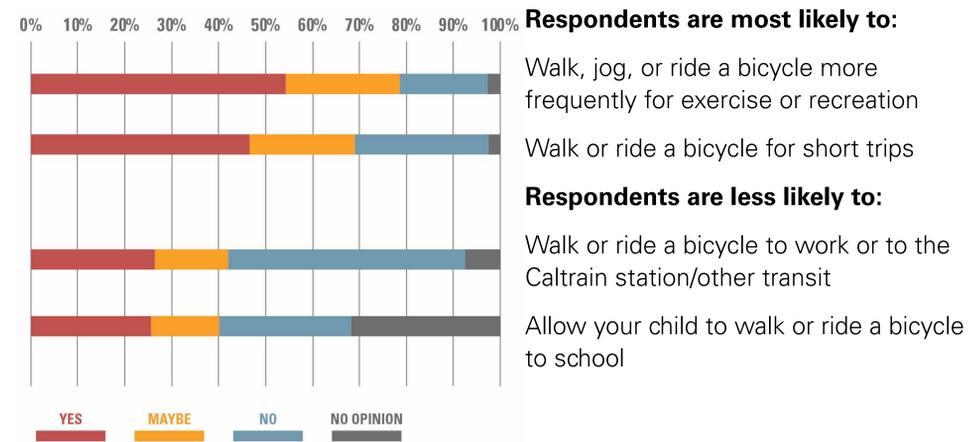


# RESULTS OF THE COMMUNITYWIDE SURVEY



## WALKING AND BIKING IN BELMONT

*“If improvements were made to make walking and biking more safe and convenient in Belmont, how likely is it that you would do the following?”*



**Respondents are most likely to:**

- Walk, jog, or ride a bicycle more frequently for exercise or recreation
- Walk or ride a bicycle for short trips

**Respondents are less likely to:**

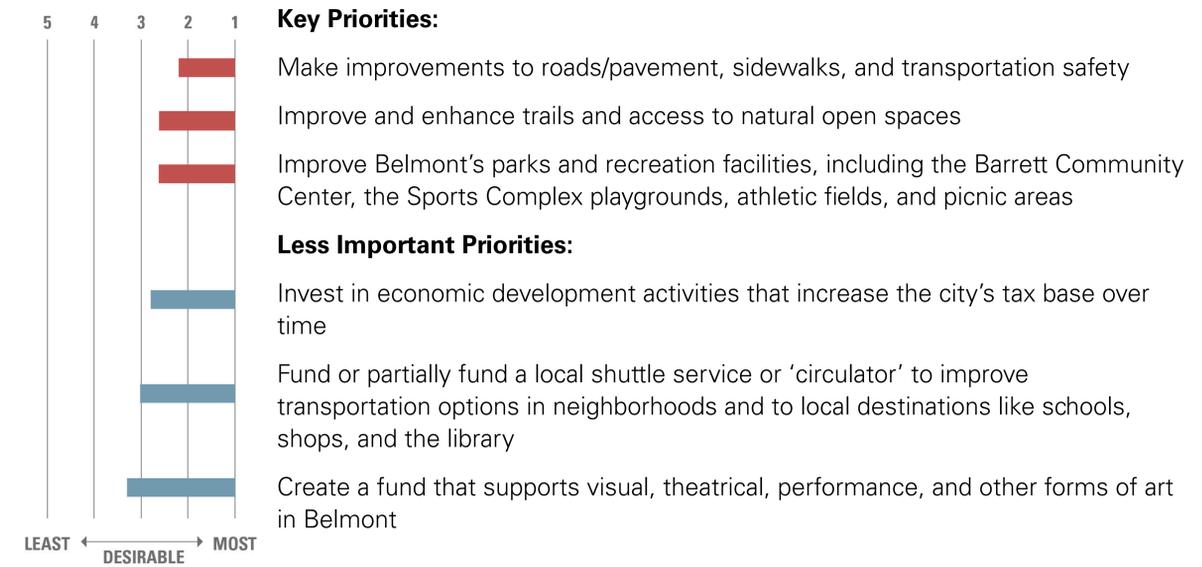
- Walk or ride a bicycle to work or to the Caltrain station/other transit
- Allow your child to walk or ride a bicycle to school

We weighted the survey results to make them proportional to the broader Belmont population, which changed the walking and biking results: support increased by about 5% for each scenario.

- Walk, jog, or ride a bicycle more frequently for exercise or recreation (82% very likely or somewhat likely)
- Walk or ride a bicycle for short trips (73% very likely or somewhat likely)
- Walk or ride a bicycle to work or to the Caltrain station/other transit (47% very likely or somewhat likely)
- Allow your child to walk or ride a bicycle to school (45% very likely or somewhat likely)

## FUNDING PRIORITIES FOR SERVICES AND AMENITIES

*“How should Belmont prioritize funding for services and amenities?”*



**Key Priorities:**

- Make improvements to roads/pavement, sidewalks, and transportation safety
- Improve and enhance trails and access to natural open spaces
- Improve Belmont’s parks and recreation facilities, including the Barrett Community Center, the Sports Complex playgrounds, athletic fields, and picnic areas

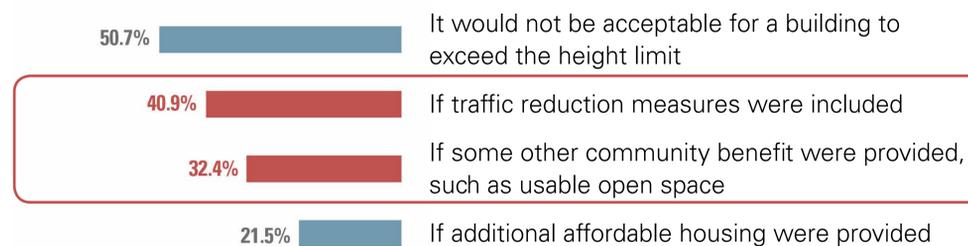
**Less Important Priorities:**

- Invest in economic development activities that increase the city’s tax base over time
- Fund or partially fund a local shuttle service or ‘circulator’ to improve transportation options in neighborhoods and to local destinations like schools, shops, and the library
- Create a fund that supports visual, theatrical, performance, and other forms of art in Belmont

## EXCEEDING THE PERMITTED HEIGHT LIMIT

*“Under what circumstances would it be acceptable for a building to exceed the permitted height limit?”*

Respondents split 50/50 on whether or not it would be acceptable for a building to exceed the height limit

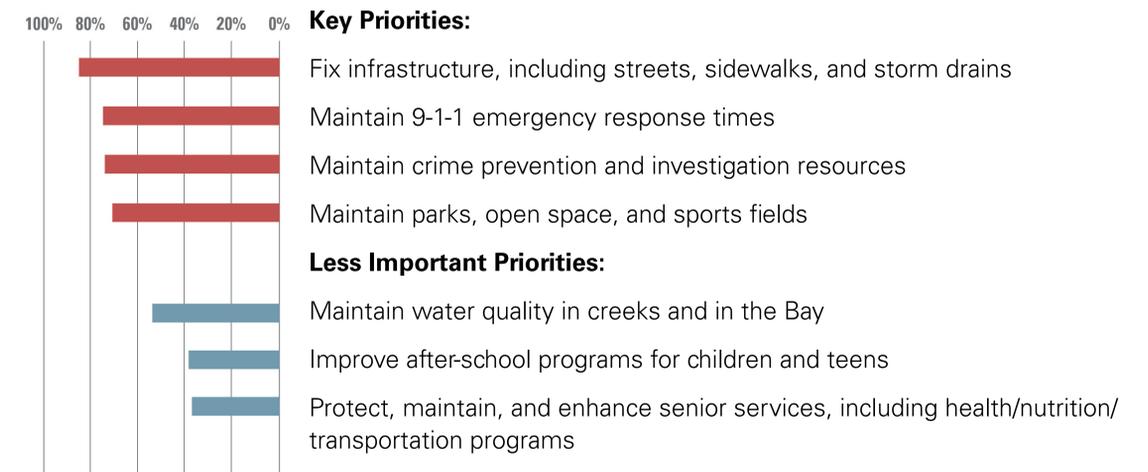


Respondents from households with more income show higher than average support across all circumstances for allowing a building to exceed the permitted height limit.

*Circumstances under which exceeding permitted height limit is supported*

## MOST IMPORTANT PRIORITIES FOR LOCAL SERVICES

*“What do you consider the most important priorities for local services?”*



**Key Priorities:**

- Fix infrastructure, including streets, sidewalks, and storm drains
- Maintain 9-1-1 emergency response times
- Maintain crime prevention and investigation resources
- Maintain parks, open space, and sports fields

**Less Important Priorities:**

- Maintain water quality in creeks and in the Bay
- Improve after-school programs for children and teens
- Protect, maintain, and enhance senior services, including health/nutrition/transportation programs

## SOME OPINIONS ABOUT BELMONT

*“Would like to keep Belmont’s beautiful green canyons and hills. Improving existing shopping areas with better shops, easier walkability, more family-friendly healthy eating etc. would be great. Keep/improve all trails and open space. No huge buildings.”*

*“I would love to buy housing in Belmont and start a family, but there is no option, therefore housing and public transportation are important areas of improvement.”*

*“Improvements to Belmont Village and Carlmont Village should be performed to attract higher quality shops and restaurants.”*

*“This city is particularly unsafe for walkers and bicycling, leading to more driving. The sidewalks and roads especially in “central” Belmont are in deplorable condition.”*

*“To build more housing would increase traffic that is bad now.”*

*“The biggest issue is the traffic congestion on Ralston Ave and along El Camino.”*

*“Sidewalks and bike shoulders. Our children can’t walk to school without being in the street.”*

*“Carlmont Village is okay but improvements are welcome.”*