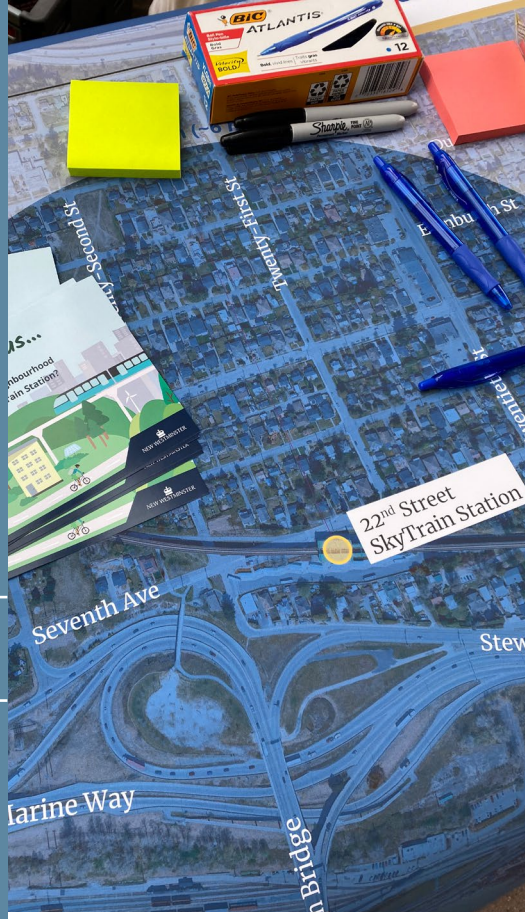
BOLD VISION

for the neighbourhood around
22nd Street SkyTrain Station

ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT

November 2023

NEW WESTMINSTER









Engagement Snapshot

To develop a bold vision for the neighbourhood around the 22nd Street SkyTrain Station, we have begun to engage with the community about what they appreciate about the neighbourhood today, and priorities for the future. Some public engagement is still underway, but this snapshot provides a short summary of what we've done and heard so far (from September to October 2023).

A detailed summary of what we heard from the community will be published when all engagement from this phase of the project is complete.

The City is also engaging on a government-to-government basis with local First Nations. Engagement is underway with interested and impacted parties as well (e.g. external agencies and other levels of government).

HOW WE'VE ENGAGED (SO FAR)

Survey & Ideas Board

Online, Be Heard New West, Sept 25 - Oct 22

219 survey respondents, 37 ideas with 55 comments & 166 upvotes

Focus Groups & Meetings

Sept 25 - Oct 22

Multiple meetings with over 60 people from various groups

Community Pop-Ups

Sept 25 - Oct 24

344 comments and 187 attendees at 8 pop ups

Idea Jams

October 11 (in-person), October 18 (online)

85 attendees

Engagement Underway

November and onwards

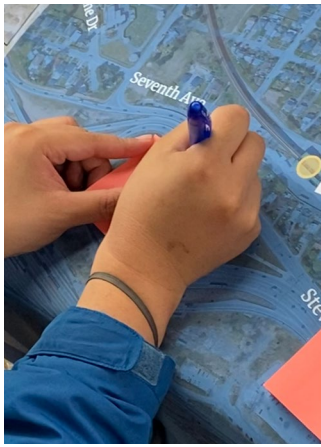
Youth Workshops

Community Open House

Additional Focus Groups





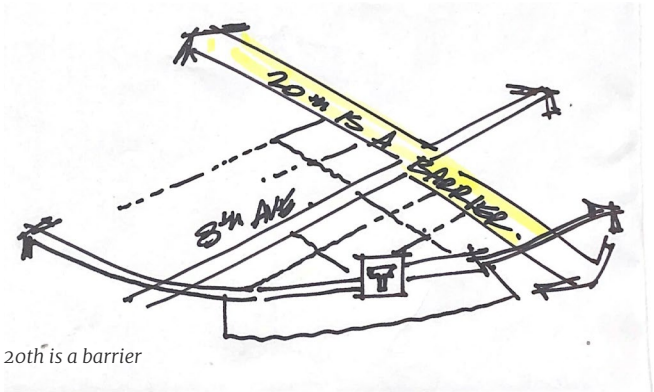




The community today

When participants of various interactive engagement activities were asked about the community today (e.g. what do you love? What gaps and challenges exist?), a wide range of responses were provided. The following list of the top themes that have emerged so far:

- **Public and Active Transportation |** Proximity to the bus and SkyTrain network as well as the cycling and walking paths
- **Community Wellbeing & Connection |** Apprecation for the strong sense of community and neighbourliness
- **Landscape & Water |** Appreciation for the views (to the river), parks, and access to some greenspace
- **Location and Connections |** Appreciation for the connections to other parts of the city and region
- **Private Vehicle Transportation |** Challenges with current vehicle traffic



20th is a barrier

Ideas for the future

Participants of various interactive engagement activities were asked about their big, bold ideas for a climate-friendly neighbourhood where everyone can thrive. The top themes that have emerged so far:

- **Public and Active Transportation |** Improved active transportation infrastructure and connections (e.g. building on the strengths of the existing SkyTrain, bus routes, and walking/rolling connections)
- **Commercial Uses, Services and Amenities |** Building commercial and community spaces that will allow people to meet their daily needs without travelling far (i.e. places to shop, access services, and gather with community)
- **Landscape |** Providing more outdoor parks, greenspaces, and planting more trees in the neighbourhood
- **Private Vehicle Transportation |** Managing the existing vehicle transportation issues, including congestion along 20th Street
- **Density and High-rise Towers |** Providing a significant increase in housing by increasing density and building high-rise towers near the SkyTrain Station

We engaged with people and organizations that represent youth, local immigrants, people experiencing poverty, and urban Indigenous populations.

From these groups, we heard a need to provide more **commercial uses, services and amenities**, and **affordable housing** in the neighbourhood. We also heard a need to address **truth and reconciliation** by providing community spaces for the urban Indigenous groups. We heard a desire to address **climate change**, provide more **green spaces**, and improve **pedestrian safety.**



Community heart, connectedness & belonging

These drawings were developed during community conversations at the in-person Idea Jam on October 11.

APPENDIX

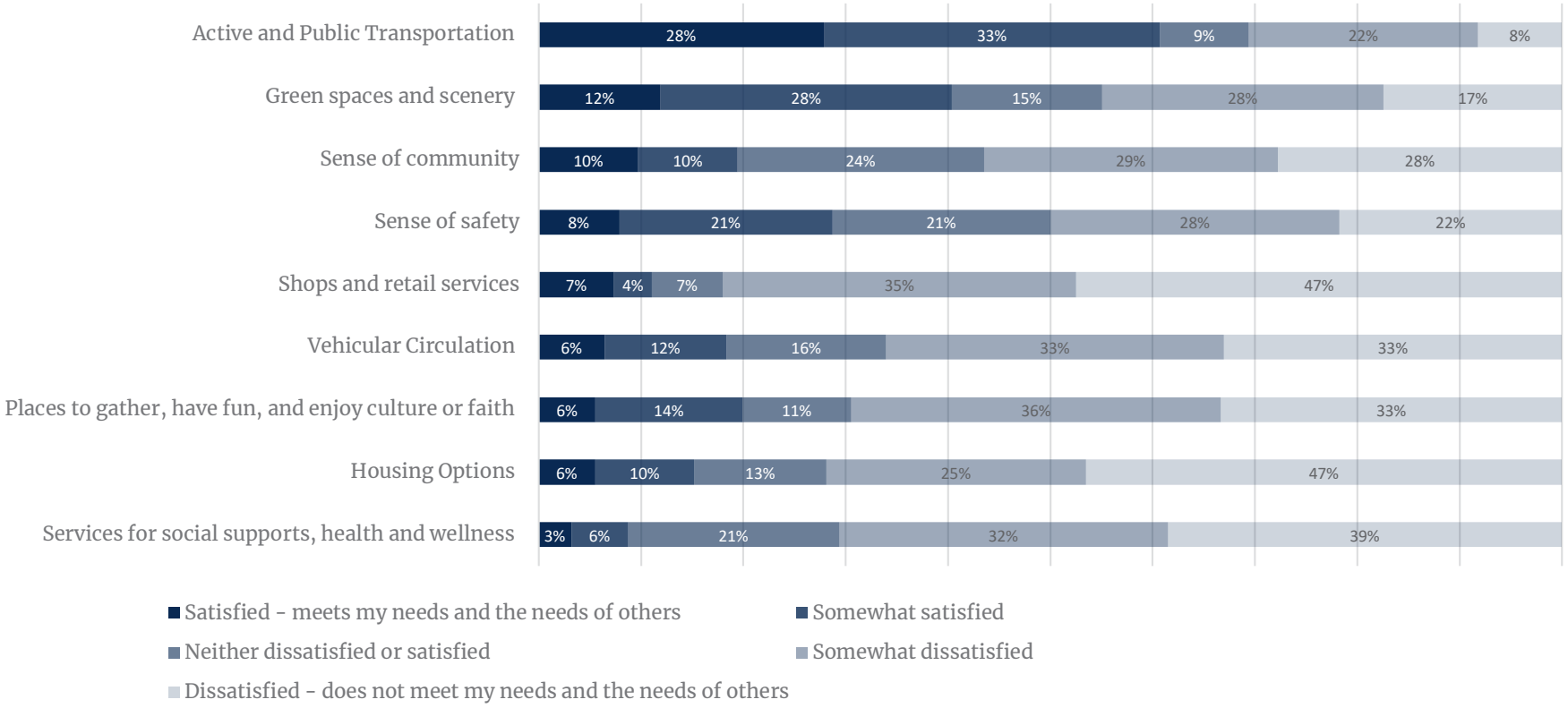
ONLINE SURVEY RESULTS

NEW WESTMINSTER

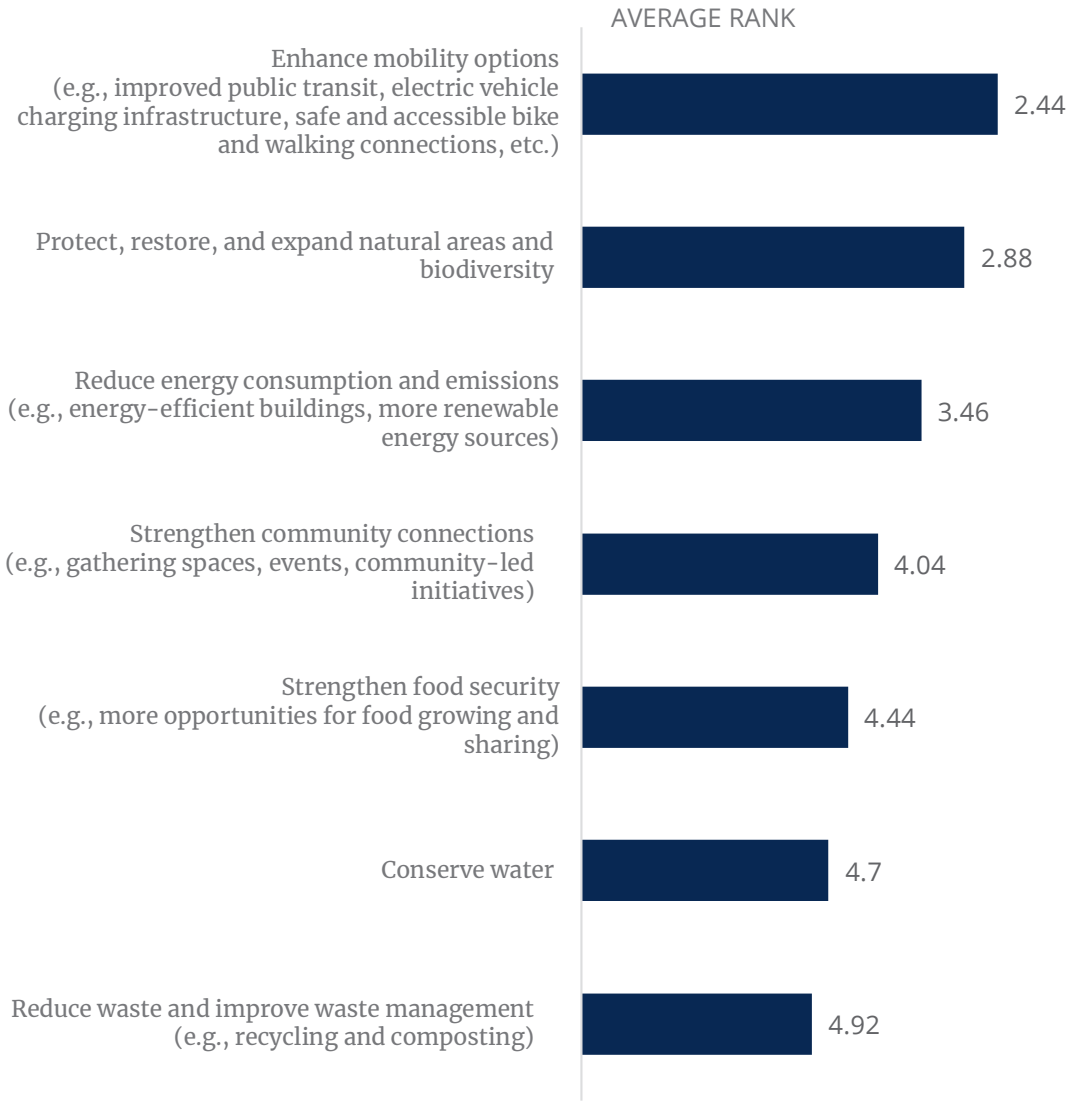
ONLINE SURVEY

From September 25th to October 22nd, an online survey was hosted on the Be Heard New West platform. Participants were asked 10 close-ended questions. Open-ended ideas were captured through an online ideas board activity on the Be Heard page. The survey took approximately 15 minutes to complete. Those who completed the survey were entered into a draw to win one of three $50 gift cards to a local business. There were 219 responses. The results are described below in a series of charts.

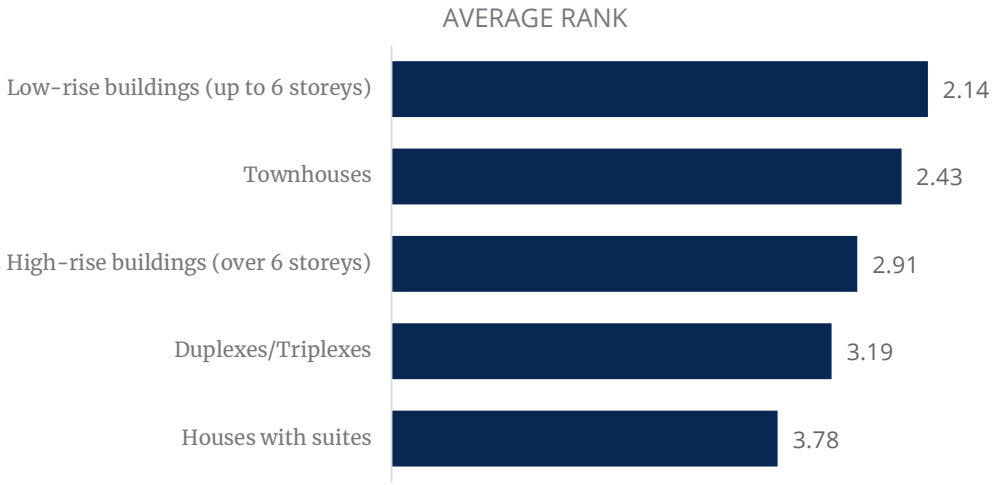
1. We want to know what you like about the neighbourhood today, and where there are challenges. **Please rate how satisfied you are with the following features of the neighbourhood around 22nd Street Station today.**



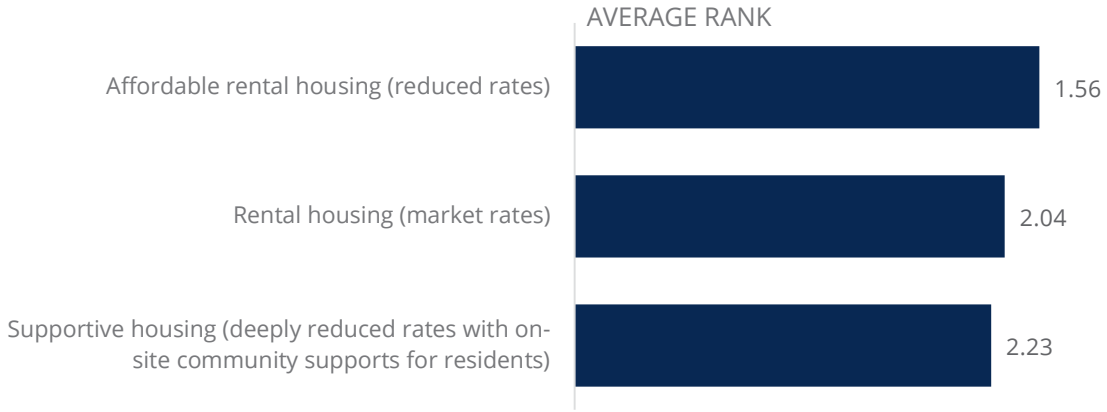
2. We hope the neighbourhood around 22nd Street Station becomes a climate-friendly place where everyone can thrive. **Where should we focus when working to achieve this goal?** (please rank your top choices). Please note that 1 = top ranked choice and 5 = low



3. Which of the following **housing forms** would you like to see in the neighbourhood? (please rank your top choices) *Note: 1 = top ranked choice*

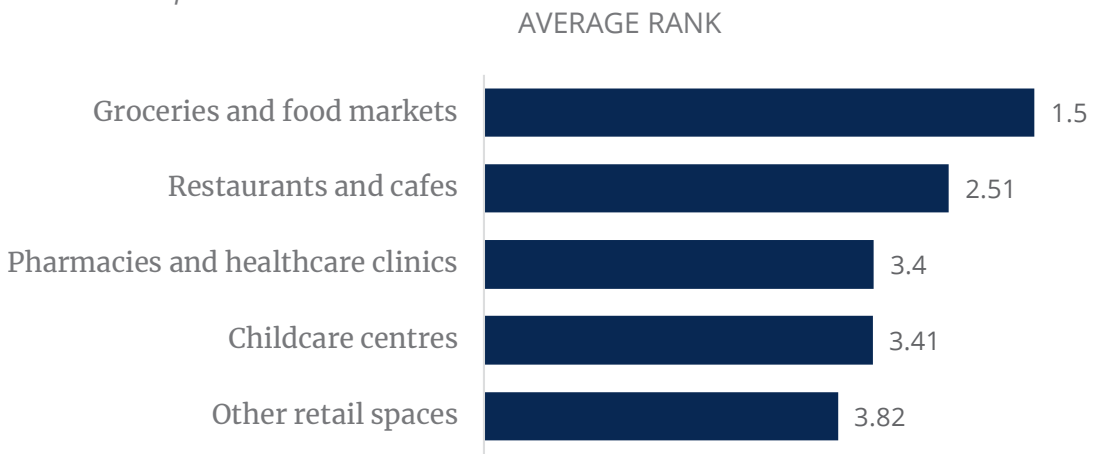


4. Which of the following types of **rental housing** would you like to see in the neighbourhood? (please rank your top choices) *Note: 1 = top ranked choice*



5. What types of **commercial spaces** would you like to see in the neighbourhood? (please rank your top choices)

Note: 1 = top ranked choice



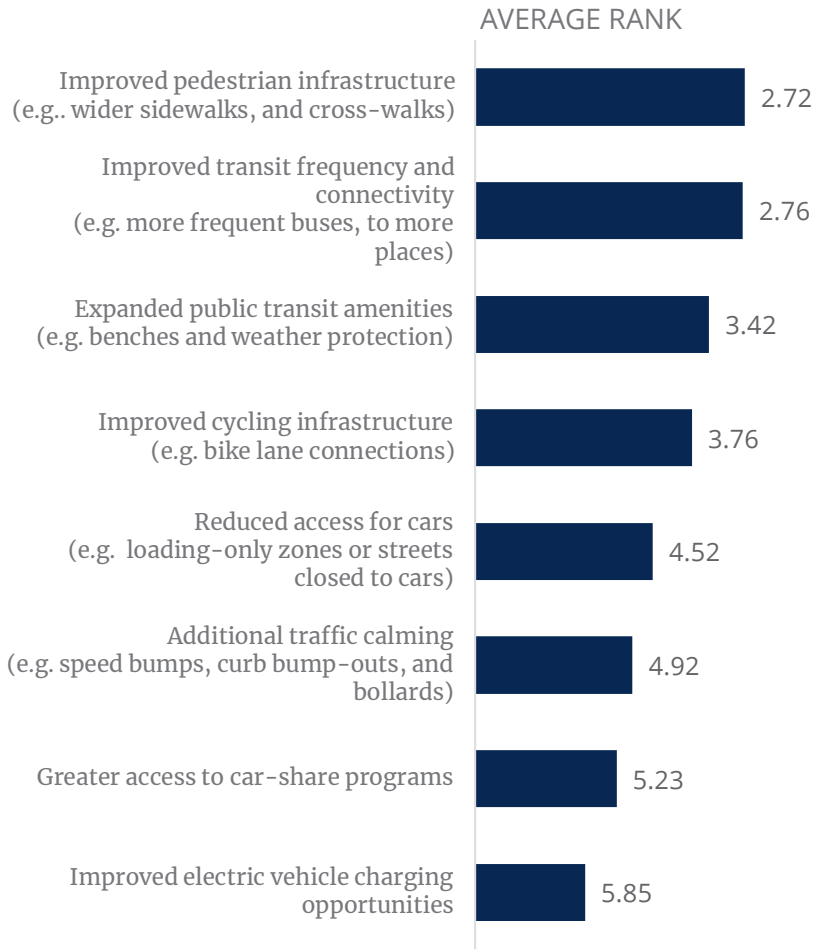
6. What types of **community spaces** would you like to see in the neighbourhood? (please rank your top choices)

Note: 1 = top ranked choice



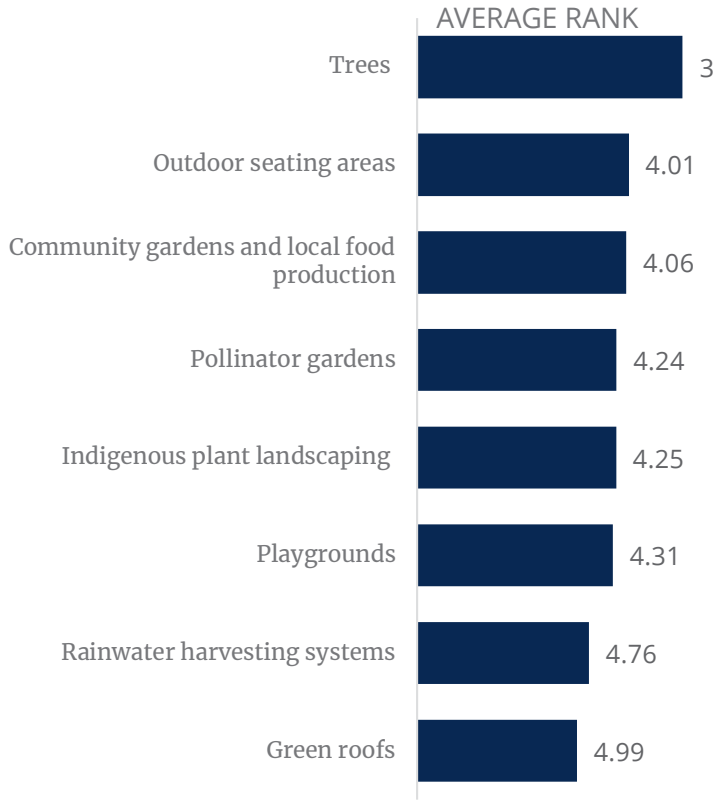
7. Which of the following **changes to mobility options** would you like to see in the neighbourhood? (please rank your top choices)

Note: 1 = top ranked choice

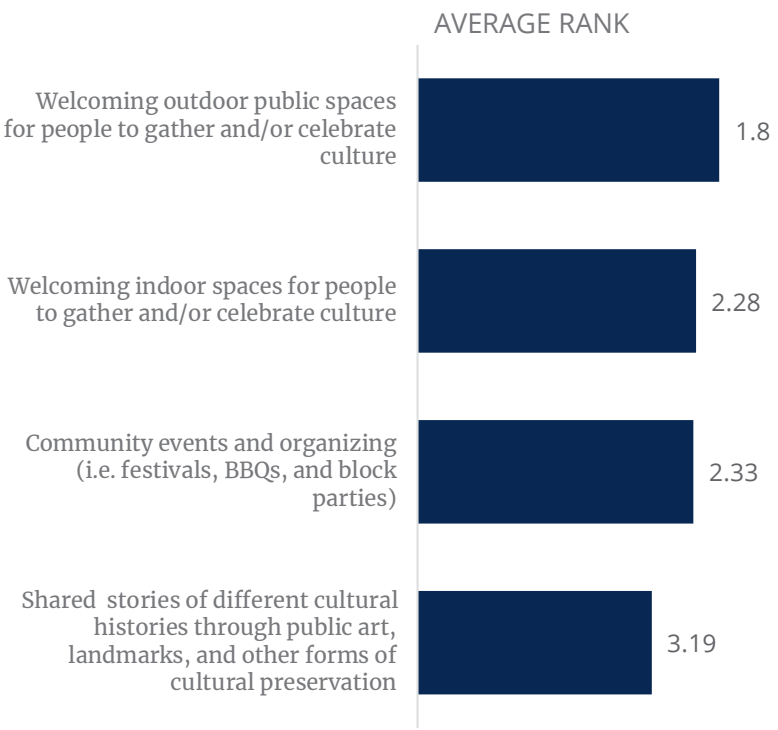


8. What types of **landscape design choices** would you like to see in the neighbourhood? (please rank your top choices)

Note: 1 = top ranked choice

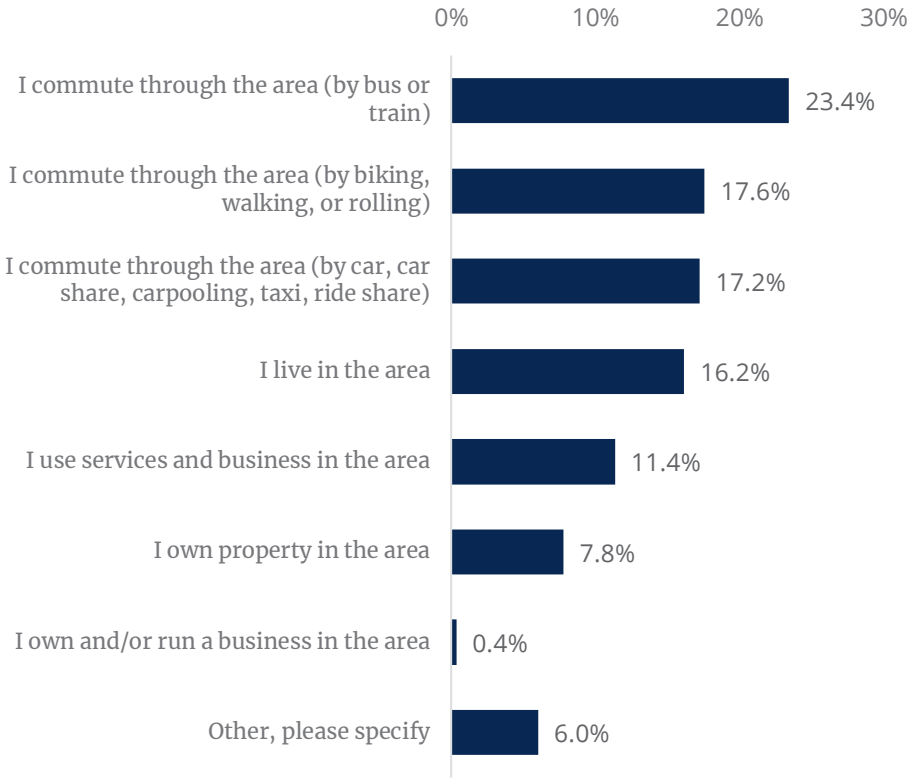


9. How might the sense of **community belonging** in the neighbourhood be enhanced? Please rank the following options. *Note: 1 = top ranked choice*



10. What is your interest or **connection to the neighbourhood** around 22nd Street Station?

(check all that apply)



Those who responded with "Other" included former residents, people who live nearby, people interested in living in the area, people who pursue recreational activities in the area and people who have friends and/or family in the area