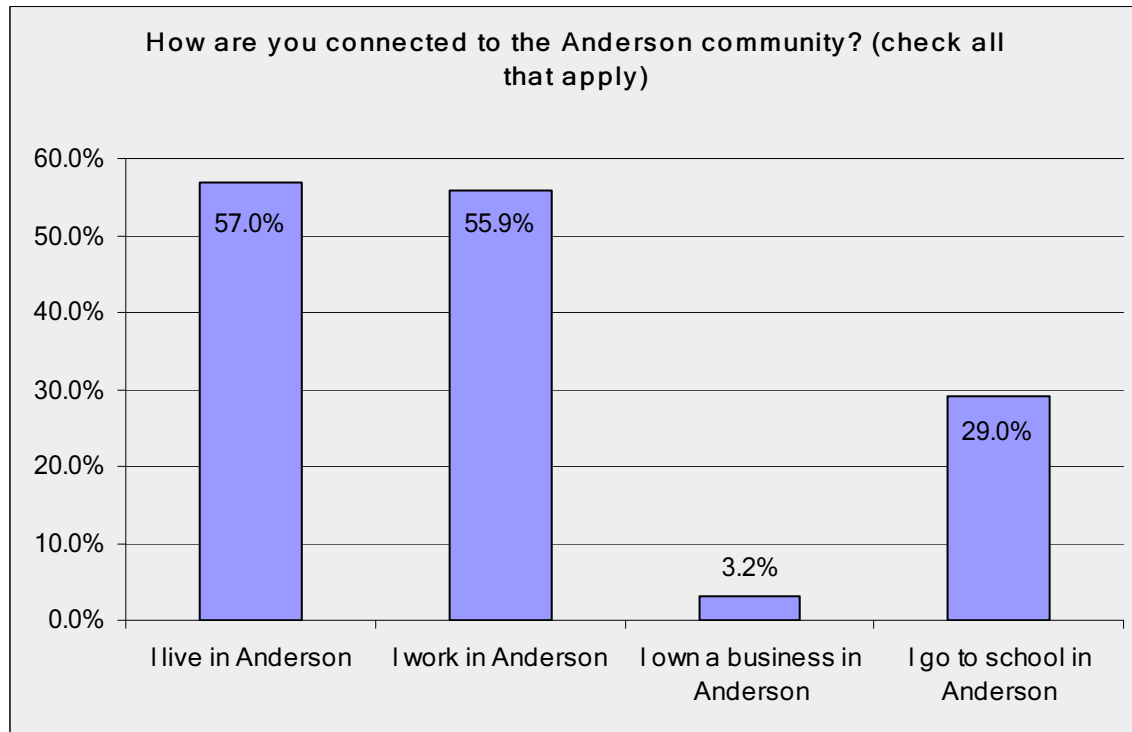


# Anderson Walking Survey Results Summary December 2011-January 2012

Survey Results (104 surveys submitted)

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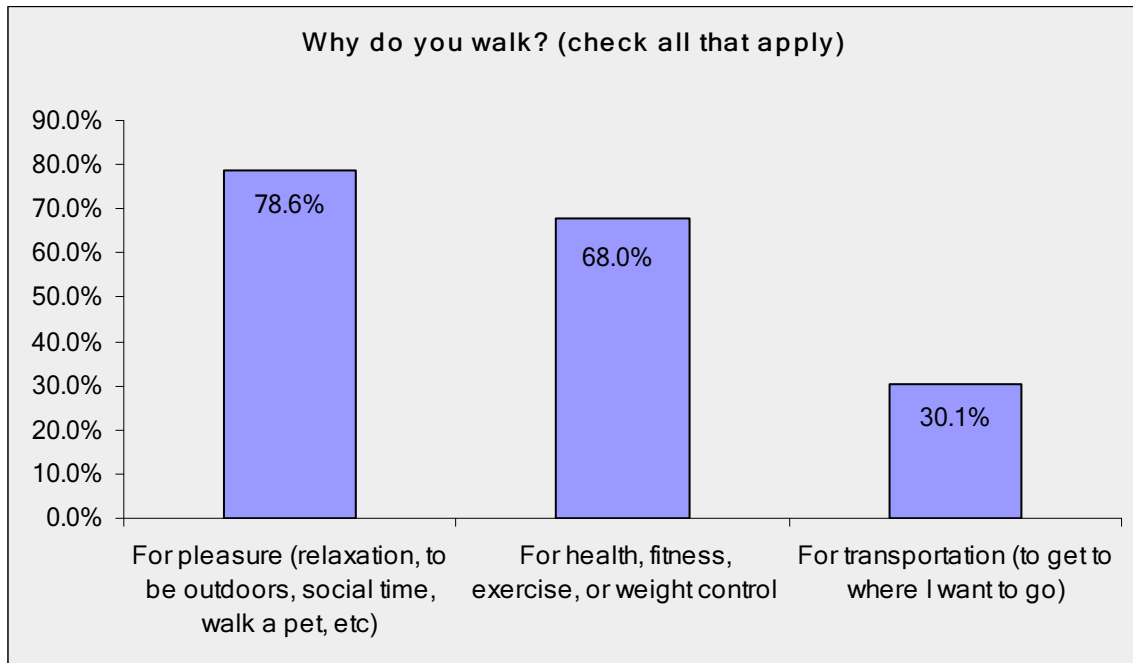
## 1. How are you connected to the Anderson community? (check all that apply)



### “Other” category responses included (n=24):

- Shop or eat out (n=8)
  - Own property in Anderson, own rentals in Anderson
  - Facilitate community projects, go to the vet, visit Anderson River Park, go to church, child goes to school, I have family or friends....in Anderson
  - I used to work in Anderson, I grew up in Anderson, live near Anderson
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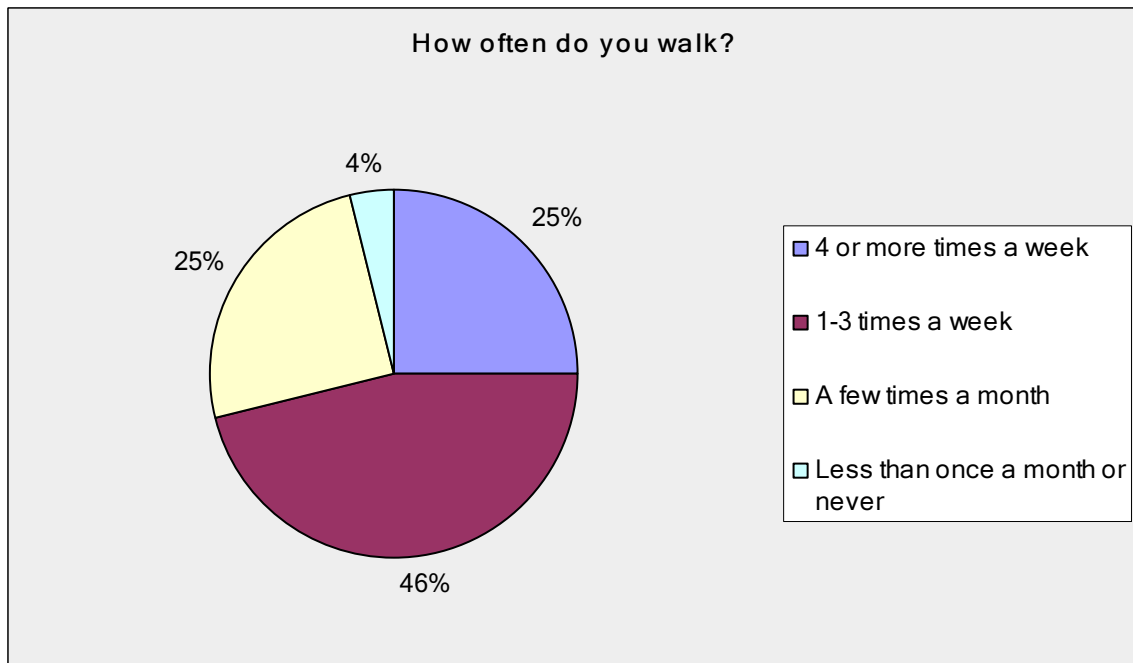
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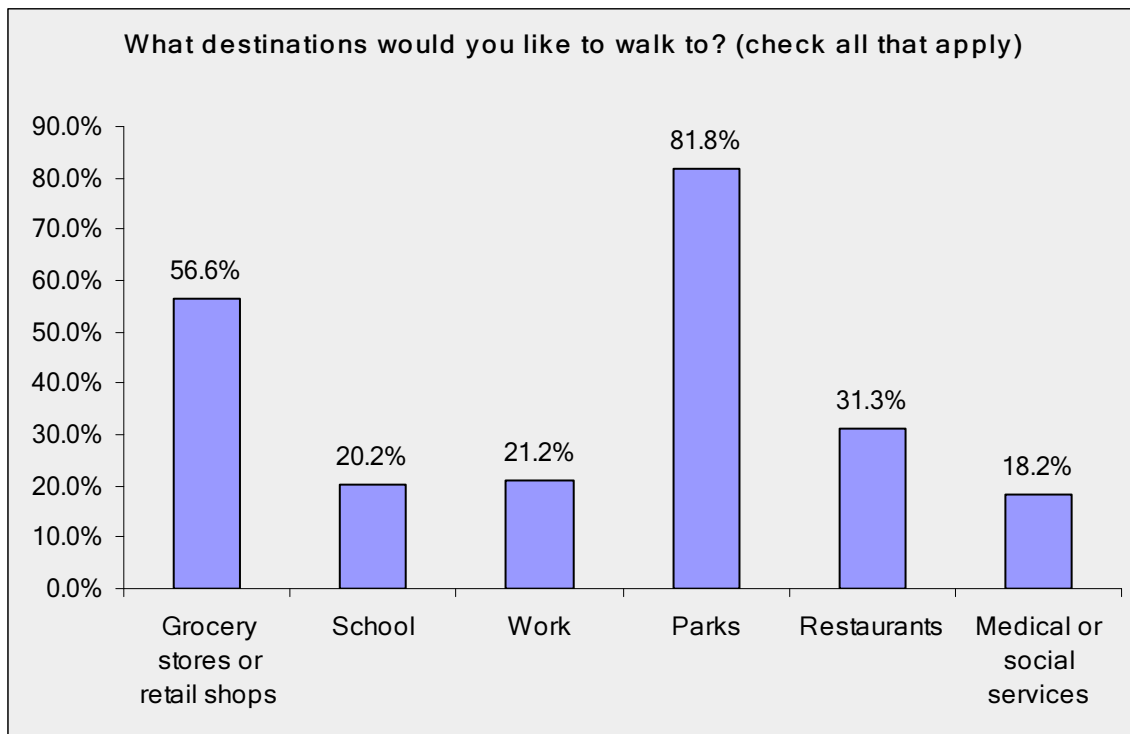
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## 3. How often do you walk?



#### 4. What destinations would you like to walk to? (check all that apply)



#### “Other” category responses included (n=22):

- Church, library, park, thrift shops, relative's home, post office, car repair (walk back home or work if car is in shop), anywhere of specific interest or need on any given day (n=8)
- Around my neighborhood, near my home for exercise (n=5)
- Trails, nature walks, hikes (n=4)
- Walk my dog (n=2)
- Bike rides
- I take my New Tech P.E. classes to Volonte Park, Anderson Bowl, or on the "pond walk" in the neighborhood that is accessed from school via East St.
- Frontage road
- In a more general spectrum around the town, possibly into woods.
- A mile down the road.
- Scenic areas, farm areas, non-park river access.

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#### 5. What specific location(s) in Anderson need to be improved to make walking safer, accessible, more inviting and easier? What specific changes need to be made at the location? (open ended question)

##### LOCATIONS

##### Anderson River Park (n=14):

- Safer walking and biking options to Anderson River park: on both sides of the road or at least one side of the road, sidewalks, bike path or jogging trail along the road (n=8).
- This is a beautiful town. I wish it were safer to enjoy.
- Lighting on sidewalk along gateway drive.
- Part of the trail has been broken off and people have to be careful (trail that is by the pond near the playground)

- Locations in the park
- Walk from downtown to the park on the river

### **Highway 273 (n=14)**

- Crossing Highway 273 (n=7)
  - Crossing Highway 273 at North and South Street (n=3).
    - It seems like an ideal location for flashing lights along the crosswalks. Possibly even place a limit line further away from the crosswalks.
  - Crossing over hwy 273 and North Street at the frontage road - people do not stop at the stop sign
  - A lot of people cross 273 to get to get from neighborhoods/city hall/Shasta Community Health Center over the railroad tracks to North Street or Ball's Ferry Road.
  - Hwy 273 and Factory Outlets Dr. - can't reach the trail from this intersection
  - Crossing by Jack in Box to Shasta Factory Outlets
- Highway 273 needs better sidewalks
- Widen the bike lane on 273
- There is no great way to get to Anderson Bowl from school. We have to cross at the light (drivers turning aren't always attentive to walkers), and we have to walk with traffic in the shoulder on 273 to get to the bowling alley.
- Sidewalks and lights, from White House St. to Anderson Middle School
- Sidewalks from Happy Valley Rd. to White House St beside highway

### **Balls Ferry Road & Deschutes Road (n=8 )**

- Balls Ferry Rd. from Deschutes to Dodson - need wider walking / biking lane.
- Balls Ferry, before Dodson Lane, sidewalk.
- Crossing Ball's Ferry in front of the Safeway shopping center near Les Schwab. Drivers sometimes stop, but others drive through and it can be dangerous, especially with children.
- Deschutes Rd and Balls Ferry Road to Deschutes

### **Stingy Lane area (n=6)**

- Stingy lane, the road only has a few parts that have a side walk.
- I have to walk on the shoulder to get to Anderson River Park.
- Consistent sidewalks on Stingy, particularly between Bay and Silo
- Stingy Lane - north side fill to "level" and add sidewalk

### **Bruce Street & Emily & Volonte Park (n=5)**

- Need sidewalks on Bruce Street (n=2)
- Bruce, Albert, Manter Drive (n=2)
- Bruce street area is scary....drugs, gangs etc. Some locations have no side walks. I would love to walk my dogs over at Volonte Park trail area but I'm too scared to go and it's not easy getting over there without sidewalks.
- More lighting at night - Bruce
- Emily needs lighting for safety - along Volonte park

### **Silver Street**

- On Silver Street and Ferry, crosswalks or stop signs due to schools, same at North and Silver, additional crosswalk, north/south direction crossing North.
- All streets off Silver Street.
- E. Center St is complete, continue forward with same scheme as master city plan.

### **Pinon (n=2)**

- Crossing at Pinon and Tower Mart - need to slow cars turning corner
- Motor vehicle crossings along the new trail between downtown and Wal-Mart - esp at Pinon

### **Schools (n=7)**

- Veterans Way; roads by Head Start on Veterans Lane (n=2)
- Walking to the new high school for students - a safer pathway?
- Walking from Verde Vale school area to downtown
- Add walking signs in front of school
- School crossing
- Lack of sidewalk from Stingy Lane to Balls Ferry Rd. (next to and beside Meadowlane School). Steep slant of the drainage ditch and lack of sidewalk make it difficult to walk with the dog, children and young bike riders.

### **McMurray Road**

- McMurray Rd. sidewalk both sides - must cross street to stay on a sidewalk (n=4)

### **Beyond city limits**

- I would like to see a loop of walking and bicycling trails go out Dersch to Shingletown, back to Palo Cedro on Hwy 44, then down Deschutes all the way to Wal-Mart.
- A walking/bicycle path to the Redding Airport would be good
- Happy Valley: Happy Valley Road, Oak, Palm, China Gulch, and Hawthorne

### **Other Locations**

- Ganyon, finish the sidewalk up to the Subdivision please.
- Rupert Road - slow down traffic.
- Need a stop sign back at West Center and Briggs
- Dersch is scary for walking or biking
- South Street location near Mikes auto body shop, while kids are walking to High School, park and other locations.
- Walking from Mikes Food and Fuel (Ox Yoke) down to the Freeway and then down to 7-11 (Riverside Ave) is a little scary because of the traffic and no room to walk/bike very well.
- You can't walk more than a few blocks without running into a sidewalk that stops. I walk in the neighborhoods between North and South streets and South Street to the back side of Anderson Middle school. There are uneven streets, uneven sidewalks, and incomplete sidewalks. I can't imagine how tuff it might be for someone that is in wheelchair or has a walker.
- Around the fairgrounds and parks
- A cross walk in front of the salvation army store parallel to the train tracks
- Need cross walk across north street in front of rail road tracks
- Red Bud Community
- AMS

### **OTHER COMMENTS**

#### **Sidewalks (n=6)**

- There are some areas in town where we run out of sidewalk
- There are areas on the west side of town that needs sidewalks that would make it safer to walk

#### **Crossings**

- Improve any road crossings, crosswalks (n=2)

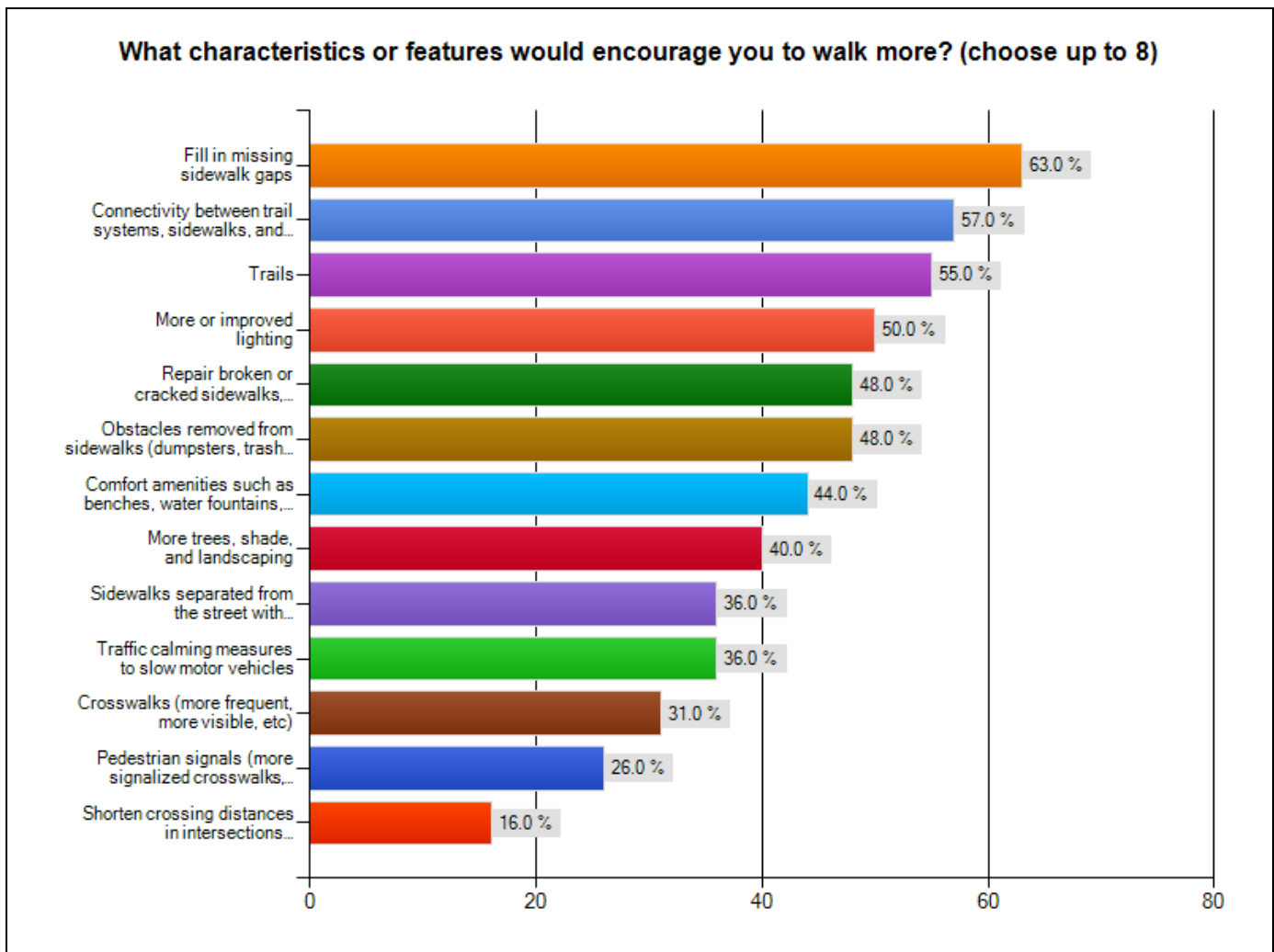
#### **Lighting**

- Needs to be more street lights. My street is really dark. (n=2)

## Other (General)

- I like to walk for recreation and take my dog so I like walking along the river or in peaceful settings.
- I like to walk along the canal but there are barriers that interrupt the trail going north from the high school. Can those barriers be removed? If landowners object to pedestrians, can a fence be build to protect their land?
- All downtown areas without sidewalks or bicycle paths of which are semi to direct routes to parks and shopping need to be created for healthier citizens.
- Any place for people to get to business/recreation centers easier
- More stop signs in general
- Maybe more public walking trails would bring more people?
- Wherever practical, walking trails and trails for bicycles, in-line skating or other wheeled transport need to be separate facilities since wheeled transport typically travels faster than a person walking and even some joggers
- There are a lot of holes in the grassy area that can easily make a person trip--I assume these are gopher or mole holes, and I would hate to have them exterminated, as this is their habitat

## 6. What characteristics or features would encourage you to walk more? (choose up to 8)



**“Other” category responses included (n=14):**

- Infrastructure:
    - Curbs more ""friendly"" for wheelchairs/walkers
    - Eliminate standing water on trails
    - Fill sidewalk gaps where sidewalks end and start again blocks later
    - Dog park so people can walk dogs in friendly safe place and not be alone
    - Complete improvements E. Center St. as approved and implemented as part of the City's Master Plan
    - Paths should be separated from the roads to make them more safe. They could be dirt, then cracks would not have to be repaired as with paving or cement.
    - More stop signs
    - Speedbumps
    - No roundabouts that you can't see past
    - I like the bulb outs and nice sidewalks downtown by Burrito Bandito
  - Other:
    - Public art
    - Less dogs
    - Ban 4x4's and diesel trucks
    - Slow the motor vehicles on Marmac Road
    - Support to get people walking together
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**7. What are your suggestions for improving pedestrian accessibility and safety in the City of Anderson and for encouraging more people to walk more often (if not already covered above)?**

**Sidewalks: (n=11)**

- Sidewalks on both sides of the street, more sidewalks, better sidewalks (n=4)
- Have code enforcement get people to trim shrubs that block sidewalks and remove personal property that is blocking street and sidewalk (basketball hoops, trailers, garbage cans, parked cars and RVs) (n=2)
- Skip expensive amenities and use funds to finish sidewalks and streets in the areas mentioned.
- Sidewalk infill on all major roads where missing;
- Lighting on sidewalks
- Better scenery along sidewalks (i.e. trees, flowers, creeks)
- Sidewalks are only for walking (not bicycles, skaters, skateboarders, motorcycles, ATVs, etc)

**Intersections:**

- Stop sign at Oak and North, we have to wait a lot for cars to clear or let us go (n=2)
- Calm vehicles at crossings that are not at a stop light or sign. Pedestrians have the right of way but the people in the vehicles either don't know that or just don't care, also a way to calm vehicles would increase pedestrian safety.
- Nicer and longer times to cross the streets.
- Crossing 273, maybe one day a ped bridge?

**Encouragement & Education:**

- Planned walks for the community (x2)
- Educate residents about what is being done and show them how easy and close it is to walk to places in town.
- Tax incentives for using autos less than absolutely necessary
- In Palo Alto, autos could not be parked overnight on streets and there were parking structures built by the City for parking overnight for a fee. So I walked 4 blocks for groceries, 8 blocks to work and 11

blocks if I wished to use my auto. Having citizens and shopping local helps people and businesses stay local.

- Safety wise sending a drivers ed book to each house so that they can reread it, also attach a flier about when the meetings are for those that might want to attend

#### **Parks:**

- Safe walkway from Anderson New Tech to Volonte Park trails
- Post length of trail / loop in Volonte Park
- It would be nice to have a walking trail from the Anderson Outlets over to the park; it would also be nice to have a shuttle going between these two areas or other areas so that people do not have to use their vehicles and they would have a way back should they get too tired to return to their car.

#### **Schools:**

- Safe routes to school
- Veterans Lane - kids walk from Anderson High and also 2 preschools
- Walkway from Bruce to Anderson Park Head Start (fix/repair & well lighted)

#### **Downtown:**

- Mixed use development so housing is close to shopping and places of work
- Get rid of the thrift shops and put in better quality stores & restaurants

#### **Other:**

- Interconnected bike trail system for bike and walk commuting; pedestrian walkways to many destinations (x2)
- Make it safer and easier to walk to stores, post office and schools
- Wider bike and walking lanes on Balls Ferry road and Deschutes rd.
- Any traffic calming is great
- Water fountains
- Enforce leash laws

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### **8. The Draft Pedestrian Plan lists 10 priority projects\* for improving pedestrian accessibility and safety (details on page 42 and in Appendix E of the Plan). What are your comments about any of these proposed projects?**

#### **Vernon Street Sidewalk**

- On Vernon Street, could the sidewalk be on the same side of the street at the school? That seems safer for the students to use.
- Vernon Street area should be a priority since so many residents in that area walk as a major mode of transportation.

#### **Anderson High School Walking Path**

- Anderson High - more lighting and safety.

#### **South Street & Highway 273**

- Agree that 273/South is a priority, this is my top priority (n=4)
- Needs improved signals and crosswalks
- Tip of South Street/273 gets crazy with kids crossing and cars going and coming in all directions.
- At South Street and 273 - do the proposed upgrades include ped islands in the middle of 273 and also between 273 and West Center street? Will sidewalk connect between crosswalk and Center Street on the north side of intersection?



### **South Street Sidewalk**

- South Street needs help.

### **Diamond Street & Silver Street**

- (no specific comments)

### **Pedestrian Trail to Anderson River Park**

- Agree / excited about pedestrian trail to Anderson River Park is a priority / great idea (n=8)
- I would be excited about a trail to Anderson River Park with lighting
- We have one of the most amazing parks in the north state and I feel with a few pedestrian trails to access the park we could really see more people out and about.

### **Stingy Lane Sidewalks (#1, #2, and #3)**

- Stingy Lane sidewalks are a priority (n= 4)
- I live right off of Stingy and I feel like the addition of a side walk would increase safety since people would not have to walk on the shoulder of the road.

### **McMurray Drive Sidewalk**

- Sidewalk next to KFC is a good idea
- Priority for our family

### **Ox Yoke Street Sidewalk**

- Agree that Ox Yoke is a priority (n=2)
- Do we need to spend funds on OxYoke? Is the industrial area really used by pedestrians?

### **Other Locations**

- I would like to see Bruce Drive and Manter Drive included - sidewalks are needed, many people walk to Volonte Park and to the walkway to Wal-Mart shopping area.
- Better lighting on Emily Dr.
- Safety at Pinon ped crossing
- The downtown core area has the most potential since people using those walking areas have the greatest potential for spending money with local businesses which then will invest further in the community (ie; payroll, taxes or goodwill donations).
- Parks are high profile area because of the multiple opportunities for recreation and entertainment there.
- I'd like walking trails
- More bus areas expanding from Cottonwood and Red Bluff to parks and hiking areas.
- I would walk more if I didn't have to drive to get there. I live off Balls Ferry Road and if I walk from my street to another nearby street via Balls Ferry Road, I feel like I am going to be run over! So I drive to Anderson River Park.
- And of course any improvements around schools will help increase the ability of students to walk or bike to school.
- Any upgrades to path and walkway, especially safety would be great.
- I love the idea for South St. to High School

### **Comments related to cost / budgets**

- Some of them might be a waste of time and money to do
- Quite a few of them seem like needless spending of government money
- Some are good but others I feel are unnecessary, I can't tell you which
- All of these are worthy of consideration, however, with limited resources and the plethora of demands on city service budgets, I tend to side with the biggest bang for the buck wherever possible.

- The undergrounding of utility services is a desirable goal, but only if the utility companies and affected users pay their proportional share of the cost.
- Requiring sidewalks, curbs and gutters in all developed areas is highly desirable and should be paid for by the developer or property owner.

## Overall

- All sound great / these sound good / I like the proposed projects / these are good start etc (n=7)
  - All sound reasonable and necessary to me
  - All of these areas are in need of work and I believe that they are a barrier to people walking to and from those areas.
- Focus on safety, we need more safety (n=2)
  - Make sure it's safe for teens to walk, walk our dogs, and ride our bikes.
- That leaves residential areas at the bottom of the list, although school children walking to and from school will be the most impacted there.
- They seem to be fine but i am worried about that big field and dangers of it.
- When we were in Livermore; we had many Japanese and European tourists request directions to the California Aqueduct. They were using it as a bicycle path from San Francisco to Los Angeles as it was a very direct route.
- These projects should be designed to attract citizens to the idea of walking/bicycling whenever possible. PAR Courses help citizens become more healthy, too.
- A walking/bicycle path along the Sacramento River from Redding to Red Bluff could create more revenue by getting all the communities involved. This would also promote recreation during tourist seasons, as well.
- My previous suggestion with site specific modifications would be a great asset to Anderson's appeal to travelers, residents, prospective residents, business owners, contractors, and ultimately Andersons income tax, sales tax, and property tax revenues. Property owners will derive higher values which would ultimately result in residents & business owners investing more on their properties to attain equities, previously were not possible due to location & location desirability, which would benefit the community as a whole.

## Methodology

Survey was developed by Healthy Shasta in collaboration with Shasta County Public Health's South County Region, Anderson Partnership for Healthy Children, and City of Anderson. Paper versions of the survey were available at Anderson City Hall, Anderson Library, Anderson Frontier Senior Center, Anderson Athletic Club, Anderson Cottonwood Christian Assistance (ACCA), Regency Place, and Volonte Park Neighborhood Meeting. Three presentations were given by Public Health staff at which surveys were distributed. The survey was also available online via Survey Monkey, for which the link was distributed via the Anderson Chamber of Commerce, Anderson Post newspaper, Healthy Shasta's Bicycling and Walking Updates e-newsletter, email blasts, and on the print version. A link to the survey and a copy of the Draft Anderson Pedestrian Accessibility and Safety Plan were both available on the City of Anderson's website and Healthy Shasta's website. Surveys were collected early-December 2011 through early January 2012. A total of 104 surveys were collected.

### For more information:

For more information about the survey and results, contact Healthy Shasta at (530) 229-8243.

