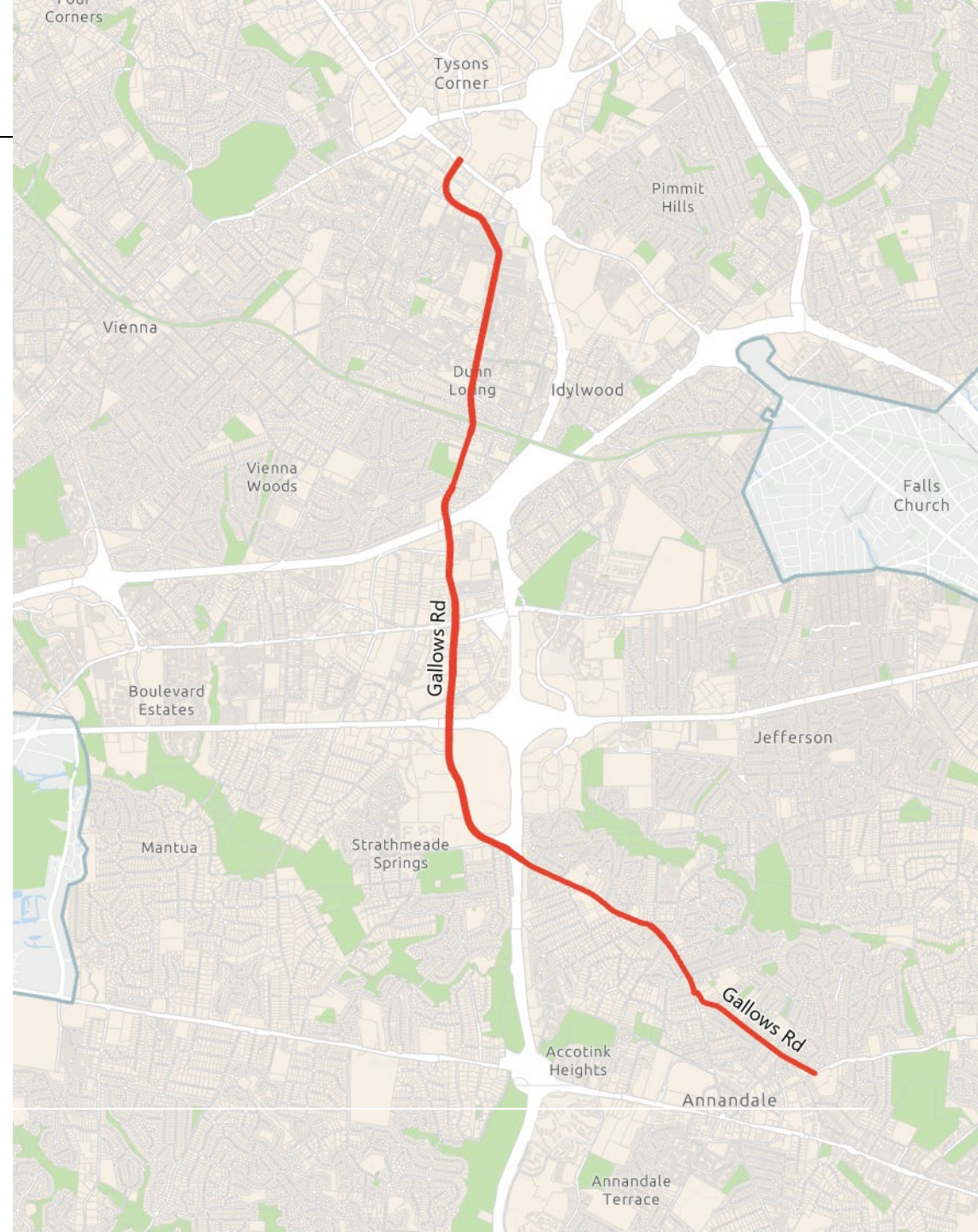


County of Fairfax, Virginia

Gallows Road Multimodal Transportation Study

Outreach Summary

Comments Received Through October 2023





Public Outreach Overview

- Held two public meetings in September 2023:
 - Virtual meeting on September 19th, 2023
 - In-person meeting on September 20th, 2023
- 1st Round of Public Meetings addressed:
 - Background and purpose
 - Vision Statement
 - Overview of Existing Conditions
 - Next steps
 - Comment and Questions
 - Discussion of Boards Q&A (only on the in-person meeting)
- Various community members submitted feedback through:
 - Completing a survey on how residents experience travel through Gallows Road
 - Submitting comments on the project website and via email



Public Feedback

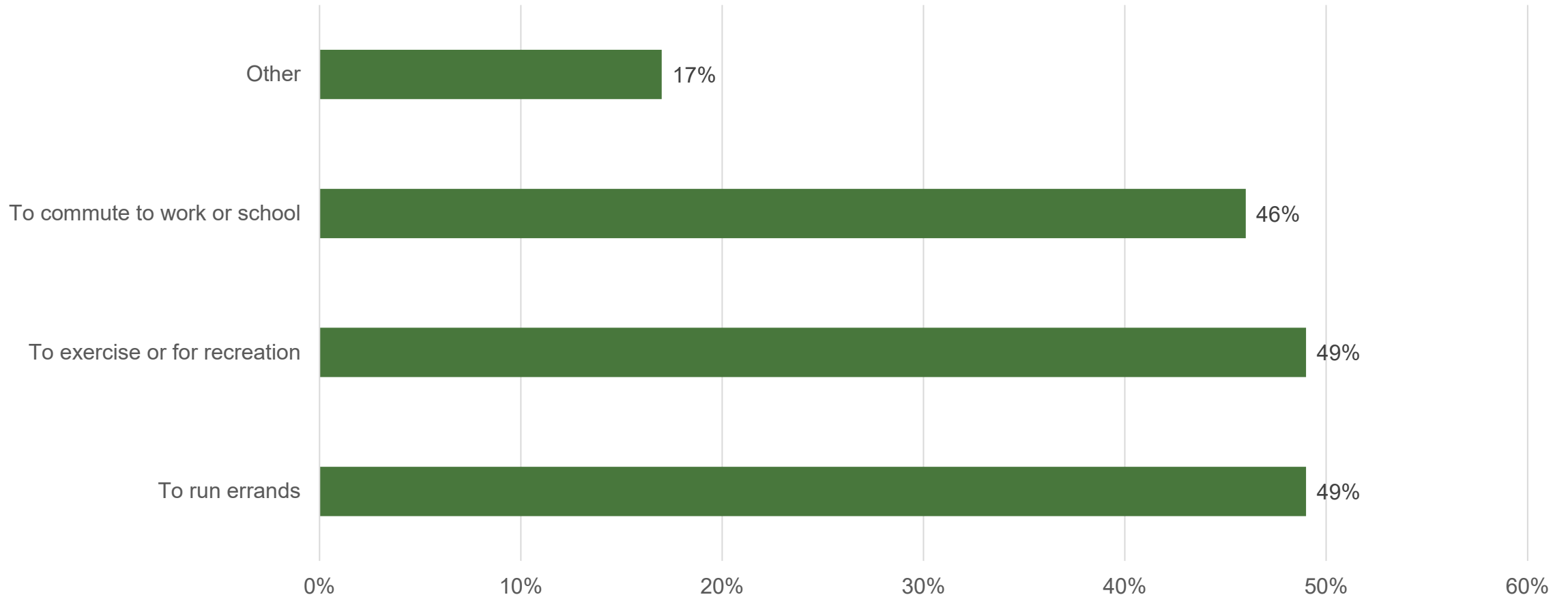
- Comments and survey responses were taken through October 11, 2023.
- Public comments and questions came from:
 - **27 community members** submitted comments through email and the [project website](#)
 - **50 community members** took part in the survey
 - **40 attendees** logged onto the [virtual public meeting](#) on September 19th
 - **16 attendees** attended the in-person meeting on September 20th



SURVEY RESULTS



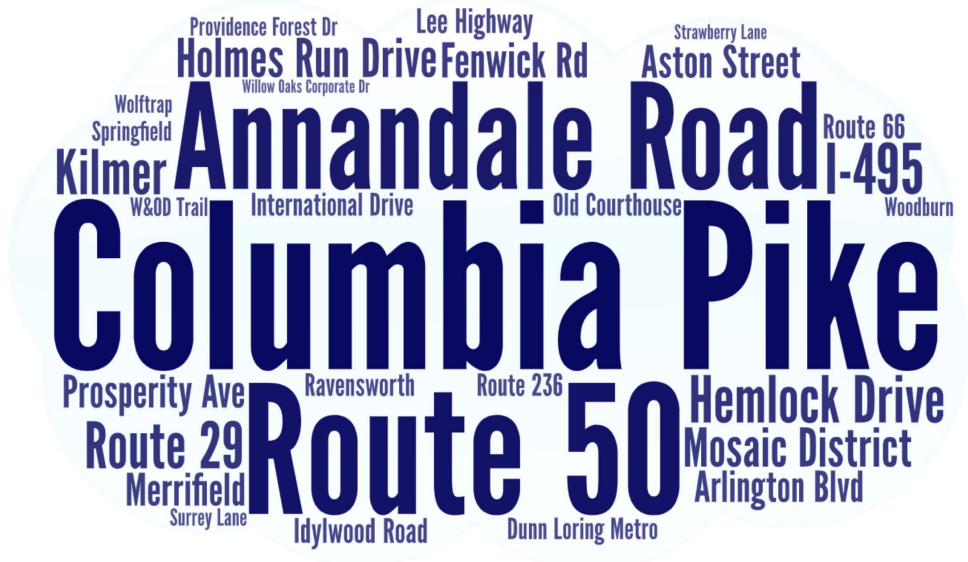
Tell us about your primary reason for your trips where you use Gallows Road.



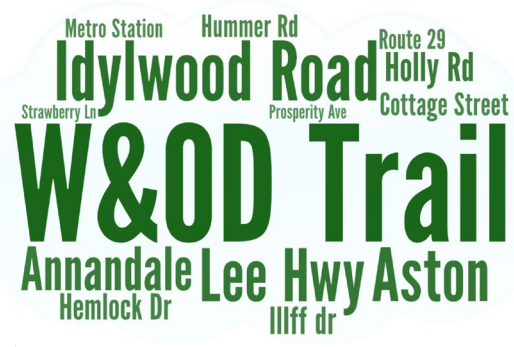


Where do you travel from/to along Gallows Road? If possible, please include street names (e.g., Columbia Pike to Eskridge Drive) versus towns (e.g., Annandale to Falls Church). If your travel includes crossing Gallows Road, please include the name of the intersection/cross street.

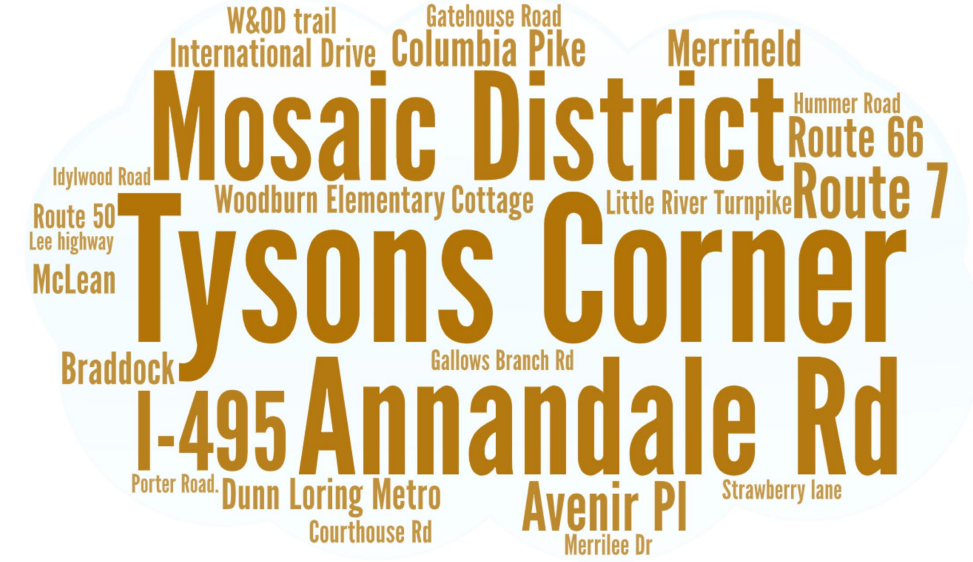
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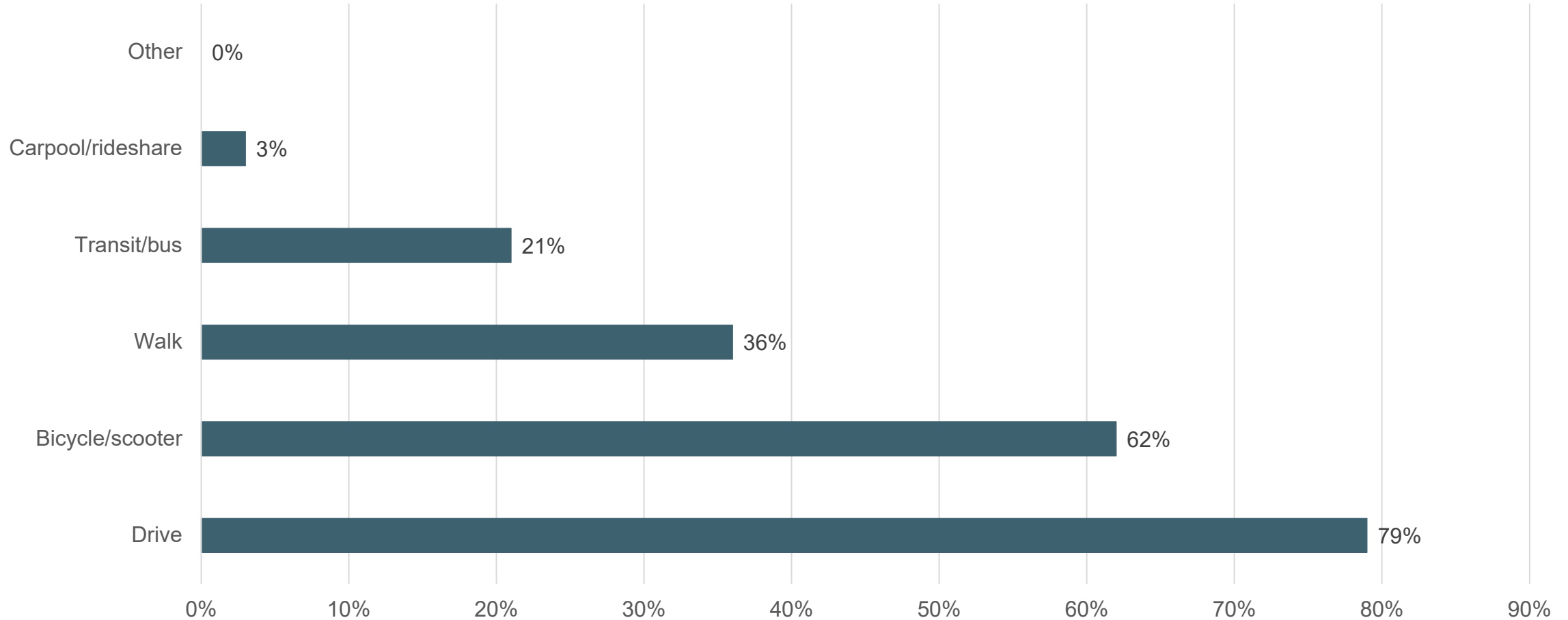


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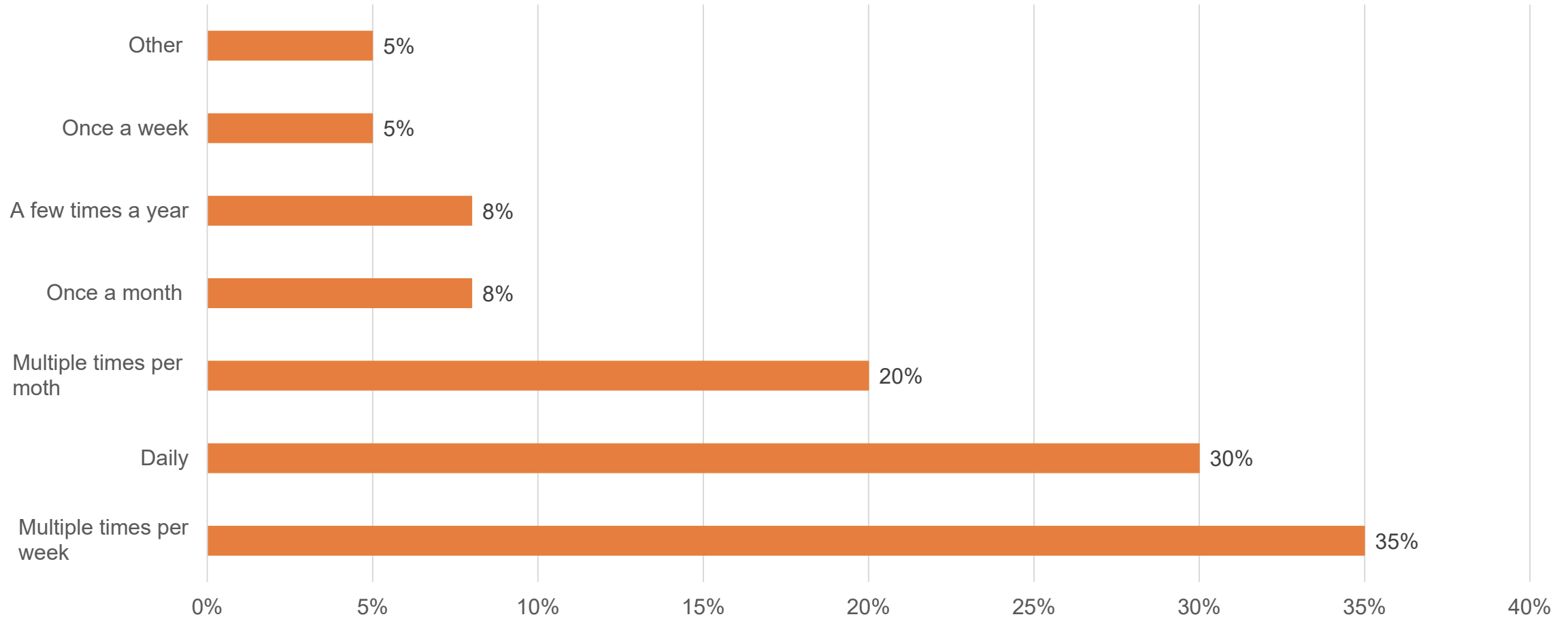


What mode of transportation do you use when traveling Gallows Road?



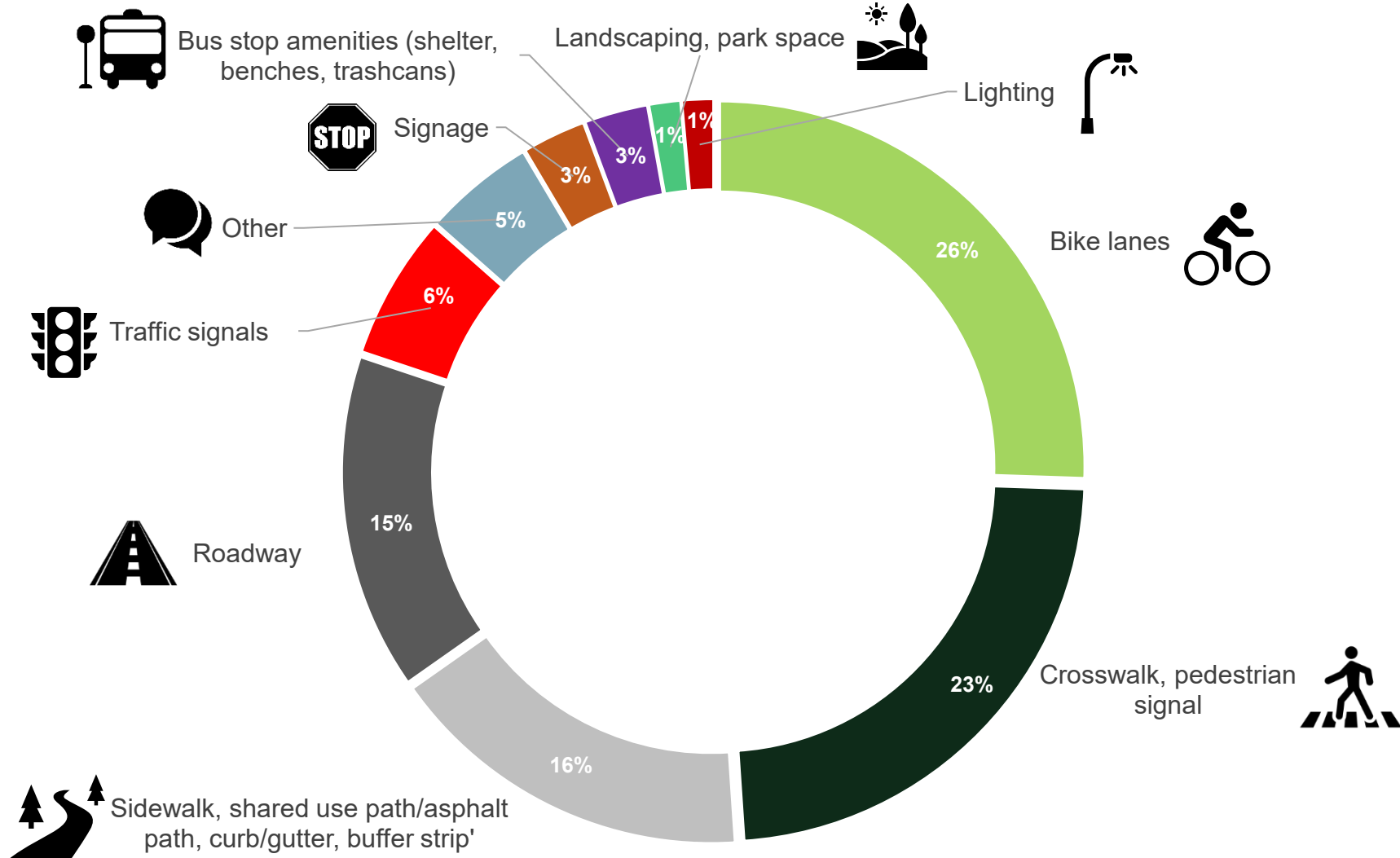


How frequently do you take this trip?





Please tell us any transportation improvements you'd like to see along Gallows Road

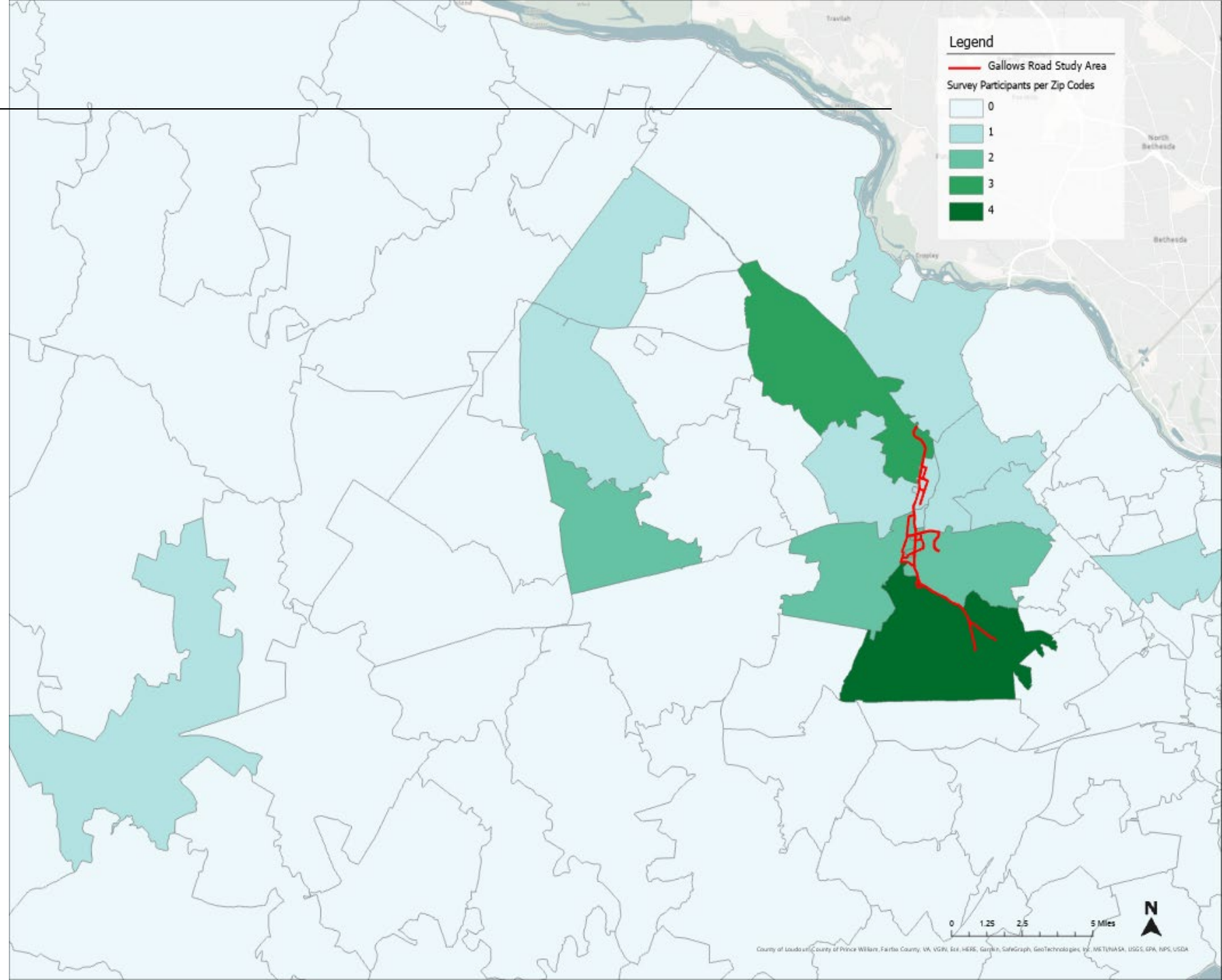


*The 'other' category includes comments about road names, route connectivity, historic preservation, and visibility.





So that we can assess equity and participation in the Gallows Road Multimodal Study responses, tell us the closest cross street to where you live.





Feedback from Comments

Topic	Feedback
Bike Lanes	"Need protected bike lanes or a high-quality shared-use path all along Gallows. I would love to frequent the businesses near the Dunn Loring Metro but getting there on a bike from the W&OD is fraught!"
Crosswalk/Pedestrian Signal	"This intersection needs to be safer for people to cross. Reducing the turning radii and providing more space for pedestrians to wait at corners, reducing the crossing distance, and providing pedestrian refuge could help."
Sidewalk, shared use path/asphalt path, curb/gutter, buffer strip'	"The missing sidewalk from Thorton to nearly Columbia Pike is very frustrating, people living on this side cannot walk to the grocery store and shopping center without having to walk in the grass or in the bike or travel lane. The parking is rarely used and could be maintained on one side of the street."
Roadway	"This intersection is way too large to be near a school. Please consider curb extensions or a refuge islands to make this safer."
Traffic Signal	"Better coordination of southbound signals between 29 and Strawberry Lane should be addressed. Frequently the Strawberry Lane signal turns red just after southbound Gallows at 29 had gotten a green signal."
Signage	"Better school zone signage needed on Gallows approaching Stenwood Elementary."
Bus Stop Amenities	"Consider having the southbound 402 stop for the Dunn Loring station on Gallows Road rather than in the bus loading bays. This would be no less convenient for transferring passengers and could save up to five minutes on bus running time."
Landscaping/Park Space	"The trees on the northbound side of Gallows are overgrown and make it near impossible to ride a bike on the shared path on that side. I have to cross over and use the trail on the left side, which feels unsafe (especially with how fast bikes come down that hill!)"
Lighting	"Lighting on new Gallows Bridge is unsafe at night for pedestrians."



SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL COMMENTS



Major Areas of Concern from Additional Written Comments



Source: stock.adobe.com

Safety

21%

Driving Concerns

11%



Source: rearviewsafety.com

Intersections

14%



Source: smartcitiesconnect.org

Pedestrian/Bicycle Infrastructure

34%



Source: newyorker.com

Multimodal Facilities

20%



Source: pirg.org

*Written comments from online and in-person meetings, survey questions, and comments submitted on the website and via email, (71 total) were assigned comment codes to identify major areas of concern.



Feedback from Additional Written Comments

Topic	Feedback
Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "I'd like to get across 495, but it's too difficult/dangerous, so I mostly stick to the neighborhoods and routes to the west."• "I'd cycle more if I felt safer around motor vehicles- lower speed limits, traffic calming infrastructure."• "Safety around the W&OD trail and calming "cut through" traffic."• "I vote for the "No speed bumps" as it would increase traffic with the many school busses that pass by. Along with my Granny has osteoporosis who would become much more fragile with these speed bumps."• "Thanks for doing the study. One suggestion, if possible, please plant more trees."• "School drop off and pick up, medical care, daycare drop off and pickup, to get to the metro, to get to the grocery store, to go to the park, to get to Vienna for shopping, to get home. I have driven Gallows many times at many different times of the day and week, walked it, taken the bus From Dunn Loring Metro south, I do not feel comfortable biking it, but I would absolutely go to on a consistent shared use path or separated bike trail. Right now when I have to bike near Mosaic I take Eskridge and am very thankful for those buffered lanes. Would love them to be protected!"



Feedback from Additional Written Comments

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Multimodal Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Interstate 495 has prevented bicyclists and pedestrians from the Mason and Providence Districts from accessing libraries, recreation centers, mental health services, businesses, trails, schools and INOVA Fairfax Hospital. The multimodal crossings over I-495 are critical steps in completing the long-planned Arlington Boulevard Trail – Capital Trails Coalition.”• A member of the public voiced concerns about the interactions between buses and cyclists and inquired whether the County has explored innovative solutions to address this matter, such as implementing bus boarding islands in future corridor designs.• “I have had meetings in Tysons and Merrifield areas; I do not own a car so I rely entirely on public transit (typically Metro) and my bicycle. I have used the varied bicycle facilities pretty much the entire corridor at one point or another to get to either the commercial nodes (Tysons, Merrifield, Dunn Loring) or the keystone trails (W&OD Trail, Gerry Connolly Cross County Trail).”• “I live in Tysons, and I use Gallows Road several times a week on bike to access the W&OD trail or Mosaic District. I also drive on Gallows Road roughly once or twice a week, usually to access Mosaic District or as an alternative to 495 when traffic is bad.”



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Driving Concerns	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “In justification of bike lanes on Annandale Road, I heard represented that traffic speed reduces when bike lanes are installed. Generally, I have not found that to be the case on Annandale Road. What speed enforcement do authorities propose for Gallows Road before, during and after proposed improvements?”• “When I audited morning rush hour yesterday – from a distance and without a vest – driver compliance at the Woodburn Elementary RRFB was worse than in April. Drivers – including turning drivers queued on Aston Street – entered the intersection in front of approaching pedestrians. A bystander interceded during one of these incidents, stopping traffic in order to aid a Woodburn family approaching the school.”• “The 25 mph on both Gatehouse & Telstar is regularly exceeded. Recommend conducting counts and monitoring speeds on both streets.”• A community member raised the question of whether the county promotes the use of speed cameras for enforcing speed limits.



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Pedestrian/Bicycle Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "I agree that the RRFB at the Woodburn School crossing is helpful but does little to drivers who regularly speed through that area of Gallows. Has anything been discussed regarding that crosswalk?"• "I would support and recommend the construction of a pedestrian crosswalk connecting all sides of Lee Highway at Nutley Street to make it accessible to all pedestrian and cyclists."• "Please build safe, vertically separated bike lanes on Gallows Road. Please prioritize a Gallows Road bike facility to add connections with four east-west multimodal trails and provide safe bicycling to Mosaic, Dunn Loring Metro, Tysons, INOVA, and Annandale. I would bicycle to locations on the opposite side of I-495 if there were safe crossings (to the recreation center, shopping, or trail systems)."• "I rarely ride along Gallows now because of the poor bicycle infrastructure, but if it were improved, I could bicycle to Tyson's Corner Center and the Mosaic District (Eskridge Rd)."



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Intersections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “Have you given any consideration in reducing the time it takes to get pedestrians/bike signals to cross Gallows Road on the W&OD?”• “Other than rush hour, the corridor runs relatively smoothly. Four areas should be addressed: a traffic light at Stanwood School, synchronize the signals at intersections, and figure out some way to avoid the first light at the Dunn Loring metro from being such a bottleneck.”• “Did the walk audit identify opportunities for curb extensions (reducing turning radii and crossing distances), center-line hardening, or LPIs (or other ped signal phasing improvements?”• “What is being done to improve the entrance, especially at the existing Luther Jackson and Stanwood schools? The latter exhibits notable traffic problems.”• “Can you prohibit right on red in this corridor?”