

| Newton Highlands Village Enhancements Project Public Meeting Survey Response | | | | | | | | |
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| <i>Did you attend the Public Meeting #1 on June 7th, 2022?</i> | <i>What brings you to the event?</i> | <i>How often do you come to Newton Highlands village center? (check one)</i> | <i>How do you get to Newton Highlands village center? (check all that apply)</i> | <i>How would you like to get to Newton Highlands village center? (check all that apply)</i> | <i>What do you do while you are in the village center? (check all that apply)</i> | <i>What is the Village Center's most distinctive character?</i> | <i>What is your first priority in improving the village center?</i> | <i>What types of events would you like to see in future public engagement(s)?</i> |
| Yes | Concern for bike path replacing parking spaces | Daily | Car | Car | Eat, Run rerrands, Work | It's charm and unique businesses. | Making it a vibrant community for people to shop and explore the businesses. | We/us loved participating in the Halloween window painting and trick or treat events and look forward to village day. |
| Yes | Provide my inputs/priorities for Newton Highlands | At least once a week | Bike, Walk, Car | Bike, Walk, Car | Eat, Shop, Walk, Meet people, Run rerrands, Community gathering, Events | Restaurants, village non-city walkable feel | Improve bike availability (Protected bike lanes!!!) Walkable and disabilities access. | Walkable tours, bike tours, events during the start/end the school year to engage the kids. |
| Yes | I want to see what potential changes might occur in the highlands | Daily | Walk, Car | Walk, Car | Eat, Shop, Walk, Meet people, Run rerrands | The nice old buildings, local shops. | Making sure traffic is not restricted. The parking should remain as is. I would love to see speed bumps on floral street. | |
| Yes | City Councilor | Daily | Bike, Car | Bike | Eat, Shop, Walk, Meet people, Run rerrands, Community gathering, Events | Hyde Center | Re-evaluate bus users | |
| Yes | N/A | Daily | Walk | Bike, Walk | Eat, Shop, Walk, Run rerrands, exercise | Village without cellphone stores or bank buildings. | Loss turnover at closed retail storefronts. | N/A |
| Yes | N.H. Business owner | Daily | Walk, Car | Walk, Car | Eat, Shop, Walk, Walk | The business and community. | Not eliminating parking spaces. | N/A |

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| Yes | I am transportation person, I live close to Highlands VC | At least once a week | Walk, Car | Walk, Car | Eat, Shop, Walk, Meet people, People watch, Run rerrands, Community gathering, Events | Fountain | Fountain | Walk around neighborhood |
| Yes | Interest as community member | Daily | Walk | Walk | Eat, Shop, Walk, Run rerrands | Small town feel | Improved circulation and esthetics, more restaurants | Charrettes are good |
| Yes | Interest | Daily | Walk | Walk | Shop, Walk, Meet people, Run rerrands, Church, Events | Walkable, good restaurants | Safety | N/A |
| Yes | I go through the village | At least once a week | Bus, Bike, Walk | Bus, Bike, Walk | Eat, Shop, Walk, Events | It feels like a piece of Newton history and its a beautiful place to shop. | Bike infrastructure | I enjoy village day, maybe more events like that. |
| Yes | Mom | Daily | Bus, Walk, Car | Walk | Eat, Shop, Walk, Events | The good food. | I would want more places to sit outside. | N/A |
| Yes | I go to and through the Village | Daily | MBTA, Bus, Bike, Walk, Car | MBTA, Bus, Bike, Walk, Car | Eat, Shop, Walk, Meet people, People watch, Run rerrands, Community gathering | It feels so welcoming and non-ostentatious. It reminds me of Paris with the store work, outdoor seating, and constant flow of pedestrian traffic. | 1. Making it more pedestrian friendly, reduce crossing distances, prohibits right turns of red. 2. Making it friendly for bikes on Walnut St. | N/A |
| Yes | Local resident | Daily | Walk, Car | Walk | Eat, Walk, Meet people, Run rerrands, Church, Community gathering, Events | N/A | Traffic calming + making the centers less dominated by cars + walkable lanes if traffic. | N/A |
| Yes | To know more about renovation projects and contribute with ideas. | Daily | Bike, Walk | Bike, Walk | Eat, Walk, Community gathering, Events, Playground with my kids | Walkable, playground (Hyde), Coffeeshop + Restaurant | Safe bicycle road, physically separated from cars | N/A |
| Yes | Employee of the dining car | Daily | Car | Bike, Car | Eat, Shop, Meet people, Run rerrands, Community gathering | Shops along Lincoln + Walnut, Hyde Center | Diversity of businesses and events | Block party, meet area businesses and leaders. |

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| Yes | Interested in the Newton Highlands Center: revitalization, enhancement community friendly, bike, walking improvements, and more stores to produce community needs - food/grocery stores, pharmacy. | Daily | Bike, Walk, Car | Bike, Walk | Eat, Shop, Walk, Run rerrands, Community gathering | Close proximity and walking from homes in the Newton, highlands area. Community center, historical nostalgic restaurants. | Would like Newton Hlds to have more Shops to serve community needs, grocery/produce store, pharmacy since its in walking distance for many needs to be biking, walking friendly. | Community events: culturally, politically would like socially informative about community civic engagement. Top community : community friendly, stores walking, biking, social/political engagement/ friendly locally owned coffee shop to meet people. |
| Yes | Transportation concerns through Newton Highlands for Bikes and connecting bus services | At least once a week | MBTA, Bus, Bike | MBTA, Bus, Bike | Bike to upper falls greenway and Needham st shops, connect to Green Line MBTA | Pedestrian friendly shops | -Improved bike lanes and connection to Upper falls Greenway safely! -Improved more frequent bus connection to Green line MBTA | N/A |
| Yes | N/A | At least once per month | Walk | Walk | Walk | It's shops | N/A | N/A |
| Yes | Love for Newton Highlands | Daily | Walk | Walk | Eat, Shop | Village feel. Newton Highlands T | More community feeling | -More outdoor dining -More trees along Lincoln -Brigham house into community resource |
| Yes | Union | At least once a week | Bike, Walk, Car | Bike, Walk, Car | Eat, Walk, Run rerrands, In route to Hyde playground | Scale + local businesses | Not sure, like it a lot already. More humanity MF | N/A |
| Yes | Long term resident. Trustee of 173 Lincoln st home for working disabled young + women | Daily | Bike, Walk, Car | Bike, Walk, Car | Eat, Shop, Walk, Meet people, Run rerrands, Community gathering, Events | Water fountain + Hyde gardens with benches | Better lighting (pedestrian level, charming sidewalk lights), can see sidewalk under tree canopy, more seating to enjoy full length of center | Farmers market! |

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| Yes | Interest in neighborhood | At least once a week | Walk | Walk | Eat, Shop, Walk, Community gathering | Hyde center & Playground | Improving access | Outdoor events |
| Yes | Love living in the Highlands and am very happy to contribute my ideas for an enhanced village center. | At least once a week | Walk | Walk | Eat, Run rerrands, Community gathering, Events | "Local flowers"- Walkable streets | Need better sidewalks and more affordable shops. Less banks | Something like there that encourages local input into the planning. I would appreciate a follow-up to this preliminary event when more details are flushed out, Thank you! |
| Yes | Learn options | Daily | MBTA, Bike, Walk, Car | MBTA, Bike, Walk, Car | Eat, Meet people, Run rerrands, Community gathering, Events | Neighborhood center | More diverse businesses & merchants | Specifics about what is really feasible- not pie in sky wish list like this event |
| Yes | To help plan my neighborhood | At least once a week | Bike, Walk, Car | Bike, Walk, Car | Eat, Shop, Walk, Run rerrands, Events | Love that there are numerous meeting places. Hyde Center, Woman's club, Brigham house, congregation church | Visual appeal, user friendly for walkers, bicyclers, drivers | Continued Hyde movies, plays, village day, etc. |
| Yes | Info | | Walk, Car | Walk | Eat, Walk | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Yes | Concern/ interest inn proposed changes/improvements | At least once a week | Walk | Walk | Shop, Walk, Run rerrands | The Steven's buildings, local stores, community service + local events | More trees, also suggest painting a mural on exposed wall by small parking lot at walnut & Floral streets (by Orchid Cleaners) | N/A |
| Yes | Live in neighborhood | Daily | Walk | Walk | Eat, Shop, Run rerrands, Events | Enduring mix of restaurants, retail, salons within village center. | Improving green space, burying power/electrical to beautify Lincoln St., improving gathering spaces | Festivals, concerts |
| Yes | I have lived here since 1980. | Daily | Walk | Walk | Eat, Shop, Run rerrands | The bend in the road- Lincoln st. meets walnut | More places to sit | |

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| Yes | I live in the neighborhood | Daily | Walk | Walk | Eat, Shop, Walk, Run rerrands, School | I love the community feeling, cultural/performative events | More opportunities for shows, events, restaurants | N/A |
| Yes | N/A | At least once a week | Walk, Car | Walk, Car | Eat, Shop, Meet people, Run rerrands, Events | Hyde community center bandstand | Safety for walking, biking & cars - In that order | |
| Yes | I'm concerned as a small business owner about losing parking spaces. I'm all for improvements (seating areas, art, greenary) but removing parking spaces for bike lanes would be devastating for the businesses. I decided not to have seating in a parking space for that reason. Everyday I get input from my customers that parking is difficult. | Daily | Car | Car | Eat | Small businesses | Bringing up to 2022 Standards improving it aesthetically but maintain parking. Also seating, benches and tables would be great. | Anything interactive |
| Yes | I own a restaurant, Grape leaf and Lincoln St. | Daily | Car | Car | Eat, Shop, Walk, Meet people, People watch, Events, Work | Stephens buildings and officer English square | Lights & flowers | Concerts, parades |
| | Streetscape | Daily | MBTA, Bike, Walk, Car | MBTA, Bus, Bike, Walk, Car | Eat, Shop, Walk, Meet people, Run rerrands, Events | Historical streetscape and 1 remaining trolley pole | Remove overhead unities | Ongoing events at Hyde, village day, etc |
| Yes | Certain improvement issues that need addressing and wanted to bring city's attention to it | Daily | Walk | | Eat, Walk, Meet people, Events | Its custom feel, as a big draw | The infrastructure & the community feel needs a big revamp. | More open houses where residents can get together, bring to light improvement opportunities and align on next steps. |
| Yes | Concern over changes | At least once a week | Walk, Car | Walk, Car | Shop, Bank | Scale, selection of shrubs | Bury or move the wires, retain the selection of shops. | Any |

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| Yes | Interest in preserving village | At least once per month | Walk | Walk | Shop, Walk, Run errands, Events | Stevens building, other old buildings on Lincoln St | Maintain pedestrian access | N/A |
| Yes | | Daily | Walk | Bike, Walk | Eat, Shop, Walk, Meet people, Run errands, Events | It is small and intimate | Bike | N/A |

ENVISION RESULTS

TOTAL: *17 participants*

TOTAL # of comments **57**

| | <i>#</i> | <i>quantity</i> | <i>percentage</i> |
|------------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| ACCESS + SAFETY | | 28 | 49.12% |
| <i>road safety</i> | | | |
| 1 | Slow speeds, narrow, roundabouts? U-turn at Lincoln + Hartford is safety issue | 1 | |
| 18 | Many people do/dangerous u-turns here to get parking spots. People speed down this street. It is dangerous. There is a day care & children in this area. People are always flipping into this private drive to u-turn to get parkings. | 3 | |
| 17 | We need traffic regulations on Centre street. Heavy vehicles not allowed between say 6pm-8am. Big heavy Commercial vehicles are increasing, which poses a security and well being concerns. | 1 | |
| 20 | Improve vehicular flow at Lincoln/ walnut, feels narrow | 1 | |
| 9 | New merge at north side of fountain | 1 | |
| <i>pedestrian</i> | | | |
| 4 | Bump outs at all crosswalks on Lincoln to past the playground with bike lane through bump out | 4 | |
| 13 | Reducing crossing distance at all crosswalks on Lincoln + Hartford, add street lights at Lincoln Hartford | 3 | |
| 24 | for walking + biking | 3 | |
| 11 | Safe access route for pedestrians and bikers from the village center to the playground located right after the bridge | 1 | |
| 19 | Fix ramp at corner of Lincoln/Walnut, at Arthur English garden curb at T station of Walnut, with crosswalk | 1 | |
| 16 | long wait at pedestrian crossing | 1 | |
| <i>bicycle</i> | | | |
| 11 | Safe bike roads, physically separated from cars | 1 | |
| 21 | Safe bicycle access to upper falls Greenway (Bidirectional Floal st) | 2 | |

13 Make the Lincoln-Walnut intersection work better for pedestrians and cyclists. no turns on red, add bike facility, perpendicular crosswalk on the south side. This is critical access point for the T and bike connection to the Needham St Corridor 1

improved pavement

1 Smoother pavement 1
 3 Paving repair 1
 18 hard to bike on 1
 17 Centre street patch between Walnut & Bolyston was heavily dug making the street unfit for travel. Traffic on this creates noise pollution 1

STREET FURNISHING 3 5.26%

1 Bike parking 1
 9 Fountain: Pocket park seating 1
 24 Benches with arm to assist getting up 1

STREET AMENITIES/ PROGRAMS 2 3.51%

20 Wish sidewalks are wider 1
 24 Moveable furniture 1

OPEN SPACE/ GATHERING 3 5.26%

9 Fountain: Pocket. Seating 1
 13 Convert Lincoln/Hartford extra pavement to a plaza 1
 20 Improve seating for gather/dining 1

TREES/ PLANTING 14 24.56%

24 More street trees, storm water garden 6
 2 Need trees in areas where they have died or missing 4
 9 Fountain: Pocket park, landscaping 1
 17 Centre St patch between Walnut & Bolyston needs trees planting just like rest of the street. Currently this patch is all concrete and bald! 1
 18 I grow native plants here 1
 23 Lincoln st, Chester st. 1

OTHER 7 12.28%

lighting

2 Lighting in the dark area 3

parking

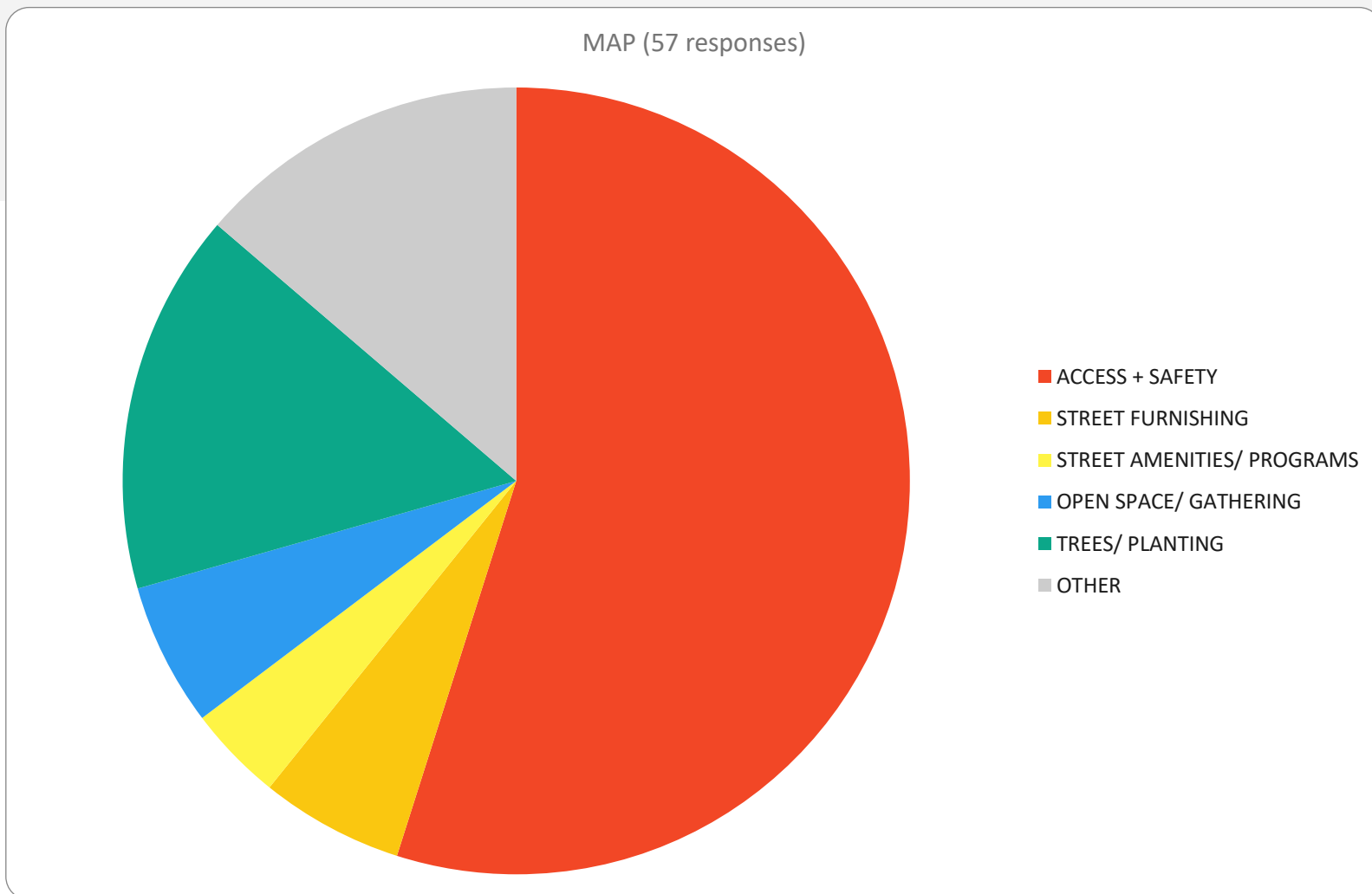
7 Parking as a merchant on Lincoln st, we are very concerned about losing parking spaces. There are not enough as it is now along Lincoln and Walnut St. 2

misc

11 Move electric lines undergrounds 1

5 Church bell should not ring all night. No one can sleep 1

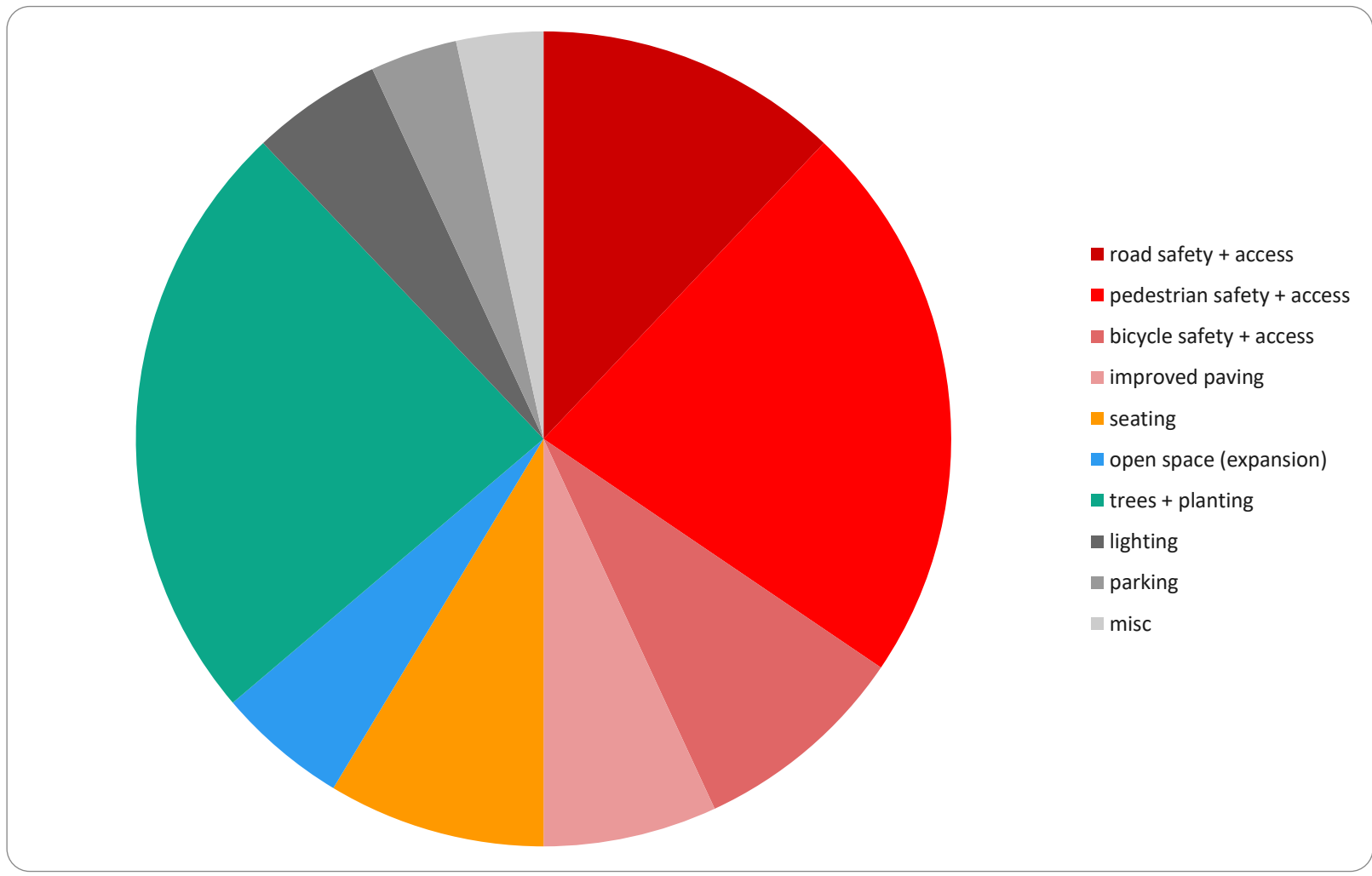
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| ACCESS + SAFETY | 28 |
| STREET FURNISHING | 3 |
| STREET AMENITIES/ PROGRAMS | 2 |
| OPEN SPACE/ GATHERING | 3 |
| TREES/ PLANTING | 8 |
| OTHER | 7 |



TOPIC

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| road safety + access | 7 |
| pedestrian safety + access | 13 |
| bicycle safety + access | 5 |
| improved paving | 4 |
| seating | 5 |
| open space (expansion) | 3 |

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| trees + planting | 14 |
| lighting | 3 |
| parking | 2 |
| misc | 2 |



NEWTON HIGHLANDS PROJECT MEETING PRECEDENTS RESULTS

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| | Sidewalks extensions: <u>Semi-permanent outdoor dining</u> (17), Public outdoor gathering spaces(6), Temporary outdoor dining(3), Food truck space(2, -1) |
| | Amenities/ programs: <u>Social seating clusters and Picnic tables</u> (3), Table games(0), Swings(-1) |
| | Flexible event space: <u>Outdoor performances/concerts</u> (10), farmers market(9), Fitness events & Movie nights(5) |
| | Amenities/ programs: <u>Outdoor festiviles</u> (3), Outdoor library(1), Outdoor games(0), Fitness stations(-4) |
| | Seating elements: <u>Bench with back & Seating incorporated with planting/planters</u> (13), moveable tables + chairs(7), Flexible seating (social/playful)(1) |
| | Bus shelter: <u>Bus shelter with solar panals (to power lights, charging stations, etc)</u> (6), Existing bus shelters (5,-2), Playful/interactive bus shelter(2,-1), Simple bus shelter (0) |
| | Bike amenities: <u>Single bike racks (similar to exisiting)</u> (8), Bike rack clusters(2,-2), Bike tool stations(-1), Covered bike storage(1,-5) |
| | Planter boxes: <u>Raised planting + seating edge</u> (12), Single planter box(4), Modular planter boxes & Modular planters with intergrated seating(2) |
| | Planter with intergrated seating: <u>Planting with seating edge</u> (8), Planting with seating edge + bench with back & Planting with playful bench(3), Planting with lounge seating(1,-3) |
| | Planting zones: <u>Continuous planted strips</u> (7), Planted bump outs/chicane(5,-1), Planted median(4,-1), Individual tree pits(2,-1), |
| | Trees: <u>Flowering trees</u> (9), Small trees/multi-stem(5), Large canopy trees(2), Medium trees(0) |
| | Shrubs+grasses: <u>Stormwater garden</u> (7), Native wildflower mix(4), Community garden & grasses(3) |
| | Accent lighting: <u>Integrated lighting with furishing</u> (9), Bollards(3), Intergrated lighting with planting(2,-2), Intergrated lighting with planting(1) |
| | Paving: <u>Brick (improve existing)</u> (10,-1), Concrete pavers & Playful pattern(1), Mix materials(delineate zones)(0) |
| | Sculptures/installations: <u>Sculptures/ inscriptions</u> (4), Murals (3), Interactive lighting (temporary) & Hanging installations(0,-1) |
| | Water features: <u>Fountains (enhance exisiting)</u> (7,-1), Interactive water jets(can be turned on/off)(6,-1), Cooling/mist stations(1), Shallow pool/sensory water features(1,-1) |
| | Plaza/ pocket park: <u>Shaded plaza with clustered seating+planting</u> (7), Shades plaza with loose seating(6), Clusters of seating+planting(5), Extended sidewalk and plaza with flexible programming(4), Plaza with flexible seating and programming(2), Open lawn+shade trees (1), Parklet(1,-1), Open plaza with moveable elements(-1) |
| | Road elements: <u>Protected/raised bike lane</u> (8,-1), Traffic calming design (bumpers, expanded; etc(7,-4), Safe/raised crosswalk(5), Shared surface/partial or fully raised road(1) |
| | Shared street: <u>Pedestrian dominant street</u> (8,-1), Shared space street(4,-1), Partial street closure(4,-3), Temporary street closure(1,-2) |