

LOWER HURON METROPARK TO I-275 METRO TRAIL COMMUNITY INPUT SUMMARY



Would You Use the Proposed Route?



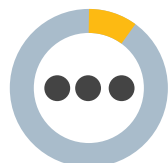
25% Yes for Walking



90% Yes for Biking

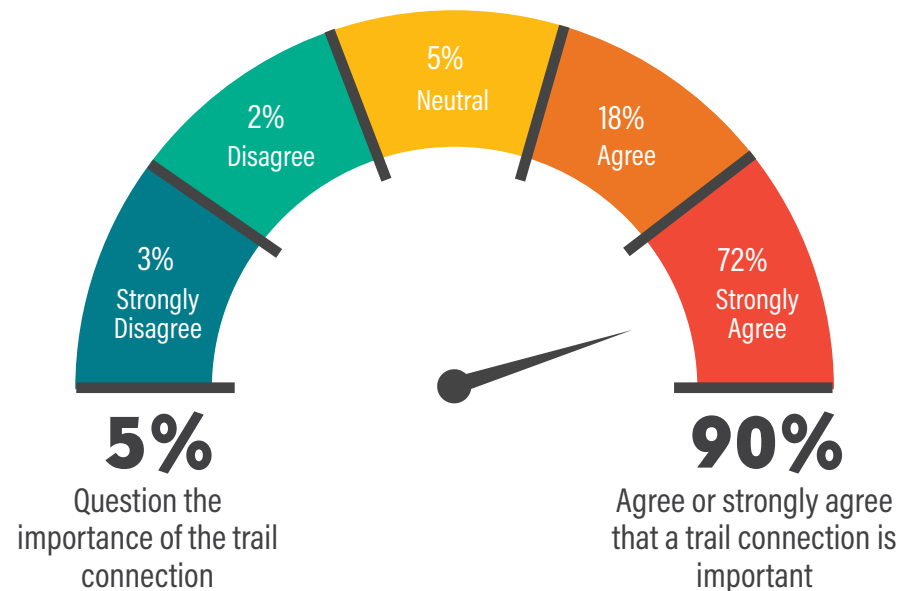


15% Yes for Running



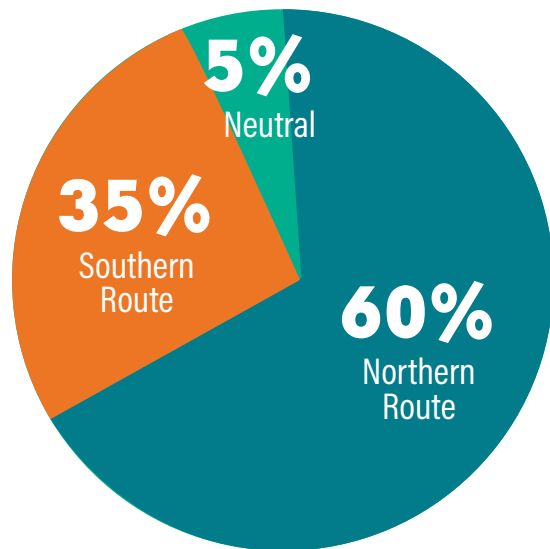
10% Yes for Other
OneWheel, Rollerblades, Dog
Walking, E-bikes, Skateboards,
Horseback Riding

It Is Important to Provide a Trail Connection
Between the Lower Huron Metropark and the
I-275 Metro Trail.



This document provides a summary of the feedback gathered through an online survey conducted in the months of September and October 2023.

Which route would you prefer?



The **Northern Route** was preferred by most participants because the route offers a scenic and convenient experience, with a focus on water views and park connectivity.

What do you **LIKE** about the Northern Route:



Proximity to Water: Appreciated for the route's proximity to water, including Belleville Lake and the Huron River. Many find the water views and scenic aspects appealing.

Connection to Parks: The connection to green spaces and park amenities is highly valued. French Landing Park is a key destination along this route.

Community and Connectivity: People like the idea of the trail connecting various communities and other major bike trails. They appreciate the improved connectivity the trail offers and feel it provides better connections to nearby populations. Many noted using the trail more because it would be closer to their home.

A Direct Connection: Many people feel that the northern route provides the most direct link and a natural connection into the Metropark.

What do you **DISLIKE** about the Northern Route:



Proximity to Highways and Traffic: Many respondents have concerns about the proposed trail's proximity to highways (e.g., I-94 and Haggerty Road), which can result in noise, pollution, safety risks, and less scenic experiences. Many voiced their preference for dedicated paths and a desire for alternative, quieter, and more scenic routes, with some requesting greater tree cover and separation from highways.

Safety Concerns: Those surveyed show concerns regarding busy roads crossings, high speed vehicle traffic, and railroad tracks. Many respondents dislike sharing paths with vehicles and the proposed road crossings raised safety concerns and the need for improved infrastructure.

Diverse Options on Trail Expansion: While some favored the idea of expanding trails and creating loops, others felt that the current connectors sufficiently met their needs, raising questions about the necessity of additional routes.

What do you **LIKE** about the **Southern Route**:



Less Traffic: Preferred for its lower traffic and distance from the expressway. It is seen as a safer and quieter option while offering a more enjoyable experience.

Direct and Simple: Valued for its straightforward, direct, and easy-to-follow route.

Cost-Effectiveness: Liked for its potential lower cost and likelihood of being implemented.

What do you **DISLIKE** about the **Southern Route**:



Road Conditions: Participant desire smooth and clear bike lanes for safer travel. Negative feedback regarding sections of the route running alongside gravel roads, as well as worries about air pollution and safety near highways.

Safety and Scenic Improvements: Several respondents wished for safety measures, improved scenery, and less industrial surroundings along the route.

Route Efficiency: Concerns were raised about route efficiency, connections to other parks, and potential train-related disruptions.

Parking Access and Amenities: Requests for the inclusion of public restrooms, lighting, dining options, and public parking.

Lack of Water Proximity: Some respondents expressed concerns about the route lacking nearby water features.

Tell us anything else you feel is **Important**:



Availability of Alternatives: Concerns about the necessity of the proposed trail due to an existing connection to the I-275 trail a few miles south.

Safety and Separation from Roads: Emphasis on dedicated, separate bike trails for safety.

Parking and Accessibility: Requests for park-and-ride lots or nearby parking options to access the trails.

Maintenance and Upkeep: Concerns about existing trail conditions and the need for better maintenance.

Inclusivity and Variety: Participants expressed the importance of making the trails accessible to a wide range of users and having a variety of trail types, including those for different recreational preferences.

Trail Signage: There were mentions of the need for clear and visible trail signage for navigation.

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