

# 8th Street Traffic Calming Project

8<sup>th</sup> Street, West Oakland,  
from Pine St to Market St



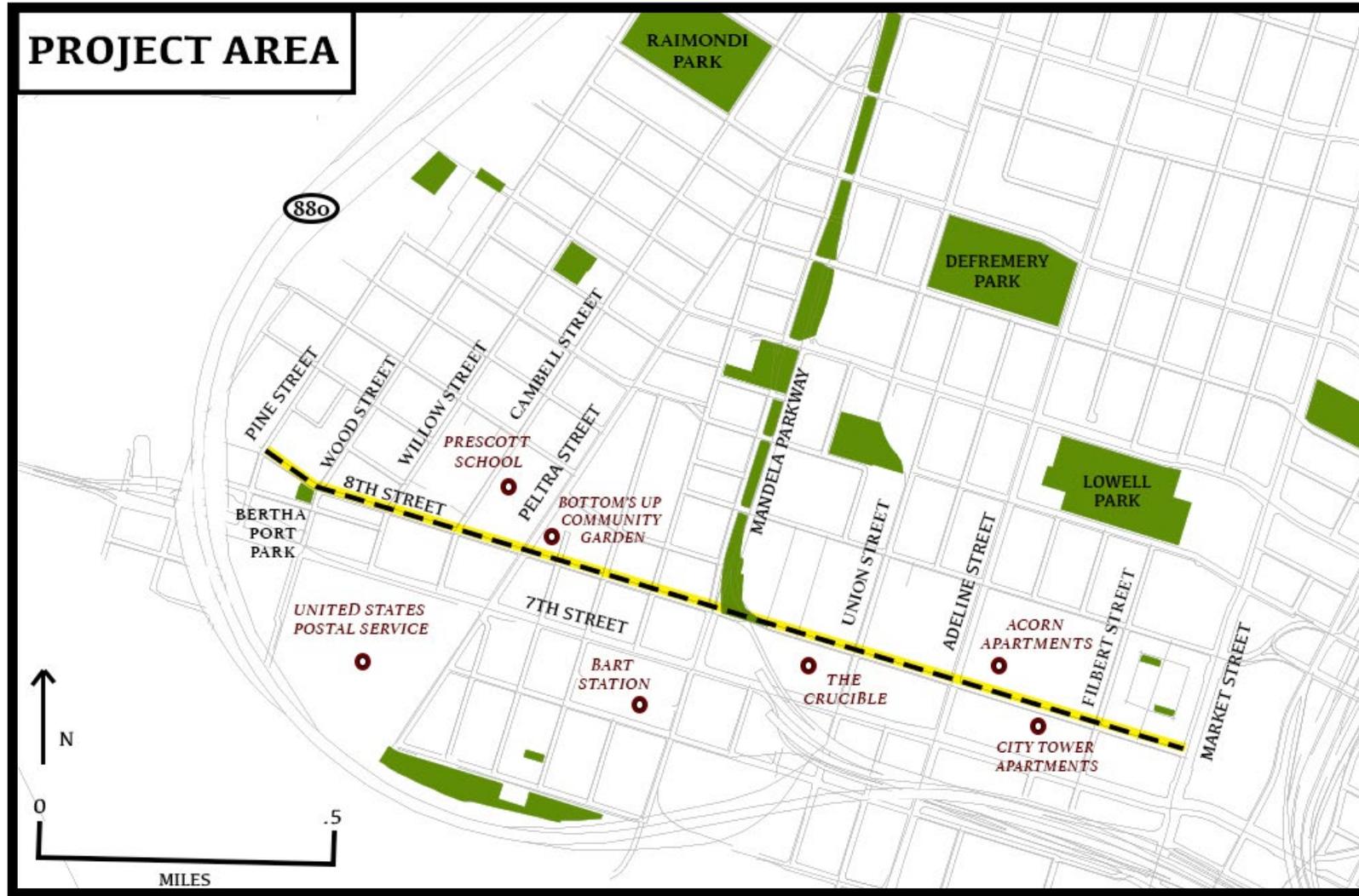
Safe Streets Division

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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

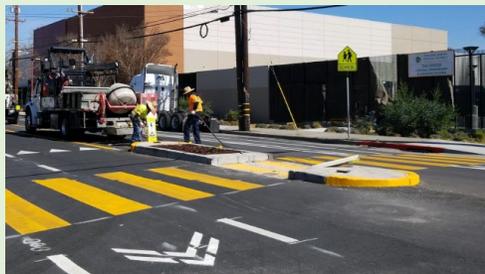
Upgrade curb ramps to Americans with Disabilities Act standards



## 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

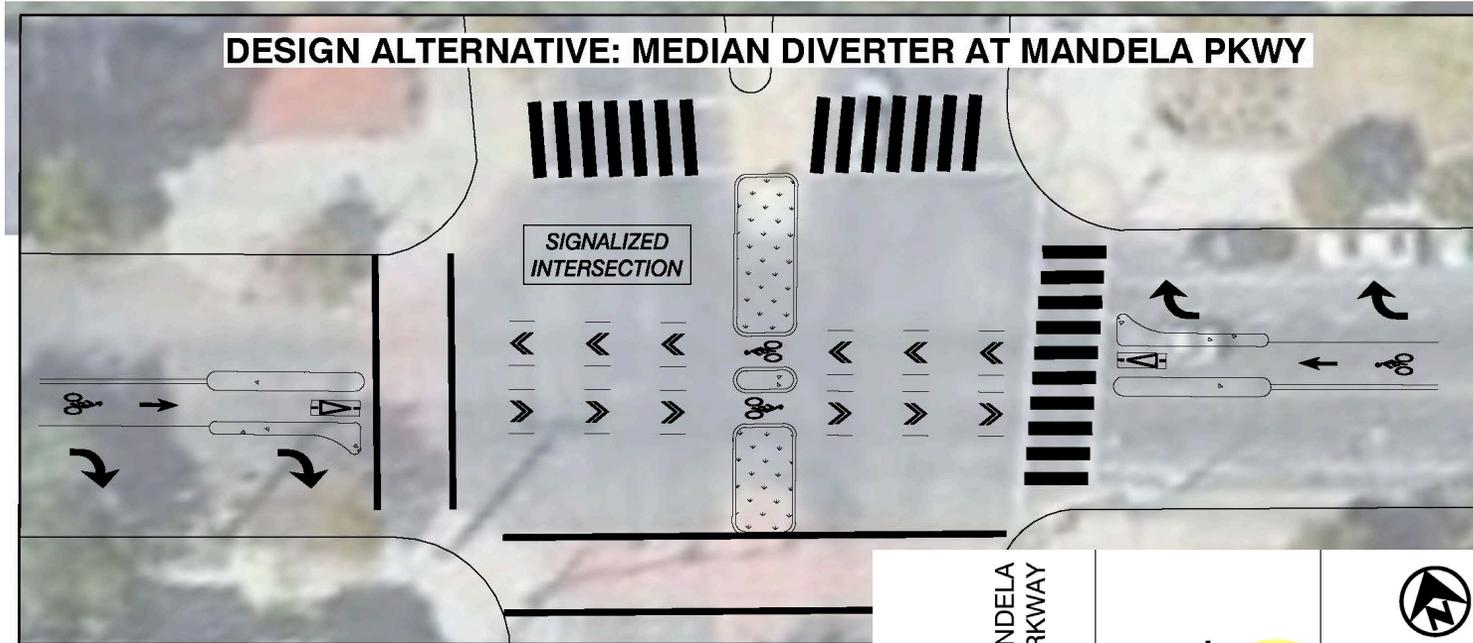


## Median Closure?

Consider closing 8th Street to through traffic at Mandela Pkwy



# Should Driving on 8<sup>th</sup> Street Across Mandela Pkwy Be Prohibited?



A median diverter on 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> St including cut-through traffic that should be on a major street like 7th St

## Tradeoffs

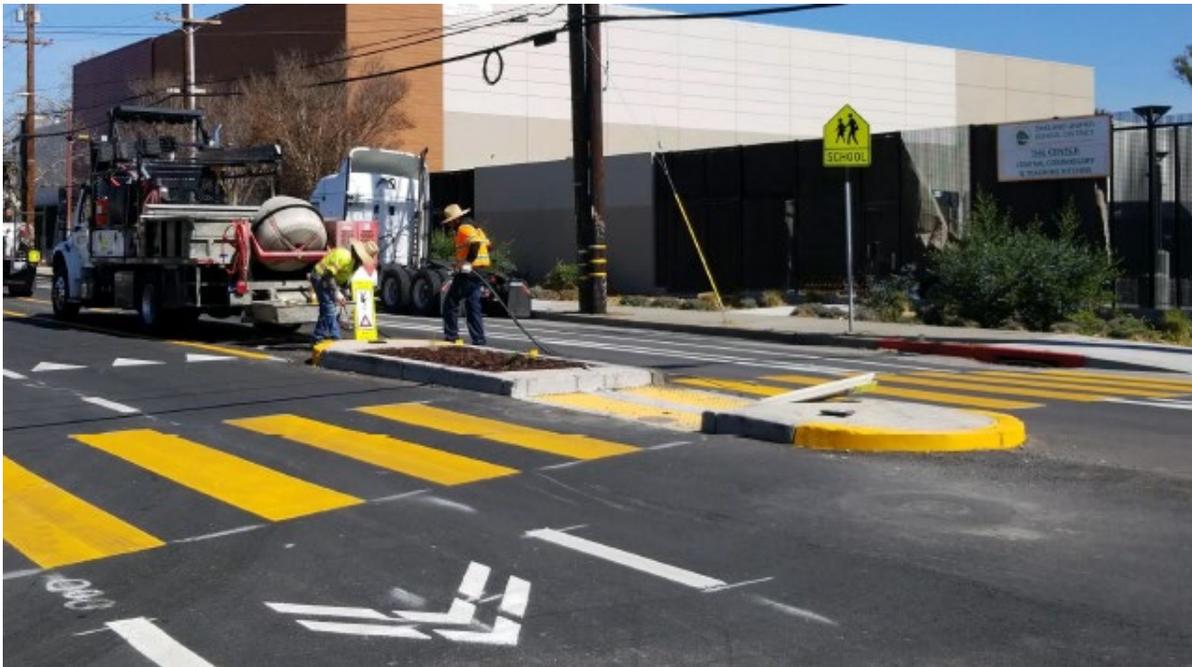
- Planned traffic circles and speed bumps will already significantly calm traffic on 8<sup>th</sup> St
- Would make it more difficult for people to reach end destinations like homes or churches on 8<sup>th</sup> St, especially people headed southbound on Mandela turning left onto 8<sup>th</sup> St into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

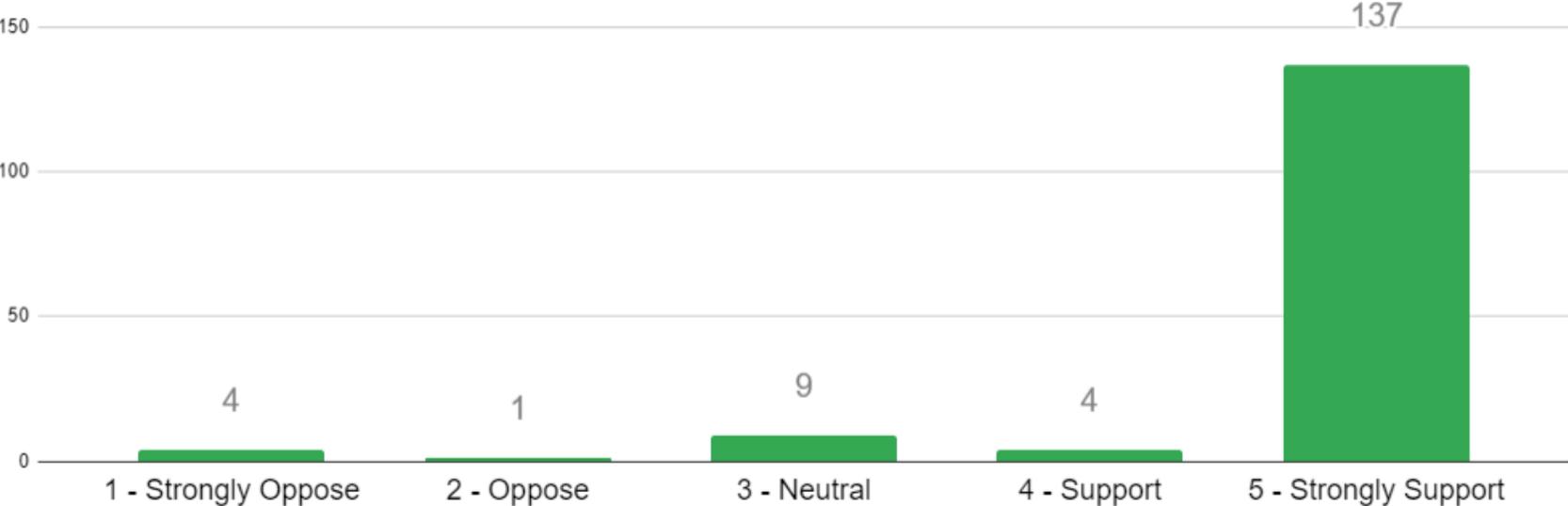
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- The construction of 2 new curb ramps, one on each side of the street, would require the removal of 4 parking spaces, and possible removal of up to 2 trees.

# Survey Responses

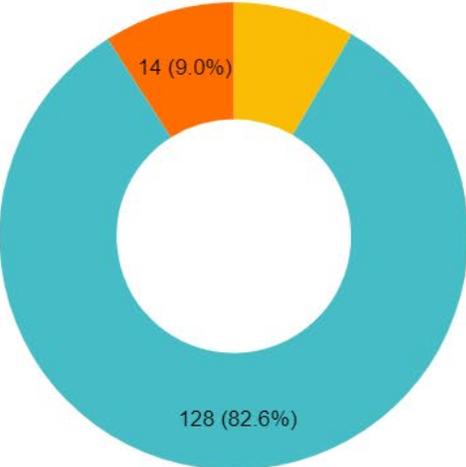
155 Survey Responses Nov 2021 – May 10, 2022  
Broad support for project goals

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

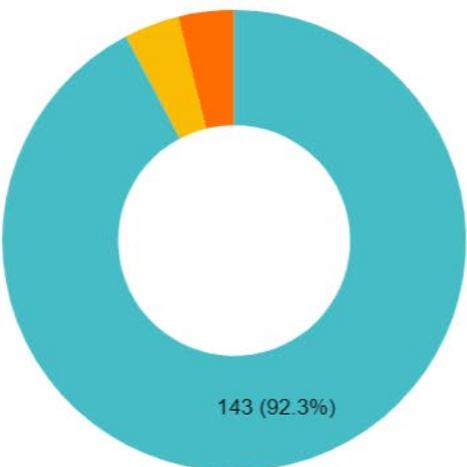


- Supports
- Would Like to Know More
- Does Not Support

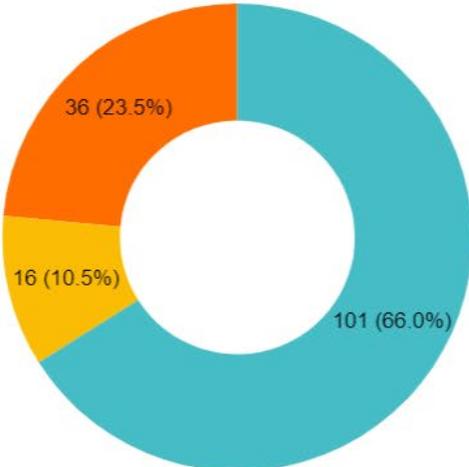
Speed Humps



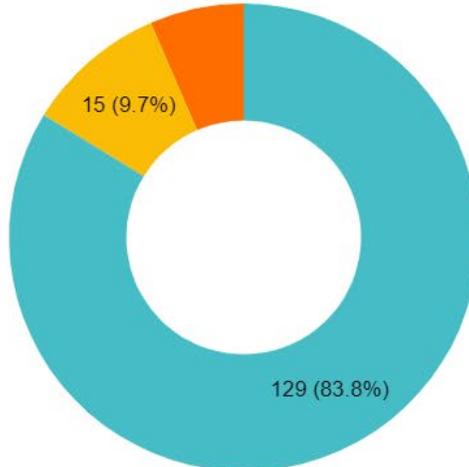
Traffic Circles



Mandela Parkway Median



Crosswalk Between Adeline and Filbert



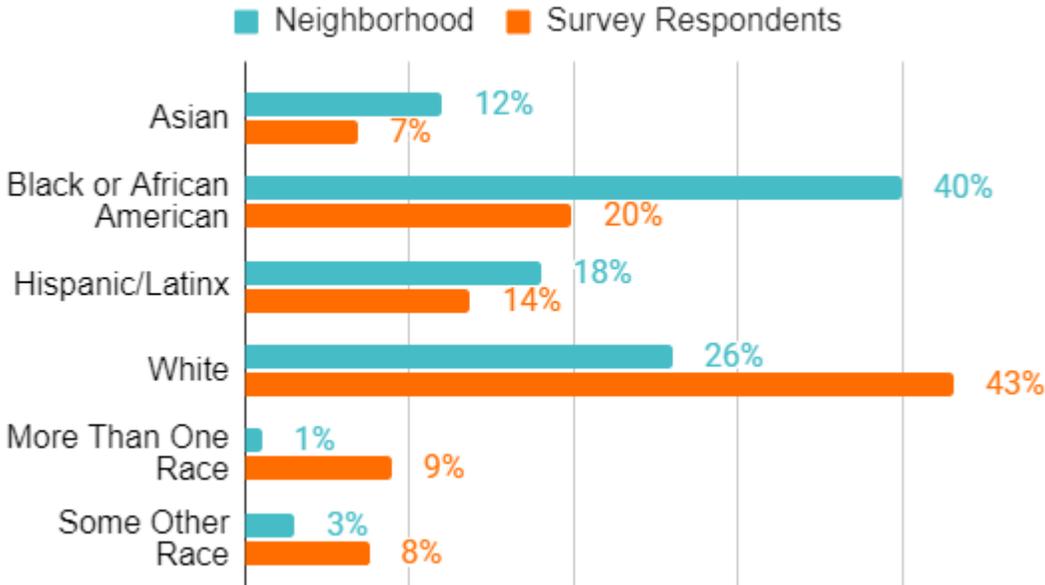
# Survey Responses (Demographic Questions)

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 Not representative to date, seeking more responses

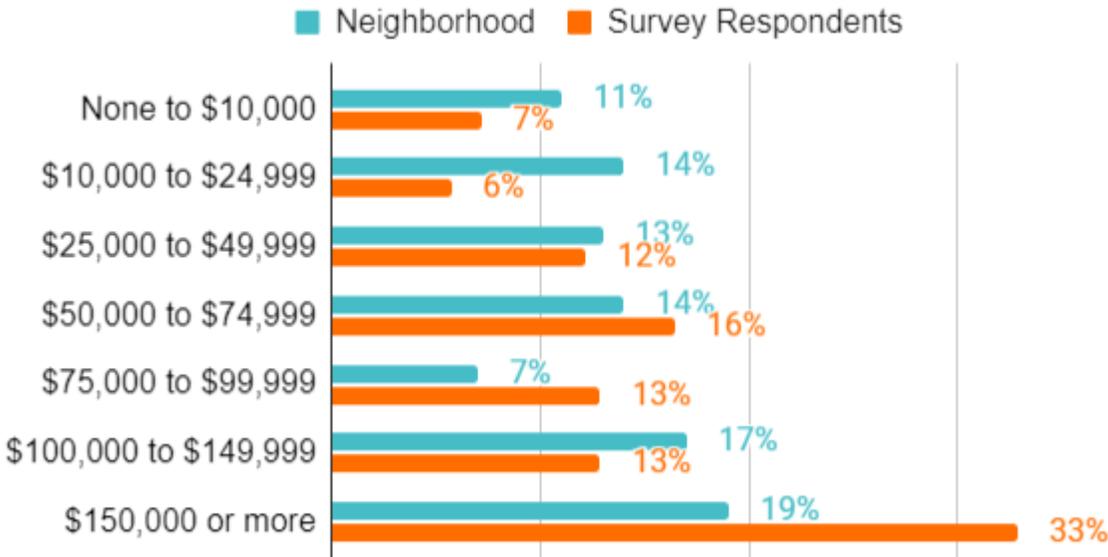
Where Do You Live?



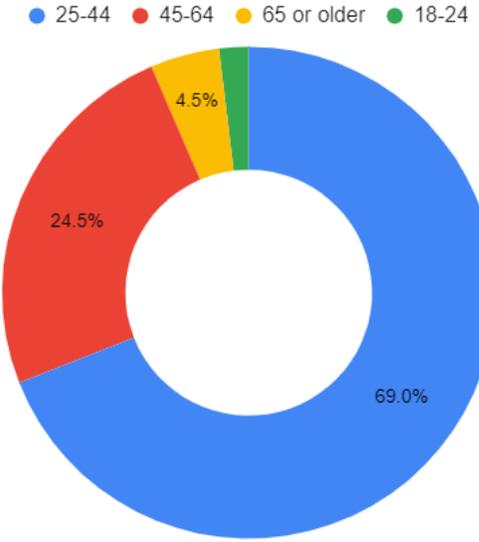
Race/Ethnicity



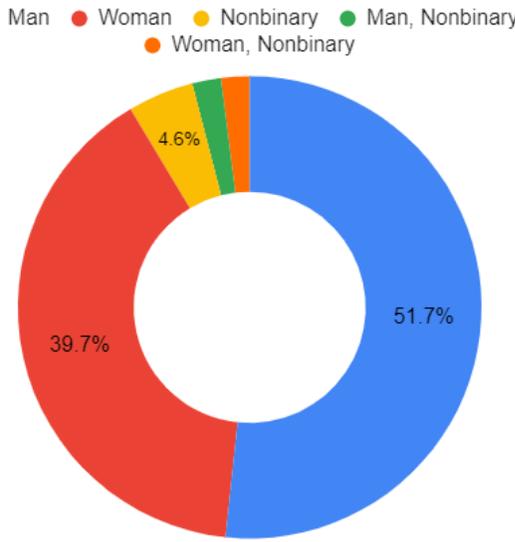
Household Income



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 32<sup>nd</sup> St, Oakland

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

Painted traffic signal cabinet by Cameron Thompson at 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/8th-st-project)

## Street Murals

Painting 8th Street with help from [OakDOT's "Paint the Town" street mural program](#)

## 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!

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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 8<sup>th</sup> St between Adeline St and Filbert St?
- Do you support leaving 8<sup>th</sup> St open at Mandela Pkwy?
- What kind of themes do you want to see in the art element?

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