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WELCOME!

Community Partner Meeting #2

October 14-15, 2020

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Meeting Overview, Refresher and Updates

Meeting Agenda



Meeting Overview

Go over purpose of meeting, identify meeting ground rules, and provide update on outreach process

Overview



Questionnaire Findings

Summarize input received to date from community questionnaire

Questionnaire



Summarizing Concerns

Review and discuss concerns identified and reach consensus that concerns have been captured

Consensus



Next Steps

Discuss Next Steps for Outreach and Action Items

Next Steps

Refresher on Community Partner Role:

01.



Participate
in all
community
partner
meetings

02.



Share project
information
and outreach
progress

03.



Provide
feedback and
consensus on
information
gathered

04.



Help us vet
ideas in
developing
improvements
to address
community
concerns

Meeting Purpose and Ground Rules



Share findings from the community outreach and questionnaires received to date. Reach general consensus about community concerns to be addressed.

This meeting is more than a presentation, it is a **CONVERSATION**

1. Be present and participate
2. Allow everyone to be heard and listen
3. Be patient and respectful - One speaker at a time
4. Embrace diverse perspectives and contributions
5. Be positive, non-judgmental and open to new ideas
6. Seek unity and consensus

Community Partner Meetings

Community Partner Meeting #1

Overview and Purpose

Review Impact Findings

Community Input



Community Partner Meeting # 2

Share Questionnaire and Community Input
Received

Consensus on Community Concerns



Community Partner Meeting # 3

Draft Mitigation Measures

Additional Input



Community Partner Meeting # 4

Final Recommendations

Added Input

Final Report



Review of Questionnaire and Outreach Feedback to Date

Community Impact Questionnaire

- **Direct Mailings**
 - **577 Direct Mailings**
 - English and Spanish
- **Online Questionnaire**
 - Project Website
 - Social Media
 - Posters
- **Additional Outreach**
 - Extended Deadline
 - Radio Interviews
 - Food Drives
 - Office Hours
 - Postcards

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**I-80 Des Plaines River Bridge Replacement
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Community Impact Questionnaire

Response Data: (through 9/18)

- **287** Completed Questionnaires
- Over 130 Interactions within the Community Outreach Area

Four Major Topics covered:

- Part 1: Having Your Voice Heard
- Part 2: Your Community and Community Experience
- Part 3: Understanding Household and Mobility Needs
- Part 4: Potential Impacts from I-80 Project

Detailed Analysis Conducted

- ***Detailed Comparative Analysis:***
 - Total Responses
 - Responses within Community Outreach Area
 - East and West Side Community Responses
 - East Side – North and South of I-80 Responses

Note:

Due to rounding, some response reporting may be within .01% of 100% totals

Part 1: Having Your Voice Heard

Contact Information

Community Leader Input

Project Awareness and Participation

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How Did You Hear About the Project?

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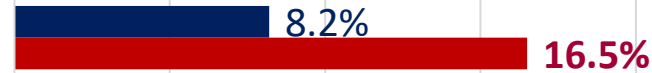
Neighbors/Friends



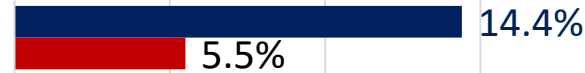
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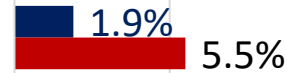
Attended Prior Public Meetings



Newspaper



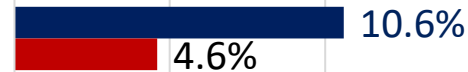
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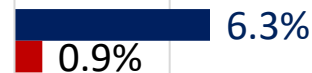
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Other



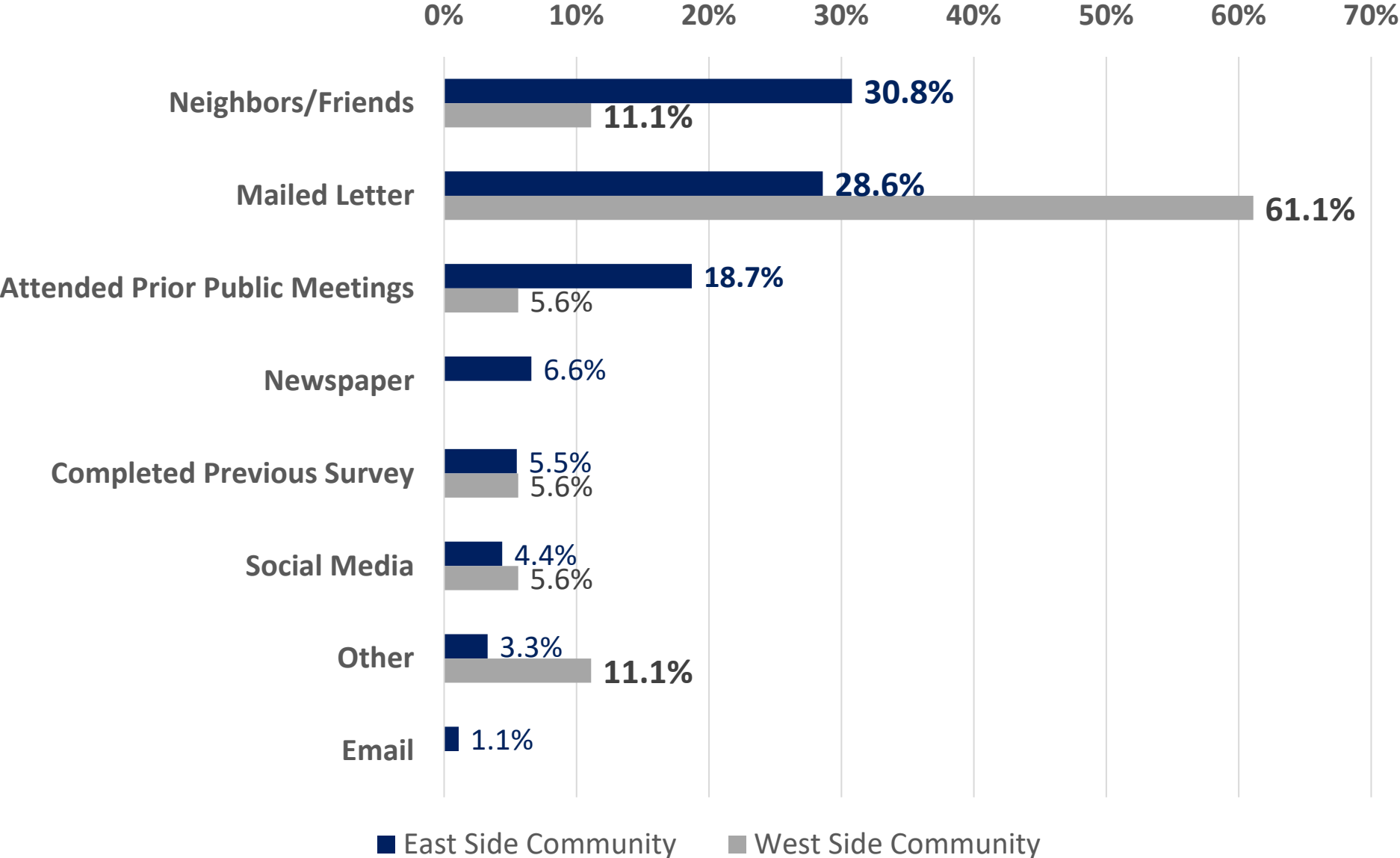
Email



■ Total Responses

■ Responses Within Outreach Area

How Did You Hear About the Project



Part 2: About Your Community and Community Experience

Years Living in Community

Family Within Community

Community Conditions – Better, Worse, Same

Past, Present and Future Actions

Factors Important to Living in Community

Existing Community Amenities/Importance

Improvement Needs/Priorities

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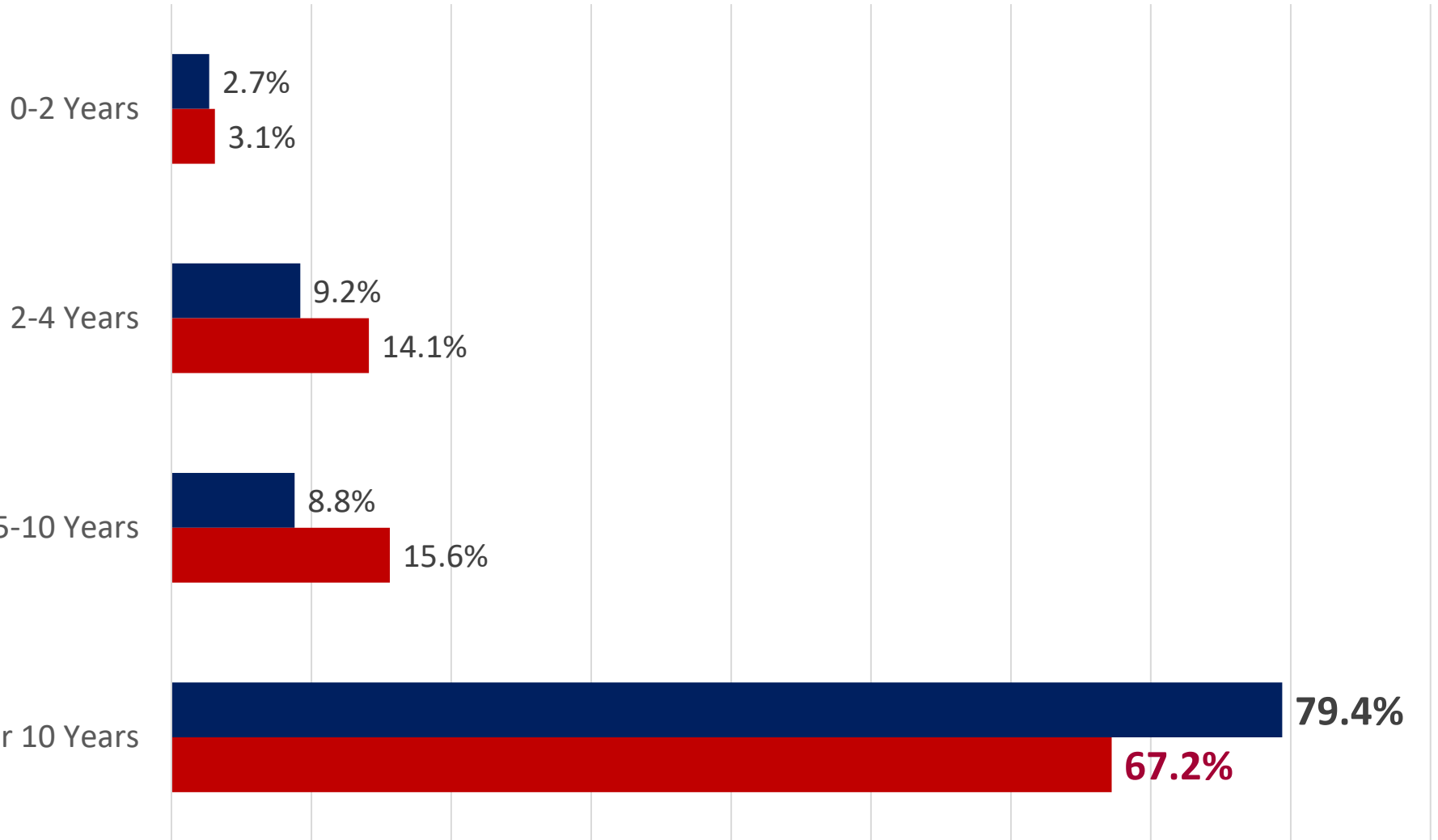
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Years Living in Community

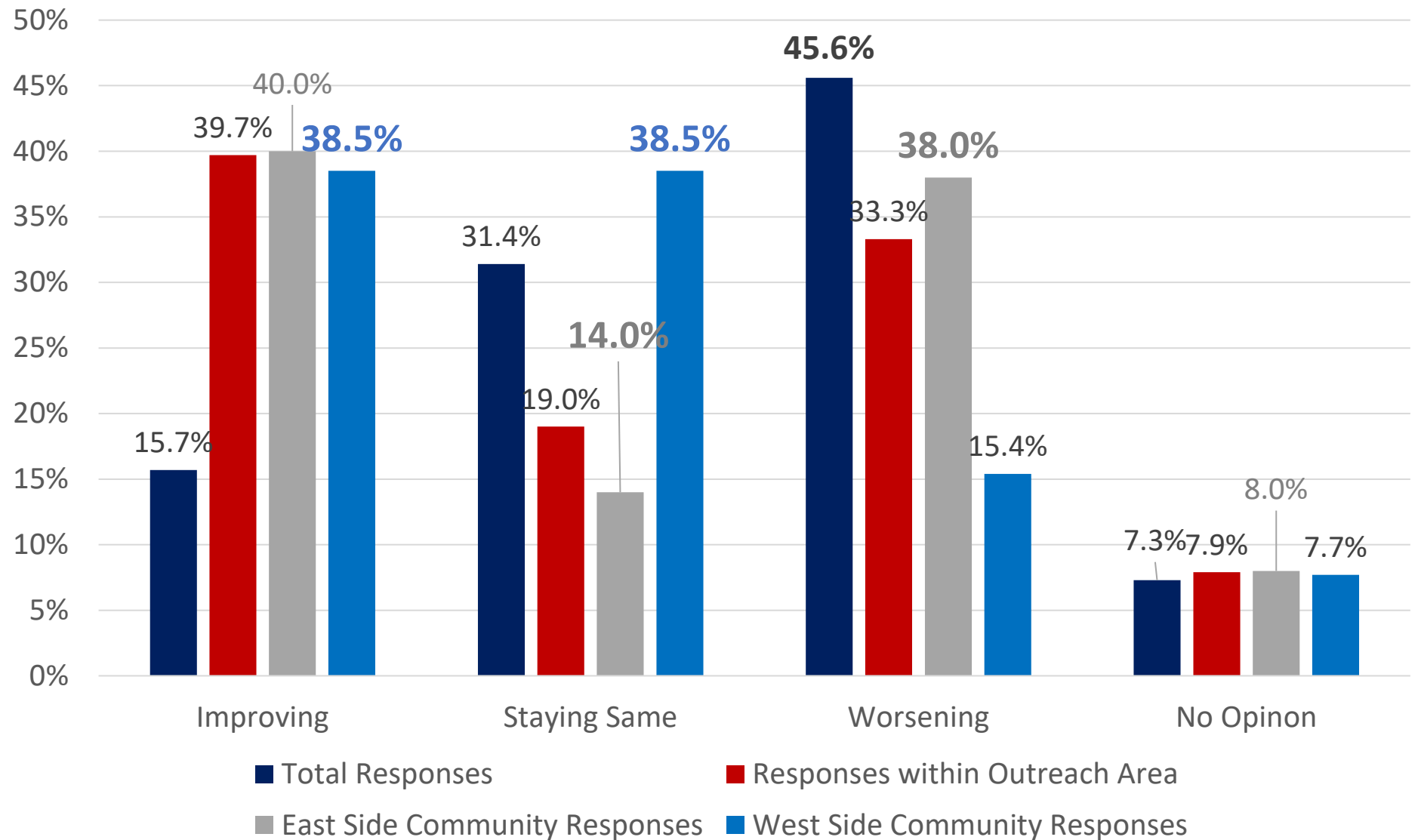
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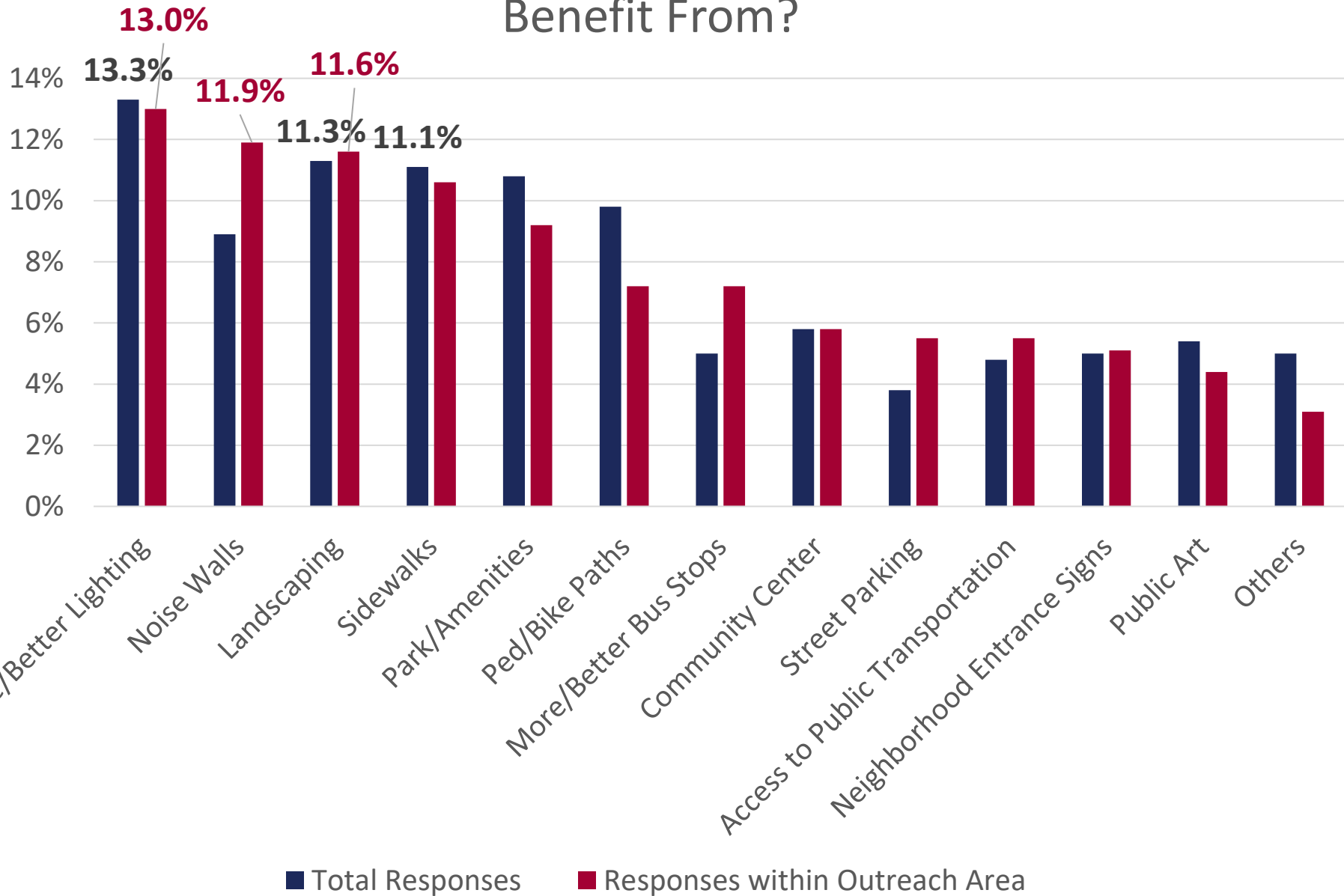
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Would You Say Quality of Life in Your Community is Improving, Staying the Same, or Worsening?



What Kinds of Improvements Could Your Community Benefit From?



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Pause for Questions and Comments?

Part 3: Household Mobility Needs

Household Size

Household Age Composition

Transportation to Get to Work

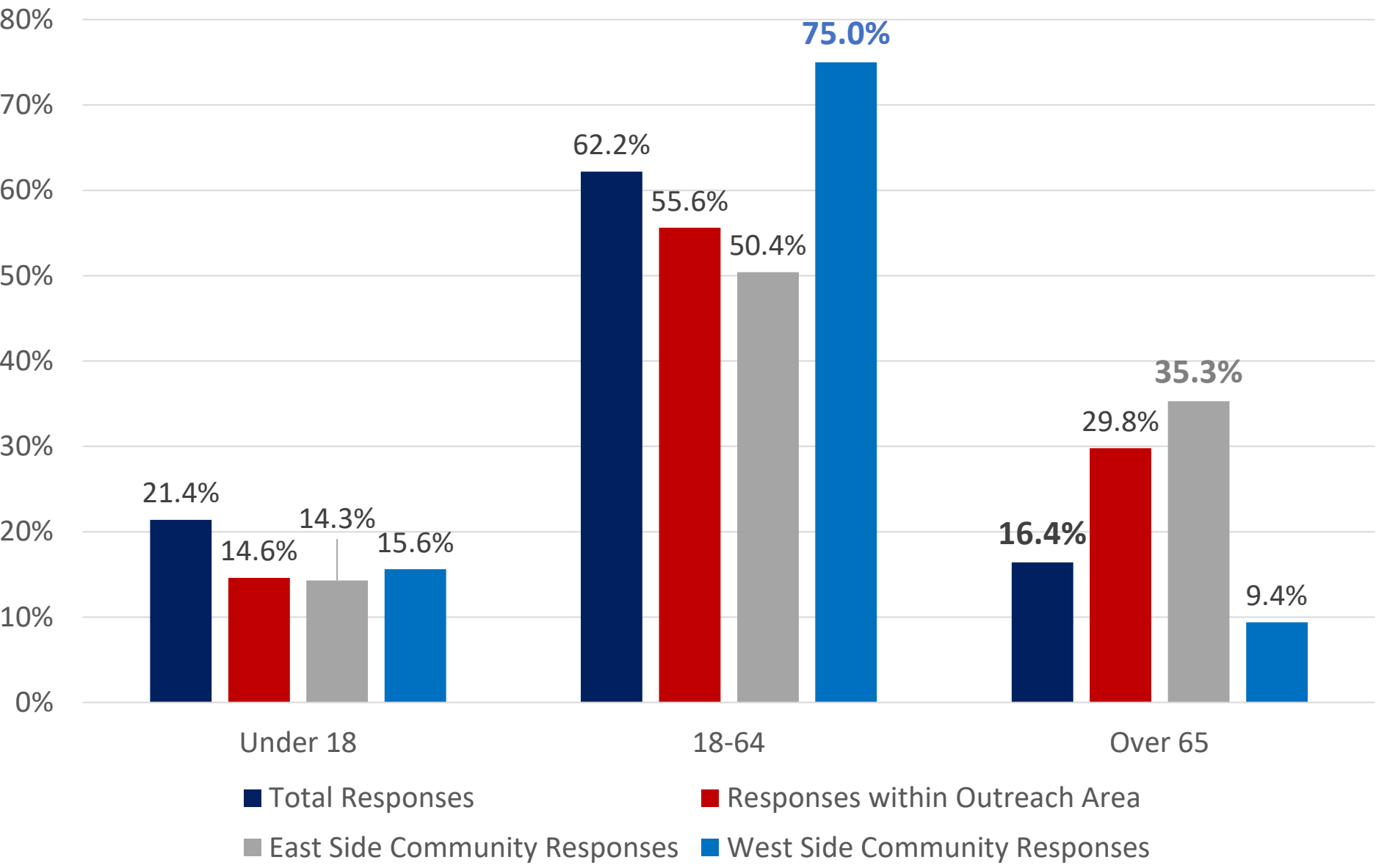
Transportation Mode for Under 16 Years

Transportation Mode for Over 65 Years

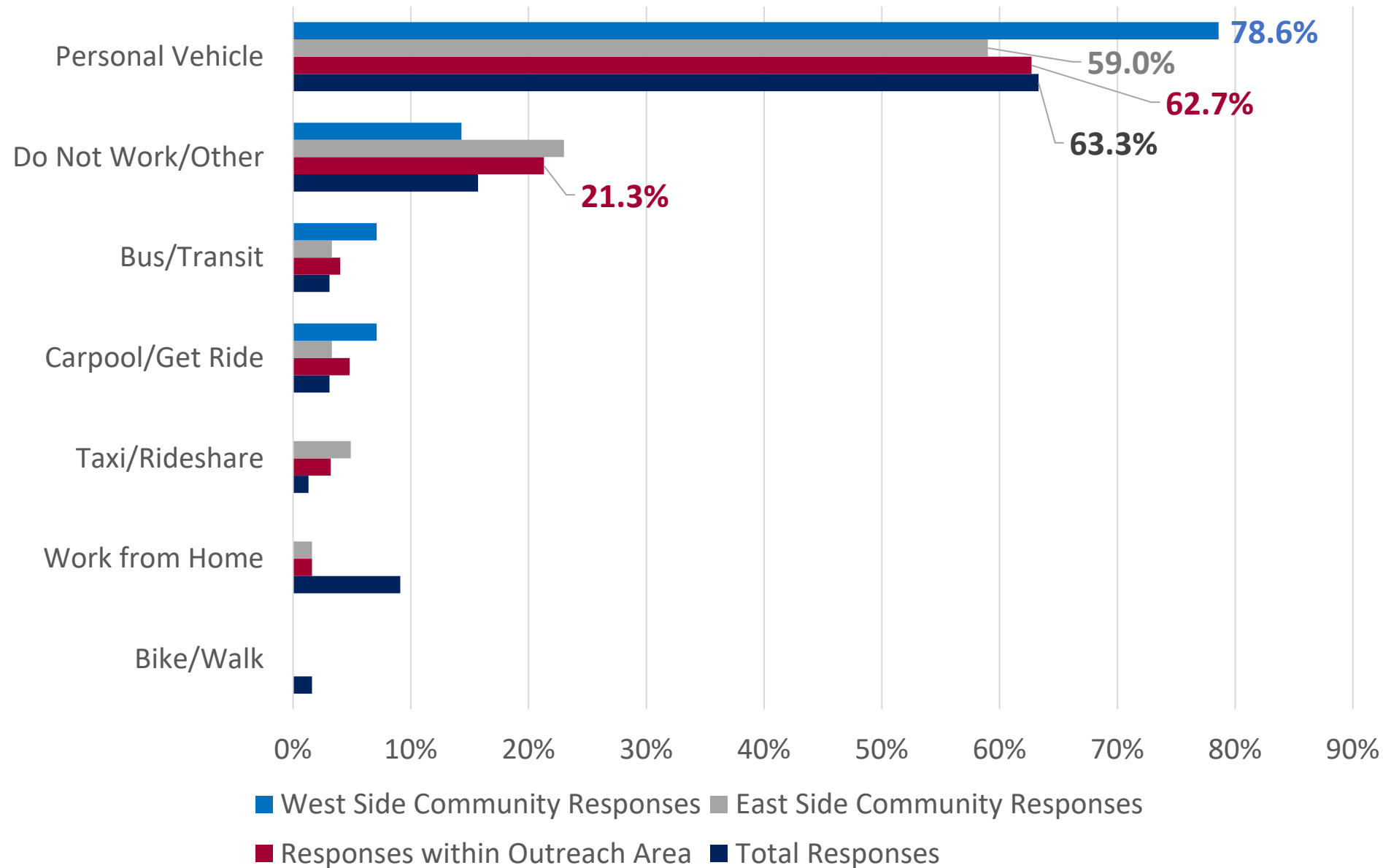
Presence of Disability in Household

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Household Age Makeup



How Do People in Your Household Get to Work?



Part 4: Project Impacts and Concerns

Permanent Impact Concerns

Temporary Construction Impact Concerns

Project Benefits

Visual Preferences for New Bridge

Open Comments/Concerns



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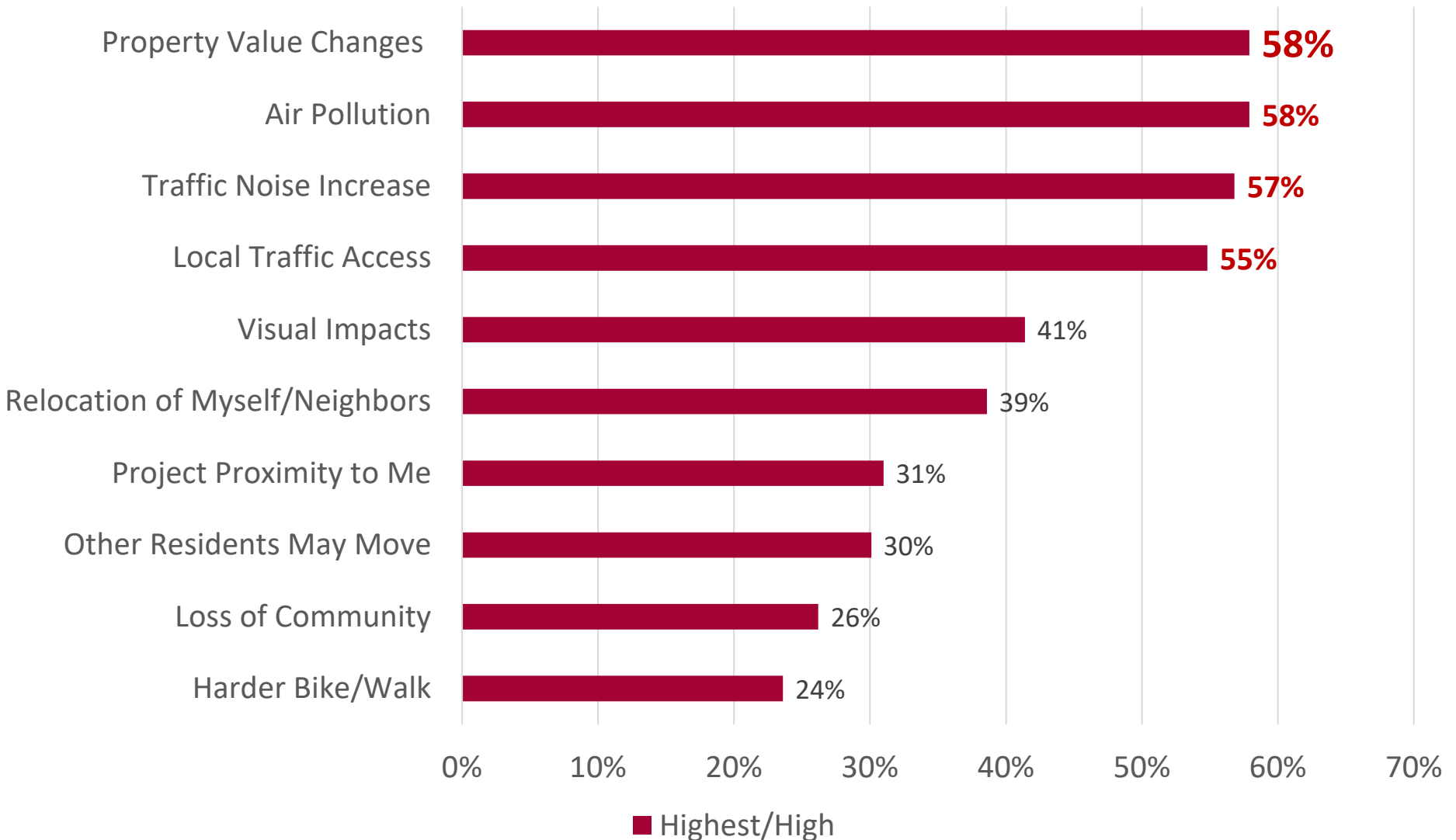
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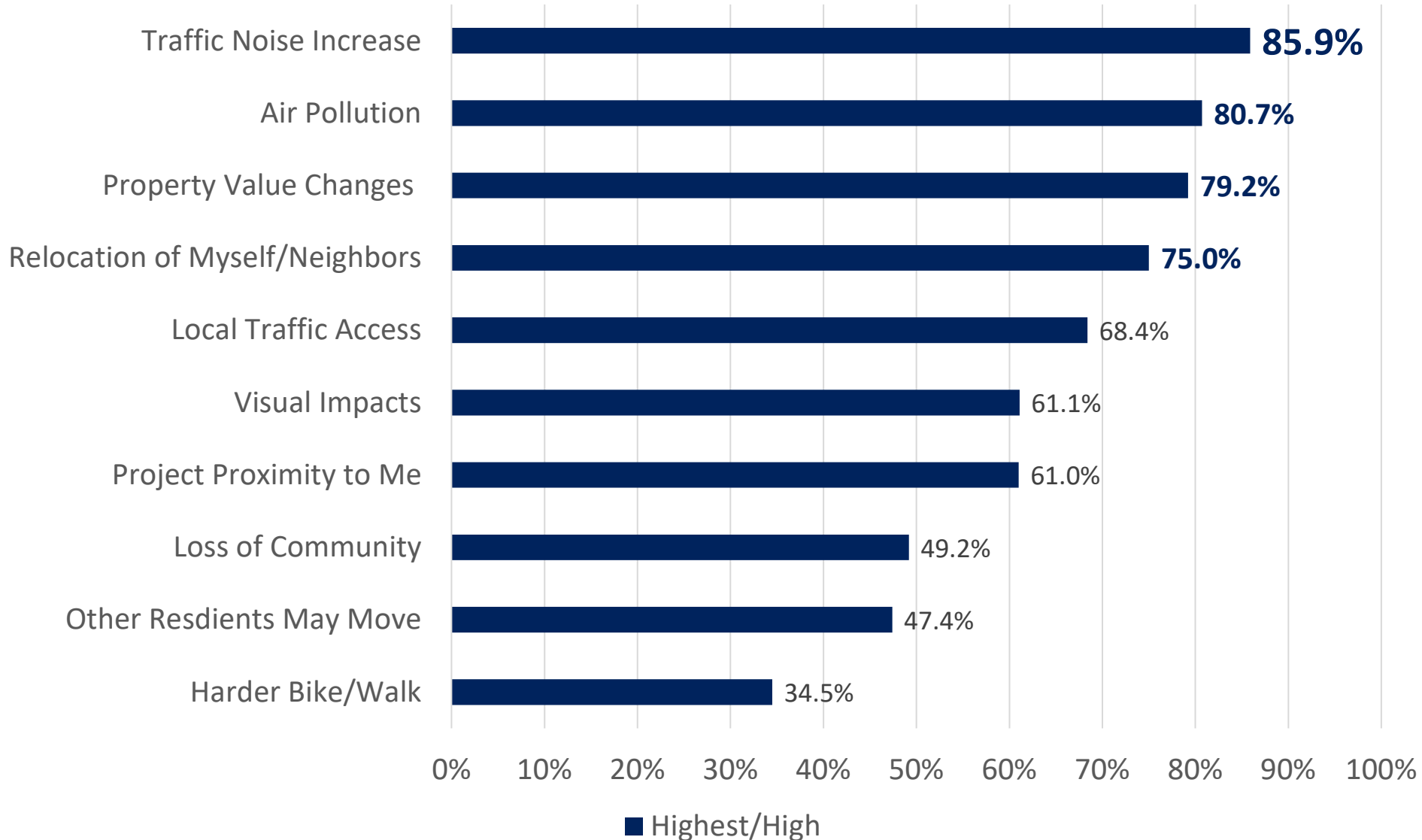
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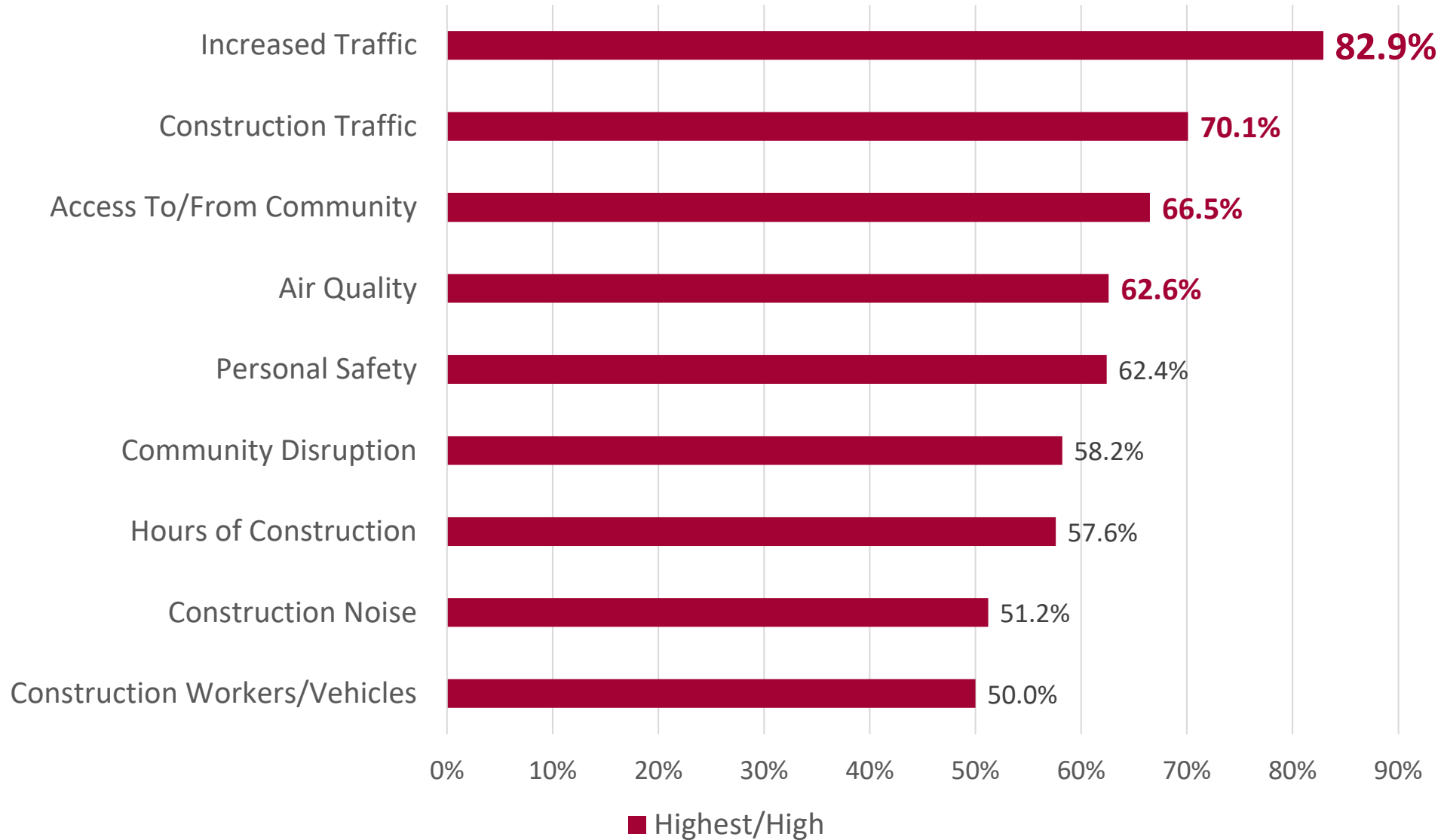
Concerns About Permanent Impacts from Project (Total Responses)



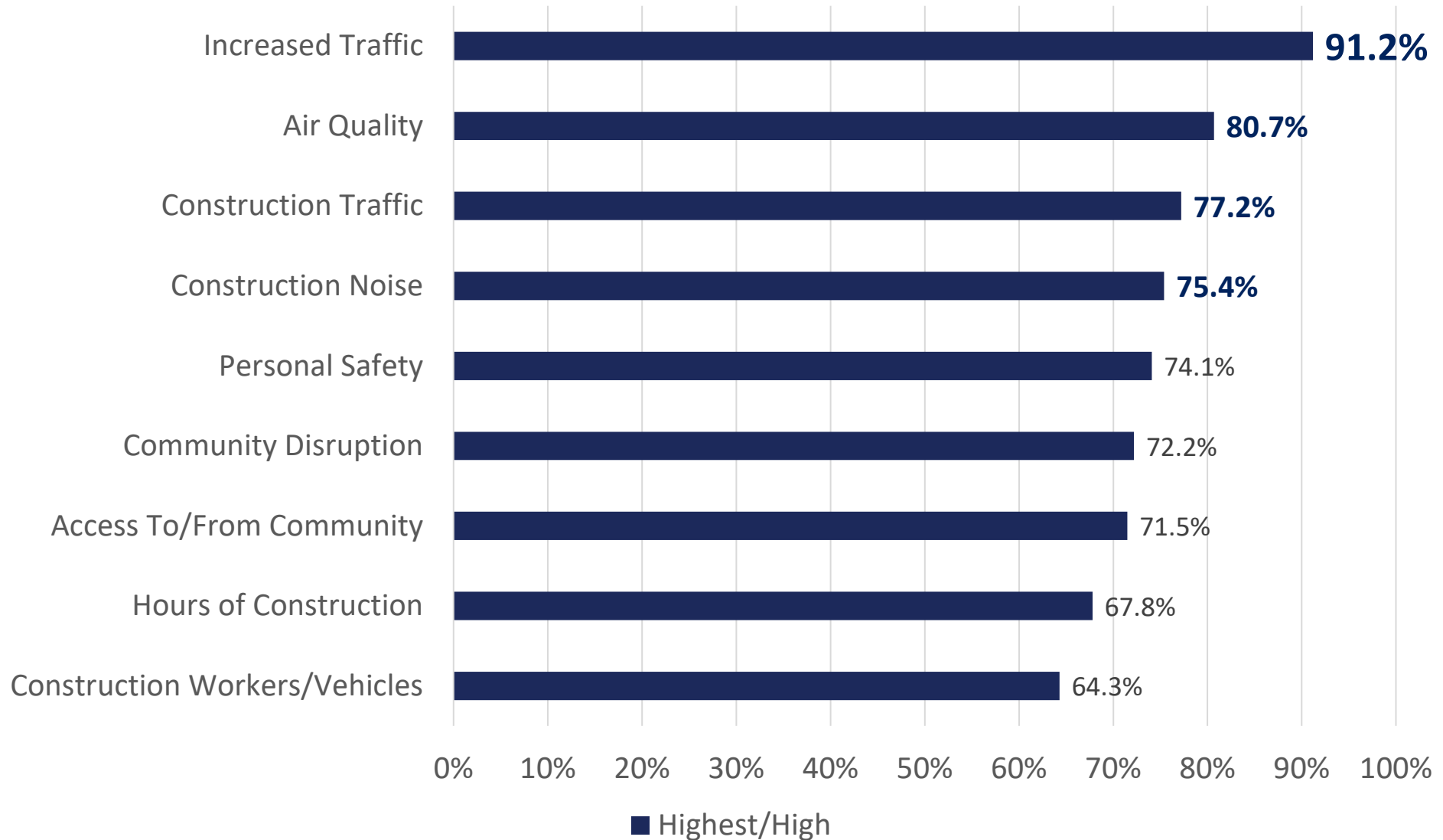
Permanent Project Impact Concerns (Outreach Area)



Construction Impacts (Total)

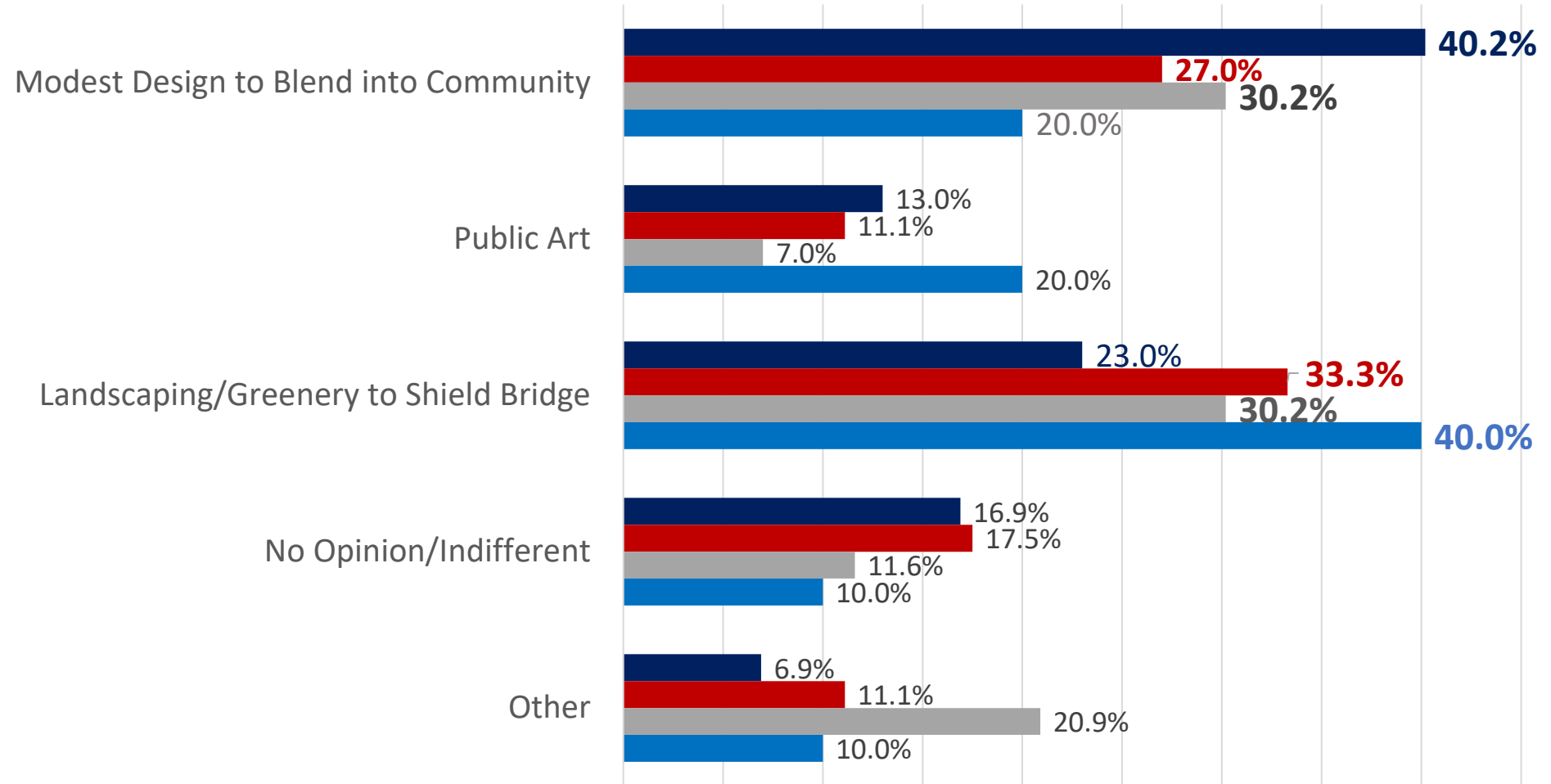


Construction Impacts (Outreach Area)



Visual Preferences - New Bridge

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■ Total Responses

■ Responses within Outreach Area

■ East Side Community Responses

■ West Side Community Responses



Obtaining Consensus in Identifying Community Concerns

Developing Solutions - Process



Identify Community Concerns and Project Impacts

AVOID

MINIMIZE

MITIGATE

Developing Mitigation Strategies and Commitments

- **What is “mitigation”?**
 - Additional actions that are defined and taken by an agency to reduce impacts **resulting from the project.**
- **Impact areas of concern may be categorized as:**
 - **Temporary:** Impacts caused by construction activities
 - **Permanent:** Impacts that will result from permanent changes due to implementing the I-80 project and new bridge
 - **Indirect or Cumulative:** Impacts that may be caused by the project, but that are separated in time or that are combined impacts from this project when combined with other past, present or foreseeable future actions
- **Obtaining consensus that we have understood the array of concerns is essential to developing potential mitigation strategies that address community concerns**

Community Concerns Raised – Construction Related Impacts

Increased Traffic

- In and around major roadways connecting to I-80 during construction
- Maintaining access to and from community

Air Quality During Construction

- Elderly residents with COPD, asthma
- Dust and other construction activities near residential homes

Construction Activities

- **Construction Truck Traffic and Safety**, impacts to local roads
- Construction equipment Adjacent to Homes

Construction Noise/Vibration

- Hours of construction (night-time, in particular)
- Potential Damage to Homes

Community Concerns Raised – Permanent Impacts

Property Value Changes

- Reduced Attractiveness of Community

Increased Traffic and Noise

- Access to/from community and cut through traffic
- Increased noise from Added Traffic on I-80

Visual Impact of New Bridge

- Modest Design/Blend into Community
- Landscaping/Greenery or Other to Shield Bridge
- Lighting for safety
- Fencing/attractiveness

Relocation of Property Owners and Tenants

- Fair Market vs Replacement Costs
- Real Estate Tax Differences
- Finding Comparable Rents/Pricing
- Special Considerations- Low Income, Senior Housing, Poor Credit
- No existing mortgage or– inherited property
- Some voluntary acquisition requested beyond construction footprint

Community Concerns Raised – Indirect or Cumulative Impact Concerns

Original Construction of I-80 Project (late 1960s):

- Community Cohesion – bisecting east side communities north and south of the bridge
- Reduction over time of residence from community amenities
- Induced traffic, congestion, safety
- Visual Impacts - Maintenance of structure and condition

Water Treatment Plant and Recycling Plant:

- Increased industrialization of land use
- Water Treatment Plant expansion: construction-related impacts to community and additional reduction of residential properties
- Increased truck traffic within neighborhood and impacts to local streets on east side



Next Steps and Action Items

Following Today's Meeting...



Meeting
Recording
and
Presentation
Available



Project
E-Blast
Email



Today's
Meeting
Notes



All
Information
Updated on
Website

Provide Your Additional Comments and Share Information

There are several ways to share additional input with the project team:

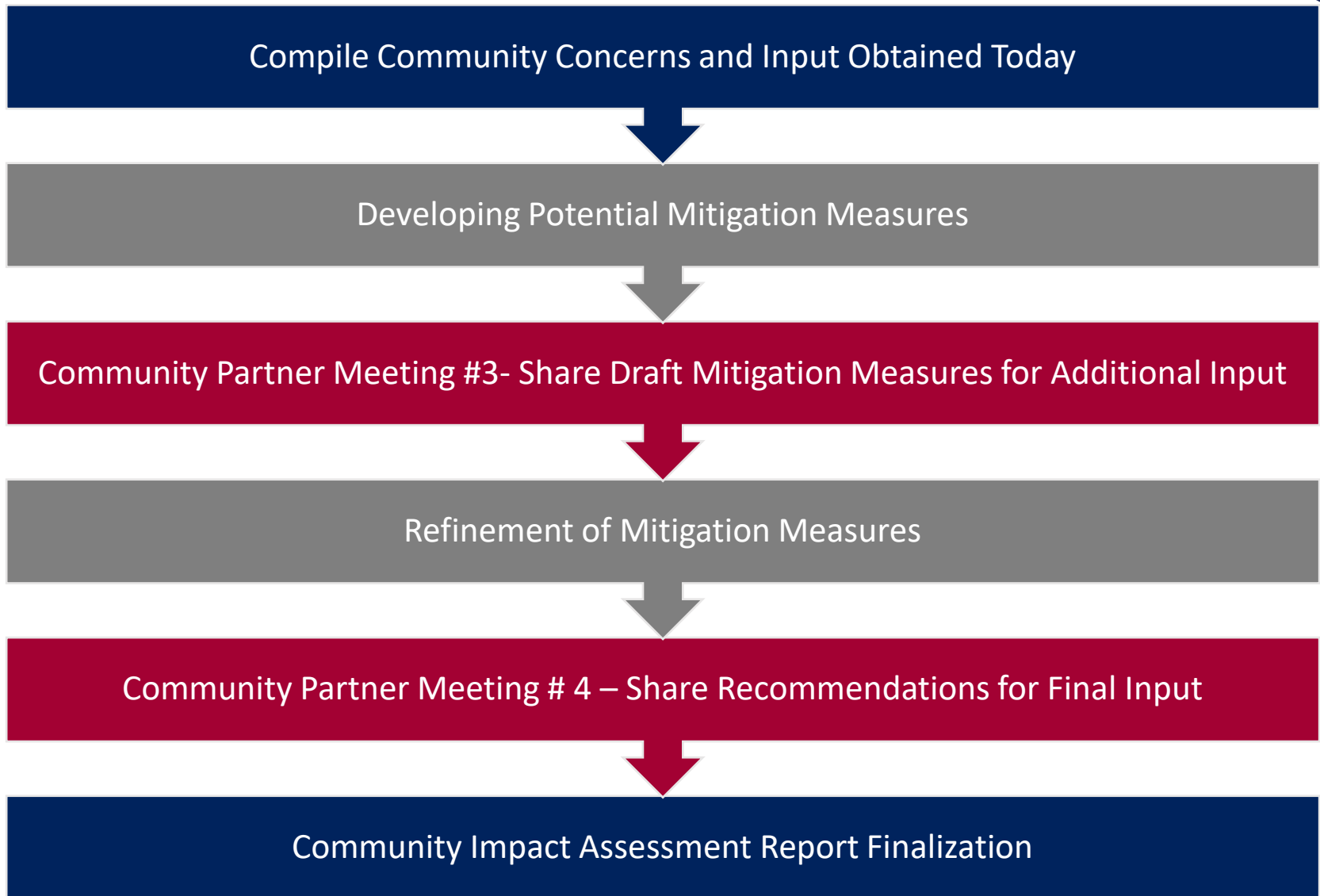


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Share community partner project information with your community group contacts

Next Steps



Mark Your Calendars

November

Community Partner Meeting #3

- ✓ Review Draft Mitigation Measures
- ✓ Obtain Input on Refinements or Updates

December

Community Partner Meeting #4

- ✓ Review Recommendations
- ✓ Provide Any Final Input



THANK YOU!

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