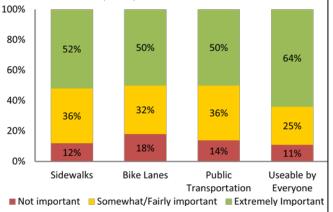
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### **Complete Streets Ordinance**

Complete Streets ordinances are a way for communities to make sure that the street network is useful for all drivers, pedestrians, bicyclists, and transit users. These ordinances make sure that roads and streets are safe and useful for people of all ages and abilities (school children through senior citizens).

Participants indicated that it is important to have sidewalks, bike lanes, and public transportation and that these options should be useable by everyone.<sup>1</sup>



Despite the perceived importance of sidewalks and bike lanes, 33% think that most or all roads are NOT bike or pedestrian friendly<sup>2</sup> but 48% said that bike lanes are EXTREMELY important for getting to school<sup>2</sup>



More than 30% indicated that Savannah is very supportive of sidewalks and trails that allow for physical activity. 1



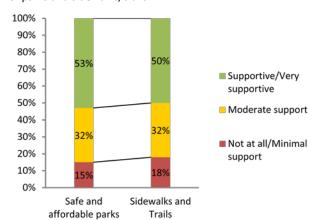
About a quarter think that a complete streets ordinance is important or extremely important for Savannah.  $^{1}$ 

#### **Truman Linear Park Trail**

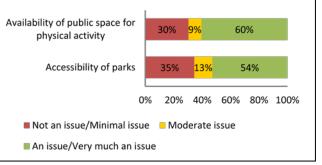
The Truman Linear Park Trail is a transportation project supported by Federal Highway funds to build an approximately 6 miles trail that will connect Daffin Park with Lake Mayer Community Park at Montgomery Cross Road, running parallel to Truman Parkway. The trail will be suitable for biking, walking, and running.

While **58%** did not know about the Truman Linear Park Trail, **47%** indicated they would use the Truman Linear Park Trail. <sup>1</sup>

Community members feel that the city is generally supportive of parks and sidewalks/trails.<sup>1</sup>

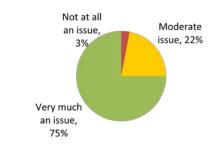


Over half of the community members indicated that accessibility of parks and availability of public space for physical activity is an issue in Savannah.<sup>1</sup>



### **Healthy Children/Childhood Obesity**

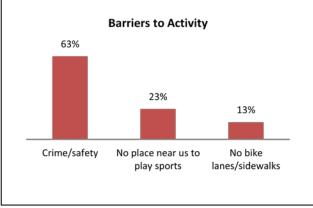
**Almost all** community members feel that childhood obesity is an issue in the Savannah community. 1



How can Healthy Savannah help address healthy children in Savannah?<sup>1</sup>



Most of the families that Healthy Savannah talked to want to become more active, however crime and safety concerns as well as a lack of sidewalks and bike lanes are barriers to this activity.<sup>2</sup>



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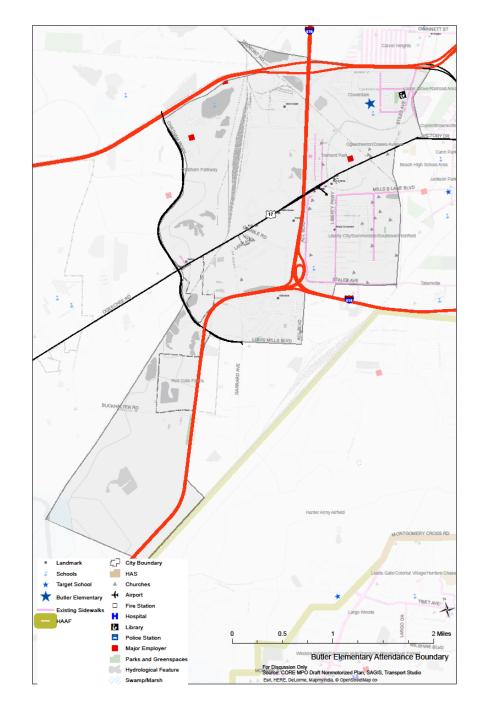
There were 45 attendees signed in at the community meeting at Butler Elementary. The attendees at the community meeting were asked to discuss and rank the challenges that they faced in being more active in their community. In terms of importance (ranked 1 to 3), the most important issue was physical activity access. There were 137 responses from 52 cards completed by attendees. Each card provided rankings of the challenges. The average rank shows the perceived level of importance. The higher the rank the more important the theme was to participants.

THEMES	#	%	Avg. Rank
Physical activity access	6	4%	2.8
Pedestrian infrastructure	40	29%	2.3
Community engagement	6	4%	2.2
Bike infrastructure	14	10%	2.1
Police/crime safety	25	18%	2.1
Lighting/safety	10	7%	2.0
Traffic/calming	29	21%	1.8



Items included in each of the categories include the following:

- Physical activity access open playgrounds, more public play grounds
- Pedestrian infrastructure sidewalks, safe walking areas
- Community engagement neighborhood activities, walking school bus
- Bike infrastructure Bike racks and facilities
- Crime/safety unsafe roads, crime, police presence
- Lighting/safety street lighting, safety of visibility on street
- Traffic/calming Traffic, speed bumps, traffic control



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