

REGIONAL TRAILS PLAN UPDATE



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NEW BOSTON RAIL TRAIL

BACKGROUND

- Overview
- Plan Elements
 - Existing Conditions
 - Funding
 - Challenges
 - Data Collection
 - Survey Results



INTRODUCTION

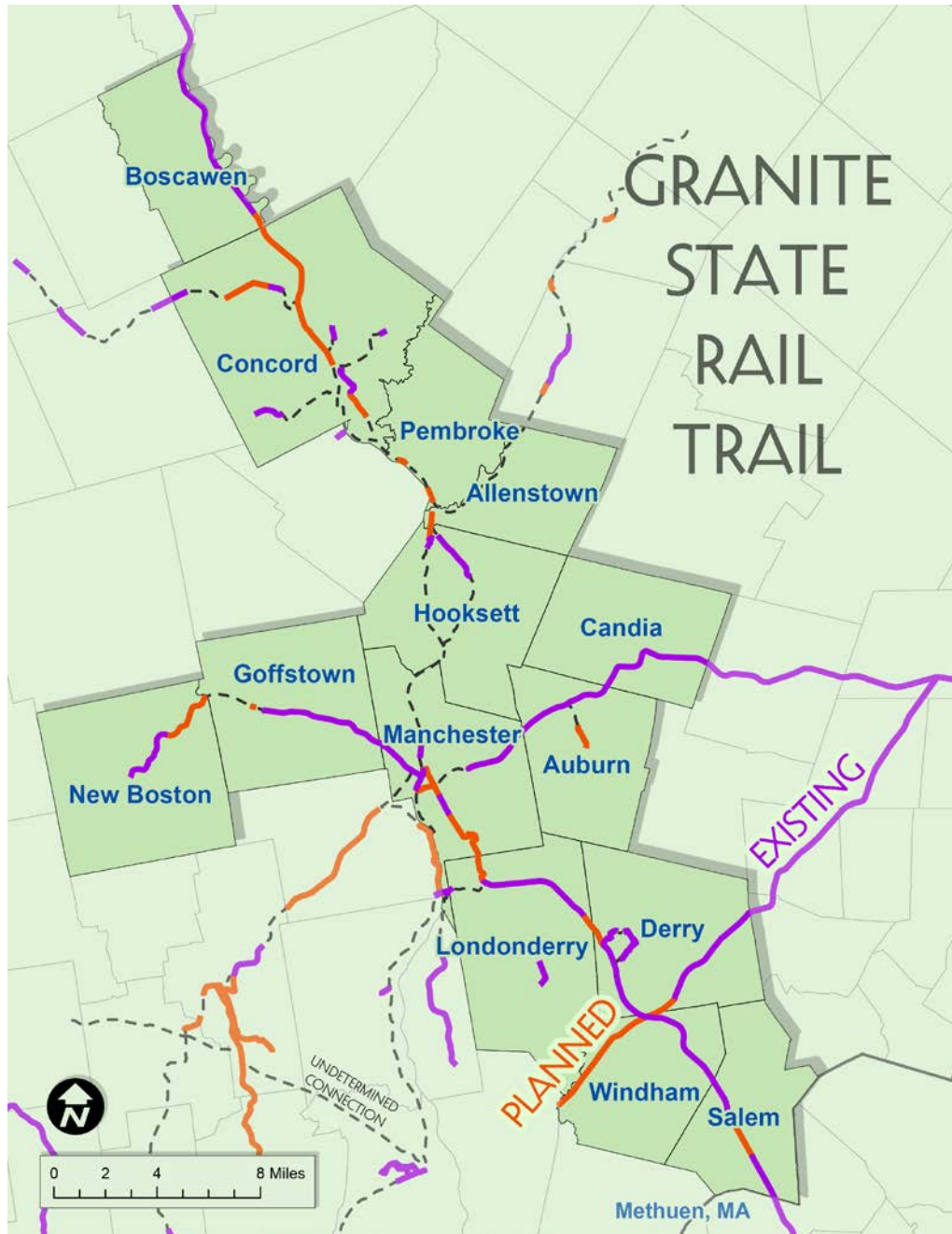
- Vision
- Regional/Local Partners
- Trail Benefits
 - Health & Safety
 - Environmental
 - Economic

HEADS POND TRAIL (HOOKSETT)

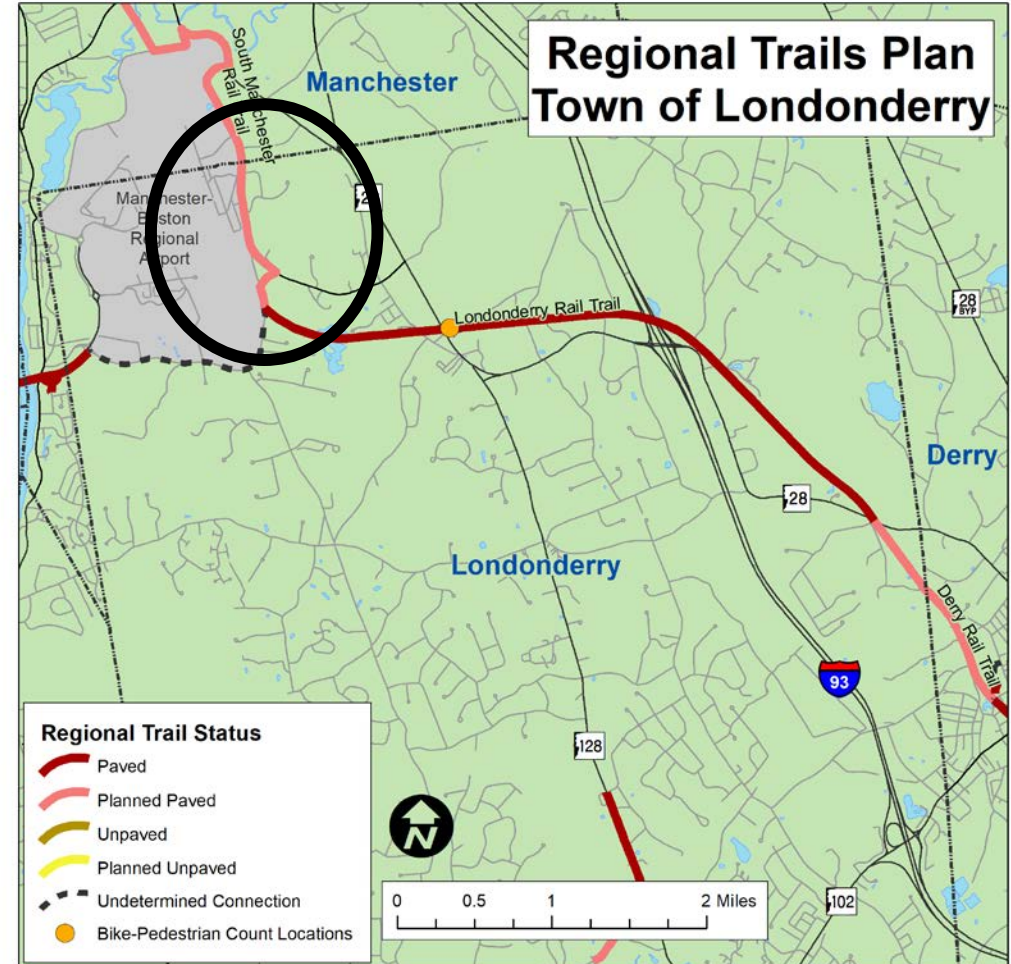
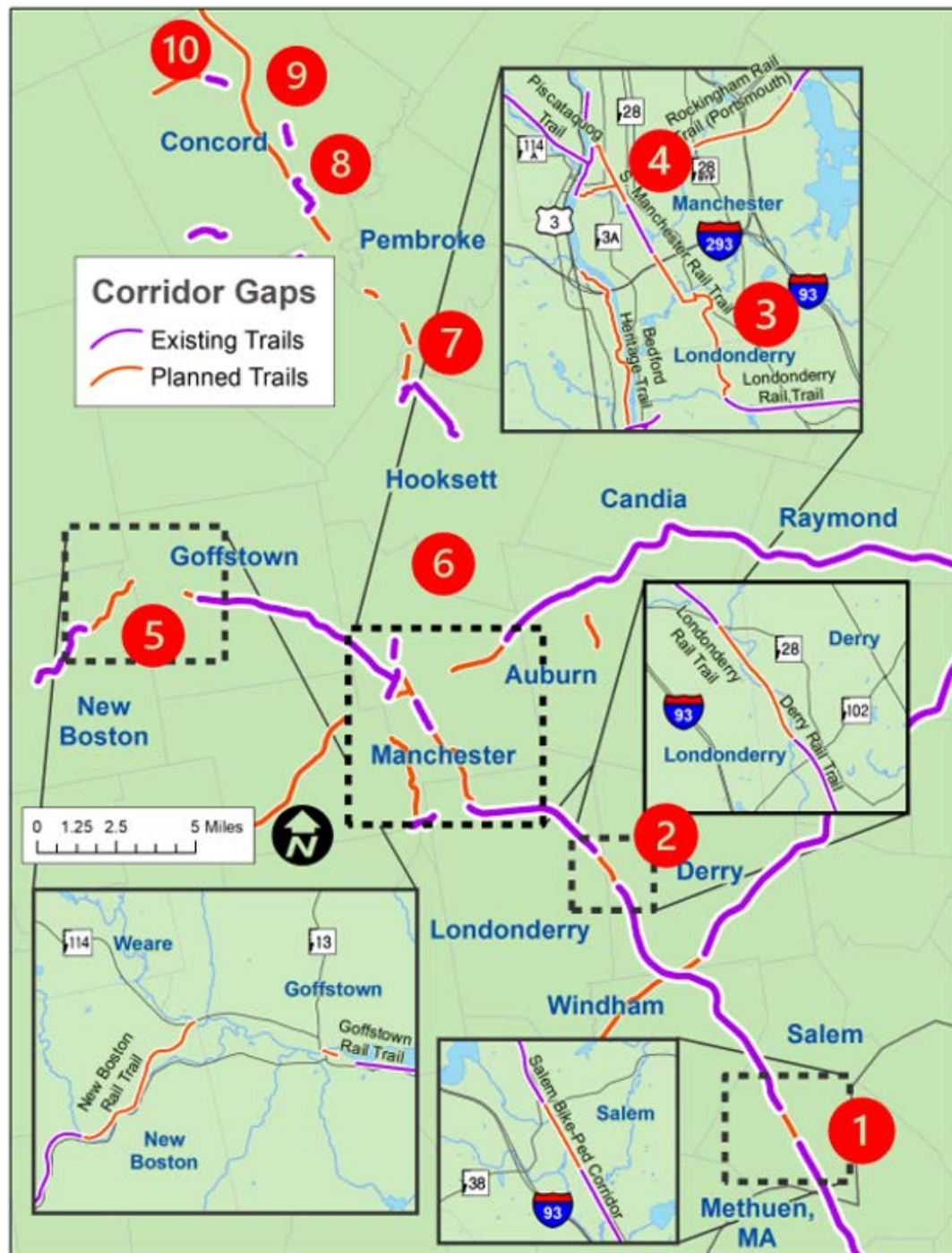


EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Study Area
 - Salem to Manchester
 - Manchester to Concord
 - East-West Spurs
- Trail Gaps



TRAIL GAPS





TRAIL GROUPS

- March 2021 Outreach
 - Trail Groups in:
 - Derry
 - Manchester
 - Goffstown
 - New Boston
 - Hooksett
 - Windham
 - Londonderry





TRAIL GROUPS: DERRY

■ Recent Accomplishments

- Fall of 2020, construction of the trail section North from Hood Park in downtown Derry to North High Street - the final section of town-owned railbed on the corridor.
- Worked with the Town on the 2021 TAP Application.

■ Goals

- Completion of the trail in Derry - connecting north to Londonderry town line and linking with Londonderry Rail Trail.





LONDONDERRY RT (2018 VS. 2021)

FUNDING

- Federal
 - Transportation Alternatives (TAP)
 - Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ)
 - Rec Trails Program
- Local



CHALLENGES

- Trail Maintenance
- Fundraising/Volunteerism
- E-Bikes



GOFFSTOWN RAIL TRAIL



MAKE IT COUNT!

BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN COUNTING IN THE SOUTHERN NH REGION



BUSIEST TRAILS

- 1) Windham Rail Trail
- 2) Derry Rail Trail
- 3) Piscataquog Trail
- 4) Heads Pond Trail (Hooksett)
- 5) Londonderry Rail Trail

BUSIEST SIDEWALKS

- 1) Elm St @ City Hall
- 2) Elm St @ Veteran's Park
- 3) Hanover St @ C of C
- 4) Elm St @ Bridge St
- 5) Elm St @ Harrison St

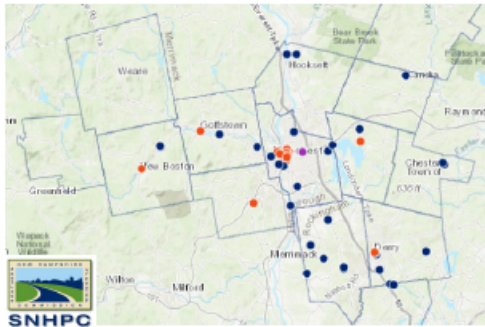
WHY COUNT CYCLISTS & PEDESTRIANS?

- Justify investments in bike/ped infrastructure
- Provide baseline data for local/regional facility usage
- Capture seasonal trends
- Gauge the vibrancy of a downtown area
- Capture the growth in event attendance
- Trails and park management



WHERE ARE WE COUNTING?

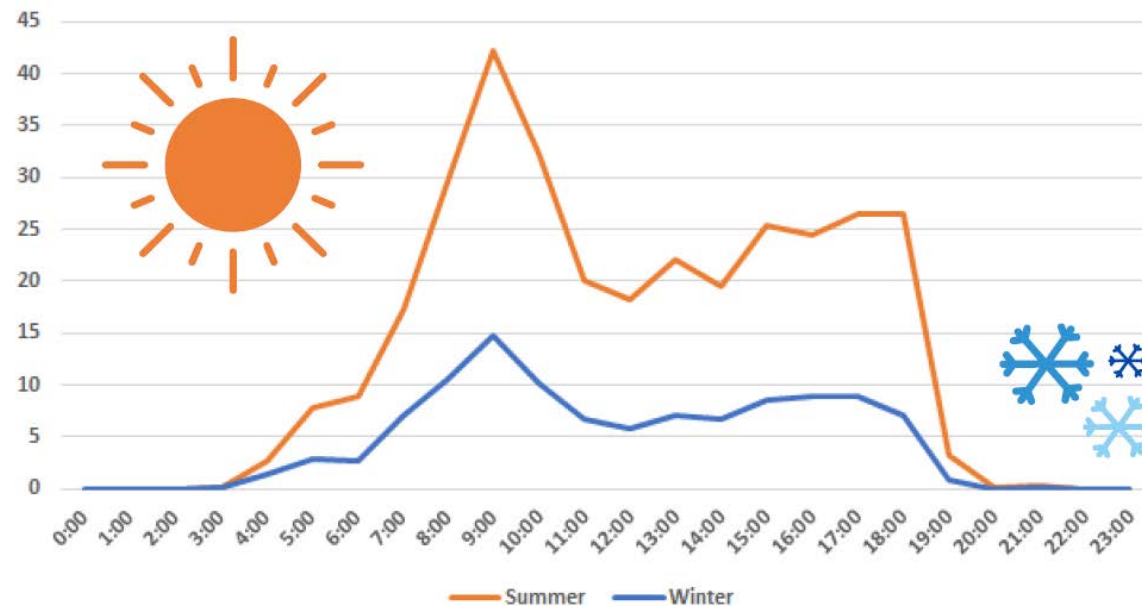
- Nature Trails
- Rail Trails
- Sidewalks
- Intersections
- Special Requests



DATA COLLECTION

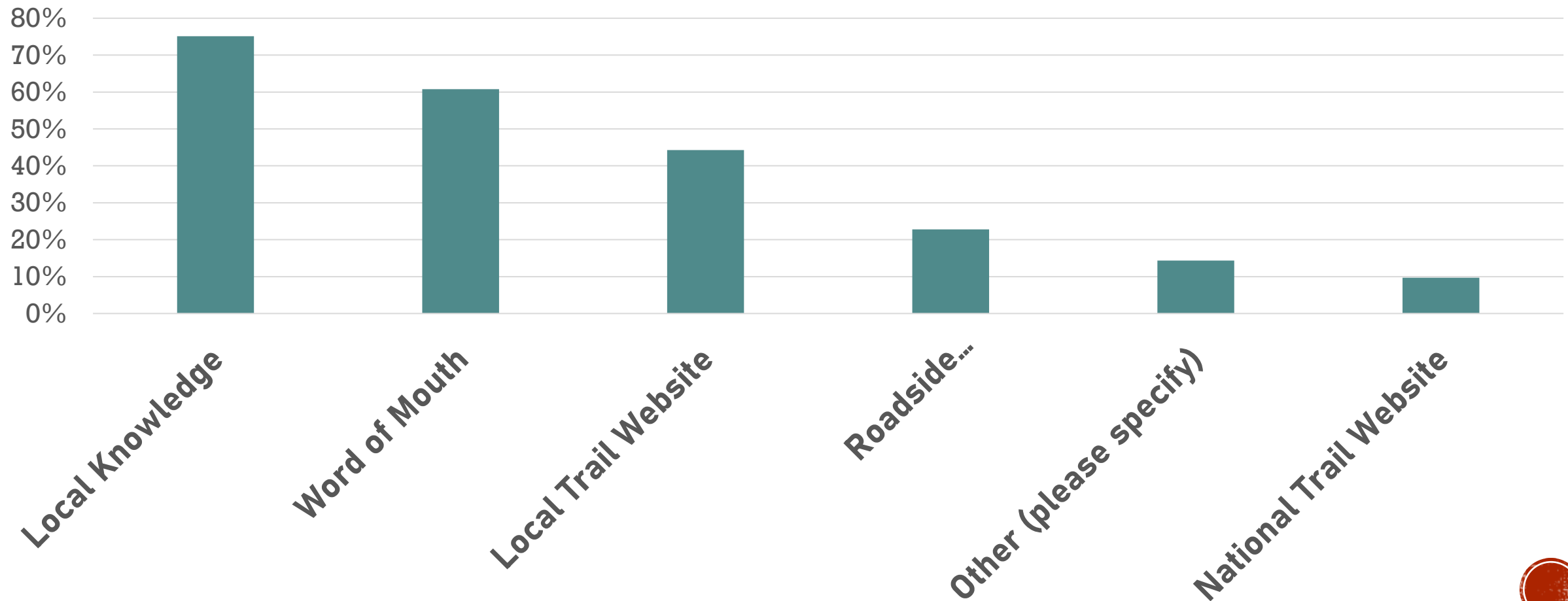
- Equipment
- Trends

Average Hourly Profile: Londonderry Rail Trail

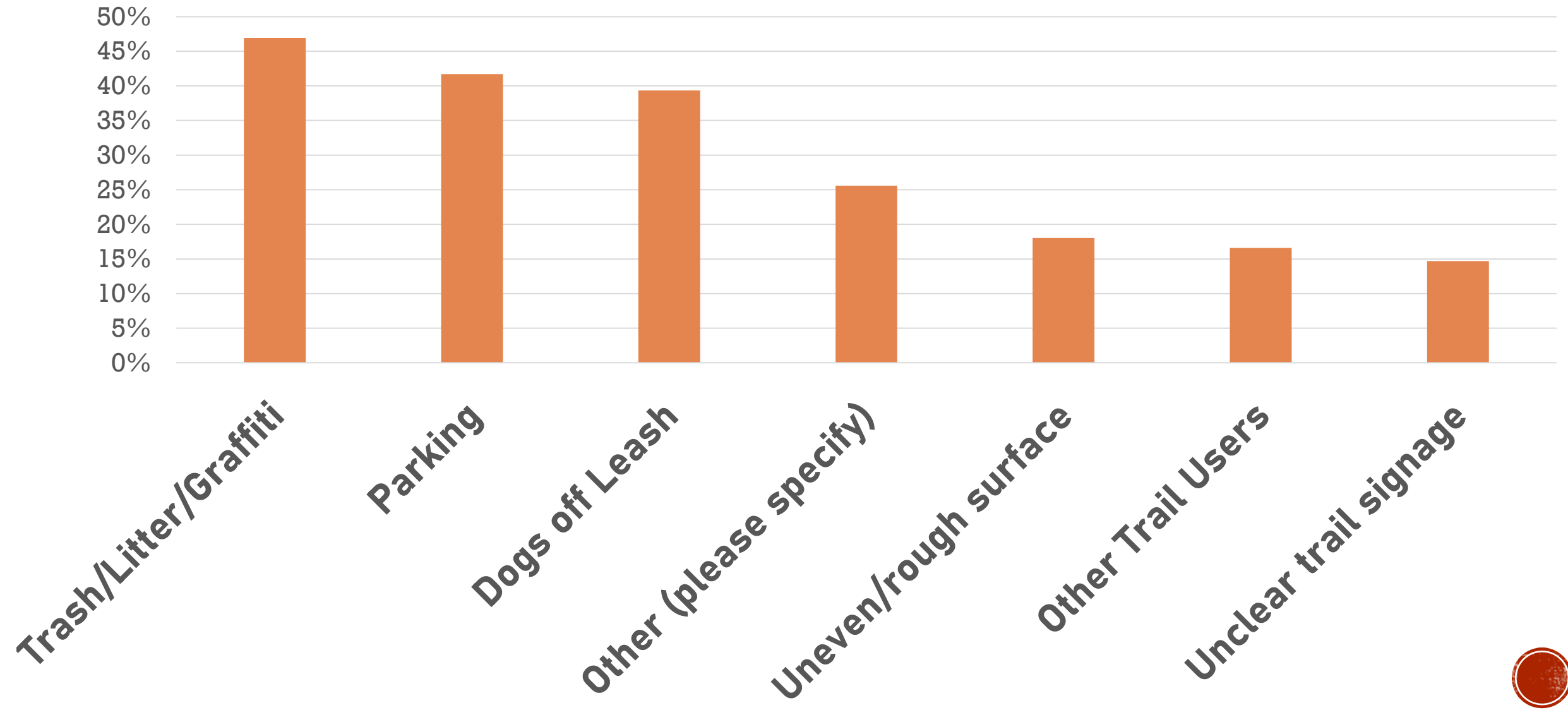


SURVEY RESULTS: 238 RESPONDENTS

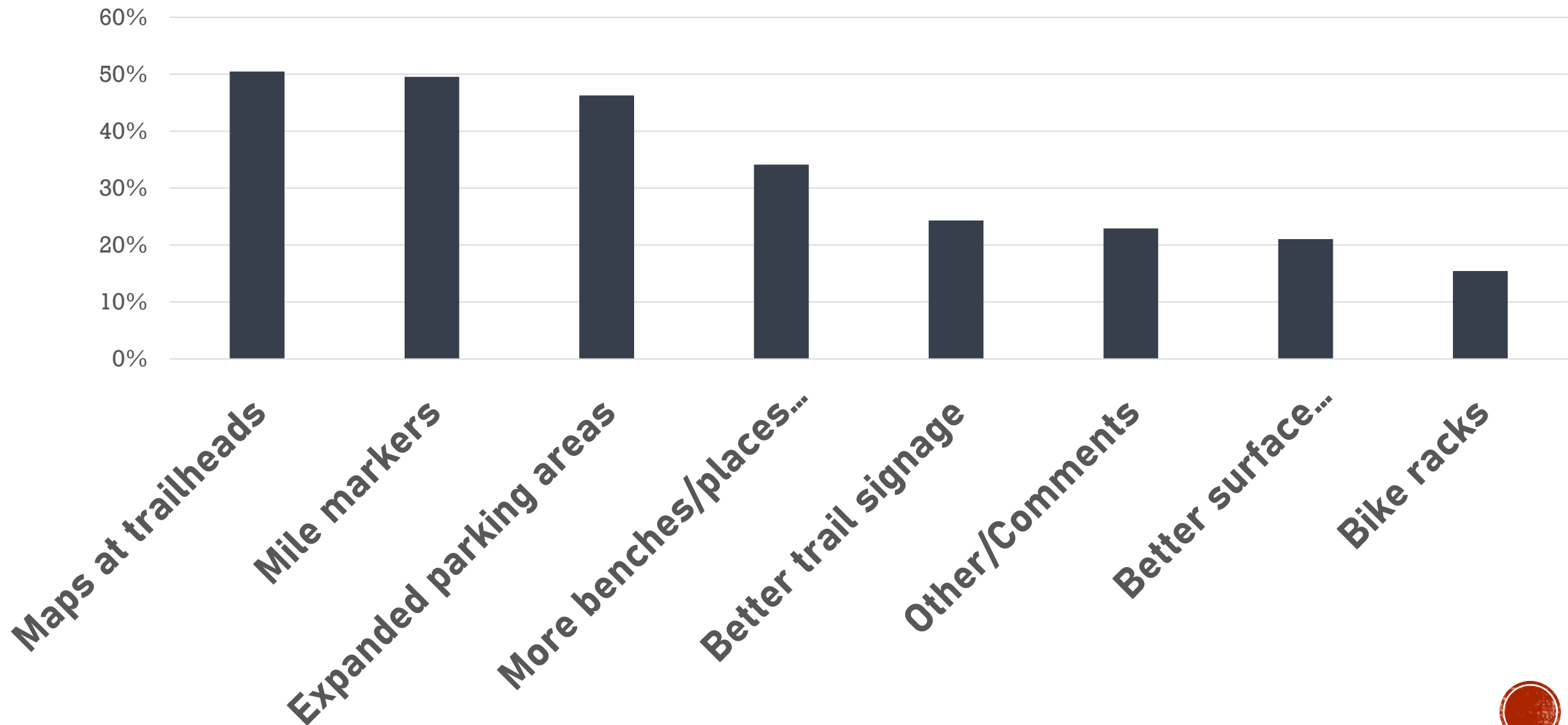
Q9: How do you find out about the trails?



Q11: What safety/maintenance concerns do you have for existing trails?



Q12: What improvements could be made to existing trails?



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FEEDBACK/ QUESTIONS?

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