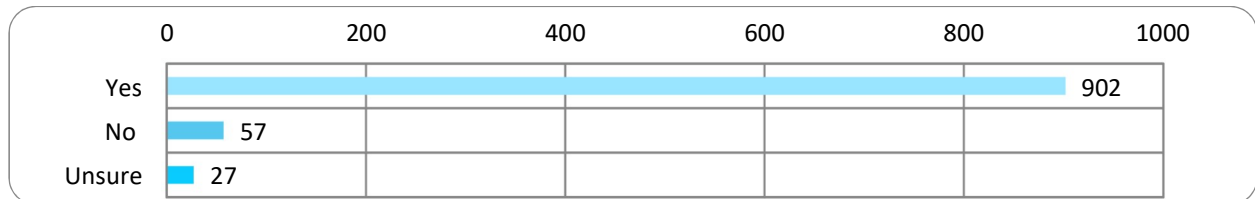
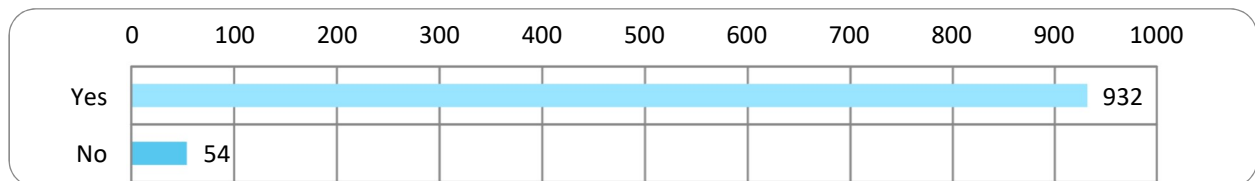


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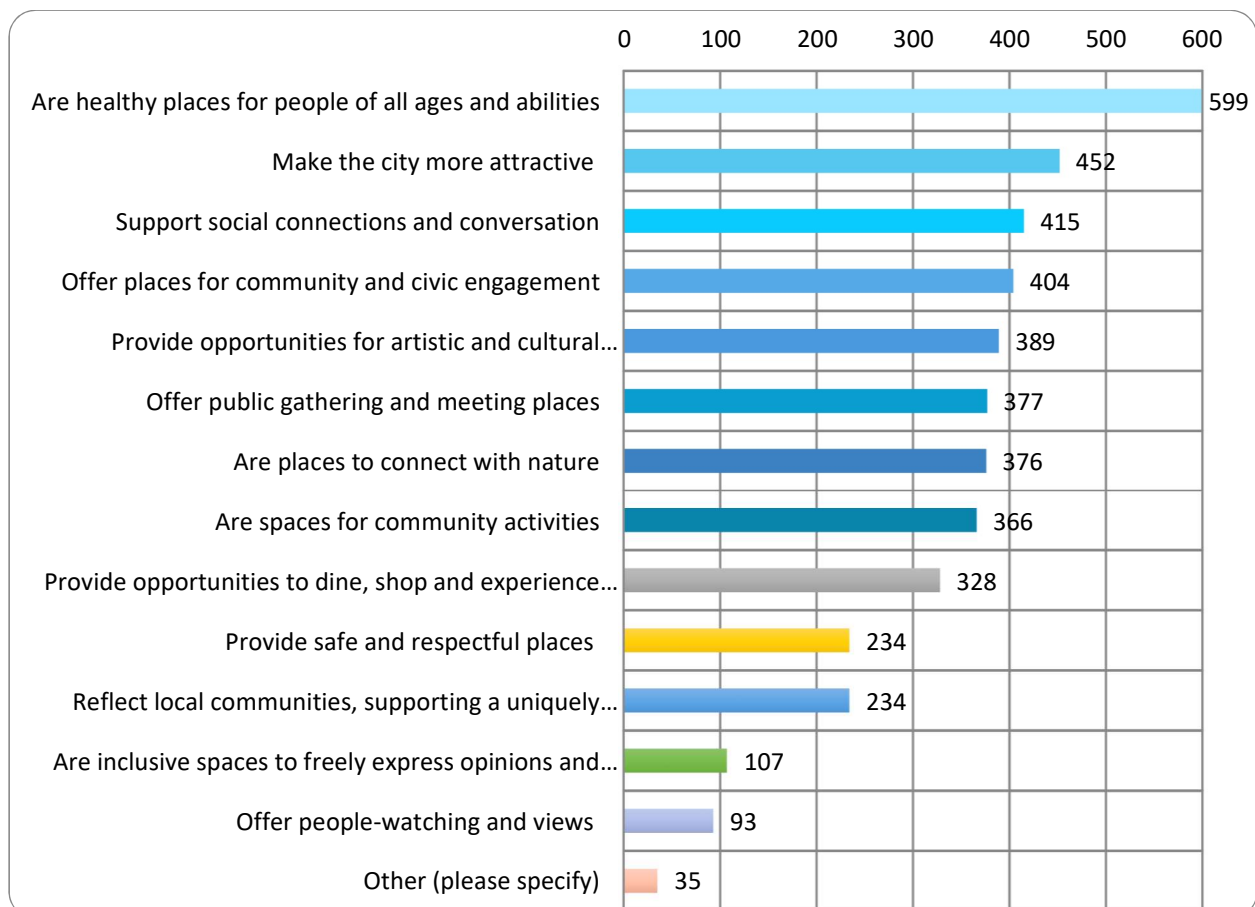
Question 1: Public space is a social space, that is generally open and accessible to people. This can include parks and community centres, as well as plazas and greenspaces. Do you support the expansion of public space in Hamilton?



Question 2: Is public space important to you?



Question 3: Why is public space important to you? (check your top 5)



Of the 35 individuals who chose 'other' reasons that public space is important to them, themes included **car-free public spaces**, **places for community** to share ideas and spend time together, **sustainability and the environment** and **accessibility**.

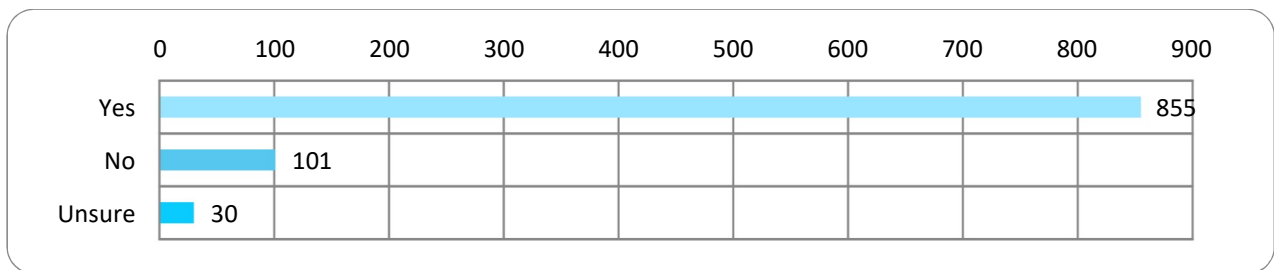
"A place to be with our children and feel safe from cars."

"Strengthen local businesses, fewer cars, incentive to live in and support the Hamilton downtown."

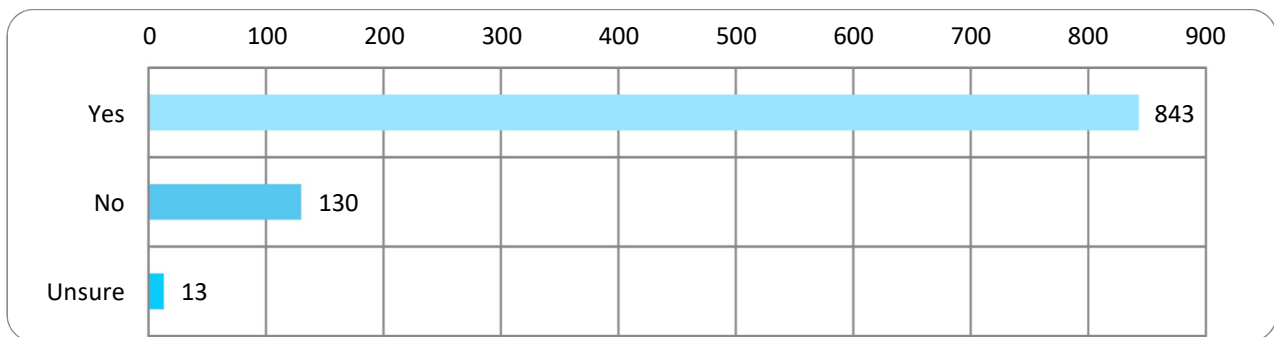
"In urban settings, public spaces are "backyards". Supporting a denser, more sustainable city means making more public space available."

"Public spaces are important because they ask nothing of you. You don't have to buy something to be there."

Question 4: Open Streets are programs that temporarily open streets to people as additional public space, closing them to cars. Do you support Open Streets events as a method for expanding public space in downtown areas?



Question 5: Do you support running Open Streets on King Street in Hamilton, as a pilot to test ideas that have been successful in other cities?



Of the people who were in support of a pilot project on King Street, the reasons why were generally focused around creating **more space for people and decreasing the number of cars downtown**, increasing safety, reducing noise, and benefiting the environment.

"The streets need to be shared - not kept exclusive for cars. Streets take up a lot of space and cost a lot of money. We all pay for them, they should be designed for use by everyone."

"I never go to the downtown core despite living a ten-minute walk away because the traffic makes it feel like a highway interchange. Fewer cars and more public space makes downtown feel safer, more accessible, and attractive."

Other key themes in the comments included the opportunity for **community connection**, the importance of **accessible public space**, and increased opportunities for **walking and cycling**.

"I want a safe place to ride my bike and roller skate! I'd get out more and make a day of it if I knew this was happening."

"I feel that making the street walkable and accessible for those who do not drive or cannot drive, or for those who do drive but wish to slow down and enjoy aspects of the community they may not necessarily notice while driving by, is an important step to supporting small businesses and generating a feeling of community. Someone on foot is more likely to walk into a shop than someone in a car. It also provides community members a more accessible method of enjoying outdoor space in the City."

There were also a number of comments that highlighted the benefits of the pilot as an opportunity to **experience the City in a new way**, using words like slow, peaceful and relax. Attraction to the downtown and to local businesses was another key theme. Words like **pride**, and **vibrancy** were used to highlight the ability of an event like this to strengthen the community in downtown Hamilton.

"It brings people out of their homes and into spaces usually dominated by cars to walk and explore their neighbourhoods in a peaceful safe way."

"I love to walk around the City with my kids, without worrying if they'll be hurt by cars when I take my eyes off them for a second. I can actually relax."

"It's an opportunity to experience downtown and Hamilton in a different way. It also may help people change their perspective on the downtown, if they see it's vibrancy, get to explore the shops, etc. in a way that they might not otherwise."

"Support making the Downtown a community, want to feel like a neighborhood rather than bypass."

"When you think of any great city - they are defined not by their quiet suburbs but their central meeting spots and hubs. We have so many ingredients for greatness, we can accomplish this."

"I think this is a brilliant idea and exactly what Hamilton needs to get people to truly experience the revitalization that has been happening downtown the last few years. Many people have a bad impression of downtown, they only use King and Main to drive

through downtown as quickly as possible. This will encourage people to come, experience, enjoy & hopefully continue to come back!"

There were individuals that were fully supportive and interested in making the project permanent or expanding the project. There were also some comments from people that were unsure of the project but interested in trying a pilot to see how it works.

"I'd like to see the results of a pilot, though I'm wary of implementing a program, particularly on King Street. Hamilton would really benefit from community engagement, especially after the last two years. I think it would help local businesses too. That being said, traffic is already an issue. Losing 4 kms of street will make that worse."

"I LOVE THIS IDEA AND I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THIS HAPPEN! We need more creativity like this to happen. Yes, it will be an inconvenience, to some, but the majority will enjoy this. It's only one weekend and not every weekend. I can support this happening one or two times a year but more than that would be too much for the residents who live along that corridor."

"This is consistent with the stated values of our City where we affirm we are in a climate emergency, we want safe streets, and we want to create the best place to raise children and age well. In this case, creating more space, safer space for people to get outdoors and out of their cars is a great idea to test out. I expect that some portions of City roads could permanently become pedestrian zones, even for certain times of the year."

The vast majority of people who do not support a pilot project on King Street mentioned the **traffic and congestion** issues that would be caused as a reason for not supporting the initiative. Many people suggested using a different street. Other themes in the responses include the disruption to **transit and emergency vehicles**, using **existing public space**, and the current **unpleasantness of downtown** making it an undesirable location for such a project.

"Gage park to Gore Park is a massive area that offers no great beauty or excitement other than a concrete path to walk or bike. There are other areas in Hamilton where walking etc. could occur that would be more pleasant."

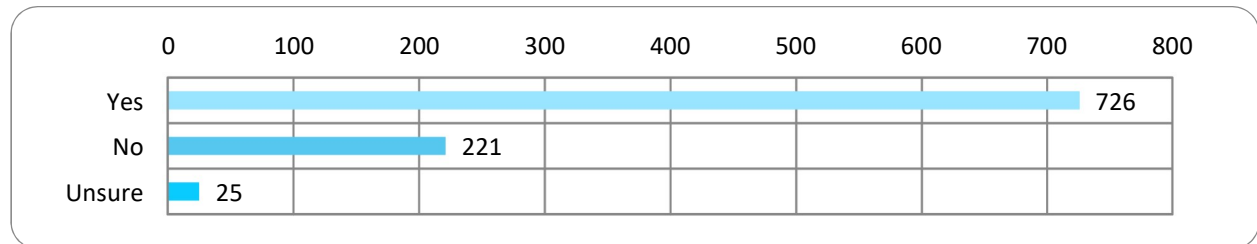
"King Street is a major artery through the City and, with the amount of one-way streets, all need to remain open. As well, that is not a nice part of the City and I would not be interested in bringing my family there."

"I am fully supportive of the idea, but I don't think that this entire stretch of King Street is the right street to pilot this on. Why not James Street or another street with more amenities downtown."

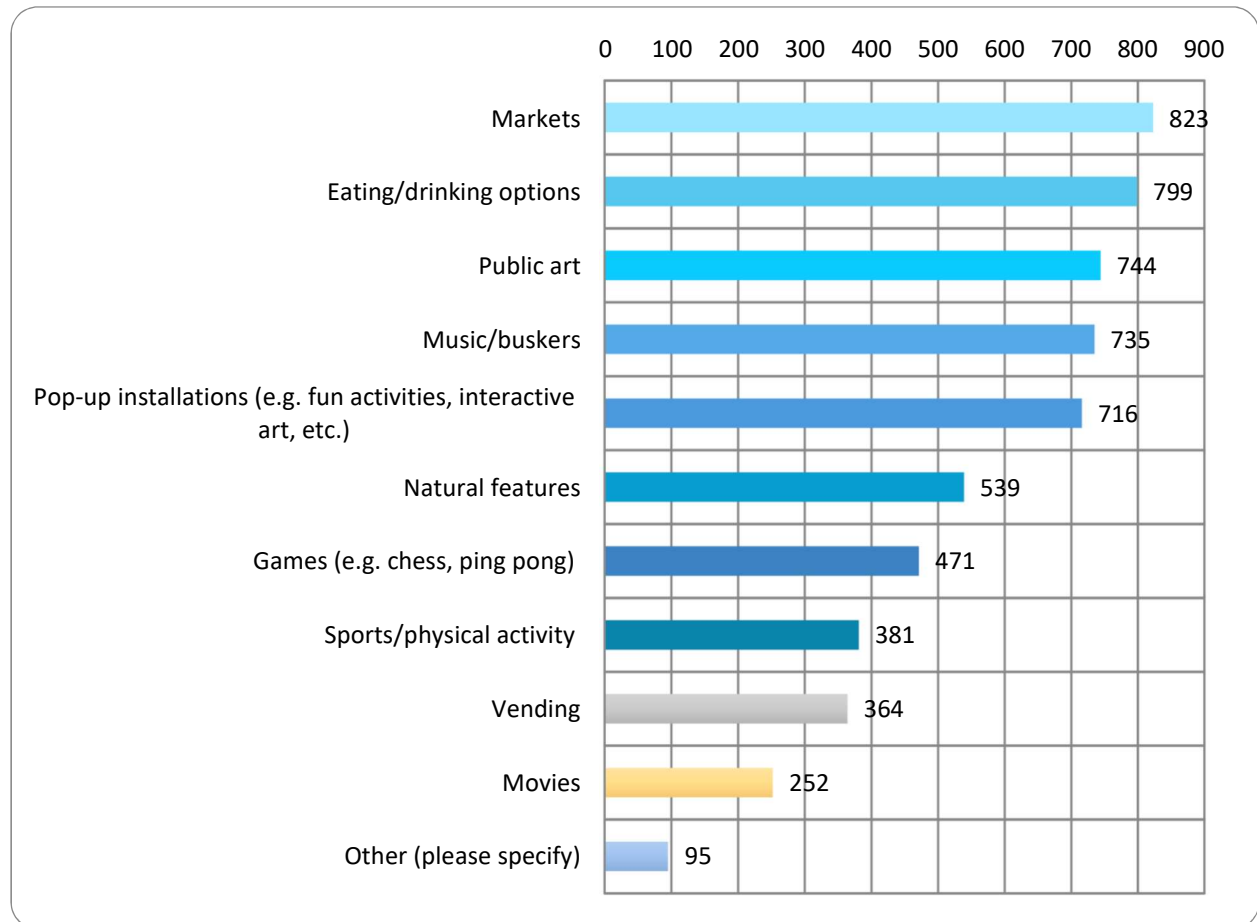
One individual also commented that they were not supportive of a pilot, as permanent solutions are needed.

“Because what we need is not a temporary road closure, once a week. What we need are PERMANENT open spaces for pedestrians. For example, a permanent pedestrian-only street (no cars allowed), such as Boule Saint Catherine in Montreal.”

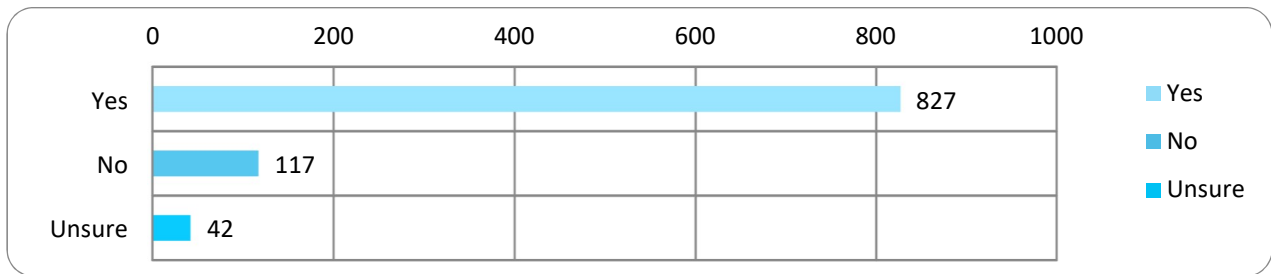
Question 6: Have you attended an Open Street event in the past, in Hamilton or elsewhere?



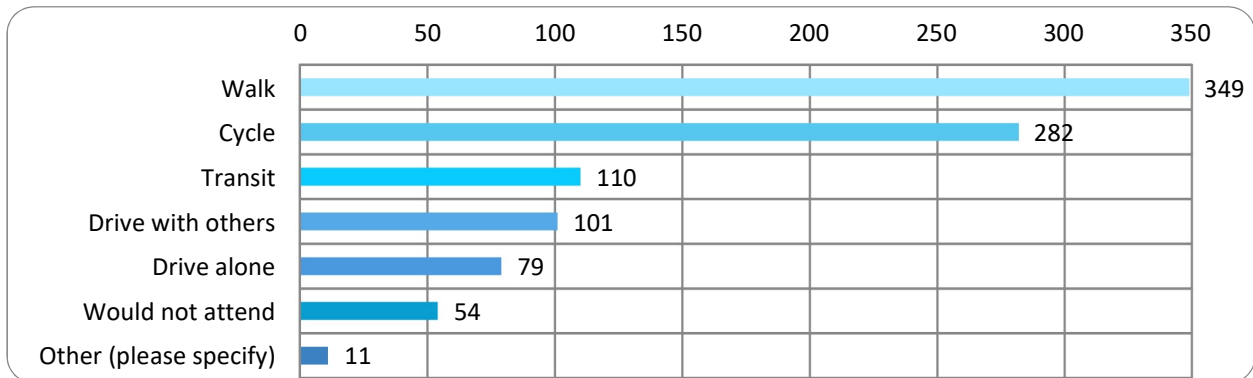
Question 7: What type of events and activities would you like to see at the Open Street in Hamilton? Check all that apply.



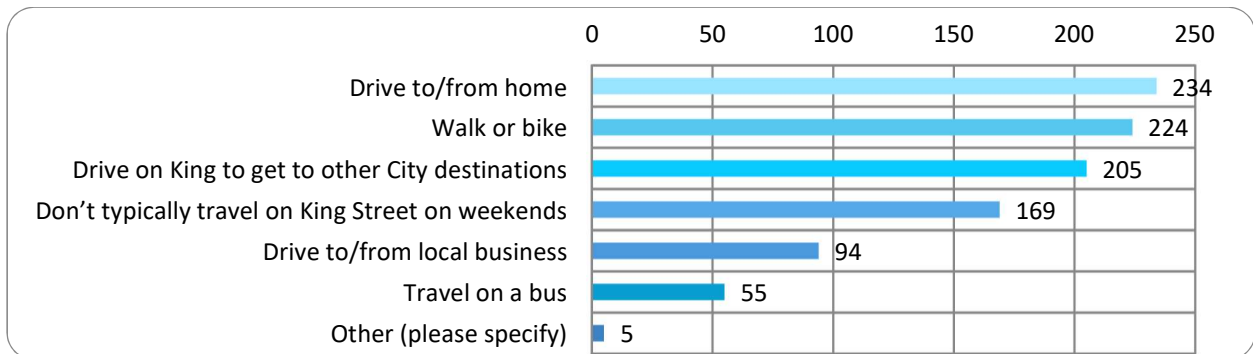
Question 8: Would you attend an Open Streets event on King Street from Gage to Gore?



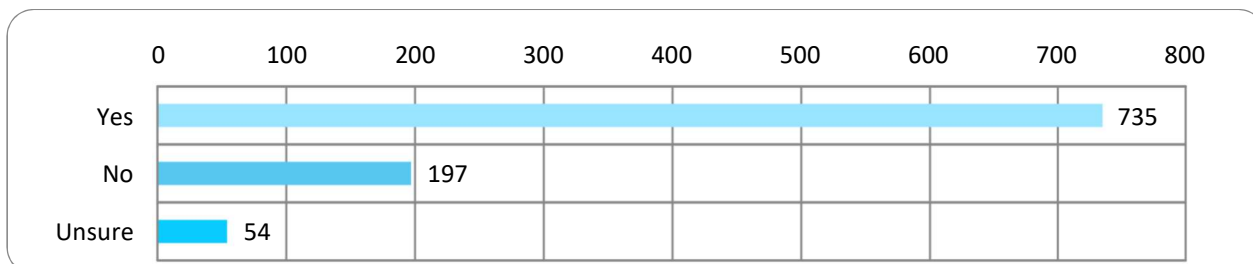
Question 9: How would you travel to the event?



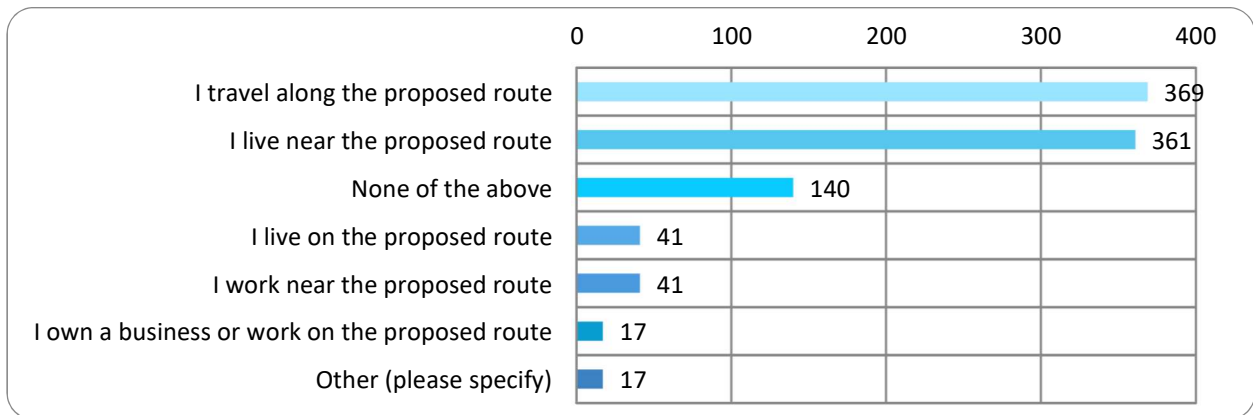
Question 10: How do you typically travel on King Street on weekends?



Question 11: Would this event make you more likely to walk or cycle or take transit Downtown?

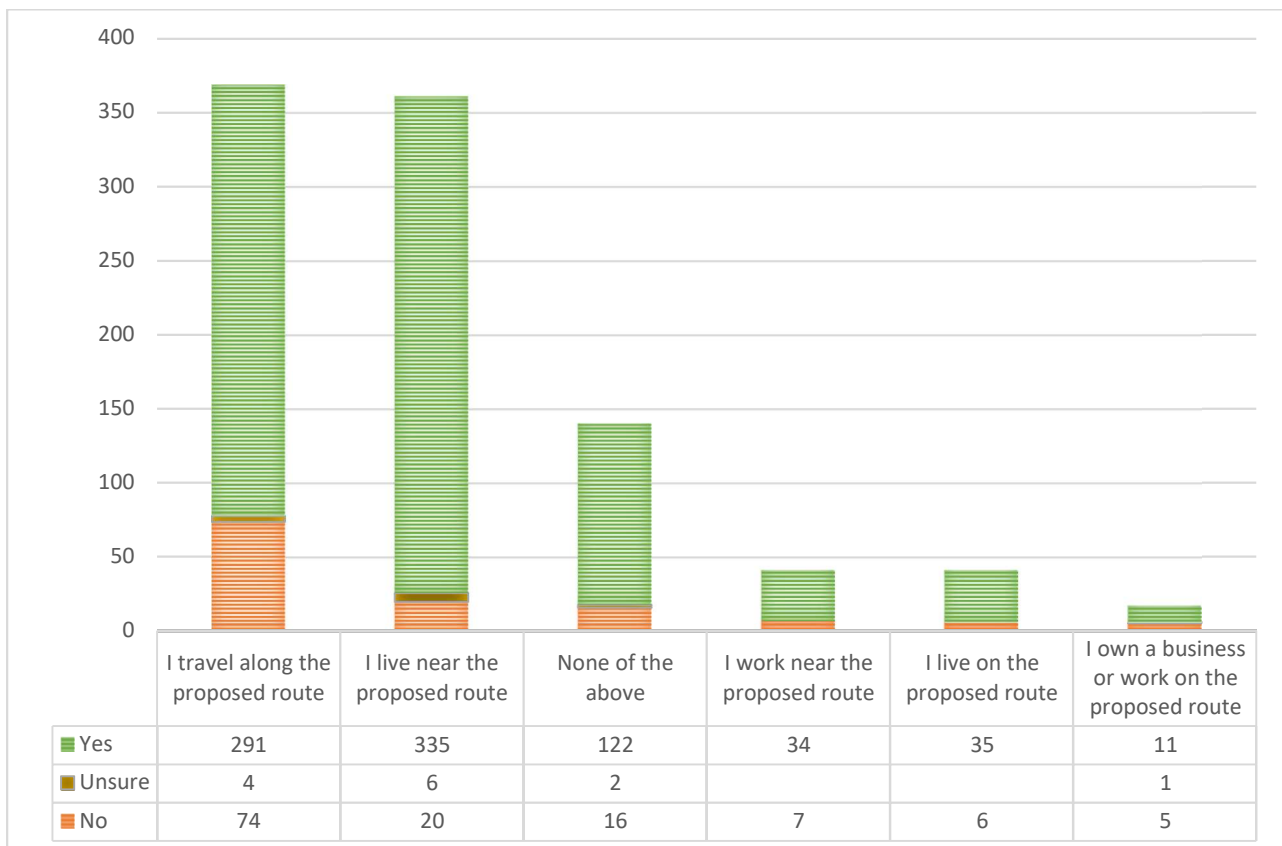


Question 12: Which best describes how you use the proposed route on King Street, from Gage Street to Gore Park?

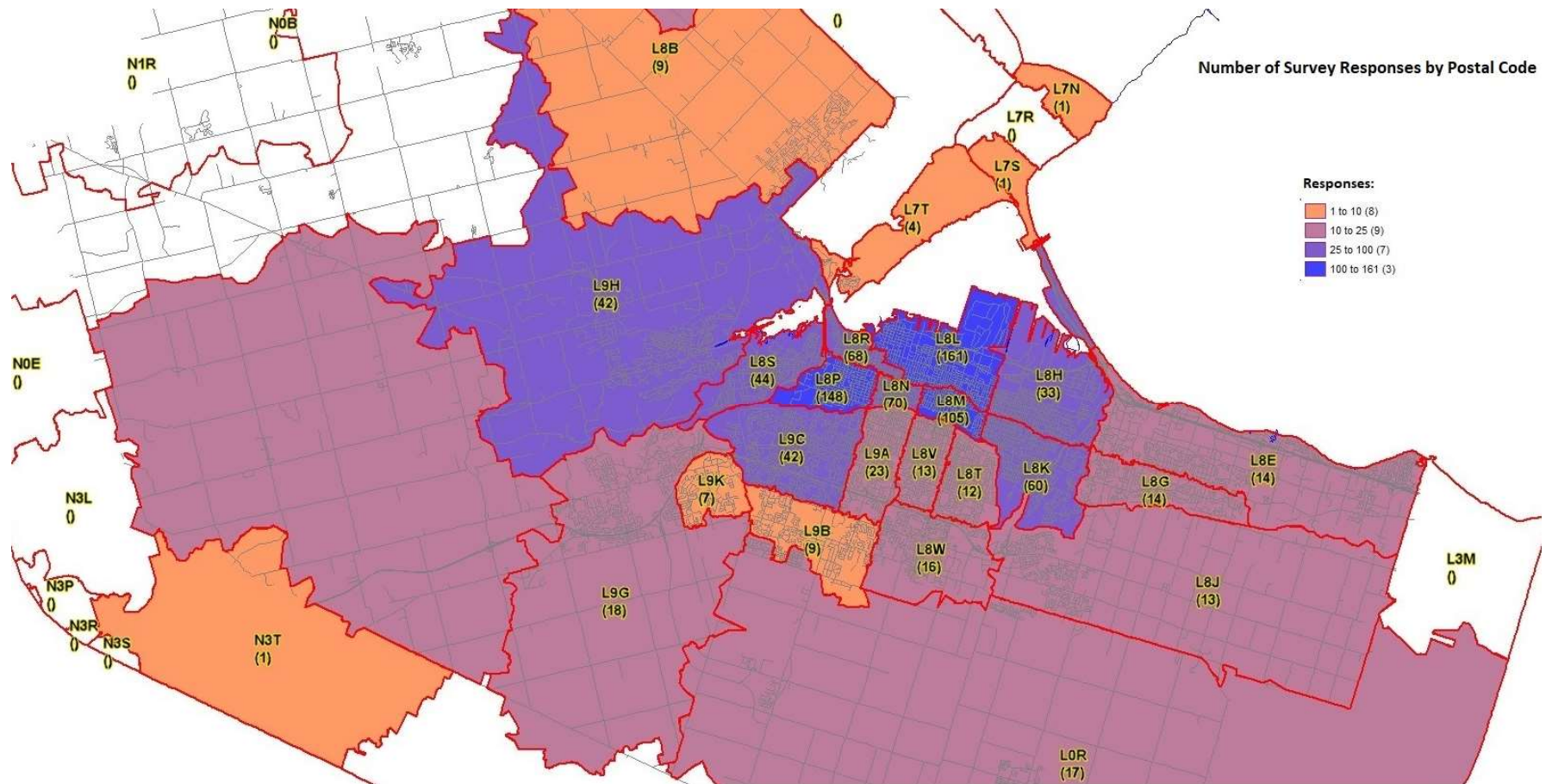


ADDITIONAL ANALYSIS:

Support by use of King Street



Responses by Postal Code



Support by Postal Code

Do you support running Open Streets on King Street
in Hamilton, as a pilot to test ideas that have been
successful in other cities? (By Postal Code)

Postal Code	Grand Total	No	Unsure	Yes
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