



Oakland Mills Road Complete Streets Study

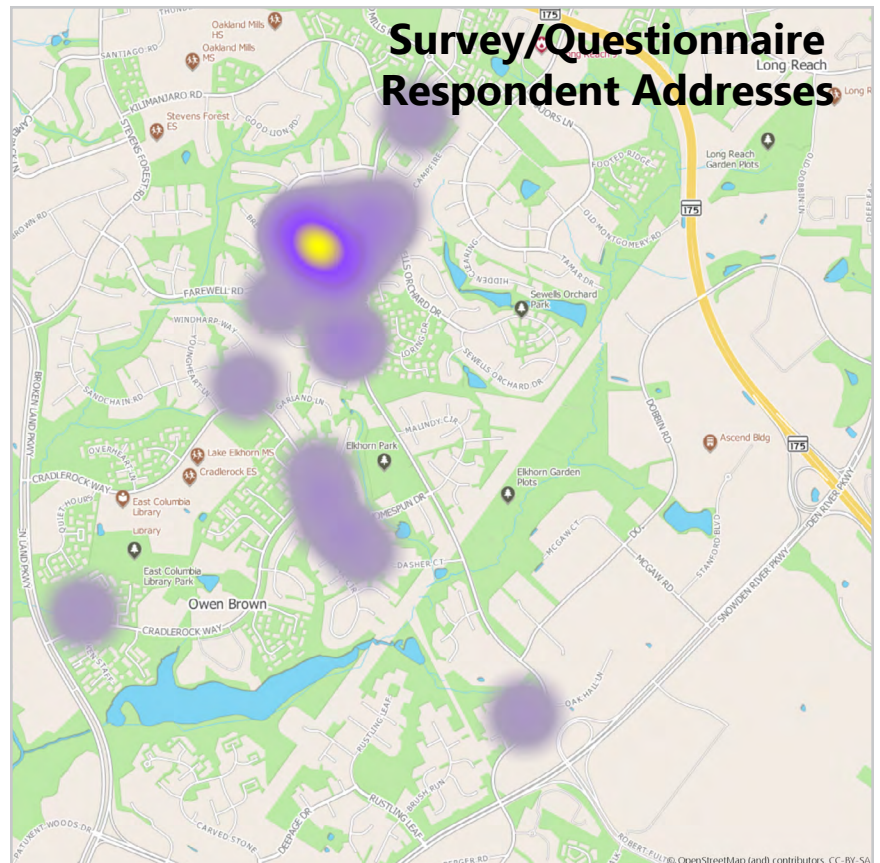
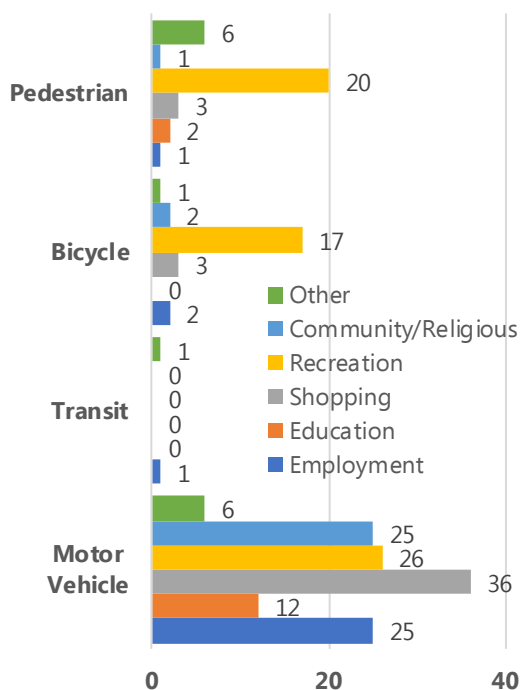
Public Input Summary

The kickoff meeting for the Oakland Mills Road Complete Streets Study, entitled "Envisioning Oakland Mills Road," was held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at Christ Episcopal Church. At the meeting, County and consultant staff presented preliminary data about Oakland Mills Road traffic and safety, and members of the public marked up a corridor map with comments and concerns. In addition, over 40 people responded in person or online to a survey and questionnaire about transportation preferences and challenges on Oakland Mills Road.

Proposed Vision Statement for Oakland Mills Road

"Oakland Mills Road shall facilitate access between residential, retail, recreational, and other destinations for users of all transportation modes, while prioritizing safety of people walking and bicycling, transit riders, and turning vehicles over the speed of drivers traveling along Oakland Mills Road."

**Oakland Mills Road
Trip Purposes
by Mode**



What Respondents Liked about Oakland Mills Road

Respondents like that Oakland Mills Road is a low-traffic “shortcut” that helps avoid congestion on MD 175 and Snowden River Parkway. Several respondents, who lived in the Sewells Orchard or Orchard Hill communities, pointed out that for them, Oakland Mills Road is the only way to access their homes. Several respondents commented that Oakland Mills Road was well treated in winter weather.

What Respondents Found Challenging about Oakland Mills Road

By car: Respondents found turning onto and off of Oakland Mills Road hazardous, for reasons including vehicle speeds, limited sight distance due to terrain or oncoming vehicles also desiring to make a left turn. Respondents also commented on congestion at the Oakland Mills Road/Snowden River Parkway intersection, and dark conditions at the Old Montgomery Road roundabout.

On transit: No respondents completed this question.

By bicycle: Respondents stated that high vehicle speeds and a lack of bicycle facilities were significant challenges to bicycling on Oakland Mills Road.

As a pedestrian: Respondents noted two distinct challenges as a pedestrian along Oakland Mills Road: lack of continuous sidewalk, especially all the way to Snowden River Parkway, and a lack of safe crossing opportunities, even where crosswalks were provided. Respondents stated that vehicles tended not to yield to crosswalk users at Dawn Day Drive.

