

# Goals and Objectives Survey Results

## Swain County

November 10, 2010

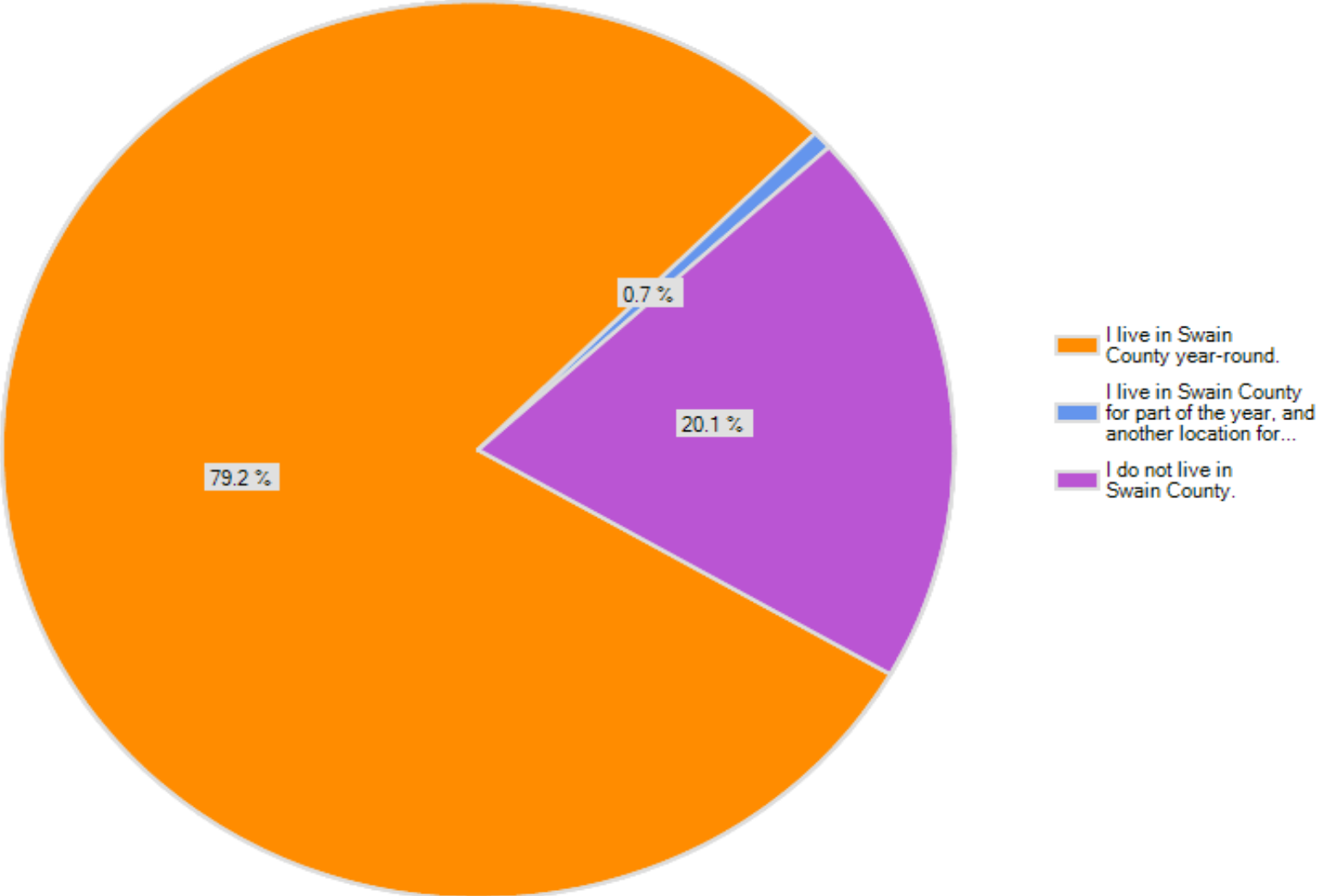
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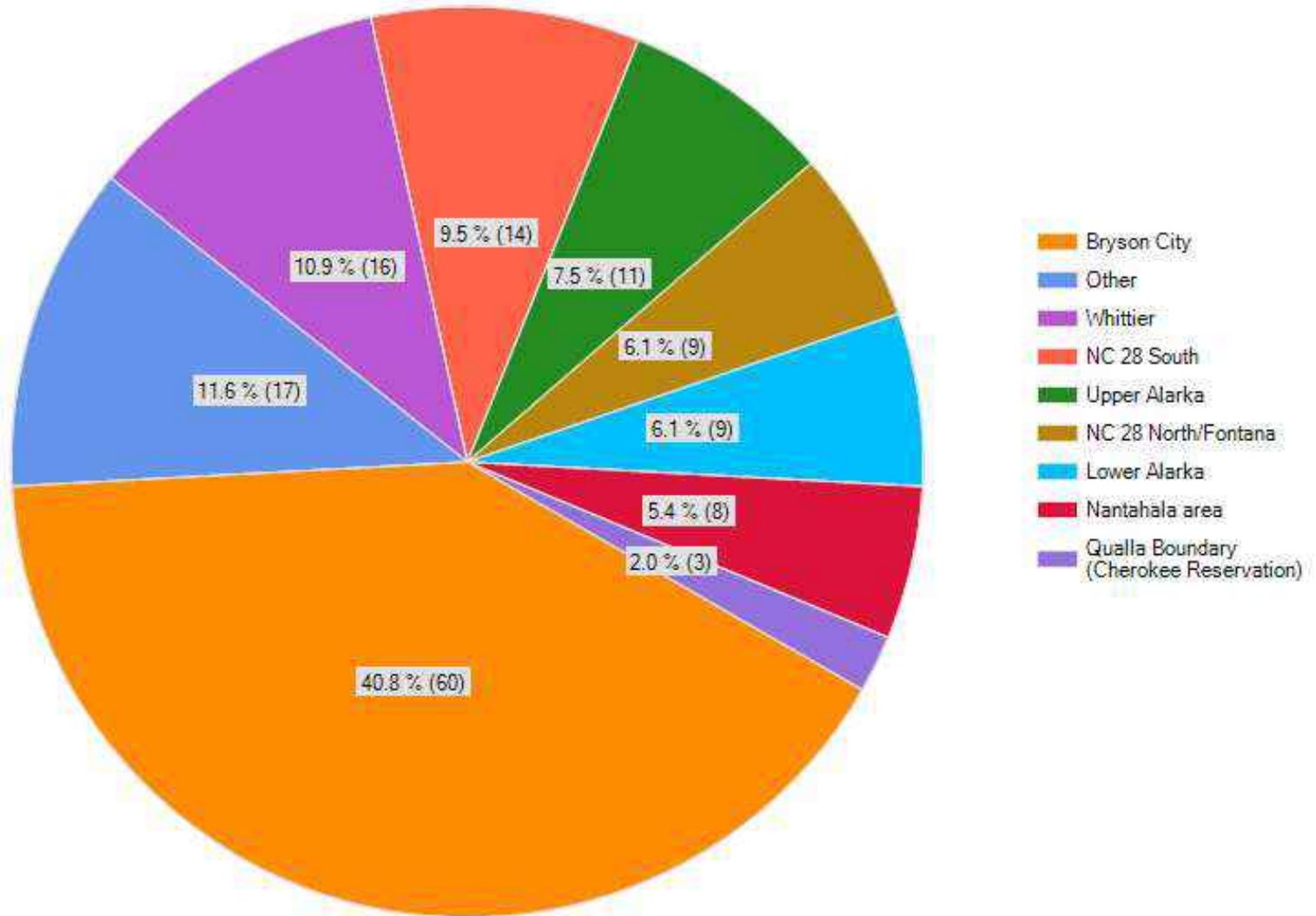
# Question One

Select which most closely matches your residency status:



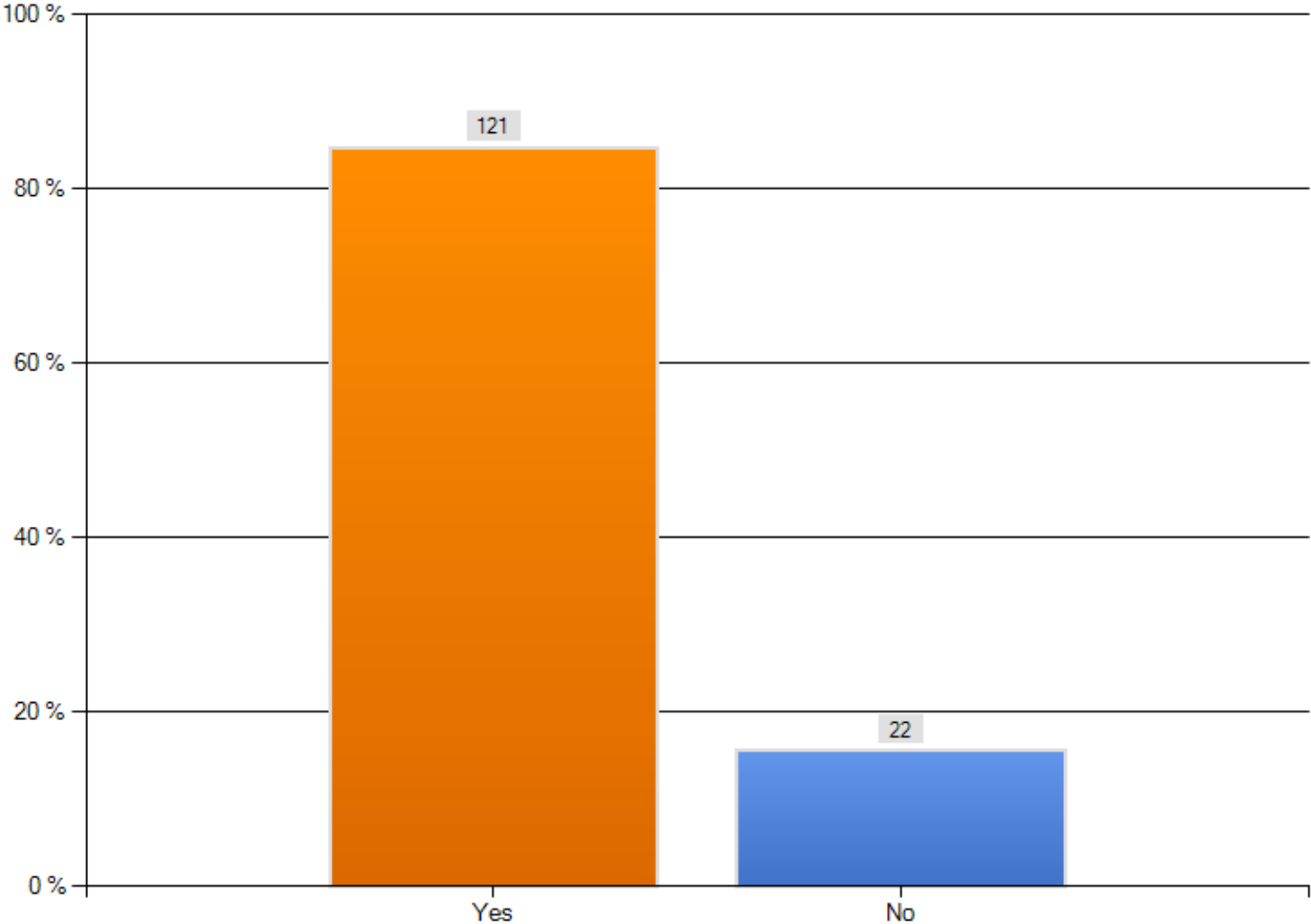
# Question Two

Which area/community do you consider your residence to be in or closest to?



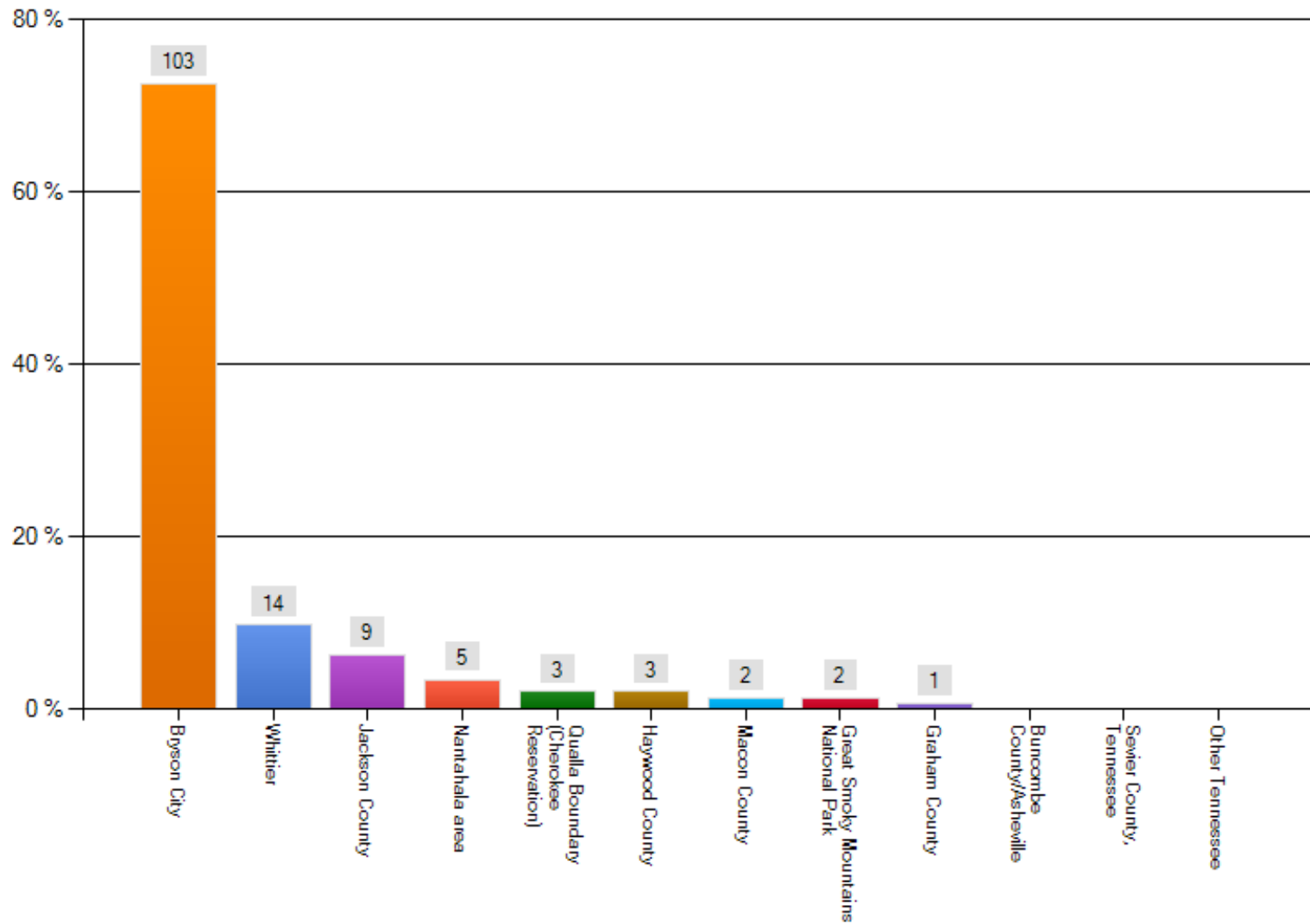
# Question Three

On a typical day, does the majority of your travel take place within Swain County?



# Question Four

Which area/community do you work in and/or commute to most often?

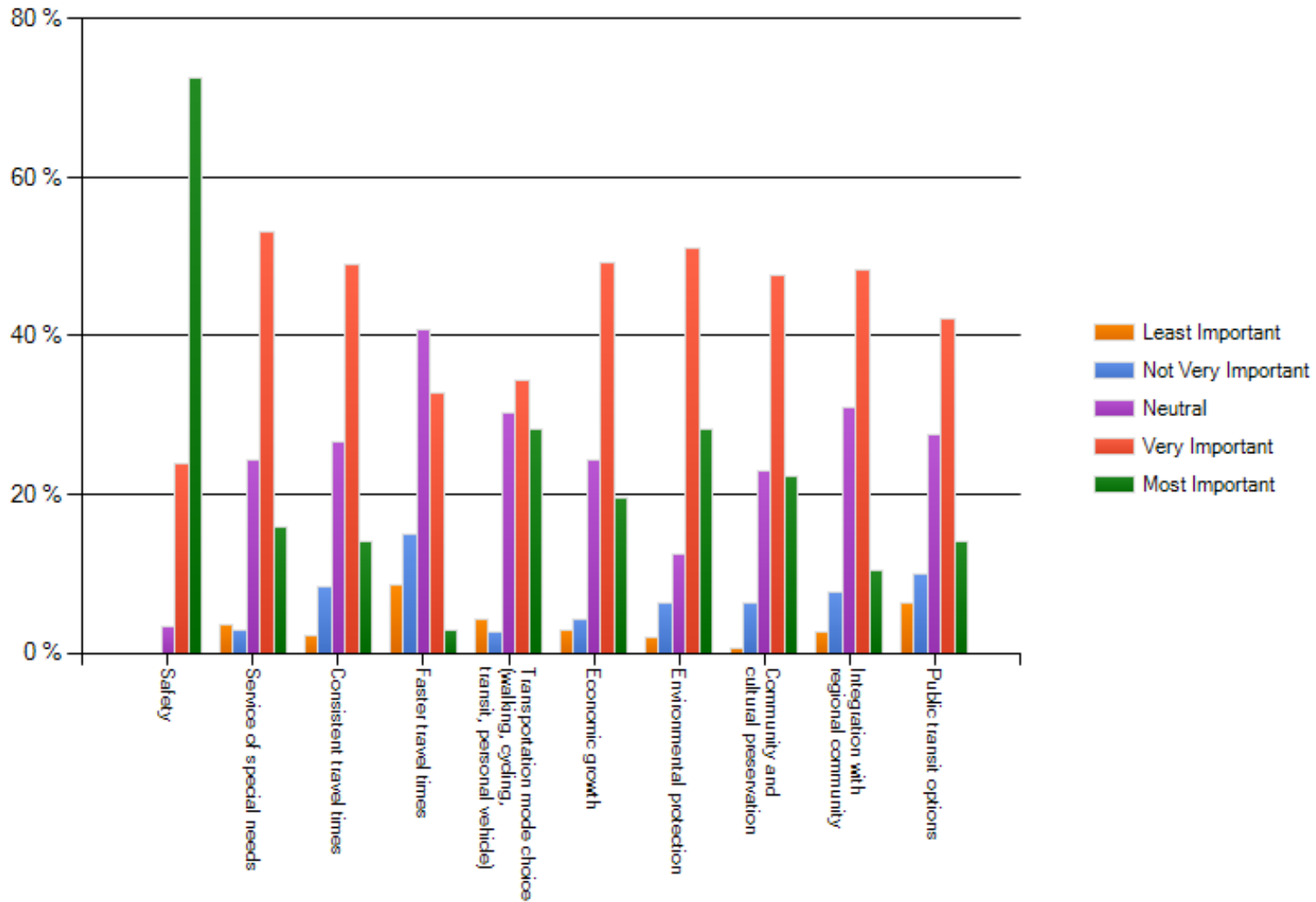


## Question Four – Various Open Responses

- I commute to Swain from Jackson
- I travel between Jackson County and Swain County
- Live in Waynesville, commute to Swain
- Cullowhee
- I live in Haywood

# Question Five

For the following transportation goals, please indicate how important you feel each one is.



## Question Five – Various Open Responses

- Better access for bicycles. Better shoulders.
- It is difficult to provide public transportation when we live in such a rural area.
- Bike lanes to Deep Creek and to Cherokee
- Health and Physical activity. We need sidewalks and bike lanes to encourage people to be more active
- Availability of public transport for doctor visits in the afternoon hours. The rides stop at 12 noon---students need late afternoon doctor appts. so as not to miss so much vital class time. The fact that Swain County Transport stops at 12 noon for medical appts. is not serving our county at all.
- Greenways (especially between Natl. Park and City) - immense importance for safety, environment, recreation, and economic development



# Question Six

## 6. Which of the above issues is single Most Important to you, and the Least Important to you?

|                        | Safety            | Service of special needs | Consistent travel times | Faster travel times | Transportation mode choice (walking, cycling, transit, personal vehicle) | Economic growth | Environmental protection | Community and cultural preservation | Integration with regional community | Public transit options |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Most Important</b>  | <b>62.4% (83)</b> | 3.0% (4)                 | 1.5% (2)                | 3.0% (4)            | 10.5% (14)   | 6.8% (9)        | 6.0% (8)                 | 3.8% (5)                            | 0.0% (0)                            | 3.0% (4)               |
| <b>Least Important</b> | 0.0% (0)          | 1.5% (2)                 | 2.3% (3)                | <b>40.2% (53)</b>   | 9.8% (13)  | 5.3% (7)        | 6.1% (8)                 | 4.5% (6)                            | 15.9% (21)                          | 14.4% (19)             |

## Question Seven – Various Open Responses

What routes in Swain County do you most commonly use?

- ❖ US 74, US 19, NC 28
- ❖ Old US 19
- ❖ Alarka Road
- ❖ East and West Deep Creek Road
- ❖ 'downtown' roads

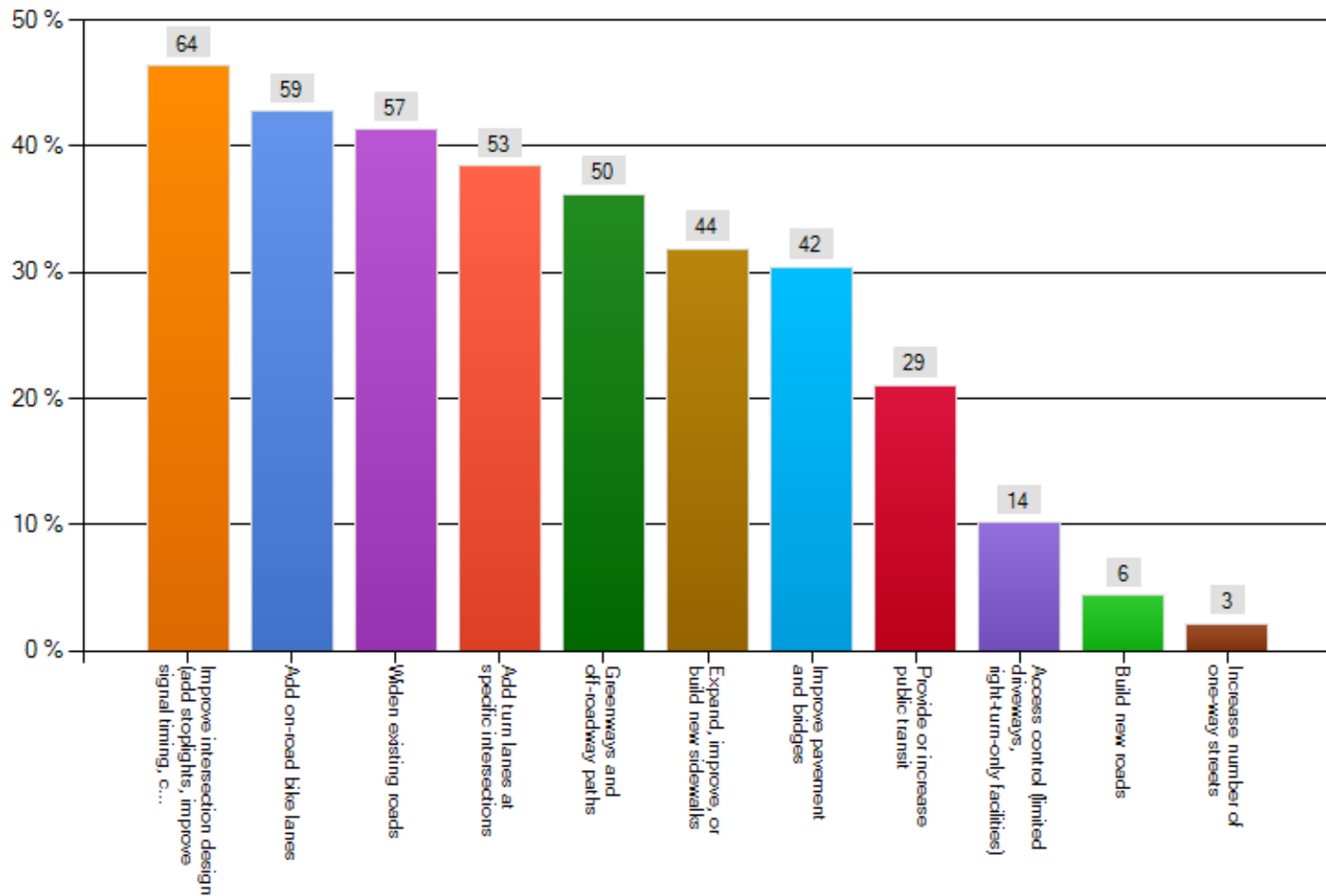
## Question Eight – Various Open Responses

Where do you perceive traffic as being a problem in Swain County?

- ❖ In the city limits; near the train depot
- ❖ Ingles intersection
- ❖ Veteran's Blvd near schoolhouse hill and Kerr Drug (US 19)
- ❖ Bryson Walk at Depot Street on Everett Street
- ❖ Nowhere!

# Question Nine

To address traffic problems in the area, which improvements should be considered?  
(Select all that apply)



## Question Nine – Various Open Responses

- ❖ Pave roads that are not paved
- ❖ Parallel access roads to businesses on 74
- ❖ Improve the entrance to and from the Swain County Bus Garage
- ❖ Add mirrors at blind intersections

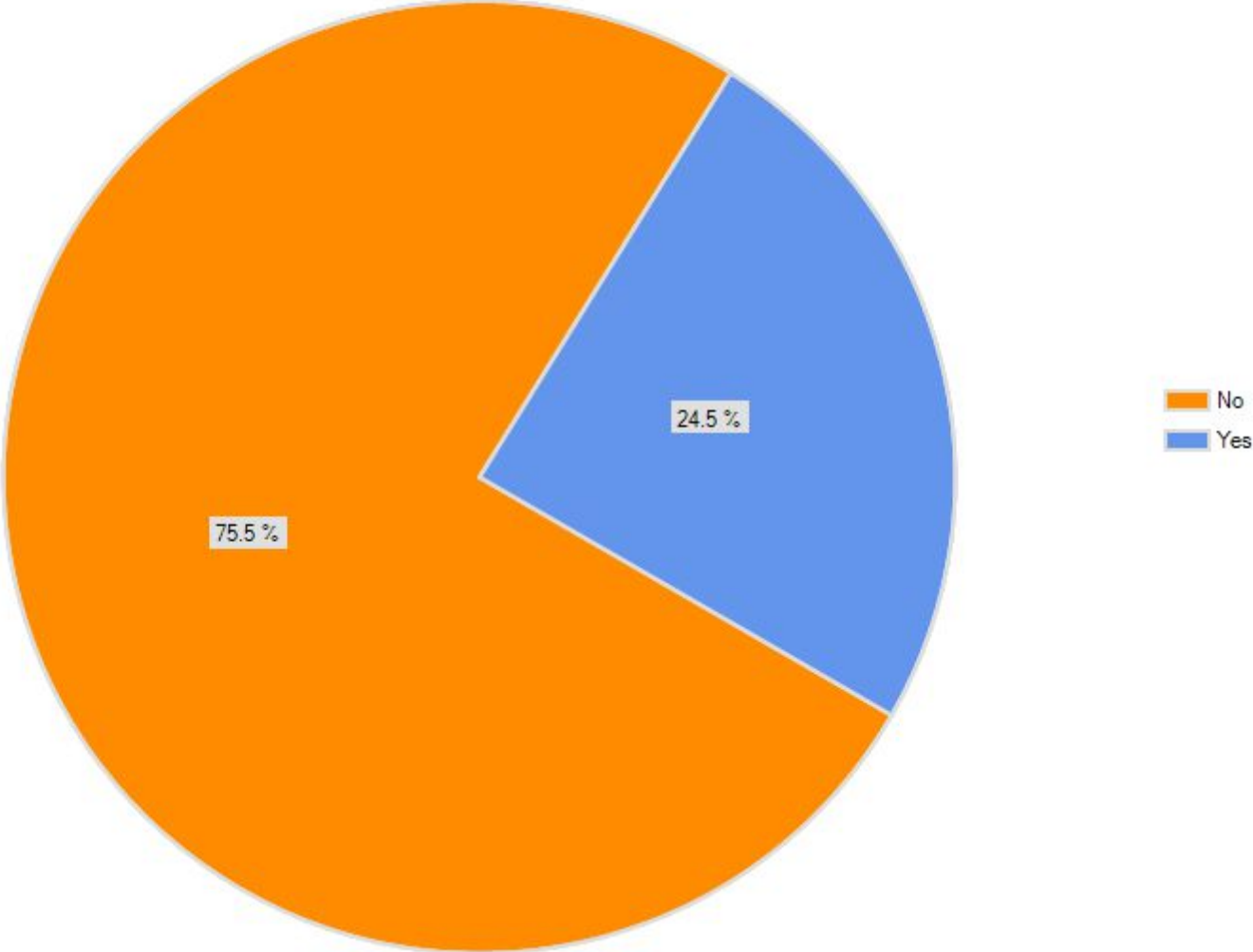
## Question Ten – Various Open Responses

Please list your top two choices from the options in Question 9 and beside each one indicate where you would like to see it implemented.

- ❖ Intersection improvements at Ingles intersection, Veteran's Blvd at Main Street, Veteran's Blvd at Slope Street (Kerr Drug intersection)
- ❖ Build sidewalks to schools
- ❖ Improve/add bike lanes system wide (downtown, NC 28, Alarka, etc)
- ❖ Widen secondary roads
- ❖ Safety improvements to Alarka Road

# Question Eleven

When traveling in your area, do you often go out of your way to get to your destination because the most direct route is too congested?



## Question Eleven – Various Open Responses

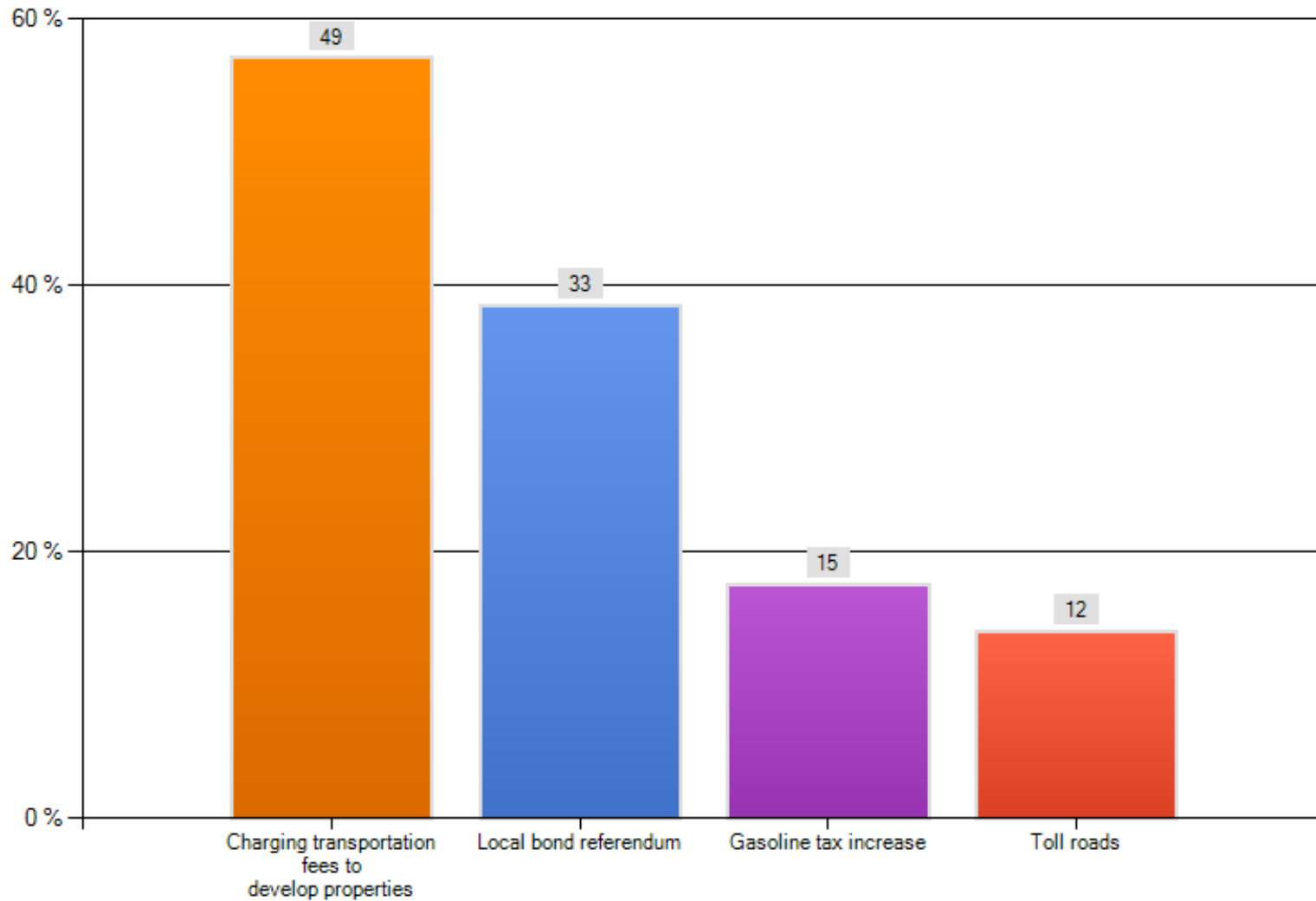
### Specific Problem Locations and Alternate Routes:

- ❖ Only by the train station during peak season. A turning lane and a bike lane would help.
- ❖ Depot St is often congested and it is hard to see traffic coming from Fontana Rd. VERY DANGEROUS!!
- ❖ There is a bottle-neck with the train station.. Often one of my routes is blocked by the train and the other is slow due to the traffic and there is no left signal at Depot Street onto Everett.
- ❖ US19 between Lower Alarka and Bryson City is dangerous for cyclists due to fast and impatient drivers. I take Robinson Gap Road to Buckner Branch to avoid most of it.



# Question Twelve

If additional money were needed to fund transportation projects, which of the following would you support? (Select all that apply)

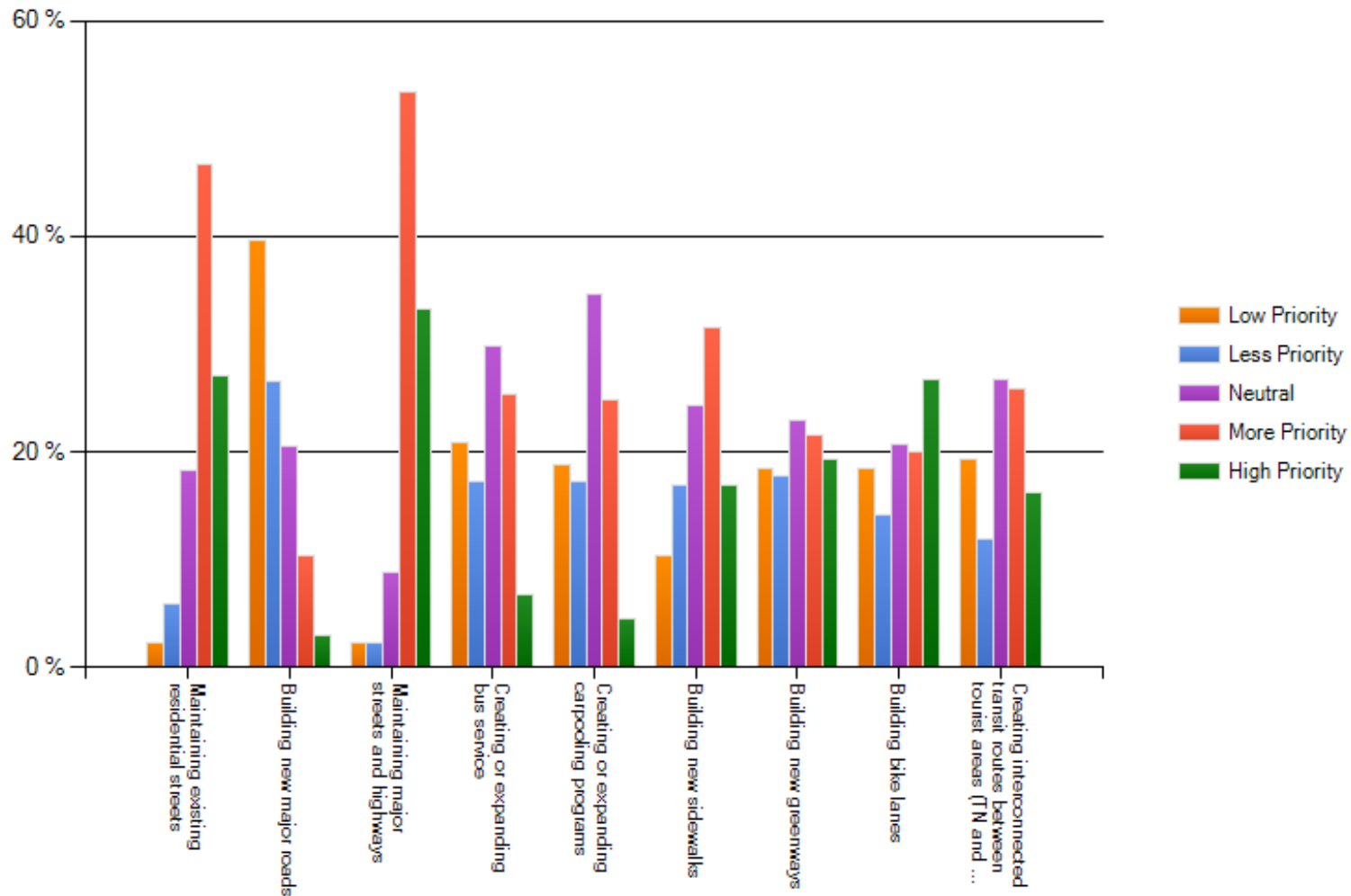


## Question Twelve – Various Open Responses

- ❖ Interest money from North Shore Settlement
- ❖ User fees and grant money for the development of a bike/greenway trail along the river front from West to East Swain
- ❖ Seek state funding-no tax or fuel increases
- ❖ None/Work with what you have

# Question Thirteen

Given the limited funding available for addressing transportation issues, please indicate the level of prioritization you feel is appropriate for each of the following approaches.



# Question Fourteen

How did you find out about the survey?

