

8th Street Traffic Calming Project

8th Street, West Oakland,
from Pine St to Market St



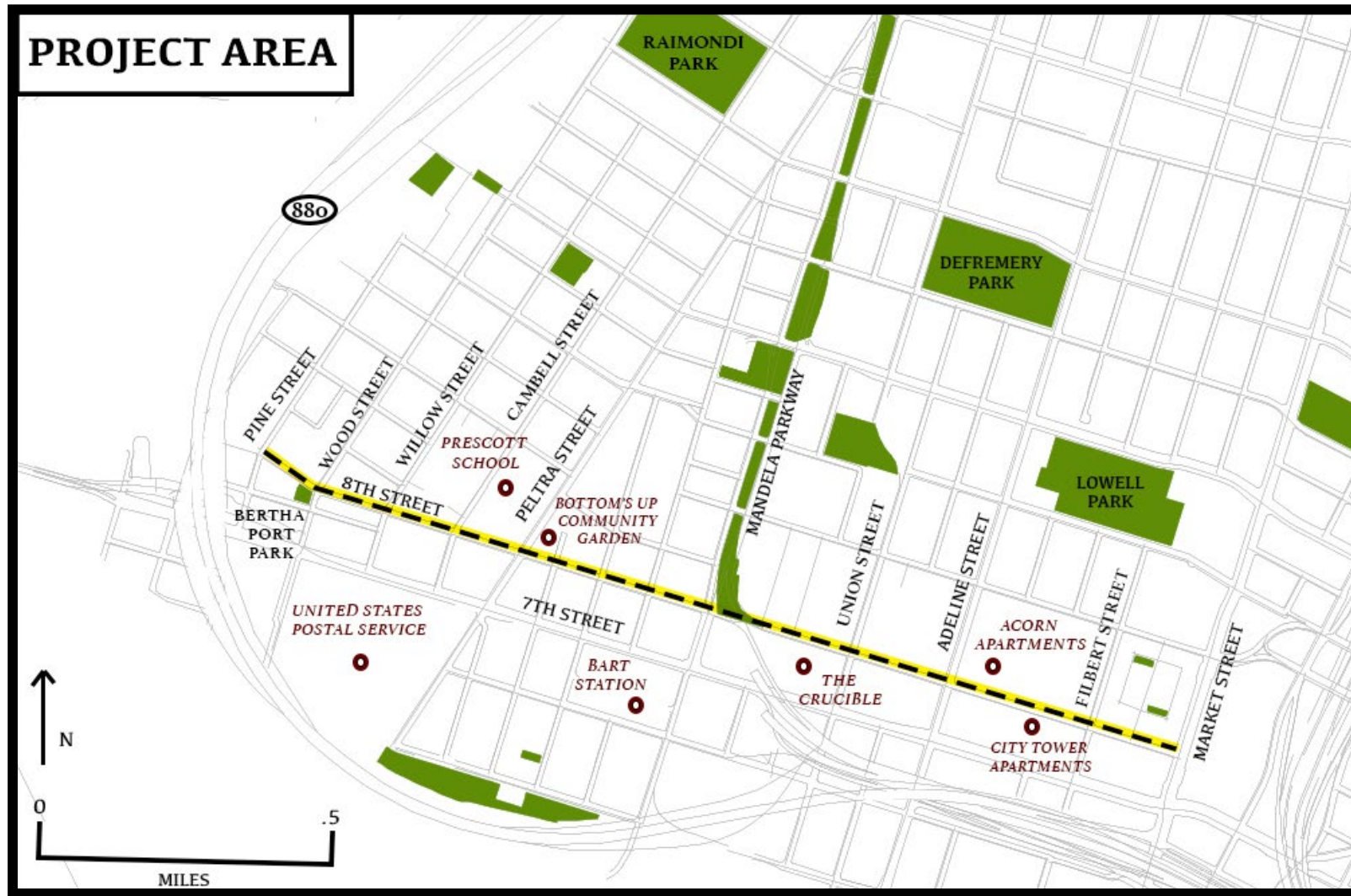
Safe Streets Division

Bicycle and Pedestrian Program

Spring 2022



Purpose & Planning Context



LOCATION

8th Street – 1.2 mile stretch West of I-980 from Pine St to Market St

GOAL

Reduce unsafe driving, speeding, and crashes along the corridor

COMMUNITY POWER

[Neighborhood advocacy group "Safe 8th Street"](#) submitted the project as a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Request

FUNDING

\$500,000 from Measure KK through the [City's Capital Improvement Program \(FY21-23\)](#)

PROJECT ELEMENTS

Paving, curb ramp upgrades, spot sidewalk repair [through the Paving Program](#), traffic safety elements like traffic circles and speed bumps, art component

Project Schedule

Fall 2021

- *Drafted initial designs*
- *Sent 2 informational mailers & survey to 3,018 addresses*
- *Presented at Acorn & Prescott Neighborhood Councils*
- *Flyered along corridor*

Spring 2022

- *Return to Acorn and Prescott Neighborhood Councils*
- *Develop art component with community stakeholders*
- *Determine key design elements*
- *On-street outreach*

Current Time
(May 2022)

Fall 2022

- *Get construction contract in order*

Summer 2021

- *Installed Initial Traffic Safety Improvements*

Late Fall 2021 / Early Winter 2022

- *Refined design based on feedback*
- *Began organizing art component*
- *Request Bay Trail realignment to 7th St*

Summer 2022

- *Complete the street design*
- *Mail residents adjacent to proposed traffic calming*
- *Begin partnerships for art component*

Winter 2023 – Summer 2023

- *Construction*



Project Elements

Traffic Calming



Speed Humps

Located in middle of the block. We will avoid driveways, in street utilities, and intersecting streets



Hardened Centerlines

Vertical curbs in the intersections to slow turning vehicles



Traffic Circles

Raised islands located in intersections without traffic signals to slow drivers

Paving



Street Resurfacing

Paving along the length of the corridor



Curb Ramp Upgrades

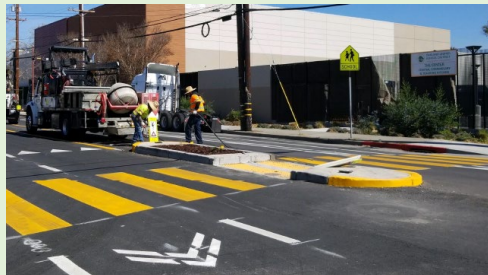
Upgrade curb ramps to Americans with Disabilities Act standards



Sidewalk Repair

Spot repair of cracked and broken sidewalks

For Discussion



Mid-block Crosswalk?

Consider a crosswalk in the middle of the block between Adeline St and Filbert St

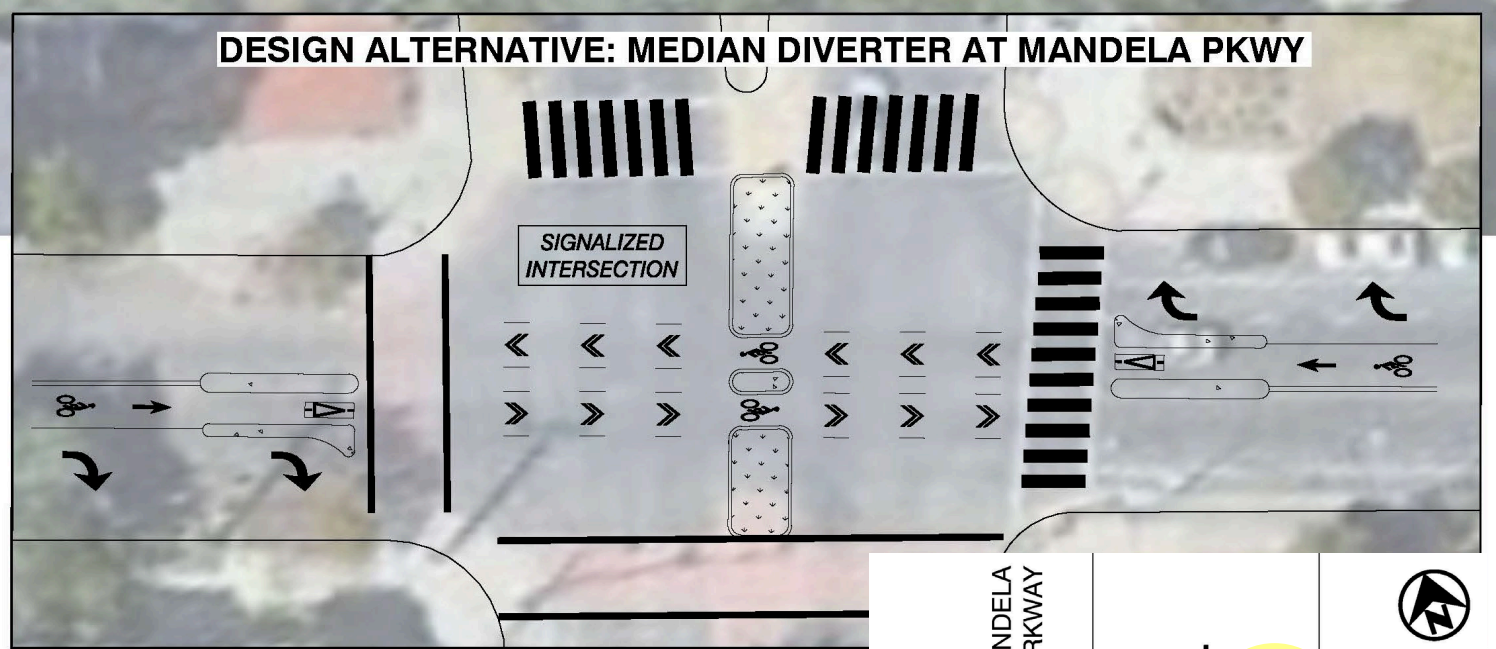


Median Closure?

Consider closing 8th Street to through traffic at Mandela Pkwy



Should Driving on 8th Street Across Mandela Pkwy Be Prohibited?



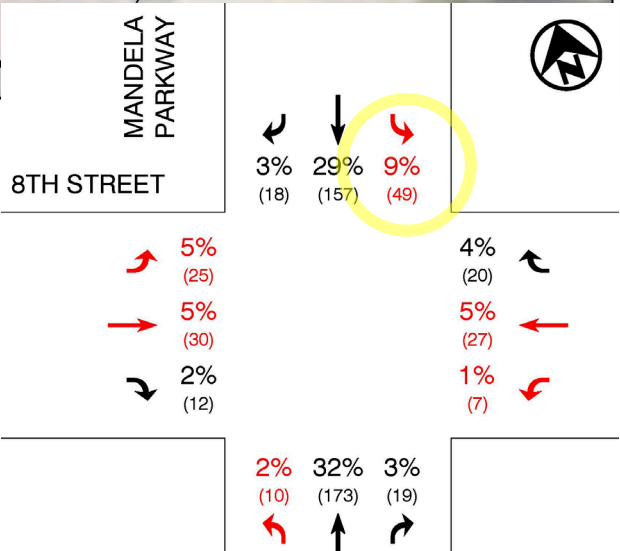
A median diverter on 8th St at Mandela Pkwy would prevent vehicle drivers from driving across Mandela Pkwy, forcing them to turn right. Our study showed 27% of drivers at this intersection were making movements that would be prohibited.

Benefits

- Reduce traffic on 8th St including cut-through traffic that should be on a major street like 7th St

Tradeoffs

- Planned traffic circles and speed bumps will already significantly calm traffic on 8th St
- Would make it more difficult for people to reach end destinations like homes or churches on 8th St, especially people headed southbound on Mandela turning left onto 8th St into the Acorn neighborhood



Turning movements in **red** would be **prohibited** if a median diverter is constructed.

Should There Be a Crosswalk to Cross 8th Street Between Adeline St and Filbert St?

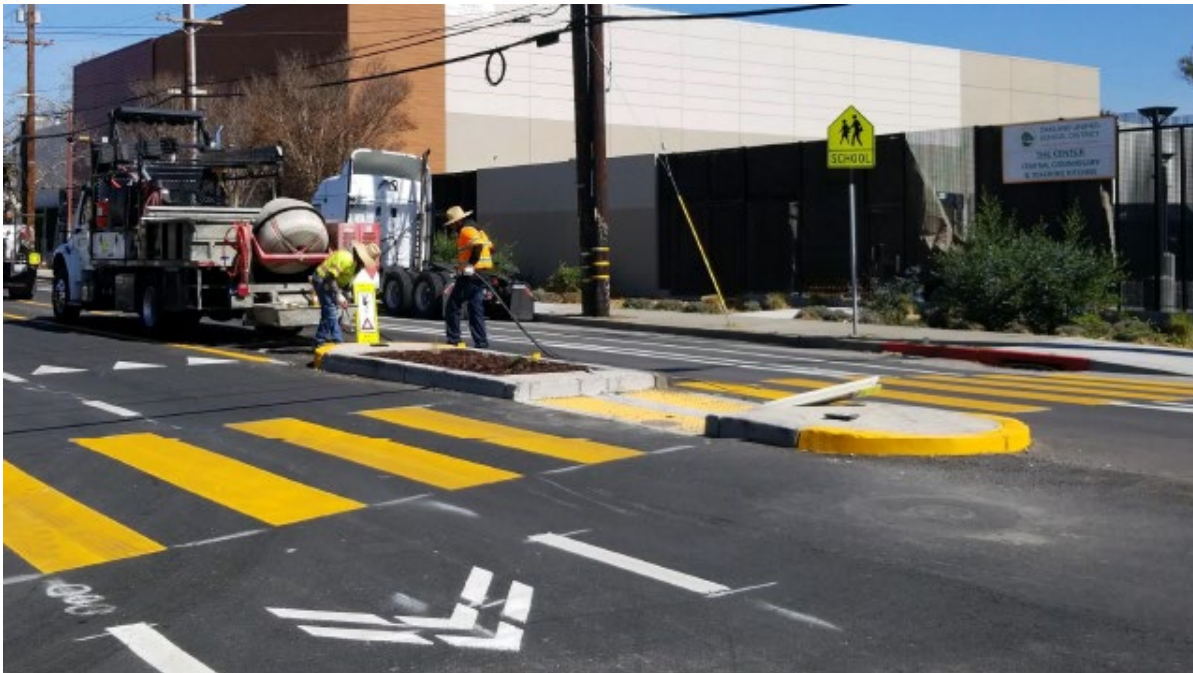


Benefits

- Allows people including those with limited mobility to cross 8th St safely without needing to go to an intersection
- This is a long block (955 feet)
- A pedestrian safety island in the middle of the street would not only make using the crosswalk safer, it would provide the additional benefit of slowing speeding drivers

Tradeoffs

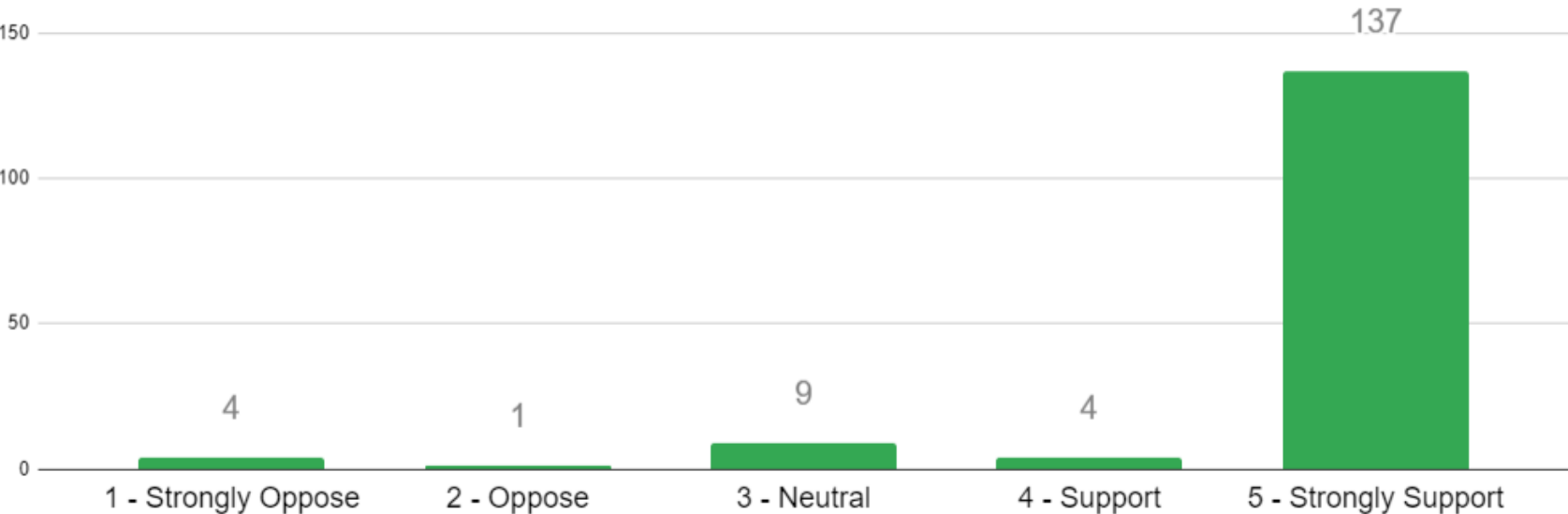
- The construction of 2 new curb ramps, one on each side of the street, would require the removal of 4 parking spaces, and possible removal of up to 2 trees.



Survey Responses

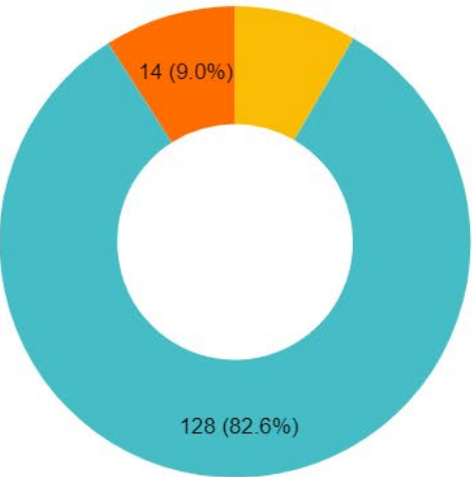
155 Survey Responses Nov 2021 – May 10, 2022
Broad support for project goals

How much do you support 8th Street in West Oakland becoming a quiet, residential street with slow traffic on a scale of 1-5?

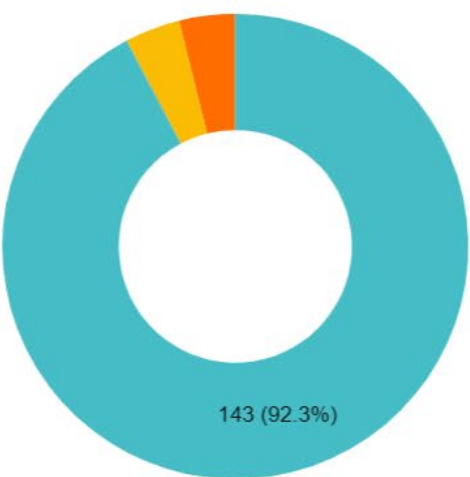


- Supports
- Would Like to Know More
- Does Not Support

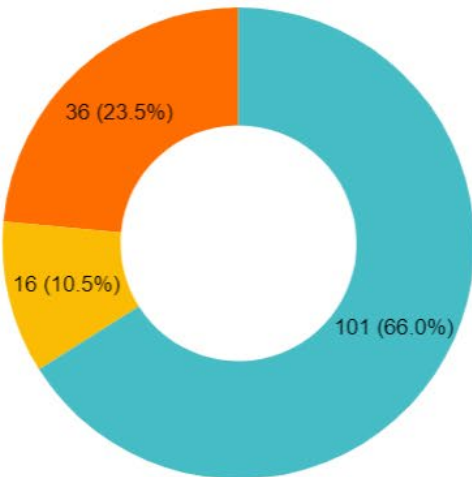
Speed Humps



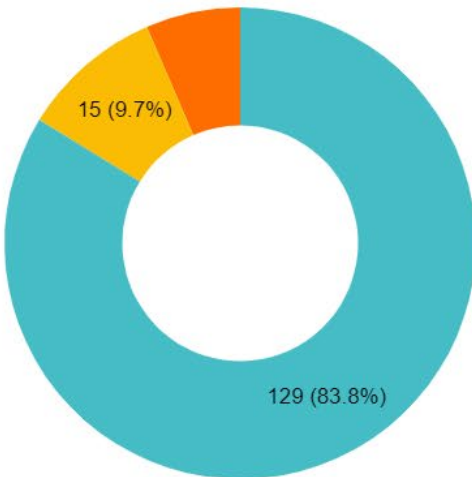
Traffic Circles



Mandela Parkway Median



Crosswalk Between Adeline and Filbert



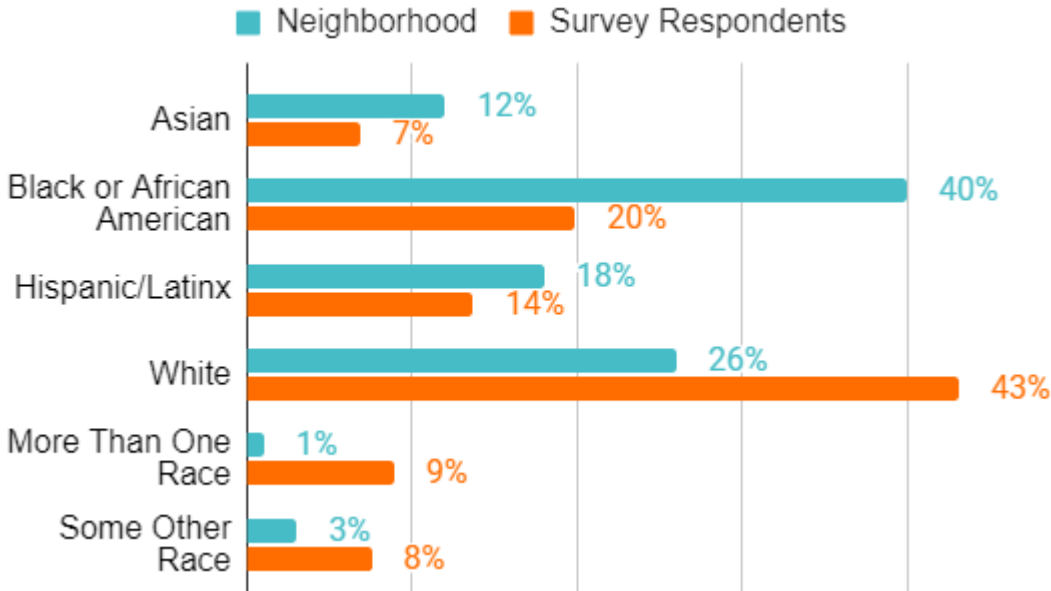
Survey Responses (Demographic Questions)

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Not representative to date, seeking more responses

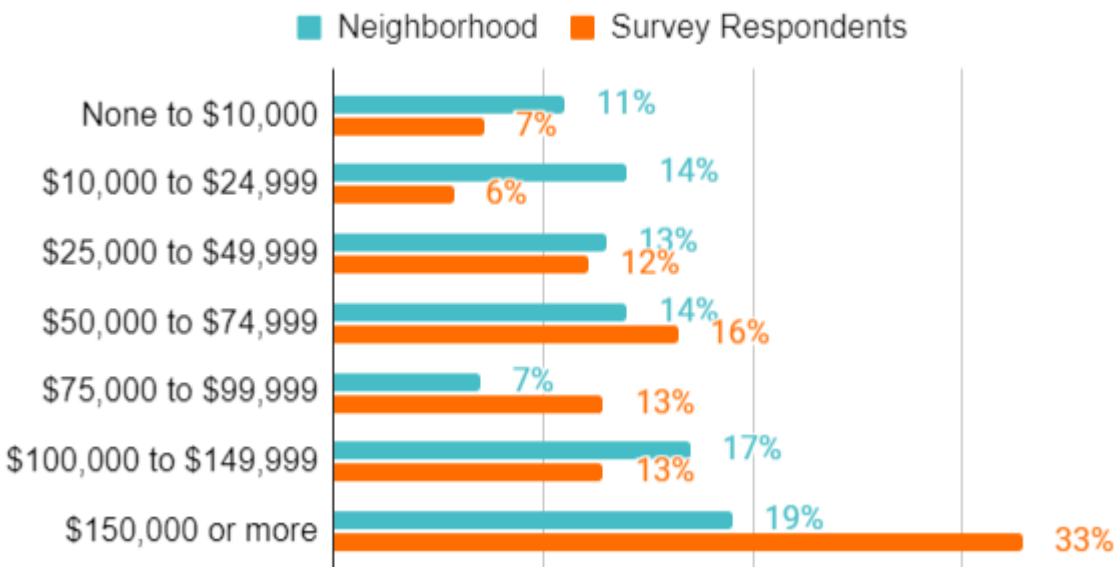
Where Do You Live?



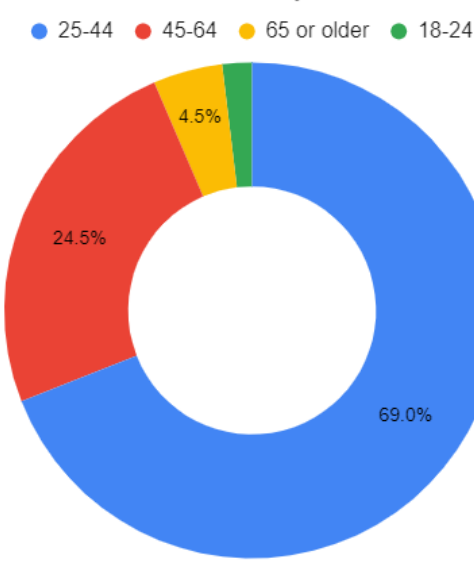
Race/Ethnicity



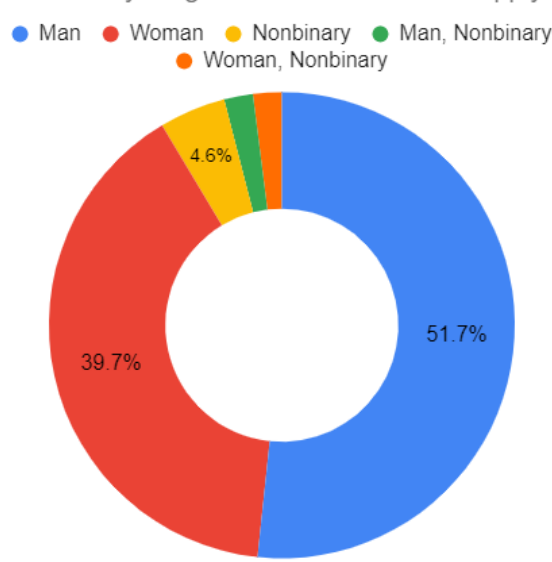
Household Income



How old are you?



Which is your gender? Choose all that apply.





Paint the Town mural by the Attitudinal Healing Collective at Filbert St and 32nd St, Oakland

Paint the Town Mural at 34th St and San Pablo Ave by EBALDC

Painted traffic signal cabinet by Cameron Thompson at 4th St and Jefferson St

Mockups of signage designed by Jonathan Brumfield

Community Art Component

Interested? Artist expression of interest survey available at

www.oaklandca.gov/projects/8th-st-project

Street Murals

Painting 8th Street with help from [OakDOT's "Paint the Town" street mural program](http://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/8th-st-project)

Traffic Signal Cabinet Murals

Five traffic signal cabinets along 8th Street serve as prime canvases

Artistic Signage

Signage telling drivers to SLOW could include designs from artists

Other

Got another idea for an art project on 8th Street? Let us know!

Ways to Get Involved!

**Take the project
survey**

**Sign up to receive
email updates on
the project**



**Get paid to participate
in an interview about
the project**

**Fill out the artist
interest survey or send
it to a friend**

All available at
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Thank you!

- Do you support installing a new crosswalk in the middle of the block on 8th St between Adeline St and Filbert St?
- Do you support leaving 8th St open at Mandela Pkwy?
- What kind of themes do you want to see in the art element?

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