



Lake Oswego Pathways Project

Open House Round 1 Community Engagement Summary Summer 2024

Final as of September 18, 2024

Overview

The first round of open houses for the Lake Oswego Pathways Project were held at Lakeridge High School on July 29, 2024 and at the Lake Oswego Maintenance Center on August 1, 2024. The community was invited to attend and learn about design considerations and preliminary design options, for each of the proposed pathway segments along Meadowlark Lane, Tree Top Lane, Carman Drive, and Pilkington Road. The events were promoted via the City's website, social media, digital and print newsletters, a postcard mailed to project area residents, and direct emails to neighborhood associations and nearby schools.



Image 1: Attendees discuss the project at the July 29, 2024 event.

At the events, City and project staff were available to share information, answer questions and collect feedback. A project fact sheet and [Large display boards](#) showcased the project area map, project overview and timeline, as well as design considerations for each of the pathway segments. Community sentiment and input

on the preliminary design options and considerations will inform the preferred design recommendations.

Event Logistics



Image 2: Attendees signing-in at the July 29, 2024 event.

As attendees entered the open house event, they were greeted by project staff who explained the event's purpose and the different stations available throughout the room. To encourage two-way dialogue, attendees were asked to interact with staff at the various stations within the room and to fill out comment sheets to provide their feedback:

- **Project Overview Station:** Project staff greeted community members to provide a brief overview of the goals, history, and impact of the Pathways Program. The team also shared how to stay connected as design is advanced and construction begins in 2025.
- **Design Overview Station:** Design and technical project staff were available to address questions from community members about the preliminary design options and potential property impacts. Project staff were also able to share technical details with community members about design considerations and limitations. Participants were asked about their construction-related concerns

and recommendations for what the design team should be considering to mitigate construction impacts.

- **Feedback Station:** After having an opportunity to hear about the preliminary designs and asking questions, attendees were invited to fill out a comment sheet and share their feedback. The comment sheet asked attendees to provide answers to demographic questions and their feedback on the preliminary design options. Attendees were encouraged to submit written feedback via comment sheets and return them to project staff before leaving the event. Project staff also encouraged participants to share the [digital questionnaire](#) with their family, friends, and neighbors. Community members were informed that the digital survey would remain open until August 18, 2024.



Image 3: Attendees at the Design Overview Station at the July 29, 2024 event.

Engagement By the Numbers

First Round of Open Houses (July 29th and August 1st) and Digital Survey:

- **129** total participants
- **110** comment sheets returned (27 print, 83 digital surveys)
- **102** commenters are homeowners
- **47** commenters live near proposed pathways
- **3** commenters are renters

July 29, 2024: Meadowlark Lane / Tree Top Lane Open House:

- 21 total participants (including three school district reps)
- 18 participants signed in
- 15 comment sheets returned
- 15 commenters are homeowners
- 8 commenters live near proposed pathways
- **93%** of commenters strongly or somewhat agree that design concepts are safer for pedestrians and small mobility users compared to current conditions.
- **86%** of commenters strongly or somewhat agree that design concepts improve accessibility and mobility for all users compared to current conditions
- 7 commenters chose Concept 1: "Curb Out"
- 6 commenters chose Concept 2: "Curb In"

August 1, 2024: Carman Drive / Pilkington Road Open House:

- 24 total participants
- 17 participants signed in
- 11 comment sheets returned
- 7 commenters live near proposed pathways
- 10 commenters are homeowners
- **91%** of commenters strongly or somewhat agree that design concepts are safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and small mobility users compared to current conditions
- **100%** of commenters strongly or somewhat agree that design concepts improve accessibility and mobility for all users compared to current conditions.
- 4 commenters chose Concept 1: Adding new sidewalk while removing current on-street parking for vehicles. Less impact to trees.
- 0 commenters chose Concept 2: Adding new sidewalk while keeping on-street parking for vehicles. More impact to trees.

Digital Survey

- 83 total participants
- 77 commenters are homeowners
- 32 commenters live near proposed pathways
- 3 commenters are renters
- 14 commenters are Lake Oswego High School students
- **80%** of commenters strongly or somewhat agree that design concepts for Carman Drive / Pilkington are safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and small mobility users compared to current conditions

- **77%** of commenters strongly or somewhat agree that design concepts for Meadowlark / Treetop Lane are safer for pedestrians and small mobility users compared to current conditions
- **87%** of commenters strongly or somewhat agree that design concepts improve accessibility and mobility for all users compared to current conditions.
- **76%** of commenters chose Concept 1 for the north side of Pilkington Road.
- **67%** of commenters chose Concept 1 for Meadowlark Lane / Tree Top Lane.

What We Heard

Overall, open house attendees and digital survey respondents expressed support and excitement for the Pathways project. Residents and community members welcome new pedestrian facilities that improve safety and accessibility for all users. There was overall support for pedestrian-centered designs that improve neighborhood connections. One commenter shared, *"I've been j-walking for 16 years, it's so unsafe. I'm glad there will be a sidewalk."*

Residents living near the proposed pathway segments were interested in learning more about the project and how/when construction might impact them specifically. There were concerns and mixed sentiment shared about the loss of parking on Meadowlark Lane and Tree Top Lane in the final designs and how it may impact local traffic and students at nearby Lakeridge High School. One Participant noted, *"Due to the proximity to the high school and the parking constraints on campus, preserving parking on those streets is important!"* Many participants also vocalized the need for additional traffic calming improvements such as speed humps and additional crosswalks. Participants were excited for proposed sidewalks on Carman and Pilkington Road with one participant sharing, *"Summer of 2025 can't come soon enough."*



Image 4: Attendees engaging with each other and staff at the Aug. 1, 2024 event.

The following is a list of feedback highlights and notable questions heard through the digital survey and at interactive stations and in one-on-one conversations during the open house events.

Meadowlark Lane & Tree Top Lane

Feedback Highlights:

- Across all community members who submitted a comment card in-person or via the project website, **66% of commenters chose Concept 1** (curb out) and **35% of commenters chose Concept 2** (curb in) for Meadowlark Lane / Tree Top Lane. While at the in-person open house event, the split was more balanced, the digital survey responses showed a stronger preference for Concept 1.
- Concept 1 was favored by respondents living on both Meadowlark Lane and Tree Top Lane, with digital survey commenters explaining the reason for their choice includes, minimizing property impact, addressing safety concerns related to parked cars, preserving street parking where possible while enhancing pedestrian safety and preserving trees and landscaping.
- While fewer people prefer Concept 2, one digital survey respondent said, "Tons of Lakeridge students park along that street and it would force them to park higher up. I'm fine with you taking out my front yard to preserve street parking." Another said "Human safety is more important than trees."
- "Our trees are a defining characteristic of our city. I believe there is ample parking nearby."

- "A lot of students park on Meadowlark Lane / Tree Top Lane as they're the only streets in the area they're allowed to park on in addition to other vehicles. It gets very difficult to drive through especially on school days".
- "Parking on two sides of the street is dangerous. Employing a curb out method will improve safety".
- Employing a curb out method will save trees and existing landscaping
- Additional crosswalks are needed as existing conditions are unsafe
- Asks for adding speed humps along streets to be considered
- "Tons of Lakeridge students park along that street and it would force them to park higher up. I'm fine with you taking out my front yard to preserve street parking"
- The "Curb Out" option is preferred as it will reduce the overall cost and minimize impact on local residents. Also, less parking will make the street safer for students who walk and bike to school.
- "Many areas of Lake Oswego are impacted by homeowners not trimming back their shrubs and trees. This is especially dangerous on curves or corners."
- "Summer of 2023 I would walk my newborn on Lakeview Blvd, and it's so dangerous. Excited for improvements!"

Notable Questions:

- If the pathways are constructed only on one side of the street, is it fair that those houses bear the burden of the pathway?
- What happens to our mailboxes if pathways are installed?
- Do sidewalks improve home values?
- What is the school system doing to address parking deficits?
- What if the city enacted a no parking day?
- Will the existing driveways be replaced to match the new sidewalk?

Carman Drive & Pilkington Road

Feedback Highlights:

- Across all community members who submitted a comment card in-person or via the project website, there is a clear strong preference for Concept 1. **79% of commenters chose Concept 1** (adding new sidewalk while removing current on-street parking for vehicles) and **21% of commenters chose Concept 2** (adding new sidewalk while keeping on-street parking for vehicles) for the north side of Pilkington Road. Of those who favored Concept 2, many cited "preserving parking" as the main reason why they made their selection.
- Consider traffic calming measures for Carman Drive, including reducing vehicle traffic speed, adding a crosswalk at Carman and Waluga, adding

speed bumps or cushions, and adding signage to warn people of curves and driveways.

- Asks for additional sidewalks
- "Trees are very important to our environment and quality of life"
- Hearing of this project encouraged someone to buy a house along Carman Drive
- Vocalization of plenty of parking along Pilkington Road
- Asks for improvements adjacent to Pilkington Road on Jean Road connecting to Lakeridge Middle School
- "I have lived on or near Carman Dr since 1986. It is very dangerous for pedestrians. In spots with no shoulder on one side, I cross the street, but traffic has increased a lot. Thank you for doing this"
- "As you are working on Pilkington, I have a request to keep an eye on the drainage and stormwater management."
- "For Carman Drive, please consider increased signage and visibility for crosswalks."

Notable Questions:

- Will a bike lane be built on Carman Drive?
- For roads intersecting Carman Drive, are there any considerations for a roundabout?
- Why doesn't Jean Road by Lakeridge Middle School that intersects with Pilkington Road have sidewalks?
- How will this impact Pilkington Road between Willow Lane and Rosewood Street?
- As you are working on Pilkington, I have a request: Could you please add a safety crosswalk across Pilkington at the intersection with Kenny? Elementary, middle & high schoolers cross there 2x daily.
- I'm a frequent biker on Carman and while the project is great, a separated lane would be far safer - also, what about westbound bikers? Are we supposed to share a 5' lane? Or just not go west?
- Where will the construction staging area be located?
- Will there be an opportunity for the adjacent neighbors to develop a "Good Neighbor Plan?"

Other General Feedback

- "I don't like a design process that does the designs and then asks for feedback. Feedback before design, please"
- "As a walker and bicyclist, I contend with the issues of a lack of pathways in LO on a daily basis. As the amount of traffic increases this problem will only get worse. This is a good start!"

- “Please consider thinning out trees where possible in Lake Oswego. The recent freezes proves that it needs to be mindfully planned for.”
- “Lower speed to 25 mph”
- “Please consider extending the Carman Drive west all the way to I5. I live on Carman Drive and witness daily close call pedestrian and vehicle collisions that could be avoided with a single pathway.”



Image 5: Attendees discuss the project at the Aug. 1, 2024 event.

Next Steps

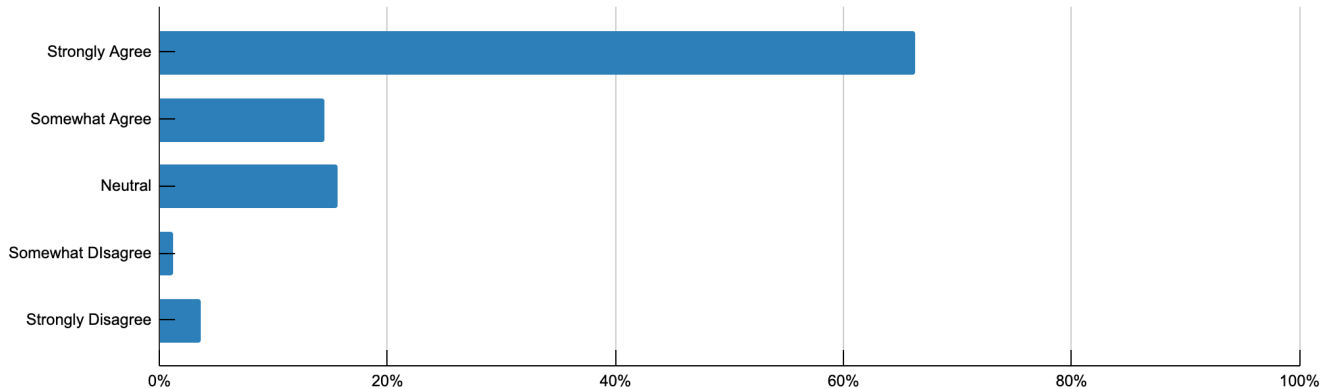
The Lake Oswego Pathways Group 2 project design phase will continue through fall 2024 and winter 2024/2025. The project team is leveraging the feedback heard at the in-person open houses on July 29 and August 1st as well as the feedback gathered through the digital survey to help inform and refine the preferred design. A second round of open houses will be conducted in early 2025 to update the community on the progress made since the first round of open houses, including information on how community feedback shaped the development of the preferred designs and next steps. More details about the second round of open houses will be available in the coming months.

Construction on the final design recommendation is expected to begin in summer 2025. The project team will continue to prioritize proactive communication with the community. The community is encouraged to visit [the project website](#) for the latest project information, including ways to contact the team via phone or email.

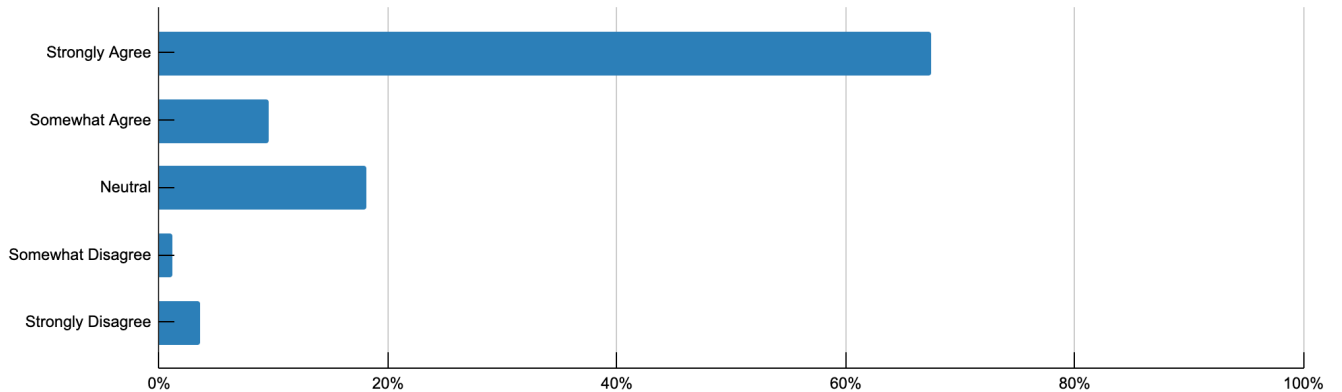
Appendix A - Digital Survey Results

Below are the results of the feedback gathered via the digital survey.

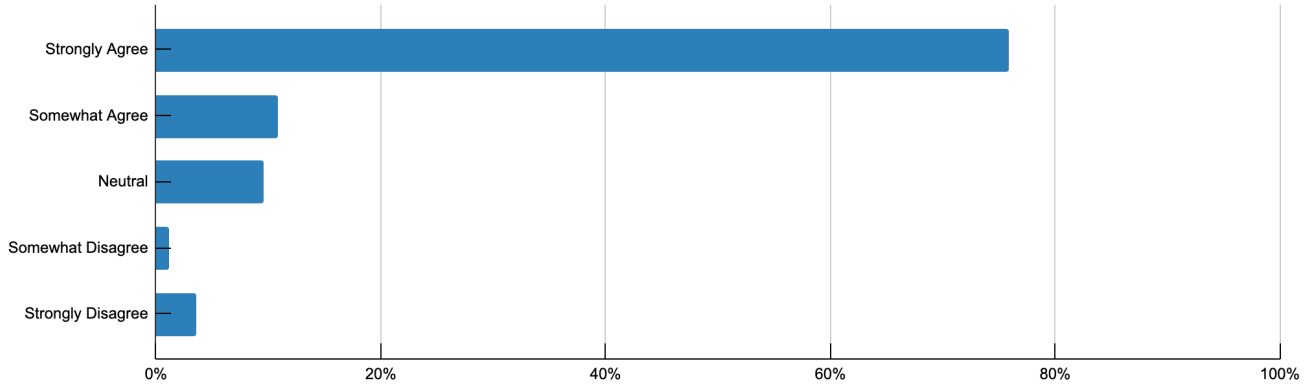
The Carman Drive / Pilkington Road design concepts are safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and small mobility users compared to current conditions. (83 responses)



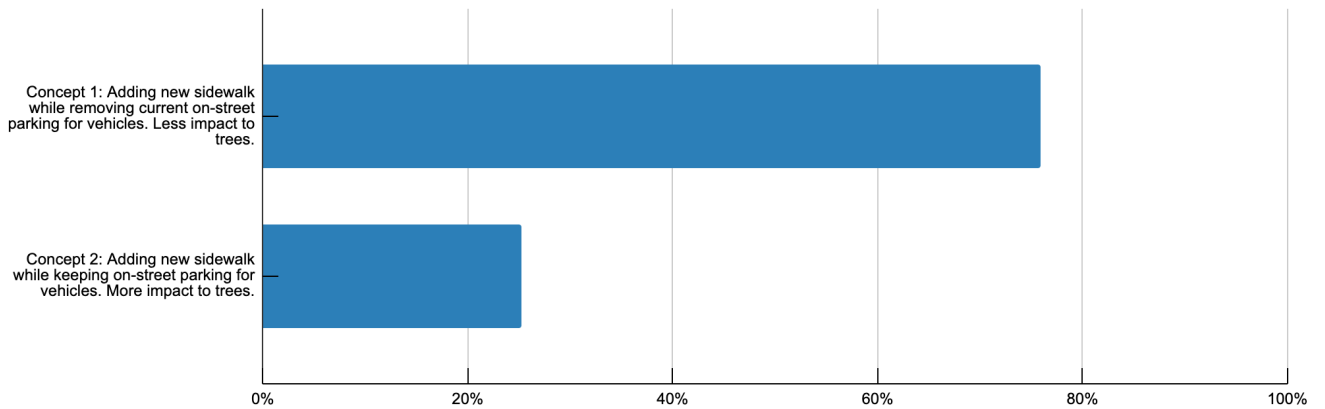
The Meadowlark Lane / Tree Top Lane design concepts are safer for pedestrians and small mobility users compared to current conditions. (83 responses)



The Carman Drive / Pilkington Road / Meadowlark Lane / Tree Top Lane design concepts improve accessibility and mobility for all users compared to current conditions. (83 responses)

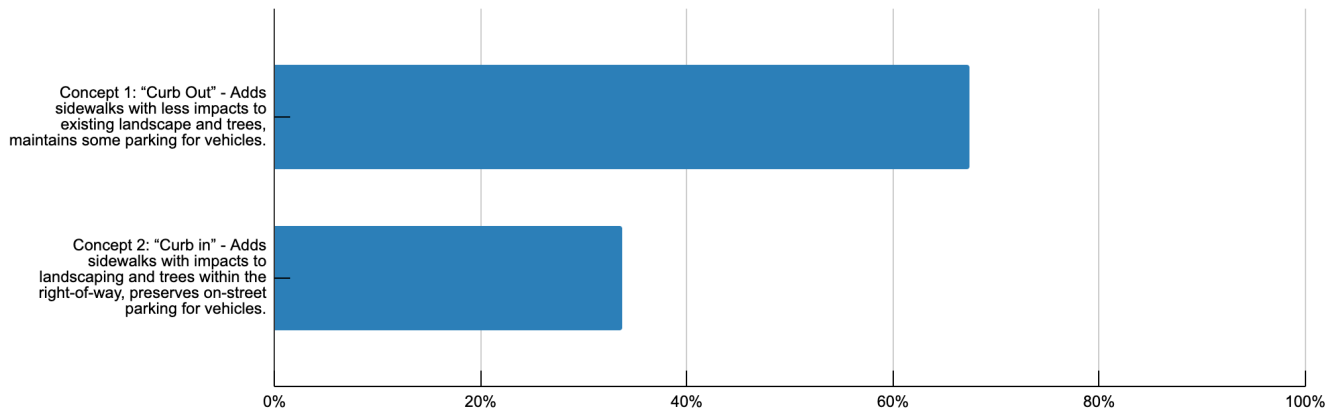


For the north side of Pilkington Road, between Boones Ferry Road and Rosewood Street, what is more important to you? (83 responses)

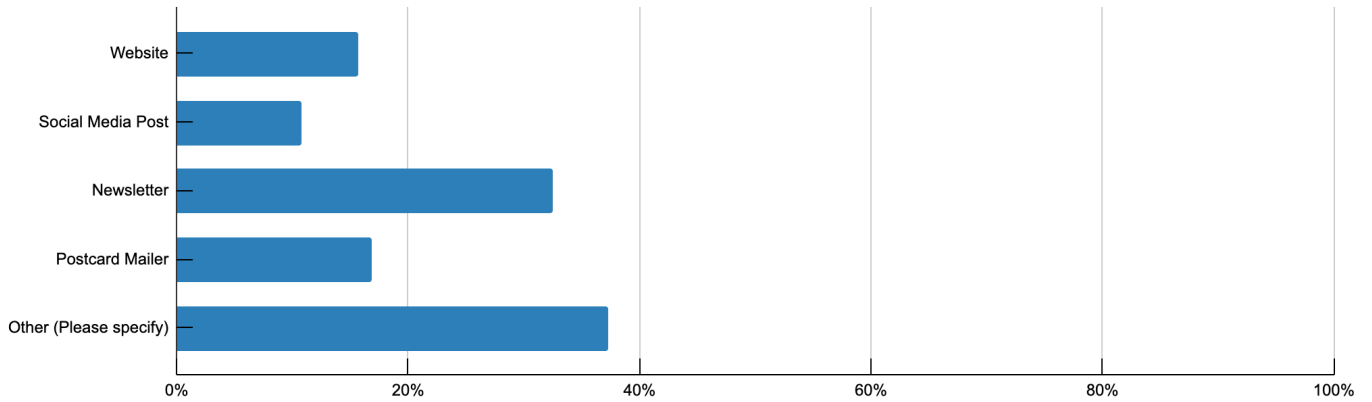


Of the two design concepts shared for Meadowlark Lane / Tree Top Lane, which concept do you prefer? (84 responses)

**Note one respondent selected both options.*

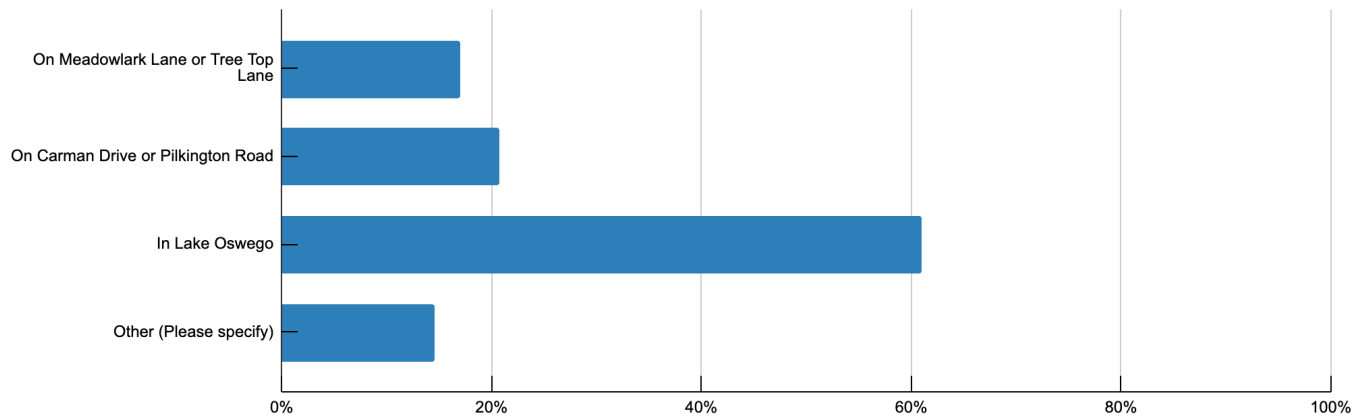


How did you hear about this project? (83 responses)

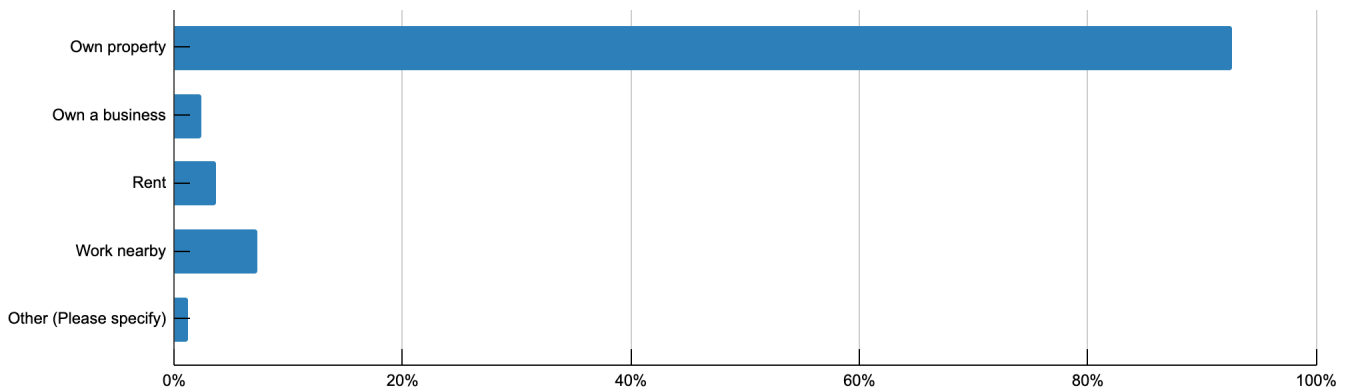


Demographic Questions

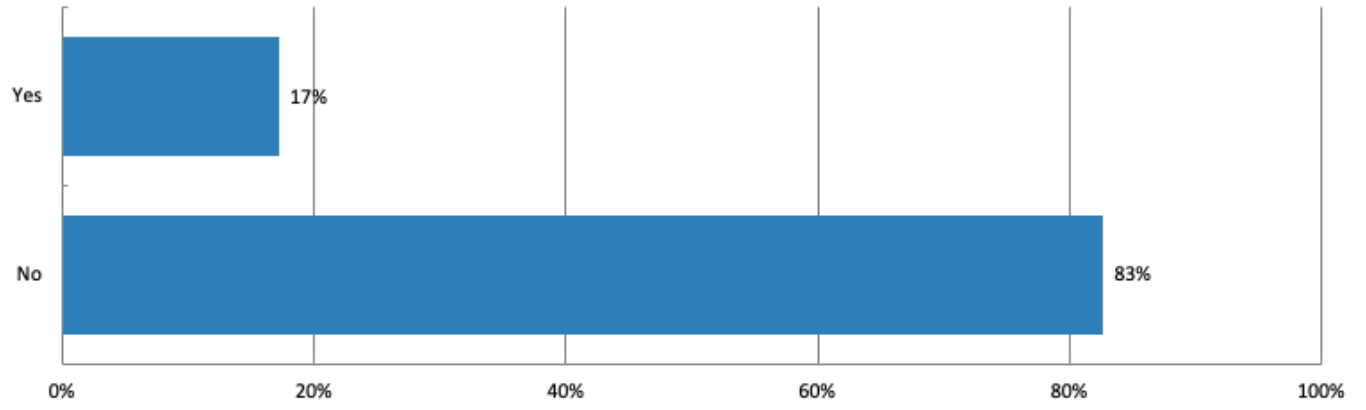
I live: (82 responses)



I: (82 responses)



I am a Lake Oswego School District Student: (81 responses)



Appendix B - Communications Material

Below are the communications materials used to promote and support the events.

LAKE OSWEGO PATHWAYS PROJECT
Summer 2024

OVERVIEW

The City of Lake Oswego is creating safe and accessible pathways for all. In alignment with the City's Transportation System Plan and Capital Improvement Plan, the City is investing in new and improved pathways. The project includes new and improved pathways for walking, jogging, and bicycling. The project also includes new and improved pathways for people with disabilities. The project is a multi-phase project that will be completed over several years.

PROJECT TIMELINE

- Spring/Summer 2024
 - Pathways Group 1 design begins
 - Open House Round 1: 20% design
 - July 29th, Meadowlark Lane/Tree Top Lane Open House
 - August 1st, Carman Drive/Pilkington Road Open House
- Fall 2024/Winter 2025
 - Open House Round 2: 40% design
 - Share your feedback on proposed design concepts through August 15th!
- Summer 2025
 - Construction begins

Please visit the Pathways Program webpage at lakeoswego.city/pathways-program to view the proposed design concepts and share your feedback by August 15th.

Display Board | Project Overview

LAKE OSWEGO PATHWAYS PROJECT
Carman Drive & Pilkington Road Pathways

PROJECT AREA MAP

This map shows the project area for the Carman Drive and Pilkington Road pathways. The map includes the following legend:

- Blue: Lake Oswego
- Green: Meadowlark Lane
- Red: Tree Top Lane
- Yellow: Carman Drive
- Purple: Pilkington Road
- Black: Other

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Display Board | Project Area Map

LAKE OSWEGO PATHWAYS PROJECT
Meadowlark Lane & Tree Top Lane Pathways

IMPROVEMENTS

- Safe and accessible pedestrian improvements
- Improved lighting
- Improved signage
- Improved landscaping

DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- Accessibility
- Lighting
- Signage
- Landscaping

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Display Board | Carman Dr. & Pilkington Rd.

LAKE OSWEGO PATHWAYS PROJECT
Meadowlark Lane & Tree Top Lane Pathways

Share Your Feedback on Early Design Ideas

Early design work has started on four new pathways locations:

- Meadowlark Lane
- Tree Top Lane
- Carman Drive
- Pilkington Road

Join us at an upcoming Open House to connect with the project team, view preliminary design ideas, and share your feedback!

To learn more about the Pathways Program, please visit lakeoswego.city/pathways-program.

Display Board | Meadowlark Ln. & Tree Top Ln.

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PROJECT AREA MAP

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Fact Sheet | Front

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 - Pathways Group 2 design begins
 - Open House Round 1: 20% design
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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS

- Meadowlark Lane
- Tree Top Lane
- Carman Drive
- Pilkington Road

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Fact Sheet | Back

Hello LAKE OSWEGO!

Safe & Accessible Pedestrian Improvements Coming Near You

Attend an Open House to learn more:

- Meadowlark Lane/Tree Top Pathways: Thursday, July 29, 4-6:30pm, Lakewood High School Cafeteria, 1235 Overlook Dr., Lake Oswego, OR 97034
- Carman/Pilkington Pathways: Thursday, August 1, 4-6:30pm, Lake Oswego Maintenance Center, Willow Room, 17601 Pilkington Rd., Lake Oswego, OR 97035

PROJECT TIMELINE

- Summer 2024: Open House 1
- Fall 2024/Winter 2025: Open House 2
- Summer 2025: Construction Begins

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PATHWAYS PROGRAM COMMENT CARD
Summer 2024 | Carman Drive & Pilkington Road

Please fill out and return this comment card to help us improve the project. Please check one:

Q1: The Carman/Pilkington design concepts are safe for pedestrians, bicyclists, and people with disabilities. Please check one:

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Q2: The Carman/Pilkington design concepts improve safety. Please check one:

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

Q3: How do you feel about this project? Please check one:

- I am excited and interested.
- I am neutral.
- I am not interested.
- I am opposed.

Q4: How do you feel about the project? Please check one:

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Comment Cards

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Lake Oswego, OR 97035

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Meadowlark/Tree Top Pathways
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Lakewood High School Cafeteria
1235 Overlook Dr.
Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Improvements coming soon!

CARMAN DRIVE
Waluga Dr. to Quarry Dr.

Improvements coming soon!

MEADOWLARK LANE
Overlook Dr. to Ridge Pointe Dr.

Improvements coming soon!

PILKINGTON ROAD
Boones Ferry Rd. to Lakeview Blvd.

Improvements coming soon!

TREE TOP LANE
Overlook Dr. to Fernwood Dr.

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