

SE 34th Street Safety and Mobility Project

Community Touchpoint 1 Summary – October 2022

Project and Engagement Strategy

The SE 34th Street Safety and Mobility Project is an opportunity to help all community members move around safely between SE 164th and SE 192nd Avenues. The project's first touchpoint with the community was intended to learn how people currently use the corridor and their thoughts on the possibility of repurposing a travel lane.

To reach people who live, work, and travel through or along SE 34th Street, the project team used the City of Vancouver's BeHeard website to host a survey, project information, an interactive map tool and options to leave comments and ask questions.

These outreach tools were advertised through:

- **Mailer** – A mailer announcing the Project, including a URL and QR code to the website and survey for more information, was sent to 4,688 addresses along the corridor.
- **Yard signs** – Yard signs including URL and QR code to the website and survey for more information were placed along the corridor.
- **Event tabling** – project factsheets were distributed at the Vancouver Multicultural Fair at Clark College and multiple Vancouver Farmers Market tabling events
- **Social Media** – The City of Vancouver advertised the survey on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

Survey Overview

The survey was intended to engage community members by learning about their use, concerns and desires for the corridor.

547 total responses were received between May 24, 2022 – September 8, 2022.

Overall sentiments

The **top 3 concerns** on SE 34th Street were:

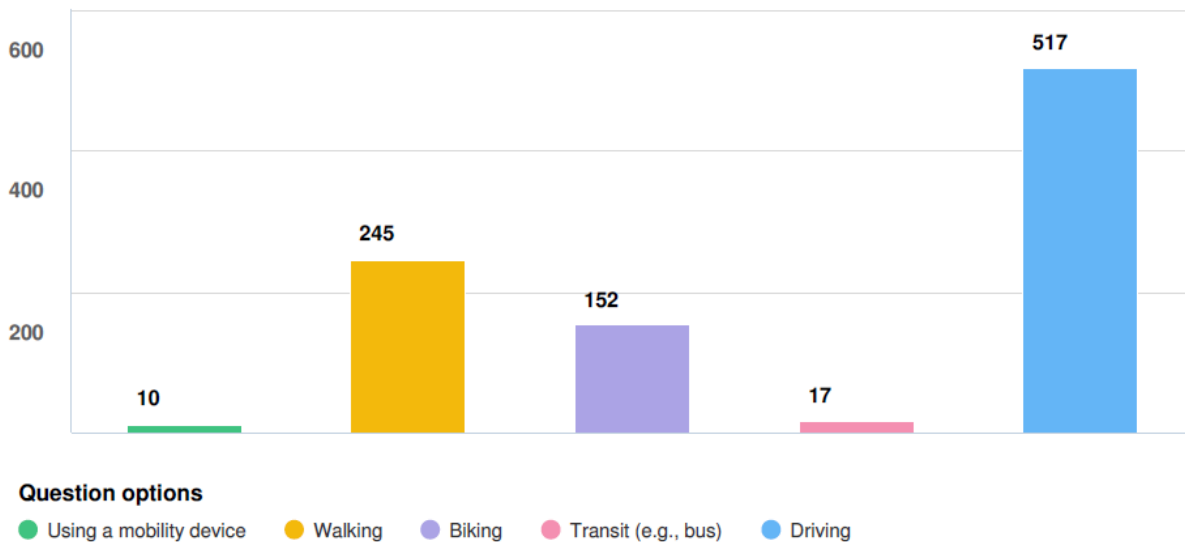
- **Safety** – Many shared concerns for their safety on the street as it is today due to the speed of cars, lack of barrier or lighting for pedestrians, lack of crosswalks, and multiple safety concerns at the intersection of SE 176th Avenue.
- **Impacts to drive time** – Many shared concerns for how travel lane reductions would impact driving commutes.
- **Impacts to neighborhood character** – Some shared concerns that removing a vehicle lane could increase congestion on SE 34th Street and surrounding neighborhood streets.

Other comments heard were:

- Concerns for increased population with planned developments along the corridor.
- Support for protected mobility lanes to make biking and walking more comfortable.
- Concern for current ‘street racing’ and support for traffic calming measures and speed enforcement.
- Suggestions for alternative street configurations and design elements like a two-way mobility lane on one side of the street, adding speed bumps, additional crosswalks and crosswalk signals.

Question #1

How do you use SE 34th Street between SE 164th and SE 192nd Avenues? (Select all that apply)



Question #2

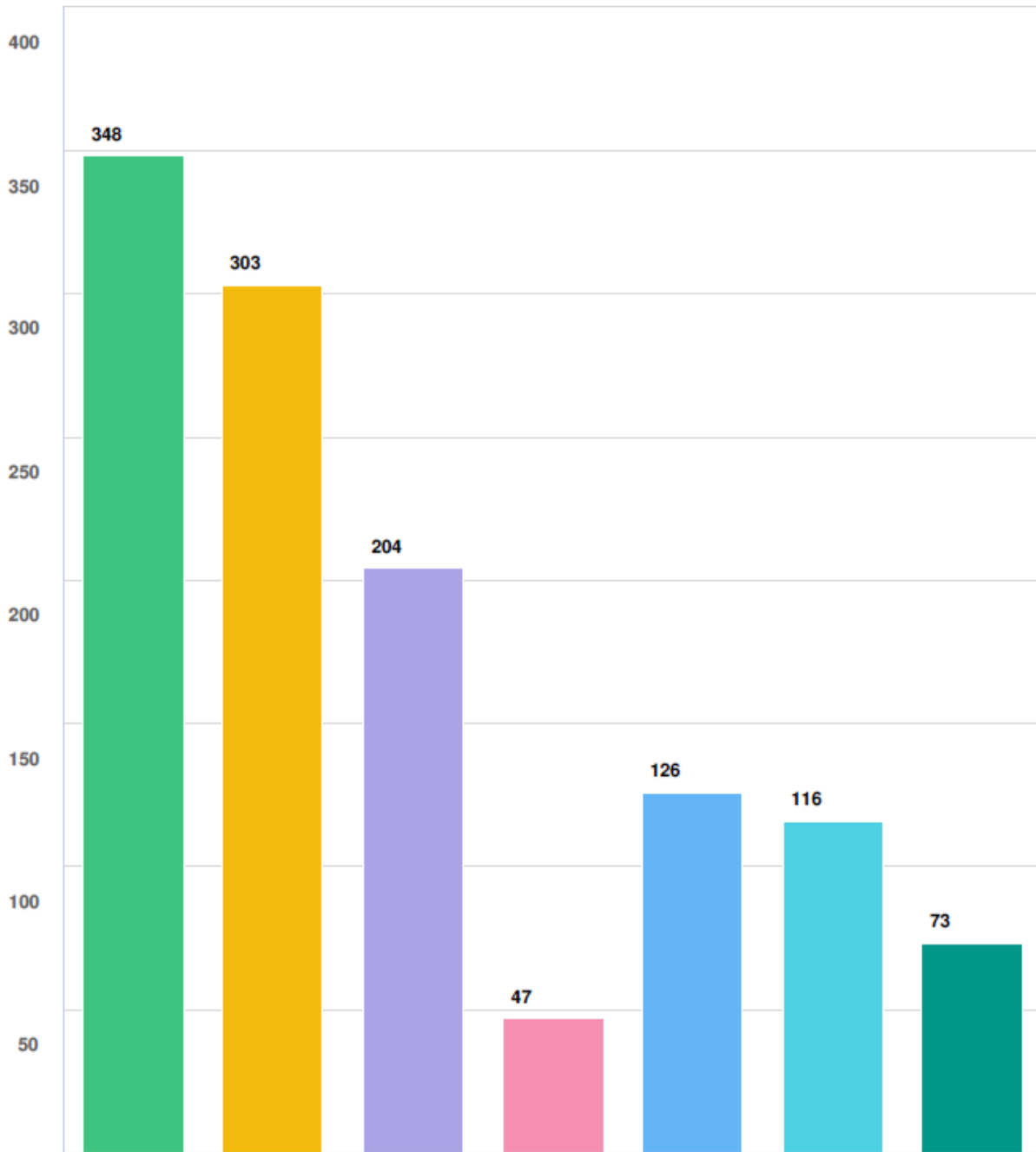
What is most important to you when traveling along or across SE 34th Street? (Please rank the following in order of importance)

Options	Average Rank
Getting to places safely	1.81
Getting to places quickly	2.64
Making sure the natural environment is not harmed in the process	3.64
The overall design of the neighborhood	3.73
Making sure disproportionately impacted communities are not harmed in the process	4.45
Making sure the local economy is not harmed in the process	4.45

The highest priority options have the lowest average rank number.

Question #3

To make it safer for people who bike, walk or roll, tis project is studying whether to repurpose a travel lane in each direction on SE 34th Street between SE 164th and SE 192nd Avenues. Which of the following concerns, if any, do you have about the possibility of repurposing a travel lane on SE 34th Street? (Select all that apply)



Question options

- Impacts to my commute (e.g., time)
- Safety
- Neighborhood design impacts
- Equity impacts
- Economic impacts
- Environmental impacts
- I don't have any concerns