



Welcome to the Blue Star Highway Corridor Planning Session

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RESOLUTION NO. 30-2010

“...**WHEREAS**, widespread public support was expressed toward the establishment of additional pedestrian and bicycle facilities, improved recreational amenities, greater preservation of important view-shed corridors and natural features, and the promotion of sustainable development practices wherever possible.

WHEREAS, the direct involvement and participation of the community and local organizations when planning future projects is desirable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS: that the City Council approves the establishment of the Douglas Advisory Committee and the Douglas Advisory Committee Guidelines....”

Douglas Advisory Committee

Alexa Urquhart

Bill Rowe

Bill Underdown

Bob Sapita

Bud Baty

Candace Dugan

Christa Wise

Diane Bailey

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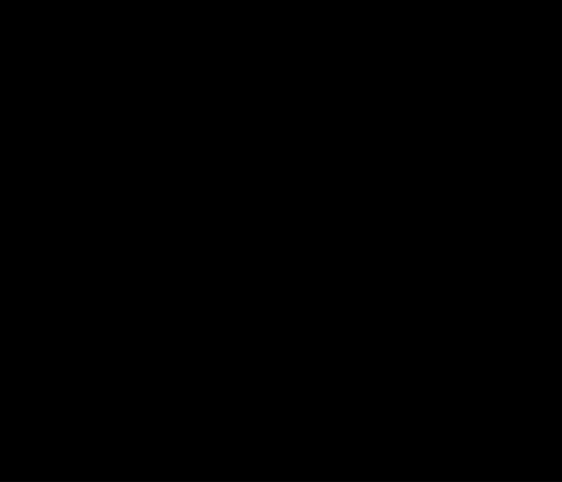
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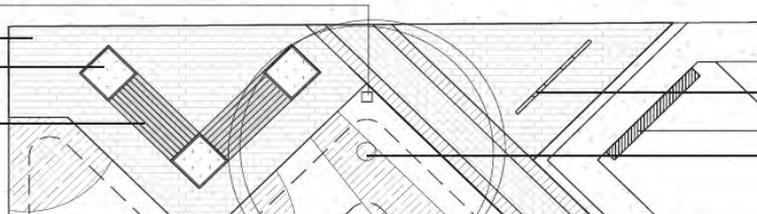
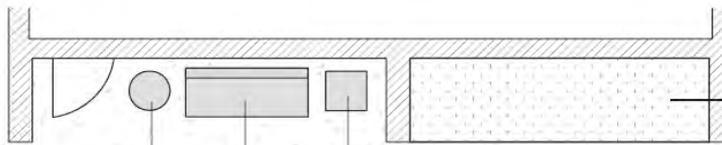
Mike O'Brien

Robin Bauer



trash receptacle
existing bench
existing mail box

relocate electrical utility
permeable paving
annual planter boxes, hyp.
bench



annual garden by others

bicycle rack
parking curb
ornamental tree

perennial garden
1' - 3' height, hyp.



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concept plan 1.3: garden master plan
scale: 1/8" = 1'
presented: 05 - 16 - 11

drawn by: ja
reviewed by: gr



DAC Task #2 – Blue Star Highway: Public Input

Public Opinion #1



1. Safe places to walk/bike near the downtown:

		Response Percent	Response Count
Very important		77.1%	145
Somewhat important		20.2%	38
No opinion		0.5%	1
Not important		2.1%	4
		answered question	188
		skipped question	0

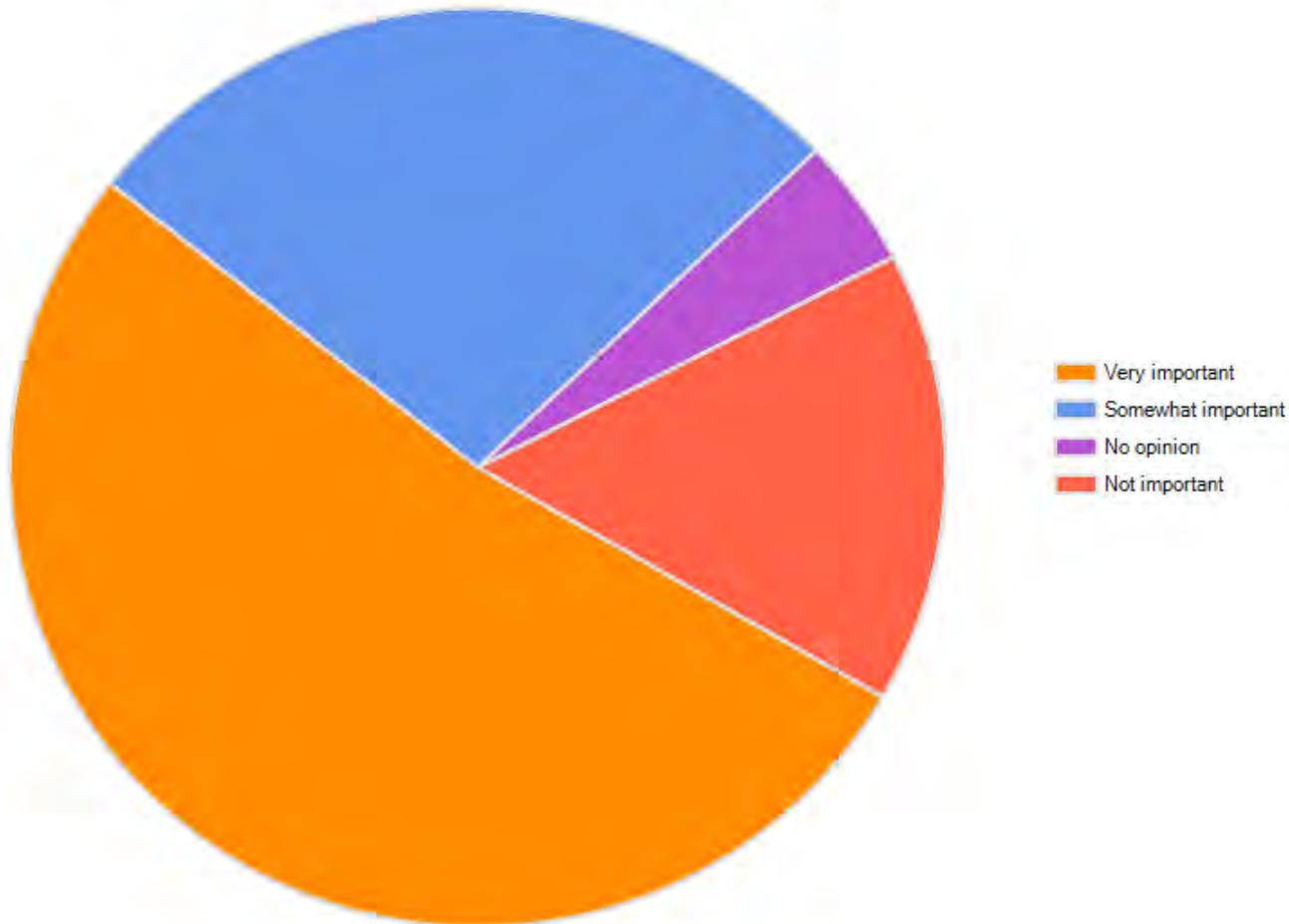
Respondent Characteristics

- 206 Respondents
- 50.5% of respondents own a business and/or work in Saugatuck/Douglas
- 71% of respondents have children in home or visiting often
- 67% over the age of 46 years / 33% are 45 years or younger

Douglas business owners expressed an overwhelming preference for safe places to walk or bike throughout the community, not just within areas surrounding the downtown.



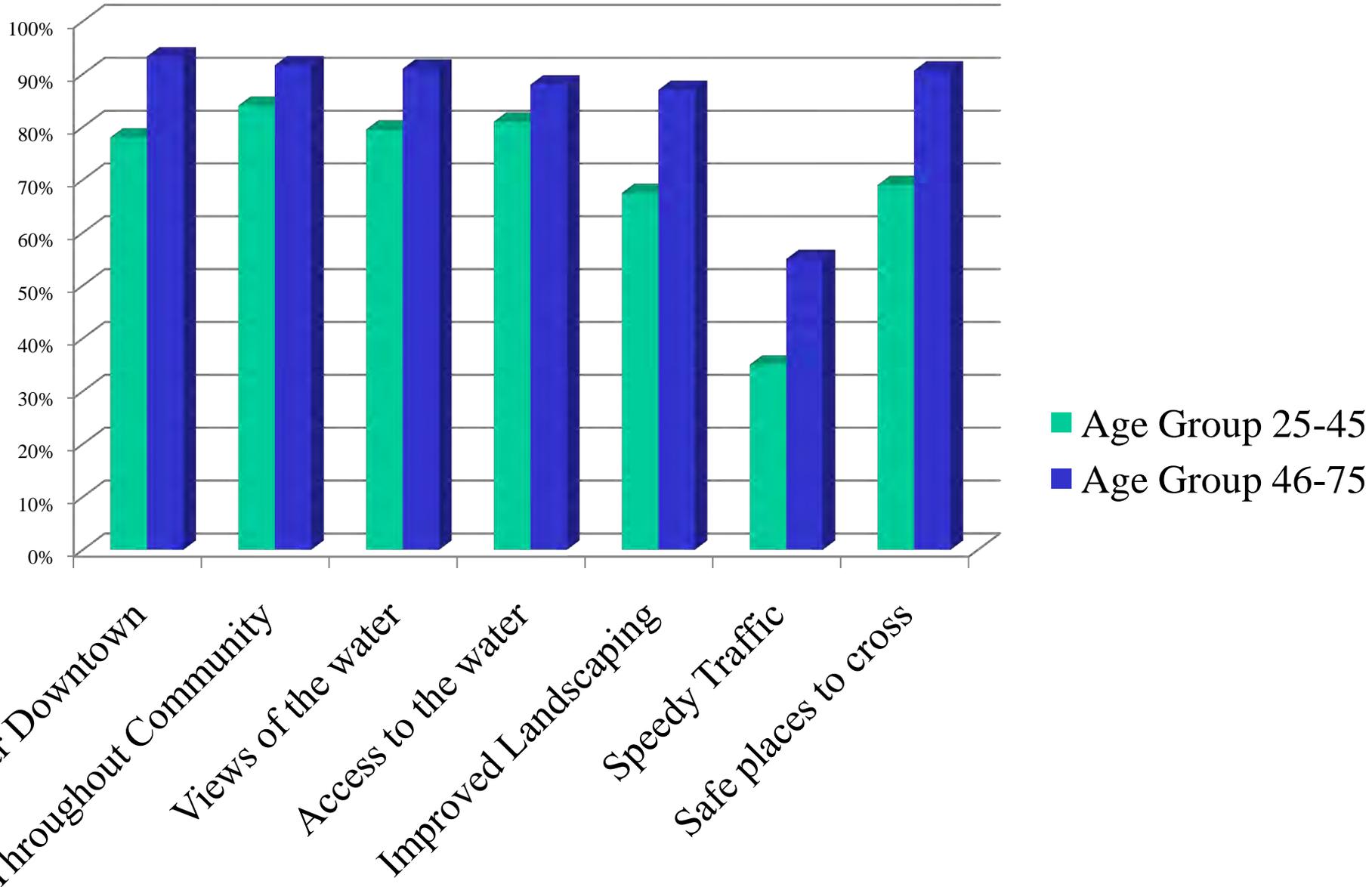
Safe places to walk/bike throughout the community:



Further supporting this preference is a nearly 82% majority who favored improved crosswalks among business owners, and 83.4% favoring the same among the local workforce.

Ranking of Opinion Survey Priorities

(Very Important & Somewhat Important)



Building from
our values

“What is the first thing an infant wants to do and the last thing an older person wants to give up?”

Walking is the exercise that does not need a gym. It is the prescription without medicine, the weight control without diet, and the cosmetic that can't be found in a chemist. It is the tranquilizer without a pill, the therapy without a psychoanalyst, and the holiday that does not cost a penny.

What's more, it does not pollute, consumes few natural resources and is highly efficient. Walking is convenient, it needs no special equipment, is self-regulating and inherently safe.



A walkability plan must set a stage for all other modes of transportation to work, including transit. If people cannot walk then transit remains ineffective.

Aging In Place

Aging-in-place means remaining in one's home safely, independently, and comfortably, regardless of age, income, or ability level. It means the pleasure of living in a familiar environment throughout one's maturing years, and the ability to enjoy the familiar daily rituals and the special events that enrich all our lives.

(National Association of Home Builders)





Thirty percent of North Americans old enough to drive do not drive.
This percentage is increasing.



...we often forget about the people