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Community Survey Results

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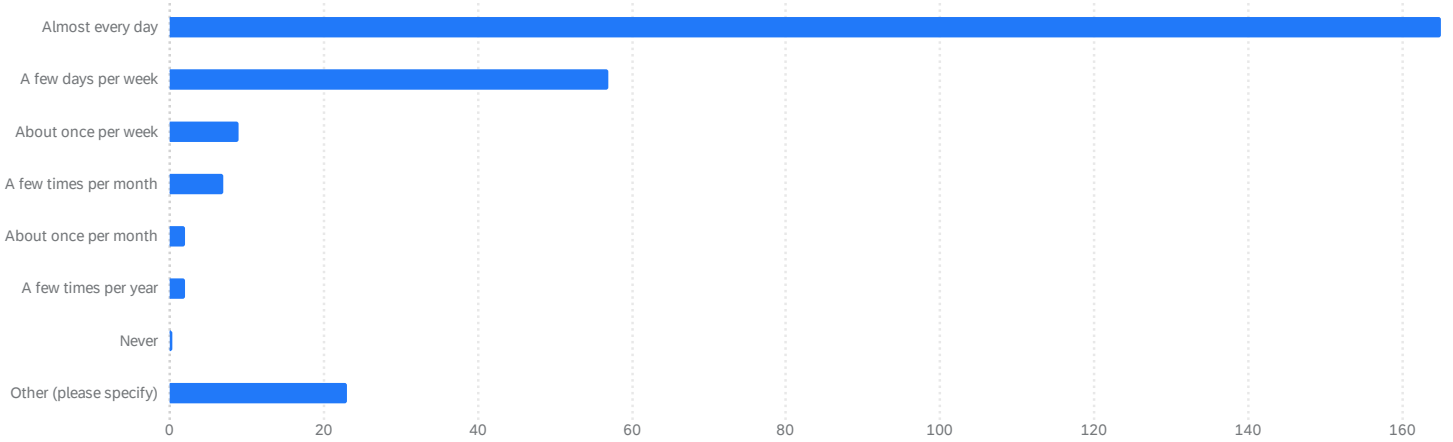
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How often do you travel on Route 37 in Braintree? Select only one. 265 ⓘ



How often do you travel on Route 37 in Braintree? Select only one.: Other (please specify) ⓘ

every day

daily I live on Franklin Street

live in Braintree Highlands work an Braintree Hill Office Park

It's s nightmarr

Every day

Multiple times each day

Multiple times every day

Everyday, I live on RT 37

1-2 x/ day

Every day

Every Dad

I live on 37 and use it every day!

Multiple times every day

Every day

School year

Several times Every day

Every day

Several times per day

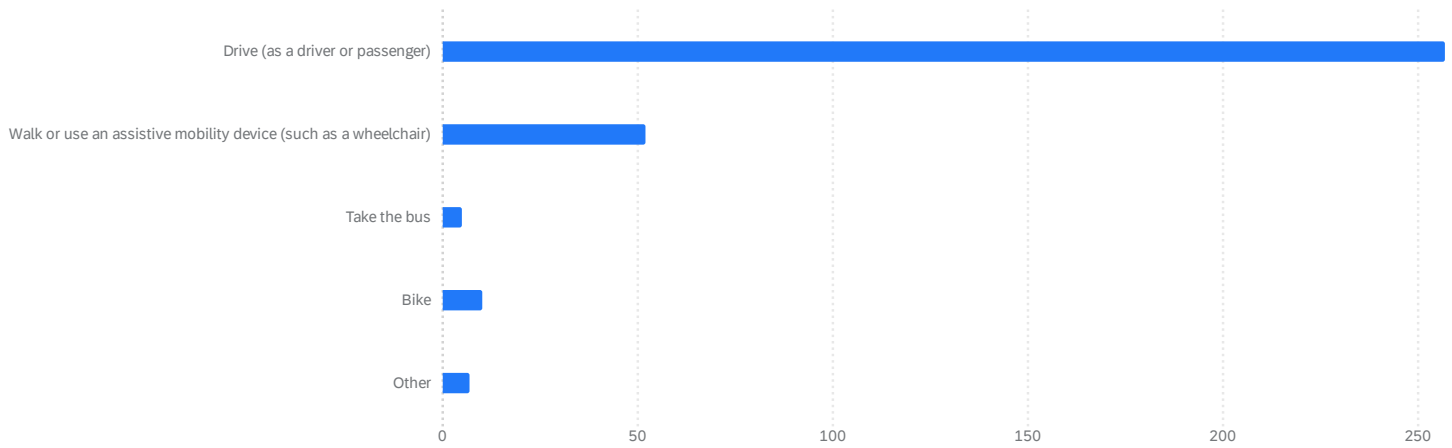
Multiple times every day

At least twice a day

Multiple times every day

Everyday

How do you typically travel on Route 37 in Braintree? Select all that apply. 266 ⓘ



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Run

Walk

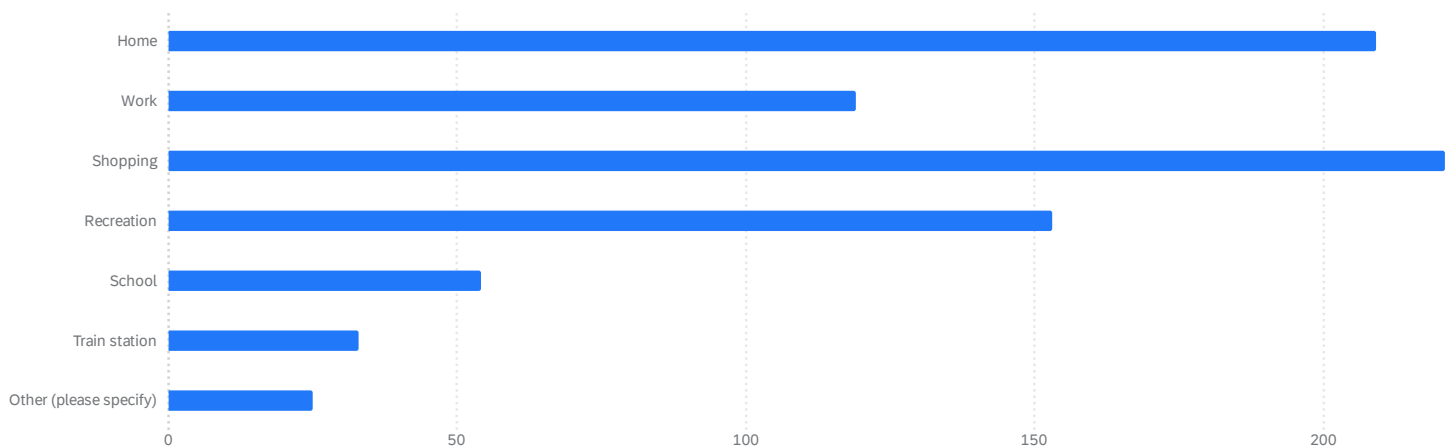
Travel every day. Live there.

Run

Walk

I use a cane for my disabilities I am only 44

Where are you traveling when using Route 37 in Braintree? Select all that apply. 263 ⓘ



Where are you traveling when using Route 37 in Braintree? Select all that apply.: Other (please specify) ⓘ

everywhere

Everywhere. I live on Route 37

Use route 37 live on Brewster Avenue travel tRoute 37 several times a day

Sports

Isiting friends

Appointments

Visiting family

Picking up grandchild

Sports

food

Passing through.

Caregiver parent

doctor visits, family visits

Library, Town Hall

Appointments, services, banking

To rte 128 north

Visiting relatives

Daycare

Church, visit mother, library

Appointments

Visiting family

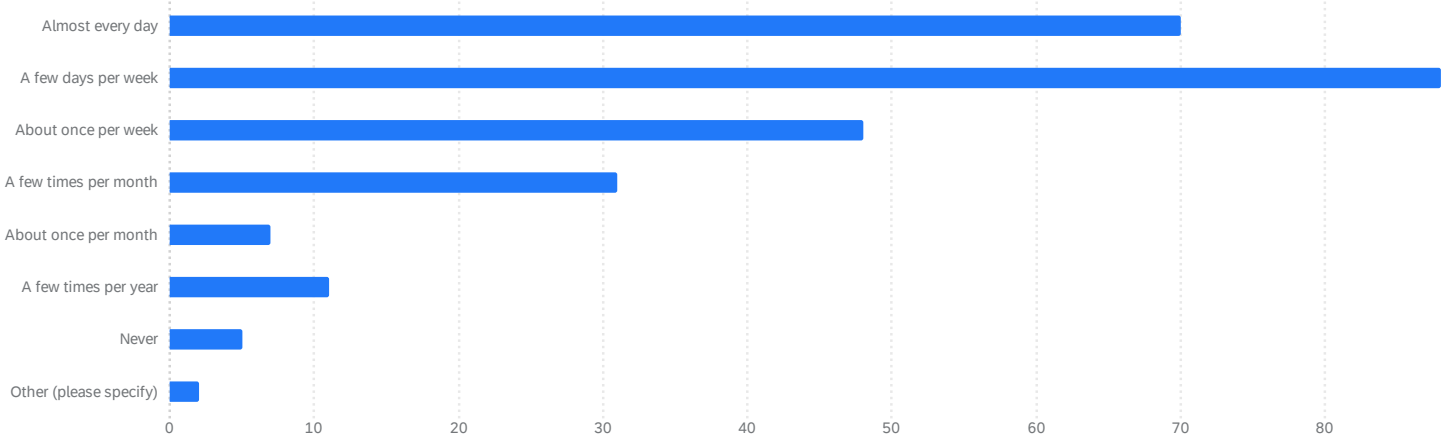
Walking my service dog

Healthcare, Church, Errands, Friends,

Parents house

Going to south Shire Plaza

When using Route 37, how often are you traveling outside of Braintree? Select only one. 262 ⓘ

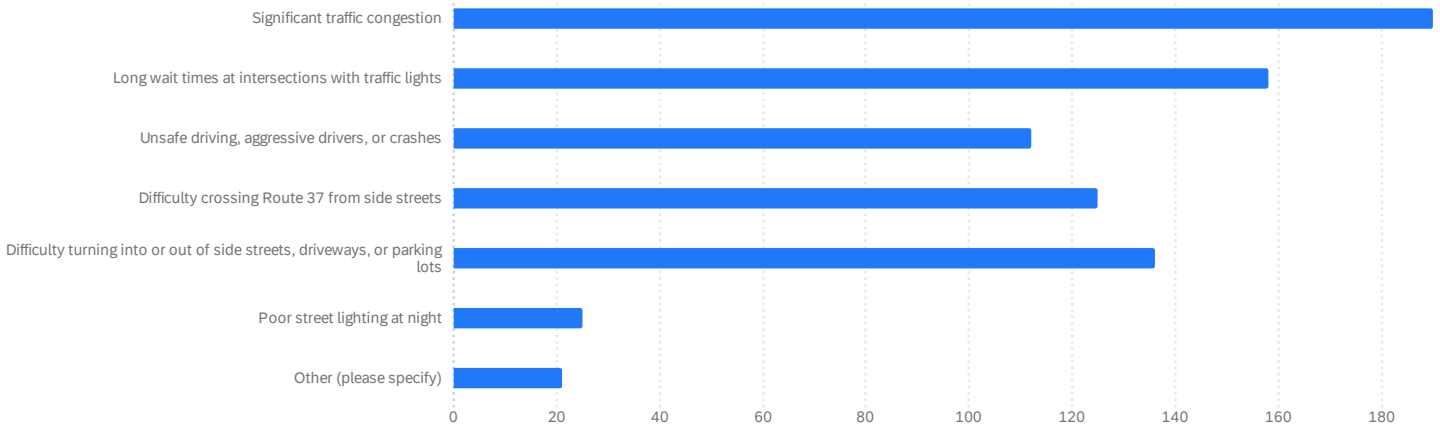


When using Route 37, how often are you traveling outside of Braintree? Select only one.: Other (please specify) ⓘ

Every day.. Live there on 37

I rarely leave Braintree now

What are the challenges you experience driving on Route 37? Select all that apply. 245 ⓘ



What are the challenges you experience driving on Route 37? Select all that apply.: Other (please specify) ⓘ

everything above except poor lighting

The intersection at Common st coming out to granite st is a mess. The lights are not long enough trying to leave common st in any direction. Most mornings the light lets about 5 or 6 cars thru before the lights change. I think that the whole intersection from the on/ off ramps from 93 could use a total revamp. There is no good way to approach or even go thru here without stopping at least twice waiting for lights to change.

Large portion of 37 are not wide enough

Badly timed traffic signals. Side street calls have long delays even when there is no traffic on Route 37.

Trying to take a left onto 37S from Peach St is a nightmare. I assume we re waiting for a death to put in a light.

None

Only during morning and afternoon commute to work.

Difficulty getting out and in of my own driveway every day

Bike Lane

unavoidable traffic during morning commting

none

When it's one lane of traffic going either way, and someone needs to get on route 37 from the side streets near highlands school, it's impossible. In the morning, between 7-8 am, is very difficult to pull out from Wildwood or Peach onto route 37 and I think traffic lights are needed at these two busy intersections. It's only a matter of time someone else is hit and killed AGAIN! on

Pedestrian lights don't work

Unable to cross as a pedestrian

Many drivers exceed the speed limit & drive like they are on Rt. 128 & Rt. 3

speeding cars and motorcycles

Traffic lights thst don't work.

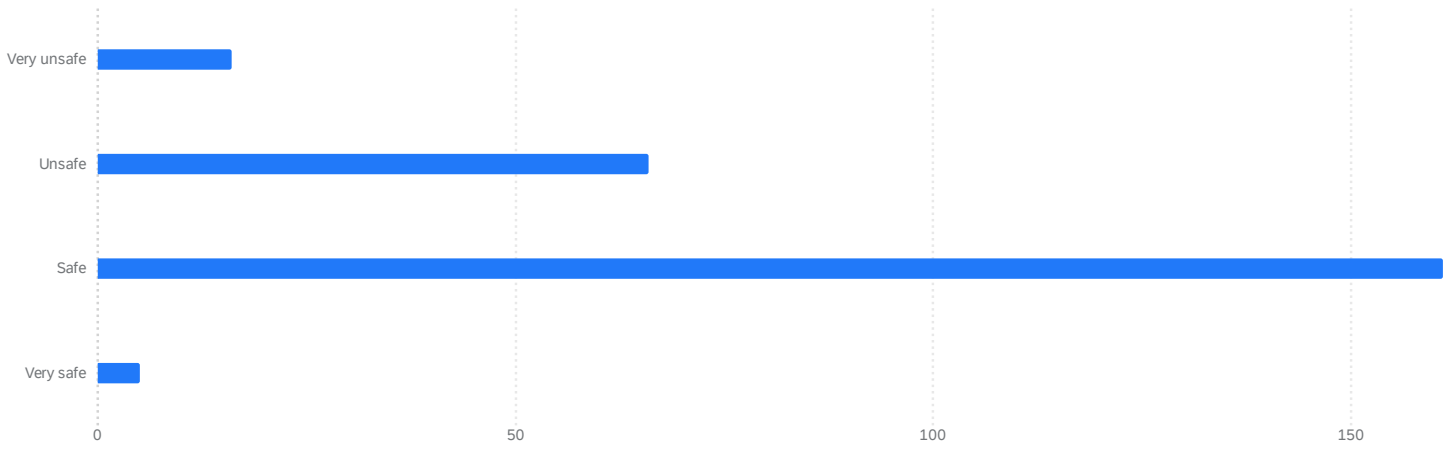
Poor pedestrian access, off the main street

The set of lights at Braxton letting one car out.

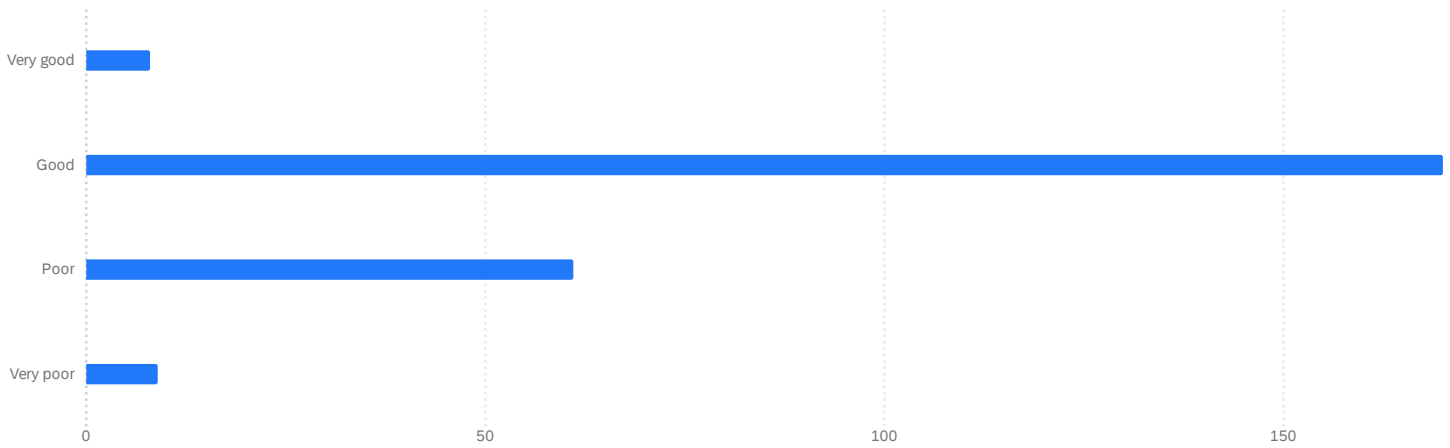
Danger at cross walk and lack of walk lights

Driving off peak hours can reduce traffic on route 37

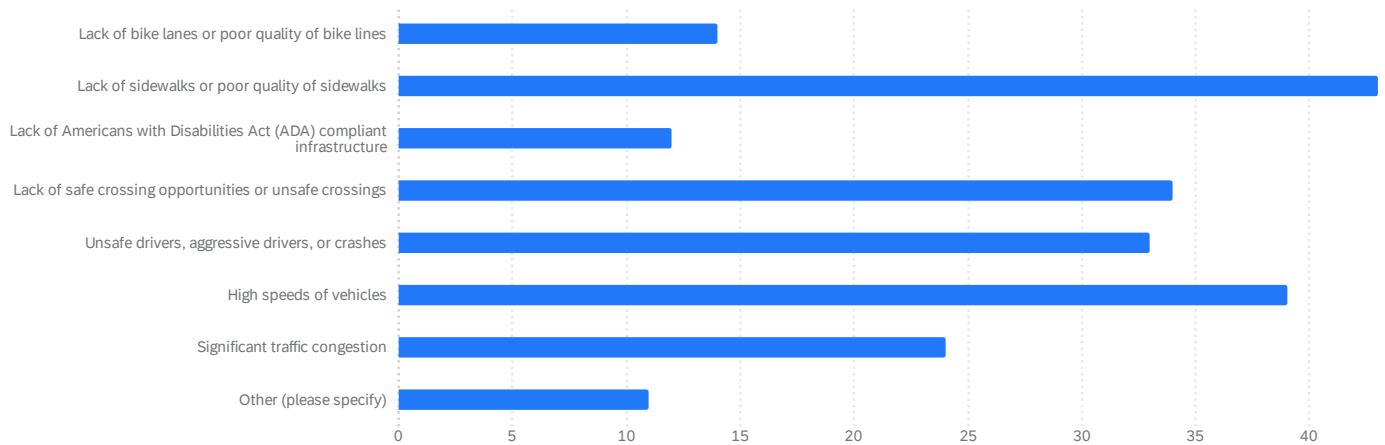
How safe do you feel driving on Route 37? Select only one. 248 ⓘ



How would you rate nighttime driving conditions in the Route 37 corridor? Select only one. 248 ⓘ



What challenges do you experience walking, biking, or using an assistive device on Route 37? Select all that apply. 53 ⓘ



What challenges do you experience walking, biking, or using an assistive device on Route 37? Select all that apply.: Other (please specify) ⓘ

Drivers don't seem to be expecting pedestrians - ie, make right turn without stopping when light is red

Sidewalks are in extremely poor condition. Homeowners need to maintain shrubs and trees that are over grown where you need to duck under low lying branches or step out onto the street to pass. Sidewalk conditions are unsafe while walking, many trip hazards. Sidewalks need to be replaced in many areas walking north between West street and Washington street

None

Constant speeding drivers and trucks.

There needs to be lights at Peach and Wildwood! My neighbor was hit and killed at Wildwood/rt 37 while trying to cross.

Drivers not stopping at marked crosswalks for pedestrians

The crossing lights at five corners does not stop all traffic as it should. As a parent who has a child that walks home from Braintree High School, I am extremely concerned about my child crossing to get home and aggressive or distracted drivers not following no turn on red signs or going through red lights as he's trying to cross

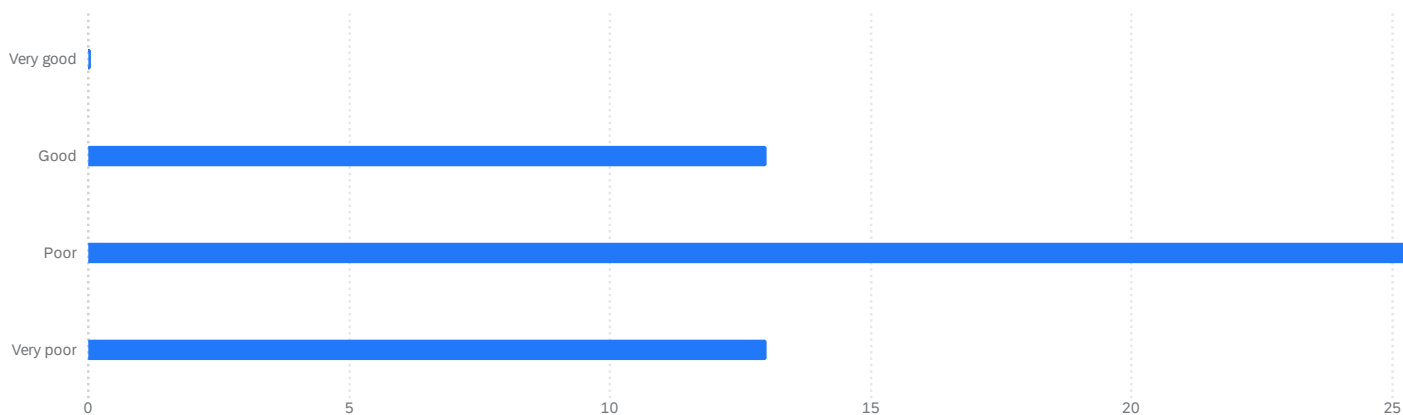
Overgrown bushes and trees that hang onto the sidewalk

Blind corner at South Braintree Square

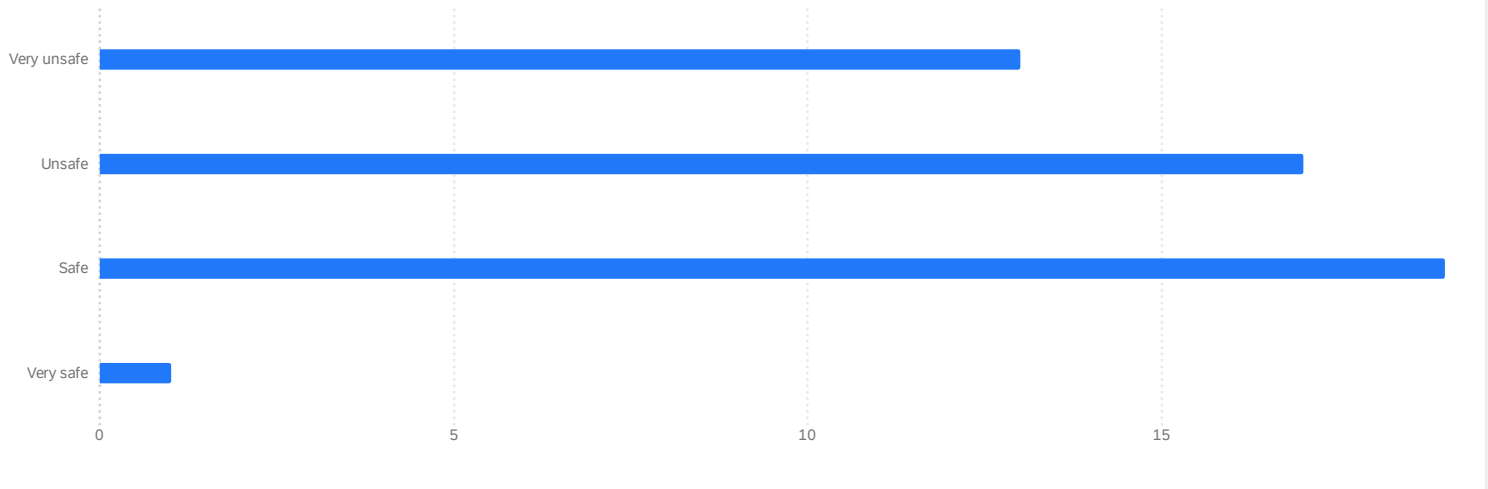
Crosswalk buttons often don't work

poor access to crosswalk button, broken crosswalk buttons,

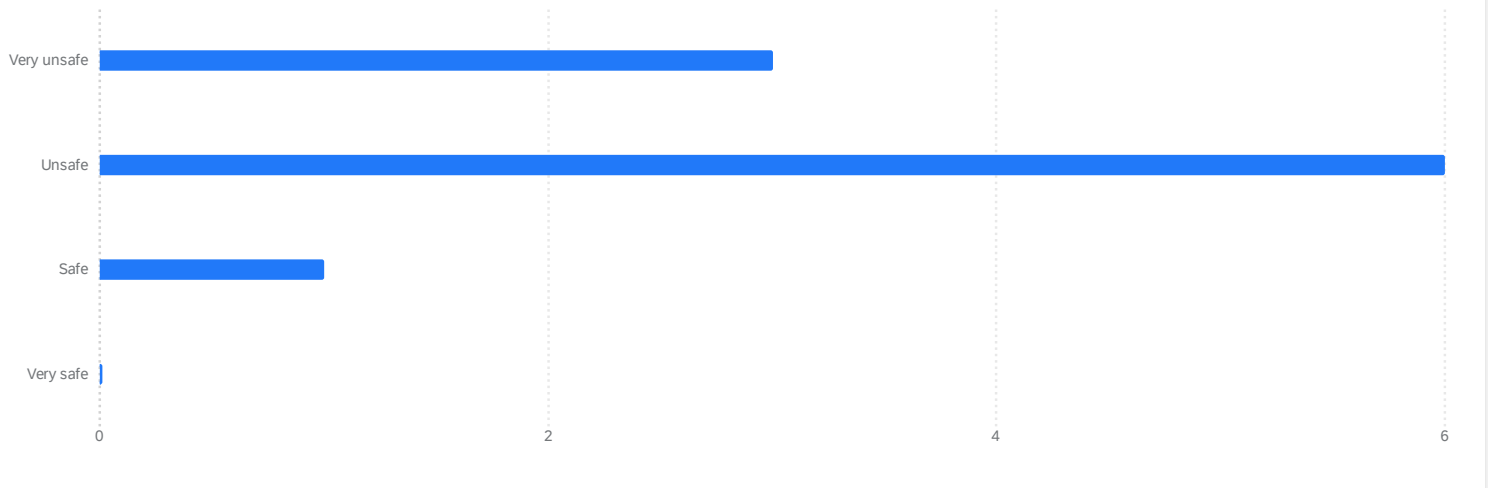
How would you rate the nighttime conditions when traveling along Route 37 by foot, bicycle, or using an assistive mobility device? Select only one. 52 ⓘ



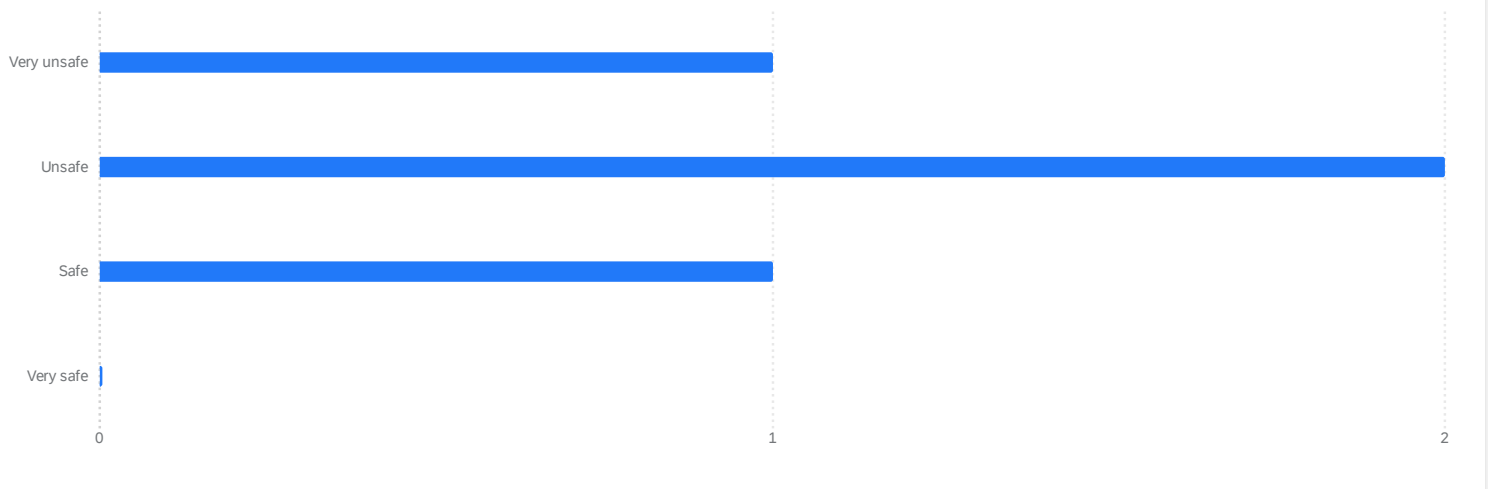
How safe do you feel walking or using an assistive mobility device on Route 37? Select only one. 50 ⓘ



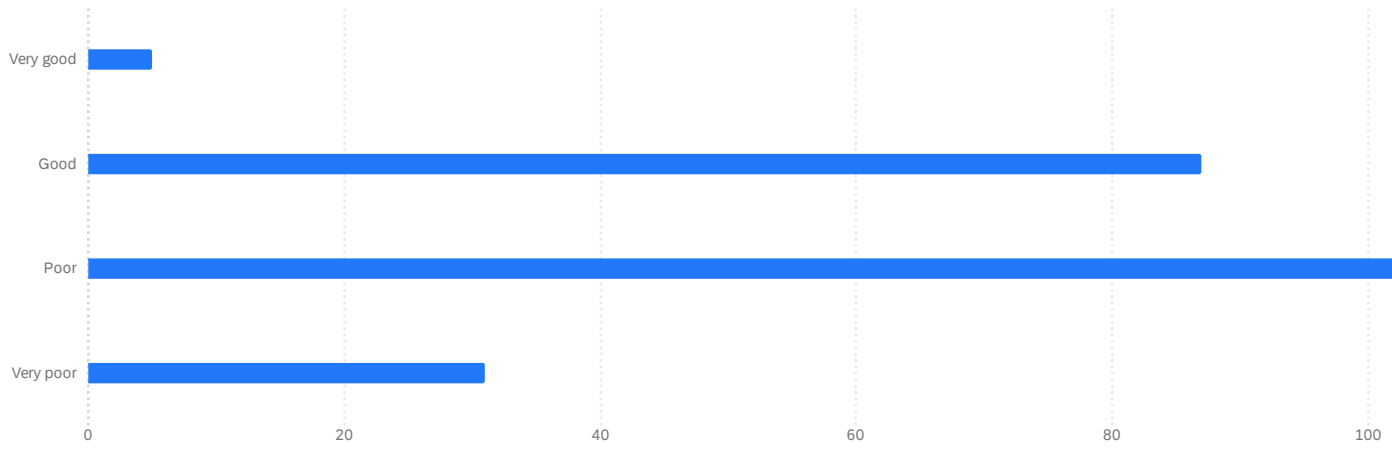
How safe do you feel riding a bike on Route 37? Select only one. 10 ⓘ



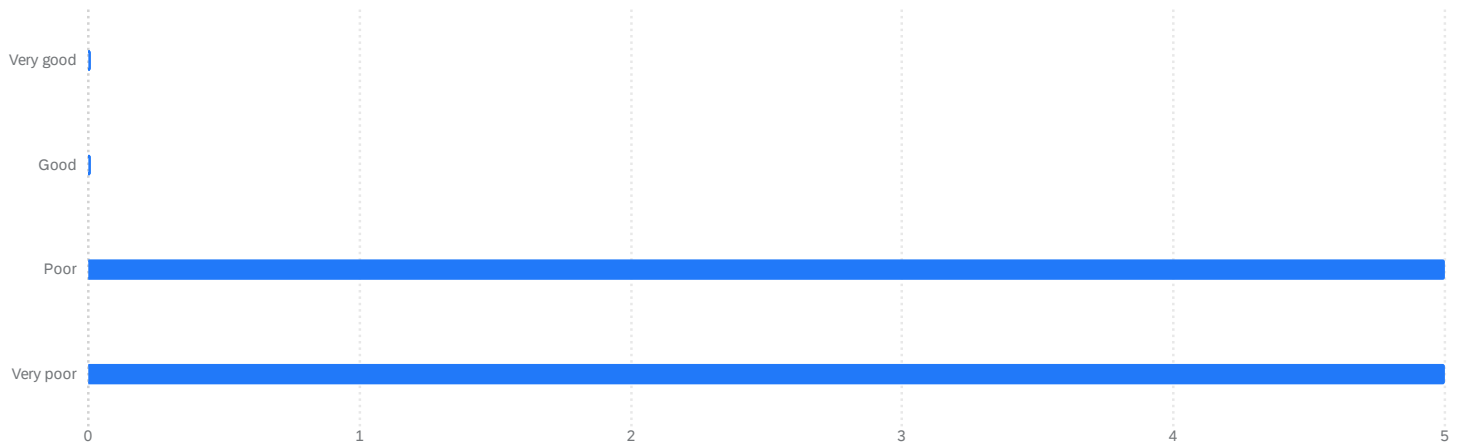
How safe do you feel taking the bus on Route 37? Select only one. 4 ⓘ



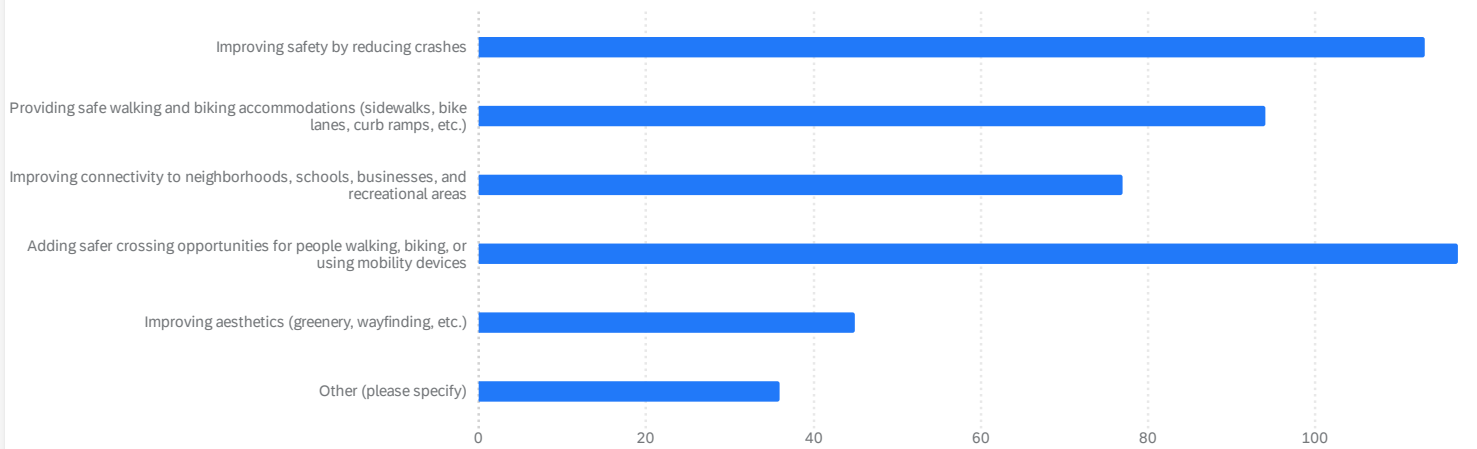
How would you rate the condition of sidewalks along Route 37? Select only one. 229 ⓘ



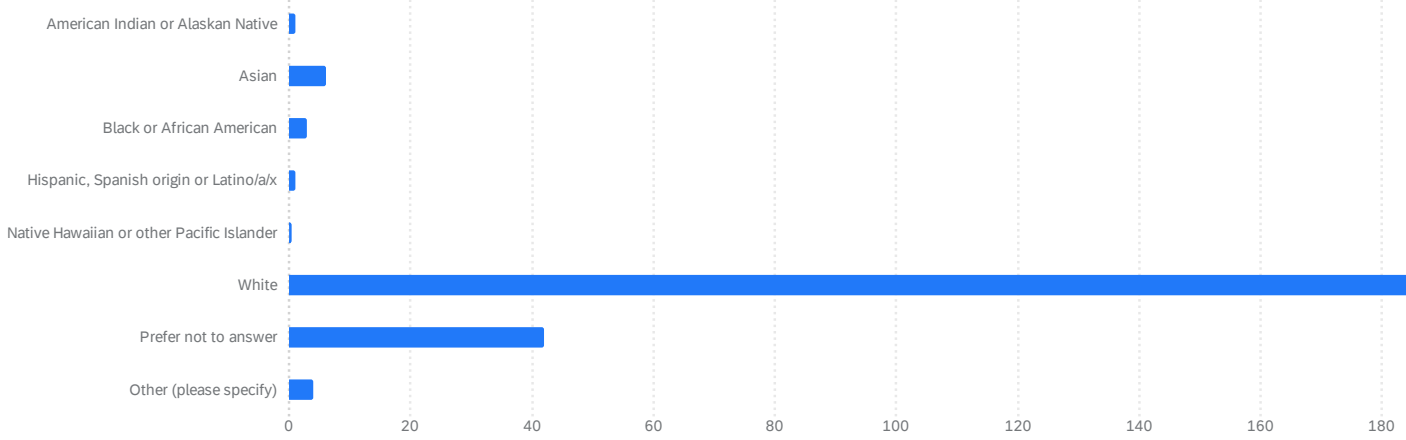
How would you rate the condition of bike lanes or space for biking on Route 37? Select only one. 10 ⓘ



What are two significant ways you would like to see Route 37 improved? Select only two. 241 ⓘ



How do you self-identify by race and/or ethnicity? (Check all that apply.) 241 ⓘ



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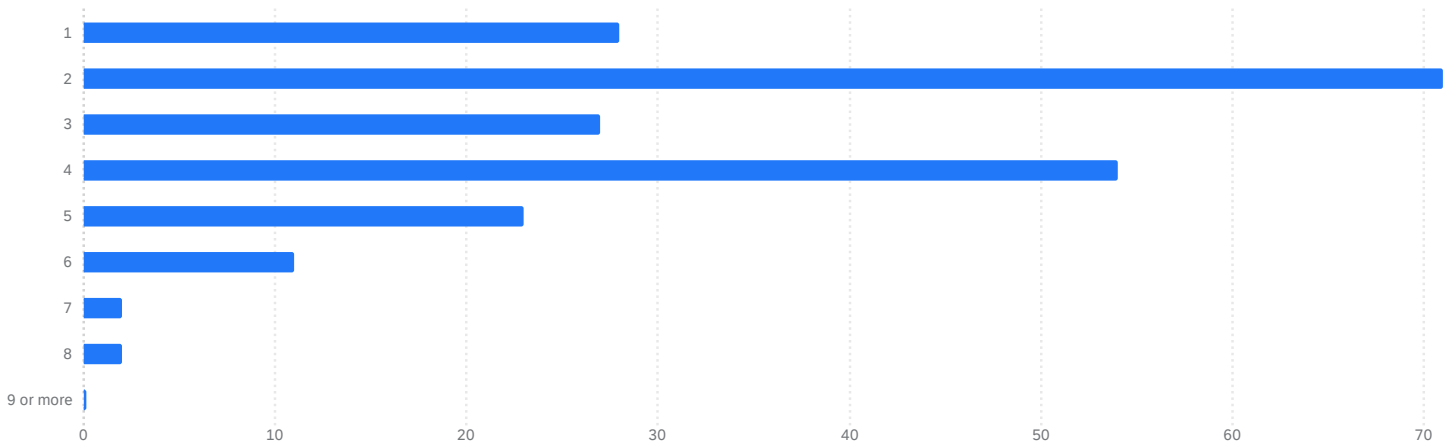
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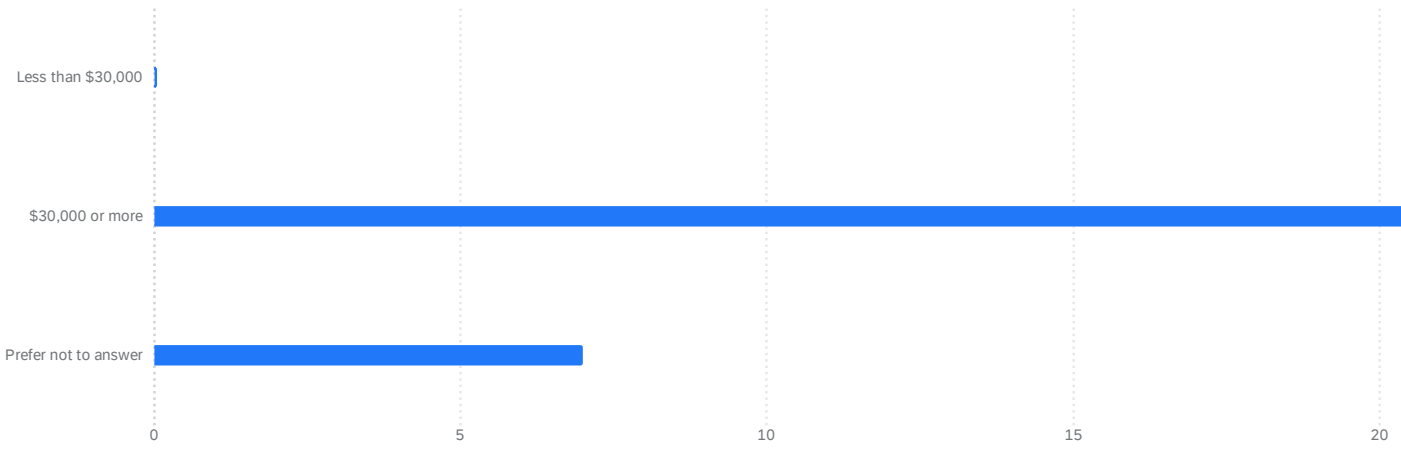
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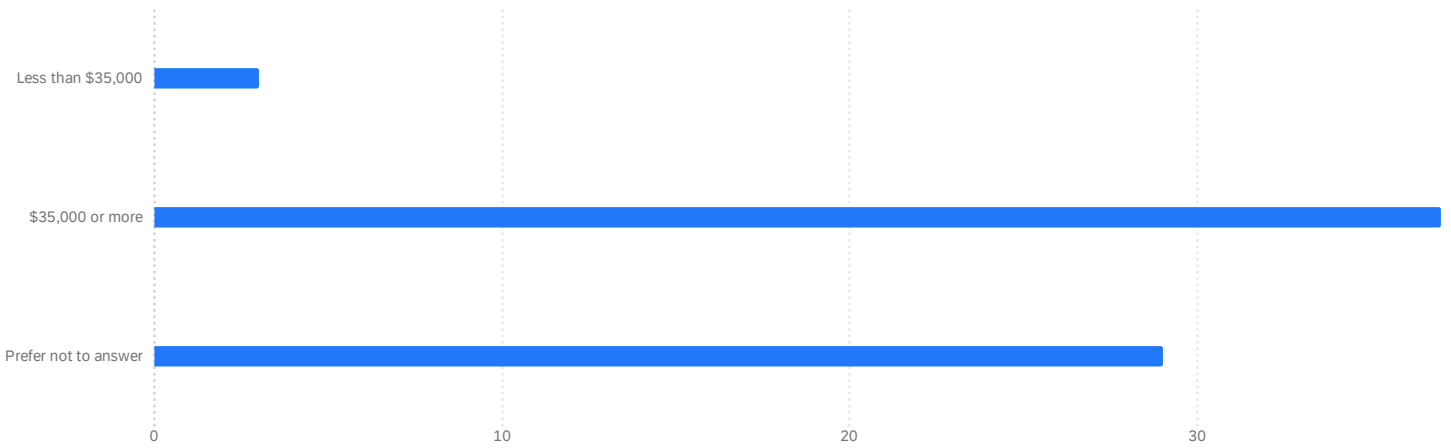
How many people are in your household? Include yourself. 218 ⓘ



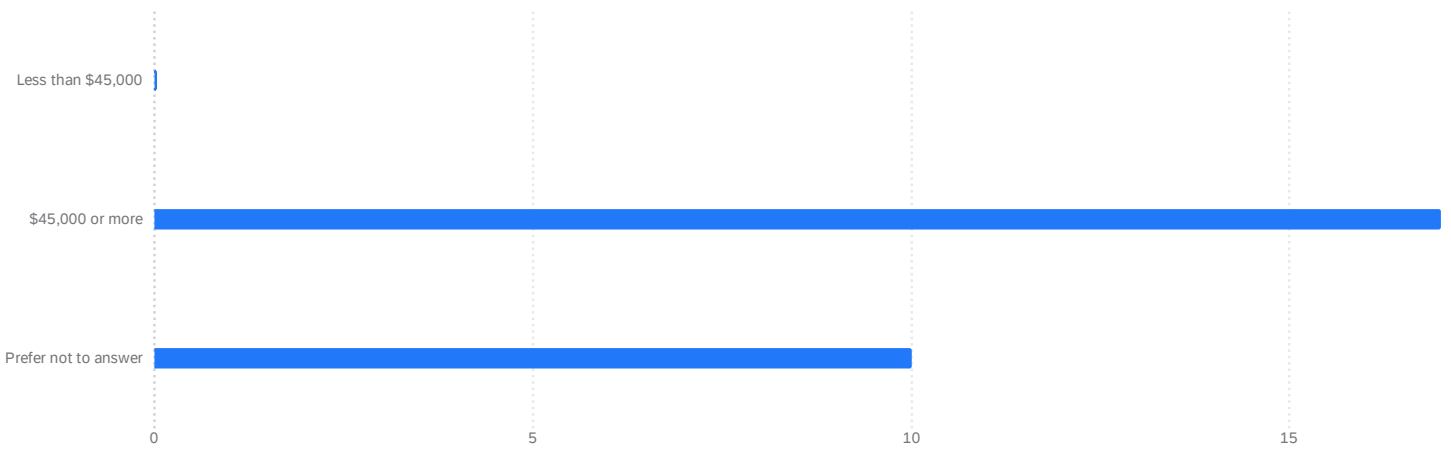
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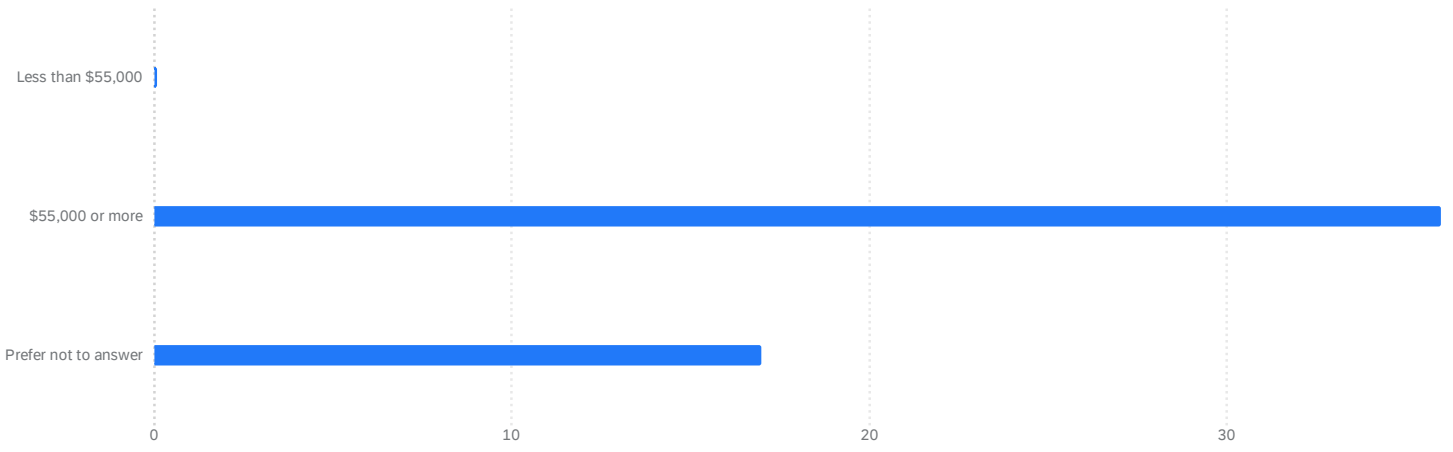
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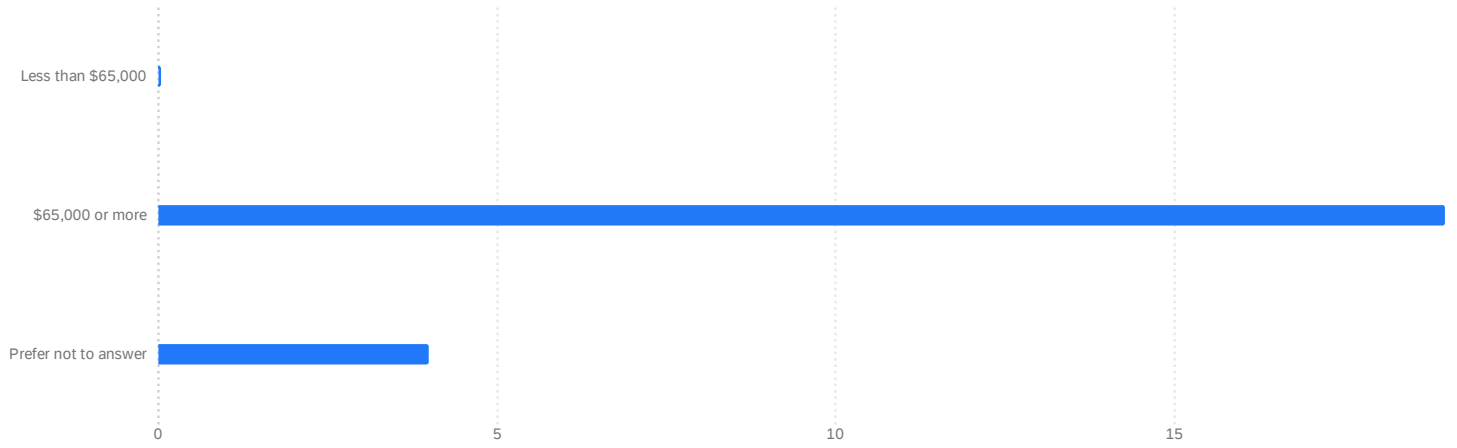
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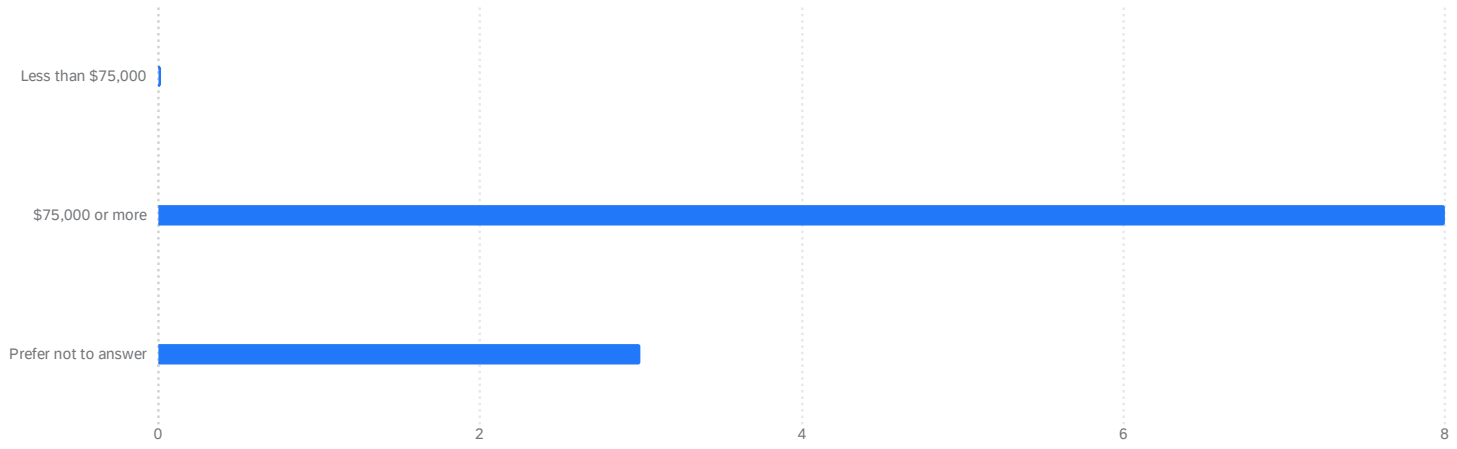
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What is your annual household income? 23 ⓘ



What is your annual household income? 11 ⓘ



What is your annual household income? 2 ⓘ

Less than \$85,000

\$85,000 or more

Prefer not to answer

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What is your annual household income? 2 ⓘ

Less than \$95,000

\$95,000 or more

Prefer not to answer

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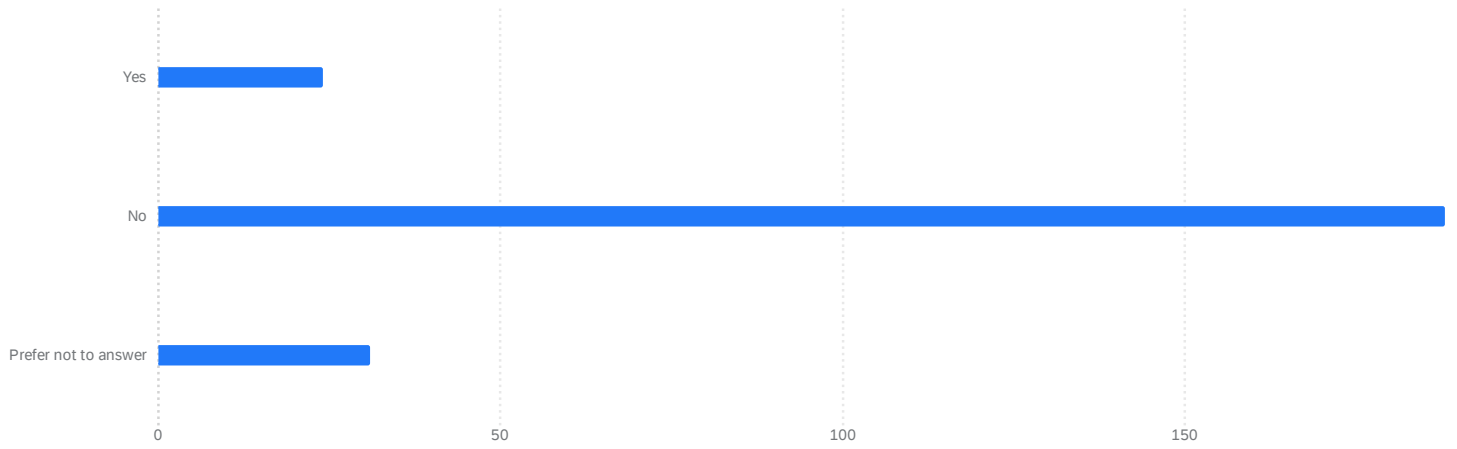
What is your annual household income? ⓘ

Less than \$110,000

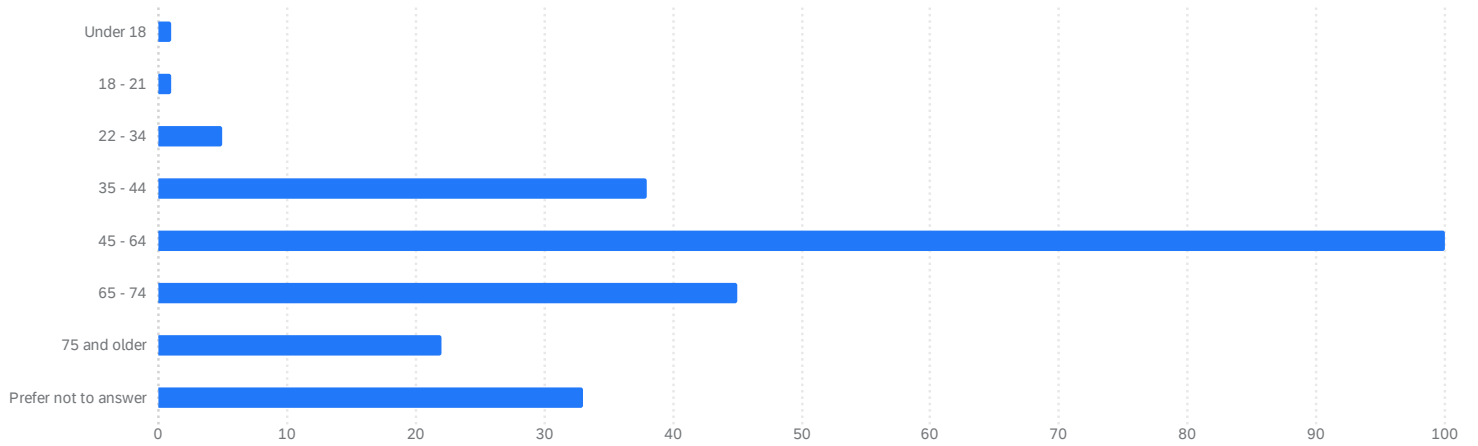
\$110,000 or more

Prefer not to answer

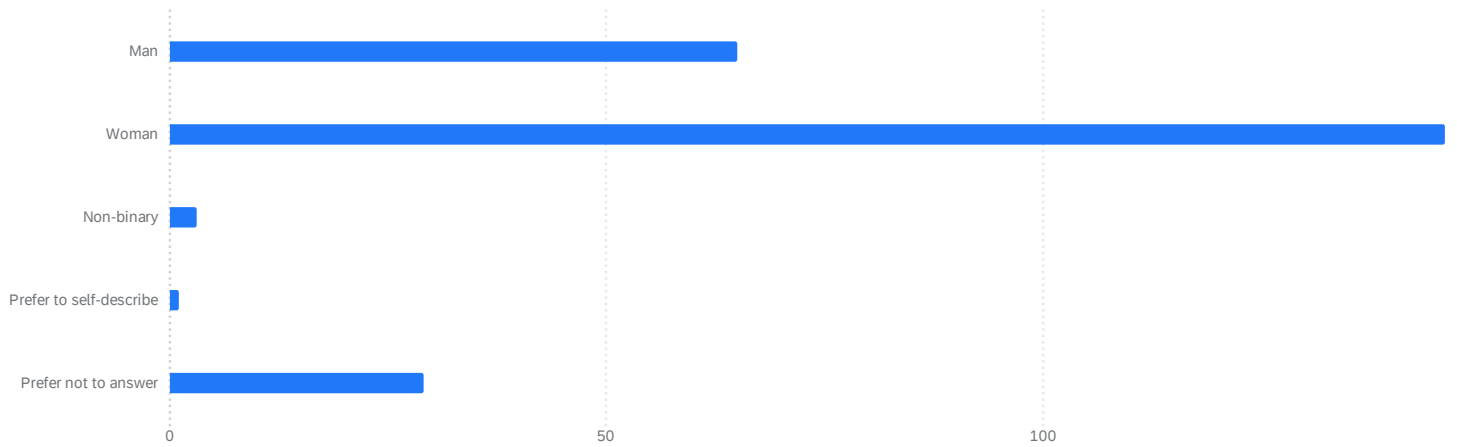
Do you have a disability? 243 ⓘ



What is your age? 245 ⓘ



How do you identify by gender? 244 ⓘ



How do you identify by gender?: Prefer to self-describe ⓘ

still deciding

Specific Comments from the Community Survey

Granite Street

Enforce traffic laws, particularly drivers running red lights at the intersections with entrances/exits to the South Shore Plaza. Drivers traveling on Rt37 consistently run the red lights at the Forbes Road/Common Street intersection, especially going northbound toward I-93. I frequently enter Rt37 from Common Street at this intersection and always hesitate for fear of drivers ignoring the red light. I presume that there is a similar problem at the other entrances to South Shore Plaza.

Five Corners

1. Stop the speeding to & from the lights at Five Corners. Too many cars speed up to make the changing lights (green to red) & speed up (jockey) as the lanes reduce from 2 to 1 at the end of Messina Plaza 400 Franklin St.
2. Traffic is the worst during AM and PM rush hours. The new light system at 5 Corners has helped greatly with moving traffic.
3. The traffic flow here is terrible. The division of traffic lanes is outdated. This worked well about twenty years ago. Also, the five corners intersection could use an update, Rotary?? There are so many things that could be updated on the whole of RT 37.
4. The Braintree Five Corners area needs improvement with better lighting, improvement with better street marking materials instead of paint with thicker strip-like materials and sturdy lighting fixtures instead of lanterns that sway back, forth and around. Better crossing for pedestrians with pics on poles that signal when it is safe to cross.
5. Traffic near the mall, at 5 corners, and by the intersection of Washington St and Hancock St are an absolute nightmare in the evening commute hours. There are days it takes me longer to travel the roughly 4 miles from the mall area to my house (in Braintree Highlands) than it does to travel the 12 miles from my office in Boston to the mall. I don't know how much can be done to alleviate this mess, but something has to be done.
6. Traffic lights at West St coming from Randolph should have their own dedicated light just like the other side of West Street. Traffic gets backed up b/c there is little time to take left turns into Granite St.
7. Need to have more police enforcement of speeders between Five Corners and Plaza. No biking accommodation. The road lanes are already too narrow for bike lanes. Safety and police enforcement of speeding should take a priority over greenery. Traffic lights are often mistimed or not working properly, especially at the south mall entrance.
8. Five Corners is incredibly unsafe for walkers. When a walker presses the button to cross, not all lights stay red. All traffic should be stopped before any crossing light tells a walker it's safe to go. Drivers blow through red lights ALL THE TIME! Again, making it unsafe for walkers to walk when the light allows them too. Also, the lights at the Plaza and Forbes Rd., drivers everyday blow through the red lights at a high rate of speed so much so that other cars have a green light. It's only a matter of time before there is a horrific accident. The speeding at night especially on the weekends on Granite St. is extremely dangerous as well.
9. Five Corners is very dangerous no matter what time of day, especially if someone is trying to turn left onto West St (from either direction on Granite). Significant traffic delays on Granite Street down by the malls during rush hour. Traffic backs up so bad sometimes it takes so long to get through that area.

Franklin Street and Leroy Way Intersection (to the Braintree High School)

1. Would love to see a safer means for pedestrian crossings, particularly at the Braintree High School driveway and Wompatuck Rd neighborhood
2. Traffic congestion. Intersection Washington/Hancock a bottleneck. Light at Thayer athletic fields add significantly to congestion at rush hour or is unnecessary (I've had to stop at that light at 9:00 PM on a Sunday).
3. Cars parked on the sidewalks on either side of Franklin St make walking or riding bikes nearly impossible
4. Why isn't there a red light with flashing lights to cross 37 to Braintree High like Thayer has on Washington St? So many people driving so fast they couldn't stop if they wanted to, my husband, dog and I were almost hit in the crosswalk when I was wearing a walking cast because I couldn't run fast enough
5. Widening road for left turn lane at access road to BHS

Summer Street/Central Street Intersection

Major issue at the intersection of Franklin & Central Ave. I've witnessed numerous car crashes and near misses. Barriers to visibility due to shrubbery, lighting & speed of vehicles seem to be the causes of these accidents. Also, this street is used as "cut-through" for emergency vehicles (primarily Fire Trucks) the on-coming traffic driving on Franklin don't see them coming. It would be a great idea to consider a blinking light at this intersection to especially allow for an emergency signal to stop traffic. Adding a crosswalk would also be beneficial to make traffic stops to allow pedestrians to cross safely to be able to visit Sunset Lake, the Cemetery & Braintree High School up the street.

Washington and Pond Street Intersection

The intersections of Washington St and Pond St, Hancock St and Pearl St, and Hancock St and Franklin St are also awful during the afternoon rush. Cars are constantly blocking those intersections by intentionally pulling into the middle of the intersections right before (or as) the lights turn red, with nowhere to go, causing terrible backup and congestion. There are never any consequences for this, from what I see.

Washington Street, Hancock Street, and Plain Street Intersection

1. Would love to see better traffic signal systems and pedestrian crossings at the intersection of Hancock St and Plain St. Need to do something about lights at Plain Street the traffic backs up from Holbrook to that light and that is over a mile!
2. The traffic lights need to be improved and the busy intersections should be monitored for safety. The intersection at Hancock St, Washington St and Plain St is very unsafe, but simple changes would help improve the situation. For cars approaching the intersection from Plain St, there are two sets of traffic lights, and one turns red we'll before the other. They should be synched. It would also help a great deal to add a left arrow light for drivers turning left onto Hancock from Plain. The timing of the left turn arrow is not great for drivers turning left from
3. Hancock onto Washington. For some cycles, the left turn arrow is green for much too short a period of time. For other cycles, especially during the afternoon rush, the left turn

arrow doesn't turn green at all. This creates a lot of backups on Hancock St, but it also creates dangerous situations when drivers either run the light or change lanes quickly to go straight on Hancock so they can turn left at a different intersection farther north.

4. Sidewalks are the worst in Braintree. Town hall indicates the State holds up road & sidewalk repairs. Engine breaking by trucks is horrible (northbound, intersection Hancock & Plain). Traffic backs up daily! We hear empty trucks in the morning (4-6) banging along the road.
5. Improvements needed to intersection with Hancock St, Plain St, by the train tracks and Dunks. This intersection is the worst. The frequency of drivers running red lights is terrifying. And during peak driving times, there are often instances where drivers are blocking the intersection so lanes with a green light cannot proceed. Along all of Rt. 37, in my opinion, this intersection is the most dangerous, primarily due to drivers running red lights. I am very happy that there is now a traffic light at the intersection of Rt 37 and South Street. This has been a huge improvement.
6. Traffic congestion. Intersection Washington/Hancock a bottleneck.

Washington Street and Braxton Street Intersection

1. A beautiful boy was killed because he had to step into the street, while walking home from work, because there is inadequate space for pedestrians at the railroad underpass. Poor town planning killed Lucas as much as the driver.
2. Commuters travelling on 37 N in the morning are still speeding through Old Washington Street to cut through some of the route 37 congestion regardless of posted no entryway signs.
3. A traffic light coming out of highlands neighborhood into Route 37
4. Need sidewalks near Thayer Academy skating rink on Route 37. People are always walking/biking on the street there and it is dangerous.
5. The intersection at Peach St is atrocious. A traffic light is needed! Perhaps it can be timed with the one a little up the street at Braintree Business Park (Thayer Athletic
6. Light at Thayer athletic fields add significantly to congestion at rush hour or is unnecessary (I've had to stop at that light at 9:00 PM on a Sunday).

Granite Street and Peach Street Intersection

1. Would love to see traffic signals installed at Peach St. The traffic on Route 37 in the morning and afternoon commutes is too much! People in the Highlands area (South, Wildwood, Peach) can barely get out of their streets and the light at Dunkin intersection is ridiculously short! Getting from the highlands to high school in the morning, via Route 37, to Pond St, to Town Street is truly ridiculous!
2. Light at Peach Street and Route 37. Install a traffic signal at Peach Street intersection. Improve signal synchronization and progression between Wood Rd. and Five Corners.
3. Entering Route 37 from Peach Street used to have enough space for cars to merge left or right on to 37. Someone decided it was better to extend the sidewalk curb. This small change backs up traffic onto Peach Street. Horrible decision.
4. I think a traffic light is needed at Peach St and Route 37. It is a risk trying to take a left onto Route 37 southbound especially since the road is not flat and you can't always see cars coming south. A light was put in farther down on Route 37 after a motorcycle accident. Let's not wait for another motor vehicle accident. Also, a wide median strip was put in where Peach Street and Route 37 meet so that only one lane can approach 37.

There are significant backups on Peach Street while waiting for drivers taking a left to make a safe turn.

5. Lots of kids bike and walk area...need to make crosswalks and sidewalk safer none. Intersection at Peach Street should have a traffic light 🚦 provide traffic enforcement, especially for the people who can't put their PHONES down. Something at the end of Peach Street to improve morning and end of work/school day ability to turn onto Route 37
6. My son n was killed by a hit and run drunk driver on Dec 15, 2018. He was struck, walking from the T. He was on the very narrow stretch of sidewalk heading south, by the Thayer Field entrance, somewhat across from Peach St. It is an MBTA bus route the 230 bus and the sidewalk end by the field entrance, only to continue about 500 feet further down by JT Auto. The driver went up on the curb and struck my boy going back onto the road. He WAS convicted. I see many walkers, including myself, going this same route. My boy's name is Lucas Flint, my name is Susan M. Flint. This sidewalk/roadway needs to be remedied, soon.
7. Set of lights at Peach remove at Braxton.

Park Street and Standish Avenue

1. Route 37 is like a highway. Even with the set of lights at Standish/Park and 37, I feel pedestrians are at risk crossing. Several people in the past have been killed at that location.
2. Easier ways to pull out of side streets. I live on Wildwood Avenue and taking a left onto Route 37 is so dangerous.
3. Due to the heavy traffic on Route 37, drivers cut through the Highlands, especially on Highland Ave, ignoring the few speed signs, driving at 40+ mph and endangering walkers, bike riders, our many children and seniors. Other cut through streets are Cain Ave and Bradford. This needs to be addressed before someone is seriously injured.
4. Children must be driven across Route 37; cars do NOT stop at crosswalks. If they do cars from behind often go around stopped cars or rear end them. This happens every day in the highlands. I have to wave my hands in the air to get cars to stop. Need more flashing pedestrian lights around Waldron rd. area.
5. I walk every day on Route 37. I always cross at the lights at Washington and Park Ave, every single day, some car runs the stop light there.
6. South Braintree Square is a bit of a pedestrian nightmare...way too many barriers to step over or walk around, and traffic is pretty oblivious to the possibility of pedestrians. Area at Brewster to Arbutus, also known as Dead Man's Curve, is extremely dangerous and something needs to be done about it. Distracted drivers and speeding drivers have resulted in several accidents and dozens of near misses.

Washington Street and South Street Intersection

1. I am very happy that there is now a traffic light at the intersection of Route 37 and South Street. This has been a huge improvement.
2. The area from Park Ave to the new light near CATS academy is very dangerous. People drive very fast. My kids have friends in the neighborhood across Route 37 and I have to drive versus letting them walk because I'm worried.

Washington Street at Roosevelt Street Intersection

There needs to be better speed enforcement from the Holbrook line to Peach Street. It's a straightaway that leads to a dangerous curve and people go way too fast.

Corridor wide

1. It would be great if the traffic signals were better coordinated to move peak commuting traffic through the corridor more efficiently, particularly between Plain St and the Holbrook line in the AM/PM peak hours. Traffic lights should be coordinated to all run green/red at same time to flow traffic
2. Definitely increasing trees along the roadway will improve the quality of life, this action is not only for aesthetics. Adding safer crossing opportunities will improve the accessibility of the roadway. Speed enforcement and police guiding traffic at intersections will cut down on cars running lights and aggressive driving.
3. More traffic enforcement to curb aggressive drivers who mostly speed and pass unsafely by turning cars on the right. Lower speed limit for driving and increased enforcement of traffic laws.
4. Monitor the speed limit better. 35 mph should be the max along that entire stretch of Route 37. Please, no more traffic lights. When I moved here there was one traffic light at the intersection of Plain, Hancock and Washington. Now there are 4 additional traffic lights. Police patrol the red-light abusers. To many drivers, a red light is only a suggestion. Many motorists drive through red lights. They view red lights, yellow lights, yield signs, etc. as suggestions, no rules of the road. There aren't any police around to make these drivers accountable.
5. We moved to Braintree 37 years ago & the sidewalks on Route 37 where I walk have never been done over. I am talking about from Braintree 5 corners to the corner of where Washington St & Hancock St. meet up near the Dunkin Donuts & Lychee Restaurant. 30 - 37 years ago My Dad walked my children in their strollers & tried his hardest to stay away from the area I just mentioned even if it meant that it would take an extra 10 - 15 mins. to avoid this area & go around where the sidewalks were much better. 37 years is a long time to have to complain about the bad & dangerous condition of these sidewalks. Now I walk my granddaughter in this same neighborhood & I try to stay away from it. I bet if a politician lived in this area, the sidewalks would have been fixed years ago.
6. Sidewalks need to be replaced; they are very unsafe to walk. Ability to get out of side streets. Make sidewalks wider and install grass strips along curb. Sidewalks are crumbling, forcing people into streets, no enforcement of parking on sidewalks, no snow removal or leaf removal on Route 37, crosswalk buttons along Route 37 don't work. No bike infrastructure, out of reach crosswalk buttons blocked by guardrails, lack of bike lanes to use as sidewalk alternative for wheelchair users, poor lighting at night, no audible crosswalk buttons except at Five Corners. (even when new buttons were installed by Franklin St and Safford St by Sunset Lake). Missing segments of sidewalk and/or curb cuts along Granite St.
7. Route 37 from Plain St to Holbrook is one of the most dangerous stretches of road that I have driven. Speed, aggressive driving & the amount of traffic makes it a nightmare
8. Speed is a concern as cars fly down the grade coming from Holbrook towards Park and Wildwood intersections

9. The speeding of tractor trailers, trash trucks, buses and mopeds in breakdown lanes and passing on double solid lane markings.
10. Cutting back the trees and bushes or making the homeowners responsible for cutting them back as they hang onto sidewalk making it impassable in some areas.
11. Aggressive drivers between 5am and 7pm especially during commute hours. People pass in no pass areas and constantly run red lights especially in the morning at the plain street intersection. The volume of traffic in general has significantly increased at all hours because Braintree is a cut through for Randolph, Holbrook, and several Route 18 towns. I live across from CATS Academy and the intersection coming out is constantly blocked despite signs saying do not block intersection. There is not much that could be done without disrupting the neighbors who have already been inconvenienced due to the increased volume of traffic.
12. Sidewalks are inconsistent on Granite Street. They will be only on one side of road for stretches and it switches sides with no crosswalk.
13. I don't really know what this selection objective is. But I'd suggest reducing vehicle traffic by promoting walking and adding municipal/remote parking lots and signage.
14. The sidewalks and areas around Route 37 have been improved over the years. I guess more could be done but there are surely other areas in Braintree that could benefit more from infrastructure upgrades. For example, access to / from the T and increased parking. Under the bridge walking down to the T it is always wet and puddled - annoying part of the year but a problem when icy.
15. Less traffic and seeing the town implement the speed limit
16. Many of the crosswalks have pedestrian traffic lights that don't work.