

## Executive summary

Kitsilano Beach Park is one of Vancouver's most popular parks and includes one of the only portions of the Seaside Greenway that does not separate modes of travel, such as walking, rolling, and cycling. The project team undertook public engagement from August 10 to 30, 2021, resulting in about 2,290 touchpoints with park users and residents. Engagement opportunities included an online survey, two on-site engagement pop-ups where paper surveys were made available, and direct stakeholder emails. The project team heard from a broad cross-section of Vancouver residents who use the park and pathway, with strong representation from the Kitsilano neighbourhood.

Altogether, over 1,200 people completed the online survey. Key characteristics of respondents include:

- Over 65% of respondents said they visit the park at least a few times a month
- Most people said they travel through the park, while many also visit the park to relax or take part in recreational activities
- Over half of respondents said they access the park by cycling and/or by walking

The survey asked respondents to identify their top three values from a list including: greenspace, parking, connections, directness, impact, and other. Safety (including accessibility) and comfort were not included in the list because these are two values that staff consider to be paramount in park design.

Respondents' top values were **greenspace, connections, and directness**, with some variation in people's top values according to how they travel to the park, activities they do in the park, and self-reported demographic characteristics, including age, gender, and disability status.

Survey responses confirmed that safety and comfort were important values. No new values were identified by respondents who selected "other".

The project team also heard about some of the challenges people experience with the existing pathway alignment in the park and recommendations that could make their experience better.



Respondents identified the following as the top three challenges:



Conflicts between cyclists and other park and pathway users because of the shared spaces everyone occupies



Concerns about behaviour of people cycling at fast speeds, not following rules, and not ceding space to people walking and rolling



Congestion, with concerns about a high volume of all park users and competing demands for space along the pathway and in the park

Respondents shared these top recommendations when it comes to a separated cycling path connecting across the park:



Add clearer and/or more signage to ensure all path users understand where different modes of travel are allowed and not allowed



A bike path either on the road, outside of the park, or around the perimeter of the park



Separate bike path for people cycling, and for people walking and rolling

This input will help staff to develop design options for a separated cycle path that is safe and comfortable for all users, including children, families, and people with reduced mobility, while reducing conflicts between park users. Different cycle path design options will be presented in a second round of engagement in the fall/winter of 2021.





This image shows a summary of Engagement Round 1 for the Kitsilano Beach Park Seaside Greenway project. It reads: 2,290+ total people reached. Of 1,228 survey respondents, 84% visit the park at least a few times a month; 72% access the park by bike; 56% access the park by walking; and 45% live in Kitsilano. Top values: greenspace, connections, and directness.

