West End commercial streets

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Denman Village: what we heard

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Public life on Denman Street is negatively impacted by traffic congestion



Desire to lower vehicle volumes in the Village

43% of responses about public life mentioned vehicles detracting from their experience***.

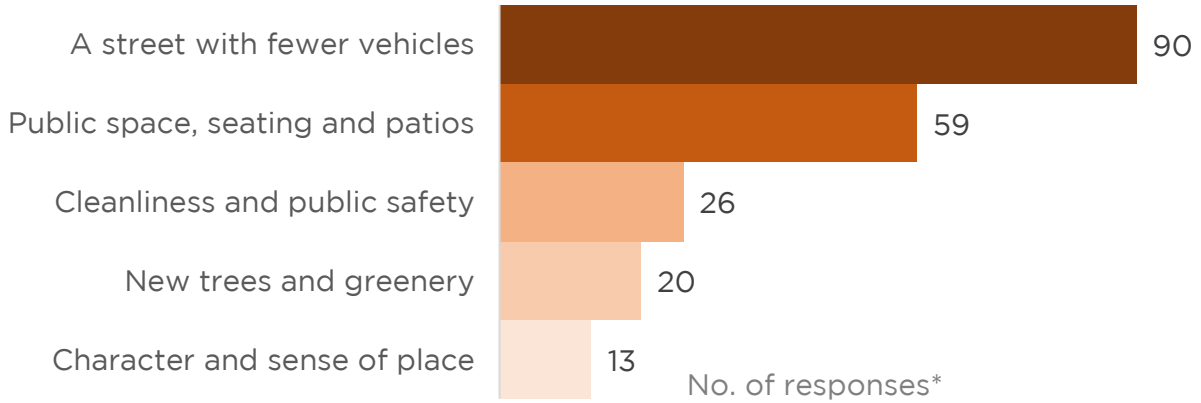
"Find ways to make Denman less of a shortcut to the [Lions Gate] bridge for car traffic. It is not enjoyable to have what feels like a highway [go] through the neighborhood."

Demand for new public space, improved outdoor seating and patios

"There is no public space on Denman"
"Create temporary plaza spaces like you see on South Granville street where possible"

Cleanliness and public safety and new trees and greenery were also cited frequently.

Improving the Denman Village experience – key themes**



**Small sample size – 277 responses*

***A review of 277 responses to one open-ended question reveals that a street with fewer vehicles was the most commonly raised theme about public life.*

****Percentages are calculated based on the 208 public life sentiments raised across all 277 responses.*

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Transportation: Prioritize walking improvements



Walking improvements were raised the highest proportion of respondents (44% of transportation responses)***

Specific feedback included:

- Uneven sidewalks that are incredibly narrow.
- Poor safety and comfort for pedestrians.

Poor transit and active mobility experience

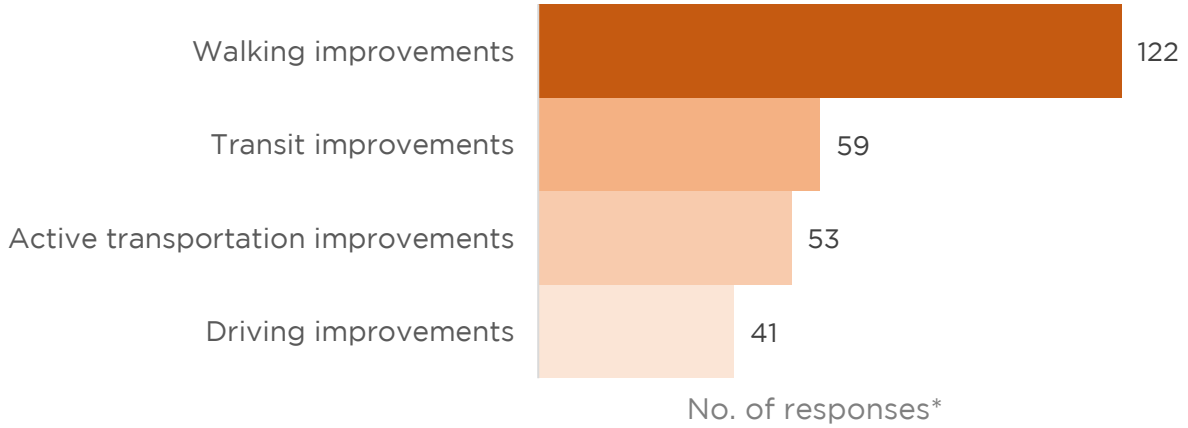
We heard:

- Seating is needed at bus stops.
- Support for faster transit, or SkyTrain connections.
- Denman is scary to bike on.
- Improved safety measures would support micro mobility users, including food couriers, and people cycling.

Drivers are frustrated

- Non-local traffic: “Denman is tricky as it is so narrow & many cars use it to pass through, rather than to access businesses on Denman.”
- Two-way traffic is necessary for residents’ access

Improving transportation – key themes**



**Small sample size – 277 responses*

***A review of 277 responses to one open-ended question reveals that ‘walking improvements’ was the most commonly raised transportation theme.*

****Percentages are calculated based on the 275 transportation sentiments raised across all 277 responses.*

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Other feedback



Not all responses related to permanent public space or transportation changes*

Suggestions included:

- More public washrooms.
- More appealing storefronts.
- Better enforcement for people cycling or using micro mobility devices** on sidewalks.
- Encourage more “mom and pop” stores.

Other concerns included:

- Noise in mini parks.
- E-scooters riding on sidewalks.

**33 sentiments raised in the 277 responses to open-ended questions on Denman Village related to other issues. This means they could not be accurately attributed to a transportation or public life code. This feedback will be considered in the design process for each street.*
***such as e-bikes and e-scooters*

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Thank you for reading what we heard about Denman Village.

For a full breakdown of the findings for the other streets, and details of who we heard from, please review the full report at [shapeyourcity.ca/west-end-streets (external link).](shapeyourcity.ca/west-end-streets)