

## First Public Engagement Summary

### Eastbound Kellogg RiverCentre Bridge

The City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works is working with an engineering consultant to design the replacement of the Eastbound Kellogg RiverCentre Bridge between West 7th Street and Market Street and the Exchange Street viaduct.

As part of its public engagement initiatives, the City solicited initial feedback from the public on the preliminary design of the bridge project. Public Works would like to thank everyone who participated in the survey. Here are a summary of the survey responses.

#### Overview of Engagement

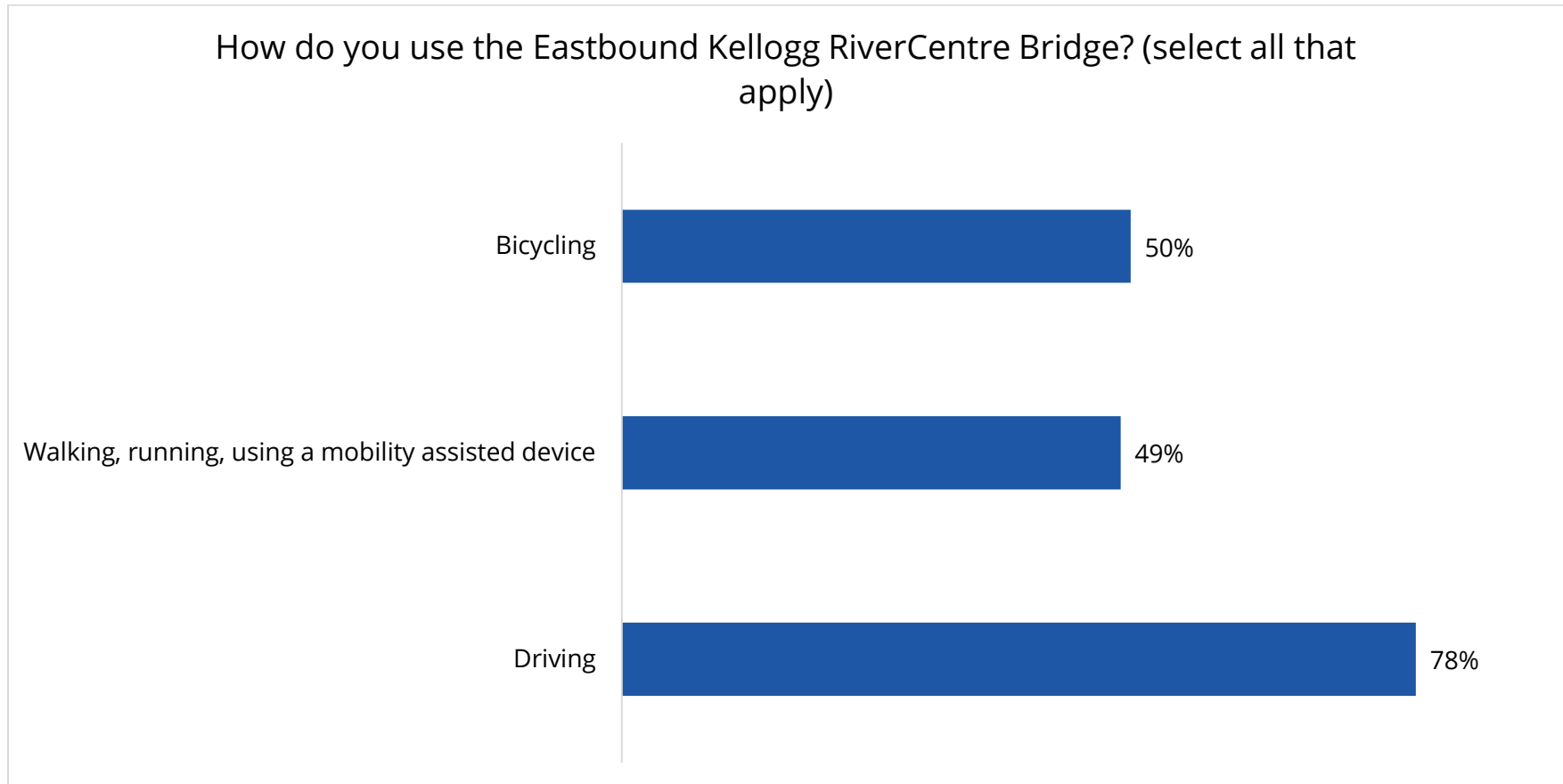
- **StoryMaps** – The City introduced a StoryMaps interactive platform on the project webpage located at [www.stpaul.gov/eastboundkellogg](http://www.stpaul.gov/eastboundkellogg). This feature allows the viewer to virtually tour the current project site and explore the proposed design concept for this complex project. 3D renderings were shared to highlight the major elements of the proposed design.
- **Survey** – The survey conducted by the City was key in identifying aspects of public interest for incorporating artwork. The feedback received informed the design team and served as a source of inspiration for developing public art concepts. The survey was available online from April to June 2021.
- **Outreach** – Information about the project and survey were shared through the City’s email newsletter, Facebook, Twitter, NextDoor targeting surrounding neighborhoods, and through partner organizations.

#### Overview of Who We Heard From

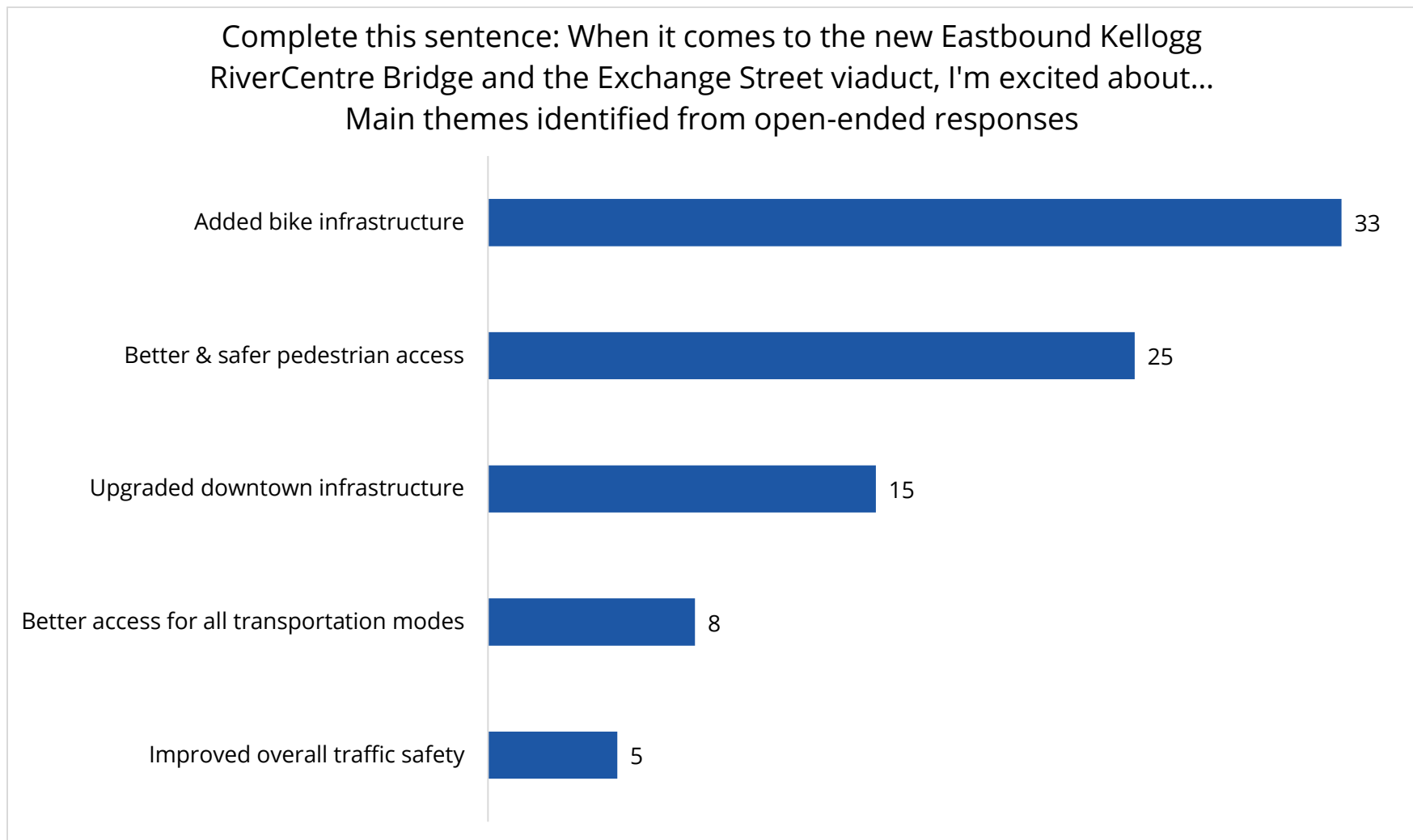
- Over 300 survey responses collected from 86 respondents
- 90% of respondents indicated that they live in Saint Paul
- 26% of respondents said that they live in the downtown
- 41% of respondents said that they are a commuter who frequents the downtown mostly during the weekday
- 47% of respondents said that they visit downtown for events or activities

## Summary of Responses to Survey Questions

People use the Eastbound Kellogg RiverCentre Bridge as pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers.

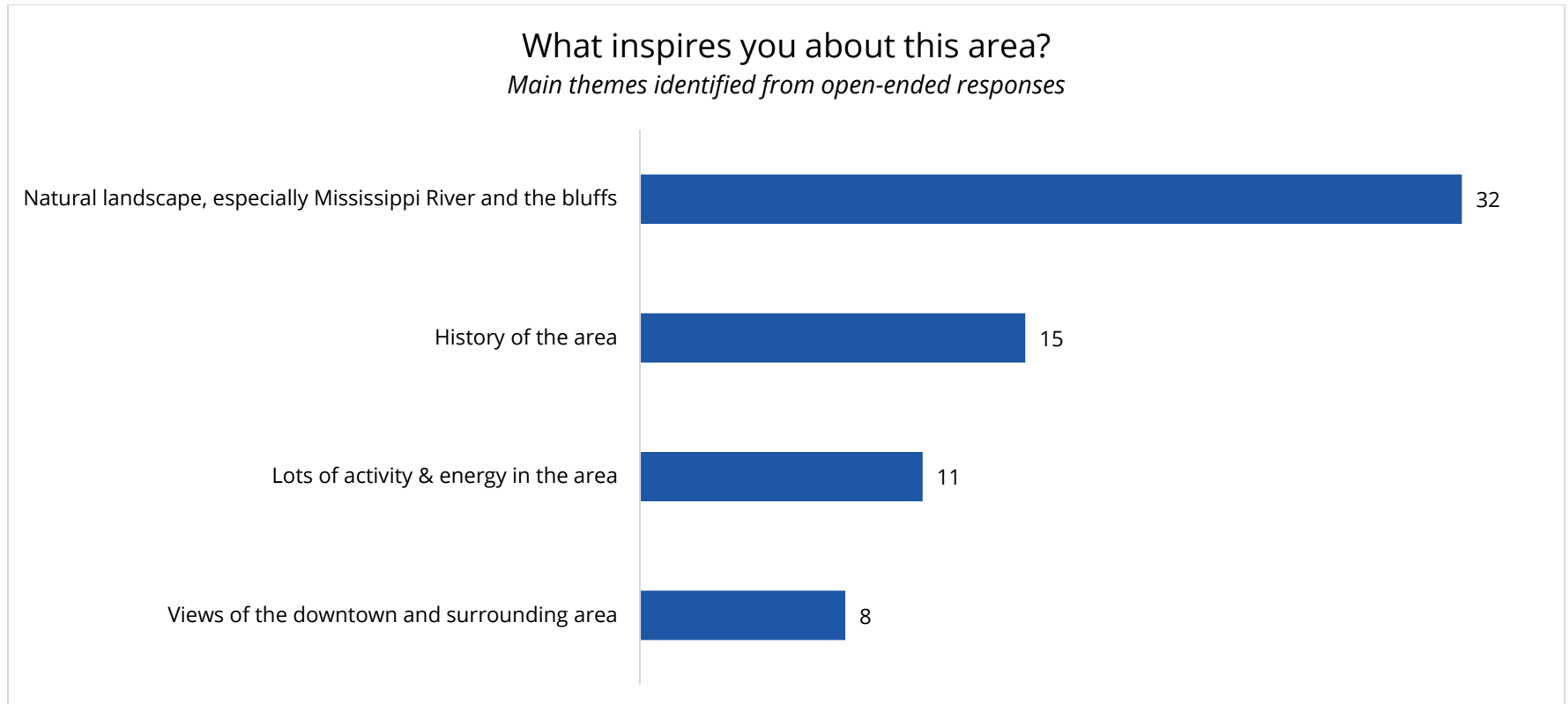


**Bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure improvements and additions were identified as the most exciting elements of the project. Overall upgrades to the downtown infrastructure and better access for all modes of transportation were also identified as exciting aspects of the project.**

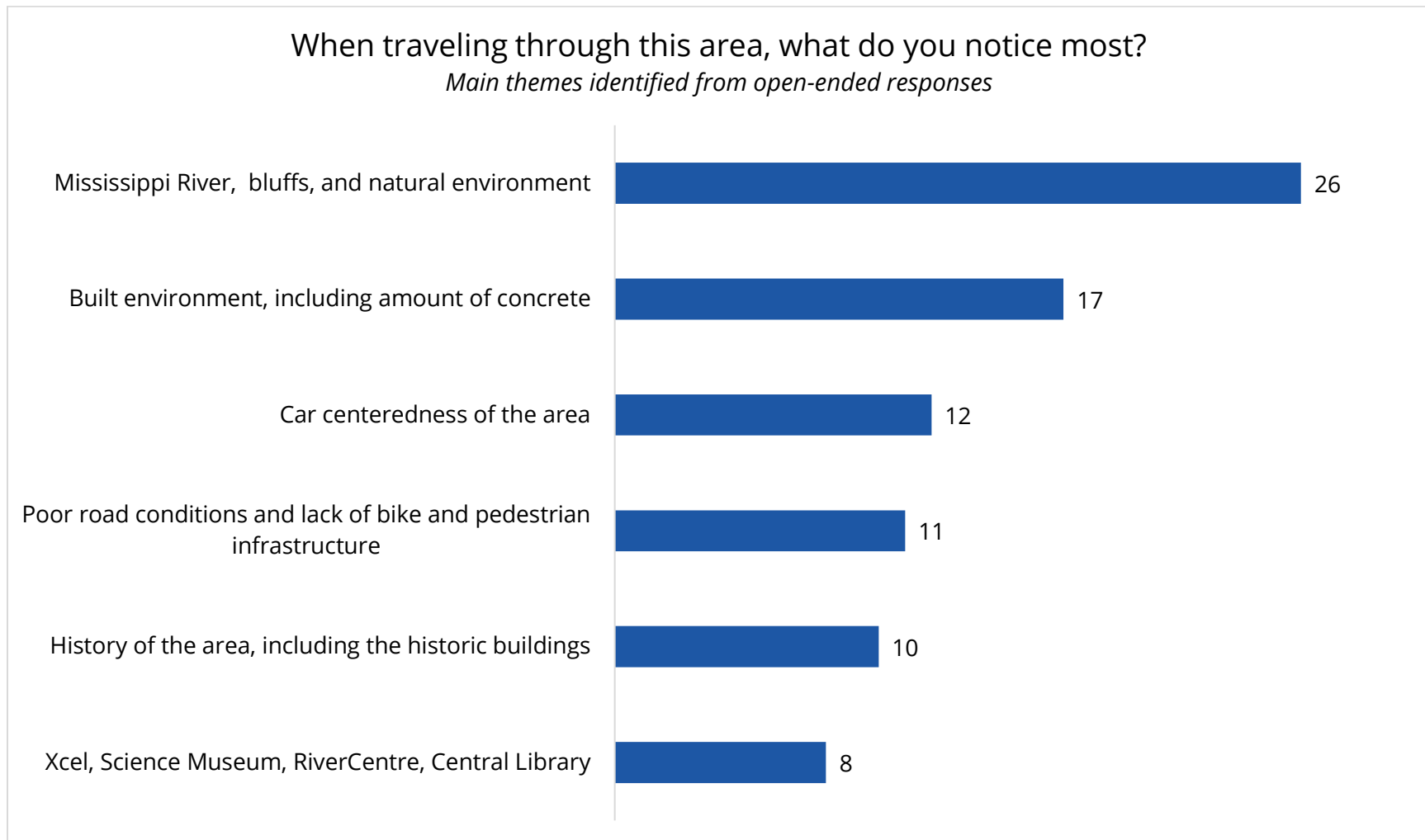


## Summary of Responses to Questions related to the Art and Aesthetic Design

Many survey respondents are inspired by the natural landscape, especially the Mississippi River and the bluffs.



**When in this area, many people shared that they notice the Mississippi River, the bluffs and the natural environment. People also noted that they notice the built environment, the concrete, specific buildings, and the history of the area.**



**Having art that represents the natural landscape of the bluff and river area was very or somewhat important to 91% of respondents.**

When thinking about art in the area, how important to you is each of the following topics:  
(select one for each topic)

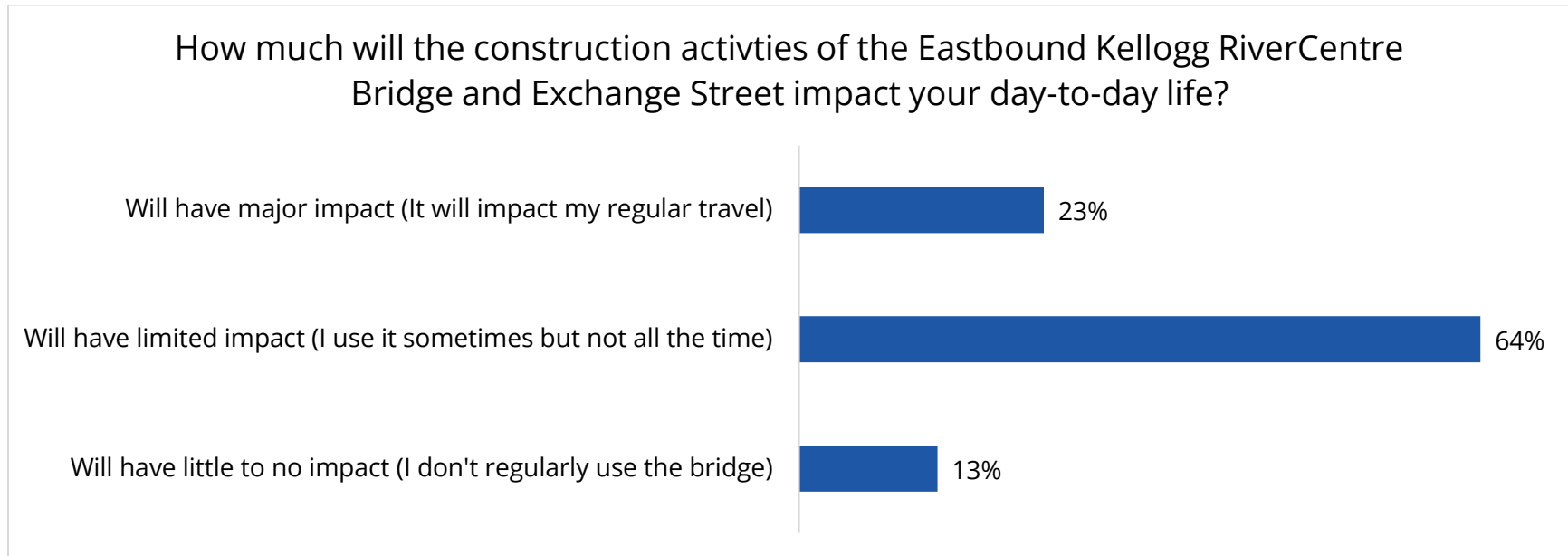
	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Important
Art that represents the natural landscape of the bluff and river area	56%	35%	4%	5%
Art that represents the history of the downtown area	35%	42%	18%	5%
Art that represents Minnesota heritage and culture	34%	38%	21%	7%
Art that represents the range of downtown activities and events	15%	26%	37%	22%

**When in this area, most people indicated that they pay attention to what’s around them, which includes the Mississippi River and bluffs.**

Thinking about this area of downtown Saint Paul: (select one for each topic)

	Yes	No	Somewhat
I have a good understanding of the history of the area	33%	19%	48%
When I travel through this area, I pay a lot of attention to what's around me	73%	9%	18%

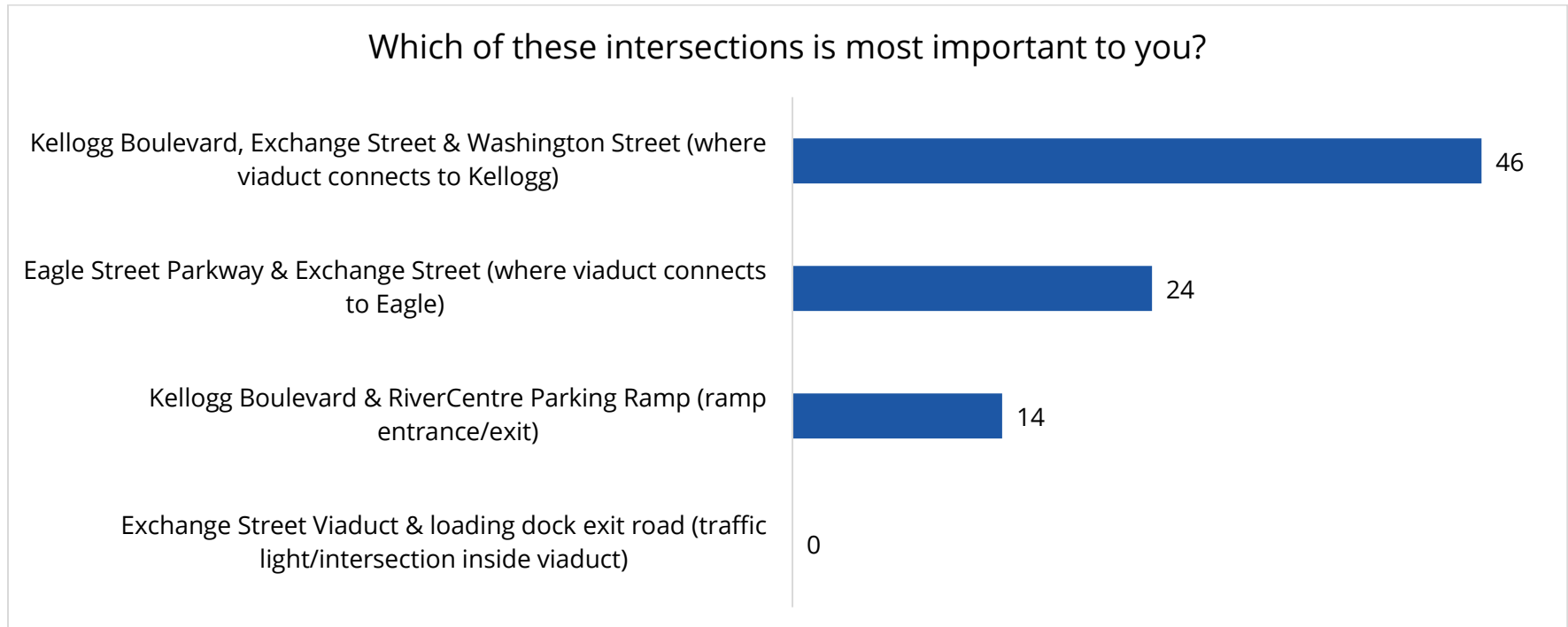
## Summary of Questions about the Impact of Construction



During construction, how important to you is each of the following topics:  
(check one for each topic)

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Neutral	Not Important
Duration of roadway closures during bridge construction	26%	28%	38%	8%
Vehicle detours and delays	24%	29%	33%	14%
Pedestrian/bicycle detours and delays	32%	34%	15%	19%
Parking ramp access	11%	13%	19%	57%

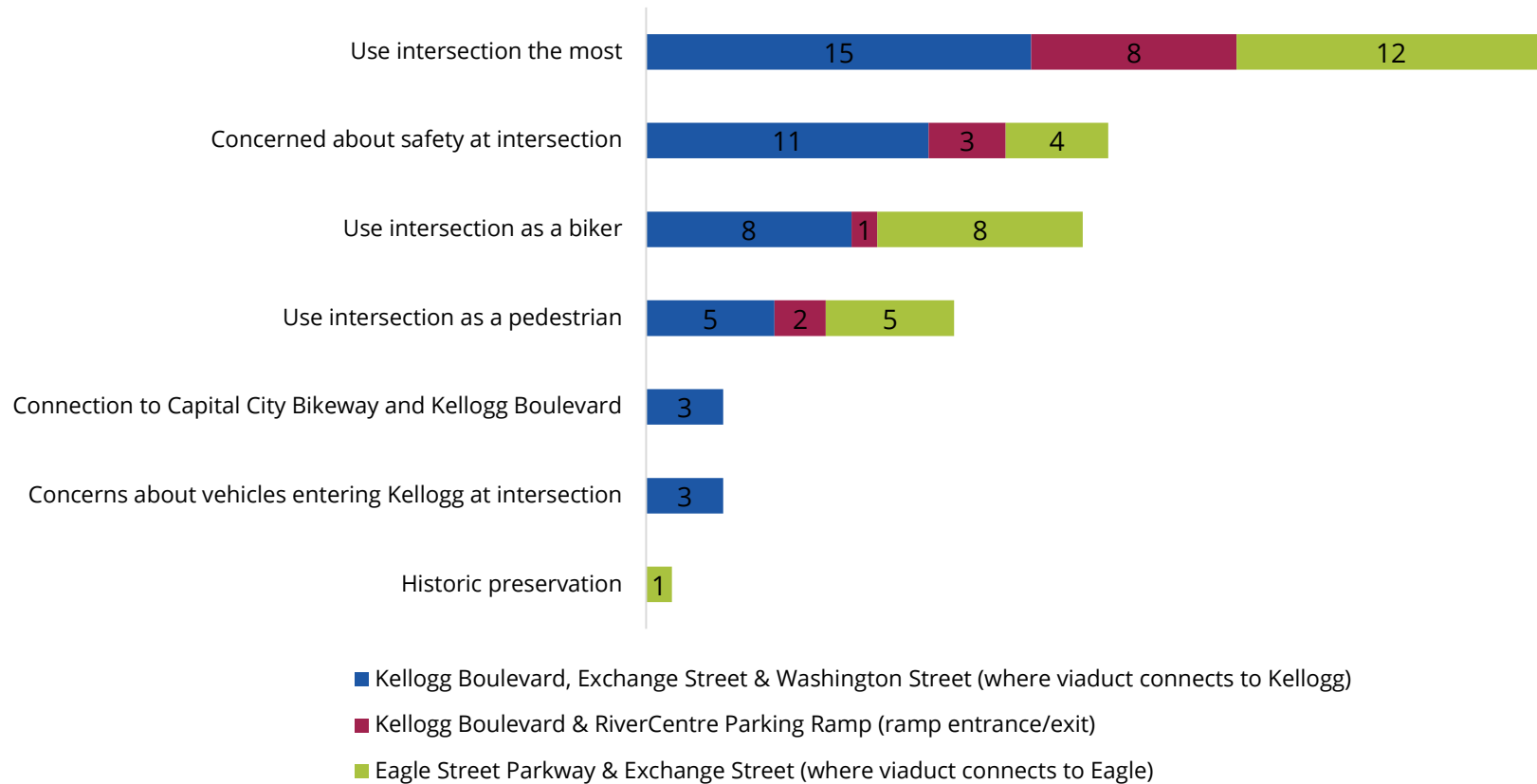
## Summary of Questions about the Intersections in the Project Area





## Why did you select the intersection in the previous question?

*Main themes identified from open-ended responses*



Is there anything else you would like to tell us about the Eastbound Kellogg RiverCentre Bridge and Exchange Street viaduct reconstruction project?

*Main themes identified from open-ended responses:*

- Bike and pedestrian facilities:
  - Provide more detail on the trail and how it will connect to Capital City Bikeway and other bike infrastructure.
  - Provide more detail on how pedestrian and bike traffic will enter and exit the Exchange Street viaduct at Washington Street.
  - Add a bike lane to Kellogg.
  - Provide details on lighting, especially in tunnel for pedestrians and bikes.
  - Separate the trail for pedestrians and bikes.
- Safety considerations for all users, especially at the Washington Street intersection.
  - Make it safer for the merging traffic from Exchange Street on to Kellogg.
- Questions about the impact of construction and the duration to complete this work.
  - Be mindful about the people who live downtown when carrying out this project.
- Preserve the history of the area.
- Excited for this to be completed. This looks great; keep up the great work!

See separate document for [answers to commonly asked questions](#) raised in the survey feedback.