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130 Attendees

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Sign In Sheet

Name: _____ Email: _____
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45 Comment Cards

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Comment Card

We want to hear from you! Do you have a specific comment or concern?

Visit the project website for more information and updates.
www.austintexas.gov/department/corridor-studies

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Thank you for taking time to participate in the South Lamar Boulevard Corridor Study. We look forward to receiving your input.

Name: _____
Email: _____

December 10, 2014

260 Map Comments



651 User Surveys

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User Survey

Please take a few minutes to tell us about how you use the South Lamar Boulevard Corridor. Your input is a vital part of this study!

1 How do you use the South Lamar Boulevard Corridor in your daily travel?
 Continuing to downtown
 To work
 Commuting to college/university
 Commuting to school
 Shopping/errands
 Don't travel through the South Lamar Boulevard Corridor on a daily/weekly basis
 Other: _____

2 What areas of South Lamar Boulevard do you drive on a regular basis? Please highlight your routes on the map below.
 You may use arrows to indicate direction of travel.

3 What mode of transportation do you use in this corridor? How many times per week? Please check all that apply.
 Driving personal vehicle: _____ times per week
 Transit rider: _____ times per week
 Bicyclist: _____ times per week
 Walk: _____ times per week
 Pedestrian on a bicycle/skateboard: _____ times per week
 Other: _____

4 What would make you choose to take more trips walking, bicycling or using transit in the corridor?

5 On a scale of 1-5 with 1 being most important, please rank the following improvements you want to see in the South Lamar Boulevard Corridor.
 1 2 3 4 5
 Transit service
 Transit access and mobility
 Transit amenities
 Automatic access
 Pedestrian experience
 Public space

6 What problems do you experience when traveling the South Lamar Boulevard Corridor?

7 Additional comments: _____

What city side do you live in:
 What city side do you work in:
 In the map above of the South Lamar Boulevard Corridor Study please visit the project website.
 To receive email updates about this study, please provide your email below: _____

238 Health Surveys

HexagonCS
Draft of questions for South Lamar community survey
Hexagon Consulting and Services, LLC. (HexagonCS) PG. 1

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Health Impact Assessment Survey
(This survey will be conducted online)
(Introductory paragraph about the HIA purpose, and reasons for this survey will be included)

Participants will be provided a map of the South Lamar area with numbered census block groups, and lettered destinations for reference for questions 1-5.

- Which area (1-16) do you live in? (include option for "I live outside this area")
- Which area do you work in? (include option for "I work outside this area")
- Which of the destinations (A-??) do you travel to regularly?
- For each destination selected in #3:

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Comment Cards

Concerns heard at Open House

Autos

- Too many trips cut through neighborhoods
- Cars travel too fast
- Traffic signals need to be re-timed
- Neighborhood parking is a concern
- Parking causes vehicles to back out onto Lamar
- Need protected lefts

Peds

- Pedestrian crossings are too far apart
- Need safer pedestrian crossings
- Provide beacons for crossings
- Sidewalks not continuous
- Improve neighborhood-business connectivity
- Safe routes to schools

Bikes

- Need barrier-separated bike lanes
- Bike lanes are not continuous
- Biking on Lamar isn't safe
- Improve connectivity for bikes from home to businesses
- Better signage for bike routes/trail connection

Transit

- Need smaller Lamar-dedicated buses that provide 'shuttle' service to and from shopping, retail, food, entertainment, downtown, and neighborhoods
- Dedicated rail or bus lane to keep transit out of traffic queues
- Shade at bus stops

Overall

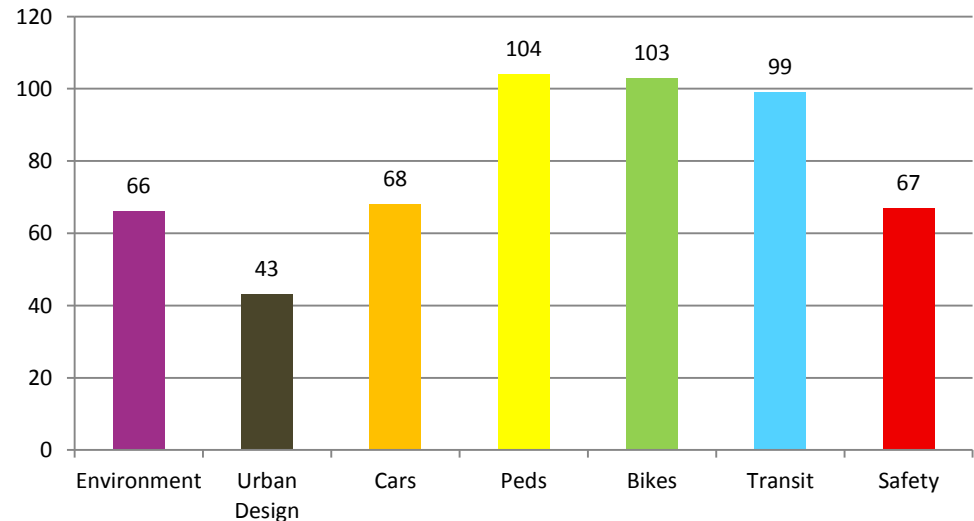
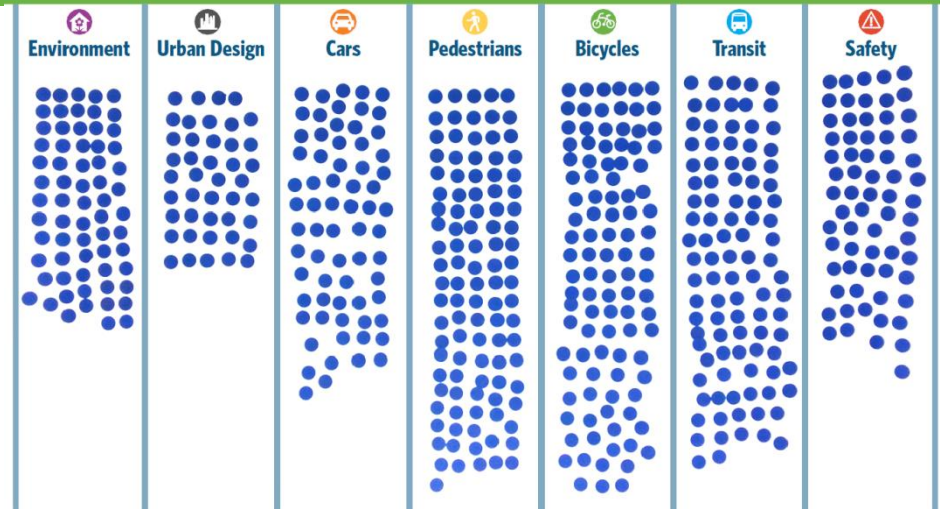
- Safety concerns for all users
- Development will increase problems
- Improved connectivity to schools, homes and destinations
- Plant more trees along Lamar, protect heritage trees
- Center-turn lane creates safety hazards

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What are your Priorities?

Open House attendees were given five stickers and asked what their priorities were.

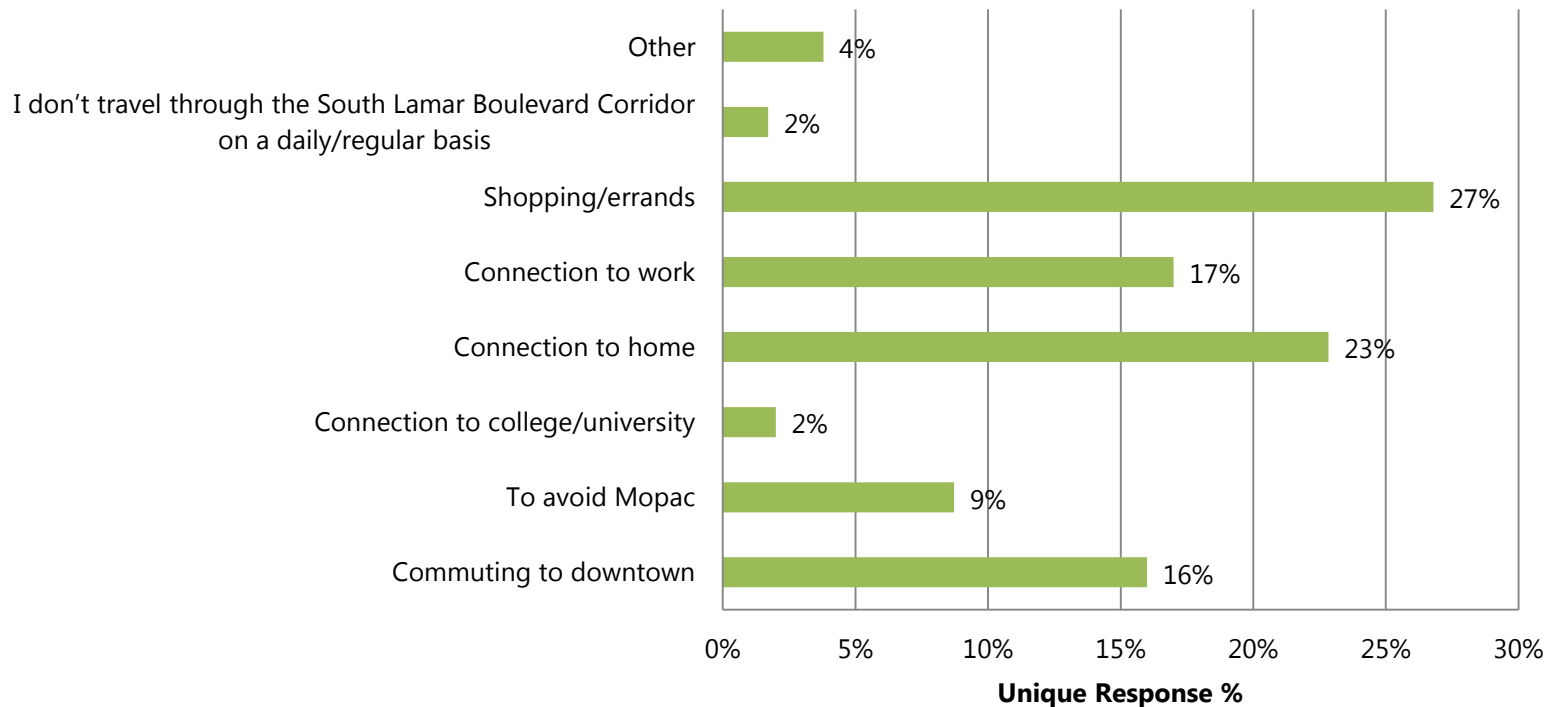
Pedestrians and Bikes ranked highest.



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Survey Responses

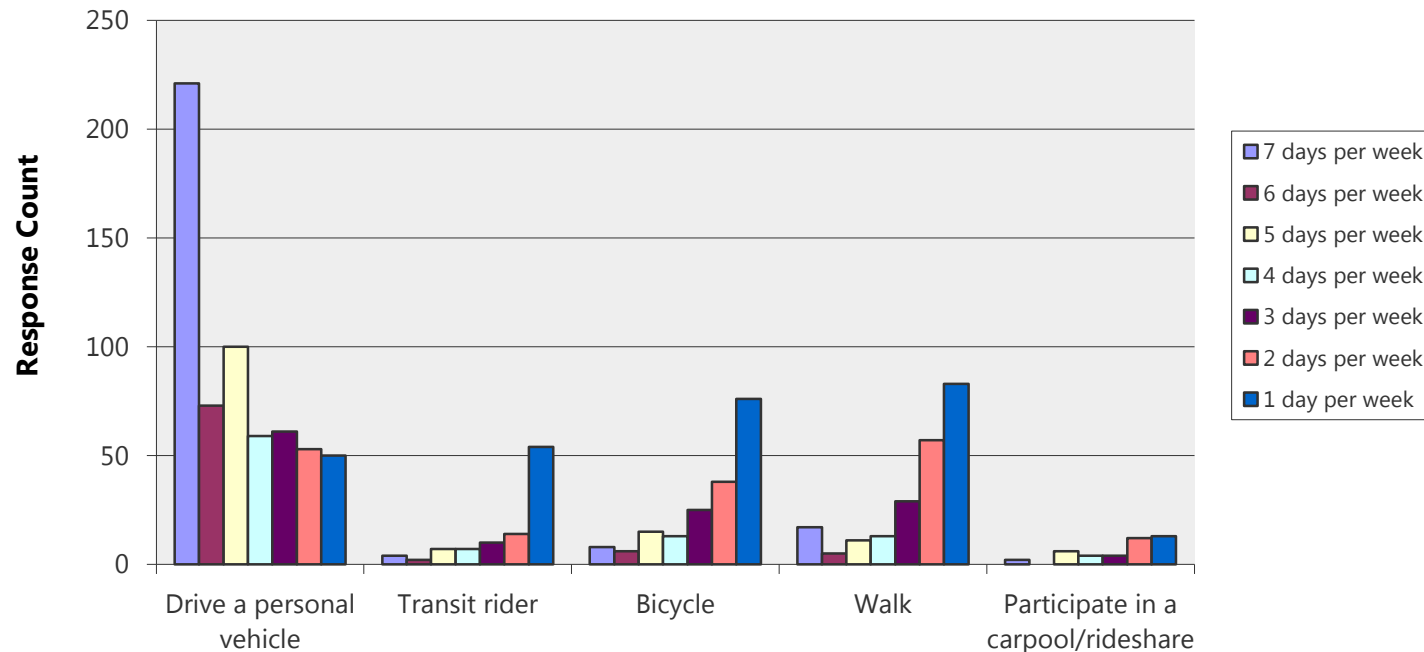
How do you use the South Lamar Boulevard Corridor in your daily travel?



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Survey Responses

What mode of transportation do you use in this corridor? How many times per week?



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Survey Responses

What would make you choose to take more trips walking, bicycling or using transit in the corridor?

Autos

8%

comments related to vehicles

- Slower speed limits for cars
- Less congestion and traffic
- Traffic calming for drivers
- Safer intersections

Peds

26%

comments related to walking

- Safer, improved, wider or continuous sidewalks with separation from traffic
- Safer pedestrian crossings and more of them
- Better connectivity in neighborhoods

Bikes

33%

comments related to biking

- Improved connectivity for biking between homes/businesses
- Continuous separated, wider, and/or protected bike lanes

Transit

21%

comments related to transit

- Trolley/tram for short trips along corridor
- Light rail or transit option separate from vehicles lanes
- Bus service with more frequency and later hours

Other

12%

comments related to other modes

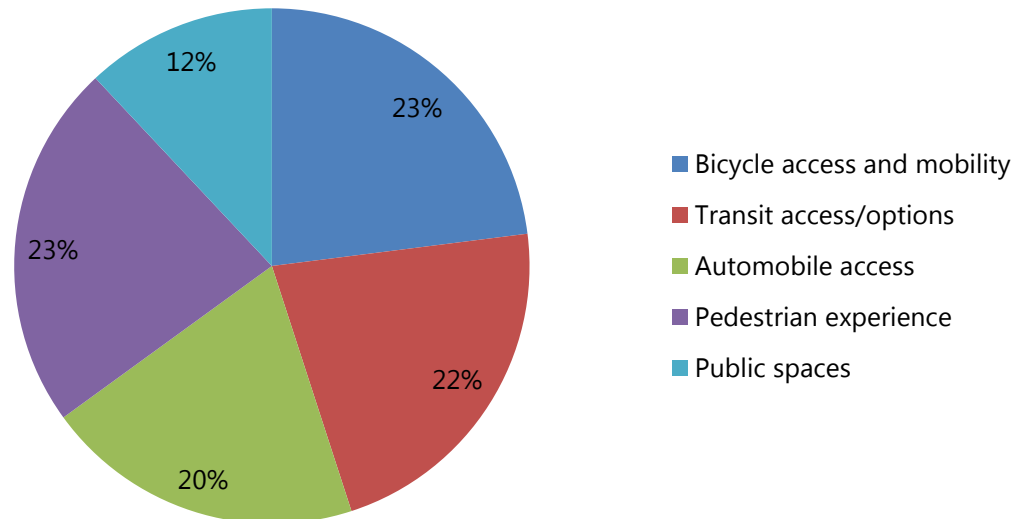
- Alternate modes are not an option
- Transit use is occasional
- Final destination is too far away for alternate modes to be an option
- Safer conditions over all
- Nothing

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Survey Responses

On a scale of 1-5 with 1 being most important, please rank the following improvements you want to see in the South Lamar Boulevard Corridor.

Preferred Improvement %



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Survey Responses

What problems do you experience when traveling the South Lamar Boulevard Corridor?

Autos

54%

comments related to vehicles

- Difficulty turning left at traffic signals
- Congestion and bottle-necking
- Not enough lanes for cars
- Center-turn lane creates unsafe driving conditions
- Too many driveways
- Conflicts with other modes

Peds

19%

comments related to walking

- Do not feel safe walking
- Not enough shade
- Traffic travels too fast
- Sidewalks not continuous or in poor conditions
- Connectivity is lacking

Bikes

17%

comments related to biking

- Bike lanes are too narrow and poorly marked
- Bike lanes aren't continuous
- Road share conflicts between cars and bikes

Transit

8%

comments related to transit

- Buses block travel lanes when making stops
- When using buses, they are still stuck in traffic
- Unable to safely cross street at transit stops
- Drivers swerve around stopped buses

Other

2%

comments related to other modes

- Corridor isn't wide enough for all modes to safely share
- Centrally located parking garage, like Congress
- Corridor isn't wide enough for all modes to safely share

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Survey Responses

211 additional comments were received.

Autos

20%

comments related to vehicles

- Cut through traffic a problem in neighborhoods
- Speeds too fast on corridor and in neighborhoods
- Intersection improvements are needed
- Re-time traffic signals

Peds

21%

comments related to walking

- Safety for kids getting to school
- Would like to see Lamar as a true 'boulevard' with medians and landscaping
- Safe mid-block crossings

Bikes

18%

comments related to biking

- Improved options for bikes
- Proximity to downtown makes protected safe bike lanes an asset
- Improve bike signage; 'share the road'

Transit

16%

comments related to transit

- Need transit that doesn't sit in traffic
- Need a light rail
- Need short-trip tram or trolley for South Lamar

Other

25%

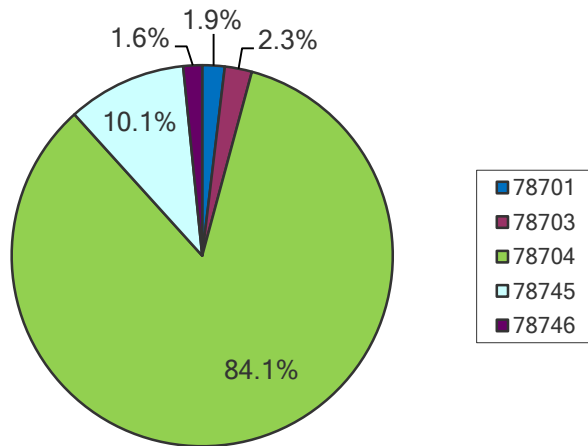
comments related to other modes

- Corridor character is becoming more like a highway for commuter traffic
- More trees and green space
- Buildings too close to street
- Too much density/development

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Survey Responses

What zip code do you live in?



What zip code do you work in?

