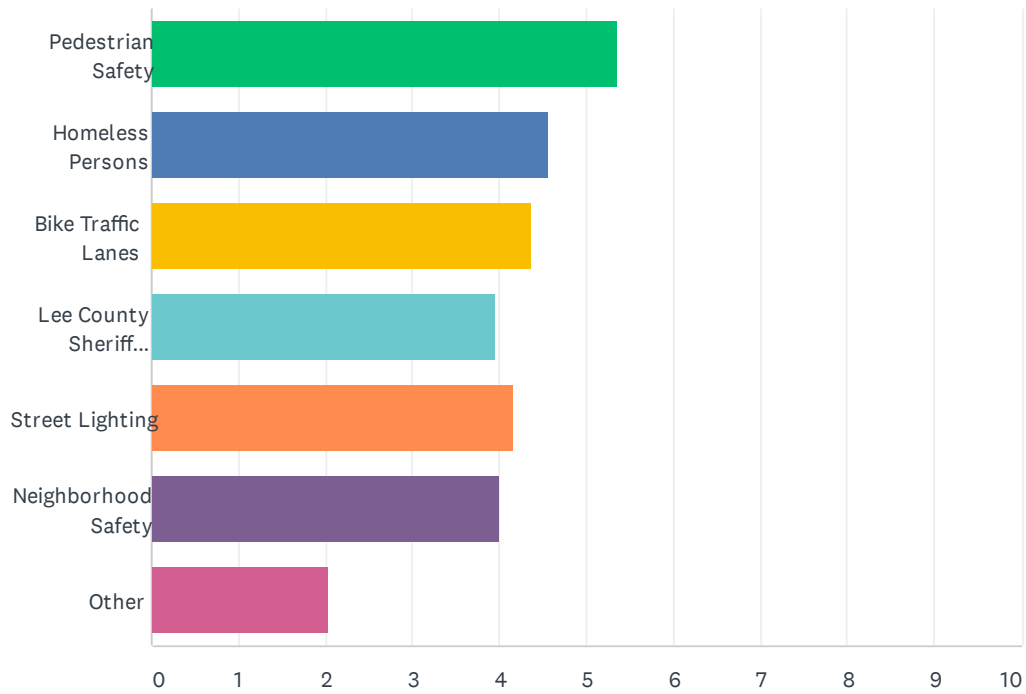


Q1 Please RANK the SAFETY ISSUES that YOU feel are most important. (Top=highest priority and Bottom=lowest priority)

Answered: 635 Skipped: 15



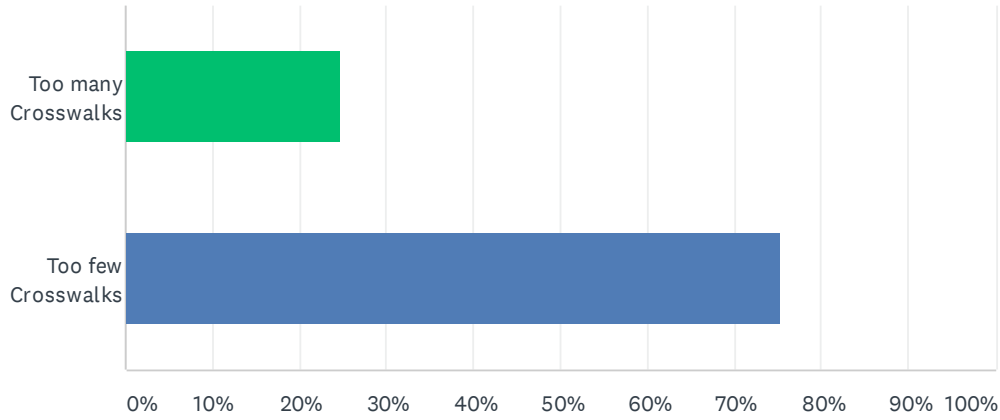
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL	SCORE
Pedestrian Safety	32.83% 195	24.07% 143	15.82% 94	10.61% 63	9.76% 58	4.38% 26	2.53% 15	594	5.36
Homeless Persons	22.73% 135	17.51% 104	15.15% 90	11.62% 69	11.11% 66	14.65% 87	7.24% 43	594	4.56
Bike Traffic Lanes	10.87% 64	18.34% 108	20.88% 123	18.17% 107	14.60% 86	14.26% 84	2.89% 17	589	4.38
Lee County Sheriff response	7.94% 46	12.95% 75	15.89% 92	19.52% 113	20.73% 120	18.83% 109	4.15% 24	579	3.95
Street Lighting	12.04% 72	14.72% 88	15.22% 91	19.40% 116	18.06% 108	16.22% 97	4.35% 26	598	4.17
Neighborhood Safety	10.55% 63	11.89% 71	15.91% 95	16.58% 99	21.61% 129	19.26% 115	4.19% 25	597	3.99
Other	8.72% 36	2.66% 11	3.15% 13	2.42% 10	3.15% 13	10.65% 44	69.25% 286	413	2.02

Q2 If OTHER was selected, please provide a short description.

Answered: 128 Skipped: 522

Q3 Crosswalk Availability Issues

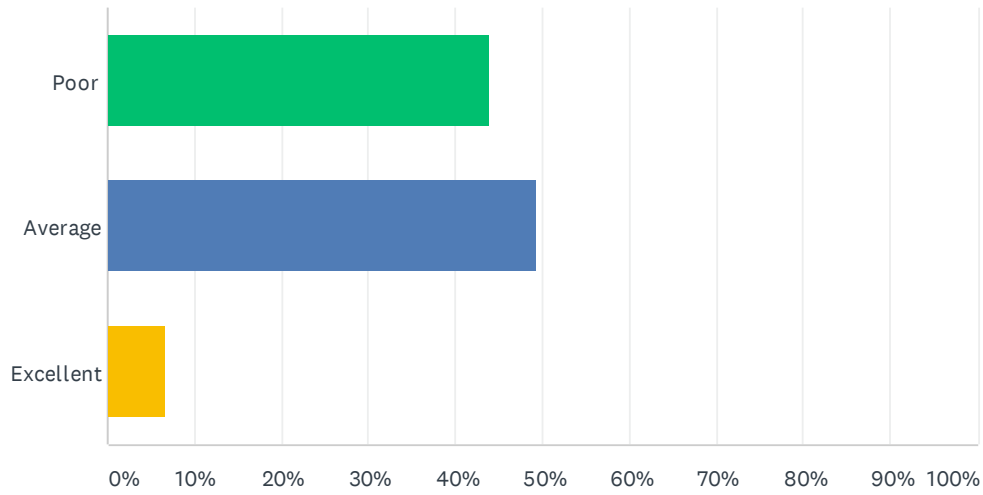
Answered: 488 Skipped: 162



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Too many Crosswalks	24.59%	120
Too few Crosswalks	75.41%	368
TOTAL		488

Q4 Rate the Visibility of the crosswalks

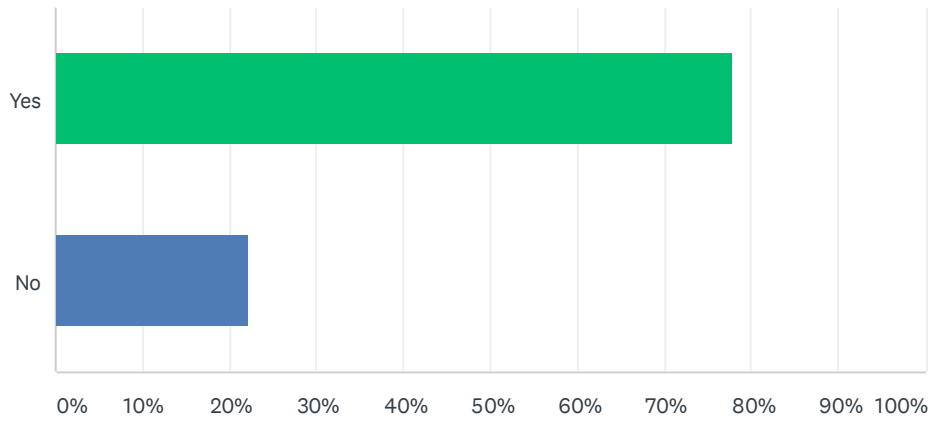
Answered: 635 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Poor	43.94%	279
Average	49.45%	314
Excellent	6.61%	42
TOTAL		635

Q5 Would you like to see flashing lights identifying Crosswalk areas?

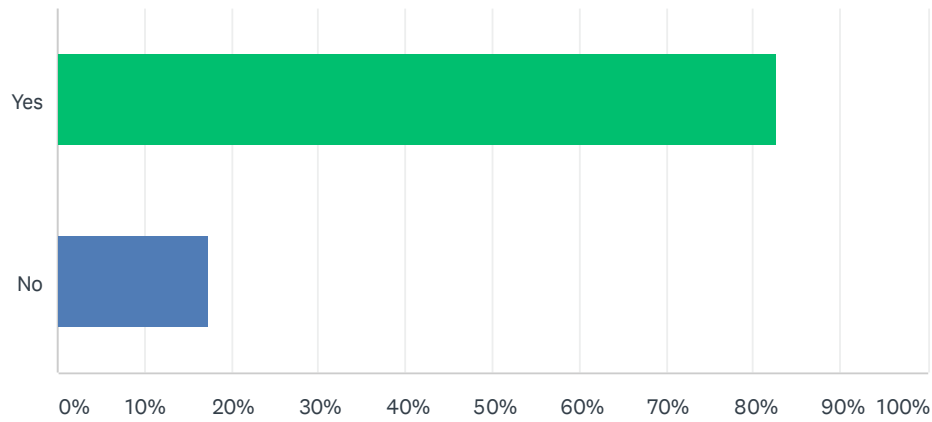
Answered: 635 Skipped: 15



ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		77.80%	494
No		22.20%	141
TOTAL			635

Q6 Would you like to have additional or improved paint markings identifying crosswalks?

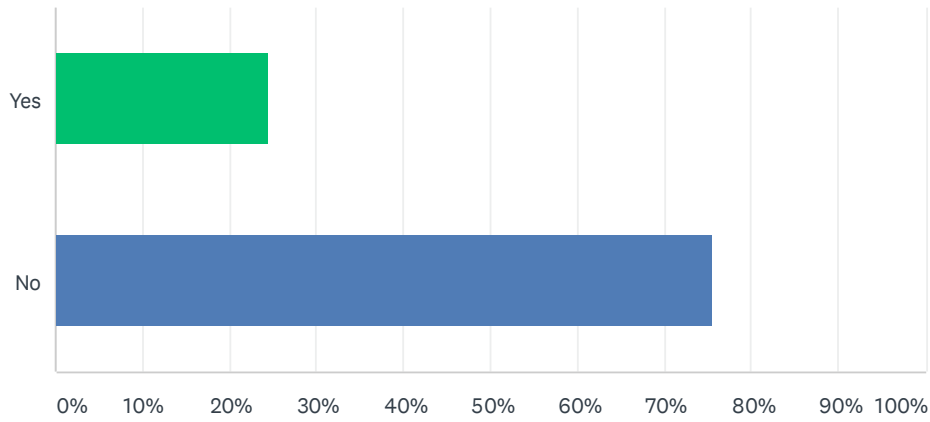
Answered: 626 Skipped: 24



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	82.59%	517
No	17.41%	109
TOTAL		626

Q7 Do you feel the town is addressing the homeless issue properly?

Answered: 593 Skipped: 57



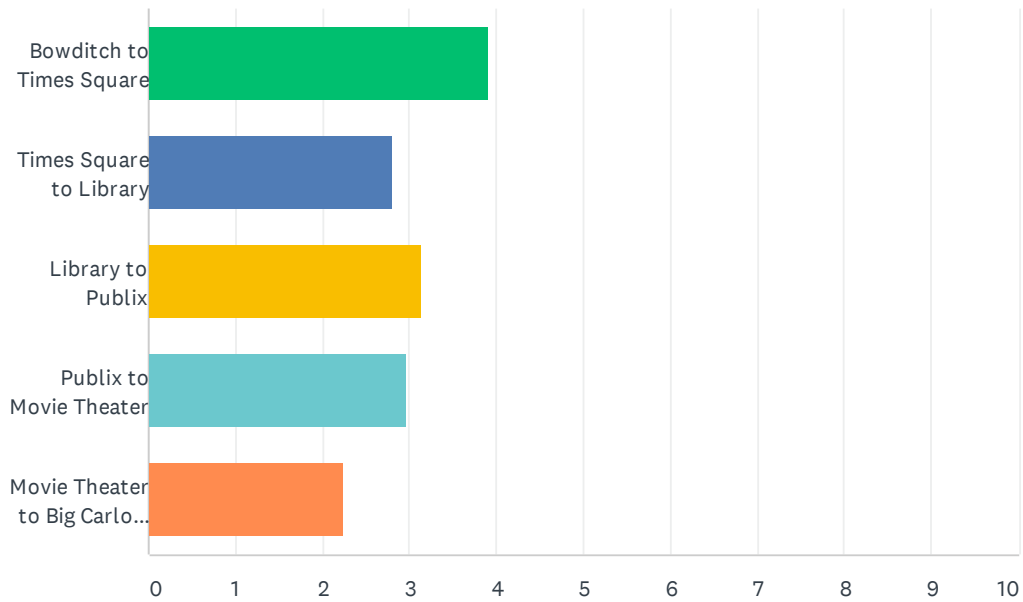
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	24.45%	145
No	75.55%	448
TOTAL		593

Q8 Please describe primary issues caused by the homeless.

Answered: 373 Skipped: 277

Q9 Rank the island bike lanes in the following locations. (Top=Best and Bottom=Worst)

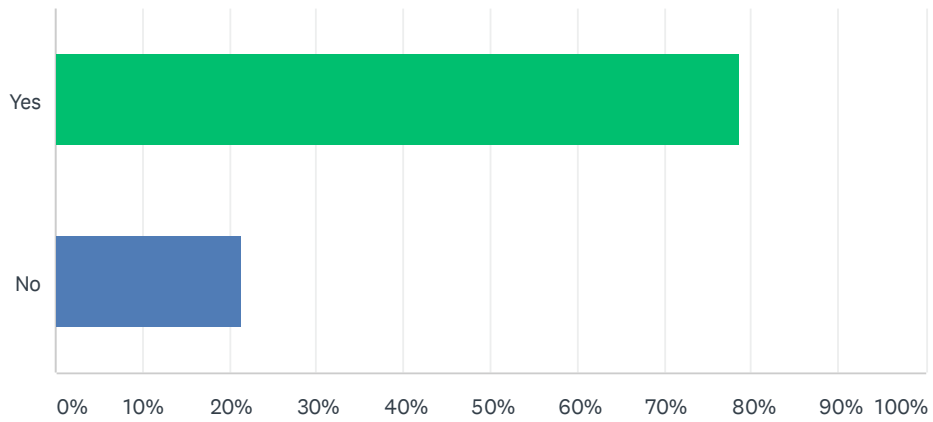
Answered: 520 Skipped: 130



	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	SCORE
Bowditch to Times Square	49.90% 247	18.59% 92	13.13% 65	9.70% 48	8.69% 43	495	3.91
Times Square to Library	16.06% 79	24.19% 119	14.84% 73	14.02% 69	30.89% 152	492	2.80
Library to Publix	11.64% 56	23.28% 112	38.67% 186	19.96% 96	6.44% 31	481	3.14
Publix to Movie Theater	14.14% 69	20.90% 102	22.54% 110	32.58% 159	9.84% 48	488	2.97
Movie Theater to Big Carlos Pass Bridge	11.48% 56	11.07% 54	10.86% 53	22.34% 109	44.26% 216	488	2.23

Q10 Should the bike lanes be painted in a unique color (such as yellow or green) and marked differently?

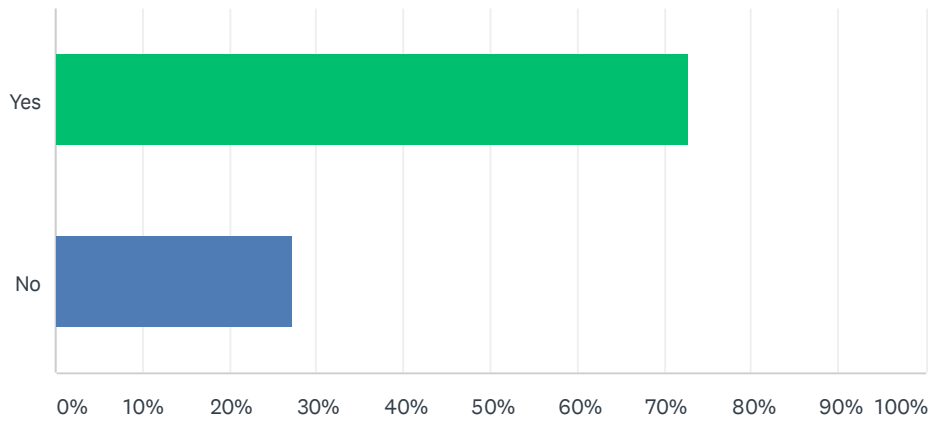
Answered: 599 Skipped: 51



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	78.63%	471
No	21.37%	128
TOTAL		599

Q11 If you do ride a bike, are you aware that between sunset and sunrise bike lights and audible devices are mandatory by state law?

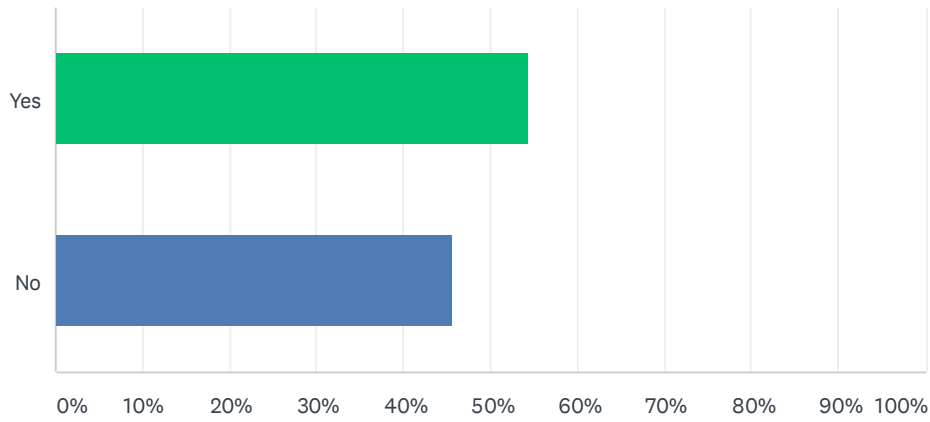
Answered: 569 Skipped: 81



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	72.76%	414
No	27.24%	155
TOTAL		569

Q12 Do you use the bike lanes on the island?

Answered: 603 Skipped: 47



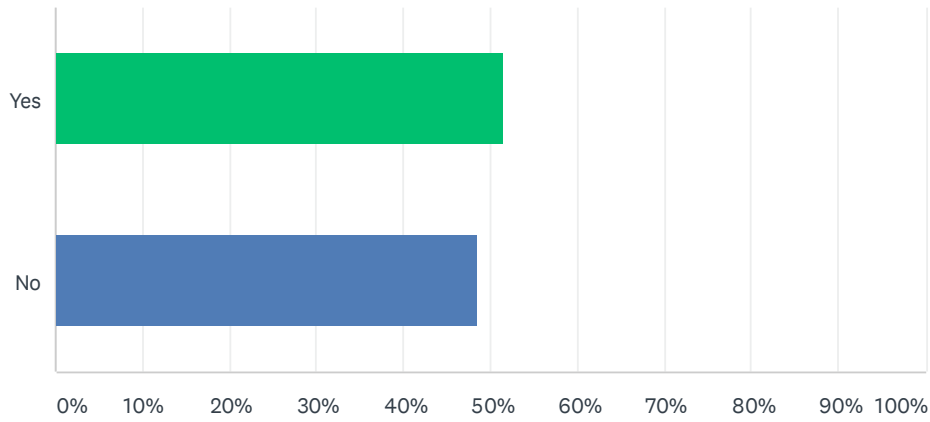
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	54.39%	328
No	45.61%	275
TOTAL		603

Q13 If you do not use the bike lanes, please explain why not.

Answered: 283 Skipped: 367

Q14 Are you aware of the current FMB Bike Ordinance 18-02?

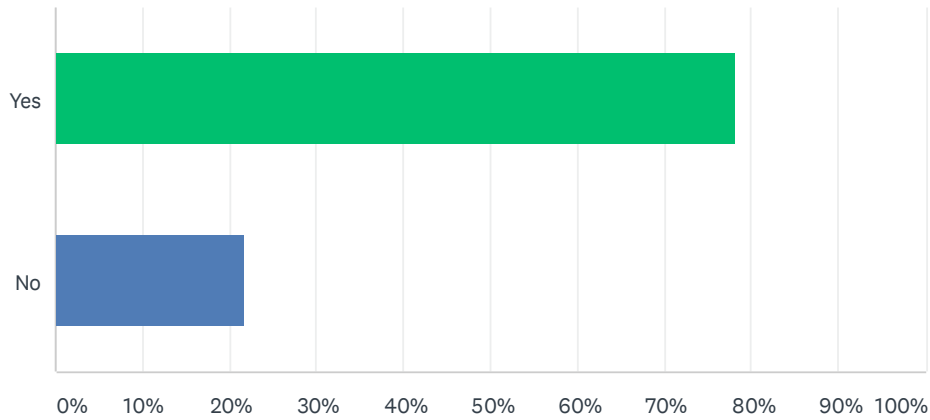
Answered: 623 Skipped: 27



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	51.36%	320
No	48.64%	303
TOTAL		623

Q15 Do you agree with the current Town restrictions for E-Bikes? Prohibiting riding any non-self powered vehicles on sidewalks or the beach except for ADA accessibility.

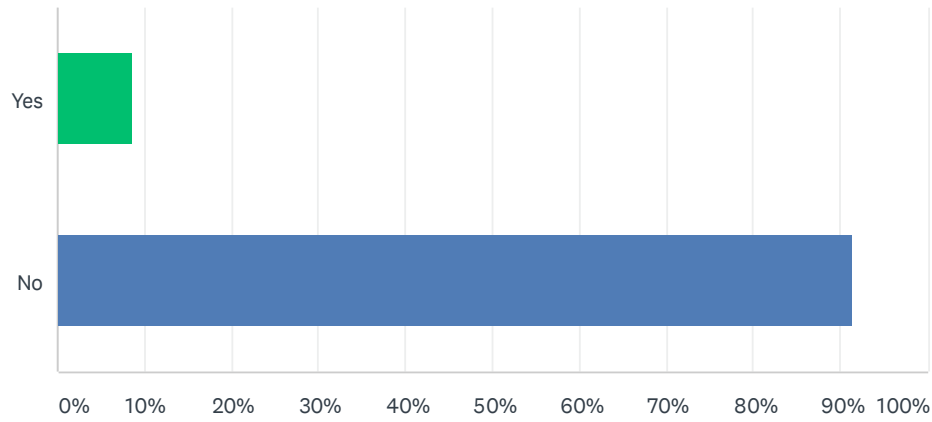
Answered: 606 Skipped: 44



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	78.22%	474
No	21.78%	132
TOTAL		606

Q16 Is there appropriate signage explaining the rules for E-Bikes?

Answered: 582 Skipped: 68



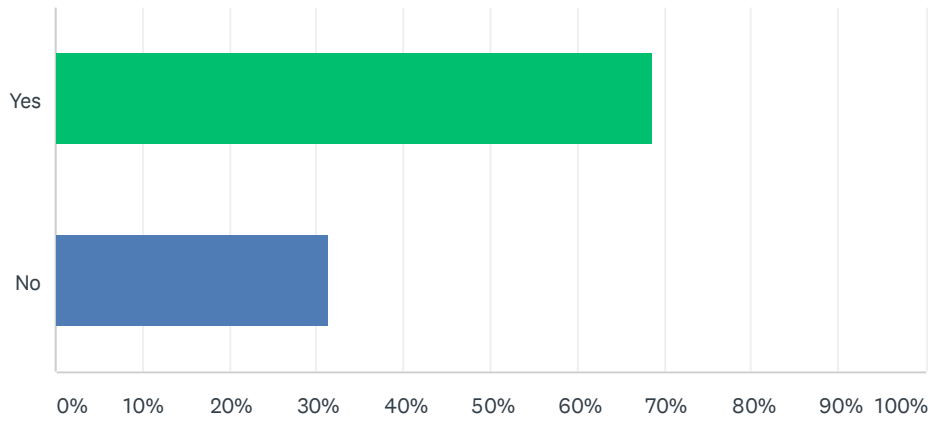
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	8.59%	50
No	91.41%	532
TOTAL		582

Q17 Additional Comments:

Answered: 155 Skipped: 495

Q18 Would you like to see a Community Policing Contract for FMB?

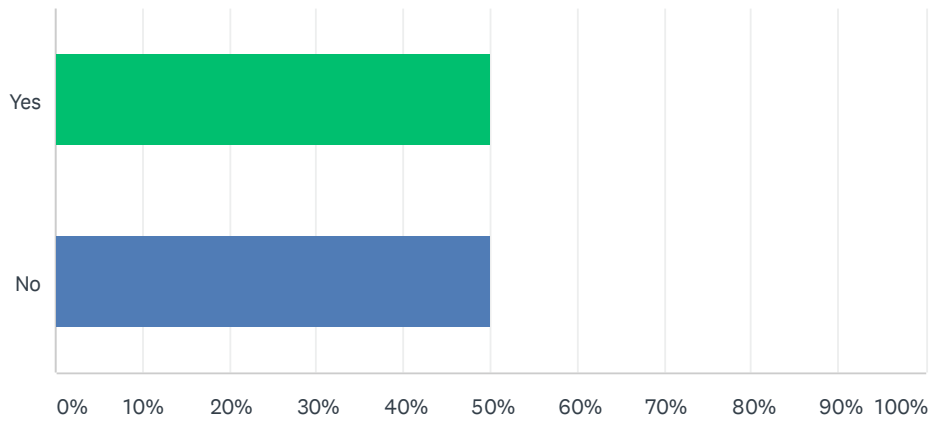
Answered: 594 Skipped: 56



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	68.52% 407
No	31.48% 187
TOTAL	594

Q19 Would you be willing to increase your local taxes for a Community Policing Contract?

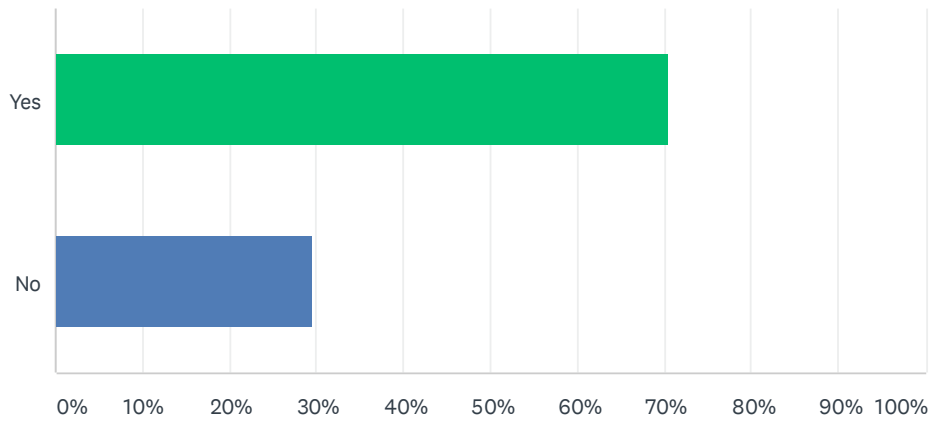
Answered: 591 Skipped: 59



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	50.08%	296
No	49.92%	295
TOTAL		591

Q20 Do you feel that your police requests are responded to in a timely manner?

Answered: 509 Skipped: 141



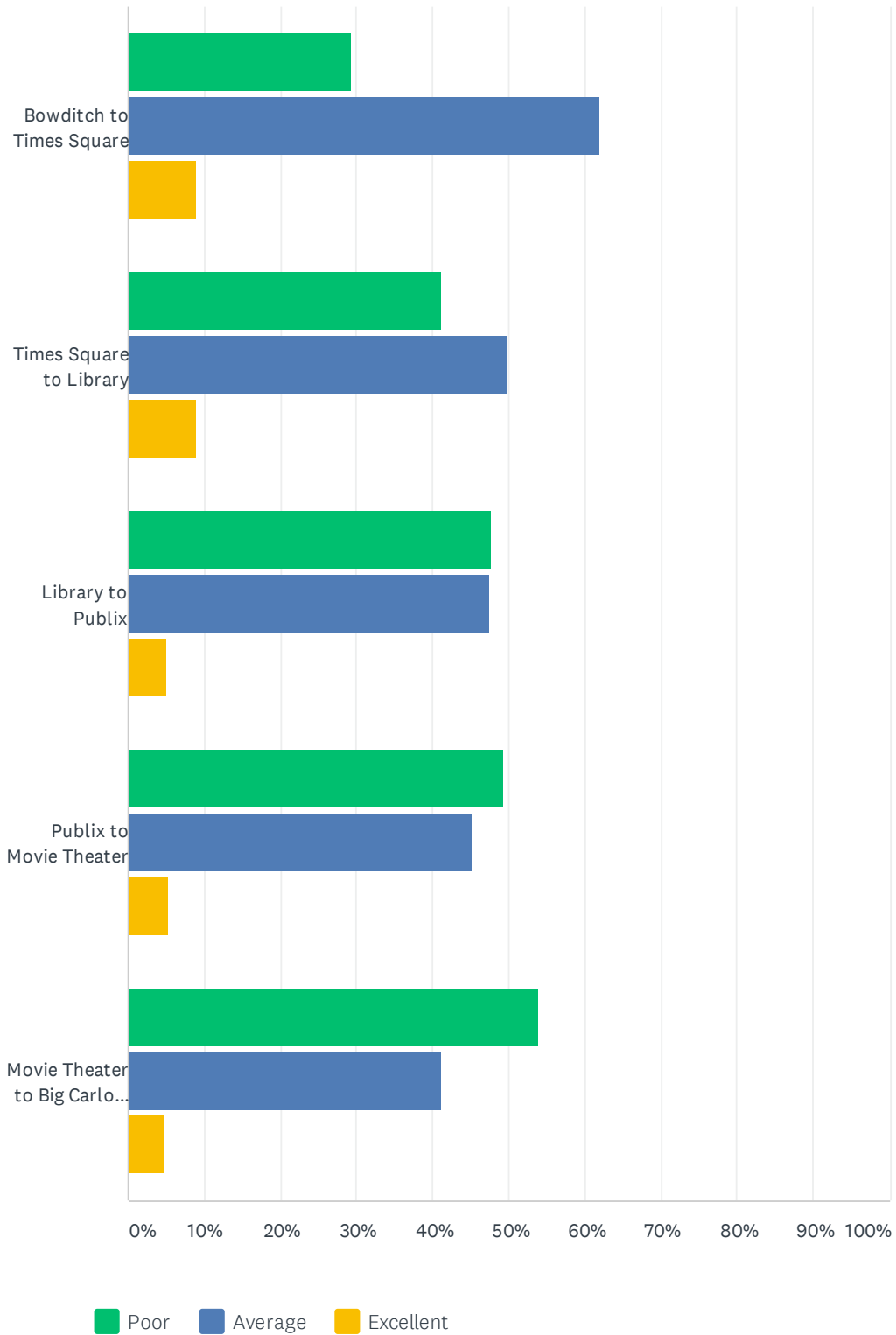
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	70.53%	359
No	29.47%	150
TOTAL		509

Q21 Additional Comments:

Answered: 144 Skipped: 506

Q22 Rate the street lighting in the following locations.

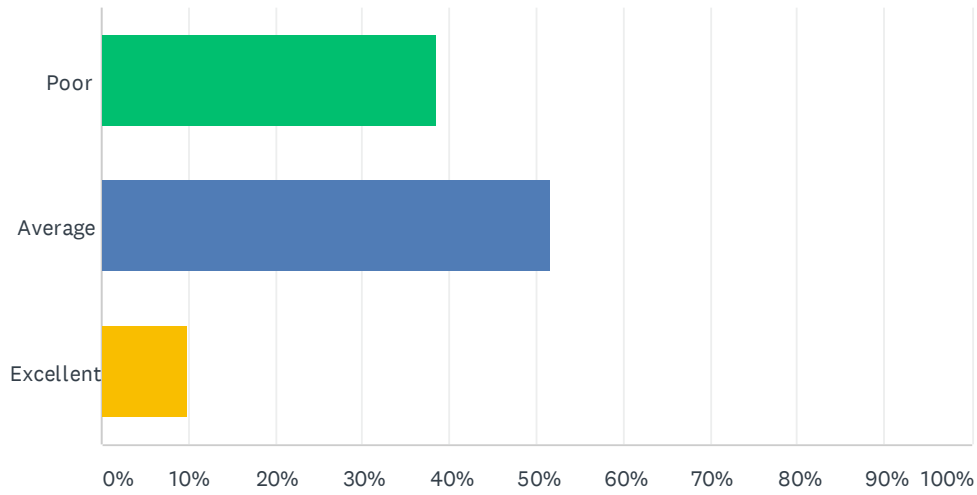
Answered: 569 Skipped: 81



	POOR	AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Bowditch to Times Square	29.20% 153	61.83% 324	8.97% 47	524	1.80
Times Square to Library	41.32% 226	49.73% 272	8.96% 49	547	1.68
Library to Publix	47.63% 251	47.44% 250	4.93% 26	527	1.57
Publix to Movie Theater	49.43% 260	45.25% 238	5.32% 28	526	1.56
Movie Theater to Big Carlos Pass Bridge	53.99% 284	41.25% 217	4.75% 25	526	1.51

Q23 Do you feel the streetlights on your home street are adequate?

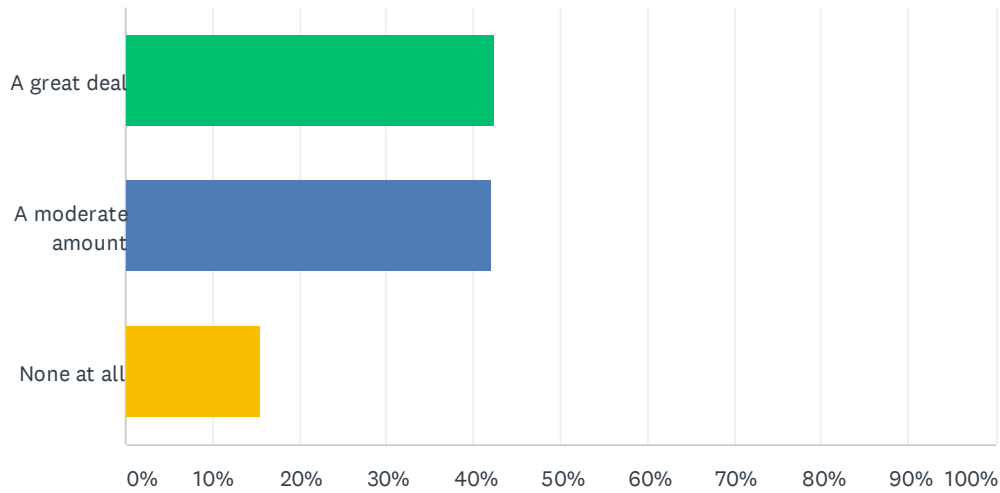
Answered: 588 Skipped: 62



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Poor	38.44%	226
Average	51.70%	304
Excellent	9.86%	58
TOTAL		588

Q24 How important is turtle protective lighting to you?

Answered: 624 Skipped: 26



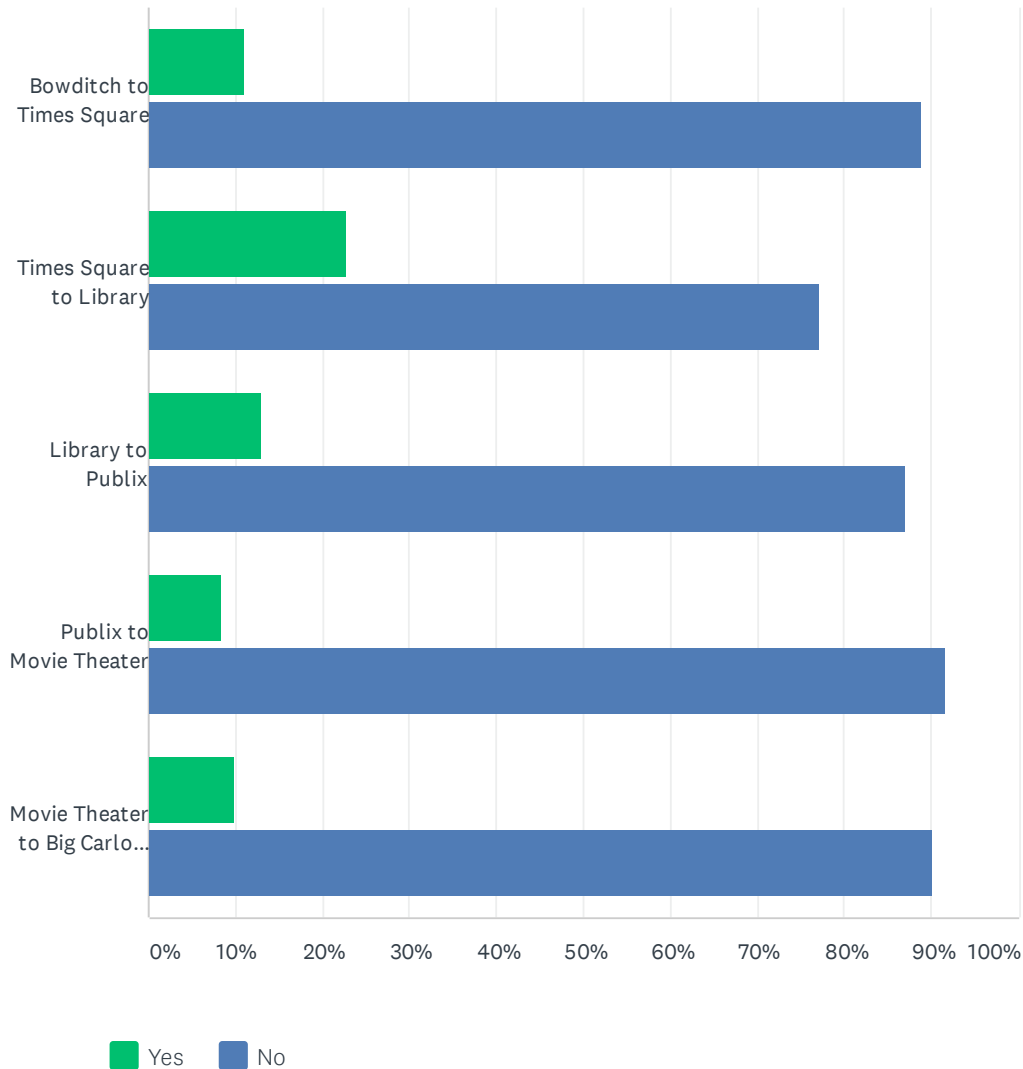
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
A great deal	42.47%	265
A moderate amount	41.99%	262
None at all	15.54%	97
TOTAL		624

Q25 Where do you live? (Street name only)

Answered: 527 Skipped: 123

Q26 Do you ever feel unsafe on the island during the day?

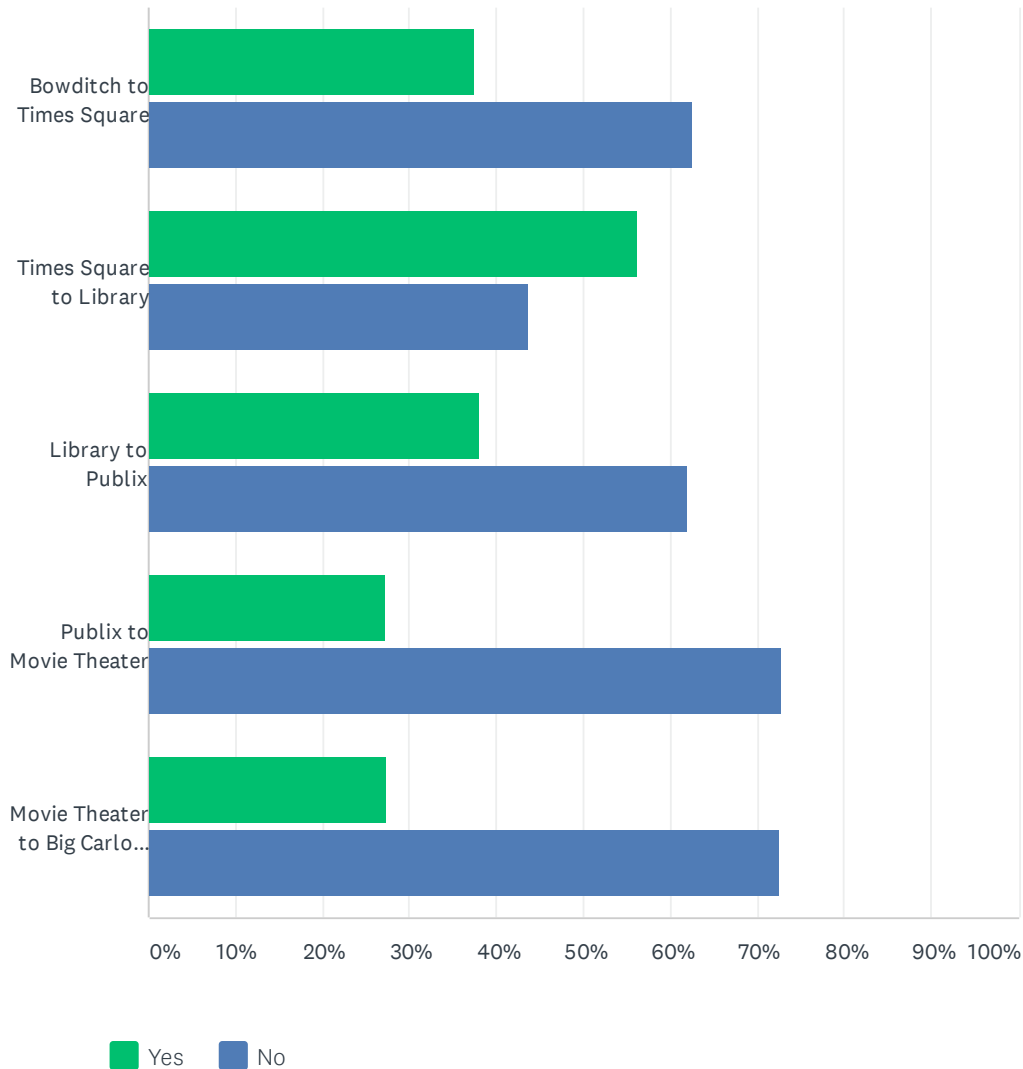
Answered: 604 Skipped: 46



	YES	NO	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Bowditch to Times Square	11.05% 65	88.95% 523	588	1.89
Times Square to Library	22.87% 134	77.13% 452	586	1.77
Library to Publix	12.89% 74	87.11% 500	574	1.87
Publix to Movie Theater	8.30% 47	91.70% 519	566	1.92
Movie Theater to Big Carlos Pass Bridge	9.79% 55	90.21% 507	562	1.90

Q27 Do you ever feel unsafe on the island during the night?

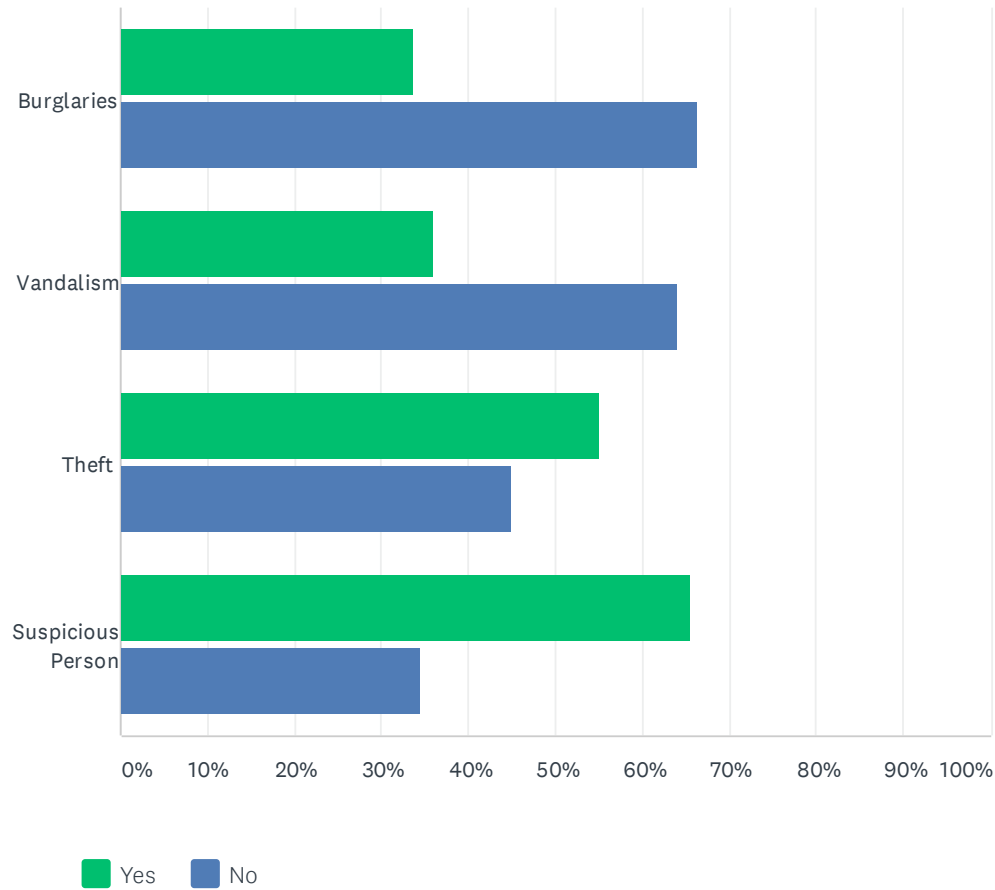
Answered: 570 Skipped: 80



	YES	NO	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Bowditch to Times Square	37.45% 200	62.55% 334	534	1.63
Times Square to Library	56.25% 306	43.75% 238	544	1.44
Library to Publix	37.98% 196	62.02% 320	516	1.62
Publix to Movie Theater	27.29% 137	72.71% 365	502	1.73
Movie Theater to Big Carlos Pass Bridge	27.45% 140	72.55% 370	510	1.73

Q28 Has your neighborhood/street experienced any of the following:

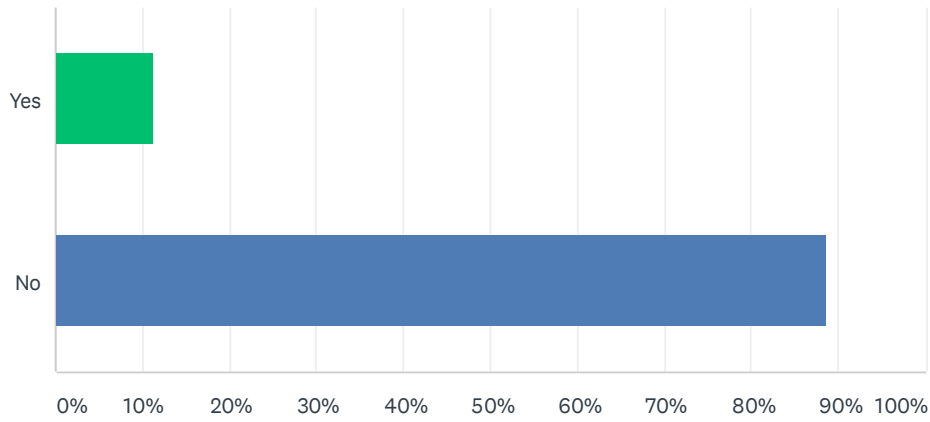
Answered: 555 Skipped: 95



	YES	NO	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Burglaries	33.73% 171	66.27% 336	507	1.66
Vandalism	35.91% 186	64.09% 332	518	1.64
Theft	55.03% 290	44.97% 237	527	1.45
Suspicious Person	65.53% 346	34.47% 182	528	1.34

Q29 Does your neighborhood have a Community Watch Group?

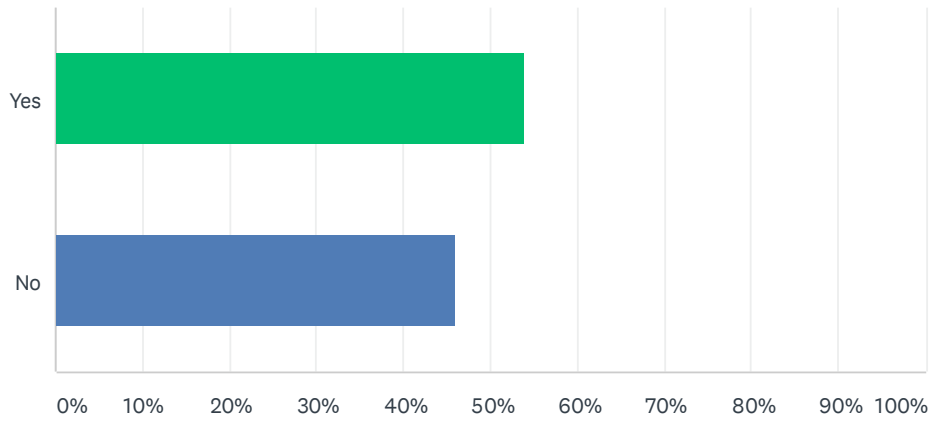
Answered: 553 Skipped: 97



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	11.21% 62
No	88.79% 491
TOTAL	553

Q30 Would you be interested in having a Community Watch Group?

Answered: 501 Skipped: 149



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	53.89% 270
No	46.11% 231
TOTAL	501

Q31 Additional Comments:

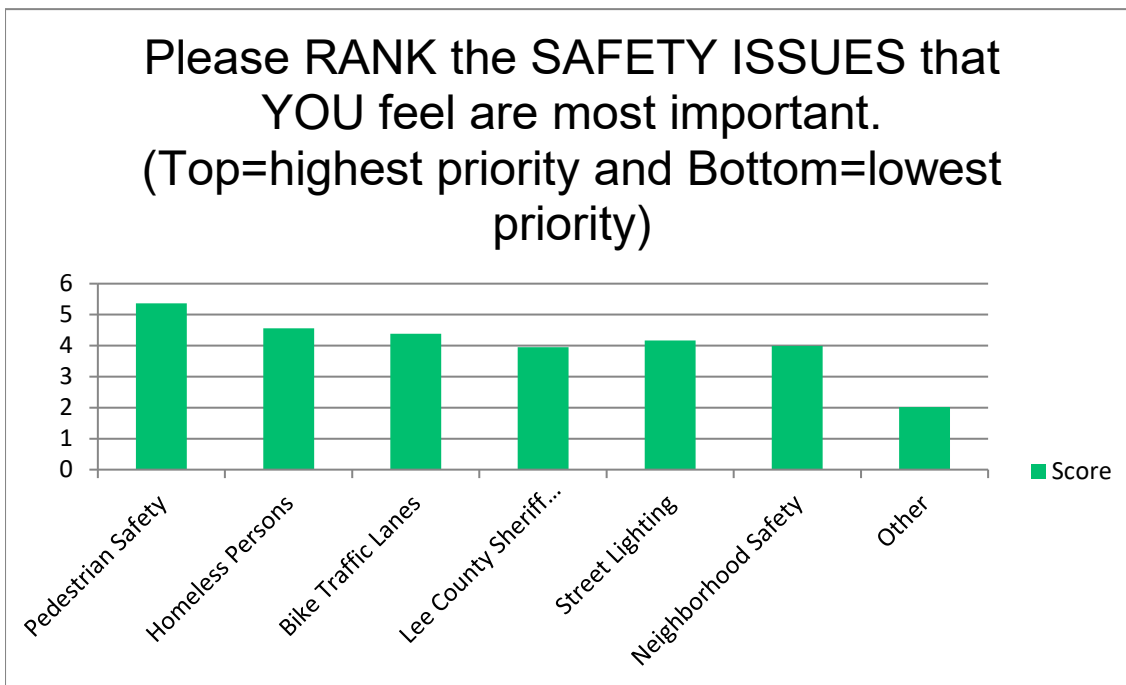
Answered: 124 Skipped: 526

Town Safety Survey

Please RANK the SAFETY ISSUES that YOU feel are most important. (Top=highest priority)

	1	2	3
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Bike Traffic Lanes	10.87%	64	18.34%
Lee County Sheriff response	7.94%	46	12.95%
Street Lighting	12.04%	72	14.72%
Neighborhood Safety	10.55%	63	11.89%
Other	8.72%	36	2.66%

Please RANK the SAFETY ISSUES that YOU feel are most important. (Top=highest priority and Bottom=lowest priority)



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3	4	5	6			
94	10.61%	63	9.76%	58	4.38%	26
90	11.62%	69	11.11%	66	14.65%	87
123	18.17%	107	14.60%	86	14.26%	84
92	19.52%	113	20.73%	120	18.83%	109
91	19.40%	116	18.06%	108	16.22%	97
95	16.58%	99	21.61%	129	19.26%	115
13	2.42%	10	3.15%	13	10.65%	44

7		Total	Score
2.53%	15	594	5.36
7.24%	43	594	4.56
2.89%	17	589	4.38
4.15%	24	579	3.95
4.35%	26	598	4.17
4.19%	25	597	3.99
69.25%	286	413	2.02
	Answered		635
	Skipped		15

Responses

Tags

LANAI KAI

Drug addicts trespassing on private property.

Traffic control

streets speed, crosswalk stops reinforcement

Discuss the following with

Councilman Ray Murphy

01x-Central Mailbox System

01a-Each street

01b-In easement

01c-Near Estero

02x-Bicycle Instruction

02a-Yield/Stop at intersections

02b-Yield/Stop on yellow pad

02c-Do Not use Sidewalk like i75

03x-Underground Utilities

03a-Remove ALL overhead wires

03b-Remove ALL poles in yards

04x-Paint Stripe on Sidewalk

04a-At street edge

04b-People are walking over

04c-sidewalk edge into street

05x-Crosswalk lights

05a-Lights that come on

05b-when button pressed

05c-Solar Powered

06x-Replace street lights/poles

06a-Match ALL poles like Times Sq

Seems to be massive drug problem o the island. Mix that with the drunks & aggressive homeless people & you have a dangerous mix at night on north end of Ft Myers Beach.

Removal of animals off lease or cats roaming loose

Something needs to be done about dogs running loose without leashes on the beach. Also electric bikes, scooters, etc. on the beaches and sidewalks ☐

Handicap accessible beach walk/ to beach on south side of island permit process way too slow, unkept homes, airplane noise especially early morning fedex / ups planes,

Movement of traffic thru beach. One cop waving his arms, and one light isn't getting the job done. Need new traffic flow.

Homeless people should not even be on this list.

Intersection at Estero and San Carlos

Rental bikes should have lights and horns. It's the law.

More attention and education to reduce off-leash dogs on beach and in neighborhoods.

Need to have public restrooms at more beach accesses to keep people from peeing in the water or in bushes.

Port a potty's for beach goers. To help keep the water cleaner.

Everyone is always asking where is a bathroom to use at our street ending. By diamond head. They have payed for parking for the day and have no place to go to the bathroom but in the water.

Bicycles and cars using the middle brick turn lane to pass at high speeds endangering pedestrians and other cars using the lane properly.

traffic congestion

Lanai Kai issues.

Visitors are unaware of law to stop for pedestrians and go zooming by. Large sign should be added during season at the end Matanzas and San Carlos bridges when people arrive on the island.

Noise, beach

San Carlos blvd speed limits. 45 is 60mph. Too many cars losing control both on the way to beach and going off the beach

Unknown rental neighbors.

Large/mansion size homes on beachfront

Beach clean up and erosion

Fmb has gone so far downhill. None of u care about the people that live on the island. Hell we can't patronize any of our favorite places anymore because it takes us an hour or more to get to Time Square and we have a home mid island. ☐

Traffic safety. Too many rear end collisions

Public display of drunkenness is rampant

To many big hotels going up. Taking away the look of Ft Myers Beach.

Clean ocean water☐

Stop dumping junk and causing toxic water!☐

It should be as clear and beautiful as Anna Maria and Sarasota!!

Prevention of bars and clubs in school zones. Also they need to provide workforce housing, reasonable rental rate for all residents.

Multiple families (as much as 15 people) renting in weekly rental zone.

When code clearly states only one family is allowed. Rental down street from me had a group of guys yelling four letter f words and urinating off the top balcony into front yard. Sheriff department doesn't respond when called. ☐

Residents not keeping their water storage swells free of debris. Thus pushing water into neighbor.

Bikes (where there are already pedestrians WALKING) on the sidewalks)... where it is narrow in the middle of the island. We, pedestrians, walk in the bike lane...while the bikers use the sidewalk....and do not use the bike lane. I realize that the sidewalk feels safer for bikers to use, however, the pedestrians should not have to walk in the bike PATH to have room to walk. Something is wrong with this scenario. There are also e scooters, gulf carts and e bikes on the SIDEWALK, not in the road or bike lane. There has been no police presence or code enforcement from the town seen away from the business center of the island to handle this issue. It is a serious safety issue as more and more people use the sidewalks and use bikes. It needs to be addressed sooner than later.

Neighborhoods, away from the business areas, feel that the police are in the business area more than in the residential areas where there are so many rental properties and people using the sidewalks.

Neighborhoods would like police and code enforcement presence for safety.

Need more x walks with flashing lights☐

Being originally from Detroit, I'm street wary. I'm starting to feel like I need these senses in FMB at night. It's gone down hill.

Hurricane evacuation with all the new developments. VRBO rentals are out of control - changing neighborhoods into party central. The size of the new home/remodeling is too big for the size lots and too tall. People crossing the boulevard and not using crosswalks.

Traffic movement, particularly at north end of island needs to be overhauled. Traffic needs rerouting under bridge and from north end. No left turn at light. Overhead walkway with elevator. More crosswalks with warning lights and multiple police or sheriff in front of Lani Kai to keep traffic moving.

Noise levels and closely monitor beach trash,i.e. plastics.

Red tide and gulf water quality

Traffic flow

Traffic congestion

The homeless population is driving people away.

Beach safety after dark

Public PARKING/ BATHROOMS

Ft. Myers just doesn't feel safe period, no matter where you are at.

traffic & parking

People crossing road not at a crosswalk.

Lee county sheriff presence

Feel very unsafe near Lani Kai Hotel

I think that people should be able to ride their bikes on the street, beach and the bike lane. You have no idea how dangerous the bike lanes are with all the drunks on the road.

3. Below should have the option of just right or north island is fine, south needs more

The visibility from many side streets is blocked to see bicycles and pedestrians as vehicles attempt to pull onto Estero blvd.

Traffic at the foot of the bridge should be #1

Trash on beach and Estero Blvd and around water crew workplaces.

Lots of trash around

Lani Kai

All of the above are a priority! They all go hand in hand. If we have good Lee County Sheriff response most of the other priorities will follow.

Overhead Crosswalks

It does not appear that there is a Mass Casualty plan where town, school, sheriff, fire, tax payers and local business owners created covering any Mass Casualty Event at the school, library, Bay Oaks, Time Sq or any other location such as restaurant.

Traffic on San Carlos Blvd

Cars racing and blaring window shaking music

Electric bikes speeding on the beach. Electric bikes and scooters on the sidewalks.

Lani kai and liki tiki. These places bring in the worst of the worst. Scary Awful traffic and years long road construction

Garbage along both side of the street

Drunk drivers at santini plaza

Allowing street performers in Times Square like we had years ago.

Made it very family friendly.

Traffic control. More crosswalks

Better flashing system at crosswalks.

N/A

Traffic problems caused by jaywalkers on 5th and Old San Carlos

Traffic

Keeping people from sitting outside of bars after they close..(Shamrock). Patrons sit there till 3-4 am screaming and yelling.

Gun Safety

Overall cleanliness to neighborhood

Street Lighting should not be on this survey.

Vehicle Traffic Flow

No police presence walking around

Citations should be given or warnings for not crossing in crosswalks

Address Times Square 5th ST. and Old San Carlos Blvd.

Cross walk needed

Bikes need lights and pedestrians need lights while walking in the dark !! every bike and every walker needs a small light to be seen !!!

A whole family of 6 bikes with babies on them were riding on estero very dark I barely saw them !!! Thank God I did !!

I find the category "Homeless Persons" disturbing. Un-housed people have individual circumstances that lead them to be in the situation they find themselves. Each person has there own story and set of problems. I find it deeply troubling that as a community we have a adopted a caviler attitude. I am aware some are mentally unstable and violence and murder have occurred on our small island.

Tragic and horrid events should not lead us, as a community, to be cold hearted toward humans -- many of whom are suffering

Crosswalk lighting needed and bikes need signs letting them know to move over to the right for vehicle traffic to pass or to use the sidewalk when available.

Harassment by code enforcement

Liter

Electric vehicles on sidewalks and beach

Drunks and commercial intrusion into residential neighborhoods

Homeless people is a HUGE concern

Allow san Carlos island to be developed !

Crosswalks all marked and lighted, its not the number of them but that they are all uniform the whole length of Estero Island.

Should look into the flashing lights on the road surface like they have 5th Ave., Naples

The street lighting is important in that we make sure to follow the FMB sea turtle ordinance and keep the lighting amber throughout the year.

Leash law...to many people let their dogs out without a leash. Sometimes they are with them but often they are not. For those of us that have dogs and are following the rules it is very aggravating and dangerous.

Increase beach, parking, etc. access to individuals with disabilities and those who use wheelchairs and walkers. Beach ADA mats, beach wheelchairs, etc need to be added to island beaches.

Current design of South end construction with trolley stops in the roadway are a significant safety hazard. Design permits vehicles to continue straight through the trolley stop if trolley is not present. The drunks on the beach and in boats are a public safety hazard.□

Attracting people so the FMB area can grow rather than be a small town beach.

Too many rules & regulations. We used to be a relaxed & friendly community

Pedestrian Overpass at Iani Kai

Estero Blvd project, Big Carlos bridge - traffic safety

Traffic control

Something needs to be done about the traffic going North off the Island there needs to more traffic guards directing traffic and pedestrian traffic business down on that gets hurt by the slow traffic maybe their should be desigtated□

The LED lights are too bright and are harmful to the wildlife we hold dear in this area, namely turtles. The same goal can easily be accomplished with amber lights, which are also easier on the eyes. Please take this into consideration. I find the LED lights are too bright and actually make it difficult to see as they are quite blinding.

Intoxicated vacationers

Speeding is not being enforced on the south end of the island where a majority of the year round residents live.□

20 MPH posted for Fairview Isles development - cars and trucks go by at higher speed. □

Need speed bumps on side streets like they have behind Santini Plaza to control the speeders.

Preacher guy screaming at everyone

Pedestrian safety from bikes and electric transportation.

People crossing in Lani Kai vicinity slowing traffic

Ineptness of Town Manager and Town over regulation/enforcement!

Electric bikes, scooters, etc on the sidewalks

Trash. For example, the beach on the north end by the bars have a tremendous amount of trash on the beach. We need more trash cans. If you make it easier for folks to dispose of their trash, they will. Same with Estero Blvd on the N end. Also, businesses like the 7/11 across from the Lani Kai has so much trash on their property and they do not clean it up. Same with their dumpster area. Business need to keep their property free of trash at all times.

Speeders on the water are a danger to other people, manatees, dolphins and to our ocean life.

I PUT Homeless AS NUMBER 1 -it is by far the biggest safety along with the Lani Kai -these together bring down FMB and give it a slimy reputation

Giving citations to people walking around with open receptacles

Enforce speed limits and other traffic laws. Maybe this falls under LCSO response

Lani Kai. Magnet for trouble.

These are all important issues which deserve priority. Very little difference in rank between my top and bottom priorities.

not purposely selected

a. St Augustine beach uses flags to call out people in the crosswalk, b. people need to use crosswalks, c. LCSO needs to enforce crosswalk and bike safety, d. at night you can't see people in crosswalk if there isn't a light

Bike Safety!

Traffic

Boating Safety; Speeding through neighborhoods

The homeless issue is most important to me. Especially bc my daughter attends the beach school and there is homeless doing drugs always by the bus stop next to the library... also they hang out at Bay Oaks playground... kids have no where to be safe.

Violent Crimes & Illegal Drug Sales

Lani Kai too much trouble police calls there more than any location on the Island it's a dangerous place

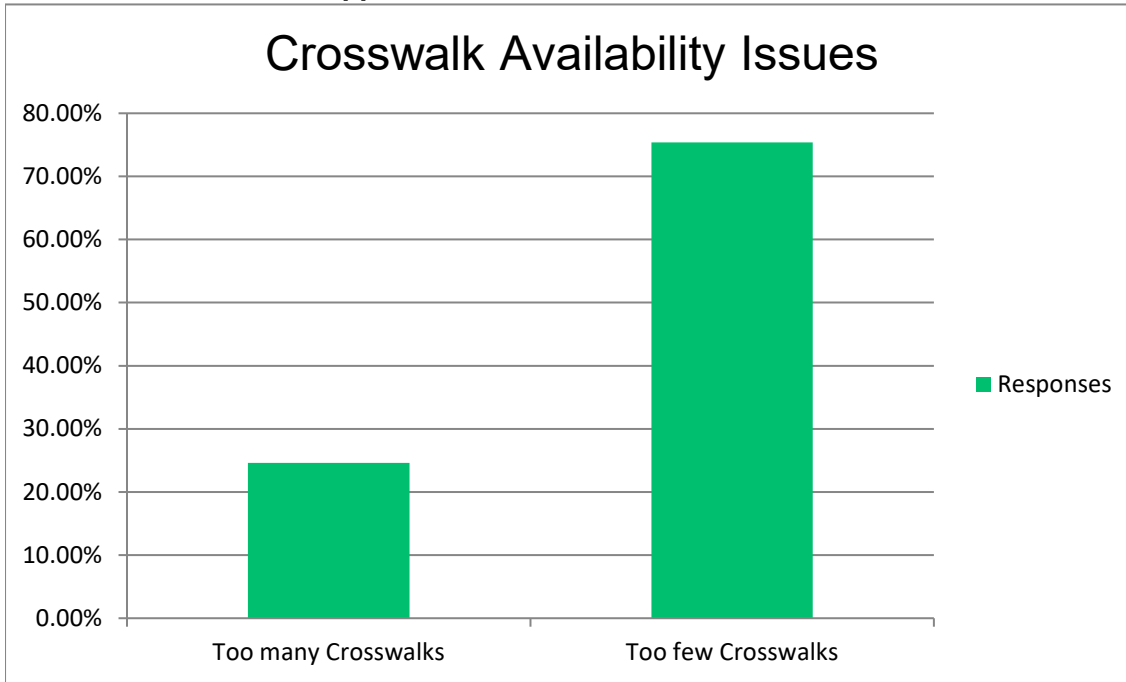
Trolley Service

There have been some really close near misses because these people do not slow down or stop for people on the crosswalks. Crosswalk lighting is needed on each crosswalk, a button that activates a flashing light. You are going to have blood on your hands Jaywalking and electric bikes and scooters on the sidewalk
I think it's important to have police presence dedicated to FMB

Town Safety Survey

Crosswalk Availability Issues

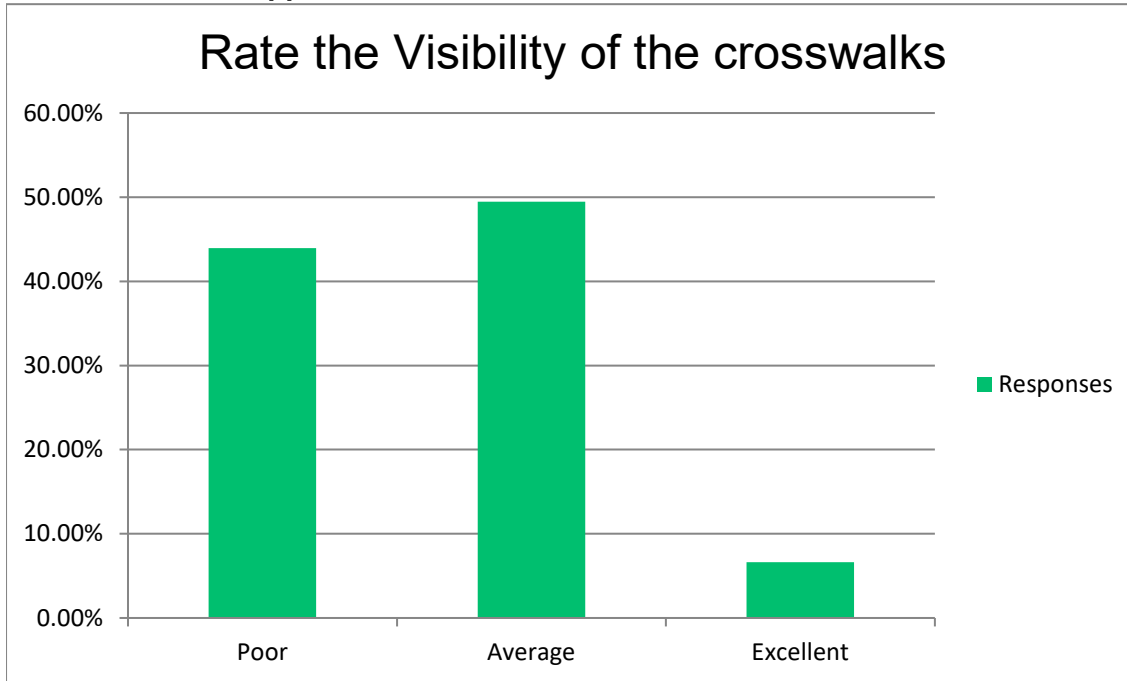
Answer Choices	Responses	
Too many Crosswalks	24.59%	120
Too few Crosswalks	75.41%	368
Answered		488
Skipped		162



Town Safety Survey

Rate the Visibility of the crosswalks

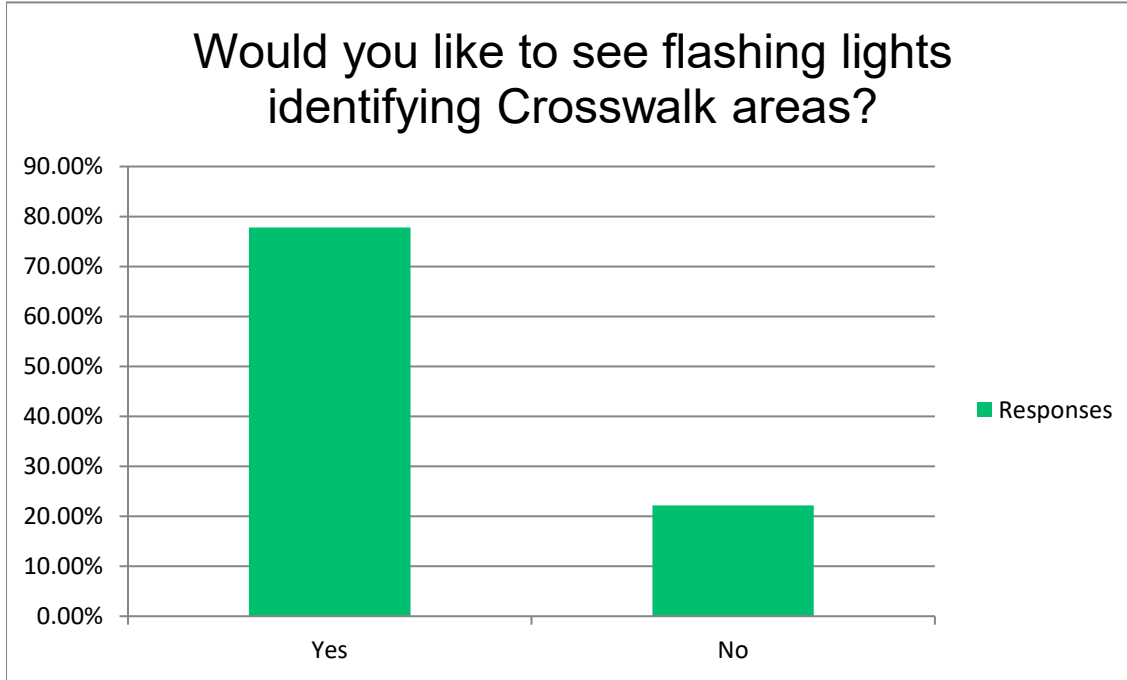
Answer Choices	Responses	
Poor	43.94%	279
Average	49.45%	314
Excellent	6.61%	42
Answered		635
Skipped		15



Town Safety Survey

Would you like to see flashing lights identifying Crosswalk areas?

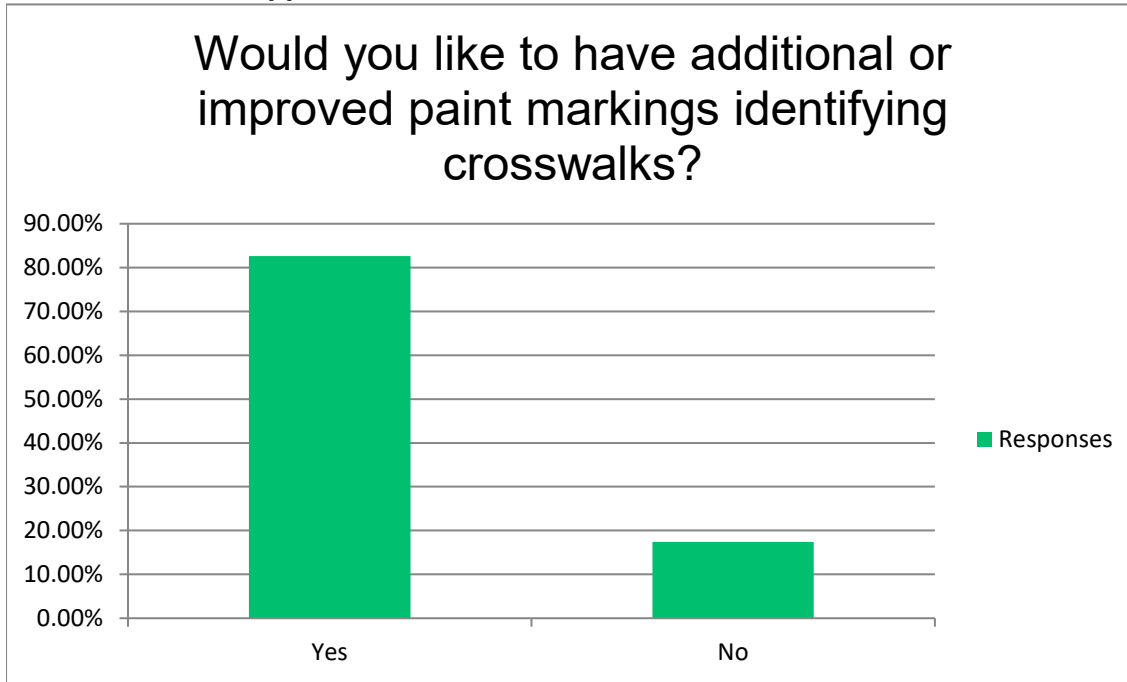
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	77.80%	494
No	22.20%	141
Answered		635
Skipped		15



Town Safety Survey

Would you like to have additional or improved paint markings identifying crosswalks?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	82.59%	517
No	17.41%	109
	Answered	626
	Skipped	24

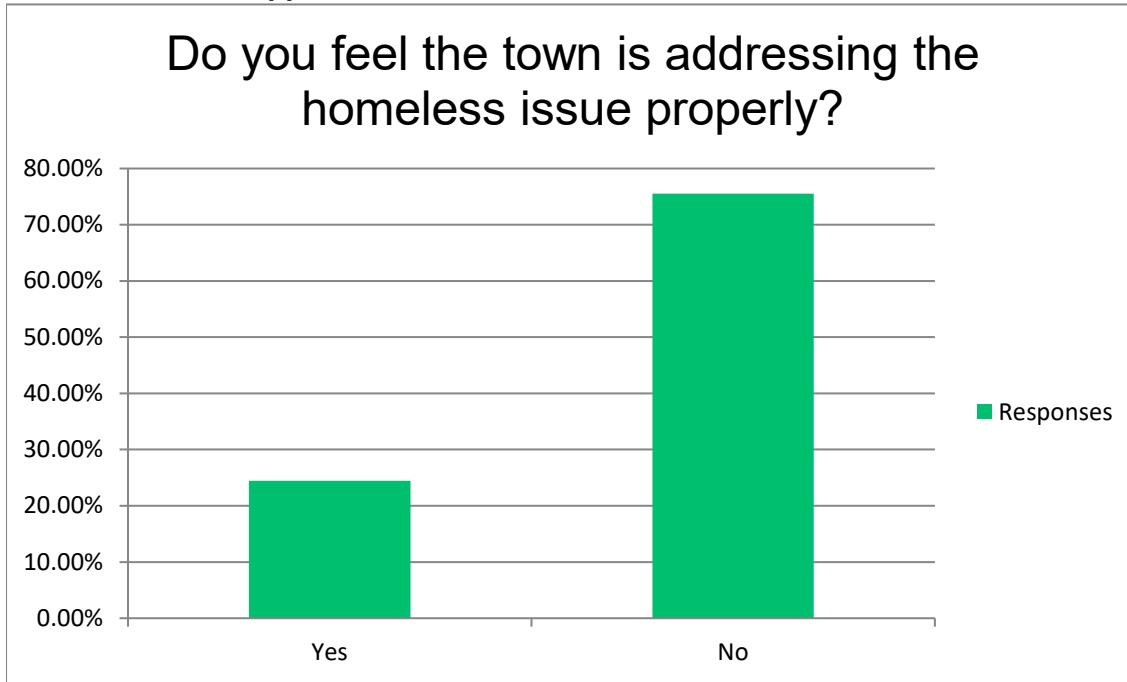


alks?

Town Safety Survey

Do you feel the town is addressing the homeless issue properly?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	24.45%	145
No	75.55%	448
Answered		593
Skipped		57



Responses

Tags

Unwanted trash, loitering, begging/panhandling

Theft, littering, defecating on the beaches, I feel unsafe.
Get rid of them!

Sleeping on our property, drunk and disorderly
Accosting people, sitting on tram benches and very bad
image for Town.

They are everywhere and constantly begging and
panhandling

Vagrants in the Newton Park picnic area

Homeless people are everywhere downtown sleeping &
sitting on the bus stops We do not feel comfortable with
the homeless and majority have mental instability. I
dread going downtown. The churches need to stop
feeding the homeless and create a work program for the
homeless.

Visual and safety

Bike theft, panhandling.

Crime. Disease. Blight. Makes the beach look like a slum

Sitting on benches at bus stops and begging for money

Don't like it in my neighborhood have a lady on my
corner now of Bahia via living on corner in a business
building not .

sleepin in parking lots jumping fences to find power to
charge their phones. i feel bad for them but i cant help
them mall

Fires, harassment, littering, public urination, etc

Difficult issue but homeless sleeping on town bench's,
pooping in beach access areas in front of people, etc
makes victors and residents nervous about safety of
FMB.

Murder of library director, drug use

Very aggressive leaning towards threats of violence if you refuse to give them money. They also cause unsanitary conditions that can lead to illness/disease spread.

meals and showers provided on beach SHOULD be moved OFF the beach!

Loitering, public urination/defecation

Safety for both residents and the homeless. It's not a good situation right now

Sleeping on benches. Living under the bridges & homes in downtown area! Continued pattern of the same people seeking handouts. No incentives when getting help to move on!

Hanging around in Public places

Vagrants panhandling, hanging out in and around unoccupied homes and buildings. Not a very good picture for our Town to project.

Trespass, damage private property, harass residents and visitors

Safety and usability of facilities

crime

Car break ins home / condo break ins bike property theft

No money. Lack of employment. Drugs.

This question seems to criminalize homelessness

I stopped going to the library because they use it as a hangout.

Lack of access to services; Unable to connect due to not having internet or phone

Really don't have an opinion on this issue

Laying/sleeping on the beach, occasional panhandling, better communication between the churches serving the homeless and the town council and sheriff. This would be to identify persons who have the potential of aggressive behavior or who are displaying an increase in agitation, delusional thought process

Crime, drugs, violence and intimidation. No one wants their home broken into and used for a toilet.

Safety of residents

I'm not aware of any issues caused by homeless people.

I wonder what the town is supposed to be doing about the "homeless issue?"

Theft and destruction of private property. No regard for property not theirs

As a destination location, we should have no homeless people on FMB.

fear of crime

Theft, trash and loitering

We have had them sleeping on condominium property, bathing in hot tub/pool. Using the bathroom in public/on bushes. Pan handling/asking for money/food.

drugs , littering,begging

Thefts of property, lack of sanitary living conditions, problems for retail where the homeless gather, drug use

Thievery and sanitation

Trash and cigarette butts at the benches.

the town has no policing ability. When LCSO is contacted regarding a homeless person, they say "we can't do anything"

safety

Two churches are enabling homeless to stay as everything food, showers etc. are provided. Many are probably not even homeless.

FMB should act like Sanibel. We need to believe we have a right to be first class too

They seem to congregate at Lynn Hall Park area. Some shout and yell all day long at the bus stop and surrounding area. Some seem to be high or drunk.

They trespass on neighboring properties and use the pool, hot tub, laundry and plug in their phones to charge them. They will trespass any time of day or night.

Mental health in needed not placement. People get uneasy

SLEEP ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Need for facilities to house and provide safety to homeless

Have more empathy for them.

begging, smell, feeling unsafe.

Trespassing, thefts, defecating/sleeping on property and threatening community

Unsure of this issue

Appearance that "homelessness" is legal/allowed on Fort Myers Beach, FL

Too many safety issues

Create unhealthy conditions for people on beach.

Numerous homeless persons loitering around our resort

Should not be as obvious in high traffic areas-time sq
Shit and piss on benches and sidewalks, crime, and
disgusting, should be taken to shelters otherwise
arrested.

Sense of safety is lowered by their continuous presence.

Probably harmless but you just don't know.

Sleeping in our parks, (Newton especially), defecating in
public areas when bathrooms are closed; hanging out in
library & post office (at night), leaving beer & liquor
bottles instead of throwing them away.

Trespassing. Intimidating citizens and tourists

Poverty and mental illness

COVID spread

Disorderly conduct, ie Public defecation/urination, public
intoxication, aggressive behaviour

They are everywhere! They get in everywhere!

Theft, begging, sleeping everywhere, breaking in private
areas

It has become an extreme safety and health issue. They
have become more aggressive, attempting to break into
guest rooms, stealing property and relieving themselves
in landscape.

Swearing!!! Aggression while swearing! Lewd acts.

They need their meds. And with the murder of the
librarian you don't know what sets that behavior off.

violence, trespassing, drugs and alcohol abuse

I am a photographer and like to walk the beach or pier
early and I quit going because of finding people sleeping
everywhere and begging for money. It does not seem
safe to me at all.

Fear and intimidation of residents.

Our island is a "family island" and we will not continue to
have that if we continue with the homeless problem.

No authority to keep them off the streets.

Safety

Increased crime, particularly theft

Safety of the citizens and their property.

Garbage & litter, intoxication, lawlessness

Too many on private property

Health (public urinating, defecating), safety (being
approached at night for money, etc. Impairment causing
accidents. Littering.

When police station themselves in one area, the homeless just shift.

Sad that they don't have a place to go & stay.

Laying around town, pooping on ground/sidewalks, barfing, sleeping or passed out at bus stops, it's gross not safe. If not for churches helping and doing what they can nothing seems to be done.

They not using the resources as they should to house the homeless people as well as to make available food and showering in a better way

Observed on street corners and wandering around side streets. used to feel safe taking a walk after dark. Not so much now.

I do not know in the business area, however, they sleep in new houses being built in the residential areas.

Sleeping and hanging out in public parks and Lee Tran bus stops. Panhandling constantly. LCSO pretty much ignoring anything the homeless are doing unless they have to deal with it.

Theft

Safety of tourists

They're there. I don't know what has to be done, but the problem is getting much worse.

Murder, vagrancy

Safety - often many are nice, but some are harassing when you walk past them. Also safety concerns for predawn/post dusk hours.

No place for them on the island

Not a visible major problem

They bring a bad "vibe" to the beach.

Remove them and the churches that feed them to a safer location

My heart goes out to the homeless but in a tourist area for families etc. it is disconcerting to see people walking the streets in need of a shower and carrying all their possessions on their backs.

fear

too visible

Health and safety concerns for them and others

Scare away tourists

Crime; fear

Safety of others. I have been inside the library and witnessed homeless repeatedly harassing the staff for food. After one murder what are we waiting for in removing them from a tourist location?!

That make many residents uncomfortable when the homeless are SEEN in public.

Pick-pocketing/crime/harassment

Pandering, harassment, filth

Congregating at trolley stops, benches; no effective programs to address problem

Sanitation

threatening, ever since Leroy was murdered. because there are a lot of single old ladies here.

Guest safety concerns for their daughters and children.

There needs to be adequate, safe, clean housing for the homeless with free drug and alcohol counseling and job training as well.

aggressive panhandling, remember the library director

As a beach and tourist town having the homeless front and center creates both perceived and real safety issues for residents and visitors. The easier and more accommodating things are means the more they will be drawn to the town and the more problems we will have.

Many cities have the issues they have because they let it escalate out of control

Fearful of them

Sneaking into hotels and public buildings and sleeping.

Doing drugs in these same locations. Harassing islanders and visitors making them feel uncomfortable and unsafe.

Litter and concern about our safety

We live across from Newton park and there are a ton of homeless people there at night.

They are useless

Mental instability

General feeling of unease particularly after the library murder. , taking over the picnic area at Newton Park, vandalism, trash left behind

Sleeping and bathing in Newton facilities

They are a nuisance, their drug use and sanitary conditions. I have seen some bath under the bridge near Matanzas Inn.

We've never encountered a homeless person.

They need to have goals

Murder, 1 is too many
crime by them is ignored

Safety

I think the homeless are a non-issue

Some of them invade our private property constantly, daily. They go to the bathroom where ever they wish. They lay down where ever they want to. They make property owners/visitors feel unsafe.

Doing nothing is not a response

Sleeping/camping on private property

Aggressiveness of some of them

Hanging out with the tourists

Not knowing if they are harmless or not.

Harming others/disrupting others

Panhandling

Sleeping on the beach & bus benches. Harassing tourists an islanders.

Drugs and mental health issues

harassment

Congregating in public parks at night.

Tying up bus stop benches and begging for money.

Safety issues for them and residents.

Filth,safety

Filth and littering

Public safety

Trash and safety

Need to address this issue on a large scale

Do they all have 3-wheel bikes yet? That would be a great idea for them.

They have been found on the private beach club property nightly. Sometimes arguing.

Bothering the public and leaving garbage

Mental illness causing aggressive behavior putting citizens in fear

I encountered a drunk homeless women who was harassing me in the parking lot at Caper Beach. She got in my face and yelled she wasn't sick.

I have been accosted many time a Newton Park. It's not safe. I have since stopped coming to FMB.

safety

Panhandling

Those without homes should be cared for in a dignified manner.

Hanging out at Bowditch Point

Fear they may be dangerous.

Rents too high for average person to even live here !#

Annoying

Panhandling

Homeless sleeping on benches, under trees as you go to the beach and them begging for money outside of stores

Serious safety and Health issues

Odor

Dirty areas and unsafe conditions and increase in drug activity

Safety concerns. Many have M.H. Issues

Sleeping rough wherever they like. So you know they are also going to the bathroom wherever they like.

Invading private property and the mess some create.

Personal injury

Squatting on our property using our jacuzzis as bath tubs. Taking over the public area and making others weary.

Glad we feed them

I don't know how the town is dealing with the homeless, although I noticed fewer this season than in the past.

Loitering at benches, asking for money, drunkenness, sleeping behind homes and businesses.

Most of the ones I've been exposed to are scary people. I've been accosted at my mailbox and at work. They trespass, create drama, beg from tourists. They are trashy, vulgar and mean.

It's the opposite of what you want in your neighborhood or a tourist destination.

Panhandlers, lack of security, sanitary, health & welfare

safety / health / number

Panhandling, public intoxication, vandalism, theft

These people are on benches at Town Square where I catch the trolley....usually sleeping. No one addresses the issue even though there is an officer controlling traffic/crosswalks right there.

vagrancy - aggressive panhandling

Harassing and begging

I see nothing being done. I own 2 homes here and had problems with homeless being in screened in porches, on back decks, using the washer, dryer, showers.

Trespassing on private property

Sine the church is feeding them and letting them stay there they are all out on the sidewalk first thing in the morning it looks terrible to our tourist!!! They sit on the benches 1/2 the day and sleep and our visitors can not sit and wait for the bus !!

Fear

Death, drugs, safety, nuisance

Personal safety

Crime

Urinating, bathing in hot tub, sleeping by doors of guests, begging,

Panhandle

Drug use, harassing/trespassing on business sites, hygiene issues in public areas (using public areas as bathroom), using parks as place to stay
crime potential and litter

Confrontation, aggressiveness

Harassing people. Drugs and alcohol, spreading garbage.

Using the beach, benches and nearby homes as squatting sites

The murder of our librarian the n the doorway of the library for starters. Most homeless are harmless. This one was not. Identify the potential murdered and baker act them.

Increases drug use, increases crime, and significantly impacts tourism which is the lifeblood of the community

Loitering

Agressive

Hanging out too close to school -kids a bit unsure of safety with them there

Niunice

Being accosted walking through the park

God's table and other churches

Invading private property

homeless people health, cleanness, sitting on benches at buses stop,

Sleeping on beach and public parks. Drawn by food programs with no hope of housing and rehabilitation services.

Mental and addiction issues

What I have seen: They jade our visitors' vacation experience. Some engage in plots to steal from unsuspecting people. They pester all for handouts (money, drink, or weed) in many cases aggressively. And if some are mentally challenged they should be taken somewhere for help. I think many of them are mentally challenged because of the life they soberly chose. "The beach is a nice place with nice people, why work."

In the immortal words of now-retired Sheriff's Captain, Matt Powell, "The homeless are also my customers, and if they're not breaking any laws, I'm not going to anything to disturb them. Being scruffy is not illegal." I wish more people in Town understood this. ,

They are everywhere and using our private property for sleeping and urinating

They come into resorts and if get taken away are given a bus pass?? Well geez where they going..obviously back to where they were. Been here 2 weeks had 3 incidents with them at our resort was a little scary

We're always on the look out on ours property and our neighbors' properties for vagrants. They use our property as bathrooms.

Safety

No problem for me

It seems that many of the homeless have severe mental illnesses. It is important to protect our citizens when they become violent and belligerent.

loitering; camping out on/near condo grounds

Safety, the Director of the Library was murdered opening the library. The Homeless are a problem and FMB fails to deal with it. When will the next attach be and whose job is it to prevent it.

Make visitors uncomfortable.

crime potential, litter

Safety

Quit supporting Republicans in the state, to reduce the number.

Private places to urinate - use of foliage; camping on the beach overnight

Littering, belligerent, urinating in public, theft, sleeping on beaches,

I believe there needs to be more police or security guard presence on the island. The homeless are bothering all visitors at the beach especially by the bathrooms and picnic area. Also walking through resorts asking for money, sleeping on outdoor furniture and peeing etc in the plants. The police used to have a huge trailer at the park, even if an officer wasn't present I believe putting it there again would deter the homeless.

Fear they may be dangerous

Loitering, pan handling,

Need more public restroom for homeless

loitering of those that are homeless and asking for money. Staying in the library too long .
Harrasment of visitors in Times Square and around Lani Kai,public drunk and disorderly
Panhandling, drinking, lounging in parks where families can not use pavilions. Relocate funding from the chapel to the Salvation Army, Coalition for the Homeless and Salus Care.
Panhandling, poor image for tourism, churches feeding the need
Sleeping on beaches and park benches on the beach
Defecating on property
Begging, loitering, general unsafe/anxious feelings
Unsafe, people murdered
Intimidating citizen.
Makes me sad to see people living on the street. If we could find housing I would like to help in that.
Loitering in parks and benches, panhandling.
Because of their unpredictable behavior they cause fear among our residents and guests. Panhandling and prostitution are issues. Businesses need to be more vigilant and professional in protecting their customers. Unfortunately, under the guise of compassion, people are enabling and exacerbating the problem.

accosting residents
They are trespassing on private property, They are harrassing our visitors and business owners, they have defacated on public proerty in front of vsitors, create make-shift homes in popoulated areas. They sit on the benches saved for public ransportation and ask for money from our residents and guests. The church should not be feeding or clothing them unless they aer making a conscientious effort to change their circumstances. The majority have drug and mental health issues and need to have help elsewhere.
Town Square seems to be focus area of homeless gathering.
Dangerous to the community and driving tourism away.
Not feeling safe
Not many places are available to the homeless. They are treated like second class citizens. Help them. Don't arrest them.
Tresspass, drugs, violence & vagrancy,
Fires,harassment

Sitting or sleeping on bus stop benches. Being yelled at by homeless groups when driving by them.

They need a different place to call home....town needs to enforce laws about trespassing better

Mental illness and drugs

They make tourists feel unsafe. They do drugs.

Aggressive panhandling. Carrying weapons. Loitering.

Trespassing. Destruction of public and private property.

Leaving trash and feces behind.

Passing of drugs right in front of families

Would like to know more on how to help them

too many

Pan-handling, malingering, smell/foul odor, belligerence, substance abuse, mental illness issues/instability, safety concerns

They're everywhere and encouraged to stay

Citizen and tourist safety

Pandering, loitering, confronting, stalking and scaring people.

Nit feeling comfortable walking near them at all, trash, smell, etc

image bothers children who do not understand, hard to explain

Intimidating to some residents and visitors

loitering, using public benches excessively. creates a negative vibe for the town. d

Safety

Drugs being used at bus stops, especially close to the school. Homeless people sleeping on benches around town. Littering. Soiling our island (literally)

Taking items from residences

Dr Hummerding is the best example but there are many others. The LCSO tells me there is nothing they can do.

It is not illegal to be mentally unstable and homeless.

Trespassing, neighborhood safety

What programs are in place to assist these people?

Assaults due to lack of mental health counseling.

The town is enabling them to thrive here with no motivation to help themselves and clean up their act to get a job.

Mental illness

Being approached by homeless at night when walking down the sidewalk near Crescent Park

Sleeping on benches, beach, etc.

Accosting people, sitting on tram benches and very bad image for Town.

Safety

Theft, drugs, safety... People spend thousands to vacation here!

Kids on bikes being chased by a high honeless guy with a knife in his backpack in broad daylight on estero xmas week

Pandering

Lack of shelter and facilities for cleanliness and nourishment. Many not all with drug issues

Fear, theft, trespassing

Dedicating, threatening people, panhandling, breaking into or illegally using properties, aggressive, loitering, drug use, sleeping in/under/on buildings/trees/bushes/benches etc

Sleeping in or on private property.

Slovenly vagrants giving this tourist town a bad reputation. Takes away from a healthy family friendly environment. Too much enabling. Public urination and defamation. Causing decent people to stay away.

Defecating on our pavements and beaches

Violence, inappropriate behavior, drug use

Lack of public restrooms result in public urination and defecation resulting In unsanitary conditions. Sleeping on sidewalks and benches.

They intimidate all. They need housing and assistance, and not a no cost beach life.

panhandling, loitering, public intoxication

Killing residents, trespassing, thefts during bad for tourism.

Overall unease of visitors and residents...theft

Urinating in public. Human feces along walks. Sleeping in public areas.

The churches need to provide mental health professional help if they want to continue to draw homeless folks to the island. Most of them need professional mental health. If they don't receive it, we could have another Murder occur. The homeless should also learn to work for their food. The churches should set up a cleaning program where a homeless person gets a free meal if they bring in a bag of trash. Doesn't have to be a large bag, it can be a public bag. This will help solve our litter problem and teach the homeless work ethic and cleanliness.

Asking for money,

Fear for personal safety

Disturbing the FMB residents and tourists. Very sad to a homeless person approach tourists for money! They follow people around begging for hand outs. Not Good for FMB!

Lived on tropical Shoreway for years . Have always had a homeless problem . The chapel by the sea has always had a good/bad influence on the problem. I agree with feeding and helping people who need it , but not encouraging the issue for YEARS. I have lived here for 6 and my family for over 20 . Same people?

There are so many! Harrassment to locals/tourists. I don't feel safe!

Public nuisance- panhandle, bodily excretion and exposure,

Sometimes very aggressive

Unsanitary (urinating/defecating), mental health issues cause unsafe environment.

Yes and No, why on an island this size do we allow for a soup kitchen

The churches and the council by turning a blind eye to this out of control problem are enabling and encouraging "homeless" to live here -at the expense of residents and tourists safety and quality of life -it's not right and it needs to change -what you are permitting brings down the island and threatens our safety-I would have thought the library director stabbing would have opened eyes but more concern was for the "homeless" which for many is by choice -you spent 6 hours on a nice B&b wanting to improve its business while homes are dropping their pants in public and literally shitting on private property and nothing from council -we have to carry mace and be on the look out at all times-the churches are not doing the "homeless" any favors and putting law abiding residents at risk-you really should look at Venice California if you want to see a town destroyed by this along with Santa Monica -they will keep coming in larger numbers if nothing is done -we will never have a FMB refresh which it deserves with an out of control permitted homeless population -the taxpayers deserve better we have invested in this island and this must stop and I must do your job

Unrealized safety at night

They hunker down wherever they want, even on homeowners property. They scare people because they look dangerous & honestly we don't know if we want to continue living here because it's a big problem feeling like our property is safe when we're not here. The churches need to stop feeding them. They need to be taken to a shelter off island & housed & fed there.

Breaking into vacant homes, public substance abuse (drugs/alcohol), petty street crimes such as theft and panhandling. Some of these folks have been here on the beach for years. Not a great welcome to tourists and certainly not welcome by residents. Too many are over aggressive and threatening our safety

Begging and intimidating
Sleeping under homes and In Bushes and on park benches. Leaving messes
Crime and solicitation.
Safety for all
Request must be in a shelter at night
crime caused by homeless persons
Litter loiter
Unsanitary and begging. Scaring tourist and residents.
Begging
Harassment, begging
I don't have any problem with them
having lived in Malibu CA we saw homeless show up in the beach town and take over and chase away both residents and tourists from local business. Their mental state will actually prevent them from making good decisions and will result in people getting hurt by them (e.g., FMB library). discourage them from showing up here before they take root.
Personal attacks
DRUGS..!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Herion row AKA Main St.
Crime
vagrancy
Loitering as bus stops and in front of businesses, sleeping in the parks.
Are you serious? Issued caused by the homeless? Why not help them. Heinous question.
drugs, theft, petty crime
Begging, drunk, intimidating, scary, they are left to run amuck

Sleeping and defecating in public places and the begging on the streets and sidewalks!!!!

It is awkward having them sleeping on benches and picnic tables when you want to use those spaces.

Sleeping on the sidewalk

Personal safety, trash, trespassing

The town and the sheriff's department have done nothing to help eliminate the homeless on our beach.

This is an overblown issue by people that do not understand homelessness.

Can't tell you how many times in the last year I have run across these guys. The last one was super polite and tried to move so my wife could sit down at the bus stop but he fell while moving and cracked his head on the concrete. Then he pissed in his pants. All in front of our three little kids.

By and large, they are harmless but there is a sense of unease we encounter some. They get agitated when I decline their request for \$\$ and some feel the need to yell inappropriately things when I walk by. It's basically a safety issue.

trash, violence, public intoxication, urination, and defecation.

They loiter and leave trash. Sleep in public places.

Like I mentioned they are always in areas where our children play. And are supposed to feel safe! Such as bay oaks playground. Library, bus stop by school, sometimes even the dumpsters on school grounds. And they are doing drugs/ under the influence, or defecating in public/ indecent exposure!!!

lack of visitor/resident (or the perception of it) usually they are mentally challenged in some sort of way and become aggressive or loud a scare people

Violence and Thefts

They make residents uncomfortable and feel unsafe.

Human waste at bus stops, harassment, drug use.

We lack services to offer them

trespass on private property causing safety & sanitary issues

Defecating where they chose. Harassment of people.

Sleeping on benches...

Murder drugs safety for residents and especially children

It is what it is

tourists associate homeless with danger. We need tourist dollars.

We are supporting the homeless and need to reroute them off island. They are trespassing on private property as well as harassing visitors

The homeless create issues for the residents

Asking for free items on my store

Not an issue caused. I just wish we were able to convince them to find better options. For their safety and comfort.

Most people visiting are find to all homeless.

Homeless sitting at all the bus stops and benches.

Leaving trash. Urinating and drunk in public. Even though they may not be a physical threat to people it is bad for business and FMB is a tourist town. I don't know why they are allowed to loiter in the most public of places right in the tourist area.

People feel threatened, the litter is disgusting harassment, robbery, murder

Constantly being asked for money every time I'm there

Drugs/alcohol, aggression, littering

I live in Fort Myers and you will push the homeless off your island and add to our homeless population. Why should you be exempt from allowing them on your island?

As a business owner the homeless sit outside our store and we have asked them to leave several times. Now they are sleeping behind our trash dumpsters and frightening our employees. We are a 24/7 business and we can have that.

Vandalism

They are everywhere. Sleeping at bus stops, doing drugs at bus stops, sleeping in public areas that prevent us from using them

Friends stay on Sanibel Island due to the homeless population on FMB. They went to Heavenly Biscuit and the homeless were sitting in the chairs. I was sitting with a friend at The Doghouse for lunch when a homeless older man came up wanting to pray over us (touching us) then wanted to sit down with us. He appeared to be either drunk or on something. Thank goodness an employee saw what was happening and chased him off. Unfortunately, he went away cursing and flipping us off while crossing the street where there wasn't a crosswalk (just stepped out in the street and held up traffic. A homeless woman jumped to her death from Lani Kai while we were at FMB. While staying at The Shores near Newton Park we had a woman knock on our door about 11pm asking for a towel. Very frightening as it was just me and my sister. We closed the door immediately, but she was homeless.

We are a traveler destination. If guests continue to have to deal with beggars they won't come. Some of these homeless are dangerous either due to drugs or mental issues. Need to rid the beach of these issues!

Often intimidating

Menacing and thert

Vagrants harassing tourists, vagrancy laws continue to go unenforced

Fear at night coming home!! Sleep in Newton Park.

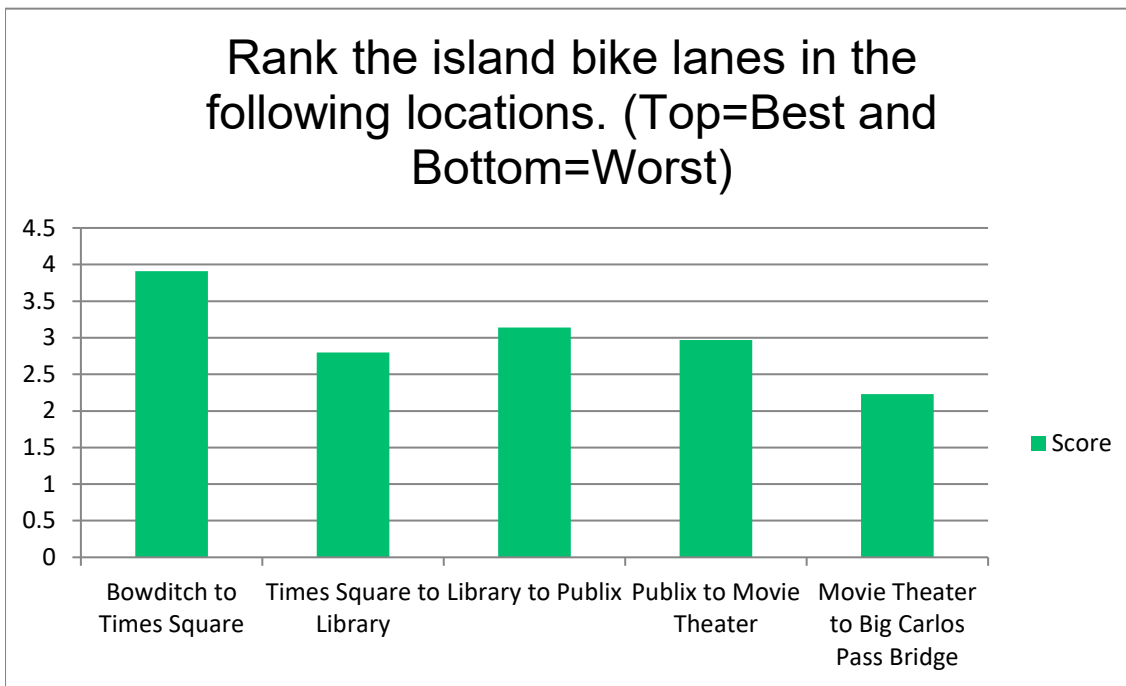
Churches are enabling this situation.

I witnessed them defecating and urinating in the bushes sleeping in neighbors backyards breaking into their lanai's.

Town Safety Survey

Rank the island bike lanes in the following locations. (Top=Best and Bottom=Worst)

	1		2	
Bowditch to Times Square	49.90%	247	18.59%	92
Times Square to Library	16.06%	79	24.19%	119
Library to Publix	11.64%	56	23.28%	112
Publix to Movie Theater	14.14%	69	20.90%	102
Movie Theater to Big Carlos Pass Bridge	11.48%	56	11.07%	54



	3		4		5		Total
13.13%	65	9.70%	48	8.69%	43		495
14.84%	73	14.02%	69	30.89%	152		492
38.67%	186	19.96%	96	6.44%	31		481
22.54%	110	32.58%	159	9.84%	48		488
10.86%	53	22.34%	109	44.26%	216		488

Answered
Skipped

Score

3.91

2.8

3.14

2.97

2.23

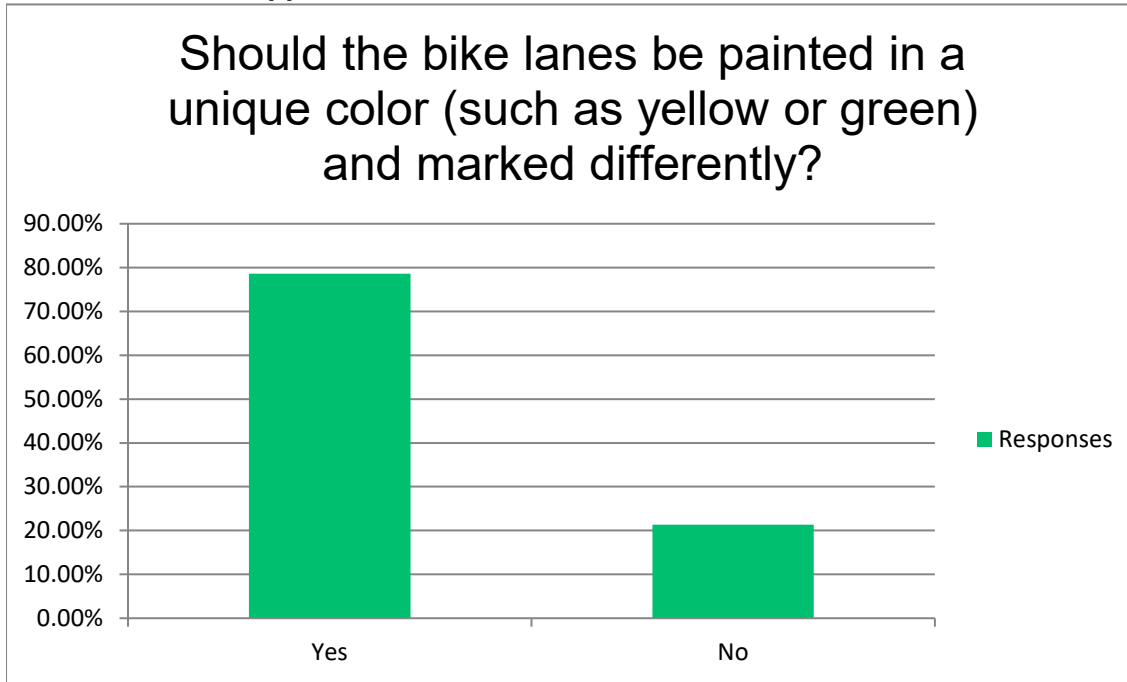
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130

Town Safety Survey

Should the bike lanes be painted in a unique color (such as yellow or green) and

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	78.63%	471
No	21.37%	128
	Answered	599
	Skipped	51



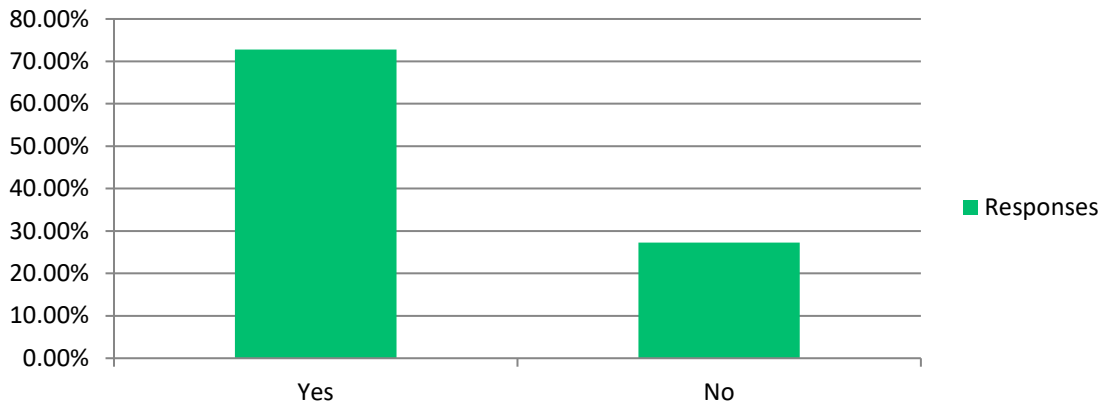
marked differently?

Town Safety Survey

If you do ride a bike, are you aware that between sunset and sunrise bike lights a

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	72.76%	414
No	27.24%	155
	Answered	569
	Skipped	81

If you do ride a bike, are you aware that between sunset and sunrise bike lights and audible devices are mandatory by state law?



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Town Safety Survey

Do you use the bike lanes on the island?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	54.39%	328
No	45.61%	275
Answered		603
Skipped		47



Responses

Tags

I ride on the sidewalks as much as possible.
With the construction and inattentive drivers,
the bike lanes are not safe.

none available from Bay Bch Ln

No bike

Bike lane configuration is very dangerous on
parts of the island

Not a bike rider

Too dangerous with construction & lack of
pedestrian crosswalks

I dont ride a bike.

It's Very unsafe to ride bikes anywhere

During the construction phase bad safety

Not safe n/b from trailer park

Where possible.

Motorcycle

Feel unsafe from Times Square to Library so
do not ride the beach even though we are
avid e bikers.

Depends on time of day, day of the week,
weather outside

Construction make it too dangerous!

Too old to take chances biking

Too dangerous to compete with trucks &
other vehicles

don't ride a bike

To narrow. Hardly room for cars

Safety- drivers do not respect bike lanes

Do not ride bike

Too many drivers drinking while driving.

I don't ride a bike

quit riding my bike because I felt unsafe
riding in the traffic

Not safe

I use them where available; but bike lane continuity is still an issue and at times I feel safer on the sidewalk than taking the lane as there is not enough room for cars to pass and give the mandatory 3 ft; cars often try to push a cyclist as far right as possible to pass them even when its not safe to do so.

Scary

Haven't purchased or rented bikes yet, but intend to.

I use the sidewalk with caution; I am uncomfortable using the bike lanes, particularly during season

Too dangerous.

LIMITATIONS DUE TO CONSTRUCTION.

Use sidewalk when bike lane isnt available

Riding on the beach or sidewalk is safer.

I walk

Too many distracted drivers. I use the bike liane if there are people on the sidewalk.

I don't have a bike.

we generally walk

too dangerous to be with the vehicles

I use the shared sidewalks with caution unless too crowded. Use dedicated bike lanes, but not shared car/bike lane areas as cars still pas too close rather than waiting until clear.

Too many vacationers texting and do not pay attention. I use the sidewalks for safety.

Too close to the cars. I like sidewalk

i don't ride a bike

I do not gave a bike.

Don't ride a bike

no bike

I do not own a bike.

I don't have a bike.

Used sometimes. Signs need to be placed saying must ride with traffic flow.signs should be added periodically for no motorized items on the sidewalk. This happens a lot.

Appears to be legal to ride on sidewalks

To dangerous sharing with cars
No b8ke
I do not ride a bike.
Do not travel on a bike on the island for
safety reasons.
Dontgride a bike
Don't have bike
Dont have a bike yet but I will when I get one.

Don't ride a bike
Just walk
Don't bike
Too close to cars especially from Library to
times square
Scared to get hit by a car in some spots on
the island
I use it when there is no option but I try to
avoid it because it is far too narrow. It's too
late now but it is extremely sad that a proper
bike lane was not developed as part of the
road construction process. There is space in
many spots where it could have been done
instead of planting a 8 or 12 in wide strip of
grass. It seems like a waste of money to tear
out that grass now but certainly worth
exploring whether a bike / pedestrian Lane
can be created on sidewalks. That is the way
it is on all the cement boardwalks on the
East Coast that I have seen other than
perhaps trying to create something on the
sidewalks in areas where the bike has to
share the Lane with cars

Places where there is no bike lane
No bike
Don't ride a bike
Im not riding my bike with cars on a street
with vacationers and impaired drivers. We
were taught toride our bikes on the sidewalk.
Put lines down the sidewalk Pedestrians vs
bike can be controlled better than bike vs car

Too much traffic...unavoidable. Too much
debris in lanes
have no bikes

Don't trust traffic during season, prefer pavement. However will not ride bike between GVC and town Square during season because sidewalks are too crowded and there are no special bike lanes identified.

I would never bike on the Island it is not safe

Don't bring my bike to the island, due to traffic concerns.

Not using them currently because of construction.

Physically cannot use bikes

I don't bike.

Too dangerous, drivers don't pay attention.

On the side walk most of the time early in the morning because cars honk, yell out the window and shout get on the sidewalk coming too close for safety.

Do not bike..but I might.

Lights on bikes at night are NOT ENFORCED by LCSO

Don't ride a bike

Too damn old now, but I used to.

Ride the beach

Too much traffic

Don't currently have a bicycle. Will use in future. Is it illegal to ride on sidewalks?

Feel it's too dangerous with all the traffic

Do not own a bike.

Don't ride

I don't feel safe - cars not respectful of our rights

will not ride in traffic lane

Afraid to ride on island due to bike users not using bike lanes correctly

Prefer sidewalk

Don't have a bike

I use sidewalks when there are no bike lanes. I will not ride my bike in traffic lanes as I want to stay alive and without broken bones. I also have physical limitations that I cannot ride at the rate of speed that vehicles try to go plus most drivers have distracted and not alert to bicycles in the road.

too dangerous

i live on the south end, and there are no bike lanes due to construction, the ongoing, neverending, completely useless construction.

I don't have a bike.

Do not ride a bike here I do not feel it is safe to

some areas might not have them, likely temporary

Too much to deal with. Vehicle traffic, foot traffic. If you watch out for the cars you run over the pedestrian who stopped to take a selfie. Bikes don't belong on the sidewalks. They should be required to stay in bike lanes and enforced to be riding in the correct lane for the direction they are going

Cars not paying attention

lack of safety

I do not take my bike on road.

Too dangerous to ride bikes on the island

Use my car

They are very dangerous I ride my bike on the street until people are walking and then I get on the road then back on the sidewalk.

No bike

No bike

Primarily use sidewalk, our drivers are distracted: elderly, tourist, cell phones, under the influence, don't know exactly where they're going...

Too much traffic. Ongoing construction

Feel safer on the sidewalk

Don't bike on island

I am 85 -- don't ride bikes anymore

Do not use the STREET BIKE LANE, near Times Square because a car will run over you. I can not ride my bike in the street and should not have to ride with automobiles.

use sidewalks more unsafe drivers

I don't own a bike

We don't ride bikes.

use sidewalk

Do not ride

Don't feel safe with the cars so close to the bike lanes. The electric bikes use the bike lanes instead of the car lanes.

Construction, not riding now

Too dangerous. Now, with curbs, there is no where to go if a car is out of control. Scary

Don't live here

There are no bike lanes between lovers lane and times square. This is a bad thing.

Too dangerous

Too much construction and rough pavement for bike riding.

Not that type of road. Save that for sanibel

They are too dangerous, narrow and cars going too fast to close to bikes

Not a bike rider

Don't ride bikes

Not safe

i want to live

To dangerous

I don't have a bike.

Just dont

Cars are in the lanes

Fear of drivers

I would rather ride in the beach.

Too dangerous

Don't have a bike

I don't bike and if I did they cause traffic delays and we have enough traffic as it is

Not safe to ride on the island

Use sidewalks because it feels safer.

Too dangerous

Very dangerous, needs to be more like

Sanibel

I do not have a bike

I feel safer on sidewalk, given that drivers are too close to the bike lane and rarely pay attention.

Cars

Sidewalks

No bike

you could get killed

Too many distracted drivers, I'm afraid.

I walk, use bus or drive car

I use as often as I can and where I feel safe.

Closer to Tim Square, it gets a bit close to vehicles.

I don't ride a bike.

I use the bike lanes from Times Square to Bowditch. I do not use the bike lanes from Times Square to the library because the roads are too congested in that area, and in some areas there isn't a bike lane.

New to the area

Dont ride a bike

Do not trust the drivers and getting hit don't ride

I don't feel safe during Estero Blvd renovation.

For the most part I do use the bike lanes. I must say it terrifies me that a distracted driver will hit me. The drivers who swerve into the bike lane to see what's ahead.

Drivers of golf carts and mopeds using the bike lanes is extremely dangerous. Vehicles that do not follow basic laws are gonna kill not only bicyclists but pedestrians

Too dangerous. Cars are veering over in the bike lanes all the time. And the electric bikes make it impossible if your just a normal "peddler"

Too dangerous

Sometimes it is too dangerous and the sidewalk is busy along with traffic!

to afraid to , no one knows the bike light law rentals companies need to make them all aware of carrying lights at night maybe give out small flashlights to tenants

Don't ride

Do not have a bike.

I am unable to ride

Rarely because they are too narrow and close to car traffic, too many electric scooters/bikes to compete with

To much traffic

The bike lanes are too confusing and there's too much vehicle traffic for for bikes to travel safely. The rules in the ordinance are ideal, but not manageable with tourists.

Sometimes I don't because I'm on a casual bike ride and I don't want a car to kill me so I avoid the roadway if there is no dedicated bike lane.

No bike lanes in the busiest part of the Island around Times Square

I don't ride bikes

I no longer ride a bike.

I use sidewalks as well....especially when bike lane and traffic lanes are the same

Sometimes no bike lane due to construction

Traffic too heavy north of library and no dedicated bike lanes

To dangerous. Unsafe!

I don't use the bike lanes when I'm leisurely bike riding. I use the sidewalks because I don't want to be in the way of the bikers going 20+ mph

Don't ride

Waiting for toad completion.

I feel like the cars are going to hit me when I have to ride in the road.

No bike lanes in the most congested areas

I'd like to propose having the bike traffic going the opposite way of the traffic. My thinking is that two thinking heads are better than one not thinking and running over a biker.

If I have a choice between riding in the bike lane, fewer than two feet away from passing cars, and on the sidewalk, which puts me several feet plus a curb away from passing cars, it's a no-brainer. I'll go to the bike lanes only if there's more pedestrian traffic than makes it practicable to ride there.

I don't have a bike
don't ride right now

If there are no or few pedestrians, I will ride on the sidewalk between Times Square and Red Coconut RV park. There are no separate bike lanes in this area and it's only road markings that indicate bikes may use the full roadway. There are so many distractions in this area and drivers get frustrated because of all the haphazard jaywalking that I'm worried I'll get run over on my bike.

too dangerous to ride a bike at all on the island

I ride the sidewalk, problem is the traffic and fear of being hit.

Feel unsafe

I don't ride on FMB

With tourists around????? You're kidding right?

There are no bike lanes North of Red Coconut to Pearl Street area

There are no bike lanes just road and sidewalks

No bike lanes where I ride

Wish there were bike lanes from Time Square to Library

I do not ride my bike on the island because there are too many careless drivers and pedestrians.

No bike lane in my neighborhood

Too dangerous

Traffic too close, too fast. Bicyclists riding the wrong way, pedestrians crossing anywhere they please

No parking, usually spend days on the beach.

don't have a bike

I do not ride a bike but think all bikes should be required to use the lane and not the sidewalk

I do use the bike lanes during periods of light traffic. I do not use them if not available, heavy traffic or after 4 PM.

I do not trust traffic

no bike

always visit by car and on foot

Too dangerous, if I ride it's strictly on the side streets.

Where there is no dedicated lane, I will ride on the sidewalk

I use the sidewalk.

Joggers/walkers in bike lane

Too dangerous

Too narrow

too dangerous

Don't have a bike, haven't rode one in some time

I don't ride a bike on FMB. Too many pedestrians and cars!

Dont ride a bike

I fear for my safety. Problems when traffic lanes are congested or stopped, leaving no room for bikes to travel. wa

No bike

I haven't been out on the street since it was updated.

Too dangerous with vehicles

Don't ride bike

I don't ride but I'd like to see the motorized bikes, scooters, skateboards off the sidewalks.

Don't want to get run over by distracted speeders.

Too dangerous

People drive in them all the time and people ride their bikes the wrong way and motorcycles and motor scooters think the bike lanes and many times i have seen even the sidewalks by cars motorscooters and motorcycles i sit in 1-1/2 hr traffic on my way to work at the hospital the stuff i see blows me away and i never see anyone get pulled over someone is going to be seriously injured or killed again

I don't bike

Bike lanes near Times Square are dangerous

Use the sidewalk

Sharing the car traffic and bike traffic is too dangerous for the biker.

Walk or going farther we use car
Afraid I'll be hit by a car
I use the bike lanes when there is pedestrian traffic on the sidewalk. I do not use the shared lanes. I use the sidewalks when I can since too many drivers are distracted.

The bike lanes are too narrow.
I have to use the car lane when I ride my electric bike. This is dangerous because the speed limit is between 25-35 mph and an electric bike only goes 20mph. We need bike lanes along the entire island and they should be painted green like they are in Sanibel, Miami Beach, South Beach and other locations within the state and country.
Improves safety for bikers, autos and pedestrians

Too much traffic
I prefer walking
Don't ride a bike
Dont have a bike
Do not ride bike on main road
I do not bike on the island because drivers are crazy.
Because they are dangerous since not dedicated and there are too many distracted and drunk drivers -the lanes are tight and too much traffic -hardly any room for error-I ride on the beach to where I need to go

Dont ride
There are none between Time Square & Red Coconut where their needed the most
Don't ride my bike on Estero Blvd - too dangerous.
don't feel safe.
I don't ride anywhere on the island.
Ride on the beach. Road is too dangerous
Sometimes during the day, at night no because too many people drinking and driving
Not available near me yet

Yes and no. Usually ride with my young children and prefer to use sidewalk for their safety.

I use sidewalk when no people are on them (I have a standard non-powered bike) and there is no room on the road. Some areas have a very narrow bike lane.

It's a challenge of death riding a bike at the beach..

I don't ride a bike

Sometimes. I feel safer on the sidewalk!

Don't ride bike

I can't ride a bike

Too dangerous, I ride on the sidewalks.

Too afraid I will lose control and hit a car (or be hit by one).

Get rid of the damn bike lanes.. we need more room for vehicles not the damn bikes.

I use them when people are on sidewalk. If there's nobody on the sidewalk I use that instead. I am always nervous in the bike lanes because people drive recklessly and don't pay attention to bikers or pedestrians.

Use bike lanes everywhere except Times Sq. to library. Refuse to use the same lane as traffic - unsafe!

I do sometimes. Other-times they are too dangerous due to traffic and distracted drivers

they are part of the car lane where i ride most

safety

I'm a walker...Bicycles are to dangerous on this Island

I don't feel safe riding on the bike lanes.

I use the bike lanes south of the Red Coconut. We use the sidewalk north of The Red Coconut because of safety issues.

No path on north end

Feel sidewalk is somewhat safer

Too dangerous due to traffic

Don't own a bike. Concerned from a drivers perspective.

unsafe...I try and use the sidewalks if not occupied. Drivers turn right into road/parking lot without checking their right rear view mirror and often almost hit people I don't ride bikes.

Too afraid of getting hit by a car that's why I ride on the sidewalk with my children and grandchildren

Too many cars and distracted drivers.
I don't feel safe.

There are no bike lanes from times square to the school. Nobody uses the shared road lanes because 1 people drive like idiots and 2 traffic moves slower than a bike and there's not enough room to get around them unless you ride on the sidewalk which is packed during season

I don't ride bikes, but while at FMB in March there were so many riding at night without any lights. Also, while I was walking the sidewalk...I nearly got hit by a bike coming up behind me (happened 3 different times). Bikes weren't using the bike lanes, they didn't have any lights and it was dark so they were riding the sidewalk going the opposite direction of traffic.

If I don't it's because non exist on the main part of Estero!

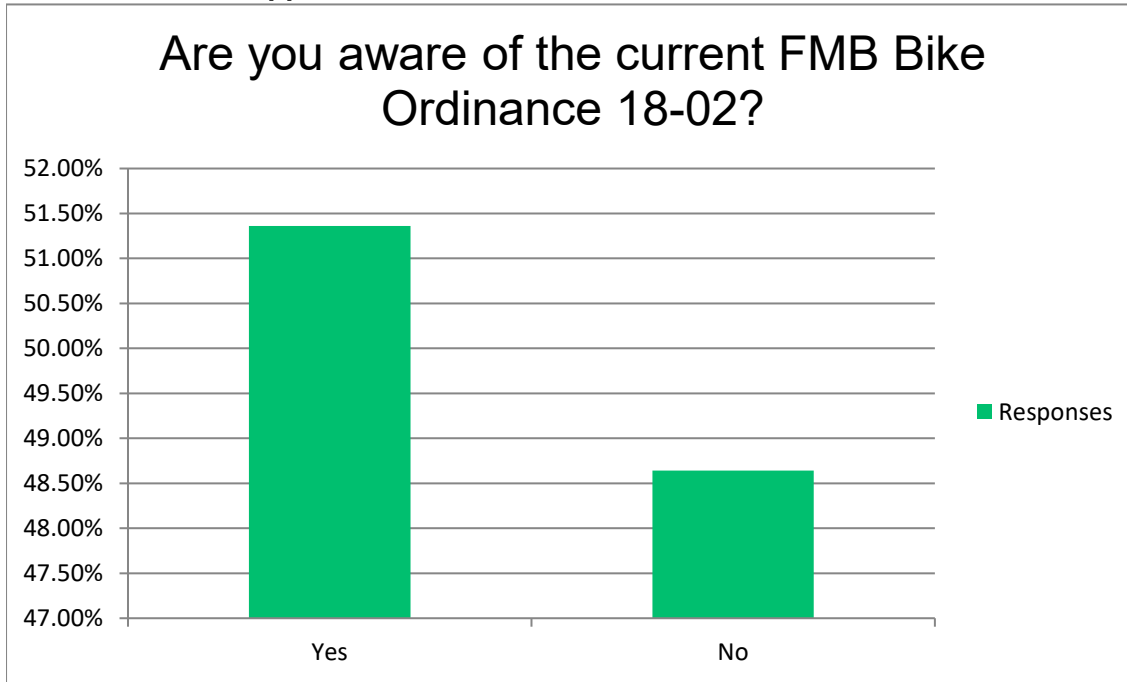
Cars go very close

Too close to vehicles. They make me feel unsafe.

Town Safety Survey

Are you aware of the current FMB Bike Ordinance 18-02?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	51.36%	320
No	48.64%	303
Answered		623
Skipped		27

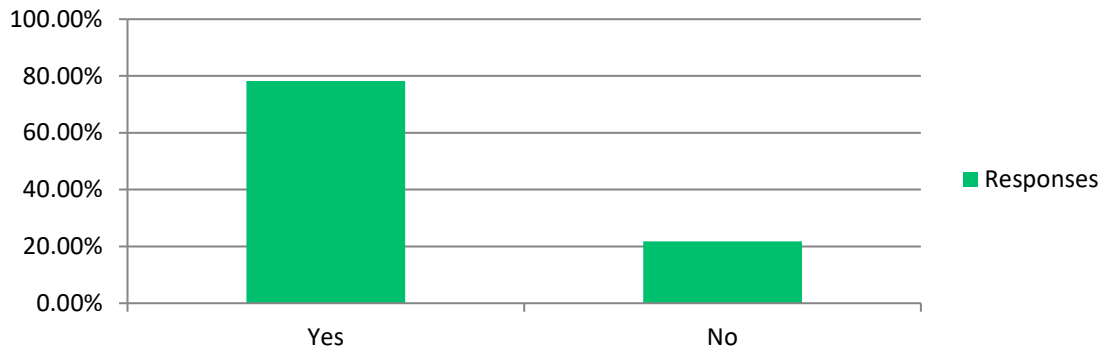


Town Safety Survey

Do you agree with the current Town restrictions for E-Bikes? Prohibiting riding an

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	78.22%	474
No	21.78%	132
	Answered	606
	Skipped	44

Do you agree with the current Town restrictions for E-Bikes? Prohibiting riding any non-self powered vehicles on sidewalks or the beach except for ADA accessibility.

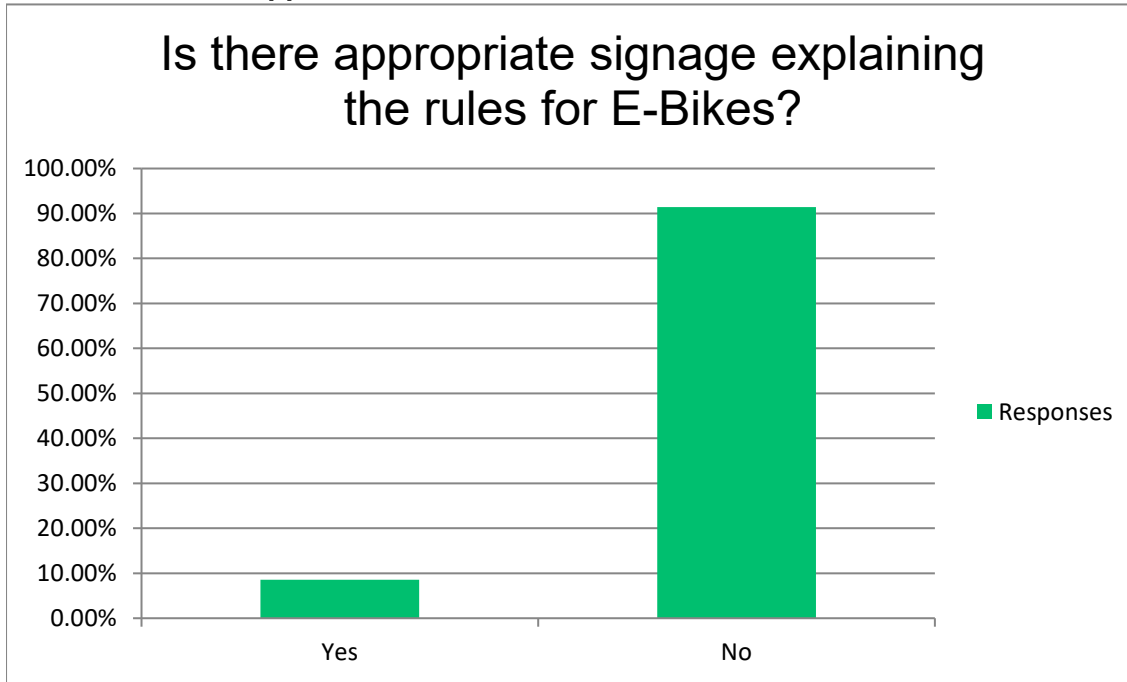


ly non-self powered vehicles on sidewalks or the beach except for ADA accessibility.

Town Safety Survey

Is there appropriate signage explaining the rules for E-Bikes?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	8.59%	50
No	91.41%	532
Answered		582
Skipped		68



Responses

Tags

ENFORCE YOUR TOWN CODES OR REPEAL THEM. BIKES AND SCOOTERS ON THE SIDEWALK AND DOGS ON THE BEACH. BEACH PATROL DOES NOTHING!!!!

The ordinance is never enforced so why have it

There isn't any enforcement. I walk the beach twice a day for 2 miles each time, and it is rare if I don't see an E bike.

They must be enforced. With the transient vacation population this must be an ongoing enforcement.

Requires Vigerous enforcement

Need more Handicap parking.

E bikes can be ridden slower and safer than regular bikes. Police by speed and problems not just because of battery. Battery can even be turned off to ride sidewalk or beach.

some bikes without power are just as fast,

EBikes are proliferating, and getting larger, heavier and more dangerous. There is absolutely no enforcement of our eBike ordinance.

Someone will eventually be seriously injured because the ordinance is not enforced strongly enough

I would delete "non-self" and say "prohibit riding any powered...." but there may be a reason you need to say non-self?

I have reminded riders of this rule several times

Enforcement is an issue; too many rental bikes without mandatory lights and audible device. This is the responsibility of the rental companies to provide. Not enough law enforcement to monitor public safety. On numerous occasions this past season while waiting in traffic I observed

MOTORCYCLES/MOPEDS/GOLF CARTS driving on the sidewalks to by pass the standing traffic/congestion.

Don't remember seeing any signage

Are golf carts, motorized and un-motorized wheelchairs, scooters, etc allowed on sidewalks?

There are federal rules on this issue that aren't being followed locally.

I don't know if there are any signs. There is a lack of enforcement of this ordinance. E-scooters, e-bikes, and golf carts regularly use the sidewalks.

It needs to be enforced more. A few tickets and the word will get around. Even golf carts are using the sidewalks. The one at Iani Kai crosses at the crosswalk and then drives on the sidewalk. The other day he would not move so we had to go out into traffic for he could get by.

The bike rental businesses should advise the bike renters of the rules for riding a bike on the island including the mopeds.

there is NO mechanism to enforce this ordinance

there needs to be safety barriers between bikes and cars

All bikes should be allowed on sidewalks just a certain speed limit. Being on the streets is still very dangerous and until vehicle laws are better enforced as well as a reduction in volume tossing bicyclists into the street is unreasonable

I dont know if there is sufficient signage.

Need signs. Have never seen one so if they exist....too small.

There is "zero" enforcement of bike and pedestrian rules; the lighting after sunset is terrible in the first 10-15 blocks going south from the bridge, E-bikes/e-items are used freely on the beaches and sidewalks without fear of legal actions; J-walking is rampant in the first 15 blocks headed south from the bridge, noise from vehicle sound systems is "over the top" because nobody enforces this..

E bikes should be allowed

Computers suck

Cannot safely cross San Carlos Blvd before bridges.

EBikes can reduce the auto traffic jams. Just be sure to limit speed of allowed ebikes

Bikes shouldn't be on beach and either should dogs. !!!!

People usually don't use pedestrian crossings

Need enforcement - personal and rental e-bikes all over the sidewalks, as well as e-scooters, e-skateboards

I cant use my bike and need to use my electric scooter which is seated. Dont feel safe riding it in the street. Cars go faster than the speed limit. And i am a safe operator of the scooter

Ebikes are not a problem

Not familiar and do not use
Painted line indicating bike lane on
sidewalk between Times Square
and Red Coconut would be better.
Similar to previous arrangement.
Doesn't have to be bike only but at
least indication that bikes have a
designated lane. Sharing traffic lane
is dangerous and adds to traffic
delays. We proposed this to the
consultant when the new sidewalks
were installed but were ignored.
Thanks

Paint edges of curves at driveway
entries , ramp slopes, and cross
walks if possible. And the cross
boxes possible

I usually take sidewalk on my bike
because people drive unsafe and
not paying attention

Since this survey is open to everyone, the first question should be...resident or guest visitor. Different answers for different usability. As mentioned before, there appears to be no visible code enforcement or police presence in the middle of the island on Estero blvd. I walk several times a day on Estero blvd....both sides... and have visual knowledge of this issue. There have been several e scooters, e bikes, a few golf carts on the SIDEWALK during the day. It should not be my job to move over to get into the bike lane or to mention that there are regulations here on FMB. I now only go out on the sidewalk on Estero (in the middle section of island - where the sidewalk is narrower than other sections on the south end.....during the middle of the day. Also, there needs to be a cross walk at every beach access. People cross there even without a crosswalk. Thank you for addressing these issues as there is an extreme good reason to handle this now that we have more people visiting on the island. As Still see ebikes on the sidewalks daily. This is NOT being enforced. Great job on the new road Bike rental companies don't seem to comply with providing bikes with appropriate lights and audible horn Need ebike charging stations and hybride vehicle charging stations Should be enough bike lanes to keep bikes off sidewalks. I observe tourists on rental bikes not observing the rules e bikes should be allowed on the beach Not sure if e bike rules are enforced

We need signage on the bike lanes governing direction. Signage on the sidewalks governing no bike traffic especially going against traffic on the sidewalk. going

e-bike usage is WAY too restricted. Regular bikes have just as many danger opportunities.

We need enforcement of current rules. We have many regulations on the island but no enforcement.

There is a law requiring bikes to have lights and audible signals.

Why do we allow bike rental companies to rent non-complying bikes?

No enforcement of rules

Institute a speed limit for all bikes stop singling out the E-bikes

e bike riders (spring break) seem hell bent on going as fast as possible without the restrictions placed on autos.

Please finish road construction ASAP. Thank You.

signs need to be big and clear enough that no one can say they didn't notice

They can ride on streets

We dont need to have a bunch of signs on our island the power lines are enough. People have common sense remember

E bikes are a wonderful tool.to reduce motor vehicle traffic, but they still do not reach the speed limit and drivers get road rage. The sidewalk ordinance should be based on speed not type

The center turn lane is being used by ebikes & skateboarding to Tracey through stop and go traffic.

Need signage explaining bike rules so pedestrians and drivers are aware. It's a cluster, no one knows the rules because they are not listed anywhere!!

ebikes will hurt some young kid on the beach, rental companies should be held liable

Should be allowed on beach

E_bikes are on the beach all the time

E-bikes are a huge issue and it's only going to get worse.

I live on the beach and ride daily but not on the island

Keep them off the beach

The rules wouldn't be followed anyway

Need more signage

E-Bikes should be allowed to access the beach during the off season eg May to November.

Speed could be limited.

You need to have pedestrian control and coordinated traffic light at 5th and Old San Carlos.

Motorized or hybrid bicycles should be allowed on the beach since other bikes are. Not on the sidewalks though.

People can't read doesn't matter what the rules are they do as they please

I have been knocked over by an electric bike while walking on the sidewalk. The rules for bike riding are not followed and no one enforces them.

Seems this rule can be a little strict. I remember someone got in trouble riding their e-bike on the beach when they weren't using the power option. I see people all the time on the sidewalk of San Carlos Blvd. I think that is okay, I don't think they would be safe if they were riding on the road in that area.

Most bicyclists In encounter feel they have the right of way. Through/by pedestrians, racing through active driveways and in the middle of vehicular traffic trying to keep up. Nothing is enforced It needs to be enforced properly. Our beach enforcement is way to lax

We need reminders that state law requires stopping for bikes and pedestrians in crosswalk (residents are at fault here too!) NO ONE KNOWS any of the bike laws!!!! E-bike usage boils down to common sense. There needs to be enforcement of the existing ordinances Need more enforcement of electric bikes/scooters/hover boards on sidewalks and the beach. especially in season. Ride on sidewalks and beach all the time and no one stops it. Also motorized skateboards I'm ok with the ebike ordinance. I hate that I never see the town enforcing their own laws. Make a law and follow it. Otherwise, remove said law. Stop being afraid to the job you said you'd do.

A bike without a motor has the same potential for damage as one that has an electric motor. The ordinance is discriminatory against the elderly

Never allow bikes on beach....too many walkers....they are preoccupied with listening devices, phones, etc. Also, they do not understand "on your left". Ebikes on the beach are an accident waiting to happen.

I think the rules would be better if there was speed limit on the sidewalks and the beach for ebikes.

These rules are worthless until there is a semblance of enforcement on them. I have advocated for foot patrols during high season between Times Square and at least Mango Street. Nothing happened.

Fix the homeless problem!!! It has become very scary to be in FMB
No enforcement

I don't think bikes need to be allowed on the beach

I think that electric bikes/scooters should be allowed on sidewalks/beach, however, not by using electric power, or setting a max speed when using electric power. Also, saying that bikes should be equipped with audible devices really means nothing. Having them and using them are 2 different things. When I'm in conversation walking down the sidewalk, the subtle ring of a bike bell doesn't even capture my attention. As a bike rider myself, I do what I would appreciate others doing for me....announce with your voice that you are approaching on a bike from behind. Then give the pedestrian the option to choose which side of the sidewalk to move. I then take the other. It's all very polite. My voice captures the pedestrians' attention and it doesn't shock them into jumping into the street.

Ebikes are motor vehicles and should be treated as such.

E-Bikes are frequently used by people with mobility issues and should be allowed on the beach with the same expectations as the use of regular bikes. E-Bikes, like regular bikes, should all follow the same regulations.

The Survey's questions were confusing

It's not the type of bike it's a speed/recklessness issue. Put speed limits for bikes on sidewalk. Include wheelchairs, scooters and skateboards.

I do not think the bike riders should be allowed on the roads.

Not only e bikes ,scooters and even motorcycles use the sidewalk to avoid traffic

Bicyclists riding on the sidewalks do NOT share the same rights as pedestrians! They need to obey the same laws as cars.

I've seen the e bikes zipping along the sidewalks and beaches without consequence.

Class I and II e-bikes are defined by Federal & FL state laws as bicycles. They are limited to 20mph, which a healthy person can do on a regular bike.

Never seen a sign regarding ebike rules

I see evilest on the sidewalks everyday. There is no enforcement.

Bikes on the sidewalks near times square are dangerous. Ebikes are used to help people avoid the horrible traffic on our island. We need to make the bike lanes better so we encourage more bikes and less traffic. Times square area is the absolute worse. We should have created a boardwalk for bikes and walkers to eliminate the street congestion

Drivers are very much in danger of hitting bicycles because the riders have minimal regard for automobiles. It's difficult to educate visitors who are here for less than a week and do not pay attention to vehicles. I had an incident where I almost hit a man on his bicycle towing a baby separately behind him, and came within inches of hitting that child. He darted across the exit of my side street coming out of nowhere on the sidewalk, due to his speed. A woman was also directly behind him with also a child in tow and she did not even yield or slow down, after I almost hit the man and his child. She drove directly in front of my vehicle with her child in tow. The sad part is a child could have been killed, and the resident driving would be at fault.

See e-bikes, powered skate boards, even golf carts on the sidewalks. Have never seen enforcement of this.

E bikes should be allowed on sidewalk where no bike lane and should be allowed on the beach. Unsafe on sidewalks and land on cars and pedestrians
Signage is important but makes no difference without enforcement
Bikes should be praised for their use instead of car use
If the bike lanes were improved the e-bikes would not be on sidewalks

Does signage even help?
Motorized scooters and skateboards shouldn't be on sidewalks—I've even seen motorcycles on sidewalks
Too many ordinances - poorly written.

Never have seen signs for electric bikes

Bike rental companies need to let renters know when there are bike lanes available they should be used.

No signage, no knowledge by most, and it is not being enforced!

ENFORCE YOUR TOWN CODES OR REPEAL THEM. BIKES AND SCOOTERS ON THE SIDEWALK AND DOGS ON THE BEACH. BEACH PATROL DOES NOTHING!!!!

Actually unsure never noticed
I have seen people riding their motorized scooters on the sidewalk.

E bikes riding wrong direction on sidewalk at high rate of speed is very dangerous. Personally have seen/experienced two car/bike crashes

Lots of youngsters 16 years and under riding electric scooters on the sidewalks at fast speeds.

Dangerous situation

People don't read signs.

E bikes ignore the no sidewalk rule
I ride a Trek Allant+8 and as such never on FMB sidewalks. There are many who do, and they aren't always the pedal assist bikes but rather the ones with power without the need to pedal.

can't fix stupid

Enforce no ebikes on beach as well as sidewalks.

The LCSD does not enforce our bike laws. They need to warn and ticket powered bikes on the beach and sidewalks.

There is an ordinance but I have never seen it enforced.

Zero signage or education on where the bike paths are and that bikes are allowed on the sidewalk if they are not electric. It would help for the sidewalks to be divided. One section for bikers and one for pedestrians. Another option would be one side is for bikes and the other for pedestrians. You want to enhance bike friendly transportation to reduce the cars on the road.

? Have seen many on sidewalks.

No enforcement

E-Bikes and Pedestrians do not mix well, accidents have happened, just a matter of time till a pedestrian is seriously injured

Don't know that I remember seeing a sign

I think e bikes might be ok on the beach. You need to limit the horsepower.

I don't agree with the rules because like I mentioned above there is no bike lane in our area so we have no choice but to ride on the sidewalk or on the street (not safe). We are always respectful letting people know we're coming up behind them

Some elderly need the help of the ebike

Why have rules when they are never enforced!

I would love to have an ebike and ride on the sidewalks. I did not get an ebike because of this restriction. But I get why you don't them on the sidewalk.

its a motorized bicycle, in the 90's we called them mopeds, they should follow regular traffic laws for motorized vehicles

Lighting during NON TURTLE season is horrible.

Banning ebikes is absolutely ridiculous. Forcing seniors on ebikes onto the road to compete with 3600lb cars is nothing but stupid..

E-bikes require more enforcement, not just signage. Until the culture of enforcement changes people are going to continue to ride on sidewalks which is dangerous!

E-bikes should be allowed under human pedal power on sidewalks because the share lanes are super dangerous!

Ebikes need to be in road only. Signs help. Enforcement works! If you fine the rider AND the bike rental agency, you will change the culture. They don't care, and they have no business on sidewalks and beach.

Has the LCSO issue any citations to E-Bike or bike violators?

The Towns E-Bike ordinances are inconsistent with science and physics, and should be repealed, especially on the beach where some elderly folks cannot even enjoy a bike ride on the beach without assistance. They have no basis in safety and were put in place to make people "feel good".

E bike education should be through rental businesses

E bikes do NOT go any faster than regular bikes. In fact there are regular bikes that pass maybe bike.

The town needs to figure out how to adapt to e- bikes. When I'm riding my e-bike I'm often passed up by peddle bikes. Why not one speed limit sign for all bikes?

stop riding thru Times Square

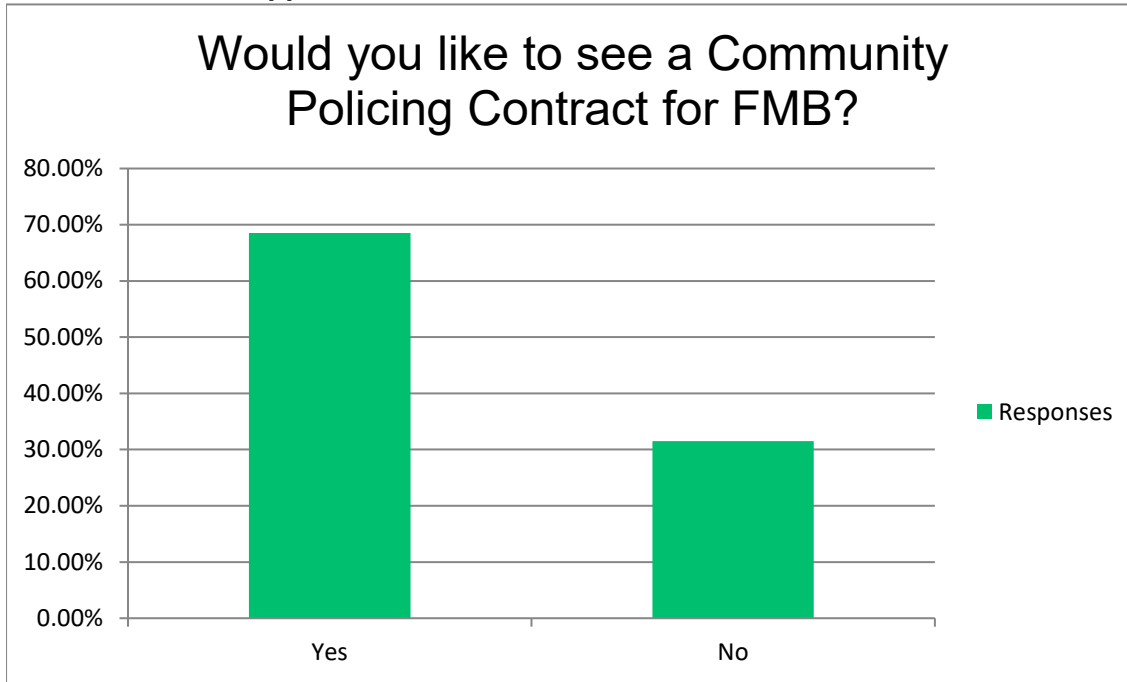
Allow electric bikes! This is total
crap and should not be regulated

Nothing is being done for electric
bikes, scooters, golf carts on the
sidewalk. Nothing is being done
about jaywalking. Hell I've seen cop
cars stop to let people cross
nowhere near. Crosswalk

Town Safety Survey

Would you like to see a Community Policing Contract for FMB?

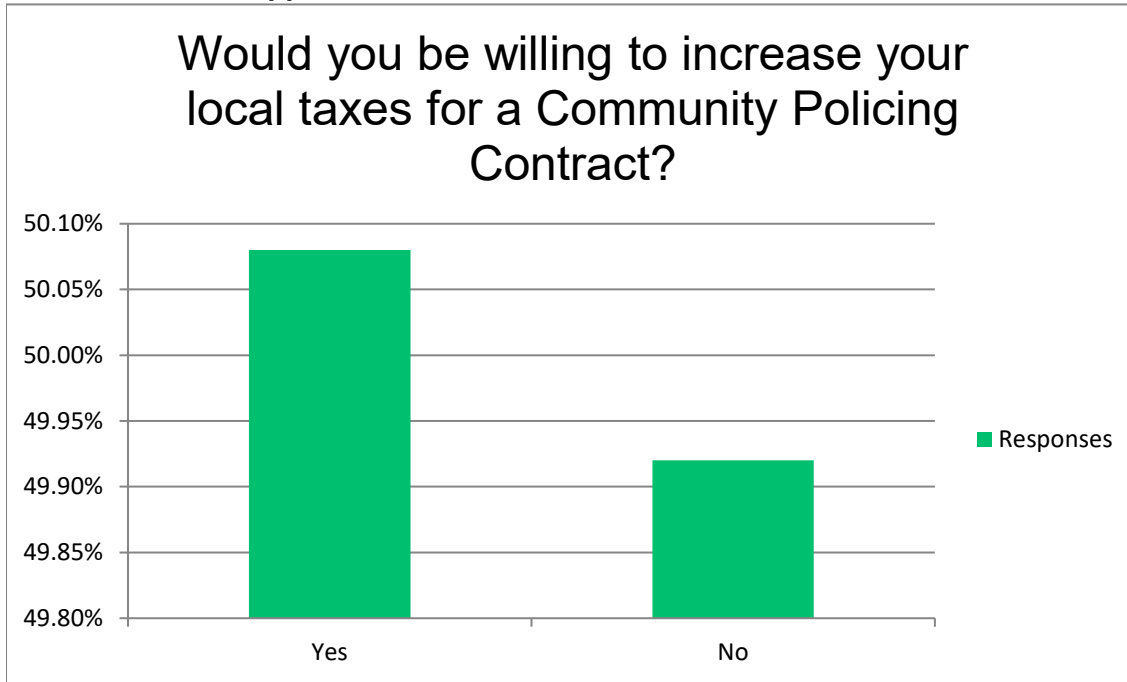
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	68.52%	407
No	31.48%	187
	Answered	594
	Skipped	56



Town Safety Survey

Would you be willing to increase your local taxes for a Community Policing Contr

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	50.08%	296
No	49.92%	295
Answered		591
Skipped		59

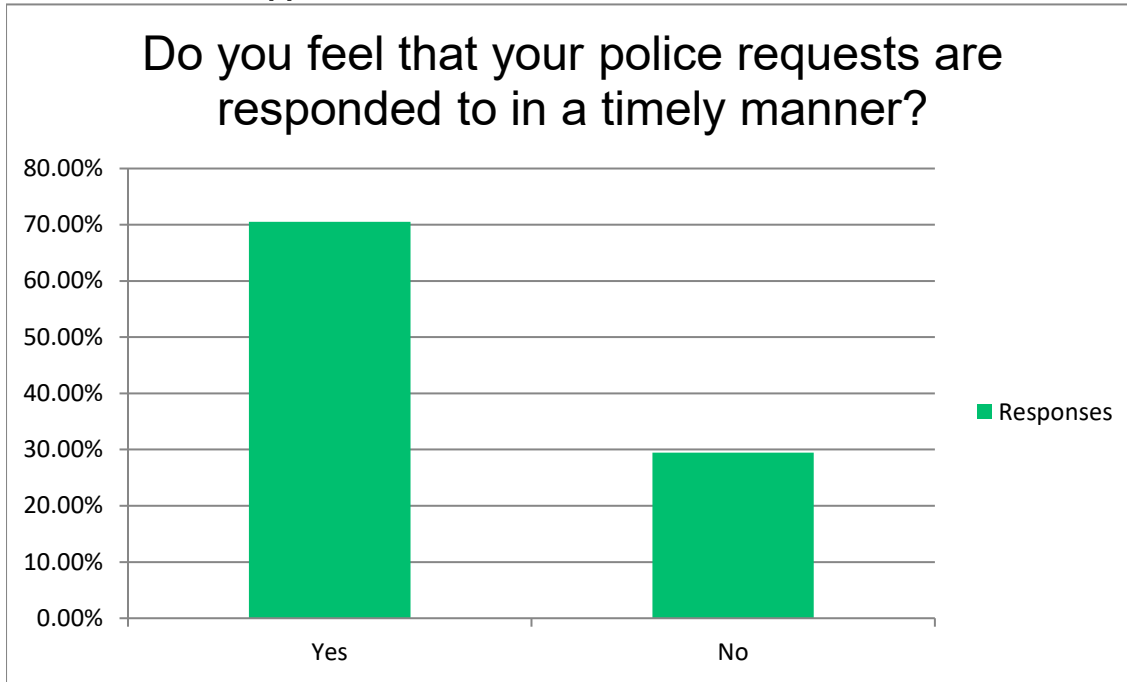


act?

Town Safety Survey

Do you feel that your police requests are responded to in a timely manner?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	70.53%	359
No	29.47%	150
	Answered	509
	Skipped	141



Responses

Tags

Very poor response times. Most of the times the deputies are parked together someplace hiding. Why don't they enforce the laws?

Crime continues to increase every year, especially incidents involving weapons

I think the Sheriffs Department does a good job on FMB

I would be willing to pay more for a greater police presence, but would prefer it come from the Sheriff's Dept if possible.

I've had to call cops many times for vandals at end of Connecticut street—late at night or even in middle of night—and they've always come within a few minutes

Lee County has been great. Very responsive.

With shooting and drug use esp at night in Lanai Kai area I feel we need sheriffs department to handle serious crime situations.

Crime is a problem (drugs, drunks, aggressive homeless population) but the cops are doing all they can. The city & county must back the cops & allow them to do their jobs. I know of over 30 people who no longer come to FMB because they don't feel safe at night. It's way past time to clean up crime on Fort Myers Beach!

NO additional fees

Will they enforce our eBike ordinances?

Patrol Estero Blvd at all times

N/a

I have never called the police
have never made a police request

Due to traffic congestion it is often not possible to respond in a timely manner. Suggest enlisting officers on E-Bikes/Bikes to help navigate traffic congestion.

The traffic from Times Square to mid island is crazy at times , very difficult to pull out of parking or making turns to visit businesses , sometimes so difficult I just pass businesses by bc Im afraid I won't get out in timely manner

answer for 19 is it depends. Can't answer 20.

Anytime I have called I have had a prompt response; I like the idea of a local community based police

Lot of problems at night with short-term rentals, have had to call police numerous times.

I don't know about police responses have not needed them but glad we have them.

If we had a town police force, they would know the local drug dealers

Lee County sherrifs department should be used.

I feel that the sheriff officers is doing a great job.

I would like to see street police volunteers to continually advise pedestrians and bike riders of the rules to ensure safety on the island and avoid accidents.

LCSO does NOT respond to anything on our island, what makes anyone think that if we pay more \$\$\$ we will get better service

Questions are too general and not addressing specific issues so questions are foolish in my opinion

We need to know our community officer. If we see them as our neighbor not a "cop" this will help the community. I lived in Polk and Chief Judd does it . loved the results

Haven't needed to call police

I fear a "Community Policing Contract" would be distraction from the duties FMB has already. Take a look at the "Building Departments" record and effeciency, ever since FMP replaced Lee Counties Building Dept's presence! Try to get information about permitting and building code explanation, submit a permit to build something and see how long and tedious the process takes; and then tell us this will work better?

Police have very little effective power to deal with homeless people

The sheriff of Lee County is doing more than just fine

Lee city sheriffs are great

We don't need another layer of staff/squads and etc. Please, work with Lee Co. for policing!
The town makes stupid laws that nothing is ever done about if the law is broken, so unless you can deal with a law that is broken immediately quit making so many stupid stipulations

N/a

The Sheriffs are solely located in the downtown commercial district, albeit that is where most problems occur. However enforcement of town ordinances like e-bikes would be helpful as well as neighborhood patrols. Also, rental scooters being driven all over sidewalks, bike lanes, etc. can only be stopped by law enforcement.

Only if they enforce our ordinances

N/A

Don't know about #20, never requested response.

The sheriff's department and deputies have been very responsive as well as being helpful and friendly. I like the job they do.

To much traffic for police to get to the issue

Haven't has any so can't say

Sheriff department should provide safety instead of code enforcement.

Since I have not dealt with any know terrible crime myself, I feel that another Community Policing Board for the purpose of crime is not needed. I feel that more people need to play a role in dealing with the bike issues stated above. Safety issues.

Better training is needed. LCSO responded to a domestic violence situation, did not take the female aside privately to talk to her. Officers I have dealt with are rude and condescending. They act like you are cutting into their break time.

Police tend to congregate in a group in front of 7-11 across from Lani Kai. Would like to see them spread out more and also have a presence in front of Liki Tiki.

More police for just Ft. Myers beach.

Really have had no interaction with police on island

My biggest concern revolves around rowdy tourists that party beyond midnight and are not respectful of the local properties

I have never called police

Ticket the Jay walkers and those who litter. Leave the damn businesses alone about "decibel levels," for crying out loud!

Quit wasting LCSO resources directing pedestrian crossing at the light at Time Square. Pedestrians can just use the existing light timing.

Maybe we need more officers on duty during season.

We don't need more police. We need more ombudsmen or hospitality reps or something not connected to the police function. Let's keep helping residents and visitors separate from policing.

Why did we stop directing traffic at the light?

thankfully i have not had to call the police. but response time is dependent on traffic, ultimately. we are sitting ducks out here, a bunch of old rich people without an in-situ police presence. if the dade county crooks figure that out, hang it up.

More officers need to be hired and they need to be trained better

I've had little contact with local police, they seem okay

I have never had the need to engage the Lee Co officers so I can't really answer these questions. We have some unique issues happening especially in the square area and I think the officers up there need to understand the issues and be given direction of what we want done.

Better traffic control would be appreciated

Good response on north end but not south

I think when we call about the homeless they are less likely to respond

Have never needed to call the police.

Can you justify that a policing contract will serve the island better?

45 minutes twice was response time!!!!

Something needs to be done about the boaters not obeying the NO WAKE ZONES in Estero Bay From Old SanCarlos north on Estero Blvd they should start writing tickets daily. It is used like a drag strip.

Traffic slows response time

Two calls - fast response @ 2am the other at 10pm took about an hour. Both non emergency

Only 911 requests, other requests are not answered at all.

Have never had to call police

Our police on FMB are very compassionate and well trained. Seen them in action many times.

Would have more consistency of problem people

I would like to see more police presence on the beach and times square area.

Not quick enough ..too much crime

I don't know about response time.

?

No personal experience

I feel police cars patrolling neighborhoods on a daily basis could instill fear instead of safety.

A better police presence would make for a safer island/beach.

Current response time for trespassers is not acceptable.

Deputies, when they respond, say they do not enforce town laws. But who does?

Sometimes the wait is a bit too long if it's a non-emergency. For example a trespasser or thief is usually long gone by the time the sheriff arrives.

Slow to respond and little follow-up on trespassing and vandalism on the south end.

empty cars might help/construction zone too too fast

Let Lee County do the policing. They are the professionals. You have the Code Enforcement group. Make them more efficient You have the Nui

The town of FMB has the Nui

Stick with LCSO

I have no experience seeking a police response

Not sure we really need it, but always good to build rapport with residents. However, more effective policing in Lani Kai area (just south from there and north to times square) is needed in general

have not had experience with police request, good or bad

I need more specific info on a "Community Policing" program. No I don't want a quasi police force/boy scout troop. Either stick with LCS or get a full time FMB Police department. And always have a traffic cop at times square, especially on the weekends, every weekend, regardless of season.

I was in a car accident and it took over 15 minutes for them to arrive

Outsource staff, stop wasting money on nonsense and use that savings for dedicated Lee county sheriff

I think a Town police force would be a disaster. But I also believe that we're spending a lot of money on the Sheriff and aren't getting as much bang for the buck as we should.

It took 45+ minutes each of the 3 x we had to call the sheriffs Dept this winter

we need bike and on foot patrol in high person areas

don't know

not sure

Whether we pay for policing from Lee County or have our own, the coverage and response should be the same. That's what we are paying for regardless who fulfills the role.

Need your own court for minor violations, fines would pay for it.

would like to see existing police in time square walk the area more. Often see them congregating at 7/11 when walking around would help more

And we need to keep the Lee Sheriffs outreach near Times Square

Never had to call for police so I can't speak to response time.

LCSO has its hands full already with the Lani Kai.

I have never had to call on LCSO so I cannot answer the response time question. I'm for more patrolling just concerned about the cost and increase to taxes.

I just don't think the community police officers would be any better at enforcing the homeless issues and the E bike issues than the sheriffs department is.

we need to have our own sheriff who knows this island, and the people and businesses. We need to have a better relationship with those who are here. Some of the LCSO stationed here are rude and do not want to deal with any of the chaos.

In 2021 it seems that there is LESS of a police presence on the island.

I do not want community policing contract with Lee.
I am willing to pay for a FMB police department.

I do think police needs are definitely needed during tourist season, summer is a different. Additional officers can create a better sense of safety

Have never needed to contact police

We need to have our own police department. The lcso will NOT enforce "local" ordinances.

Lee County Sheriff presence is very good.

Community bike policing - no sitting cars

Luckily never had a police request

911 time to respond was fine. However, calling the non-emergency call was not even answered. No one picked up the phone!!

Do not pay extra for what will be a poorly trained, insular, small, inefficient, and unaccountable local police force.

ENFORCE THE LAWS!!!!

I have never called but neighbor had an issue and they responded quickly

It depends on what the issue is

Not sure about policing.

LCSO's response seems to depend on where on the island and time of year.

The LCSD does not enforce our island rules. Bikes, homeless drinking and smoking in areas not allowed, and panhandling. Same with sleeping overnight on the beaches. They don't want to deal with our noise ordinance.

It seems police are not interested in enforcing regulations, ie open containers on streets, fights, reckless driving, slow response time.

The Sheriff does not enforce the FMB codes, our community standards and we need someone too. There should be enough monies in the budget to pay for this, drop a special project, downsize the remodel of the parks and bay oaks.

Why do Lee county police let things go on FMB that they wouldn't let go on the mainland? Why does everyone seem to treat FMB Differently and allow as a sewer of behavior

One thing I don't agree with is when a high school kid trespassed on our property at 3:00 AM this month and broke a fountain on my property & was not arrested. He should have been arrested (even his parents agreed) but the officer said "he's intoxicated & didn't do it intentionally". I'm sorry but that's wrong

Dedicated officers improve communication with island residents. We know each other and have consistency when dealing with officers. They also have better knowledge of worst problem areas and who is offending most often.

We pay enough taxes. Use what we pay responsibly and there will be more than enough to beef up police support.

Depending on traffic

I've never had to call the police so I assume they are prompt.

focus on the big rocks that impact public safety and not the cigarette butts and other minutiae town council discusses during its meetings.

More police? Really? Tone deaf question.

I have no idea. I've never called the police.

Do not like that rules like parking (that tiny sign at each end of the island is useless) and other neighborhood and community violations are treated arbitrarily and inconsistently.

N/A never called the police.

Taxes were just raised "proactively for contingencies. There you go.

FMB is a tourist destination. Currently only two deputies assigned to FMB. Taxes, Crime, and Sheriff's budget has increase for the past decade. The cost of the Sheriff Outreach should be used to fund a third deputy instead. Check the LCSO stats! Zero citations for a Deputy who works 12 hour shift 15 days out of the month is ridiculous.

I don't know enough about pros and cons on this subject to make a judgement. And I've been lucky enough to not have called upon them.

The water bill is raised every year. Use that for the police

For the price of my taxes it should already be in place.

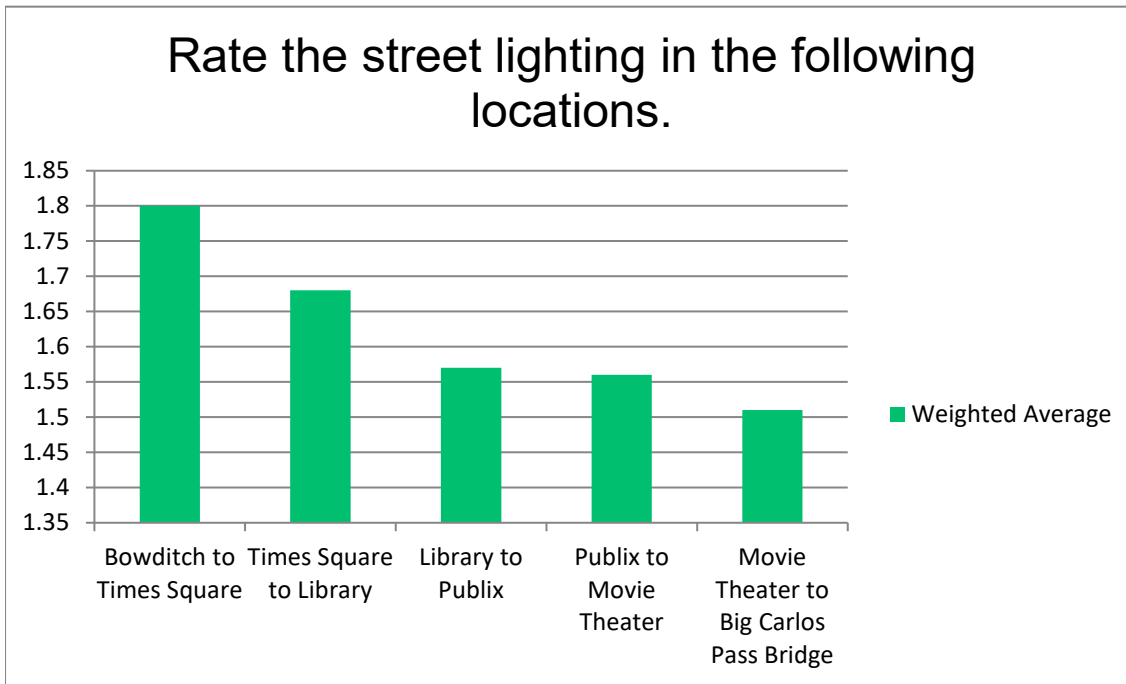
I love cops but the ones here seem like they are on vacation. To be honest, ever since they put that substation in, I see few and fewer cops on the street

Sheriff doesn't want to do anything

Town Safety Survey

Rate the street lighting in the following locations.

	Poor		Average	
Bowditch to Times Square	29.20%	153	61.83%	324
Times Square to Library	41.32%	226	49.73%	272
Library to Publix	47.63%	251	47.44%	250
Publix to Movie Theater	49.43%	260	45.25%	238
Movie Theater to Big Carlos Pass Bridge	53.99%	284	41.25%	217

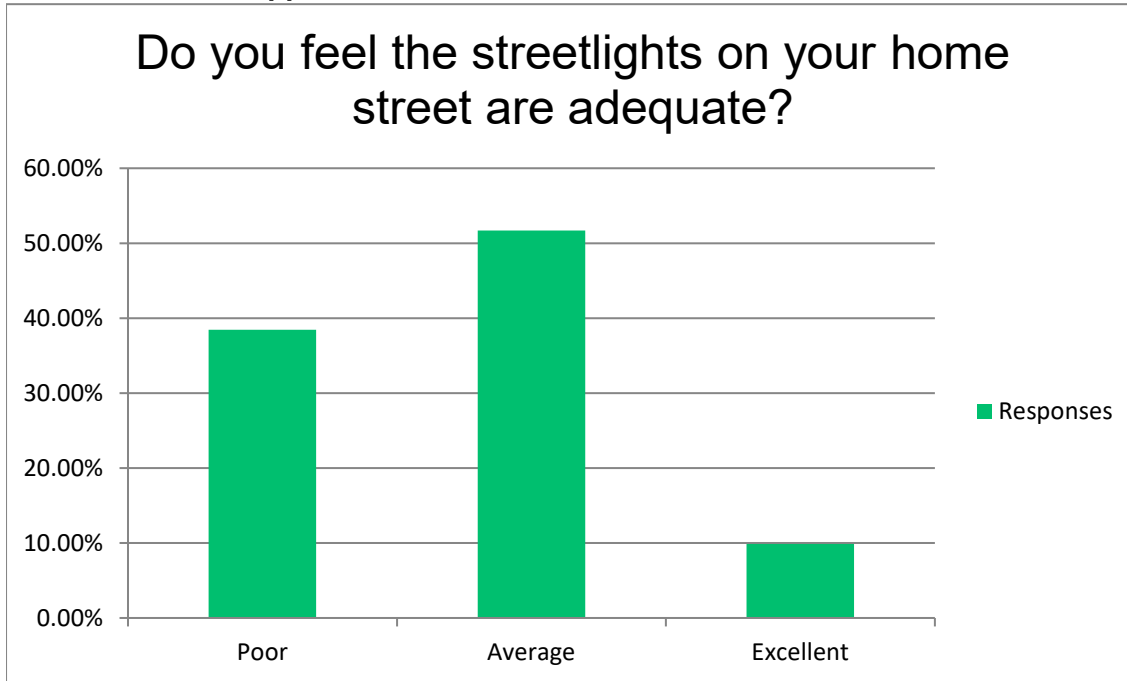


Excellent		Total	Weighted Average
8.97%	47	524	1.8
8.96%	49	547	1.68
4.93%	26	527	1.57
5.32%	28	526	1.56
4.75%	25	526	1.51
	Answered		569
	Skipped		81

Town Safety Survey

Do you feel the streetlights on your home street are adequate?

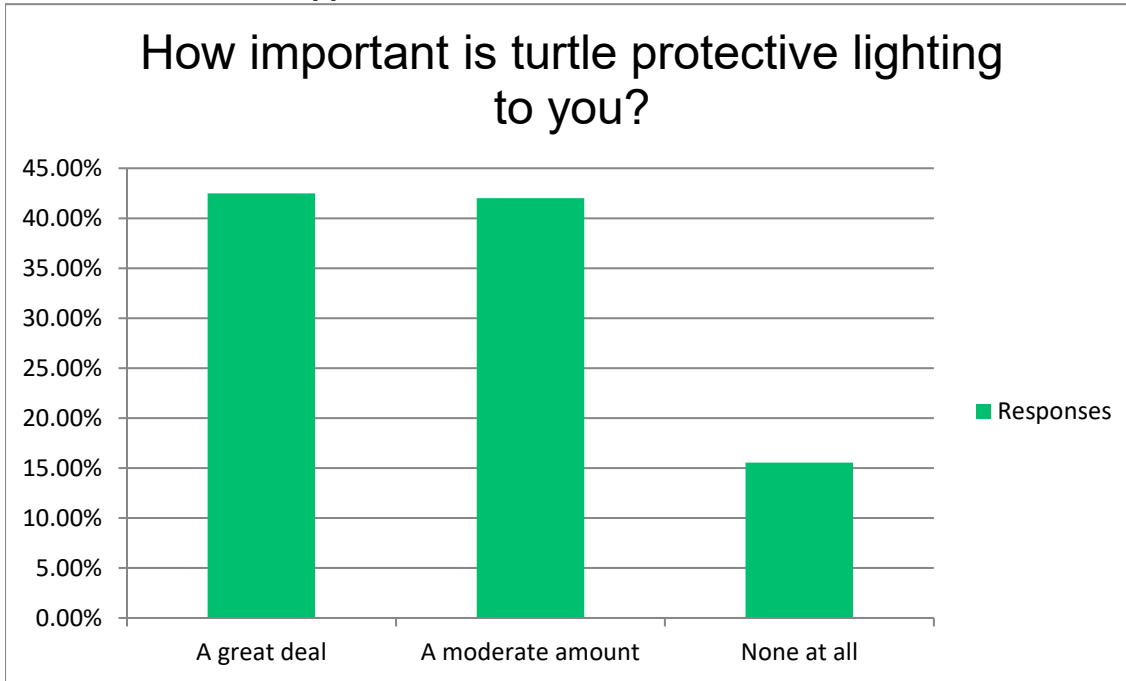
Answer Choices	Responses	
Poor	38.44%	226
Average	51.70%	304
Excellent	9.86%	58
Answered		588
Skipped		62



Town Safety Survey

How important is turtle protective lighting to you?

Answer Choices	Responses	
A great deal	42.47%	265
A moderate amount	41.99%	262
None at all	15.54%	97
	Answered	624
	Skipped	26



Responses

Tags

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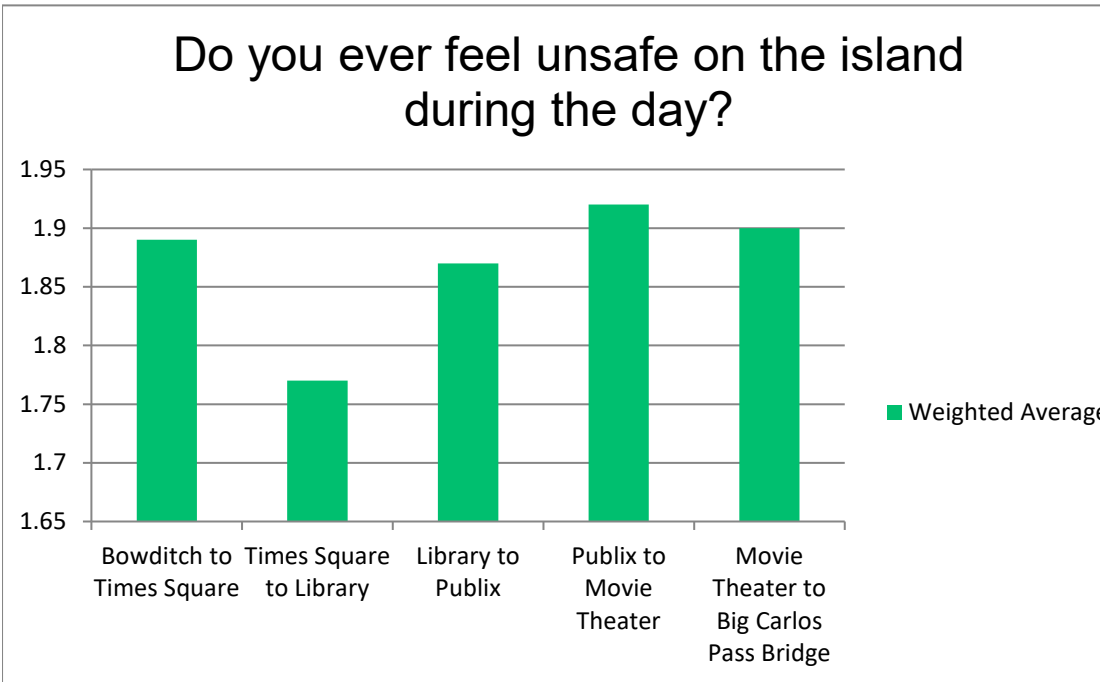
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Town Safety Survey

Do you ever feel unsafe on the island during the day?

Bowditch to Times Square	11.05%
Times Square to Library	22.87%
Library to Publix	12.89%
Publix to Movie Theater	8.30%
Movie Theater to Big Carlos Pass Bridge	9.79%
Please describe why you do not feel safe in these areas if applicable.	



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	134	77.13%	452
	74	87.11%	500
	47	91.70%	519
	55	90.21%	507

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Please describe why you do not feel safe in these areas if applicable. Tags

- Too many people, not enough over sight/enforcement.
- Homeless people accosting pedestrians and off island gangs and thugs roaming the beach, Sho
- Homeless people and large tourists crowds with minimal police presence
- Newton Park
- Homeless people are a menace. Remember the homeless person that murdered the man at the Dark, unpopulated.
- Too many bikers are reckless. Too many drugged kids, bums and honeless
- Seems like rowdy part of town
- intoxicated groups hanging by the bars and unsafely walking on the streets, sidewalks
- Homeless people who appear to be high on drugs with unpredictable behavior.
- homeless people and visitors more in that area
- Construction. Flaggers are mostly not trained.
- Homeless people sitting around
- Poor lighty

Lighting. Lack of people during certain hours

Drug use

...construction, difficult to bike / walk

Off island from 7 to 6 each weekday for work. Don't feel unsafe on weekends.

Scary, menacing people demanding money (for alcohol and drugs)

Na

unleashed dogs

Homeless people

Homeless people trying to get money from you.

Too much sidewalk traffic and nowhere for bikes to ride

Sketchy looking people

Homeless congregate between Bay Oaks and Times square. Chapel by the sea is close by which

Too many people crowded into a small area - not using cross-walks

Homeless, reckless driving, people hassling.

Homeless folks with mental health issues hurting someone.

Only unsafe walking on the roads during season.

Roads are too narrow, people aren't paying attention to the road, it's the highest congestion
traffic through construction

Only because of road work, that will end someday

traffic, homeless

Vagrants and drunk individuals

No control over unruffled cars and motorcycles. No control over pedestrians c

during large events, (not so much now) , like the sand castle thing, and the offshore boat race, or

Low lighting and not enough lite crosswalks.

I do not feel safe in any part of Ft

These are the areas I typically see homeless or people with a chip on their shoulder.

not enough lighting and no bike lanes

Young drunk and disorderly vacationers

Only in the park at night with the homeless

Homeless, rough tourist crowd around Lani Kai

Just driving on Estero Blvd

Lani Kai

Homeless people

Questionable on the north end. Lots of homeless persons

Poe lighting

Creepy area

I had an encounter with a drunk women in the afternoon in the Caper Beach parking lot.

Drunks

Too many people, bikes, cars, delivery trucks, etc. During Season

Narrow passage

Lack of policing

Homeless

Too many homeless.

Many people no police presence
Homeless issues and drunk and disorderly
Homeless people
Times Square to just south of Lani Kai can feel weird with crowds of younger adults/teens
I generally feel safe on FMB during the day unless unruly people come near.
Too many homeless
Lani Kai is always a safety gamble.
Homeless and drug addicts
A lot of homeless and riffraff
I feel like someone is watching us.
Homeless, electric bikes on sidewalks, bikes going wrong direction, poor crosswalks
Drunks
Homeless are everywhere
Too many people, parties
Lani Kai crowd
In the evening, the areas between overhead lights can get very dark and shadowy.
Homeless or folks celebrating too much
Sketchy at times
Homeless people
Homeless loitering
Hazards of the volume of people wandering between businesses and homes.
If I feel unsafe during the day, it's primarily due to traffic.
Loiterers, empty buildings, drugs
homeless population
Homeless individuals hang around the library and crosswalk near Publix. I have been approached
Homeless population
Bums and drunks
Aggressive vagrants . Road construction.
Homelessness, empty buildings, population density, traffic issues, pedestrians crossing anywhere
I only feel safe because I quit walking early morning after encountering homeless sleeping on benches
Rowdy people during Spring break, Homeless
When the church feeds the homeless I don't feel safe walking the sidewalk I hear heavy access to
area around Chapel by the Sea where there are homeless.
Homeless people
homeless criminals
Drivers who don't follow basic road rules.
Homeless
Homeless at Newton Park
Homelessness
Homeless, terrible lighting at night, crowd around LK, bike riders on sidewalks cars speeding and
Slovenly drunk and drugged vagrants
Minimum police presence
Homeless people
Teenagers causing fights, bike traffic on sidewalks, electric bikes and scooters on sidewalks

Road construction when riding my bike
Don't feel safe at any during the night if walking.
Construction,
Homeless
Homeless and lack of bike lanes
Homeless are aggressive
Homeless in bushes . At the parks , Red center ,
Homeless people, drunks & druggies
Homeless population and undesirables who come out to the beach from nearby inland communiti
Unruly pedestrians, j walking, not sharing the sidewalk, public drinking
Homeless
I carry my own weapon
Homeless drunks
Homeless at Newton Park
Too many homeless.
There is homeless along all these areas ... and they make me nervous bc they are usually high
Violent crimes and illegal drug sales/use.
Closer to north hotels I am, the less safe I feel.
homeless population around that area are unpredictable
Feel safe, but don't like the harassment from the Preacher.
Too many drunks & homeless
To many suspicious activities
Lani Kai clientele
homeless

Total	Weighted Average
588	1.89
586	1.77
574	1.87
566	1.92
562	1.9
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Answered	604
Skipped	46

otings on the beach!!!

Library.

· caters to the homeless. I was catching the bus to work at Mango and a homeless woman who

· loves key events that draw people from the east.lots of wandering pedestrians, checking thin

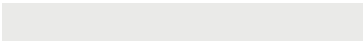
ed by intoxicated individuals walking on the sidewalk at Times Square near trolley pickup more

o was obviously mentally disturbed came up and pretty much chased everyone away with her ramblings

gs out. My mother was targeted by the car wash girls years ago. gaining home access, in-person phis

s. I walked to the next stop to get away from her. The homeless men constantly ask for money or cigare

ates. Seems there are new ones every day.



Please describe why you do not feel safe in these areas if applicable.

Tags

Not enough lighting; homeless wandering about loitering in the dark, too many people congested in small relative area

Drunks, druggies

Same as above

Same as above

I don't feel completely safe after dark anywhere

Homeless people. A homeless man murdered the Librarian.

Terrible issues.

Mostly because of the lack of lighting.

Same reason— too many drug addicts, bums etc

intoxicated groups hanging by the bars and unsafely walking on the streets, sidewalks

Unruly youth and alcohol use

Not lighted well too many homeless people

Low light, homeless people

Homeless and rowdy visitors

Aggressive homeless threatening people who don't give them money; drunks everywhere, and what seems to be a massive drug problem in that area of the island. Many people I have talked with feel safe during the day but not at night overnight in their residences or rental properties.

more outsiders

There are a lot of drinking establishments on the beach and by nightfall, some folks are highly intoxicated and unpredictable. They are only on the beach for a short time (visit, vacation) and we don't know how safe they are to be around. I am glad there is limited use for E-bikes as these have created problems in other areas.

Folks can go more places on e-bikes and scooters at night and this creates challenges. I've been staying, and now living on FMB for 30 years. Like all costal areas of Florida, it's changed and we just feel less safe, too many people, that are not vested in the community, which is always going to create some challenges as they look at the beach differently than we do. It's only natural. Plus, we've experienced 2 Break In's at our house! The 1st one was when we lived on Albatross Street, in March, when we were living there but not home. The 2nd time was when we had just moved to Bayview Blvd, and the house was shuttered for the summer. The pool cleaning folks noticed the back doors broken open and called 911. Some damage was done to our house which was well lit at night, but they must have come in by boat, in the back bay. I would be so grateful to have more of a police precense in the southern part of FMB, between Publix and the bridge, Yet our taxes are way too high as it is, with what little we get for services. But we really need a stronger police precense in the southern part of our beach. for me to feel safe again walking around either in the early a.m. or at dusk. Plus we always have to lock our doors even in the winter, during the day as too many people are driving around our neighborhood and looking closely at the houses. Sometimes you can just sense they are on the prowl.

Lack of lights and with construction there is no crosswalk.

Homeless People

Crossing the street with poor lighting

Homeless individuals

Night life on north end and publicized murder at Library.

Poor lighting not enough police patrol people on private property parking cars and fishing ..

Lighting. Lack of people
Drunk driving
construction
Local youth from off off island
I do not go out by myself at night and so N/A
poor street lighting makes it dangerous for pedestrians
Homeless population
Too many homeless
Not enough lighting.
Lack of lighting would be only reason I felt unsafe at night.
I really don't go out at night
Lot of bums lurking for handouts or trying to break in somewhere.
Na
Inadequate lighting and some of the people who hang around
Times Square. Too much alcohol being consumed.
The homeless population has asked for money & food and has
been rude when we don't give them anything

Poor street lights. Way too dim year round. Let's try lowering them
and aiming them more toward the street for turtle time. And putting
lights in the road at all crosswalks so you can see someone wanting
to cross the street, it's absolutely way too dim. And anyone NOT
using a crosswalk will be ticked with Jay Walking.

Because of the street lighting
I feel safe because I am always with other people when I am out
and about. I do not wander around by myself at night.
Too many drunk people.

Homeless people
. Crossing to santini plaza is very unsafe.needs flashing lights at it
main entrance across from a 7146 Creciente sign.

Street lighting
There r a lot of undesirable people that hang on fmb anymore and a
lot of it brought on by current council at fmb

Lighting is lacking
Because homeless hang out in Newton park
I feel most unsafe when I am trying to drive my car and pedestrians
are dashing across the street not in crosswalks

Lighting and homeless. Lack of Sheriffs presence
Speeding cars poor lighting
Sketchy people come out at night. Especially intoxicated people
and drug addicts
Too many drunks

Homeless/transient squatters on private property
It's so dark and a fatality waiting to happen.
Poor lighting

Too many issues with the homeless and other crime in that area.
Again sketchy looking people
Strange people hanging around. Too many weekly rental units and unfamiliar groups of noisy drunks.
Alcohol drivers and alcohol use
Dark lighting and way too many homeless. Don't really go out at night anymore.
Street Lighting very poor
People lurking around that clearly are not residents.
Lani kai area gets out of hand sometimes. Need more control of pedestrians.
Drunk people tend to be more in these areas. Homeless people too.
Many areas could use additional lighting
Too many intoxicated people
Have had petty crime in my neighborhood
too many homeless and drunks popping out of nowhere
Panhandlers, poor lighting
It is so dark
Low visibility & increased crime at night.
Poor lighting makes crossing the street dangerous.
Not enough street lighting. There's multiple closed buildings with no lighting
Lack of lighting
Not enough lighting
periodic wanderers. nothing to do about that, im sure.
Myers
See above. Mostly is relative to the # of people and the more transient nature of that stretch of the beach
Crowds, drinking,
no lighting and no bike lanes
Drunk people walking into road. Drunk people on bikes. Homeless people harassing me.
The street always seems very safe and the beach
Too many unsavory characters loitering
Homeless, lack of lighting
Feel unsafe by large crowds at Lani Kai
The only place I feel unsafe at any time of the day or night is at the Lani Kai.
It's not just the blvd. Always scared at night walking from square to bay
Because of age, we do not go out
Homeless, bums and drunk people
homeless

Too dark

It isn't my personal safety at all. Rather, someday, someone is going to step off the curb in front of my car

Lani Kai

Poor lighting and homeless

Hi if crime and visible homeless/drug use

Poor lighting

Too dark

Local riff raff

Never did feel unsafe ..till this past year

There are some homeless people hanging out, asking for money.

Like to see more police in the area

Homeless over power

Inadequate lighting and homeless

Bowditch - dark and no people around, TS to Library, same as during the day, MT to Bridge, too dark for pedestrians

Poor lighting

Somewhat isolated

Lack of policing and homeless and drug activity

Homeless

Sometimes very cosseted and drunk people along the way.

Homeless

Homeless begging population.

Sunny places bring shady faces

crossing Estero when there are lots of cars

I am rarely out alone at night.

I would feel unsafe if I was not in a vehicle and alone. I left some areas blank since I'm not usually in those areas at night.

Lack of Night Lighting Along Street / Roadway

Commercial area. Hang out area especially kids from in town looking for trouble

It's way to dark When driving you can not c pedestrians walking or crossing. I would feel safer if the sidewalks had more lighting for safety

Too many homeless and beggars approaching people

Stated above

Lighting issues not bright. Very dark

I lock my doors living mid island now more than I did further north some times , I do not walk at night ever!!!

I live near Time Square and I feel relatively safe.

Homeless people harassing

Homeless

Again large groups of young adults/teens in Lani Kai area

Homeless confrontations and poor lighting

Lighting and Homeless

Also feel unsafe alone on the beach in these areas at night

It's difficult to see so I am unaware of people around me.

Homeless people, theft of bikes etc

Too many wandering around

Do you mean out walking or driving

Poor lighting

Homeless and drug addicts

Same reason as above but more unsafe because it's dark

Homeless everywhere

Poor lighting, homeless, electric bikes/bikes on sidewalks

Drunks

Again, homeless are everywhere and too much public drunkenness
dark

To many weird people out at night

Because of sex trafficking and kidnapping and homeless...more
security needed for sure

Lani Kai crowd

Homeless moving around

Lighting, homeless, drinking,

Not enough lighting

Starting to get remote

To Many drunks.

No streetlights

Lighting and homeless

Poor street lighting; visibility for drivers

Times Square to Library has the highest congestion of late night
parting and drunk people.

The drunk people

Homeless people

Homeless and drunks

poor lighting homeless population

not enough lighting, homeless population

The riff-raff that congregates around the Lani Kai is enough to
make anyone nervous.

Vagrants sitting panhandling

Lani Kai crowd

Loiterers, homeless people, vacant buildings, poor lighting

Poor lighting and homeless population

Area around Lani Kai is sketchy at night

dark & homeless people

The homeless people congregate in these areas so I am very
careful.

It is pitch black on this island and we have been yelled at, asked for money many times. This island is not keeping our streets well lit at all.

I try not to be out and about at any of these areas at night. I don't necessarily feel unsafe, but think it's a good idea and wiser to go to these places during the day, especially during season and holiday weekends.

Homeless population

Drunken individuals/groups near Lanai Kai

Very dark

Poor lighting and street lights not bright enough.

Same as above

Lighting, especially by Diamond Head lighting

Same as above

Not enough lighting and often secluded or not clear Vision

I don't walk at night.

Bad lighting, no police presence

The people on the street being drunk, homeless confronting people.

I would not feel safe walking alone at night

Lack of adequate street lighting at night and occasional interaction with homeless

Homeless people

Homeless criminals

Crowds, behaviors

Lanai Kai and the drunks/druggies they attract.

Homeless accosting pedestrians and gangs from Fort Myers on the beach

Homeless

This is where the largest concentration of tourists are and can seem very unsafe with packed sidewalks, bikers on and off the road and sidewalks.

Homelessness

Same

Homeless people, alcohol related issues particularly drivers

Same as daytime. Slovenly drunk vagrants and Lanai Kai partiers

Homeless people and drugs

Homeless people

Crazy people down by the Lani Kai and times Square

inadequate lighting and too many bars

Poor lighting and homeless

Many transients hang out in this area. I was present when our library director was murdered by a homeless person.

Inadequate street lighting, intoxicated individuals causing problems

Poor or no lighting

Homeless. Drunk people.

Construction, poor lighting, no sidewalks

Homeless in Newton Park

Too many homeless people roaming around

Poor lighting

Homeless

Very dark, few police,

Drunk people, homeless people with mental illness

Again too many homeless and creepers hanging around at night

Inadequate lighting-homeless people

Homeless people, drunks & druggies

Don't leave my home after dark due to homeless population and undesirables who come out to the beach from nearby inland communities.

Many homeless and beggars in groups

Lani Kai

Inadequate lighting. No respect for bike riders sharing the sidewalk.

And unruly behavior

Dark, too many homeless, too many partiers

Dark

Bums begging

Homeless people hanging around, scary looking

I just don't go out at night. Not because of safety reasons. I just like being at home at night.

street lighting and road construction.

Homeless and drunks

Lack of police presence

More people who are inebriated and sometimes aggressive.

Homeless people, drunks and no sheriff presence

We feel unsafe about seeing people walking at night in dark clothing and no flashlights.

It is all because of the homeless. They need to go...

Reckless driving. Need radar and enforcement of speed limit especially at night in non peak months. People fly up and down Estero.

Especially nervous at night bc of the homeless

Poor street lighting and need more traffic enforcement.

Lack of visible and regular law enforcement patrol.

The homeless population.

There is just an increased number of people by the Lani Kai, most are ok and having fun, some get a little out of hand.

limit travelling by foot after dark primarily because of homeless issues

Dark!

Lighting is is very poor at night

Poor lighting and construction zone.

Too dark

Poor lighting

Poor lighting and homeless people

homeless

Lani Kai and the trash they bring to the island

Pretty much stay leave island shortly after dusk. We eat near Times Square shortly before sunset and leave after.

Too many drunks & homeless

Homeless people and drunk idiots

Lani Kai clientele

Homeless people

Homeless in Newton Park

I dont know about thefts or burglaries
Vagrants sleeping on property
Screens cut personal items stolen vandalism
stolen bikes, illegal entries years back
Pooping, drunks, drugies,
Have had scratch and key damage to cars, but nothing worse.

Not sure about theft, I have not had any problems
People can be spotted looking for places to break in to sleep/steal.

I have had 2 minor thefts in 61 years here, so not a big problem.

Ebikes stolen they were locked

Cmon....stupid question with all the visitors

Bikes stolen

Homeless person in private fenced swimming pool area

homeless trespassing, regular drug deals

noise

Theft of fuel from boats on our lifts.

Someone squatting in vacant house

Short term rental usage _ drive fast on the streets and not watching out for others, huge parties with not care for the people on the street at night (and even during the day) Lee County helicopters have been in evidence during party.

Late night party by VRBO - no respect for "quite hours"

Drunk pulled fire alarm; trespassers on property

Naked drunk renter swimming in our canal. I

We had batteries stolen after the mailman left our package at the mailbox

Not that I've heard of.

Unknown

homeless

Homeless persons

Homeless person sleeping on back porch when house not rented

Domestic Violence

Once witnessed thieves come by boat late at night. Many years ago.

Homeless sleeping on our deck

I don't know about any crimes.

Homeless

mail boxes knocked down

Our Little "Compound" has experience loads of issues: lots of bicycles stolen, trespassing including sex, sleeping, people relieving themselves (#1 & 2) walking into an apartment while someone is home, and a vehicle stolen. Our mailboxes often have trash in them, once even a bag of weed!

Sleepovers

If any of these have happened I am unaware. Unless it happens to me I won't know either. Most of the houses on my street are rentals. Beach Patrol is always on my street taking pictures of the buildings. That's weird and makes me very uncomfortable. What are they doing?

Suspected drug dealer that the police are watching

Had a bike stolen while at Sandbar

Drunks

Homeless

Trespassers

Drunk individuals urinating on my fence

Attempted break ins last night

The marina at the end of the street

homeless people, assault

No idea

Homeless loitering

Homeless people taking things from the back patio at night

I have not heard of any

Boat fuel thefts

Not that I am aware of

Speeding, peeping Tom, car broken into in drive

Trespassing & vandalism due to a drunk teenager

Drunks knocking on the wrong doors in the night

Stolen gas from neighbor's boat last year.

My own house was broken into 4 years ago.

how would you describe a suspicious person???

Random people walking around under the influence , stealing from cars

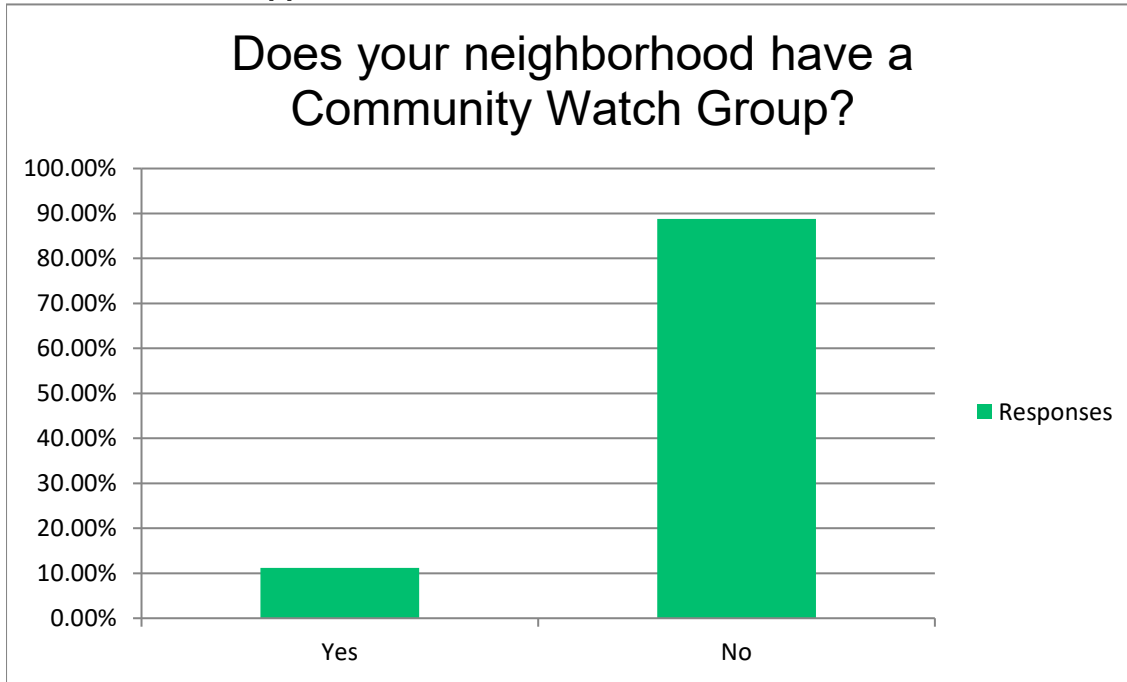
If yes to any of the above I am unaware of the issue.

Drunk Disorderly people and homeless people brawling.

Town Safety Survey

Does your neighborhood have a Community Watch Group?

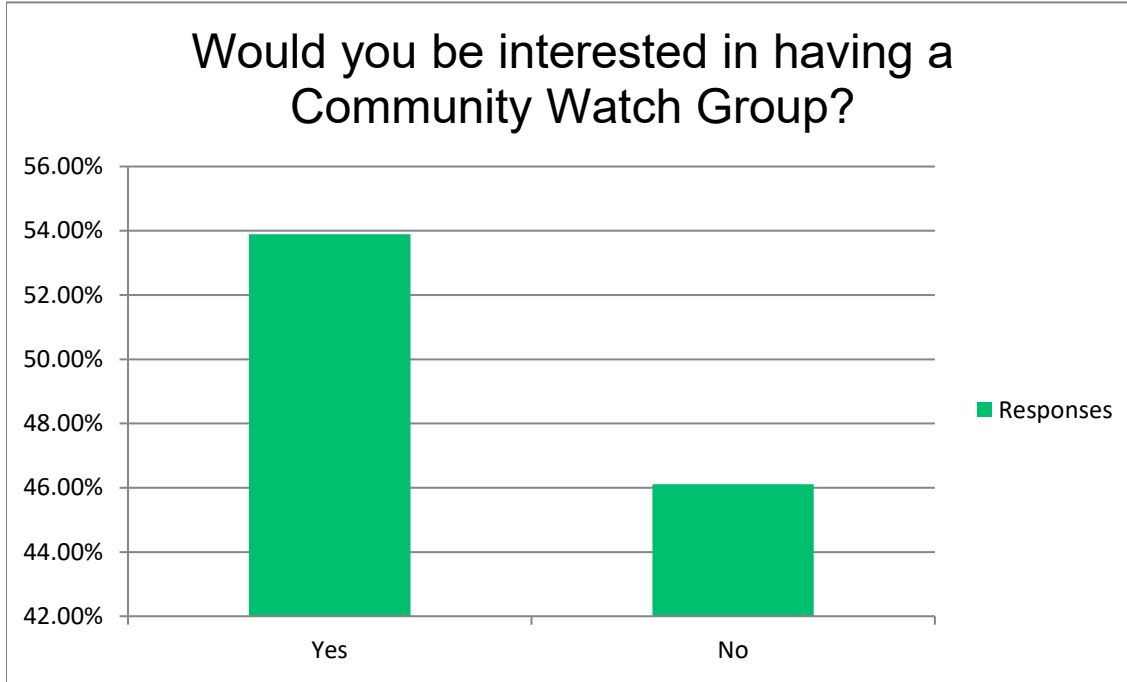
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	11.21%	62
No	88.79%	491
Answered		553
Skipped		97



Town Safety Survey

Would you be interested in having a Community Watch Group?

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	53.89%	270
No	46.11%	231
Answered		501
Skipped		149



Community watch group will not work when the sheriff doesn't respond timely.

Street lights are horrible!! Cannot see any pedestrians in the crosswalks. People lives are in danger and are MORE IMPORTANT than a turtle. Please, please install adequate street lights. It is embarassing that the town forgoes proper lighting for a few turtles. People are killed every year due to inadequate lighting. Traffic during the winter months is "TERRIBLE" create an overpass for pedestrians.

The island needs stricter rules. Baptist church charities are major cause of problems as they attract bad kids, bums and honeless

We live on San Carlos Blvd with an FMB address and I am tired of paying taxes to FMB library when I can not even get there all winter. We pay taxes and go to Lakes Library. Lack of bike lanes in Times Square to library area is a shame. Also the state has promised sidewalks on both sides of San Carlos Blvd which has not yet happened. When will the traffic circle be done? I hope durning Margaritaville construction.

If Ft Myers Beach doesn't get its act together & start cleaning up the crime, this once vibrant tourist community will continue to lose business & become a shell of its former self.

more regular meeting,sending out email/information on beach meetings, MORE DAYS & HOURS FOR LIBRARY!! We need to light Estero Blvd better but we DO NOT want it to be brighter, have more glare or interupt our sky view of the stars when we are in our hot tub at night.

There appears to be sufficient laws on the books to make this Town so much better it's just that our leaders do not give direction to LCSO to enforce them or LCSO refuses to do so. When I personally witness LCSO watch as e-bikes ride by them on the sidewalks I have to ask myself why?? Also I watch Beach Patrol drive right by unleashed dogs on the beach and nothing is done, again why????

Homeless are a huge problem. We need to protect the turtles.

I feel safe though , always take precautions

When are they fixing Sterling Ave , still pot holes and lots of water when it rains.

We need beach access signs after #19 going south. If we fix traffic problems, we will improve a lot of things. Could use additional public or less expensive parking.

The homeless make terrible neighbors.

This is a stupid survey.

we need a round about at entrance of bridge coming on island

Improve lighting and lines of visibility at crosswalks

If we're handing out tickets for not stopping at a crosswalk for a pedestrian we can't even see, then we should make those crosswalks more visible and stronger street lights for safety, and ticketing jay walkers.

I live in a condo

I have time share weeks at Sauk d Castle Beach Club. I have seen the amount of trespassing increase a lot this past year.

We are a condo high rise

Get back to enforcing the present legal rules (J-walking, vehicle noise, e-bikes/items, beach dog leashes, bikes on sidewalks, awareness of these laws

♥ Fort Myers Beach

Enough squealealers in this area

Maybe

I feel very safe on Ft Myers Bch. I've never heard of any problems with safety, here. I love Lee County Police....keep up the great work!

Need to make sure police training includes limiting undue force or use of firearms

Requiring Amber or turtle friendly lights for turtles in town as well as directly on the beach is vital. We used to be able to see the stars from our street. Now there are street lights almost everywhere. You can hardly see the stars at night unless you go out on the beach itself. Coming up with something to make the island bicycle friendly is vital. I hope it's not too late on that one.

This survey is poorly constructed and appears to lead the participant toward certain conclusions.

There are no consequences for breaking the law

This survey was poorly designed and executed. Also, I believe the issues regarding turtle lighting are subject to local, state and federal regulations and peoples opinions are not relevant.

Thanks for all you do!

Too many permanent weekly rental signs by rental agencies. Brings down the value of entire neighborhood. Rentals are mostly handled on the internet, so why are non permitted permanent si

People come and go (the residents, the visitors in STRs) - a Community Watch Group would not be workable on this street. There should be a comment section on each topic and some questions are not just a yes or no answer. I realize that I verbalized greatly, however, safety here on the island is more than knives, and downtown issues. I strongly feel that the residents who live on this island have a great interest in safety, whether they be older or newly home / condo owners. Thank you again for encouraging people to fill out this survey.

Miramar has converted to a heavy VRBO - hard to enforce when people are only here a few days.

Get more police

Need more walkovers on island. Need elevators for elderly and wheelchairs and walkers to navigate.

People will die in crosswalks. I can't believe the money was not in the road work budget to light up EVERY CROSSWALK

Get rid of Roger.

Do something about the homeless situation before they murder someone else.

We need better lighting and crosswalks connected to bus stops and where people need to cross. The island is fine.

Stop stressing.

The community is full of too many people from different states who all have their own Opinions of how they should be treated

This has been home for 40 years. Some of the streets need some trees cut so you can see bikes coming and see street signs. More lights would help but in reality everywhere is getting more dangerous.

we all help each other in our neighborhood

crosswalks with lights need to have triggers in the ground, cause, believe it or not, people go right by that button, not realizing they could be saving their own life.

year-round resident, things are generally okay but can always improve

The biggest issue continues to be the traffic in the Times Square to library area. I don't pretend to know the answer other than I believe a mid island bridge/causeway would help a lot. Reduce traffic in that area. Reduce encounters with foot and tire traffic. Maybe the pedestrian bridge at Margaritaville helps but people are still not patient and lazy so they will likely still be walking in front of traffic causing constant stopping both in and out of cross walks.

Remove the Lani Kai Hotel for everyone's safety

The homeless issue needs to be addressed then we can work together on the crime

People's patience and understanding and following traffic laws on Estero Blvd is the greatest safety concern I see.

Pedestrians need awareness vehicles can't stop on a dime if they step into the street and are not always seen. Often a trolley rider is mistaken for a pedestrians causing a unnecessary stop. Flashing lights are needed.

stop encouraging the homeless to come to the island

Something needs to be done. Trespassing happening way too frequently and nothing being done.

Survey need more choices for reaponse such as N/A

Marguritta Ville is going to be a MESS!

Praise to our police! They do the best they can with our high rate of visitors. Good crosswalk guards do make a difference!

Lack of Lighting Time Square to Library is very dangerous.

I am only on the island 2 weeks out of the year, this is the 1st year I have dealt with people being found on the premises sleeping in the morning, and some arguing with the owners of the premises like myself. I don't feel safe by myself after sundown. Some homeless people in the park by Time Square asking for money, even during the day. cannot comment on bike lanes, lighting where construction is ongoing

25yr seasonal visitor - Shut down the Lani Kai

My answers may change if things do start getting bad in my neighborhood.

Madeira Road crosswalk needs pedestrian light

We are timeshare owners but stay for 6 weeks. The homeless population has increased in the past few years. They are constantly sleeping on our property at night, utilizing our pools and jacuzzis along with our electricity.

We have to make the island safe for tourists and residents.

Our community is gated

we have a guard

Not surr

I live in a controlled access community. The community watch questions do not apply. In the abstract I think concept is a good approach.

A lot of renters in and on vacation

I did not live on this street when vandalism occurred, but it was in 2018 or 2019 with spring breakers in vacation rental wreaking havoc on the street.

We had a community watch group years ago but nothing ever took place.

We need our own police, not deputies

Please do not over police our island. I would like to see officers walk around more in time square during season. That is all. Colorful bike lanes might be nice but not essential. Turtle lighting is important
Need a new town council. They don't seem like they care about community.

There are only two properties on the bay side of Chapel Street with year-round residents. I'm not sure any formal entity would work. We and the snowbirds, when they're here, watch out for each other's places.

We just moved to san carlos island this spring,

Turtle lighting is very, very important. Adding more flashing lights will make them less effective. Should only be used in high risk area to get attention. More policing is not needed, just better enforcement during peak seasons.

I believe one is starting

The residents seasonal and year round watch out for each other's needs

The Sea Turtle Lighting is an Ordinance and does not pertain to this survey. Sea Turtles are Federally protected. I'd like to see the street lights stay amber throughout the year.

It is sometimes difficult to see pedestrians entering a crosswalk (mostly from opposite side of road) at night. Especially if they are wearing dark clothing.

A police presence would be wonderful!!

gated community

I understand that there are very kind people on this island whose goal is to be a good Christian by taking care of those less fortunate, but as long as they keep providing free food and services, there will always be people (some of them less than honorable) who will take advantage of that. And therein lies the homeless problem on this island.

I don't know the answers to the questions I did not answer. Our biggest concern is the cost for private enforcement.

I was raised on Ft. Myers Beach and visit at least once/year.

Time Square is a fun party/nightlife area, but the riff raff people have to go. I've seen too many drunks, prostitutes, and drug deals go down.

I rents seasonally and cannot adequately answer all questions

Pedestrians need to use the crosswalks. So many accidents would be avoided if the pedestrian would walk to a cross walk

We have an informal watch. All the neighbors who live here full time look out for each other.

Our neighborhood is highly seasonal.

The current turtle policy/restrictions that are in place are ridiculous. The red/amber lights that the turtle people request are awful.. normally I would say the turtles are somewhat important but given the craziness of how they are patrolling it, I say no longer important. They have way too much power. No one should have to live that way.

Estero Blvd is too dark year round but especially during construction and turtle season.

Please think about our own police department. You saw first hand during Covid that town policy was stricter than Lee County but you could do little to enforce because Lee commissioners voted different. I also am fed up with the homeless situation. I recently heard how a library volunteer was frightened by a homeless man with a toy gun. That was acceptable on the beach but kudos in school are expelled for this. Com'on.. we don't have homeless resources to rehabilitate here.

Need more police patrols during Spring Break, more enforcement on noise and disturbances,

I am highly concerned about the use of LED lights in the community. Not only is it detrimental to the environment by upsetting natural cycles of sea turtles, birds, and insects, it is potentially dangerous to use humans (especially the elderly) due to the blinding disruption of our night vision. In my opinion LEDs are not a viable or healthy solution for safety.

They can deal with the bike lane issues and the homeless issues the island would be perfect

The number 1 safety concern is the terrible lighting on Estero Blvd. You cannot see people crossing the street even when in a crosswalk. Using flashing light up signs on all crosswalks not just a few would be so beneficial. Better street lighting is also needed.

Since we have no one to call that will respond and enforce the laws and ordinances having community watch groups serves no purpose other than giving residents the feelgood mistaken hope that something will be done. The official response of LCSO is that there is nothing they can do.
Public Safety Fund - Renovations- NO!!!

This police survey seems to be created with a bias toward favoring the creation of a local police force. It is at best poorly written, and at worst, offensive.

Town should have its own police since the beach patrol and sheriff are not enforcing any laws.

Take care of the homeless problem!

Address the issues deal with these people why are they allowed to just take up all the space sitting at trolley stops so visitors and their kids can't sit down would you come back to FMB if that was your experience?

We do watch out for each other.

I am just over the bridge where new homes are built on the water and we don't have Estero Islands problems. We used to have a home on the beach and prefer being away from the drunks and vagrants, cigarette butts and trash.

For nearly all of these questions, my response is different depending on the time of year.

Poor street lighting is not only dangerous for pedestrians, but drivers also. Someone is going to be killed or seriously injured and it is going to be due to inaction of Town Council. It seems there is more concern for turtles than human life.

The street lights are not the problem, the pedestrians not following basic common sense is an issue and making sure they can safely cross before crossing.

Our building put in security cameras recently after several thefts

We are all about cleaning up this island & making it safer.

The homeless people need to be removed & there needs to be more citations for trespassing, open receptacles & littering

The town needs to spend more time on public safety than spending money over developing areas such as Bayside Park. Spend it on LiGhting and public awareness or safety standards for all including tourist.

Overall we have a very safe town. Thank you for working on this initiative.

I believe Fairview Isles has their own group and we do watch out for each other when we are here.

Please support additional community policing

Overall this survey was very poorly written. I didn't even know what you wanted me to do by "ranking" the bike lanes...based on what?! Yes/no as the only 2 options are ridiculous too. How about an "I don't know" or "Not applicable"...I could go on but I think you get the idea.

It would be nice if the town Council and sheriffs department would really give a shit about the people and this island.

The sheriffs department does not enforce any of the rules unless it's an assault or a murder. Seriously, it's a joke!

Not sure it's feasible with so many absentee owners in the area.

Communication between the town and residents needs to be improved. Also, most tourists are not going to look on the town website for info on rules, so there needs to be a better communication method. We miss the Sandpaper.

Mask mandate needs removed as it violates individual freedom and panders to fear.

Our neighborhood watch sign needs to be replaced. It is faded and not legible.

Have someone from LCSO with rank review crime stats from 5 years to present. What can LCSO do better and what the committee can do to aid in what steps to take first to combat crimes and protect our visitors and residents. It's starts with Traffic stops and holding people accountable. Homeless people need proper mental help and should not be permitted in a residential tourist area
Ebikes should be allowed on beach if peddling
I'm answering questions as a frequent visitor to beach at Times Square and Bowditch.
We already look out for each other. We are on a great street. Except for vacation rentals. They suck!
This is a wonderful place to live, but it really is turning in to an embarrassing place filled with trash, homeless, poor lightning and jaywalkers