In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City & County of Denver created 10.2 miles of Open Streets in parks, where no cars are allowed, and 5.5 miles of Shared Streets in residential and commercial areas, where cars are still allowed local access, but must drive slowly and yield to people walking and biking.

The Denver Streets Partnership conducted a community survey to find out what people like about the Shared and Open Streets, how the streets can be improved, and how people would like to see Shared and Open Streets continue as Denver emerges from the pandemic.

Of the 733 people who responded to the survey:

- 30% live on one of the Shared Streets
- 39% live near one of the Shared Streets
- >85% have walked, biked, or rolled on the Shared and Open Streets
- >60% walk, bike or roll on these streets multiple times a week or daily

What do you like?

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<td>Easier physical distancing</td>
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What could be improved?

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Should the streets stay in place after the pandemic?

- Both Shared & Open Streets: 86%
- Just Open Streets: 5%
- Just Shared Streets: 4%
- Neither: 5%

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"I didn’t know how much I would enjoy this type of “walkable” city/neighborhood. Please, please, please - make it permanent."

"The dramatic improvement this change has made to my life is immeasurable. My family can safely walk, bike, & run in the park. We can ENJOY the park . . . & have a relief from stress."

"We live on 16th Ave with two kids ages 4 & 7. Both our girls learned to ride bikes during the time the street has been closed to car traffic. My 4 year old literally yells “Weeeee” down the city street."

"Shared and Open Streets are the best thing that’s happened for pedestrians in Denver ever."

"The Shared and Open streets have brought me an incredible amount of peace and joy during the pandemic."

"The shared street on 11th ave has been a godsend that makes my commute safe and relaxing during this stressful time."

"It really makes the street and neighborhood come alive! It makes me feel more connected to the community."

"I think it was a great indication that the City of Denver had the interests of the residents at heart. Providing more spaces for biking and walking was kind and thoughtful and allowed for an unexpected pleasure in this hard time. It would be great if they could continue."

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