

National Household Travel Survey Add-on

Roads Where Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements are Desired



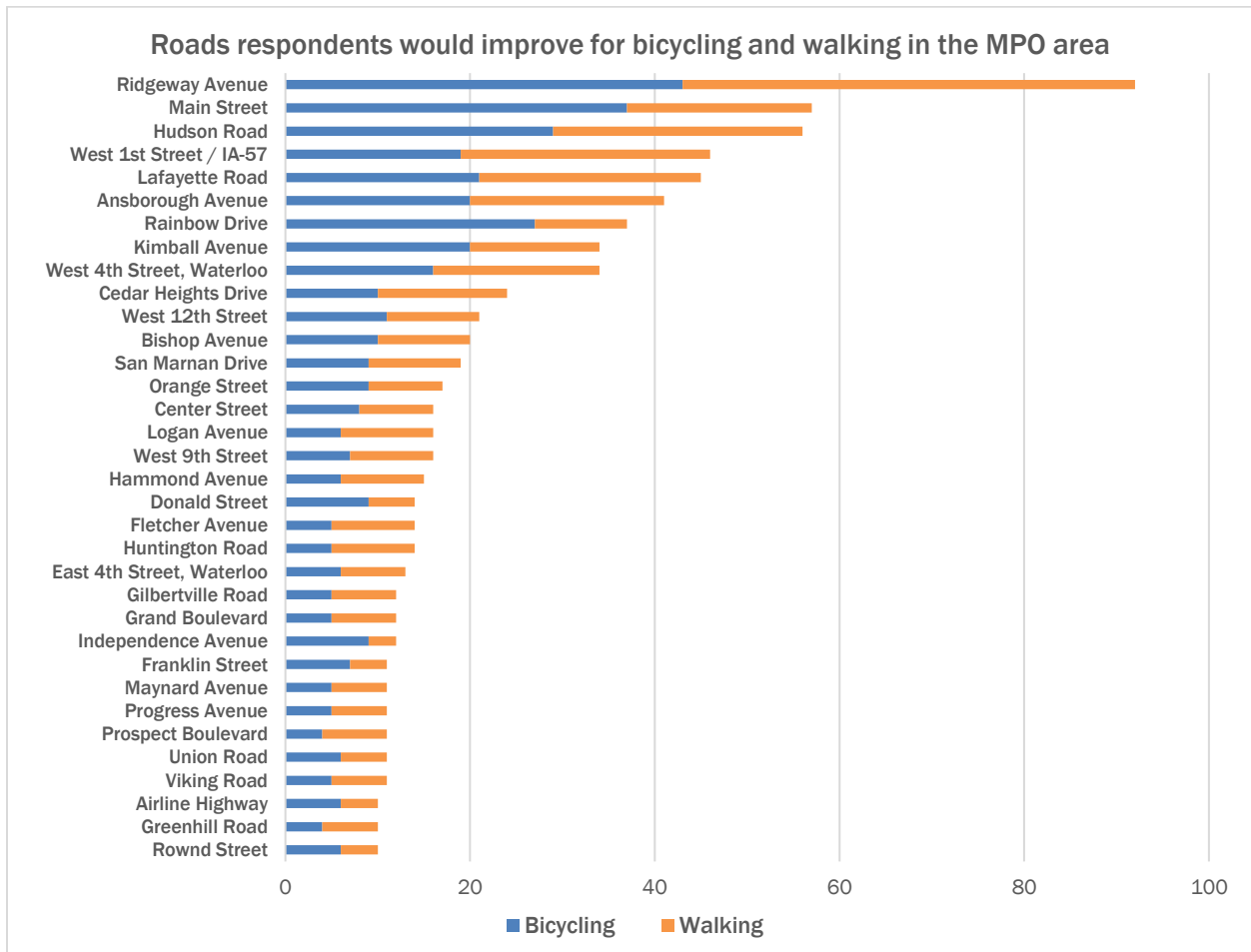
Summary

1,221 households consisting of 2,450 individuals in the Black Hawk County MPO area were surveyed as part of the National Household Travel Survey. The following open-ended questions were included in the survey:

- If there's one road you could improve for walking, which would it be?
- If there's one road you could improve for bicycling, which would it be?

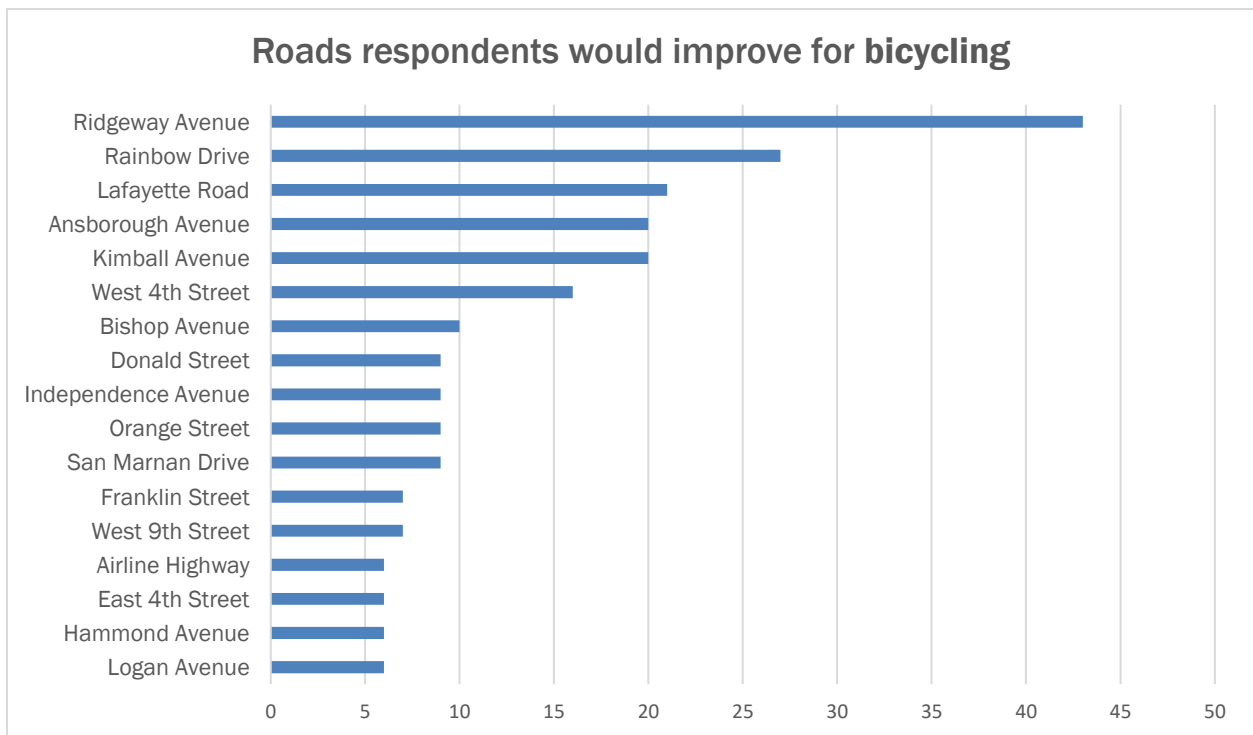
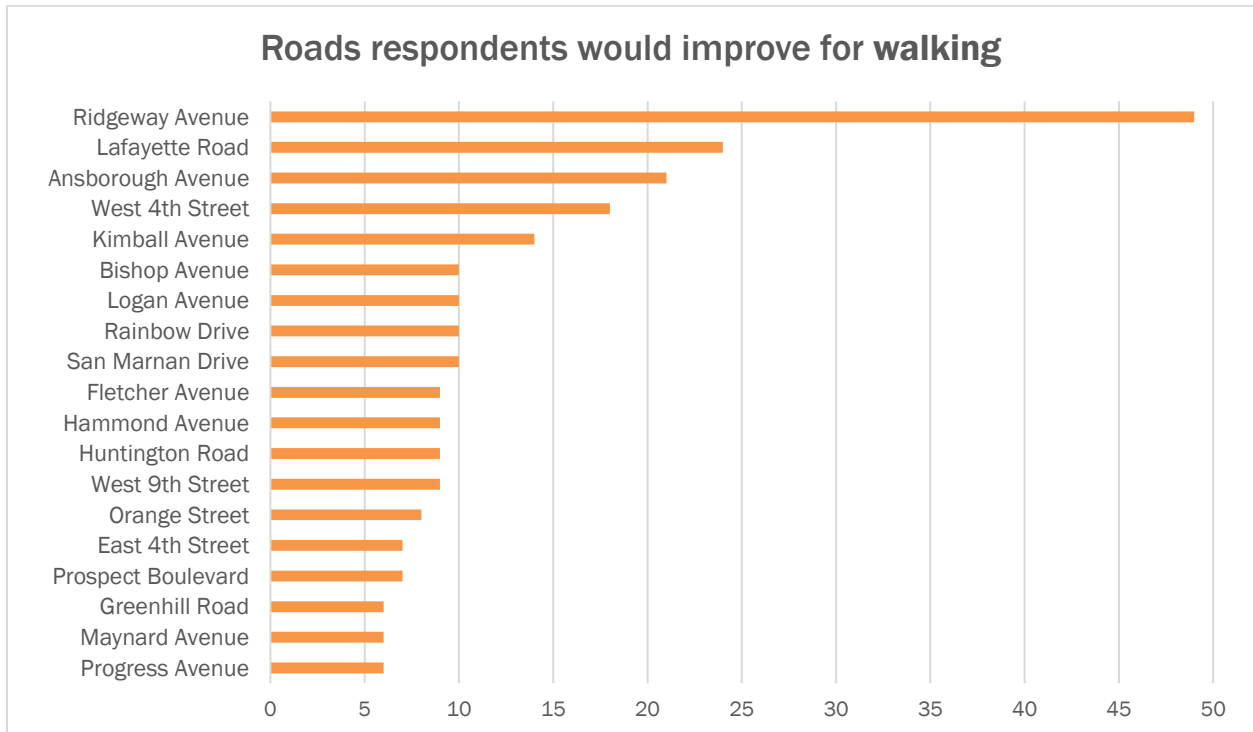
By far, the response given most often to both questions was **University Avenue** with 105 responses to the bicycling question and 91 responses to the walking question. Cedar Falls and Waterloo are both moving forward with their projects along University Avenue, and both projects include significant improvements for walking and bicycling.

Because University Avenue was such an outlier, it is not included in the following charts. The following chart shows the other top responses to the questions above:



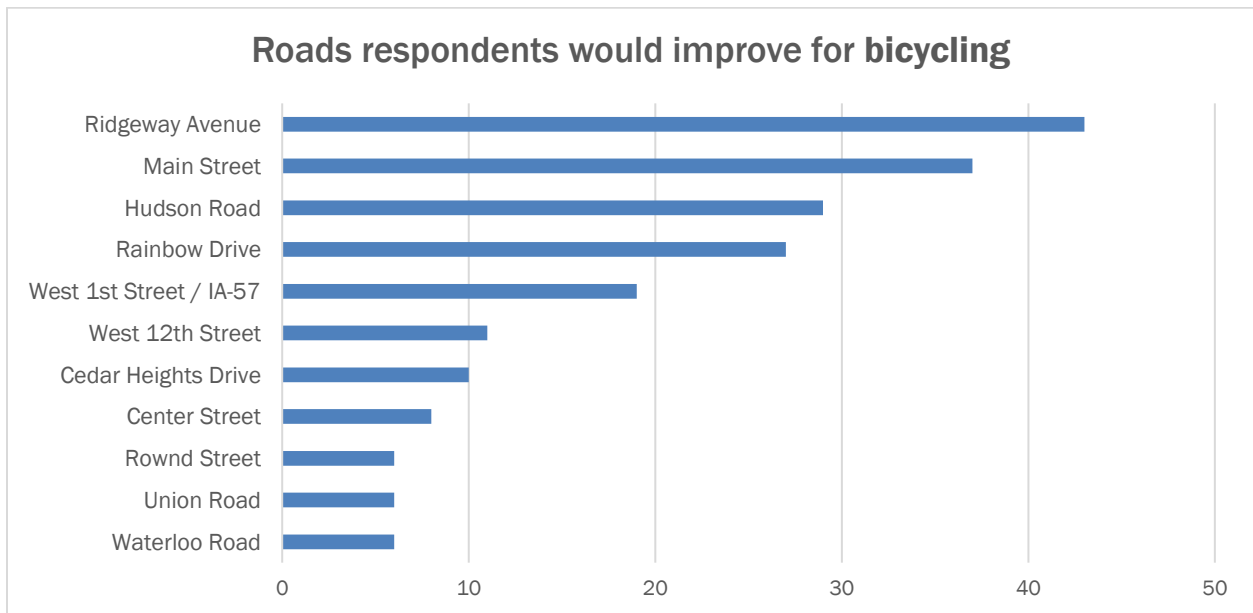
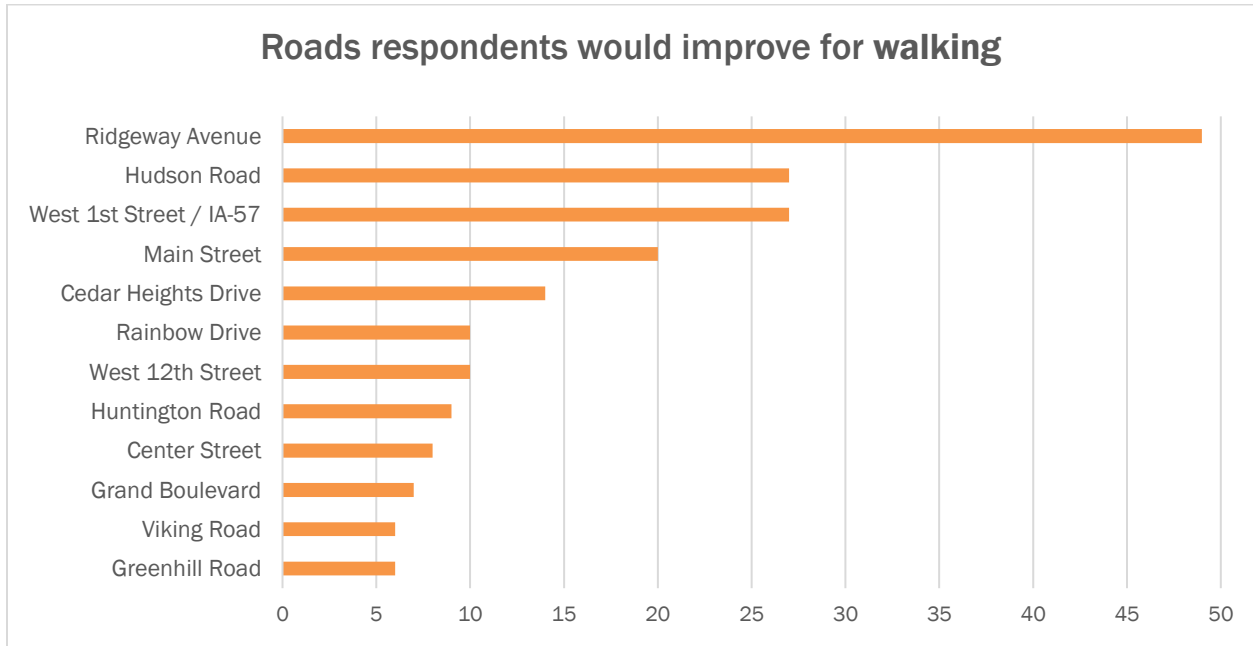
City of Waterloo

This page shows the results for those roads that are at least partly within the City of Waterloo:



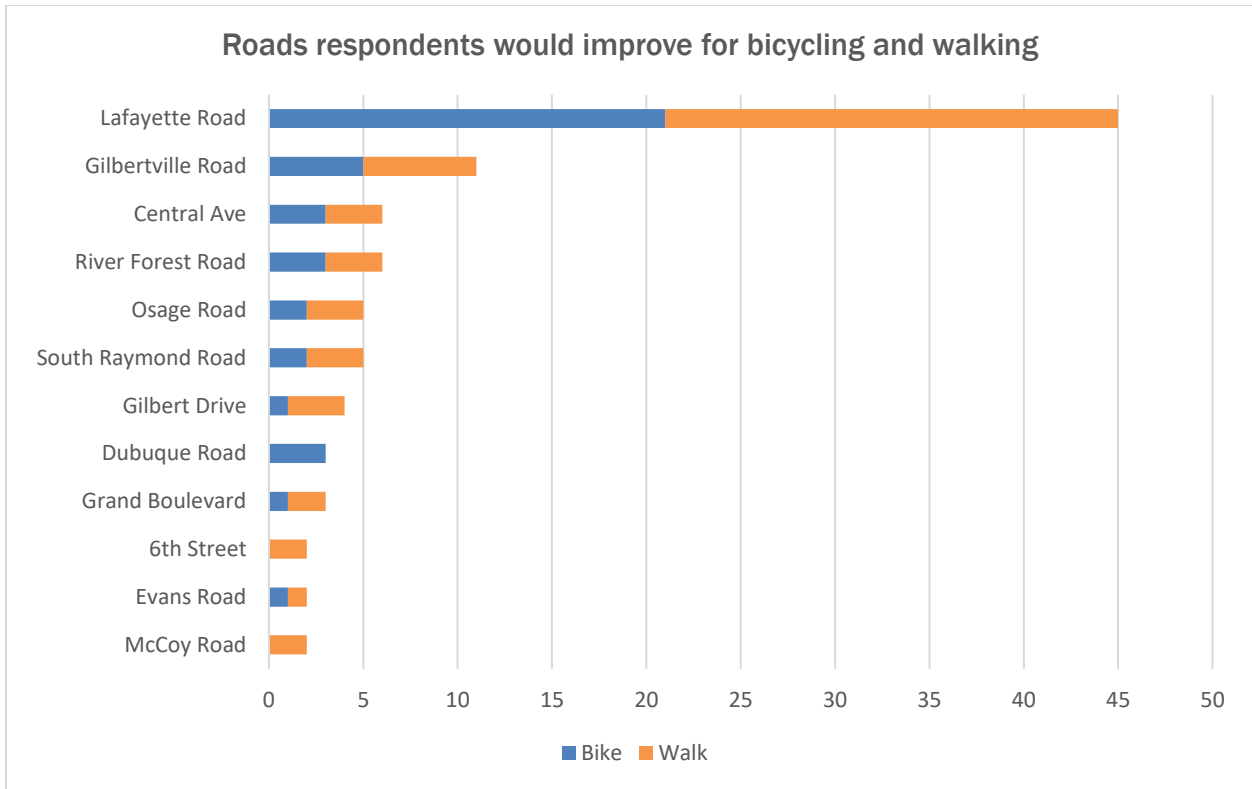
City of Cedar Falls

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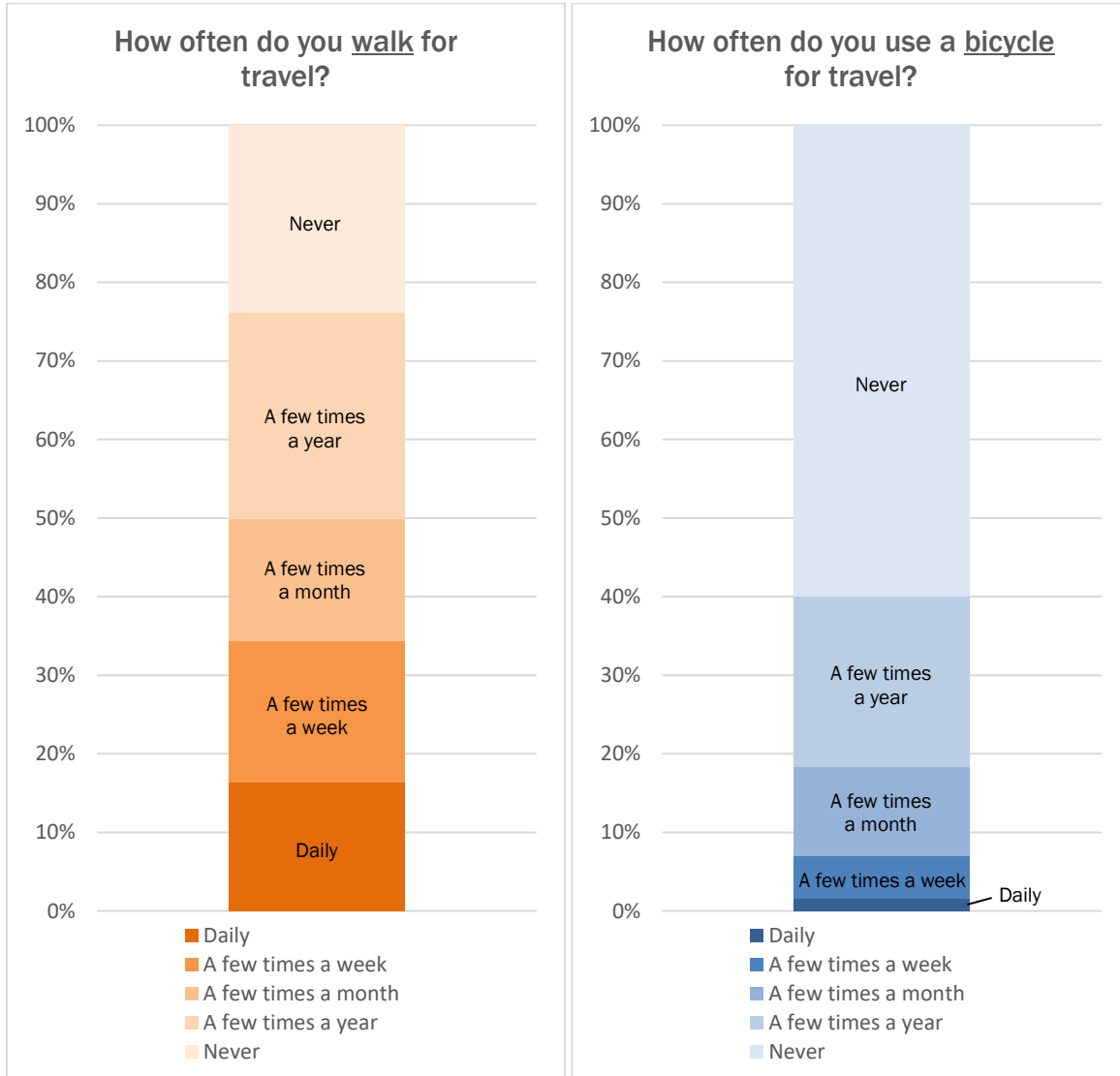
Cities of Evansdale, Elk Run Heights, and Raymond

This page shows the results only for those roads within Evansdale, Elk Run Heights, Raymond, and the immediate surrounding area.



Trends

Survey respondents were also asked how often they walk and use a bicycle for travel. A total of **34.4 percent of respondents walk** for travel at least a few times a week. Likewise, a total of **18.3 percent of respondents use a bicycle** for travel at least a few times a month.



Despite this, around half of respondents rarely or never walk for travel, and nearly 60 percent of respondents never use a bicycle for travel. Infrastructure improvements and land uses that support walking and bicycling have been shown to increase the use of these modes of transportation. Increased walking and bicycling improves public health outcomes overall by increasing physical activity and reducing health risks associated with a sedentary lifestyle.

Please note that this data is unweighted and the results should not be considered completely representative of the overall population. Weighted data is expected to be released in January 2018. Nonetheless, the NHTS Add-on survey results should be regarded as the most accurate and comprehensive travel data available for Black Hawk County.