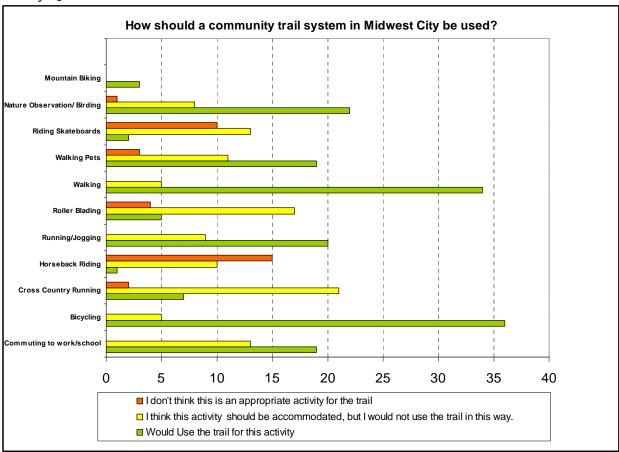
# Midwest City Trails Survey Results January 7, 2009

### **Survey Question 1:**



### Would Use:

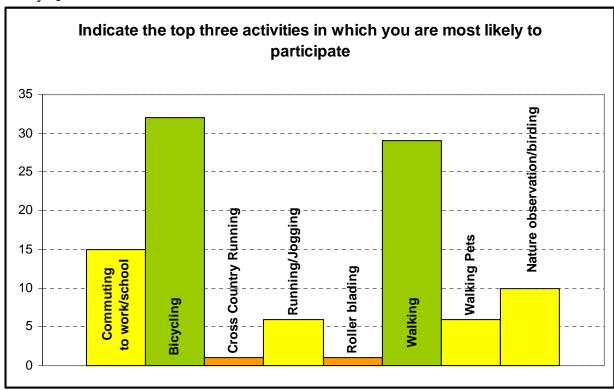
- ♦ Most survey users would use the trail for walking and bicycling.
- ♦ Running, jogging, nature observation, and commuting significant number would use the trail for these purposes

#### Should be accommodated:

- ♦ Cross Country running trail leading trail that should be accommodated for Inappropriate activity:
- ♦ Horseback riding leads this activity, but also has strong support to be accommodated for. Separate system may be most appropriate for this activity. Three additional trail types have significant response from survey takers. Nature trails rank high as an additional trail use. A nature trail or loop can also accommodate walking and bicycling. Cross country running, and equestrian trails ranked high as additional trail types to consider accommodating.

<sup>&</sup>quot;I would like to see the trails blend into the community in a way that residential homes can walk all the way to parks, schools, shopping areas without having to walk into a busy street."

### **Survey Question 2:**



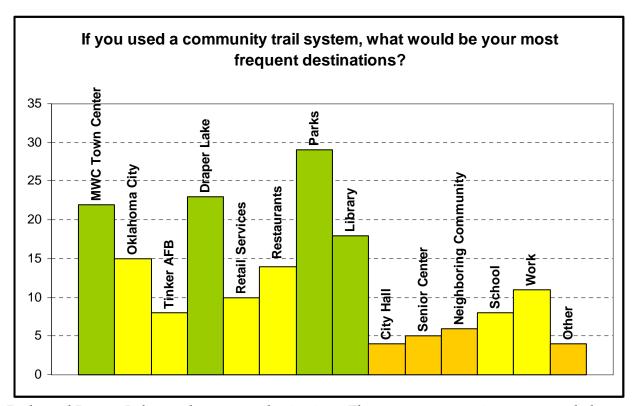
Survey takers were asked to narrow their activities to the top three. Bicycling and walking are the two activities that people are most likely to participate in. A mixed-use trail can accommodate bicycling and walking. Loops are preferable for recreation activities.

Commuting to work/school has comes in third. Providing access for commuters is a different system than recreation bicycling and walking. This system would be more destinations or corridor orientated, with schools, major employment and business centers as destinations. Commuting does not mean just bicyclers. A commuting system should be thought of as a system of safe pedestrian access. Safe access to schools for school children and safe access to business districts for the disabled should be considered as part of this system.

Nature observation/birding and walking pets are also activities that ranked as significant uses survey takers would participate in.

"Would like to have bike trails for students/staff to get to Rose State College – many of our students cannot afford cars. Would like to see safe trails for elementary and middle schoolers to ride their bikes to school."

## **Survey Question 3:**

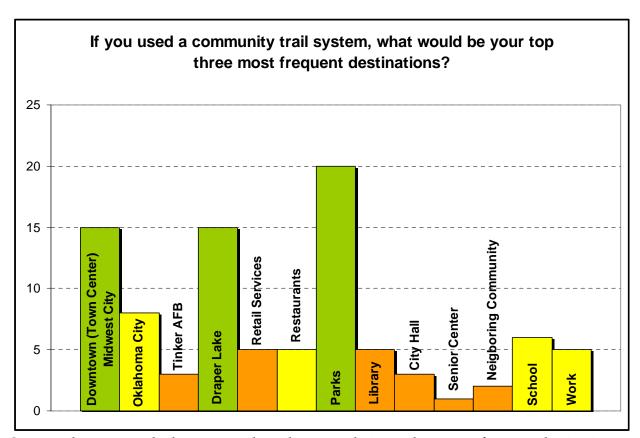


Parks and Draper Lake are the two top destinations. They suggest recreation use is needed. Most likely these types of access trails would be mix-use trails for bicyclist and walkers. Joggers, runners, roller-bladers and pet walking can also be accommodated on a mix-use trail.

Almost as many people would use the trail to go to Town Center as Draper Lake suggests a need for more access to city services. Other service type destinations also rank high.

<sup>&</sup>quot;I would highly value additional trails in our city. They greatly add to our quality of life. I use trails for recreation, commuting and errands."

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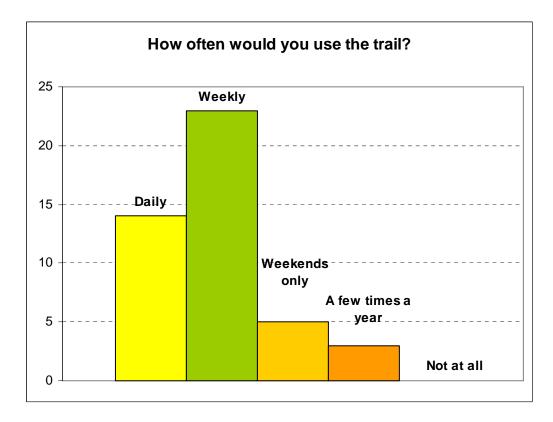


Survey takers were asked to narrow their choices to their top three most frequent destinations. Parks and Draper Lake rank as most popular destinations. Town Center, which may be interpreted from question 3 to include business and city services, ranks high. People would like to be able to walk or ride to city services.

A connection to Oklahoma City shows support. Other survey questions and comments mention the need for connection to Oklahoma City trails, access to the North Canadian River, and connections to neighboring communities.

<sup>&</sup>quot;I think Connecting OKC trails to Lake Draper would make MWC a destination for some Oklahoma Bicycle Society bike rides."

# **Survey Question 5:**

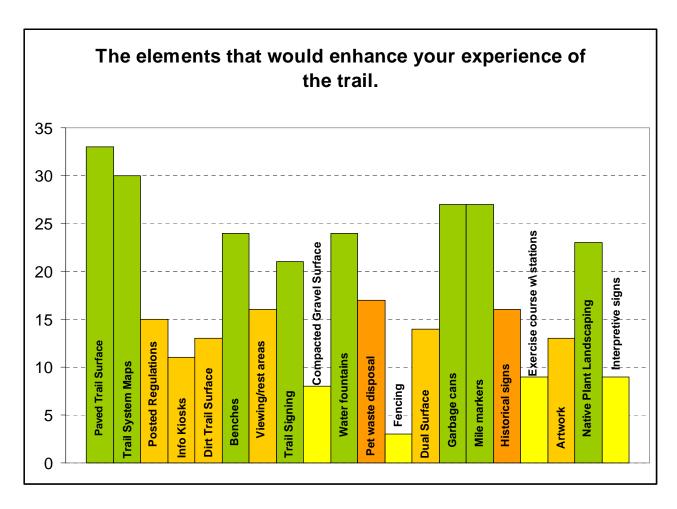


This suggests that those with access to a trail would use it regularly.

Regular use would include recreation and access uses. The trail system should be considered an alternative to vehicular access.

"I like to bike with my grandchildren from 101 W. Marshall to the trail head on SE 15<sup>th</sup> leading to Regional Park. The problem is that we cannot go through safely. It would be nice to have a sidewalk from SE 15<sup>th</sup> and Midwest Blvd. to park, perhaps on the north side of 15<sup>th</sup>."

# **Survey Question 6:**

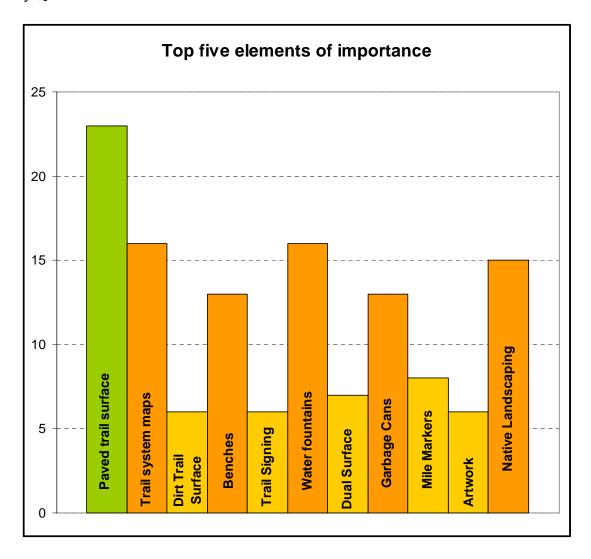


Leading elements that would enhance the experience of the trail:

- ◊ Paved surfaces
- ♦ Trail system maps and signage, including mile markers
- ♦ Benches, water fountains, and garbage cans
- ♦ Landscaping and native plant landscaping

<sup>&</sup>quot;Make sure that new trails are wider than Regional Park trail and well marked for bikers and walkers"

### **Survey Question 7:**

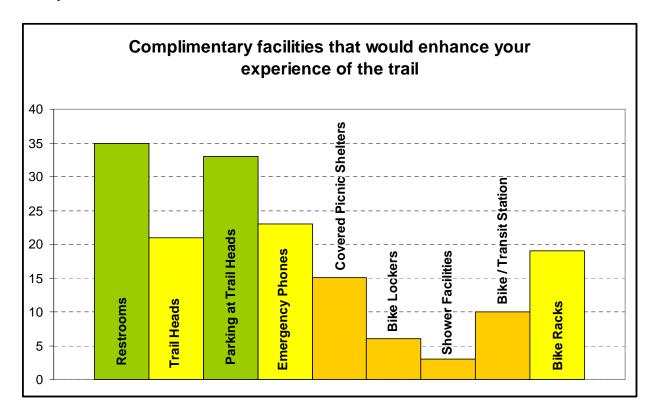


Survey takers were asked to narrow their elements of importance. A paved trail surface is the most important element. Trail system maps, benches, water fountains, garbage, cans and native landscaping are the clear leaders of most important elements to the trail system.

(Because of comments on the survey, and the alignment of "Native Plant Landscaping", it is possible to interpret the response to Native Plant landscaping as General Landscaping. Some of the survey takers appeared to interpret Native Plant Landscaping as Landscaping.)

"I have a friend that suffers from MS. He tried using the trail system over the summer by riding in his electric scooter. His destination was the downtown (Town Center) area of Midwest City. He got stuck at 15<sup>th</sup> street near Century Blvd."

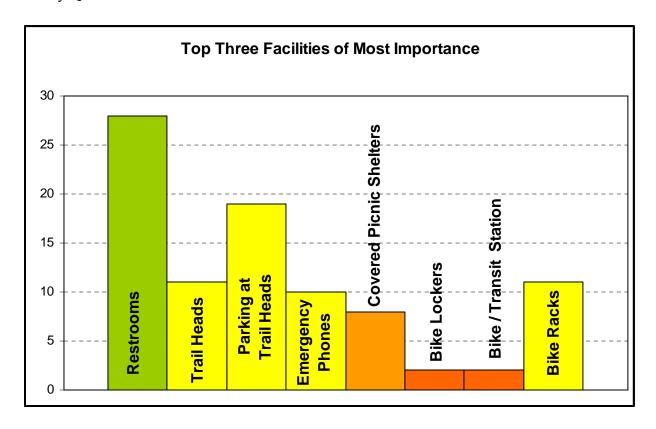
## **Survey Question 8:**



- ♦ Facilities of most importance are restrooms and parking at trailheads.
- ♦ Emergency phones have a high priority suggesting security concerns for users of the trail system.
- ♦ Bike racks also rank high in needed facilities
- Overed Picnic Shelters were mentioned at the public meeting and in comments in the survey. Covered Picnic Shelters were suggested as serving as emergency shelters to get out of inclement weather. Weather in the area can move swiftly and catch walkers and bikers unprepared.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Provide city police to walk or cycle the trails on foot to make them safe. If they're not safe, people will not use them."

# **Survey Question 9:**



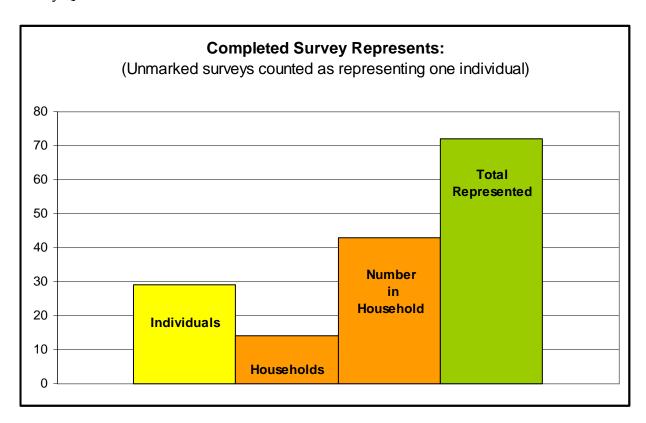
When asked to narrow their choice for facilities down to three, restrooms are the most needed facility.

The most important facilities:

- ♦ Restrooms
- ♦ Trail heads
- ♦ Parking
- ♦ Emergency phones
- ♦ Bike Racks

<sup>&</sup>quot;I am part of an off-road bicycle user group. I live outside the MWC area, but would like to see trail networks link all the major municipalities in the metroplex. Our group would also be interested in the development of off road cycling in conjunction with the trails plan."

### **Survey Question 10:**



4 surveys were received from the date of the first public meeting, December 18, 2008 to January 7, 2009. (Other surveys may be received from the new web page and will be recorded)

"Mountain biking trails – either a stacked trail system or an "out and back". For Mountain Biking, a loop works much better (Riders in one direction only) versus a two way traffic trail. Other user groups interested in off-road trails will be runners, joggers, and families. Build it and they will come."

#### **Comments of Concern:**

- ♦ Bike/vehicular safety
- ♦ Bicycling education
- ♦ Infringement into residential areas
- ♦ Regular visible security
- ♦ Maintenance
- ♦ Safe access to MWC businesses for the disabled, walkers and those on scooters.
- ♦ Safe access to neighborhood schools for school children
- ♦ Control costs
- ♦ How will the trails affect property costs and low income people?