Sidewalk Survey Report 2023



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Sidewalk Survey Report

Introduction

The essence of urban development and community planning lies in its infrastructure, with sidewalks playing a pivotal role in shaping the experience of its residents. Sidewalks, often perceived as merely functional, can profoundly impact the sociocultural and economic dynamics of a city. They contribute to the overall walkability, ensure pedestrian safety, influence local businesses, and reflect the inclusivity of a community. Recognizing the significance of such infrastructure, the City of Bartlesville commissioned a comprehensive sidewalk survey aimed at understanding the perspectives, experiences, and aspirations of its residents.

The City of Bartlesville, with its rich history and evolving demographics, warrants an infrastructure that resonates with the needs and desires of its community. To address this, the survey was meticulously crafted, encompassing varied dimensions of sidewalk infrastructure – from the frequency of use, conditions, safety perceptions, to more nuanced topics like the existence of 'orphaned' sidewalks and the infrastructure's inclusivity for individuals with disabilities.

A set of thoughtfully designed questions served as the foundation for this survey, each tailored to shed light on specific aspects. The questions ranged from gauging the importance of sidewalks in the community's fabric to understanding the willingness of residents to contribute financially for the betterment of such infrastructure.

The emphasis on 'orphaned sidewalks' – those disconnected sections that often fall between the cracks of urban planning – underscores the commitment to ensuring a holistic and integrated pedestrian network. The consideration given to the needs of individuals with disabilities and the inclusion of amenities underlines the city's dedication to inclusivity and enhanced user experience.

The purpose of this report is to present the findings from the survey, offering insights, highlighting concerns, and ultimately serving as a foundation for future urban development initiatives. By capturing the voice of the residents, the City of Bartlesville aims to ensure that its sidewalks not only facilitate movement but also foster community, culture, and connection.

Delving into the findings, we hope that the data and interpretations aid stakeholders, policymakers, and urban planners in shaping a Bartlesville that is truly reflective of its community's aspirations.

"Sidewalks: Where every step tells a story and every corner fosters community. Here's to shaping Bartlesville, one stride at a time!"

Survey Introduction:

Navigating the realm of urban infrastructure demands a blend of qualitative insights and quantifiable data. The questions presented in our survey were meticulously designed to capture this blend, offering a panoramic view of Bartlesville's sidewalk dynamics. Grounded in the fundamental pillars of urban planning – accessibility, safety, inclusivity, and utility – these questions sought to understand both the tangible aspects of our sidewalks, such as their physical condition and connectivity, as well as the intangible, including residents' feelings of safety and overall experience. From the broad strokes of understanding the significance of sidewalks in our community fabric to the more nuanced areas of 'orphaned' sections and seasonal challenges, our survey endeavors to paint a comprehensive picture. As we delve into each question, view it as a portal into the daily lives, routines, and aspirations of Bartlesville's residents, each providing a unique perspective on what makes our sidewalks more than just pathways, but lifelines of our vibrant community.

Survey Objectives:

Importance of Sidewalks:

Objective: Determine how residents perceive sidewalks' value within the broader context of community infrastructure. This will help prioritize funding and resources.

Frequency of Use:

Objective: Ascertain how integral sidewalks are in daily activities. High usage suggests an immediate need for maintenance or upgrades.

Condition of Sidewalks:

Objective: Gauge the current state of sidewalks, helping in identifying regions or sections needing urgent attention.

Seasonal Maintenance:

Objective: Uncover seasonal challenges, ensuring timely interventions like snow removal in winter or leaf clearing in autumn.

Safety Perception:

Objective: Assess how secure residents feel. This could lead to interventions such as improved lighting or clearer crosswalks.

Disability Accommodation:

Objective: Ensure inclusivity by evaluating how well sidewalks cater to residents with disabilities.

Pedestrian Needs Servicing:

Objective: Determine if sidewalks connect vital areas effectively and if residents can rely on them for primary commuting.

Consistency in Standards:

Objective: Check if there's a preference for uniformity in sidewalk construction and appearance across the city.

Bike Lanes/Shared Paths:

Objective: Understand the community's sentiment towards multi-modal paths, which can optimize space and encourage cycling.

Orphaned Sidewalks Identification:

Objective: Recognize potential gaps in the sidewalk network that may have been overlooked in past planning phases.

Frequency of Encountering Orphaned Sidewalks:

Objective: Determine how often residents come across these gaps, indirectly gauging the scale of the issue.

Integration of Orphaned Sidewalks:

Objective: Understand if there's a community interest in connecting these disjointed paths.

Navigational Challenges:

Objective: Identify the most significant issues faced due to orphaned sidewalks, informing prioritization.

Rehabilitation Support for Orphaned Sidewalks:

Objective: Gauge community backing for investment into the redevelopment of disconnected sidewalk sections.

Amenities Availability:

Objective: Understand how well-equipped the sidewalks are, which can enhance the user experience.

Financial Contribution Willingness:

Objective: Measure the community's readiness to invest in their infrastructure through taxes or other financial means.

The survey questions, in their entirety, present a comprehensive framework to understand various facets of sidewalk infrastructure from the City of Bartlesville residents' perspective. By canvassing opinions on topics ranging from basic functionality to inclusivity and financial contributions, the survey aims to create a holistic picture of current conditions and future aspirations. Furthermore, the emphasis on orphaned sidewalks highlights a nuanced understanding of infrastructure gaps. The findings from such a survey can be invaluable for city planners, policymakers, and community leaders in making informed and strategic decisions.

Survey Response Overview:

A crucial metric of a survey's efficacy is the extent of its reach and participation. We're pleased to report that our sidewalk survey garnered a robust total of 677 responses from the City of Bartlesville's residents. This considerable turnout speaks volumes about the community's engagement and vested interest in the evolution of its infrastructure. Such a diverse and substantial pool of respondents ensures that the insights derived are both representative and comprehensive, providing a solid foundation upon which informed decisions and strategies can be built. The number underscores not just the efficacy of the survey's dissemination but also emphasizes the importance of sidewalks in the daily lives and concerns of Bartlesville's inhabitants.

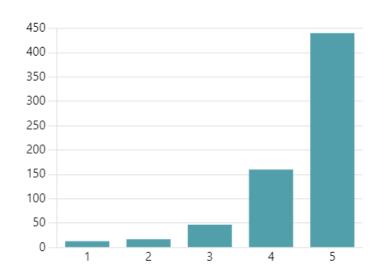
677 Responses

Survey Questions and Response:

Question 1:

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: How important do you consider sidewalks as an aspect of your communities' infrastructure?

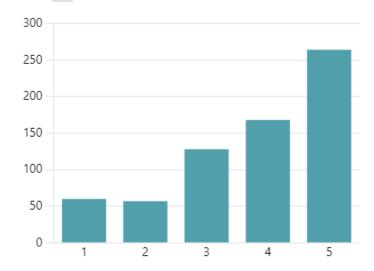
4.47Average Rating



Questions 2:

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: How frequently do you use sidewalks in your daily life?

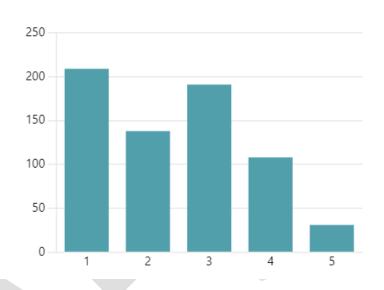
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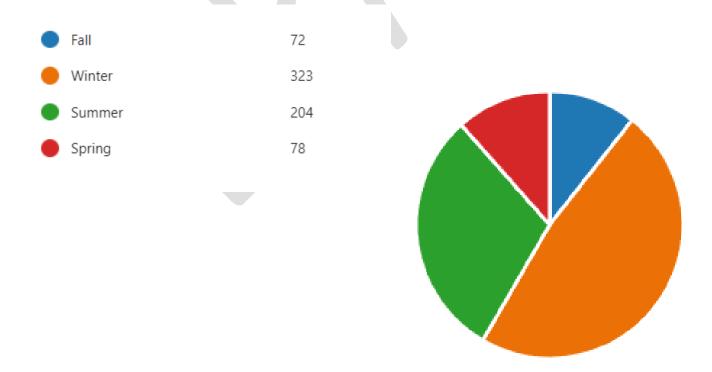
On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: Please rate the overall condition of sidewalks in your area.

2.43 Average Rating



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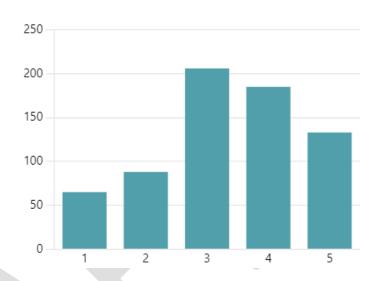
Are there any particular times or seasons when sidewalks in your area require more attention or maintenance?



Question 5:

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: How safe do you feel when walking on sidewalks in your community?

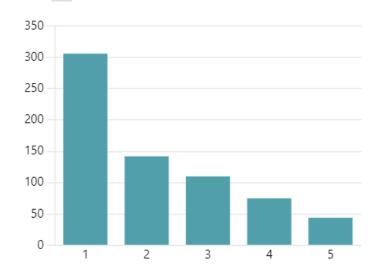
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Average Rating



Question 6:

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: How well do you think sidewalks in your area accommodate individuals with disabilities?

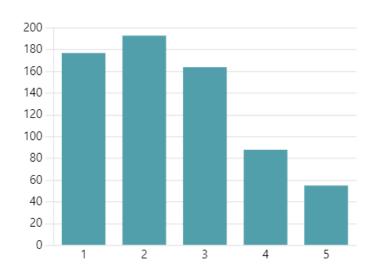
2.13 Average Rating



Question 7:

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: How well do you think the existing sidewalk infrastructure serves the pedestrian needs in your community?

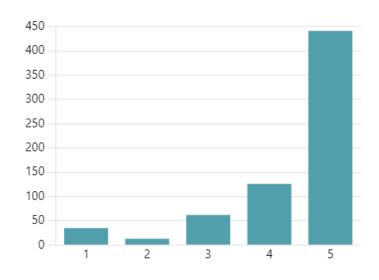
2.48 Average Rating



Question 8:

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: Do you believe that there should be consistent sidewalk standards or guidelines across your community?

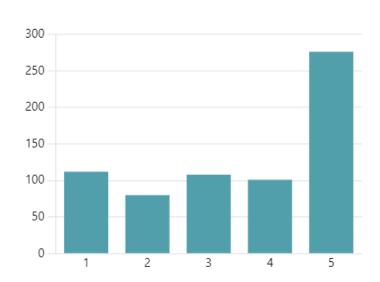
4.37
Average Rating



Question 9:

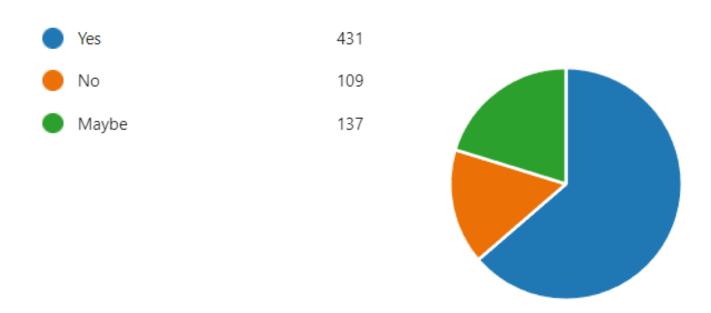
On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: Should there be designated bike lanes or shared-use paths alongside sidewalks to accommodate cyclists?

3.52 Average Rating



Question 10:

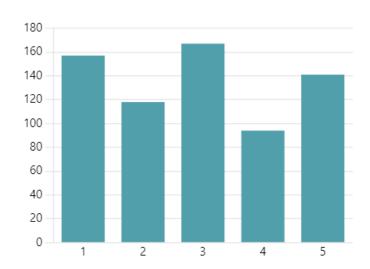
Are there any orphaned sidewalks in your community, i.e., sidewalks not adjacent to specific properties or disconnected from the main sidewalk network?



Question 11:

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: How frequently do you encounter orphaned sidewalks in your area during your daily activities?

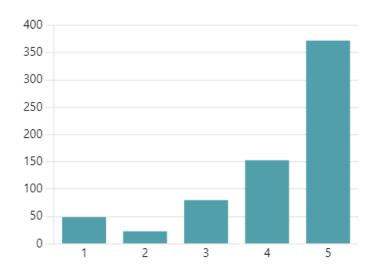
2.92
Average Rating



Question 12:

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: How important do you think it is to connect and integrate orphaned sidewalks into the existing sidewalk network?

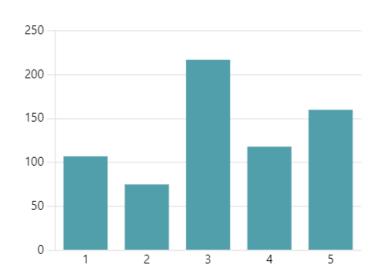
4.15 Average Rating



Question 13:

Have you ever faced challenges or difficulties when navigating areas with orphaned sidewalks? Please rank the nature of these challenges based on their impact. (1 = Least impactful, 5 = Most impactful)

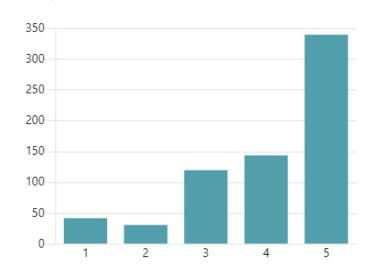
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Average Rating



Question 14:

How strongly do you support initiatives or investments aimed at rehabilitating and connecting orphaned sidewalks in your community? (1 = Strongly disagree, 5 = Strongly agree)

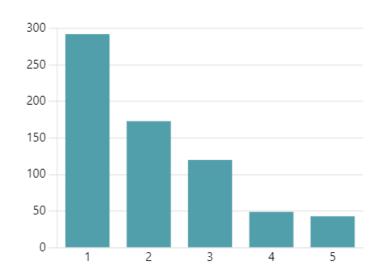
4.05 Average Rating



Question 15:

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: Please rate the availability of amenities along sidewalks, such as benches, trash cans, or lighting.

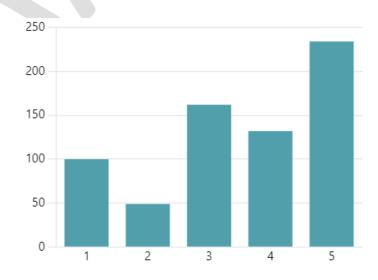
2.08
Average Rating



Question 16:

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: Would you be willing to contribute financially, through taxes or other means, to improve, maintain sidewalks and amenities in your community?

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Average Rating



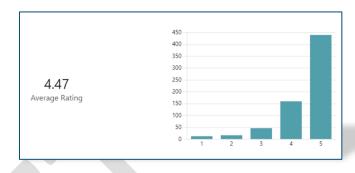
Question Analysis

As we delve into the intricate weave of Bartlesville's sidewalk dynamics, it's imperative to understand each strand's significance in the tapestry. Each question posed in the survey serves as a window into a specific facet of our community's relationship with its sidewalks. Whether it's about the frequency of use, the perception of safety, or the challenges posed by orphaned pathways, each query has been designed to extract nuanced insights from our residents. In the subsequent sections, we will individually analyze the responses to each question. By doing so, we aim to offer a multi-dimensional perspective on the state, challenges, and potential areas of improvement for Bartlesville's sidewalk infrastructure. Every analysis will not only present the data but also explore the stories and sentiments behind the numbers, providing a holistic understanding of the community's aspirations and concerns.

Question 1:

Analysis of Importance of Sidewalks to the Community's Infrastructure

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: How important do you consider sidewalks as an aspect of your communities' infrastructure?



The response to the question underscores the pronounced significance sidewalks

hold in the community's perception of its infrastructure. An impressive average score of 4.47 out of 5 suggests that residents of Bartlesville not only view sidewalks as functional components but possibly as vital elements contributing to the city's overall aesthetic, safety, and accessibility.

Delving deeper, the fact that a staggering 89% of respondents rated the importance between "4 - 5" reinforces this viewpoint. Such a high percentage within this upper bracket indicates a shared sentiment across the majority of the community. It means that for most respondents, sidewalks aren't a mere afterthought; they're crucial.

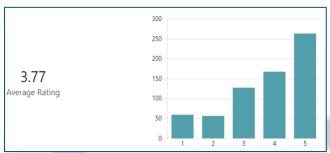
This data offers city planners and policymakers a compelling narrative: when considering infrastructural projects or investments, sidewalks should be front and center. Their importance, as revealed by the survey, demands consistent maintenance, upgrades, and potential expansion.

Furthermore, the strong consensus on the importance of sidewalks might suggest that future community engagement or initiatives focusing on sidewalks – be it enhancement projects or community-led beautification – would likely receive significant public support and interest.

Question 2:

Analysis of Frequency of Sidewalk Usage in Daily Life

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: How frequently do you use sidewalks in your daily life?



The feedback on the frequency of sidewalk usage offers compelling insights into Bartlesville's pedestrian patterns. An average rating of 3.77 signifies that sidewalks play a consistent role in the day-to-day activities of many residents. The fact that 64% of the respondents selected "High" for this question suggests that a significant majority of the community relies on sidewalks regularly, whether for commuting, recreational walks, or other daily tasks.

Comparing this with the previous question where the majority also rated the importance of sidewalks as "High," we observe a clear correlation. Not only do residents view sidewalks as a critical component of the city's infrastructure, but they also actively use them. This pattern indicates that the appreciation for sidewalks isn't just theoretical or aspirational—it's rooted in practical, daily experiences.

Takeaways:

Consistency in Perception and Usage: Given that sidewalks are both highly valued and frequently used, they represent a core component of the city's infrastructure, deserving consistent attention and investment.

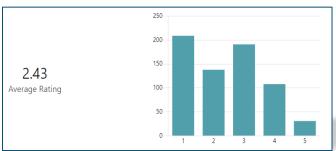
Potential for Further Enhancements: Since a significant portion of residents regularly uses sidewalks, improvements, whether in terms of accessibility, safety, or aesthetic upgrades, can have a direct and positive impact on the daily lives of a large segment of the community.



Question 3:

Analysis of the Overall Condition of Sidewalks in the Area

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: Please rate the overall condition of sidewalks in your area.



The responses to this question offer a candid look at residents' perceptions regarding the current state of Bartlesville's sidewalks. An average rating of 2.43, which leans towards the lower end of the scale, suggests that many community members find the condition of the sidewalks to be less than satisfactory.

More striking is the fact that over half, precisely 52%, of respondents rated the condition as "Low." This majority consensus indicates a pressing concern about the quality, maintenance, or possibly even the safety of the sidewalks.

When juxtaposed with the earlier data – where sidewalks were deemed important and frequently used – this feedback underscores a disparity. While residents value and frequently use sidewalks, they are not entirely pleased with their current state.

Takeaways:

Attention: The overall dissatisfaction implies that there might be tangible issues, such as cracks, uneven surfaces, or lack of accessibility features, which need immediate rectification.

Potential Concerns: Given the frequency of sidewalk usage, any deficiencies in their condition might pose risks. The feedback could indicate potential hazards or areas where poor maintenance might make walking, especially during inclement weather, a challenge.

Infrastructure Investment: Since sidewalks are both essential and frequently used, but their current state is seen as lacking, it might be time to prioritize resources and investments in their repair, upgrade, or expansion.

In conclusion, while sidewalks form a central part of Bartlesville's community life, there seems to be a strong call from residents for improvements in their overall condition. Addressing these concerns can enhance the safety, aesthetics, and overall user experience for a significant portion of the community.



Question 4:

Analysis of Seasonal Maintenance Requirements for Sidewalks

Are there any particular times or seasons when sidewalks in your area require more attention or maintenance?



When gauging the seasonal attention and maintenance needs of sidewalks, the feedback provides a clear picture of the periods residents feel sidewalks in Bartlesville are most affected.

Winter (323 Responses): The most significant number of respondents, an overwhelming majority, indicated winter as the season where sidewalks require the most attention. This could be attributed to challenges like ice formation, snow accumulation, and potential damage from freeze-thaw cycles. Such conditions not only deteriorate the sidewalks but also pose significant safety hazards to pedestrians.

Summer (204 Responses): The second-highest number of respondents highlighted summer as a season of concern. Factors might include potential damage from extreme heat, causing the pavement to soften or even warp. Additionally, the growth of weeds through cracks or an increase in pedestrian usage might also play a role in the perceived need for heightened maintenance.

Fall (72 Responses) and Spring (78 Responses): Both these seasons garnered relatively lower, yet almost similar responses. Fall might raise concerns due to leaf accumulation, making sidewalks slippery and potentially hiding other hazards. Meanwhile, spring's challenges might stem from runoff from melting snow or increased rainfall leading to water pooling or erosion issues.

Takeaways:

Winter Preparedness: Given the high response rate for winter, it becomes paramount to have a comprehensive winter response strategy. This might include snow clearing, ice melting, and regular inspections for damage incurred due to cold temperatures.

Summer Maintenance: While winter stands out, summer's notable count suggests that provisions should be made for regular checks during hot months. This could involve ensuring the integrity of the pavement and addressing any heat-induced damage promptly.

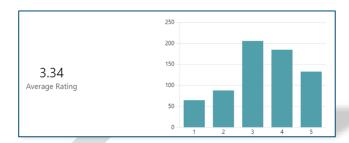
Consistent Monitoring in Fall and Spring: Despite fewer responses for these seasons, they cannot be overlooked. Routine cleaning, especially in the fall, and drainage checks in spring can be effective measures.

While the challenges posed by each season vary, there's a call for consistent, seasonally tailored maintenance of Bartlesville's sidewalks. Addressing these concerns not only prolongs the life of the sidewalks but also ensures safety and accessibility year-round.

Question 5:

Analysis of Perceived Safety on Sidewalks in the Community

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: How safe do you feel when walking on sidewalks in your community?



The perception of safety is fundamental to the experience and utilization of urban infrastructure, particularly sidewalks, which serve as pathways for daily commutes, leisurely walks, and more. The feedback on this question offers insights into the community's feelings of security and confidence when using Bartlesville's sidewalks.

Average Rating (3.34): The average rating hovering slightly above the midpoint suggests a moderately positive perception of safety. While not overwhelmingly high, the score indicates that many residents feel somewhat safe, though there might be room for improvements or areas of concern that have not reached a critical level of unease.

High Rating (47%): Almost half of the respondents, with 47% rating the safety as "High," showcases that a significant portion of the community feels confident and secure when walking on the sidewalks. This percentage indicates well-maintained areas, good lighting, clear signage, and possibly low crime rates in parts of the community.

Takeaways:

Strengthen Existing Safety Measures: The significant number of respondents feeling safe suggests that existing safety measures and maintenance protocols in certain areas are effective. Identifying these successful strategies and expanding them to other parts of the community might bolster the overall safety rating.

Identify and Address Concerns: While a significant portion feels safe, the average rating's position near the middle indicates there are concerns. These might range from specific spots with poor lighting, uneven surfaces, obstructions, or even areas with a reputation for higher crime rates. Detailed feedback or location-specific surveys could help pinpoint these concerns for targeted improvements.

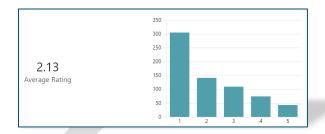
Community Engagement: Engaging the community in safety initiatives, be it through neighborhood watches, feedback forums, or participatory safety audits, can further enhance the perceived and actual safety of sidewalks.

While Bartlesville's sidewalks appear to offer a decent level of safety for many of its residents, the data suggests areas or aspects that could benefit from further attention. Addressing these will not only enhance the actual safety but also bolster residents' confidence in their daily commutes and activities.

Question 6:

Analysis of Sidewalk Accessibility for Individuals with Disabilities

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: How well do you think sidewalks in your area accommodate individuals with disabilities?



Accessibility is a pivotal aspect of urban planning, emphasizing inclusivity and ensuring that all members of the community, regardless of their physical abilities, can navigate public spaces with ease and dignity. The feedback on this question provides a vital perspective on how Bartlesville's sidewalks measure up in terms of catering to individuals with disabilities.

Average Rating (2.13): The average rating, positioned significantly below the midpoint, suggests notable concerns regarding the accessibility of the city's sidewalks for individuals with disabilities. Such a low average rating indicates that many areas may lack necessary accommodations or are perceived as not being user-friendly for all.

Low Rating (67%): The striking figure here is that two-thirds of respondents feel the sidewalks do not adequately accommodate those with disabilities. This overwhelming majority is a clarion call to city administrators, emphasizing that current infrastructure might be lacking critical features such as ramps, tactile paving, or sufficient width.

Takeaways:

Assessment: With such a high percentage indicating low accessibility, a comprehensive assessment of sidewalks is needed. This assessment should focus on identifying barriers or challenges faced by individuals with disabilities, from missing curb cuts to obstructions and inadequate signage.

Inclusive Planning: Future infrastructure projects should prioritize inclusivity from the onset. Engaging with accessibility experts, advocacy groups, and members of the

disabled community can provide invaluable insights into making sidewalks more accommodating.

Awareness and Training: There's a potential that some of the perceived inaccessibility stems from misuse or obstruction of existing accessible features by the general populace. Educating the community on the importance of not blocking ramps, proper parking, and recognizing tactile pavements can also enhance accessibility.

Regular Monitoring: Accessibility isn't a one-time endeavor. Regular checks, feedback from the disabled community, and updates based on evolving standards and needs are vital.

In conclusion, the data indicates a significant gap in Bartlesville's sidewalk infrastructure when it comes to catering to individuals with disabilities. Addressing this is not just about infrastructure enhancement but about fostering a more inclusive, compassionate, and forward-looking community.

Question 7:

Analysis of Sidewalk Infrastructure Serving Pedestrian Needs

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: How well do you think the existing sidewalk infrastructure serves the pedestrian needs in your community?



Understanding how well the existing sidewalk infrastructure serves the pedestrian needs is paramount for a city's holistic development. A good sidewalk system not only ensures the safety of the citizens but also enhances the overall walkability, making a city more livable and sustainable. The feedback on this question provides critical insights into the present state of Bartlesville's sidewalk infrastructure.

Average Rating (2.48): Positioned below the midpoint, this average suggests that many residents feel the existing infrastructure is not entirely meeting the needs of pedestrians. An average score in this lower range suggests areas of concern, potential gaps in coverage, or quality issues in certain zones.

Low Rating (55%): Over half of the respondents rating the sidewalk infrastructure as "Low" highlights a widespread sentiment that improvements are needed. This dominant feeling indicates that several sections of the community might be encountering challenges or inconveniences due to the current state of sidewalks.

High Rating (21%): While the majority felt the infrastructure was lacking, it's essential to note that over one-fifth of respondents believe the sidewalks serve pedestrian needs well. This contrast could indicate that some areas or neighborhoods might have superior sidewalk infrastructure compared to others, or some residents might prioritize different features or qualities in sidewalks.

Takeaways:

Area Variations: The significant difference in perceptions – with a substantial majority feeling sidewalks are lacking and yet a notable minority rating them highly – could hint at disparities in sidewalk quality or design across different areas of Bartlesville. A area assessment might be beneficial.

Detailed Feedback: While the aggregated data gives an overview, more granular feedback might be needed to pinpoint specific problems or desired improvements. Are the issues about sidewalk width, surface quality, connectivity, or something else entirely?

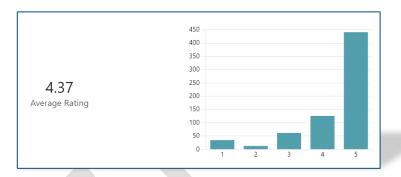
Benchmarking: It would be beneficial to understand what features or standards are present in areas where sidewalks received higher ratings. Identifying and replicating best practices can be a pragmatic approach to improving pedestrian infrastructure.

While a portion of Bartlesville residents are content with the sidewalk infrastructure, the prevailing sentiment leans towards a need for enhancements. Addressing these concerns through assessments, community feedback, and benchmarking will be crucial in creating a more walkable, safe, and cohesive urban environment.

Question 8:

Analysis of Support for Consistent Sidewalk Standards or Guidelines

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: Do you believe that there should be consistent sidewalk standards or guidelines across your community?



Establishing a consistent set of standards or guidelines for sidewalks is crucial for ensuring uniformity, quality, and accessibility across a community. It can play an instrumental role in shaping a city's character and ensuring that all residents have a uniform experience while using public infrastructure. The feedback on this question from the Bartlesville community is indicative of the importance attached to this issue.

Average Rating (4.37): This high average rating underscores a clear consensus among residents about the importance of consistency in sidewalk standards or guidelines. A score in this upper range suggests a prevailing sentiment that uniform standards can lead to better maintenance, improved aesthetics, and an overall enhanced pedestrian experience.

High Rating (84%): An overwhelming majority of respondents, with 84% falling in the "4 - 5" bracket, reinforces the idea that the community believes in having consistent sidewalk standards. This dominant opinion points to a desire for a seamless and predictable pedestrian experience, regardless of where one might be within Bartlesville.

Takeaways:

Drafting and Implementation: If Bartlesville doesn't already have a consistent set of sidewalk standards, it's a strong signal that the community would support their

drafting and implementation. Ensuring that these standards are both robust and flexible enough to adapt to changing needs is crucial.

Community Collaboration: Given the clear interest in this issue, it might be beneficial to involve residents in the drafting or refining of such standards. This collaborative approach can foster community ownership and ensure that the standards address actual needs and concerns.

Educational Campaigns: Once standards are established, an educational campaign can help residents understand the benefits, leading to greater appreciation and better compliance. It can also ensure that any infrastructure changes or improvements made in line with these standards are well-received.

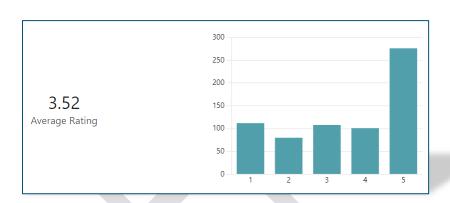
Periodic Review: Standards should not be static. Regular reviews, perhaps every few years, can ensure that the standards evolve with the city's changing landscape and demographics.

The Bartlesville community's feedback underscores the importance they attach to consistent and high-quality pedestrian infrastructure. Embracing this sentiment and translating it into actionable policies can significantly enhance the city's livability and pedestrian experience.

Question 9:

Analysis of Support for Bike Lanes or Shared-Use Paths Alongside Sidewalks

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: Should there be designated bike lanes or shared-use paths alongside sidewalks to accommodate cyclists?



Urban planning and sustainable development have increasingly recognized the value of multimodal transportation networks. Such networks, which may include cycling paths, not only promote healthier living and reduce carbon footprints but also alleviate road congestion. With the given feedback, the sentiments of Bartlesville's residents concerning dedicated bike lanes or shared paths alongside sidewalks are illuminated.

Average Rating (3.52): The average rating, slightly above the midpoint, suggests that a notable proportion of the community sees value in establishing bike lanes or shared paths. This indicates an acknowledgment of the benefits of diversified transportation options and a potential desire for a more bike-friendly city.

High Rating (56%): More than half of the respondents lean towards the upper end of the scale, emphasizing their support for dedicated cycling infrastructure. This strong support might be indicative of an existing cycling community in Bartlesville or a general desire for safer and more organized traffic flow for both pedestrians and cyclists.

Takeaways:

Current Infrastructure Assessment: Before implementing any changes, an assessment of current cycling infrastructure and its utilization rates would be beneficial. This will provide a baseline against which future improvements can be measured.

Safety First: If bike lanes or shared paths are introduced, ensuring the safety of both cyclists and pedestrians becomes paramount. This might mean creating clear demarcations between bike lanes and pedestrian paths, installing appropriate signage, and perhaps even conducting safety awareness campaigns.

Connectivity: It's not enough to merely have bike lanes; they need to be interconnected and ideally link major hubs like residential areas, commercial zones, schools, and parks. A piecemeal approach might not be as effective as a well-thought-out, interconnected network.

Community Engagement: Given the significant interest in this topic, engaging with the community in the planning and execution phases can be rewarding. Feedback sessions, pilot projects, and even cycling events can generate enthusiasm and ensure the infrastructure meets actual needs.

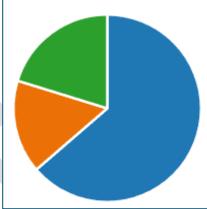
Maintenance: Introducing new infrastructure elements also means ensuring their maintenance. This includes regular checks for obstructions, damage, and wear and tear. Moreover, seasonal challenges (like snow or fallen leaves) will also need consideration.

The feedback from Bartlesville's community highlights an evident inclination towards enhancing cycling infrastructure in the city. By acting on this sentiment and strategically introducing bike lanes or shared paths, the city can cater to its residents' desires while fostering a more sustainable and health-conscious urban environment.

Question 10:

Analysis of the Presence of Orphaned Sidewalks in Bartlesville

Are there any orphaned sidewalks in your community, i.e., sidewalks not adjacent to specific properties or disconnected from the main sidewalk network?



Orphaned sidewalks, which are disconnected from the primary sidewalk network or are not adjacent to specific properties, can be indicative of uneven urban planning or historical changes in a community's infrastructure layout. Such sidewalks can sometimes be a source of confusion or even potential hazards for pedestrians. Let's break down the community's feedback on this matter:

Predominant 'Yes' (431 responses, 64%): The significant majority indicating the presence of orphaned sidewalks implies a noticeable infrastructure issue within Bartlesville. This feedback strongly suggests that many residents have encountered these disconnected pathways in their daily activities, possibly affecting their mobility or overall pedestrian experience.

Smaller Proportion of 'No' (109 responses): Although a smaller segment, this group might represent residents from areas in the city where the sidewalk infrastructure is more integrated or those who might not utilize the sidewalks as frequently and hence may not have noticed these orphaned segments.

Ambiguous 'Maybe' (137 responses): This group possibly consists of residents who are unsure about the definition of orphaned sidewalks or may have seen such sidewalks but are uncertain about their overall prevalence in the city.

Connection with High Importance on Sidewalks (From Question 1): The fact that a majority marked the importance of sidewalks as "High" in Question 1 and also

acknowledged the existence of orphaned sidewalks is significant. It illustrates a potential correlation between the value residents place on sidewalks and their awareness or concern regarding disconnected paths.

Takeaways:

Assessment and Documentation: It would be beneficial for city planners to carry out a comprehensive survey to map and document these orphaned sidewalks. This could provide clarity on their distribution, length, and potential reasons for their existence.

Integration and Rehabilitation: Given the importance the community places on sidewalks, there's a potential demand for integrating these orphaned segments into the primary network. This could involve creating connecting pathways or even redesigning certain sections for better pedestrian flow.

Safety and Accessibility: Orphaned sidewalks might present safety concerns, especially if they lead pedestrians to busy intersections or areas with no defined crossings. Ensuring these areas are safe and accessible should be a priority.

Community Engagement: Engaging with residents, especially those who responded "Yes," could offer valuable insights into specific problem areas or suggestions on how these sidewalks can be utilized or improved.

The presence of orphaned sidewalks in Bartlesville, as indicated by the survey respondents, presents both a challenge and an opportunity. Addressing this issue could lead to a more cohesive, safe, and pedestrian-friendly cityscape.

Question 11:

Analysis of Frequency of Encountering Orphaned Sidewalks in Daily Activities

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: How frequently do you encounter orphaned sidewalks in your area during your daily activities?



Orphaned sidewalks, being those not adjacent to specific properties or disconnected from the main network, can significantly affect the usability and functionality of a pedestrian infrastructure system. Their frequency of encounter can reveal the extent of this issue in Bartlesville and the impact on residents' daily mobility. Here's a detailed analysis of the feedback:

Average Rating (2.92): The mean response slightly tilting towards the midpoint indicates that while orphaned sidewalks are not a ubiquitous issue for every respondent, they are encountered relatively frequently by a sizable portion of the community. This could signal a need for assessment in specific areas of the city more prone to this phenomenon.

High Frequency Encounters (35%): A significant percentage of respondents rated their encounters with orphaned sidewalks on the higher end of the scale. This segment of the population likely resides in or traverses regions of Bartlesville where disconnected sidewalks are prevalent. Their experiences underscore a direct impact on the utility of the pedestrian infrastructure in their daily lives.

Targeted Assessment: The presence of a distinct group that frequently encounters these sidewalks suggests there might be specific zones or neighborhoods where this is a pronounced issue. Pinpointing these areas should be a priority for future infrastructure assessments or improvements.

Evaluating Urban Design: If a considerable number of residents are encountering orphaned sidewalks frequently, it might hint at historical urban design decisions that now need reconsideration. It might be worth exploring the reasons for these infrastructural decisions and if they still hold relevance today.

Safety & Navigation: For those encountering these sidewalks often, questions about safety and ease of navigation arise. Do these sidewalks lead to dead-ends? Are they causing pedestrians to venture onto roads or unsafe zones? Addressing these queries can lead to actionable safety improvements.

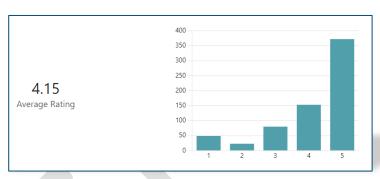
Community Feedback Mechanism: Establishing a platform where residents can report specific locations of orphaned sidewalks can be beneficial. This would allow the city to have real-time data and can aid in prioritizing which areas need immediate attention.

The responses suggest that while orphaned sidewalks are not a universal problem for all residents, they do form a significant part of the pedestrian experience for a considerable group. Addressing this can enhance the usability of the sidewalk network and potentially boost the overall pedestrian experience in Bartlesville.

Question 12:

Analysis of the Importance of Integrating Orphaned Sidewalks into the Existing Network

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest: How important do you think it is to connect and integrate orphaned sidewalks into the existing sidewalk network?



The integration of disconnected or "orphaned" sidewalks into a city's main pedestrian infrastructure can significantly enhance the fluidity and safety of pedestrian movement. The feedback from Bartlesville's residents regarding this integration provides insight into the community's priorities concerning urban planning. Here's a comprehensive breakdown of the results:

High Average Rating (4.15): The average score leans considerably towards the higher end of the scale, indicating a strong consensus among respondents about the importance of connecting these isolated sidewalk sections. Such a sentiment suggests residents not only recognize the issues associated with disjointed pathways but also value a cohesive, connected pedestrian environment.

Dominant High Responses (78%): An overwhelming majority of respondents marked their answers between "4 - 5", reinforcing the significance placed on sidewalk integration. This feedback signals a clear community desire for an interconnected pedestrian system, emphasizing the need for comprehensive urban planning initiatives that focus on this integration.

Infrastructure Priority: Given the significant inclination towards the importance of integration, city planners and authorities should prioritize the connection of orphaned sidewalks in their infrastructure development plans.

Safety and Efficiency: The high scores could stem from residents' experiences or concerns about safety issues or inefficiencies posed by these disconnected sections. Integrating orphaned sidewalks would not only streamline pedestrian traffic but also potentially reduce instances where pedestrians might venture onto roads or face navigation challenges.

Community Engagement: The strong response indicates an opportunity for community-driven initiatives or feedback mechanisms. Engaging residents in pinpointing specific orphaned sidewalk sections or gathering suggestions for their integration could provide invaluable data for city planners.

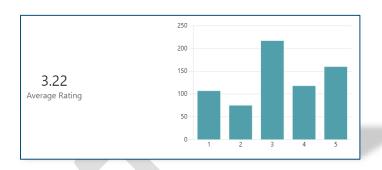
Future Design Considerations: The feedback can also serve as a guiding principle for future infrastructure projects. It's a clear message that residents appreciate and expect a well-connected pedestrian environment, and this should be a cornerstone of any new urban planning or development projects.

The residents of Bartlesville have clearly articulated their preference for a more integrated sidewalk system. The emphasis on the connection of orphaned segments into the main network underscores the community's desire for a safer, more efficient, and unified pedestrian experience. As the city continues to evolve, this feedback should be a foundational element in shaping its pedestrian infrastructure.

Question 13:

Analysis of Challenges Navigating Orphaned Sidewalks

Have you ever faced challenges or difficulties when navigating areas with orphaned sidewalks? Please rank the nature of these challenges based on their impact. (1 = Least impactful, 5 = Most impactful)



The presence of orphaned sidewalks, disconnected from the primary network, poses unique challenges for pedestrians. These pathways can lead to disruptions, safety concerns, or inefficiencies in a pedestrian's route. Bartlesville's residents have provided feedback on the challenges they face while navigating these isolated segments, and their responses warrant detailed analysis:

Moderate Average Rating (3.22): The average response hovers slightly above the midpoint, suggesting that while challenges due to orphaned sidewalks are not extreme for all residents, they are notable enough to be of concern. This indicates that a sizeable portion of the population experiences inconveniences or disruptions in their walking routines because of these disconnected paths.

Significant Impact (41%): The fact that almost half of the respondents rated the impact between "4 - 5" underscores that for a considerable segment of the population, the challenges posed by orphaned sidewalks are profound. These could range from safety concerns to significant detours, making daily navigation problematic.

Takeaways:

Safety Concerns: A high rating could signify safety issues where pedestrians are forced off the orphaned sidewalk, potentially merging with traffic or traversing less safe terrains. This might be particularly concerning during adverse weather conditions or during nighttime when visibility is reduced.

Inefficiency & Detours: A moderate to high rating suggests that these sidewalks might be leading pedestrians to dead ends or forcing them to take longer routes, causing inefficiencies in their journeys.

Potential for Improvement: The feedback emphasizes a clear opportunity for city planners to address and rectify the challenges posed by these orphaned sections. Integration and rehabilitation of these sidewalks can significantly improve the pedestrian experience for those affected.

Inclusion & Accessibility: For those who rated the challenge as significant, it's worth considering if the population includes vulnerable groups like the elderly, children, or individuals with disabilities. These groups might face amplified difficulties navigating disjointed pathways.

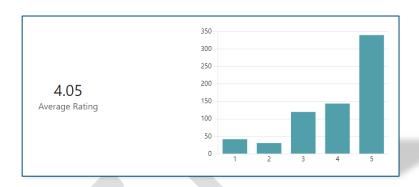
Stakeholder Engagement: The feedback suggests that engaging with the 41% who rated the challenges as substantial can provide more specific insights into the nature of these challenges. This could guide targeted interventions.

While orphaned sidewalks might not pose severe challenges for the entirety of Bartlesville's population, there's a notable segment for whom these isolated paths significantly affect daily navigation. The feedback indicates a need for focused attention on the rehabilitation and integration of these sidewalks to improve safety and efficiency for pedestrians in the city.

Question 14:

Analysis of Support for Initiatives to Rehabilitate Orphaned Sidewalks

How strongly do you support initiatives or investments aimed at rehabilitating and connecting orphaned sidewalks in your community? (1 = Strongly disagree, 5 = Strongly agree)



Addressing and mending infrastructural gaps, especially within a city's pedestrian pathways, often requires both public interest and financial backing. The City of Bartlesville posed a pertinent question to gauge the community's sentiments towards potential rehabilitation projects focused on orphaned sidewalks. Delving deep into the feedback:

High Average Rating (4.05): An average rating leaning heavily towards the higher end of the scale is a robust indication of strong public support for such initiatives. This demonstrates that a majority of the respondents recognize the value of a cohesive sidewalk infrastructure and are in favor of city-led endeavors to improve the current situation.

Overwhelming Agreement (71%): A remarkable 71% of participants marked their responses between "4 - 5". This dominance of high scores unmistakably signals a community that isn't just passively interested but actively supportive of any moves to rehabilitate and connect the isolated sidewalk fragments.

Clear Mandate: The city has a distinct mandate from its residents to pursue projects focused on orphaned sidewalks. Such a high level of community backing can make the implementation process smoother and more effective.

Potential Funding Support: The strong agreement may also translate into support for financing such initiatives, whether through increased taxes, levies, or community crowdfunding projects.

Safety & Well-being Focus: The emphatic response likely underscores a deeper concern about the safety, efficiency, and overall well-being associated with disconnected pathways. The rehabilitation of these sidewalks may subsequently lead to safer pedestrian routes and more satisfied residents.

Community Engagement: Given the demonstrated support, city planners might find it beneficial to engage the community further in these projects. This could involve getting feedback on specific areas of concern, design suggestions, or even volunteer-driven initiatives to complement the rehabilitation process.

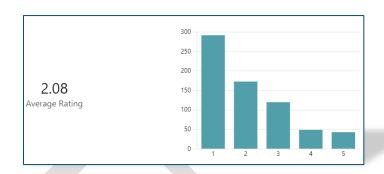
Future Planning Blueprint: This feedback, when coupled with earlier responses on the challenges faced due to orphaned sidewalks, provides a holistic view of the issue and can serve as a blueprint for future urban planning and infrastructure decisions.

Bartlesville's residents have voiced a clear and strong inclination towards improving the existing sidewalk scenario in their city. The overwhelming support for rehabilitation projects not only highlights the issue's significance but also sets a clear direction for city officials and planners. With such community backing, initiatives focused on connecting and enhancing orphaned sidewalks are not just desired but also potentially fruitful in elevating the overall pedestrian experience in Bartlesville.

Question 15:

Analysis of Availability of Amenities Along Sidewalks

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest:
Please rate the availability of amenities along sidewalks, such as benches, trash cans, or lighting.



When considering pedestrian

infrastructure, the core elements like sidewalks themselves are pivotal. Still, the inclusion of additional amenities such as benches, trash cans, and lighting can significantly elevate the pedestrian experience. The City of Bartlesville sought to understand its residents' sentiments on this aspect, and the feedback provides noteworthy insights:

Low Average Rating (2.08): The average score falling just slightly above the mid-point of the lower half of the scale reveals a prevalent sentiment that the sidewalks lack essential amenities. A score of 2.08 suggests that, in the eyes of many respondents, there's a substantial deficit in this area.

Limited High Ratings (14%): The small fraction of participants who rated the availability of amenities as "4 - 5" further underscores the prevailing sentiment. This low percentage indicates that only a minority feel the current amenity provision is satisfactory or exceptional.

Takeaways:

Prioritize Improvement: With the average rating leaning towards the lower end, there is a clear indication that improving the availability of sidewalk amenities should be prioritized. A focus on this aspect can greatly enhance the overall pedestrian experience.

Diversity of Needs: The amenities mentioned – benches, trash cans, and lighting – serve different needs. Lighting, for instance, is directly tied to safety during nighttime or low-light conditions. Benches cater to comfort, especially for seniors or those with mobility issues, while trash cans promote cleanliness. City planners might need to dissect this feedback further to prioritize which amenities are most desired or lacking.

Potential for Collaboration: Given that the need for better amenities is clear, the city could explore collaborations with local businesses or community groups. Sponsorships for benches, trash cans, or lighting can be a win-win, offering businesses a chance for visibility while helping to beautify and make functional spaces.

Engage Residents Further: The feedback highlights a gap in provision, but it might be beneficial to further engage residents to understand which amenities are most crucial and in which parts of the city they're needed most.

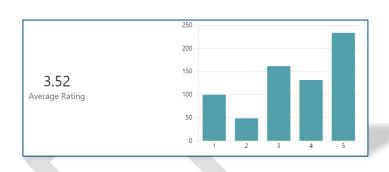
Holistic Development Approach: Combining this data with other aspects of the survey can provide a comprehensive understanding of pedestrian infrastructure needs. For instance, areas with high foot traffic or those frequented by seniors and children might benefit most from additional seating and better lighting.

The residents of Bartlesville have indicated a desire for more and better amenities along their sidewalks. Addressing this need not only contributes to the direct convenience and safety of pedestrians but also promotes a more inviting and community-friendly atmosphere. As city officials plan future development or rehabilitation projects, this feedback will be crucial in ensuring a holistic and peoplecentric approach.

Question 16:

Analysis of Willingness to Contribute Financially for Sidewalk and Amenity Improvement

On a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest:
Would you be willing to contribute financially, through taxes or other means, to improve, maintain sidewalks and amenities in your community?



The upkeep, improvement, and expansion of city infrastructure, especially pedestrian-centric elements like sidewalks and their accompanying amenities, require financial investments. The City of Bartlesville's inquiry into residents' willingness to contribute financially towards these improvements serves as a testament to their commitment to community-centric planning. Here's a closer examination of the feedback:

Above-Midpoint Average Rating (3.52): An average rating of 3.52 suggests a moderate-to-high willingness among respondents to contribute financially to the enhancement of sidewalks and amenities. This score reveals a level of satisfaction or importance attached to these infrastructural elements and shows that many residents see the direct or indirect benefits of such improvements.

Majority Showing Strong Willingness (54%): The fact that over half of the respondents gave a rating between "4 - 5" further emphasizes the sentiment suggested by the average score. A majority of the city's residents see the intrinsic value in maintaining and improving their pedestrian infrastructure and are willing to contribute towards it.

Openness to Infrastructure Levies: The city might consider introducing or adjusting taxes or levies specifically for sidewalk and amenity enhancement. The data suggests that a good portion of the community would support such measures, understanding the long-term benefits.

Potential for Collaborative Funding Models: With the evident support from residents, the city can explore innovative financial models like community crowd-funding, public-private partnerships, or neighborhood-based fundraising drives for specific projects.

Engaging Stakeholders in Project Planning: Given that many residents are open to contributing financially, it might be worth including them in the decision-making processes. This could range from public consultations on project priorities to engaging residents in the design phase of new amenities.

Further Research on Willingness Segmentation: While the overall sentiment leans towards positive, there's a segment that may be hesitant or opposes financial contributions. It might be useful to understand their concerns – is it financial hardship, skepticism about project execution, or disagreements on project priorities?

Effective Communication is Key: If the city decides to leverage this willingness and initiates any financial contribution methods, clear, transparent, and regular communication on how funds are used and the progress of projects will be pivotal to maintaining public trust.

The residents of Bartlesville have demonstrated a commendable community spirit, with many showing a readiness to invest in the city's pedestrian infrastructure. This feedback offers an encouraging backdrop for the city's officials as they look to future projects, with an opportunity to align them closely with the wishes and contributions of the community they serve.

Conclusion: Analysis of Bartlesville's Sidewalk Survey Questions

The City of Bartlesville's comprehensive survey on sidewalks has delivered rich insights that reflect the community's perspectives and priorities concerning pedestrian infrastructure. Here are the key conclusions drawn from the analysis of the 16 survey questions:

High Value on Sidewalk Infrastructure: An overwhelming majority consider sidewalks a pivotal aspect of the community's infrastructure. The data underscores the perceived importance of sidewalks in enhancing the livability and functionality of the city.

Usage vs. Quality Discrepancy: While many respondents frequently utilize sidewalks, there's a shared sentiment that their overall condition is below par. This highlights a pressing need for maintenance and improvements.

Seasonal Maintenance is Key: The survey reveals that winter requires the most attention for sidewalk maintenance, followed by summer. This suggests that weather conditions, such as snow or heat, significantly impact sidewalk usability and safety.

Safety and Accessibility Concerns: While general safety on sidewalks has been rated moderately, the perceived lack of adequate facilities for individuals with disabilities is an area of concern. Such feedback can guide future upgrades or modifications to make sidewalks more inclusive.

The Challenge of Orphaned Sidewalks: The presence of 'orphaned' sidewalks is both recognized and frequently encountered by the community. Moreover, there's a strong consensus on the importance of integrating these into the broader network, with challenges faced by their disjointed nature being notably impactful.

Community Standards & Amenities: Respondents strongly believe in the need for consistent sidewalk standards across the community, indicating a desire for uniformity and predictability. However, the current availability of amenities like benches, trash cans, or lighting is perceived as lacking.

Support for Cyclists and Infrastructure Expansion: There's a considerable push for designated bike lanes or shared paths, indicating the community's support for a multimodal transport infrastructure.

Willingness to Contribute: A significant segment of respondents is open to contributing financially, through taxes or other means, to enhance the sidewalk infrastructure. This showcases a community's commitment to shared responsibility and investment in public infrastructure.

Opportunities for Improvement: The recurrent themes of maintenance, integration of orphaned sidewalks, and enhancements for safety and accessibility present clear opportunities for the City to focus on. The community's willingness to contribute financially also provides avenues for innovative funding mechanisms.

Drawing from these conclusions, it's evident that while Bartlesville's residents appreciate and value their pedestrian pathways, there's a collective desire for improvements, better amenities, and inclusive infrastructure. As city planners and officials look to the future, this feedback offers a roadmap to create a more walkable, accessible, and vibrant Bartlesville. The community's engagement and investment in these discussions not only underscore the importance of sidewalks in urban life but also reflect a city deeply invested in its growth and evolution.

Goals and Objectives

In any endeavor to improve, revitalize, or transform a community, a clear and strategic foundation of goals and objectives is essential. This chapter serves as the bedrock of our vision for Bartlesville's future, drawn from comprehensive data, community feedback, and expert insights. It lays down the path we hope to tread, defining not only our destination but also the milestones we aim to achieve along the way.

As we delve deeper into this report, it is essential to recognize that our goals are not mere aspirations—they are commitments. The objectives that follow are specific, actionable steps that will guide our progress, ensuring that every initiative aligns with our overarching vision. This cohesive framework is designed to offer stakeholders a clear understanding of the priorities and strategies that will shape Bartlesville's future.

With a forward-looking perspective, this chapter paints a picture of what Bartlesville can achieve, the challenges we might encounter, and the strategies to overcome them. Let it serve as a guiding light, illuminating the pathway towards a vibrant, inclusive, and prosperous community for all residents.

Based on the survey analyses provided, the following are five potential goals derived from the data, with specific objectives to achieve each one:

Goal 1: Enhance Sidewalk Infrastructure and Maintenance

- Objective 1.1: Implement bi-annual inspection of sidewalks to assess their condition.
- Objective 1.2: Prioritize areas with a low sidewalk condition for immediate renovation or repair.
- Objective 1.3: Establish a seasonal maintenance schedule, with an emphasis on the winter season, given its high response for requiring attention.
- Objective 1.4: Ensure that any new street development or significant street renovation projects incorporate the installation or updating of accompanying

sidewalks, reinforcing the city's commitment to holistic infrastructure development and pedestrian accessibility.

Goal 2: Expand and Connect Orphaned Sidewalks

- Objective 2.1: Conduct a comprehensive mapping of all orphaned sidewalks in the city.
- Objective 2.2: Develop a phased integration plan to connect orphaned sidewalks to the main network.
- Objective 2.3: Engage with local communities to determine the best routes and connections for integrating orphaned sidewalks.

Goal 3: Revise Existing Ordinances to Align with Survey Insights

- Objective 3.1: Conduct a comprehensive review of the current ordinance in light of the findings from the survey report, identifying areas of alignment and discrepancy concerning sidewalk maintenance responsibilities.
- Objective 3.2: Compare and benchmark our city's ordinances against those of other similar municipalities to ascertain best practices and effective strategies related to sidewalk maintenance responsibilities.
- Objective 3.3: Draft revisions to the ordinance that clearly define property owner responsibilities for sidewalk maintenance, considering both safety and accessibility, and ensuring compliance with the goals and objectives derived from the survey.
- Objective 3.4: Implement an educational campaign post-revision to inform property owners of their responsibilities under the updated ordinance and provide resources or potential incentives to aid in the fulfillment of these duties.

Goal 4: Improve Amenities Along Sidewalks for Enhanced Pedestrian Experience

- Objective 4.1: Identify areas with the highest pedestrian traffic and prioritize them for amenity installation.
- Objective 4.2: Collaborate with local businesses and residents for sponsorships or partnerships in installing benches, trash cans, and other amenities.
- Objective 4.3: Ensure regular maintenance and cleanliness of these amenities.

Goal 5: Encourage Community Investment in Sidewalk Infrastructure

- Objective 5.1: Design a public awareness campaign highlighting the importance of sidewalk infrastructure for community wellbeing.
- Objective 5.2: Explore financial models, such as public-private partnerships or community crowdfunding, to fund sidewalk and amenity improvements.
- Objective 5.3: Organize annual community engagement events, such as "Walk Bartlesville Day," to promote the use and importance of sidewalks.
- Objective 5.4: Investigate the feasibility of allocating a dedicated portion of annual public funds specifically for the elimination of orphaned sidewalks and the continuous maintenance of existing sidewalk infrastructure, ensuring consistent, high-quality pedestrian pathways throughout the city.
- Objective 5.5: Evaluate the viability of sourcing additional funds through the
 establishment of improvement districts, potential tax adjustments, or alternative
 financing mechanisms, to bolster the resources dedicated to enhancing and
 maintaining the city's sidewalk infrastructure.