

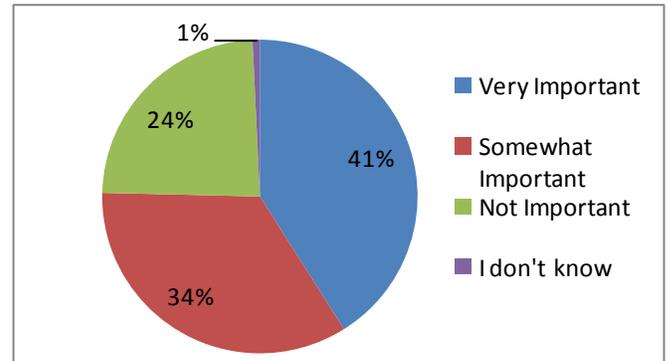
Personal transportation - walkability; biking, energy efficient cars

Multiple Choice Responses

Question #1: How important do you believe it is for the Town to address each of the following issues?

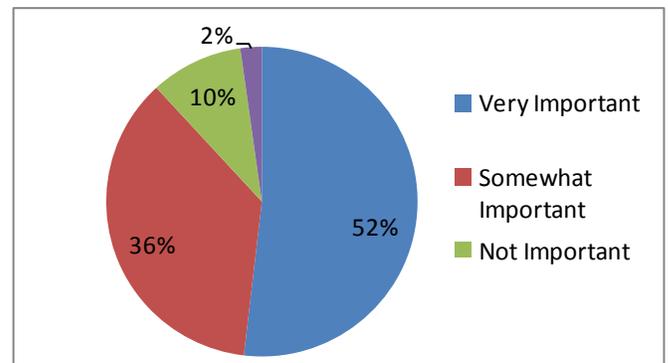
Multiple Choice #9: Increasing greener transportation options. This could include car-sharing or shuttles, bike lanes, trails or bike-sharing.

134 respondents



Multiple Choice #13: Better street and sidewalk lighting. This could include energy efficient LED streetlights or better placement of street lights for pedestrians.

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Open-Text Responses

Question #2: **In your opinion, what is the most important issue that the Town should address in order to improve the environment and long-term livability of this community?**

1. Controlling / slowing / reducing cut-through vehicle traffic.
2. Also, improve walkability. This includes enforcing regulations about dogs off leash and dog deposits left behind by dog owners.
3. Make it easier for walkers to commute. There are several places in town where the sidewalks are inadequate (Oakridge and Thornapple). It would be nice to be able to walk through Elm St park without worrying about safety.
4. Facilitate residents walking and biking more. Widen sidewalks, clear sight lines, patch rough/broken areas, widen cuts for stroller/bike access, clear obstructing vegetation. Enforce automobile rules of the road - especially speeding and improper stopping at stop signs.
5. Promoting walking for transportation and health.
6. Improve street lighting.
7. Getting people out of their cars
8. Promoting a healthy lifestyle would address many of the other issues listed above. I think the town could be involved in making sure streets and sidewalks are safe for pedestrians and bicyclists, whether in icy/snowy whether or well lit enough to feel safe to walk when it's dark. If people walked, carpooled, bicycled to Bethesda to shop, dine or for entertainment or to get to the metro, it would cut down on emissions, could provide exercise, would help create community and would encourage shopping 'locally' (at least as far as travel for the individual).'
9. Initiatives to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions so bike and car sharing or shuttles,
10. Traffic law enforcement, including stop signs and speed.
11. Reduce the number of cars/trucks that use Town streets for a cut through to avoid waits on Bradley Lane between Wisconsin and Connecticut by (a) Instituting no access during rush hours on all 5 streets exiting Bradley Lane and
(b) Penalizing scoff-laws who speed through the town and fail to stop at stop signs with significant fines, e.g., \$250 or more per vehicle for 1st infraction and increasing amounts for succeeding infractions.
12. Traffic congestion surrounding the town, including impact of exhaust on residents' health
13. Traffic. it will just keep growing as Bethesda growth seems unstoppable
14. Better security in Elm Street Park and along city streets. As Bethesda densifies, the spill-over effects need to be addressed
15. ... have a show-and-tell about electric vehicles and consider converting some of the town vehicles to newer technology.
16. more lighting.
17. Improve street lighting.
18. Street lighting
19. water control, storm control and street lighting
20. Increase street lighting so that we are safer.
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22. One thing that would be very helpful and doable would be to improve the street and sidewalk lighting. I know the Town is working on this, but I haven't seen any improvement. I often feel the need to use a flashlight.

Question #3: Being realistic, what do you think are the three most important things the Town might do to help you and your family reduce your negative impacts on the environment?

1. Solar EV charging station
2. make it as easy as possible to bike/walk in town -- more and better and clear sidewalks, bike lanes, etc.
3. Work for much better pedestrian and bike routes in the Town and surrounding jurisdictions.
4. Improved sidewalks on routes to Bethesda, make it easier for bikers (parking bike near town), and increased safety at Elm St park.
5. Keeping having a walkable community in planning efforts.
6. I use my bike for transportation as much as possible, and so far I feel safe riding on town streets.
7. the town should focus on accommodating pedestrians by maintaining and improving sidewalks and ensuring that residents keep them clear of vehicles, vegetation, and dog waste.
8. Maintain sidewalks, pathways and good lighting to encourage people to walk rather than drive to Bethesda.
9. bike sharing
10. Provide more information and opportunities for parking bikes at the Metro and near downtown.
11. promote more bike racks in commercial areas of Bethesda so I can safely use my bike for errands.
12. I think the town should work to get Bethesda to be more bicycle friendly. Bethesda is so close, but as a cyclist I feel extremely vulnerable riding in and around it because of aggressive drivers and the lack of bicycle travel lanes and signage.
13. lobby for better commuter bike paths thru bethesda (north to NIH),
14. Town use of alternative fuel vehicles with public charge or fuel stations for Natural Gas or/and electric: so as homeowners, we can invest in that technology and have convenient fueling options in town.
15. tax rebates for low emission vehicles

Bottom of Question #1: Feel free to provide comments on the topics above or suggestions for additional environmental issues you feel the town might address"

1. Many of these topics are appropriate concerns for the county or the district (larger governments) who could for example facilitate better commuter bike trails through Bethesda. To make the town as safe and walkable as possible, the Town needs to do a better job of enforcing requirements that sidewalks not be blocked or obstructed by overgrown plantings, trees, etc. We also should look for ways to incorporate sidewalks where none exist, or dedicated bike/walk lanes in the street if necessary in those places.
2. Finish sidewalks in the town to encourage walking! Town needs to cut back all shrubbery that intrudes on sidewalks. Erosion is taking place where pedestrians leave the sidewalk to avoid low tree branches and shrubs. This is very important to me.
3. More enforcement of speeding and stop sign rules--to cut down on cross-town commuter traffic.
4. I wish the TOCC would concentrate on assuring citizens that the future of the Capital Crescent Trail is assured, that the tunnel to Bethesda stays open, and that Wisconsin Avenue is safe to cross. This is an unsophisticated survey -- who wouldn't favor 'Better preparedness for climate related emergencies, better street and sidewalk lighting, etc. etc.
5. Improve efficiency of street lighting, so we can use less around our block itself (it's DARK)
6. Better lighting
7. improve street lighting to allow reduction of home porch lighting.

8. change the street lighting to a more economical method
9. Maintain sidewalks, pathways and good lighting to encourage people to walk rather than drive to Bethesda.
10. install efficient light sources that don't add to light pollution
11. Improve lighting around town so we will feel safer walking after dark.

Bottom of Question #4: **Feel free to tell us other actions you have taken to reduce your environmental impact.**

1. We walk or bike to nearby areas nearly every day to run errands and therefore only use my car a couple of times a week (usually to bring kids to activities that are too far to walk). I try to sign my kids (and myself) up for classes in which we can walk to or take metro.
2. I prefer biking or walking to driving or metro;
3. Use car much less for local errands and instead walk or bike.
4. Minimal driving -- I walk places and take Metro whenever possible.
5. We both walk to the metro, , drive a Honda Fit and a Toyota Prius
6. We all walk or bike as our primary means of commuting and doing all daily errands.
7. I do not favor increasing the use of alternative fueled or in subsidizing electric vehicles vehicles (through solar recharging stations or otherwise) unless they are life cycle cost effective .
8. If we are not yet prepared to invest in energy-efficient street lighting, we should not install it. As the costs (and color options) for LED lighting improve, we should install it. One of the greatest threats to our community is maintaining overhead wiring. The Town should begin to bury it, especially along with any road/sidewalk work that is being done.

Final Question: **Please briefly describe any issues you would be interested in discussing further.**

1. Bike patjhs?
2. Would be willing to help out with finding solutions for using alternative fuel vehicles. Our non-profit is purchasing some NGVs so I've been learning a lot about that.