

# Public Engagement Results



**Lewisburg Safety Action Plan**  
Borough of Lewisburg, Pennsylvania






# Introduction

The following report summarizes the results of the first phase of public engagement for the Lewisburg Safety Action Plan. Public engagement will be carried out in two phases. The purpose of Phase 1 was introducing the plan and sharing the safety analysis results with the public, as well as gathering information about local traffic safety experiences. The purpose of Phase 2 will be to gather public input on the proposed recommendations. The engagement techniques for each phase are included below:

- Phase 1:
  - Public Survey
  - Public Open House
  - Online Engagement
- Phase 2:
  - Key person interviews
  - Public Open House
  - Online Engagement



**BOROUGH OF  
LEWISBURG  
PENNSYLVANIA**

## We want to hear from you!


The Borough of Lewisburg is developing a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan that will guide investment in the Borough's transportation safety over the next several years, and we want to hear from you! Multiple opportunities are available to share your input. Scan the QR code to the right for more information.

**An online survey is currently available and can be accessed via the QR code to the right. Paper copies of the survey can be picked up and returned at any of the locations listed below.**

Lewisburg Borough Office 55 South Fifth Street	The Public Library for Union County 255 Reitz Boulevard	CommUnity Zone 328 Market Street
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**A public open house will be held on February 26, 2025, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM in the Lewisburg Hotel Ballroom (136 Market Street, second floor). Come for a chance to learn more about the project, share your opinions, and win a Downtown Lewisburg Gift Certificate!**

This meeting will also have an option to join virtually. For more information, contact [lmorgan@hrg-inc.com](mailto:lmorgan@hrg-inc.com). You must attend in person for a chance to win a prize. Additional online engagement opportunities will be available after the open house via the link provided here.



[LewisburgBorough.org/safety\\_action\\_plan](https://LewisburgBorough.org/safety_action_plan)



# Phase 1 Results



# Public Survey

The Public Survey was available from February 4 to March 14, 2025. The Survey was advertised via social media, the Borough's website, and flyers distributed to residents.

It was primarily administered online. However, several respondents utilized the paper copies that were available at the Borough Building, the Public Library for Union County, and the CommUnity Zone.

187 responses were received in total.



## Lewisburg Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

### Introduction

The Borough of Lewisburg is working on the development of a Comprehensive Safety Action Plan that will guide investment in the Borough's transportation safety over the next several years. Your input will help us determine necessary improvements and priorities for the plan.

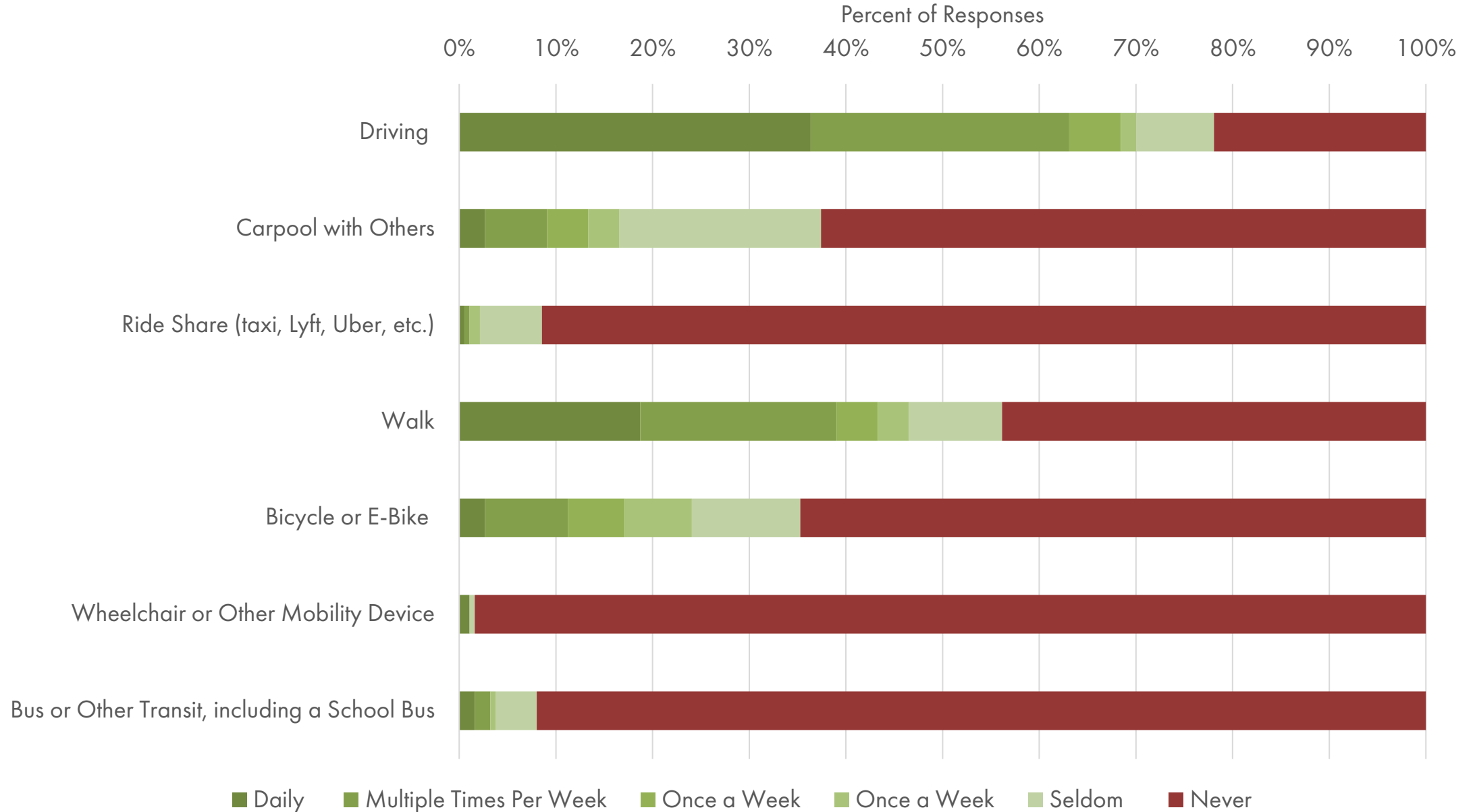
This survey is voluntary, and all responses are anonymous. All questions are designed to better understand your perspective, observations, and experiences. The survey will be available until Friday, March 14, 2025.

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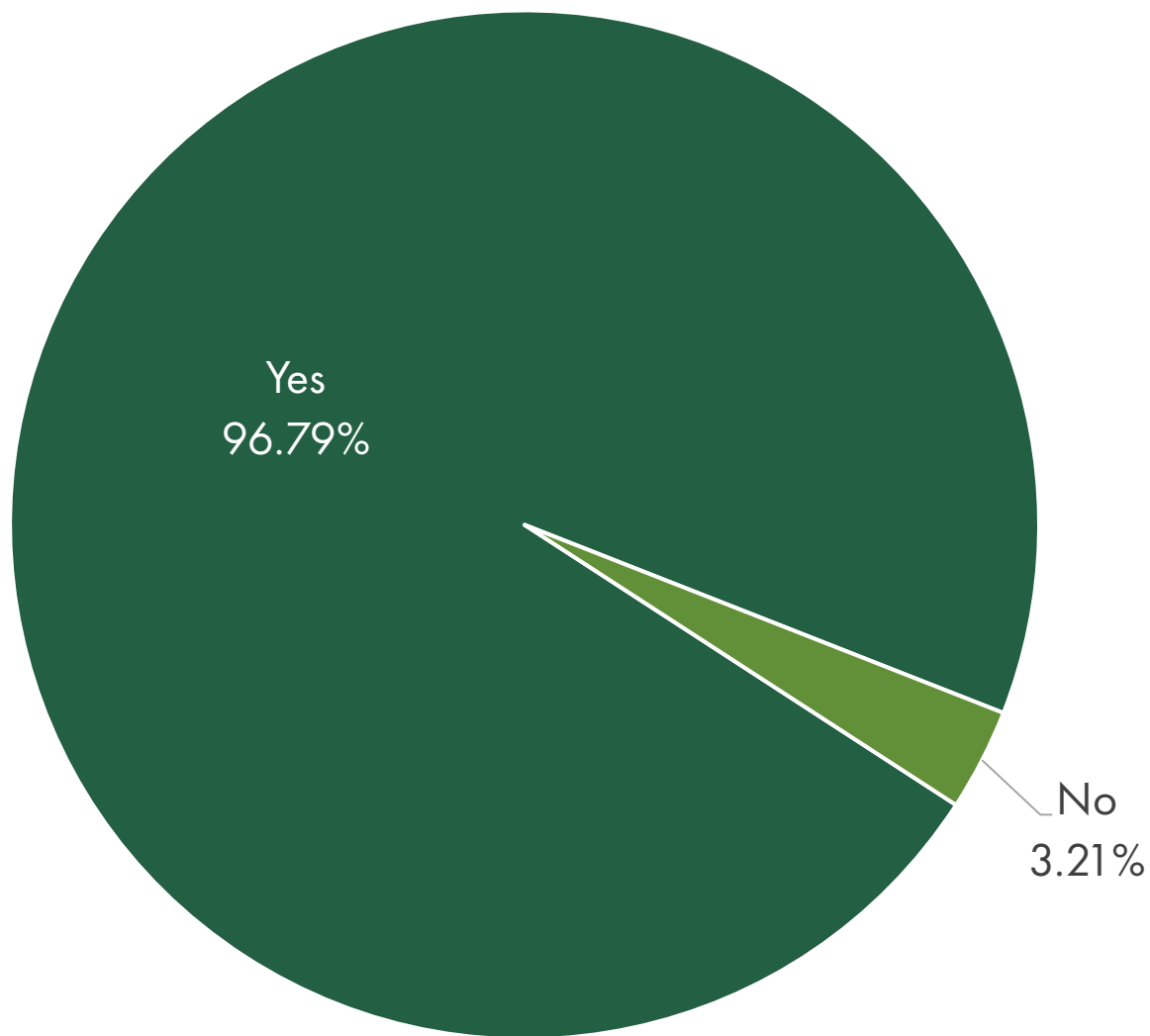
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# How often do you commute to work or school using the following modes of transportation?



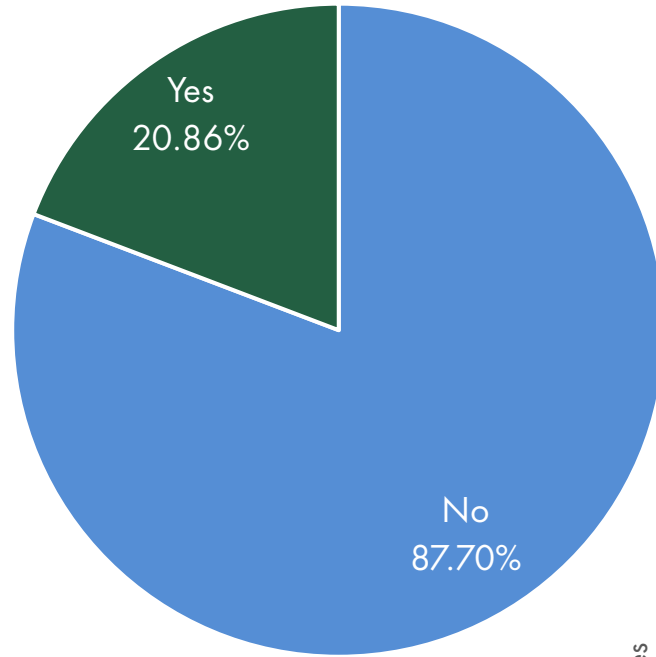
# Question 2

Do you have access to a car, van, or truck for personal use?



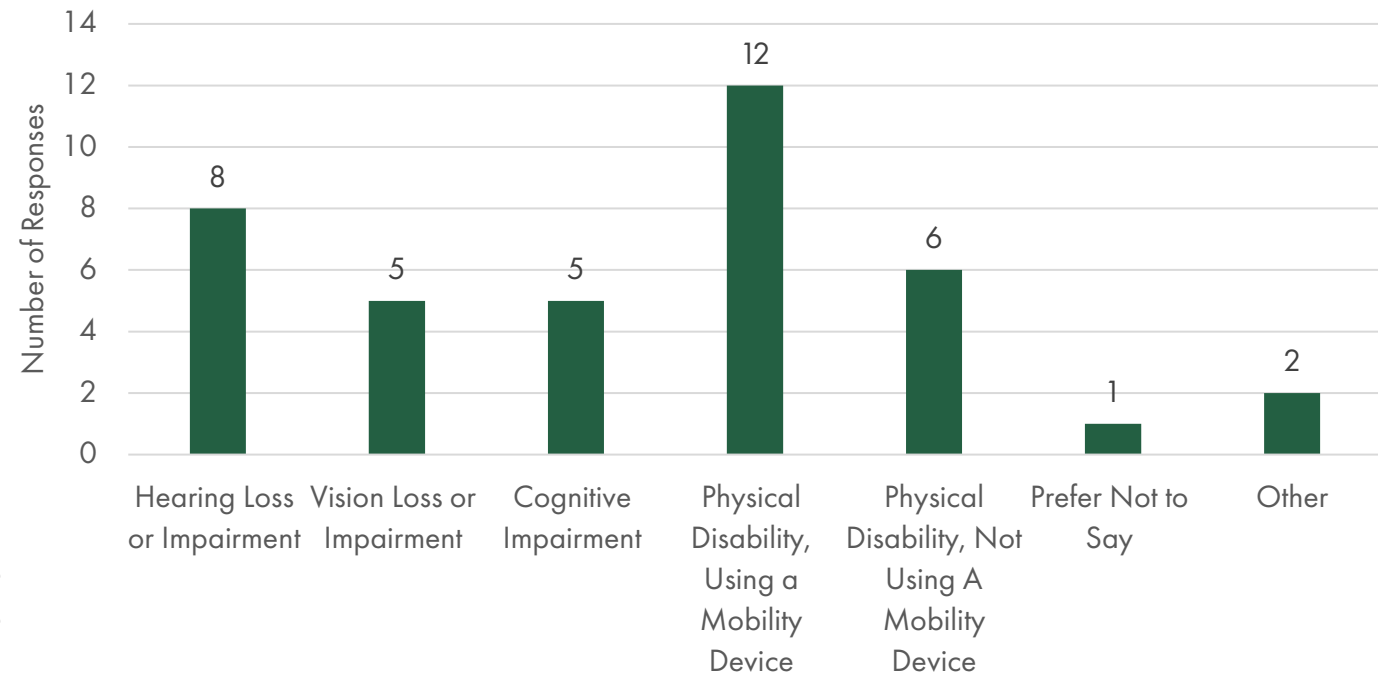
# Question 3

Do you or someone in your household have a disability or mobility challenge that makes it difficult to get around?



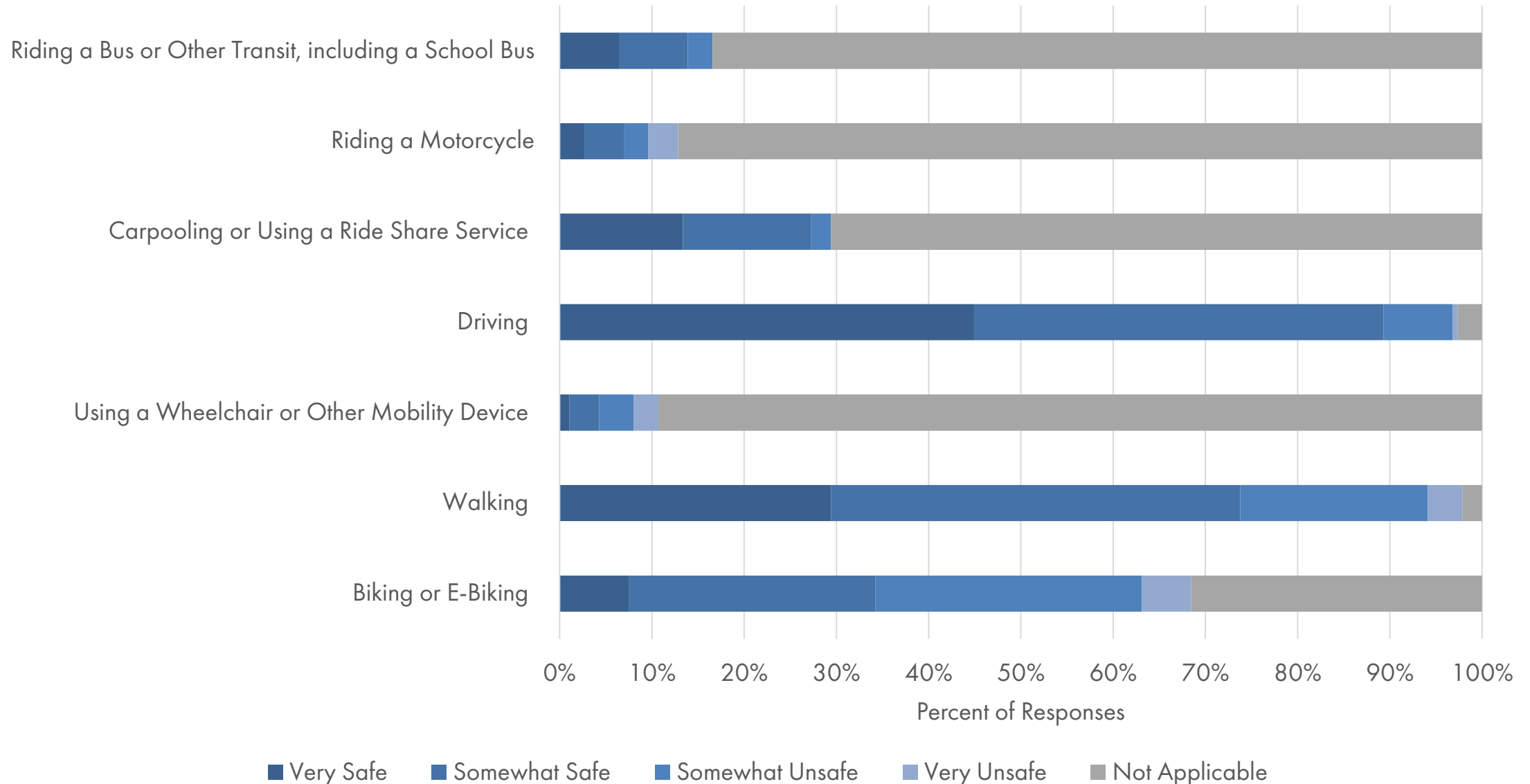
**Other Responses Include:**  
Old age  
Balance issues following a stroke

What disability or mobility challenge makes it difficult for you or someone in your household to get around?



# Question 4

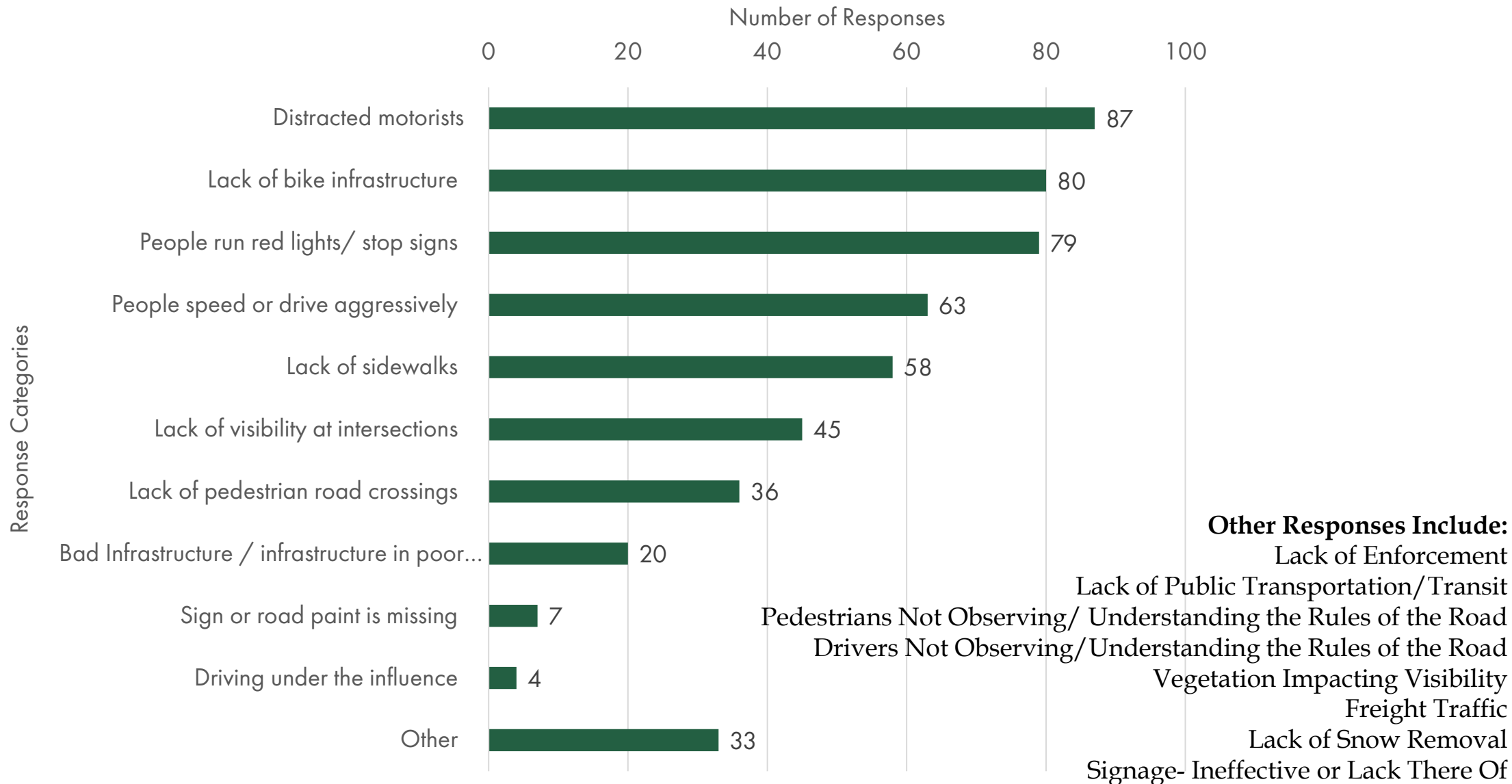
## How safe do you feel traveling in Lewisburg by each of the following modes?





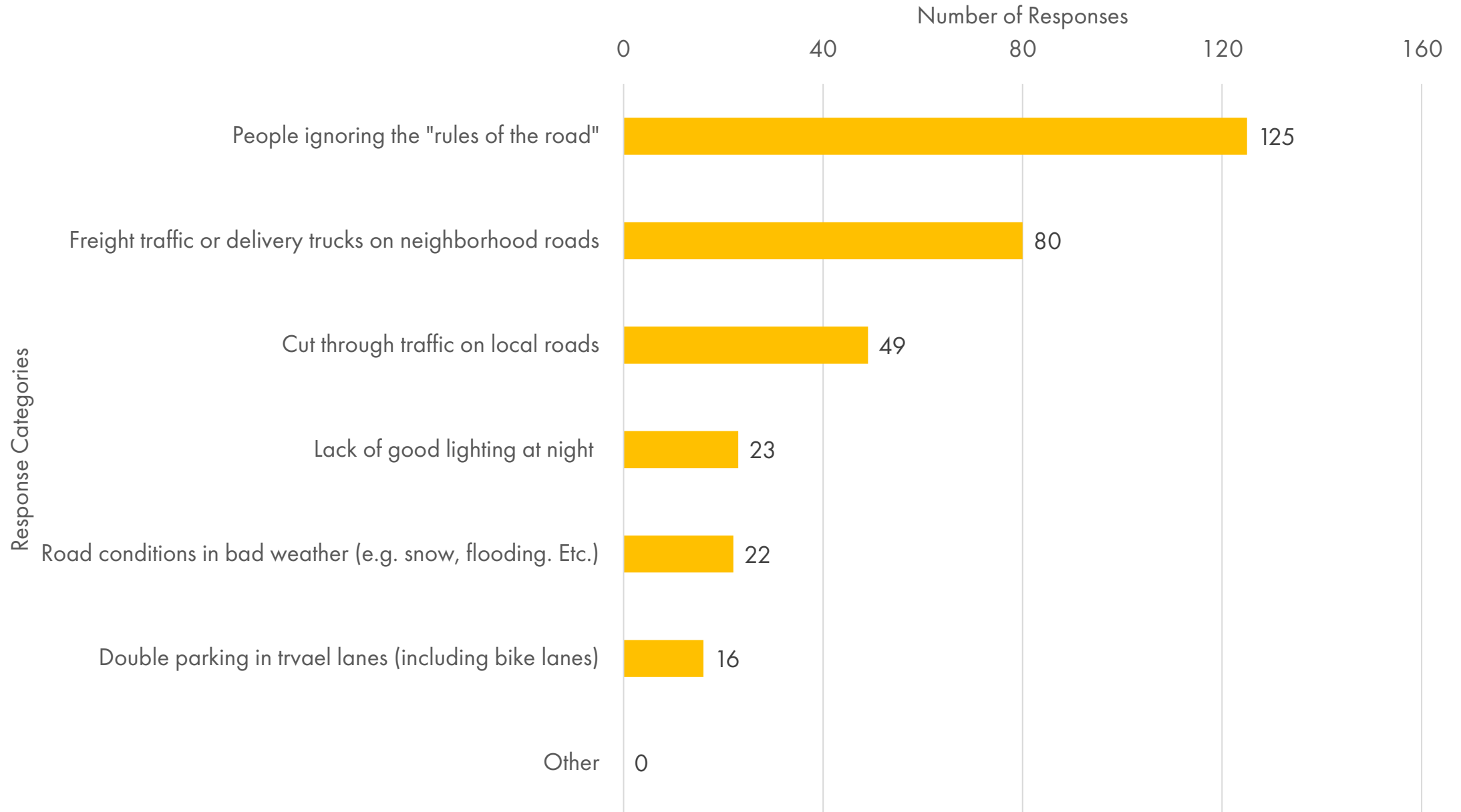
# Question 5

## What are the most important traffic safety concerns in Lewisburg?



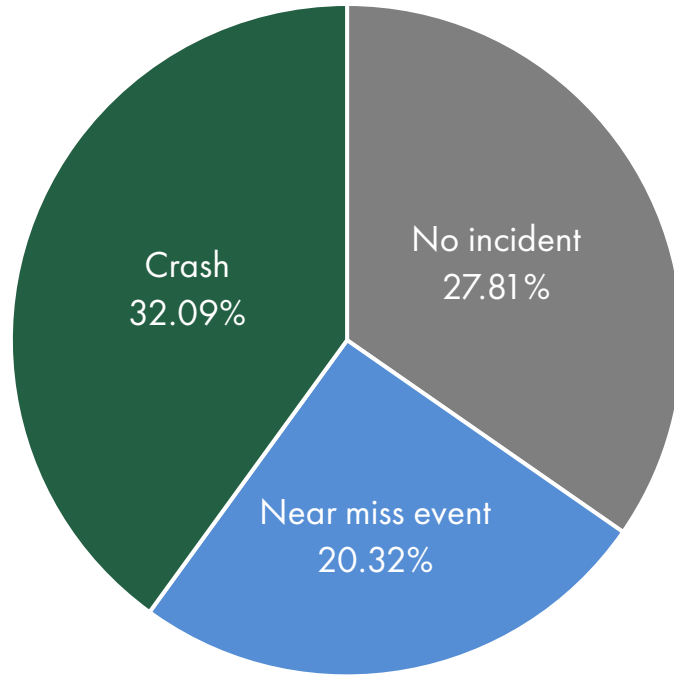
# Question 6

## What are the secondary traffic concerns in Lewisburg?

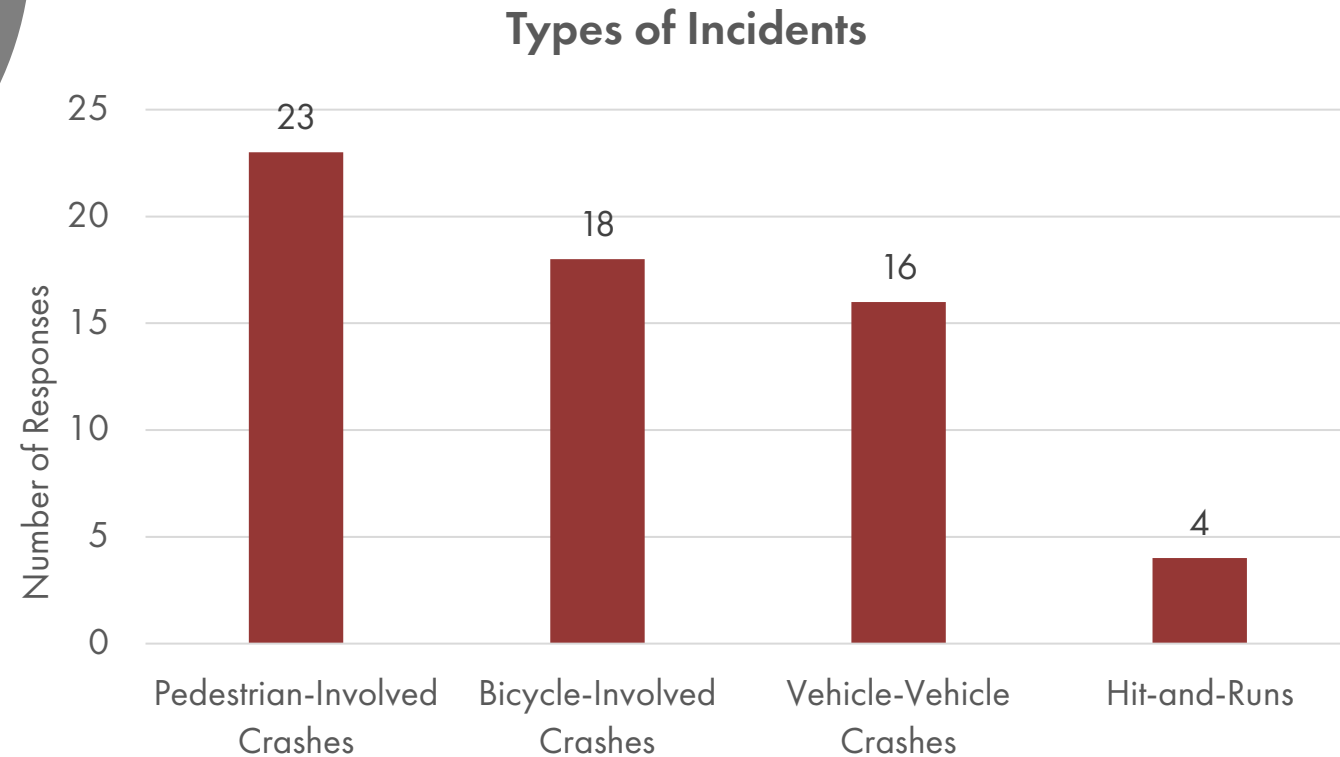


# Question 7

Question 7. Have you, or anyone you know, been involved in a crash related to one of the issues you selected in the last two questions?

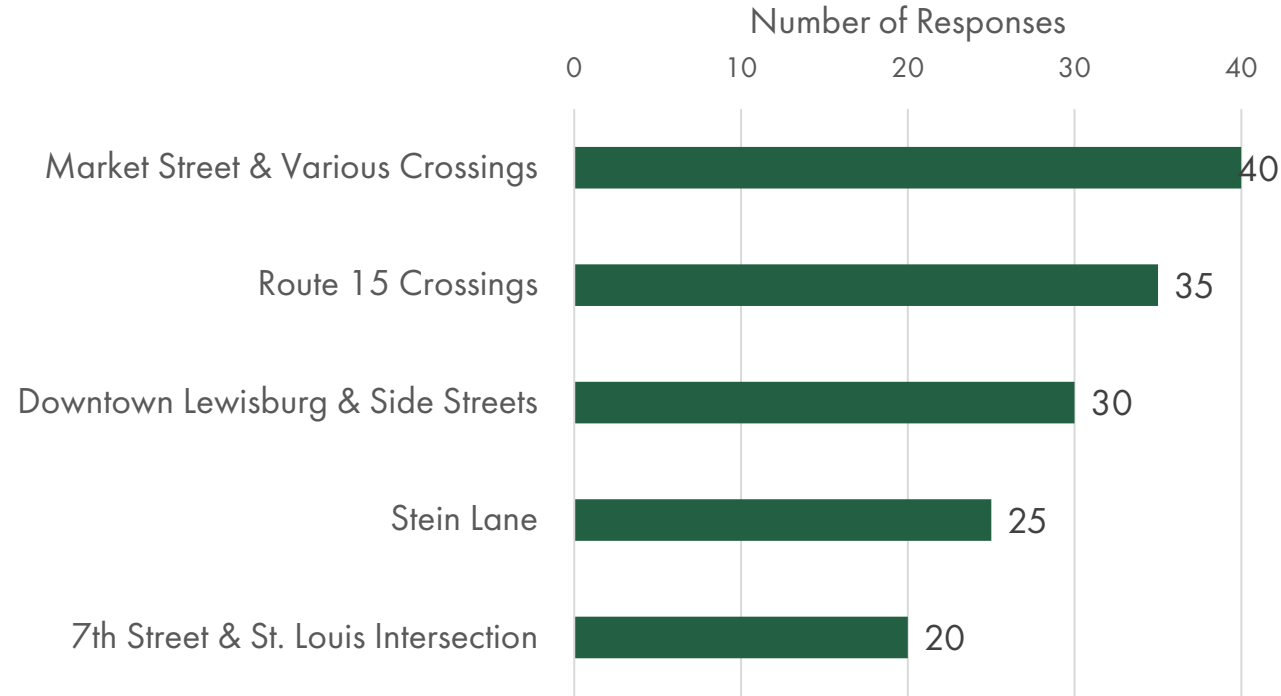


**Frequently Mentioned Crash Locations:**  
Intersection of St. Mary St. and Route 15  
Market St., especially between 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and 5<sup>th</sup> St.  
Crossing Route 15  
St. Louis St. and 7<sup>th</sup> St.



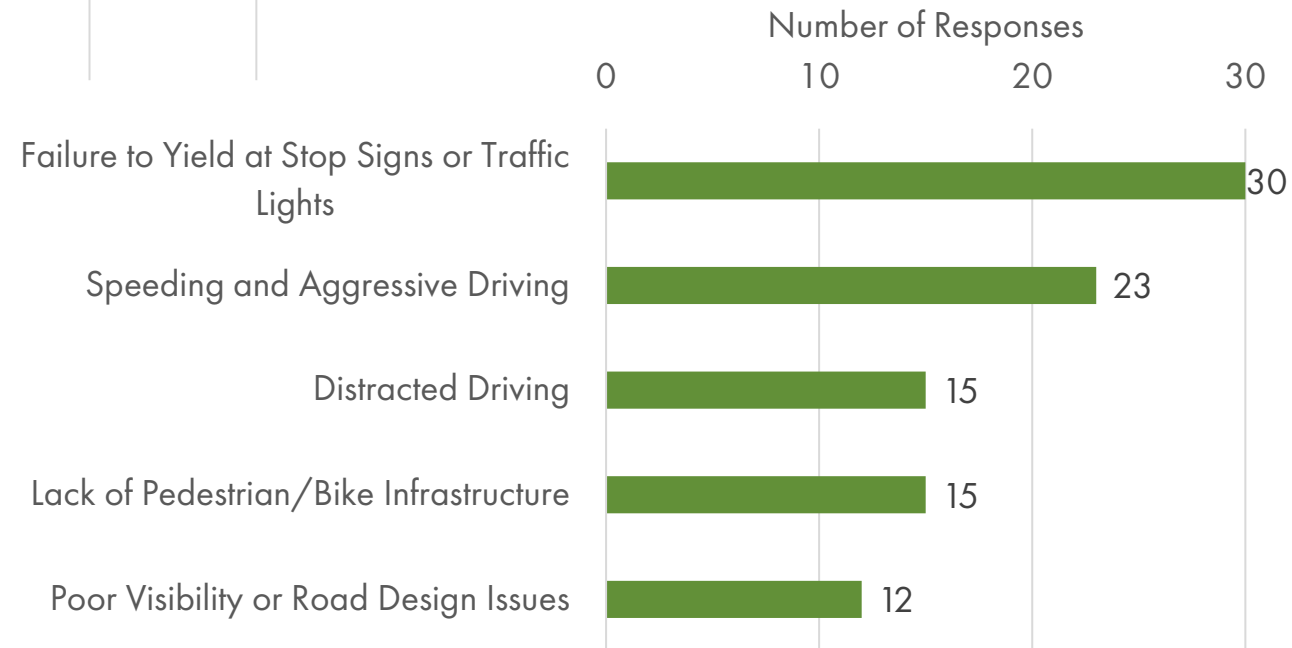
# Question 8

## Traffic Safety Concern Locations



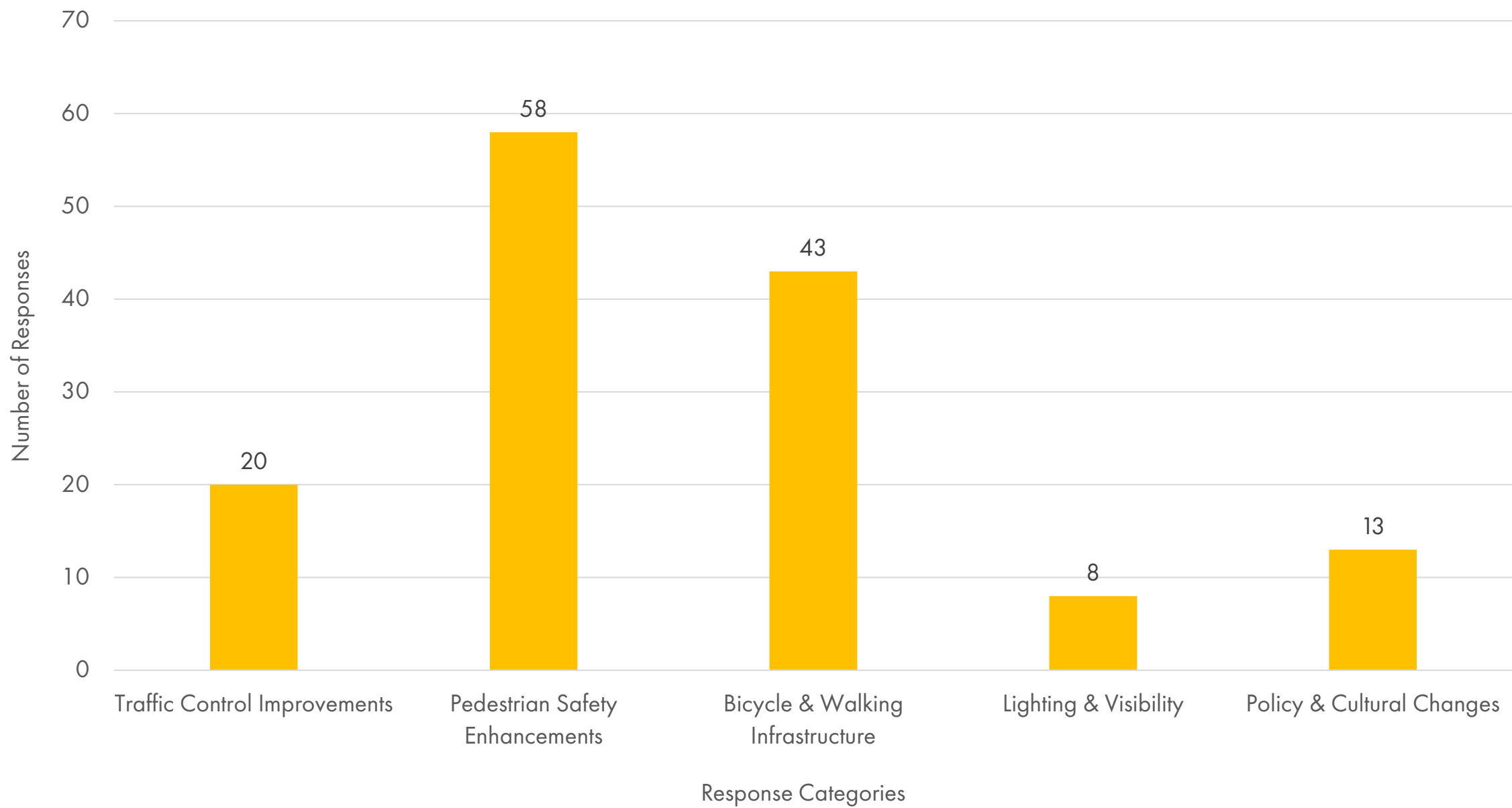
**Question 8. What are the specific locations in or immediately surrounding Lewisburg where you have traffic safety concerns?**

## Types of Concerns



# Question 9

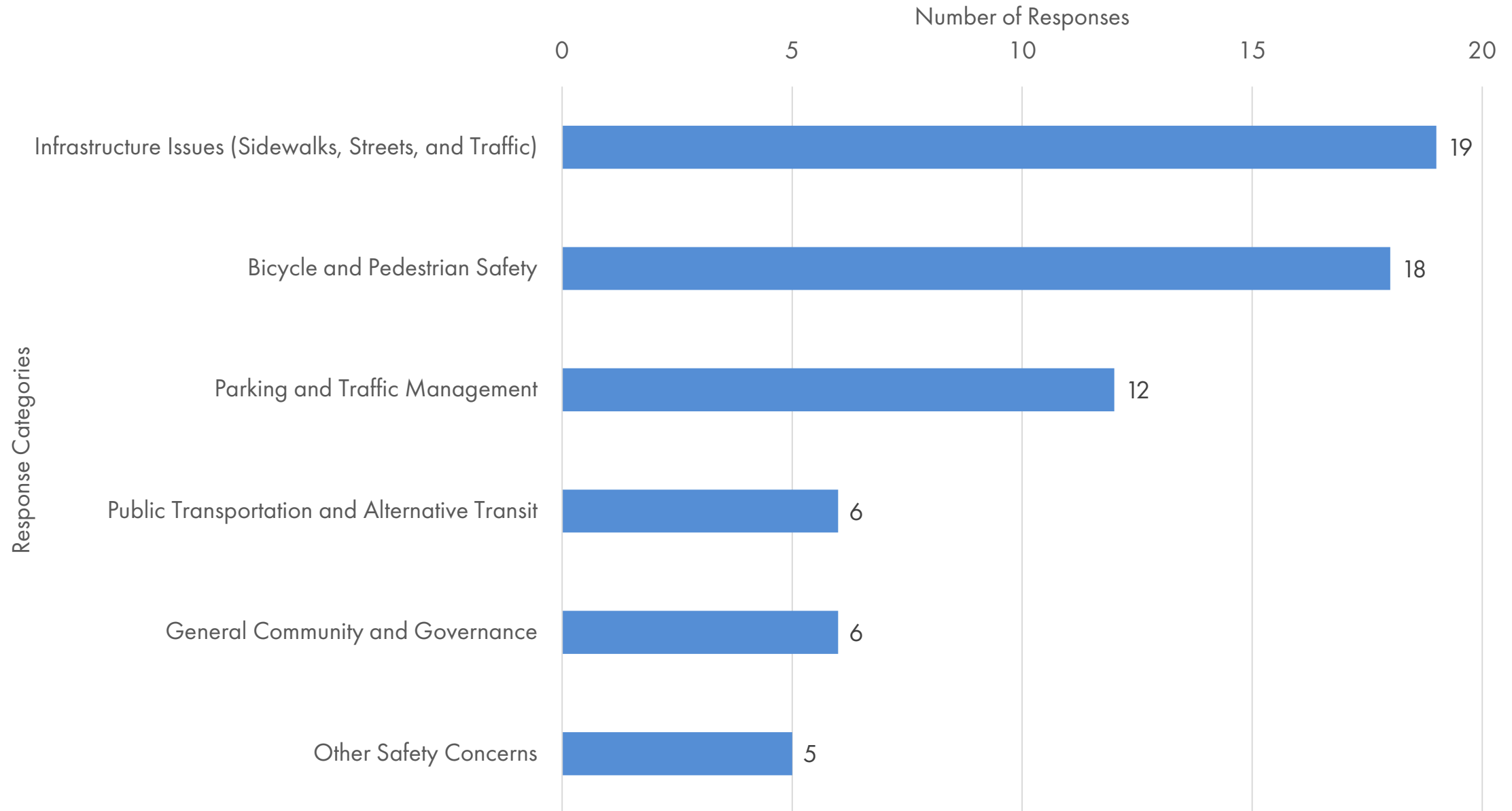
If you had the power to do so, what is the number one thing you would do to make Lewisburg's streets safer?





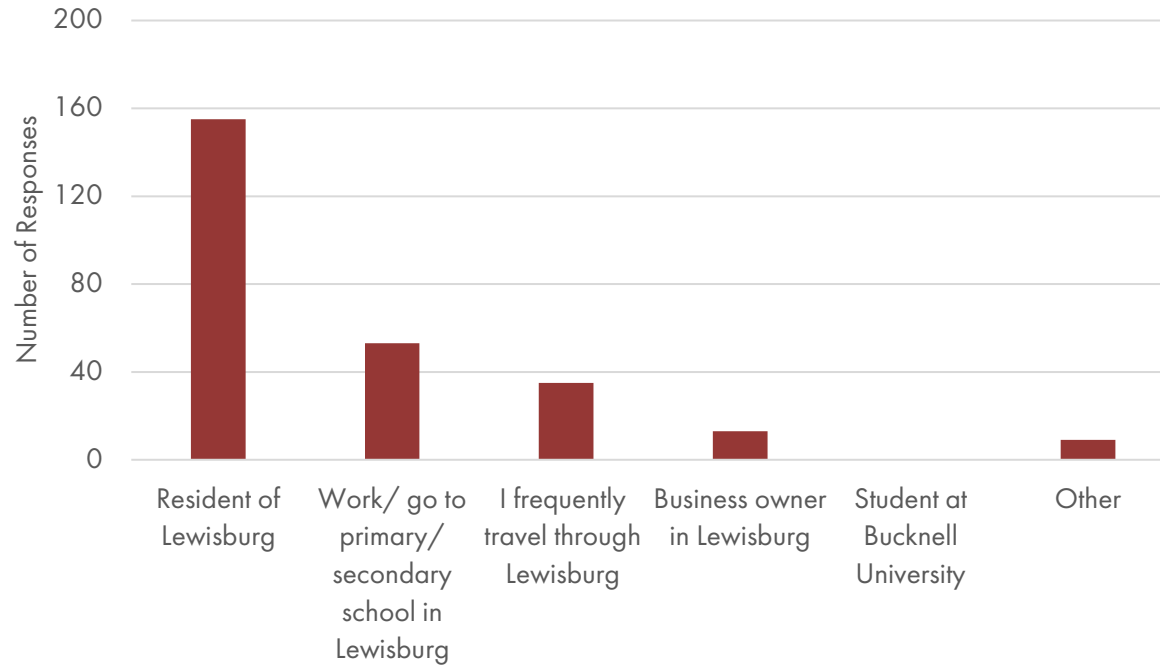
# Question 10

Do you have anything else you would like to share with us at this time?



# Question 11 & 12

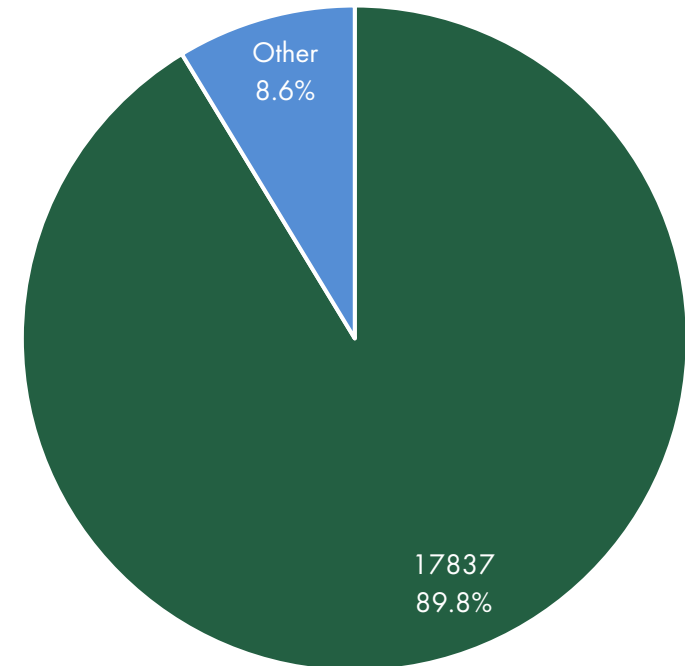
Question 11. What best describes you?



**Other Responses Include:**

Retired  
Born and raised in Lewisburg  
Family in Lewisburg  
Resident of East Buffalo Township  
Part-time resident  
Person (64) who walks all around the Lewisburg area  
Resident of Kelly Township  
Handicapped and homebound

Question 12. What is your home zip code?

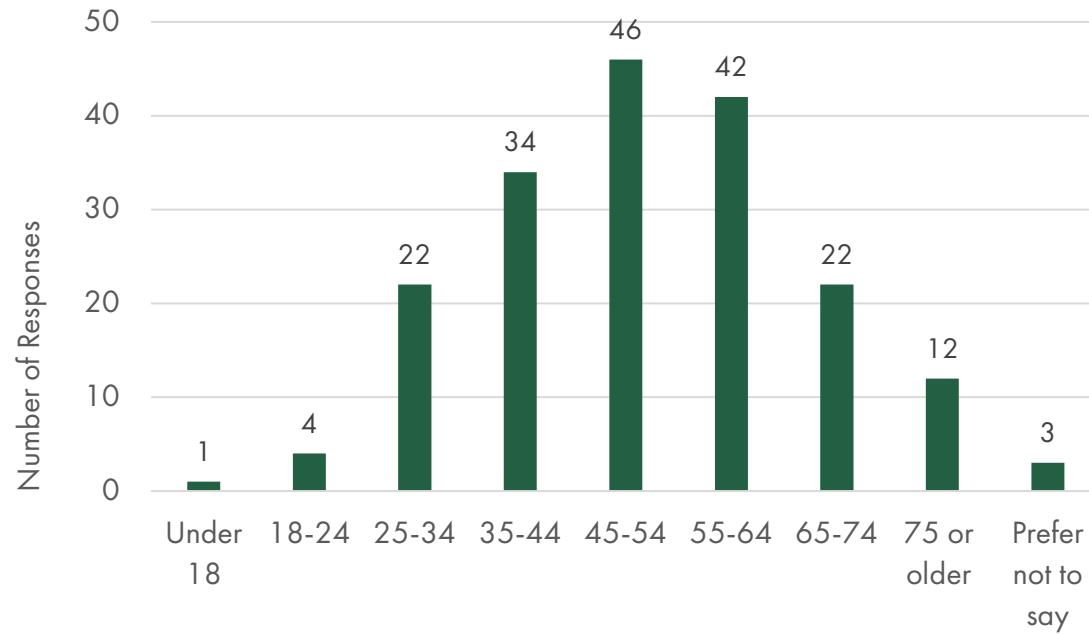


**Other Responses Include:**

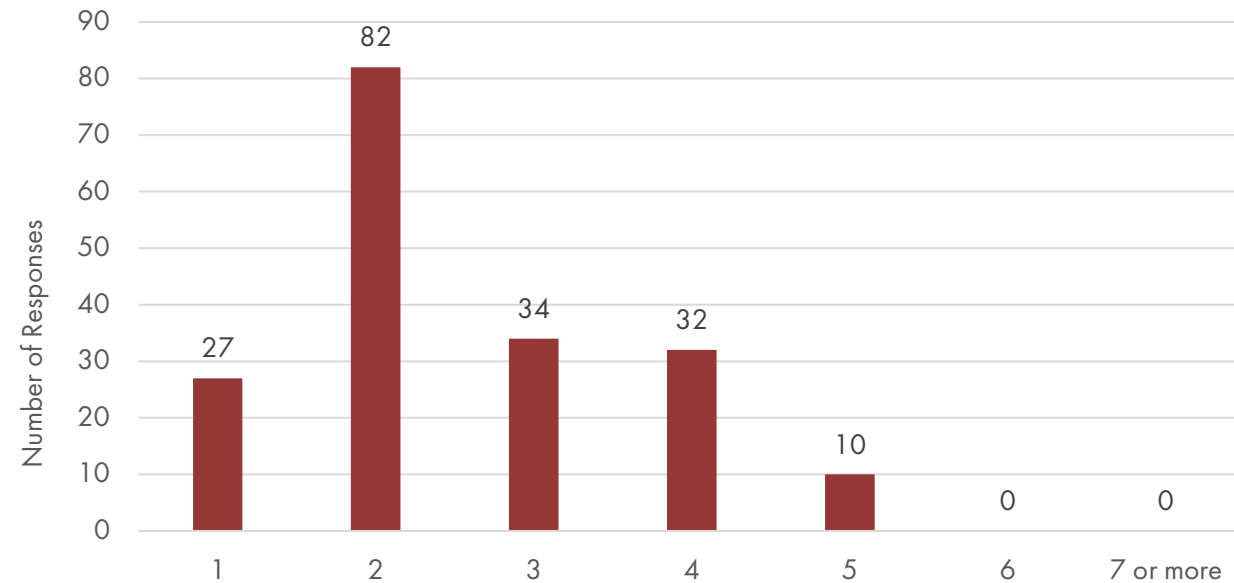
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# Question 13 & 14

**Question 13. Which category below includes your age?**

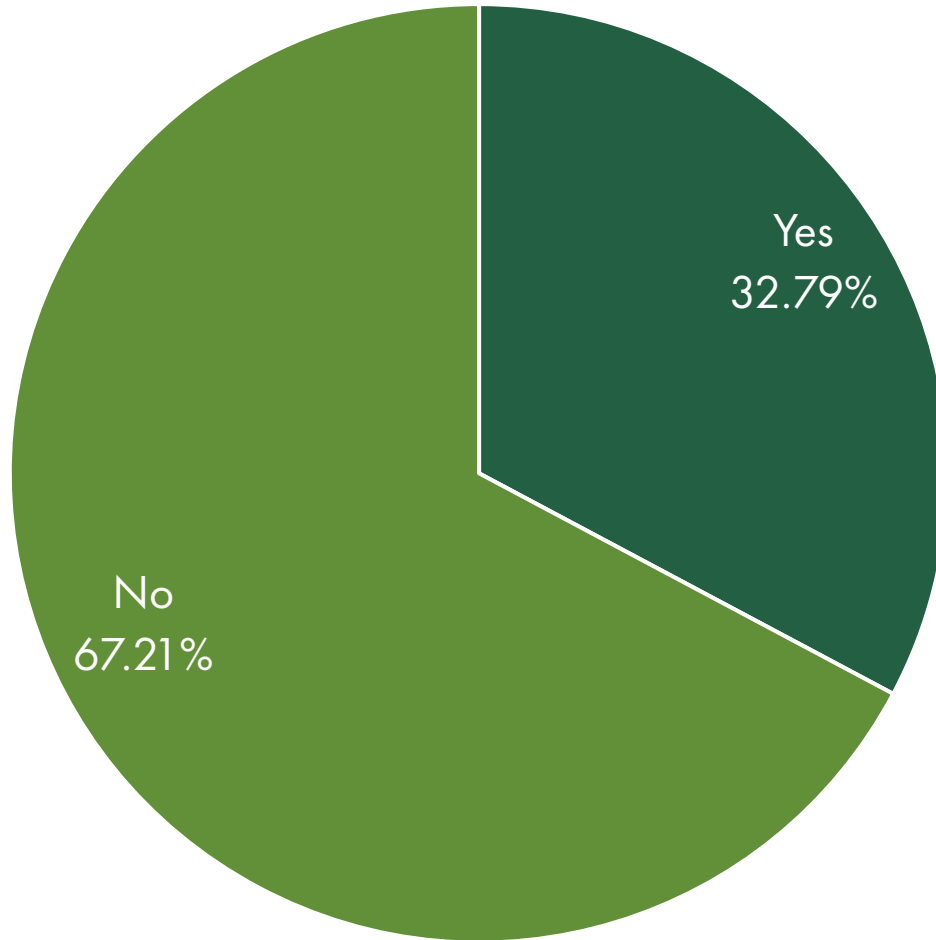


**Question 14. Including yourself, how many people are in your household?**

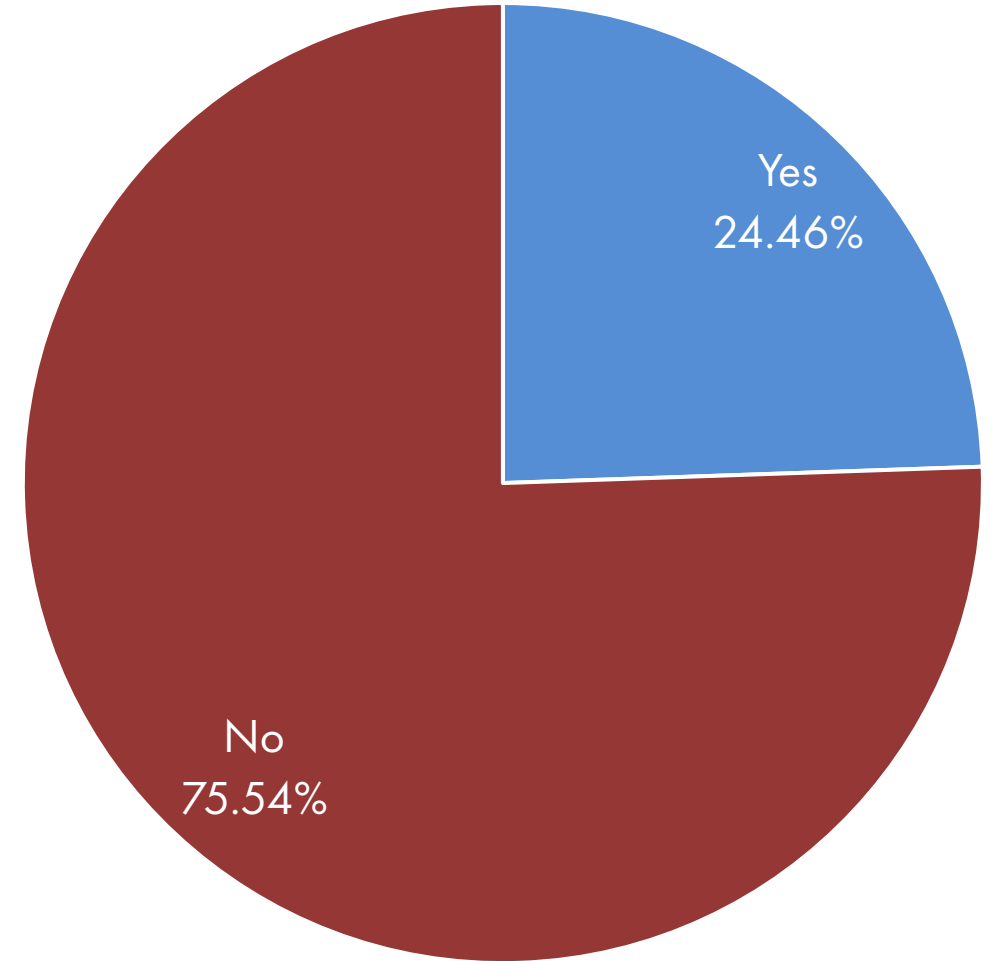


# Question 15 & 16

Question 15. Including yourself, do any school age children (under 18 years old) live in your household?

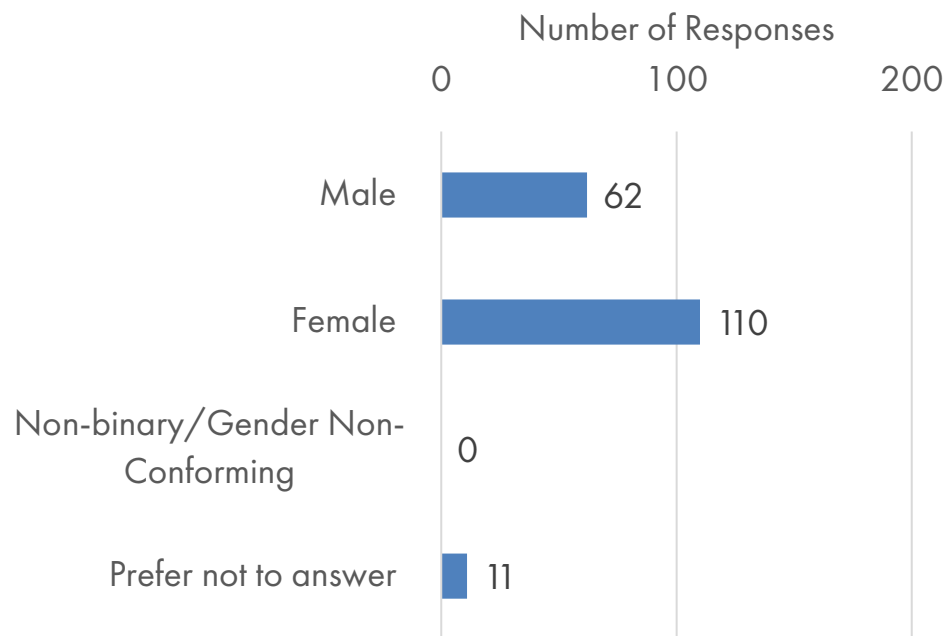


Question 16. Including yourself, do any older adults (65 years and older) live in your household?

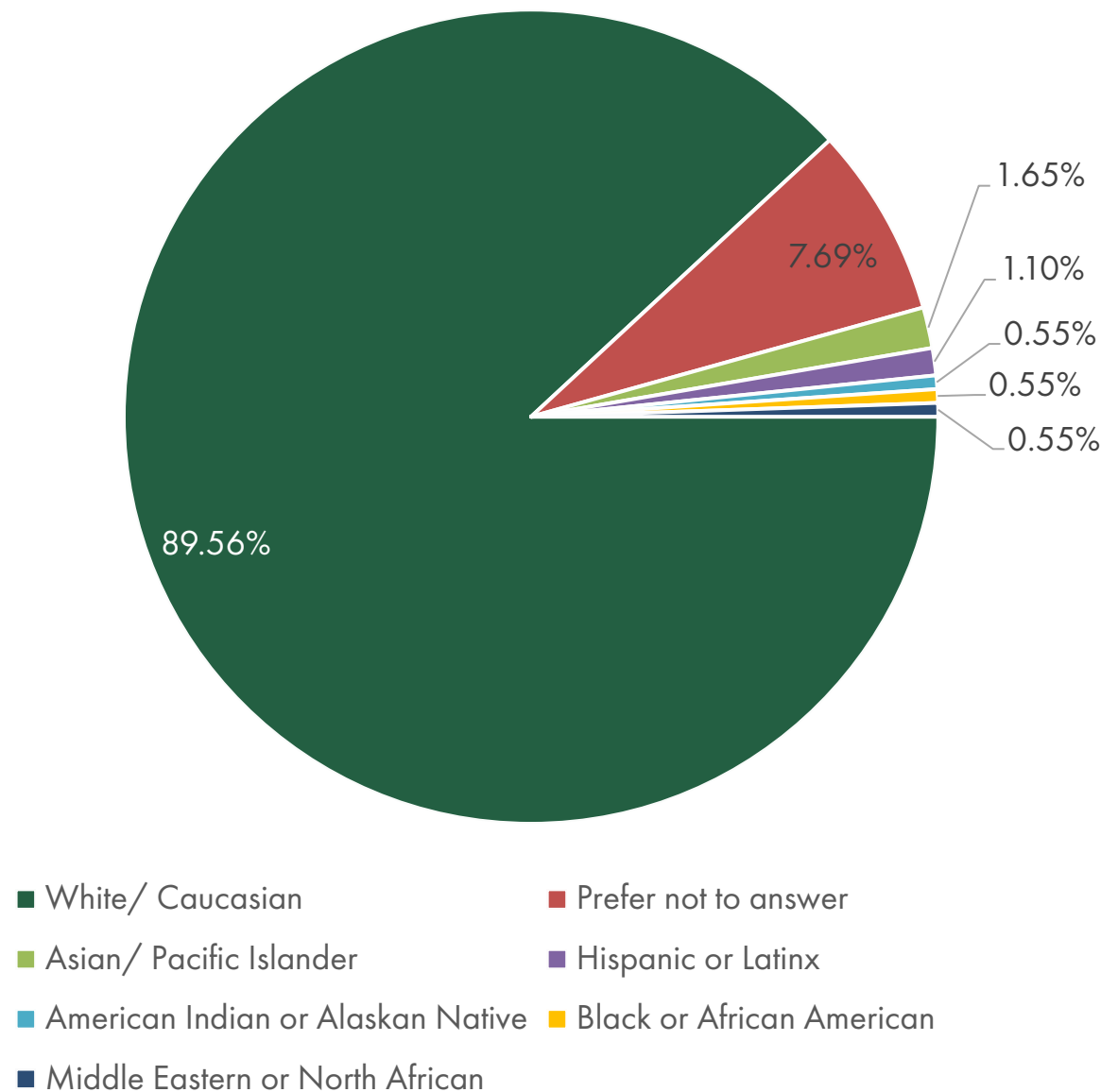


# Question 17 & 18

Question 17. Which gender category best describes you?



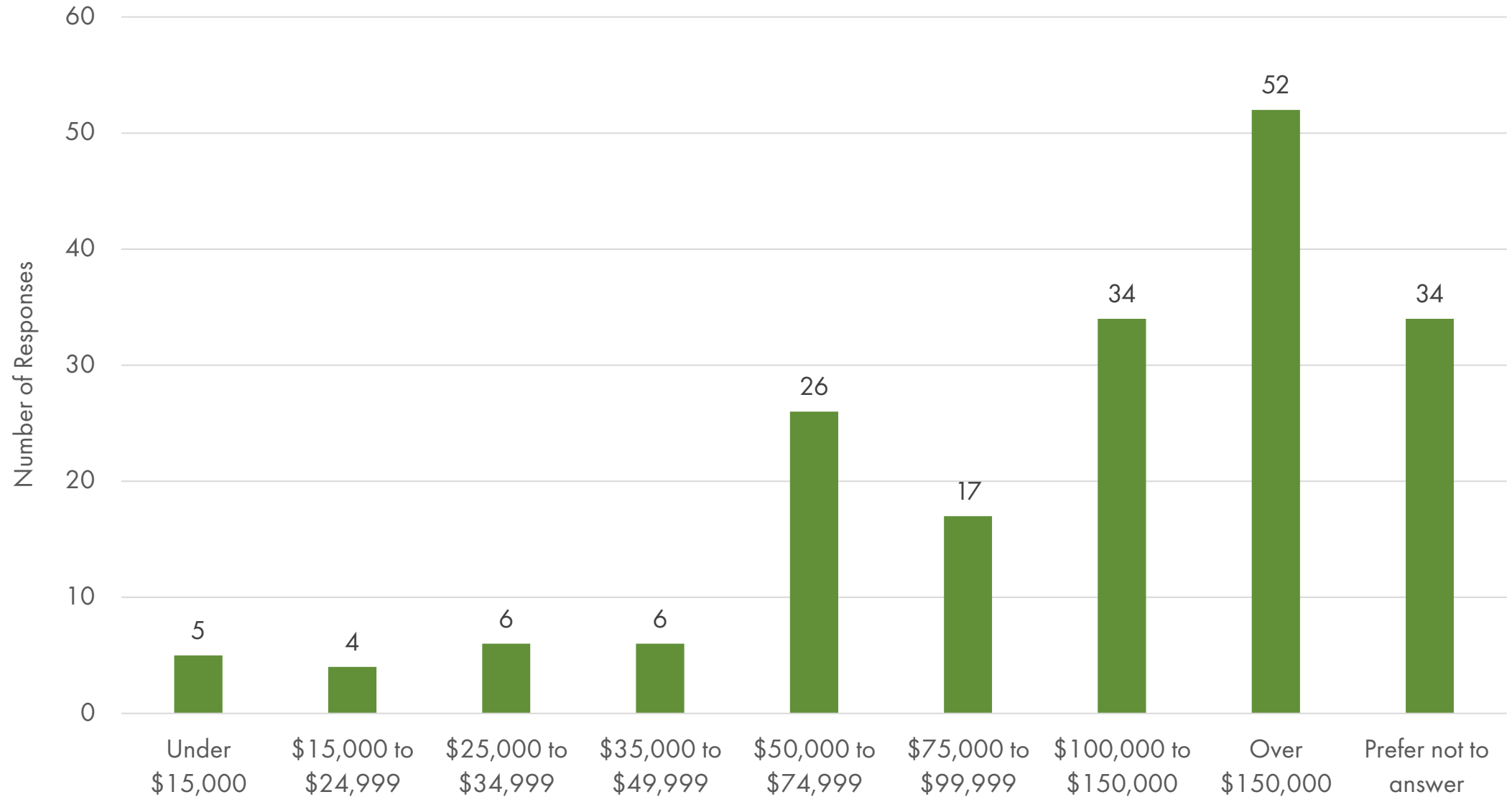
Question 18. Which race or ethnicity best describes you? Please choose all that apply.





# Question 19

Which of the following best describes your household income?



# Public Open House & Online Engagement

The first Public Open House was held on February 26, 2025, at 6:30 PM at the Lewisburg Hotel. The meeting include an online option. There were a total of 41 participants at the meeting, including four (4) online.

During the meeting, a brief presentation was given, introducing the purpose of the plan, the planning process, and the results of the safety analysis. Attendees were then able to participate in engagement exercise to gather their input. These exercises a included a Dream Box; information boards, including draft goals; and a mapping exercise. These exercises were replicated virtually, allowing online participants to complete the same exercises. The online exercises remained open and available through the Borough's website until March 14, to facilitate additional participation.

**In the summary of results, in-person and online input have been combined.**





# Information Boards

The information boards provided background on the purpose of a Safety Action Plan and an overview of the Safety Analysis to date.

Participants were asked to provide input on the draft goals and objectives, summarized on the following pages.

These boards were made available digitally, with a comment box for each board. There was only one online respondent, and their comments focused on a desire for greater transit options, including the development of a streetcar system and smaller busses.

## What is a Safety Action Plan?

 **Lewisburg Safety Action Plan:**  
Making Lewisburg's Streets Safer for All

A Safety Action Plan (SAP) is a roadmap for applying the Safe System Approach. The Lewisburg SAP will:



Establish a **vision** for transportation safety



Analyze **safety, mobility, and equity** data



Incorporate **community feedback**



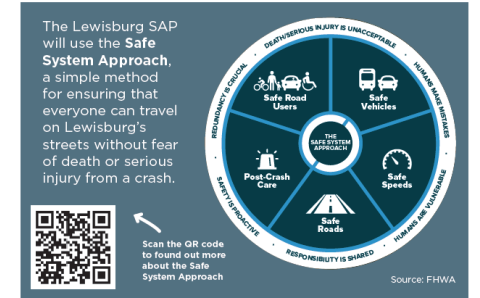
Develop **projects and strategies** to address roadway safety issues

### DRAFT PLAN GOAL FOR CONSIDERATION:

Maintain zero deaths every year even as more residents walk and bike in Lewisburg.



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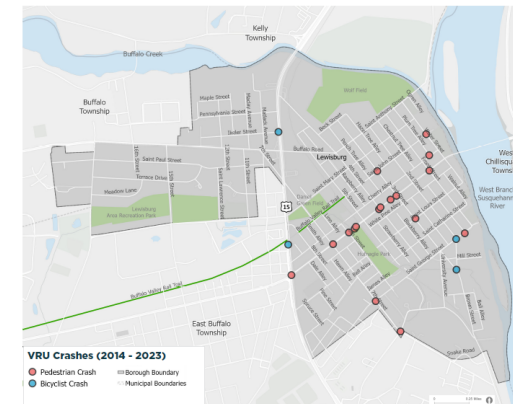
### Planning Process



## VULNERABLE ROAD USER SAFETY: PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLISTS

 **Lewisburg Safety Action Plan:**  
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### Pedestrian and Bicyclist Crashes

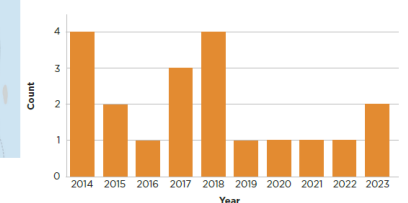


### What is a Vulnerable Road User?

A vulnerable road user (VRU) is a non-motorist who is at higher risk of being injured or killed in a crash. This includes pedestrians, bicyclists, and people using mobility devices.

Crashes involving a Vulnerable Road User are less common but are more likely to result in an injury or loss of life.

Pedestrian and Bicyclist Crashes by Year (2014 - 2023)



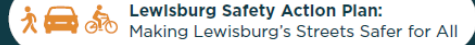
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## Goal 1 Comments Summary:

- 6 comments were left related to Route 15, especially a bridge or improved crossing.
- 1 comment was left related to parking on Market St.
- 2 comments were left related to the need for greater enforcement
- 3 comments were left related to the need for traffic calming or speed reductions
- There were also comments about a general need for more dedicated bicyclist and pedestrian infrastructure, and enhanced school zones.

### DRAFT SAFETY ACTION PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES



We want your feedback on the draft Safety Action Plan Goals and Objectives. Please use a post-it note to comment on how we can improve each goal and corresponding sub-goals.

Please share your thoughts using a Post-It note.

**1. Use Lewisburg crash data and community needs to identify and prioritize opportunities to reduce fatal and serious injury crash risk for all road users.**

- Regularly analyze regional crash and risk patterns and trends to identify locations for safety improvements.
- Implement spot-specific safety improvements at locations with higher and overlapping crash patterns and risks, including safety-related recommendations of the Market Street corridor study.
- With the recent completion of the bypass, identify opportunities to improve safety and foster better connections across US Route 15 for all modes of travel.
- Implement proven safety countermeasures, including new walking and bicycling links, systemically to target locations with similar crash patterns and risks. Consider connections to destinations such as schools that are outside the Borough.



## Goal 1 Complete List of Comments:

- Every child should be able to walk and bike to school. Let's make it a priority. Need ped/bike bridge over Rt. 15. Close road at school arrival and dismissal times. (x4)
- Lower speeds in Borough
- Enforcement of signed yield to ped intersections. Give tickets = change driving habits fast
- We need quality data on truck traffic real-time, accurate
- More traffic calming especially at the points where high-speed traffic hits town.
- More walking & biking infrastructure
- What about posting a sign in the highest risk areas only that state this: high incident risk zone
- Implement practical applications of pedestrian-only traffic locations & solve connectivity issues between the parts of the Rail Trail intersected by 15
- Need traffic slowing methods that will encourage drivers to naturally slow down. Narrow roads, crossing with no left turn, raised crosswalks
- Stop signs on alleys
- Dog park in town to reduce the need to walk all over town with dogs- share with ball field?? (x2)
- We need a bridge to connect the bicycle truck over US 15 thanks (x2)
- Rt 15 ped crossing critical
- No left turns in front of pedestrians at Rt 15 (x2)
- Would love more bike lanes and/or paths (x3)
- The parking on Market St. is insanely unsafe
- More dedicated bike/ped connections to destinations... hospital, store, etc.
- Try identifying a risk area before it becomes a crash site- hot spot on the map

## Goal 2 Comments:

- Wrestle 45/Market from PennDOT
- Coordinate with East Buffalo Township to install sidewalks along St. Mary St. and Market St./Route 45

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### 2. Strengthen partnerships with other agencies, organizations, and community groups to promote transportation safety.

- Maintain a strong relationship with Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) District 3-0 to prioritize safety improvement funding in Lewisburg
- Collaborate with adjacent townships and community groups to solicit input on planned infrastructure projects and targeted educational and enforcement strategies to promote roadway safety.
- Convene the Safety Working Group regularly to monitor plan implementation, measure progress, and share information about applying the Safe System approach.
- Encourage multidisciplinary partnerships in implementing countermeasures and strategies related to both infrastructure and traveler behavior.

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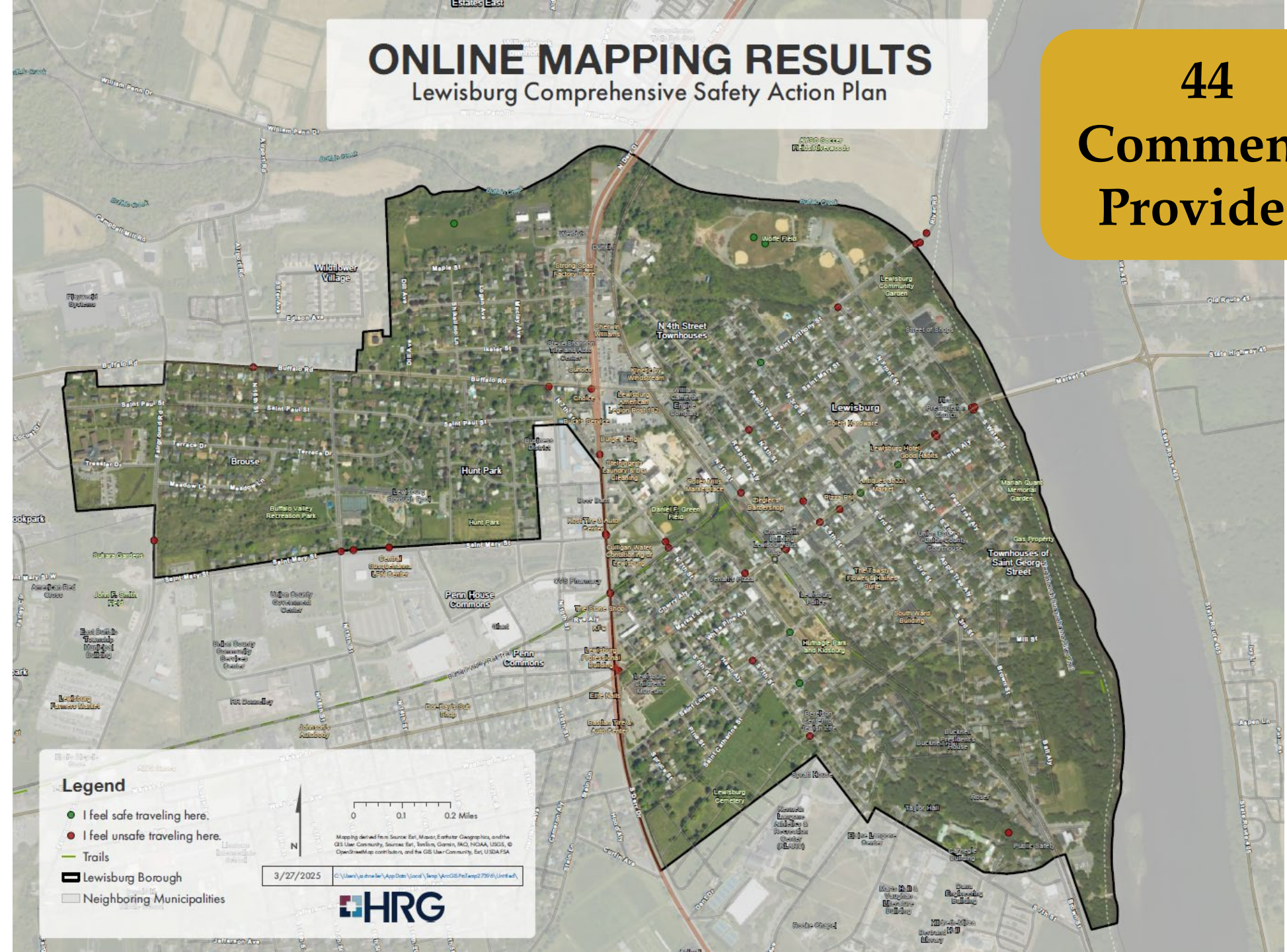


# Mapping Exercise

## ONLINE MAPPING RESULTS

### Lewisburg Comprehensive Safety Action Plan

44  
Comments  
Provided



# Mapping Exercise

- 37 comments were provided for areas where respondents feel unsafe traveling, while only 7 comments were received for areas where respondents feel safe traveling in Lewisburg.
- Respondents indicated that they feel safe traveling:
  - At the intersections of Third St. and Market St., and Second St. and Market St.;
  - At the intersection of St. Louis St. and Sixth St.;
  - Along St. Catherine St., between Sixth St. and Seventh St.;
  - In the field north of Maple St.;
  - And at Wolfe Field(2).



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- Respondents indicated that they feel unsafe traveling:
  - Along/across Market St. at its intersections with Water St. (3), Front St. (2), Peach Tree Alley, Fourth St., Fifth St. (2), Sixth St., and Route 15 (2);
  - Along/across Route 15 at its intersections with Market St. (previously noted), the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail (2), St. Mary St. (2), Seventh St., and Buffalo Rd.;
  - Along St. Mary St. between St. Lawrence St. and Fifteenth St. (3);
  - Along Fairground Rd.;
  - Along/across Buffalo Rd. at its intersections with Airport Rd./Sixteenth St., and Route 15 (previously noted);
  - Along/across St. Anthony St. at its intersection with Front St., and at the St. Anthony St. Bridge (3);
  - Along/across Seventh St. at its intersections with Matlock Ave, Route 15 (previously noted), Route 15 (previously noted), the Buffalo Valley Rail Trail (2), St. Louis St., and St. George St.;
  - North of Snake Rd. near Old Main & Roberts Hall (comment: Build trail here);
  - Along/across Fourth St. at its intersections with St. Mary St., Edwin St., and Market St. (previously noted);
  - At the intersection of Second St. and St. John St.;
  - And at the intersection of St. George St. and Third St.