

# As We Heard It Report

## North River Road Active Transportation Facilities

### Background

The 2023 Transportation Master Plan identified a list of projects intended to address missing links in the City's active transportation network. This list of projects was developed following public engagement, Councillor input and a city-wide network review. Cycling facilities on North River Road were included on the approved list of active transportation projects in the Plan.

The immediate area surrounding North River Road features several key amenities including Riverain Park, Riverside Memorial Park, Rideau Sports Centre and l'École élémentaire publique Mauril-Bélanger. There are important active transportation connections in the area including the Adawe Crossing Bridge, Donald Street and McArthur Avenue bike lanes and the Eastern Rideau River Pathway. Implementing cycling facilities along North River Road is expected to encourage cycling and improve safety for people of all ages and abilities when travelling to local amenities.

Currently, OC Transpo routes 14, 18, and school route 624 provide direct service along North River Road, with routes 9, 12, 15, 19, and school routes 609, 615, 616 providing further service in the area. There is currently no sidewalk serving the bus stops on the west side of North River Road.

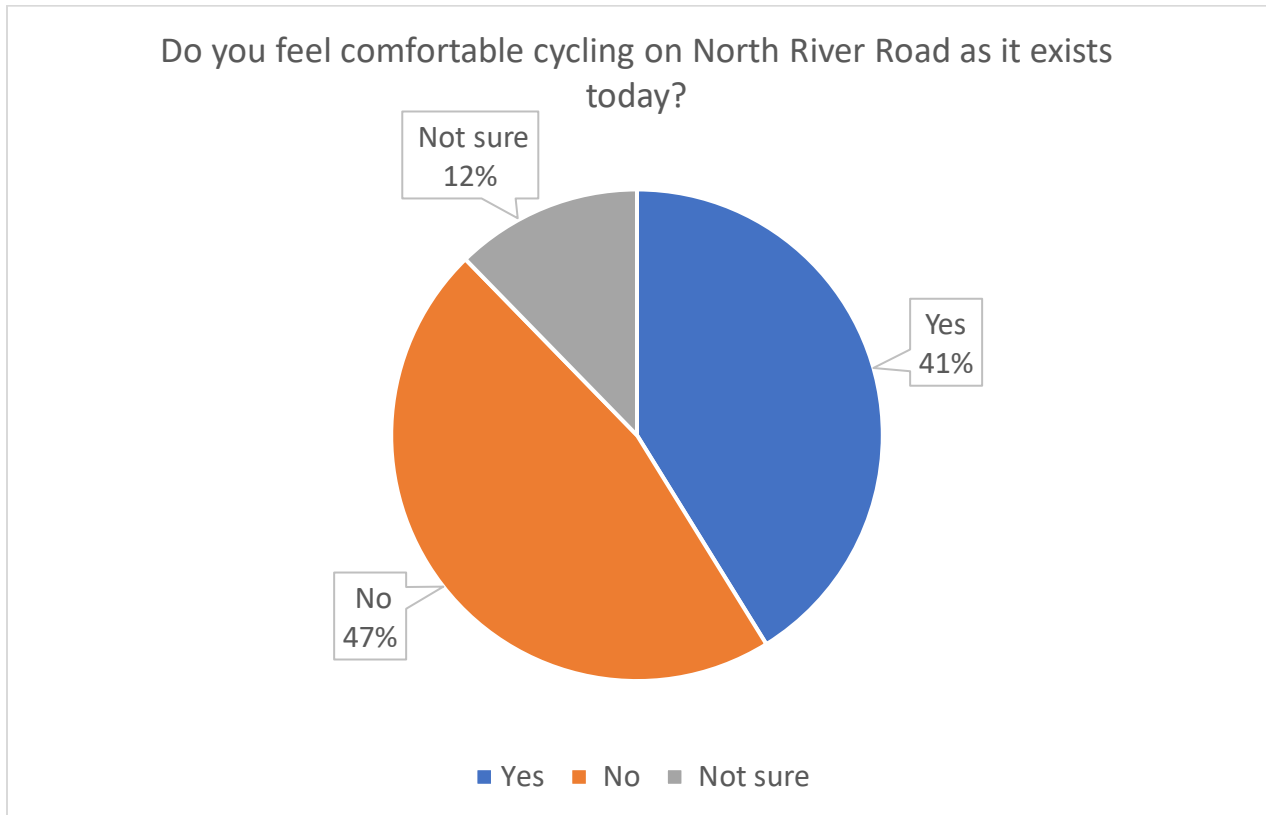
The project proposes the following roadway modifications to North River Road.

- Painted bike lanes in both lanes (width varying from 1.5 to 1.8 m with a short segment at 1.3 m) from Queen Mary Street north to Selkirk Street.
- Intersection improvements at McArthur Avenue and North River Road.
- Removal of on-street parking from North River Road between McArthur Avenue and Queen Mary Street.
- New sidewalks and relocated bus stops on the west side of North River Road for improved accessibility to transit.
- Neighbourhood traffic calming measures are also being proposed on North River Road from Queen Mary Street north to Donald Street as part of a companion project.

### Public Consultation and Online Survey Results

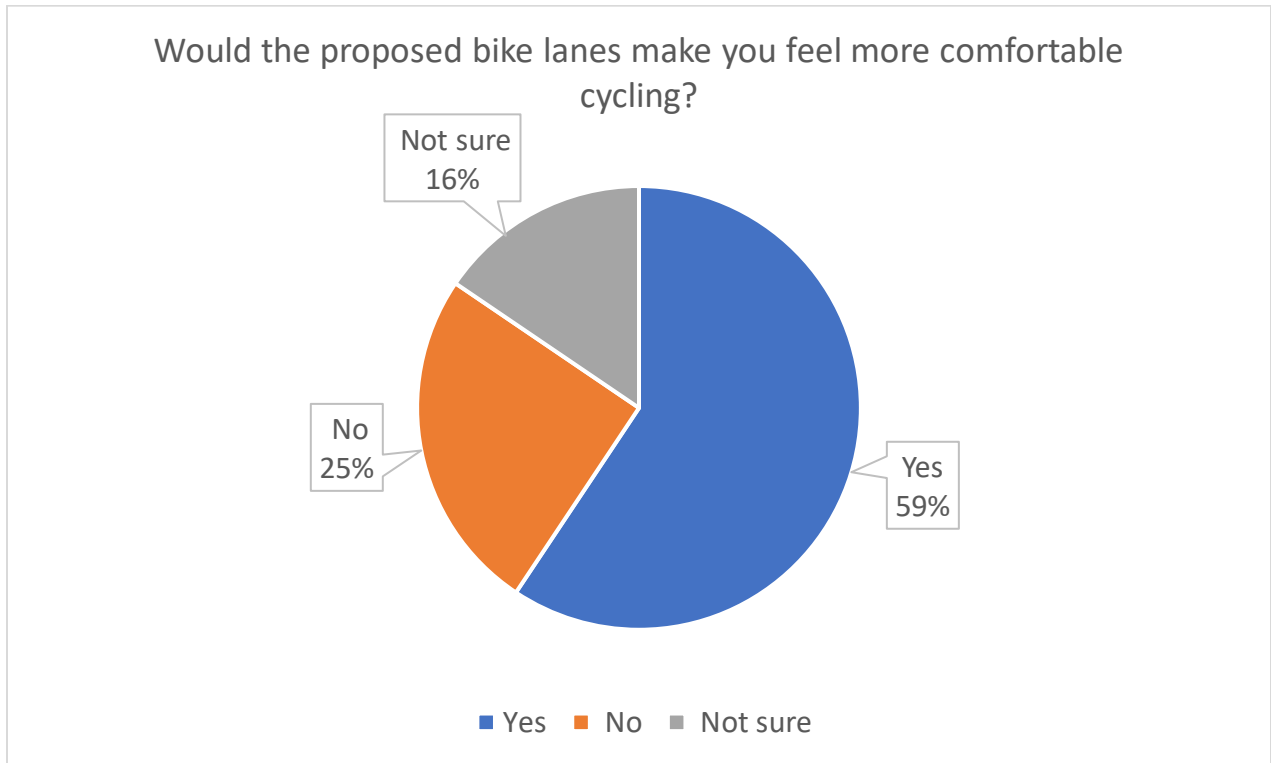
An online survey was conducted to gather feedback on the proposed active transportation facilities. The following section includes the results from the online survey and summaries of the individual comments received. A total of 186 people completed the online survey, which was available from July 12 to September 9, 2024.

1. Do you feel comfortable cycling on North River Road as it exists today?



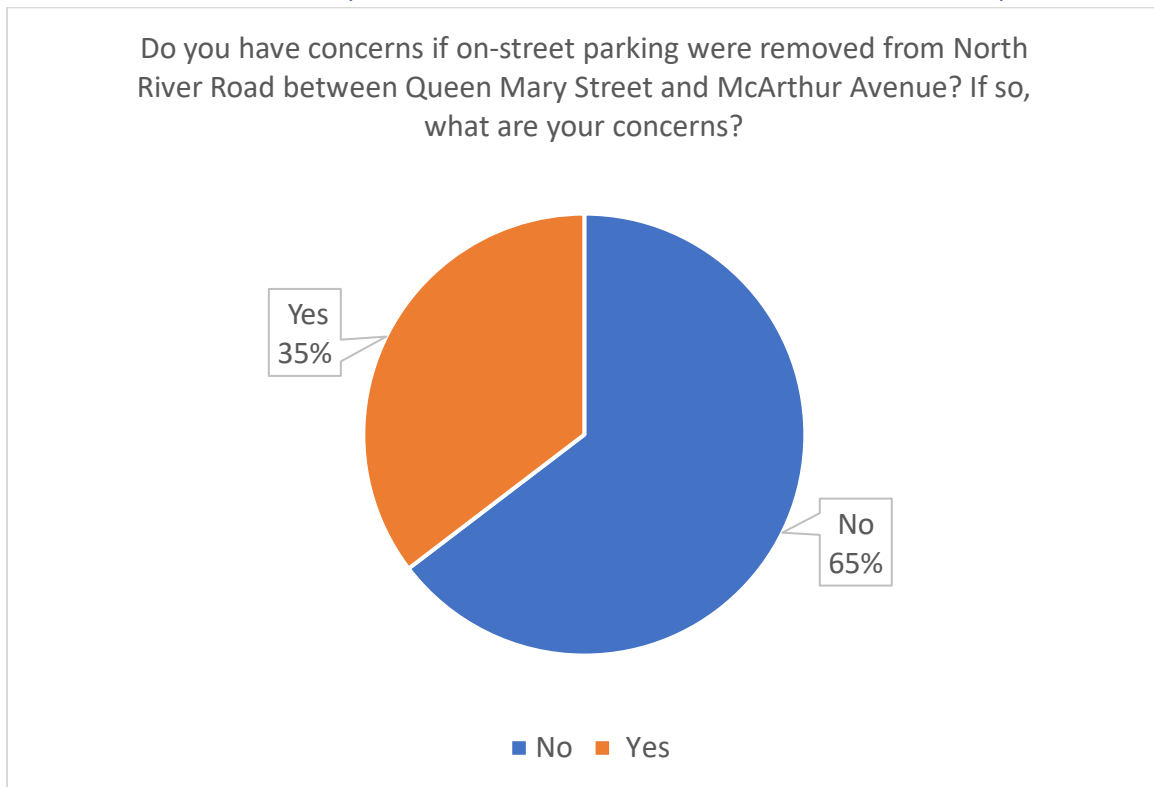
Response	Percentage of Total Responses	Number of Responses
Yes	41%	77
No	47%	87
Not Sure	12%	23

2. Would the proposed bike lanes make you feel more comfortable cycling?



Response	Percentage of Total Responses	Number of Responses
Yes	59%	111
No	25%	47
Not Sure	16%	29

3. Do you have concerns if on-street parking were removed from North River Road between Queen Mary Street and McArthur Avenue? If so, what are your concerns?



Response	Percentage of Total Responses	Number of Responses
Yes	35%	58
No/No response	65%	106

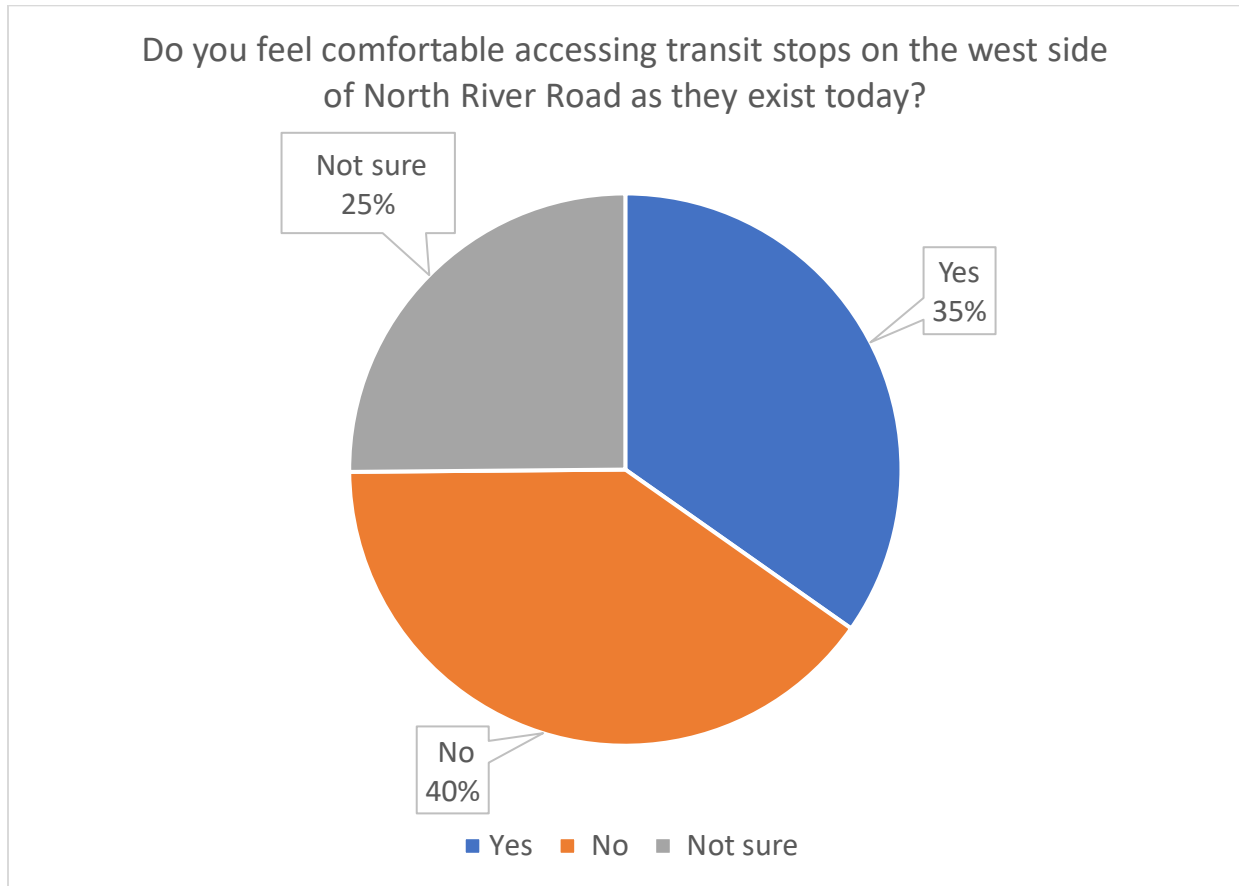
101 responses had additional comments, which are summarized below.

Main Concern	Number of Responses
Removal of parking on North River Road will divert parking to local streets	25
Visitors of Riverain Park, the Rideau Sports Centre, and the churches need space for parking	21
<b>Support for removal of on-street parking</b>	19
Need parking on North River Road for residents and visitors	11
Removal of parking would limit accessibility	4
Cars will park in the bike lane	4
The loss of parking will be inconvenient/On-street parking is needed in the winter	3
Removal of parking would limit emergency vehicle access	2

## Additional Comments

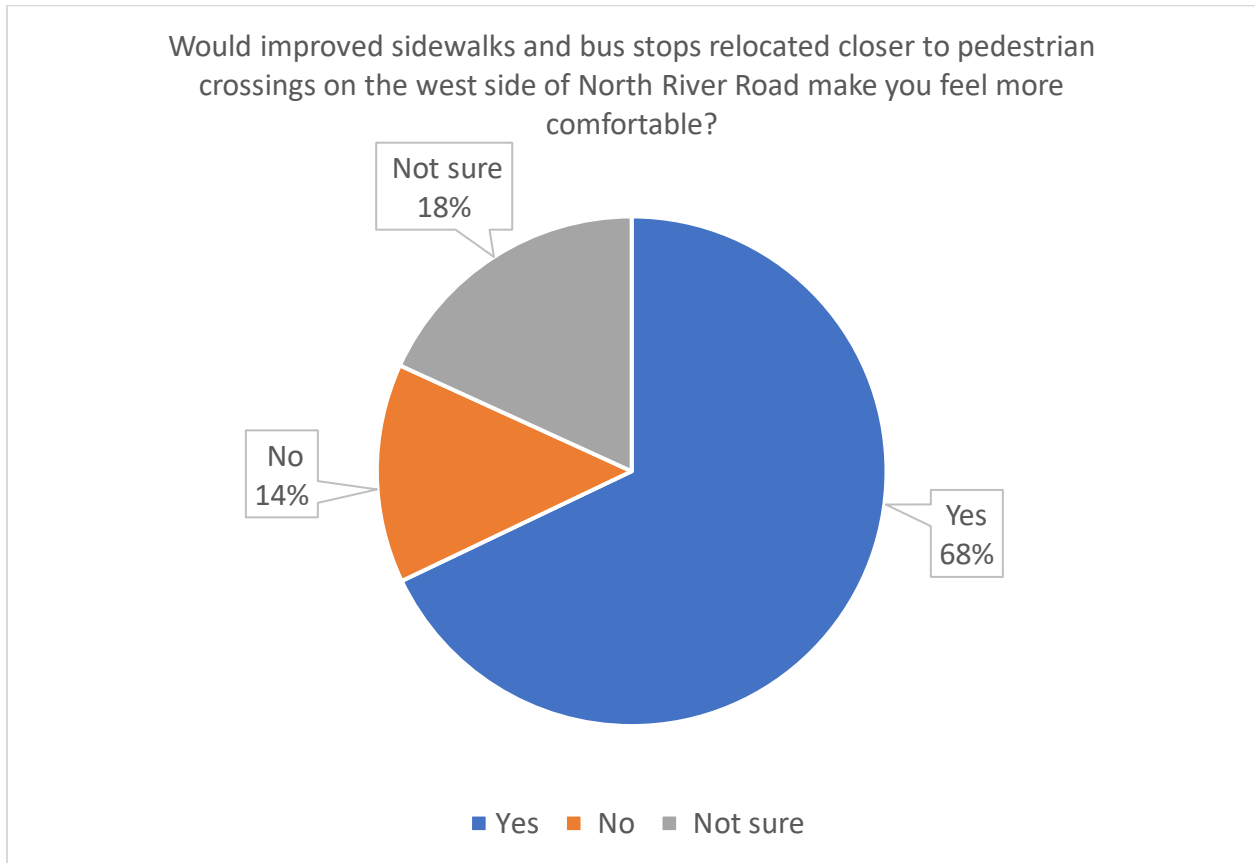
<b>Comment</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>
Consider using paid parking or introducing a time limit	2
Winter maintenance will be easier with the removal of on-street parking	1
There is not enough free parking in the city	3
Bike lanes are not necessary on North River Rd/cyclists and cars can share the road/the river path is sufficient for cyclists/cyclists don't follow rules	6
Removing on-street parking will cause the road to appear wider, causing drivers will speed	2
Frequent bus stops might cause traffic/consider diverting the North River Rd bus routes to Vanier Parkway	3
Consider bi-directional bikes lanes on the West side of North River Rd	1
Include a raised crosswalk in the new design	1
If parking is removed, add drop-off zones	1
On-street parking creates risk for cyclists	1

4. Do you feel comfortable accessing transit stops on the west side of North River Road as they exist today?



Response	Percentage of Total Responses	Number of Responses
Yes	35%	65
No	40%	75
Not Sure	25%	47

5. Would improved sidewalks and bus stops relocated closer to pedestrian crossings on the west side of North River Road make you feel more comfortable?



Response	Percentage of Total Responses	Number of Responses
Yes	68%	127
No	14%	26
Not Sure	18%	34