1:06 PM
78	Carrying too much TO the location (not after errands)	5/20/2024 1:11 PM
79	Downtown Natick does not feel inviting at all and I've lived here for over 40 years	5/20/2024 1:27 PM
80	lack of bike lanes on Union St to get from my neighborhood to the Main st corridor, especially on Union	5/20/2024 1:29 PM
81	crosswalks dangerous to cross	5/20/2024 1:31 PM
82	Assibility into the buildings or stores are not easy for a physically disabled person to get into	5/20/2024 1:39 PM
83	The crosswalks are dangerous	5/20/2024 1:41 PM
84	Walking or biking makes no sense this is a town not a city we (natick citizens) predominantly drive everywhere to meet our daily needs. The area is also over developed with limited green space making it a heat island and not a small town desirable place. There are also too many apartments vs retail commercial spaces.	5/20/2024 1:45 PM

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85	No sidewalk in South Ave.	5/20/2024 1:56 PM
86	no groceries	5/20/2024 1:59 PM
87	I have young kids with me, so cannot bike or walk easily.	5/20/2024 2:07 PM
88	To many adults and kids ride bicycles on the sidewalk and I have been run over or kicked multiple times.	5/20/2024 2:53 PM
89	Poor traffic layout including lack of light at pond/main leads to gridlock	5/20/2024 7:02 PM
90	Motorized bicycles on the sidewalks	5/21/2024 4:52 PM
91	Traffic, too much construction/building, no parking, hardly any bikes so bike lanes are ridiculous	5/22/2024 10:08 AM
92	daily needs vary, so less likley to rely on bike to/from work in Natick Center	5/22/2024 10:30 AM
93	Lack of decent restaurants, lack of decent shopping destinations	5/22/2024 3:54 PM
94	The privacy of travelers on sidewalks and roadways is infringed upon by surveillance cameras.	5/22/2024 5:17 PM
95	I cannot walk or bike thru it because then I would not have a car to continue on my journey	5/22/2024 8:16 PM
96	crosswalks feel unsafe	5/23/2024 9:36 AM
97	Palmer Ave needs a sidewalk	5/23/2024 9:41 AM
98	Nothing is stopping me.	5/24/2024 9:38 PM
99	No public restrooms	5/25/2024 1:26 AM
100	downtown offers very few options of interest to me	5/25/2024 6:44 AM
101	No interest	5/25/2024 10:09 AM
102	Not able to bike for health reasons, need to go	5/25/2024 10:27 AM
103	Bricks are broken, slippery when wet or ice over in snow, curb ramps ice in winter. Nothing is conducive to NE weather.cars parked on angles block driver and pedestrian views from being seen while in Crosswalk. Engineering nightmare.	5/25/2024 10:46 AM
104	Turn Segment Five into a covered atrium.	5/25/2024 2:48 PM
105	Didn't feel like any other answers were applicable for 3-5	5/26/2024 9:19 AM
106	Pedestrian only light system like at the library for the entrance to Natick center from Wayland on 27	5/26/2024 11:18 AM
107	Trying to turn onto South Ave or from South Ave is hazardous because of pedestrians streaming from train	5/26/2024 12:41 PM
108	No parking	5/26/2024 1:22 PM
109	Poor Parking design. Inconvenient/Lack of FREE parking available	5/26/2024 4:44 PM
110	Sidewalks are icy in the winter.	5/27/2024 10:08 AM
111	None. None	5/27/2024 3:01 PM
112	I do walk there frequently	5/28/2024 11:04 PM
113	Employers taking up parking spaces on main street	5/30/2024 1:42 PM
114	Crosswalk lights and traffic lights are ill timed	5/30/2024 9:54 PM
115	Sidewalk on Court St. on side opposite bank is too narrow	6/4/2024 2:55 PM
116	Weather	6/4/2024 4:53 PM
117	Uninteresting stores	6/4/2024 8:23 PM
118	I don't have a bike - I walk near my home	6/5/2024 11:39 AM
119	Construction	6/5/2024 8:23 PM

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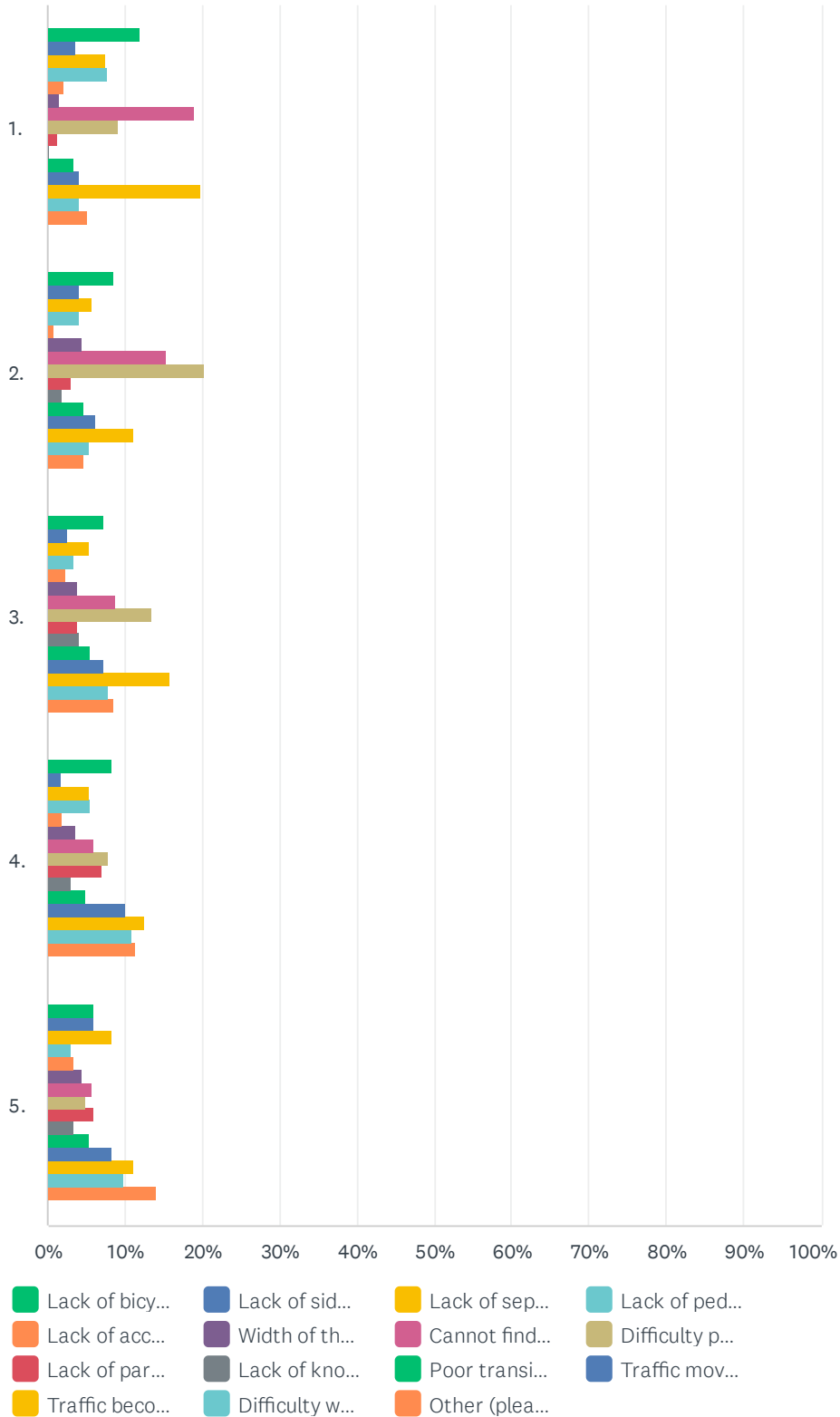
120	Lack of parking	6/10/2024 9:11 AM
121	Overall, it's a great place to walk with no real complaints. There's one tricky crosswalk on 27 near all the construction where the sidewalk has disintegrated. There's always an issue with people, not stopping at crosswalks even with flashing lights.	6/10/2024 9:26 AM
122	Noise from the trucks/cars going over the brick walkways - always makes noise and you can feel the vibration. Lights at the center of town - they are not timed correctly for rush hour.	6/10/2024 9:29 AM
123	No parking	6/10/2024 10:02 AM
124	No opinion	6/10/2024 10:32 AM
125	NA	6/10/2024 10:47 AM
126	Too many trucks/cars on Saturdays when there is market on Segments 3 and 4	6/10/2024 11:43 AM
127	There are no obstacles for our walking or biking to the corridor.	6/10/2024 11:52 AM
128	I don't have issues with those areas, but I cannot physically walk or bike to these destinations	6/10/2024 12:38 PM
129	Parking Needs to be Free	6/10/2024 2:55 PM
130	Food would get cold before serving to family	6/10/2024 5:47 PM
131	None	6/10/2024 6:20 PM
132	The portion to the Commons from the Sherborn end is not attractive	6/10/2024 6:47 PM
133	choices of places to go to.	6/12/2024 4:57 PM
134	Segment 5 -pressure to keep moving in traffic than invitation to stop and experience the area.	6/11/2024 9:43 AM
135	Traffic is so horrendous I try to avoid the area altogether	6/11/2024 3:55 PM
136	Where pond st meets s.Main Street is very congested and there's not great visibility for cars or for people walking or biking	6/11/2024 4:04 PM
137	Pond st and Main crosswalk extremely dangerous since there is parking allowed which blocks other drivers views of crosswalk	6/11/2024 4:42 PM
138	Lack of parking	6/11/2024 9:48 PM
139	The destinations I need are not in town (ex: grocery store)	6/12/2024 8:12 AM
140	None	6/12/2024 7:59 PM
141	Limited MWRTA bus service on the weekends.	6/13/2024 2:15 PM
142	i forget to take my bike instead of driving	6/14/2024 11:46 AM
143	I dont find it difficult to park or have access	6/18/2024 9:48 AM
144	Time restraints	6/18/2024 2:51 PM
145	the cross sign at the main intersection is too short; pedestrians walk diagonally to get across the intersection in such limited time	6/18/2024 4:26 PM
146	too hot, cars parked on sidewalk	6/20/2024 10:31 AM
147	Winter conditions unsafe for bicycling	6/20/2024 10:29 AM
148	I'm bringing children to Natick High School in a carpool	6/20/2024 10:47 AM
149	None	6/20/2024 11:09 AM
150	too hot	6/20/2024 11:36 AM
151	Not enough shade/trees. Too hot when the weather is warm	6/20/2024 11:55 AM
152	Hard to park	6/21/2024 8:01 PM

Q5 What is the most critical transportation issue in the Main Street Corridor? (Select your top 5 issues - 1 being the most important & 5 being the least important.)

Answered: 418 Skipped: 0

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Issues



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Issues								
	LACK OF BICYCLE LANES	LACK OF SIDEWALKS/WALKING PATHS	LACK OF SEPARATION BETWEEN VEHICLES AND SIDEWALKS	LACK OF PEDESTRIAN PUSH BUTTON/SIGNALS	LACK OF ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY	WIDTH OF THE SIDEWALKS IS NARROW	CANNOT FIND PARKING DUE TO LIMITED CAPACITY ON MAIN STREET	
1.	11.96% 50	3.59% 15	7.42% 31	7.66% 32	2.15% 9	1.44% 6	18.90%	
2.	8.49% 32	3.98% 15	5.84% 22	3.98% 15	0.80% 3	4.51% 17	15.38%	
3.	7.31% 25	2.63% 9	5.26% 18	3.51% 12	2.34% 8	3.80% 13	8.77%	
4.	8.28% 25	1.66% 5	5.30% 16	5.63% 17	1.99% 6	3.64% 11	5.96%	
5.	6.06% 16	6.06% 16	8.33% 22	3.03% 8	3.41% 9	4.55% 12	5.68%	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Hard to back out of southbound spaces due to limited visibility	5/17/2024 3:07 PM
2	Jwalkers	5/17/2024 4:21 PM
3	cannot get safely to the area!	5/17/2024 4:38 PM
4	I have no issue. I typically can find parking but I also walk.	5/17/2024 5:06 PM
5	Difficulty parking maybe someone should ask Rep Linsky where the parking garage is that he promised in the last contested race	5/17/2024 5:04 PM
6	Sight lines because of parked cars too close to crosswalks, and poor lighting make it impossible to see pedestrians until too late. Pedestrians are angry at drivers for 'not paying attention' but I'm on high alert driving downtown and nearly hit someone who pops out of nowhere at least once a month.	5/17/2024 6:28 PM
7	Parking spaces are too close to crosswalks making it difficult to see pedestrians.	5/17/2024 6:47 PM
8	Cars are traveling extremely fast on the straightaway after cottage street on Hwy 27 South.	5/17/2024 7:57 PM
9	Streets and sidewalks in poor condition	5/17/2024 8:32 PM
10	Lack of people following laws and speed limit	5/17/2024 8:35 PM
11	Crossing the street feelings dangerous	5/17/2024 8:35 PM
12	Too much traffic. And we keep building more apt complexes.	5/17/2024 9:07 PM
13	Large cars block sight lines at cross walks	5/17/2024 9:14 PM
14	Need more loading zones	5/17/2024 10:12 PM
15	Missing painted 'do not block intersection' on the road opposite of Pond st	5/17/2024 10:39 PM
16	traffic is too slow when trying to get to work. Adding bikes would be a bad idea since many of us need a convenient way to travel	5/17/2024 11:25 PM
17	Lack of Natick bike culture... need awareness campaign	5/18/2024 1:27 AM
18	Confusion at the Main St/Cottage St intersection. I've seen cars not stop heading down towards Cottage when a car is coming up from Main St with the right of way.	5/18/2024 4:50 AM
19	Lack of a reliable, comprehensive, and frequent bus or light transit system	5/18/2024 8:55 AM

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20	None	5/18/2024 9:03 AM
21	This is New England. Prioritizing bikes at the expense of cars is foolish. Do NOT add bike lanes. People are never going to bike regularly in the winter, in the dark, in the rain or snow, or when dressed up to eat at a restaurant.	5/18/2024 9:27 AM
22	Design feels car-centric	5/18/2024 9:52 AM
23	Insufficient parking	5/18/2024 9:59 AM
24	DOT's piecemeal and slow and shoddy work	5/20/2024 8:38 AM
25	Get rid of the Pond Street/27 intersection, it causes too much back up.	5/18/2024 3:54 PM
26	Are there buses to Natick Center? I had no idea.	5/18/2024 4:34 PM
27	too much congestion mon-sat	5/18/2024 4:58 PM
28	I don't think there are enough alternate modes of transportation, cabs, public transportation, etc	5/18/2024 6:47 PM
29	poor town direction and leadership. its a good space with no creativty or ingenuity. its boring!	5/18/2024 7:56 PM
30	Traffic congestion makes it very difficult to get around by car. If I lived closer I would walk but I live too far away, so I avoid coming downtown unless necessary.	5/19/2024 6:48 AM
31	Ugly	5/19/2024 8:32 AM
32	Lighting	5/19/2024 10:34 AM
33	none of the others stood out to me as important issues	5/19/2024 11:57 AM
34	lack of parking space	5/19/2024 5:00 PM
35	Road is narrow, curbs are high at some spots	5/19/2024 8:19 PM
36	Seriously??? Feeding the bike lane answers is irresponsible surveying. No right on red backs traffic up. No left turn only arrow onto 135.	5/19/2024 9:45 PM
37	Too many bikes!! Please do not add bike lanes!!!	5/19/2024 10:10 PM
38	Lane width encourages faster approach, parking should cost approximately 10x more along the street (\$10/hr in peak hours) to discourage destination by car.	5/20/2024 7:03 AM
39	Not enough bike racks.	5/20/2024 10:18 AM
40	Allowing parking on the street and lefts onto/from Pond creates hazards during peak hours	5/20/2024 10:49 AM
41	None	5/20/2024 10:56 AM
42	I didn't have any other critical issues	5/20/2024 11:06 AM
43	Congestion at the Main St/Central St intersection. Angled spots make it difficult to see pedestrians in the crosswalks, and the crosswalks near, but not at the intersection aren't timed with the intersection lights.	5/20/2024 11:13 AM
44	nothing else	5/20/2024 11:30 AM
45	I'd love to see something like Arlington center where there are three lanes for traffic in all 4 directions: one lane each for straight, right only, left only.	5/20/2024 12:04 PM
46	buses are infrequent, and stops are poorly marked.	5/20/2024 12:14 PM
47	Crosswalks need to be in strategic locations, which are easily visible by vehicles	5/20/2024 12:15 PM
48	I don't have 5 issues	5/20/2024 12:30 PM
49	I would stop and shop at the stores along Main Street or eat in the restaurants if I could bicycle past them but when I drive I can't and don't want to explore these options because I have to drive and park in multiple places	5/20/2024 12:31 PM
50	I recently received a ticket when going into pick up pizza downtown. It took me about the same amount of time to pull up my app and pay 50 cents. Now would prefer to go to other	5/20/2024 12:44 PM

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	places around town where I won't risk being ticketed when driving.	
51	fix neighborhood roads	5/20/2024 12:47 PM
52	Too much traffic in one small space	5/20/2024 12:51 PM
53	Paying to park. Rather go somewhere else than pay every time I visit or limited to one zone per day.	5/20/2024 12:55 PM
54	Angle parking; too dangrtous	5/20/2024 1:06 PM
55	Places to safely store bicycles	5/20/2024 1:08 PM
56	Traffic moves too slow. Traffic jams make most people avoid the area	5/20/2024 1:45 PM
57	To many bikes on the sidewalk	5/20/2024 2:53 PM
58	jaywalkers-people not walking in the crosswalks	5/22/2024 10:08 AM
59	Volume of traffic and distracted drivers ignoring rules (rolling past stop lines, taking illegal turns on red or cheating the changing lights into gridlock)	5/22/2024 10:30 AM
60	The crosswalk paint becomes slippery when wet.	5/22/2024 5:17 PM
61	Slow single file traffic through the lights, and the cars parked for local businesses, dangerously, I might add.	5/22/2024 8:16 PM
62	Palmer Ave needs a sidewalk	5/23/2024 9:41 AM
63	No left turn signal on rt 27 north at 135	5/23/2024 10:59 PM
64	Lack of parking in general.	5/24/2024 2:36 PM
65	walk signal lengths are too short	5/25/2024 6:44 AM
66	Bad timing on lights. Avoid 27/135 intersection using residential streets. 135 light too short	5/25/2024 10:09 AM
67	Time of day and day of the week important factors	5/25/2024 10:27 AM
68	Angled parking is so dangerous	5/25/2024 10:46 AM
69	See below, incremental approach trivializes opportunity	5/25/2024 2:48 PM
70	Pick up trucks parked in spaces stick out too much making it unsafe to drive	5/26/2024 1:22 PM
71	Construction	6/5/2024 8:23 PM
72	Lighting on side streets off main	6/10/2024 9:32 AM
73	Not enough free parking	6/10/2024 9:35 AM
74	Free parking	6/10/2024 10:02 AM
75	No opinion	6/10/2024 10:32 AM
76	Events on/near the Common impact traffic	6/10/2024 10:56 AM
77	Road conditions can be poor	6/10/2024 11:41 AM
78	We are not experiencing critical obstacles to using the corridor.	6/10/2024 11:52 AM
79	#2 - Needs free parking at all downtown roads and lots, 3. Buildings, businesses, and building fronts seem so run down	6/10/2024 2:55 PM
80	too many cars	6/12/2024 4:57 PM
81	Many left turns into angled parking spaces	6/11/2024 7:54 AM
82	Too many cars. It's inconvenient to cross the street.	6/11/2024 4:30 PM
83	Too many cars	6/11/2024 4:53 PM
84	None	6/12/2024 8:12 AM
85	None	6/12/2024 7:59 PM

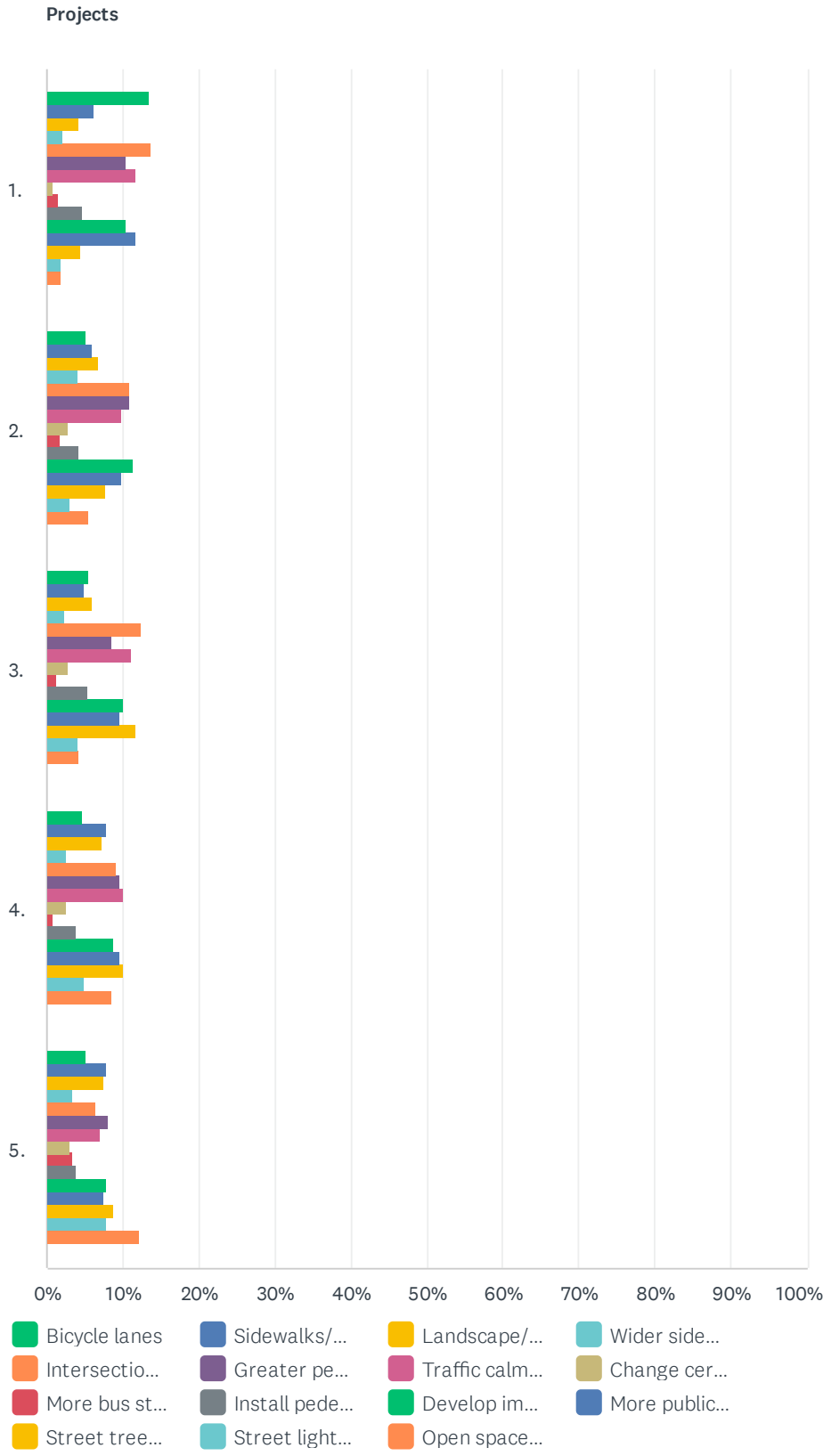
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86	no other	6/13/2024 7:46 AM
87	i dont have many concerns with this section of roadway	6/14/2024 11:46 AM
88	No turn on right downtown main st/135 is a poor design, binds up traffic needlessly	6/18/2024 9:48 AM
89	Streetlights have too much glare/too blue. Lack of regional transit that includes more suburbs in Metrowest and a bike carrier in front for in climate weather and active transportation one way, ride the other.	6/20/2024 10:29 AM
90	I have ZERO transportation issues with the Main Street Corridor. None of the listed items here are important to my use of the Corridor, ever.	6/20/2024 10:47 AM
91	I don't have any issues	6/20/2024 11:09 AM
92	Keep getting parking tickets!	6/21/2024 8:01 PM

Q6 What type of projects should the Town invest in to improve the Main Street Corridor? (Select your top 5 issues - 1 being the most important & 5 being the least important.)

Answered: 418 Skipped: 0

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Projects							
	BICYCLE LANES	SIDEWALKS/WALKING PATHS	LANDSCAPE/SEPARATION BETWEEN VEHICLES AND SIDEWALK	WIDER SIDEWALK	INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS	GREATER PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE CONNECTIVITY TO THE MAIN STREET FROM ADJACENT NEIGHBORHOODS	
1.	13.43% 56	6.24% 26	4.32% 18	2.16% 9	13.67% 57	10.55% 44	
2.	5.06% 20	6.08% 24	6.84% 27	4.05% 16	10.89% 43	10.89% 43	
3.	5.65% 21	4.84% 18	5.91% 22	2.42% 9	12.37% 46	8.60% 32	
4.	4.69% 15	7.81% 25	7.19% 23	2.50% 8	9.06% 29	9.69% 31	
5.	5.10% 15	7.82% 23	7.48% 22	3.40% 10	6.46% 19	8.16% 24	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Stricter monitoring of crosswalks - very dangerous for pedestrians.	5/17/2024 3:20 PM
2	More Bike parking	5/17/2024 4:21 PM
3	More active outdoor space use (outdoor dining)	5/17/2024 4:10 PM
4	Even though 135/27 is No Right on Red at all parts, people try to make a right on red onto me (on a bicycle) during pedestrian walk phases	5/17/2024 5:10 PM
5	Speed monitoring system like Sherborn has on their part of Hwy 27	5/17/2024 7:57 PM
6	Posted speed limit signs and monitoring	5/17/2024 8:35 PM
7	No enough restaurants, night or evening activities	5/17/2024 10:50 PM
8	More Restaurants and Retail Spaces for young families	5/17/2024 11:33 PM
9	Do NOT add more one way streets!	5/18/2024 3:05 AM
10	It was hard to put these in order; it would be nice if we could easily drag the options to rearrange them once we select our top 5 issues, so these are not necessarily in order.	5/18/2024 8:12 AM
11	More casual eateries. Bakery, bars, restaurants with outdoor seating.	5/18/2024 9:04 AM
12	MY #1 REQUEST WHICH IS NOT ON YOUR LIST: Prohibit left turns from Pond St. onto Rt. 27/Main St. This one simple change would improve the flow of traffic through the 27/135 intersection.	5/18/2024 9:27 AM
13	Good green and sustainable planning	5/20/2024 8:38 AM
14	Reduce street parking on 135 and Pond to create turning lanes. Improve main corridor so dense residential neighborhoods do not deal with drivers avoiding traffic on 27 and 135.	5/18/2024 3:32 PM
15	More information about buses along 27 to Natick Center. This survey is the first time I had any idea buses exist in Natick.	5/18/2024 4:34 PM
16	THINK BIG PICTURE!!	5/18/2024 7:56 PM
17	South St residents have no choice to get to South Natick Center or Natick Center due to lack of side walks on Eliot St	5/19/2024 8:53 AM

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18	More businesses especially open in the evening	5/19/2024 4:06 PM
19	No more bike lanes. No more pretending that the traffic is based on people commuting thru Natick.	5/19/2024 9:45 PM
20	Parking garage	5/19/2024 10:10 PM
21	Traffic capacity reduction to encourage other people taking other routes, away from our town center.	5/20/2024 10:18 AM
22	Stop using side streets to move traffic from 27/135 - our neighborhood is overrun with speeders and sign jumpers; the new one-way flow around school/church/east is dangerous and has increased traffic exponentially in our area; end parking and lefts onto/from Pond during peak hours; end the one way traffic on school/church as it's made life a nightmare; stop using east/sherman/lincoln/grant/forest as your 135 bypass streets - you're going to kill someone	5/20/2024 10:49 AM
23	roundabout at Main St/Central St	5/20/2024 11:13 AM
24	Clearer rules on free parking in parking bays or car parks - clear large signs of when it is free	5/20/2024 12:11 PM
25	Please repair the gazebo	5/20/2024 12:14 PM
26	Wayfinding for off-street parking	5/20/2024 12:15 PM
27	Fix Rathbun Road/ not roads that are in good shape	5/20/2024 12:47 PM
28	A downtown school. When kids were at Johnson we would walk to restaurants and shops before/after school. We visit downtown less since they now bus across town.	5/20/2024 12:55 PM
29	consider allowing right on red at 27/135. The congestion has been much worse since that went into effect.	5/20/2024 1:11 PM
30	Accessibility to town. People leave trash cans on sidewalk and so do businesses that prevents getting by in a wheelchair or bring my child in his convoid chair stroller	5/20/2024 1:39 PM
31	Designated food truck space along with picnic benches	5/20/2024 1:45 PM
32	Landscaping should be limited to Native plants	5/20/2024 1:59 PM
33	Police visibility would help with the cars going through crosswalks with people in it.	5/20/2024 2:53 PM
34	more bicycle racks	5/21/2024 4:52 PM
35	No, do not make any more streets one-way; one-way streets limit travel options and cause driver confusion.	5/22/2024 5:17 PM
36	End on street parking. NO bikelanes, redirect bikes to Walnut Hill. Add two lanes for turning, in the unused spots of the parking, and make the side streets one way with diagonal parking.	5/22/2024 8:16 PM
37	Palmer Ave needs a sidewalk	5/23/2024 9:41 AM
38	it needs rotarys	5/25/2024 8:42 AM
39	Improve light timing. Allow right turns on red again.	5/25/2024 10:09 AM
40	No bike lanes unless street widened considerably	5/25/2024 10:27 AM
41	Change angled parking and install cameras at blinking yellow to red light crosswalks in order to hold drivers accountable when they ignore people in crosswalks drive through a red light.	5/25/2024 10:46 AM
42	Major traffic handling revisions	5/25/2024 2:48 PM
43	Off the corridor, but #11 bus should have a stop or two on Central. Maybe in front of the library?	5/25/2024 7:35 PM
44	There's alot of traffic buildup on s main waiting to turn left onto w central - please include a light for just left turning traffic (like there is for cars on n main turning left on to e central). The combination of the long lineup of traffic and pedestrians crossing from sweetwaters/bagel table makes for a dangerous combination. Plus northward traffic on s main, especially in the morning, is often backed up as far as Johnson School.	5/26/2024 9:19 AM
45	As I've seen in other towns, I think the entire square at the intersection of 27 and 135 should be reddish pink brick and raised so that everyone must slow down at the intersection and	5/26/2024 11:18 AM

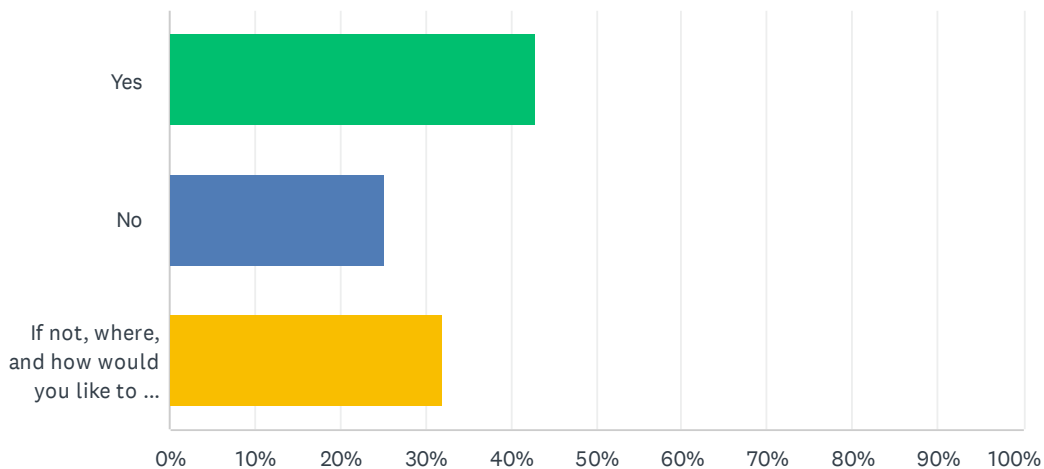
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there's less ice and snow there and it's a pedestrian designated area. Sewing natural speed bump at the intersection. Also perhaps a similarly raised pedestrian walk/speed bump at the entrance to the center on 27 coming from Wayland.

46	Less building, already too congested.	5/28/2024 6:13 AM
47	crosswalk with flashing lights for train commuters	5/28/2024 9:31 AM
48	More Free Parking (1 hr or less) - especially around the post office.	5/29/2024 11:13 AM
49	Fix Downtown Garage with Insurance money the town received	5/30/2024 1:42 PM
50	ADA compliant sidewalks and ramps	5/30/2024 9:54 PM
51	Allow turning on red	6/4/2024 8:23 PM
52	Actually plow walking paths to town in the winter	6/5/2024 8:23 PM
53	Traffic signals for pedestrians on Cottage St.	6/10/2024 9:25 AM
54	No opinion	6/10/2024 10:32 AM
55	Rotary for Rt 27 and Rt 135 intersection will save time, money for the town (no traffic light) and cause less pollution	6/10/2024 10:47 AM
56	There are pedestrian cross walks in Segment 1 near the convenience store that have horrible lighting and indicators. At night, it's almost impossible to see people standing in or crossing at those intersections. Lighting and signals are required at that intersection so cars can see people wanting to cross.	6/10/2024 12:38 PM
57	1. Major facelift and modernization of buildings, businesses interiors, sidewalks. Shut down streets to cars and make it a walking only outdoor mall like setting, put parking lots on outer perimeter only, make outer periphery parking free, make no cars extend all around inner downtown. ,	6/10/2024 2:55 PM
58	Alternative routes via side streets. Replace ugly shop facades or Family market 3d world supermarket	6/10/2024 6:47 PM
59	No left turn from pond st onto south main towards the intersection	6/11/2024 3:55 PM
60	Prevent left turns from Pond St on to Rte 27	6/11/2024 11:44 PM
61	Make Segment 5 more pedestrian friendly by replacing street parking with street trees, and further promote public parking on side streets behind buildings like what there is currently next to Town Hall, next to the banks, and behind the police station. This will also lessen vehicle congestion, and promote a safer (and greener!) environment for pedestrians, residents, and local business owners.	6/12/2024 11:33 PM
62	Places like Pizza Plus which has a huge parking lot and yet minimal business should be evaluated	6/18/2024 4:26 PM
63	remove parking meters and use pay-by-plate technology	6/20/2024 10:47 AM
64	Other than beautification, I have zero complaints about the main street corridor. Current traffic, parking, pedestrian situations work fine for me.	6/20/2024 10:47 AM

Q7 Do you feel that there is an adequate amount of street furniture such as benches, planters and urban trees along the study corridor?

Answered: 418 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	42.82% 179
No	25.12% 105
If not, where, and how would you like to see it improved?	32.06% 134
TOTAL	418

#	IF NOT, WHERE, AND HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IT IMPROVED?	DATE
1	There should be a lot more trees to provide shade so it's more pleasant to be out and calms traffic.	6/20/2024 11:55 AM
2	There isn't enough shade in the summer anywhere along this route. More street trees or even awnings would make it much more accessible in hot weather.	6/20/2024 11:51 AM
3	More trees to create more shade, less heat	6/20/2024 11:36 AM
4	More places to sit, tables for picnics and gathering, more trees along Main Street	6/20/2024 10:51 AM
5	see answer to Q6; replace meters w/planters/benches in Segments 4 & 5.	6/20/2024 10:47 AM
6	More trees in segment 1	6/20/2024 10:31 AM
7	More trees to create a more welcoming, natural feel and areas that are shaded to sit in.	6/19/2024 8:43 AM
8	I would love a couple of picnic tables on the common. The new chairs are great, but they are constantly being moved and sometimes they all seem to end up at the library.	6/18/2024 5:47 PM
9	Need more recycle/trash bins throughout the entire area. Planters are lovely but the real estate is so delapidated it's not even worth it. IE: Lees Laundry building can't possibly be safe and is an eyesore the no bench or planter can help.	6/18/2024 4:26 PM
10	More trees or green shrubbery, as appropriate. Make it feel more like a garden	6/14/2024 11:46 AM
11	More should be put on Rte 27 main business area	6/13/2024 3:34 PM

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12	Make Segment 5 more pedestrian friendly by replacing street parking with street trees, and further promote public parking on side streets behind buildings like what there is currently next to Town Hall, next to the banks, and behind the police station. This will also lessen vehicle congestion, and promote a safer (and greener!) environment for pedestrians, residents, and local business owners.	6/12/2024 11:33 PM
13	Segments 2-4	6/12/2024 5:18 PM
14	More landscaping to beautify and provide shade	6/11/2024 11:44 PM
15	All along the corridor.	6/11/2024 9:48 PM
16	Near eating establishments	6/11/2024 8:54 PM
17	Segments 3,4,5	6/11/2024 4:53 PM
18	There could be more benches. Many times when I've been to the common all of the benches have been taken up	6/11/2024 4:04 PM
19	Some benches in Segment 5	6/11/2024 1:42 PM
20	Backless benches/seating that allow for stopping and sitting and viewing from a variety of perspectives anywhere there is green space no matter how small.	6/11/2024 9:43 AM
21	Put all around as per my #6 answer.	6/10/2024 2:55 PM
22	More benches under shady trees would encourage more people to walk.	6/10/2024 1:14 PM
23	On the common	6/10/2024 12:57 PM
24	WOudl be nice to have more benches and planters in Segment 2 and 3. WOuld be nice to have more trees in Segment 4 and 5.	6/10/2024 12:53 PM
25	Benches installed perpendicular to the sidewalk would be nice for people to use to chat or eat at the many small restaurants or just rest without walking to the commons.	6/10/2024 12:38 PM
26	Benches	6/10/2024 10:32 AM
27	More trees and landscaping	6/10/2024 10:27 AM
28	Give it a New England town feel.	6/10/2024 10:02 AM
29	More on the common and in open spaces all along the Main Street corridor	6/10/2024 10:01 AM
30	A few more trash cans would be great. Overall, we have a beaut full town center and I'm grateful for it every day.	6/10/2024 9:26 AM
31	more landscaping, benches if possible.	6/10/2024 9:25 AM
32	I would love more green space and trees	6/10/2024 9:15 AM
33	Movable tables and chairs on the Common for picnicking	6/8/2024 5:50 PM
34	More benches would be great	6/5/2024 11:39 AM
35	Segment 1 is pretty barren, it would be a nice to have some bench options	6/4/2024 8:31 PM
36	Segment 5 needs more benches the most. 1, 2, don't have many but don't need them as much	5/30/2024 7:14 PM
37	A severe lack of trees	5/29/2024 11:13 AM
38	More large planters along Main St. Seating along Main St. near stores.	5/27/2024 10:08 AM
39	Not sure, but perhaps the more the merrier. Maybe more on The common/park.	5/26/2024 11:18 AM
40	Used to be a trash can in front of the library. Miss it. Used to be a picnic table under the dogwood at the spiritual center, which I often sat at. The only other table I'm aware of is at the library.	5/25/2024 7:35 PM
41	See below.	5/25/2024 2:48 PM
42	More benches or other areas to rest.	5/25/2024 12:13 PM
43	I do think there is adequate furniture It wouldn't let me pick yes.	5/25/2024 10:46 AM

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44	Add more along Segment 1 and 2. Other segments where the Natick Common and shops nearest to the train station are pretty good.	5/25/2024 7:40 AM
45	More benches	5/25/2024 7:40 AM
46	Place all electric and telephone utilities underground.	5/25/2024 7:35 AM
47	There are no trees or seats along segment 5	5/25/2024 7:34 AM
48	Chairs on common, hanging baskets on Main St.	5/25/2024 1:26 AM
49	Benches and trees that eventually will provide shade along the entire area would be great!	5/24/2024 8:53 PM
50	There are lovely trees near the park and on segment 5, but too few in segments 1 and 2. I avoid those segments because walking on the sidewalk there is loud and dangerous, especially near the golf station. More trees would help with both issues.	5/23/2024 9:55 AM
51	expand on the courtyard look and feel at the top of the MBTA station	5/23/2024 9:36 AM
52	I am concerned that children will congregate there when they can run more unsupervised on the nearby town green. The shops should put out planters to make their business look nice.	5/22/2024 8:16 PM
53	I think there should be a concerted effort for continuity across Segments 2-5. Currently, segment 5(Main St) seems to have a 'unique brand' and south of there feels disjointed/disconnected. Over time, this should extend north into future Gateway district and East/West on 135 (from Washington Ave to Sr. Community Center	5/22/2024 10:30 AM
54	Additional planters, trees, and benches could replace existing parking and roadway :)	5/21/2024 7:01 PM
55	more perennial gardens, planters and resting places for pedestrians to gather without feeling crowded out by car and foot traffic. Moran park used to be enjoyable before the MBTA station project, but is now barren, dirty and loud. The northwest corner of Main and West Central would be a great place to put in a small landscaped/container garden and seating area.	5/21/2024 4:52 PM
56	SHould be way more trees along the southern part towards Cottage, except that really stupid dead tree in front of 72 S Main Street with that bicycle face thing, please please please get rid of that it annoys me every time i drive and walk by. I have lived my entire life in Natick and there used to be so many large shade trees downtown that seem to have disappeared (look at old photographs of downtown, its much prettier back then). Need more benches and planters everywhere (wider not cracked up sidewalks are a plus too)	5/21/2024 9:20 AM
57	By the Main Street area where they shops are	5/20/2024 2:05 PM
58	More benches	5/20/2024 2:01 PM
59	Could use more in segment 1	5/20/2024 1:54 PM
60	More trees along the street seperating the sidewalks from the streets.	5/20/2024 1:47 PM
61	There should be more green space, shade trees, planters, roof gardens.	5/20/2024 1:45 PM
62	Any of the green spaces could use additional seating	5/20/2024 1:39 PM
63	More benches please	5/20/2024 1:36 PM
64	More street trees in segments 1 and 2	5/20/2024 1:29 PM
65	Again, downtown is not inviting.	5/20/2024 1:27 PM
66	Town center could use more seating	5/20/2024 1:23 PM
67	Along the stretch from the common to cottage street	5/20/2024 1:16 PM
68	More benches, there are plenty of trees	5/20/2024 1:13 PM
69	South main St and North Av.	5/20/2024 1:06 PM
70	I don't have a strong opinion on this	5/20/2024 12:51 PM
71	More trees along Main St and some benches. Also trash and recycling bins!	5/20/2024 12:49 PM
72	less funding down town	5/20/2024 12:47 PM

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73	more seating on the common	5/20/2024 12:42 PM
74	More trees please.	5/20/2024 12:34 PM
75	I don't think urban trees is fair to call street furniture. There are plenty of benches but more trees would be nice.	5/20/2024 12:30 PM
76	We could use more trees and Adirondack chairs	5/20/2024 12:29 PM
77	More street benches	5/20/2024 12:25 PM
78	Outdoor seating/tables for eating and working outside	5/20/2024 12:15 PM
79	Too much street furniture means obstacles for cycling walking etc . No clutter pls	5/20/2024 12:11 PM
80	I would like to see more trash receptacles at more corners	5/20/2024 12:07 PM
81	I would generally like to see more trees along the street for more comfortable walking conditions in summer - also trees tend to be a traffic-calming feature	5/20/2024 12:01 PM
82	More urban trees all along Main St would be nice, especially near town center. This may be difficult given how close the buildings are to the street.	5/20/2024 11:13 AM
83	It would be nice to have more trees, better lighting, and better maintained sidewalks and ramps - they're in poor condition, narrow, and dangerous. Also, people should be maintaining these in winter as it's impossible to walk the area and use the ramps in bad weather	5/20/2024 10:49 AM
84	More benches in the common	5/20/2024 10:34 AM
85	Get creative - use the area and meet the needs - require the town to service and maintain its investments clean up and care more about the details that matter. Keep the streets/parking areas clean - clean the storm drains do something about the runoff, save Lake Cochituate	5/20/2024 8:38 AM
86	More trees	5/20/2024 7:16 AM
87	Mainly I'd like to see more trees along the walkways to provide shade. There's potential for more seating in Segment 5 where there is a higher retail density, and I'd sacrifice parking for seating/parklets if it were up to me.	5/20/2024 7:03 AM
88	I think the downtown lacks businesses for residents to mingle downtown. It seems when you visit surrounding towns ours lacks luster! Travel on 135, to Wellesley they have a great balance in variety of stores and it's always busy.	5/19/2024 10:45 PM
89	We do have a huge and beautiful common of trees and grass. Side walks are wide perhaps more benches near senior living if appropriate? Please do not put grass in them. It will cost us more in taxes to maintain and will look trashy. Keep the wide and walkable sidewalks.	5/19/2024 9:45 PM
90	Places where there is no shade and could accommodate benches or even a shaded spot with a table and permanent chairs (like the chess tables that some cities have) - table or things that can act like tables and shade are great for encouraging people to sit and enjoy each other's company or make eating your lunch outside a lot easier. Would need trash bins nearby though too.	5/19/2024 8:19 PM
91	more along 135 to encourage people to walk further than immediately downtown (both east and west)	5/19/2024 7:10 PM
92	The problem is t the lack of trees and benches, the problem is shops and restaurants that are worth visiting, especially in segment 1 & 2.	5/19/2024 5:50 PM
93	Street furniture is needed along the entire corridor	5/19/2024 3:36 PM
94	Allow restaurants on the corridor, like Celicia Market, to EASILY put out tables. I heard from business owners that the town can be stingy about things like this. Not sure if it's true, but just putting it out there. Also, the Common's gazebo could really use some helps. There are holes in the roof. How can a band play there without damage to their equipment?	5/19/2024 3:17 PM
95	More benches and picnic tables along the sidewalks on Main Street and on the common. In front of the library would be nice to add more seating or in front of the post office and town hall. Thank you!	5/19/2024 12:44 PM
96	More places to sit and eat.	5/19/2024 8:32 AM

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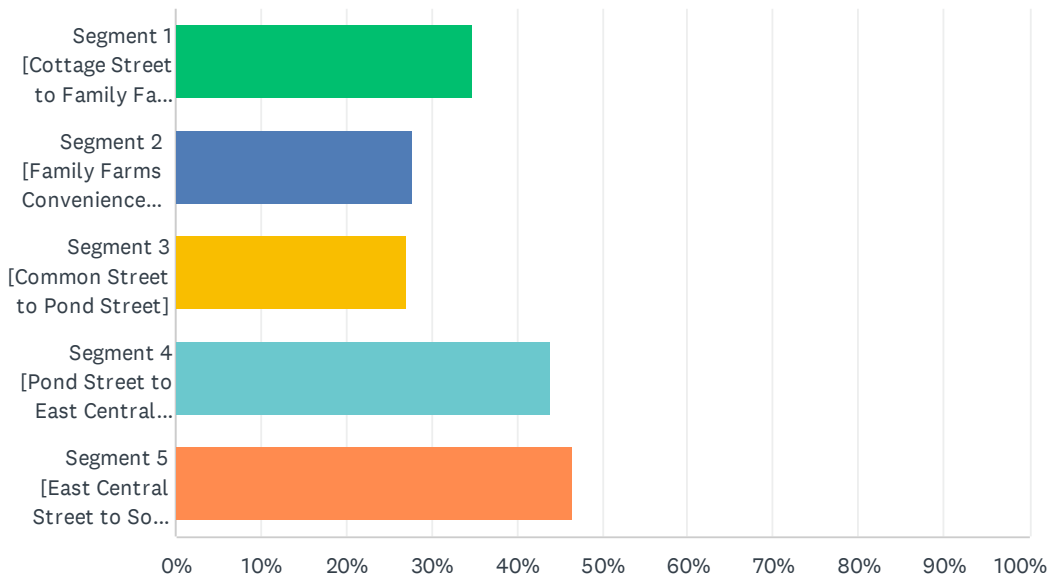
97	Segment 1 is too hot in the summer, no shade makes it very tough to walk.	5/19/2024 5:04 AM
98	1. the wasted dead space in front of the library--its small but could easily be improved. 2. The common--again this could be easily be improved, its a small space however add a few small seating spots with new curvilinear paths and a few plantings. the 2 diagonal paths are unfriendly. 3. Plant some trees in the parking lot opposite Needham Bank, and perhaps improve the space in the corner for people and nature.	5/18/2024 7:56 PM
99	too many movable chairs in the way of LFNR crews. too many trash/recycling bins. I see many residents using the Common trash barrels for their personal home use	5/18/2024 4:58 PM
100	More planters everywhere and more seating on the common (the recent additions of the Adirondack chairs painted by artists have been a great addition!)	5/18/2024 3:43 PM
101	From Comellas to Paper Store.	5/18/2024 3:32 PM
102	It varies by segment but generally I would like to see parking developed in one or more garages off main street and angled parking removed and replaced with bike lanes, landscaped buffer zones with pedestrian seating and/or spaced to be used by retailers/restaurants.	5/18/2024 3:18 PM
103	More shade trees	5/18/2024 2:17 PM
104	Natick Common could use more benches	5/18/2024 1:39 PM
105	More benches or seats on the Common. Benches in segments 2&3	5/18/2024 10:19 AM
106	More trees, please	5/18/2024 10:16 AM
107	More benches: in fron to St. Patrick Church & First Congregation Church, more Adirondack chairs on the common	5/18/2024 9:59 AM
108	More benches and trees along the main shopping area. More benches on the common.	5/18/2024 9:37 AM
109	Replace parking spots with picnic tables outside of restaurants	5/18/2024 9:21 AM
110	Could maybe use a few more benches in parklets and more street trees on 135.	5/18/2024 8:12 AM
111	It would nice to have the downtown be an experience. Where families can shop, snack, eat and hang out. The common is an amazing space that is not utilized to its best ability. Playground, splash pad, picnic tables, fire pits, chairs etc so you can spend the whole day/evening down there!	5/18/2024 7:49 AM
112	Better landscaping and more seating	5/18/2024 7:32 AM
113	More trees along segments 1 and 2. The beauty of main street with doesn't have to stop at the Common.	5/18/2024 6:24 AM
114	No, but there's nowhere to put it and benches along Main St. down there don't really make sense. Am I missing something?	5/18/2024 4:50 AM
115	More trees	5/18/2024 4:12 AM
116	More seating, trees, shrubs, plants along edges of Common & in front of Main Street & popular stores.	5/18/2024 3:05 AM
117	Outdoor seating by coffee shops, cafes,	5/18/2024 1:27 AM
118	More furniture access along the street and colorful plants in planters for a bold entry into Natick Center.	5/17/2024 11:33 PM
119	more benches in town and at the Commons	5/17/2024 11:25 PM
120	More public events, need more restaurants or even outside seating at restaurants	5/17/2024 10:50 PM
121	We need more trees.	5/17/2024 8:51 PM
122	Better maintenance of streets and sidewalks. Often extensive weeds and lack of attractive landscaping downtown. Planters with flowers on lampposts. New brick work or cobblestones in portions of sidewalks. Overall much better maintenance of streets and sidewalks needed to make downtown more attractive. Also, way too much random signage allowed in store windows and lack of storefront improvements.	5/17/2024 8:32 PM

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123	More on the common please	5/17/2024 8:31 PM
124	i dont have an opinion	5/17/2024 7:04 PM
125	We should have tons of street trees to reduce the heat areas on the map and reduce traffic speeds. Pedestrians shouldn't be right next to the road! And no bike lanes with VERY fast and Aggressive driving!	5/17/2024 7:02 PM
126	Benches/table access at the common and on street by businesses	5/17/2024 6:54 PM
127	47 and 49 South Main properties should be purchased by Town and replaced with open space/pocket park.	5/17/2024 6:47 PM
128	Street furniture is lovely but FIRST address pedestrian safety.	5/17/2024 6:28 PM
129	There's plenty of planters and urban trees, but there are simply not enough benches.	5/17/2024 6:17 PM
130	Need more benches at regular intervals so people with mobility issues can rest while walking to/in Natick center	5/17/2024 5:52 PM
131	It is too industrial/dark. If you compare it to Natick Center to Wellesley Square, it seems too industrial even though there is the Common right there.	5/17/2024 5:42 PM
132	Need bike rack on 27N between 135 and South Ave.	5/17/2024 5:10 PM
133	MORE TREES	5/17/2024 4:38 PM
134	More trees and landscaping along section 1	5/17/2024 4:10 PM

Q8 Is there a segment within the project area above that you feel needs improvement?

Answered: 394 Skipped: 24



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Segment 1 [Cottage Street to Family Farms Convenience Store]	34.77% 137
Segment 2 [Family Farms Convenience Store to Common Street]	27.66% 109
Segment 3 [Common Street to Pond Street]	27.16% 107
Segment 4 [Pond Street to East Central Street]	43.91% 173
Segment 5 [East Central Street to South Avenue]	46.45% 183
Total Respondents: 394	

#	PLEASE PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE IMPROVEMENTS YOU'D LIKE TO SEE IMPLEMENTED IN THIS AREA.	DATE
1	Segment 1 - Shade trees Segment 2 - More natural planting or plant pots around gas station and across street by the little shops - That entry to Natick is depressing. Segment 4 - More seating please	6/21/2024 8:01 PM
2	Segment 1-2 is less safe than it could be due to the traffic coming in and out of Family Farms. Segment 4 is... well, it will be nice when the construction is finally finished there.	6/20/2024 11:51 AM
3	Empty too long - this is the heart of the town!	6/20/2024 11:36 AM
4	Right only turns from Pond St on to 27	6/20/2024 11:09 AM
5	Segments 1 and 2 could use a little beautification. Segment 4 has taken RIDICULOUSLY long to rebuild after the fire. The empty lot/construction site could go a long way toward improving the experience in Natick Center and yet, year after year the developer has been in no hurry, and it negatively impacts our community and image.	6/20/2024 10:47 AM
6	Segment 2 is barren, stark, and unwelcoming.	6/20/2024 10:47 AM

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7	-improve safety of cottage St crosswalk -drivers don't always look -improve safety of crosswalk by family farms - dangerous at night -increase shade tree planting along these sectors	6/20/2024 10:31 AM
8	Segment 1 is a desert without destinations or other amenities. I don't even think of Segment 1 as being part of the corridor. In my mind it starts at segment 2 and goes through segment 5. It doesn't feel cohesive to the rest of the area.	6/19/2024 10:02 PM
9	The turn for Pond Street causes a lot of issues with people turning and backing up the "pre-intersection" space.	6/18/2024 5:47 PM
10	The entire area needs bike lane, fewer vehicles, and better, safer parking options. Delivery trucks impede road access and safety. IE Georges Pizza. Car drivers pull over and open their drivers door into the already narrow space. Feels unsafe bc of congestion.	6/18/2024 4:26 PM
11	More parking, better pedestrian accommodations and visibility	6/18/2024 2:51 PM
12	better and more sidewalks	6/18/2024 10:41 AM
13	More trees and benches/ mini parks built in	6/18/2024 9:48 AM
14	Flower boxes, greenery	6/14/2024 11:46 AM
15	Turn from Cottage to Main Street is improved but might be better served with a traffic light, particularly at "rush" hours	6/14/2024 10:18 AM
16	Parking on Pond Street is almost impossible now. For disabled, more parking is needed along the stores on Pond Street marked for handicap parking.	6/13/2024 3:34 PM
17	Biggest issue is is the flow of traffic of traffic at the east central street intersection with N/S Main Street but this seems to be a problem a mismatch between street and intersection design and the amount of traffic during commuting hours. In the morning traffic will back up all the way from the union st/central st intersection to the main/central street intersection.	6/13/2024 2:15 PM
18	Feels less like downtown and more of a transition area with not much going on. Maybe open spaces here or other draws to make this a more usable space.	6/13/2024 7:46 AM
19	Segment 2 - when driving, there is low visibility of pedestrians. It is especially dangerous with lack of crosswalks, because there often are people crossing from their parked car on the street to one of the many local businesses. Even the Common Street crosswalk is very dangerous because if pedestrians DO NOT UTILIZE the signal lights, 27 South traffic will not be able to stop for them because it is not possible to see the crosswalk. And there have been cases where 27 South drivers will blow past the signal lights after being turned on. This is probably the most dangerous area for both drivers and pedestrians due to the lack of visibility. Segment 4 - There is dangerously low visibility at the Pond Street intersection for all pedestrians and all drivers. This intersection gets blocked so often due to vehicles exiting Pond Street and turning left onto 27 North. This is especially challenging for drivers on 27 North who want to turn left onto 135 West, because the vehicles exiting Pond Street turning onto 27 North end up blocking access to the Left Turn Only lane, which further congests traffic on Segments 1 and 2. Segment 5 - Make Segment 5 more pedestrian friendly by replacing street parking with street trees, and further promote public parking on side streets behind buildings like what there is currently next to Town Hall, next to the banks, and behind the police station. This will also lessen vehicle congestion, and promote a safer (and greener!) environment for pedestrians, residents, and local business owners.	6/12/2024 11:33 PM
20	Pond Street intersection is a bit of a nightmare - trying to turn left onto Main Street is rarely possible due to traffic backing up at the light. I usually end up going right and driving around the Common to avoid waiting to turn left at Pond Street.	6/12/2024 7:59 PM
21	Crosswalk flashing lights would be good.	6/12/2024 5:18 PM
22	Its just not as nice - traffic can get backed up there as well.	6/12/2024 4:57 PM
23	Disallow left turns from Pond St. onto Main St. Pond St. at the Main St. end is too narrow to allow parking on both sides. Remove parking spaces across from the bakery.	6/11/2024 11:44 PM
24	Allow right turn on red. Eliminate more parking at intersection heading east on Rt 135	6/11/2024 8:54 PM
25	I'm not sure what the answer is. The way Pond St exits and people try to turn N onto Main St is the biggest problem. I also the Pond is too narrow close to Main St; when there are cars	6/11/2024 4:53 PM

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parked on both sides it's really tight for two-way traffic to get through. The crosswalk at Common St also frequently backs things up. I understand the need for it for pedestrians, but I feel like it causes a lot of problems for cars.

26	Pedestrian push buttons at South Avenue Safer biking ability throughout - not as pedestrian and biker safe in Segment 1 but lots of youth in the area due to convenience store, athletic fields, park and just getting to downtown from those neighborhoods	6/11/2024 4:37 PM
27	There is too many cars. They are loud, the make crossing the street inconvenient. The T intersection from pond Street to main Street is difficult and dangerous. We need bike lanes and bike racks. I am too scared to bike on the road. Often I bike on the sidewalk and I feel awful since other people don't seem comfortable with me biking. We also need more bicycle racks. I want to chain my bicycle and go shopping but I can't or have to attach my bicycle to random, often illegal things. In a perfect world, we would have a bike lane that connects highschool to library and library to CRT.	6/11/2024 4:30 PM
28	Anything that improves the easy gridlock from cars going south on main trying to turn left onto common st backing up traffic into the intersection	6/11/2024 3:55 PM
29	Bike lanes	6/11/2024 1:42 PM
30	Seg 1: The intersection of Main to Cottage was changed adding a "waiting section" to allow for vehicles heading south and needing to turn left to enter Cottage Street. The separate area to stop and wait to turn left is tight and the danger of a head on collision is increased when vehicles are all stopped waiting to turn. Often larger vehicles and trucks heading north do not have enough room to get through if a vehicle heading south is stopped waiting to turn left. This design had a good idea but needs to be much wider for both directions of travel. Seg 2: The folks trying to cross route 27 in this area are often invisible to traffic going in either direction, a flashing crossing light would be a blessing. Seg 4: No left turn onto Main St. Pond Street heading East: Perhaps no left turn off Pond to Main and use Rte. 135 as an alternative. Much needed improvement-left turn into Main Street causes backups onto Pond St as well as blocked intersection and congestion on Main St. Seg 5: Visitor friendly improvements would be welcomed for the businesses there and the residents alike. Places to safely pull over, park and cross the street. So looking forward to this area to be all it can be for the residents of Natick, sincere thank you to all the hands working on this!	6/11/2024 9:43 AM
31	Pedestrian safety improvements, as it is exceedingly difficult to cross the street and people frequently do not stop at crosswalks.	6/11/2024 8:59 AM
32	Difficult intersection for drivers Pond St/S Main St. (Pedestrians seem to be able to cross Pond St OK)	6/11/2024 7:54 AM
33	Not enough visibility for drivers. Cars are driving too fast, and it's hard to turn right or left from Summer St and Middlesex ave. It's also hard to park in reserve for the same reason.	6/11/2024 2:05 AM
34	Family farms and its neighborhood needs to be redeveloped . This is 3d world environment and may please some inclusive woke residents, but not me. This is MA, not MX.	6/10/2024 6:47 PM
35	No reason to use this segment	6/10/2024 4:58 PM
36	Complete revitalization including walking only outdoor mall of whole central downtown with peripheral free parking lots. Modern major walking outdoor mall model. Use as examples - Lynnfield Marketplace, Wrentham Mall, Downtown Providence, etc. Build it for Natick's future, not Natick 10 years ago.	6/10/2024 2:55 PM
37	Restaurants that are open later	6/10/2024 1:18 PM
38	Turning left in the center of town without a traffic light is exceedingly difficult and dangerous. South Street is too narrow when there are parked cars along the street. It makes it difficult/impossible to see oncoming traffic.	6/10/2024 1:14 PM
39	Improve the traffic pattern to get from Pond to 27	6/10/2024 12:57 PM
40	Segment 1: Cars turning left onto Cottage don't move over enough to let thru-traffic pass. Segment 4: Hard to turn left from Pond onto Main st. Maybe stop allowing this, but then need to designate a left turn road before reaching Main. (e.g. Palmer works but it in really bad repair). - Hard to bike on Main across Central st intersection - where to be to turn left or to go straight. You currently need to be in the middle of the cars. Segment 5: tricky to bike through. I like being able to park in fron of the shops, but it can be tricky to pull out - trying to look for	6/10/2024 12:53 PM

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bikes or cars pulling by. Don't know how to solve. Maybe have bike lane next to side walk and cars parked on outside?

41	As described above, the section 1 intersection with no signal is very problematic. I drive extremely slow at night knowing that it's possible there is a poorly lit pedestrian wanting to cross. Section 4 is very congested and traffic along the entire area is poor. Especially in section 4, people traveling westbound tend to run the turn light turning south onto main street and will create gridlock because the southbound section of main street can back up due to traffic. Section 5 also has a very long crosswalk without any blinking lights or indication of crossing pedestrians and that area has a lot of foot traffic from the train.	6/10/2024 12:38 PM
42	Rotary for Rt 27 and Rt 135 intersection will save time, money for the town (no traffic light maintenance and electricity) and cause less pollution and be SAFER for pedestrians	6/10/2024 10:47 AM
43	No opinion	6/10/2024 10:32 AM
44	There should be a "No Left Turn" sign at the end of Pond St, turning onto South Main. Traffic on both streets always gets backed up because of people trying to turn left from Pond to South Main, and causes pedestrian safety issues. Eliminate parking on the South Main St side of the common, to improve flow heading north and to create more turn lanes heading towards the intersection with Central Sts.	6/10/2024 10:27 AM
45	Traffic goes so fast and does not stop at the crosswalks with the lights. I have young children I have to be so cautious and I have a physically disable child and cars beep if he goes too slow. We can not change people but I do believe the raised speed bump crosswalk helps people slow down as I have seen in other towns	6/10/2024 10:01 AM
46	This intersection is very congested. It is nearly impossible to make a left out of pond street at times. It is also very dangerous as you can't see around the building and cars come very fast. Pedestrians tend to just step off the curb without looking	6/10/2024 9:35 AM
47	wider sidewalks, new restaurants with more outdoor seating, more places to hang out and walk to in the town center	6/10/2024 9:35 AM
48	Blinking crosswalk at South Ave corner.	6/10/2024 9:32 AM
49	The amount of cars in Natick Center has increased triple since COVID. The timing of lights needs to be better. I personally think this corridor is beautifully kept up, and landscaped well. More benches in the common? Better signage on buildings? There needs to be more enforcement of the bikes. They crowd the street - they are technically a car, so they need to stop at lights, stop at stop signs and need to be always single file. They bunch up on all streets. From What I see, most people come to park their cars and walk in town. Bikers just go from another town to another town. Speed limits are fine. Lights are the issue. The brick walkways make so much noise, do not slow people down, plus the make vibrations when cars go over them. Thank you for all the employees who make the town beautiful and safe!	6/10/2024 9:29 AM
50	I cross Cottage St to access the sidewalk on the other side and so far drivers have stopped but it's a little scary. I hope each time that the driver can see me as I cross. I cross two days a week in all weather conditions.	6/10/2024 9:25 AM
51	Outdoor seating for takeout food businesses. Covered bicycle parking	6/8/2024 5:50 PM
52	Very congested and unsafe parking in section 5 (incredibly hard to back out). Lacking safe sidewalks and pedestrian crossing in section 1.	6/5/2024 8:23 PM
53	Na	6/5/2024 8:23 PM
54	I would like to see a woman's plus size clothing store - there are no longer ANY plus sized stores to shop at in New England. Shopping online is just not practical - a lot of postage back and forth. Torrid does not cater to all styles and ages. Large sized women - are underserved.	6/5/2024 11:39 AM
55	Crossing Cottage street at Main street can be dangerous - there's a lot of turning traffic often going very fast and the intersection feels poorly lit at night. Would be nice to have a crossing push button with a flashing light. There is one at the Main St crossing but not for crossing Cottage.	6/4/2024 8:31 PM
56	Improve traffic lights. Allow turning on red lights. Cars are just sitting there unable to move even when there are no pedestrians	6/4/2024 8:23 PM
57	Traffic backup at the street light intersection	6/4/2024 4:53 PM

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58	These segments need look more connected; similar seating, sidewalks and plantings. Traffic needs to be slowed throughout. Flashing speed limit signs as cars enter town, speed bumps and lots of signage for parking and blade signs for stores.	6/4/2024 2:55 PM
59	Traffic light timing is off. Needs to be reevaluated	5/30/2024 9:54 PM
60	Allow outside restaurant seating instead of parking spaces	5/30/2024 7:14 PM
61	Terrible traffic from 2pm onwards. Trying to turn left on to Main from Pond is a disaster. Weekends it's impossible to park anywhere along Main or even turn on the road from the side streets	5/29/2024 11:29 AM
62	Traffic gets backed up severely around the center of town.	5/29/2024 11:13 AM
63	Build a large functional building at corner of Pond & Main	5/28/2024 9:31 AM
64	Ensure new block development has adequate foot traffic capacity and does not create more vehicle traffic.	5/28/2024 9:05 AM
65	Union street/E. Central St./ Marion street traffic congestion!	5/28/2024 6:13 AM
66	Planters and benches.	5/27/2024 10:08 AM
67	Cochituate street from 27. Stones auto parks cars on what was supposed to be a non designated walk way from sidewalk on Cochituate to 27. So you have to walk in the road	5/26/2024 1:22 PM
68	Too frightening to cross at Cottage St. It was supposedly fixed, but it's still scary how fast the cars take the left or come down 27 from Sherborn. It's even scary to take a right out of Cottage St into town because people taking the left cut too sharp. Pedestrians wanna cross at Pond Street and aren't willing to walk down to the flashing yellow pedestrian light or up to 135 and just start out and cut between the cars. As suggested previously, the entrance into Natick from Waylon is dangerous and scary, especially since people are going to be coming out of the commuter station. Really needs a pedestrian push light.	5/26/2024 11:18 AM
69	The parking in Segments 3-4 make passing through this area difficult. It is trafficy and difficult to see pedestrians who are crossing. Pedestrians cross outside of cross-walks.	5/26/2024 10:26 AM
70	Left turning traffic signal for s main traffic that wants to turn left on to west central. Additionally, the pedestrian crosswalk signals at this intersection take a long time to go into effect and the amount of time given for crossing is too short. I'm a fit 60+ yr old and I have to hustle to cross in time - how could slower seniors, people with handicaps or kids with parents possibly get across in time?	5/26/2024 9:19 AM
71	Replacing, cross signals, remove bricks, clear meter instructions	5/25/2024 10:15 PM
72	South needs a pedestrian crossing signal at the cross walk crossing Main. Bad sight lines, inattentive drivers. Curiously, drivers are more aware of the crossing at Court. Stand on the sidewalk and just look at that crosswalk and drivers stop.	5/25/2024 7:35 PM
73	I picked these segments because the middle segments have the common there which is more bike friendly, but really Main street needs a bike lane from segment 1 that goes north and connects to the bike path.	5/25/2024 6:41 PM
74	Segment Five should be seen as a destination shopping, dining and entertainment area. Town should partner with a world-class developer to leverage the historic character of the location, rail and walking access, Rail Trail access (including revitalized Cochituate State Park) and rationalized traffic routing (underpass?)	5/25/2024 2:48 PM
75	I rarely drive 27. Parking is difficult. Blind spots when backing out. Natick Center needs to be more pedestrian friendly.	5/25/2024 12:13 PM
76	Remove parallel parking & create bumpouts so a pedestrian has enough time to cross the street. Couple with vehicular traffic calming measures.	5/25/2024 11:28 AM
77	Family Farms to Common has a lot to be desired. The buildings there are old, run down and look like they should be condemned. Not sure if the town can do something about those buildings, but that area is an eye sore. The building on the corner of Pond is beautiful. It would be nice to see that revitalized used. I believe the top floor was a ballroom at one point. The stained glass windows are amazing. Biggest pet peeve the bricks look nice, but they break and are dangerous, especially for people like me, a senior.	5/25/2024 10:46 AM

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78	Cross walk at South Ave and Main St	5/25/2024 10:27 AM
79	all of them need to be improved	5/25/2024 8:42 AM
80	Please make sure the new "The Block" going up around Segment 4 has some of the improvements outlined earlier in this survey (benches, planters, trees). Since it will be at the heart of Natick Center, this would make our town center even more welcoming!	5/25/2024 7:40 AM
81	Traffic often gets backed up here.	5/25/2024 7:40 AM
82	Cars travel too fast on segment 5 making it hard to cross at the crosswalk. Segment 3 has drivers making sharp turns on Pond St and not looking for pedestrians.	5/25/2024 7:34 AM
83	This may already be included in the train station rebuild, but if not, there should be flashing lights at the pedestrian crosswalk on Main Street in front of MutualOne.	5/25/2024 6:44 AM
84	Better sidewalks especially on the East side, greater ease in crossing.	5/25/2024 1:26 AM
85	The close intersections create problems. It's an extreme change, but I wonder if a rotary would work to merge traffic from Pond, Central, and Main.	5/24/2024 9:38 PM
86	Getting through this area is difficult for people using mobility aids, anyone pushing a stroller, and for anyone cycling and wishing to follow laws for cyclists. It's difficult for anyone who needs to stop and take breaks while walking as there are few benches and, in the sunnier months, there is little shade. More benches, wider/improved quality sidewalks, and anything to make the area more accessible to people with small children or with mobility limitations would be wonderful. Dedicated bike lanes and places to secure a bicycle legally would also be ideal. I'd also love to see Pond Street made no-left-turns onto Main Street.	5/24/2024 8:53 PM
87	Crosswalk Lights and Curbing issues especially near the Train Station	5/24/2024 7:53 PM
88	Everything need to be redone for safety and satisfaction. Everyone's always complaining about this end and for the right reasons too.	5/24/2024 5:43 PM
89	Ways to reduce speed and increase visibility to see the street when reversing out of a parking spot. It is hard to reverse out of a parking spot when people are speeding and obstruction of view to see cars coming.	5/24/2024 4:28 PM
90	They should build a parking structure to service the MBTA line. And add electric car charging stations! (Why was this not included in the survey options?) There are already too many bicyclists, and they make it unsafe for everyone else pedestrians and drivers. Ideally you create bicycle infrastructure on side streets which have fewer pedestrians and cars to begin with, then you leave the main streets alone. Encouraging bicyclists to mix in traffic is unsafe for everyone. Any solution needs to work in the wintertime, and not affect emergency vehicles and people making deliveries.	5/24/2024 2:36 PM
91	Definitely would like to see some push/lighted pedestrian walk signals. Hard to safely cross to grab a sandwich from Lola's coming from South street.	5/24/2024 4:24 AM
92	Cottage street intersection was poorly corrected a few years ago. Turning left on pond st or 135 is overly difficult Turning left from pond st is impossible	5/23/2024 10:59 PM
93	Separation of bikes from cars, add bike lanes, add sidewalks, add street trees/plantings.	5/23/2024 6:39 PM
94	Segments 1 and 2, and to a lesser extent 3 (park side is ok) need the most love. There should be more trees and the crosswalk at segment 1 is a deathtrap - I completely avoid it because cars rarely stop and speed through there.	5/23/2024 9:55 AM
95	5: Pedestrian crossing time is a little too short for 135/27 intersection	5/23/2024 9:41 AM
96	crosswalk is unsafe mbta courtyard could be expanded	5/23/2024 9:36 AM
97	Things are changing and we do not know how it will look, so I can't guess. Make the town green nicer and safer for kids. Don't hand it over to the business community so often and make it a nicer park. The farmers market really disrupts traffic and there is hardly anywhere close by to park.	5/22/2024 8:16 PM
98	Label transit stops more clearly. Disallow surveillance cameras infringing on travelers' privacy on sidewalks, roadways, and on the Common.	5/22/2024 5:17 PM

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99	cars traveling west on central street, making a left onto main street, run the turn arrow and then back up in the intersection causing traffic backups because you cant go around them. how can this be improved?	5/22/2024 3:54 PM
100	Traffic calming through segments 4 & 5 would be very much appreciated, as that area is absolutely wild during peak traffic hours. I see a lot of near misses and almost accidents during peak times. A lot of folks almost get hit because they pop out between cars at the crosswalks, and there's no visual indication to let drivers know they are attempting to cross.	5/22/2024 12:00 PM
101	Seg 1 and 3: Mostly how we improve flow of traffic during surge times - creative routing to circumvent "pass through" traffic as much as possible and more aggressive/visible painting (e.g. box at the intersection of Pond and 135 plus, perhaps better/clearer signage. Seg 5: this should be screaming "sidewalk cafes" and "outdoor displays" for retailers; more strollable (perhaps busker zones)	5/22/2024 10:30 AM
102	Better lighting and cross light-signal at the Family Farms for walkers - man died here years ago and still no cross light to stop traffic. The South Main Street Project has not been completed - how many years does it take?	5/22/2024 10:08 AM
103	All Segments: Wider sidewalks, bike lanes. Segments 1 and 2: More interesting amernities to walk to Segements 4 and 4: Less roadway and parking.	5/21/2024 7:01 PM
104	The lighting at night in the area from Cottage Street to Family Farms is inadequate at best. The crosswalks at Middlesex and Summer (crossing east/west on Main Street) are particularly dangerous. Cars coming from North Main Street, headed south are traveling much too fast and the crosswalk is barely observable. I have seen MANY pedestrians come so close to being hit. This includes Christina from the Calliope stationery store and Richard, US Postal Carrier. I was nearly hit there last week by a car that was attempting to go around the car that had stopped for me in the crosswalk. It's not a matter of IF someone will be hit. It's a matter of WHEN.	5/21/2024 4:52 PM
105	Need way more large shade trees, wider sidewalks (that are not cracked and crumbling), probably another crosswalk or two as well with some speed mitigation for cars (they fly down section 1 towards Sherborn)	5/21/2024 9:20 AM
106	The intersection of Pond and Main is a nightmare. And when is the light at 27 and Washington going to be fixed???	5/20/2024 7:02 PM
107	Ugly, traffic, concrete. Nothing pretty about tit.	5/20/2024 5:30 PM
108	Needs additional pedestrian crosswalks.	5/20/2024 4:42 PM
109	The across walks down by the bank corner is extremely dangerous and nobody enforces the idea of stopping for pedestrians in the crosswalk. The number of times I have been the middle of crosswalk and someone goes what through t missing me by inch. That is also true for the crosswalk across from the library and town hall.	5/20/2024 2:53 PM
110	The left turn from main street onto Cottage Street is strange and hard to make without cutting lanes. Traffic often gets backed up all the way from the light to East Street or even further. It's often more practical to make right turn on Common Street or even East Street to go onto E Central Street than to go up to the light to make the right turn.	5/20/2024 2:07 PM
111	Bike lanes, more trees	5/20/2024 2:03 PM
112	All areas need more open greenspace, shade trees, and planters especially segment 5. There needs to be removal of atleast one cross walk too by South St. as there are two on top of eachother causing unnecessary traffic. The whole area needs a traffic study to move more cars faster during congestion times.	5/20/2024 1:45 PM
113	There should be a crosswalk and the lights to cross at family farms it a big spot for people to cross and go to the store	5/20/2024 1:39 PM
114	segment 3 and 4-dangerous to drive south on 27 during farmers market-too much human and car traffic	5/20/2024 1:31 PM
115	I live off of cottage Street and this is a terrible intersection to walk-through and particularly to turn left from 27 onto cottage Street.	5/20/2024 1:27 PM
116	segment 2 hard and dangerous to turn left (south out of east st on to 27 south	5/20/2024 1:11 PM
117	Bike lanes	5/20/2024 12:57 PM

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118	The building on the corner of pond finish	5/20/2024 12:55 PM
119	Segment 3 & 4 get so congested at certain times of day: people try to parallel park, pedestrians crossing the street, people turning onto Pond, or waiting at the light - it can be chaotic and slow. So then drivers get impatient and drive recklessly.	5/20/2024 12:51 PM
120	Bike lanes	5/20/2024 12:40 PM
121	My comments above apply to all these segments	5/20/2024 12:31 PM
122	Better signage/beacons for cross walks (both crossing side streets and crossing Main St)	5/20/2024 12:30 PM
123	Segment 5 - improve pedestrian access from neighborhoods (middlesex, summer, cochituate) - sidewalk improvement/bike lanes	5/20/2024 12:14 PM
124	People should not be able to make left turns from Pond Street onto Main Street. Flashing lights at EVERY crosswalk and maybe even a speed hump at the one in front of Family Farms convenience store. More ticketing for distracted drivers (cell phone use while driving).	5/20/2024 12:13 PM
125	All segments are in urban decay. Make them attractive and walkable/cyclable rather than no man's land in a developing country feel	5/20/2024 12:11 PM
126	Segment 1 & 4 Need a lot of work. The traffic pattern at the 135 / 27 intersection makes left turns difficult when heading North. Allowing left turns from Pond onto 27N is bonkers. East St. and Common St. should not be a cut-through.	5/20/2024 12:07 PM
127	Whole area could really use some bike lanes!	5/20/2024 12:01 PM
128	Segment 5 needs updated store front. The glass block windows on the buildings give it a dated, almost grimy feeling. The building is beautiful but those store fronts are terrible.	5/20/2024 11:51 AM
129	Improve the structure facades	5/20/2024 11:45 AM
130	27 northbound cars often stop at cottage st merge northbound 27 at pond street red light setback can cause confusion with unfamiliar drivers	5/20/2024 11:45 AM
131	Better safer crosswalks and push buttons with flashing lights. Way too dangerous to cross Main Street as a pedestrian	5/20/2024 11:41 AM
132	Maybe mixed use zoning that extends the gateway so more business could be here - not sure if there is more to do to improve the cottage street intersection - also once the new bld is built between pond st and 135 the traffic near the common could become a nightmare - possibly taking away that blinking light near common street and forcing people to cross at 135/27 should be considered although i like that cross walk.	5/20/2024 11:30 AM
133	Segment 3/4/5/ can be a a mess of traffic at times, but those are the places with the most shops and spaces to be seated. If car traffic can be reduced in that area, we could see more pedestrians, who are more likely just to stop in a shops.	5/20/2024 11:21 AM
134	Roundabout at Main St and Central St	5/20/2024 11:13 AM
135	Xxx	5/20/2024 10:54 AM
136	1 through 3 - you need to stop letting people park on the road during peak hours, stop allowing lefts onto/from Pond during peak hours (both of these issues lead to traffic backups); and you need to stop using east/sherman/lincoln/forest/grant as your 27/135 bypass roads - it's a nightmare and there is no speed or sign enforcement; the new one-way traffic on school/church has been a nightmare for locals as these are narrow streets and it's now worse with heavier traffic flows. Stop ruining our neighborhood!	5/20/2024 10:49 AM
137	A button to push to cross at 27 & Cottage and another to cross at Family Farms. To alert traffic to stop for pedestrians	5/20/2024 10:34 AM
138	Utility poles with wires hanging - old abandoned stuff left to molder - a bit of big picture thought by the people who are doing this. The police and others who leave their cups and trash for others to pick up. Ask everyone to be on the Team and state that it lives with a constant improvement effort in a town that values and is improving upon. More and better street cleaning and settling pond clean up. Save Lake Cochituate almost all of Natick's roads flow into it and it's real sick.	5/20/2024 8:38 AM
139	More walkable areas and access to public transit	5/20/2024 7:16 AM

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140	Segments 3-5 have the highest density of retail and attractions, but also the highest traffic, most lanes, and most auto congestion. Over time, it would be ideal to separate "automotive arterials" from the places where we most want people to walk, bike, and hang out. I suspect that 90% or more of the traffic through the 27/135 intersection have destinations elsewhere, which conflicts with the goal of creating a space for people outside of cars. The first step is to dramatically impede traffic in that zone. Narrower lanes, lower posted speed limits, stronger enforcement, and much more expensive street parking. Push cars into the adjacent lots and discourage through-traffic. Narrower lanes can pair logistically with separated sidewalks and/or bike lanes. There's more than enough width along both 27 and 135 to have separated lanes on both sides. Drivers should feel uncomfortable with the width, which naturally slows approach to that intersection.	5/20/2024 7:03 AM
141	Having people park diagonally, at a very busy intersection with a pedestrian signal every light cycle is a recipe for disaster! I avoid this area at all costs!	5/19/2024 10:45 PM
142	No bikes lanes please	5/19/2024 10:10 PM
143	No more painting the street corners. It looks like horrible old graffiti after a month or two. I do love the idea of artists contributing to the BEAUTIFICATION of Natick but that street painting did the opposite. Paint over the old, worn, street corner paint that now looks like trashy graffiti. Keep/Utilize/ add crosswalks with pedestrian activated lights- like the ones near the town hall and library. We don't need any more full street lights everywhere. Allow a right on red. DO NOT add bike lanes.	5/19/2024 9:45 PM
144	Pond street should be a ONE way (exiting Main Street ONLY and not allow traffic to enter Main Street from Pond!). It is always confusing there, people do NOT stop at the white line to leave room for turning vehicles and cars sometimes pull out thinking they have the right away! It also causes back ups going through the intersection there.	5/19/2024 9:42 PM
145	Segment 4 needs the most traffic work (maybe no left onto main from pond during peak hours? And a designated left turn light on W.Central.) Segment 5 would benefit from traffic signals at the crosswalks.	5/19/2024 8:57 PM
146	This area is the least shaded area and seems to have the most potential for little parks and shade from trees and maybe even pergola type structures. Also, this section is really dangerous for bike riding as the road is narrow	5/19/2024 8:19 PM
147	1: Family Farms is an eyesore. 2: The strip of stores just north of Family Farms could use a facelift, and ideally should have businesses that attract foot traffic. 3: The intersection of Pond/27 is a problem. People should not be allowed to turn left out of Pond to 27N...it creates traffic. It also makes pedestrian traffic there unsafe. 5: The businesses in this area are an eye sore. Are there funds that can be used for aesthetic improvements? Is there a way to support a new business in the old appliance store?	5/19/2024 7:10 PM
148	Natick center lacks compelling shops and restaurants. There's not even a drugstore any more. I spend much more time in Wellesley Center than in Natick. Much better retail and restaurants. The common is the best part of the whole downtown area.	5/19/2024 5:50 PM
149	Parking configuration makes it hard for drivers to see pedestrians in crosswalks. Increase safety for pedestrians by improving sidewalks, crosswalks, and reducing speed of cars passing through Natick Center.	5/19/2024 5:10 PM
150	More beautification there such as trees, planters, benches etc. Also fixing up some of the buildings there	5/19/2024 4:06 PM
151	South Main Street and Cottage intersection remains a problem. Drivers traveling north towards the corridor regularly cross the divide line of the left turn lane onto Cottage Street.	5/19/2024 3:36 PM
152	Segment 2 is just gross. Family Farms does not take care of their landscaping and it's all weeds by the street. The building next to it is falling apart and home to an art gallery and laundromat there aren't actually open. It's definitely the most unkempt part of the corridor. Segment 3 could easily allow more outdoor seating at the cafes, but again... I hear it's hard to get approval.	5/19/2024 3:17 PM
153	Again-lots of walkers behind post office leading back to woodland street that are poorly paved and have no sidewalks. Coolidge Avenue is the worst. This road hasn't been paved in the 30 years I have lived in this neighborhood. This area is heavily trafficked with farmers market and high schoolers as well as dog walkers heading to Coolidge hill. But cottage street is the only	5/19/2024 2:33 PM

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street with adequate sidewalks and paved well. And yet roads like arbor circle that was in much better shape than this neighborhood is getting paved....

154	Building up the burned down buildings and adding common areas for people there. Community garden would also be nice and more green spaces (solar panels, public charging areas, etc)	5/19/2024 12:44 PM
155	Segment 1 just feels very "not part of the center of town" to me... not sure what/if can be done about that, but it just feels like as soon as your get past common street it's less of a main street vibe and more of a back street vibe. Segment 5 just feels like it's always congested - the straight lane needing to "go right" which ends up blocking the left turn lane and getting in and out of parking are two key things that come to mind as pain points.	5/19/2024 11:57 AM
156	Crosswalk flashing lights to slow cars and so pedestrians can cross Route 27 safety: a little girl was hit by a truck in 2023 near Willow Street and 27	5/19/2024 11:04 AM
157	Control access between/from Pond Street	5/19/2024 10:37 AM
158	If there were a segment 6, directly North through Pizza Plus, I'd say that should be included. These areas feel poorly lit with poor traffic conditions.	5/19/2024 10:34 AM
159	The whole downtown needs improvement (facade, stores, etc.) to bring it in line with nearby town centers (Needham, Wellesley, etc)	5/19/2024 8:53 AM
160	Too many vehicles use East Street as cut through.	5/19/2024 8:41 AM
161	Less or no traffic. Trees. Seating to talk or look at plants. Relax. Tables for eating. Force traffic to go around. More public parks.	5/19/2024 8:32 AM
162	Traffic often gets extremely backed up in all these areas. For example, turning left out of certain streets such as Pond St or Family Farms onto Main St is nearly impossible and also causes additional traffic backup. I would like to see this improved. Also I never use the angled parking spots along the sides of Main St even if they are closer to my destination because of the difficulties getting in and out of them. The parking situation needs to be improved.	5/19/2024 6:48 AM
163	I urge you to do something about pedestrian and child safety on East St. This is a "shortcut" used by reckless drivers who speed at over 40 mph, not respecting stop signs. People use this route during rush hour but also late at night and on weekend evenings. It's also a neighborhood with a lot of small children; making this very dangerous. If you add more traffic calming measures to the Main Street intersection, without making East St less attractive for reckless drivers, then you'll be significantly increasing pedestrian and child pedestrian danger. It's one thing to have a speeding car down Main St or East/West Central street-- people are cautious around those busy streets and there's not as many children on the sidewalks. It's very scary to have a speeding car going down narrow East St with children playing and riding bicycles in the street. East St is used by fire trucks for emergencies, however, a speed bump could be placed on East St that would allow wide-wheelbase firetrucks to travel without slowing, while making narrow-wheelbase passenger vehicles travel at a reasonable speed.	5/19/2024 5:04 AM
164	I don't know. This required an answer so I just checked anything.	5/18/2024 6:47 PM
165	The parking is crazy here. Horizontal, diagonal then more horizontal spots. Cross walks with side street traffic entering into the equation. The traffic backs up at the light causes gridlock in that entire section. And then people make illegal u-turns to grab a spot across the street. It is so dangerous.	5/18/2024 6:08 PM
166	It seems very run down, will be especially so with the new plans for segment 4.	5/18/2024 5:42 PM
167	Northbound traffic on South Main St needs relief. Allow right turns on red and open up the lights at Lincoln Sq. No parking on South Main along the Common during certain hours. Eliminate parking on West Central from Muni lot to lights during commuter hours as well. Relocate the Farmer's Market as well.	5/18/2024 4:58 PM
168	All segments: bike lane or bike path Segments 4 and 5: bike parking	5/18/2024 4:46 PM
169	Ease traffic and make it more friendly for people to walk across that area.	5/18/2024 4:34 PM
170	Segment 4 al and feels incredibly busy with cars and congestion of traffic. The lane for the left turn onto cottage from Main isn't well marked. Segment 3 doesn't feel integrated into the rest of the town center.	5/18/2024 3:43 PM
171	Reduce street parking to create room for turning lanes.	5/18/2024 3:32 PM

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172	Generally I would like to see parking developed in one or more garages off main street and angled parking removed and replaced with bike lanes, landscaped buffer zones with pedestrian seating and/or spaced to be used by retailers/restaurants.	5/18/2024 3:18 PM
173	I wish we looked more like Wellesley downtown - it looks like a true downtown and we look like just a pass-through We need benches and trees - planters, etc so it is a destination not just a crowded mess	5/18/2024 1:49 PM
174	It's hard to cross the street, either because of a lack of crosswalks, or cars not stopping for pedestrians.	5/18/2024 1:39 PM
175	Seg 1: There should be a crosswalk on Cottage to cross from where sidewalk ends on the east side to continue on sidewalk on west side. The intersection feels tighter at Cottage/Main after recent repaving and its not slowing people down. I am often heading south on Main and need to turn left onto Cottage. The lanes are tight in the curve and if I don't pull far into left turn lane, might block straight lane. If I take up the designated space in left turn lane, run risk of oncoming traffic hitting me because they cross the yellow line ALL THE TIME! Some people use side roads to skip downtown but then they are dead set on pulling out of East St in a hurry. I've been walking in daylight and they don't even see me. Seg 2: Feels chaotic and is not very pleasant to walk. Seg 4: Traffic coming out of Pond St trying to turn left and head north on Main... they can't see well, they stick out into traffic, they block traffic. Make it a right turn only coming out of Pond. Also, as a pedestrian walking on Main St, crossing Pond feels very unsafe. Seg 5: I've lived in Natick 8 years and have parked here maybe twice. I would visit Lola's, the ATM, and the stationery stores more often if I didn't feel guaranteed to get into an accident trying to back out of a spot. I am often exiting South Ave trying to turn right/north on Main. It's hard to see traffic coming from the left around the parked cars without pulling far into street.	5/18/2024 1:17 PM
176	Better traffic management process for allowing turns from Pond Street onto Rt 27 interchange on restricting cars from blocking intersection.	5/18/2024 11:40 AM
177	Seg 2: that intersection at Cottage street is poorly designed! Awkward, dangerous, nerve-racking. Seg 3: the building owners of the former Gallery 55/laundry service should sell or upgrade! It's disgracefully run down.	5/18/2024 10:19 AM
178	#1 Still dangerous to cross Main there; drivers still confused about rt of way at Cottage #4 No safe pedestrian passage between, only parking lot #5 Again unsafe passage--only alleyway (west of Main)	5/18/2024 10:16 AM
179	The parking on Route 27 from the train station to the intersection of Routes 27 & 135 is dangerous because it is not parallel parking and your back into LOTS of traffic on Route 27.	5/18/2024 9:59 AM
180	Coming from the CRT, there's no way to bypass this stretch of Rt 27. Cars are traveling fast, the sidewalks are narrow, and there are too many parking lots for businesses/residences that provide opportunities for contention between cars, bikes, and pedestrians. Crosswalks often require long waits and can be dangerous with cars turning right on red. I'm often tempted to drive to the center just to avoid this stretch.	5/18/2024 9:52 AM
181	You should not be able to turn left from Pond onto 27. Drivers on 27 don't respect the paint showing where they are not supposed to block the intersection and it results in a backup on Pond and/or desperate and dangerous choices trying to take the left turn.	5/18/2024 9:37 AM
182	Affordable apartments	5/18/2024 9:27 AM
183	Absolutely prohibit left turns from Pond Street onto Rt. 27 northbound. This will improve: - the confusion among cars traveling north on 27 and the "do not block the intersection" sign - the backup on Pond St. of cars wanting to turn right because there is one car wanting to turn left.	5/18/2024 9:27 AM
184	Remove parking spaces and add parklets and dining spaces, bump out curbs, convert side streets to pedestrian or one way streets, bike network connection to train and rail trail	5/18/2024 9:21 AM
185	The traffic flow can get backed up especially mornings and Saturdays	5/18/2024 9:10 AM
186	The left turn from main to cottage street was badly designed during the last redesign ~5 years ago. Cars traveling north on Main Street (generally speeding) have a very unusually designed turn and always cut into the opposite lane nearly hitting cars intending to turn left on cottage. This intersection needs a revamp to maintain traffic flow and safety. The landscaping from the	5/18/2024 9:03 AM

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public housing structures at 4 cottage and adjacent 72 S main need some major improvements. The driveway lighting at 72 s main is an eyesore.

187	The intersection they created a few years back at Cottage and 27 DOES NOT WORK. With the curve and narrow turn lane, it's not possible or even advisable to get your vehicle totally into it before turning left on Cottage coming from the center of town. For the part just north of Downtown, there needs to be a safe way to get to the bike path.	5/18/2024 8:12 AM
188	More convenient parking that is not on the main street to avoid slowing down traffic.	5/18/2024 7:37 AM
189	Would be nice to have a flashing lights crosswalk at cottage street go cross more safely	5/18/2024 7:32 AM
190	Bottleneck of traffic which makes parking difficult	5/18/2024 7:27 AM
191	More trees with benches would make the area nicer to sit in. Slowing traffic would make it much more pleasant. For example, could transition to parallel park at segment 5 with a protected bike lane between sidewalk and parking, which would also make crossing the street easier.	5/18/2024 6:24 AM
192	The angle of the parking spaces makes it nearly impossible to get out without putting my life (or my car's life) at risk. Blind spots everywhere. Also the curve of the street leading into the center (inbound leading into Segment 5, near the bank) is another blind spot. As a pedestrian, it is very scary to cross that crosswalk - there are cars coming down the main road and cars turning left from Summer onto the Main Rd. It's a very dangerous crosswalk. The crosswalk at Summer is a close second in terms of danger - when traffic is backed up, pedestrians routinely are caught walking in between cars and having to peek around a car to make sure an oncoming car doesn't hit them. Perhaps flashing walk signals would help in those areas? Not sure, but it's an accident waiting to happen.	5/18/2024 5:59 AM
193	Here are the main things about any project in this location: the width of Main St and the speed of cars. Some well-painted very visible speed bumps, especially near crosswalks, would be useful. But above all, DO NOT WIDEN Main St. by taking bits of peoples' lawns. I don't live on Main St. but I do not believe anyone should give up strips of their property for any project. It is their property. Some people who live along Main St have houses that are essentially right against the sidewalk already. They've nothing to give up. As with the project a few years ago that resulted in the beneficial improvement of Main St., this road must not become a thoroughfare for Sherborn residents to fly through. (And, orient the 2 maps on the first page the same way, not one looking from the east and the other looking from the west.)	5/18/2024 4:50 AM
194	Put a cop at the intersection of 135 & 27 to prevent people turning left onto 27 south from blocking the intersection. During the Farmer's Market put cops in sections 2, 3, and 4 to eliminate the traffic jams.	5/18/2024 4:12 AM
195	The entire stretch could be much more pedestrian friendly. What about closing it to cars on Sundays?	5/18/2024 1:27 AM
196	Bike Lanes: Dedicated bike lanes. This will create a safer environment for cyclists and encourage cycling as a viable transportation option. Enhanced lighting: Improve street lighting to increase visibility for pedestrians and cyclists, especially at night. This is a major safety concern addressed in many towns. Street trees and landscaping: Plant trees and incorporate landscaping elements to create a more attractive and pedestrian-friendly streetscape. This approach is used in many walkable downtowns. Public seating and art: Create designated areas with benches, tables, and public art to encourage people to linger and enjoy the Main Street atmosphere. This is a common feature in vibrant downtowns.	5/17/2024 11:33 PM
197	Traffic often backs up in this area. Even crossing at the crosswalks is risky because drivers don't always stop. Flashing lights crosswalks might be better. Very hard to make a left turn from South Ave on to Main St. Almost need a traffic light there.	5/17/2024 11:27 PM
198	there should be a left turn signal at the light at 135 and Main St (coming from Cottage Street area)	5/17/2024 11:25 PM
199	There is a sign not to block intersection, but cars going north always do. Paint the road with yellow X sign	5/17/2024 10:39 PM
200	Pond Street should be restricted to right turns only or have traffic light installed.	5/17/2024 10:12 PM
201	Should be No left turn at bottom of Pond Street., especially across two lanes of traffic.	5/17/2024 9:14 PM

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202	The intersection between Main St/Cottage St is scary both to drive and walk through. I would love to see it turned into a roundabout.	5/17/2024 8:35 PM
203	All of these areas need improvement to store fronts and the buildings in general but East Central to South Street is the main part of the downtown and there are really not enough reasons to go there on a regular basis. Prime property like Fair & Yeager building opens up and a dance studio moves in as an example. Unclear what the town is doing to try to attract restaurants or pubs or other stores that would make downtown a destination and what pressure is put on building owners to maintain and improve buildings and storefronts.	5/17/2024 8:32 PM
204	People should not be allowed to turn left off of Pond street when they are heading into town. It creates close calls and angry drivers every day and there is a lot of pedestrian activity there.	5/17/2024 8:31 PM
205	I don't know how it will change when MBTA station improvement is done, but now quite chaotic.	5/17/2024 8:14 PM
206	Traffic flow	5/17/2024 8:06 PM
207	We would like to see the intersection from Pond onto Main Street be right turn only.	5/17/2024 7:21 PM
208	Above- trees, traffic calming, push buttons, bike lanes, and some one way	5/17/2024 7:02 PM
209	Inconvenient parking (full, hard to pull out and leave safely, like of sight always obstructed)	5/17/2024 6:54 PM
210	47 and 49 South Main properties should be purchased by Town and replaced with open space/park. Look at the Street in Chestnut Hill and Lawn On D for ideas for use of the open space.	5/17/2024 6:47 PM
211	All of them need improvement but Segment 5 is truly terrifying. Nose in parking, first of all, is extremely unpleasant because in order to get out of a parking space you have to back up blind into speeding traffic. I will do almost anything to avoid parking downtown so I miss out on the Farmer's Market and the downtown businesses. Then there's the issue of pedestrians seemingly popping out of nowhere into the street. They are usually not doing that on purpose but the sight lines are so poor that it appears to a driver that they came out of nowhere, even if we are driving very slowly. There is just way too much visual input- cars backing into traffic, crosswalks way too close to parked cars so the pedestrian has to be 20 ft into the roadway before being seen, cars turning onto Main St from side roads, downtown signage, and then art installations on the road. Add the Farmer's Market into this on Saturdays and it's visual chaos. Someone is going to get hit one day. Finally in other segments- where there are no sidewalks on Main street- I see people walking to work or kids walking to school on these areas and get quite upset that nothing is done to assist them, especially when there is snow built up on those areas from plows. Natick is just not a pedestrian friendly town. I hope it can become that way one day- it will become much more appealing to walk and shop and be neighborly.	5/17/2024 6:28 PM
212	Let it be known that these problems extend far beyond the Main Street Corridor. The entire town of Natick as a whole suffers from these problems. If anything, the Main Street Corridor is the least affected area in the town. Please implement more walkable infrastructure across ALL of Natick so that every area of the town is accessible to people of every ability.	5/17/2024 6:17 PM
213	Add benches for those with mobility issues.	5/17/2024 5:52 PM
214	Too dark, difficult to park (get in/out), backed up traffic at the Main/135 intersection, difficult to cross Main near the commuter rail station, some buildings need updates (if owners are willing) but it does make the town look dingy/run down particularly if you compare it to 135 (Morse Library/police station/Town Hall area).	5/17/2024 5:42 PM
215	Traffic backs up a lot from Common St to the 135 intersection. Diagonal parking spots in segment 5 are hard to get in and out of without causing traffic issues.	5/17/2024 5:25 PM
216	Add bike racks in segment 5	5/17/2024 5:10 PM
217	Segment 1 When driving south on Main with the intent to turn left onto Cottage, traffic traveling north on Main often takes the left hand curve too tight and crosses the double yellow into the turning lane. Driving north on Cottage to make a right turn onto main, traffic traveling on main heading north can be difficult to see or driving fast, making a safe right turn onto Main a little difficult. Segment 4 Traffic traveling east on Pond street with the intent to turn left on to Main to head north blocks southbound traffic on Main creating backups into the Main/Central intersection. Consider No Left Turn from Pond to Main? I ride my bike up Cottage to Main, and	5/17/2024 4:54 PM

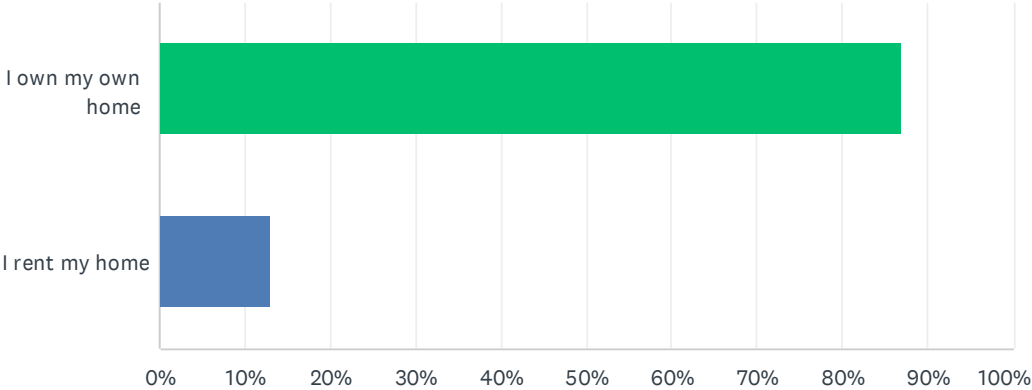
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take a left on Pond to avoid riding through the large intersection. The cars taking a left turn from Pond to Main block and make this intersection hazardous.

218	MORE TREES	5/17/2024 4:38 PM
219	Live north of main st and cut thru downtown to go to daily activity. Slowing traffic would be a nightmare for people who live in area. There is no way to stop commuters from towns south from not using natick as a cut-through	5/17/2024 4:21 PM
220	These spaces need more active storefronts and streetscapes. Compared to Clark Block they feel cold and less human	5/17/2024 4:10 PM

Q9 If you live within a half a mile of Main Street, do you own or rent your primary residence?

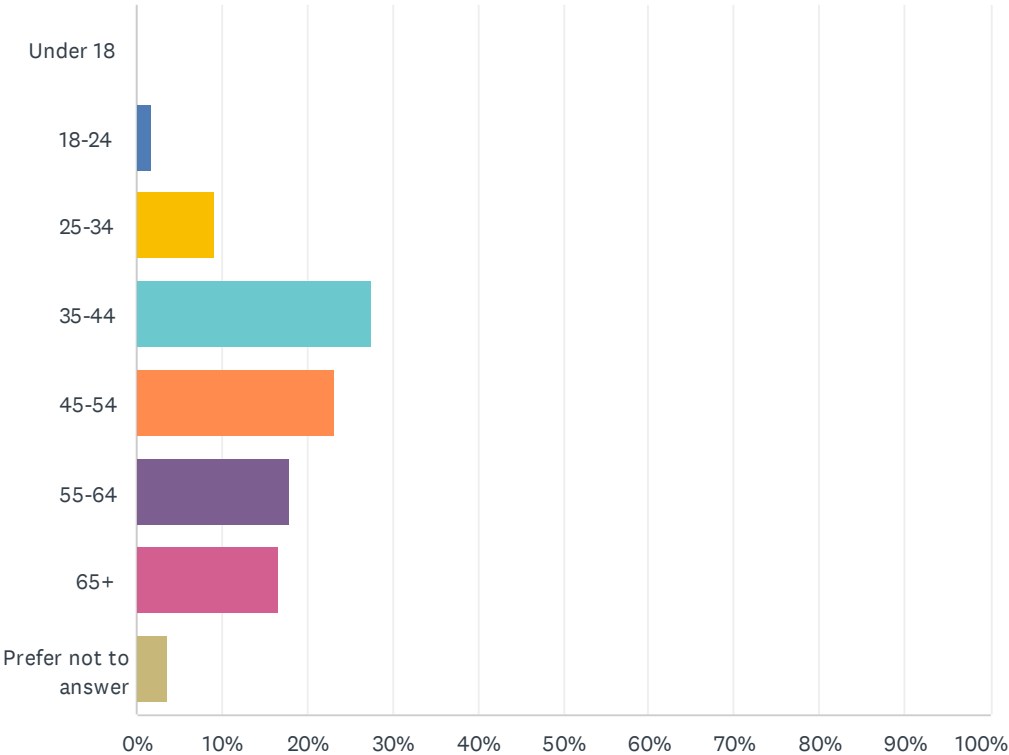
Answered: 267 Skipped: 151



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I own my own home	86.89%	232
I rent my home	13.11%	35
TOTAL		267

Q10 What age group most closely describes you?

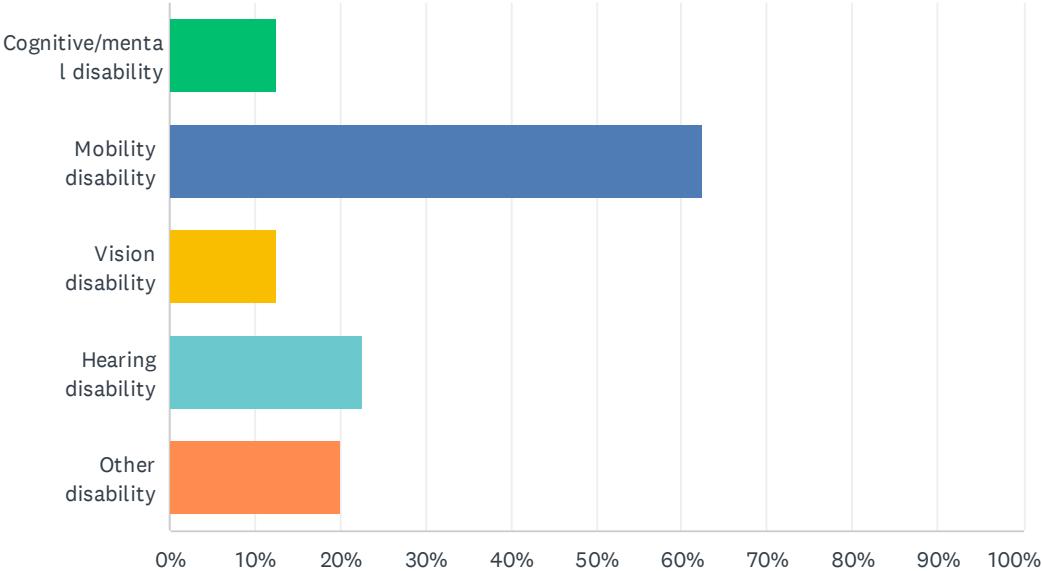
Answered: 395 Skipped: 23



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 18	0.00%	0
18-24	1.77%	7
25-34	9.11%	36
35-44	27.59%	109
45-54	23.29%	92
55-64	17.97%	71
65+	16.71%	66
Prefer not to answer	3.54%	14
TOTAL		395

Q11 Do you have any of the following disabilities that affects your mobility or ability to safely use Main Street or access the Downtown?

Answered: 40 Skipped: 378



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Cognitive/mental disability	12.50%	5
Mobility disability	62.50%	25
Vision disability	12.50%	5
Hearing disability	22.50%	9
Other disability	20.00%	8
Total Respondents: 40		

Q12 If you do have a mobility or disability issue that prevents you from safely accessing the downtown, do you have a suggestion on what improvements could be made?

Answered: 36 Skipped: 382

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Additional disabled handicap parking spaces.	6/13/2024 3:34 PM
2	Maintenance of public sidewalks that protect pedestrians from injury.	6/12/2024 11:33 PM
3	Less speeding cars	6/12/2024 7:13 PM
4	This is not a disability, but a support issue — I have a young child and we go to the library a lot. I'd like to park in front of it because the spots on the side often fill up. But I don't like parking in front because I don't like unloading him from his car seat on the busy street. Sometimes we park behind the library to the side in the lot that's shared with the police station, but that's a far walk with a lot of books & a little one. So more/improved parking opportunities by the library would be great for safety for families.	6/11/2024 9:53 PM
5	????	6/10/2024 7:47 PM
6	Keep the sidewalks clear. And smooth. Business's leave their trash out for the weekend in some places and I should t have to move heavy trash recepticles just so my son or friend in a wheelchair can get by. Their rules should be like ours do not block sidewalks with trash even if you are a non profit they should not get special treatment . I ok feel like the town never consider the needs of people with disabilities and when you improve for disabilities you improve for everyone because those who are not disabled have more space to walk with their wife, child, partner hand in hand and not be in the way of other people walking in the space	6/10/2024 10:01 AM
7	No. Everything is great!	6/10/2024 9:29 AM
8	N/A	6/10/2024 9:25 AM
9	We have vision-impaired neighbors and the poor condition of sidewalks (and poor quality of snow/ice clearing in the winter) makes it a hazard. Also need crosswalks with push-buttons.	5/26/2024 10:26 AM
10	Had a bum leg for a while and noticed the stark difference between pre-ADA sidewalks with their pronounced slope and new sidewalks. Between Pond and Common especially bad. I think it is slated to be replaced with the new construction. North side of Court street is bad.	5/25/2024 7:35 PM
11	Parking, Parking and Parking	5/25/2024 2:48 PM
12	Smoother sidewalks. Crosswalk lights.	5/25/2024 12:13 PM
13	As above, bumpouts at pedestrian crosswalks.	5/25/2024 11:28 AM
14	I use downtown all the time, but I do have balance issues, so I do have to be very careful and have fallen on the bricks near dunkin at 50 east central.	5/25/2024 10:46 AM
15	As mentioned above, more/wider/intact sidewalks with ramps, more crosswalks with pedestrian buttons, and more benches with shade would all help with accessibility.	5/24/2024 8:53 PM
16	N/A	5/24/2024 7:53 PM
17	No	5/24/2024 4:28 PM
18	I've seen first hand those in wheel chairs having difficulty navigating sidewalks, especially in winter. Shaded areas and intense storms makes clearing challenging, but even in summer, the sidewalk conditions need improvement	5/22/2024 10:30 AM
19	More greenery, better traffic patterns, and a more welcoming regulatory environment (i.e., liquor laws that aren't stuck in 1933) to attract restaurants to downtown	5/20/2024 7:02 PM

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20	Make sure all town employees know that dumping recycle bins and trash bins all over the sidewalk prevents people with physical disabilities to get by.	5/20/2024 1:39 PM
21	I can't drive safely out my road	5/20/2024 12:47 PM
22	text	5/20/2024 12:11 PM
23	Maintain sidewalks and ramps, maintain roads, clear and deice them in winter and enforce neighbors clearing their sidewalks in winter	5/20/2024 10:49 AM
24	You're asking us? What did you go to school for?	5/20/2024 8:38 AM
25	Na	5/19/2024 10:45 PM
26	The main corridor is fine-it's the streets that lead up to the south side of the main corridor that have been neglected other than cottage street	5/19/2024 2:33 PM
27	Difficult uneven surfaces to walk on	5/19/2024 8:32 AM
28	N/a	5/18/2024 1:39 PM
29	Better & smoother pothole, sidewalk, ramp repairs.	5/18/2024 3:05 AM
30	more disabled parking is needed	5/17/2024 11:25 PM
31	More visible signage for those with vision impairments and cross walk signals needs to be louder	5/17/2024 10:50 PM
32	I have a kid with hearing impairment and a kid with autism. We need more room between them and the side walk. Also a flashing button on pond st and no left turn from pond to main	5/17/2024 7:02 PM
33	Flat sidewalks, with no divots/gaps/high curbs	5/17/2024 6:54 PM
34	Remove parking spaces that are too close to cross walks. Replace diagonal parking with parallel parking.	5/17/2024 6:47 PM
35	We don't, but my Mom does use a walker. It's easier for her to walk places where it's easy to get on and off of the sidewalks.	5/17/2024 6:41 PM
36	Better bus access. I live at Modera Natick and there are many people here who would use a bus stop in front of the complex (82 North Main St.) Many of us can't walk into town from here because there aren't any benches along the way.	5/17/2024 5:52 PM

Q13 What problems and challenges do you see along the Main Street Corridor?

Answered: 205 Skipped: 213

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The Corridor feels like lines of cars. There's no incentive to wander around, shop, eat outside, and pause. The Common is great but benches are uncomfortable.	6/21/2024 8:01 PM
2	Beautification, especially south of the common	6/20/2024 10:47 AM
3	We have a legacy suburban road and street network that will see increased demand as downtown projects currently underway are completed. This will give the town center more of a Newton or Brookline look and feel. How will we balance the new (and welcome) activity but preserve or enhance quality of life: esp. related to safety and noise?	6/20/2024 10:47 AM
4	Main pedestrian corridor is also main vehicle corridor. Main Street is very wide and not easy to cross	6/20/2024 10:31 AM
5	Traffic and parking, also challenging for those who want to use more green transportation options.	6/18/2024 5:47 PM
6	Just not well curated enough. The Care and maintnanece of the parks is relatively poor. Weeds are always growing through curbs. These should be regularly weed wacked and sprayed. Also not enough benches and maintnence in the park	6/18/2024 9:48 AM
7	Illegal u turns, violations	6/14/2024 11:46 AM
8	Traffic which could be circumvented around intersection	6/13/2024 3:34 PM
9	Main Street sees a lot of traffic in the afternoon and backs up from the central street intersection.	6/13/2024 2:15 PM
10	Traffic congestion, unsafe conditions for pedestrians due to position of street parking and lack of visibility to incoming traffic	6/12/2024 11:33 PM
11	Need bike lanes	6/12/2024 7:13 PM
12	Hard to widen segment 2	6/12/2024 4:57 PM
13	Parking on Main St north of 135 is difficult and very dangerous. Although the diagonal parking allows more parking spaces, when backing out of those parking spaces you take your life in your hands.	6/11/2024 11:44 PM
14	Traffic buldup	6/11/2024 10:45 PM
15	Hard to find convenient parking and people drive too fast. Traffic backs up during commuting hours, especially 4-5 or 6pm.	6/11/2024 9:53 PM
16	Backing up from parking spaces very tricky due to blind spots. Pulling into traffic from side streets tricky due to blind spots caused by parked cars. Need more protected crosswalks across main st. Too scary on street to ride bike. I use the sidewalk for bike.	6/11/2024 9:48 PM
17	Too many intersections probably is the main problem, but nothing can be done about that. I also think the narrowing of the road as you head south is problematic.	6/11/2024 4:53 PM
18	Dangerous for walkers or bicycles	6/11/2024 4:42 PM
19	Too many cars. I would love raised pedestrian cross walks. I felt too many time that a distracted driver could hit me.	6/11/2024 4:30 PM
20	The pond street to s. Main Street intersection	6/11/2024 4:04 PM
21	Need bike lanes. Changing to parallel parking in Segment 5 would make getting back into traffic easier, but that would mean fewer spaces - so more public lots elsewhere	6/11/2024 1:42 PM

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22	Primarily pedestrian safety issues, but these are due mainly to motorist behaviors and speeding and preoccupation with moving quickly and finding parking.	6/11/2024 8:59 AM
23	Left-turning cars into angled parking spaces. Drivers either don't see, don't understand or don't care about the three No U-Turn signs.	6/11/2024 7:54 AM
24	scary for seniors with disabilities	6/10/2024 7:47 PM
25	the part before the COmmons is ugly as hell	6/10/2024 6:47 PM
26	Parking Turn Lanes	6/10/2024 3:01 PM
27	See above	6/10/2024 2:55 PM
28	Most establishments do not attract younger people (21-45)	6/10/2024 1:18 PM
29	Pedestrian areas are excellent, but crossing main street can be problematic because it mostly requires crossing at central street, which isn't convenient to many of the points of interest.	6/10/2024 12:38 PM
30	The Main Street Corridor is becoming a major artery, hence the volume of the traffic has gone up, having a secondary roadway would help to distribute the trffice.	6/10/2024 11:43 AM
31	Traffic management.	6/10/2024 11:41 AM
32	See #8 comments	6/10/2024 10:27 AM
33	Too many people use 135/27 to commute from neighboring towns instead of 9 or 90. There needs to be a separation between highway and road travel to keep local traffic and commuting traffic separate.	6/10/2024 9:35 AM
34	Need more restaurants. starbucks, variety of different ethnic foods,	6/10/2024 9:35 AM
35	Snow piles on edge of Sidewalks so you need to climb over them to access sidewalks AND parking meters.	6/10/2024 9:32 AM
36	balancing vehicle traffic during rush hours/Sat morning times with the needs for walkers/cyclists to safely cross and traverse the center.	6/10/2024 9:25 AM
37	Dangerous for cyclists	6/8/2024 5:50 PM
38	Too much construction ongoing	6/5/2024 8:23 PM
39	Parking	6/5/2024 11:39 AM
40	It's a narrow right of way - it seems hard to widen sidewalks or add bike lanes although those would be nice additions.	6/4/2024 8:31 PM
41	Terrible traffic. Idling cars. Too much housing added, more congestion, people becoming more miserable	6/4/2024 8:23 PM
42	Mainly traffic needs to be slowed dramatically and crosswalks need to be improved; placement and bump outs. Somehow we need to encourage visitors to USE the crosswalks!	6/4/2024 2:55 PM
43	Lack of bike lanes is a big one. If it were safer to bike into Natick Center I would do it more often and go there for appointments, shopping, and restaurants instead of Wellesley center.	5/30/2024 7:14 PM
44	Traffic in Downtown area. Lack of parking. School Dept parking their Van in a private lot. No police patrolling the Downtown area.	5/30/2024 1:42 PM
45	Too much traffic	5/28/2024 6:13 AM
46	No bars	5/27/2024 3:01 PM
47	Traffic congestion, lack of free convenient parking lots, speeding/road rage due to traffic- makes it dangerous for pedestrians.	5/26/2024 4:44 PM
48	As much as I love the angle parking because it provides so many more spaces, it is a little impossible to back out of them into traffic. I hate to see the angled parking eliminated because of the additional spaces, so not sure how any of this can be resolved. I am concerned about scary, icicles, and winter that we have sometimes gotten. I think they should be nipped in the bud and not wait until they're dangerous.	5/26/2024 11:18 AM
49	At Cottage Street there should be better lines on the street signifying traffic patterns	5/26/2024 10:26 AM

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(especially dashed white lines to the right side of northbound 27 traffic to cut-off Cottage and yellow dashed lines in the middle of 27 as it passes Cottage.

50	Too many strollers at the farmers market? Cars going around the common to turn right onto Central street to avoid the light. Unnecessary traffic for those streets. The drivers ignore the cross walk to the spiritual center and pull into the crosswalk at Central.	5/25/2024 7:35 PM
51	No bike lanes	5/25/2024 6:41 PM
52	Lack of leadership and vision, capital partner(s) and world-class designer.	5/25/2024 2:48 PM
53	As above	5/25/2024 11:28 AM
54	My biggest fear is getting hit by a car. 1 by a person not look at their phone and not me in the Crosswalk, which happens daily pr from the driver who can't see me because I'm coming out from behind a car that was parked on an angle on Main and it add they top were looking at their phone.	5/25/2024 10:46 AM
55	Parking	5/25/2024 10:27 AM
56	Even with 5 crosswalks people cross wherever they want.	5/25/2024 10:09 AM
57	too much traffic it should have a rotarys	5/25/2024 8:42 AM
58	During and even before rush hour, the area gets completely backed up. I've driven to work about an hour before rush hour starts, but even then the traffic on Central St passing through the Main Street Corridor gets stalled up and I may have to wait an extra traffic light cycle before I can cross. Is there a more optimal way to time the traffic signals? Or create better traffic patterns on parallel streets to relieve some of the traffic going on Central St? I also have a bike but feel very unsafe biking most places in Natick. Drivers can be aggressive and no bike lanes in most areas of town mean I avoid biking entirely unless it is on the rail trail. I'd be willing to have more one-direction streets if it means that we could install bike lanes around town.	5/25/2024 7:40 AM
59	Unsafe driving, lack of clear traffic signage and painted lines, northbound approach to town traffic is too fast	5/25/2024 7:37 AM
60	Congestion	5/25/2024 7:35 AM
61	The side streets (which are often narrow) off of downtown are filling up with cars due to current properties not having adequate off street parking for their tenants. Increased residential building in the downtown area has and will continue to bring in more cars that do not have an off street parking option and exacerbate this problem. The town does not have adequate resources to properly monitor this issue. An example of this is that the on street winter parking ban is NEVER enforced which results in LOUSY street plowing.	5/25/2024 6:44 AM
62	Lack of parking, lack of restaurants.	5/25/2024 1:26 AM
63	Uneven sidewalks, not a safe area for children to bike.	5/24/2024 9:33 PM
64	It's narrow, so implementing every improvement needed will be impossible. Traffic is heavy and unlikely to get lighter. The parking situation is frustrating for anyone who doesn't feel comfortable parallel parking and there are very few places to lot-park without a permit. And that's all on top of the fact that it's unsafe for cyclists and not terribly easy for people who need accessible parking to find spaces. For those who use mobility devices to get around outside of a car, there are uneven or too-narrow sidewalks.	5/24/2024 8:53 PM
65	Cars do not stop for pedestrians on crosswalks and often blow through lights	5/24/2024 7:53 PM
66	Current parking requires drivers to back into oncoming traffic blindly	5/24/2024 7:38 PM
67	The traffic is horrendous, and out of control. I feel like more police officers should be around the area sometimes especially where people are cutting around the corners and don't see people but they are there... I think a lot needs to be done to it. Especially with all the bike now going through there.	5/24/2024 5:43 PM
68	Too much traffic during rush hour which hinders cars on the side streets from turning	5/24/2024 4:28 PM
69	North Main looks like a Ukranian city	5/24/2024 3:55 PM
70	It's really ok, the main issue is a lack of businesses, probably caused by a lack of parking.	5/24/2024 2:36 PM

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Nobody wants to waste time looking for parking, or being stuck due to weird traffic light schemes that cause backups.

71	Biking hobbyists trying to destroy the character	5/23/2024 10:59 PM
72	Would like to see more activation on the sidewalks.... Place to eat sandwich etc	5/23/2024 8:29 PM
73	Traffic congestion, especially on Saturdays during the farmers markets and commuting hours. During these times the entrance to the townhouse I live in (behind the golf station/spiritual center) is frequently blocked. The sidewalks in segments 1-3 also feel less safe than the rest of the area due to cars speeding by and abutting the loud street.	5/23/2024 9:55 AM
74	Lack of a variety of restaurants	5/23/2024 9:41 AM
75	The loudest pushiest voices always get their way, old hippies, activists, we can't just have a pretty park, you have to ruin it with Earth Day	5/22/2024 8:16 PM
76	With the limited parking spaces that already exist, I find it silly that the police department would take up spaces for their electronic signage billboards....surely there are better places to put these that provide the communication without taking away parking?	5/22/2024 3:54 PM
77	Lighting at night (although pretty) is dim.	5/22/2024 10:08 AM
78	To many cars.	5/21/2024 7:01 PM
79	impatient drivers, speeding, people pulling out of angled parking areas and inconsiderate drivers beeping, yelling instead of slowing down and allowing others to back out of their spaces. I witness this constant scenario several times per day, every single day.	5/21/2024 4:52 PM
80	Traffic is insane, way to many cars use this corridor today as compared to when i was younger (late 90's and early 2000s)	5/21/2024 9:20 AM
81	Lack of retail space	5/20/2024 7:02 PM
82	Traffic jams	5/20/2024 4:38 PM
83	Too many apartments being built and all these people come with cars and the street and the streets and sidewalks can not handle it.	5/20/2024 2:53 PM
84	Cars are backed up from the light at Main St and East Central.	5/20/2024 2:07 PM
85	Toads and sidewalks are not wide enough to support the traffic of cars, kids on bikes, or pedestrians	5/20/2024 2:01 PM
86	landscaping is all grass, no bike infrastructure	5/20/2024 1:59 PM
87	No Parking in center, too much traffic at lights causing lengthy backups making commuting hard through town , no bike lanes making it unsafe for youth to come to center, need more sidewalks from woodland street area up cottage to connect to town	5/20/2024 1:54 PM
88	Lack of space for bikes. Lack of public transportation connections to other areas. Businesses have limited hours. Limited pedestrian crosswalks	5/20/2024 1:52 PM
89	The curb cuts dont have adequate draining so the flood. In the winter this causes ice patches	5/20/2024 1:47 PM
90	Over development with regards to the number of residential units while not taking into consideration parking, traffic, and open space. Every living unit in the area should have atleast 2 parking spaces plus guest parking of .5 spaces per unit and a designated delivery area. Traffic and limited parking makes this area a place most Natick citizens avoid plus the overdevelopment has made it an ugly space and heat island.	5/20/2024 1:45 PM
91	Pedestrian safety and traffic are the biggest issues. There are too many people speeding and not paying attention to pedestrians.	5/20/2024 1:41 PM
92	Lack of lights from downtown to cottage st	5/20/2024 1:39 PM
93	I live 2 miles away. On a nice day, if I have the time, I can and do walk. When I'm pressed for time, or when the weather is horrible, I drive. Anything to make it more likely that I could bike or scooter around would help reduce car traffic in Natick Center, and make me more likely to bike. Also, more indoor places where dogs are allowed would encourage me to walk or bike instead of driving.	5/20/2024 1:36 PM

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94	see segment above about farmers' market day; I love Natick but rarely go downtown b/c it's hard to find a place to park. I'd love to go to the library, but you can't guarantee finding a place to park, so I buy books instead-sad. Sometimes I park at 9/27 and walk to downtown but it's a hassle crossing the 9/27 bridge and if you are carrying something large to bring back or if it's inclement weather.	5/20/2024 1:31 PM
95	The road is so wide and so the downtown just does not feel connected. Wellesley has something else going on and I prefer to go there. I also think it's the variety of stores in town that are a problem as well.	5/20/2024 1:27 PM
96	Not enough parking as residential permits continue to climb and more people live in the area. More stores and restaurants is great but need more places to park.	5/20/2024 1:23 PM
97	Cottage street intersection; northbound traffic crosses into southbound left turn lane (lane for turning on to cottage st)	5/20/2024 1:16 PM
98	Too much construction ALL the time, especially with the train station under constant construction	5/20/2024 1:13 PM
99	Traffic congestion.	5/20/2024 1:11 PM
100	The areas south of central street, except for pond street and cottage ave, are all slow enough (<20 mph) that bike infrastructure isn't necessary, but there's no safe way to bike on or cross the major thoroughfares (pond, cottage, central, rt 27), and no where to lock your bike once you get to downtown destinations, except the train station. Segments 1, 2, and 3 would likely need significant widening in order to add safe bike lanes. The pond street intersection is difficult, being so close to the central street intersection.	5/20/2024 1:08 PM
101	Privately owned buildings; most all of them need to be repaired or at least cleaned same with Middlesex Av... get trees that belong to New England!!	5/20/2024 1:06 PM
102	Never enough parking. Cannot afford to purchase anything from the retail stores.	5/20/2024 1:00 PM
103	No walkable elementary school after this year	5/20/2024 12:55 PM
104	There's just too much traffic for what the roads can bear and I'm not sure what can be done about that especially because stores and homes keep being built there without enough parking	5/20/2024 12:49 PM
105	wasted money	5/20/2024 12:47 PM
106	Traffic backup	5/20/2024 12:43 PM
107	Too many cars passing through, not enough interesting food/retail to make me stop.	5/20/2024 12:34 PM
108	In addition to my comments above, the main street corridor needs more tree shading. It gets very hot in the summer.	5/20/2024 12:31 PM
109	Too much traffic. Not enough walking path or greenery.	5/20/2024 12:29 PM
110	Too many cars; drivers going too fast; poor lighting; bad sidewalks; very few cross-walks; run-down buildings; development and gentrifying area taking far too long and looks horrible and not inviting; far too few police patrols compared to further into downtown.	5/20/2024 12:18 PM
111	upkeep, visibility	5/20/2024 12:14 PM
112	I do not see room for dedicated bicycle lanes on streets with cars, where the streets were originally designed as cart paths. There simply isn't the layout for ideal, full service roads with dedicated bicycle lanes.	5/20/2024 12:14 PM
113	Traffic (volume of cars and high speed), accidents, distracted drivers. I live very close to the 'Y' in segment 1 and experience MAJOR speeding traveling south from the Y. The adjustments to the Y made a few years ago don't really help with this issue.	5/20/2024 12:13 PM
114	it is ugly and unattractive. sidewalks and general environment looks like third world	5/20/2024 12:11 PM
115	There are too many commuters cutting through neighborhoods to avoid the 27 / 135 intersection. This needs to be greatly improved. East St. and Common St. sees a substantial amount of traffic that detracts from the safety of the neighborhoods. If we were able to remove the parking along 27 in section 4, there could be a dedicated Right turn lane, making the traffic much easier. Allowing Right on Red would also be helpful. The Pond St intersection is crazy;	5/20/2024 12:07 PM

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there should be no left turns allowed out of there, preferably there shouldn't be any outlet from Pond onto 27 at all.

116	The proximity of pond street to the intersection of 27 and 135 is very inconvenient. I have no solutions, unfortunately. Other than bring back a huge amount of public transportation, which I suspect won't happen because of the way our culture is right now.	5/20/2024 12:04 PM
117	It's a major car thoroughfare and also the most pedestrianized area in Natick - whenever you have cars/bikes/walkers interacting, it's just way less pleasant. The place is mobbed with cars any time there's an event on the common. I'd love a way to prioritize safe biking and walking	5/20/2024 12:01 PM
118	The main issues are cars moving too quickly, because traffic backs up. There should be a left-turn arrow for cars traveling east on east central, bike lanes, and more push buttons for crosswalks.	5/20/2024 11:57 AM
119	Too much new housing and I am hesitant to believe with all this new housing we have infrastructure to support it. For example, there are no decent size grocery stores walking distance from downtown.	5/20/2024 11:54 AM
120	Adequate parking	5/20/2024 11:45 AM
121	narrow road at start of south main causes bottleneck southbound	5/20/2024 11:45 AM
122	Cars speed and don't look for pedestrians crossing the street. Lack of visual appeal - trees, benches, etc	5/20/2024 11:41 AM
123	Improving the arteries will only matter if there is a draw for foot traffic. Improving outdoor seating, retail that is geared towards casual shopping, and outdoor activities will do that.	5/20/2024 11:36 AM
124	Need better traffic management, especially from feeder streets near center. Angled parking is efficient but impedes traffic.	5/20/2024 11:33 AM
125	Too much traffic. Minimal parking. Not enough high quality restaurants	5/20/2024 11:25 AM
126	Lack of spaces to "hang out" - the green space is great, but it's fair bare of benches, chairs, and such. Parklets or other small spaces would be excellent to help drive restaurant and coffee shop business while also building a sense of community.	5/20/2024 11:21 AM
127	Very challenging to get out of parking spots in Segment 5	5/20/2024 11:06 AM
128	Standstill traffic (cottage to main); this is exacerbated by allowing parking on 27 during peak hours, lefts onto/from Pond St during peak hours, and using side roads (especially East/Sherman and adjoining side streets) as your new 27/135 bypass roads. Adding to the problem now is you've changed parts of school/bee/church into a one way maze - this means you have heavy traffic coming off church onto east - all narrow streets with difficult turning radius. This leads to near miss accidents on a daily basis and during Veterans day we needed an officer to direct traffic it was so heavy - never needed before. Stop messing with the side streets, get the flow moving on the main roads during peak hours with limited lefts/parking/traffic lights. Enforce the law (stop signs/speed) as it's a nightmare to walk the area.	5/20/2024 10:49 AM
129	As a pedestrian, traffic patters and lack of safe crosswalks discourage visiting the Main Street Corridor. To cross Main Street safely, pedestrians must walk to the Main St/Central St intersection and wait for the walk signal which takes a full traffic light cycle	5/20/2024 10:44 AM
130	Drivers are insane. Not enough safe crossing areas - drivers just ignore crosswalks particularly if they don't have flashing yellow lights	5/20/2024 10:41 AM
131	Hard to safely cross the street	5/20/2024 10:34 AM
132	Traffic capacity reduction to encourage other people taking other routes, away from our town center.	5/20/2024 10:18 AM
133	Flooding from leaf and debris clogging road drains, steams/brooks and culverts clogged with dead falls and debris	5/20/2024 8:38 AM
134	No reason to go because not enough interesting things to do (e.g., not as lively as Wellesley center).	5/20/2024 7:16 AM
135	Traffic is the biggest problem that we have, and which I expect to worsen as we see increased population without attendant changes to the transit infrastructure. Main Street Corridor is a	5/20/2024 7:03 AM

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typical American town center; it is both a place where we wish for residents to congregate as well as a major arterial connecting drivers to destinations in all directions. It will take dramatic changes to allow people and cars to coexist, and it is my strong opinion that the cars should make the larger sacrifices in terms of convenience.

136	Na	5/19/2024 10:45 PM
137	I see problems only if you add bike lanes, please do not	5/19/2024 10:10 PM
138	One huge challenge on our roads is the accommodations that are being made for Bikers. Bikers make up a very slight percentage of our traffic on roads yet the govt (and the consultants writing this questionnaire) are intent on "improving" our roads for bikers. It makes NO sense in our area. Please don't feed answers and slant/ skew results to pretend that the communities want to reduce car lanes and install bike lanes. That should not be done here.	5/19/2024 9:45 PM
139	Parking along the street impacts how well pedestrians can utilize crosswalks safely (cars can't see them waiting in the cross walk).	5/19/2024 8:57 PM
140	For just this segment, I would say that the north segment has a section of very narrow roadway that makes biking very dangerous. Also, the angled parking is horrendous. I never have trouble finding parking nearby on the weekend, when I am most often downtown, so I don't see that as a problem, so I feel that we could remove the angled parking without a big impact on the businesses. I never park in those spots anyway, I use the lot between Central and Pond to park on the weekend and walk to stores etc.. Also shade and attractiveness around the railroad crossing - could use some trees or other improvements.	5/19/2024 8:19 PM
141	It has improved so much in the past several years. However, I think we still need to think of ways to generate MORE foot traffic...restaurants, pubs, more store fronts (instead of more banks, etc).	5/19/2024 7:10 PM
142	Traffic is crazy at rush hour. Would be nice if there was another street for through traffic to use	5/19/2024 4:06 PM
143	It's a key north south route for cars and a commercial hub.	5/19/2024 3:52 PM
144	Traffic discourages people to visit the corridor	5/19/2024 3:36 PM
145	The Gazebo is the centerpiece of the town, yet it's falling apart. Everyone thinks of the gazebo when they think of Natick Center. Please communicate who takes care of it and whether there are any plans to fix it.	5/19/2024 3:17 PM
146	Speeding cars and noise pollution	5/19/2024 11:04 AM
147	Better lighting at crosswalks at night.	5/19/2024 10:37 AM
148	The Cottage street intersection could be safer.	5/19/2024 10:34 AM
149	Uninviting.	5/19/2024 8:32 AM
150	Traffic congestion; too many cars travel through daily and many speed through areas where crosswalks are making it unsafe for pedestrians to cross	5/19/2024 6:48 AM
151	East St, a neighborhood with many small children, deals with cars going 40-50mph during rush hour, in the evenings, and at random times in the afternoons. They don't stop at stop signs. Please, please, consider this hazard in your planning; something as small as a single speed bump would help the safety of the neighborhood children significantly. It would also encourage more people to walk to the Main St Corridor from surrounding streets, as crossing East St would be less dangerous.	5/19/2024 5:04 AM
152	Speeding, traffic congestion, lack of crosswalk light at curve and Johnson school crosswalks, confusion at cottage/main intersection, dilapidated structures in main near family farms which in and of itself is an eyesore, poor drainage despite new sidewalks and road, lack of adequate lighting after dark	5/18/2024 8:28 PM
153	Obviously more parking, a perpetual problem.	5/18/2024 6:47 PM
154	Parking is a really big issue. New businesses would very likely skip a downtown Natick location with the current parking constraints. And I imagine the current businesses lose potential customers because we just don't want to deal with the parking.	5/18/2024 6:08 PM
155	Traffic and overuse of the Common for organizations	5/18/2024 4:58 PM

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156	Families trying to bike into the center having to ride on the sidewalk.	5/18/2024 4:46 PM
157	An odd selection of stores combined with difficulty getting to the stores because of too much traffic and catch-as-catch-can parking.	5/18/2024 4:34 PM
158	Traffic backs up so people drive through narrow densely populated residential streets. It has become a big quality of life issue - noise, speeding, roads falling apart and town won't fix them. Improve 27 and 135 to reduce traffic back ups so people will drive on main roads again instead of cutting through neighborhoods.	5/18/2024 3:32 PM
159	We lack a holistic design that takes into account the needs of local businesses (employee and customer parking), bikes (dedicated lanes/safety), pedestrians (visibility/safety/crossings), and the environment (improved tree coverage/cooling/green spaces)	5/18/2024 3:18 PM
160	Distracted, driving, ever increasing traffic, congestion, unfit roadways, due to disrepair and significant potholes within adequate patching, so much heavy construction activity to maneuver around.	5/18/2024 2:17 PM
161	It's a major corridor and so we don't have the quintessential New England downtown that we should - like Wellesley has - and that means we don't have those amenities and then we just all end up going to Wellesley - ugh	5/18/2024 1:49 PM
162	Cars go too fast (especially at night) and don't yield at crosswalks	5/18/2024 1:39 PM
163	It's tight and with heavy traffic. It's not pleasant to walk and I would never bike it. I live in South Natick and would like to be able to reach the CRT more easily although there are some back road options (Washington Ave - but it also doesn't feel safe).	5/18/2024 1:17 PM
164	Poorly designed intersection of Cottage and North Main. Lack of pedestrian crossing warning lights at crosswalks. Run down building.	5/18/2024 10:19 AM
165	Too many commuter cars, not enough public transit that is convenient and attractive.	5/18/2024 10:16 AM
166	Insufficient parking. A parking garage in the large lot behind Comella's or the police station would be ideal.	5/18/2024 9:59 AM
167	It has the potential to be a walkable area, especially now that the CRT has provided direct access to residents to the north. However, walking back and forth from the CRT is a stressful experience.	5/18/2024 9:52 AM
168	This is a heavily traveled area for cars. A major threat is the very vocal minority who want to install bike lanes, which will increase traffic even further AND will cause people to speed along the side streets. It's basic behavioral science, folks.	5/18/2024 9:27 AM
169	The mix of parking, people trying to cross at crosswalks, and side streets feeding in to Main St are dangerous together, I'm surprised there aren't more collisions.	5/18/2024 9:21 AM
170	Right now with all the construction in the area its hard to answer the survey questions. And i think more awareness of where parking is would help	5/18/2024 9:09 AM
171	Not enough casual eateries or interesting places to visit	5/18/2024 9:04 AM
172	The noise level is my biggest deterrent from visiting. It's difficult to walk around when all you hear is loud motors all around you. Maybe adding trees along the route would be helpful.	5/18/2024 7:37 AM
173	Traffic backs up often, crosswalks aren't always safe could use flashing light ones, narrow sidewalks make it hard to push a stroller	5/18/2024 7:32 AM
174	Sidewalks are uneven and narrow and there is no shoulder for bikes. Traffic is much too fast for comfort.	5/18/2024 6:49 AM
175	Very difficult for young people to access without a car. We are lucky to have such a beautiful town center and it could be a really safe place for teenagers and children to hang out, in a town that offers little free space for young people other than the mall. I'm not a teenager any more but looking back on my years before being able to drive, our social lives were really stifled by the lack of accessibility. At walking distance from the high school, the town center could offer a lot more to its many young residents. Making the town center more walkable and accessible would also improve things for all other residents of the town, particularly elderly residents.	5/18/2024 6:24 AM
176	Traffic.	5/18/2024 4:50 AM

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177	Drivers not obeying the rules. Right on red without stopping. Stopping at a stop sign.	5/18/2024 4:12 AM
178	Too much traffic & pedestrian congestion fueled by too dense new residential development. There are fewer open vistas & greenery visible downtown.	5/18/2024 3:05 AM
179	Lack of bike culture, lack of easy public transit around town (like Skip,/Hop in Boulder).	5/18/2024 1:27 AM
180	Empty lot at Segment 4	5/18/2024 12:56 AM
181	Enhanced Retail and Restaurants: Advocate for a more diverse mix of shops and restaurants or taverns that cater to a wider range of residents and visitors, creating a destination location (i.e. more things like Morse Tavern but in Natick Center). Improved Walking Space: Push for wider sidewalks, pedestrian-friendly infrastructure, and traffic calming measures to make Main Street a more comfortable and inviting place to walk for families. Clear and Protected Bike Lanes: Advocate for well-marked and separated bike lanes throughout the corridor. This will create a safe and dedicated space for cyclists, encouraging them to use Main Street and potentially attracting new customers to local businesses. Public Playground: Suggest incorporating a public playground as a major attraction for families, potentially increasing foot traffic and bringing more vibrancy to the area. Signage for Walking/Biking Trails: Propose clear and informative signage directing pedestrians and cyclists towards the nearby rail trail, highlighting the connection between Main Street and healthy outdoor activities.	5/17/2024 11:33 PM
182	Traffic back ups and fast drivers	5/17/2024 11:27 PM
183	the balance between the needs of seniors who need to drive (and park) and driving to work vs. adding more for bikes and walking	5/17/2024 11:25 PM
184	It's a main road. Stop trying to make it walkable and just accept that people in the suburbs need cars	5/17/2024 10:58 PM
185	Cars	5/17/2024 10:50 PM
186	Pedestrians don't use the crosswalks	5/17/2024 9:14 PM
187	There are no small groceries shops downtown.	5/17/2024 8:31 PM
188	Cars are prioritized over people, traffic is typically slow moving or stopped. Wouldn't consider traveling by bike because it's just too dangerous.	5/17/2024 8:16 PM
189	Poor and inattentive drivers	5/17/2024 8:10 PM
190	Traffic backed up	5/17/2024 8:06 PM
191	Speeding	5/17/2024 7:57 PM
192	Aggressive and fast traffic	5/17/2024 7:02 PM
193	Traffic, people are in such a rush they make it feel unsafe to park/walk when busy time if day	5/17/2024 6:54 PM
194	Cycling issues: Tight roadway, broken pavement along too-narrow lane between cars and sidewalk.	5/17/2024 6:53 PM
195	Lack of parking, open space and older buildings needing major renovations to attract class A tenants are just three of the challenges. I believe the Town should focus on other commercial areas such as East Natick with several successful gym related businesses and West Natick with a young diverse population.	5/17/2024 6:47 PM
196	I have experienced aggressive drivers in the area. I frequently get honked at it from behind if I drive "too slowly" (the speed limit) or if I slow down at crosswalks to check for drivers. It would also be nice if there were some additional parking. We go to the library often, and sometimes the free parking is filled up. But overall I think Natick Center is very walkable and fun to visit.	5/17/2024 6:41 PM
197	Pedestrian, cyclist visibility. Pedestrians not activating crosswalk lights (should be pressure sensitive or automatic). They don't understand if I can't see them I cannot stop my car in time to let them cross.	5/17/2024 6:28 PM
198	Making it more appealing to individuals/families to visit instead of driving through to go to Roche Brothers or Home Depot.	5/17/2024 5:42 PM
199	Natick residents and the downtown merchants have been begging for parking availability for many, many years. You will never be able to upgrade the businesses downtown without making	5/17/2024 5:39 PM

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	this investment...	
200	Speeding traffic	5/17/2024 5:22 PM
201	Too much traffic , caused by the increase in commercial, retail & residential establishments.	5/17/2024 5:14 PM
202	Too much living spaces	5/17/2024 5:04 PM
203	The gas station and car centric office. Across from George's Pizza it's a serious barrier to walking and biking to and from south Main street	5/17/2024 4:10 PM
204	Extremely dangerous crosswalks. Myself and others have almost been hit by cars crossing the street between south ave and north Main Street and no one pays attention. There isn't an indicator light for pedestrians and it makes the crosswalk dangerous.	5/17/2024 3:20 PM
205	I mostly walk or scooter from General Greene to the common and have no issues with those modes of transportation.	5/17/2024 3:07 PM

Q14 What opportunities do you see along the Main Street Corridor?

Answered: 177 Skipped: 241

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More green space, fewer cars, more large trees, better signage on each so not so haphazard looking. It can be a wonderfully welcoming area for walkers and shoppers.	6/21/2024 8:01 PM
2	More restaurants, cafes, community gathering spaces	6/20/2024 10:51 AM
3	Rebuild the vacant lot where the fire was across from the common ASAP.	6/20/2024 10:47 AM
4	Increased walkability for everyday errands (i.e. No need to leave the center for most necessities)	6/20/2024 10:31 AM
5	I walk frequently to the Main Street Corridor because I am fortunate enough to live very close by. I would love to see more transit stops to expand access to others. The town is growing and should be more welcoming to those who can't afford to live in Natick Center. In fact, given the housing crisis, many who currently live in Natick Center (myself included) will likely soon be priced out and therefore excluded from accessing the area as easily.	6/19/2024 10:02 PM
6	It would be great to have bike lanes and do something about this intersection because it backs up. It would also be great to have more landscaping for climate change/heat control reasons.	6/18/2024 5:47 PM
7	More outdoor dining, night life promotion, cleaner prettier downtown.	6/18/2024 9:48 AM
8	Adding a grocer to encourage more autonomy for people living in the area	6/14/2024 10:18 AM
9	Unsure	6/13/2024 3:34 PM
10	Bike lanes	6/13/2024 2:15 PM
11	Local businesses thrive on Saturday mornings. A big sense of community thru annual events and location of public institutions within close proximity to residents.	6/12/2024 11:33 PM
12	I would love to see more a bar like space.	6/12/2024 4:57 PM
13	Beautification along with more fine dining restaurants and specialty stores	6/11/2024 11:44 PM
14	Make more attractive	6/11/2024 10:45 PM
15	Wide enough from south st to 135 to add green barrier and bike lane and rethink parking. Area between 135 and cottage st is treacherous! Please pave road along side common that PO is on. It is a mess!!! Pulling out from Middlesex onto main st by the bridge is a nightmare.	6/11/2024 9:48 PM
16	Our main square is an amazing open space. The weekly farmers market brings a lot of people. I wonder if we could set up few tiny shops up there. I heard of an idea where the town could set up few small shed sizes shops that they could rent out for low fee to new start ups. The idea being that locals who want to start a business would have an easy, affordable way to try out their idea. The main square is awesome place to relax, it needs more businesses.	6/11/2024 4:30 PM
17	Wider sidewalks, protected bike lanes, improved traffic pattern, crosswalks with pedestrian crossing lights, more benches so people can grab a coffee or a cupcake or ice cream and always find somewhere to sit	6/11/2024 4:04 PM
18	More restaurants	6/11/2024 1:42 PM
19	More outdoor single small tables with 2 chairs to stop and be present for the moment and enjoy a little something from a local business.	6/11/2024 9:43 AM
20	Opportunities for development of more and better restaurants and shopping options, which could be improved with additional guidance about and availability of parking.	6/11/2024 8:59 AM
21	????	6/10/2024 7:47 PM
22	beautify the facades and replace the MX supermarket with something more in keeping with the	6/10/2024 6:47 PM

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	rest of the city	
23	Shops	6/10/2024 3:01 PM
24	See above	6/10/2024 2:55 PM
25	Better restaurants and night life. It is a ghost town past 9pm.	6/10/2024 1:18 PM
26	Would like to see more restaurants	6/10/2024 12:57 PM
27	More events with food and music	6/10/2024 11:41 AM
28	See #8 comments	6/10/2024 10:27 AM
29	There should be more opportunities for businesses	6/10/2024 10:01 AM
30	More opportunity to make it walkable and encourage more business of varying types to be there. More opportunity for community gathering places.	6/10/2024 9:35 AM
31	I would love for a few more businesses to spruce up the area. Hopefully that's coming soon.	6/10/2024 9:26 AM
32	Improve sidewalks, try to make a consistent width for disabled access. I cross Cottage St to access the sidewalk on the other side and so far drivers have stopped but it's a little scary.	6/10/2024 9:25 AM
33	Could become more of a hub for community life all days of the week	6/8/2024 5:50 PM
34	Very heavy traffic backup at peak times and during busy pedestrian traffic (farmers market) hard to drive through	6/5/2024 8:23 PM
35	Opportunity to be the only place in New England to have a women's plus sized store to actually try on clothing.	6/5/2024 11:39 AM
36	It's busy corridor because it's a vibrant area which is great! Very lucky to live so close to so much in town center. I like the added bike crossing lanes after the recent street work.	6/4/2024 8:31 PM
37	I think with both lighting changes and store blade signs installed to something architecturally appropriate the town will be much more appealing.	6/4/2024 2:55 PM
38	Better opportunities for restaurants if we help them grow and give them outdoor space. Closing the road entirely and giving it to pedestrians is too much of a change at the moment but we could work towards it.	5/30/2024 7:14 PM
39	We need to encourage more local businesses and food establishments! Make Natick a destination town like Wellesley or Needham - more restaurants and outside eating!!	5/29/2024 11:29 AM
40	Need a bar	5/27/2024 3:01 PM
41	Get rid of the horrible diagonal parking! Causes major traffic backups and safety issues	5/26/2024 4:44 PM
42	Landscape or safety rail spacing between road and sidewalk, especially on the east side of Route 27 between Cottage and East (feels like cars will veer into pedestrians).	5/26/2024 10:26 AM
43	Add bike lanes	5/25/2024 6:41 PM
44	Historic character, rich environmental and recreational resources combined with dynamic commercial organizations offer exceptional opportunity. Local arts (Walnut Hill School, fine arts, Cultural District, TCAN, etc.) and non-profit organizations of every stripe and size (over 140 represented at Natick Days) all radiate from the Corridor, including Natick Common, the Farmers Market, etc. Natick: more than a town; we're a community.	5/25/2024 2:48 PM
45	Widen sidewalks by removing angled parking. It's really difficult to back out of these spaces, especially for traffic going south because of the curve just past MutualOne bank.	5/25/2024 11:28 AM
46	Strategic engineering and technology. We might as well take advantage of what is available since it seems that high tech is here to stay and moving at a rapid pace. We should embrace it rather than get left behind.	5/25/2024 10:46 AM
47	Better plowing of streets and sidewalks in winter. Covered walkways would protect from the elements like a mall!!	5/25/2024 10:09 AM
48	Hoping that The Block Natick brings more liveliness to the Main Street Corridor. Love the paintings on the street corners too...maybe we should do more of these on other street	5/25/2024 7:40 AM

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	corners.	
49	Landscaping street trees to slow traffic, sharrows for bikes	5/25/2024 7:37 AM
50	Increase commuter parking to increase foot traffic to local businesses.	5/25/2024 7:35 AM
51	Better use of ground level spaces. Move businesses to upper floors to increase retail/food space at street level. It would be great if something could be done with the ballroom at the top of the Clark building.	5/25/2024 6:44 AM
52	Reasonably priced restaurants with more of an Irish pub type atmosphere that are open for dinner.	5/25/2024 1:26 AM
53	This is already very walkable and bikeable, but improvements in accessibility could Mahe more people concurrent walking and biking, especially children.	5/24/2024 9:38 PM
54	Re-direct traffic and place traffic calming measures. Create more green space. Open up outdoor dining areas.	5/24/2024 9:33 PM
55	There are so many great shops and the Common is a gem. The proximity to the train and the rail trail offer decent potential for cyclists, if only it were safer and there were places to leave a bicycle safely.	5/24/2024 8:53 PM
56	N/A	5/24/2024 7:53 PM
57	Redirecting traffic flow around 135/27 to encourage more walking/crossing	5/24/2024 7:38 PM
58	BIKE LANES.	5/24/2024 5:43 PM
59	Making the intersection of main st and w central st a round about	5/24/2024 4:28 PM
60	Slow down the traffic and more Greenspan yo really make Natick a pleasant place to walk around, rather than an obstacle course	5/24/2024 3:55 PM
61	Parklets would provide seating area	5/23/2024 8:29 PM
62	Narrow right of way - not much room for cars separated from bikes	5/23/2024 6:39 PM
63	More trees/ separating between sidewalks and the buildings. Section 1 is also under developed on the side with family farms. There is so much potential there.	5/23/2024 9:55 AM
64	Add more mid-scale restaurants that aren't pizza, like a local pub with good food and vegetarian options	5/23/2024 9:41 AM
65	Economic, restaurant, Starbucks? A bakery? A fish restaurant to replace Dolphin.	5/22/2024 8:16 PM
66	Better restaurants and daytime eating options	5/22/2024 3:54 PM
67	Beautiful historic downtown with increasing density of housing and opportunities for business.	5/21/2024 7:01 PM
68	Placing standing signs in the crosswalks to advise drivers of the law to yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk seems like an inexpensive temporary fix.	5/21/2024 4:52 PM
69	Pass business friendly legislation to attract new businesses to emulate Wellesley's town centers	5/20/2024 7:02 PM
70	Local business, cultural events	5/20/2024 4:38 PM
71	none	5/20/2024 2:53 PM
72	More dining options	5/20/2024 2:03 PM
73	More plants and trees for beautification	5/20/2024 2:01 PM
74	all the landscaping to be changed to native species	5/20/2024 1:59 PM
75	More businesses and dense residential units. More types of food retail. Pharmacy like cvs.	5/20/2024 1:52 PM
76	Better bike travel and beautification	5/20/2024 1:47 PM
77	Add more parking, require more parking for all additional residential units, do traffic studies to improve car traffic flow and increase the speed of traffic, add much more shade trees, open green space, planters, create blight bylaws to reduce the time it takes commercial space to be	5/20/2024 1:45 PM

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developed and bring them into compliance with current standards. Add food truck area, green space and picknic tables.

78	Walkable destinations like a bar or restaurant	5/20/2024 1:41 PM
79	More lighting, making the crosswalk computer talks and says walk louder	5/20/2024 1:39 PM
80	More restaurants, coffee shops from diverse cuisines. If we want non-standard suburban food - to get good, affordable Venezuelan, or Ethiopian, or Thai, or Spanish food (to name just a few), we end up going to Boston or Cambridge. If we can attract a broader array of food options, Natick Center will draw so many more people to our community	5/20/2024 1:36 PM
81	great places to see/shop/eat, but you have to make it easier for people to get there/park there. I love public transpo, but the schedule is not frequent enough/stops not convenient enough to make it worth going that way to downtown.	5/20/2024 1:31 PM
82	Definitely more destination, type retailers/dining places	5/20/2024 1:27 PM
83	More open space, greenery and less residential high rises.	5/20/2024 1:23 PM
84	Beautify area between family farms and pond st.	5/20/2024 1:16 PM
85	Is there a way to SAFELY allow right on red, to keep the traffic moving at the 27/135 intersection?	5/20/2024 1:11 PM
86	The north / south corridor doesn't seem particularly attractive for adding bike infrastructure, but along the east / west I think is a much better opportunity for bikes. West central, especially between washington street and main street has ample on street parking which is rarely utilized; and continuing bike lanes past there could safely connect the natick center all the way to speen and possibly framingham. Heading towards the Boston it's feasible to add a bike lane all the way to wellesley square without significant impediments. If we're able to connect that to the train station / Cochituate rail trail that would allow residents to be able to safely bike to most destinations.	5/20/2024 1:08 PM
87	Not much unless the owners will do what needs to be done	5/20/2024 1:06 PM
88	More consideration for senior citizens.	5/20/2024 1:00 PM
89	Turn Johnson into something that will encourage people to shop, eat and visit downtown without largely impacting traffic. It's a walkable school so it doesn't currently impact traffic much, but whatever it is turned into could impact traffic if it's not a walkable use.	5/20/2024 12:55 PM
90	Food & Entertainment! Would love to see live music/band shell. Would love to see Boston/New England staples show up in Natick. For example, Anna's Taqueria would be a great addition. A brewery.	5/20/2024 12:53 PM
91	More interesting shopping stores.	5/20/2024 12:49 PM
92	more places to eat	5/20/2024 12:47 PM
93	Mike sit-down restaurants to show activity.	5/20/2024 12:40 PM
94	Improve destinations for stopping and make it more welcoming for people than for cars.	5/20/2024 12:34 PM
95	I think that Natick has many opportunities to be better and improve on what's already here instead of trying to make our small town into Cambridge. There's always room for improvements but if that means shoving residents and businesses into a sardine can, it becomes too much. Natick is known for being a quaint small town with beautiful nature. Build on THAT! Not trying to fit another senior living facility or apartment building (with skyrocket rent) downtown Natick. If you eliminate those buildings, you would eliminate the Main Street problem. The fact of the matter is, you're trying to fit too much into an already small downtown. Make the outside seating areas more friendly and beautiful, that will make drivers want to go for a stroll through downtown instead of driving.	5/20/2024 12:30 PM
96	Improve sidewalk quality and visual appeal	5/20/2024 12:29 PM
97	See #13 above	5/20/2024 12:18 PM
98	make it nice like downtown	5/20/2024 12:11 PM
99	Same as 13	5/20/2024 12:07 PM

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100	There's so much surface parking that takes up space, if we had the will to do so, we could reallocate that for safe bike lanes	5/20/2024 12:01 PM
101	Continuing to disallow businesses that aren't walk-in retail or restaurants, to make it more of a destination. Getting rid of all of the old mechanic shops as they close or owners retire, and working to get small businesses (no chains!) in there. Newton Centre is a model.	5/20/2024 11:57 AM
102	More destination shopping - similar to what we see in Wellesley - would make the town incredibly attractive. Boutiques, local restaurants, a good craft brewery.	5/20/2024 11:51 AM
103	Turning left from any location along there is sttraffic. Especially off Pond St. Low visibility and only the light at East Central to control the flow of tradfic.	5/20/2024 11:47 AM
104	Conti	5/20/2024 11:45 AM
105	events on common	5/20/2024 11:45 AM
106	More small businesses and restaurants would bring in a better community feel	5/20/2024 11:41 AM
107	I look at 135/Central through Wellesley as an example.	5/20/2024 11:36 AM
108	Great location, beautiful park. We should make it even more of a destination	5/20/2024 11:33 AM
109	More high quality restaurants	5/20/2024 11:25 AM
110	Traffic congestion. There aren't many North/South routes through Natick.	5/20/2024 11:13 AM
111	Need better, more useful stores and shops.	5/20/2024 10:59 AM
112	You could make it safer by following comments in 13 above.	5/20/2024 10:49 AM
113	With the right mix of businesses and more walkability it could be an even more popular area	5/20/2024 10:44 AM
114	Flashing yellow light buttons for pedestrians, figuring out the intersections better so drivers aren't always so aggressive in their car/truck maneuvering, limits on the size of vehicle that can pass through that area	5/20/2024 10:41 AM
115	Section 5, central to south ave could be improved by removing the head-in-angled-parking. It could be repurposed to have street-side dining, bicycle parking, open/social space, and of course bike lanes.	5/20/2024 10:18 AM
116	Clean it up, walk the sidewalks cut back greenery and help control the flow of crap into the Lake Get rid of the head level dangerous signage	5/20/2024 8:38 AM
117	More ethnic restaurants, gathering place for the community (like the substation in roslindale)	5/20/2024 7:16 AM
118	There is ample available road width to completely rethink the balance between space committed to cars and space committed to everyone else using the zone. Encouraging people to travel to Main Street Corridor by other modes requires changes that dramatically disadvantage car travel. The cost of street parking could be increased without any infrastructure change. The benefits of correctly calibrating parking cost against balance of transportation modes is well-studied ("The High Cost of Free Parking," Shoup; "Paved Paradise," Grabar). Drivers don't obey posted speed limits, they drive the speed they feel is safe. Changing that feeling requires changes to road design. Main Street Corridor has the opportunity to be a model "town center" for the region by taking meaningful steps to rebalance modes of travel through design.	5/20/2024 7:03 AM
119	Trending businesses that attractive folks of all ages	5/19/2024 10:45 PM
120	No bike lanes!	5/19/2024 10:10 PM
121	A bigger do not block the intersection sign at Pond Street. A left turn only arrow at Main and 135 West. Maybe another Pedestrian triggered crosswalk light.	5/19/2024 9:45 PM
122	It would be a great place for a youth center.	5/19/2024 8:57 PM
123	Outdoor cafe space - you could make the block with the angled parking a pedestrian only plaza - which would make that whole block a true destination. Put a fountain in the middle - like an Italian piazza	5/19/2024 8:19 PM
124	Natick has such a beautiful downtown with the Common in a central location, the commuter rail, etc. We need to capitalize on those resources more by trying to bring in businesses that	5/19/2024 7:10 PM

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	will draw people TO Natick Center.	
125	More businesses such as a grocery store and more nightlife. A pedestrian only street, with outdoor restaurant seating would be awesome!	5/19/2024 4:06 PM
126	This is the heart and sole of the town. We need a vibrant neighborhood full of different property types and businesses	5/19/2024 3:36 PM
127	Opportunity for more public art, even if they are temporary installations. I am sure Natick artists would be curious!	5/19/2024 3:17 PM
128	Beatification and benches	5/19/2024 11:04 AM
129	Beautification, being more accessible to more people, improved safety at the edges of the identified corridor.	5/19/2024 10:34 AM
130	Please improve it to be competitive with neighboring town centers (Wellesley, Needham, etc)	5/19/2024 8:53 AM
131	Charming.	5/19/2024 8:32 AM
132	To make this less congested so people can access it better. Less traffic	5/19/2024 8:03 AM
133	It would be a lovely place to bike if there were protected bike lanes, and more shade trees on Segment 1 would help elderly pedestrians.	5/19/2024 5:04 AM
134	there are a lot of opportunities--be creative, think outside the box	5/18/2024 7:56 PM
135	With all the building ,I'm hoping for more retail shops and restaurants	5/18/2024 6:47 PM
136	A downtown small pub with live music and outside seating would be a wonderful addition. Or more dining options in general. I'm within walking distance. On a nice summer night, I'd definitely walk or ride downtown if there was something to draw me there.	5/18/2024 6:08 PM
137	Reduce side street traffic in the neighborhoods along East, Sherman, Grant etc...	5/18/2024 4:58 PM
138	A more cohesive slate of stores and services, not just renting to whoever wants to come in so there are three virtually identical gift stores downtown but no hardware store or drugstore.	5/18/2024 4:34 PM
139	Street furniture	5/18/2024 3:32 PM
140	This could be a showcase for our town. Right now it's a 1950's era, automobile-centric, ugly hodge-podge of poor planning decisions.	5/18/2024 3:18 PM
141	If we could reduce distracted, driving through town and continue to make retail space more affordable for businesses, we could have such a vibrant and lovely downtown area. We need to encourage a wide range of family, friendly, and affordable venues to encourage pedestrian traffic and usage and ensure that there are options open beyond 8 PM.	5/18/2024 2:17 PM
142	We need unique restaurants - a bookstore - more of the small town feel we say we're about	5/18/2024 1:49 PM
143	The new building going up at the main corner should bring more business	5/18/2024 1:39 PM
144	Safer pedestrian crossing with aid of warning lights, more informal seating	5/18/2024 10:19 AM
145	Not sure, would love to hear creative ideas	5/18/2024 10:16 AM
146	Close off the street behind Date & Olives for only pedestrian traffic. If we had a parking garage behind the police station or the lot behind Comella's,, life would be much better	5/18/2024 9:59 AM
147	Many of the businesses cater to foot traffic. Improving pedestrian access would benefit them.	5/18/2024 9:52 AM
148	Prohibit left turns from Pond St. onto Rt. 27 north. This one simple change will improve traffic greatly.	5/18/2024 9:27 AM
149	Main Street corridor is a classic New England town center, that should be an inviting place with housing and shops and places to socialize. There should be more apartment buildings with ground floor commercial, and the town shouldn't be requesting smaller buildings with more parking	5/18/2024 9:21 AM
150	The opportunity to make it a gathering spot for the people of Natick, with More casual eateries. Bakery, bars, restaurants with outdoor seating.	5/18/2024 9:04 AM
151	Making it entirely pedestrian in Zone 5 would be amazing, though I'm sure it'd be difficult due to	5/18/2024 7:37 AM

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	the traffic pattern	
152	Less traffic build up, safer to walk and cross the road, more street lighting	5/18/2024 7:32 AM
153	Open more office space or even apartments in the upper floors of the buildings along segment 5, to add more life to the street throughout the day?	5/18/2024 6:24 AM
154	Build more substantial greenscapes linked to any new residential/business developments. A mere sidewalk or nice facade outside will still be hot, hard & uninviting.	5/18/2024 3:05 AM
155	Increased Foot Traffic and Spending: Family-Friendly Atmosphere: A focus on pedestrian safety, wider sidewalks, and a public playground can attract families, leading to more foot traffic and potential customers for local businesses. Diverse Retail and Restaurants: A wider variety of shops and restaurants will cater to a broader range of interests, encouraging people to linger and spend more money on Main Street. Cyclist Traffic: Clear and protected bike lanes will create a safe space for cyclists, potentially attracting them to shop and dine at local businesses along the route. Enhanced Community Vibrancy: Active Lifestyle Hub: With improved walking/biking infrastructure and a connection to the nearby rail trail, Main Street can become a hub for healthy activities, attracting residents and promoting a more active lifestyle. Community Gathering Space: Public seating areas and public art can create a more inviting atmosphere, encouraging people to socialize and spend time on Main Street. This fosters a stronger sense of community. Economic Development: A revitalized Main Street with a diverse mix of businesses and increased foot traffic can attract new businesses and investments, boosting the local economy.	5/17/2024 11:33 PM
156	More restaurants needs benches for seating needs more evening event for younger crowds /couples etc	5/17/2024 10:50 PM
157	Businesses open longer hours and Sundays	5/17/2024 10:39 PM
158	Replace the gazebo! The Common is the heartbeat of the town; it needs an improved focal point.	5/17/2024 9:14 PM
159	Better free parking for farmers market.	5/17/2024 9:07 PM
160	We could really use a Tilley & Salvi's downtown!!! Bring back a hardware store. Encourage more family friendly events.	5/17/2024 8:31 PM
161	Housing density without parking minimums, greater connectivity to the commuter rail, traffic calming, better variety of commerce / food and dining options	5/17/2024 8:16 PM
162	Community relations	5/17/2024 7:57 PM
163	See above, also apply these requests to central st	5/17/2024 7:02 PM
164	Trees, outdoor dining, town special events, more use of the Common for events	5/17/2024 6:54 PM
165	Low rents can attract small businesses that can't afford rent elsewhere.	5/17/2024 6:47 PM
166	I think Natick Center really is a great downtown with great shops and nice restaurants. The only way I'd think of improving it is possibly some additional parking and encouraging cars to slow down.	5/17/2024 6:41 PM
167	SO much opportunity if the area is more walkable and bikeable. It draws visitors and visitors spend money. It's simply good business.	5/17/2024 6:28 PM
168	Great economic opportunities if landlords and the town is willing to make the investment.	5/17/2024 5:42 PM
169	More green space. Serious traffic calming measures. Pedestrians shouldn't have to wait for two light changes to cross at the common.	5/17/2024 5:22 PM
170	?	5/17/2024 5:14 PM
171	So much "permit parking" on Rt 135 that is consistently empty	5/17/2024 5:10 PM
172	More restaurants and hang out spots like a wine bar	5/17/2024 5:06 PM
173	Stores open later and more days, like both days of the weekend	5/17/2024 5:04 PM
174	I would like to see improved bicycle access to get to the Cochituate Rail Trail from south of Central Street. South Main can be busy, and one must navigate either through the Main/Central intersection, or navigate through back roads by Pond Street to get there.	5/17/2024 4:54 PM

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175	Improve parking to make it more accessible	5/17/2024 4:21 PM
176	The stretch of Main Street from the train to the common is by far the best part of town. I'd love to see more space dedicated to smaller outdoor spaces to have a more active urban feel like the front of Buttercup.	5/17/2024 4:10 PM
177	When I park downtown headed south, it is really hard to see incoming cars when I back out. I have to rely on my car's distant proximity sensors	5/17/2024 3:07 PM

Q15 If you could change anything about the Main Street Corridor, what would it be?

Answered: 192 Skipped: 226

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Fewer cars - so much exhaust.	6/21/2024 8:01 PM
2	Rebuild the vacant lot where the fire was across from the common ASAP.	6/20/2024 10:47 AM
3	Add basic shopping like grocery, drug, hardware stores - I could do 90% of my regular trips on foot and wouldn't even need to own a car	6/20/2024 10:31 AM
4	Change the street lights to sidewalk/bike path lights: lower (8'), fully shielded, warmer (2700K or less), dimmable to "just right" intensity levels, something stylish to add to the charm of the center and make it feel more welcoming.	6/20/2024 10:29 AM
5	Make it pedestrian only during certain times! Saturday mornings in summer is the obvious candidate. There is TONS of pedestrian traffic during the farmer's market and no need for cars to be driving through what is essentially a huge community gathering of people on foot and bike, including lots of children. There is limited parking there and cars getting into and out of parking spaces only further backs up traffic. In fact, if I could change a second thing I would remove as many parking spaces as possible. There are surface lots VERY close by that people can use. I bet that the vast majority of people who drive to Natick Center and park will visit multiple locations/storefronts/businesses (especially during summer/nice weather), at which point they transition from drivers to pedestrians. Use that space for bike lanes, wider sidewalks, barriers, traffic calming measures, etc. Being forced to park 0.1 miles away and walk is a minor inconvenience that is more than made up for with the increase in safety while walking between destinations.	6/19/2024 10:02 PM
6	Bike lanes	6/18/2024 5:47 PM
7	Better landscaping installations and maintenance	6/18/2024 9:48 AM
8	Update some of the older structures (i.e George's Pizza area)	6/14/2024 10:18 AM
9	Add additional handicap parking spaces	6/13/2024 3:34 PM
10	I would add a right turn lane Main St heading south onto Washington street, and a left turn lane heading north to improve flow of traffic. Possibly add two lane traffic as you enter downtown	6/13/2024 2:15 PM
11	Pond Street intersection needs to be terminated, Main Street parking needs to be replaced with pedestrian structures.	6/12/2024 11:33 PM
12	Hopefully the new building will bring a good feel.	6/12/2024 4:57 PM
13	Modernize and make it more alive like Rte. 135 in Wellesley. Have upscale restaurants and specialty businesses. Would prefer to shop downtown than the mall.	6/11/2024 11:44 PM
14	Safe biking, walking, driving with green barrier, more pedestrian safe crossings, bike lane and clear visibility for drivers.	6/11/2024 9:48 PM
15	we could use shopping or more kidd activities.	6/11/2024 5:55 PM
16	I wish the businesses were better. Maybe more casual dining places, or unique places like the cupcake place.	6/11/2024 4:53 PM
17	Less traffic	6/11/2024 4:42 PM
18	Raised crosswalks, protected bike lanes, and less/slower car traffic. Could we make the streets narrower so the cars aren't allowed to speed?	6/11/2024 4:30 PM
19	Less traffic	6/11/2024 4:04 PM
20	What's up with the laundry near George's pizza. The stores/buildings in Segment 2 need	6/11/2024 1:42 PM

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	modernizing	
21	Safety for pedestrians (and people with disabilities using wheeled devices), as well as better shopping and restaurants/	6/11/2024 8:59 AM
22	Widen Segment 2 and northern section of Segment 1	6/11/2024 7:54 AM
23	no traffic	6/10/2024 7:47 PM
24	REplace the supermarket with a proper supermarket that sells things that I need	6/10/2024 6:47 PM
25	More and better restaurants. More bike parking	6/10/2024 4:58 PM
26	Definitely. See previous answers	6/10/2024 2:55 PM
27	Better establishments and less traffic	6/10/2024 1:18 PM
28	Adding green space with trees and benches would encourage more people to walk. Creating safer crosswalks and reducing the speed would also be helpful.	6/10/2024 1:14 PM
29	More choices for food and shops	6/10/2024 12:57 PM
30	Better manage the Saturday Market, have a dedicated spot for cars/trucks, and take other measurements to reduce the congestion around that time.	6/10/2024 11:43 AM
31	See #8 comments	6/10/2024 10:27 AM
32	Redesigning traffic flow around Main Street.	6/10/2024 10:02 AM
33	The cars and bikes obeying the rules of the road slow down when you see people and children and let them cross. Also lighting needs to be improved during the holidays it's great because the town is lit up	6/10/2024 10:01 AM
34	Less cars	6/10/2024 9:35 AM
35	More outdoor seating for restaurants and cafes- wider sidewalks	6/10/2024 9:35 AM
36	Nothing. I think you guys are doing a great job.	6/10/2024 9:26 AM
37	improve sidewalks, when there are construction projects - sidewalks are eliminated. From the Natick Center train station, I need to walk in the road several times as I walk towards Cottage St. Construction projects should maintain pedestrian access even if it means losing a few parking spots for a few months. I cross Cottage St to access the sidewalk on the other side and so far drivers have stopped but it's a little scary.	6/10/2024 9:25 AM
38	More restaurants, music and arts	6/8/2024 5:50 PM
39	Better access via nearby sidewalks. Hold local businesses to upkeep standards (area near pizza plus is extremely rundown and can feel unsafe).	6/5/2024 8:23 PM
40	Better parking	6/5/2024 11:39 AM
41	Too much traffic. Allow turn on red. Reduce congestion	6/4/2024 8:23 PM
42	More businesses, wider sidewalks, easier crosswalks	6/4/2024 4:53 PM
43	I would love a center island down the center of the Main Street section with planters and lights. It would slow traffic and make crossing the street on foot safer.	6/4/2024 2:55 PM
44	Bike lanes for sure. Further south than cottage st would be nice too.	5/30/2024 7:14 PM
45	Less traffic	5/28/2024 6:13 AM
46	Approve a bar	5/27/2024 3:01 PM
47	More trees, healthier trees. More planters and seating.	5/27/2024 10:08 AM
48	Traffic and parking	5/26/2024 4:44 PM
49	More cool restaurants or wine bar.	5/26/2024 1:22 PM
50	I am a bicyclist, but I do NOT want to see bicycle lanes or anything at it that helps Bicycles. I don't think there's enough room because I'm on my bicycle. I have the ability to bike down the side street and avoid the whole center. I think trying to accommodate traffic plus Bicycles plus	5/26/2024 11:18 AM

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pedestrians is asking too much of an already crowded area. Again, I am a bicyclist and I see no need for Bicycles to be accommodated in an already congested area when it's so easy for us to avoid the whole thing and just bike around elsewhere.

51	Wider streets or no on-street parking.	5/26/2024 10:26 AM
52	Remove The MIA/POW monument/ chair from the pocket park. The MIA thing was a Rambo conspiracy theory. I also dislike the flag being flown under the Stars and Stripes on the common.	5/25/2024 7:35 PM
53	Add bike lands to connect to bike path	5/25/2024 6:41 PM
54	Budget \$250-\$350 million; plan, design and execute along lines noted above, and get busy	5/25/2024 2:48 PM
55	As above	5/25/2024 11:28 AM
56	Parking on an angle.	5/25/2024 10:46 AM
57	People don't like parking meters. When they pay they feel that they should park in front of their final destination and not need to walk.	5/25/2024 10:09 AM
58	put a nice looking rotary there	5/25/2024 8:42 AM
59	See above - install bike lanes here and throughout Natick if possible. Make sure "The Block" includes nice features like trees, benches, planters. Install pedestrian traffic crossing lights to signal to drivers, especially along Segment 5. There are zebra crossings painted on the ground, but I often feel that cars ignore or do not see them. When walking to the commuter rail, I often would like to cross here but do not feel safe.	5/25/2024 7:40 AM
60	Traffic safety improvements	5/25/2024 7:37 AM
61	Lack of parking. No long term commuter parking.	5/25/2024 7:35 AM
62	Stop taking away driving space for bike lanes. It's simply unreasonable in this area and in the long run will not be helpful and unrealistic because car usage is only going to increase.	5/25/2024 6:44 AM
63	More restaurants.	5/25/2024 1:26 AM
64	The intersection with Pond.	5/24/2024 9:38 PM
65	Improved dining options.	5/24/2024 9:33 PM
66	I'd really love for it to be safer and more accessible to folks of all abilities.	5/24/2024 8:53 PM
67	Reduced Speeds, Better Parking, Bike Lines, Lights at every crosswalk.	5/24/2024 7:53 PM
68	Safer to walk and bike, add more scenery.	5/24/2024 5:43 PM
69	Make segment 5 parking spots into parallel instead of angled parking spots.	5/24/2024 4:28 PM
70	Get speeds down drastically in the downtown area	5/24/2024 3:55 PM
71	Reduce amount of traffic on it - lots of noise and air pollution generated from it.	5/24/2024 2:56 PM
72	Build a parking garage	5/23/2024 10:59 PM
73	Add a physically separated bike lane	5/23/2024 6:39 PM
74	We need a beer garden! No good places to get an inexpensive drink and hang out with kids	5/23/2024 2:54 PM
75	More trees and landscaping.	5/23/2024 9:55 AM
76	more mid-scale restaurants	5/23/2024 9:41 AM
77	Remove the diagonal parking. Stop pretending people will come here on the train to go shopping.	5/22/2024 8:16 PM
78	Traffic backups	5/22/2024 3:54 PM
79	see above - MORE cafes/restaurants/bars with outside seating options and community/gathering friendly design and occupancy.	5/22/2024 10:30 AM
80	Ban cars, increase public transportation options :)	5/21/2024 7:01 PM

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81	I have no viable solution for the angled parking problem that could improve the capacity necessary while solving the blind spot issue that so many people deal with upon pulling out of their space. People have been suggesting parking garages for years, but the logistics of such a solution are also out of my scope of overall problem solving.	5/21/2024 4:52 PM
82	Much much wider sidewalks with higher curbs, plants and trees in between the road and sidewalk area would make it feel much safer and calmer	5/21/2024 9:20 AM
83	I would change the number apartments we have that just keep increasing the ability to get around.	5/20/2024 2:53 PM
84	Stop doing construction so much and keep it smoothly paved	5/20/2024 2:01 PM
85	Change all the landscaping to native plants	5/20/2024 1:59 PM
86	Need Parking and bike lanes	5/20/2024 1:54 PM
87	More restaurants that cater to my age demographic and grocery options that include produce and meat.	5/20/2024 1:52 PM
88	More trees and safer for those with disabilities	5/20/2024 1:47 PM
89	Add more parking, require more parking for all additional residential units, do traffic studies to improve car traffic flow and increase the speed of traffic, add much more shade trees, open green space, planters, create blight bylaws to reduce the time it takes commercial space to be developed and bring them into compliance with current standards. Add food truck area, green space and picnic tables.	5/20/2024 1:45 PM
90	For cars to stop for people in crosswalks	5/20/2024 1:41 PM
91	Make sure the accessibility is one of the top things you consider when making changesz my child is young but I would love to see us be able to go to town more often together	5/20/2024 1:39 PM
92	move the farmers' market elsewhere (see previous notes)-great to have it but it makes going through downtown very dangerous when trying to traverse the area-I'd love to go to it sometime but can't find parking either	5/20/2024 1:31 PM
93	More destination, type activities that are easy to access/parking and a more inviting intimate downtown Feel	5/20/2024 1:27 PM
94	Preserve the small town nature of the downtown area where farmer's markets, concerts, downtown activities can continue to be held	5/20/2024 1:23 PM
95	More dining options	5/20/2024 1:16 PM
96	Less traffic	5/20/2024 1:13 PM
97	Is there a way to SAFELY allow right on red, to keep the traffic moving at the 27/135 intersection?	5/20/2024 1:11 PM
98	See above, otherwise paving, sidewalk repair and re planting trees that belong	5/20/2024 1:06 PM
99	More parking and make everything more affordable please.	5/20/2024 1:00 PM
100	Walkable school to encourage stronger community and relationships with local businesses.	5/20/2024 12:55 PM
101	More interesting places to shop	5/20/2024 12:49 PM
102	Spend the money fixing our neighborhood roads!	5/20/2024 12:47 PM
103	Remove nose in diagonal parking because it is dangerous and people don't know how to drive.	5/20/2024 12:34 PM
104	Better connection to the rest of Natick via bike lanes, more	5/20/2024 12:31 PM
105	Safety around Family Farms store	5/20/2024 12:25 PM
106	Fix everything in #13 above.	5/20/2024 12:18 PM
107	Less vehical traffic.	5/20/2024 12:13 PM
108	make it nice	5/20/2024 12:11 PM
109	Same as 13	5/20/2024 12:07 PM

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110	Most people who don't live in the neighborhood have to drive into that part of town because there is no local mass transit or safe way to bike there - and those people will always try to advocate for more parking. We need to make it easier to connect our different parts of town with bike lanes or buses, so people have good choices about how to get around.	5/20/2024 12:01 PM
111	More good restaurants, ala Newton Centre. Fewer mechanics, and more multifamily housing and trees.	5/20/2024 11:57 AM
112	wider road on south main	5/20/2024 11:45 AM
113	Safer Crosswalks	5/20/2024 11:41 AM
114	More geared towards casual shopping, dining and outdoor recreation. Most of the space is currently used for (or seems to be occupied by) professional offices	5/20/2024 11:36 AM
115	Improve traffic flow.	5/20/2024 11:33 AM
116	More high quality restaurants such as Buttercup. More parking	5/20/2024 11:25 AM
117	Add bike lanes, prevent left turn from Pond St onto Rte 27, rebalance lights	5/20/2024 11:16 AM
118	Improve the intersection at Main St and Central St for better traffic and bike flow.	5/20/2024 11:13 AM
119	I do not like the angle of the turn in front of Coolidge Gardens onto S. Main St	5/20/2024 11:08 AM
120	More restaurants	5/20/2024 11:06 AM
121	Attract better, more useful stores and shops	5/20/2024 10:59 AM
122	End parking and lefts onto/from Pond st during peak hours; stop using East/Sherman/Lincoln/Forest/Grant as your 27/135 bypass roads with ZERO enforcement so it's a speedway now; get rid of the new one way disaster of school/bee/church pattern which is driving even MORE traffic onto East and leading to near misses every day	5/20/2024 10:49 AM
123	Make it safer for pedestrians to cross Main Street in the vicinity of the Natick Center train station, particularly at the intersections with South Ave and North Ave	5/20/2024 10:44 AM
124	I would reduce the flow of traffic that it accommodates on a daily basis. I would make it more ped/cyclist friendly. Parking should be on the outskirts, and it should approach the ideals of a car free city center.	5/20/2024 10:18 AM
125	The amount of time it has taken so far and the shabby DOT performance .	5/20/2024 8:38 AM
126	Make it Moe lively. There is nothing to do there.	5/20/2024 7:16 AM
127	Our town center could be more similar to those seen in countries in western Europe where streets are slow and narrow through heavy pedestrian areas, and accommodations for humans and their bikes outnumber those for vehicles. With some study, I believe we would find that dramatically slowing traffic by design would not result in a substantially less efficient commute through the center by car, given that congestion already causes backups. The difference is in discouraging drivers from "sprinting" from one calming measure (RRFB/crosswalks, traffic lights, etc.) to the next.	5/20/2024 7:03 AM
128	Install a walking bridge	5/19/2024 10:45 PM
129	Pond street should be a ONE WAY or don't even allow cars on the first section of that road.	5/19/2024 9:42 PM
130	Crosswalk signals	5/19/2024 8:57 PM
131	Make the block with the angled parking a pedestrian plaza - outdoor seating, shade, a fountain - that would be amazing for Natick and local businesses.	5/19/2024 8:19 PM
132	add more businesses as listed above. Possibly have a street that is pedestrian only?	5/19/2024 7:10 PM
133	More fun businesses, more parking (garage?) and reducing rush hour traffic. More outdoor restaurant seating and more live music.	5/19/2024 4:06 PM
134	Less parking (move that to lots). More thru lanes.	5/19/2024 3:52 PM
135	Better traffic control. Backups are so bad!	5/19/2024 3:36 PM
136	More flower planters, more opportunities to sit outside and enjoy the area.	5/19/2024 3:17 PM

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137	A convenience store or a CVS !	5/19/2024 11:04 AM
138	Address the empty lot first of all! But assuming that will someday happen, I think section 1 needs better lighting.	5/19/2024 10:34 AM
139	More places to sit and gather.	5/19/2024 8:32 AM
140	Make it more like Needham's downtown. More affordable/varied) high quality restaurant options from different cuisines.A bookstore would be nice.	5/19/2024 7:13 AM
141	Improve traffic flow; improve pedestrian safety	5/19/2024 6:48 AM
142	I urge you to do something about pedestrian and child safety on East St. This is a "shortcut" used by reckless drivers who speed at over 40 mph, not respecting stop signs. People use this route during rush hour but also late at night and on weekend evenings. It's also a neighborhood with a lot of small children; making this very dangerous. If you add more traffic calming measures to the Main Street intersection, without making East St less attractive for reckless drivers, then you'll be significantly increasing pedestrian and child pedestrian danger. It's one thing to have a speeding car down Main St or East/West Central street-- people are cautious around those busy streets and there's not as many children on the sidewalks. It's very scary to have a speeding car going down narrow East St with children playing and riding bicycles in the street. East St is used by fire trucks for emergencies, however, a speed bump could be placed on East St that would allow wide-wheelbase firetrucks to travel without slowing, while making narrow-wheelbase passenger vehicles travel at a reasonable speed.	5/19/2024 5:04 AM
143	manage the green space better and make the entire area user friendly. presently its not a destination its just a area to pass through.	5/18/2024 7:56 PM
144	As above, more restaurants, especially something that might be open after TCAN events for coffee, dessert.	5/18/2024 6:47 PM
145	Traffic management and off street parking for all new residential units	5/18/2024 4:58 PM
146	Make it more bike friendly so that kids can have more independence in getting around.	5/18/2024 4:46 PM
147	Make it worth the hassle to drive or walk there by having necessary stores and services there instead of cute paper stores. The only reason I ever actually need to go there is to the library or to meet people for coffee at Sweetwater (Bagel Table closes too early and Park Ice Cream supports James Roberts so I can't give them my business).	5/18/2024 4:34 PM
148	Reduce parking especially at 135 East at light. Those 3 or 4 spaces cause a back up since there isn't room to make a turning lane.	5/18/2024 3:32 PM
149	Beautify, improve bike/pedestrian access, decrease impact of automobiles	5/18/2024 3:18 PM
150	More lighted crosswalks with cycles long enough to permit safely crossing the streets, plus traffic-calming measures that help ensure motorist travel at speeds slow enough to easily yield to pedestrians at crossings.	5/18/2024 2:34 PM
151	That awful stretch as your coming in from cottage street - we look so unkempt	5/18/2024 1:49 PM
152	More traffic calming so that it's safer for of pedestrians and bicyclists to get around	5/18/2024 1:39 PM
153	Everything I just said	5/18/2024 10:19 AM
154	LESS TRAFFIC.	5/18/2024 10:16 AM
155	Add a parking garage.	5/18/2024 9:59 AM
156	I'd place parking lots on the outskirts and ban cars during business hours, akin to many European towns.	5/18/2024 9:52 AM
157	Side street improvement	5/18/2024 9:45 AM
158	Free parking	5/18/2024 9:32 AM
159	If you install traffic-calming devices, bike lanes, etc., you will not miraculously "convince people" to use their bikes instead of driving. Moms cannot bicycle to drop off their kids at daycare and then go to work. Parents cannot bicycle to drop off their kids with sports equipment. My 85-year old mother is not going to bicycle to the senior center. I cannot bike to my job, which is 18 miles away.	5/18/2024 9:27 AM

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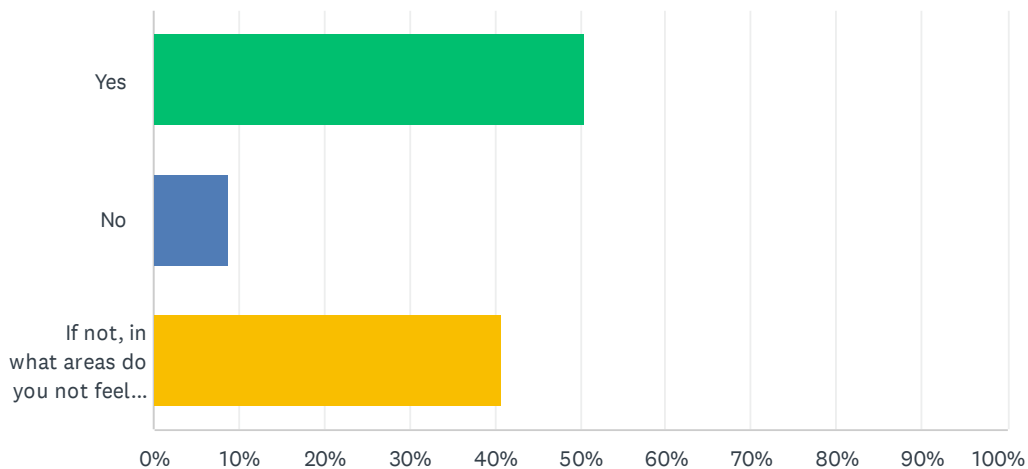
160	Move parking to outside of Main Street corridor	5/18/2024 9:21 AM
161	Remove some of the head in parking closer to the junction with 27	5/18/2024 9:09 AM
162	Fewer banks and more casual dining and bars.	5/18/2024 9:04 AM
163	Encourage more interesting businesses that draw pedestrian traffic. The last thing Main Street needs is another pizza place, bank, or real estate office.	5/18/2024 9:03 AM
164	End of cottage street to have a safer crosswalk	5/18/2024 7:32 AM
165	Slow car traffic and minimize the length of crosswalks, whether by bumping out sidewalks or shrinking the number of lanes. Crossing the big intersection at 135 - Main is a long walk. Could also help businesses downtown get more foot traffic from the Common.	5/18/2024 6:24 AM
166	The upcoming development at 1 South Street looks dreadful & should be redesigned. A cinderblock monolith is very out of keeping with the rest of Natick's charming, traditional architectural character.	5/18/2024 3:05 AM
167	Better crossings	5/18/2024 12:56 AM
168	Adding more Diverse Retail and Restaurants: A wider variety of shops and restaurants.	5/17/2024 11:33 PM
169	Make parking safer since people can't pull out safely from cars parked diagonally in downtown.	5/17/2024 11:25 PM
170	Really need more events in the even, possibly some night life activities. Possibly more restaurants, cafes out door seating	5/17/2024 10:50 PM
171	The eyesore at the base of Pond Street.	5/17/2024 9:14 PM
172	Better traffic light adjustments to move traffic through esp at rush hours	5/17/2024 9:07 PM
173	Needs more meaningful street, sidewalk, storefront, parking and building improvements. Recent focus seems to be on traffic calming like painting the corners of the streets at intersections. I get the need for safety as that is very important but painting the streets wears out in a short period and then just adds to overall unattractive appearance to a lot of the downtown area and likely contributes to not attracting the types of businesses that would truly make the downtown area special. Downtown Natick has a ton of potential but lack of improvements and interest by building owners is holding it back.	5/17/2024 8:32 PM
174	Fewer cars	5/17/2024 8:16 PM
175	More small businesses or restaurants	5/17/2024 8:14 PM
176	More evening businesses	5/17/2024 8:10 PM
177	Speed limits enforced or speed bumps	5/17/2024 7:57 PM
178	More restaurants and bars for social/families More parking	5/17/2024 7:41 PM
179	Slow down traffic	5/17/2024 7:02 PM
180	Fix the common gazebo and host more events for the community	5/17/2024 6:54 PM
181	Widen sidewalks and replace diagonal parking with parallel parking. Remove parking spaces that are too close to cross walks.	5/17/2024 6:47 PM
182	Get rid of nose-in parking and make crosswalks much more visible to drivers. The crosswalk area in front of Family Farms is so dark I fear I will hit someone. Didn't someone already die there?	5/17/2024 6:28 PM
183	Aesthetically more appealing with interesting shops/cafes/restaurants.	5/17/2024 5:42 PM
184	Traffic calming	5/17/2024 5:22 PM
185	Stop development.....	5/17/2024 5:14 PM
186	Add PROTECTED bike lane. Paint only is not an improvement and makes me less safe.	5/17/2024 5:10 PM
187	No left turn from Pond Street to Main.	5/17/2024 4:54 PM
188	more trees	5/17/2024 4:38 PM

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189	Less J-walkers on north main - people be lazy not using the crosswalks	5/17/2024 4:21 PM
190	Convert the angled parking to parallel and add bike lanes and outdoor eating spaces	5/17/2024 4:10 PM
191	Increase pedestrian safety.	5/17/2024 3:20 PM
192	Maybe lower the speed limit?	5/17/2024 3:07 PM

Q16 Do you feel safe driving, walking or biking along the Main Street corridor?

Answered: 344 Skipped: 74



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.58%	174
No	8.72%	30
If not, in what areas do you not feel safe and why?	40.70%	140
TOTAL		344

#	IF NOT, IN WHAT AREAS DO YOU NOT FEEL SAFE AND WHY?	DATE
1	Yes but it's not relaxing or enjoyable. It's too congested.	6/21/2024 8:01 PM
2	I bypass the downtown when biking as much as possible because I do not trust most drivers-especially when traffic backs up they are only focused on getting ahead and not surroundings.	6/20/2024 11:55 AM
3	I would not feel safe biking due to traffic	6/20/2024 11:36 AM
4	No bike lanes, cross walks take long to change and too quick a period to walk for elders.	6/20/2024 10:51 AM
5	driving yes; walking yes; biking a big NO. I would gladly bike more but drivers seem to have no regard for bike lanes.	6/20/2024 10:47 AM
6	I feel more or less safe walking but there is definitely room for improvement. The crosswalk at Main and Central is great but I often need to cross in Segment 5 and it's always a stressful experience. I do not feel safe biking.	6/19/2024 10:02 PM
7	Walking especially trying to cross Main Street	6/13/2024 3:34 PM
8	Even the Common Street crosswalk is very dangerous because if pedestrians DO NOT UTILIZE the signal lights, 27 South traffic will not be able to stop for them because it is not possible to see the crosswalk. And there have been cases where 27 South drivers will blow past the signal lights after being turned on. This is probably the most dangerous area for both drivers and pedestrians due to the lack of visibility.	6/12/2024 11:33 PM
9	Not biking	6/12/2024 8:38 PM
10	The roads are too narrow for me to feel comfortable biking. I feel safe driving or walking	6/12/2024 7:59 PM

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	though.	
11	I wouldn't bike on it but I totally feel safe walking and driving.	6/12/2024 4:57 PM
12	Driving - no where. Very congested. Walking - ok except for crossing main between north st and 135 Biking - don't feel safe anywhere.	6/11/2024 9:48 PM
13	See above. It's not that I don't feel safe, but I feel a need to be extra cautious.	6/11/2024 4:53 PM
14	have to bike on sidewalk where the rail trail is not yet connecting in to the train station, and beyond that, entering downtown it is just too dangerous to bike through, especially for teens and younger	6/11/2024 4:37 PM
15	The T intersection between Pond Street and main Street is difficult to maneuver. Crossing the main street near Summer street is dangerous. That road is way to wide and there is too many cars there. I often need to go to the lights at central street, which is extremely slow and inconvenient to cross the street. It's extremely sad considering that there are awesome business on both sides of the road.	6/11/2024 4:30 PM
16	Generally I feel safe walking. The pond street to s. Main street intersection scares me when driving, walking, and biking. I do not feel safe biking there unless I'm biking on the side walk, there's too much traffic.	6/11/2024 4:04 PM
17	I feel safe walking but not biking, too much traffic on skinny roads	6/11/2024 3:55 PM
18	Mentioned above regarding segments 1,2 and 5.	6/11/2024 9:43 AM
19	I do not feel safe crossing Main Street, pretty much anywhere, and even as an able pedestrian who can walk quickly. There are too many disincentives for drivers to stop to give pedestrians right of way. I also don't feel safe backing out of angled parking spots on Main Street most of the time and go out of my week to look for spots elsewhere.	6/11/2024 8:59 AM
20	mobility vs cars that don't stop	6/10/2024 7:47 PM
21	For the most part I do feel safe, but I don't like to cross Main Street or Central Street since vehicles often ignore the crossing signals.	6/10/2024 1:14 PM
22	Driving: mostly ok although gets congested. One small issue is that cars don't get all the way into the left turn lane when they turn onto Cottage and they block thru cars. Walking: traffic turning onto Cottage can be a little aggressive, fast and corner-cutting. It's better than it used to be since the last street adjustment, but I watch more carefully there. Biking: tricky biking in this corridor. Not a lot of space between road cars and parked cars. Moving cars coming from side roads don't look for bikes. It's hard to turn left or go straight through the lights at Main and Central - you have to ride your bike through the center of the cars, so I usually walk my bike on the cross walk.	6/10/2024 12:53 PM
23	Not all the time.	6/10/2024 11:43 AM
24	Rude drivers	6/10/2024 10:32 AM
25	Reasons above. People drive too fast and do not care if you are trying to cross	6/10/2024 10:01 AM
26	There is just one area by Pizza plus that's a little sketchy	6/10/2024 9:26 AM
27	I need to walk in the road due to construction projects blocking the sidewalk. Parking spots should be temporarily used for pedestrian access. Sometimes I need to balance on curbstones to pass a planter if the sidewalk is blocked. Crossing at the Town Hall crosswalk has been so far successful for me, but I've heard from others that they have nearly been hit by vehicles when they cross there.	6/10/2024 9:25 AM
28	Traffic is not well managed and backs up frequently. Lack of bike lanes and walking paths makes traveling by anything but cars next to impossible	6/10/2024 9:25 AM
29	Not biking. Walking and driving are safe enough in some areas. Pedestrian crossing is NOT safe near MBTA station	6/8/2024 5:50 PM
30	Yes but not at night due to limited lighting	6/5/2024 8:23 PM
31	Mostly the Cottage/Main intersection feels dangerous due to the lack of pedestrian signal and the fast turning traffic. Otherwise I feel safe.	6/4/2024 8:31 PM

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32	Section 5 has pedestrian crosswalks where parked cars obscure pedestrians from view. I always drive through slowly and nervously. Add crosswalk lights that have a button.	6/4/2024 8:23 PM
33	I feel the most safe driving, less safe walking, and not safe at all while biking.	5/30/2024 7:14 PM
34	crossing at court and Main street no Stop sign should be their.	5/30/2024 1:42 PM
35	But the sidewalks could use some work!	5/29/2024 11:29 AM
36	More street lighting would be nice, and fixing potholes	5/26/2024 4:44 PM
37	Backing out into traffic after parking near a store or restaurant it tough.	5/26/2024 3:24 PM
38	Sidewalks	5/26/2024 12:41 PM
39	East side of Route 27 between Cottage and East. Crossing 27 between Common and Pond. Crossing 27 between Main Street and Commuter Rail station.	5/26/2024 10:26 AM
40	I don't feel safe using main st to bike to the bike path so I don't end up using it as much as I would like to	5/26/2024 9:19 AM
41	I sing feel safe biking, especially where there is parking in segment 5. Even driving in segment 5 is dangerous because of the parking.	5/25/2024 6:41 PM
42	Angled parking in Section Five challenges the notion of sanity.	5/25/2024 2:48 PM
43	Pulling out of angled parking. Crossing the wide street with drivers speeding down Main St.	5/25/2024 11:28 AM
44	Crossing the street	5/25/2024 10:46 AM
45	As noted above, do not feel safe 1) biking most places in Natick 2) walking across Segment 2 at the zebra crossings	5/25/2024 7:40 AM
46	I think that the length of crosswalk signals should be longer.	5/25/2024 6:44 AM
47	Segment 4 and 5 is very congested with traffic and not much room to bike safely.	5/24/2024 9:33 PM
48	Through the whole corridor it's impossible to bike and follow cycling etiquette/law without either being at risk of being hit by a car or hitting a pedestrian. For able-bodied pedestrians without strollers, who have the luxury of navigating uneven, narrow sidewalks then perhaps it's fine.	5/24/2024 8:53 PM
49	Walking yes, biking no.	5/24/2024 7:53 PM
50	I the Main St., Central intersection is quite large and is I think difficult to cross. Unfortunately not everybody stops on the way.	5/23/2024 8:29 PM
51	Too close to impatient drivers	5/23/2024 6:39 PM
52	Sections 1-3 because of cars speeding by and sidewalks abutting the loud street. There's also less light at night.	5/23/2024 9:55 AM
53	busy, fast, chaotic	5/23/2024 9:36 AM
54	Biking is no longer safe, send them on safe routes. There is no room on new England narrow streets for bike lanes. Ban them in rush hour on all major routes.	5/22/2024 8:16 PM
55	not biking; driving and walking are ok	5/22/2024 10:30 AM
56	Crossing the street with children, biking without bike lanes.	5/21/2024 7:01 PM
57	I PERSONALLY do, but as someone who spends all day, everyday walking the downtown area, I have come to expect obstacles and hazards presented to the general public, who may not be as aware or well informed of them.	5/21/2024 4:52 PM
58	The entire corridor is too dangerous to feel safe on while biking. Too narrow for cars and bikes to share, and cars not willing to give bikes adequate room	5/20/2024 7:21 PM
59	Not bikes. Hard to see them	5/20/2024 2:01 PM
60	It's very hard/dangerous to cross north main to reach the trail.	5/20/2024 1:56 PM
61	Driving and walking - I feel safe. I do not feel safe biking. Too many cars. And bikers shouldn't be on the sidewalk either - that's dangerous for pedestrians, especially disabled and elderly	5/20/2024 1:36 PM

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folk. We could use dedicated bike lanes that are separated from car lanes by a divider (not just a strip of road carved away from vehicular traffic and painted green)

62	too much traffic, car and human--hard to see pedestrians trying to cross the street even if there are crosswalks-they often wander out into traffic at crosswalks so they can be seen.	5/20/2024 1:31 PM
63	There's no safe way to bike along main street currently, if I were going to the library or train station from my house the only safe option would be to ride on the sidewalk. Sharing the road with cars and trucks travelling >20 mph is a nonstarter, from a safety point of view, for me or my kids. Walking and driving feel safe, there are ample sidewalks and crosswalks	5/20/2024 1:08 PM
64	Biking lanes should be separate from driving lanes.	5/20/2024 1:00 PM
65	Biking - bike lanes should be added to every major street that is being repaved/updated	5/20/2024 12:57 PM
66	I avoid that area and walk or bike along the back roads leading into downtown. Cars drive too fast and don't pay attention. Its difficult to cross the street, and I feel uncomfortable on the sidewalk in those high traffic sections.	5/20/2024 12:51 PM
67	The road isn't wide enough for bikes and cars and the kind of diagonal parking that is available on Main Street	5/20/2024 12:49 PM
68	Bike lanes would make biking safer.	5/20/2024 12:40 PM
69	The area between East Central and South Ave can be really hard to see pedestrians who want to use the cross-walk. Cars often speed coming South as they enter the area which adds the danger.	5/20/2024 12:38 PM
70	I never bike here because the cars are aggressive and terrifying. I felt safer biking in Boston!	5/20/2024 12:34 PM
71	Certain times navigating speed and traffic can be challenging.	5/20/2024 12:31 PM
72	There is no separation between the cars and bikes. Cars go too fast and drive without paying much attention. If you want to do parking, I would prefer street parking where the parked cars act as a barrier for the bike lane.	5/20/2024 12:31 PM
73	I feel safe walking, but I definitely don't feel safe biking. Too many cars, no separate space dedicated to bikes and low visibility. A shame because the rail trail is nearby.	5/20/2024 12:30 PM
74	Depends on the time of day/traffic	5/20/2024 12:29 PM
75	Family Farms store area doesn't seem safe for young children.	5/20/2024 12:25 PM
76	That whole section looks run down, poor lighting, cars going too fast, too few police patrols, and very shady looking people in area much of the time.	5/20/2024 12:18 PM
77	I get nervous trying to use my bike for transportation amid all the cars, and there's also very few places to lock my bike up anyway	5/20/2024 12:01 PM
78	Cars speed and don't look for people crossing	5/20/2024 11:41 AM
79	There is NO enforcement in the center. People speed (especially East onto Sherman - they RACE down Sherman to jump onto Forest or Grant to get around 135 traffic - it's SO dangerous and there is never any enforcement of either speed or the aggressive driving (tailgating) and sign blowing (especially the stop signs at school/east and east/morse).	5/20/2024 10:49 AM
80	Sections 3-5 in the map are truly treacherous for pedestrians	5/20/2024 10:41 AM
81	Previously mentioned above	5/20/2024 10:34 AM
82	I bike this corridor many times a week, but it's definitely unsafe - I'm sure it discourages many people would otherwise would want to bike into town.	5/20/2024 10:18 AM
83	THere's a lot of areas where bike trails end and sidewalks switch sides. Where's the project managers? Ask for a complete job, not a piece meal cash cow	5/20/2024 8:38 AM
84	Walking is "as safe" as in other places we've somehow become acclimated to, with ubiquitous curb-tight sidewalks, too-high speed limits, and driving behavior that quite frankly flouts the law (especially at crosswalks without signals). I see a fair number of people cycling, yet I don't feel safe doing so myself, let alone my young kid. You'll know that cycling is safe when people stop cycling ON THE SIDEWALKS. That could be your success criteria for this adventure!	5/20/2024 7:03 AM

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85	Walking for the most part but probably not biking (I don't actually own a bike though)	5/19/2024 8:57 PM
86	Biking is not safe due to lack of bike lanes, lots of cars and all kinds of turns on and off. The sidewalks are better in some places than they used to be but for mobility impaired people not very accessible.	5/19/2024 8:19 PM
87	Biking feels dangerous otherwise yes	5/19/2024 4:06 PM
88	Biking feels hazardous. Always drive or walk.	5/19/2024 3:52 PM
89	Again it's the neighborhoods leading to the main corridor that are the issue. Once you get to the main corridor I feel very safe	5/19/2024 2:33 PM
90	Speeding cars and a lack of signage near the closest crosswalk	5/19/2024 11:04 AM
91	Riding a bike through downtown is dangerous due to congestion and cars backing out of spaces on Main Street	5/19/2024 10:37 AM
92	I do feel safe most times. I think section 1 and 2 feels most unsafe, particularly at night. There needs to be better lighting for pedestrians and bikers.	5/19/2024 10:34 AM
93	Segment 4&5 - crossing the wide street can be challenging on a busy day.	5/19/2024 7:13 AM
94	Don't feel safe crossing the street at crosswalks with no lights. Don't feel safe taking left turns out of certain street like Pond St. Don't feel safe backing out of angled parking spots along Main St.	5/19/2024 6:48 AM
95	It's not safe to bike in that area, particularly not with a child on a bicycle.	5/19/2024 5:04 AM
96	Y	5/19/2024 12:40 AM
97	I would never bike on main and I try to avoid walking	5/18/2024 8:28 PM
98	the intersection. main st and central st are not bike or walker friendly.	5/18/2024 7:56 PM
99	Walking or driving the entire corridor is fine. But I certainly am extremely cautious in the crosswalks. Biking is terrifying with the skinny roads, cars jockeying for parking spaces and cars trying to beat the lights especially north of 135.	5/18/2024 6:08 PM
100	Yes except for biking.	5/18/2024 4:46 PM
101	General Greene to South Street because the traffic is too close to sidewalks.	5/18/2024 4:34 PM
102	Pedestrian visibility with angled parking is very poor, cars enter the corridor from the north at high speeds, no bike lanes	5/18/2024 3:18 PM
103	I feel especially unsafe as a cyclist and pedestrian navigating the major intersections in this area, especially those without lighted crosswalks. Motor vehicle traffic is heavy and quick-moving, and frequently does not yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. Even when motorists do yield to some extent, they frequently fail to come to a complete stop. This is concerning and intimidating to me as a pedestrian, especially when trying to cross with my children and/or dog.	5/18/2024 2:34 PM
104	See above	5/18/2024 2:17 PM
105	I feel safe driving. We do walk there from South Natick sometimes and segments 2 and 3 are unpleasant because of all the cars whizzing by (noisy) but I have never felt unsafe as a pedestrian that is paying attention. Would never bike it. Too tight, too many cars, people trying to park, people trying to pull out of spaces, lots of cars trying to pull out of side streets fast because they are trying to bypass downtown fast.	5/18/2024 1:17 PM
106	Walking=yes. Biking = no in segments 2&3.	5/18/2024 10:19 AM
107	Driving: uncertainty at Cottage split, at Pond intersection/merger, pedestrians crossing at Summer and train station. Walking: big driveways for convenience store and the big, new apartment building--also it's dark under that building, not ped friendly nor as safe as it used to be before construction. Biking: WAY too many cars and no room to stay out of their way, both moving and parked.	5/18/2024 10:16 AM
108	I've almost been hit by cars several times EVEN when the crosswalk lights are flashing in front of Town Hall and Buttercup restaurant. It's a shame that a flashing crosswalk is not in front of the police stations. Citations should be given to drivers not giving the right away to pedestrians who are using a crosswalk and the lights are flashing. The individuals checking	5/18/2024 9:59 AM

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unpaid meters should be given authority to issue crosswalk citations to drivers who violate yielding the right of way to pedestrians. If so, Natick Center will be known as friendly to pedestrians.

109	Walking north/south along Main St provides too many opportunities for vehicle/pedestrian contention, particularly north of the center.	5/18/2024 9:52 AM
110	I don't feel safe on Main Street with the lack of bike lanes and cars pulling out of parking spots and lots. Driving is stressful from Cottage to North. I walk and bike up side streets whenever possible.	5/18/2024 9:21 AM
111	Not so much with biking. But most traffic is polite and patient	5/18/2024 9:09 AM
112	I feel safe but there is a lot of room for improvement for pedestrians and cyclists. Thank you	5/18/2024 8:55 AM
113	I was very disappointed that the 27 south project did not provide a safe corridor for people, especially kids, to walk and bike on the sidewalk. The utility poles block the sidewalk! With all the work done, was there no way to put the utilities underground in the center of town like Wellesley did years ago? Also hazardous for people in wheelchairs and parents with strollers to navigate. The lack of a buffer between the new sidewalks and the road makes it very unsafe as a lot of cars speed down the stretch. The high curbs installed might deter cars from veering off the road, but if a kid veers off into the street, he can't recover and get back on the sidewalk quickly. Many of us are DESPERATE to be able to ride our bikes all around town, and especially want this opportunity for our children. My husband was hit by a driver who did not stop and flew off his bike in front of Bill's, so there are other places around town that could use some immediate bike safety fixes as well. One very dangerous spot is where Pond Street dips and curves near the cemetery and seems like cars could easily veer into pedestrians or kids on bikes on the sidewalk there. Maybe some big concrete barriers could be erected quickly in that spot without totally redoing the road? Thanks for your attention to this matter and helping us make our roads safer!	5/18/2024 8:12 AM
114	Sherborn line to Johnson School.	5/18/2024 6:49 AM
115	The intersection between 135 and Main feels unsafe sometimes even in a car. It would be controversial but I see huge potential for a rotary there or other traffic calming measures. This would also facilitate the flow of traffic so that cars don't get backed up there constantly.	5/18/2024 6:24 AM
116	The crosswalks are full of blind spots, as explained above.	5/18/2024 5:59 AM
117	Too much traffic.	5/18/2024 4:50 AM
118	Allowing people to cross diagonally on Main and 135 needs improvement	5/17/2024 11:25 PM
119	Too many cars coming and going	5/17/2024 10:50 PM
120	Section 3&4 trying to take a left off of pond st is very difficult.north bound 27 traffic should be stopped before pond street to allow cars to turn north off of pond at light changes.	5/17/2024 9:07 PM
121	I don't feel safe biking down there. It's chaotic.	5/17/2024 8:51 PM
122	Too much construction, street work that slows traffic and creates accidents with cars & pedestrians.	5/17/2024 8:31 PM
123	Cars are everywhere, either speeding and trying to mover around one another or beating traffic lights, or traffic is at a standstill	5/17/2024 8:16 PM
124	Center square headed towards cottage street and beyond on Hwy 27 to extend past Johnson School. Highschoolers within a 2 mile radius are required to walk. The speeds on Hwy 27 are dangerous	5/17/2024 7:57 PM
125	See above	5/17/2024 7:02 PM
126	Only main concern is speed of cars driving by/aggressive drivers rushing not following traffic signals	5/17/2024 6:54 PM
127	Too narrow gap between cars and sidewalk.	5/17/2024 6:53 PM
128	I find most of the Main Street corridor dangerous for pedestrians and bicyclists. I only go there for farmers market and TCAN.	5/17/2024 6:47 PM
129	I feel safe in terms of other people (it feels like a safe place to walk around) but I do think	5/17/2024 6:41 PM

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people tend to speed when driving through the center of town. So if I'm walking with my younger kids, I don't feel safe letting them walk too far from us.

130	Walking yes, not biking	5/17/2024 6:35 PM
131	I know as a pedestrian or cyclist I cannot be seen by drivers until it is too late. As a driver I know I cannot see cyclists or pedestrians until it is too late as well.	5/17/2024 6:28 PM
132	Biking is extremely dangerous because there isn't a dedicated bike lane. Driving is dangerous due to people backing out of parking spots and they can't see past the car next to them. Walking is dangerous because people don't stop for pedestrians who are trying to cross. It can also be hard to see pedestrians who are trying to cross because parked cars are blocking the view.	5/17/2024 5:52 PM
133	This should be three distinct questions if you're trying to get a real answer. Saying that, walking and driving are ok. Would not take my bike downtown with a gun to my head...really unfortunate since the new bike path is just fabulous. Too bad that I don't feel safe riding my bike to reach it.	5/17/2024 5:39 PM
134	Biking	5/17/2024 5:27 PM
135	Crossing anywhere around downtown	5/17/2024 5:22 PM
136	My life is put in danger on a daily basis by vehicles that are quieter, heavier, and faster than cars of 1994.	5/17/2024 5:10 PM
137	Cars and bad drivers	5/17/2024 5:04 PM
138	South Main is difficult to bike into town when there is traffic. Drivers do not often consider bicycle traffic, maybe they're not used to it in that zone.	5/17/2024 4:54 PM
139	The 135 intersection is massively oversized and encourages speeding and reckless driving	5/17/2024 4:10 PM
140	Outlined above.	5/17/2024 3:20 PM