

Project Overview

The City of Kelowna engaged residents on a new Active Transportation Corridor (ATC) design for a section connecting Ethel Street ATC and K.L.O Road. The Casorso 4 Active Transportation Corridor follows Raymer Road from Ethel Street to a laneway that borders the west side of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. From there the Corridor will continue south to K.L.O. Road.

Engagement Overview

The City launched a two-part online engagement to

1. Understand the public's opinion on the design of the ATC along Raymer Avenue
2. Survey residents on two design options for the north/south portion of the corridor.

Option 1: The Active Transportation Corridor runs down the length of the laneway between Raymer and K.L.O. Road

Option 2: The Active Transportation Corridor runs halfway down the lane, crosses over Fascieux Creek, and continues along the west side of the Okanagan College campus.



Participation

The Casorso 4 ATC engagement page was published on December 17 and collected input until January 6.

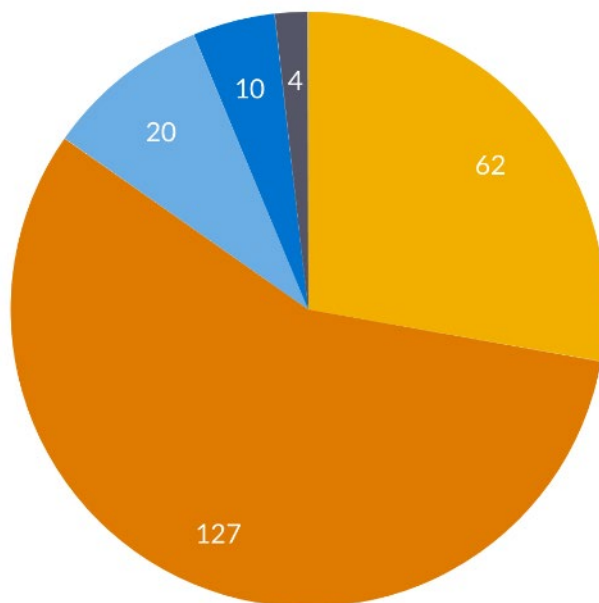
A total of 1,200 people visited the Get Involved page, 609 people interacted with the information and 233 people shared their thoughts.



Results

The majority of responses to the survey chose option 2 as their preferred option. The comments were split evenly with 15 comments in support of Option 1 and 15 comments in support of Option 2.

Which option offers the best connection for people walking and biking?



■ Option 1 (27.8%)
 ■ Option 2 (56.95%)
 ■ Both (8.97%)
 ■ Neither (4.48%)
 ■ Not sure (1.79%)

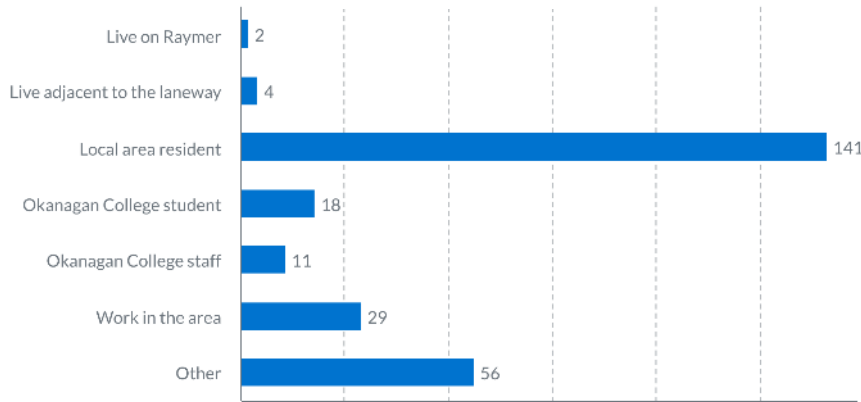
Option 2 is nearer Casorso Road and the light (I think) and will link up with the next stage of the Casorso ATC project. Let's get the Skaha Place students and OC day students using this Option 2 (Option 1 is too far from OC) – survey respondent.

Dislike making route less straight forward + proposed bridge is too narrow. Entering exiting laneway is more dangerous than staying on it. -survey respondent.

Demographics

The majority of respondents identified as “local area residents” and only 29 people associated with the College participated in the survey.

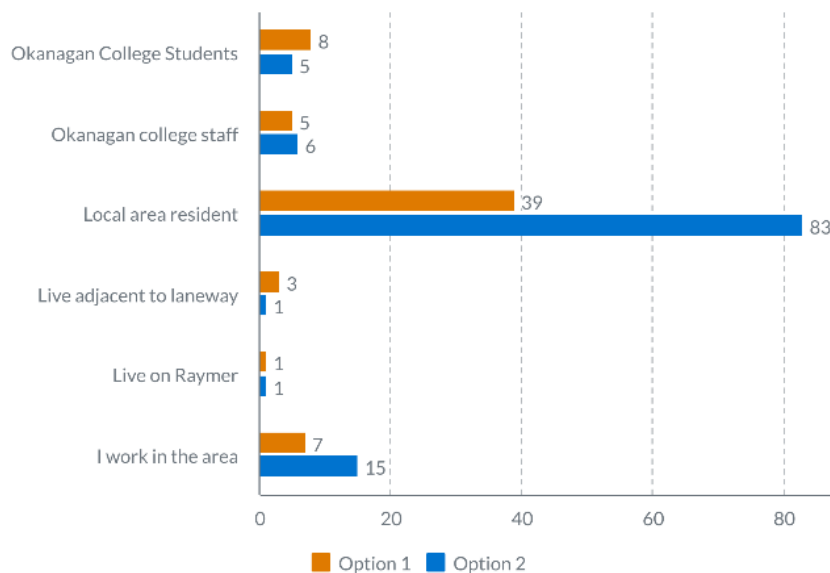
Which best describes you?



While the majority of respondents chose option 2, when broken out by demographic, those who live adjacent to the laneway and Okanagan College students prefer option 1.

It should be noted that the number of people who identified as an Okanagan College Student or as a person who lives adjacent to the laneway was a much smaller representation.

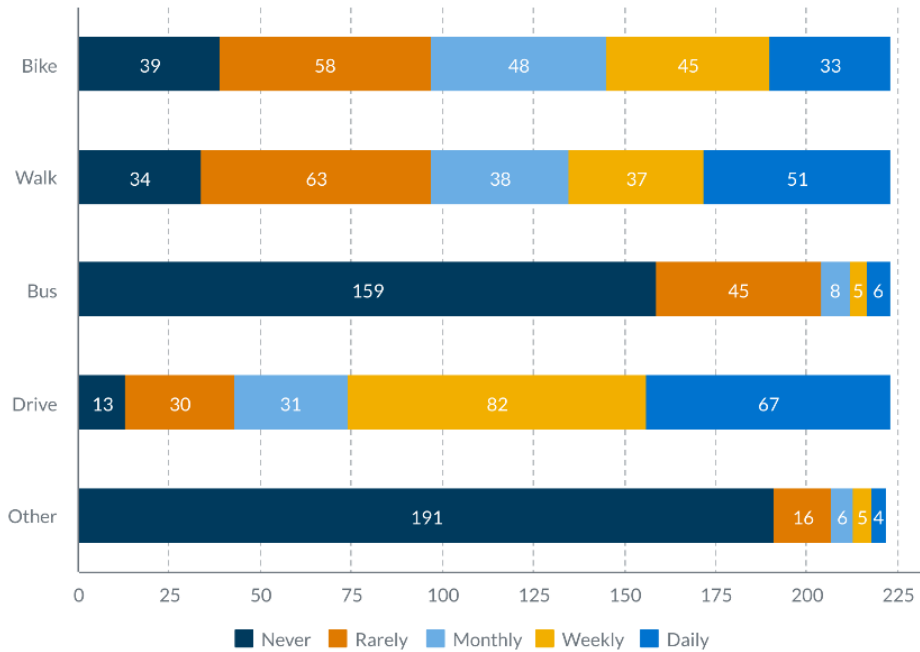
Option choice based on demographic



Current uses of the area

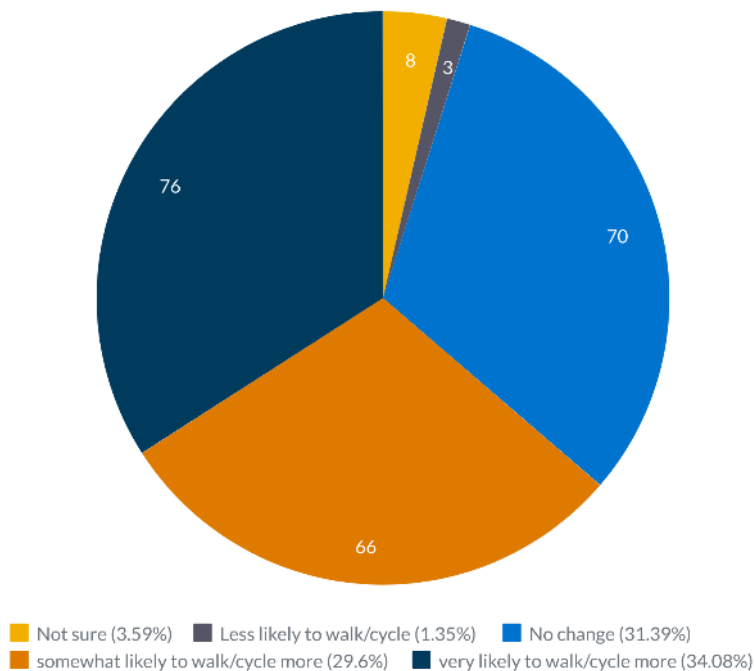
Many more local area residents, including those living adjacent to the lane and on Raymer, travel through the area on foot or on bike daily. Of the 29 responses from Okanagan College and Staff, 19 walk or bike in the area daily.

Do you travel in the area? How often and how?



Future use of area

If the proposed protected facilities were provided, would you change how often you walk or cycle?



Respondents indicated that they would walk and cycle more often if the new cycle track is built. Just over 100 local area residents would walk or cycle more and three would cycle less.

Places tool


Respondents were asked to share their thoughts on the Raymer section of the route as well as general comments.

Thirty-four people participated in the Places tool, leaving 83 comments. There were eight overall themes. Below is a sample of the comments:

College route is good for future planning – 15 comments in support of college route	
<i>Although it will take away parking spaces, I'm sure the college's future plans will include replacing this parking lot with a parkade or building anyways.</i>	<i>New bridge over to OC is great! This would encourage more people to cycle to school and work and also cut out the future cost of installing a new bike path bridge across the creek. Having the bike path go through OC would make cycling safer and also create more of a buffer from the large OC parking lot to the local residents.</i>
Laneway allows for more parking – 15 comments in support of laneway route	
<i>I think you should keep costs down by using existing laneway and avoiding bridge costs. I also don't like the idea of how many parking spots would be lost with option 2 and from what I understand, parking is already a big issue there!</i>	<i>The laneway gets you to the same place, without the loss of parking or added expense of a brand-new bridge (and the environmental impact that goes with)</i>
Build on the green area adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant – 8 comments	
<i>Run bike path along the side of the wastewater plant instead of the alleyway. Raymer could be the same, or run on road like suggested, it would be nice to slow down traffic on Raymer, but it seems a shame to get rid of a bike lane.</i>	<i>If the plan is to keep the ATC away from traffic why not upgrade this existing trail and keep the whole thing on this side of the water?</i>
Continue bike lane to Raymer Elementary – 8 comments	
<i>Love the idea of a protected bike lane along Raymer. This is one of my main routes. I recommend this be extended all the way to Richter. I see kids walking and biking along this side of Raymer all the time. If you make Raymer narrower, it will help with traffic calming too!</i>	<i>Link to Raymer elem. Otherwise kids will be riding on the wrong side of the road for the remainder of the journey. If the bike path goes all the way, it could really encourage more small kids/families/ people in general to cycle to school. Without the link, the final 100m is like taking their life into their own hands</i>
Comments on Raymer Avenue portion – 7 Comments	
<i>I'd remove the turn-right arrow for south-bound cyclists here or add a left as well (KSS students/faculty will turn East). Also I imagine during morning rush, vehicles heading into the plant may have conflicts with East-turning cyclists here since there's no buffer unless there's some fancy traffic signalling. Pedestrian islands creating a longer left-turn would fix that at the expense of widening the intersection a bit.</i>	<i>Please do not proceed with a plan that forces bikes to change from one side of the road to another, like you did on Sutherland. That is VERY dangerous because drivers have no idea where to look for bikes. Bikes need to ride on the right side of the road, with traffic - no exceptions!</i>
Safety concerns – 6 comments about safety	
<i>too dangerous with the all purpose lane....cars, pedestrians & bikes....yikes</i>	<i>Sometimes re-entering roadways can be dangerous for cyclists. Unless the route could be separate the whole time, I'd rather just stay on the road and visible</i>
Don't like either – 6 comments dislike the project entirely	
<i>I strongly disagree with creating a new and separate route for bikes. The lane way is quiet enough for bikes and cars to share. The more cars see bikes on the road, the more they will expect to see them!</i>	<i>I totally oppose this unnecessary project. Put a bike/walk path in from Ethel for a useable, inexpensive project and publicize it to show how you are increasing bike use. Don't spend millions and disrupt a neighbourhood to accomplish the same goal.</i>
Both routes are great – 5 comments in favour of bike lanes in general	
<i>Kelowna will benefit greatly from an excellently designed and connected active transit network. Keep up the good work. More is better!</i>	<i>Both great designs! Love all the shared pathways in the city, separate bike lane could be good as cyclists sometimes travel too fast in shared path. Have had a couple close encounters while walking</i>


Promotion

The engagement for Casorso 4 was open for three weeks. Promotion of the page included a public service announcement, City in Action ad, social media posts and a highlight on Kelowna.ca.


 **City of Kelowna**
Wed 12/23/2020 11:01 am PST

We want to hear from you! Tell us which design option you prefer for the new active transportation corridor between K.L.O. Road and Raymer Avenue – and enter for a chance to win a \$50 Local Gift Card!


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Fri 12/18/2020 11:33 pm UTC

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