

Survey shows significant interest in Bridge Project

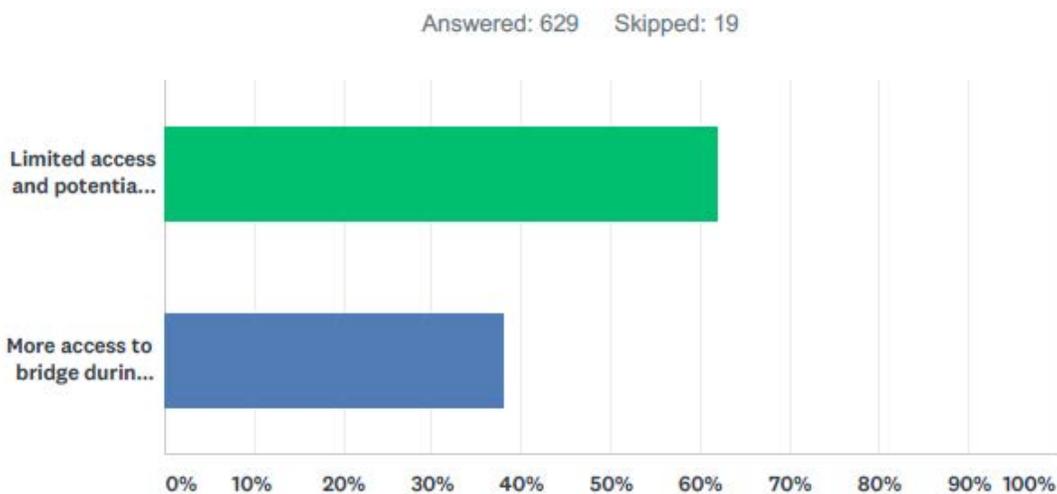
St. Petersburg, Fla. (July 6, 2018) – The results are in.

601 residents of Shore Acres, Northeast Park, Venetian Isles and Patrician Point – and 48 from outside the immediate area – took part in a month-long survey of issues regarding the re-building of the 40th Avenue NE Bridge. City staff and design team members have been looking over the results and are taking the findings forward into the re-building process.

Shore Acres residents comprised over 61% of the respondents (372 returned surveys) answering questions about bridge usage and what elements are most important in its replacement.

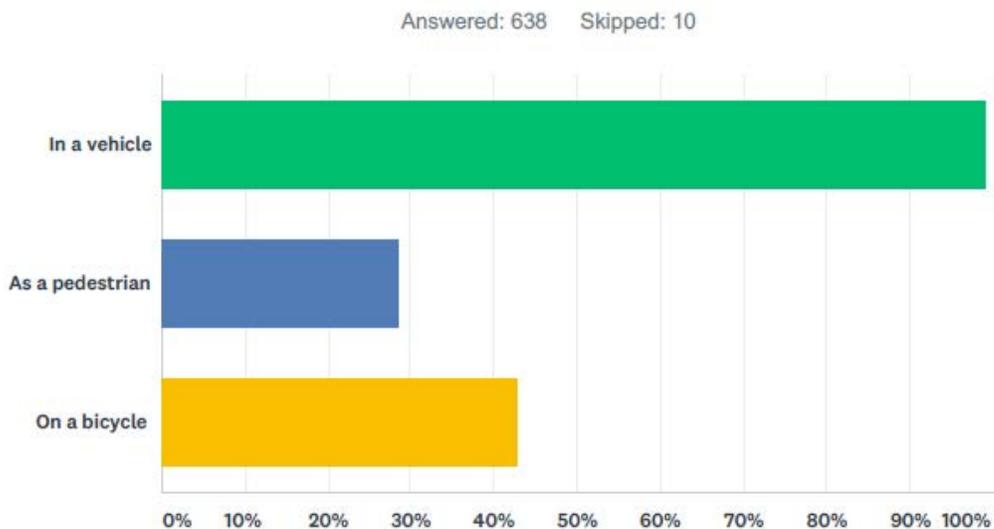
A majority of survey respondents (62%) prefer “limited access and potential short term closures if that means a faster completion time.”

Which scenario is preferable?



Other survey results indicate that while virtually all respondents use the bridge for vehicular access, 28% use it for pedestrian access, and 43% use it for bicycle access.

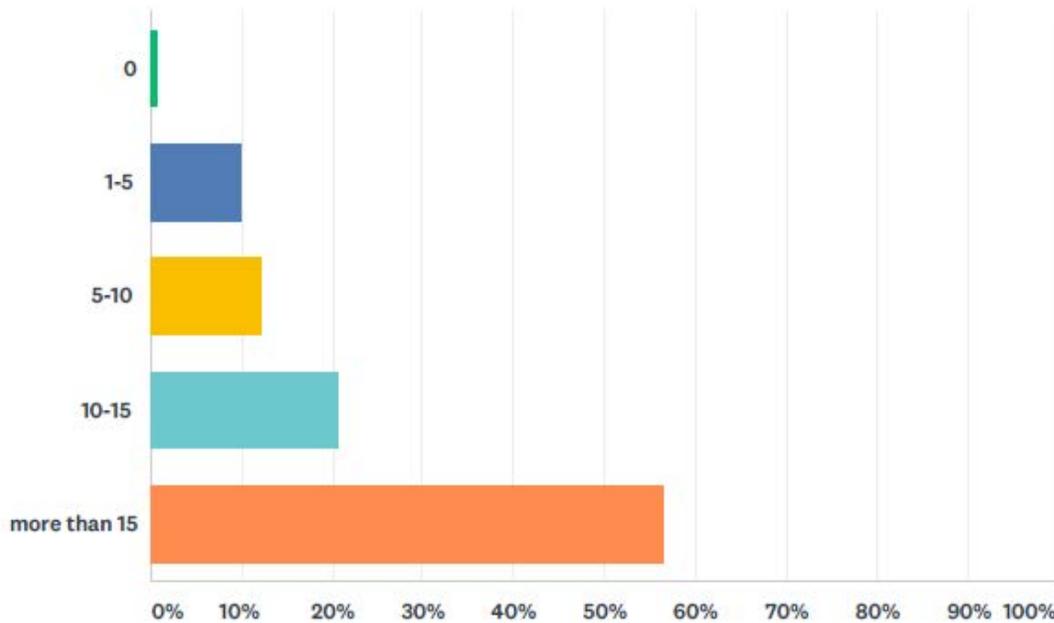
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The majority of respondents (56%) travel over the bridge more than 15 times per week.

How many times do you travel over the 40th Avenue NE Bridge per week?

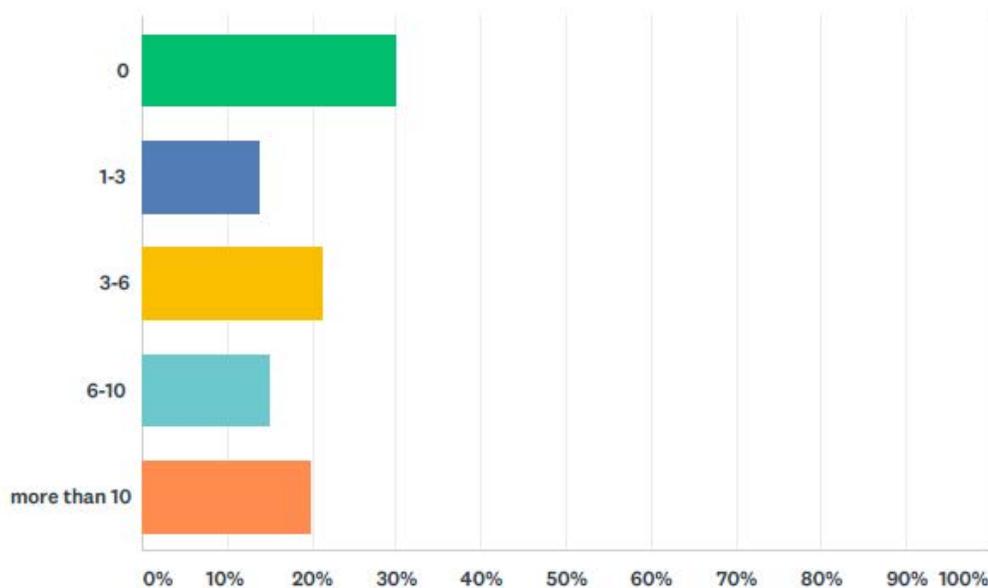
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While nearly a third of the respondents say they do not cross under the bridge, almost 20 percent of those who say they do, go under the bridge 10 times or more per month. Additionally, those who responded to the survey indicated a desire to “raise the bridge.” Over 77 percent of those interested boaters indicate that a bridge clearance greater than its current eight foot minimum vertical clearance would be preferred.

If you are a recreational boater, how many times do you use the waterway per month?

Answered: 561 Skipped: 87



These findings will help provide a baseline of information as the design process continues.