

Belle Meade Blvd - Temporary Median Pathway Community Feedback

The City of Belle Meade and the Civic Design Center want your feedback on the Temporary Median Pathway on Belle Meade Boulevard.

Please take a few minutes to provide your thoughts, and help inform how to make Belle Meade Boulevard safer for pedestrians.



Temporary Median Pathway

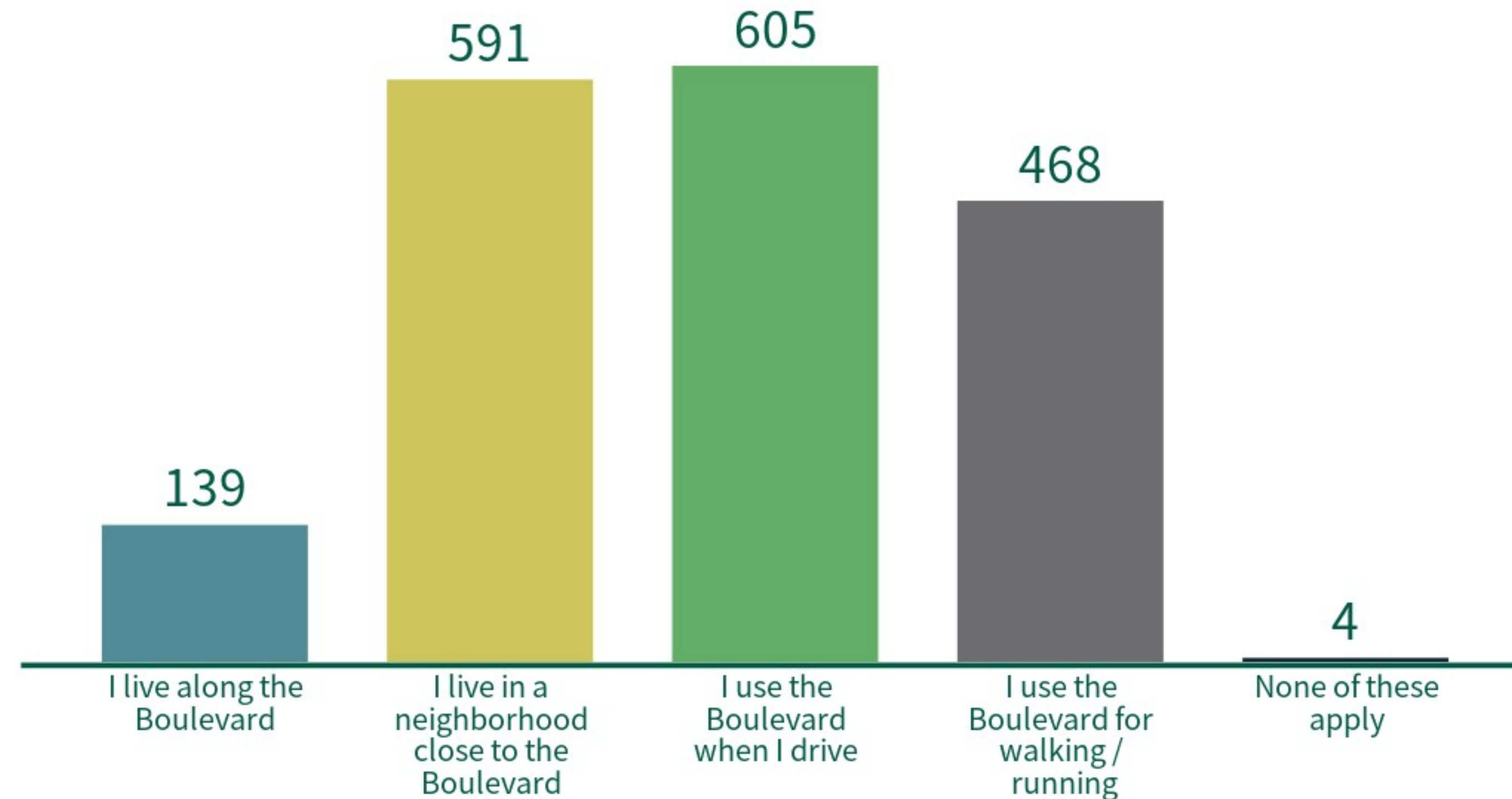
This photo shows the current experimental pathway on Belle Meade Blvd. It features a 6' wide gravel path that weaves within the median and is located at both the north and south ends of the boulevard. The materials of the path are temporary to see if a median path would provide a safer space for pedestrians, compared to the existing conditions where both pedestrians and motorists are required to share the street.



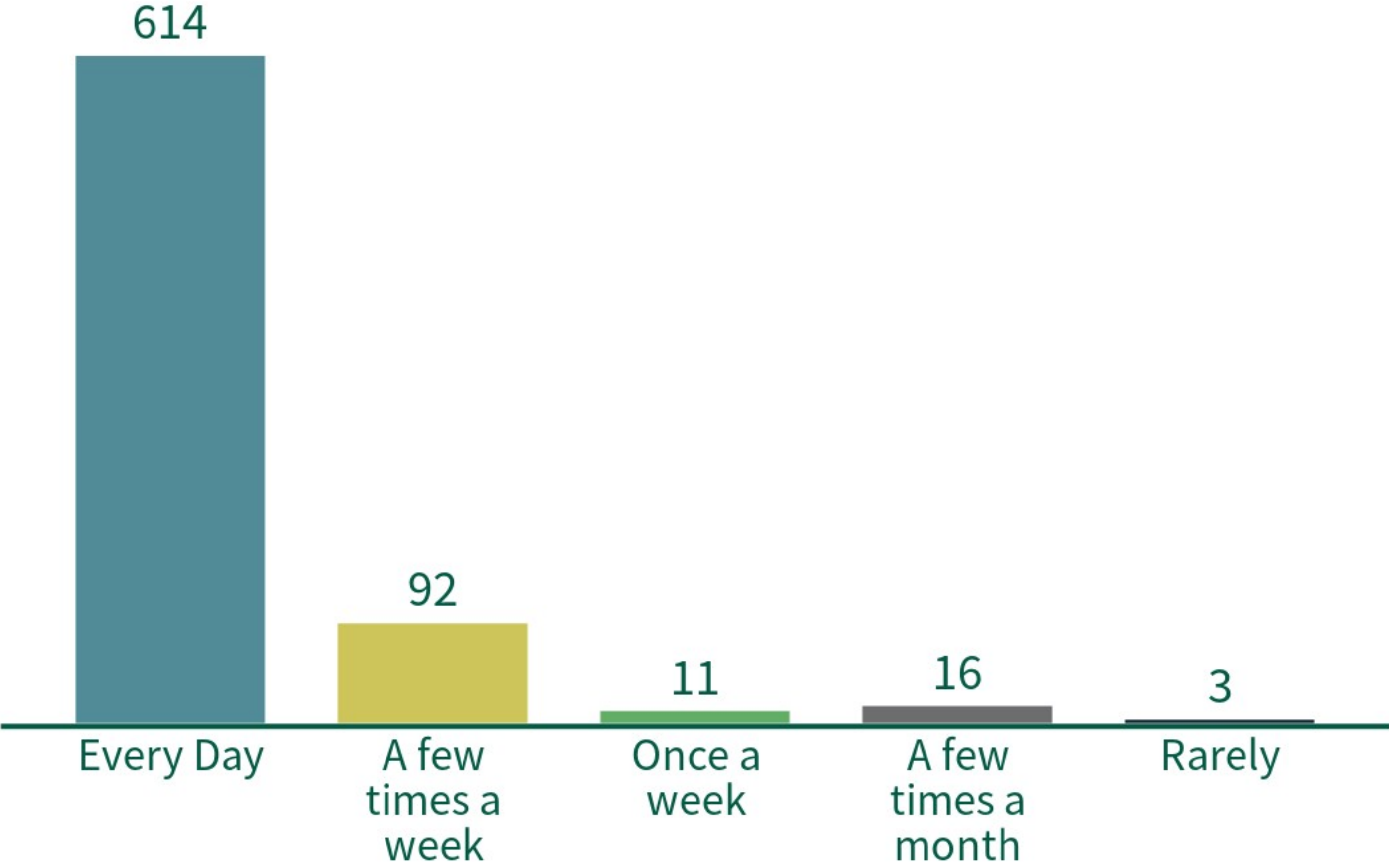
Let's Get Started!

There are 12 questions, and it will take 3-5 minutes to complete.

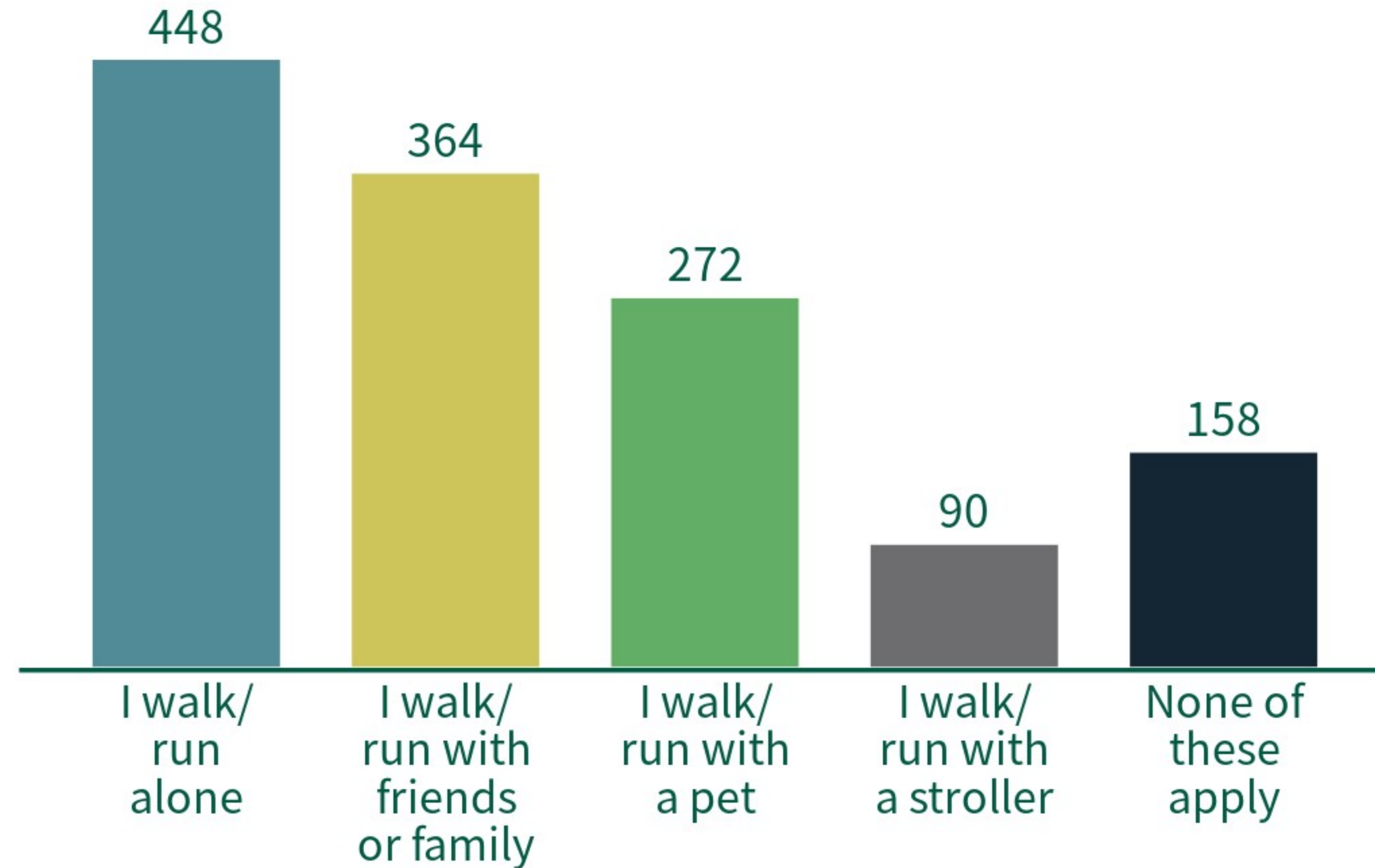
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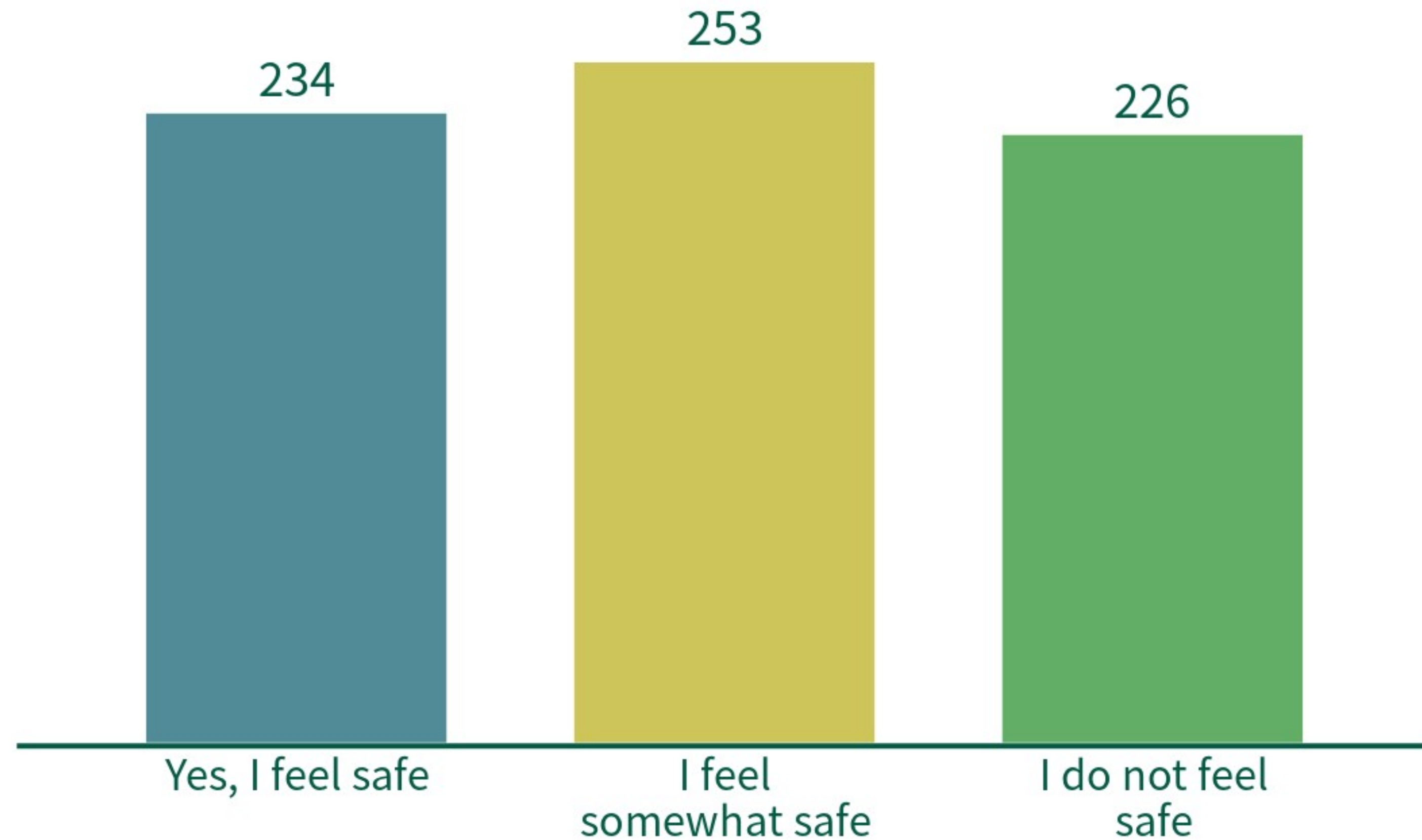
How do you experience the Boulevard as a pedestrian?



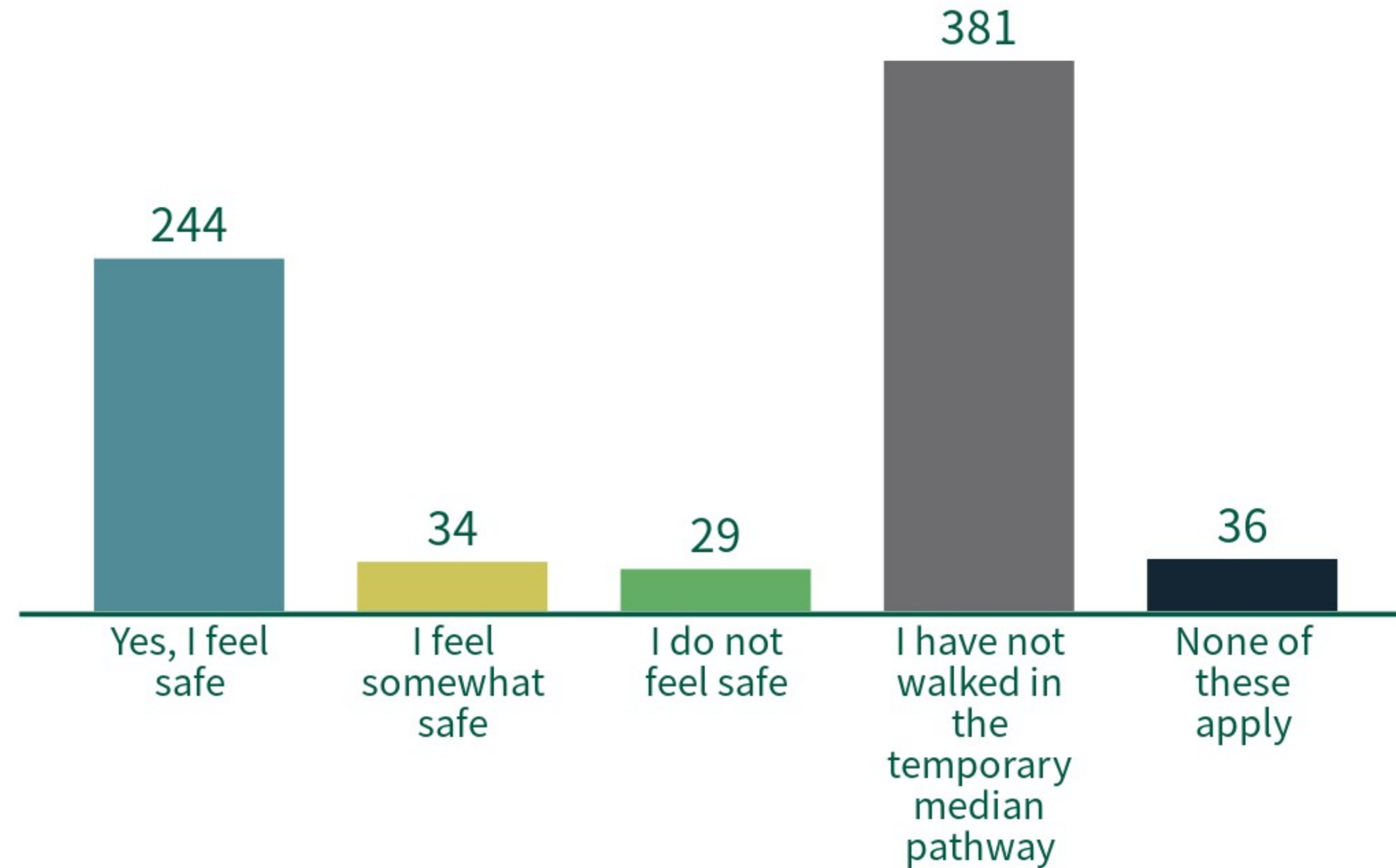
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The next few questions will help inform the future safety options for Belle Meade Boulevard.

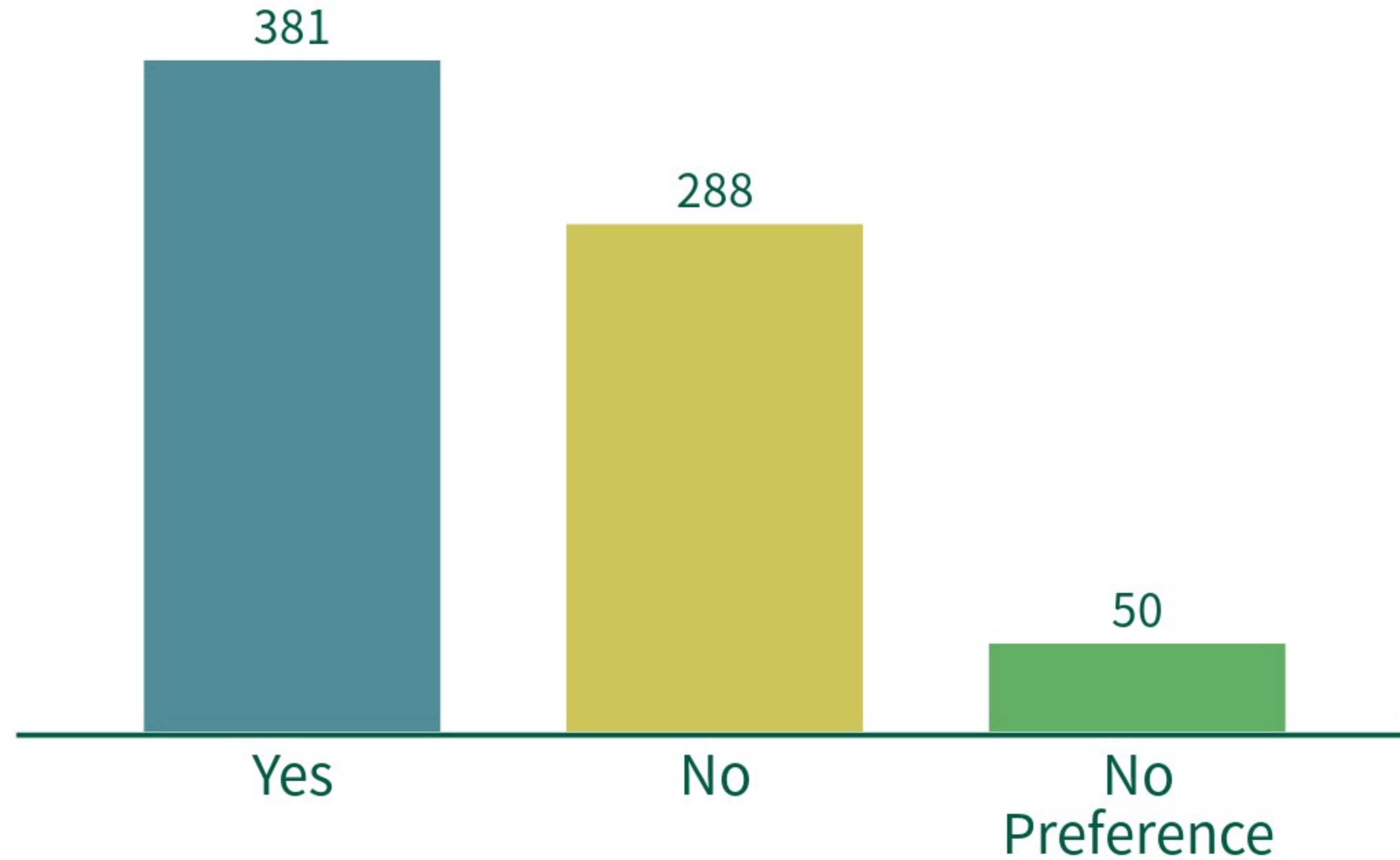
Do you feel safe walking Belle Meade Boulevard on the street/shoulder?



Do you feel safe walking on the temporary median pathway?



Do you like the idea of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard?



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



I love this idea of a meandering path and the brilliant thought someone had to test it. Looks natural and it avoids the awkward long staring contest you inevitably have with walkers coming in the opposite direction.

I like the idea of having multiple paths for walkers and/or runners. A single path though safer down the middle will encourage more pedestrian traffic onto the BLVD. This, with the increased traffic, I suspect will keep runners on the road.

I prefer the center path and believe it would be less disruptive to homeowners along the boulevard. Sidewalks are a good second option. we NEED walkability!

I think sidewalks will be very disruptive to homeowners on the boulevard. Most of them have trees or structures in the right of way that will be damaged or destroyed with sidewalks.

Sidewalks also bring pedestrians into the yard of the homeowner, rather than keeping them in the boulevard.

Walking on the boulevard is so stressful and dangerous! We try to cross it as quickly as possible on our morning and afternoon walks. The plantings are overgrown and difficult to see around when turning. Sidewalks would build community!

Sidewalks down the middle of the median are unnecessary. You would be tearing up beautiful greenery that has been a part of Belle Meade for over a century. The cost would be expensive and unnecessary. Please do not complete this project!!!

Dislike!!!! Takes away green trees, bushes. Ugly concept. Unnecessary and unneeded expense. Belle Meade Blvd has been this way for 100 years! Please don't change it

I think it's unbelievable that BM does not have pedestrian access up and down its main Boulevard which gives access to other neighborhoods and also to Percy Warner Park which is one of the highlights of our neighborhood.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



Automobiles have been prioritized and provided for Layne while pedestrians are relegated to the shoulder which is super dangerous. I don't use the boulevard because I don't feel safe alone or with my children using at access.

Sidewalks are better than actually walking on the street, which we do now and it's not safe on the street.

A lot of Belle Meade's charm comes from it existing like it has for hundreds of years. It does not feel planned or commercial. It sets it apart from anywhere else in Nashville. Sidewalks are a bad idea. Also it would uproot trees that have been here.

We are definitely on borrowed time with their not having been a major pedestrian fatality on BMB. This seems like a no-brainer to me

We already have a problem with people who shouldn't be here being here — beautify the medians and keep them clean I saw a dirty diaper sit for about 12 weeks on the median

Serious walkers and any runner would not find a meandering pathway user friendly. I truly believe the amount of foot traffic the pathway would absorb would be less than anticipated, giving up a magnificently unique scenic part of Nashville.

"If it is not broken don't fix it" If pedestrian safety has become a provable concern, let's talk

I like the idea of a sidewalk on Belle Meade Boulevard but NOT in the middle of the median. The "pathway" meandering up and down the Boulevard would only serve a very limited amount of the population.

Can we not look at perhaps making the left lane into a beautiful cobblestone that would deter cars from driving in the left? It would maintain the four lane beauty of The Boulevard.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



I live in BM. I walk along BM Blvd nearly every day. I can't tell you how many close calls I've had with cars not minding the left lane prohibition. Excited about the median. Worried it will attract more pedestrian traffic. Willing to take a chance.

As a former runner I do not think runners will like the curvy sidewalk and won't use it. As a lifelong BM resident why do we have to change anything?

I don't like the idea of sidewalks for the Boulevard. For one, I think it totally disrupts the beauty of the median. It serpentine too much for bikers to use effectively and strollers on gravel is not good. More people coming in is not appreciate

I love the safety of the sidewalk. Period. It's about pedestrian safety.

Looks bad meandering as it is. Straight path would destroy foliage. Would increase /promote more foot traffic coming into BM. .

It would cut through to9 much landscaping and hard scape in peoples yards

I strongly dislike the concept of sidewalks for several reasons. 1) DO NOT ruin the beautiful BM Blvd. It's beautiful the way it is. 2) why do we want to encourage MORE people coming here to run and walk. We have the park right down the street.

I think the median path and sidewalks both make Belle Meade boulevard seem like more of a neighborhood. Like Richland and Whitland

It ruins the look of the boulevard



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



The sidewalk needs to be on the outside of the lane. Winding pathways are terrible for the median. No gravel or mulch. The sidewalk needs to be uniform, straight and right next to the road.

There has to be something done about pedestrian safety. I saw a family with a stroller almost get hit by a car that was a near miss - it was very scary. People cannot continue to walk in the street without some sort of protection.

Sidewalks along the side of BMB would be nice. The winding sidewalk done the center is tacky. Would be difficult to pass other people. Would result in disrupting the beautiful trees, etc established in the median.

The ever increasing car traffic makes it too dangerous for pedestrians. The median is too attractive and peaceful to urbanize with a sidewalk. Let's not encourage pedestrian traffic on a busy street when there are so many side streets and the Park.

Walkers and strollers are protected. They are away from traffic in the medians. They are completely in the road right now. No one follows the walking in single file rule so they are all in the street.

I think this project is an example of spending \$ on a perceived problem.

It ruins the look of the boulevard

I like the concept of having sidewalks in the medians. But I do not like the gravel. It needs to look more like a part of the beautiful boulevard. Not stand out. Make it less in your face.

I would be open to sidewalks



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



I would prefer a sidewalk/path running around edge of medians and not winding through middle...which is more expensive and disrupts current greenery. Definitely not gravel but paved.

I dislike the concept of sidewalks on BM Blvd or a pathway on the Blvd. The Blvd is holy, peaceful, quiet & safe as is...THE asset of our city. People walking/running need to follow road rules on the Blvd and other beautiful BM neighborhoods.

When I moved here 50 years ago, we had approx 1200 families in BM. As of last month that number is about the same. Nashville growth has nothing to do with BM Blvd as the commissioners try to tell us. And Uber Eats should not control BM decisions.

You are trying to make a park out of BM Blvd. Parmer Park was created for families and dogs. A Mother should NEVER be on BM Blvd with a babe in a stroller or a babe at all. You are catering to a small group of irresponsible adults. Please don't.

Please don't change BM Blvd to please a few who haven't lived here long enough to understand the historical beauty and are not yet in awesome wonder over it.
PLEASE DON'T CHANGE BELLE MEADE BOULEVARD.

I like the concept because it's safer than what we have now.

Not necessary. Has not been a problem without sidewalks. WASTE OF TAXPAYERS MONEY.

Not necessary. Hasn't been a problem without sidewalks. WASTE OF MONEY TO INSTALL

We do not need this dad there are other places people can walk,run or bike. It will entail cutting planting also. We do not need to encourage more people to use the boulevard.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



There are many other places for people to walk, run and bike. We do not need to encourage more people to come. Also this would entail removing planting.

We have a beautiful boulevard. The paths would RUIN the esthetics of it. I also think there would be relatively little use of the path. I have run six days a week for 35 years on the boulevard, and still do. I am against putting in the proposed path.

There are many options for walking in Belle Meade side streets if one doesn't feel safe on the Blvd. our city has a lovely feel to it, and great appeal AS IT IS. Let's learn to cherish those things and avoid chipping away at it. Leave it alone!!!!

Don't change the look of the Boulevard. This is our residential neighborhood not a park. I don't want people who don't live here coming in to walk on the boulevard because of the walking path.

Have the police enforce the yield to pedestrians called for with the stripes we paid for several years ago. Have the police enforce the stay in the right lane except for turning or passing. Give more speeding tickets. These three steps would help.

A designated, permanent space for pedestrians is the only good long term option for safety and continued use.

I like them; however the current temporary path cannot work if it will be gravel. It must be a solid pavement.

It will bring a lot of people from middle Tn that will make our neighborhood unsafe and crowded. I think it will bring more crime. We have enough traffic in Belle Meade. The landscaping is pretty now and to the beauty of the neighborhood.

There is plenty of room on Belle Meade Boulevard and we do not need additional hardscape. Additionally, the winding sidewalk design through the grass medians is a huge eyesore and no one likes running in zig zags.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



Neighborhoods with sidewalks are safer, more connective, more friendly and encouraging for all to get outside and exercise.

I'm not sure I like the idea of the pathway- but then again I know that someone is going to get hurt. Not just a brush with a vehicle, but something with dire consequences.

If my family wanted to live in an urban area, we would. Please let's not fall into the trap. We have a beautiful boulevard, the heart of our traditional neighborhood, and should leave it as it is, lovely, clean, and relatively crime free.

With more traffic, it's currently not pleasant walking on BMB. I feel relatively safe alone but walking with a pet or friend increases the risk of being hit. I like the inviting and safer concept of sidewalks.

like the idea of sidewalks, but not in gravel...very hard to walk on

Unsightly. Could at least use river stone.

I like the idea. Just not clear on how well it can be executed.

BM Blvd is a green space that makes for a lovely drive as people enter our neighborhood. I do not want to see our landscape disrupted. The park is crowded. A walkway would invite loiterers and crime. I feel safe running on the road. FIRMLY oppose.

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Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



I like BELLE MEADE becoming more pedestrian friendly. I live just off the blvd but do not walk on it due to safety concerns for me kids and pets. I do wonder if the meandering shape of the path, while pretty, is conducive to running.

So people, dogs, children don't get hit

Please do not destroy the charm and beauty of Belle Meade by installing these sidewalks. No runner will use them!

See previous answer

I think it would deteriorate aesthetics. Also running/ biking not practical on the side walk

I understand when trees need to be cut back or removed for electrical/power line purposed but i am against removing abd cutting back trees for a sidewalk. I do not know any people who would rather jog on a winding pathway instead of the blvd.

There should be sidewalks on all streets, but I don't like the look of a sidewalk down the median. Luckily, there are plenty of sides streets for short neighborhood walks, and there are the Warner parks for longer walks and hikes.

Belle meade means beautiful meadow. A sidewalk down the median takes away the beauty of Belle Meade. If the police would do a better job of issueing citations to autos cruising in the left lane would help. Idea of sidewalks is horrible!!!!

I have never felt unsafe walking or jogging on the boulevard. I always walk in single file so i suspect that some people who dont feel safe are not abiding by that rule.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



I have been working out on the boulevard for over 30 years. I think it would be better to focus on people who cruise and speed in the left lane. All the time i see this happen right by a police car and they do not responde. It is very frusturating

As a native Nashvillian I have watched my hometown transform into a city I have difficulty recognizing. Thousands of people move to Nashville everyday. Belle Meade is a tiny, unique, preserved space that needs to remain reserved for residents.

It is an invitation for non-residents, tourists, & whom ever to use our medians & bring more congestion. The present median is safe & effective. The Edwin Warner parks should suffice for visitors. Residents are safe & knowledgeable of how to walk.

For safety

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It would nice to have younger families and strollers, if they could extend sidewalks to Parmer Park it would be better as well.

Definitely think the idea of a walkway down the median is an excellent and much needed improvement.

I think the median is beautiful as it is. There are 2 lanes on the boulevard so I have always felt there was plenty of space for walking and running. I believe money for sidewalks is better used on other streets in Belle Meade such as lynnwood.

It ruins the aesthetic of our boulevard. It is not a wide enough oath to accommodate two way traffic for walkers, joggers, runners and strollers. We would destroy the beautiful landscape of our median which adds to our community. Control speed.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



Safer than pedestrians on sides of Boulevard...especially with strollers

Enforce speed limit and lower speed limit to 25 mph.
Enforce R lane driving only.

Drivers are careless and don't obey the law to stay in right hand lane. Have been run off the Blvd by drivers in left hand lane and usually also using a phone. Have had drivers yell at me to get off the BLVD

We are not a suburb. We are an enclave.

I think it is unnecessary for BM Blvd. to be two lanes in each direction. More green space would allow the Blvd to be much more pedestrian and bike friendly.

The signage next to the entrance of the temporary pathway doesn't look like they're made of quality materials. Tasteful benches placed along the way would enhance the experience.

I personally don't want to be run over while people are driving while texting. I have seen 2 cars in last 6months driving the wrong way. it needs to be pretty:)

I like the park-like natural feel of Belle Meade Boulevard

This will ruin the beauty of BM Boulevard, it will attract people from outside BM, Create a parking mess for side streets. It will expose/bring more people to BM (Similar to Nichol Lane on Halloween -- ruined by those from surrounding area)



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



Sidewalks are an important aspect of a healthy and vibrant community

we need sidewalks everywhere in Belle Meade to make it pedestrian friendly

Yes! This is an amazing and beautiful option for the many of us who enjoy walking the boulevard with friends and children. It is very much needed!

I like the park-like, natural aesthetics of Belle Meade Boulevard.

Side walks would be a safer option for pedestrians, their children, and pets.

The median pathway would not be wide enough. I think expanding the inner shoulder of the BLVD in both ways would be the best option and the most environmentally freindly

There are plenty of other streets to walk without walking on Belle Meade Blvd.

Don't like it at all - too narrow, destroys beauty of median, requires mutilating trees and shrubs to make it work, and don't think it's necessary. With the "left lane for turning/passing only" walking the boulevard isn't a problem.

Already answered.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



You are going to lose probably a lane of traffic; you already. Have the bike path. The issue is the drivers, their speed, and their not paying attention to stop signs, or any other signage on the blvd.

The Boulevard is safe as is and the pathway is a waste of money. Additionally, use will be severely limited because people who walk and run will not like the very winding nature of the path.

I can't stand the Bolt- too many people are made to think it's a fun and safe place to walk and it's not. Runners need to move into the grass with approaching cars and they sure as hell don't need to use strollers or any other baby with them- stupid

the test appears designed for slow walkers and would not be used for jogging and definitely not cycling. Seems designed for smallest group of users on the Blvd when the larger user group needs the attention.

Would rather see one lane of traffic given up than ruin the median. Maybe having the police make a little extra money by fining people who drive on the left lane when there are pedestrians who are walking against traffic in the left lane.

They are completely unnecessary. To my knowledge NOT A SINGLE pedestrian has been injured on the boulevard. Sidewalks would also cost a fortune since the City would likely need to condemn property to construct them, and maximum compensation would be

Sidewalks give streets a finished appearance, and they provide a safe place to walk.

Sidewalks are more desperately needed on page and Forrest park where heavy traffic to cheekwood makes it very dangerous to walk.

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Sidewalks would destroy the neighborhood feel and just encourage others to come into Belle Meade

Old farts like we are, and texting drivers are too distracted. The signs don't tell pedestrians "face traffic against median or on grass" . My daughter ran on boulevard in school and traffic was not as bad, but now, even at 35 mile speed, it's awful

Please don't destroy the beauty of Belle Meade Boulevard by destroying the look of the beautiful median.

Sidewalks are not needed if there is room to walk to the inside of the left white line.

Keep strollers off the Blvd.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



I walk it every single day and have never felt my life was in danger - I can always step into the median temporarily if I feel someone is driving too close to me. Thanks for all of the work you have done on the overall plan - great ideas just think

At this point I feel it is too late and disruptive to try to redo the Blvd.. This might have been in the original plan for the City, but it wasn't. the sidewalk on Lynwood following a tree line is wonderful and used daily. Use side roads for walking.

Huge expense with little benefit

this one isn't necessary.

The path would provide a safe walkway for residents. It is very dangerous to walk on Blvd at present.

Pedestrian traffic is not safe from drivers who speed and drive in left lane

I don't think that sidewalks would create a significantly better walking experience for pedestrians on the Boulevard, especially considering the expense to install them.

We do not need to promote extra pedestrians on Belle Meade Blvd. The majority of people that would use the sidewalks on Belle Meade Blvd would be non Belle Meade residents. It would be a parking issue and safety issue with the increased # of people.

Wasteful and unnecessary expense. The questions in this survey are purposely slanted to get a particular response.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



To tear up the median and the trees and bushes is a bad idea. It creates an ongoing maintenance issue and creates an obstacle course since it weaves through each median. I would prefer another 12 inches of pavement on each side.

I have mixed feelings because I primarily run on the boulevard and am concerned the proposed windy pathways are narrow and not friendly to running

To reduce foot traffic on the road

The path takes away the beauty of the BLVD

We also have spent years cultivating our beautiful median. Why do we want to tear it up. Also, why do we need the expense to put this path in. We have a beautiful park at the end of the Blvd for pedestrian walking/running.

I don't like the zig zag but do like the idea of a path

More green less cement

Due to increased volume of cars on boulevard, it does seem to become less safe to walk on the road.

Aesthetically pleasing but probably too many curves to appeal to those exercising pushing their goals by distance accomplished. I am against pavers due to maintenance to keep smooth. Ugly Asphalt would be cheap & smooth for strollers etc.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



I think that joggers will not like the path because it is too curvy. Being a jogger in my prior life, trying to run on a curvy path is just too difficult to do while jogging.

It will help with walkers but runners may not like the winding pathway and want to stick to the straight, consistent road surface

Dislike because residents do not have the opportunity to vote for or against sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.

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Safety

Sidewalk needs to be stone, brick, pavers, or concrete. Too much winding of current sidewalk.. Should have city wide speed limit of 23 mph(graph shows save lives). BMB should be one lane for cars, 1/2 lane for walking/running, 1/2 lane for bikes.

I don't think the proposed walkway would be too good for pedestrians because most people like to walk with another person and the proposed walkway is basically only wide enough for one person. I would not want walkway wide because I like the green.

I believe the current arrangement works well for those who want to walk the Blvd and I worry that sidewalks will detract from the natural beauty of the street



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



Don't expect a JOGGER to use a serpentine walk/run way for very long.

Pathways on both sides of the street allow people to walk against traffic and see what's coming. I think that's safer and I also think it looks better. Walkers should be closer to the outsides of the street, not in the middle of it.

No one is getting younger -- walking is PERFECT transportation and we have very few options in Belle Meade. And sidewalks & greenways increase residents' property value 100% of the time they are employed. Imagine elderly folks walking to Walgreens!

I think that sidewalks are essential to protect pedestrians. Also, I think that meandering paths are beautiful and inviting...

Median walking path should be sufficient.

Unless absolutely necessary for safety reasons, I prefer no sidewalks and no median walkway. We are so close to the Warner parks that offer many options to enjoy the natural area.

Total safety concern. Need to get pedestrians off roadway. Not concerned at all about this bringing outsiders into BM. We share BMBLVD every day as visitors come and go to Percy Warner Park.

The sidewalk in the center of the median takes away from the greenness and beauty. If a sidewalk put in need to be closer to the road not in the center in my opinion.

Landscaping of homes would be effected and sidewalks would change the character of the boulevard .



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



Clutters the pretty median.

It is unattractive and looks impossible to navigate around the trees which I certainly don't want to lose.
Ridiculous

We would prefer cars be limited to driving in the right lane

I would love to see 4 foot or wider nice first class concrete and color coded sidewalks all over Belle Meade! It is so crazy that we don't have this for health and safety.

They would cut into the yards.

They are not pretty! The beautiful landscaping is the prettiest part of BM Blvd.

Too many people race through the boulevard. The issue for safety comes in when people use the left-hand lane. We prefer having one lane for cars and the other for walkers/joggers/strollers.

I wonder about the actual benefit. The winding path looks pretty good, but would it be practical for runners and going both directions. Some sections of the median also have dense plant growth that doesn't seem compatible with a walkway as shown.

I prefer the walkway in the median to a sidewalk along the road. It is more pleasant to use and to look at. Also most likely to be safer separated from cars



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



I like the safety aspect, but wonder if better signage/street markings with current situation might be better. Not sure that encouraging more pedestrian traffic on the Blvd. is wise. Better to focus on neighborhood side streets for sidewalks.

A walk along the 'side', on a traditional hard surface sidewalk is not as attractive and hard on the joints. Also afraid bikes might try and ride on a traditional sidewalk. A meandering path down the center is much more pedestrian friendly.

Nature is far more beautiful than gravel or cement. The boulevard is fine the way it is now.

Not sure a "sidewalk" is what you need, as much as a path down the center median. The center path should not be gravel, which is slippery.

The curvy sidewalks might attract walkers, but the runners will still use the street, which will defeat the purpose. If we would just enforce the left lane passing/turning rules, that would be a big improvement.

We think that the trees along the boulevard need to be dramatically trimmed. We like the idea of safe designated walking areas. Long overdue. We vote to ignore nay-sayers and make safety a priority. Thank you.

not enough space

Runners won't use them.

I dislike the concept because I never once thought they were needed. Do not fix what is not broken.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



The median path would be more protective than sidewalks along the street edge.

Sidewalks would be better than the median

Not needed

Do not fix what is not broke.

We need to keep the median beautiful that we have worked years to plant and supported through Ceres. We do not need more hardscape. There are 4 lanes and plenty of room for people to run/walk. This has been voted down before. Never a good idea.

Not necessary

Sidewalks would be better than in the median. The median is beautifully planted and in most places, there is not room for a path. There are lots of safe, quiet streets for walking, Parmer Park, Percy Warner, Belle Meade Mansion are also options.

May add more issues

I like it for safety reasons



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



Side walks help neighborhood become supporters of one another

I don't dislike this idea - happy to see it happening!

Anything that makes the Boulevard more walkable and safer for pedestrians is better, whether sidewalks or a median pathway

They are fairly unattractive

They will spoil the beauty of the Blvd.

Safety, aesthetics and children

I believe a natural material-based pathway in the median is a safer, more attractive and possibly less expensive alternative to conventional sidewalks.

Should be a trail suited for walking and bikes. Request the city require men to wear shirts while running/walking

Accommodate strollers



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



I think sidewalks will change the character of Belle Meade Blvd., and not for the better. Sidewalks along the boulevard would, I think, would take away from the more rural feeling of Belle Meade.

I answered earlier.

For safety.

The Boulevard is a beautiful, underutilized space. Having sidewalks would make it a safer place to walk, so hopefully more people will walk the Boulevard and experience the many benefits of walking.

I love how the new path winds in the median. It is also safer place to walk. Sometimes drivers are too close to the walking lane and do not bother to move over. I live on East Brookfield, just off of the boulevard. The traffic is unsafe at times

I like the idea for safety

I do like the idea of a walking path in the middle of the boulevard, though.

Mainly for safety. People do not adhere to keep right except to pass.

Sidewalks provide welcome walkability and creates a welcome feels and is more safe



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



Ability for all living in BM and visitors to have a safe place to walk and run. It is very stressful/dangerous to walk or run on BMB and it is not possible to do so with another person as there is not enough room for 2 people to walk side by side

Safety

As a runner, I would never run on that narrow of a sidewalk. I do not like the look of cramming in a sidewalk on a median that's not that wide to begin with. It ruins the beauty of the median by force fitting a sidewalk while chopping up trees and

I'm confused by the question. Sidewalks to me are totally different from a path in the middle of the boulevard. I'm not sure if a path is what we need. I think lower speed and putting in more traffic calming

Feel safe on sidewalks especially when's cars are constantly driving in the left lane regardless of all the signs.

and removing shrubs to make it work. Nobody has been killed walking or running on Belle Meade Blvd so seems like its a solution seeking a problem. Thanks for your work on the plan but I think this one aspect of it is not necessary.

Safety

Safety is wonderful, especially with stroller when on the road, crossing street and at intersections

It feels safer to have a place to walk. The current allocation of walking space is too narrow. It's nice to walk side by side with someone and one can do that with the proposed path.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



The demonstration path is too narrow and will not work for people waking in both directions at the same time. It's totally unworkable for people with strollers. And for runners, it will be a nightmare.

If we all would observe safe habits of walking, running, etc. we wouldn't need sidewalks which will take away some of the beauty of the landscaping which will have to be interrupted with sidewalks.

I don't think we need to invite people who don't live in the area to walk or run the boulevard.

Sidewalks would be a wonderful amenity in our community. It would be so nice to feel safe walking in our neighborhood with my children and pets and not worry about getting hit by a distracted driver.

Please add sidewalks to the Boulevard!

It is hard to drive with walkers. ESP ones wearing dark clothing. It is a much safer alternative. I love the idea and hope you will do entire blvd.

I like it. It looks nice and is safe

This is a beautiful neighborhood that should be more walkable.

Adds more maintenance and invites strangers into our neighborhood.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



Sidewalks are the ultimate place for walking. Not all motorists on blvd understand not using left lane. I wish we had more sidewalks in all Belle Meade neighborhoods. I'm am for adding sidewalks

I use the sidewalk on Harding from Westview to Belle Meade boulevard all the time and would love a full extension up and down the boulevard in both directions. I would use it all the time.

It is so much safer for pedestrians and when strolling with children.

See letter I have written. I have ridden my ebike 4850 mi, mostly during Covid and have felt safe. Seldom walk/run any more, but when I did I felt safe.

Sidewalks, when done correctly (wide enough for two people to walk comfortably and with a decent-sized grass space by the cars) are easier for the elderly and those with strollers than a meandering walk way. Either solution is better than the

Either sidewalks or the median walkway is so much better than no walkway at all! I try to get off the Boulevard as quickly as possible when walking with a friend as it feels so dangerous.

I think it is fine the way it currently is. There are better uses of funds for this not inexpensive proposal.

It would take away the Historical Significance of the Boulevard. Also do not want to encourage people to drive in to walk the Boulevard. Parking would be a problem.

The idea of being able to walk the beautiful boulevard and not fear oncoming traffic is such a relief and something we are really looking forward to enjoying!



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



I think sidewalks add to the safety of walkers, runners, etc.

Walking paths are a great idea and would provide a much safer way of walking on the Blvd.

I like the median pathway. I am in favor of sidewalks thru belle meade

Like for safety and walk ability.

I do not like the path in the median. It's unnecessary. There are other BM streets more in need of a sidewalk. But if the path in the middle is the best you can do (which I doubt) then I'll take it.

I prefer sidewalks to the median. I believe the median will make the blvd a 4 lane full speed, as opposed to now when it is at least slower in 1 lane

Adding sidewalks on the Blvd is likely too disruptive. . Think we just need the walking path or widen the existing walking lanes and reduce the speed limit to 30.

There's no way to bike ride with kids on Belle Meade boulevard. No access to the park. It is not safe with bikes or running along the boulevard

It will take away from the charm of the street. Tax dollars can be used for another purpose. Inviting people to walk the path is inviting law suits if anyone falls or is injured they will sue Belle Meade. There will be a lot more traffic



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



I strongly strongly support sidewalks on Belle Meade. There is no safe way for kids to ride bikes. I feel unsafe running with my dog. It is only a matter of time before someone is hit.

The charm of street will be gone. Too much foot traffic and car traffic. Law suits if people fall. People loitering

There is no way to get to the farmers market or Percy Warner unless driving. It makes no sense to have such a beautiful neighborhood with lack of running and biking options

As long as there is enough space for walkers, joggers and others I think the median sidewalk is a good idea - what about bikes?

Gravel is not stroller friendly at all; would need to be paved for practical use. It is a shame to lose a lot of the beautiful green space in the median but I appreciate the concept of safer use, as someone who uses it almost daily with small children

I live on Lynnwood Terrace. We have a sidewalk and between it and the smaller streets there-residents can safely walk around the block. I wish that the sidewalk extended to Lynnwood Blvd to Harding Place. I cycle Belle Meade Blvd, and run/walk

I do not like the median sidewalk it will not serve running and will distract from the beauty of the median grass and trees. A different design might work better

there. I do not feel unsafe doing either between the median, 2 lanes of traffic and dedicated run/walk space along the median. I think the gravel walkway is ugly and would not be great for runners with its meandering.

Some drivers seem to not pay attention to pedestrians so sidewalks would be great.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



One issue with current median is that the trees overhang over the median and into the street, forcing pedestrians into traffic

Not needed...we have walking/running lanes already

On the side and not in the boulevard....

Sidewalks would not disturb the beauty of the parkway atmosphere of the boulevard. Each sidewalk would have the appropriate 1 way walking direction, or running direction, or stroller direction, depending on which side of the boulevard it is on.

Don't believe in sidewalks on a Boulevard

Totally unnecessary

Ruining the green median with more paving (I hear it WILL NOT BE A GRAVEL PATH, but a white concrete path) is totally disturbing the beauty of the median. Compared to the already large amount of pavement with 4 lanes of traffic.

Aesthetically unpleasing, low capacity for walkers/runners

How is the path going to pass through the median that is filled with trees (across from Immanuel Baptist Church and other places)?I predict the gravel will migrate across the path boundaries, creating a less distinction between grass and the path.



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



I've lived in belle meade 20 years. As a driver, I am nervous all the time about pedestrians. I'm 43 so if I'm nervous I can't imagine how an older person feels...

Sidewalks would require removal of beautiful, mature shrubs, trees and existing stone walls. Walking in median is fine.

I like the idea of the path for walkers, strollers etc, but want runners to still be able to use the road as well. Also want to keep cars in the right lane only unless passing.

Optically negative

I could accept sidewalks on the Blvd if the people who live on the Blvd want it,

Sidewalks down the Medan would be great!

I love it. I often run with friends in the Boulevard and we get in trouble for running next to each other. In the past 5 years traffic is so much heavier that running in that road can be stressful.

Because runners won't run on sidewalks. They choose to run in the street even when a sidewalk is available.

I would rather the lanes were narrowed by 1 foot each and the strip next to the median were widened to include that space, so that the strip next to median would be wide enough for safely walking/running



Explain why you like or dislike the concept of sidewalks on Belle Meade Boulevard.



Because runners won't run on sidewalks. Runners choose the street when a sidewalk is available.

Unsure about aesthetics if a sidewalk. Like the idea of the path in the median if trees can be preserved

A pathway median that is expertly maintained and made of aesthetically pleasing material is great but needs to be bike free.

I like the path through the median. I think it is. Ice for walking. I would not use it for running since it is not straight. I'd like to run next to the median but I'd like more space and to get cars out of the right lane

The current walking/cycling configuration is fine and the proposed sidewalk is aesthetically displeasing. A less expensive and more effective solution would be to require motorists to change lanes while passing cyclists/walkers.

Safety

Too much earth/trees to be moved. Cost. Maintenance.

Sidewalks interfere with existing landscaping & original dry stacked stone walls. construction is incredibly disruptive.

Safety



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



A good number of drivers ignore the “left lane is for passing” signage. I frequently find myself walking into the grass to minimize the possibility of making contact with one of these slim margin for error drivers.

Over planting of trees in the median has made visibility for motorists difficult which makes things dangerous for pedestrians.

As a motorist I’m definitely nervous about pedestrians walking on the shoulder and I’m very scared and I obviously don’t want to hit someone

I would like to see an aggressive attempt to decrease overall traffic. I would like to see decrease crossovers and the placement of traffic circles. Personally I would like a plan for traffic in one lane with one for bikes, walkers, and runners.

I love the concept! Walking on BMB is stressful. Plantings are also overgrown making it difficult to see to cross and turn.

No

I have been running and cycling in the boulevard for two decades. Traffic is SOOO much worse now and it has become unsafe.

Absolutely. This is why I do not use it as a pedestrian area. It’s difficult to walk a dog taking kids on it is just insane has no one abide by the speed limit nor the fact that you should stay in the right lane.

No



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



Find ways to decrease it as a cut through

You could also lower the speed limit to lessen the traffic flow.

Bikes are a bigger problem than walkers

People are supposed to drive only on the left lane for passing or turning. If anything, the cops just need to enforce that more strictly

The crazy cars and huge trucks too often don't mind a reasonable path for pedestrians.

I'd rather lower the speed limit than have ugly sidewalks

No

I think separating people and vehicles is a smart idea. Long overdue.

I do not feel very safe either walking or driving on BMB. There is way too much car and pedestrian traffic and there is no place for people to walk except in the road



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



My biggest concern is when cars don't move over. Maybe the police could enforce that better or drop the speed limit to 30.

More pedestrians in the median will be a distraction to drivers turning across the Blvd. Pedestrians would have to be vigilant every time they step off one of the median islands. No one walks on Harding Rd. because it is too busy. So is BMBLVD.

will it be lit up to walk at night?

As a motorist, I believe you would creating distraction to all drivers by creating sidewalks and foot traffic down the middle of a four lane thoroughfare . It's dangerous and unnecessary ..there are miles of walking and running trails close By.

No

The police cannot be responsible for keeping all vehicles out of the left lane - very naive! We need a better system

Police presence and ticketing helps a ton. Keep people out in f the left lane. Stop cut through traffic.

I heard someone was killed walking on the boulevard. Isn't that enough to make the city do something?

Maybe strollers should not be allowed



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



Contractors who receive building permits should be required to post local driving laws for their subs and workers on the job site in English and Spanish

No it's fine the way it is

People constantly drive in the left lane and do not move over for pedestrians.

The only time I have been concerned when walking is when there is an obvious, blatant disregard of walkers by men in trucks who clearly are doing work in BM-- and they stare at you and refuse to adhere to the "left lane for passing only" rule.

The trucks and cars don't stay out of the left lane. It's a real problem!

Yes, many crosswalks on the BMB are not in the safest places and are ignored adding to pedestrian safety issues. For example, the crosswalk over BMB at Southerland is in a blind spot as cars pop over the hill coming from Harding.

It's very unsafe to walk on the Blvd.

A boulevard with walking lanes and a nice 35 mph speed limit is plenty safe enough. Don't change our city! Learn to see the beauty of things as they are- isn't that why we moved here in the first place?

People driving in the left lane is a concern.



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



No

yes

I think we need to look at ways to make walking AND biking safer as an alternative transportation option to driving. The median sidewalk doesn't seem to solve the problem.

I see cars run through the intersections all the time. I think the pedestrian crosswalk markings will help. I also think all of our streets should have the painted middle line (many do not).

I would like all pedestrians to use the median walkway. It's like dodge ball as a driver on BM Blvd trying to avoid bikers on my right and pedestrians on my left.

See previous answer regarding people cruising and speeding in the left lane.

No

No

No



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



It should be made safer for children and strollers

People on bicycles

No

People walking and pushing strollers and walking pets are at risk. Also SUVs , service trucks etc with large mirrors are dangerous when driving in left hand lane

No

Yes, it's not safe for both drivers or pedestrians. Even the most alert driver can easily make a mistake with walkers in the boulevard.

The 4 way stop at Jackson/BMB should be replaced with a traffic light or roundabout. It is extremely dangerous and confusingTo have 6 cars trying to decide who goes next. We've had many wrecks and directing walkers to this intersection is dangerous

I feel like motorists that do not live in or around Belle Meade are unaware of the requirement to stay in the right lane unless passing/turning. This is where I think that danger for pedestrians exists.

Yes, IMO, the two lanes of traffic in each direction leads to more speeding, more potential for distracted driving and therefore more danger for all



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



People who walk or run on the boulevard with their back to the traffic are taking a big risk. One texting driver could kill them.

No

Can anything be done about the deliveries and yard crews blocking the roads? That is a danger.

There is NO safety problem on the boulevard. If we must have a path do it correctly (i) a straight path that would require pulling the existing landscaping, (ii) a concrete path (ii) underground utility wires and new nice landscaping. Don't cheap out

No

No - thankfully people tend to obey the speed limit and I feel comfortable letting my teenage kids bike on the Boulevard.

We need to enforce the existing passing lane only law as well as the speed limit.. especially for those who use the Blvd as a cut thorough.

NO

Not really



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



No

presently, the lane closest to the median is used not just for passing. I wonder if the median could be expanded such that there are limited two lane portions for passing? this may achieve similar ends.

As a cyclist I have safety concerns, as I do on any road. BMB though tends to be safe enough for cyclists except for the blind intersections like northbound intersections at Tyne and Malone

I don't think pedestrian safety is a big concern to Belle Meade police. They spend too much time on Harding trying to catch people going > 25mph and very little time enforcing the lane rules and speeding on the upper part of the Blvd

No

No

Increased number of pedestrians means increased safety issues.

Cars not observing the speed limit. Cars not obeying driving laws, left lane for passing and turning only.

No



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



No

No

No

No

I think most are courteous to each other. I might encourage more “for passing only” signage to make sure motorists provide space for walkers.

We need to improve safety for pedestrians and motorists

Yes! Despite the signage about lane usage, distracted or careless drivers routinely hang out in the left hand lane. It can be terrifying.

Speeding is always an issue; but I live on Lynnwood Blvd, which also has these problems.

No.



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



I live on Jackson and GETTING to the boulevard is a death wish. SIDEWALKS would be life changing!

Would be easier to drive if pedestrians were on median path.

No

I vote for side walks but don't do skinny ones that are less than 3 feet and be cheep!

No

I tend to avoid walking on the blvd is possible as the traffic can be unpredictable. Perhaps just a misunderstanding of the drive on the right pass on the left? Speeding is also more common lately

street is too narrow for cars and pedestrians

Speeding cars

Seems like a viable solution to have the pedestrian meander through the median if it's wide enough , as long as cyclists can't use also.



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



Non-enforcement of left lane passing/turning only rule makes it useless

Speed of motorists on major cut through streets is increasing

Dogs are a threat to adults and children. Dogs are out of control. That is a far bigger threat to safety than motorists.

Cars drive too fast and pass too close to those walking/running on Belle Meade Boulevard. I am afraid someone will not be paying attention and someone will get hurt. Sidewalks are a necessity.

no

no

I have yet to see a motorist arrested for driving on the left hand side when not turning or passing.

No

Tried running on the path and definitely think you will need a more firm material if you want people to use it



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



Keep vehicles not passing or turning out of left lanes.

Bike lanes should be considered. Also, if a sidewalk is built it should be wide enough to accommodate walkers and runners.

Crosswalks need better signage and visibility for drivers and there need to be more crosswalks. Many drivers speed on BMB and use the left lane. I support a lowered speed limit to 30 MPH on BMB

My biggest concern as a pedestrian is the people who insist on driving in the left lane. That is much more dangerous, and more common, than people speeding.

Walking on the Boulevard can be dangerous. Many drivers do not respect the walking lane. Traffic can be heavy at many times, posing an additional risk to pedestrians.

No good

Should I even bother to mention that no one stops for pedestrians attempting to cross the street?

Drivers do not respect the crosswalks.

High speed. No one goes 35 mph and it's very frustrating. The speed limit needs to be lower and enforced.



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



Allowing walking on the inside Lane is way too dangerous. It is unsafe for Walkers and drivers. It needs to stop immediately. Walkers have a tendency to think the left lane is for walking only. Someone is going to get killed.

No

Yes- I ride my bike a lot in Belle Meade. Most drivers are very considerate, but occasionally I encounter a rude one that makes me nervous when I'm at a stop sign.

Cars constant;y drive in the left lane and disregard signs

Have a designated path to walk on is good. Would like a less curvy wide path down the middle of the path rather than too many curves. Use tree mover cones to dig up trees and move or buy new trees

I would encourage you to consider permeable pavers for sidewalks to be more environmentally friendly. These are used in some areas at Rosemary Beach. We have a lot of flooding here, and that would be better than adding impervious sidewalks.

Crossing at intersection with harding. Confusing where to cross

The small signs do not catch the real attention of drivers. I recommend painting the road with arrows of alternating white and yellow from with the passing/walking lane to the primary driving lane. The signs are too wording. We can do much better.

no

Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



Belle Meade Boulevard was not designed to be a walking/running track. Not only is it unattractive, it is not safe with the numerous cross walks already in the road and would be an additional safety hazard.

I do not like strollers on the street as I drive

No

No

I don't like the gravel, it's hard to walk on, similar to walking on sand. A surface more compacted / firm would be better in my opinion.

No

None - happy with how flow currently works

Too many people still drive in the left lane that are not turning or passing

No



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



No

no

no

Only speed...i dont care about cars driving if they slow to 25 or 20.

Yes. Cars don't pay attention. It is only a matter of time before a car hits a pedestrian.

No

No

No

Yes. Theres been multiple times when running when a car swerves over the line and I'm running and it's clear the driver isn't paying attention.



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



None

People need to only drive in the outside lane IF they are turning OR passing. Enforce that rule better.

I don't believe that Belle Meade residents need a two-lanes-in-each direction boulevard. I would prefer to see the median widened to allow for a proper walking/cycling lane. Why do we need two lanes?

Drivers are not all paying attention to the outside lane being for passing/turning only. Excess speeding seems an issue also but I know police can't be on every corner all the time.

Mostly people racing towards intersections in their vehicles, occasional flying lawn companies and distracted drivers exiting their driveways. A mid median path might help with those issues...but IF that does happen-a mulch pathway would be nice

If the officers and force the laws There would be no problems

There are SO many quiet side streets to run on, but runners seem to like the straight path from one end to the other. ANOTHER REASON NOT TO PUT A PATHWAY DOWN the median.. it will be curvy and not good for running.

Safety

If they pedestrians walk facing facing the traffic and they would not allow motorist drive in the left lane there will be no problems



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



No. I believe the existing precautions are adequate.

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No.

No.

I'm concerned with cars staying in the left lane even when they see walkers / runners in that lane as well. I think the police department should be ticketing for not giving 3ft to these pedestrians.

Yes, often drivers are not paying attention and/or driving too fast

Too many Drivers driving in the left. More signage needed to discourage

Yes! The trees in the medians need to to be cut back. Visibility is extremely poor and creates a driving hazard.

I loved the extra signage about left lane pass/turn only. Cars continue to speed in the left lane and ride right up to the line! They yell and "wave" when I'm running in the strip, like I've done something wrong when they're speeding in wrong lane



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



Strollers

I am concerned about trees that need to be trimmed on the Blvd. These trees block my view every day..

As long as people are not on their phones and move over for bikes and runners - having two lanes gives everyone enough room.

People speed, cars do not get over for pedestrians. Honestly I'm surprised more injuries have not occurred.

No

This will mean we will have 3 lanes of walkers and runners instead of 2. And it will also encourage more pedestrian traffic on Belle Meade Blvd which we don't need

See previous answer about cutting back trees and bushes in the median & side streets. In some places on the Blvd. it is hard to see oncoming cars and pedestrians.

Yes, page road needs side walks asap. It's dangerous!

General safety is good



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



No

No

No

I do not like the idea of the pathway in the median, it takes away from the beauty of Belle Meade. I feel like if they would enforce the use of the left lane for only passing or turning then this would not be as much of a problem for walkers etc

Where do outsiders park cars? Dog Poop? Narrow path-baby strollers? What is the real reason why this is necessary? No problems as of now - do Commissioners want more more people to come visit/ walk The Boulevard? A lovely ,peaceful to be left ALONE

How about some traffic calming options.

Speeders, drivers not paying attention.

Speed driving on Chickering Rd -8:00-10:00 am and 3:00-5:00 pm

Some of the plantings make it hard to see to pull on (Leake). Could consider speed humps to discourage Williamson county cut through



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



We are not adequately enforcing our traffic laws, speeding particular as well as enforcing the use of the left lane.

Double strollers are really in danger without a sidewalk.

I have no safety concerns.

Are we able to encroach on the median to widen the existing walking/running lanes?

See previous answer

We have an opportunity to make the Boulevard safer before something bad happens and I hope we do so.

No, there is plenty of room already for walking.

People driving too fast in left lane and not moving over for walkers

People are not used to the crosswalks. When I'm walking, drivers frequently do not give Peds the right of way. I've been guilty of that as well.



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



No

Make the walkers go to the park. BMB is for cars.

I do not.

Yes. A walkable median would give pedestrians a safe option.

No

Vehicles DO NOT respect the existing signage prohibiting use of the traffic lane next to the median. Either eliminate the traffic lane next to the median, install speed bumps, etc to discourage vehicle use of this traffic lane or strictly enforce

Yes. While the landscaping is beautiful, ornamental trees at intersections need to be kept trimmed for visibility. There are several places where it is difficult to see whether it is safe to turn. One example is turning left onto Leake Ave.

I do not like the the new turn left onto Harding Road on Belle Meade Blvd. Creates traffic lines

No



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



No. I think emphasizing using the right lane is sufficient.

Path makes sense

do whatever you can to keep walkers off of belle meade blvd

drivers talking on their phones

No. I appreciate the police presence.

No

As traffic has increased, I would ask that we look at "Traffic Cameras" to monitor vehicle speed ,and observance of traffic signals and signage, and to automatically issue citations to vehicles that do not obey these.

Again, traffic volume in Belle Meade is increasing as Nashville grows. We should be extra vigilant in enforcing all laws and ordinances related to driving in our Town.

Unnecessary with the walking lanes that are already there.



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



Take of this one!!!!

No

People walking beside or in the median of a busy street is inherently unsafe!

no

no

no

Slowing cars down seems to be a bit of a challenge, and fully stopping at stop signs

Pathway makes Blvd median too busy looking. path, 2 sides & two lanes on each side+ Too many crosswalks. We have been thru this before

I love sideways, but the proposed solution on the boulevard will be very expensive, make grass & landscaping care harder and will increase vehicular speed. I believe the sidewalks like the ones on Harding Place & Lynnwood Terrace offer better solut



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



The Boulevard is not dangerous & functions pretty well. If we have funds, placing sidewalks on some other streets that are not walkable would be a better investment.

THOUGH WALKERS/RUNNERS ARE ON THE EDGE OF THE BOULEVARD, IT WOULD BE EASIER TO SEE THEM THAN IF THEY WERE ON THE MEDIAN PATH & " SPILLED OVER" SOMEHOW.

I love walking on the boulevard but have often felt unsafe when a car going to fast in the passing lane brushes by or a car going the wrong way.

No

If the police would enforce / address the laws it will lessen the offenders. They will go somewhere else to exercise

Sidewalks are needed in other parts of the city. We would be opposed to sidewalks or the walkway

I AM CONCERNED THAT WALKERS, RUNNERS & DOGS WOULD NOT BE AS CONCENTRATED ON THE MEDIAN PATH. A SIDEWALK PROVIDES A BETTER DEFINED BORDER WHEREAS THERE IS LITTLE DISTANCE BETWEEN CARS & TRUCKS & THOSE WHO WOULD BE WALKING/RUNNING ON THE MEDIAN PATH

I see so too many people ON THEIR PHONES while driving! That is the most unsafe behavior. Worse than speeding in my opinion.

As long as drivers stay in the right lane there does not seem to be an issue. Furthermore the amount of runners has significantly declined over the years.



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



Police need to make sure to pull over those driving in the left lane

They do Not move over when pedestrians are walking on the side of the road. It is a very scary situation that I think needs to be take seriously. .

The money can be put to better use.

Not really. I think the BMPD does a terrific job.

No

Please address inappropriate use of the left lane!As a resident between Harding and PWP, people speed and use the left lane inappropriately. This would be my biggest wish - put turn signs in that lane as a signal and patrol cars to fine drivers!

Yes! Vehicles do NOT follow the signs posted to only use left lane for passing.

People who choose to ignore the signage should be fined.

Yes! It's incredibly dangerous to walk alongside traffic! Why wouldn't our residents want to keep people safe? Don't they know someone DIED just walking along BMB? How can they pretend it's not dangerous?



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



I don't understand these people who hate the idea of community. Why wouldn't you want residents to walk, stroll or run down our boulevard? What's so terrible about people enjoying their city that their own taxes have paid to make beautiful?

dangerous, tacky

it's so dangerous for walkers! I have almost hit someone myself when I was going slowly but just didn't see them! especially at dusk and in the winter when it gets dark so early. people need a safe place to run

People who want to keep "outsiders" from coming into Belle Meade have their heads in the sand. If you want to live in a gated community, move to Sugartree. .

It's soooo dangerous right now! I have almost been hit!

I run the blvd 6 days a week and had two close calls just in the last week

Sidewalk is not attractive (looks like paving gravel) and creates a false sense of security as each cross street is an opportunity to be hit from behind by vehicles taking a left turn. When running on the shoulder a pedestrian is more aware.

I believe small good looking "yield to pedestrian " signs in the cross ways on the Tyne intersection, and by BMCC could be lifesaving reminders as cars do not stop there.

slowing traffic down isn't the answer. we can't make everyone drive 15 miles an hour. and no one obeys the left lane only for passing rule. we would have to hire four full time policemen to sit on the boulevard 24 hours a day to enforce that



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



i can't believe that some people think that people's safety isn't important.

sometimes cars do not stop to let walkers cross even on the cross walks

Pedestrian safety has become a huge issue. A person was killed last week!!! We have to address this - and quickly!

I personally love that our city is known for having a beautiful landscape and access to the park. I love that families want to walk & stroll. I love that runners find a place to exercise. And I love that we will finally be able to provide this safely

No

Safety for our residents should be a top priority. More people in Nashville equals more drivers equals more dangerous roads for pedestrians. We must address this now before it's too late.

We need a safe way to enjoy BMB!

No

Safe paths for families, runners, walkers and nature enthusiasts is essential. We are all entitled to enjoy the Boulevard however we desire. And we should be provided a safe way to do that!



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



The issue of pedestrian safety is growing bigger every day. The city is smart to do something about it now before someone is hurt, or worse, dies.

We can't do anything about the increased cars, trucks and cut-through traffic (thank Nashville's exponential growth for that) but we CAN protect our residents and their families by giving them a safe place to continue to enjoy our boulevard!

SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY

Safety for all MUST be a priority! And even better that we can make it beautiful with winding paths through our already beautiful landscape. We can integrate this path into our existing design with a beautiful outcome! I am excited!

Belle Meade needs this!

How can anyone debate the need for safer streets for our children?

No

We need sidewalks for SAFETY

Sidewalks IMPROVE PROPERTY VALUES and increase neighborhood engagement - nothing bad about that!!



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



Anything that adds safety and brings us together as a community is a good thing!

This is so long overdue and necessary! We can do a better job on the design though...

Cyclists should use the street. Pedestrians would be safer on a pathway.

The single-file rule isn't realistic. People walk together to visit and catch up, not walk like they're in line in elementary school. We have to give them a better alternative than walking in the street. That's why we need this!

I would feel so much safer with a sidewalk or path in the median!

During the pandemic we all got outside more and spent more time in our city. Now that we are back to work, we are still going outside but now all at the same time. The after-work pedestrian traffic is so heavy and we need a safe place to walk!

There are SO MANY other cities that have done this with major success (San Vicente, NY's Highline Park, St. Louis, Houston) - Let's look at them for examples of how to make this beautiful! Our boulevard needs a facelift and improved safety for all!

The median pathway is an excellent idea! A perfect compromise to the residents who don't want sidewalks in their yards, saves the city eminent domain expenditures, safer for everyone (cars AND pedestrians) and an opportunity for more beautification!

BEST IDEA FOR BMBLVD YET!



Do you have any other safety concerns as a pedestrian or motorist regarding Belle Meade Boulevard?



The boulevard has lost it's beauty. It's overgrown, the trees are all hacked up, there are more power lines each year... It's a disgrace. We should do a better job keeping it up. A path down the middle would only add to the aesthetic if done correctl

The original boulevard design had a literal streetcar going down the middle of the median. The "historic" green space came decades later. We NEED a place for people to enjoy our boulevard safely, THAT'S the historical significance of the boulevard.

While we are at it, can we finally bury those ugly power lines and replace the tacky street lights? We have a chance to do this right, once and for all!

People who want to add more paint to the left lane and more signs - how is that more beautiful than an organic pathway?? Personally I'd rather have a beautifully landscaped walking path rather than garish paint on the road.

This is a BASIC SAFETY MEASURE. Sure, a little grass will be sacrificed. But we can put in a pretty material that is organic and prettier than the gravel. Losing a few blades of grass are is worth it to save just one person's life.

This is something we NEED. Maybe not the current design, but the pathway is a necessity.

Make it safe for bicycles and walkers

No

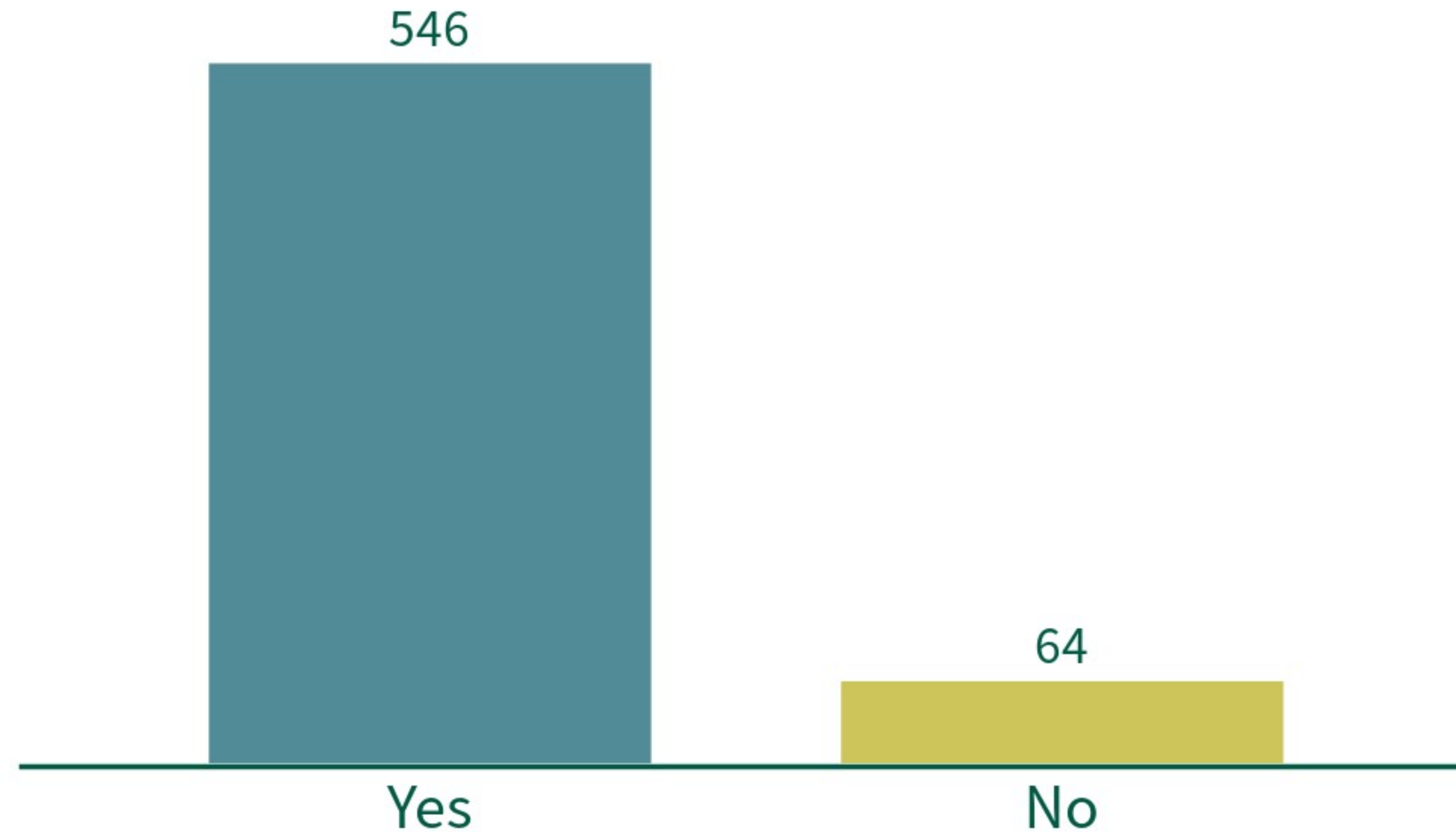
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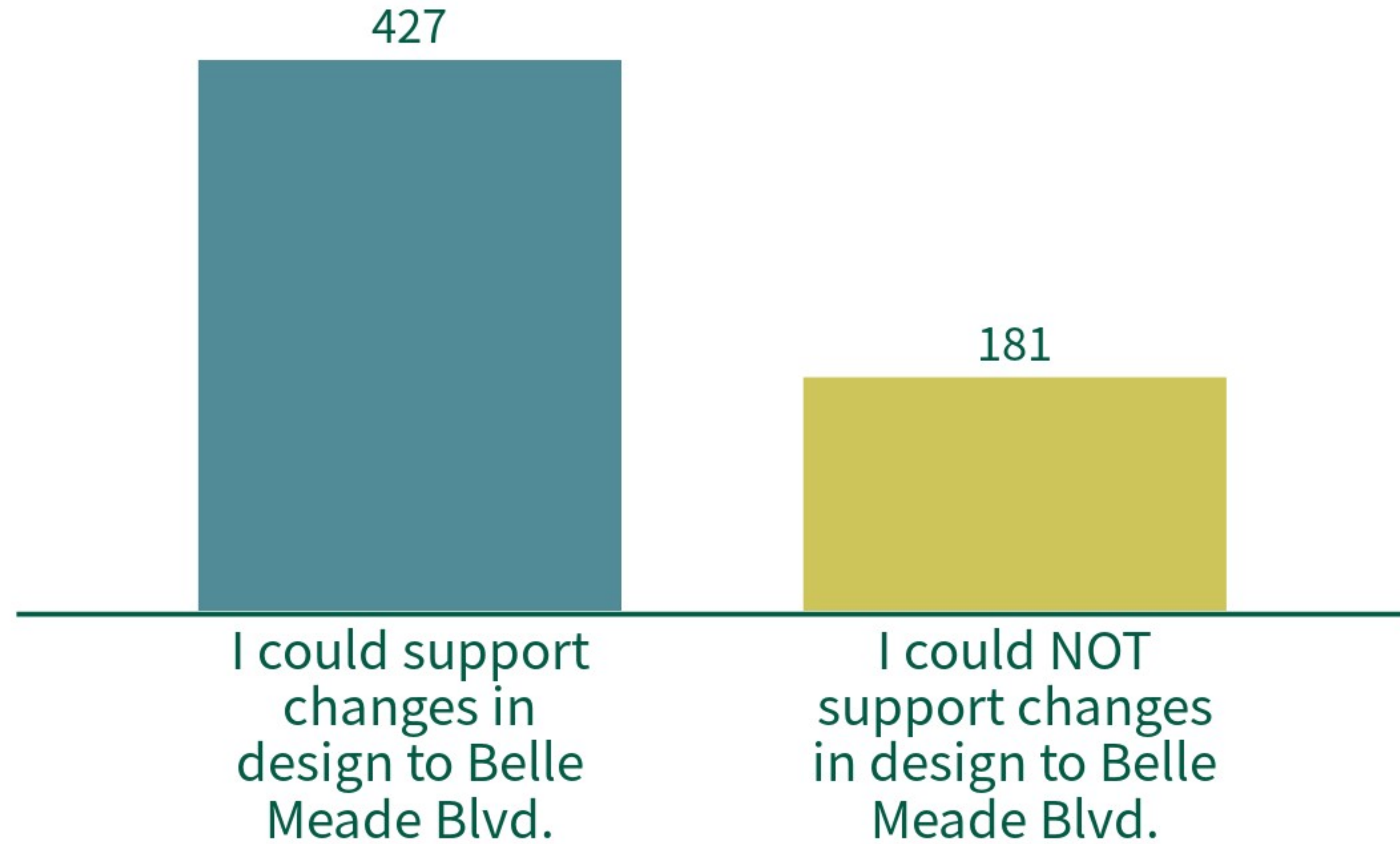
Belle Meade Design Guidelines - Protect, Preserve, Enhance

Residents have expressed interest in walking and cycling, beautification, stormwater management, traffic calming and management, and public spaces. Belle Meade Together, the City's first master plan, prioritizes understated design solutions that work with Belle Meade's natural landscape, not against it.

Do you believe that, with the right design, pedestrians and motorists can safely share Belle Meade Boulevard?



Knowing enhancements to the Boulevard would increase safety...



Additional Comments



Most everyone wants better pedestrian accommodations, yet they loathe any changes to Belle Meade. This contradiction can only be overcome with strong, yet diplomatic leadership. Wish you all the best. In the pursuit!

I am concerned a design which serves only to increase pedestrian traffic, without an equal move to diminish auto traffic, will lead to a more populated BLVD. My concern is this will lead to more potential accidents and increased nonresidential use.

Recall during the lockdown when there wasn't any traffic on the boulevard, it was packed with families walking together. Fast forward to our current conditions and you have to walk single file.

It's absurd that we have such a beautiful resource that is only useful to drive on

Do not change Belle Meade Blvd! No sidewalks please!

Please make the median pedestrian friendly! It would change the way we experience our beautiful city!

Why are you messing with something so beautiful and spending money irresponsibly??

The material would need to be something that looks good but also is hard. No rocks and gravel at that does not Linda call for jogging walking a dog for letting children ride bikes or scooters.

I love the idea of the median pathway! If installed, I would walk much more often because I'd feel safe.



Additional Comments



I need more factual data concerning pedestrian safety

Decrease traffic - buy an digital system that takes pics of speeders and sends in mail

This is not a good idea.

If this pathway has been entertained because of inquiries during the pandemic and increased walkers during that time, I believe it is a skewed interest. Walkers/strollers of the magnitude during the pandemic has SIGNIFICANTLY lessened.

Please make the pathway permanent. But consider limiting parking inside BM so we don't create a magnet for more pedestrians. Similar to San Vicente Blvd in Los Angeles.

Please don't change

Ok

I don't think the median pathway needs to be "in" the median. We could do something along side of it so there's a better straight "walking/running" lane.

It is dangerous to pedestrians and drivers..there are many miles or walking trails in the parks in close proximity to Belle Meade. Belke meade blvd should not be urbanized.



Additional Comments



I have no interest in my tax money going towards a winding path that cuts into the trees on the median.

Make it pretty like the beautiful trees we have now.

We really need to change how it is now. Please!

BMBLVD does not need to be urbanized. There are many other neighborhoods that have sidewalks. Don't ruin one of the prettiest suburban areas in the city by adding urban designs that are not necessary. People live in suburban areas on purpose.

Change in design. Not the winding sidewalk down the center.

Do not construct.

It is perfectly fine and safe the way it is. The old man that got hit on an area outside of the median in a cut through. A path in the grass would not have helped him.

Thanks for the work!!!

Please leave it the way it's always been. Do not turn the peaceful beautiful boulevard into a crowded park destination!



Additional Comments



It must be a solid material ... not the gravel that's there now.

I'm genuinely curious to know if this survey will matter or is this issue a fair accomplishment that has been decided by a minority?

I liked the idea of closing one lane between Harding Place and the park. Not sure why it ultimately failed, but seemed to be a decent compromise.

The last question is leading. A path down the middle is not the only solution to safety for pedestrians. Enforce the laws we now have.

Pathway should be stroller friendly and also runner friendly (ie: packed dirt or paved). Should not be super crooked or swerve often due to trees. Trees can be moved or taken down/replanted.

I know there can be a resolution to these issues with a complete democratic process.

Belle Meade is unique. We will lose that eventually if we don't value it. I personally appreciate our lovely rough edges and the way we aren't "over developed" or Disneyfied. So much is changing drastically in Nashville. Let's be constant.

Median pathway is a terrible design solution. Add a sample pedestrian lane adjacent to the road along the medians and let residents vote.

I hate walking on gravel!



Additional Comments



I have run the boulevard for 20 plus years, some years as often as 5 times a week - the whole loop. I never felt unsafe. I take my child with me and my dog. If pedestrians pay attention to traffic and do not stare at their phones, they will be fine.

The media idea only works for walkers. We need a design for bikes as well.

It is vital this decision be made by the residents of our city & not a hired firm to impose the lining of their pockets.

What I would also like to see are buried power lines along BM Blvd. What a shame to have such a beautiful stretch of homes, landscaping, and city scenery ruined by such an eye sore.

Hope that it will go all the way from Harding Road to the park!

Sidewalks on each side of boulevard will look better than in the center of the planted areas in the middle of Boulevard

no

I do not think the boulevard should be changed in any way. Instead attention should be focused on enforcing current laws regarding speeding and the usage of the left. I do believe this is an issue for residents rather it is people who cut thru.

Please straighten it out



Additional Comments



Thank you

I think that the median pathway is unworkable and not attractive.

If it remains as gravel - that is not easy for a brisk walker or anyone with a stroller. Runners have a terrible time with gravel

Please make the Blvd one traffic lane in each direct with appropriate turn lanes where necessary.

Plan to fight it and get residents to band together against it.

The meandering nature of the example path is not conducive to running

This median pathway is a HUGE mistake. There is not a SINGLE other example of a lovely median in a high-networth city/town where a walkway in the median has been a positive for the town. Enforce existing laws. (and the cardboard signs are a waste.

We will Vote against anyone who votes in favor of this plan! This is NOT in the best interest of Belle Meade.

The median pathway is a joke, as are many aspects of the overall plan.



Additional Comments



It's a good try, but too late. I also dislike the horses and the granite Belle Meade sign. Tacky.

No additional comments. I am strongly opposed to median demonstration.

I would ask that you look at the number of signs that direct and inform. There are a lot. Addressing that and the poor condition of many of them would help Beautify the city of BM.

Belle Meade has so many fabulous assets. Enjoy them. Do not turn this silk purse into a sow's ear.

I don't have the answers, just expect cycling and jogging will still use the street.

a consistent hardscape surface, rather than gravel, would be encouraged.

I have concerns that the median pathway would draw attention to our neighborhood as a destination for even more walkers, runners, etc. who do not live in the neighborhood. I would not be in favor of even more pedestrians utilizing the Blvd.

Belle Meade Boulevard has such beautiful green medians that are well maintained and landscaped. I am reluctant to see this change with a large walking path down the middle of this green space.

I am concerned the proposed median pathway would give pedestrians a false sense of security as they have to crossover the roadway at multiple intersections all the way down the Blvd.



Additional Comments



Make commitment to safety, not to cut through drivers trying to save time. Do the right thing. Slow down the traffic and make runners, walkers and bikers safe on BMB

I don't think the current demonstration is the right answer. The current arrangement has never felt dangerous to me so I'm not sure I see the safety need that seems to be driving this conversation.

The pathway is unnecessary.

Don't change the BASIC boulevard design ... the street itself That is okay as is.

Please do not be afraid to make reasonable changes for community safety just because some people are afraid of 1) the "gypsies"; 2) people from East Nashville coming across the river just to walk on Belle Meade Boulevard. This is sheer nonsense.

There are plenty of streets in Belle Meade with less traffic than the Boulevard which are better streets to walk on or jog on. We should not diminish the beauty of the Boulevard to try to make it a walking/jogging magnet.

A traffic study performed years ago by RPM Assoc studied actual traffic on the Blvd could be handled by one lane in each direction with left hand turn lanes at intersections. This should be considered again. It will slow traffic add width to median

I think reduced speeds help to calm traffic and help with sharing the roads with pedestrians and cyclists. I'm not opposed to small bumps in the road but do not care for the vertical sticks. I really don't like the pedestrian walkways as installed.

Please make sidewalks 4 plus feet wide and don't go cheep!!



Additional Comments



I don't want to lose the greenery (trees, flowers, shrubs) that are in the median.

Paint the left lane and designate it for walkers, runners, strollers, etc

I'm so happy to see the city working on making BM more friendly to pedestrians & bicycles! I trust that the best & most visually pleasing options will be chosen by the city

Bury the electrical lines, and put in some more attractive lighting

Making it wide enough for pedestrians to pass going opposite ways, additional landscaping to enhance and potty bag stations and trash cans so pet owners and others will dispose of their waste.

Enforce the left lane passing/turning only rule!

Nothing is wrong with the boulevard.

Traffic circles are wonderful. Too many people ignore stop signs and speeders are a real problem. We need to value people and respect laws.

none



Additional Comments



Just leave the median a beautiful green space.

Do not do it.

A decrease in pedestrian traffic from non-Belle Meade residents may result if the median is in forced for foot traffic.

The medians were under written by individual who wanted to beautify Belle Meade, These pathways are ugly, unsafe and encourage more people to walk down the Blvd. and not live in Belle Meade/. REsult More thefts, and increased police responsibilities.

Leave Belle Meade the way it is. Ticket cars that do not drive in the correct lane.

Please do not pass this proposal.

No

I think with the right compromises, those concerned with aesthetics and those who worry about safety can be happy; however, some alternative to walking on the shoulder must be developed, before someone is injured or killed and the City is sued.

Bury the overhead wires while your at it.



Additional Comments



Consider paving instead of gravel

How many people a day actually run or walk Belle Meade Blvd. and how many are Belle Meade residents? Is Metro Nashville paying for any of this? Also state or federal funding?

I support changes but not sure if a median path is the answer.

It doesn't seem that four lanes are needed for traffic, except possibly at the intersections with Harding Pike and Harding Place, so going to one lane of traffic in each direction would leave room for bike and pedestrian lanes.

I totally support the median pathway.

The new pathway seems like a logical next step. It would be fantastic if they could bury the power lines but understand the cost is high.

I would look into a mulch pathway, similar to the paths around Radnor Lake, as opposed to gravel, and definitely NOT concrete, which is terrible to walk or jog on.

I am in full support of a median pathway and/or sidewalks on BMB

I think it is a great look and idea



Additional Comments



Love the sidewalks

Love and want sidewalks and hope they can use permeable pavers for the project.

I think the pathway needs to be as straight as possible through the trees, not as winding as it is now. Too many twists are not safe for walkers and actually unsafe for strollers. Also, no bikes on the pathway, they should stay on the road

Would need to know what changes would be proposed to Belle Meade Blvd. Would not want speed bumps. Would like to bury the power lines to free up tree space and size.

Pedestrians still have to cross the crossroads and turning lanes that cross over the median. This is an unnecessary waste of money!

I think a median would be used more by residents of Belle Meade. I would use it to get from my street (deer park) to get to Clarendon or honeywood, rather than walk on boulevard

None

Housing for 1500 people is planned or under construction within walking or jogging distance of BMB. There will be a large number of guests on the median

No more unnecessary signage. It distracts bikers & drivers and is unattractive.



Additional Comments



Thank you for working so hard to make the city safer for all of us!

The boulevard is fine the way it is. If you feel unsafe walking it, there are plenty of other streets, parks and greenways to visit

I think safety concerns can be dealt with with walking paths without redesigning the blvd

If safety is the first priority then a sidewalk in the middle of the medium is an serious accident waiting to happen. Shelve the idea

NA

No

thank you!

Needs to be a solid surface

I strongly support the idea of a median through Belle Meade boulevard



Additional Comments



The median should not be gravel. It should be a rubber material or something that is easier to run on with pets or walk on with a stroller. It also shouldn't be curved. It should be straight.

These questions are vague and regard safety and sidewalks. No questions about median pathway except this one. NO median pathway would enhance the beauty of BM boulevard. Walkers' lanes have been tried. SIDEWALKS would be the best option for safety.

IF you do a median pathway, do not destroy any of the greenery, shrubbery, etc that we have paid to plant over the years. IF you build one, MAKE IT BROWN AGGREGATE so as not to be such a contrast to the nature effect and greenery of the median.

The design will determine my support I do not support the current examples

How can a median pathway possibly handle the volume of walker /runner traffic that we already have on the Blvd?

NO

No

Not a good idea; would create more problems than it solves

no



Additional Comments



no

Taking the boulevard down to 1 lane and the other lane only used for turning.

Safety concerns at end of one median going to the next. Cars usually pull out of side street to stop in the median and wait to turn OR, just pull off of side street and do not stop at median going straight on to turn ..

I like the idea of adding sidewalks on the residents sides of the street or converting the inner lanes from Brookfield to the park to single lane for pedestrian use only

Remove the pathway. It takes away Felton the beauty of the median

The walkway gravel should brown so it disappears. White is obnoxious.

Pleas remove the southbound left turn lane on BMB at Harding. Make it mirror the lane design on the northbound side of the intersection. This would allow for a nicer median design there

It would be lovely to have occasional water stations for pets/pedestrians, like on the greenway. Please install and maintain a few trash receptacle (near the water stations).

A pathway median that is expertly maintained and made of aesthetically pleasing material is great but needs to be bike free.



Additional Comments



Always leave the boulevard 2 lanes wide.

I am not interested in having a pathway on our median.

Wish it could be 2-way pathway.

Please do it! I don't walk the Boulevard because it's so dangerous., especially when I'm walking my dog.

Please leave the median as a green space!

Nashville is getting bigger every day, and I think sidewalks would encourage more people who are not residents of Belle Meade to run and walk on the Blvd.

Whatever is used for the walking surface needs to be practical for walking, passing others, running, strollers, etc

I do not like the median pathway

The temporary paths are attractive; however, some of the medians have rather large trees. How would that work? Prefer paths to sidewalk d



Additional Comments



You should focus on putting the utilities underground first

Can we find a solution to promote safety that would not impact the green space median that makes BMB so special and beautiful?

I think this pathway is wrong for Belle Meade. Belle Meade Blvd is beautiful and safe as it is.

You act like there is an epidemic of death on the Blvd and the data does not support such an over reaction. There are risks with everything and people choose where they live and where they run/walk.

As a daily runner/walker/stroller user of BMB, please consider other options rather than destroying the median green space which is neither desirable to a runner or stroller user.

None

Don't destroy our beautiful boulevard with these awful looking paths!

I wrote long thoughtful response but unable to submit it

Not safe because path is real distraction Many residents see Blvd as beautiful as is with no need to Make paths in median. Maybe Widen pavement on each side so walking space is wider



Additional Comments



Pathway needs to be wider and straighter if it is meant to be the *only* pedestrian access on blvd. Runners would not be able to use with the constant bending. Strollers not easily passable either at only 6' wide.

I have lived on Belle Meade Blvd my entire life and I do not believe enhancements need to be made. Green space is much more pleasing than concrete both to the eye and to the environment.

I am unaware of any tragedies related to pedestrians on Boulevard. Don't believe strollers are a good idea.

Has any consideration been given to utilizing one lane in each direction similar to what has been done at Temple Hills?

I wouldn't mind one lane of car traffic, a bike lane and a walking lane. What a perfect approach to one of the finest suburban parks in the country!

No change is necessary

I would prefer measure to keep cars out of the middle lanes as much as possible rather than a median pathway

I think the current demonstration is a bit too curvy. I do not care for the signage. Keep it simple. No curves or scrolls. The new lighting is very big at. Keep it simple. The additional plantings are not needed. Keep it green.

Safety, beauty, simplicity are important to me



Additional Comments



We would love a sidewalk on Jackson Blvd as well!

Stop trying to “improve” the city with changes that will draw more people to the area.

I will summarize: I like the idea of the pathway but think it should have a more elongated feel with gentler curves to encourage usage.

I think BMB is a road for cars to drive. I think inviting people to walk and run is unsafe.

Very excite about the possibility of a walkway

I don't really like the idea of using the pretty medians as walkways.

I do not support changing the BMB Harding Place intersection to not allowing left turns heading north on BMB from Harding Place

No path in grassy median.

Please don't let the negative people over 75 serve as a tyranny of the minirity



Additional Comments



Maintain the Beauty of the Blvd How many people walk on the BlvdIt seems like an expensive project that only benefits a small number of people but maybe more people walk on it than I realize

Leave as is

Again, timing is not right for these changes.

We already have laws and ordinances to protect pedestrians and drivers in Belle Meade. We should increase the enforcement of them!

Leave Belle Meade Blvd alone!!!!!!

There are plenty of other places to walk...try the park!

Looks like median path would be a lot safer

Come up with other options.

Greatly disagree with current proposal!



Additional Comments



See above

Get rid of delineators. They do not work to slow cut through traffic!

I LOVE this idea and hope it passes.

AS NATIVE NASHVILLIAN (WAS ON CORNWALL 48 YRS.), I'M VERY STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE PATH. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A GREAT WASTE OF \$\$, RUIN THE BLVD.'S BEAUTY/ CHARM, CAUSE DANGEROUS DISTRACTION TO DRIVERS & LOWER THE BELLE MEADE CITIZENS' MORALE.

I love the temporary sidewalk and would love to see it fulfilled!

It should remain as is; it's a boulevard not a greenway.

Thank you for your efforts!

Please do not proceed with the median walkway. It's will most likely not be used and will take away from the beauty we currently enjoy

This is a FAILED experiment. Please do NOT do this to the boulevard!!!



Additional Comments



Pedestrians have just as much a right to safety as vehicles.

Our boulevard was created to be enjoyed by pedestrians and drivers alike. Providing a safe place for all is not a bad thing. How can anyone say it's not?

The boulevard is not "holy". That's absurd. Times change and we need to adapt to the changes in Nashville and the world.

Everyone I speak with is decidedly FOR this pathway. There are a few angry, opinionated people who don't want it that are making a huge stink. But they are a small minority. Please listen to the majority of our residents not just the loud minority!

I don't understand how making our residents feel safe could ever be a bad thing. Who are these people who want to continue a dangerous situation?

Nashville has changed. Belle Meade has changed. We need to adapt to these changes before it's too late. Executing something beautiful and safe for our residents is imperative.

The people who so adamantly oppose a path on the boulevard aren't the ones who will use it. Let's put them on BMB with a stroller at 5 on and see if their opinion changes.

Somethjj in g has to be done to keep our residents safe

Walkers and runners have just as much right to feel safe as drivers in their cars. And they're much more vulnerable too.



Additional Comments



perhaps painted cross walls would help too

The boulevard is pretty but needs a lot of work. We can enhance the current plan while also providing a safe solution to share the road with walkers and runners.

Thank you Commissioners for listening to the overwhelming majority of residents and not just the small, angry few that don't.

Our commissioners have worked so hard to listen to the community, and the community has begged for a solution to walkers on the boulevard for years!

To the people who oppose a safe solution for walkers and runners, I suggest you talk to the widow of the man who was just killed.

There are only a handful of people who don't want this. Don't listen to them! The rest of us love this idea!

This is something EVERYONE except a handful of people want. Please listen to the majority! Everyone has a right to feel safe in their own city!

Thank you to the commissioners for listening to their constituents! Everyone needs this and we have wanted it for so long! We are so excited that it's finally happening after years of asking for it!

Thank you, Commissioners, for listening to us and working to find a solution to a pressing need.



Additional Comments



Simply widen the existing walking area

I don't like the gravel. Could we do something more friendly to strollers?

Don't do this

I love the idea of the sidewalk winding through the trees around the existing plants

Maybe a little less winding? Avid runners like myself like a pretty path of course, but we don't want to feel like we're running in a maze

The median pathway is nice, but doesn't seem large enough to accommodate traffic in both directions. Is the gravel temporary? Young parents with a stroller would find this path difficult.

I really don't think it's a huge problem as is if drivers follow the right lane rule

Can we do something prettier than the gravel? And better for running and walking? It would be hard for my kids to ride a bike on gravel.

For those who want to keep the outsiders from enjoying our sidewalks, maybe we should also make them wear blinders like a horse so they can't see our beautiful landscaping either. Or better yet, just gate the whole city and only let residents in.



Additional Comments



none

PLEASE DO THIS FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR RESIDENTS.

yes to meridian path!

Ok

If you are really concerned with left lane traffic and safety., make Belle Meade Blvd one lane

Think we need to fix issues that the city has created first
Like flooding across my yard from altering ground levels
when they put it sidewalks

Changing BM BLVD would be unattractive and bringing
more people would make it less safe

Unless it becomes illegal to walk and run on the road
people will still use it to exercise. Leisure walkers may
use the path is my opinion. Bikers of course will be on
road so I feel it's a waste of money unless illegal to use
road for pedestrian act

Other streets like Westview's are equally dangerous
because the walkers/strollers/ landscape truck drivers.
DO NOT KNOW or COMPLY with rules of the road about
blinding drivers with the habits. Ex. Not walking on the
blind side of a hill or parkin



Additional Comments



a brick or stone pathway would be very nice.

Thanks for working on problem. Please have cars/drivers obey rules

Would like to see a bike lane added as well.

Thanks to all involved for a transparent and thoughtful effort to preserve the Blvd and plan its future.

The median is historical, don't change it.

A six foot pathway is not wide enough. It wont be used much. People will continue to use the Blvd. A waste of \$\$\$There is not enough parking at both ends. A pathway will only a track people to Belle Meade making the situation worse.

no additional feedback

Safety is important, but so is utility. I won't use median sidewalks. I favor one lane in each direction except for major intersections, where there is a turn lane.

Nope



Additional Comments



An ideal median would accommodate walkers, runners, and strollers along a straight path following the Boulevard. The left lane should be for passing and turning only. Though difficult to enforce, this should be a priority.

That last question was very leading. Why don't you propose the concepts and then ask for approval or disapproval?

I also think the electrical wires and poles are an eyesore in the median.

have used a median pathway in hermosa beach ,ca..It works very well and looks beautiful

Your questions are biased. Poorly designed survey biased toward making a change. The survey results should not be used to justify spending on this project

Sidewalk are always safer....especially for children and older pedestrians

Would love to have soft surfaces for pathway

I would support changes to the median, but not to the two lanes in each direction on Belle Meade Boulevard. That would cause great inconvenience to residents. Also, the current path is not attractive as it takes up so much of the green space.

none



Additional Comments



I could support a sidewalk if it was done tastefully.

Would be nice to have biking/walking lane on Belle Meade boulevard and other streets

Subtle improvements would be better (and less expensive) than a major project.

I would prefer sidewalks on both sides of the boulevard that are far enough away from the road for me and family to feel safe in using it.

I would like the surface to be smooth and straighter.

I know the gravel is for demo reasons only but if it happens I would rather see mulch or a material that blends in more with the earth/landscape. I do not like the whiteness of the demo path.

Please add a median pathway!

A median pathway would be a wonderful amenity for our community.

No progress unless and until traffic is slowed down. Make it known as a "speed trap" as it once was.



Additional Comments



Three are more urgent needs that the City is not addressing such as additional cameras throughout the city (used extensively in other cities) to keep us safer. Preventative water control measures (such as on Walnut Drive, Canterbury).

Hopefully would be a paved trail. Gravel is not conducive. Also would need to be a little straighter, not as meandering, for running. Otherwise people might still use the shoulder. Understand that trees may need to be removed.

I remember the highly controversial idea to widen the median and reduce BM Blvd to two lanes. I was a strong supporter of that idea. I haven't yet walked the median, but it does look a bit wind-y.

Again, I am confused as to the genesis of this agenda. Have we had injuries or issues with people's safety while on the Blvd? If so, these should be addressed, living on the boulevard we have had our mailbox hit and destroyed three times.

I believe sidewalks throughout Belle Meade and not just on the Boulevard would enhance the entire neighborhood.

You presume BM Blvd is not safe but do not prove your thesis. Your questions are emotionally charged and biased to sway opinion for pathway or sidewalks. It is great the way it is !!!!!!!

We finally moved the mailbox into the driveway. That occurs from distracted drivers, most likely texting or other similar activities.

I would put it in a porous aggregate that can accommodate walkers and runners along with strollers

I do not support



Additional Comments



I support changes that make sense. Ruining the actual median interferes with the beautiful trees, hurts stormwater runoff and costs money. Change one lane to beds only! No trees cut. No extra \$. No hurt to stormwater

N/a

I don't like the weaving path. Can we make these lane have a wider walking shoulder

Sidewalks in neighborhoods do not exist -- We cannot safely "walk the block" with our kids. We have nice, wide streets to accommodate traffic through. Amazon drivers can quickly speed through on their deliveries.

No

Not needed

Let's be progressive in our city's design, not regressive. A BMBlvd sidewalk would be a wonderful and meaningful addition

Would love to not use gravel and use pavers instead!

Harding should not be the only street with sidewalks....When Belle Meade starts near Percy Warner - needs sidewalks.



Find Out More and Stay Updated!

Thank You!

Thank you for your feedback, and reach out to us if you have any questions.

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