

Marble Bike/Pedestrian Trail Survey Summary

Where do you live?

91 responses



91 total responses. I eliminate responses by non-owners outside of the Upper Crystal (there were 5).

Town of Marble = 53 responses

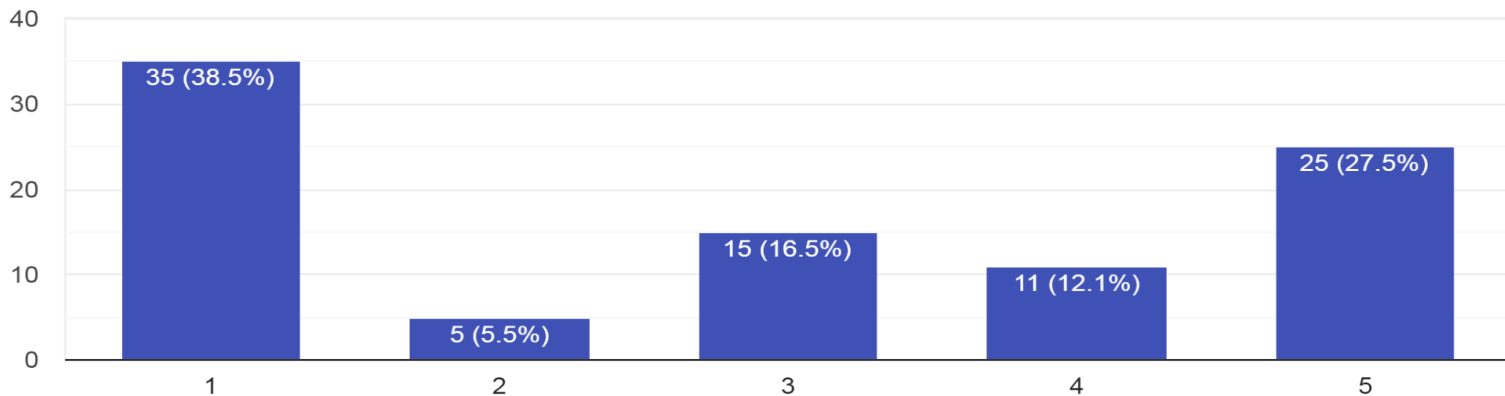
Upper Crystal (CntyRd 3) = 24 responses

Other (second homeowner, seasonal business owner, a person who works daily within Marble but lives down valley)= 14

Individual Trail Responses

Skills Trail in Park: This trail provide an opportunity for kids to build bike handling skills and confidence. These trails will include beginner featu...d areas,retaining the beauty of the existing trees.

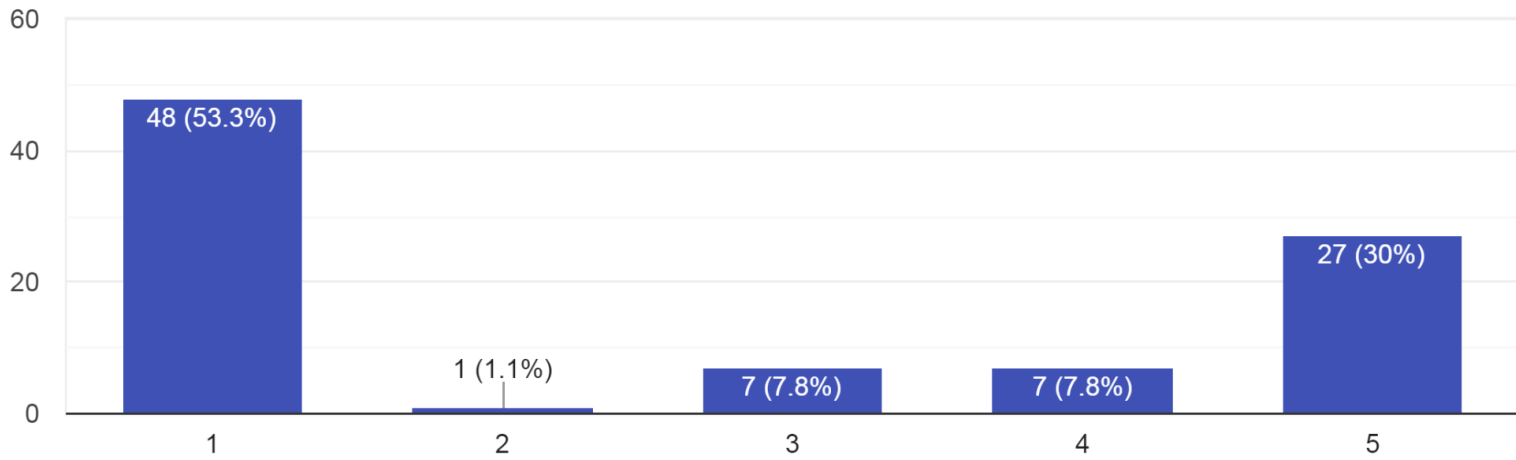
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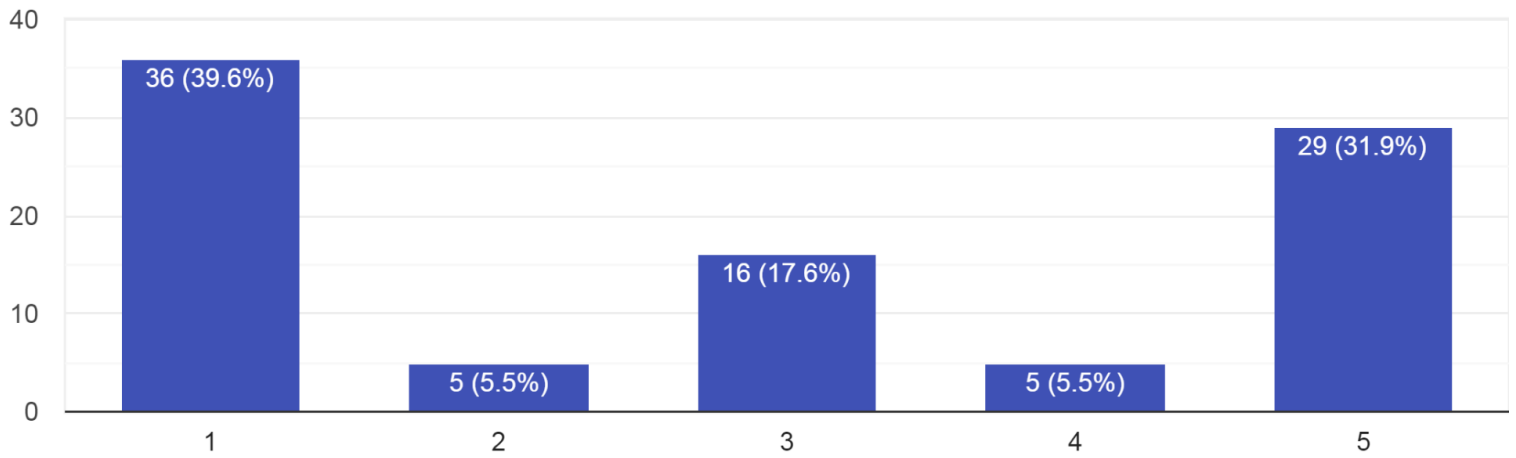
Main Connecting Trail: This trail would run East to West through town, starting at the Millsite Park, and ending at Beaver Lake. It would allow people to...to established roads, but try to avoid main roads.

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Trails on the Roadsides: This trail would run alongside current high traffic roads by creating a more established (but not paved) path beside the road a... walk or bike through town in a more safe manner.

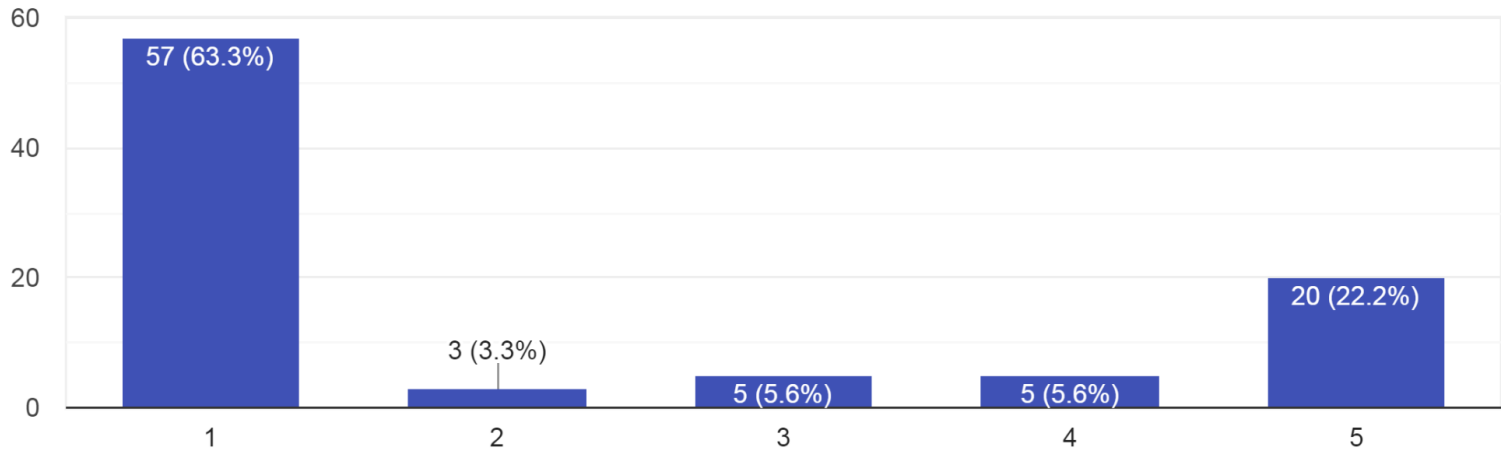
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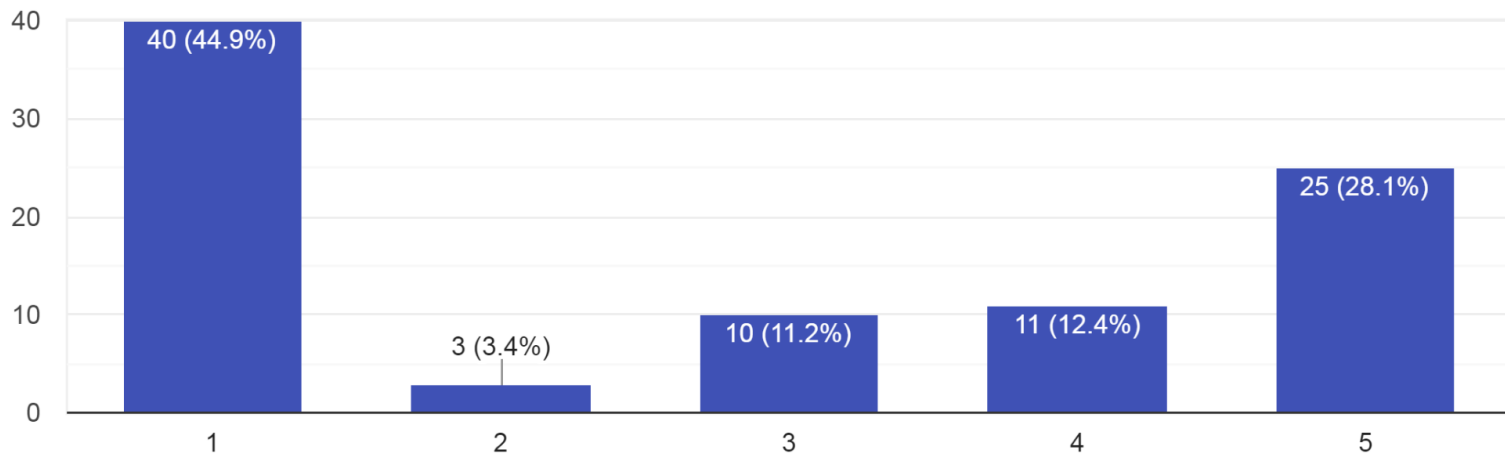
Public Alley Trails: This trail(s) would run through current unused town alleys and roads allowing for a system of getting through town away from traffic...uld be made to minimize trails through yards, etc.

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Serpentine to Town: This trail would be on the already established back route from Serpentine to the Charter School, alternatively (or in addition) ...ng forward would this be a concept worth pursuing?

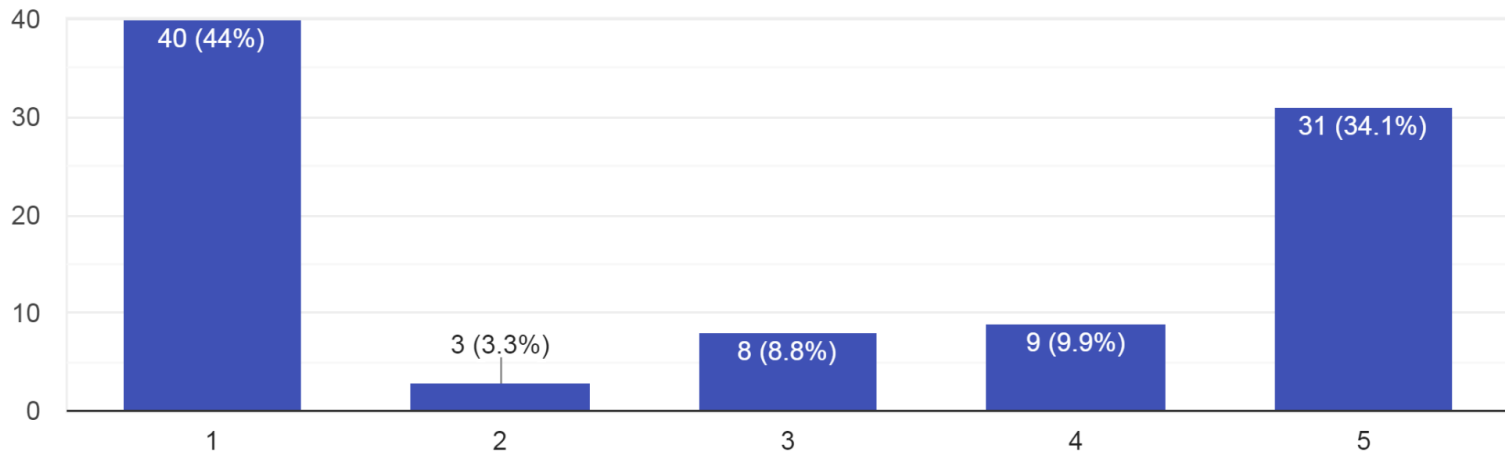
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Trail up Daniel's Hill: This trail would run up Daniel's Hill and provide a way to separate hikers and vehicles. Future Trail Potential: Although a l...nd our control, we could only encourage the idea.****

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Weighted Scores: 1= -1, 2= -.5, 3= 0, 4= .5, 5=1

I assigned each score a weighted score as shown above and tallied the totals:

- Skills Trail: -7
- Main Connecting Trail: -14
- Roadside Trail: -13
- Alley Trail: -36
- Serpentine Trail: -11
- Daniel's Hill Trail: - 6

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Seems like a waist of money as people can easily ride their bikes on the streets already and this brings unwanted attention and attraction to a place where everyone goes to be left alone in the wilderness.

NO TRAILS PERIOD AROUND/IN MARBLE AREA!!!

Bad idea completely! No trails in Marble wanted

I think this is an incredible opportunity for the kids in the town of Marble. It will provide a safe way to maneuver through town for adults, children and pets alike.

Keep it rustic, keep it off private and or the defunct alleyways in town and don't complicate our rural lifestyles by pushing the non existent need for a mountain bike trail system

This is proposed plan unnecessary!!

I moved to Marble for the peace and quiet which is disappearing quickly. Making Marble into a bike park is a bad idea for all. The streets are adequate for bike traffic as is. If this goes through the next big push will to be to connect Marble to the Crystal River Valley bike path, that nobody wants, and overrun Marble with bike traffic. Tell the Roaring Fork Mountain Bike Association to take a hike, like most of the locals do.

This proposal will creat even more tourism traffic. As a business owner not an issue. As a resident it creates more problems than it solves. Overall I'm against it.

I think Mountain biking and Marble are a great mix

We fully support these trails for the children in town to be able to use. We hope this happens!

This is a donated benefit that we need to take advantage of. Speaking as an avid mountain-biker, this will NOT attract anyone from the outside looking for a place to ride. The new trails built in Coal Basin barely get much traffic and those are awesome 'real' mountain bike trails, but there is just not enough of them for bikers to drive to make the visit unless you are already local. Examples of trail systems that do draw visitors include Prince Creek in Carbondale, the Snowmass trail system and park, then down toward Grand Junction and Fruita. Those mountain bikers that you see in our town either are local, are already here for some other reason, or they want to see the Crystal Mill. Lastly, it would be very nice not to have to swerve around pedestrians and walking down our streets, and to get our local kids off the streets(mainly RT 3) as they navigate and play around the town in the summer.

I hope creativity can solve these issues.

Marble needs structure and foundation like 22 years ago.

Send your kids to Snowmass for bike stuff or take them to Coal Basin or let them ride through town Like I did. Boulder kids learn to ride with traffic so ours can too.

Walking through town is amazing as is, we don't need to give tourists any more leisure. We don't need to have any of this. We can improve on what we have and make it more magical by adding art through the Millsite, signs to explain the ruins and history. No bikes need to be down there it is dangerous for people walking to run into bikers... Trust me I have almost been obliterated by out of town mountain bikers... GO TO SNOWMASS. Add more signs to explain and share what people are seeing because that is the biggest issue. People don't have direction. So if we add all these things to town how are we going to encourage people to see the ruins and experience nature in Marble? If we add all this traffic, the wildlife will be effected and trash will become a major issue, already is in the mill site and around town.

I am hoping this takes some years to finalize because all of this needs consideration.

We have access to some of the best high country back roads in CO and why can't they just bike up there, they do anyway. I have yet to see a ton of bikes in town... I am unsure as to why this is being proposed because we don't attract bikers on a regular basis we have some locals who bike but they are quite happy with how it is. By the time most of this is finished the kids whos parents who want this, their kids will be driving and want nothing to do with riding on flat ground. I was once a marble kid who didn't want to be in Marble when I turned a certain age and then I started driving the bike went bye bye. Granted My son will enjoy the extra work he will have building all of this stuff when he turns 13.

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The alleyways would not impact me personally, however i do not see the point of them if there are direct pedestrian/bike routes from end to end of town. I think it would greatly impact the people who's properties are along those alleys in a negative way. I also am concerned about the reality and safety of the breakaway bridges seeing as there is no guard rail. I don't think there needs to be 5! I think potentially one well constructed non motorized bridge would be great. The totality of the project looks like a theme park not designed for the people who choose to live here year round but are expected to maintain it. I'm also concerned about the amount of tourist traffic it will create and where these people will be parking??

Bikes can go on back paths just as they are. We already have a parking problem, why encourage more people to come and then make them feel unwelcome with parking restrictions. Just a path or sidewalk along the roads that currently exist would allow locals to push baby carriages, walk dogs, have bikes off the road, without being a draw for visitors. Mountain bikes are for mountains and unfinished dirt trails. They don't want to be in peoples back yards where their kids and dogs play. And the mill park is a resource of great beauty, please do not encourage overuse. The kids like to ride bikes and make jump offs just like it is. They want to make their own fun not have adults ruin the natural setting and privacy. With trails all through town our beautiful trees would come down. It is a horrible idea. A sidewalk or path along route 3 would be sufficient. The old roadbeds have moved and you would have many property owners whose land is next to the back paths arguing over boundaries. And there are many beautiful old trees along those lanes, they are wildlife corridors. Please don't develop those lanes.

I would like to see short trail in Marble for people to use alongside the road not a trail through the alleys so we preserve the wildlife, habit and beauty of town. A short trail will not encourage tourists to come visit us just for these trails.

One trail through town for safety, makes sense as do trails in the mill site park where there is already public access A web of trails through town that has been proposed would be detrimental to the town, our wildlife and nature that is already being encroached on, we already see an overwhelming amount of litter that the town does not seem to have the means or infrastructure to keep under control especially at Beaver Lake and along the banks of the Crystal - not to mention this would be devastating to our residents way of life, privacy and property values. Furthermore, before approving any trails through alley ways or side streets I would like to see research shown that this is safer, as I believe it will actually be more dangerous to our children crossing from alleys across the busy main streets. I would like the town to be shown precedence where this has been done successfully in other locations similar to ours before proceeding.

I am VERY strongly opposed from going through alley ways. These alley ways have never been used and would be cutting through peoples yards. There is absolutely no reason for this and to have 4 trails within 2 blocks of each other. KEEP these trails OUT of the middle of town and through peoples property. I would not be able to let my kids play in our backyard without having to worry about strange people that could possibly take them or the snooping around they would do around our house. This would cut right beside our bedroom window. DO NOT let this pass!!

I strongly disagree with using the alley ways and going through town. Keep it at the park

I walk a lot on the road in Marble and sometimes it is difficult in the summer with all the traffic. Trails for walkers would be a wonderful addition to marble. I also snowshoe in the winter on the groomed trails in the millsite park. Anything that keeps people outside and active is a plus for everyone.

It would be very helpful to have a safer option to walk or bike across town. I live and work in Marble and alternate routes would allow myself an opportunity to get more exercise year round and not experience conflicts with automobiles and other motorized traffic.

The environmental impact of trail building should be a huge consideration for us; trails that correspond with other existing roads, routes & places should be encouraged.. trails that require minimal environmental damage/additional impact for Wildlife.

We need to limit ALL vehicular traffic on Daniel's hill/Lead King Loop; creating an additional trail for hikers would be unnecessary damage/impact to the environment. Let's use the road/trail we have and work towards reducing vehicles.

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Hello! I have been unable to attend any of the City Council meetings on this topic, but as the father of four kids, I am in favor of this initiative. Currently, there are hardly any areas for kids to ride bikes, safely, in town. Our property @ 610 W. Main would directly border the "alley trail" as proposed. While it's not ideal, we understand that it has to go through someone's property, so it would be hypocritical for us to raise a stink about this, if our kids are going to be using the trail system. Looking forward to the project!

No trails in alleys. More public meetings, No construction 2022-2023. Construction time line should be up to Marble residents not RFMBA or Waltons. Mayor should not have input, conflict of interest.(Slow Groove BBQ)

Let's create a safe alternative route for non-motorized traffic in Marble.

I STRONGLY disagree with putting bike paths through the middle of Marble and through the middles of peoples property. The proposed bike paths would cut my property in half. One bike path would be within feet of my bedroom window and another bike path would be on the other side of my house. I do not see a need to have 5 bike paths within 2.5 city blocks. Me and my family love riding bikes. But out the bike paths somewhere that isn't going through peoples property.

Bike paths should not cut through peoples property. These alley ways haven't been used in 60 plus years. Put bike paths along a river or in the mountains where someone would actually want to ride bikes. When I ride my bike I wouldn't want to be riding within feet of peoples houses. This would destroy the town and residents so tourists could enjoy themselves.

An invitation to allow more people in the town, and trails running right besides peoples homes. No, just NO!

My concerns include:

- * The proposed plan has no public input and does not meet the needs of the children's safety, nor the needs of the residents and homeowners in the Town of Marble.

- * The proposed use of alleyways ignores the fact that people's backyards are their last and only refuge of privacy of their homes in Marble. The influx of tourists has already invaded our living situation in Marble dramatically, increasing noise, dogs running loose, dust, disrespect for personal properties (just last year, I found human feces on my property, with toilet paper, used female tampons, with a facial mask used to cleanse themselves, and my property is posted No Trespassing), children that do not have an awareness of respect for others private property and enter it without permission, lack of privacy in our yards, depositing of trash on private property,... the list goes on. So, it is an impossible request to ask residents to give up their only hope for peace, solitude and positive outdoor living experience, by asking them to forfeit their backyards to put public trails, after we have sacrificed so much already to commercial tourism in our community.

- * Alleyways are traditionally for residents to access the backs of their properties and they are still utilized for that today, regardless of whether or not they are gravelled. Some people have their homes facing the alleys, others have received variances to utilize the alleys to put in utilities and the church was granted use to build the breezeway to connect their buildings.

- * Maintenance will be a yearly task. On the main roads, snow plowing is extremely aggressive, because it has to be. Do you believe there will be much left of a bike path after a winter of snow plowing in Marble.

- * I have a hard time believing these created paths will be created and utilized by mainly locals. It won't take 5 minutes after a plan such as proposed to be passed, before someone requests a business permit to rent bikes and hand out maps for the path and advertise it to the world. The same goes for winter activities and wintertime is the ONLY season the permanent residents can enjoy the peace and serenity of living in Marble, without tourist invading our home life. Do we need to make ALL of Marble into a tourist attraction? Do not the rights of homeowners and residents mean ANYTHING, anymore. Is commercializing Marble ALL that matters?

- *Wildlife needs to be considered for Marble is their home first and foremost. Deer birth their babies in these secluded areas, where the paths are proposed, Mountain lions sun themselves in these areas. Moose travel these alleyways. The wildlife use these areas to get away from the influx of tourists, to bed down, raise their children and to access the river for food and water. They deserve to be considered in any bike path design. We have a responsibility to maintain a healthy habitat for them, as well.

- * In regard to a path from the school up to Serpentine Trail, there are many challenges. First, do we really want to direct children toward an area that would be enticing for them to explore, such as the private property bordering Slate Creek to the

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East, that has acres of sheds, marble blocks tools and vehicles on it? Second, West Main is bordered by ancient trees, many of which would have to be destroyed to widen the road for a bike path. As well this road has several deep, aleuvial fan ditches that would need to be filled. West Main, in places is not in the platted roadway, so surveying and placing the road in it's proper place would need to be done, before building a bike path. These are just a few challenges on this road.

* I am not against a bike and walking path for children and adults. My thought is to utilize the park, take a path from the school to the park and avoid all these other challenges and liabilities. The park can be made safe, by mitigating the dangerous Millsite ruins, and protecting the historical value. The park is designated for the use by the community and has over 25 acres to be developed to fulfill all recrestional needs of our greater communities. I believe efforts should be directed and monies would be better spent, with less maintenance, toward developing awesome recreational activites in our park. We could have the best placevto recreate, walk, bike and have family and community gatherings, if we realized the full potential of our town park.

I really think we need to consider how we're going to handle our current less than ideal. parking situation and lack of regulation control before we look at adding more tourist draws. This little town can't handle what we have now.

I am 100% opposed to this bike path. This will negatively impact my property value and rob me of privacy. I have personally sought legal council and will continue to do so.

There's already a trail from Serpentine to Beaver Lake with a bridge, it's called Main Street. I'm 100% opposed to any new bike paths or trails as there is a road around every block. There are many designated trails currently surrounding Marble to hike and get away from traffic.

Concerns: Parking, unwanted ATV/dirt bike/e-bike use of trails, dogs, noise, safety of cyclists crossing roads in unexpected places, further deterioration of how marble is different, what this will do to local friendships and relationships, litter/human waste, more RFV tourism, maintenance/liability, increase in fences by unhappy property owners. I could see compromising for one trail along paved road but I ride my bike around town with no problem.

I am mostly concerned that some people will use these trails for ATV or motorbikes. How do you stop those people from getting on the trails? We have no enforcement.

I'm not in favor of trails that encroach on yards and residential space.

Just because someone wants to throw money at a project, doesn't mean it's a good idea. Can see a lot of daily wildlife disruption with this project as it is built and as it will draw in more tourism, (something we barely just got a handle on and probably aren't ready to adjust for again). If a bike park is something that the rest of the town wants, we should place it closer to the school or maybe down by the airstrip. The Mill Site Park has been domesticated enough.

I feel we don't need this in our town. Who is going to pay to maintain? What about all the extra trash on the trails? What about the issues we already have with tourist? This will only bring in more people. People hear mountain biking trails in marble and they will flock to the area. I mean look at it now in summers. We live here in this quiet town for a reason. Let's keep it like that. Your going to have a whole town of pissed off people if this is approved.

Thank you for taking the time to put this together! All of the trails above sound great!

A coordinated system of pedestrian/bicycle trails is vital to the health and safety of the residents of the town of marble

I fully support any bike/walking trails in and around the Town of Marble. I feel strongly that this will enhance the quality of life for those of us that live here. It is a great opportunity to connect our community!

Leave us alone. Why would we bring more people into town where we already don't have parking, housing, and struggle with tourists.

Longtime locals don't need or want any of this. We already have too many tourists for this small town.

I'm happy to see human powered activities as a focus but believe this will make motorists drive faster and bring more tourism when we already don't have parking.

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First, I understand change is inevitable, however, not all change is good. The fact a bike trail would be running through my backyard where during the summer we spend most of our time to avoid the summer traffic at the front of our house is incredibly disheartening. Finding a home in the mountains to get away from the over crowding of what Colorado has become was a dream for us. Preserving some of the natural beauty of this state should be something we start to really get back to. Not just for our own sanity, but for the wildlife and the earth itself. The more we overbuild the more we lose of what Colorado use to be. There should be no shame in keeping some things sacred.

If there's an issue with getting around town on foot or bike because vehicles are driving too fast the vehicles driving too fast should be addressed. We shouldn't be giving the vehicles more incentive to drive fast by moving the foot and bike traffic into nature disturbing the wildlife and habitat.

Improvements to trails and roads increase traffic. This is a fact. Our biggest challenge in Marble seems to be how we can handle the already excessive traffic in our area. Why would we spend time and allocate effort into generating more traffic when we cannot even sort out current over crowding issues? Stop! Unless it is an issue of safety, leave this alone.

One path through town on a platted roads (not alleys), and a trail up Daniels Hill would seem sufficient to address safety issues related to pedestrians on roads with heavy vehicular traffic. I would support this and hope the improvements would be as low impact and as natural in appearance as possible (i.e no metal signs, no pavement...). There is no need to create a larger bike trail system through our alleys. Alleys are not meant to be public thoroughfares. They are for access to adjacent properties and utility easements. Who is in favor of attracting more people to town and inviting them to travel right by our home windows? Obviously someone who does not live in town came up with this idea! A Serpentine to town trail is admittedly established. We do not need to improve it and invite more users to it. Instead spend the time sorting out our over crowding issues!

There are a good number of people in this town who appreciate Marble's natural setting, and would much rather see a rough natural path through the Mill Site Park (or anywhere!) than a manicured, widened walkway/bike path. Why do we find the need to "improve" nature? What is so wrong with taking a minimalist approach? We should walk our talk when we say, "leave no trace." A skills park sounds like a fun idea on the surface, but in the Historic Mill Site Park? Really? I am super opposed to this. Let Carbondale do this, and let Marble celebrate its raw nature. If someone wants to hone their biking skills on a path of slain trees that are treated with poison as opposed to single track, tree rooted path, then let them find this elsewhere. The existing path is great! It says so much about Marble. It is in the center of our community, but when on it, you feel miles away from anywhere, immersed in nature. Many of us moved to Marble because of this feeling, We didn't move here to change it.

Marble is at a critical juncture; we can either try to save and celebrate our raw, relatively untouched natural setting, or we can become like most every other town and add all sorts of diversions that steal the focus from our natural setting. Once in place, there is no turning back, so really think about what you change. We live in such a rare and beautiful place. Keeping Marble as natural as possible feels like a responsibility. When making any such decision, I would like to see us ask: does this proposal protect the wild nature of Marble; and does it show a commitment to the environment and sustainability? If not, forget it!

NO bike paths are necessary.

No new construction is necessary.

People, including kids, can walk or ride down current side roads if they choose.

Why is this proposal, which is vague and incomplete, even being considered?

Who is this really for?

Why isn't this survey on the Town of Marble website? If someone is not on social media how would they know to fill it out?

Why is the survey skewed to being in favor of the proposal versus a survey that asks what the community actually wants?

Will the survey results (including comments) be made available to the public?

Why is there a rush?

Who does the Marble Town Council represent?

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I simply don't see the need for this trail, and especially one that goes through alleyways behind or in front of or actually on private property—that would be invasive to the privacy of residents. And I believe these trails would be used more for visitors, not kids, and the resulting invasion of even more people in our town. We still haven't solved the issues of ATVs, why on earth are we starting another tourist attraction??? Marble is a town of around 100 citizens, we simply do not need separate bike/hike trails through town. If traffic and speeding are the issues, why not deal with those??? And this project was begun by folks who do not even live in Marble...who are they to decide what the town needs????

I don't have a home in town but spend half my time there—please stop this project before it begins. Or keep it to one bike lane next to county road 3 connecting the 2 parks if you find it necessary. Thanks.

These views are shared by [her partner] as well.

Leave it. Enough is enough.

Bike trails for the kids are needed to keep bikers and walkers away from tourist cars and side by sides. Start with the mill site park and one trail connecting the school to the parks.

The bike trail is unnecessary.

I would love to see any trails that help separate pedestrians from motorized vehicle traffic and also to see opportunities for youth to participate in learning new skills in our community without having to go to Carbondale. I don't have a strong preference for in town trail location(s) but think one route or a loop would be ideal to offset local trips in a safe manner.

Something specifically for kids would be the most beneficial thing for our town, especially with regards to bike skills.

Why are they making this a priority when we have so many other things to worry about.

There already is a bike trail in Redstone . The town of Marble is unable to accommodate the current number of visitors and I reject your premise that this trail will not create a draw and increase the level off visitation to Marble (If you build it they will come)

I can not support any of your ideas. This town would be negatively affected by your proposal by bringing "in" more recreationalist. Just like any developer, you try and sugar coat it with "the kids need this, or the locals will like this". I won't buy what your selling.

The trails/paths through town? By looking at your proposed trail map you have a path on every street. Not needed, our streets are quite enough. Marble does not need your funding or your trails. Enough is enough, just please stop the building of everything.

These trails seem unnecessary and invasive on local property owners. A pump track will only increase traffic to town where there is already too much in the summer. If worried about pedestrian safety why not ban unlicensed vehicles in town and get more local law enforcement for current roads.

Seem like half baked ideas asked in a manner that creates confused answers with some questions proposing multiple ideas and future pipe dreams tacked on for good measure. I like the idea of a walking trail away from cars and four wheelers but don't see a clear practical plan presented anywhere

As a local business owner who uses Daniel's Hill and the back route on Serpentine Trail past the school to access trails approved by USFS for equine use, I strongly disagree with any bike trails in town. It would have a severe negative impact on my business and the safety of our horses, employees and clients. In addition, increased use via these proposed extended trail routes could negatively affect the wildlife especially during calving and hunting seasons. I am not fully opposed to a skills trail at Mill Site Park but feel that this needs to come with additional studies related to infrastructure such as bathrooms and parking.

I think this is a tremendous opportunity for our town and it would be a shame if we could not figure out how to take advantage of it

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I really appreciate all of your work to make a safer bike and pedestrian route for our community.

As we further develop Marble's amenities, we need to budget for maintenance and enforcement of rules. A continuing challenge for our area is that without enforcement, we have a free for all approach combined with overuse, that is really damaging to the environment and quality of life. This plan has some great components, but what is to keep motorized use off of these trails?

Bike paths would be fantastic. Efforts should be made to not impact property owners negatively but to enhance their value and create safe routes. In addition to Daniel's hill or as an alternative bike paths could be created on old ski hill rights of way above the lake.

Some of the alley trails have problematic prescriptive easement and possible loss of rights of way. Negotiations need to occur with property owners for possible best routes. Daniel's Hill road should be closed to vehicular traffic if it's to be used for bikes and hiking, otherwise limitations due to geography, geology, hazards and wildlife make this an impossibility. Conservation easements could be placed on Town of Crystal properties within National Forest Service Lands to connect the trail system. We could use help to achieve this.

I love this and any improvement of safety. During the summer I walk daily along Park from the church to my property affront the gallery. It's hit and miss whether I see ppl speeding.

I would, however, rather see a real solution the trailer parking issue. I know it's a battle. I also know it's only going to get worse.

The [local business] does our best to help communicate. We will pass on whatever the town decides regarding parking.

Did you know we get an average of 20 to 50 calls a day asking for town of Marble general information?