



MANCHESTER VILLAGE TRANSPORTATION & LAND USE STUDY

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Section 1: Transportation

| | |
|----|--------------------------------|
| 4 | Executive Summary |
| 5 | Cycling Problems/Solutions Map |
| 6 | Walking Problems/Solutions Map |
| 7 | Driving Problems/Solutions Map |
| 8 | Cycling |
| 11 | Walking |
| 13 | Driving |
| 14 | Parking |

Section 2: Land Use

| | |
|----|-----------------------|
| 16 | Courthouse |
| 18 | Music Hall Vacant Lot |
| 20 | Conclusions |

Appendix

| | |
|----|---------------------|
| 22 | Crash Maps |
| 26 | Parking Inventory |
| 27 | Survey Summary |
| 32 | Full Survey Results |

SECTION 1: TRANSPORTATION



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2021 Manchester Village pursued this study to assess the safety and efficiency of multi-modal traffic flow through the village center, to identify possible solutions to any problems, and to understand how future use of vacant sites may impact the village center and its traffic conditions.

CYCLING

Only 15% of survey respondents think that Manchester Village is a safe place to ride a bicycle. 77% said that Route 7A should be made safer for cyclists. We recommend coordinating with the Town of Manchester to build a fully separated bicycle facility to connect downtown Manchester to the Village to create a safe, inviting, low-stress route. We also noted the lack of bicycle parking in the Village and recommend installing quality bike parking at key destinations like the post office, former courthouse building, and yoga studio.

WALKING

68% of survey respondents said the Village is a comfortable and safe place to walk, but that improvements are needed, especially at the Seminary Ave./Route 7A intersection and at the pedestrian crossing in front of the Equinox Hotel. Many noted that automotive traffic speeding throughout the Village creates danger for pedestrians. We recommend hiring a traffic control officer for the Seminary Ave./Route 7A intersection, extending the median in front of the Equinox to create a pedestrian refuge, and installing speed tables to calm traffic on local streets where speeding is a problem.

DRIVING

58.5% of survey respondents said Manchester Village is a comfortable and safe place to drive, but many respondents said they experience significant traffic delays at the Seminary Ave./Route 7A intersection. As noted above, we recommend hiring a traffic con-

trol officer for the Seminary Ave./Route 7A intersection for school opening and closing times.

Installing a roundabout could alleviate traffic delays, but would be expensive, would likely take 5-10 years to implement, and would change the appearance of the Village's streetscape. Roundabouts can significantly reduce injury and fatal crashes, but a review of the intersection's crash history from 2010 to 2019 found only one injury crash.

Many public meeting participants felt that there is too much traffic in general in the Village and that much of it is generated by the Burr & Burton Academy. We noted that parents who drop off their children in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon create four driving trips through the village each day (compared to two for a typical commuter) and that the Village and school should work together to encourage more students to take the bus, walk, or bicycle to school. Besides improving quality of life in the Village, this would be better for the environment and students' health.

Because only 25% of survey respondents think there is not enough parking in the Village, our conclusion

is that lack of parking is not a major problem. As part of this study, BCRC inventoried parking spaces in the Village and found a total of 631 parking spaces (540 parking spaces in public and private parking lots and 91 on-street parking spaces. See Parking Inventory in the Appendix). Parking is a significant land use in the Village.

Only 15% of survey respondents think that Manchester Village is a safe place to ride a bicycle.

58.5% of survey respondents said Manchester Village is a comfortable and safe place to drive.

68% of survey respondents said the Village is a comfortable and safe place to walk.



Cycling

Encourage students to cycle to school

Burr & Burton Academy

Seminary Ave.

Long-term: shared-use path

Stressful Cycling

Short-term: bike lanes
Long-term: shared-use path

Equinox Resort

Post Office

Stressful Cycling

Traffic control officer

Courthouse

Empty Lot

Union St.

Dillingham Ave.

Short-term: traffic calming
Long-term: shared-use path

Stressful Cycling

West Rd.

Taconic Hotel

Main St.

Stressful Cycling
Shared-use path or cycle tracks

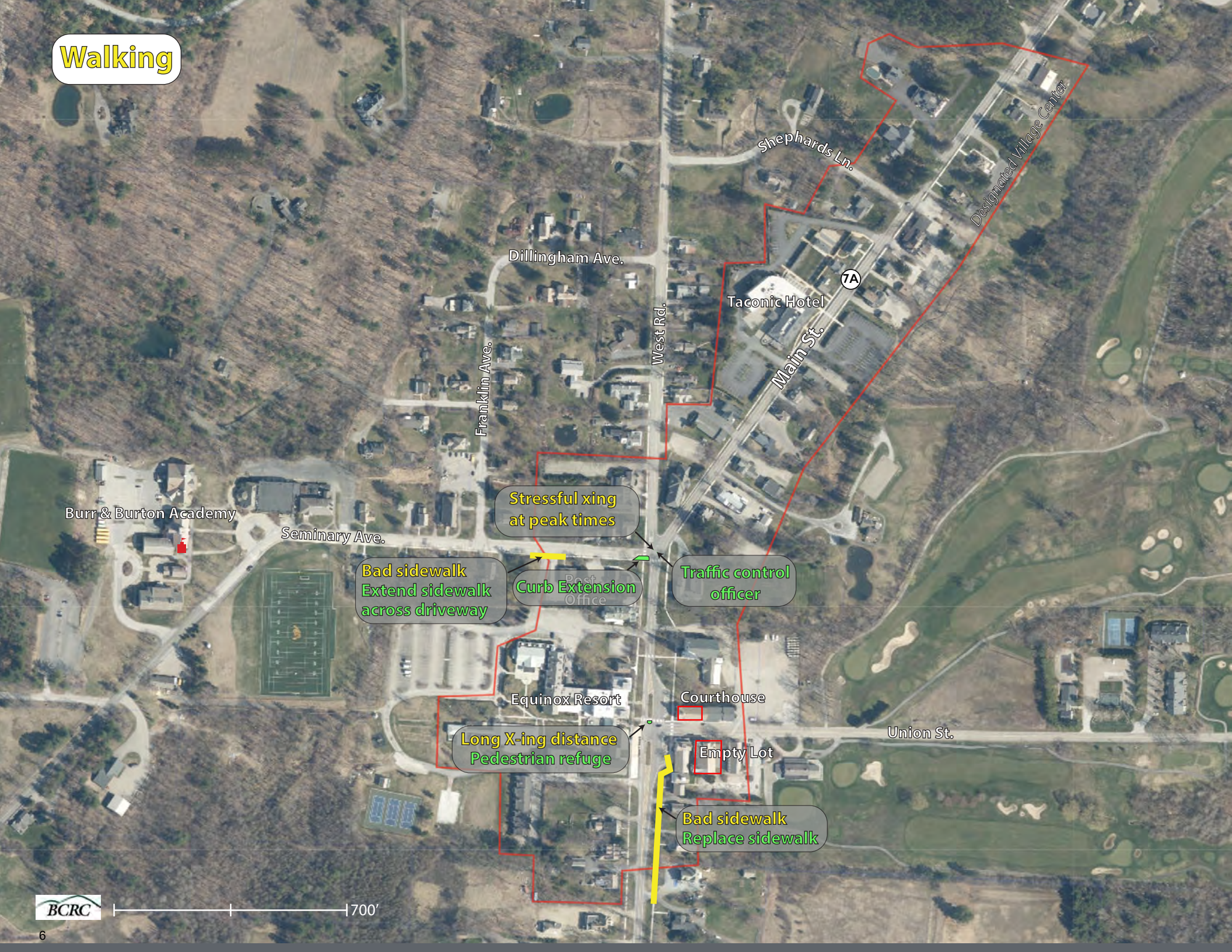
#1 Problem: cycling between Manchester Center & Manchester Village uninviting and stressful
Solution: physically separated cycling route

No bike parking at destinations
Install high quality bike parking at destinations

Shepherds Ln.

Designated Village Center

Walking



Stressful xing
at peak times

Bad sidewalk
Extend sidewalk
across driveway

Curb Extension

Traffic control
officer

Long X-ing distance
Pedestrian refuge

Bad sidewalk
Replace sidewalk

Driving & Traffic Calming

Too much traffic throughout village

1. Encourage B&B students to walk, bike and take the bus.
2. Make it easy to walk and bike for short trips esp. between the village and Manchester Center

Speeding - Ways Lane

1. Enforcement
2. Speed tables
3. Radar feedback signs

Traffic congestion when school drop off/pick up

1. Traffic control officer
2. Roundabout

Speed table

Cut-through traffic

Speed table

Speed table

Speed table

Speeding

Speeding

Speed table

Cut-through traffic

Extend islands

CYCLING

SURVEY:

Is Manchester Village a comfortable and safe place to ride a bicycle?

- 15% – Yes, very safe, and comfortable
- 39% – Ok, but needs improvement
- 20% – Not at all
- 26% – Don't know/I don't bike in the Village

Do you feel comfortable and safe riding a bicycle on Route 7A?

- 3% – Yes, very safe, and comfortable
- 26% – Ok, but needs improvement
- 39% – Not at all
- 32% – Don't know/I don't bike on 7A

Should Route 7A be made safer and more comfortable to cycle on?

- 77% – Yes
- 23% – No

Top five cycling issues mentioned in survey:

- Route 7A not safe (17 mentions)
- Shoulders too narrow (location unspecified) (12 mentions)
- Bike lanes needed (location unspecified) (9 mentions)
- Granite curbs unsafe (6 mentions)
- West Rd. not safe (4 mentions)



Cycling in the Netherlands. Almost everyone does it.

The Four Types of Cyclists



“Interested but Concerned” is the target demographic for good bicycle infrastructure. Places that have dramatically increased the transportation mode share of cycling (such as Denmark and a growing number of US cities and towns) physically separate bicycle traffic from motor vehicle traffic on high-stress streets and roads.

77% of survey respondents said that Route 7A should be made safer and more comfortable to cycle on.



Main St./Route VT 7A has almost no shoulder and a sharp granite curb.

CYCLING PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS

Problem: Cycling is stressful and uninviting on Main St./Route 7A between Manchester Village and Manchester Center. Narrow or nonexistent shoulders, high traffic volume (AADT 8,600–11,500) and sharp granite curbs are negative factors that discourage cycling for short trips.

Solution: Install a bicycle facility that is separated from traffic between Manchester Village and Manchester Center to create a safe, inviting, low-stress route.

The potential payoff is high: this is a frequent trip, there are many destinations along the way (such as Orvis and Shaw's) and distances are short (1.3 miles from Bonnet St. to Union St. via Main St.). A cyclist traveling at the moderate speed of 15 mph would make the 1.3-mile trip in about 5 minutes.

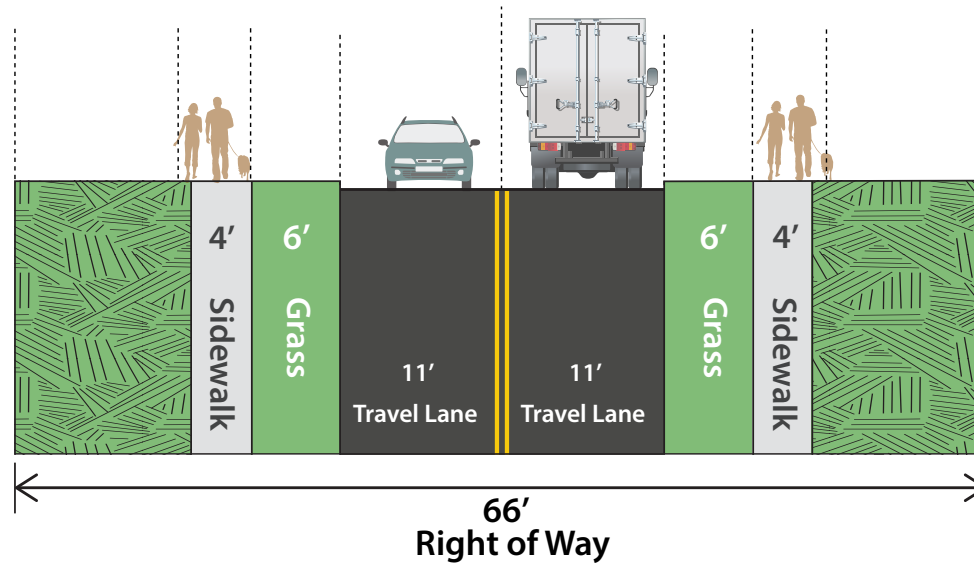
77% of survey respondents said that Route 7A should be made safer and more comfortable to cycle on.

To create a complete route to Manchester Center, it will be necessary to coordinate with the Town of Manchester.

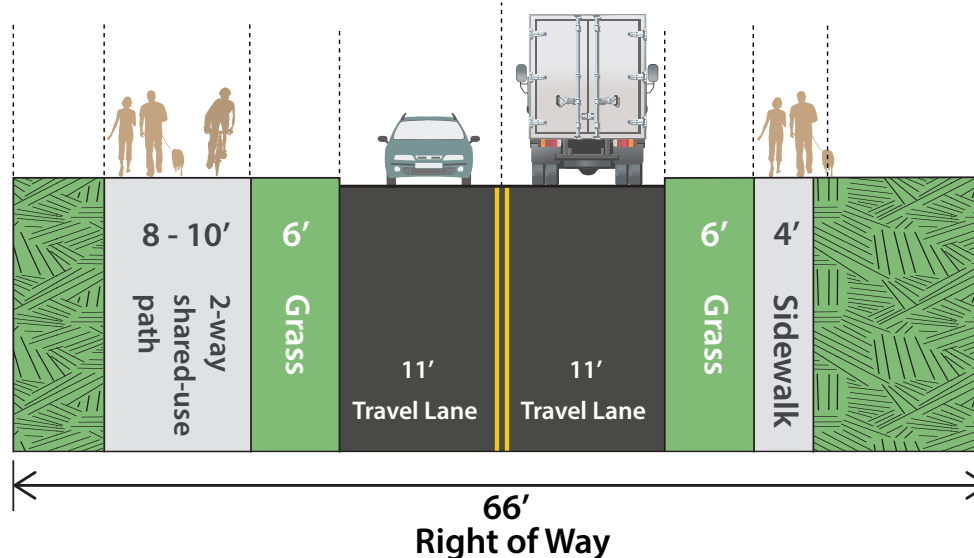
Route VT 7A

Existing

Mile Marker 3.7-3.9



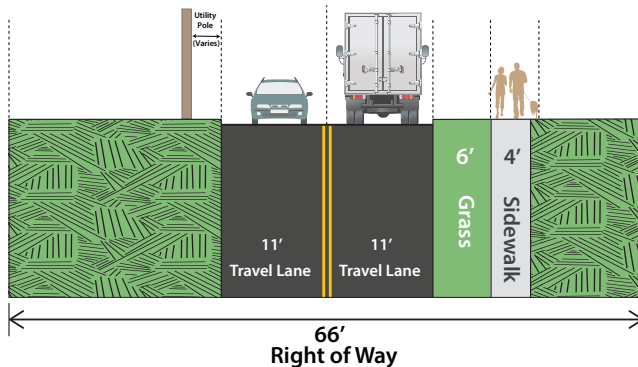
Shared-use path on west side Manchester Village - Manchester Center



Route VT 7A

Existing

Mile Marker 3.9-4.4





Many survey respondents said the sharp granite curbs on Main St./Route 7A are a hazard to cyclists.

If federal funds are used, a scoping study to evaluate alternatives and to create an initial cost estimate is a required first step.

Problem: Cycling is uncomfortable and uninviting on Main St./Route 7A south of Union St.

Solution: Stripe bike lanes and consider long-term installation of a shared-use path.

Problem: West Road is stressful and uncomfortable to cycle on due to high vehicle speeds and its lack of wide shoulders.

Solution: short-term: install traffic calming on West Road, including radar feedback signs and speed tables with appropriate design speeds.

Solution-long-term: install a two-way shared-use path along West Road.

Problem: Lack of quality bike parking in the Village.

Solution: Install quality bike parking at key destinations in the Village. Locations could include in front of the yoga studio, the former courthouse building and the post office.

Bike parking should be secure, convenient, visible from the entrance it serves, and have two points of contact with the bicycle frame.

Problem: Few local Burr & Burton students cycle to school. Four driving trips through the village are eliminated every time a student bikes to school instead of being picked up and dropped off by their parents.

Solution: Install quality bike parking at Burr & Burton Academy, hire a traffic control officer for the intersection of Seminary Ave. and Main St., and ask the school to encourage students to cycle to school.

Good bike parking is an inexpensive way to increase active-transportation trips to school. According to a 2014 [CDC study](#), after adjusting for factors such as distance students live from school, three factors were shown to significantly affect the percentage of students walking or biking to school:

1. paid or volunteer crossing guards,
2. providing promotional materials to students and families on walking or biking to school, and
3. presence of **bike racks**.

The adjusted odds of having 26% or more students walk or bike to school were significantly higher among schools with bike racks.



WALKING

SURVEY

Is Manchester Village a comfortable and safe place to walk?

- 68% – Yes, very safe, and comfortable
- 29% – Ok, but needs improvement
- 1.5% – Not at all
- 1.5% – Don't know

Top five cited spots that are not comfortable and safe to walk:

- Intersection of Route 7A & Seminary Ave. (7 mentions)
- Main St. near River Road (5 mentions)
- Pedestrian crossing of Route 7A at the Equinox (4 mentions)
- Ways Ln. (4 mentions)
- West Rd. (4 mentions)

WALKING PROBLEMS & SOLUTIONS

Problem: The intersection of Route 7A & Seminary Ave. is uninviting and stressful to cross, especially at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Solution: Use a traffic control officer at the intersection to assist with crossing and to direct traffic at school drop-off and pick-up times.

Solution: Install a curb extension on the south side of Seminary Ave. to shorten the crossing distance, to make pedestrians more visible to drivers, and to calm traffic.

Solution: Install Rapidly Flashing Rectangular Beacons at the crosswalks.

Solution: Restripe faded crosswalks.

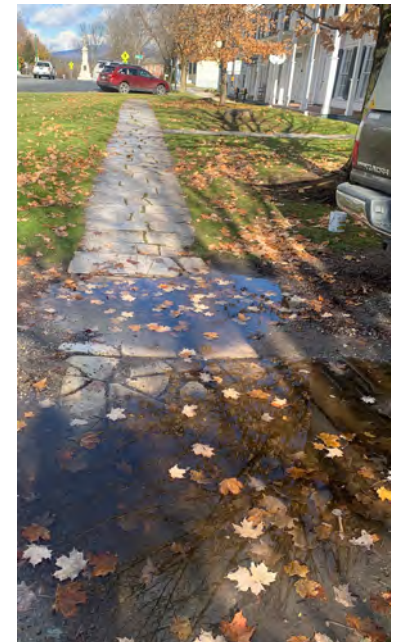


Manchester Village has safe and pleasant places to walk.

Dilapidated sections of sidewalk near the post office and on Main St. south of Union St. should be replaced.

Problem: Some sections of sidewalk in the Village are in poor condition.

Solution: Repair or replace dilapidated sidewalk sections.





Many people cross Route 7A in front of the Equinox.



Existing condition: pedestrians crossing Route 7A in front of the Equinox are exposed to traffic for a long distance.



Photo rendering to show what a pedestrian refuge island could look like. Pedestrians would not need a break in traffic in both directions to cross.

Problem: Long, unprotected pedestrian crossing in front of the Equinox.

Solution: Extend the median to create a pedestrian refuge island.

DRIVING

SURVEY

Is Manchester Village a comfortable and safe place to drive?

- 58.5% – Yes, very safe, and comfortable
- 38.5% – Ok, but needs improvement
- 1.5% – Not at all
- 1.5% – Don't know

Do you experience significant traffic delays at the Many people cross Route 7A in front of the Equinox.?

- Yes – 47.7%
- No – 50.8%
- N/A – 1.5%

Top 5 driving issues mentions:

- Intersection of Route 7A & Seminary Ave. (21 mentions)
- Roundabout needed (4 mentions)
- 7A/Ways Ln. intersection (1 mention)
- Speeding on West Rd. (1 mention)
- Speeding on Ways Ln. (1 mention)

Problem: Traffic congestion at Main St./Seminary Ave. intersection at Burr & Burton opening and closing times.

Solution: Use a traffic control officer at school opening and closing times.

Solution: Encourage students to walk, bike, or take the bus to school. Parents who drop off their children in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon create four driving trips through the village each day (compared to two for a typical commuter).

Solution: Install a roundabout at the Route 7A/Seminary Ave. intersection. This solution has drawbacks: it would change the appearance of the Village's



The Route 7A/Seminary Ave./West Rd. intersection is congested at school opening and closing times.

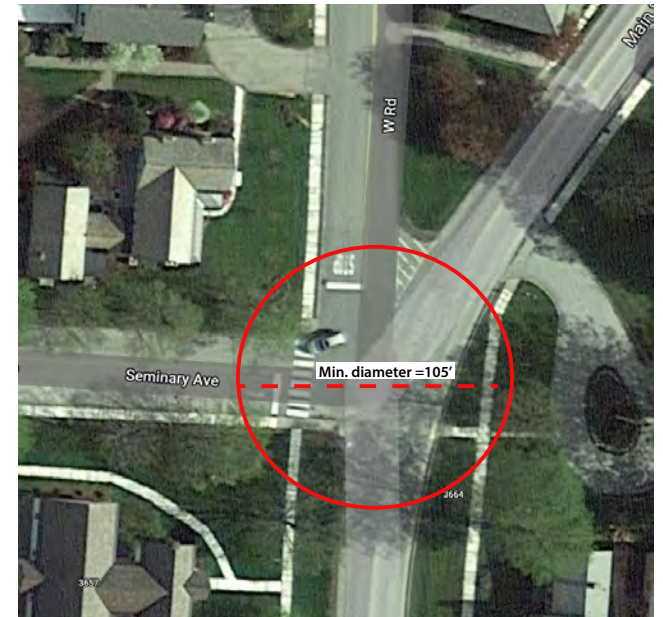
streetscape, it would be expensive, and it would likely take 5-10 years to implement.

For single-lane roundabouts the diameter is largely dependent on the turning requirements of the design vehicle. It should be wide enough to accommodate the design vehicle, but small enough for adequate deflection. The minimum is about 105 feet.

A detailed traffic studies is necessary to see if a single lane roundabout could work at this location. The percentage of left turns is a key variable in determining how much traffic volume a single-lane roundabout can handle. Left turns on any approach should not exceed 40%, according to criteria established by the Transportation Research Board (TRB).

Advantages of Roundabouts:

- **Decreased Vehicle Delay:** Roundabouts typically have less vehicle delay than signalized intersections. A study by Kansas State University found that roundabouts on average cut vehicle delays by 65%.
- **Increased Safety:** Roundabouts REDUCE the types of crashes where people are seriously hurt or killed by 78-82% when compared to conventional stop-controlled and signalized intersections [Source FHWA].



Crash History at the Route 7A/Seminary Ave. intersection (2010 – 2019)

According to VTrans Public Crash Data Query Tool, there were 9 crashes in the vicinity of the intersection. 8 crashes were Property Damage only, and one crash resulted in an injury. The intersection is not on the VTrans High Crash Intersection list. See appendix for map of Villages crashes.

Problem: Speeding on Seminary Ave., Ways Ln., Franklin Ave., and West Rd.

Solution: Install speed tables with appropriate design speeds where speeding is a problem. Work with the BCRC to conduct before/after studies to determine the speed table's effectiveness.

Unlike speed bumps, speed tables support vehicles entire wheel-base and can be designed for different speeds. A speed table combined with a crosswalk is a raised crosswalk.



Speed tables work in rural and urban settings.

PARKING

SURVEY

Is there enough parking in the Village?

- 58.7% – Yes
- 25.4% – No
- 15.9% – Don't know

Because only 25% of survey respondents think there is not enough parking in the Village, our conclusion is that lack of parking is not a major problem. As part of this study, BCRC inventoried parking spaces in the Village and found a total of 631 parking spaces (540 parking spaces in public and private parking lots and 91 on-street parking spaces. See Parking Inventory in the Appendix). Parking is a significant land use in the Village.

SECTION 2: LAND USE



Photo source: YTravel

INTRODUCTION

The Village of Manchester has a walkable, mixed-use center that is home to a number of regionally significant destinations and is recognized for its vitality through a State of Vermont village center designation. Two sites that are underutilized and vacant in the village center have recently attracted community attention for their reuse potential. First is the former Bennington County Courthouse, a majestic 1822 building that came under ownership of the Town of Manchester in 2020. Second is the site of the former Manchester Music Hall (also referred to as the Opera House) owned by Equinox Hotel, which has been a vacant parcel since 2021 when the derelict Music Hall was demolished. Since these sites currently see low-to-no use levels, introducing new uses and activity to them has the potential to impact traffic flows and parking access throughout the village center, which some residents already consider strained. This study sought to collect public input on the future use of these sites and understand concerns about how their reuse could impact the village center.



County Courthouse in yellow and the vacant site of the demolished Music Hall to the right.

COURTHOUSE

COURTHOUSE - SURVEY INPUT

A 2021 public input survey conducted for this study asked the public about preferred uses for the Courthouse building, concerns regarding any potential development, and reactions to one proposed use: as a performing arts center. Survey respondents reported that a range of public and private reuses of the Courthouse may be appealing, with a cultural or community center as the most popular response.

A theme across several responses was excitement about the opportunity the space presents for indoor winter programming.



The performing arts center proposal had significant support, although parking availability, small venue size, and competition with similar sites were common concerns.

Courthouse Reuse Preferences:

1. Arts and Culture Center or Community Center
2. Public Meeting Space, Mixed Offices, or Private Market/Cafe/Restaurant
3. Museum or Educational Space
4. Municipal Offices, Visitor Center, Private Event Space, or Sell the Property

Concerns about Courthouse Reuse as a Performing Arts Center

1. Parking Availability
2. Public Expense and Limited Need/High Competition for Use
3. Small Size and Traffic Congestion



At the time of the MPG project, the Town of Manchester, owner of the Courthouse, was pursuing a feasibility study for reuse of the Courthouse as a publicly-owned performing arts center. Almost 70% of respondents expressed support for reusing the Courthouse as a publicly owned performing arts center, with 41% of respondents strongly supporting the idea. Roughly 10% of respondents were skeptical or unsupportive of the proposal and 20% were neutral. Far and away the most prominent concern cited about using the building as a performing arts center was lack of adequate parking for patrons. Additional concerns included noise, site management and programming, and questions about equitable access to the building and associated programs.

COURTHOUSE - PLANNING POLICIES AND ZONING

The Village of Manchester Plan of Development (“Plan”) is a policy document developed in consultation with residents that sets out a vision and goals for future development of the Village. Some policies in the Plan are implemented through the Village’s Zoning Bylaw, which is a set of regulations that govern how land and buildings can be used and developed in specific areas. Both documents set out general guidelines for future use of the Courthouse and the site of the former Music Hall. Plan policies and zoning regulations are not static and are regularly updated to reflect evolving priorities of a community; however, successful long-term planning ideally makes these changes manifest as subtle policy

shifts over time rather than sudden, drastic transformations.

The Manchester Village Plan calls out the Courthouse as one of several “*pivotal structures of the Village center*” that embody the historic and stately character of the Village landscape. According to the Plan, ensuring the building remains well-cared for and “*visually compatible*” with its surrounding buildings and features is of paramount importance to the Village. As of 2020, responsibility for maintaining the large 1822 building changed from the State of Vermont to the Town of Manchester, meaning that the building is both an exciting opportunity and a new local liability. There is significant community interest in identifying future uses of the site that will generate enough revenues to offset the building’s considerable operation and maintenance costs if the building remains a public asset.

Two general Village Plan development guidelines are particularly relevant to the Courthouse: 1) *Any type or style of development that would adversely alter historic structures... must be avoided;* and 9) *Noise levels in all districts shall not be greater than levels acceptable for residential environments, and in accordance with any standards established by the Village* (Plan Section 5.2). In accordance with these policies, future reuse should not fundamentally alter the historic nature of the Courthouse, and future use or programming at the site should fit with the area’s tranquil ambiance.

The Courthouse is located in the Business-1 (B-1) District, whose purpose is to direct appropriately-scaled, compatible businesses to areas where they are most suitable and will support economic development of the Village. Uses most encouraged are businesses, professional services, and lodging facilities. There is fear that too many businesses will generate significant traffic and parking demand, so those must be carefully planned to prevent adverse impacts.

Shared parking lots among businesses are preferred.

The Courthouse falls within the Historic Core District and the Preservation District (Sections 4.3 And 4.4 of the Bylaw), meaning that development is strictly controlled by design criteria and guidelines, though the application of these guidelines to the Courthouse may be limited since the land parcel is already fully developed. All signs must comply with the Village Sign Regulations.

In the B-1 District, the Zoning Bylaw allows small retail with square footage restrictions, offices, banks, libraries, restaurants, hotels, service establishments, and residences. Conditional uses, which may be allowed if they meet specified standards and conditions, include larger retail with square footage restrictions, municipal offices, private clubs, group homes, bed and breakfasts, or public uses such as for a community center, arts space, or museum.

COURTHOUSE - SITE ACCESS

As noted, the public’s greatest concern about reusing the Courthouse building has been parking access, though the majority (59%) of respondents to the community survey did not consider parking a problem in the Village. At the Courthouse, however, parking availability is a strained topic since the building houses the Village’s municipal offices in the lowest story. Office visitors generally use on street public parking, but they also frequently use the large parking lot to the east of the Courthouse on the north side of Union St. This parking lot belongs to the Equinox Hotel and has approximately 136 parking spaces that are never fully occupied. Since this lot is not technically a public parking lot, though, there is concern that public access could be restricted at some point in the future, especially if the site were used more intensively.

If the Courthouse were to see high levels of use in the future, some speculate that could lead to a crack-down on the Equinox Hotel parking lot. It is not clear



ed Village center. The analysis counted about 1,300 spaces, which is equal to about 1.75 spaces per Village resident in the village center area alone. Not all of these spaces are suitable for public parking, but it may be possible to make a certain number available to the public after daytime business hours. Such extra spaces could relieve pressure from more central parking areas adjacent to the Courthouse or Music Hall site if those properties attract large numbers of people in the future.

COURTHOUSE - DISCUSSION

Generally, publicly supported uses for the Courthouse are consistent with the Town of Manchester's exploratory performing arts center study and with the uses allowed the Village Plan and Bylaws contemplate at the site. It is not evident how much of a threat limited parking access is to future use of the Courthouse, but the Village has a couple of options to explore if it becomes clearer that additional parking is needed or existing parking will become unavailable.

MUSIC HALL VACANT LOT

VACANT LOT – SURVEY INPUT

A 2021 public input survey conducted for this study asked the public about preferred uses for the vacant lot of the former Music Hall and concerns about potential development.

Importantly, future development plans for the site will be up to the owner, the Equinox Hotel, though the Village can require or incentivize certain public amenities or site conditions through the development review and permitting process.

The most popular reuse idea for the former Music Hall site was use as a public park, green space, or related community space, though other ideas include mixing a park with vehicle parking, providing parking only, or new commercial construction.

Music Hall Site Reuse Preferences:

1. Town Green/Park
2. Mix of Public Green and Parking
3. Parking or Private Commercial Infill Construction
4. Construction of Housing (Particularly Income-Qualified) or Community Center

Concerns about Music Hall Site Reuse

1. Aesthetics of the Site – Conform with Attractive, Historic Character of Village
2. Requests Not to Place a Large Parking Lot on the Site
3. Concerns about Site Generating Traffic Congestion

A principal concern for reuse of the former Music Hall site was aesthetics. Many respondents noted that any future construction on the site should conform with existing architectural themes of surrounding buildings. Even for respondents who preferred open space on the site, many emphasized that a town green should be attractively landscaped. Several responses in this category requested that the site not be adapted for redundant uses already underutilized in the village such as vacant retail or office spaces.

VACANT LOT – PLANNING POLICIES AND ZONING

The site of the former Music Hall, long owned by Equinox Hotel, is considered in the Village Plan to be part of the “*Equinox complex*” that has historically dominated the Village and “*set the tone of the community*”. The complex consists of diverse facilities, parking areas, and open space owned by the Equinox Hotel. Due to the unique influence and tenure of

how well-founded these speculations are since little of known about occupancy potential of the Courthouse building or the intentions the Equinox Hotel has for the large Union Street parking lot. It does seem that

the Village has leverage to negotiate a formal public parking access agreement with the Equinox Hotel in the future when that group wishes to redevelop the former Music Hall site.

As a first step to assess whether there is a parking shortage in the Village, a parking inventory was conducted in 2021 to count existing public and commercial parking spaces in and adjacent to the designat-

these properties, the Village has designated them as the Equinox Historic District (EHD) land use area to which special zoning regulations apply.

Special regulations allow for more flexibility in how sites are used and developed in exchange for more opportunities for the Village to impose conditions that serve the needs of the community. This type of development is known as a Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Permitted uses include retail, offices, personal service establishments, municipal uses, and lodging and associated facilities. Plan policies for the EHD include the following requirements: 1) *Development within the District must proceed in accordance with an overall development plan (PUD)... [consistent with a] 9) Equinox Master Plan; 5) The overall residential density shall be no greater than 3 dwelling units per acre; 6) Maximum building coverage shall be 15%; 7) Retail trade establishments shall contain a maximum of 2,000 square feet of total area for a one-story building, and a maximum of 3,000 square feet total in a 1-1/2 or 2-story building; and 8) At least half of the PUD should be open space* (Plan Section 5.11).

Elsewhere, the Manchester Village Plan observes that the Village center's character arises primarily from existing buildings' historic architecture, density, and muted color palette as well as from the mature landscaping and seasonal decoration of open spaces. New construction on the vacant lot owned by Equinox Hotel should incorporate tasteful landscaping, thoughtful site design, and built forms that conform with the Village's Historic Core District and Preservation District design criteria (Sections 4.3 And 4.4 of the Bylaw), which will also guide the design of new construction on the site. It should be noted, though, that the Plan does not require absolute homogeneity across the built landscape. According



to the Plan, the “existing diversity of building types” in the Village center is desirable.

In addition to the policies for the EHD, two general Village Plan development guidelines are relevant to the former Music Hall site: 5) *Development must consider the relationship to adjacent properties; and 7) Parking shall be to the rear of the building whenever possible and feasible* (Section 5.2). Responses to the community survey captured a common perception that this site's reuse could impact surrounding properties by adding parking capacity to the Village center. See discussion under **Site Access**. Calls for the site to include parking in the future were numerous, and it's possible that including parking to account for new onsite use is sound. However, the majority of survey respondents (59%) indicated that there is no parking problem in the Village center, and a recent parking inventory suggests that abundant existing parking may be better used to alleviate select areas that experience periodically high parking demand.

Other Plan policies support the development of affordable and senior housing where viable, and income- or age-qualifying housing was cited as a potential use for this site. However, future use of the site will be up to Equinox Hotel and it so far seems likely they will focus on facilities that will cater mostly to hotel guests.

VACANT LOT – SITE ACCESS

Similarly, with the Courthouse, some public survey respondents were concerned about how redevelopment of the vacant Music Hall site would impact traffic and parking availability. Respondents suggested that the site include parking to serve either its own future use or to help meet the parking demand of surrounding sites like the Little Equinox shops and the municipal offices. Conversely, a number of other respondents emphatically objected to the anticipated notion that the site be used for parking.



Again, it is not apparent that there is a parking scarcity problem in the Village. The majority of survey respondents (59%) stated that there was no parking problem, and the parking inventory revealed an abundance (1,300+ spaces) of existing parking in the walkable Village center, though assuring these spaces are available for public use would require further action. Identifying available parking areas that are not immediately adjacent to the former Music Hall site and Courthouse can help make sure that adjacent parking areas are serving those who need them most. In fact, the Village Plan praises organized satellite parking and traffic calming efforts undertaken for events hosted at Orvis: *“Appropriate off-site parking as well as vehicular and pedestrian control measures will help to reduce the traffic impact of such events.”*

The Village Plan has a policy supporting shared parking areas for the B-1 district. Explicitly expanding this policy to the EHD would encourage shared use of the largest parking lots in the Village. Additional signs and handicapped parking spaces could assure that visitors in need are accommodated while others

can find parking at an agreeable walking distance. It takes roughly 10 minutes to walk the 0.6 miles from the northeastern-most part of the designated village center to the southern-most part. This is a distance most people cover several times over when walking in a shopping mall, yet surprisingly the same people can balk at walking the distance to park vehicles.

Not only does satellite parking relieve vehicle pressure in densely settled areas, but getting people out of their vehicles and walking down main streets is known to boost the revenues and viability of businesses, particularly sole proprietor shops. Keeping the Village walkable by siting parking only where its needed will support the Village economy in the short and long runs.

VACANT LOT – DISCUSSION

Given that the site of the former Music Hall is currently an open, vacant lot, it makes sense that members of the public who responded to the survey most easily imagined open space and – in some cases – parking lots as reuses of the site.

Yet land use principles suggest the highest and best use of the property is more likely to be redevelopment as a multi-story, mixed use building that would introduce a combination of residential and commercial uses to the heart of the Village center.

It has long been demonstrated that mixed uses spur vitality in historic centers by placing residents – customers – in proximity to the businesses (cafés, restaurants, dry cleaners) they wish to frequent.

However, for such a mixed use building to be possible on this site, the land use policies and zoning regulations would require revision to allow additional density beyond the 3 units per acre threshold that is currently permitted. This density threshold is uncharacteristically low for such a centrally located site served by public water and wastewater. The regulations could even incentivize smaller, more affordable housing units with a density bonus provision. However, it is not clear that such a mixed use residential project would appeal to Equinox Hotel.

CONCLUSIONS

The public supports a range of potential uses for the Courthouse and former Music Hall sites, though in both cases the respective property owners will pursue uses they find will most likely succeed. The assumed high costs for public operation and maintenance of the Courthouse suggest that its best reuse proposals will be those that can reliably generate revenues to support long-term upkeep of the building if it is to remain a public asset. The highest and best use of the former Music Hall site – from a land use perspective – is mostly likely a dense, mixed-use infill project that would take advantage of the site’s central location and access to public water and wastewater infrastructure. Such a project would provide walkable housing units to the Village center and

residents that can in turn support local businesses on foot. It is not clear how such a proposal would fit with the Equinox Hotel's vision for the property, though, and that proposal would require a revision of the Village's land use policies.

Given the possible concerns about parking availability in the Village center, it is recommended that the Village use its conditional review process for any redevelopment that will occur on the vacant former Music Hall site to negotiate a formalized shared parking agreement with the Equinox Hotel. An agreement could focus on the Union Street lot but also potentially include other centrally-located parking areas owned by Equinox Hotel. It is possible that controls on public access such as time windows when parking spaces become "public" versus "private" could be determined through dialogue.

It is additionally recommended that the Village explore other ways to incentivize the sharing of existing parking spaces, which total over 1,300 within a 10-minute walk of one another. Ideas include introducing signs that direct traffic to designated public parking areas and encouraging people to walk and bike through further improved biking and walking infrastructure.

Development incentive benefits are available to support redevelopment of both the Courthouse and former Music Hall sites

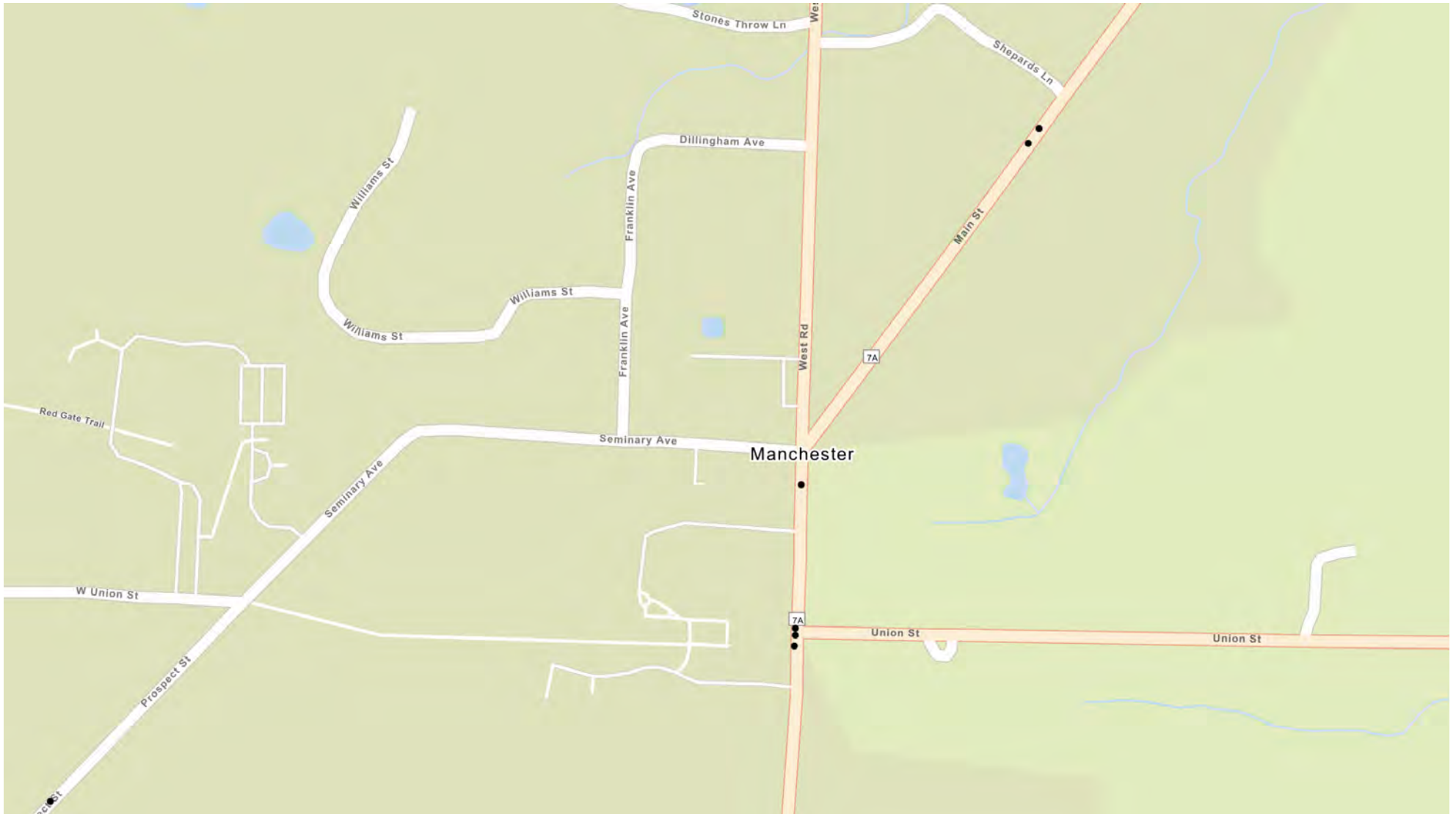
through the Vermont [Village Center Designation Program](#). Benefits include special training and technical assistance, priority consideration for state grants and facilities siting, and financial incentives in the form of tax credits for improvements to historic buildings. The Bennington County Regional Commission is happy to advise on how best to use these benefits.



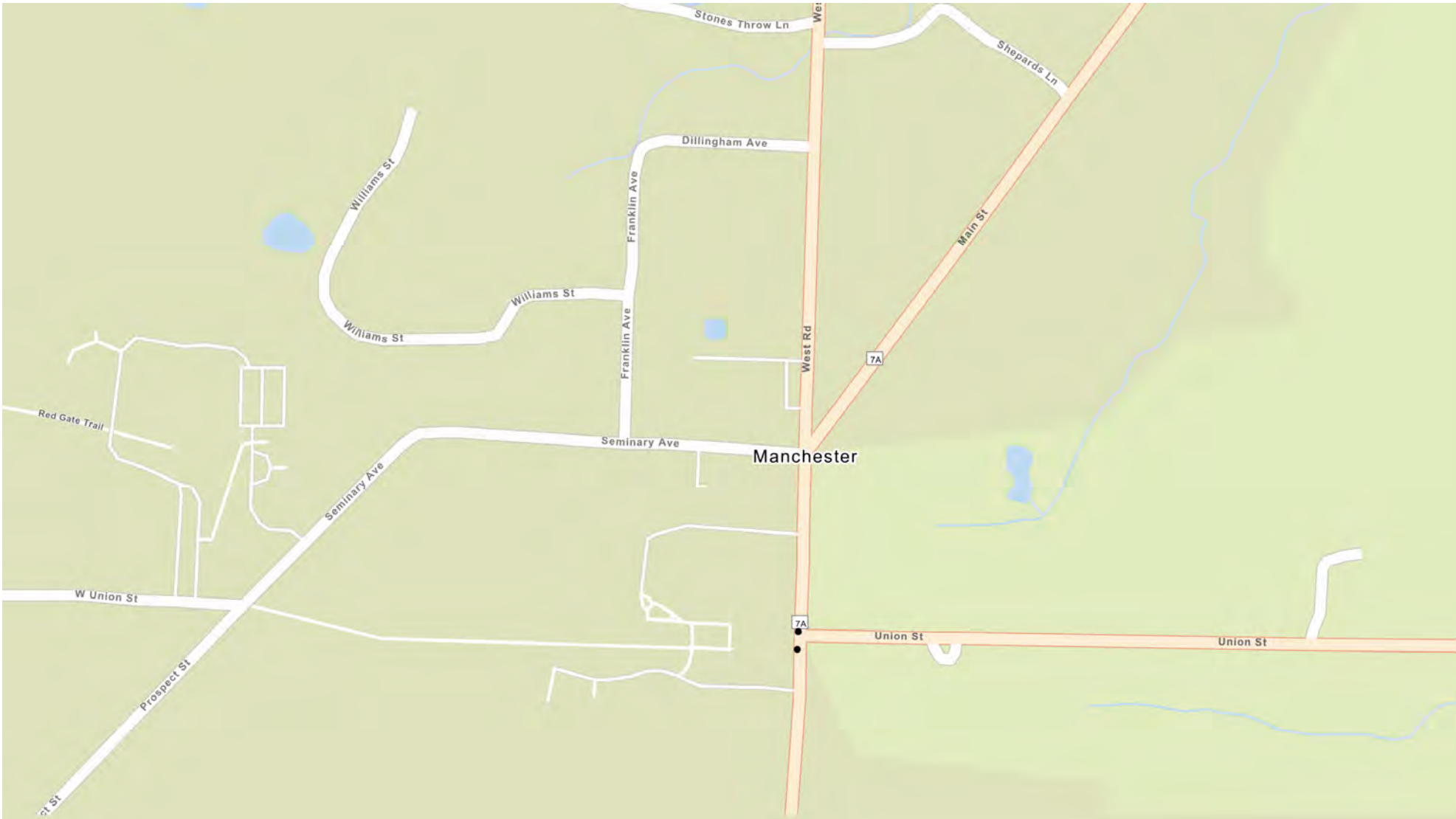
ALL CRASHES 2011-2021



INJURY CRASHES 2011-2021

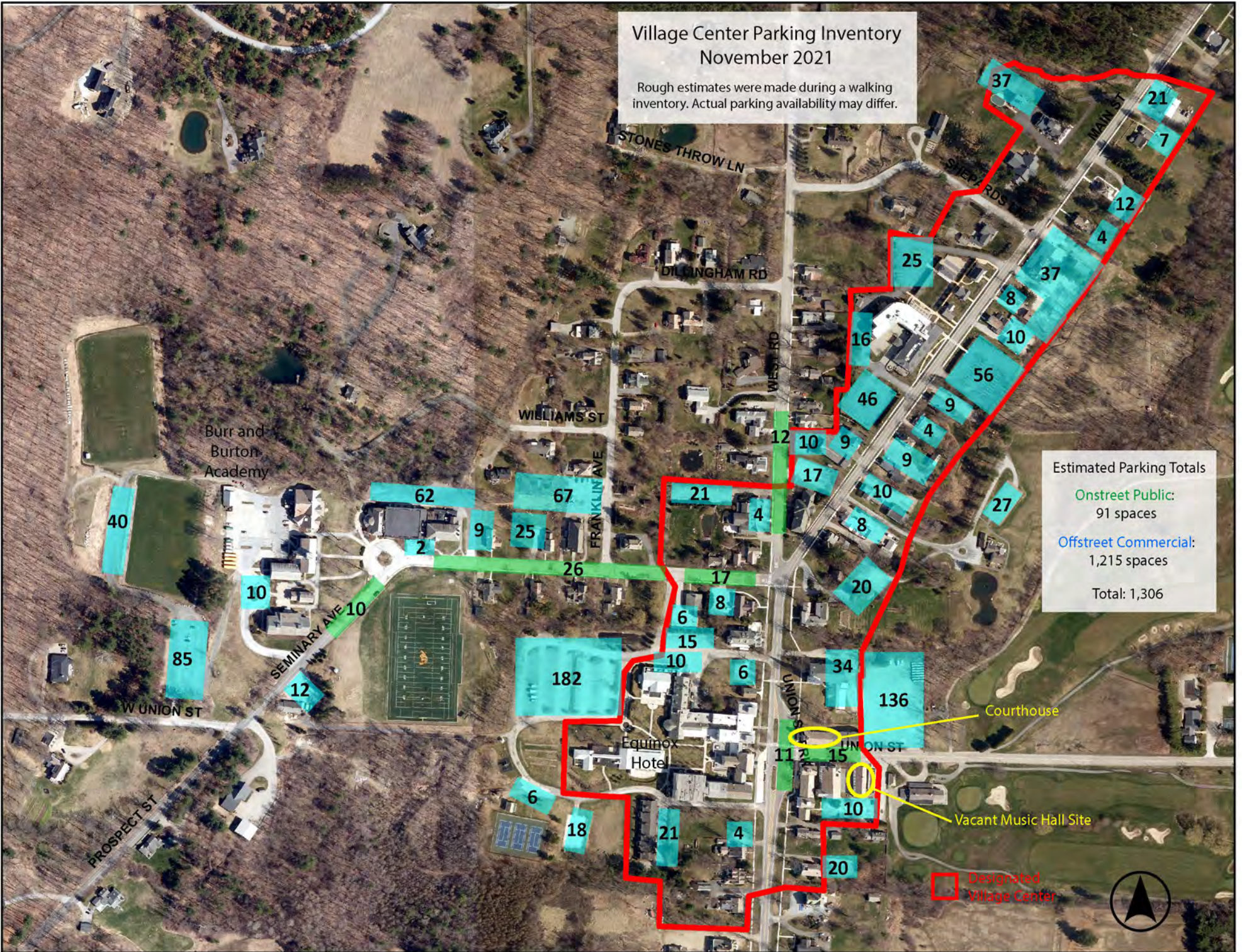


PEDESTRIAN CRASHES 2011-2021



Village Center Parking Inventory November 2021

Rough estimates were made during a walking inventory. Actual parking availability may differ.



2021 Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

Background

In 2021, the Village of Manchester received a Municipal Planning Grant (MPG) to pursue a land use and connectivity study for the village center area. The purpose of the study was to identify ways to improve transportation safety and efficiency in the Village. The study also analyzed potential reuses of the former County Courthouse building and the site of the former historic Music Hall that was recently demolished and whose future reuse would attract additional traffic to the village center. The Bennington County Regional Commission (BCRC) served as consultant on the project and published a survey in late July to gather public input on these topics. The survey was open until September 24, 2021 and received 83 responses.

Key Survey Takeaways

Transportation & Village Connectivity

1. Survey respondents consider the Village to be a safe and comfortable place to walk and drive, though some state that existing infrastructure could be improved. Survey respondents reported that biking is less safe, particularly along Route 7A. 77% of respondents said Route 7A should be made safer for cycling.
2. The intersection of Route 7A, Seminary Avenue, and West Road is a source of concern for many pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists. When asked to explain concerns about this intersection, 26% of respondents to the question expressed no safety concerns, while a majority reported issues like high speeds and uncertainty approaching the intersection. Traffic delays and congestion occur frequently during school start and end times.
3. Common suggestions for making the Village safer to walk, bike and drive include enforcing speed limits, modifying and expanding sidewalks, installing bike paths/lanes, improving crosswalks, and implementing traffic calming measures such as a roundabout or speed humps.

Site Reuse

4. Survey respondents report that a range of public and private reuses of the courthouse may be appealing, with a cultural or community center as the most popular response. A specific proposal to reuse the former courthouse as a performing arts center has significant support, although parking availability, small venue size, and competition with similar sites are common concerns.
5. The most popular reuse idea for the former music hall site is use as a public park, green space, or related community space, though other ideas include mixing a park with vehicle parking, providing parking only, or new commercial construction. Future aesthetic of the site is the primary concern from survey respondents.

Parking

6. Perceptions of a parking problem in the village center vary, though a majority (59%) of respondents indicate that there is currently sufficient parking in the village center.

Survey Respondents

Of the 83 respondents to the survey, 58% (48) were Village residents, 23% (19) were seasonal residents, and 19% (16) were “other.” The “other” category included business and commercial property owners in the Village, people who work in the Village, former residents, and Town of Manchester residents.

Transportation Safety

Introductory questions asked respondents about their overall feelings of comfort and safety while walking, driving, and biking through the village center. Respondents indicated generally high levels of comfort for walking and driving. Walking was rated highest, with 68% of respondents feeling “very safe and comfortable” and another 29% of respondents rating their walking experience as “OK but needs improvement”. For driving, respondents were similarly positive, but recognized more room for improvement. More than 58% of respondents said they felt “very safe” while driving in the Village and 38% reported that their driving experience was OK, but changes could improve comfort.

Perspectives on the safety of biking diverged from this trend. Only 15% of survey respondents reported that biking was comfortable and safe, 38% responded that biking was OK but needed improvement, and 20% stated that biking was “not at all” comfortable and safe. Notably more than one in four survey respondents said they could not respond due to lack of experience biking in the Village. When another question focused on the bike safety along the Route 7A corridor, respondents were more negative in their responses. Most respondents (38%) stated that biking on 7A was “not at all” comfortable and safe. The second largest response group (32%) reported that they did not know or had never biked on Route 7A before. Just 3% of respondents stated that Route 7A is safe for biking. When asked if Route 7A should be made safer for biking, 77% of all respondents said yes and 23% said no.

Additional questions asked about specific sites of congestion and discomfort in the village center. The intersection of Seminary Avenue, West Road, and Route 7A was frequently cited as an unsafe area to walk, as were Ways Lane and Franklin Avenue due to high traffic from Burr & Burton Academy (BBA). Several respondents cited difficulty and danger in navigating the Seminary Ave/West Rd/7A intersection, and concerns about cars driving too fast on Ways Lane and Union Street. Respondents commonly suggested more bike lanes in the Village, and again cited safety concerns at the Seminary Ave/West Rd/7A intersection. 48% of respondents reported experiencing significant traffic delays at the Seminary Ave/West Rd/7A intersection, particularly during BBA drop-off and pick-up times, and several respondents have safety concerns about the intersection.

Respondents had several common suggestions for improving transportation safety in the Village, including adding more street signs, speed humps and traffic lights in high-traffic areas, and installing a roundabout at the Seminary Ave/West Rd/7A intersection. Respondents also suggested expanding sidewalks and bike lanes, and increasing police presence in high-traffic area to reduce speeding.

Reuse of the Courthouse Building and Music Hall Site

Survey questions asked generally about preferred uses for the courthouse building and former music hall site. The most common suggestions for reuse of the former courthouse building are summarized below. A theme across several responses was the opportunity the space presents for indoor winter programming.

Courthouse Reuse Preferences:

1. Arts and Culture Center or Community Center
2. Public Meeting Space, Mixed Offices, or Private Market/Cafe/Restaurant
3. Museum or Educational Space
4. Municipal Offices, Visitor Center, Private Event Space, or Sell the Property

Concerns about Courthouse Reuse as a Performing Arts Center

1. Parking Availability
2. Public Expense and Limited Need/High Competition for Use
3. Small Size and Traffic Congestion

The Town of Manchester, who owns the courthouse, was pursuing a feasibility study for reuse of the courthouse as a publicly-owned performing arts center at the time of the MPG project. A survey question asked about support for this concept. Almost 70% of respondents expressed support for reusing the courthouse as a publicly owned performing arts center, with 41% of respondents strongly supporting the idea. Roughly 10% of respondents were skeptical of or did not support this use and 20% were neutral. Far and away the most prominent concern cited about using the building as a performing arts center was lack of adequate parking for patrons. See a summary of primary reuse concerns above. Additional concerns included noise, site management and programming, and questions about public and equitable access to the building and associated programming.

The most popular suggestion for reuse of the former site of the historic music hall was adapting the open lot into a public park with garden space and outdoor events such as concerts, farmers markets, or pop-up retail. Additional reuse ideas are noted below.

Music Hall Site Reuse Preferences:

1. Town Green/Park
2. Mix of Public Green and Parking
3. Parking or Private Commercial Infill Construction
4. Construction of Housing (Particularly Income-Qualified) or Community Center

Concerns about Music Hall Site Reuse

1. Aesthetics of the Site – Conform with Attractive, Historic Character of Village
2. Requests Not to Place a Large Parking Lot on the Site
3. Concerns about Site Generating Traffic Congestion

A principal concern for reuse of the former Music Hall site was aesthetics. Many respondents noted that any future construction on the site should conform with existing architectural themes of surrounding buildings. Even for respondents who preferred open space on the site, many emphasized that a town green should be attractively landscaped. Two additional concerns are summarized above. Several responses in this category requested that the site not be adapted for redundant uses already underutilized in the village such as vacant retail or office spaces.

Parking

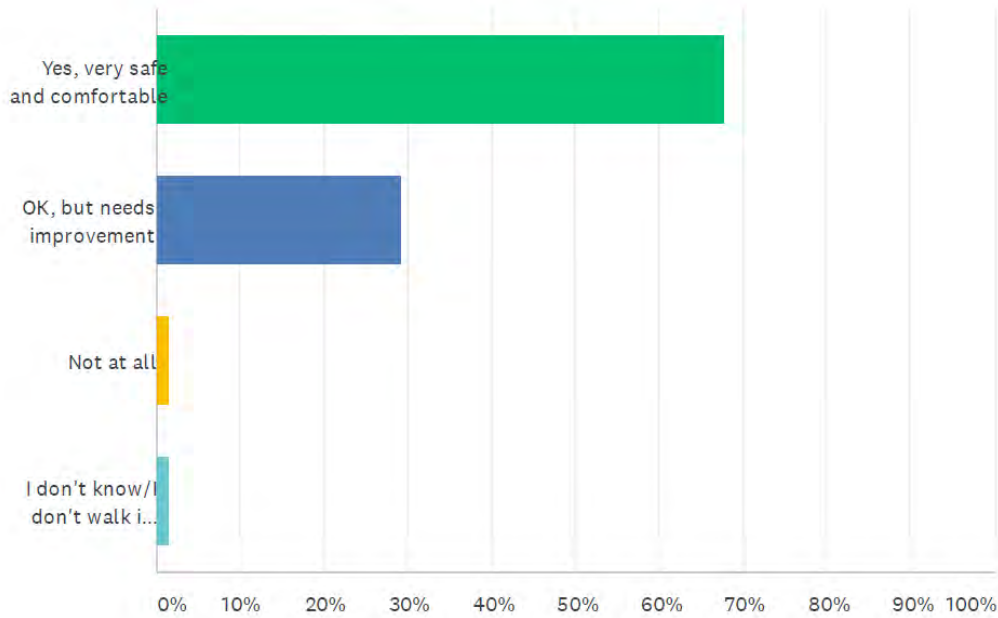
59% of survey respondents said there is enough parking in the Village, and 25% said there was not. Respondents reported having trouble finding parking at BBA, Little Equinox, Union Street, and in the

village center generally. Some respondents suggested adding more parking at the former music hall site, but other respondents did not want to see more parking developed in the Village.

Selection of Graphed Results – complete data available from BCRC

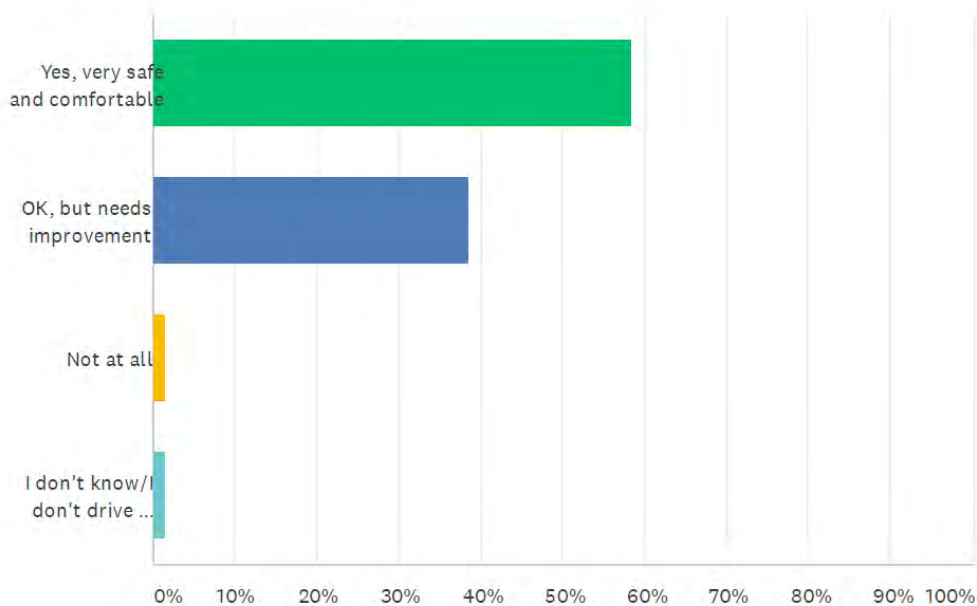
Q7 Is Manchester Village a comfortable and safe place to walk?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 18



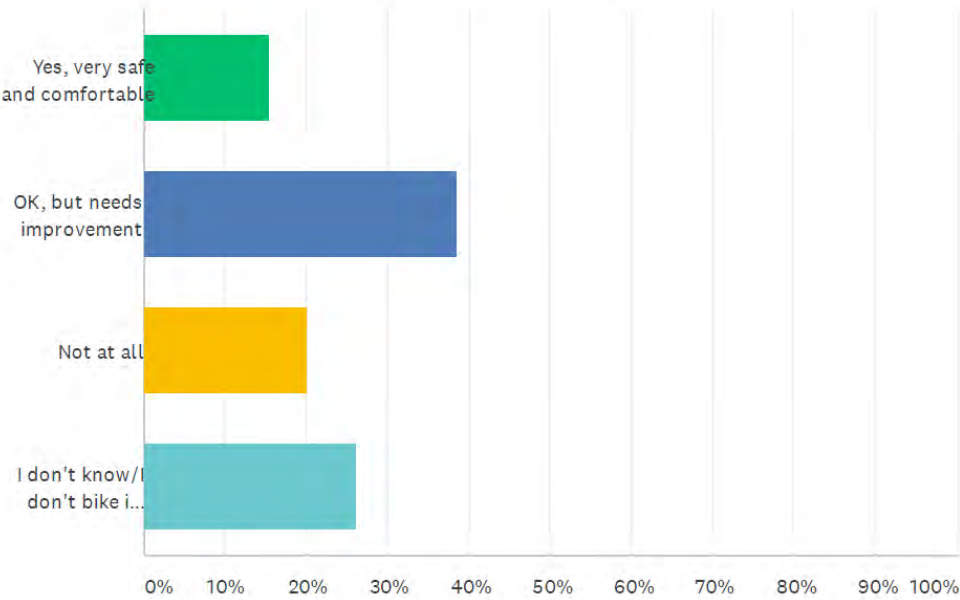
Q13 Is Manchester Village a comfortable and safe place to drive?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 18



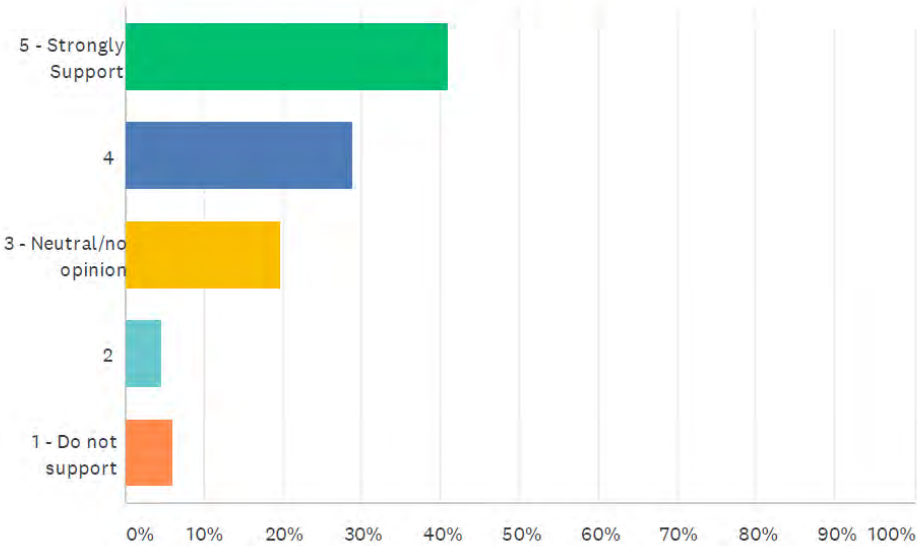
Q9 Is Manchester Village a comfortable and safe place to ride a bicycle?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 18



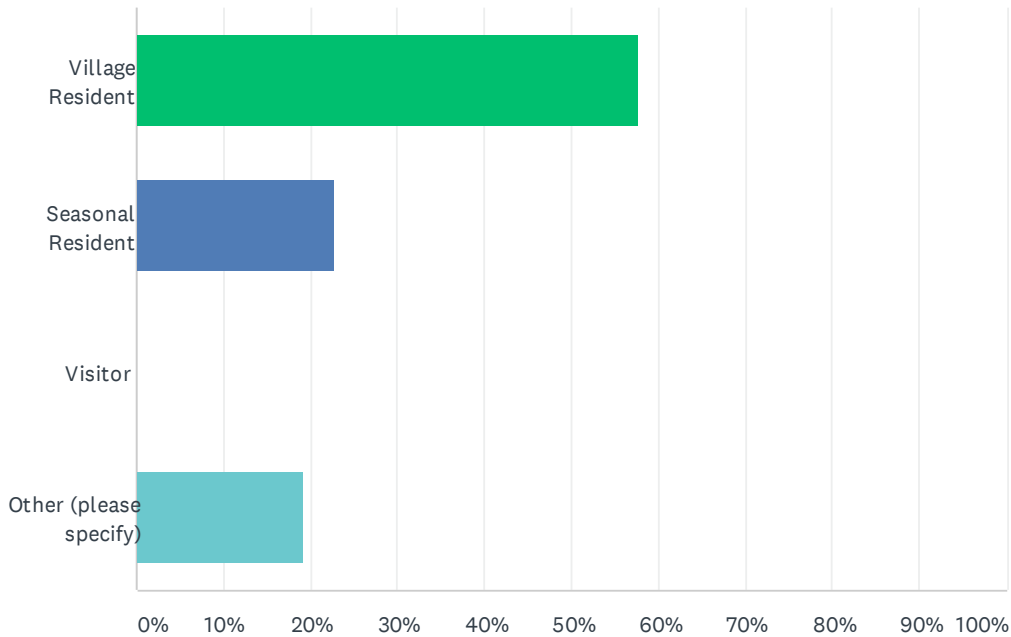
Q3 The Town of Manchester is exploring reuse of the county courthouse as a publicly-owned performing arts center. Please indicate your level of support for reusing the courthouse as a performing arts center.

Answered: 66 Skipped: 17



Q1 Which of the following best describes you?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 0



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Village Resident | 57.83% | 48 |
| Seasonal Resident | 22.89% | 19 |
| Visitor | 0.00% | 0 |
| Other (please specify) | 19.28% | 16 |
| TOTAL | | 83 |

| # | OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY) | DATE |
|----|--|-------------------|
| 1 | Business owner | 9/23/2021 3:24 PM |
| 2 | Village resident and village business owner | 9/19/2021 4:57 PM |
| 3 | Every weekend and holidays, summer weeks | 9/12/2021 8:35 AM |
| 4 | Work in Manchester Village | 9/9/2021 9:16 AM |
| 5 | Long time second home owner in 05255 | 9/8/2021 6:44 PM |
| 6 | business owner | 9/7/2021 11:32 AM |
| 7 | Former 30+ year resident | 9/2/2021 3:21 PM |
| 8 | Commercial property owner | 9/2/2021 11:25 AM |
| 9 | business owner | 9/2/2021 8:42 AM |
| 10 | Business | 9/1/2021 1:12 PM |
| 11 | 5 month Renter and have P.O Box in the village | 8/31/2021 4:05 PM |
| 12 | business owner | 8/31/2021 3:55 PM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

| | | |
|----|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 13 | Town resident | 8/19/2021 5:20 PM |
| 14 | Town of Manchester resident | 8/19/2021 1:38 PM |
| 15 | All year round part time | 8/7/2021 3:37 PM |
| 16 | Local Employee | 8/2/2021 9:41 PM |

Q2 How should the former courthouse building owned by the Town of Manchester be reused?

Answered: 66 Skipped: 17

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Sell to BBA | 9/23/2021 3:26 PM |
| 2 | concert hall, town hall meeting site | 9/23/2021 1:10 PM |
| 3 | Something that honors its historical significance and attracts a modest number of "users" | 9/19/2021 5:09 PM |
| 4 | Updated and modernized village offices | 9/17/2021 11:43 AM |
| 5 | Temp agency/chamber of commerce/local student art display | 9/16/2021 1:50 PM |
| 6 | Location for civic discussions in a participatory manner. Done with a collaborative group of nonprofits | 9/15/2021 6:31 PM |
| 7 | A community, arts and/or historical center/museum; expansion of the Village offices. But, just preserve it as the historical center of the Village. | 9/14/2021 10:37 AM |
| 8 | Village meetings, historical society, other community events | 9/14/2021 9:32 AM |
| 9 | Community space - make it accessible for a variety of artists and uses | 9/13/2021 9:39 PM |
| 10 | Music venue | 9/12/2021 4:13 PM |
| 11 | Public meeting space, example. AA, ALANON, NA etc | 9/12/2021 12:36 PM |
| 12 | Music venue | 9/12/2021 8:37 AM |
| 13 | Multipurpose, community-based function hall. Or sell to the highest bidder | 9/9/2021 4:55 PM |
| 14 | I would love to see a coffee shop/market in the village. Maybe with community space for meetings/events. | 9/9/2021 2:30 PM |
| 15 | Historical landmark; educational purposes | 9/9/2021 2:06 PM |
| 16 | Office spaces/ visitor center/ museum | 9/9/2021 9:22 AM |
| 17 | not sure | 9/7/2021 9:28 PM |
| 18 | What are the options? It would be nice to have it renovated to be more historic interior, and be open as a museum to host photos and other memorabilia perhaps be offices for the Manchester Historical Society. | 9/7/2021 5:43 PM |
| 19 | concert hall, public meeting space | 9/7/2021 11:33 AM |
| 20 | museum or lecture hall | 9/6/2021 2:27 PM |
| 21 | Coffee shop/lunch counter/wine bar. We could use something like that on this side of town that is not the equinox hotel. | 9/6/2021 1:43 PM |
| 22 | Where do we plan to relocate the current people who office there now and would that be an additional expense. If we don't need it, has the village considered selling it for development. | 9/6/2021 9:53 AM |
| 23 | Not sure | 9/6/2021 8:49 AM |
| 24 | Sell it | 9/5/2021 9:03 AM |
| 25 | Performing arts, concerts on the green | 9/4/2021 6:13 PM |
| 26 | Options would have been nice to review or at least describing the courthouse as some folks are not familiar with this structure or its history. Sell it, adaptive reuse - restaurant/recreational or community center, an economic driver - tours, museum? Is it structurally sound? Nothing that causes local taxes to increase - we already pay too much for no services. | 9/4/2021 11:26 AM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

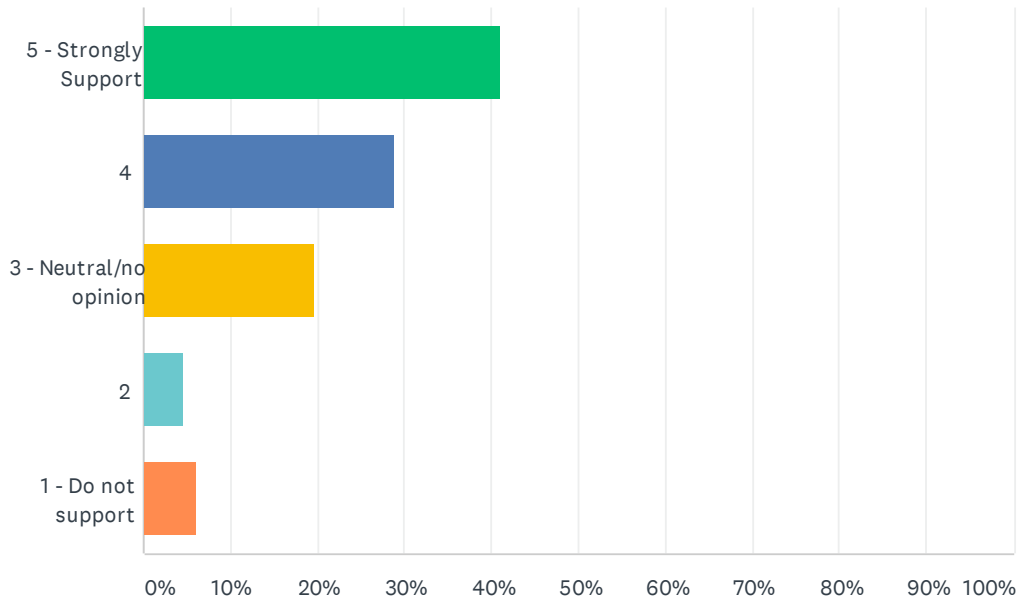
| | | |
|----|---|-------------------|
| 27 | Museum or historical society | 9/3/2021 12:52 PM |
| 28 | Tourist car | 9/3/2021 11:37 AM |
| 29 | Museum maybe | 9/3/2021 11:36 AM |
| 30 | Give it to the Manchester Historical society | 9/2/2021 9:12 PM |
| 31 | One possible use might be for 'Co-Working Space' that could be rented out hourly/daily/weekly/monthly to individuals (writers, artists, etc.) or small groups | 9/2/2021 3:31 PM |
| 32 | Inn or Office building | 9/2/2021 3:24 PM |
| 33 | It should be preserved as a courthouse setting but used for meetings and events by locals and overflow from the hotels. | 9/2/2021 10:30 AM |
| 34 | Rental for public events and private events (weddings, etc) | 9/2/2021 8:46 AM |
| 35 | Lease it for commercial use. | 9/1/2021 8:23 PM |
| 36 | Community center or museum | 9/1/2021 6:13 PM |
| 37 | Indoor shopping for the winter | 9/1/2021 1:43 PM |
| 38 | Informational kiosks and displays highlighting area businesses and recreational opportunities. A sort of unstaffed chamber of commerce with flyers, etc. Indoor farmers market for the winter Hosting craft fairs and other small events | 9/1/2021 1:17 PM |
| 39 | Public meetings, concerts, lectures | 9/1/2021 12:59 PM |
| 40 | Adaptive re-use - Village Post Office | 9/1/2021 11:56 AM |
| 41 | An Indoor Food Court with different food offerings. A fun place to go especially in the winter. | 8/31/2021 8:26 PM |
| 42 | Public arts center that includes a movie theater | 8/31/2021 5:53 PM |
| 43 | As a historic site, but use it for commercial purposes in parallel. For example, restaurant, retail store, bednbreakfast, etc. It should be distinctively separate from the Equinox resort. | 8/31/2021 4:20 PM |
| 44 | Something that public can use regularly | 8/31/2021 4:08 PM |
| 45 | To benefit community gatherings and non-profit organizations who serve the community. | 8/31/2021 3:58 PM |
| 46 | Music, restaurant space, community center | 8/31/2021 3:19 PM |
| 47 | As a court house | 8/31/2021 3:14 PM |
| 48 | In a way that protects the historic value of the building and has thoughtful consideration of parking and traffic congestion. | 8/30/2021 5:47 AM |
| 49 | Hostel, community center, office space | 8/19/2021 5:26 PM |
| 50 | As a public meeting and arts space. | 8/19/2021 1:40 PM |
| 51 | I would like to see it used as a community center. I run a complimentary Mah Jongg program and would appreciate a facility to hold lessons and to accommodate 30+ people for open-play. | 8/16/2021 8:10 AM |
| 52 | No opinion | 8/12/2021 2:40 PM |
| 53 | Wedding Venue, party space or office space | 8/9/2021 1:07 PM |
| 54 | I like the suggestion of a performing arts space. | 8/8/2021 2:56 PM |
| 55 | Dont have a clue. Something that will enhance the community without creating a financial drain. | 8/8/2021 11:04 AM |
| 56 | Performing arts center | 8/7/2021 3:45 PM |
| 57 | As a public space - an information center, a recreation hall, a space for Town meetings | 8/7/2021 3:03 PM |
| 58 | Public Venue for small concerts, lectures, meetings. | 8/7/2021 2:25 PM |
| 59 | Offices? | 8/7/2021 11:44 AM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

| | | |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 60 | Historical site for visitors, rental for events, upper floors could be rented out for offices, community meeting place. | 8/3/2021 12:27 PM |
| 61 | Sold for private enterprise. Could make an interesting location for a business or venue | 8/2/2021 9:46 PM |
| 62 | Public venue of some type. | 8/2/2021 4:40 PM |
| 63 | AS A MEETING PLACE FOR LOCAL AGENCIES AND BUSINESSES | 7/31/2021 12:01 PM |
| 64 | Public viewing space and museum for the Manchester Historical Society. | 7/29/2021 7:26 AM |
| 65 | Meeting space Small concerts Private parties | 7/28/2021 8:17 PM |
| 66 | multi use space with professional offices, meeting room for Village use | 7/23/2021 11:06 AM |

Q3 The Town of Manchester is exploring reuse of the county courthouse as a publicly-owned performing arts center. Please indicate your level of support for reusing the courthouse as a performing arts center.

Answered: 66 Skipped: 17



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| 5 - Strongly Support | 40.91% | 27 |
| 4 | 28.79% | 19 |
| 3 - Neutral/no opinion | 19.70% | 13 |
| 2 | 4.55% | 3 |
| 1 - Do not support | 6.06% | 4 |
| TOTAL | | 66 |

Q4 Do you have any concerns about using the courthouse as a public performing arts center?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 18

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1 | None. Great idea. | 9/23/2021 3:26 PM |
| 2 | No. | 9/23/2021 1:10 PM |
| 3 | Lack of parking and the small size of the building should limit use to low-traffic options like a gallery space or coffee house. | 9/19/2021 5:09 PM |
| 4 | Parking | 9/17/2021 11:43 AM |
| 5 | Parking | 9/16/2021 1:50 PM |
| 6 | No | 9/15/2021 6:31 PM |
| 7 | The expense of refitting it for that specific purpose. | 9/14/2021 10:37 AM |
| 8 | No | 9/14/2021 9:32 AM |
| 9 | Not as long as there is adequate space used and allocated for local government and agencies | 9/13/2021 9:39 PM |
| 10 | no | 9/12/2021 4:13 PM |
| 11 | No | 9/12/2021 12:36 PM |
| 12 | No | 9/12/2021 8:37 AM |
| 13 | Parking | 9/9/2021 4:55 PM |
| 14 | Sounds great. Can it have a cafe open to the public? | 9/9/2021 2:30 PM |
| 15 | No | 9/9/2021 2:06 PM |
| 16 | Handicap access | 9/9/2021 9:22 AM |
| 17 | no | 9/7/2021 9:28 PM |
| 18 | no. great idea! | 9/7/2021 5:43 PM |
| 19 | No | 9/7/2021 11:33 AM |
| 20 | parking | 9/6/2021 2:27 PM |
| 21 | parking. as a member of the design review board in the village we always grapple with the lack of parking for what is already there. Little Equinox has no parking except for the street. I don't believe that the courthouse has any parking either... all is owned by the Equinox Hotel. A performance space is an interesting idea but I'd be cautious about another non-profit arts center that would need to rely on the folks who already need to support so many other non-profit spaces and organizations in our area. | 9/6/2021 1:43 PM |
| 22 | The cost of renovation required. Who would actually use it. Who would manage it. Who would decide what type of entertainment would be allowed which could surely impact the type of renovation required and create social conflict based on content that is allowed or not allowed. Would it be used seasonally or year round. | 9/6/2021 9:53 AM |
| 23 | Traffic and congestion | 9/6/2021 8:49 AM |
| 24 | If it a self supporting and tax paying property I am in favor | 9/5/2021 9:03 AM |
| 25 | No | 9/4/2021 6:13 PM |
| 26 | Increased taxes, maintenance and traffic | 9/4/2021 11:26 AM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

| | | |
|----|---|-------------------|
| 27 | Traffic and noise concerns | 9/3/2021 12:52 PM |
| 28 | No if demand is there | 9/3/2021 11:37 AM |
| 29 | Not big enough. Parking | 9/3/2021 11:36 AM |
| 30 | Air filtration, heating, plumbing, electrical | 9/2/2021 9:12 PM |
| 31 | - not sure how good the acoustics are - would need considerable investment to provide lighting, stage, sound equipment, electrical work - limited audience capacity | 9/2/2021 3:31 PM |
| 32 | no | 9/2/2021 10:30 AM |
| 33 | Is there the need? Aren't there other spaces locally for that now - BBA, SVAC, Dorset theater. | 9/2/2021 8:46 AM |
| 34 | Competition with the Arts Center may diminish participation at each venue. If the deans is there I am all for a new performing arts center. | 9/1/2021 8:23 PM |
| 35 | No | 9/1/2021 6:13 PM |
| 36 | No | 9/1/2021 1:43 PM |
| 37 | Parking availability | 9/1/2021 1:17 PM |
| 38 | No | 9/1/2021 12:59 PM |
| 39 | Already have facilities for this purpose | 9/1/2021 11:56 AM |
| 40 | .Yes there are enough Performing Arts venues in the area---- Dorset Theatre, Weston Theatre. Manchester Music Festival Taconic Music SVAC. None of these are operating all year. Another venue is unnecessary .duplication. | 8/31/2021 8:26 PM |
| 41 | No | 8/31/2021 5:53 PM |
| 42 | no, other than parking | 8/31/2021 4:20 PM |
| 43 | Parking issue. If evening, could use church parking lot but in daytime, golf patrons are using most of parking lot | 8/31/2021 4:08 PM |
| 44 | Parking - the Equinox Hotel/Golf Course and LandRover seem to have a lock on parking behind the courthouse, and I'm not sure why. | 8/31/2021 3:58 PM |
| 45 | No, I'd be excited to access that center | 8/31/2021 3:19 PM |
| 46 | No. | 8/31/2021 3:14 PM |
| 47 | Profitability | 8/30/2021 5:47 AM |
| 48 | Performing arts only benefit those in a higher pay bracket. Many lower middle and lower class residents see no benefit from the performing arts unless shows and classes are free. | 8/19/2021 5:26 PM |
| 49 | no | 8/19/2021 1:40 PM |
| 50 | There are several venues in the Manchester area that already support the public arts. | 8/16/2021 8:10 AM |
| 51 | NO | 8/12/2021 2:40 PM |
| 52 | only parking | 8/9/2021 1:07 PM |
| 53 | Parking. But if performances are at night, the golf parking lot is available. | 8/8/2021 2:56 PM |
| 54 | Financial issues, aesthetic issues, environmental issues and community issues | 8/8/2021 11:04 AM |
| 55 | No | 8/7/2021 3:45 PM |
| 56 | No | 8/7/2021 3:03 PM |
| 57 | No | 8/7/2021 2:25 PM |
| 58 | Increased traffic | 8/7/2021 11:44 AM |
| 59 | Limits the use but if it sustains itself then it should be considered. | 8/3/2021 12:27 PM |
| 60 | Depends on how the performers are selected. If it's open to any options, and not based on selection criteria (for example, they'll only allow performers of a certain or specific music | 8/2/2021 9:46 PM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

| | genre(s) to perform there) | |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 61 | No | 8/2/2021 4:40 PM |
| 62 | YES INSUFFICIENT PARKING, COMPETITION WITH EXISTING PERFORMANCE SPACES, AND TOO SMALL TO BE EFFECTIVE | 7/31/2021 12:01 PM |
| 63 | Parking is an issue and it may take other revenue generating opportunities for businesses in the community. We have a number of other performing arts spaces that are under utilized. | 7/29/2021 7:26 AM |
| 64 | No Car parking needs to be available Noise controlled | 7/28/2021 8:17 PM |
| 65 | yes, parking is a concern. Where would attendees park? | 7/23/2021 11:06 AM |

Q5 The historic Opera House/Music Hall building on Union St. was demolished and is now a vacant lot owned by Equinox Hotel. What are the most appropriate reuses for this central lot?

Answered: 66 Skipped: 17

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1 | Green community space | 9/23/2021 3:26 PM |
| 2 | Outdoor concerts | 9/23/2021 1:10 PM |
| 3 | The demolition plan eliminated roughly 6 badly-needed parking spaces behind the structure that need to be restored. The remaining space would make a great green for the Village with benches/tables/pergola that could host outdoor music events and include historical references to the Music Hall. | 9/19/2021 5:09 PM |
| 4 | Town meeting space | 9/17/2021 11:43 AM |
| 5 | Electric town trolley stop, electric courtesy vehicles... | 9/16/2021 1:50 PM |
| 6 | Unsure | 9/15/2021 6:31 PM |
| 7 | Public park. | 9/14/2021 10:37 AM |
| 8 | Green space, public park | 9/14/2021 9:32 AM |
| 9 | Housing with income restrictions. A simple budding could be erected in keeping with the architecture of those surrounding it, and apartments could be created for folks working in the village- studio, 1 bedroom and 2 bedroom | 9/13/2021 9:39 PM |
| 10 | park | 9/12/2021 4:13 PM |
| 11 | Low income housing | 9/12/2021 12:36 PM |
| 12 | Village green, open space, tables, bike rentals | 9/12/2021 8:37 AM |
| 13 | Parking | 9/9/2021 4:55 PM |
| 14 | Not familiar with it | 9/9/2021 2:30 PM |
| 15 | Green space or parking lot if needed | 9/9/2021 2:06 PM |
| 16 | Parking | 9/9/2021 9:22 AM |
| 17 | green grass :) | 9/7/2021 9:28 PM |
| 18 | what are the options? community garden? park? pergola for concerts? | 9/7/2021 5:43 PM |
| 19 | seasonal movie theater | 9/7/2021 11:33 AM |
| 20 | parking or community garden | 9/6/2021 2:27 PM |
| 21 | Public garden. Outdoor sitting area for residents and visitors in a flower garden. Parking lot if it can be hidden a bit from the street since we need more spaces - performing arts center in the courthouse... | 9/6/2021 1:43 PM |
| 22 | Green space is good and having an open area should allow for better use of the back of the building facing route 7 for improved business/retail space. | 9/6/2021 9:53 AM |
| 23 | Isn't that a decision for the Equinox, not the town? | 9/6/2021 8:49 AM |
| 24 | Is it generating any tax revenue? | 9/5/2021 9:03 AM |
| 25 | Greenspacegrwn space | 9/4/2021 6:13 PM |
| 26 | Infill, another building; it's private so Equinox will probably build more hotel accommodations, a | 9/4/2021 11:26 AM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

| | | |
|----|--|-------------------|
| | boutique experience | |
| 27 | Restaurant, shop, etc...whatever Equinox Hotel decides | 9/3/2021 12:52 PM |
| 28 | Art park | 9/3/2021 11:37 AM |
| 29 | NOT shopping. Maybe pickle ball court s or party tent | 9/3/2021 11:36 AM |
| 30 | Hedge maze | 9/2/2021 9:12 PM |
| 31 | I believe it should be left vacant | 9/2/2021 3:31 PM |
| 32 | Garden Park | 9/2/2021 3:24 PM |
| 33 | I nice landscaped area for resting (park like) and much needed parking space. | 9/2/2021 10:30 AM |
| 34 | Green space - park. | 9/2/2021 8:46 AM |
| 35 | A new commercial building sympathetic to the adjacent architecture. | 9/1/2021 8:23 PM |
| 36 | Park, benches, flowers | 9/1/2021 6:13 PM |
| 37 | Overflow for the equinox | 9/1/2021 1:43 PM |
| 38 | Expand parking for the village and create a park with trees, benches, etc | 9/1/2021 1:17 PM |
| 39 | Market, exhibit space | 9/1/2021 12:59 PM |
| 40 | Isn't that up to the owner of the property? How about a reasonably priced coffee shop? | 9/1/2021 11:56 AM |
| 41 | how about an Indoor Food Court operating all year. | 8/31/2021 8:26 PM |
| 42 | Ice rink. Farmers market. Summer open air movie screenings. Designed to include all of those with benches and landscaping. | 8/31/2021 5:53 PM |
| 43 | parking if the courthouse becomes a performing arts center. | 8/31/2021 4:20 PM |
| 44 | Parking | 8/31/2021 4:08 PM |
| 45 | A park, or a building providing subsidized housing for Equinox Hotel workers. | 8/31/2021 3:58 PM |
| 46 | Green/Park space, food truck venue, indoor community pool | 8/31/2021 3:19 PM |
| 47 | Storage space for the golf course | 8/31/2021 3:14 PM |
| 48 | Open space | 8/30/2021 5:47 AM |
| 49 | Public fountain park. | 8/19/2021 5:26 PM |
| 50 | Could function as an open courtyard or parklet. | 8/19/2021 1:40 PM |
| 51 | I would like to see a community center built to accommodate adult and children's programs. | 8/16/2021 8:10 AM |
| 52 | A village market or farmers market | 8/12/2021 2:40 PM |
| 53 | town garden with walking path access | 8/9/2021 1:07 PM |
| 54 | I'd love to see that space used to build a new golf clubhouse with new locker facilities which would allow the golf course to function as a true membership club, and then outfit the interior of the current clubhouse building into a true kitchen and interior dining and bar space, so that it can operate as a true restaurant with both indoor and outdoor dining space. | 8/8/2021 2:56 PM |
| 55 | open space pocket park. A place to sit and enjoy, meet and greet, contemplate nature and the historic beauty of our village. | 8/8/2021 11:04 AM |
| 56 | Village green area, picnic tables, fire pit | 8/7/2021 3:45 PM |
| 57 | Again - as a public space. A public garden with benches would be wonderful | 8/7/2021 3:03 PM |
| 58 | Permanent Green Space | 8/7/2021 2:25 PM |
| 59 | For parking cars, maybe | 8/7/2021 11:44 AM |
| 60 | Community rooms. There isn't any in the area outside of the library which is very limited. | 8/3/2021 12:27 PM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

| | | |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 61 | If it's owned by the hotel it's not really a community choice since it's already owned by a private business. I would say it depends on who paid to demolish the building as well. Equinox could have their own plans and it would not be acceptable to claim private property for "public" use. | 8/2/2021 9:46 PM |
| 62 | Green space. | 8/2/2021 4:40 PM |
| 63 | OPEN SPACE COUPLED, POSSIBLY WITH PARKING | 7/31/2021 12:01 PM |
| 64 | Parking | 7/29/2021 7:26 AM |
| 65 | Keep as green space Make interesting garden fountain , make a park space | 7/28/2021 8:17 PM |
| 66 | several possibilities - small apartments with parking underneath, indoor game/playspace/maker space for children with parking underneath, multilevel parking for the public performing arts center in the courthouse, with apartments on the top floor | 7/23/2021 11:06 AM |

Q6 Do you have any concerns about how this vacant lot will be reused?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 18

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | No | 9/23/2021 3:26 PM |
| 2 | Maybe | 9/23/2021 1:10 PM |
| 3 | There is periodically a serious strain on parking in the Village (hotel guests/events, golf tournaments/busy days, yoga classes) which would make high-traffic use problematic. There is also a lot of vacant office space in the Village and a number of sites available for larger events that would make that use redundant. | 9/19/2021 5:09 PM |
| 4 | Sure: the concern of the unknown. | 9/17/2021 11:43 AM |
| 5 | Not yet | 9/16/2021 1:50 PM |
| 6 | Keep historical in nature | 9/15/2021 6:31 PM |
| 7 | that would depend on what use is proposed. | 9/14/2021 10:37 AM |
| 8 | No, just not a parking lot. | 9/14/2021 9:32 AM |
| 9 | I trust the village to listen to its citizens. | 9/13/2021 9:39 PM |
| 10 | yes it should be left open | 9/12/2021 4:13 PM |
| 11 | Yes | 9/12/2021 12:36 PM |
| 12 | Yes | 9/12/2021 8:37 AM |
| 13 | Yes | 9/9/2021 4:55 PM |
| 14 | No | 9/9/2021 2:30 PM |
| 15 | No | 9/9/2021 2:06 PM |
| 16 | Any new building should blend in architecturally | 9/9/2021 9:22 AM |
| 17 | keep it empty | 9/7/2021 9:28 PM |
| 18 | no. prefer not commercial. open for town and activities. | 9/7/2021 5:43 PM |
| 19 | No | 9/7/2021 11:33 AM |
| 20 | no | 9/6/2021 2:27 PM |
| 21 | yes | 9/6/2021 1:43 PM |
| 22 | If the village is deciding on reuse, I have to assume the Equinox is either selling the property to the village or donating it or else they as owners should be deciding on use within current zoning standards. | 9/6/2021 9:53 AM |
| 23 | No | 9/6/2021 8:49 AM |
| 24 | Not parking lot | 9/4/2021 6:13 PM |
| 25 | Nope, it's private property | 9/4/2021 11:26 AM |
| 26 | I am sure that Equinox Hotel will construct something in keeping with the village style and taste | 9/3/2021 12:52 PM |
| 27 | No | 9/3/2021 11:37 AM |
| 28 | Not shops | 9/3/2021 11:36 AM |
| 29 | No | 9/2/2021 9:12 PM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

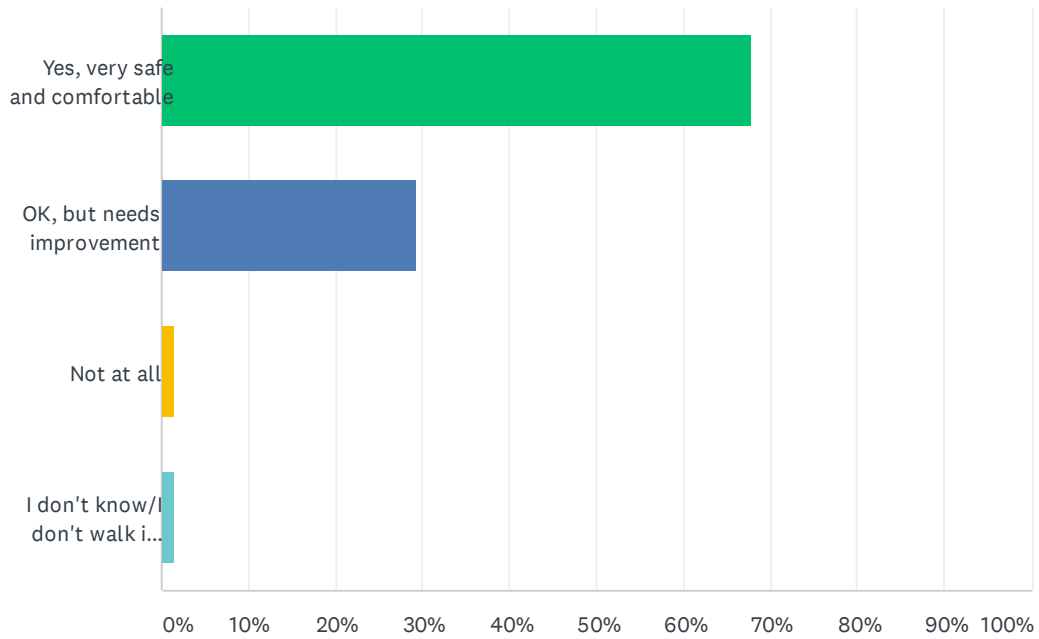
| | | |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 30 | Any re-use of this currently vacant lot should be carefully considered by the entire Village with appropriate plans available to all | 9/2/2021 3:31 PM |
| 31 | If an architecturally inconsistent building were put there | 9/2/2021 3:24 PM |
| 32 | Yes - I will be watching to see what is proposed. | 9/2/2021 10:30 AM |
| 33 | I would prefer it not be built on. | 9/2/2021 8:46 AM |
| 34 | A new building that is inconsistent with the local architecture. | 9/1/2021 8:23 PM |
| 35 | Yes | 9/1/2021 6:13 PM |
| 36 | No | 9/1/2021 1:43 PM |
| 37 | Yes, as I am an abutting business owner I would not like to see loud events or anything that would make already limited parking for the "Equinox Jr" building more challenging. | 9/1/2021 1:17 PM |
| 38 | No | 9/1/2021 12:59 PM |
| 39 | No. Historic Music Hall should have been preserved many years ago. | 9/1/2021 11:56 AM |
| 40 | Yes | 8/31/2021 8:26 PM |
| 41 | Yes we do. We don't want a parking lot. | 8/31/2021 5:53 PM |
| 42 | not as long as it doesn't cause congestion for traffic patterns. | 8/31/2021 4:20 PM |
| 43 | If it stays a grassy area, then make it look like a nice park. | 8/31/2021 4:08 PM |
| 44 | Yes. It is private property, and I can imagine if used for hotel workers some people might be teed off. The lack of affordable housing for workers, though, is a real problem. | 8/31/2021 3:58 PM |
| 45 | Depends on what it is used for | 8/31/2021 3:19 PM |
| 46 | No | 8/31/2021 3:14 PM |
| 47 | That it be fitting to the historic nature of its surroundings | 8/30/2021 5:47 AM |
| 48 | As long as it's not a parking lot. | 8/19/2021 5:26 PM |
| 49 | no | 8/19/2021 1:40 PM |
| 50 | Just keep the public's best interest in mind and how it will improve the lifestyles of those of us who live here. | 8/16/2021 8:10 AM |
| 51 | NO | 8/12/2021 2:40 PM |
| 52 | as long as it is aesthetically pleasing and functional | 8/9/2021 1:07 PM |
| 53 | Parking for whatever function it fills? | 8/8/2021 2:56 PM |
| 54 | use as a parking lot is inappropriate and detrimental to community aesthetic | 8/8/2021 11:04 AM |
| 55 | Yes | 8/7/2021 3:45 PM |
| 56 | Yes. We hope it will be used in an attractive manner. With so many empty outlets in Town, anything that can be done to enhance the town's appearance is greatly appreciated. | 8/7/2021 3:03 PM |
| 57 | No | 8/7/2021 2:25 PM |
| 58 | Definitely hope it won't be for retail or for a restaurant. Don't want increase in traffic there | 8/7/2021 11:44 AM |
| 59 | Of course. It should add value to the area to serve an unmet need that will increase desirability. | 8/3/2021 12:27 PM |
| 60 | Since it's a hotel, I suspect they could use the spot to improve their golfers experience or make their business more efficient | 8/2/2021 9:46 PM |
| 61 | No | 8/2/2021 4:40 PM |
| 62 | YES | 7/31/2021 12:01 PM |
| 63 | No | 7/29/2021 7:26 AM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

| | | |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 64 | Yes Do not want ugly building replacement | 7/28/2021 8:17 PM |
| 65 | yes, it needs to be designed in a compatible style to the buildings surrounding it. | 7/23/2021 11:06 AM |

Q7 Is Manchester Village a comfortable and safe place to walk?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 18



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Yes, very safe and comfortable | 67.69% | 44 |
| OK, but needs improvement | 29.23% | 19 |
| Not at all | 1.54% | 1 |
| I don't know/I don't walk in the Village | 1.54% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 65 |

Q8 Please tell us about any specific spots that are not comfortable and safe to walk.

Answered: 58 Skipped: 25

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | The intersection of 7a/seminary/west should be a roundabout | 9/23/2021 3:29 PM |
| 2 | Don't know of any | 9/23/2021 1:14 PM |
| 3 | Crossing 7A from the Equinox Jr to the Courthouse is dangerous because angled parking in front of Jr blocks the view of the crosswalk for northbound cars. This is especially dangerous after dark. | 9/19/2021 5:19 PM |
| 4 | Intersection of Seminary Rd, West Ave, and Main St. (7A). | 9/17/2021 11:49 AM |
| 5 | A walkway and bike path should connect SVAC to downtown village marble paths and Ways Lane should have safe bike/walk to town | 9/16/2021 2:36 PM |
| 6 | Everything south of Hildene entrance | 9/15/2021 6:34 PM |
| 7 | I think I know where this is going. So, yes, the Village needs a roundabout at the intersection of Route 7A , Union Street and West Road. | 9/14/2021 10:44 AM |
| 8 | Seminary Ave. sidewalks are deteriorating. Prospect St. has no walkways, speeding cars are an issue on both streets. | 9/14/2021 9:38 AM |
| 9 | Crosswalks throughout town - could use some flashing lights perhaps. I think some bike lanes should be considered in areas | 9/13/2021 9:44 PM |
| 10 | Franklin ave has too much traffic from The BBA students and parents using it as a throughway if you are walking when they are driving through you have a dangerous walk. The street should be closed off so it remains a residential street not a speedway. | 9/12/2021 4:20 PM |
| 11 | I have not had a problem anywhere | 9/12/2021 12:40 PM |
| 12 | N/A | 9/12/2021 8:39 AM |
| 13 | West rd The rough parts of the sidewalks that are not handicap accessible | 9/9/2021 4:58 PM |
| 14 | We live on Ways Lane. We would strongly support a sidewalk on Ways to connect us to the village. We walk often and my daughter walks to BBA—walking on Ways is less than ideal and cars go too fast. | 9/9/2021 2:36 PM |
| 15 | The crossings at the roundabouts are questionable. If you cross half way and get stuck on the median it's not safe especially for kids. | 9/9/2021 2:11 PM |
| 16 | Ways lane where it is winding | 9/9/2021 9:30 AM |
| 17 | west road needs sidewalk | 9/7/2021 9:30 PM |
| 18 | all fine. | 9/7/2021 5:51 PM |
| 19 | None | 9/7/2021 11:35 AM |
| 20 | cars drive fast on Taconic and Prospect but they often move to the other side when they see walkers. NOT at all safe on Main Street after river road going south. Might be nice to extent a sidewalk to Hildene at least. I don't walk on West road but that is probably the same issues as Taconic and Prospect. | 9/6/2021 1:43 PM |
| 21 | ? | 9/6/2021 8:51 AM |
| 22 | Not aware of any - when ever there is a mix of pedestrian and motor traffic caution must be the rule | 9/5/2021 9:12 AM |
| 23 | I absolutely love the marble sidewalks which are generally level and safe. Taconite road | 9/4/2021 6:15 PM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

sidewalks however are in c be dry bad condition and very unsafe

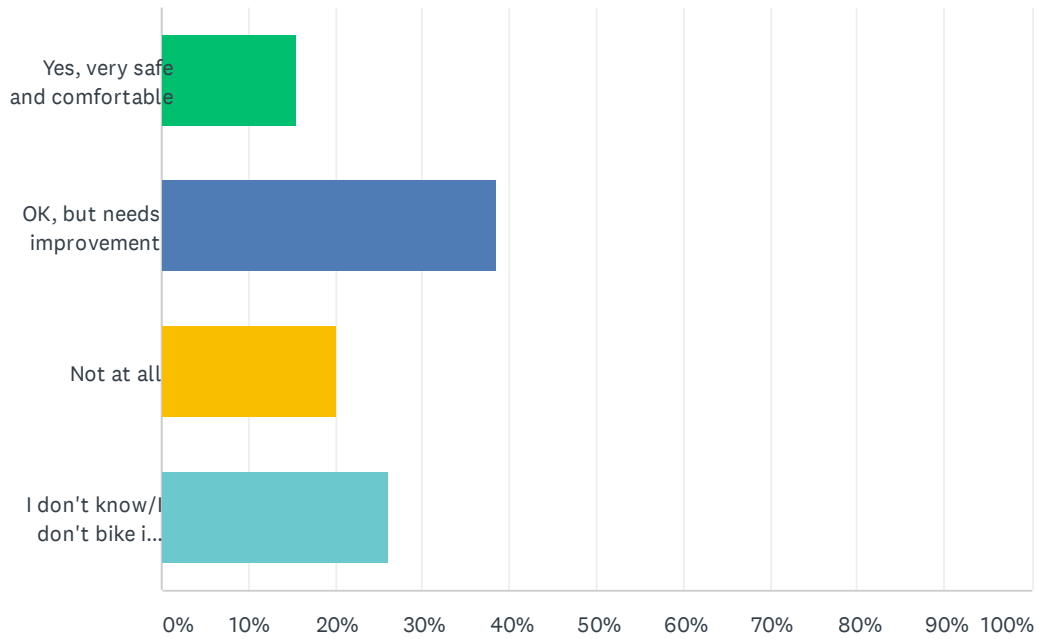
| | | |
|----|---|-------------------|
| 24 | Speed limit too fast, sidewalks too close to road, intersection of west rd, seminary and 7A is mayhem | 9/4/2021 11:38 AM |
| 25 | Main and Seminary is a little dangerous | 9/3/2021 12:55 PM |
| 26 | Ok | 9/3/2021 11:42 AM |
| 27 | I was just referring to places where walking is difficult like on Union st between 7A and Richville rd | 9/3/2021 11:42 AM |
| 28 | No side walk in front of the Redmond's | 9/2/2021 9:30 PM |
| 29 | There are areas where existing sidewalks end rather abruptly forcing walkers to either walk on uneven ground or in the street | 9/2/2021 3:46 PM |
| 30 | Prospect street between Taconic and BBA Occasionally uncomfortable on Taconic [7:50am and 2:45pm when school is active] | 9/2/2021 3:32 PM |
| 31 | Ways Lane is a problem area as is West Road | 9/2/2021 10:35 AM |
| 32 | There is a stretch on the west side of Main St. without a sidewalk. | 9/2/2021 8:49 AM |
| 33 | None that I can think of. | 9/1/2021 8:32 PM |
| 34 | Crossing river road by foot. Walking on 7a. | 9/1/2021 6:15 PM |
| 35 | Corners of west rd, main st and seminary rd | 9/1/2021 1:47 PM |
| 36 | It would be lovely to have the sidewalks extend down to Dellwood Cemetery. Currently it isn't safe to walk there from the end of the existing sidewalk. | 9/1/2021 1:22 PM |
| 37 | Marble sidewalks in icy conditions | 9/1/2021 1:03 PM |
| 38 | Area in front of 3302 Main St. We need an extension of the MARBLE sidewalk there to make it unnecessary for people to walk in the street. | 9/1/2021 12:03 PM |
| 39 | none | 8/31/2021 8:29 PM |
| 40 | Many people go up Taconic, then Prospect and around B&B and then past the courthouse. There are no publicly maintained sidewalks, and none at all on Prospect. Since this is heavily travelled with Burr & Burton, and lots of tourists use the area, sidewalks like the ones on Main would be a welcomed improvement and add to the safety factor. | 8/31/2021 4:26 PM |
| 41 | Don't find any as long as sidewalks are kept in good condition and plowed in winter | 8/31/2021 4:12 PM |
| 42 | Crossing to Taconic from River rd | 8/31/2021 3:22 PM |
| 43 | Top of river rd | 8/31/2021 3:17 PM |
| 44 | West road needs sidewalk from village to arts center. | 8/19/2021 5:31 PM |
| 45 | pedestrian crossings at Union/Main Street and Seminary Ave/West Rd/Main Street are somewhat problematic. Crossing the street in front of the post office during peak BBA traffic. | 8/19/2021 1:55 PM |
| 46 | Anywhere that the sidewalks are cracked or uneven! | 8/16/2021 8:17 AM |
| 47 | haven't had an issues walking there | 8/9/2021 1:10 PM |
| 48 | Richville Road. | 8/8/2021 3:00 PM |
| 49 | Wish something could be done about the number of trucks along 7A. Understand that Rt 7 was to accommodate this traffic but truckers don't like the hills and gas required to navigate. How can we make this a less attractive alternative. | 8/8/2021 11:22 AM |
| 50 | Some of the sidewalks - those composed of older marble - need repair | 8/7/2021 3:06 PM |
| 51 | Intersection of 7A just north of Stewart's. Intersection of 7A, West Road and Seminary Avenue | 8/7/2021 2:29 PM |
| 52 | None | 8/7/2021 11:45 AM |
| 53 | Where the bears are. | 8/3/2021 12:31 PM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

| | | |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 54 | Hotel guests often meander in to traffic. Love having people take photographs in the area, but I get nervous about speeders in the area. | 8/2/2021 9:54 PM |
| 55 | None | 8/2/2021 4:43 PM |
| 56 | Shepards Lane | 7/29/2021 7:28 AM |
| 57 | Road crossing from hotel to court house Crossing from Seminary to 1811 house Zebra crossing at BB on corner | 7/28/2021 8:25 PM |
| 58 | none come to mind, other than crossing the 7A and Seminary avenue intersection | 7/23/2021 11:10 AM |

Q9 Is Manchester Village a comfortable and safe place to ride a bicycle?

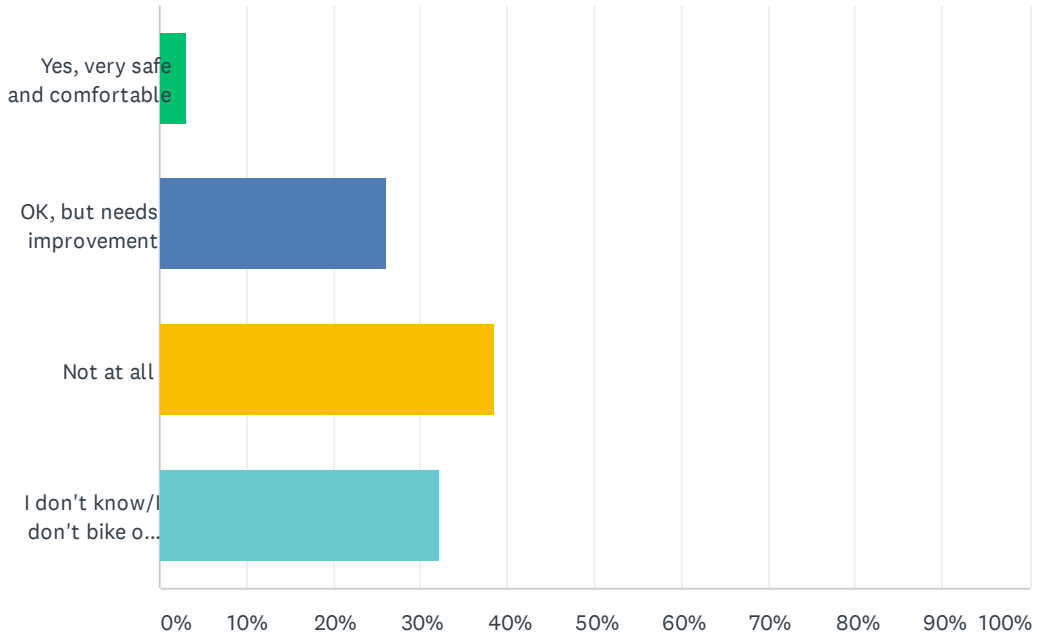
Answered: 65 Skipped: 18



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Yes, very safe and comfortable | 15.38% | 10 |
| OK, but needs improvement | 38.46% | 25 |
| Not at all | 20.00% | 13 |
| I don't know/I don't bike in the Village | 26.15% | 17 |
| TOTAL | | 65 |

Q10 Do you feel comfortable and safe riding a bicycle on Route 7A?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 18



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Yes, very safe and comfortable | 3.08% | 2 |
| OK, but needs improvement | 26.15% | 17 |
| Not at all | 38.46% | 25 |
| I don't know/I don't bike on 7A | 32.31% | 21 |
| TOTAL | | 65 |

Q11 Please tell us about any specific spots that are not comfortable and safe to cycle.

Answered: 55 Skipped: 28

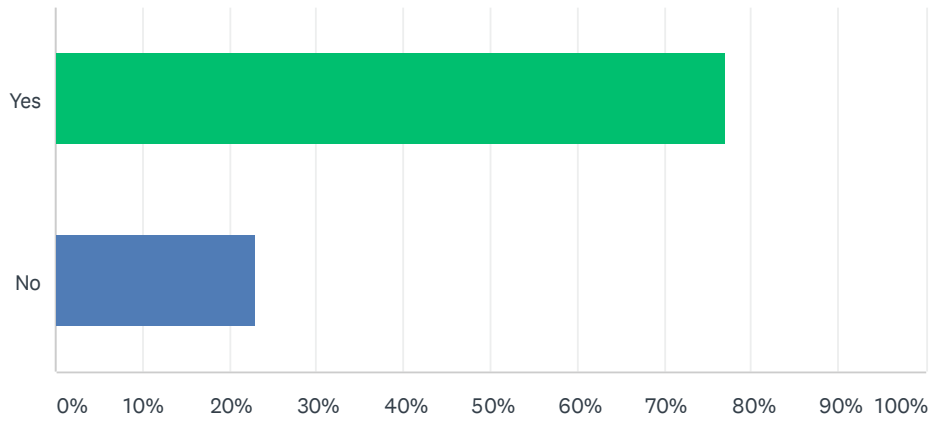
| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1 | More bike lanes | 9/23/2021 3:29 PM |
| 2 | All of it. It's just not that wide, but not sure how to fix it. | 9/23/2021 1:14 PM |
| 3 | Just about everywhere. Roads have little to no shoulder. | 9/19/2021 5:19 PM |
| 4 | Manchester Depot, Manchester Center, West Road. | 9/17/2021 11:49 AM |
| 5 | Where it is narrow and there is a steep granite curb. | 9/16/2021 2:36 PM |
| 6 | The entire village | 9/15/2021 6:34 PM |
| 7 | Route 7A. | 9/14/2021 10:44 AM |
| 8 | Don't know | 9/14/2021 9:38 AM |
| 9 | West Rd and route 30 , route 30 and North rd - cars tend to not stop and look before turning on to roadways | 9/13/2021 9:44 PM |
| 10 | You can not ride on 7A unless you use the sidewalk. There is no room for a bike lane. | 9/12/2021 4:20 PM |
| 11 | I ride almost every day and see no problems | 9/12/2021 12:40 PM |
| 12 | Expand bike lane | 9/9/2021 4:58 PM |
| 13 | A dedicated bike lane would be a huge improvement. | 9/9/2021 2:36 PM |
| 14 | Shoulder is very small. Hildene to town is dodgy | 9/9/2021 2:11 PM |
| 15 | As a driver I am nervous when I encounter a bike or group of bikers on 7A | 9/9/2021 9:30 AM |
| 16 | I use the sidewalk when people are not walking. | 9/7/2021 5:51 PM |
| 17 | entirety of 7A | 9/7/2021 11:35 AM |
| 18 | the intersection at Seminary Ave., West Road, and Main St. | 9/6/2021 2:32 PM |
| 19 | I just wish the road was wider or had a bike lane. Would be a hard thing to add. | 9/6/2021 1:43 PM |
| 20 | n/a | 9/6/2021 8:51 AM |
| 21 | Any spot that has no usable apron making coexistence between bike and auto impossible | 9/5/2021 9:12 AM |
| 22 | Going south on 7A just past River Rd is a makeshift turnaround right before a driveway, almost got killed there by a large SUV, out of state, who decided not to look both ways and pulled out in front of me on a bike. Barely missed me, and I haven't ridden since. I'm an experienced rider and triathlete. Road too skinny on 7A going into Manchester, sidewalks are marble and pedestrians, nut said and people speed on West Rd and do not share the road. | 9/4/2021 11:38 AM |
| 23 | N/A | 9/3/2021 12:55 PM |
| 24 | Too tight village to town | 9/3/2021 11:42 AM |
| 25 | Union st between 7A and Richville rd and all of Richville rd | 9/3/2021 11:42 AM |
| 26 | No bike lane on 7 or signs to share the road past the hotel | 9/2/2021 9:30 PM |
| 27 | Route 7-A, West Road, Union Street | 9/2/2021 3:46 PM |
| 28 | All of Main Street from Ekwanok to Depot St is troublesome for bicyclesI avoid this stretch entirely... since most cars are not willing to wait or share the road....widening the road is not | 9/2/2021 3:32 PM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

| | | |
|----|---|--------------------|
| | practical | |
| 29 | Everywhere | 9/2/2021 10:35 AM |
| 30 | 7A has no bike lane or even a shoulder to make bikers feels safe from on-coming traffic. | 9/2/2021 8:49 AM |
| 31 | South of River Road | 9/1/2021 8:32 PM |
| 32 | N/a | 9/1/2021 6:15 PM |
| 33 | The curve near hildene | 9/1/2021 1:47 PM |
| 34 | Anywhere without a sidewalk doesn't feel very safe to me. A bike lane would be helpful. | 9/1/2021 1:22 PM |
| 35 | ? | 9/1/2021 1:03 PM |
| 36 | Route 7A | 9/1/2021 12:03 PM |
| 37 | 7A & Manchester West RD | 8/31/2021 8:29 PM |
| 38 | By Hildene | 8/31/2021 5:56 PM |
| 39 | Since there are no bike lanes marked, every narrow corner as well as intersections on Main are a concern. | 8/31/2021 4:26 PM |
| 40 | Don't bike on 7A ; too many trucks. | 8/31/2021 4:12 PM |
| 41 | The granite curbstones are accidents waiting to happen - there is no room for cyclists to move if cars and trucks are passing both ways. | 8/31/2021 4:04 PM |
| 42 | Not sure | 8/31/2021 3:17 PM |
| 43 | Rt 7A from north border of the village to the Equinox. No bicycle lanes plus use of sharp cornered granite curbs are a biking hazard | 8/30/2021 5:51 AM |
| 44 | Everywhere in the town and village needs bike lanes. | 8/19/2021 5:31 PM |
| 45 | The same intersections that are problematic for pedestrians are also problematic for bicyclists. Biking along Main Street between the Seminary Ave intersection and the Ways Lane intersection feels potentially dangerous because cars don't have room to pass without entering oncoming lane and because of the high granite curbing. | 8/19/2021 1:55 PM |
| 46 | narrow areas. Reduce speedlimit and make a bike lane | 8/9/2021 1:10 PM |
| 47 | Richfield and River roads | 8/8/2021 11:22 AM |
| 48 | My family doesn't bike in Manchester. From a driving perspective, the roads are narrow and cyclists are a concern. | 8/7/2021 3:06 PM |
| 49 | N/A | 8/7/2021 2:29 PM |
| 50 | Bicycle lanes are needed. Issues with heavy traffic during the fall and summer holiday seasons. | 8/3/2021 12:31 PM |
| 51 | The granite curbs really prevent an emergency departure from the road for cyclists. The road along 7A between Taconic Hotel and Orvis feels narrow even for 2 lanes of traffic | 8/2/2021 9:54 PM |
| 52 | N/A | 8/2/2021 4:43 PM |
| 53 | Tight shoulders and blind turns | 7/29/2021 7:28 AM |
| 54 | 7a from Equinox to Manchester town, high curbs , fast traffic , trucks , wide vehicles etc | 7/28/2021 8:25 PM |
| 55 | areas with no shoulder and granite curbs which don't allow bikers to veer off the road if necessary | 7/23/2021 11:10 AM |

Q12 Should Route 7A be made safer and more comfortable to cycle on?

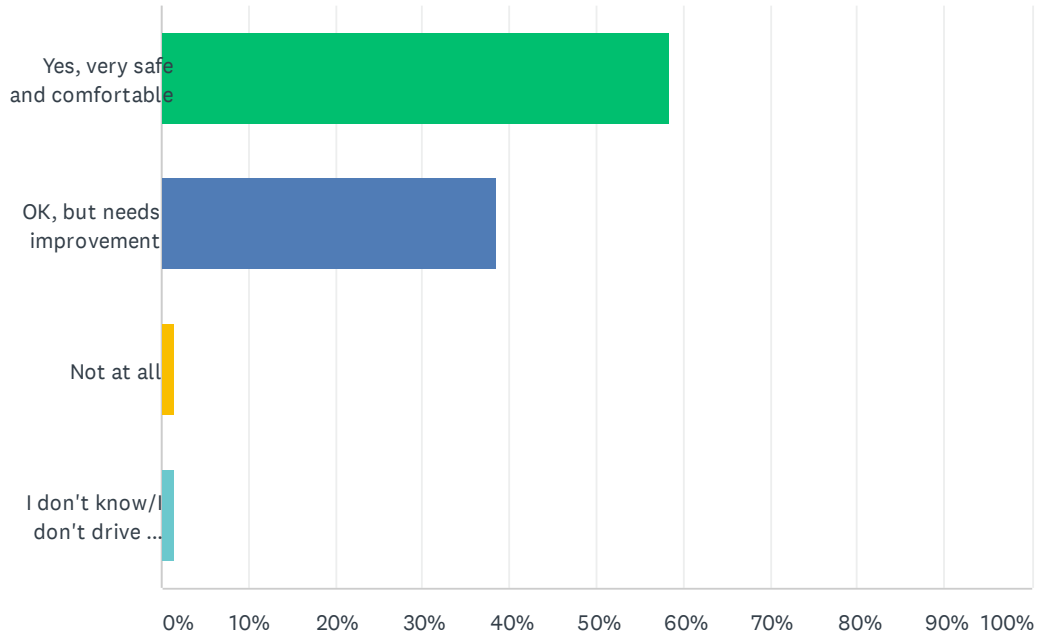
Answered: 65 Skipped: 18



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 76.92% | 50 |
| No | 23.08% | 15 |
| TOTAL | | 65 |

Q13 Is Manchester Village a comfortable and safe place to drive?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 18



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Yes, very safe and comfortable | 58.46% | 38 |
| OK, but needs improvement | 38.46% | 25 |
| Not at all | 1.54% | 1 |
| I don't know/I don't drive in the Village | 1.54% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 65 |

Q14 Please tell us about any specific spots that are not comfortable and safe to drive.

Answered: 51 Skipped: 32

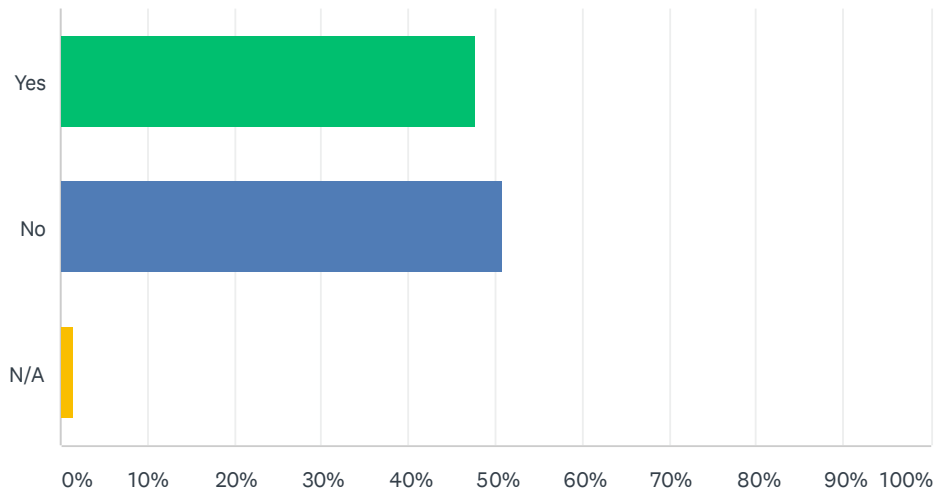
| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1 | Intersection of seminary/7a/Manchester west needs to be a roundabout. Especially with so many students in this are | 9/23/2021 3:29 PM |
| 2 | Don't know of any | 9/23/2021 1:14 PM |
| 3 | Seminary/West Rd/7A intersection. Biggest issue is cars running stop sign on West Rd or proceeding without watching for northbound cars turning right onto Seminary or yielding to northbound cars on 7A turning left onto Seminary. | 9/19/2021 5:19 PM |
| 4 | Left turn off ways lane onto 7A and silver fork intersection. | 9/16/2021 2:36 PM |
| 5 | None | 9/15/2021 6:34 PM |
| 6 | See my answer to #8 | 9/14/2021 10:44 AM |
| 7 | Intersection of Seminary, West Rd. And 7A | 9/14/2021 9:38 AM |
| 8 | The roads are safe, it is the lack of courtesy at roundabouts But well designed, people just need to follow the rules | 9/13/2021 9:44 PM |
| 9 | The intersection of 7A, Seminary Ave, West Road. This is a very difficult intersection to navigate. It needs to have some kind of traffic control to ease the intersection. | 9/12/2021 4:20 PM |
| 10 | Ns | 9/12/2021 12:40 PM |
| 11 | West rd needs permanent radar checks | 9/9/2021 4:58 PM |
| 12 | The intersection at Silver Fork (the old library) is confusing in terms of "right of way". | 9/9/2021 2:36 PM |
| 13 | The intersection by the new silver fork building is awful. BBA dismissal and drop Off is the worst. Lots of new young drivers ans almost always seems like an accident waiting to happen | 9/9/2021 2:11 PM |
| 14 | Can't think of one offhany | 9/9/2021 9:30 AM |
| 15 | Ways lane cars drive too fast, intersction of 7A West Road Seminary is a nightmare | 9/7/2021 9:30 PM |
| 16 | na | 9/7/2021 5:51 PM |
| 17 | n/a | 9/7/2021 11:35 AM |
| 18 | People tend to drive fast when turning on to West Union from Prospect - especially since you cannot tell if there are folks walking on West Union. | 9/6/2021 2:32 PM |
| 19 | The intersection of seminary, west and main is tough. When I first moved here I almost had an accident not understanding the intersection. Perhaps another roundabout would help. | 9/6/2021 1:43 PM |
| 20 | n/a | 9/6/2021 8:51 AM |
| 21 | None | 9/5/2021 9:12 AM |
| 22 | Huge curbs make me nervous, busting a rim, prospect people drive too fast and no shoulder, traffic horrendous around BBA, and triangle intersection with Ways Lane, is an accident waiting to happen everyday. | 9/4/2021 11:38 AM |
| 23 | Ways lane at main st...very dangerous to pull out there. | 9/3/2021 12:55 PM |
| 24 | West 7a intersection | 9/3/2021 11:42 AM |
| 25 | 5 way intersection where Silver Fork now is | 9/3/2021 11:42 AM |
| 26 | Light or traffic attendant at the corner of Seminary and 7 when school lets out | 9/2/2021 9:30 PM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

| | | |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 27 | Very large commercial vehicles are extremely noisy and at times exceed posted speed limits | 9/2/2021 3:46 PM |
| 28 | NA | 9/2/2021 8:49 AM |
| 29 | None | 9/1/2021 8:32 PM |
| 30 | None | 9/1/2021 6:15 PM |
| 31 | Intersection of main st, west rd and seminary ave | 9/1/2021 1:47 PM |
| 32 | Pulling out of the parking lot behind the Equinox Jr. Building doesn't feel safe when cars are parked on the street as it is impossible to see oncoming traffic without pulling out into traffic. | 9/1/2021 1:22 PM |
| 33 | Intersection of 7A and Seminary. | 9/1/2021 1:03 PM |
| 34 | Route 7A | 9/1/2021 12:03 PM |
| 35 | Junction of 7A & Seminary Road and 7A & Ways Lane. | 8/31/2021 8:29 PM |
| 36 | The intersection of seminary-west-main can be tricky, and easy for a car accident due to the design of the intersection and visibility constraints. A large traffic circle would dramatically improve the traffic flow and safety factor. | 8/31/2021 4:26 PM |
| 37 | Don't have any spots | 8/31/2021 4:12 PM |
| 38 | Along the places where the granite curbstones are, at the intersection of Seminary/West/and 7A, turning left from Union St. | 8/31/2021 4:04 PM |
| 39 | None | 8/31/2021 3:17 PM |
| 40 | Driving is fine | 8/19/2021 5:31 PM |
| 41 | The Seminary Ave/West Rd/Main Street intersection cries out for a roundabout. Sometimes difficult to turn onto Main Street from Union Street. It seems that intersection should be compacted. Maybe a roundabout would work there too. | 8/19/2021 1:55 PM |
| 42 | The rotary on Main Street needs to be built up. Many drivers do not even recognize that it's there. I've witnessed several 'almost' accidents. | 8/16/2021 8:17 AM |
| 43 | na | 8/9/2021 1:10 PM |
| 44 | None | 8/7/2021 3:06 PM |
| 45 | See Response above. | 8/7/2021 2:29 PM |
| 46 | None | 8/7/2021 11:45 AM |
| 47 | I think the roundabouts and all really work well at moderating traffic | 8/2/2021 9:54 PM |
| 48 | The intersection South of Stewart's and North of Perfect Piece. | 8/2/2021 4:43 PM |
| 49 | N/A | 7/29/2021 7:28 AM |
| 50 | Corner of 7a, Seminary and west road bad | 7/28/2021 8:25 PM |
| 51 | Intersection at 7A, West Rd. and Seminary Ave is tricky, at best. It would be very helpful to slow or stop traffic on 7A at the intersection so that all cars are moving at slow speeds. Currently, cars move at higher speeds on 7A and can be unpredictable when they turn into Seminary or West Road, often without signaling the intention to turn. | 7/23/2021 11:10 AM |

Q15 Do you experience significant traffic delays at the VT7A/Seminary Ave./West Road intersection?

Answered: 65 Skipped: 18



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Yes | 47.69% | 31 |
| No | 50.77% | 33 |
| N/A | 1.54% | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 65 |

Q16 If you do experience delays, when do they occur?

Answered: 56 Skipped: 27

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | School time and games | 9/23/2021 3:29 PM |
| 2 | Mornings before school. | 9/23/2021 1:14 PM |
| 3 | School hours, mornings, evenings, weekends. | 9/19/2021 5:19 PM |
| 4 | Morning | 9/17/2021 11:49 AM |
| 5 | Randomly as I most often experience ROW confusion as I am exiting west rd to join 7A south...eventually the intersection will warrant sophisticated lights or a roundabout | 9/16/2021 2:36 PM |
| 6 | When BBA lets out | 9/15/2021 6:34 PM |
| 7 | When students arrive and depart from BBA around 8:00 AM and 2:30 PM. | 9/14/2021 10:44 AM |
| 8 | Beginning and end of school days | 9/14/2021 9:38 AM |
| 9 | WHen BBA has all the students getting dropped off. If more rode in buses or carpoled it would ease the traffic. | 9/12/2021 4:20 PM |
| 10 | Not any | 9/12/2021 12:40 PM |
| 11 | School drop off/pick up | 9/9/2021 4:58 PM |
| 12 | BBA pick up/drop off | 9/9/2021 2:36 PM |
| 13 | N/a | 9/9/2021 2:11 PM |
| 14 | Start and end of school day | 9/9/2021 9:30 AM |
| 15 | when BBA is in sesssion | 9/7/2021 9:30 PM |
| 16 | I've learned to avoid driving near the school during certain hours. It's a tricky intersection but mostly when school lets out at 2:40 | 9/7/2021 5:51 PM |
| 17 | BBA - inflow, outflow | 9/7/2021 11:35 AM |
| 18 | Only around school events and weekend afternoons. | 9/6/2021 2:32 PM |
| 19 | various times of day. 'rush hour' when a lot of traffic on Main Street. | 9/6/2021 1:43 PM |
| 20 | n/a | 9/6/2021 8:51 AM |
| 21 | No | 9/5/2021 9:12 AM |
| 22 | School times am and pm, 2:45 - 3pm | 9/4/2021 11:38 AM |
| 23 | School times | 9/3/2021 12:55 PM |
| 24 | 8am | 9/3/2021 11:42 AM |
| 25 | Could be any time | 9/3/2021 11:42 AM |
| 26 | When school lets out | 9/2/2021 9:30 PM |
| 27 | Occasionally traffic is delayed when Burr and Burton students are let out of school in the afternoon which could be alleviated by having someone posted at the intersection to insure that traffic moves smoothly | 9/2/2021 3:46 PM |
| 28 | When BBA is opening or closing it can get congested on Seminary, Prospect and Taconic | 9/2/2021 3:32 PM |
| 29 | In the morning and the afternoon after school. It can be very bad and very frustrating. | 9/2/2021 10:35 AM |
| 30 | Significant is a relative term - only significant for Manchester VT which means having to wait | 9/2/2021 8:49 AM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

for 5-10 cars maximum. Before school starts at BBA.

| | | |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 31 | NA | 9/1/2021 8:32 PM |
| 32 | School year | 9/1/2021 6:15 PM |
| 33 | When school gets out and when weekend traffic comes to town | 9/1/2021 1:47 PM |
| 34 | Delays that are any inconvenience seem to occur only during hours that school transportation is occurring. | 9/1/2021 1:22 PM |
| 35 | When school is commencing or letting out | 9/1/2021 1:03 PM |
| 36 | NA | 9/1/2021 12:03 PM |
| 37 | when B and Burton ends their school day. | 8/31/2021 8:29 PM |
| 38 | I checked no, because I avoid the rush hours associated with school starting and stopping, and when there are sporting events. Then the traffic is heavy, and safety at intersections becomes a concern. | 8/31/2021 4:26 PM |
| 39 | I don't go down there when BBA is getting out. Too many student drivers!!! | 8/31/2021 4:12 PM |
| 40 | School beginning and ending. The students and teachers rushing to BBA appear to "fly through" the intersections with no regard to safety or speed limits. | 8/31/2021 4:04 PM |
| 41 | Mostly during school drop off and pick up times | 8/31/2021 3:22 PM |
| 42 | When BBA gets out and sidewalk sale weekend | 8/31/2021 3:17 PM |
| 43 | When school is letting out. Needs a circle. | 8/19/2021 5:31 PM |
| 44 | The problems here are related to the BBA schedule and to the peak use of the post office. I also worry that someone on foot trying to cross Seminary to the post office will be struck by a car during peak BBA traffic. | 8/19/2021 1:55 PM |
| 45 | NA | 8/12/2021 2:42 PM |
| 46 | na | 8/9/2021 1:10 PM |
| 47 | Not delays but need to experience caution to traffic from multiple directions especially speeding on 7A southbound. What prevents through traffic from using 7? How can B&B traffic be controlled? What about encouraging teen walking and biking? Lets make that safe and attractive. | 8/8/2021 11:22 AM |
| 48 | It is all relative. At times there are delays - but not significant ones | 8/7/2021 3:06 PM |
| 49 | Not delays but sincere potential for accidents with turning vehicles. | 8/7/2021 2:29 PM |
| 50 | Never | 8/7/2021 11:45 AM |
| 51 | When BBA is in session. I get nervous as the parent of 3 teens who have driven that intersection, it's rather nail biting. What makes matters worse are the high number of people parking by the post office at the WORST times (before 805AM and around 3PM) so now new drivers have to contend with TWO tough left turns and high traffic from the right. | 8/2/2021 9:54 PM |
| 52 | None | 8/2/2021 4:43 PM |
| 53 | BBA OPENING AND CLOSING | 7/31/2021 12:04 PM |
| 54 | N/A | 7/29/2021 7:28 AM |
| 55 | BB school opening and closing Soccer games Music functions Post office mail pick up times Traffic for Equinox preserve walks especially fall season and holiday weekends Green mountain. Academy meetings Taconic music programs | 7/28/2021 8:25 PM |
| 56 | During peak school arrival and pick up of students | 7/23/2021 11:10 AM |

Q17 Do you have safety concerns about the VT7A/Seminary Ave./West Road intersection?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 22

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1 | Yes | 9/23/2021 3:29 PM |
| 2 | Sure. Could be better. Rotary? | 9/23/2021 1:14 PM |
| 3 | Yes, see #14. My son was hit there, fortunately no damage and joy reported, but could have been much worse. | 9/19/2021 5:19 PM |
| 4 | Certainly | 9/17/2021 11:49 AM |
| 5 | Yes. It is now malfunction junction. If waiting twenty years or more seems like the good choice for downtown then start the clock. I think so long as BBA grows and the town wants business expansion and each value bike and pedestrian safety the intersection will be an issue worth correcting now. | 9/16/2021 2:36 PM |
| 6 | Some | 9/15/2021 6:34 PM |
| 7 | See my answer to #8. | 9/14/2021 10:44 AM |
| 8 | Absolutely | 9/14/2021 9:38 AM |
| 9 | No | 9/13/2021 9:44 PM |
| 10 | Yes, I really can't believe it has not had more accidents. | 9/12/2021 4:20 PM |
| 11 | No | 9/12/2021 12:40 PM |
| 12 | No | 9/12/2021 8:39 AM |
| 13 | Y | 9/9/2021 4:58 PM |
| 14 | Yes! | 9/9/2021 2:36 PM |
| 15 | Yes. A terrible intersection. I'm surprised there aren't more accidents. | 9/9/2021 2:11 PM |
| 16 | People coming off West Rd don't always yield right of way | 9/9/2021 9:30 AM |
| 17 | yes | 9/7/2021 9:30 PM |
| 18 | During school hours, and winter. The school generates enormous traffic on Franklin Avenue, which is used as a "shortcut" for the school. It is a residential neighborhood within proximity to the school, and cars are too numerous and most drive too fast. It would be nice to make it a one way to reduce both speed and frequency. | 9/7/2021 5:51 PM |
| 19 | No | 9/7/2021 11:35 AM |
| 20 | It is sometimes unclear who has right of way - those on Seminary or those on West Road? | 9/6/2021 2:32 PM |
| 21 | YES | 9/6/2021 1:43 PM |
| 22 | no | 9/6/2021 9:24 AM |
| 23 | no | 9/6/2021 8:51 AM |
| 24 | No | 9/5/2021 9:12 AM |
| 25 | No | 9/4/2021 6:15 PM |
| 26 | Absolutely | 9/4/2021 11:38 AM |
| 27 | Yes | 9/3/2021 12:55 PM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

| | | |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 28 | Yes | 9/3/2021 11:42 AM |
| 29 | Yes | 9/3/2021 11:42 AM |
| 30 | I have on many occasions witnessed an almost accident at that intersection because of right of way confusion. I don't know if they could make it a roundabout | 9/2/2021 9:30 PM |
| 31 | No concerns other than students and/or residents being too impatient | 9/2/2021 3:46 PM |
| 32 | We live on Taconic Rd and the overflow traffic from BBA/Seminary can be a hassle....it's 30MPH zone but we routinely see 50MPH +every year it's different kids | 9/2/2021 3:32 PM |
| 33 | Yes - people who are not familiar with the intersection do not know how to use it. Combine that with students walking to and from school and it is a recipe for disaster. | 9/2/2021 10:35 AM |
| 34 | No | 9/2/2021 8:49 AM |
| 35 | I usually avoid turning left onto 7A from Seminary by taking Franklin to West to Shepherd to make the left onto 7A. So I guess I have concerns, but I have a work around. | 9/1/2021 8:32 PM |
| 36 | Yes | 9/1/2021 6:15 PM |
| 37 | Yes- I've seen many bear misses at that intersection- there should be a roundabout there!!!!!! | 9/1/2021 1:47 PM |
| 38 | Some. It appears at times a that some drivers are unable to determine who has the right of way. | 9/1/2021 1:22 PM |
| 39 | Yes | 9/1/2021 1:03 PM |
| 40 | None. | 9/1/2021 12:03 PM |
| 41 | Yes | 8/31/2021 8:29 PM |
| 42 | Yes, hence my suggestion for putting in a traffic circle. | 8/31/2021 4:26 PM |
| 43 | No | 8/31/2021 4:12 PM |
| 44 | Yes. See above. | 8/31/2021 4:04 PM |
| 45 | Hard to tell if someone is turning on Seminary or West from 7A | 8/31/2021 3:22 PM |
| 46 | No | 8/31/2021 3:17 PM |
| 47 | Yes | 8/19/2021 5:31 PM |
| 48 | yes | 8/19/2021 1:55 PM |
| 49 | Traffic light would eliminate risk of accidents. | 8/16/2021 8:17 AM |
| 50 | don't really go that way so unsure | 8/9/2021 1:10 PM |
| 51 | Fer biking | 8/8/2021 11:22 AM |
| 52 | No | 8/7/2021 3:06 PM |
| 53 | Yes | 8/7/2021 2:29 PM |
| 54 | No | 8/7/2021 11:45 AM |
| 55 | Not really. | 8/3/2021 12:31 PM |
| 56 | Absolutely as seen above. Could be another good spot for a Roundabout? | 8/2/2021 9:54 PM |
| 57 | No | 8/2/2021 4:43 PM |
| 58 | YES | 7/31/2021 12:04 PM |
| 59 | N/A | 7/29/2021 7:28 AM |
| 60 | Yes | 7/28/2021 8:25 PM |
| 61 | some, and it would be helpful to slow down traffic | 7/23/2021 11:10 AM |

Q18 Please share any additional concerns or ideas for making the Village a safer and more comfortable place to walk, cycle, and drive.

Answered: 48 Skipped: 35

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | More roundabouts | 9/23/2021 3:29 PM |
| 2 | Rotary at West/Main/Seminary. | 9/23/2021 1:14 PM |
| 3 | A streetlight is desperately needed by the drop off circle at the bend of the road between BBA and the soccer field. Increasing numbers of events and participants/spectators throughout the year coupled with a lack of sidewalks/level road shoulder make this very dangerous, particularly in the fall/winter. | 9/19/2021 5:19 PM |
| 4 | Consider ROW use on ways lane for bike and pedestrian path and also extend village center path along west side of west road to the SVAC | 9/16/2021 2:36 PM |
| 5 | Remove granite sidewalks which are dangerous to cyclists | 9/15/2021 6:34 PM |
| 6 | There needs to be better lighting and safety measures for pedestrians crossing Route 7A in front of the Hotel Equinox. Especially dangerous at night. | 9/14/2021 10:44 AM |
| 7 | Speed humps on prospect and seminary, continue to improve sidewalks | 9/14/2021 9:38 AM |
| 8 | The village needs to have police slowing people down on these residential streets. It is unbelievable that more has not been done to slow the cars down. | 9/12/2021 4:20 PM |
| 9 | N | 9/12/2021 12:40 PM |
| 10 | Standardize the marble sidewalks and expand sidewalks on west rd/taconic/upper union | 9/9/2021 4:58 PM |
| 11 | If possible, a sidewalk on west road could loop the whole village and connect SVAC. | 9/9/2021 2:36 PM |
| 12 | More push buttons for safe crossing especially at roundabout by langway. Fox the intersection by reluctant panther and the silver fork. | 9/9/2021 2:11 PM |
| 13 | Thank you for widening Seminary Ave | 9/9/2021 9:30 AM |
| 14 | speed limits obeyed... | 9/7/2021 9:30 PM |
| 15 | I appreciate your study. I think the town does a great job keeping up the roads and sidewalks. Encourage more biking to school and work!!!The school will be a constant source of too many cars and traffic, but if there was some way to regulate both speed and quantity of cars, it would help keep the neighborhood safe. | 9/7/2021 5:51 PM |
| 16 | n/a | 9/7/2021 11:35 AM |
| 17 | speed bumps on Prospect and Taconic? More sidewalks to encourage walking and where there is space. | 9/6/2021 1:43 PM |
| 18 | no concerns | 9/6/2021 8:51 AM |
| 19 | Cycling on 7a south of 11/30 only | 9/5/2021 9:12 AM |
| 20 | Tree lawns, lower speed to match manchester center - 25 MPH, demarcation of crosswalks, urban tactics use painted colorful leaves as crosswalk instead of usual white lines, something to make drivers pay attention, solar crosswalk blinking alerts | 9/4/2021 11:38 AM |
| 21 | . | 9/3/2021 12:55 PM |
| 22 | Ok | 9/3/2021 11:42 AM |
| 23 | Maybe a cross walk closer to Taconic on 7 | 9/2/2021 9:30 PM |
| 24 | - Extending lighting all along Route 7-A - Improve the intersection of West Road and Route 7-A | 9/2/2021 3:46 PM |

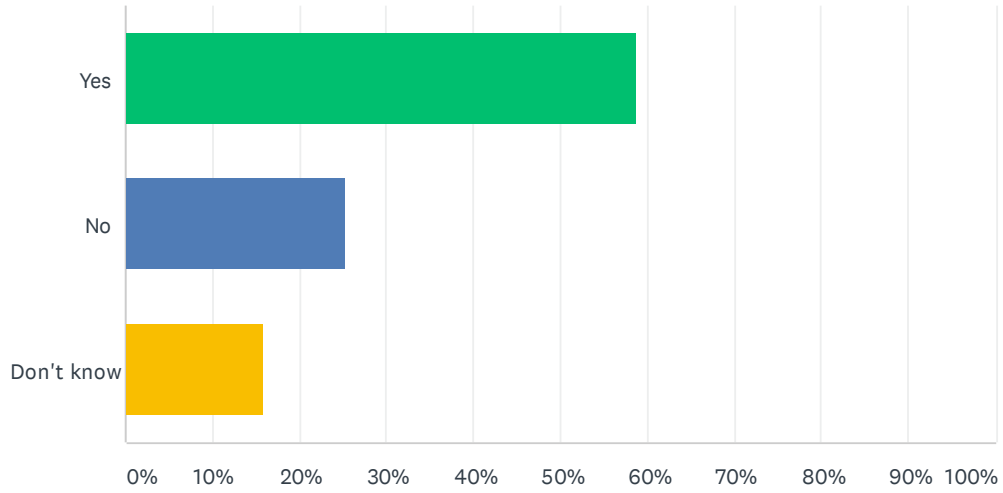
Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

- Extend sewer connections to all residents of the Village

| | | |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 25 | I would like to see traffic dips [like the Rec Park] on Taconic..anything to slow the cut-through traffic down | 9/2/2021 3:32 PM |
| 26 | A roundabout in the area of 7A and Seminary should be look into | 9/2/2021 10:35 AM |
| 27 | We like the way things are and would not make changes. | 9/1/2021 8:32 PM |
| 28 | N/a | 9/1/2021 6:15 PM |
| 29 | Roundabout at seminar/ main st/ west rd intersection | 9/1/2021 1:47 PM |
| 30 | . | 9/1/2021 1:03 PM |
| 31 | Get the MPD to start enforcing the speed limit, especially re: large trucks. | 9/1/2021 12:03 PM |
| 32 | I'm fine the way it is | 8/31/2021 4:12 PM |
| 33 | Place more speed limit signs, hire a police traffic enforcer, put up better walk crossings, consider walker alert lights as in Manchester Ctr., get rid of the granite curbstones, drop speed limit to 25 mph. | 8/31/2021 4:04 PM |
| 34 | None to share | 8/31/2021 3:17 PM |
| 35 | VT7/ Seminary ave needs ways to alleviate traffic delays during school start and finish | 8/30/2021 5:51 AM |
| 36 | Prospect street is a cycling nightmare because of blind hills and people speeding. | 8/19/2021 5:31 PM |
| 37 | Is there enough width in the ROW to add a bike path on the west side of Main Street between the Taconic Hotel/Shepherds Lane and Ways Lane? | 8/19/2021 1:55 PM |
| 38 | More designated bicycle paths, build up rotary at Main & Bonnet Streets and put a traffic light in at Seminary and Main. | 8/16/2021 8:17 AM |
| 39 | keep speed limits down, make a bike path, sound be good | 8/9/2021 1:10 PM |
| 40 | My experience has been with traffic problems north of the West Road/7A intersection from commercial district back up. | 8/8/2021 11:22 AM |
| 41 | N/A | 8/7/2021 2:29 PM |
| 42 | I think it's fine | 8/7/2021 11:45 AM |
| 43 | I would like to see the property across from The Equinox which is mostly empty be better utilized. Maybe affordable housing to help businesses get employees. I think it used to have upstairs hotel rooms. | 8/3/2021 12:31 PM |
| 44 | Honestly, having a separate bike lane would be better for them. But we always see joggers on the road with a perfectly good sidewalk so it's a shot in the dark if it would actually work | 8/2/2021 9:54 PM |
| 45 | None | 8/2/2021 4:43 PM |
| 46 | N/A | 7/29/2021 7:28 AM |
| 47 | BB traffic speeding down Taconic to escape bottle neck st Seminary and 7a | 7/28/2021 8:25 PM |
| 48 | bicycle paths set apart from the roadways would be nice, if that could be possible. Sidewalks of marble look nice, but are rather slippery when wet. | 7/23/2021 11:10 AM |

Q19 Is there enough parking in the Village?

Answered: 63 Skipped: 20



| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|----------------|-----------|
| Yes | 58.73% 37 |
| No | 25.40% 16 |
| Don't know | 15.87% 10 |
| TOTAL | 63 |

Q20 If no, where do you have trouble finding parking?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 48

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 1 | Bba | 9/23/2021 3:31 PM |
| 2 | If Union Street were to get more businesses or the Coury House becomes a concert Hall there will be a big problem. | 9/23/2021 1:16 PM |
| 3 | Music hall demolition resulted in loss of spaces behind that Equinox Jr used (my understanding is that some (7?) were deeded to their use). Lot is also now 4-6' narrower, making remaining parking less useable for larger cars. Also, golf carts that used to be on the grass now take up at least 3 spaces. The approval of the yoga studio added strain to this lot, which already was frequently overwhelmed with golfers who chose not to use the "church" lot and cross the street. There are times now when parking is fine, but when the hotel gets back to full operating capacity we'll go back to having tight parking much of the time, even without these new spaces being developed. | 9/19/2021 5:26 PM |
| 4 | Not really. | 9/17/2021 11:49 AM |
| 5 | There is ample now...but will not be if trends continue.. | 9/16/2021 2:45 PM |
| 6 | None | 9/15/2021 6:36 PM |
| 7 | School days on Seminary and school events | 9/14/2021 9:40 AM |
| 8 | In town | 9/12/2021 12:42 PM |
| 9 | X | 9/9/2021 4:59 PM |
| 10 | Downtown is sometimes tough but you can always find a spot in one of the lots | 9/9/2021 2:12 PM |
| 11 | Near BBA | 9/9/2021 9:31 AM |
| 12 | na | 9/7/2021 5:51 PM |
| 13 | n/a | 9/7/2021 11:35 AM |
| 14 | around little equinox | 9/6/2021 1:43 PM |
| 15 | N/a | 9/4/2021 11:39 AM |
| 16 | . | 9/3/2021 12:59 PM |
| 17 | Downtown near restaurants and businesses | 9/3/2021 11:44 AM |
| 18 | Ok | 9/3/2021 11:43 AM |
| 19 | - Parking at Burr and Burton when they have a performance and/or lectures, etc. - Parking for meetings at the former Court House on Route 7-A | 9/2/2021 3:50 PM |
| 20 | Periodically - especially when yoga is in session. | 9/2/2021 10:37 AM |
| 21 | NA | 9/1/2021 8:33 PM |
| 22 | N/a | 9/1/2021 6:16 PM |
| 23 | Na | 9/1/2021 1:48 PM |
| 24 | Behind the Equinox Jr building when the golf course is operating as many golfers use that lot. Also I see many people parking in front of the Equinox Jr building and walking across the street to the Equinox Hotel taking up the few spaces we have available out front. | 9/1/2021 1:24 PM |
| 25 | . | 9/1/2021 1:03 PM |
| 26 | In front of the restaurants on 7A | 8/31/2021 8:30 PM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

| | | |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 27 | I don't park in village | 8/31/2021 3:18 PM |
| 28 | ? | 8/19/2021 5:33 PM |
| 29 | I know some feel there is not enough parking now, however, I don't think that is the case. There are plenty of parking spaces and a program of space sharing could be developed to accommodate existing and potentially new uses (courthouse). | 8/19/2021 1:57 PM |
| 30 | yoga studio | 8/9/2021 1:12 PM |
| 31 | Currently the village doesn't really have much to offer otherwise so it's hard to say. | 8/2/2021 9:56 PM |
| 32 | EQUINOX CONSERVANCY, COURT HOUSE, EQUINOX JUNIOR | 7/31/2021 12:05 PM |
| 33 | West Road and Rte 7 | 7/29/2021 7:28 AM |
| 34 | Park in my drive | 7/28/2021 8:26 PM |
| 35 | On Union Street or at Courthouse | 7/23/2021 11:13 AM |

Q21 If no, where should parking be added?

Answered: 35 Skipped: 48

| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
|----|--|--------------------|
| 1 | Bba needs a better system for drop off as well as more student parking | 9/23/2021 3:31 PM |
| 2 | Not sure. | 9/23/2021 1:16 PM |
| 3 | Lot behind Music Hall/Opera House should be made more functional and additional uses that strain parking should not be allowed without some accommodations being made. | 9/19/2021 5:26 PM |
| 4 | Two story covered behind first congregational. maybe town can share cost with equinox and trade court house special event use to Equinox in exchange for shared use of new parking garage. | 9/16/2021 2:45 PM |
| 5 | None | 9/15/2021 6:36 PM |
| 6 | BBA | 9/14/2021 9:40 AM |
| 7 | Do not have any suggestions | 9/12/2021 12:42 PM |
| 8 | Post office and old opera lot | 9/9/2021 4:59 PM |
| 9 | Not sure | 9/9/2021 2:12 PM |
| 10 | Not sure | 9/9/2021 9:31 AM |
| 11 | na | 9/7/2021 5:51 PM |
| 12 | no | 9/7/2021 11:35 AM |
| 13 | that's tough. I think Equinox doesn't need such a big lot. Other than that the only place I see as a possibility is where the music house was taken down but parking lots are ugly... | 9/6/2021 1:43 PM |
| 14 | No where | 9/4/2021 11:39 AM |
| 15 | . | 9/3/2021 12:59 PM |
| 16 | Difficult to say. But at very least take restaurants off sidewalk | 9/3/2021 11:44 AM |
| 17 | Ok | 9/3/2021 11:43 AM |
| 18 | Not sure; do not have specific recommendation | 9/2/2021 3:50 PM |
| 19 | The old opera house property if possible. | 9/2/2021 10:37 AM |
| 20 | NA | 9/1/2021 8:33 PM |
| 21 | Na | 9/1/2021 6:16 PM |
| 22 | ? | 9/1/2021 1:48 PM |
| 23 | Carve more parking out of the vacant lot created when the Opera House was demolished. | 9/1/2021 1:24 PM |
| 24 | . | 9/1/2021 1:03 PM |
| 25 | Back of the shops. | 8/31/2021 8:30 PM |
| 26 | Old opera house | 8/31/2021 3:18 PM |
| 27 | Depends on what developments are planned. With all the empty retail spaces I don't see it as urgent. | 8/19/2021 5:33 PM |
| 28 | maybe make some sort of parking structure at the equinox golf club/church parking lot | 8/9/2021 1:12 PM |
| 29 | I am not in favor of adding parking but want to encourage walking and biking. I do not want to live in a mall with convenient parking. | 8/8/2021 11:31 AM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

| | | |
|----|---|--------------------|
| 30 | N/A | 8/7/2021 2:29 PM |
| 31 | None needed | 8/7/2021 11:46 AM |
| 32 | No idea. If there's a music venue at the courthouse, where would they park? The church or.golf course basically own the lot behind it, and everything is already rather developed | 8/2/2021 9:56 PM |
| 33 | Old opera house | 7/29/2021 7:28 AM |
| 34 | Equinox preserve , BB Seminary road area | 7/28/2021 8:26 PM |
| 35 | Remote parking lots with shuttles. Perhaps at the bottom of Union Street, or multi level parking behind the Equinox Hotel. | 7/23/2021 11:13 AM |

Q22 If you would like to receive updates about this project please provide your email address below.

Answered: 36 Skipped: 47

| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
|-----------------|------------|
| Name | 0.00% 0 |
| Company | 0.00% 0 |
| Address | 0.00% 0 |
| Address 2 | 0.00% 0 |
| City/Town | 0.00% 0 |
| State/Province | 0.00% 0 |
| ZIP/Postal Code | 0.00% 0 |
| Country | 0.00% 0 |
| Email Address | 100.00% 36 |
| Phone Number | 0.00% 0 |

| # | NAME | DATE |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------|
| | There are no responses. | |
| # | COMPANY | DATE |
| | There are no responses. | |
| # | ADDRESS | DATE |
| | There are no responses. | |
| # | ADDRESS 2 | DATE |
| | There are no responses. | |
| # | CITY/TOWN | DATE |
| | There are no responses. | |
| # | STATE/PROVINCE | DATE |
| | There are no responses. | |
| # | ZIP/POSTAL CODE | DATE |
| | There are no responses. | |
| # | COUNTRY | DATE |
| | There are no responses. | |
| # | EMAIL ADDRESS | DATE |
| 1 | spitcher@amff.org | 9/23/2021 3:31 PM |
| 2 | etaub_10011@yahoo.com | 9/23/2021 1:16 PM |
| 3 | nhutner@gmail.com | 9/19/2021 5:26 PM |

Manchester Village Land Use and Connectivity Survey

| | | |
|----------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 4 | greg.gilliam@gmail.com | 9/17/2021 11:49 AM |
| 5 | marthah8@comcast.net | 9/15/2021 6:36 PM |
| 6 | russellmillsvt@gmail.com | 9/14/2021 9:40 AM |
| 7 | melissajbell1206@gmail.com | 9/13/2021 9:44 PM |
| 8 | uaw22ski@gmail.com | 9/12/2021 12:42 PM |
| 9 | brendanmparnell@gmail.com | 9/9/2021 4:59 PM |
| 10 | kimberleigh_w@hotmail.com | 9/9/2021 2:36 PM |
| 11 | .com | 9/9/2021 9:31 AM |
| 12 | petert.necf@gmail.com | 9/7/2021 11:35 AM |
| 13 | dmccloskey53705@gmail.com | 9/6/2021 1:43 PM |
| 14 | jmcvie1@gmail.com | 9/5/2021 9:12 AM |
| 15 | brogirl@comcast.net | 9/4/2021 6:16 PM |
| 16 | sugdenproperties@gmail.com | 9/3/2021 12:59 PM |
| 17 | conniehypers@gmail.com | 9/3/2021 11:44 AM |
| 18 | ok | 9/3/2021 11:43 AM |
| 19 | marion3041@yahoo.com | 9/2/2021 3:50 PM |
| 20 | michael@himmel.bz | 9/2/2021 3:32 PM |
| 21 | klowkes@svtaudiology.com | 9/2/2021 8:50 AM |
| 22 | acairns10@gmail.com | 9/1/2021 8:33 PM |
| 23 | Sudanf6@gmail.com | 9/1/2021 6:16 PM |
| 24 | na | 9/1/2021 1:48 PM |
| 25 | peg.gregory@comcast.net | 9/1/2021 1:24 PM |
| 26 | jamesdheckman@aol.com | 9/1/2021 1:03 PM |
| 27 | hayalpozanti@gmail.com | 8/31/2021 5:56 PM |
| 28 | clunearb@cs.com | 8/31/2021 4:13 PM |
| 29 | cristinamaddocks@gmail.com | 8/31/2021 3:22 PM |
| 30 | caelon1974@yahoo.com | 8/19/2021 5:33 PM |
| 31 | cliffy_lynn@yahoo.com | 8/16/2021 8:18 AM |
| 32 | nancymorba@gmail.com | 8/9/2021 1:12 PM |
| 33 | jrwa@hotmail.com | 8/8/2021 11:31 AM |
| 34 | kathybaxley@me.com | 8/7/2021 11:46 AM |
| 35 | vermontwolverine@gmail.com | 8/3/2021 12:31 PM |
| 36 | strattonccm@gmail.com | 8/2/2021 9:56 PM |
| # | PHONE NUMBER | DATE |
| | There are no responses. | |