



Results from COVID-19 Street Response Survey

From June 5 through June 25, 2020, CRTP hosted an online survey asking Humboldt County residents about their experiences walking, biking, driving and using other modes of transportation now compared to before the pandemic. The survey also asked whether residents are having trouble social distancing while moving around and gauged support for various potential measures to accommodate new realities and make streets safer for the duration of the pandemic.

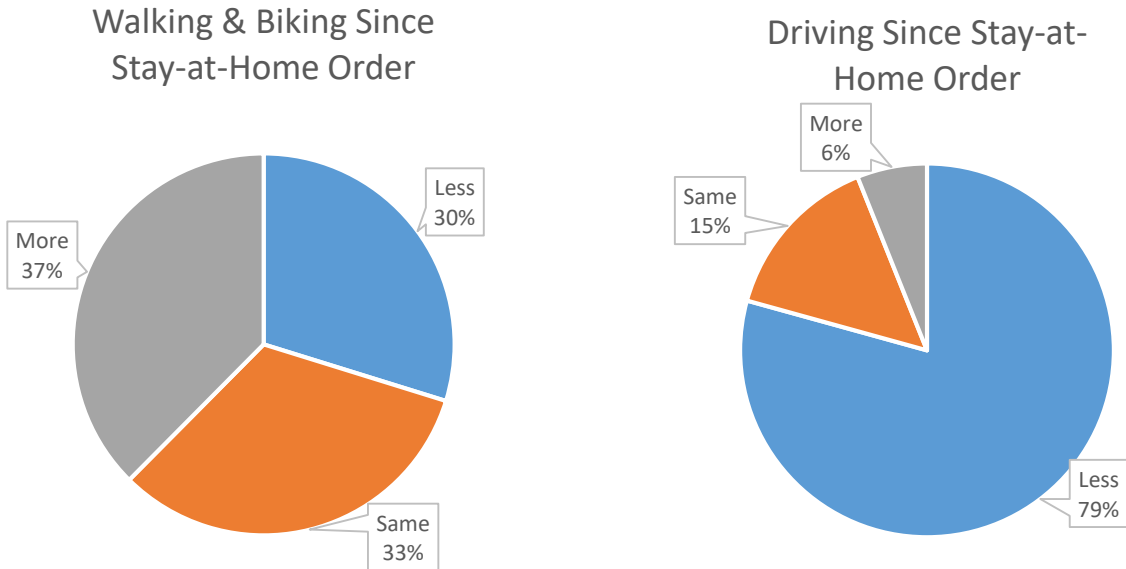
Specifically, the survey asked the following questions:

- Since the COVID-19 stay-at-home order, how much have you been walking, jogging, running, or using an assisted mobility device, compared to before the order?
- Since the COVID-19 stay-at-home order, how much have you been biking, compared to before the order?
- Since the COVID-19 stay-at-home order, how much have you been driving a car or truck, compared to before the order?
- If/when you have been walking, jogging, running, using a mobility device, or biking since the stay-at-home order, how easy or difficult has it been to maintain 6 feet of social distance from other people?
 - Is there a specific location in your community where you can't walk, bike or roll safely while maintaining 6 feet of social distance (e.g. a narrow or obstructed sidewalk or a missing bike lane)? If so, please identify the location and the problem.
- Slow Streets are neighborhood streets where through traffic is discouraged, so that people can walk, bike and even play in the streets more safely while social distancing. Would you support a Slow Streets program in your community?
 - If there is a street or block in your neighborhood that you think would be a good candidate for a "Slow Street," please identify it here.
- Some intersections in Humboldt County require people to press a button to get a walk signal. Due to concerns over "high-touch surfaces," some communities have programmed signals to provide an automatic walk signal. Would you support a similar change here?
- Do you own a retail business or restaurant in Humboldt County?
- Local laws require businesses to maintain a certain number of parking spaces. Would you support allowing businesses to conduct outdoor dining or retail in some of those parking spaces, so that they can serve more people while maintaining social distance?

The survey was promoted through email, social media including Facebook and Nextdoor, and local news outlets. 201 Humboldt County residents responded to the survey.

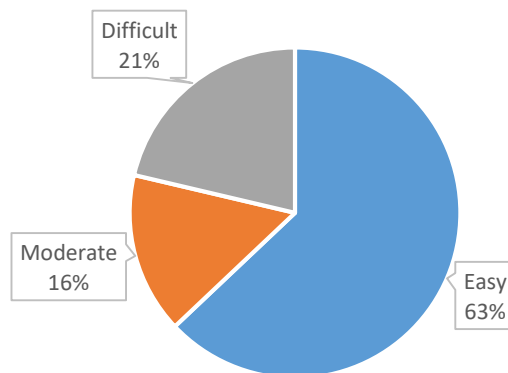
Countywide Results

Countywide, 70% of respondents reported walking and/or biking the same amount or more since the stay-at-home order was issued in March, while 94% of respondents reported driving the same or less. This represents a significant and fundamental shift in the way local residents are using the streets.



37% of respondents reported that it was moderately difficult to difficult to maintain a safe social distance from others while walking, biking or otherwise using the streets. While the majority of respondents reported little to no difficulty social distancing, these results demonstrate that a significant portion of the county’s population is having trouble complying with this public health mandate.

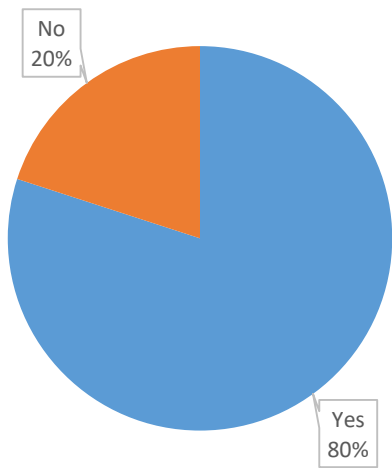
How Hard to Social Distance on the Street?



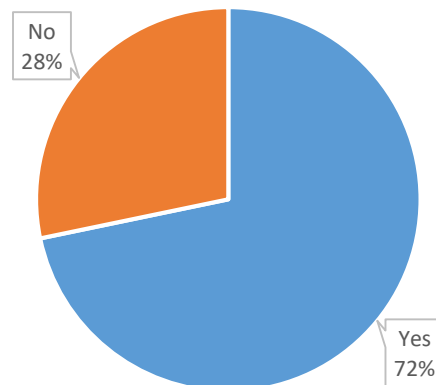


Large majorities of respondents supported the implementation of Slow Streets, automatic walk signals for pedestrians, and reduced parking requirements for businesses as responses to the pandemic. Given the urgent need for ongoing public health measures in response to the pandemic, as well as the broad public support demonstrated here, we suggest that jurisdictions throughout the county begin to implement each of these measures as soon as possible. Several respondents noted, and we strongly agree, that when implementing these measures it is critical to ensure convenient access for people with various mobility limitations.

Support Slow Streets



Support Automatic Walk Signals



Support Reduced Parking Requirements for Outdoor Dining & Retail

