

APPENDICES





PEDESTRIAN SURVEY SUMMARY

Survey Questions

Number of respondents: 358

	Always	Often	Occasionally	Rarely	Never	No Response
#1 - I _____ choose to walk for my transportation mode around my community	9	63	112	52	104	18
	Choice	Necessity	No Response			
I walk for transportation because.....	184	26	148			
	Often	Occasionally	Never	No Response		
#2 – I _____ walk for pleasure, exercise, or recreation	196	143	10	9		
#3 - The following obstacles have prevented me from walking in Albemarle in the past:	# Responses	% Responses				
No sidewalks or paths	192	54				
Destination is too far away to walk	149	42				
It takes too much time	59	17				
Heavy or fast traffic	125	35				
It is easier to drive	119	34				
Weather (too hot, cold, rainy, icy, etc.)	137	39				
I have too much stuff to carry	66	19				
I need to keep a clean appearance	16	4				
Sidewalks are poorly maintained	92	26				
No crosswalks	73	21				
Dangerous or intimidating intersections	111	31				
Lack of accessibility for the disabled	24	7				
Travel areas are not well lit	97	27				
Concern of crime	132	37				
My health does not permit me to walk	19	6				
Other (list) (See attached)						
Nothing stops me from walking to where I need to go	40	12				



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#4 - What areas in Albemarle do you regularly walk for transportation or recreation?	# Responses	% Responses		
I do not walk anywhere	34	10		
Downtown & Pee Dee area including nearby residential roads	148	41		
Stanly Commons/Hospital area including nearby residential roads	112	31		
Walmart/NC 24-27/ and nearby residential areas	26	7		
North US 52/Northeast Connector area and nearby homes	33	9		
The Mill Hill Neighborhoods west of US 52	17	5		
Neighborhood streets located outside of the areas mentioned above	113	32		
High School	47	13		
Elementary Schools	11	4		
Rock Creek Park	110	31		
Montgomery Park	9	3		
Roosevelt Ingram Park	10	3		
Middle School	11	3		
YMCA Facilities	121	34		
City Lake Park	50	14		
Chuck Morehead Park	45	13		
Other (See attached)				
	Yes	No	I Don't Know	No Response
#5 - Would you support public development policies that encourage pedestrian facilities?	265	17	63	13
#6 - Would you support public funding initiatives for pedestrian facilities?	215	29	99	15

#7 Do you have specific suggestions to help Albemarle become a safer and more practical city for pedestrians?

- ◆ Would like walkway from Eastgate Shopping Center to Walmart (2 respondents)
- ◆ More sidewalks (15 respondents)
- ◆ Occasional benches to rest
- ◆ Sidewalks on Ninth St
- ◆ 10:00 pm curfew
- ◆ Increase police/bike patrol in pedestrian friendly areas (13 respondents)
- ◆ More crosswalks and/or caution lights (5 respondents)
- ◆ Enforce traffic laws and leash law; ticket pedestrians for jaywalking (7 respondents)
- ◆ Emergency call boxes (2 respondents)
- ◆ More underground utilities
- ◆ Cleaner sidewalks (4 respondents)
- ◆ Develop greenway/bicycle paths (19 respondents)
- ◆ Improve street or park lighting (11 respondents)
- ◆ More fitness trails
- ◆ Walking track similar to Norwood's
- ◆ Convert railroad track through downtown corridor into bike path/walkway/greenway connecting as many areas as possible (2 respondents)
- ◆ Extend sidewalk from the Optimist Park to Main Street with lighting
- ◆ Construct sidewalk on Hwy 73 from Main Street to new City Lake Park



- ◆ “Brick sidewalks that “jut out” into street are very dangerous”
- ◆ “Get drugs off the street”
- ◆ Public transportation (3 respondents)
- ◆ Sidewalks extending from Albemarle Middle School to East Albemarle School
- ◆ Sidewalks in Forest Hills area
- ◆ Pedestrian controlled crosswalk lights (2 respondents)
- ◆ Extend sidewalks on 5th St to Hawthorn Avenue and on Second Street from Park Ridge Rd to Post Office (2 respondents)
- ◆ Construct sidewalk extending from Chuck Morehead Park on Hwy 52 North to Rock Creek Park on Hwy 52 South (3 respondents)
- ◆ Encourage pedestrians with “rewards” system
- ◆ Construction of sidewalk around perimeter of hospital compound
- ◆ Security Cameras in pedestrian friendly areas
- ◆ Keep City parks open later in the evening
- ◆ Stop light on Pee Dee Ave

#3 – Other pedestrian obstacles listed by respondents:

- ◆ “Crackheads on Salisbury Ave; too many drugs around here to be comfortable walking.”
- ◆ Dogs not kept chained.
- ◆ Garbage cans on sidewalks.
- ◆ Cars parked on sidewalks; broken glass/vegetative debris on sidewalks.
- ◆ “Greenway was never completed; money was appropriated and never used.”
- ◆ “My largest concern is walking or riding bicycles with my grandchildren; our youth need more freedom to safely ride their bicycles.”
- ◆ Dog waste not picked up from sidewalk or walking area.
- ◆ Need improved lighting around YMCA park; no public restrooms that are easily accessible.
- ◆ Inattentive and/or speeding drivers.
- ◆ Stigma attached to walking (i.e., no vehicle, no driver’s license, economically disadvantaged)

#4 – Other areas listed by respondents regularly walked for transportation or recreational purposes:

- ◆ Northeast Connector
- ◆ Bellamy – Lafayette subdivision
- ◆ Brookwood Executive Park
- ◆ “My own backyard”
- ◆ Ridge Street
- ◆ Hwy 73 (Concord Rd) from Main Street to Efird Street
- ◆ Forest Hills area
- ◆ Shopping center parking lots



PUBLIC FORUMS

Oral comments from both of the public meetings were limited, but focused mainly on the importance of walking paths, sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic calming.

Written comments from the public meetings:

- *“Please continue to extend sidewalks around town.”*
- *“Repair sidewalks downtown to make it more walkable.”*
- *“I (propose) the idea of connecting Lofton Farms (ie Bellamy Circle, etc) through Muirfield Development to proceed into Smith Street and further into Forest Hills without going up Ridge Street.”*