

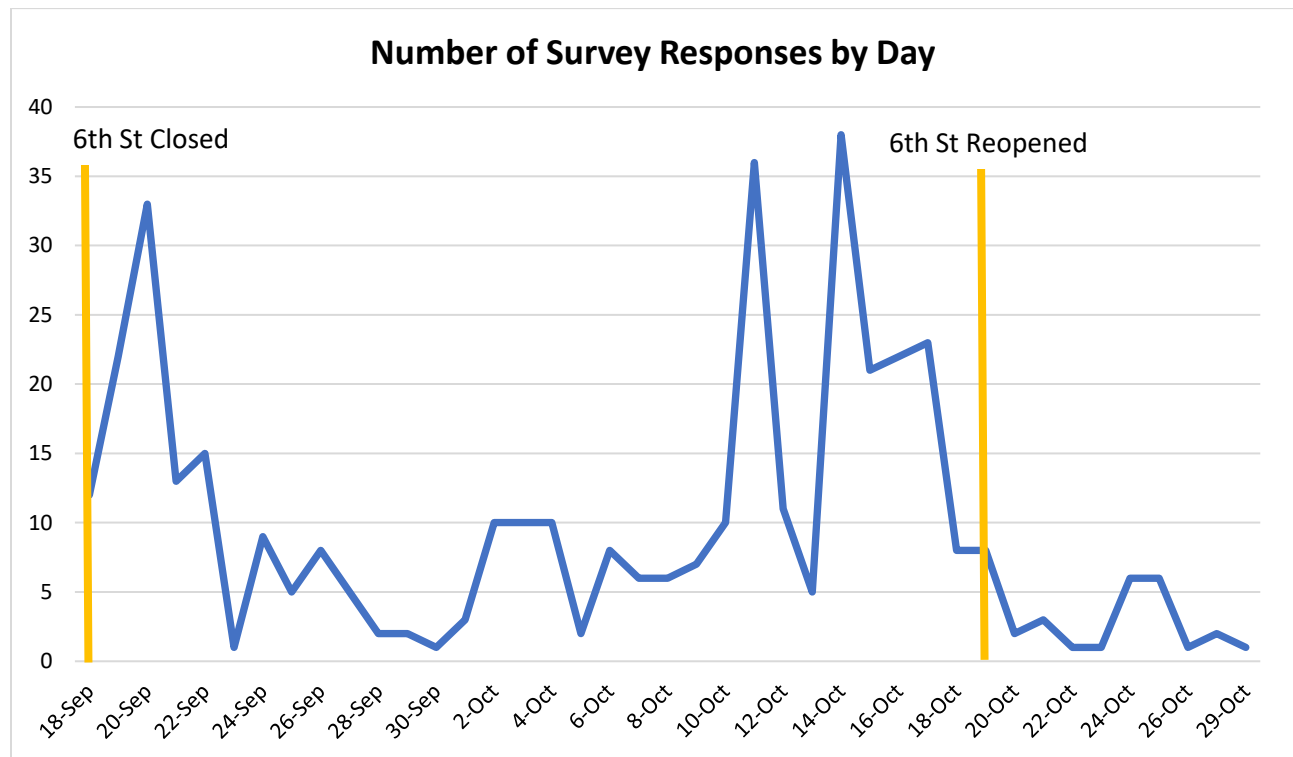
### 6<sup>th</sup> Street Test Closure Survey Feedback Data 11/5/18

Survey was available at [www.stpaul.gov/6thTest](http://www.stpaul.gov/6thTest) starting on the first day of the test closure on September 18, 2018. The road was reopened on October 19, 2018. In addition to qualitative feedback from residents and users of 6<sup>th</sup> Street through this survey, quantitative data was collected about use of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and the surrounding streets through traffic counts.

The data in this report was pulled on October 31, 2018.

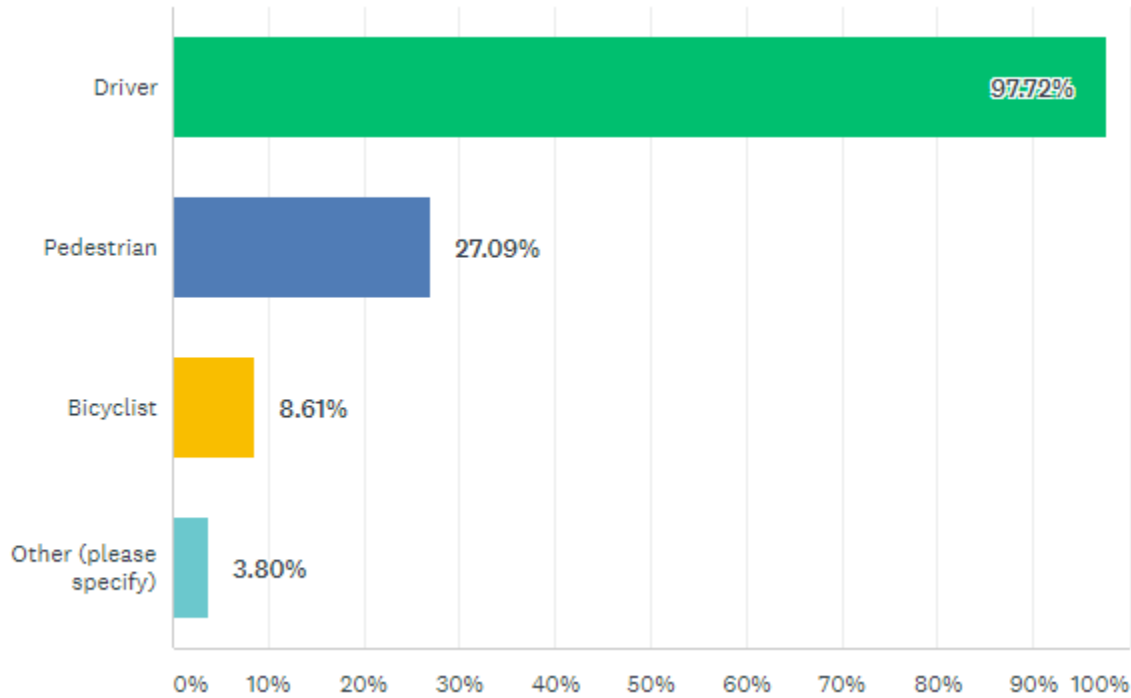
#### Overview of the survey respondents

- 395 responses
- 23 (5.8%) of the responses came in after the end of the test closure (October 19, 2018)



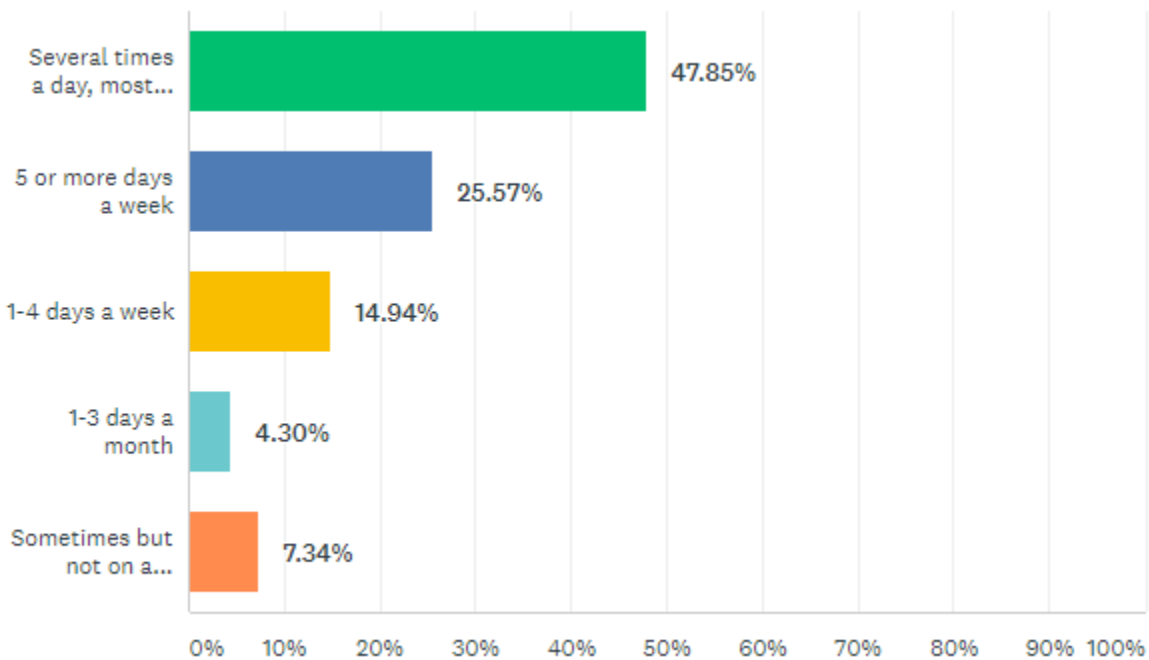
Q1. How do you regularly use East 6<sup>th</sup> St? (select all that apply)

- 98% (386) of respondents indicated that they regularly drive on East 6<sup>th</sup> Street
- 27% (107) of respondents indicated that they regularly use East 6<sup>th</sup> Street as a pedestrian



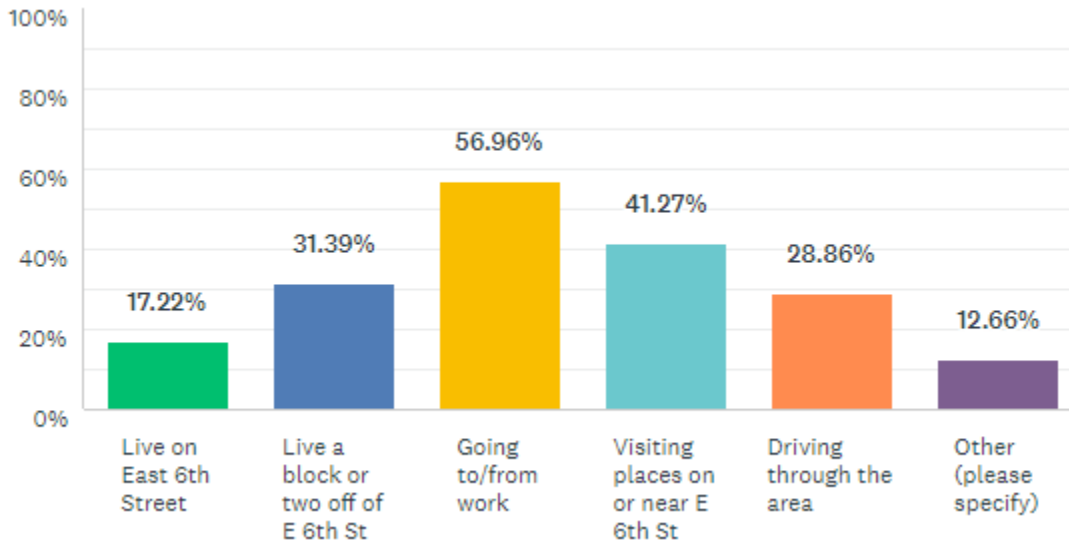
Q2. How often do you use East 6<sup>th</sup> St? (select only one)

- 48% (189) shared that they use East 6<sup>th</sup> Street
- 26% (101) shared that they use East 6<sup>th</sup> Street 5 or more days a week



Q3. Why are you traveling on East 6<sup>th</sup> St between Mounds Boulevard and Maria Avenue? (select all that apply)

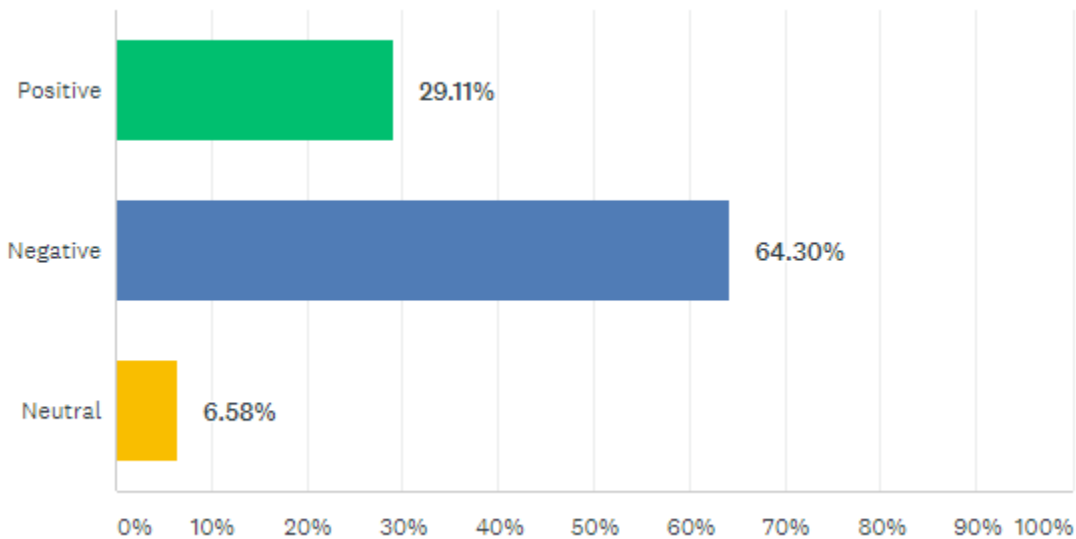
- 48% (192) said they live on East 6<sup>th</sup> Street or a block or two off of East 6<sup>th</sup> Street
- 57% (225) said that they are going to/from work
- 41% (163) said that they are visiting a destination on or near East 6<sup>th</sup> Street



- Other included: access I-94, walking/walking dog, visiting friends and family

Q4. How do you feel overall about the closure of East 6<sup>th</sup> Street?

- 64% (254) responded negative
- 29% (115) responded positive



Q5. How, if at all, has the closure of East 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Mounds Boulevard and Maria Avenue impacted you? (Open Ended)

- 379 responses
- Summary of responses:
  - Terrible, bad idea, unnecessary
  - Concerns about left turn from Maria onto 7<sup>th</sup> St – light not long enough, congestion, more traffic driving through Metro State campus (on Maria)
  - Increased traffic on Maria, 7<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Longer commute time
  - Having to “detour,” especially making left turns
  - Driving more through residential streets
  - Access to Metro State and business on 7<sup>th</sup> is more difficult and also for some residents to their homes
  - Less traffic on 6<sup>th</sup> St – feel safer as pedestrian, calmer, less speeding traffic
  - No impact
- Specific quotes that express these ideas:
  - “7th street has been come much busier and harder to get on/off if you are not at a controlled intersection.”
  - “Diverted traffic has been backing up on Maria at the 7th Street light from Metro State's ramp, and it makes getting back onto I-94 West difficult for commuters leaving campus. It results in a lot of extra turns to get to the university's parking ramp and cars idling at lights.”
  - “6th street is a much calmer, safer, and more residential street as a result. The traffic has been greatly reduced, cars traveling down 6th are not speeding, stop signs are more often being observed. I do not mind driving over an extra block to get on I-94 west in exchange for those more neighborhood friendly results.”
  - “I feel so much safer walking to the market or visiting friends in the neighborhood. Keep it!”
  - “Had to change my route I take to work. Not a big deal.”

Q6. Anything else to share (Open Ended)

- 339 responses
- Summary of responses:
  - Terrible, hate it, worst idea
  - Keep 6<sup>th</sup> open
  - Keep 6<sup>th</sup> closed – positive impact, feels like a neighborhood
  - Calm traffic on 6<sup>th</sup> differently than closing it – close 6<sup>th</sup> east of Maria, different lights/lanes at Mounds & 6<sup>th</sup>, make 6<sup>th</sup> one way
  - Change lights and intersections along Mounds and 7<sup>th</sup>
- Specific quotes that express these ideas:
  - “That road area is busy enough and poorly designed (mounds to 94), closing down one of the paths through is not a value add. It is making things worse.”
  - “The closure has also put more traffic pressure on 3rd street.”
  - “If this was a permanent change, then the intersection on Mounds and 7th needs to be updated. It is very difficult to turn left from 7th to mounds with the intent to get onto

94. Also, the traffic has drastically increased on Maria between 6th and 7th. Consider closing that street as well for pedestrian safety.”

- “It has been really positive and keeps the speed down.”
- “It’s great and we all deserve to live in a safe streets free from racetrack traffic. Keep these crazy drivers off our residential streets. Especially 6th since so many of these crazy drivers seem to go north on arcade or earl. They don’t need to be on 6th. Please keep it!!!for our future generations let’s leave a better community than how we found it.”
- “It wasn’t a big deal but I don’t think it should be closed permanently.”

Q7. Zip code (open ended)

- 74% (294) of respondents listed their zip code as 55106
- 43 other zip codes were reported (9 or fewer respondents)