

Summary of Input Received at Drop-In Meeting

A drop-in meeting was held on April 2, 2015 to introduce the Country Club Road Corridor Study to the public and to solicit input on improvements to Country Club Road. Opportunities to provide input were offered through several avenues, including marking maps, completing comment forms, a visual preference survey, and responding online through a WikiMap application. It is estimated that over 100 people participated in the meeting, but only 83 people signed the sign-in sheet. Of those that filled out a comment form at the meeting, 83% say they live along or near Country Club Road.

The following summarizes the input that was received.

Major Themes/Areas of Greatest Interest

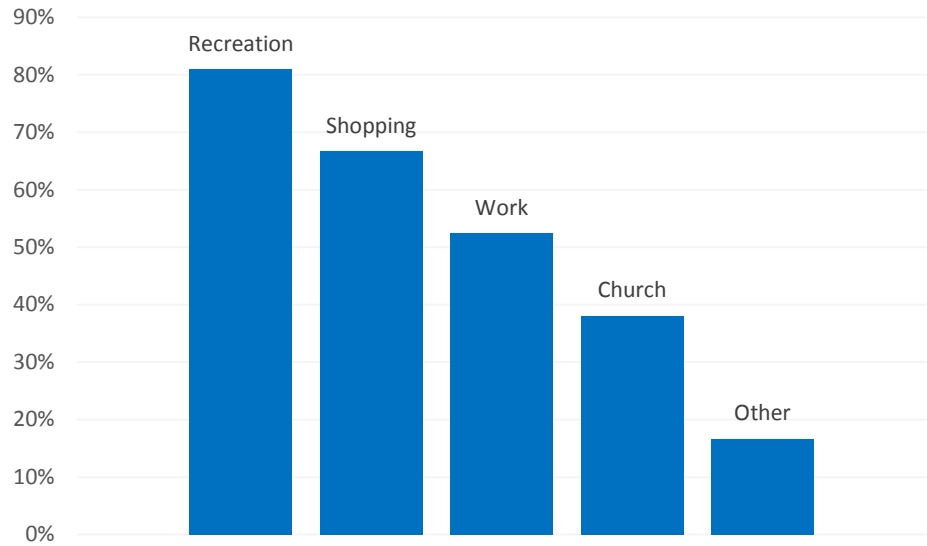
Through review of all input received, the following major themes or areas of greatest interest emerged:

- Existing road is narrow with no shoulders.
- Bicycle and pedestrian safety concerns due to narrow lanes, lack of shoulders, high vehicle speeds, and geometry of road.
- Interest in recreation along the corridor, including bicycling, running, and walking.
- Due to the corridor's close proximity to recreational facilities, shopping areas, and work locations, Country Club Road is a key corridor to reach important destinations.
- Preserve the existing scenic, rural, and attractive character of the corridor.

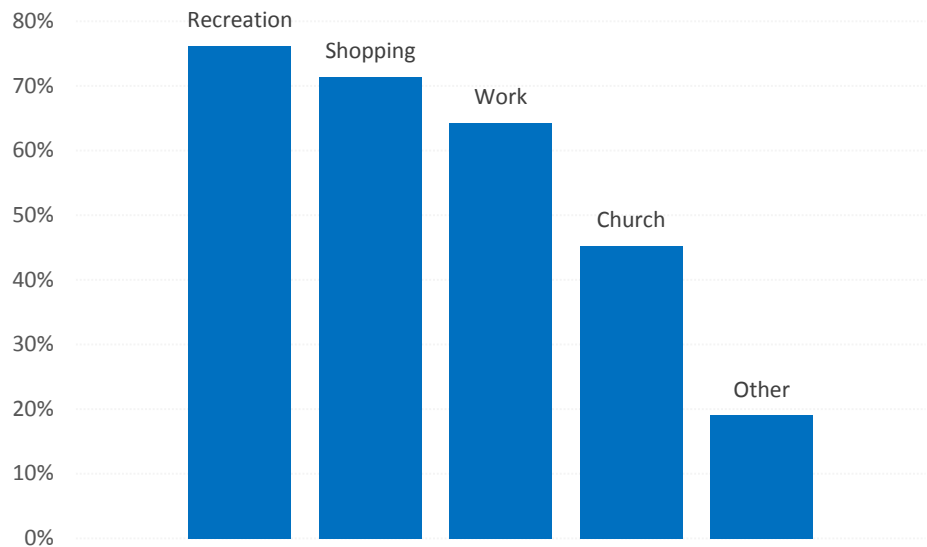
Comment Form Responses

Comment forms were received from 42 participants at the drop-in meeting. The comment form consisted of several questions, including multiple choice and open-ended questions. Responses to each of these questions are summarized below.

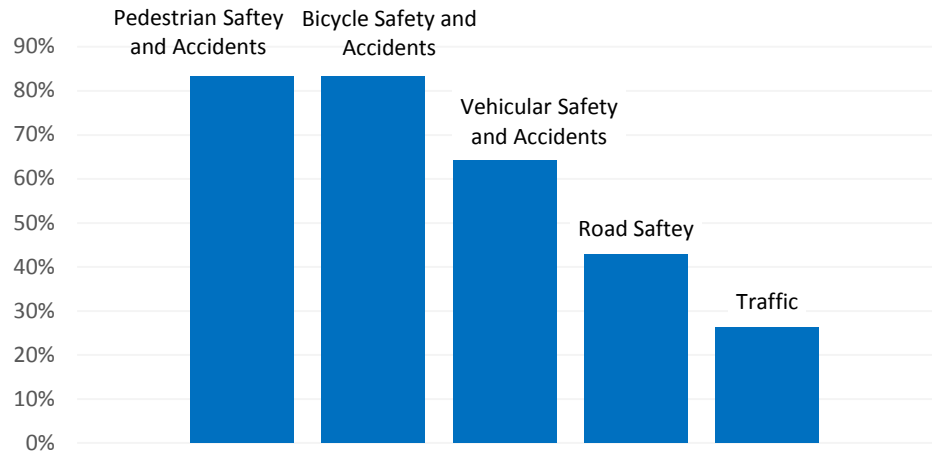
- I use Country Club Road to reach these destinations along Country Club Road:



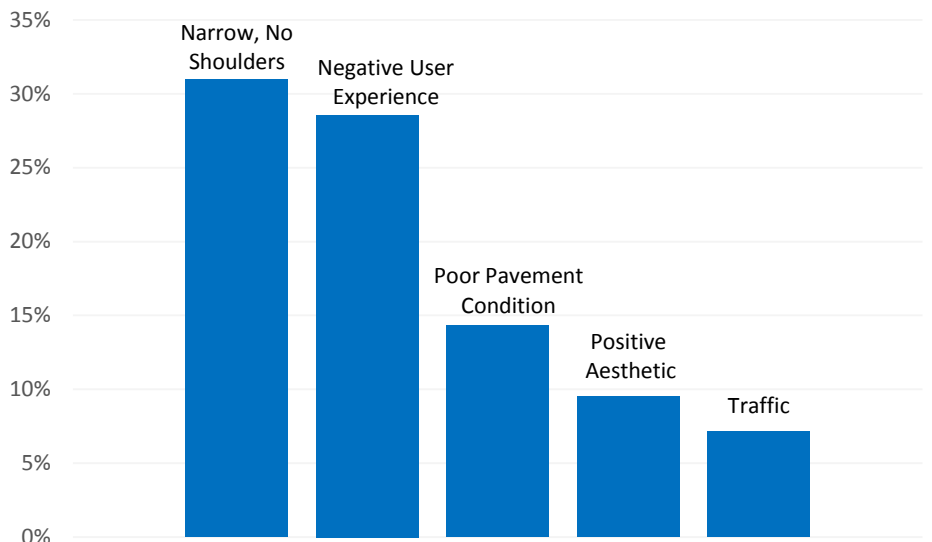
- I use Country Club Road to reach these destinations in other parts of Spartanburg:



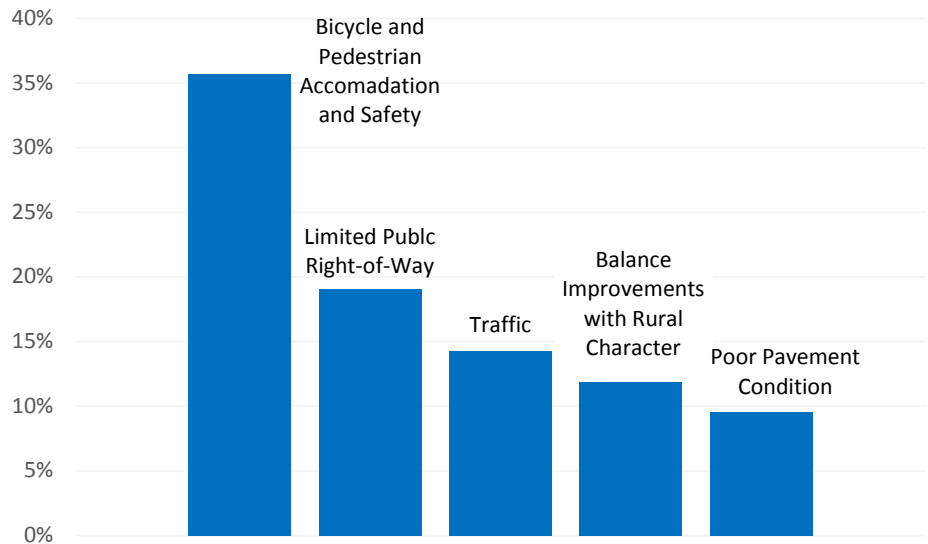
- With regard to Country Club Road, I am concerned about:



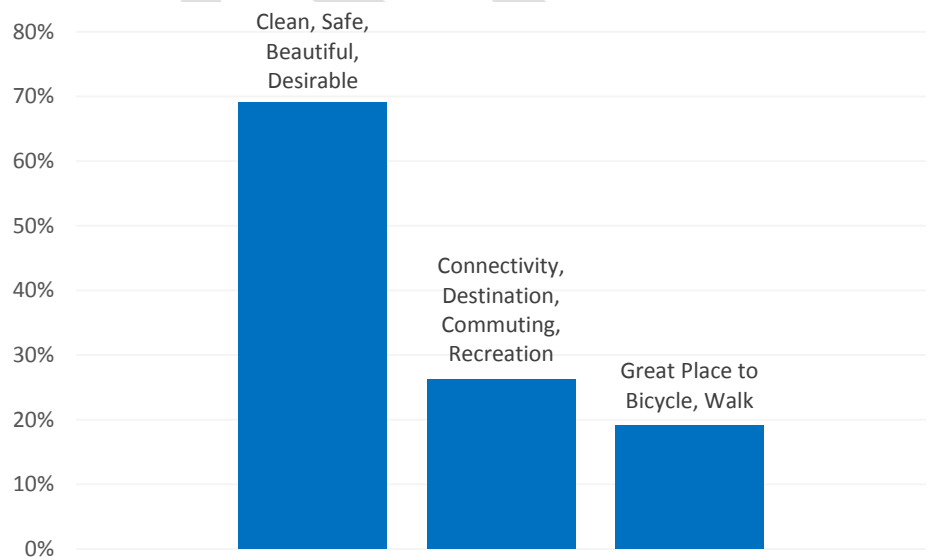
- How would you describe Country Club Road as it is today?



- From your perspective, what is the single greatest challenge facing County Club Road?



- When hearing "Country Club Road," what do you wish would be people's first thought?



Visual Preference Survey

The visual preference survey entailed a slideshow of 32 photos showing a variety of corridor design alternatives. Participants were asked to indicate their preference by circling “like” or “don’t like” for each image. While this exercise is not definitive, it does provide some understanding of participants’ desires for Country Club Road. Thirty-three (33) surveys were received.

- The highest positive ratings came for three photos of separated, multi-use paths. These photos received between 82% and 85% positive ratings.



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- The next tier of positive ratings came for photos of designated bike lanes. These two photos received between 70% and 73% positive rating.



- The lowest rated photo was a two-lane roadway with no shoulders, rolled curb, frequent driveways, and overhead power. This photo received a 6% positive rating.



Mapping Comments

Participants were offered the opportunity to document their comments geographically by adding notes and markings to printed aerial photos. These comments have been compiled and are included online as an independent “open house” WikiMap. The map can be accessed online at the link provided below.

http://wikimapping.com/wikimap/CCR_OpenHouse_Comments.html

Generally, the mapping comments focused on the following:

- Routes I like to walk/bike today.
- Places I’d like to walk/bike (i.e., Glendale Shoals, Mary Black Rail Trail).
- Unsafe intersection configurations.
- Lack of crosswalks.
- Lack of sidewalks.
- Roadway geometry concerns (e.g., blind curves, poor sight lines, built structures in close proximity).
- High vehicular speeds.
- Need for lighting.