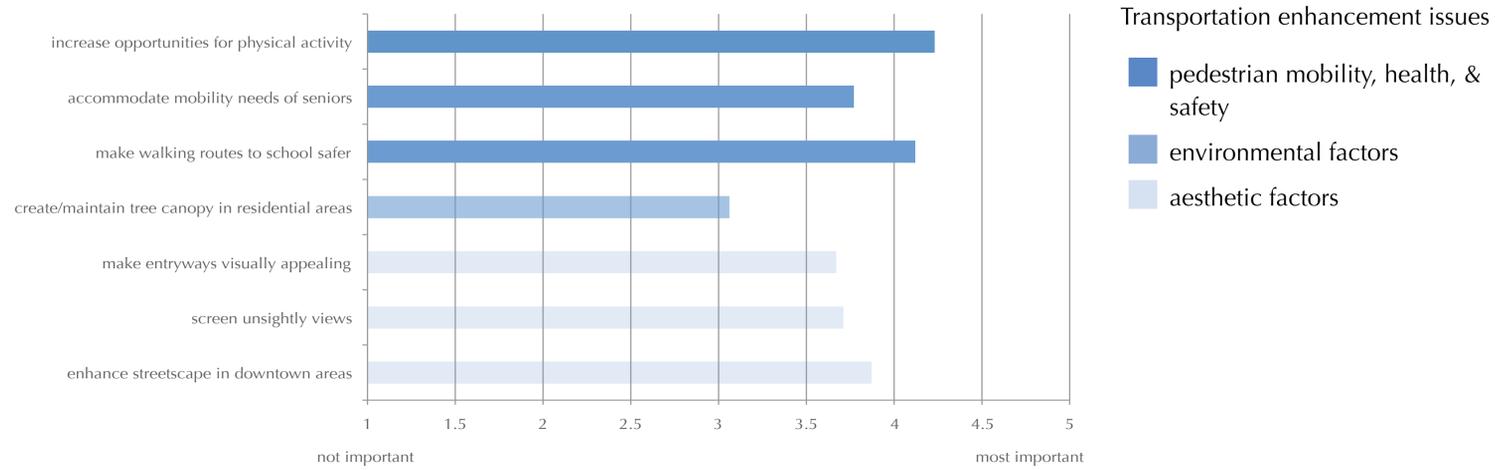


Figure 3. Importance of transportation enhancement issues by type

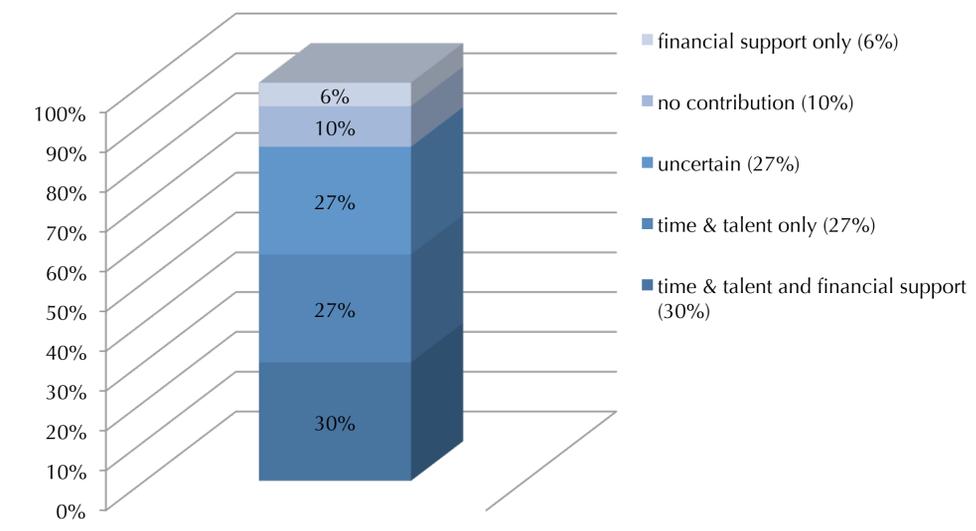


On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important, participants in Mount Vernon ranked all of the enhancements above the average of 2.5, indicating that these issues are highly important. Enhancements that increase opportunities for physical activity and make walking routes to school safer ranked highest, followed by enhancing the downtown streetscape. Respondents were neutral about improvements that maintain a tree canopy in residential areas.

Desired Trail Routes

Sixty-one respondents mapped their desired trail routes. The popular location for a trail is west out of town on Bryant Road, presumably to link with the extensive trail system in the Cedar Rapids area. Many people also desire a trail along the old Lincoln Highway, both west out of town and east into Lisbon. Several respondents identified a route that would cross US Highway 30, connecting the country club area, as well as following the southern boundary of the city to Willow Creek Road and then following the creek north to the Cornell College campus. Trails are desired around the soccer and intramural fields near the high school and around the sports fields in the northeast corner of town south of the railroad tracks. Other proposed routes include a trail along the railroad route, trails going north out of town on Springville Road, Ink Road, and Scooby Road, and northwest on Mount Vernon Road.

Figure 4. Respondents' willingness to implement change (118 responses)



Almost 60% of participants are willing to contribute time and talent only or both time and talent and financial support. Interestingly, the number of people willing to contribute both (30%) is slightly higher than the number willing to contribute their time only (27%).

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