



Marsett Road Community Concerns Survey Results

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Local Motion's mission is to make it safe, accessible, and fun for everyone to bike, walk, and roll in Vermont.



ABOUT VILLAGE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY GROUP (VPSG)

In summer 2016, a small group of Shelburne residents began meeting to address pedestrian safety on Falls and Marsett Roads. Since then, we've worked with town officials, committees, police, and Local Motion to secure safety improvements throughout Shelburne Village like crosswalks, radar signs, and a flashing beacon at Harrington Ave.

The vision of the Village Pedestrian Safety Group is a culture of year-round walkability and connectivity in the village, where walking feels safe and comfortable and is both encouraged and given priority in town spending, goals, and objectives.

Our mission is to help create an environment with safe paths, sidewalks, crosswalks, and bicycle routes - and where vehicular traffic adheres to speed limits and crosswalk laws.

We value collaborative relationships with Town employees and elected officials, volunteer committees, boards, and the general public. While safety is a top priority, we also value changes that add physical, visual and spatial aesthetics which improve the economic vitality in the village.

SAFE STREETS FOR ALL

Everyone should be able to move without risking their lives, and should have the freedom to use their preferred mode of transportation.

- People walking
- People using wheelchairs and assistive devices
- People driving
- People using transit
- People biking

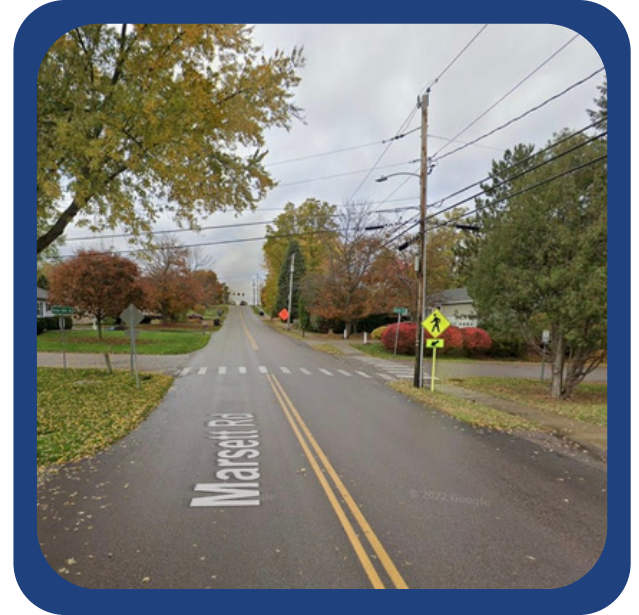


CONCERNS ON MARSETT ROAD

Marsett Road is a busy corridor used by drivers, bikers, walkers, and rollers – but **its current design isn't working well for everyone**. The Village Pedestrian Safety Group, with support from Local Motion, launched a community-wide survey to better understand residents' experiences. The response showed concern for safety on Marsett Rd and a strong interest in a pilot project focused on safer street design.



‘I’m concerned about the lack of yielding to pedestrians both at the four way stop and the cross to Maplewood.’



Some of the key issues survey respondents acknowledged were:

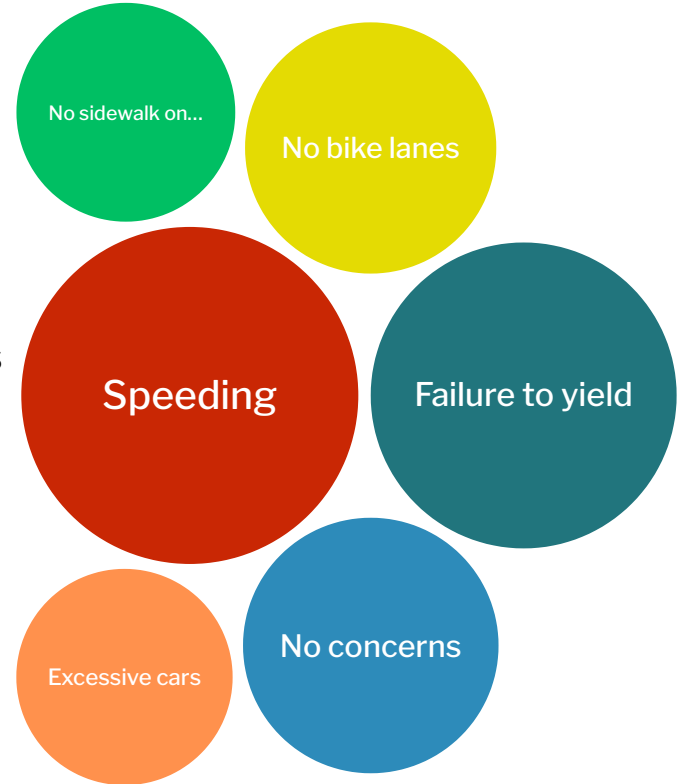
- cars that often speed and fail to stop at crosswalks
- no dedicated bike lanes
- sidewalks only on one side of the street

‘Within three days of living here, I have witnessed: speeding, texting while driving, not yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks, blowing through four-way stop.’

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

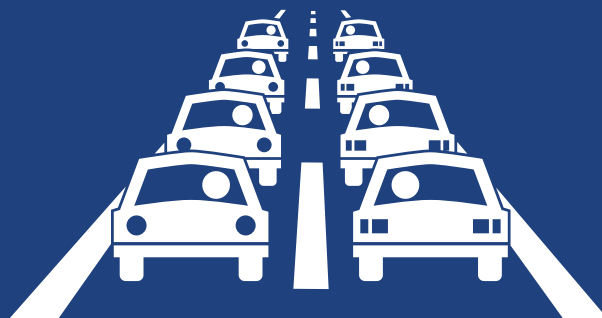
We asked: What concerns, if any, do you have about walking, biking, or rolling on Marsett Road?

52% were concerned about speeding
43% were concerned about motorists' failure to yield at crosswalks and stop signs
30% had no concerns
29% were concerned about the lack of bike lanes
21.5% were concerned about excessive cars
21.5% were concerned about the lack of sidewalk on the south side of the street



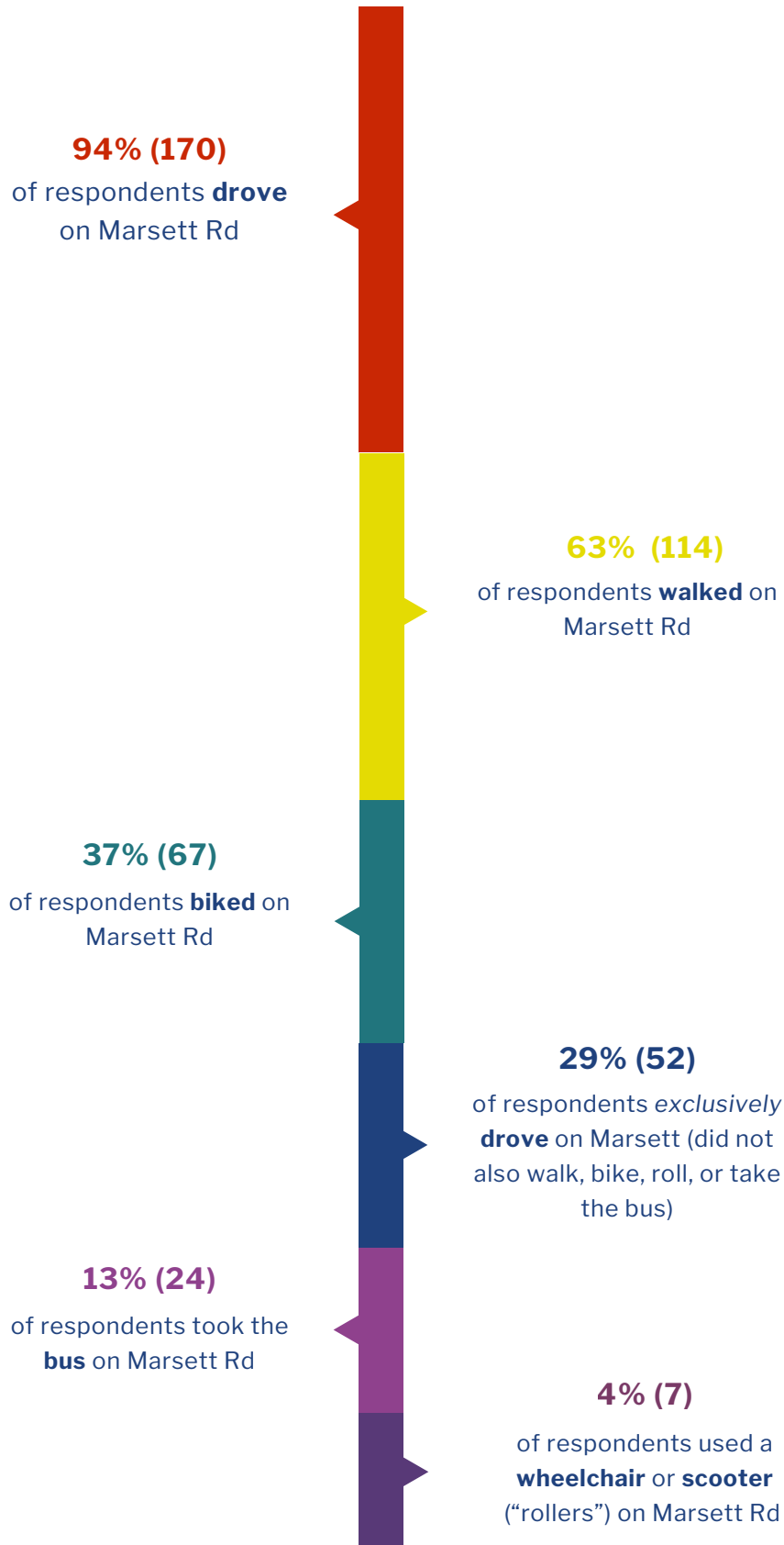
Nearly 75% of respondents reported using Marsett Road in multiple ways— walking, biking, driving, taking the bus, and/or rolling— offering insights shaped by a variety of travel experiences.

Respondents who exclusively drive on Marsett were more likely to report no concerns, and tended to be less concerned about vehicle traffic and speeding. Still, a strong majority - 68% - of this group were supportive or open to the idea of safety improvements.



RESPONDENTS' MODES OF TRANSPORTATION ON MARSETT ROAD

Percentage represents portion of total respondents.
Most people reported using multiple modes of transportation.

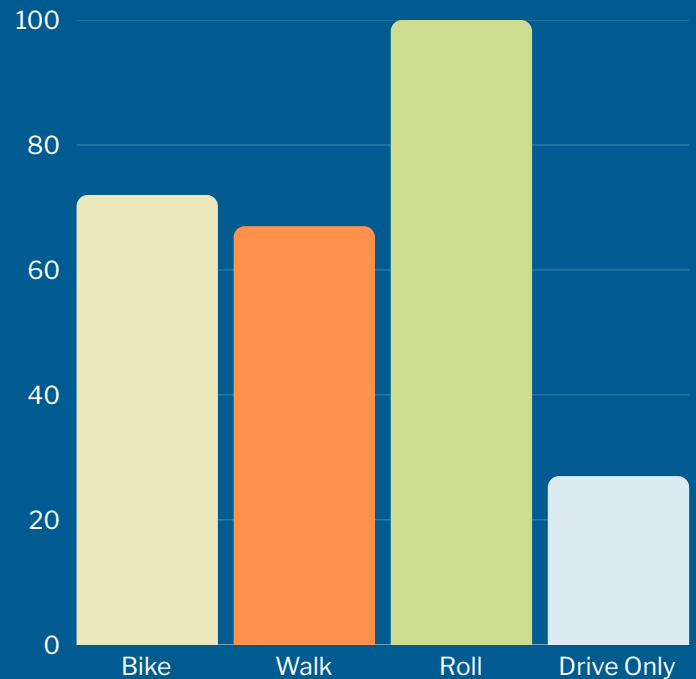


Concern #1: speeding



Speeding was the top concern across all transportation modes, with 52.2% - 95 total - respondents expressing concern.

Level of concern for speeding by transportation mode

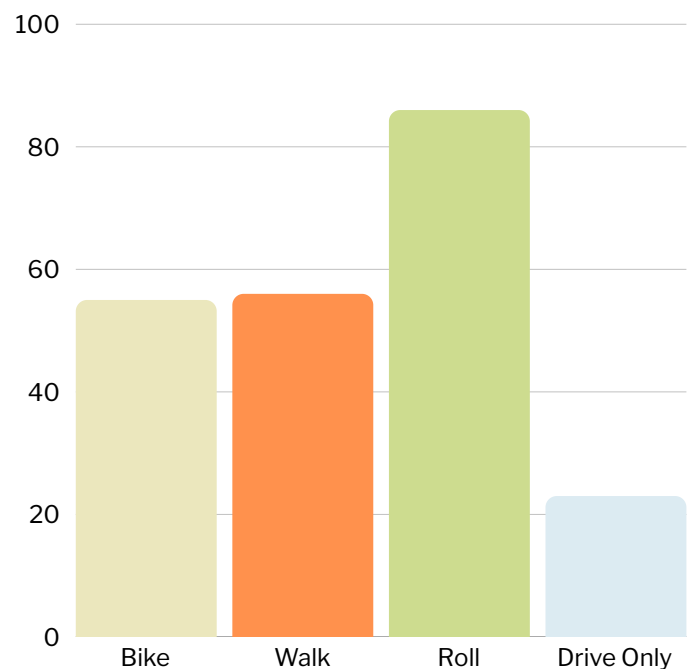


Concern #2: motorists' failure to yield at stop signs or crosswalks



A total of 43% (78) respondents expressed concern about failure to yield. Notably, all respondents who roll (e.g., use a wheelchair or scooter) reported at least one concern - a significant finding given their heightened vulnerability - with failure to yield being one of the most frequently mentioned.

Level of concern for failure to yield by transportation mode

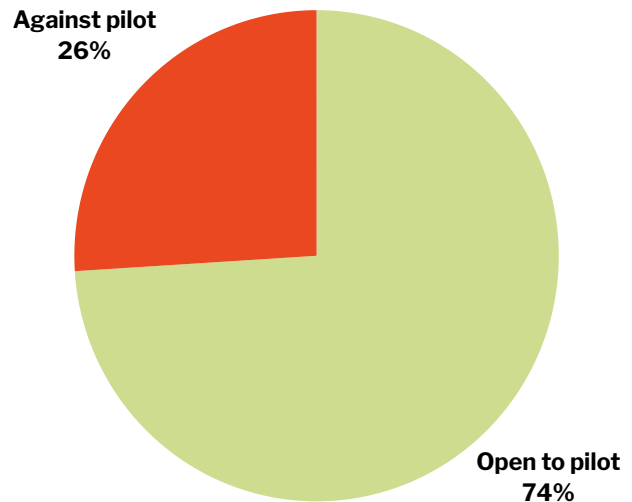


INTEREST IN PILOT PROJECT

We asked: Would you support a temporary pilot project to enhance conditions for walking, biking, and rolling on Marsett Road?

Out of 182 total respondents...

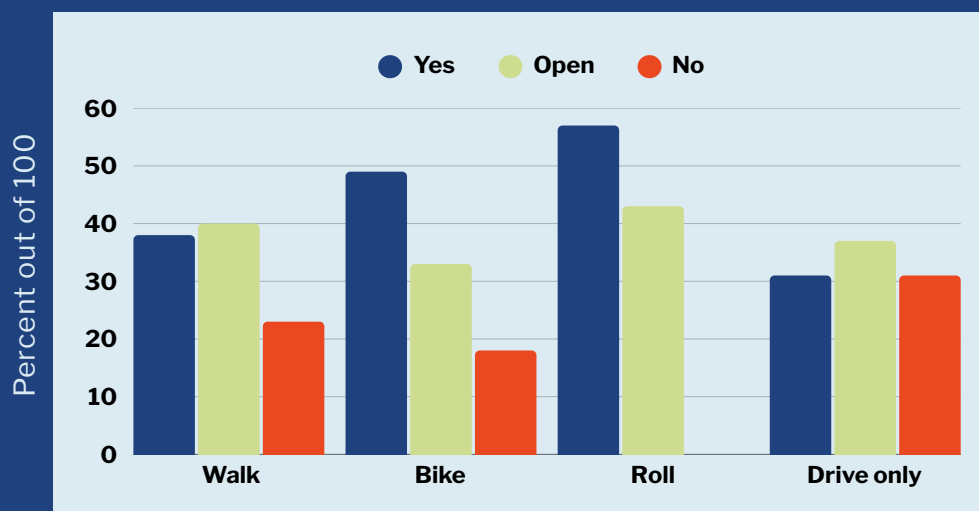
- 35% were supportive
- 39% were potentially supportive, depending on the design
- 26% were not supportive



Overall, nearly **3/4** of respondents were open to or supportive of a pilot project on Marsett Rd, while **1/4** were not.

Levels of support varied based on several factors, including distance from Marsett Road and mode of transportation used. The majority of respondents live within a half mile of Marsett, and 87% of these nearby neighbors were open to or supportive of a pilot project. Furthermore, road users who biked, walked, and rolled were more likely to be supportive than those who only used the road via car, as illustrated below.

Interest in pilot by mode of transportation



NEXT STEPS

Based on this feedback, VPSG plans to pursue a short-term pilot project with support from community members and the Town. The target date for implementation is late spring, before the end of the school year. The goal is to showcase potential safety improvements and help the community collaboratively explore long-term solutions for Marsett Road.

QUESTIONS?

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