

MOVING ON MARION SURVEY REPORT

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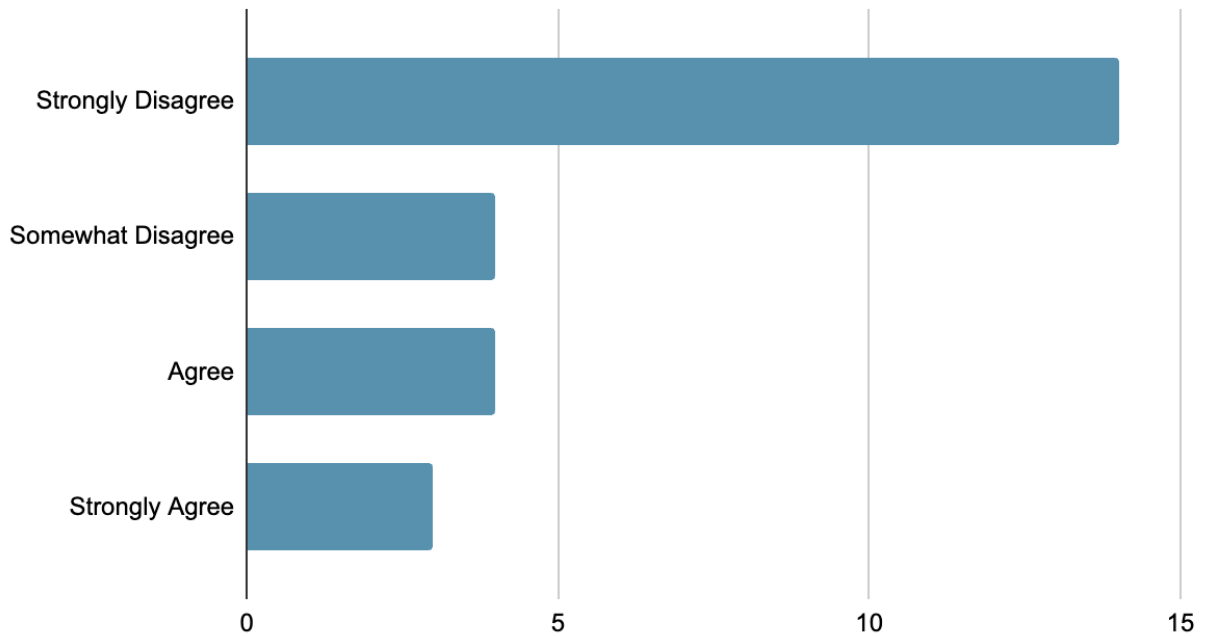
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The Complete Streets design approach anticipates that adding pedestrian and cycling infrastructure to the area could lead to people traveling to and through the area more often by walking, rolling or cycling through the corridor. This could reduce the need for parking. Do you:

Points scored



In 2018, the Norwood Grove Biz completed a Master Vision Plan, visioning report, which developed concepts for the streets and set key goals and objectives for the area. How familiar are you with this report?

Key Findings and Analysis of the Survey Regarding Norwood Grove Biz Master Vision Plan:

1. Overall Familiarity: The majority of respondents (14 out of 20) indicated that they are not familiar with the Norwood Grove Biz Master Vision Plan.

2. Limited Awareness: A significant portion of respondents seems to lack awareness of the Master Vision Plan, with 10 out of 20 respondents explicitly stating that they are not familiar with it.

3. Mixed Familiarity: Some respondents (6 out of 20) indicated a level of familiarity with the Master Vision Plan, with varying degrees of understanding, ranging from somewhat familiar to familiar.

4. Potential Gap in Communication: The prevalence of respondents stating that they are not familiar with the Master Vision Plan suggests a potential gap in communication or outreach regarding planning initiatives in the area.

5. Opportunity for Communication Enhancement: The survey results highlight an opportunity for the Norwood Grove Biz to enhance communication and awareness regarding planning activities and vision plans in the community.

6. Importance of Public Awareness: Public awareness and engagement are crucial for the success and acceptance of community development initiatives. The Master Vision Plan, being a foundational document, might benefit from increased visibility.

7. Recommendation for Outreach: Considering the limited familiarity, there is a recommendation for the Norwood Grove Biz to proactively engage with the community, possibly through informational sessions, newsletters, or other means of communication to ensure residents and businesses are informed about the Master Vision Plan.

8. Continued Community Engagement: Future planning initiatives may benefit from a strategy that involves ongoing community engagement and regular updates to maintain awareness and understanding.

Overall Impression:

The survey results suggest a need for increased efforts in communicating the Master Vision Plan and other planning initiatives to ensure that stakeholders are well-informed and engaged in the development process. Enhancing communication channels and outreach strategies could contribute to a more inclusive and informed community.

How reliant is your business on street parking?

Key Findings and Analysis of the Survey Regarding Business Reliance on Street Parking:

1. High Reliance on Street Parking: The majority of businesses express a high reliance on street parking for various purposes, including customer access, deliveries, overflow from parking lots, and staff parking.

2. Diverse Needs for Street Parking: Businesses have diverse needs for street parking, ranging from accommodating customers and deliveries to managing overflow from parking lots and providing parking for staff members.

3. Occasional Reliance: Some businesses mention a less frequent reliance on street parking, citing overflow situations from parking lots as the occasional need.

4. Limited Reliance: A few businesses indicate a rare or minimal reliance on street parking, suggesting that their operations are less dependent on this aspect.

5. Balanced Uses: Some businesses seem to strike a balance, acknowledging the importance of street parking for customer access, deliveries, and overflow from parking lots.

6. Parking for Special Needs: The survey reveals that certain businesses consider specific needs, such as accommodating handi-transit drop-off of patients, which necessitates street parking.

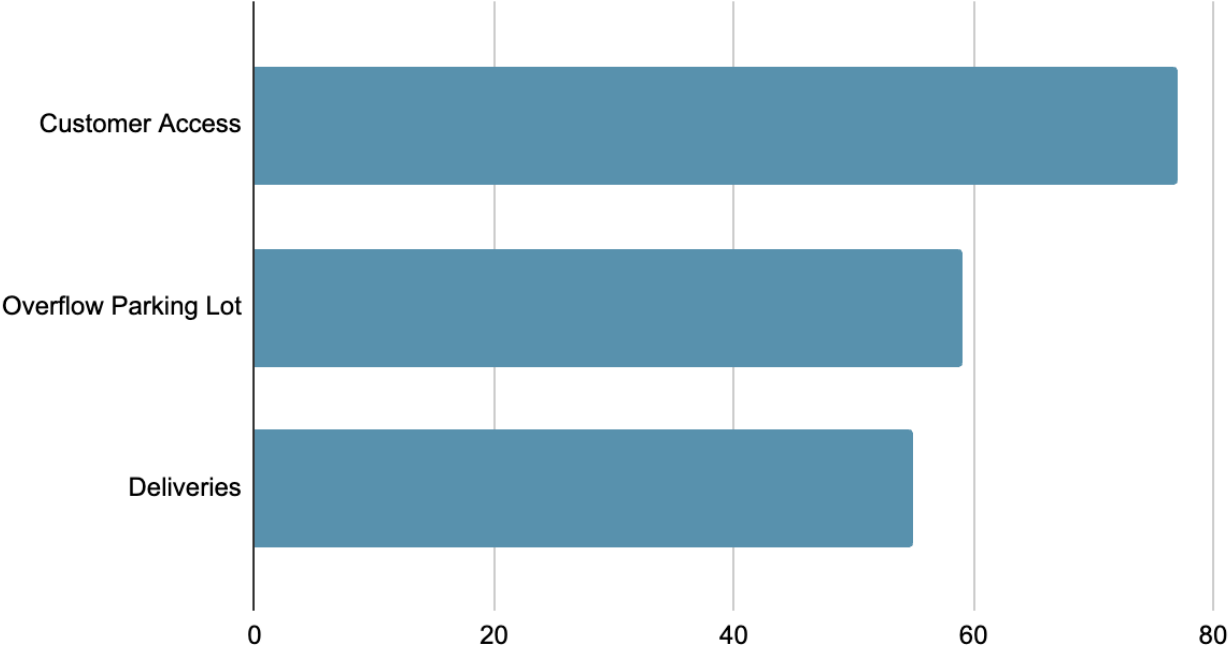
7. Rare Occurrence: A couple of businesses emphasize that they rarely rely on street parking, implying that their operations are structured to minimize the need for it.

8. Insights into Operational Dependencies: The responses provide insights into the operational dependencies of businesses on street parking, highlighting the multifaceted role it plays in facilitating various aspects of business activities.

Overall Impression:

The survey indicates a spectrum of reliance on street parking, with a notable number of businesses relying significantly on it for various aspects of their operations. This insight emphasizes the importance of considering diverse parking needs and potential impacts on businesses when planning changes to parking infrastructure.

Points scored



In 2019, the city began a new study referred to as the Moving on Marion Street Project.
Moving on Marion Street Project Participation Categorization:

1. Non-Participation/No Involvement: "My business was not involved in this study" (repeated responses) suggests a significant portion of businesses did not participate or were not actively involved in the study.

2. Uncertain Participation: Responses indicating uncertainty about participation, such as "I don't know how or if I participated," highlights a lack of clarity or awareness among some businesses.

3. Online Engagement: Some businesses engaged with the project online by reviewing the project website, indicating a proactive approach to seeking information independently.

4. Event Attendance: A smaller portion of businesses attended public events related to the project, showcasing an interest in participating in community engagement activities.

5. Survey Participation: Few businesses participated actively by taking an online survey, attending stakeholder meetings, or reviewing the project website, indicating a higher level of involvement.

6. Limited Outreach/No Contact: Businesses stating that no one contacted them or expressing a lack of involvement may suggest a potential gap in communication and outreach efforts.

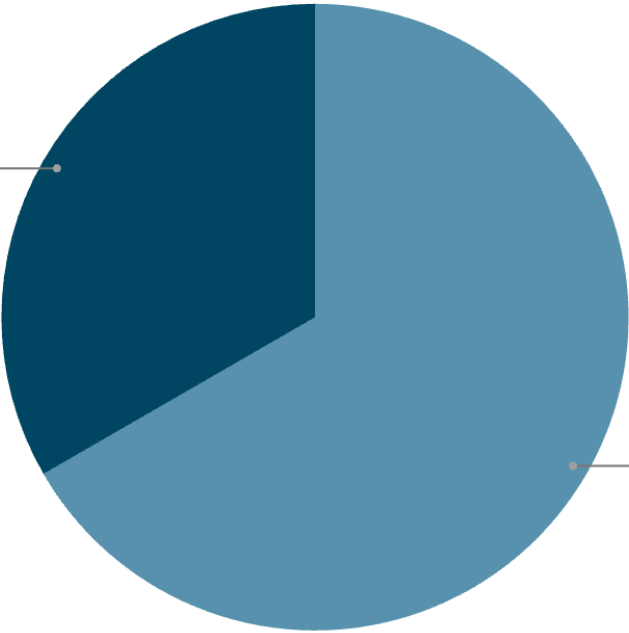
7. New Business Perspective: New businesses in the area expressed uncertainty about their participation, possibly due to a lack of historical engagement or familiarity with the project.

Conclusion:

The survey responses reflect varying levels of engagement and awareness among businesses regarding the "Moving on Marion Street Project." The prevalence of non-participation or uncertainty underscores the importance of improving communication strategies and outreach efforts. While some businesses took initiative by engaging online or attending events, addressing the reasons behind non-participation can contribute to more inclusive community involvement.

Responses

Actively Involved
33.3%



Not Involved
66.7%

Do you anticipate any negative impacts from the Complete Streets design? If so, how could these be minimized or mitigated? Is there anything you want to add?

Survey Analysis: Anticipation of Negative Impacts from Complete Streets Design:

1. Concerns About Parking: A significant number of respondents express concerns about the potential loss of parking spaces due to the Complete Streets design. Businesses, especially those in healthcare services, retail, and small businesses, fear negative impacts on accessibility, customer volume, and sales.

2. Impact on Sales and Accessibility: Several respondents predict a decline in sales, particularly for businesses heavily reliant on street parking. Accessibility challenges are anticipated, potentially diverting clients elsewhere. The impact on businesses, especially after the challenges posed by COVID-19, is a recurring theme.

3. Traffic Congestion and Safety: Some respondents highlight concerns about increased traffic congestion, especially during rush hours, and potential safety issues arising from the proposed changes, such as narrowing lanes and creating bump-outs.

4. Specific Impact on Health Services: Businesses in the healthcare sector express worries about the impact on patient drop-offs, accessibility for individuals with disabilities, and the potential challenges during winter due to snow removal.

5. Suggested Alternatives: Alternative suggestions include relocating the bike lane, prioritizing parking, and considering the impact on local businesses. Some propose moving the bike lane to Eugenie Street to preserve Marion Street's parking.

6. Mixed Reactions: While some respondents strongly oppose the proposed design, others express support and enthusiasm for a more pedestrian- and cyclist-friendly environment. Positive sentiments emphasize the potential long-term benefits for the community.

7. Call for Detailed Planning: Respondents call for a more comprehensive plan, considering the specific needs of different areas, including the challenges posed by the presence of St. Boniface Hospital, and a thorough assessment of the impact on parking.

Conclusion:

The responses from the survey suggest strong opposition to the Moving on Marion Project, particularly due to concerns about the anticipated negative impact on businesses, especially those relying heavily on street parking. Many participants express worries about potential declines in sales and customer accessibility if parking spots are reduced. Concerns are also raised about the impact on specific businesses, such as healthcare services, during snow removal and drop-off scenarios.

Participants propose alternative solutions, like relocating the bike lane and maintaining effective snow clearing and parking enforcement. There are strong sentiments against the reduction of parking and the creation of a bike lane on Marion Street, with concerns about traffic congestion, safety, and the overall success of the community. Businesses emphasize that the proposed changes may not contribute positively to the vitality of the area.

Considering the significant opposition and concerns raised, careful reconsideration and community engagement are recommended before proceeding with the Complete Streets project.