

Georgetown Healthy Street Upgrades

Summary of Survey Findings

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Overview

SDOT conducted an online community survey to gather input on proposed improvements to Carleton Ave S between S Eddy St and S Willow St as part of planned upgrades to the Georgetown Healthy Street. The survey asked residents, workers, and visitors about priorities for street features, parking-tradeoffs, park expansion, and current use. It included questions for people to rank or select their preferences and open-ended options where people could share additional feedback. The project team will use community feedback collected from the survey to inform early design concepts.

This survey was shared on the Georgetown Healthy Street project webpage, as well as advertised through a postcard mailer sent to properties in the project area, signs put up in the project area, and an email update. The survey was active from February 24th, 2026, to March 31st, 2026. Based on research into project area demographics, the survey and notification materials were also provided in Spanish and Traditional Chinese. There were 116 responses collected overall (all responses were in English).

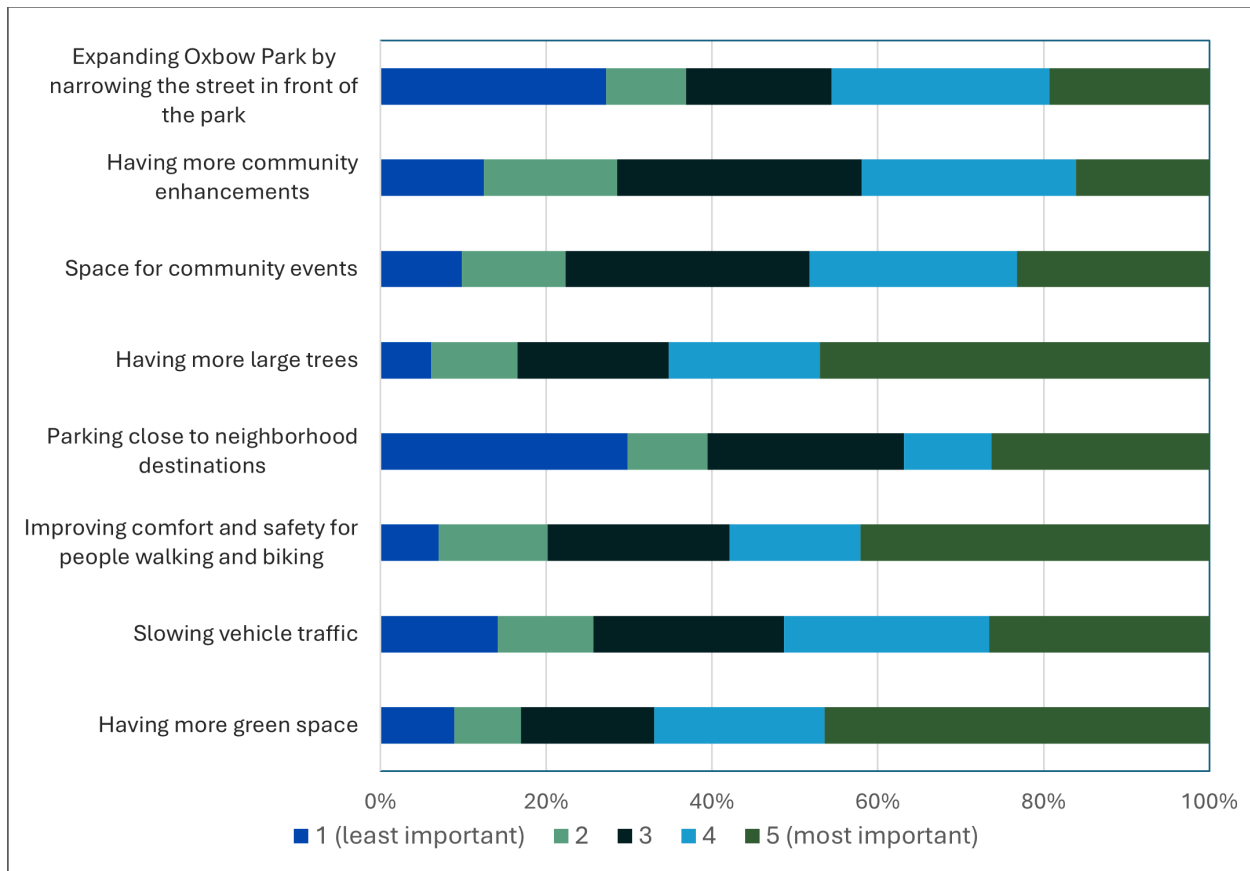
Key response themes:

- Strong interest in trees and green space improvements
- Concern about parking loss with recent/upcoming housing developments
- Mixed support for park expansion despite high usage for walking and relaxation

Q1: Priority Features for Carleton Ave S

Respondents rated eight potential street features on a 1-5 importance scale. Trees and green space were ranked highest by the most respondents, while park expansion and community enhancements were rated lowest. Many respondents also ranked improving safety and comfort for people walking/biking as the highest priority.

Feature	% of respondents rating 5 (most important)
Having more large trees	47%
Having more green space	46%
Improving comfort and safety for walking/biking	42%
Slowing vehicle traffic	27%
Parking close to destinations	26%
Space for community events	23%
Expanding Oxbow Park	19%
Community enhancements (art, benches, etc.)	16%

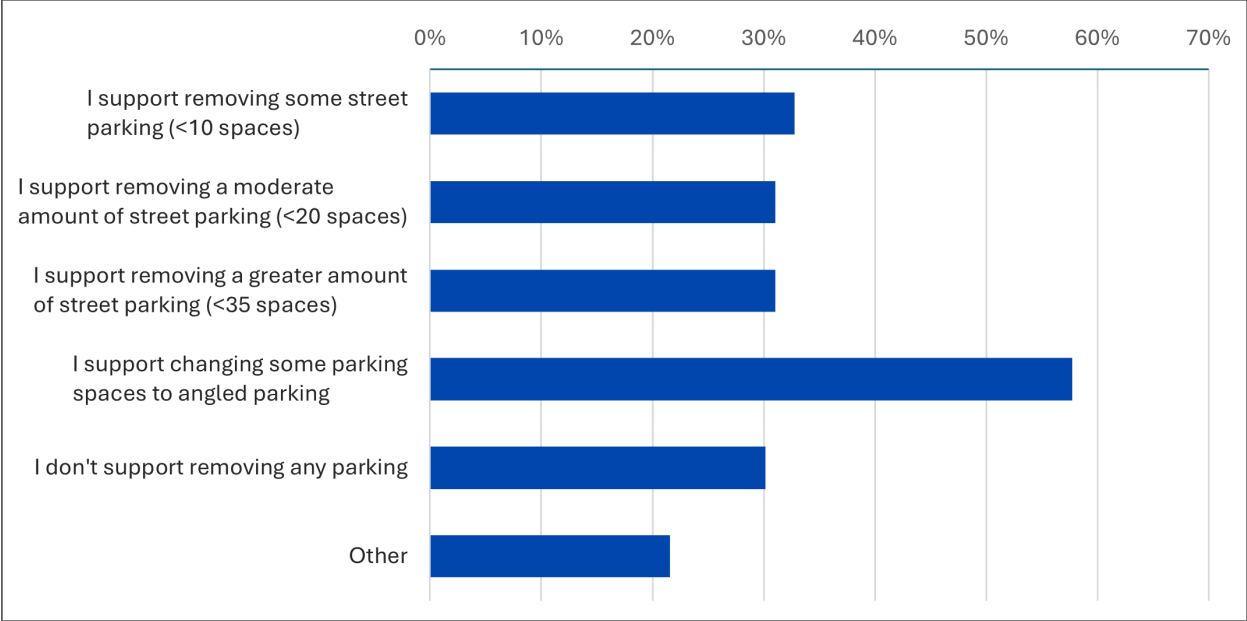


- Of 20 write-in responses, 7 referenced maintaining/increasing parking, and 7 referenced adding trees/greenspace. Other key response themes were either in support of or disagreement with narrowing the street and support for fixing/widening existing sidewalks.

Q2: Parking Trade-offs

Respondents were asked about their support for parking changes on Carleton Ave S, which currently has 137 legal parking spaces between S Eddy St and S Willow St. Respondents were able to select all options they agreed with.

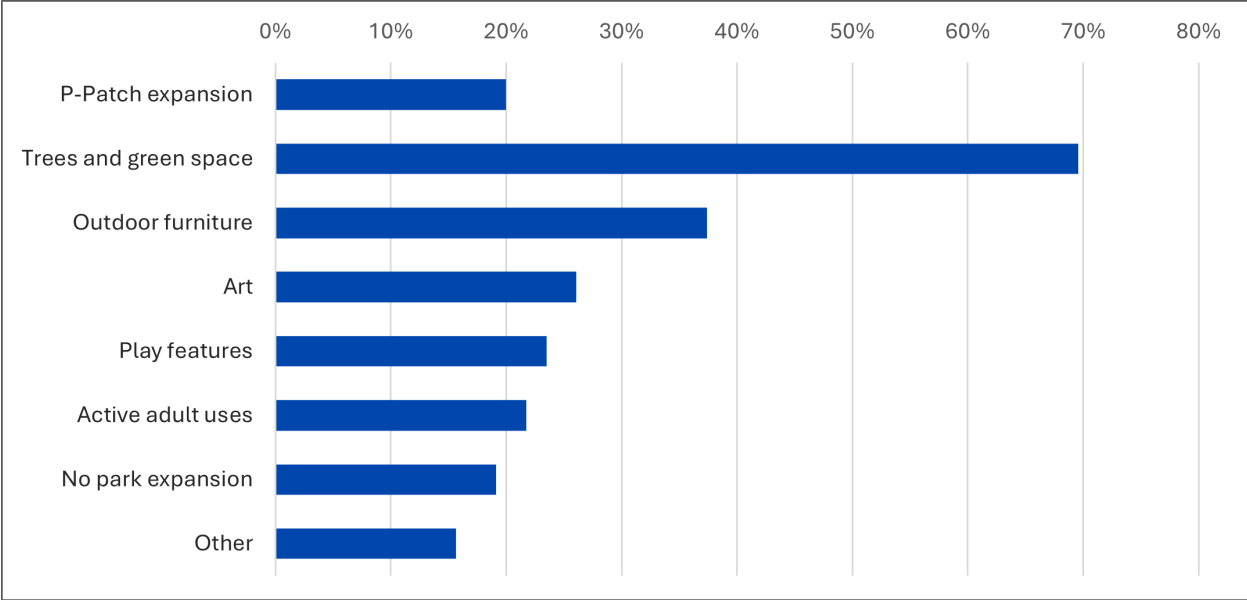
- The most supported option was converting parallel parking to angled parking to make space for large trees or other community enhancements (58%)
- Support was evenly split across the three levels of parking removal: less than 10 spaces (33%), less than 20 spaces (31%), less than 35 spaces (31%)
- 30% do not support removing any parking
- Write-in responses voiced additional support for angled parking, as well as emphasized lack of support for any parking removal



Q3: Oxbow Park Expansion Uses

Respondents were asked which uses they would like to see in an expanded Oxbow Park.

- “Trees and green space” was overwhelmingly the top choice (70%).
- Outdoor furniture/seating was second (37%), followed by art (26%), play features (23%), and active adult uses (22%).
- 19% prefer the park not to be expanded. Several write-in responses also expressed concern about the value of a small park expansion and called for improving existing amenities instead.

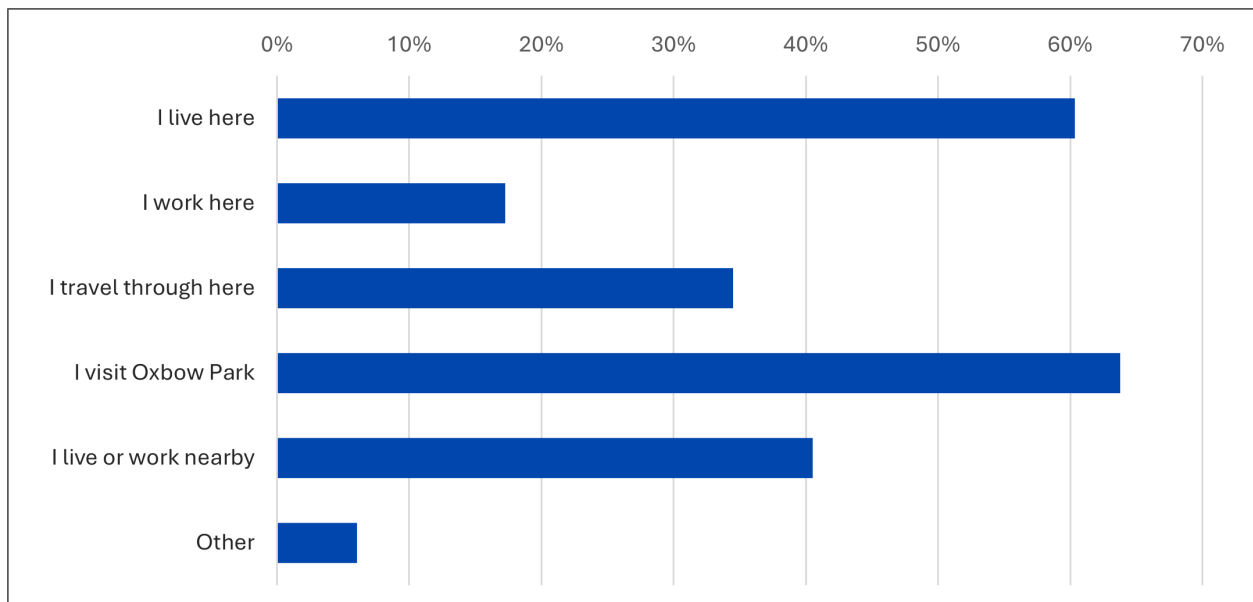


Q4 & Q5: Area and Park Use

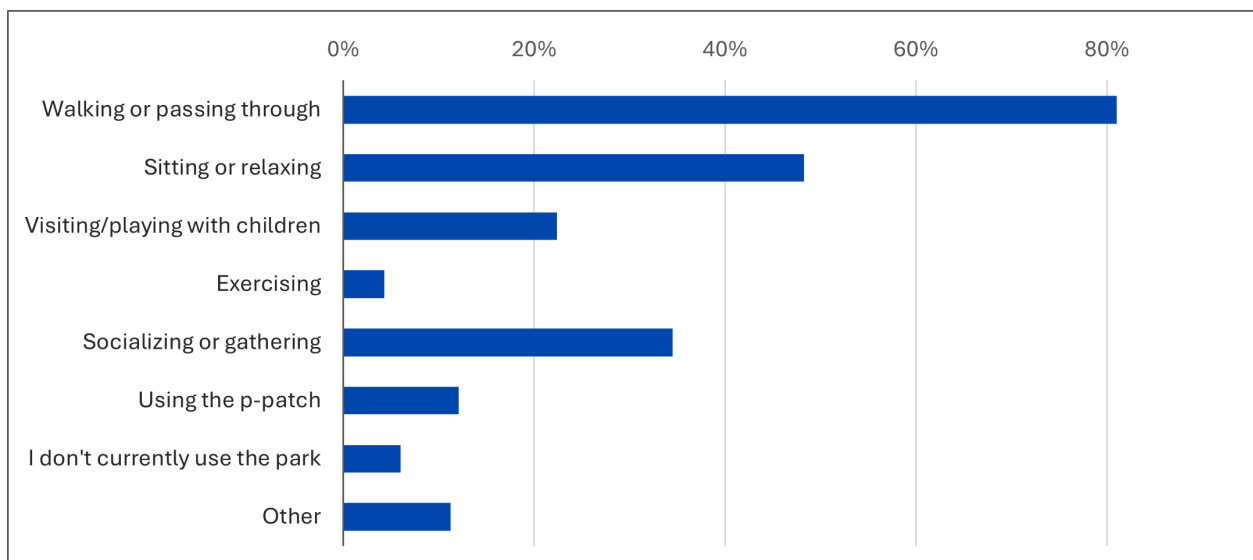
Questions 4 and 5 asked how respondents use the project area and Oxbow Park.

- 64% visit Oxbow Park and 60% live on Carleton Ave S
- 40% live or work on a nearby street
- Walking and passing through is the most common park use (81%), followed by sitting/relaxing (48%) and socializing (34%)
- 6 of 13 write-in responses to Q5 highlighted dog-walking as their primary park use

Area use:



Park use:



Written Response Themes

Respondents had the option to write-in answers to all questions, as well share any feedback about the project, the ideas SDOT is considering, or what's important to them. Below is an approximate tally across all open-response fields organized into general topic/concern. *Responses may span multiple themes. Less common topics were read by project staff but not included in the key themes noted below.*

Theme	Write-in Mentions
Concern about losing parking/need for more parking	23
Support for trees/green space and environmental benefits	15
Opposition to park expansion	12
Support for narrowing the street	9
Safety/security concerns (speeding, RVs, crime, lighting)	7
Support for angled parking	7
Support for sidewalk repair/pedestrian improvements	6
Opposition to narrowing the street	5

- Numerous respondents mentioned that new high-density housing development has already strained parking, and any further removal will exacerbate this problem.
- Many respondents see angled parking as a positive compromise between maintaining parking and adding green space.
- Environmental benefits were brought up multiple times. Respondents support adding trees to provide shading, dampen airport noise, and mitigate air pollution.
- Many are skeptical about a dedicated effort to expand Oxbow Park. While it is often used, many do not see the need to make it larger. Instead, several respondents support improving what is already there (lighting, furniture, etc.) or using money elsewhere.