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# Survey Results: Transportation Needs and Priorities

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631

**Total Participants**

503 of 850 initially invited (59%)  
128 others  
Margin of error: ± 4%

Applied Filter:  
**Locals only**

Participants for filter:  
**440**

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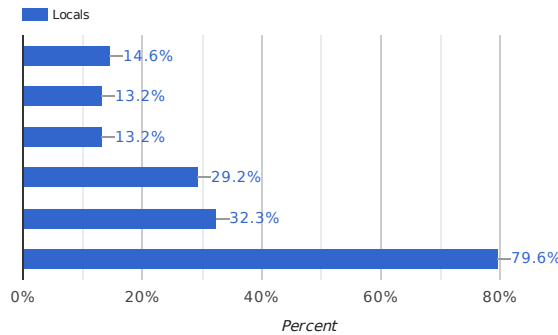
Started:  
**Jun 18, 2019 9:07am**

Ended:  
**Jun 20, 2019 9:08am**

Target Participants:  
**All Stillwater**

**Q1** In the last 12 months, which of the following have you done, if any? (Choose all that apply)  
(431 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (431)
I have biked to work	14.6% (63)
I have walked/run to work	13.2% (57)
I have biked around town for errands	13.2% (57)
I have walked/run around town for errands	29.2% (126)
I have biked just for recreation	32.3% (139)
I have walked/run just for recreation	79.6% (343)



**Q2** What are the main reasons you don't *walk/run* more often to go to work or do errands? (You can choose up to THREE)  
(435 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (435)
Distance is far	52.9% (230)
Terrain is hilly	6.2% (27)
Takes too long	31.7% (138)
Bad weather (too hot, too cold, rain, snow, etc)	47.4% (206)
Don't feel safe walking/running	20.0% (87)

**Options**

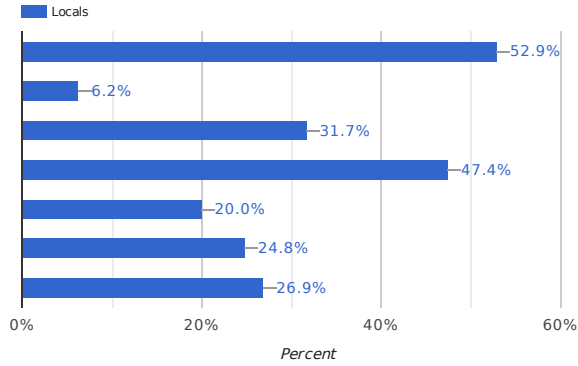
**Locals (435)**

Need to travel with other people or stuff

24.8% (108)

Other:

26.9% (117)



live home etc safe far poor bad run lack car road  
 lot  
 path **sidewalk** bike  
 need route want  
 lanes retired day aren distance walk work

Lack of bike lanes and sidewalks.

There are no walkable paths between my home (in the Country Club division) and my workplace (OSU).

I do not enjoy biking.

Unpleasant walking space (lack of trees, broken sidewalks, near big roads, no dedicated path)

Retired

Sidewalks in my area are not continuous. Unimproved lots cause walkers and runners to step into str

too old, too fat, bad knees, have a lot of trouble walking

Not enough available/safe sidewalks. If there are any sidewalks, they only span a short distance.

bikeways and sidewalks are intermittent.. For example it is not safe to bike to Lowes , etc..

Getting sweaty

There aren't always sidewalks, shade, stop lights...

Medical issues

I'm retired. We walk daily for recreation.

Sidewalks don't conveniently exist where I need to go

Don't want to walk

Health issues keep me from walking too far, more than three blocks, at a time

Don't work

I wear nice clothes to work that aren't comfortable to walk distances in.

bad hip

There may not be sidewalks

sidewalks don't exist or sidewalk conditions are poor

Bad sidewalks

mildly disabled

Difficult/unsafe to cross at major intersections (Boomer & Husband etc). Sidewalks disappear.

Do not want to be sweaty and smelly when I get to work or run errands

Lack of sidewalks

They're not sidewalks all the way there and the roads are very busy.

I would be sweaty upon arrival.

sidewalks are rough or absent

Health issues

I have a nice truck.

No sidewalks

Stillwater is spread out in a way that makes running errands on bicycle or by foot difficult.

Need to dress up, which isn't as conducive for walking/running

Walking or running to work is outside my range at this time. I bicycle to work every day.

Arrive to work sweaty

injury

Sometimes there aren't sidewalks or crosswalks.

I don't work

No place to lock up bike

HAVE LIMITED VISABILITY AND RELY ON OTHERS. POOR SIDEWALKS.

There are no sidewalks to get out of our neighborhood

No sidewalks outside of my neighborhood on Sangre.

Need to plan in advance but would like it to be as easy as hopping in a car

I am disabled and that stops a lot of walking and running also biking.

Don't bike

People don't pay attention to road signs that have been in place forever it is unsafe

No connecting sidewalks.

disabled

There aren't consistent walkways in Stillwater. I'd end up in the street half the time.

Cars wander into bike lanes

I use my bike.

Difficult to carry things on bike

Can't walk that distance.

Sweaty and smell bad around the public places

Lack of sidewalks/low traffic for safety

Lack of sidewalks

not in shape

Not enough sidewalks or bike lanes on Range road and on 6th (HW51)

Too many places have NO sidewalks

The paths and sidewalks do not connect. I have to get off my bike, walk through busy traffic/grass

Safety. Drivers do not pay attention to cross walks or bike lanes & are rude cursing at my kids

Not enough sidewalks.

Not ideal to take kids along

I work from my home.

Side walks and Paths don't connect. Not feel safe to run/walk on the road.

Back and leg mobility problems.

Goes w/ safety - many routes don't have adequate, or simply not complete/connected, designated area

CRAPPY ROADS & SIDEWALKS

The roads are not bike or pedestrian friendly and the few bike paths are too narrow and poorly mai

Physically challenged. Walk with cane.

bad sidewalks, overhanging limbs/trees, over grown yards

Poor sidewalks and lack of crosswalks in areas in town.

I am retired - but I walk as much as I can, no distance too far, or hilly, I feel safe!

No sidewalks on part of route

No sidewalks

Drivers of cars don't watch out

Sidewalks/roads are in poor repair.

No sidewalks or bike paths and I don't like riding/walking in the street hoping that car drivers see

I just don't have a lot of downtime anymore.

Meetings during work hours

No sidewalks

No sidewalks

in a wheelchair and sidewalks are awful on main street

Leg injury.

Not adequate pathways.

No sidewalk

I bike almost exclusively

Rather bike for errands

Don't work in Stillwater

Don't run - have a car.

No shops near where I live.

Medical

I'm retired

Retired

Bad back

Work from home.

Have to wear dressy clothes that aren't made for biking or sweating

Physical lions

get all sweaty before work

Knees and hips

retired / don't work

at crosswalks frequently cars muscle up on you while you are crossing or cutting in front of you

Lack of sidewalks! We live off of Country Club Rd. and can't walk a short distance to Walmart.

lack of sidewalks.

unavailability of continuous sidewalk to work

Don't want to be smelly at work. How would you care bags home?

bad health

I don't want to.

Sidewalks in bad shape

Sidewalks are in poor condition or oddly swap sides of the street frequently.

Sidewalks are bad

Use car regularly to get to appointments thru out the day

I have automobile transportation and distance to shopping is more than I would walk/run.

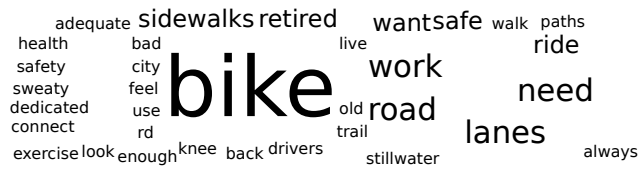
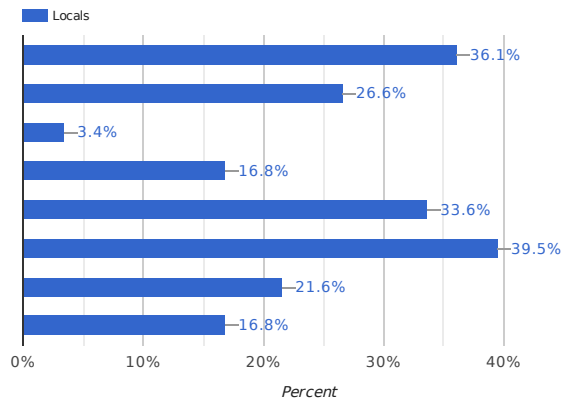
**Q3** What are the main reasons you don't *ride your bike* more often to go to work or do errands? (You can choose up to THREE)

(440 responses by locals)

**Options**

**Locals (440)**

Options	Locals (440)
Don't have a bike	36.1% (159)
Distance is far	26.6% (117)
Terrain is hilly	3.4% (15)
Takes too long	16.8% (74)
Bad weather (too hot, too cold, rain, snow, etc)	33.6% (148)
Don't feel safe biking on the roads	39.5% (174)
Need to travel with other people or stuff	21.6% (95)
Other:	16.8% (74)



Again with the lack of sidewalks and I'm not comfortable biking on the road

Traffic

I ride my bike to work everyday for exercise, the roads of Stillwater are NOT bicycle safe.

No dedicated bike infrastructure, which affects both safety and aesthetics/ambience

I have a nice truck.

Knee issues eliminate biking.

I do not enjoy biking.

Don't have a bike

too many knee problems. Dr had told me to use elliptical and not use a bike or stationary bike.

Don't want to be sweaty when I get to work.

Health

not enough bike trails. Motorist treat cyclist like obstacles instead of sharing the road

Health issues

Need more sidewalks/ Bike lanes

I don't work

prefer walking or taking the bus

Bike gets stolen or vandalized

My health does not allow.

mildly disabled, retired

I don't care to bike.

I don't ride my bike anymore. It's easier just to walk for exercise.

i am disabled

Getting sweaty

CRAPPY ROADS & SIDEWALKS

Don't always have the time

Need to dress up. It is challenging to look professional after biking (e.g., helmet hair)

Don't want to ride a bike

Have to transport things for work

Paths end and require me to walk bike into road, or on people's lawns. Motorists don't look for me

bad health

Don't want to be smelly at work

Not adequate bike lanes or they are too narrow.

bike paths don't connect to each other or take you down town

dangerous roadways. Too many students and drunks weaving across the roads. Many enjoy honking too.

Really need dedicated bike lanes on 51 and Range Rd

have to get bike out of back yard

I like to bike to work, but I've been lazy in the last year.

no bike trails along Sanger Rd

I don't feel safe crossing major state highways.

We need to connect the riding trails around town

Do not want to be sweaty or smelly when I arrive at work or do errands

I almost always ride

Not able to carry large quantities of purchases

I dont bike

I'm retired

Safety, safety, safety!

Bad back

not enough bike lanes. aggressive drivers. existing bike lanes don't connect, no destinations

More awareness needs to be made about those who live with disabilities & need to find other sources

My bike is kind of a piece, plus I don't look good in biking gear.

Poor balance due to spinal fusion

Office dress and appearance aren't conducive to bike ride.

No adequate bike lanes! Our so-called bike lanes are gutters with hard edges and debris.

Too old

I would be sweaty upon arrival.

This town is not safe for riding on the road. Distracted drivers, no bike lanes, etc.

Don't have the luxury to lollygag to work, time is money

Don't feel bike is safe when locked outside

No back roads available

Lack of sidewalks

Too out of shape

Not adequate pathways

I work from home and I'm a novice bike rider.

Leg injury

Sidewalks or bike paths aren't all connected, so I always have to get out on the road

City is not bike friendly, roads do not have shoulders or bike lanes to make biking feasible.

Streets are too bad.

Medical

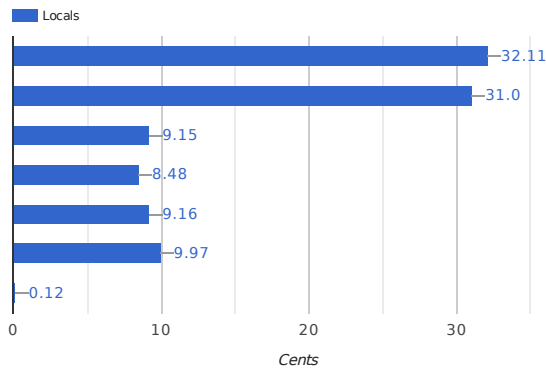
Also I commute 50 miles for work now.

Bikes on the road are a hazard and an impediment to traffic. I'm not going to be "that" guy

**Q4** How would you spend a dollar across the following priorities? (Please allocate 100 cents below)

(421 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (421)
Repair street potholes and cracks	32.1%
Repave existing streets that are worn rough	31.0%
Add new car lanes to reduce traffic	9.15%
Add bike lanes	8.48%
Add or widen sidewalks	9.16%
Add stormwater drainage	9.97%
None of the above	0.119%



**Q5** Any other comments or suggestions about transportation needs and priorities?

(222 responses by locals)

street fix ad traffic lane need  
sidewalk road bike city  
town go use time repair car walk also 6th

widen Sangre Rd

Streets are in great need both in replace and repair I would walk more if sidewalks were replaced and widened

Lack of transparency is an ongoing issue. Why have we not been told a proposed National Guard relocation is driving widening of Airport Road? Councilors continue to push their own agenda as though all they heard at the Town Hall was "bicycles good, cars bad." Would councilors consider a downtown Pavement Improvement District? I suspect most merchants would support one if there were prohibitions against spending on rotaries and statues. Spend on needs, not wants. Do not further burden the poor and disadvantaged by raising the sales tax, which hits necessities like food and clothing.

When I think about traveling on roads shared with bicycles/mopeds and cars/trucks I think it's generally unsafe in a town as spread out as Stillwater. I would love to see more walking/bicycle paths and events but I just generally don't trust drivers to be aware enough to avoid an accident. We have to spend some money maintaining our streets better. Bad weather and they seem to crumble. In general the roads in Stillwater are nothing to be proud of. I always hate that knowing how many visitors we get in town regularly thanks to OSU. Can't leave a great impression.

Keep after the state to repave, and widen Perkins Road

Bicycle advocates are noisy, but bike riders are a small minority. Bicycles and cars sharing streets is unsafe for the bicyclists and annoying for the car drivers. More bike lanes won't solve that.

Biking on the west of stillwater is hard because highway 51 has NO shoulder in places! Needs to be much safer for athletes. Range road south of 6th needs a shoulder or sidewalk. North of McElroy on Duck the sidewalk is TERRIBLE.

1) Repair existing roads/streets 2) Turn lanes on Perkins Road

Put more priority to the traffic light coming out of Bridgeport Apartments across Hwy 51 from Walmart.

Bike lanes are great but not at the expense of primary transportation. Please fix the bad roads first.

Bicycles need to stay in the bike lane and not ride 3 and 4 wide taking up car lanes.

I think trying to push investment in biking is a huge waste. Biking is not a practical form of transportation for the overwhelming majority of the permanent residents. Please stop wasting time, effort and money on it and fix our unsafe roads that everyone is able to use.

Too much overhead in Stillwater. Need far Less administration and staff. Allocate those funds to roads and sidewalks.

1. Auto drivers need to be more aware of bicyclists and the rules of the road concerning bicycle safety. 2. Many auto drivers run yellow or red lights. This seems unsafe for everyone.

Stop building expensive 8 or 10 foot wide sidewalks that are not utilized, I drive Western often and maybe once in a while see a person using that sidewalk. About a week ago I saw a bicyclist on Western north of McElroy riding in the roadway, not even on the bicycle super-highway! Before we 4 lane Airport Industrial, can we fix 8th street between Western and Devon? That street is presently torn up so bad it is basically one lane, one vehicle must pull off in a yard to allow the other to pass or risk vehicle damage hitting the washed out potholes. I would point out that Will Rogers Airport only has a 4 lane road going to it, I do not ever foresee the Stillwater airport having as much traffic as WRWA. I walk occasionally for exercise, I have no intention of ever walking or riding a bicycle to work or dinner or anywhere else.

It doesn't take a rocket scientist to use common sense, just look around and it slaps you in the face what is needed. Better roads and sidewalks.

We need a public transportation option for weekends and late nights. We need more sidewalks and lighting.

I use my car a lot more since I moved to Stillwater. I used to bike, walk, and ride the bus everywhere. We can be a commute-friendly community, but it takes resources!

Our transportation dollars need to be dedicated to street quality not recreation. The percentage of citizens walking and bicycling as a mode of transportation is so low, spending dollars on those few diverts dollars from the more urgent transportation needs.

Is construction around OSU to blame for some of the street conditions South of campus between university and 6th? Is there not a requirement for them to repair?

Bikes should not be on arterial but rather on parallel streets when ever feasible.

The future is now

The street surfaces are current dangerous to ride on bicycle and the sidewalk system is in disrepair and disconnected

I would take away bike lanes in lieu of providing for better traffic flow. Stillwater will never be a walkable/bikeable community because of the weather and because nobody picks up the trash on the sidewalks or in the street. Quit wasting time talking about walking and biking

I would like to ride/bike more and when the weather is nice, I would except for the fact that there's a lack of proper sidewalks and bike lanes.

I'm 70 and just becoming a recreational bike rider. Young people might really take advantage of our relatively flat terrain if the streets were safer to ride on.

It is difficult keep the transportation infrastructure of a municipality up to date/in working order. The City does a good job with what it has been given. Maybe an outside audit/study of transportation services and conditions would be helpful.

We need good alternative transportation options; PROTECTED bike lanes and good sidewalks. I'm comfortably biking on the road and commute by bike, but many people are not comfortable with just sharrows, which offer no protection or safety; they are just a way for the city to say they are doing something for cyclists without really doing anything...

We want to be a first class city to go with our first class university but the rough roads and lack of bike/running lanes are the first thing visitors discover coming to Stillwater.

Need auto sensing equipment at stop lights. Hall-of-Fame needs better safety at cross walks for college students. Will be much cheaper for the city then paying a death benefit to a family!!!!

Before you start adding a bunch of new stuff like bike lanes or bigger sidewalks, you need to REPAIR what is in disrepair. Obviously the stormwater drainage is a critical need and so is the repair of pot holes. Some streets are almost undrivable!!

existing roads need to be adequately repaired before we even think about adding more. there need to be more bike trails. i think the disused rail line would be a great bike trail through town. however if the rail line should become a trail, there needs to be a way to preserve the existing rail infrastructure, because we don't know what the future will bring and we may need it again.

We need sidewalks and replaced or resurfaced streets to enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists, and it would also make biking safer.

Police need to patrol and ticket illegal parking and pull people over for speeding and other traffic violations



I recommend an educational initiative to educate motorists and cyclists on rules and laws governing cyclists on the road. There often seems to be confusion on how cyclists should conduct themselves on the road (on both the motorists' and cyclists' parts).

Streets should be repaired more often. Don't let them deteriorate! Turn lanes on Perkins Rd and Sixth Street!!

We are unsure why funds were spent reconstructing the sidewalk on South Perkins Road. There was already one there and new sidewalks are needed in other parts of town.

Water pooling and flooding is a huge issue for this town. Stop 'fixing' sidewalks that are already there. Start fixing roads that need your attention.

There are dozens of miles of roads that have been in desperate need of repairs for almost 10 years and they haven't been touched yet. Such as all downtown, along duck, down 4th and 5th near campus. Before walking a biking lanes are added we should be fixing the roads that we have first.

I appreciate all of the sidewalks that have been added recently and see the importance of walkability/bikability in our town, however, our roads are so bad, we have to make them the primary transportation focus going forward.

I would love to see bike lanes and shoulders on Mc Elroy between Western and country club.

Not sure this would be a bond item. Get SPS to lower their bond requests and share the wealth. Keep the ad valorem flat and there is plenty of money.

Thanks for all that you do to help make our town better!

A retired OSU professor (can't remember his name) several years ago completed a comprehensive plan for bike trails in Stillwater. Keith Reed of the Stillwater OSU Extension (6th and Duck) office would know the location of that plan.

Stillwater / Oklahoma have terrible roads. My car thanks me the minute I cross into Texas or Kansas!! Fix the roads!

I enjoy taking the bus.

We appreciate the city reaching out! I am proud of Stillwater and how we have grown. I am embarrassed by the online group that complains about our city. You are doing a great job. Thank you

Roads around town are abysmal, bad look when people place rolls of toilet paper in the potholes holes at Main and McElroy.

Local streets are disgraceful especially in and around campus. With so many visitors to campus we need to make this a priority. University street carries so many visitors to our campus and it is totally ugly!

Make 6th Street/Hwy 51 safe and accessible to bikes from the far West end of town all the way into town to meet with existing bike routes and trail systems.

Lakeview between Perkins and railroad tracks. This area was recently reworked. The symptom was addressed but the cause was not. The big problem there is ponding water. Large cracks are in the concrete pavement, which could be filled with tar, but they are left empty, so the roadway can continue to deteriorate.

This city has one of the preeminent bike races in the region. Please work to make the city bike friendly.

Fix the roads correctly, the first time.

People who live outside of city limits should not have a say.

You're doing a great job!

turn arrows and or lanes in several places are needed

There are definitely roads in town that are bumpy and crumbling and need attention.

Improve crosswalk controls for vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians. Most crosswalk buttons seems to be dummy buttons. Pressing them only makes sure the white crosswalk light turns on but it doesn't change the timing of the signal. Having less than 10 seconds to get across 5 lanes is far too short. "Cowboy shuffles" could be used at many intersections that would incentivize the pedestrians to avoid jaywalking when they need to make a diagonal crossing. I posit this would assist saving pedestrians lives. We need to invest in a smart system.

Would be nice to have painted lines for lanes of traffic and for the speed limits to be enforced.

The roads need repainted, since the paint cannot be seen very well in many areas, especially when it's raining.

The roads/streets are in terrible shape. And, in spite of what Stillwater claims, this is an awful town for bicycles! Treacherous.

I don't agree that adding lanes reduces traffic, except in certain situations such as streets with lots of turning traffic, where the center turn light would help. In normal everyday driving conditions, I don't feel like the number of lanes is a major limiting factor in most of the city. I think that clever intersection design can do as much or more to improve moving cars through the city, as well as improving moving bikes and pedestrians.

Finish a project before starting another, for too long in this time own the management gets release to start repairs and tears up half the town and it ends up taking years to get the projects done, then the roads that had to be used instead have undue wear on them from higher traffic.

I often see red light runners. I've even seem police watch red light runners and not ticket them. I feel unsafe biking on main roads because of poor traffic law enforcement.

There are many people in Stillwater with disabilities or who don't or can't drive and having reliable public transportation in all areas of the City would be a great help to them and probably reduce traffic as others could use that option for work or errands. We have a good start with the current bus system in conjunction with OSU, need to add more/expand routes and times and run the busses on weekends.

3 words: FIX THE STREETS!

Is there no way to have bike lanes that aren't separated from the main pavement by hard-edged asphalt? I know room for gutters has to be there, but surely they could be made useable? At this point, I ride mostly on sidewalks. Also, roads are badly neglected in the College Gardens area where I no longer live because inadequate zoning restrictions made it a student dump.

We walk and ride a lot in town. It would be great for our sidewalks and streets to see some love.

There is a need to improve all types of transportation. Budget should be allocated to fix roads, expand bike infrastructure, and sidewalks for pedestrians.

Maybe working with the University to offer more bus routes would help.

More lanes don't always mean less traffic congestion, usually just cars going faster. It would also help to have more general education about how stillwater expects bikes/ cars/ motorcycles/ buses to share the road ( directed at the whole population)

According to research I have read about, widening streets is no longer the solution to traffic congestion. Rather it is making biking,"scootering" and walking more feasible. Require developers to build sidewalks and generous bike trails in every area, commercial and residential and to connect these or have the city do so. I have been very disappointed in the lack of these requirements for developers.

walking around at night is a bit scary. later bus routes or even some sort of on-call escort program would be very efficient at reducing car use at night

Stillwater has come a long way as a bike safe community. we can do much more. Connect Kameoka trail the whole distance, off-road bike lanes along main street and Perkins etc.

The way the city fixes potholes creates bumps in the road. They need to smooth with a heavy roller the asphalt that they put in potholes. The street repair is ridiculous in some areas.

I would love to hear an update on the Perkins Road project.

I'm in favor of using bikes for commuting but Stillwater just isn't designed for it. We should not try and accommodate the bike users. Fix our roads, keep them brightly painted, and just accept that we live in a sometimes dense smaller town.

Fix the potholes!

I understand sidewalks and bike paths are important but our streets get much more traffic than they do. The overall condition of our streets are horrible. I'm embarrassed for the city of Stillwater when visitors come to town. There has been so little maintenance done in the past few years. Is the City broke?

I wish there were more city bus routes/stops. Both sides of the street should have sidewalks.

The roads are deteriorating rapidly due to the excessive rainfall. It might be that repairing crack and potholes will extend their life but it looks like many roads will need to be repaved sooner rather than later. Extra lanes and bike lanes for convenience should not be projects themselves but should be planned and executed as part of necessary repavement projects.

Allocate more money per fiscal year on streets instead of sidewalks.

REPLACE WATER AND WASTERWATER MAINS THE ARE AC OR CASTIRON PIPES AND LEAD SERVICE LINES

I thought the roads in Pennsylvania were in bad shape until I moved to Oklahoma...they are the worst I've encountered anywhere in the country.

Are there going to be more town halls, not special councils sessions, that happen in different parts of the city (e.g. Senior Center, on east side, maybe High school to the north, one of the middle schools to the southwest and maybe Westwood? As far as recording and steaming the meeting, anyone with an iPhone can do that anywhere.

Stop trying to change peoples behavior by spending tons of money on wide sidewalks very few people use and bike lanes the bicyclist don't even use. Stick to the basics. Spend more building a good road that will last which the vast majority of the citizens use. Stop bowing to the special interests around town. Once our infrastructure is back in good shape, then maybe we can do the extra things like bike lanes and wider sidewalks.

desperately in need of a turn lane on Perkins Road north

Consider reprogramming the traffic lights at night to either be more sensitive, or turn into yield signs. Waiting for a traffic light to turn when there's no one else on the road is inconvenient. (Specific intersections: Hall of Fame and Perkins, Hall of Fame and Boomer.)

Fix the roads!!!

We need to fix the roads and have bus service on the weekends.

Buses that run with the public in mind not just for OSU, weekends and nights

Connect sidewalk on Western & 6th to Western & Hall of Fame

Fix the streets

It is arbitrary to allocate a percentage to priorities with no indication of needed budget in relation to said priorities. This question should have been a priority ranking rather than an allocation.

Bike lanes and sidewalks are important. They contribute significantly to the quality of life in a city. But repairing existing roads is important as well.

I liked the idea of scooters as another economical and easy option for short trips. I wish the city would entertain this even if OSU made their own deal.

Mainly the road conditions for me. I walk downtown a lot and I don't have many issues with that. Also spend time walking my dogs.

Fix the pot holes

Hoping we can get more dedicated bike paths and trails around town!

Keep making choices for active transportation. Have an information/education campaign to let people know what the City's intentions are. Add signage all over town. Make sidewalks connect. Thank you!

Improvements to the airport should be included.

Don't put in any stupid things like traffic circles. The one we have was put in the most stupid location in the first place. There was no need for it!

Our transportation infrastructure is embarrassing. Taxes need to be raised to do this.

We need more sidewalks!

Promote the public transit (buses) we have.

Consideration for allowing rental scooters back in Stillwater.

Would love to see more bike lanes

Have bike lanes for main roads . People go more places than campus. Take down the sign that says Stillwater is a bike friendly place because it is not.

I have a business on 4th between Washington and duck. What a mess for new businesses.

University Avenue between Western and Monroe is a joke! It's rougher than a dirt road! This is an embarrassment to the city and the university as this is one of the main roads to campus and Greek houses.

It would be wonderful to have dedicated bike paths linking key places in Stillwater (e.g., campus, downtown, neighborhoods, etc.). These could be used for commuting and recreation and potentially reduce traffic and parking issues.

I believe it would be helpful if the city permanently left on the turn left arrow lane on Hall of Fame and Perkins

It seems to reason, wise use of our transportation dollars are be best utilized when applied to projects benefiting the broader community. First, a plan pointing to a community wide vision with initial focus on primary streets and a strategy for working through the list to neighborhood and common areas of need. Initial action for streets such as 9th, university, 3rd(ish), Hall of Fame, Duck, Husband, Washington, etc. leading to protected infrastructure for bike and walk. Showing value in a long-term plan by creating safe efficient roadways rather than moving the most cars as quickly as possible. I do not see the greatest wisdom in a focus on areas with difficult traffic patterns for short intervals of time or irregular activity. These are inconveniences we can live with and shouldn't consume early focus or budgetary preference.

Some step away from cars being 90% of the way we travel around Stillwater.

wished there buses running on at least Saturdays

I don't know if it's necessarily transportation-related or just infrastructure, but the stoplights need serious work. Some of them don't change for 10 minutes, and some of them fluctuate between being a double turn or a single turn lane (HoF and Perkins), but no one pays attention to it. I've never seen anyone ticketed for turning illegally there, even when police officers were right there. Same with people running red lights. I understand it was meant to change with traffic volume, but it has just created a dangerous intersection.

Need to pave all roads in Stillwater, including gravel roads within the city limits. Citizens all deserve a decent road to live on

I feel Duck St should be a high priority, it needs to be resurface and widened

Do not be deceived by small vocal groups who claim to speak for the majority.

Other than a few turn lanes/turn signals, we dont need more roads until we repair and can maintain the ones we have. I've already repaired the suspension on my car twice and its only 2 years old just because of the roughness and potholes on our streets. That's \$1400 I could have spent in our businesses or improving my home. I pay over \$2000/year on property taxes and can't drive down the road without damaging my car. Sigh.

Please focus on infrastructure! Roads, sidewalks, bike lanes, water and sewer lines!

Minor repairs go undone. Drive across intersections where paving meets asphalt. Bump bump. For example Perkins and Virginia. There are others also that your little grinder coul take care of in very little time. The railroad crossings at Virginia, 6th, and MgsscElroy are bad. I do lie the new roads in town but how about the small thi

Stillwater streets are destroyed by heavy trucks on Burris,Airport, & Lakeview. Also Perkins road is not up to the traffic weight from all the large trucks plus they slow traffic.

Work on more bike paths and better sidewalks for active transporation, repair existing streets, esp Duck. Finish Kameoka Trail so that a family can safety use all the way through Stillwater.

Add a turn lane and/or sidewalk on North Washington

Please fix the potholes and pavement issues!

Recently I witnessed 4 street repair workers watch 1 worker chauk seal the saw cut in new concrete. This was a small job near the Ford dealership. The concrete repair took 3 to 4 weeks. They left their tractor loader / backhoe there for 3 to 4 weeks. Equipment is expensive. It appears to me they could do multiple repairs at the same time while waiting on the concrete to cure. Terrible example of efficiency. No wonder we have bad streets.

I suggest adding sidewalks on main past the 1600 block. The side walk stops near the humane society. There was a young mother killed in that area a few years ago. Side walks and better lighting might make that area safer for cyclist and pedestrians.

Would like to have better bike access, but several main streets are in rough shape. That needs to be the priority.

Why are we not bonding our 1/2 cent tax like we used to do?

Perkins rd in front of taco Bueno needs to be fixed badly. I can't even take that route anywhere because it hurts my car.

We are very excited about the Husband St multi-modal corridor, and plans to add more bike/pedestrian paths around town! We love to bike recreationally, but the bike paths are not joined up enough to bike safely to/from home and work or home and shopping. Several of the major intersections we live near don't have crosswalks, which is a major barrier. I look forward to the day I can bike to the library, farmer's market, and downtown for errands with my children, or to and from our favorite parks on the other side of town.

I'm sure the city engineer knows this, but expanding a road's lanes actually leads to a paradox where the amount of traffic goes up exponentially with the addition of new lanes due to the new demand to drive on those wider roads. Many of our roads do need to be expanded, but they're already near their limit before the paradox kicks in.

Please repair Duck street and the intersection on North Perkins and Lakeview. Fixing the flooding on Lakeview between Washington and Perkins should also be done... I drive a sports car and it is difficult to get anywhere in town if we get anything more than a sprinkle.

Roadway transportation issues in Stillwater are the biggest deterrent to progress this community faces. I agree that adding more and better opportunities for pedestrian and bicycle traffic are important to overall quality of life. They should be part of a comprehensive effort to improve transportation, but they should not be concentrated on to the detriment of maintaining and improving roads in the city. The city's worst traffic chokepoints are along Perkins between McElroy and Hall of Fame. Widening or adding traffic lanes there would be ideal.

BuBBa say, " Add more turning lanes on perkins road."

While I am a total fan of biking and walking around town I do think that we need more enforcement action AGAINST bikers and walkers who violate traffic ordinances.

Connecting Parks by adding sidewalks and widening existing sidewalks. Adding bike trails would also help connect the parks.

It needs to be looked at how many of those with disabilities are being provided with services. Because not everyone qualifies for help.

More, better and safer lanes for bicyclists. Better protection for bicyclists at intersections. Build it and they will come!!!

Repave main street from 6th north to McElroy or Husband. Lived almost 15 yrs and the same bumps, dips and chug holes are STILL HERE. I mean Virginia & Main has the giant dips at the light that you have to stratel every time you drive down main. I don't know if it's a compaction issue or what but the street department hasn't gotten on that. The water main was replaced on main, so how about the blacktop now. Also, can ya'll and ODOT work on the humps and drop offs at Perkins & Lakeview?!!

The roads in the Westwood neighborhood have bee very bad for years. We need some roadwork, especially on Monticello Dr. close to campus. And since the rains, there are many potholes throughout the neighborhood.

I believe people are using the buses- I like to see buses and trams . . . but our roads are in poor shape - I do see you are working on them, and it is appreciated but more needs to be done and I understand that may mean more taxes . . .

Anything we can do to make the city safer for alternate transportation methods from cars will make the city a better place.

Sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes, etc. need to sync up with the bus stops.

Traffic could flow better on certain intersections if there was a yielding left turn arrow.

I realize it is a ODOT project, but widening Perkins Rd between McElroy and Lowe's has to be a top priority.

Prioritize main roads that represent our community and are used by a larger number of people. Also, the section of 7th behind the hospital, where EMS takes hurt and sick people from our community to the ER in an ambulance that is already a rough ride in general is one of the worst roads in town, adding pain and discomfort for those already in pain coming from our community and surrounding areas making a bad impression of our hospital and EMS service.

Sangre rd from 19th ave to the middle school needs to have a second southbound lane as the traffic during pickup is down past the light and people drive in the Middle of the road to pass the line

We need to fix what we've got before we even consider building/expanding anything, including bike lanes, pedestrian thoroughfares, paths such as Kameoka, Boomer Lake, etc. Get the city's roads, streets, and storm drainage up-to-date and forget trying to imitate some 'super-progressive' communities

A stable core infrastructure is necessary. Bring people to Stillwater to drive on embarrassing streets and roads? Not a good selling point. The bumps in the roads may not be the first impression but they will be lasting impressions. Fix the base then build new. Deal with the present now and deal with the future in the future. Don't need four lane roads to the airport, I hope we do someday. (The airport needs more parking now.)

Biking in bike lanes in street is dangerous. Need to share wide sidewalks with pedestrians

Expand bus routes further on south western

Fix our streets!!! Wait on bike paths and sidewalks. Sidewalks are seldom used, by walkers or bikers. Our streets are an embarrassment!

Covering up existing problems with asphalt is not a long term solution. We need to find true, long term solutions for our roads and put the money there. Bob's Road Crew did not do quality work in the past.

It's obvious our roads are poorly planned and maintained. Additionally, given the current state of affairs, riding a bike is a dangerous proposition in this town.

OK-51 West 6th st has sections in the middle of town that have uneven and narrow lane width and abrupt curves that cause even well intentioned drivers to encroach into other lanes. Just making the travel lanes and turn lane wide, straight and smooth would allow the heavy traffic to flow better.

We continue to fix the same roads in town. If we spent a little more money to do it correctly the first time we would be able to focus on other projects that need attention in this town.

Many streets in need of maintenance could be addressed with milling equipment. Too many utility cuts in roadways causing them to fail early. Pothole patching methods are poor and don't last. Center for Local Government Technology at OSU taught proper methods long ago.

buss need to go to all the schools

More busses and bus routes and expanded hours of operation!

The roads around the University (where many visitors end up) are HORRIBLE. As an employee of OSU, my car takes a beating daily. University Ave. and University Circle are embarrassing.

We need to provide left turn lanes on all major roads, especially roads that service retail and businesses.

Many street are in extreme need of repair or replacement.

Really bad roads

Our roads are awful. Stillwater should be an Image Maker, not an image breaker

Streets need to be a high priority in the budget. Some of the side streets (particularly University Ave.) are in terrible condition. Streets in some areas desperately need to be widened (Perkins Rd north of McElroy, Sangre Rd near the schools).

Please fix what you have before adding more lanes. Bike lanes and sidewalks that are tied together in a network would lessen the burden on the roads. Companies are looking for cities that take alternative transportation serious when they are looking to relocate or build new locations. An active city is a healthier city. We need to be looking to the future and making transportation decisions that will be good for our children and grandchildren. If we don't make these tough decisions now we will be left behind.

Widen Perkins Rd. It is the worst. Too much mixed business there. Multi family dwellings and retail stores and food establishments all together cause traffic problems galore.

Sidewalks that are wheelchair friendly. Curbs to get up onto them isn't ADA compliant and makes it hard to move around with a stroller, wheelchair, bike, etc. Would LOVE to see retrofired curbs at intersections. Surely there's a grant for this??

I believe that providing a wide variety of transportation options in something that would position Stillwater as a leading innovative city in the region and improve overall quality of life.

Our streets are in extreme need of repair all throughout our town. Filling the potholes is not working

The city needs to fix the traffic lights the timers on these are horrendous and are not updated to take in to account the different traffic flows when in OSU is not in session

The multiuse paths are nice but they need to be connected, so that more people, particularly students and those who work at the university can use them to commute or for recreation. They could also more easily connect to Downtown. The people of Stillwater do use the recreation paths heavily, just like the parks, contrary to certain opinions. Paths and outdoor recreation are attractive additions and make people's daily lives better (and healthier) , which in turn makes them want to live in Stillwater, instead of fleeing. The roads do need improvement too. Why can't we make progress on both issues?

I think repair in streets should be fixed before the sidewalks are repaired. I feel like priorities may be off. I also don't know the time frame in which construction is working. I do see the news for the sidewalks on south Perkins between 6th and 19th....but our buses don't even run all the way down to the shelter. Can this be negotiated with OSU? Roads I feel like would help more locals(the ones whom are here all the time) to stay and feel important and help better their selves id we could fix roads first.

I would like the city to continue to make it more convenient to travel around town by bike or on foot. I think for the city to progress into a modern city and attract younger permanent residents and higher paying jobs, it is necessary. I hope it is possible to include auto alternatives while updating and improving our roads.

All the road near campus are AWFUL! That's the main attraction in this town - those roads should be the BEST roads.

better paint striping around 6th/Main, I'm tired of newbies getting confused about how the lanes work

Need more right turn lanes. Need more traffic lights with left green arrow. Need more traffic lights with yield left turn on green light.

Another reason I don't bike more is the bad condition of roads - it's hazardous and difficult to negotiate around holes and bumps in the roads.

I think there is a niche community that enjoys biking and is consistently voicing their opinion regularly to the City. They would like to see more biking accommodations made and a reduction in vehicle traffic. However, that is pretty unrealistic and would only serve a niche portion of the population, rather than improving more frequently utilized transportation paths for a significantly larger portion of the population.

Thank you for making this a priority.

It takes longer to get across town in Stillwater than it does in a big city because they're so many stop lights and the timing on the stoplight seems to be wrong.

Our roads conditions - University, Duck, Hester, 3rd, 4th, 5th, Knoblock - are miserable. All need to be redone.

Highways and bicycles don't mix well. Too big of a difference in speeds. Keep them separated if possible.

Repairs should come first, to both the road and the bike lanes/sidewalks

Streets need to be fixed, sidewalks fixed so you don't trip and fall. I'd like to see sidewalks along through town along main-boomer/Washington.

Our town is not generally pedestrian or bike friendly.

Fixing draingae would help reduce wear on the roads

Perkins road desperately needs turning lanes/center lane, especially north of Hall of Fame.

Duck street is terrible.

Many of the intersections in the downtown and campus areas are in great need of repair. The intersection of 5th and Duncan has been in bad shape for years.

Repair downtown sidewalks

even if money doesn't allow look at what it would take to add sidewalks &/or bike lanes and build to save money for the future

Add bus shelters to encourage greater use of OSU bus service

The roads need to be repaired and improved to decrease traffic and closures due to flooding before anything else regarding roads should even be considered.

Handicap Parking in private lots abused.

A variety of options is important. Bus service is very limited and because of limited sidewalks and bike lanes, having a car is essential. Too bad, we should have more options.

Please do not turn 6th st into a multilane thoroughfare. It will cut the city in half and effectively discourage travelers from shopping in town. It also creates additional safety issues for school children, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

I understand the need to have decent surfaces to drive on but I am also concerned about providing for non-motorized traffic. In the past, much of the discussion has been about providing for people who bike or walk for recreation. I think as much or more attention needs to be paid to providing safe routes for people who bike or walk because they have no other option. That would include children getting to school and adults who need to get to work, shopping or services. More needs to be done to expand mass transit to poor areas on the south side of Stillwater. Residents of the Mission of Hope have to walk four blocks to the nearest bus stop and there is no bus service to Whispering Hills, a low-income apartment complex. There is also a drug testing facility that I assume provides court-ordered testing located on South Boomer that must be hard to access without a car. There are no sidewalks in that area and it is unsafe for pedestrians and bicycles. People have died.

Existing roads are extremely rough in places and need to be repaired, resurfaced and widened. Adding bike lanes or bike routes would be beneficial to biker safety.

Perkins Rd north of McElroy has to be widened to add a center turn lane. It is past the point of wondering whether or not it needs done and we are a big enough city that encouraging people to ride bikes is not going to fix it. Expansion on north Perkins rd is going to continue and not addressing this now would be weak leadership.

The lack of walkability in Stillwater is a huge problem. It is especially so between home and work or school for those of us who live in outlying areas, but this is also the case in many neighborhoods closer to campus. Sidewalks are inconsistent, non-existent, or in very poor repair.

need more bus routes and more bus hours

None at this time.

I have lived in other cities (especially Madison, WI) that had infrastructure and cultural norms in place that made walking and biking (and riding buses) a common practice for many people, from all backgrounds. This was wonderful on many levels--it helped people be healthier, it reduced carbon emissions and other pollution, it created a sense of active community, it offered (nearly) free recreational opportunities, and it made me proud to be a citizen of those cities! But all this can only happen when the city invests appropriately in creating the infrastructure and incentives to create and support this kind of active transportation culture. There are many organizations already doing this work that we can learn from, like the Active Living Research Program at University of California-San Diego and the Active Transportation Alliance out of Chicago. We can and should learn from them, and others! Any many citizens support this and want to get involved in making a Stillwater a better place

Create bike trails that are FUNCTIONAL and go some place we need to go.

We very much need turn lanes off side streets used a lot (Knoblock off 6th) and to major businesses off Perkins Road. I really feel sorry for the bikers. They are doing the "right" thing - but surely risk their lives when they do. The signal light at Airport Road and 177 doesn't let folks coming from the west turn north onto 177 in a reasonable time, even when no other traffic is present. Maybe the sensor is defective? We need a signal at Peaceable Acres Road to let folks from Legacy Village enter 177. The new design at 6th and Perkins Road is GREAT!!!! Whoever engineered it did a great job. The new solar-lighted stop signs at CC north and McElroy should be the norm at intersections like that. You need to test new traffic lights with color blind folks before buying them - my husband can't differentiate the lights at 6th and Sangre. We sure need to patch the streets around the McKnight Center before its Oct opening. Thanks for the better exit from town after football games.

Potholes are the MAIN priority for me, both for driving and biking. I usually don't bike much because of potholes, and also because I don't trust drivers. I know some people who got hit by drivers while biking. I got hit by a driver when driving, because he was 18 year old and driving a huge truck making an ilegal turn. I do walk a lot, but the city is not made for walking no matter what the townhall does (I'm from Europe). Distances are usually too much. More sidewalks and stoplights would be useful, though. Thank you for doing this survey.

I'm concerned about the small thinking vocal minority who appear unwilling to consider upgrading streets to accommodate the growth necessary for economic growth and job creation. Any city that is not growing is dying. Just look around the state and country at all the dying communities. Spending tons on little used bicycle lanes and pedestrian walkways while minimizing central transportation needs is irresponsible.

Fix our streets! Pay for it out of current budget. Top priority. No bond issue. Use sales tax and not bond issue only if additional funds absolutely needed. Bond issue is paid for only by people with city property which is unfair. The people who work and play here should pay too!

I think the City Commissioners deciding that Sangre Road didn't need to be widened was a mistake because the traffic is horrible in the morning. Thank you.

Stormwater management will go a long way to help in preserving streets and pothole repairs that are continually damaged by runoff.

Stillwater shouldn't be worried about bicycles. The only people people that bike in Stillwater are the college kids! What we really need is better drainage and to fix the rough, falling apart roads in town.

consider not putting bike paths on two lane streets where speed limit over 35 MPH

Country club between 6th and 19th needs to be widened for a center left hand turn lane.

Require apt developers to replace the streets they've ruined due to construction (eg 4th St, Hester, Elm)

The only reason I allocated so little to drainage is it is not an everyday problem and can be done over time starting with the worst area. Those areas are evident due to recent floods.

It's difficult to get around many parts of town without a car because bike-friendly paths end abruptly. Many roads are in terrible shape, but the focus cannot be entirely on cars. More bikes and scooters would relieve parking issues and reduce road wear & tear. Also, we do not need more parking downtown. Non-handicapped Oklahomans should be able to walk a block or two. Exercise is good.

Set turn left arrow signals on traffic light to go to orange blinking (caution) after green. Instead of turning red. That way a left turning car could still trun left when there is no traffic coming.

1. Bike lanes are not safe without physical dividers separating bikes from cars. Some roads have bike lanes that aren't wide enough. 2. Stillwater needs a public, prioritized plan for road improvements (like Duck). Some of these roads are so narrow it is just going to take work to fix them. Do the work already. :) 3.And always, traffic light programming isn't ideal in many spots. Getting better, though!

Please fix our roads! Downtown and Duck are by far the worst and are in desperate need of repair.

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