



Rockway Fairway Transportation Connections

What We Heard Report

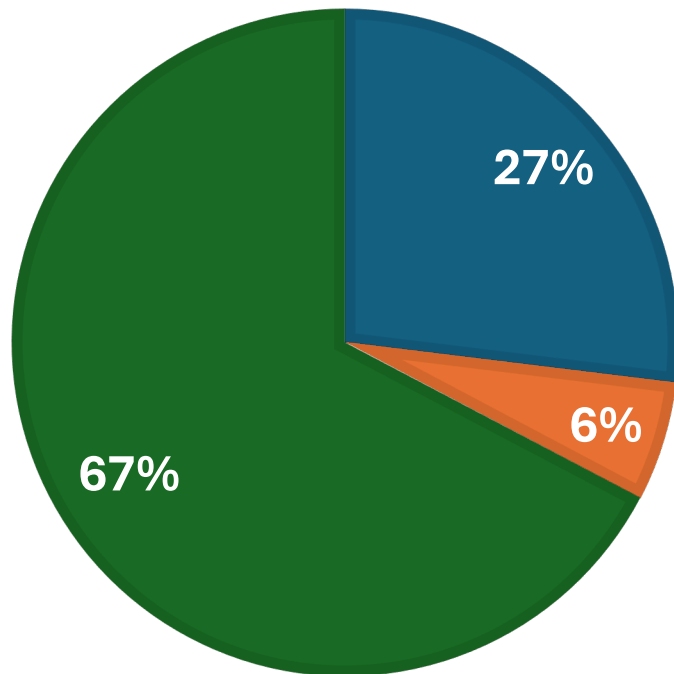
Who we engaged

- **250+** survey responses
- **80+** people attending in-person and online **engagement events**
- **45** people at **WR ClimateFest**
- **35** people at **Fairway Station Pop-Up**
- **410** people engaged in total



Changes to Rockway Options

WHICH OF THE PROPOSED OPTIONS DO YOU PREFER?



- Option A: Multi-use path on Floral Crescent
- Option B: Sidewalk and sharrows on Floral Crescent
- Option C: path around Gardens

On September 23, following concerns raised by residents about impacts to the Gardens during consultation, the options at Rockway were updated. **Option A was removed and Option B updated** to sharrows with no sidewalk.

The graph on the left shows the survey results before the change was implemented. **Following the change, 100% of respondents chose Option C.**

Key themes for responses to Option C: path around Gardens

Impact on Rockway Gardens

Strong concern to preserve green space and trees.

Traffic and Safety Focus

Emphasizes safe infrastructure with concerns about high-speed traffic and road crossings on Charles and King streets.

Directness and Convenience

Concerns raised about indirect routes possibly leading to underutilization of proposed paths – confident cyclists will likely continue to use Floral Crescent.

Community Values and Aesthetics

Cultural heritage and area character are important to the community alongside cost and practical concerns.

Priorities and alternate options at Rockway

When asked about what is **most important to consider** while making improvements at Rockway, **Impact to gardens/trees** was found to be most important followed closely by **Pedestrian safety and comfort**.

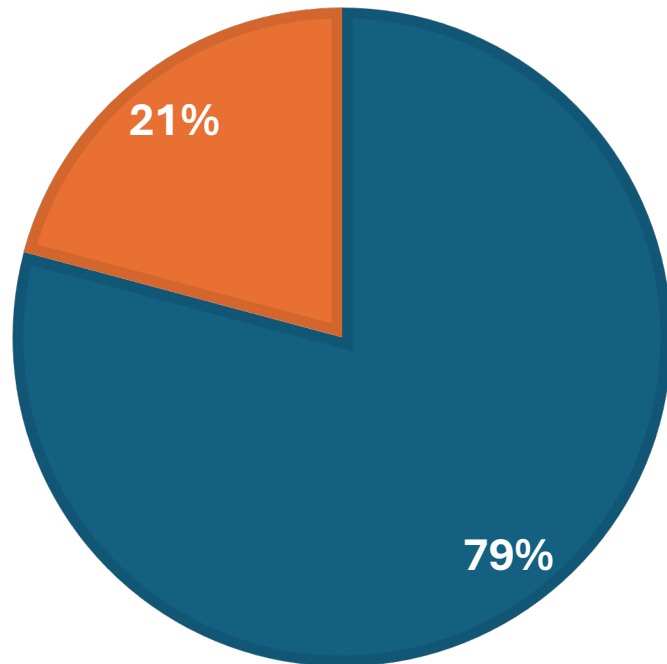
Feature/Element	Priority Ranking
Impact to Gardens, trees	1
Pedestrian safety and comfort	2
Cyclist safety and comfort	3
Parking	4
Motor vehicle delay	5

Other ideas suggested during public engagement include:

- Converting Floral Crescent into more park space, a one-way street, a pedestrian first space, closing off to through-traffic or removing parking.
- Taking the route along Preston Street and down Charles Street.

Option A preferred on Wilson Avenue

WHICH OF THE PROPOSED OPTIONS DO YOU PREFER?



- Option A: Single direction cycle track with sidewalk
- Option B: Two-way cycle tracks

When asked about what is **most important to consider** while making improvements to Wilson, **Pedestrian and Cyclist safety and comfort** were found to be most important with an average ranking of 1.9 each.

Feature/Element	Average Ranking
Cyclist safety and comfort	1
Pedestrian safety and comfort	1
Impact to trees	3
Transit impacts	4
Motor vehicle delay	5

Key themes for Option A responses on Wilson Ave

Access and connectivity

Safety and predictability

Traffic and vehicle impact

There were also suggestions to make the switch from uni-directional to bi-directional at Kingsway Road to facilitate better access to the LRT stop and to avoid two-stage crossing at Fairway Road. Staff are currently reviewing this option.

Key themes for public art

Nature & Gardens

Respondents were interested in art that preserves and enhances natural beauty complementing flowers and fountains in the gardens.

Local History & Heritage

Art honoring local history, connecting past and present, reflecting cultural significance and heritage.

Indigenous Art & Reconciliation

Support for Indigenous representation and education.

Next steps: Aligning with new provincial legislation

Proposed plans for this project will be significantly impacted by Bill 60.

Bill 60 prohibits a municipality to reduce motor vehicles to install bike lanes.

The City of Kitchener will need to delay this project to better understand the impacts of Bill 60. This will be considered alongside the public feedback that has been collected to develop the final designs.

Stay connected

Updates will be posted on engagewr.ca/rockway-fairway

Thank you for your feedback on this project. Any additional questions can be directed to:

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