

# Middleton Road / Stow Road Sidewalk Comments

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## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

28 September 2021 - 28 November 2021

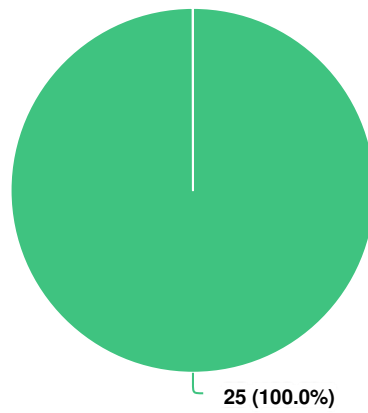
### **PROJECT NAME:**

Middleton Road / Stow Road Sidewalk Project



# REGISTRATION QUESTIONS

**Q1** | **ZIP Code**



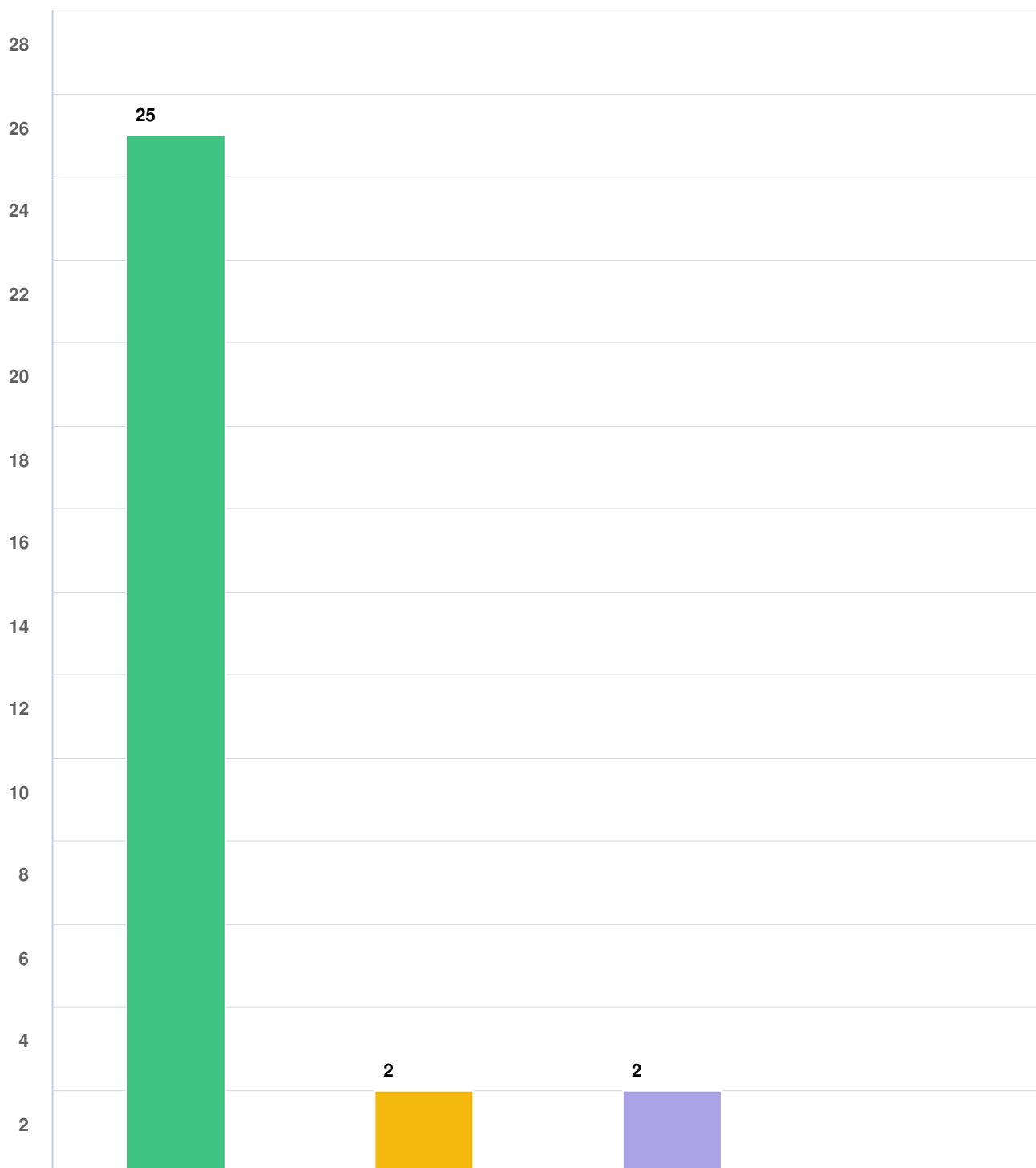
**Question options**

- Hudson, OH 44236

*Mandatory Question (25 response(s))*

*Question type: Region Question*

**Q2** Please tell us how you are connected with Hudson. Check all that apply.



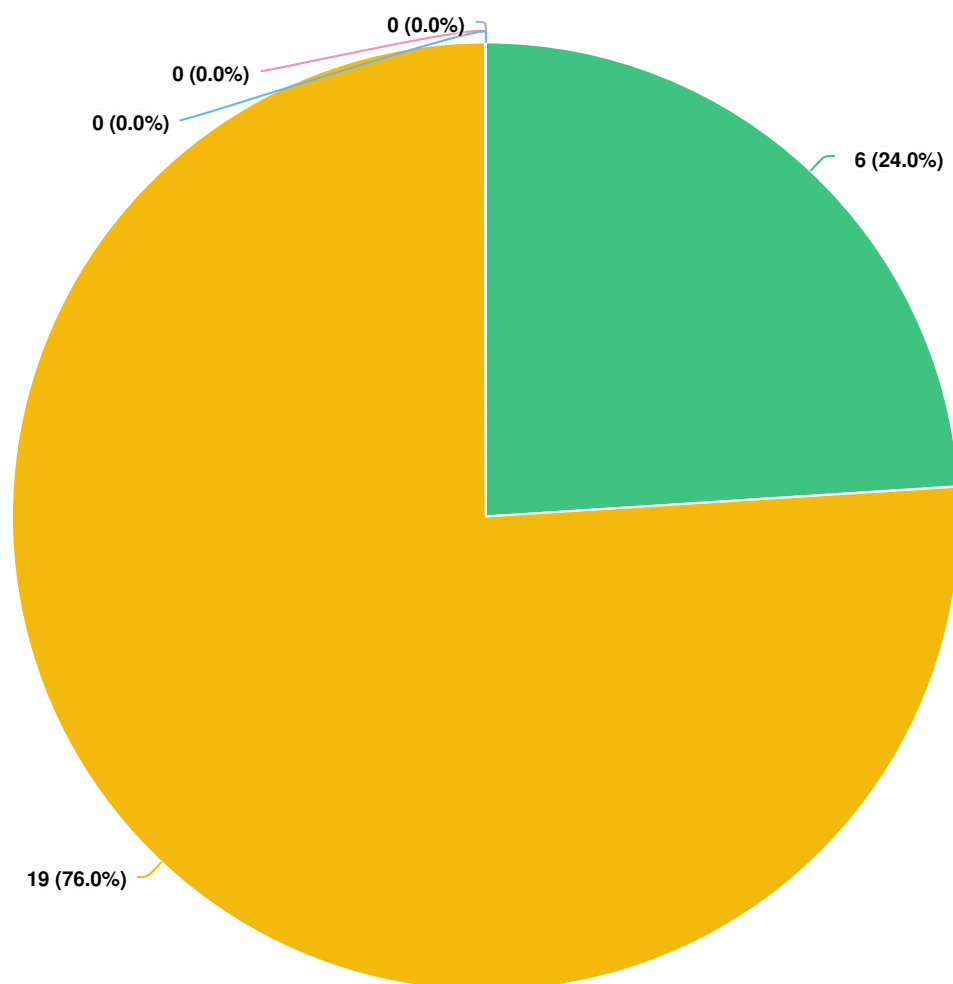
**Question options**

☒ I live in Hudson. ☐ I own or manage a business in Hudson. ☐ I work in Hudson. ☐ I am a visitor to Hudson.

*Mandatory Question (25 response(s))*

*Question type: Checkbox Question*

**Q3** What Ward do you live in?



**Question options**

● Ward 3 ● Ward 4 ● Ward 1 ● Ward 2 ● I do not live in Hudson.

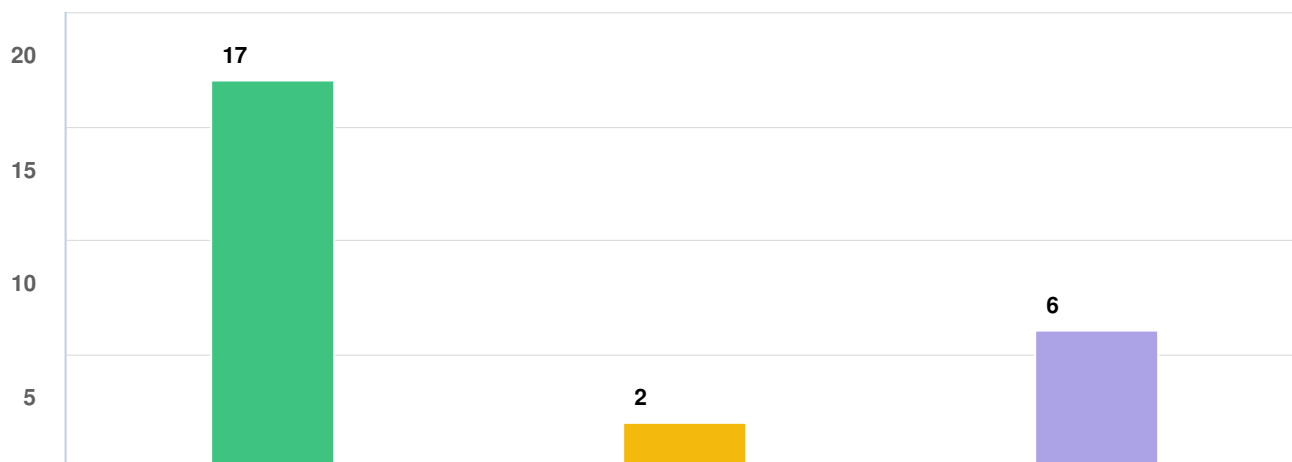
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*Question type: Radio Button Question*



## SURVEY QUESTIONS

### Q1 Are you in favor of the sidewalk project?



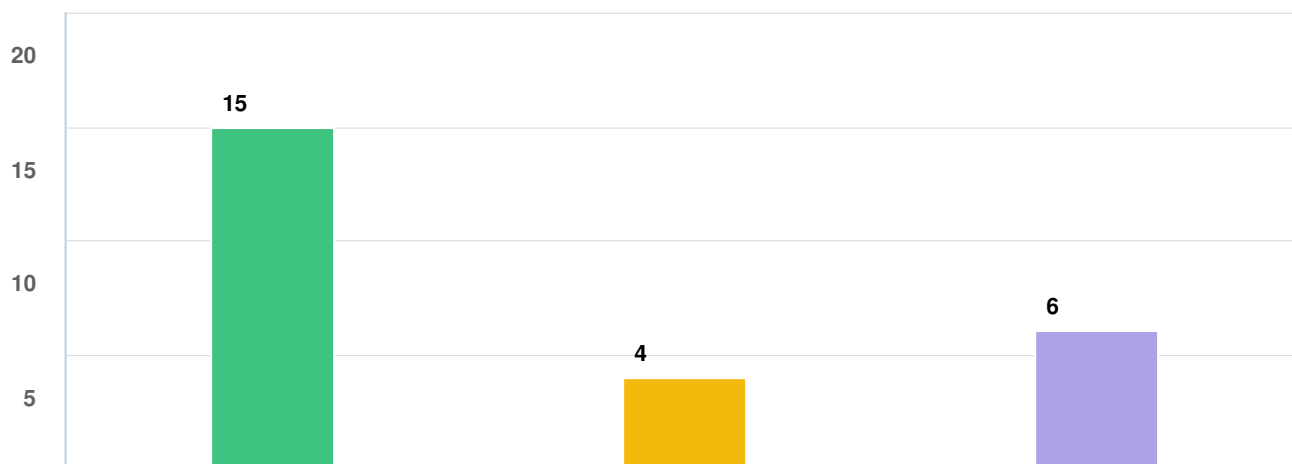
#### Question options

Yes No Neutral

Mandatory Question (25 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

### Q2 Are you in favor of the location of the sidewalk as recommended on the consultant's conceptual plans?



#### Question options

Yes No Neutral

Mandatory Question (25 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

### Q3 Additional comments on the project?

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10/27/2021 01:24 PM

Currently high school students in the Middleton Estates technically do not have a bus route due to proximity to HS, but as you can see there is no safe walking (sidewalk) for students to walk either way, add in a dangerous 2way stop sign intersection at Middleton & Stow with drivers rarely paying attention to crosswalks. Sidewalks are needed as well as a flashing crosswalk similar to the ones on main st. This would encourage more walkers and bike riders.

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11/04/2021 12:45 PM

Overall I agree with the proposed plan. I would be against the plan if "Typical section option 3" is used at all. I do not believe a sidewalk that close to the road is safe for children or any other pedestrian. Also, if "Typical section option 3" includes installing a residence's mailbox in the sidewalk I would be against the plan as well. There should be a buffer between the sidewalk and the road. This was done on the route 91 sidewalk project and not only does it look incredibly tacky but I imagine it would make it more difficult and expensive to replace the mailbox incase of damage.

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11/05/2021 09:47 AM

I believe these monies would be better spent on a bicycle lane along this road..... I see no reason for a sidewalk as nobody in this city walks anywhere..... many times I have seen bicyclists nearly come in contact with the car traffic along Middleton . This is more of a safety issue than a sidewalk that will probably never be used.....

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11/05/2021 01:37 PM

Due to Middleton's high traffic and high speed limit of 35mph, this is only creating an unsafe environment for anyone to walk on the proposed sidewalk. One of the reasons we moved to Middleton Rd was the fact that it did not have sidewalks. Another concern about a sidewalk on Middleton Rd is that would open the door to foot traffic from the turnpike who are trying to access the metro stop.

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11/05/2021 05:05 PM

Does it have to be on the right side of the street? It's going to take up a chunk of my yard, which is already small and almost entirely made up of frontage. The lots on the other side of Middleton are larger - I feel it would affect them less.

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I cannot attend this weeks meeting but as a resident that lives on



11/08/2021 04:33 PM

Middleton Road, I can tell you that this is a long overdue and welcome project. Residents on this street cannot walk their dogs or children without getting in a car and going somewhere. If you choose to walk, even couple houses to a neighbors, you are taking your life in your hands. The speed limit is 35, but most go significantly faster And if cars are coming from both ways and your step of the street to get out of the way, you end up in the drainage ditch. Also, we can't access the new sidewalks from Middleton to DT on 91, as we have no walking access. Thank you for strongly considering this project...I can't imagine why anyone would choose not to approve of it.

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11/09/2021 10:13 AM

When a sidewalk is installed where the homeowner does not have direct access to it when there is snow, I do not feel it is right to expect the home owner to risk their lives taking a snowblower 200 feet in the street to get to the new sidewalk.

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11/09/2021 10:21 AM

I see this is a "No Cost" to resident project, I however live on Herrick Park Drive (the non-sidewalk side) in the old section and we were assessed taxes on our property for the project. This seems a non-fair to all residents project, also how many of these sidewalk projects have been "free" to the homeowners on those streets? I'd rather see better services or city water in Hudson than a bunch of unused sidewalks.

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11/09/2021 01:00 PM

I think a flashing light near Middleton Park is going to be best because people exceed the speed limit on that stretch of road all the time!

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11/10/2021 05:37 PM

I live at a property in which the rear of the property (7429 Wetherburn Way) along with my neighbors property (7430 Wetherburn way) both have properties that would have the new proposed sidewalk on the northside of Middleton Rd (section 1). I have a pond that goes across the entire back of my property - meaning I have no physical way to get to the sidewalk (picture below). I have concerns about the liability to homeowners who are held to the City Ordinance to keep sidewalks clean when they cannot physically access the sidewalk from their property. There are likely other homeowners on Middleton, Stow, Rt. 303, in which this may be an issue. The current city ordinance 660.05 Duty to Keep Sidewalks in Repair and Clean (a) No owner or occupant of lots or lands abutting any sidewalk, curb or gutter shall fail to keep the sidewalks, curbs and gutters in repair and free from snow, ice

or any nuisance, and to remove from such sidewalks, curbs or gutters all snow and ice accumulated thereon within a reasonable time, which will ordinarily not exceed 12 hours after any storm during which the snow and ice has accumulated. I would like the City Council to consider updating the ordinance to add the words "at the frontage of their property" to clarify the responsibility of homeowners throughout the city. If that is not an option - then I would ask the City to determine another options to resolve this issue for the homeowners who cannot access (due to physical boundaries - ponds, woods, etc.) the new sidewalks being added to the rear of their properties.

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11/11/2021 11:45 AM

I live at 2842 Middleton Road. As the plans show, sidewalks will be installed in front of my house. I would like to advocate for and recommend that the culvert is filled in and curbs are installed. I understand this is significantly more expensive but feel that in a residential area near the schools that this is the correct way to do this project.

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11/12/2021 07:08 PM

As we live on the north side of Middleton Road, east of Stow Road, we are on the optional side for sidewalks along this section of the project. We have concerns about several trees that were planted by the city of Hudson to replace trees that were removed from our property during the installation of the water line to Middleton Park Estates. These trees lie in the path of the "Favored" option for the location of the sidewalk. We would be more in favor of Option 3 which places the sidewalk close to the edge of Middleton and would require a curb. We have spoken with City Engineer Tom Sheridan and he assured us that the city is in favor of preserving trees especially where there is an option for that. We also have a drainage ditch on the west side of our property that drains a large area of residential property to the south of us. We made a request of Mr Sheridan that, as this sidewalk project continues, that more large rocks be placed in the drainage ditch on the north side of Middleton Road in order to prevent further erosion of the land adjacent to the ditch on the east and west. Further this ditch has a large amount of silt accumulation from water running through the ditch and from the collapse of the sides of the ditch over time. This allows standing water to remain in the ditch and is a breeding spot for mosquitos during the summer months. This ditch needs to be dredged to allow appropriate flow of water to the retention ponds north and west of our property.

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Extend water lines from 91 to valley view as we would appreciate

11/14/2021 03:27 PM

having city water option on Middleton.

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11/15/2021 07:42 AM

I believe placing the sidewalk on the north side of Middleton Rd i(rather than the south side) s preferential because there is more space available and the grade of the land is more more amenable to such a project.

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11/16/2021 06:02 AM

The sidewalks from Valley View Rd to Rt 91, I would rather have the sidewalks on the south side of the road, same side of the road as Middleton Park. However, after seeing how may power poles and trees need to be removed, I can understand why the recommendation is on the north side.

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11/16/2021 08:19 AM

I'm generally for the sidewalks, but feel things are not adequately addressed yet. I have trees and some fencing in the yard, and am concerned how these will be affected. My neighbor's front yard is completely filled with trees, and told me they would move if a good portion of those were taken down. I'm concerned about the sidewalk maintenance as stated in 660.05 that the homeowners are responsible to keep the sidewalk "in repair." That language is very vague and needs more specifics. Furthermore, if the city is installing these public use improvements in the right of way, why is the homeowner responsible for it?? We don't maintain the utility poles, the drainage ditches, the road, water lines, sewage lines, gas lines, and other public benefitting construction, so why sidewalks? We feel the city needs to budget for long term repairs and not expect homeowner support. Do we physically level or patch the concrete, or will the city do it and bill us?? Lots of questions and issues here. Are the homeowners responsible for removing trees, fencing, etc. before construction? What recourse do we have when the contractor tears up our turf, leaves vehicle tire ruts, leaves trash behind, and other issues? As mentioned earlier, the long term maintenance needs thoroughly planned in advance. An example is the bike lanes, which are a great addition; however, they are quickly filled with gravel, construction debris, branches, nails, glass, and other hazardous objects, making the paths undesirable to ride on, and forcing many riders back onto the road. A plan for regular street sweeping could solve this and provide safer separation of motorists and cyclists.

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11/17/2021 09:11 PM

Allow me to comment on Section 4 East. There is absolutely no civic benefit to extend the sidewalk from Rejoice Lutheran Church north to the 480 overpass. No one living in this area has a reason

to walk in that direction. If there is money to spend please consider using the funds to create a bike path on Stow Road instead.

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11/19/2021 05:57 PM

Who is going to pick up all the trash that will now be left along the sidewalks on Middleton Rd? It's not a problem now because conditions are not suitable for walkers/bikers. No walkers, no trash. Am I expected to trim around the sidewalk that crosses my property? Will I be stuck with trash pick-up along the route? I don't see any plans for trash cans along the way. I also worry about safety. There will be increased numbers of walkers and bikers and Middleton is already not that safe because of hills, sightlines and width of road. I just don't think every street in Hudson needs to be suitable for bikers and/or walkers. We have parks for this. Why does every street have to be suitable for bike riders and walkers? Roads are for cars.

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11/21/2021 06:10 AM

Very excited for this project! It will give our family a safe way to walk on our street and enable us to get downtown on foot!

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11/21/2021 03:41 PM

I am currently the President of the Middleton Park Estates HOA and am speaking on behalf of the entire neighborhood. We fully support the sidewalk project and hope that this can be part of the 2022 plan. We have lived in this neighborhood for over eight years and our sidewalk has always been a dead end. We have approximately 80 students that live in this neighborhood and we would benefit from having the sidewalk connected to Stow road. Although we would prefer the sidewalk to be built connecting the existing section on the north side of Middleton Road, the proposed design would suffice. Please consider making this a priority in 2022 as we have many current and future students at Ellsworth Hill Elementary School.

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11/22/2021 08:38 AM

This will be great for Middleton Road residents, especially families with children. They can go for walks and ride their bikes without putting themselves in harm's way.

**Optional question** (21 response(s), 4 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

In Favor of Project	Comment	In Favor of Location	Comment	Additional Project Comments
Yes		Yes		Once built, who is responsible for future repairs of sidewalk? Who is responsible for snow removal?
No	Money can be used for better project	No		
Yes		Yes	If possible, would love to have the ditch in our front yard replaced and filled in.	Thank you for this important much-needed project.
Yes		Neutral		eager to have a sidewalk. Very scary running/walking on Middleton Road due to unsafe drivers.
No	35 MPH should be reduced to 25 MPH	No	Would like sidewalk right at the road	
Yes		Yes		
Yes	The sidewalk is greatly needed.	Yes	If the sidewalk from Stow Road to Highpoint Park was placed on the North side of the road, the crosswalk by Middleton Road Park would not be needed. There are many children in that neighborhood who would benefit from a North side sidewalk.	Would like the Middleton Road section from Stow Road to Highpoint Park be PRIORITIZED. The extreme hill on that section creates a blind spot in trying to walk or bike up or down the street. The crosswalk plan by Middleton Road Park entrance will be susceptible to the blind spot of the hill where cars travel at excessive speeds on a daily basis. A sidewalk on the north side would be safer for children traveling to Ellsworth School.
Yes		Yes		Will have a lot of grading/filling issues, also drainage culverts on South side.
Yes		Yes		I have several concerns about how the stormwater runoff will be handled. I also have concerns about the security of the dry laid stone wall that parallels the proposed alignment for the sidewalk as it crosses my parcel. There has been a history with the drainage challenges associated with managing the storm water along both Greenthorn Drive and Middleton Road and this parcel. Due in part to the flat terrain at this site runoff has backed up and flooded this parcel. Several years ago the city excavated a deeper ditch along Middleton Road an installed a new drop inlet and drain to better handle the runoff and reduce the flooding. The road and ditch are higher in elevation than the adjacent parcel. Failure to properly manage the storm runoff will most likely result in flooding of my land. I am very interested in how the City proposes to deal with drainage impacted by this project. I am requesting an opportunity to meet on site to discuss this matter further.

In Favor of Project	Comment	In Favor of Location	Comment	Additional Project Comments
No		Yes		see letter attached in file.
No	I am against this sidewalk because it will destroy the feel of the street which is currently rural. Why try to make the more picturesque areas of Hudson into a town and we may be a "city" BUT we are not the village.	No	I think the south side of Middleton would be a better choice as it would eliminate as many crosswalks.	I am concerned that this might. 1) Be rented so that some of this walk in my section would make to my side 2) there might be a crosswalk unit and by making light in my visual area. Whether or not the proposed sidewalk is on my side of the road or not the whole feel for my neighborhood will be forever (modernized) changed. As to having the children walk safely to school, the area is great but to end up at a park which you hope will be better really affects many Middleton residents. I worry also that somehow those lit up crosswalks will be blinking endlessly and outside of school hours. I revise that this is no longer 1988 when we succeeded in making our communal voices heard and our beloved road was not widened. I'm a rec center that destroys one side!
Yes	Totally	Yes		A much needed and persecuted request. Really like the idea of sidewalk on half side of Middleton. Town Stow Thanksgiving sidewalk
No	Most of Middleton road is rural residential! Resident homes are 300' apart - unlike 75'sih apart in Chadds Ford Settlement, Connecticut Colony, Leighton Estates. Where sidewalks are practical.	No	Placing concrete over utilities is pressed to recognize utility failure. Additional cost to remove and replace sidewalk to repair utilities under expensive unpractical barrier. Phone enforced cons A=D	The Hudson city makes clear that they posses the right of way 25' from center lines. The city is one sided for installing level sidewalk and removal for snow and ice. Illegal semi trucks, passing on hills as young drivers racing side by side and passing at farm properties with tractors and cars. Animals serious obvious danger passing along park where children play and entering/exiting blind spots and passing exceeding speed limits! Use common sense to keep residents safe make Middleton road no passing. When the city installs sidewalk they many not have to provide busing to schools just a thought.
Neutral (BUT!!)	I believe <u>it should be</u> on the north side of Middleton Road for several reasons.	No	1) There is already about 100 feet of sidewalk on the north side of Middleton. 2) Several hundred feet opposite the Hudson Country Club on the south side of Middleton Road drop off and are low ground making it impractical to build a sidewalk there. Also the land in front several hundred feet of 2268 Middleton Road will require lots of fill and require several hundred feet of safety hand-rail, especially by the drain culvert that goes under Middleton Road. The north side of Middleton Road does not have these two problem areas. Any smart-wise builder can see that the north side of Middleton would be the wisest location for a sidewalk. It would also cost less to build and not require a safety railing which will be a source of problems as long as the culvert is there under Middleton. The walk that is started already on the north side of Middleton should be continued. It would also add an esthetic touch to the entrance and overall "framing effect" to the already beautiful County Club. A great improvement to the ugly ditches are there now.	

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yes	We have lived at 2626 and 2610 E. Streetsboro Road (and owned 2604) for 34 years and are thrilled to know the sidewalk project is being discussed.	Yes	The plan for the sidewalk on the south side of E. Streetsboro is fabulous	The sidewalk will allow us to more safety walk/run to downtown destinations and other points of interest within Hudson. It is frightening at times to walk/run in E. Streetsboro Rd. Can not wait for the project to begin.
Yes	Wonderful additional amenity for the area of E. Streetsboro	Yes	Option 3B looks awesome	Will be nice to be connected by the safety of a sidewalk to downtown. Project can't start soon enough
Yes		Yes		
Yes	I would like like to see this project able to moving forward as soon as possiable. I would like to see both side with sidewalk. It wil dividing car flow vs. people flow. Mors safety than one side.	No	It was because, I would like to walk to Hudson club from norths side's side walk, I don't need to walk across the Middleton road and directly walk on my side of roadway (reduce crossing) plus I don't need to drive my car (reduce traffic flow on the road)	In addition: There are alrge group of people on the road at most good weather days. It is more safe with both side of side sidewalk on both souht & north sidewalk on Middleton Road. Hudson club will reduce traffic flow if flow both sidewalk exist on this project. Eliminated the people flow flow crossing Middleton Road. Conflicting traffic along east bound and west bound on Middletion. Final thought about this project is provide both side with sidewalk on north and south side along Midddleton Road.
No	Real walkers don't like to walk on sidewalk next to high speed traffic. Our group has been walking for 15 years on Hudson City street. This money should be spent on roads.	No	This plan means 3 crosswalks. South side means 1 crosswalk at Rt 91-when going from Valley View to Stow Road. What is the cost? Does Hudson accept liabiltly for injury on sidewalk?	Residnets cant be expected to maintain these sidewalks after being covered by snow plows. Walkers do not walk on any snow, ice or debris covered sidewalks. Do you have data showing projected use of project? Do you have requests from cistizines wanting to walk on Middleton Road?
Yes		Yes		