

Pagosa Springs East End Multimodal Plan

1/31-2/14 Virtual Open House Survey Outcomes Summary

Number of Respondents

90

Activity Responses for the East End

 **70%**
Shopping

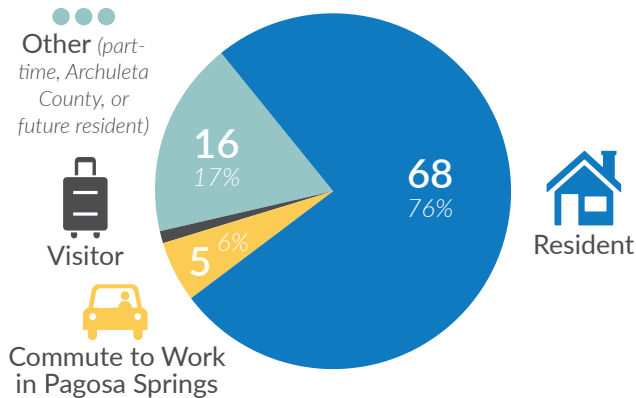
 **80%**
Dining

 **10%**
Working

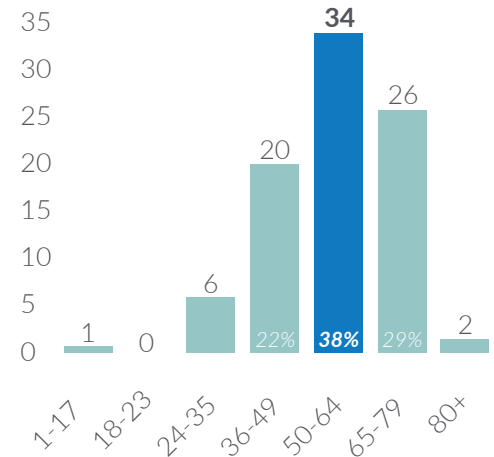
 **68%**
Recreation

 **13%**
Other
(Farmers Market, live there, pass through)

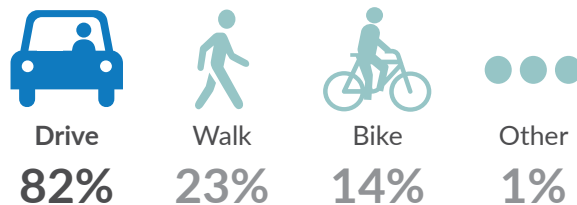
Relation to Pagosa Springs



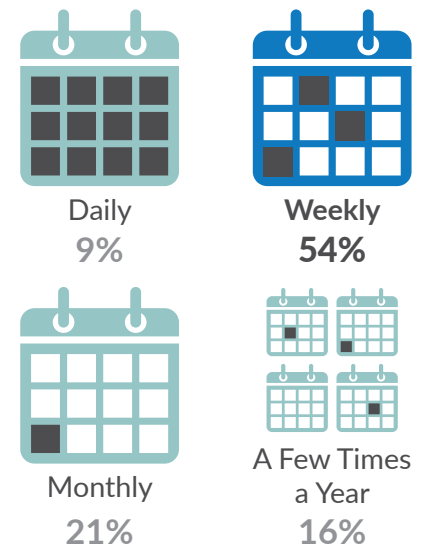
Respondent Age



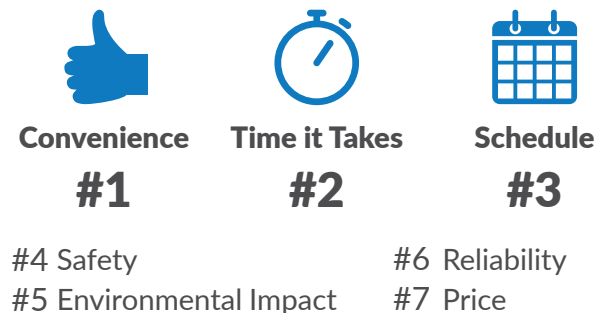
Modes Used to Access the East End



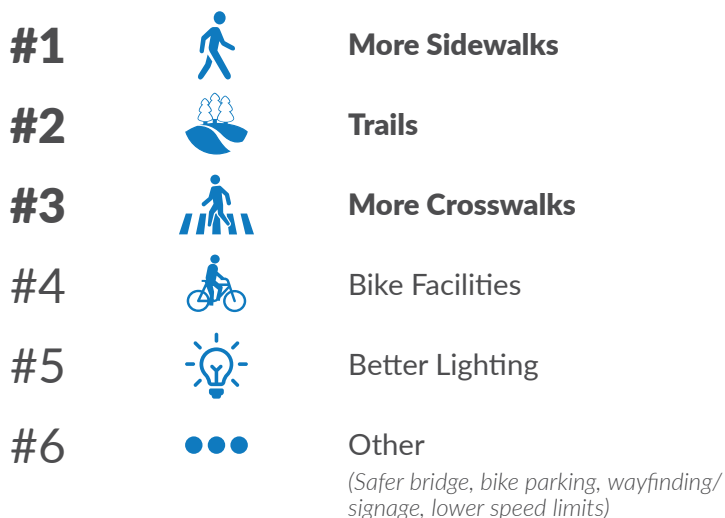
Frequency of Visits to the East End



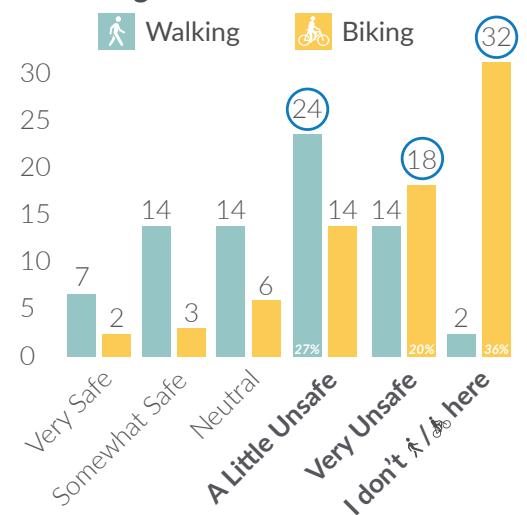
Top Factors Impacting Travel Choice



Top-Ranked Safety Interventions








Feelings in the East End when...



Pagosa Springs East End Multimodal Plan

1/31-2/14 Virtual Open House Survey Outcomes Summary

Parking Rankings

| |  1 |  2 |  3 |  4 |  5 |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Poor | Not Great | Neutral | Acceptable | Excellent |
| Availability | 6% | 42% | 38% | 12% | 2% |
| Location | 0% | 41% | 45% | 13% | 1% |
| Safety | 0% | 44% | 43% | 10% | 3% |



Top Goals for Parking Management

#1 Reduce Vehicle Congestion

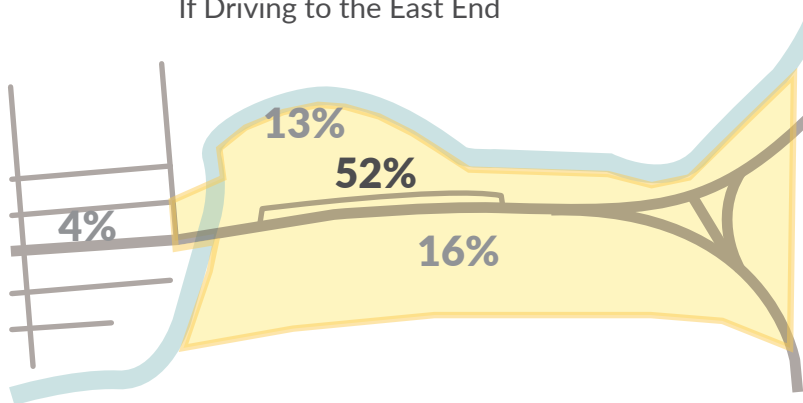
#2 Easier to Find Parking

#3 Easier to use other modes (walking/biking)

#4 Make space available for those who need it most


#5 Reduce spillover parking from nearby destinations

Most Frequent Parking Locations, If Driving to the East End




Biggest Issues in the East End, Ranked


- #1**




Unsafe turns onto/off Hwy 160 from frontage roads
- #2**




Difficulty crossing Hwy 160
- #3**




Speeding Vehicles
- #4**



Lack of or unclear Parking
- #5**



Uncomfortable walking or biking experiences
- #6**



Unclear access to River Center Park and San Juan River

Biggest Challenges for the East End - Themes



Traffic Issues (Speeding, congestion, turning left onto Hwy 160, etc.)



Difficult to cross Hwy 160 on foot/bike



Hwy 160 Bridge is only safe for car use



Physical appearance needs beautification



Public parking improvements needed



Lack of River and Riverwalk Access

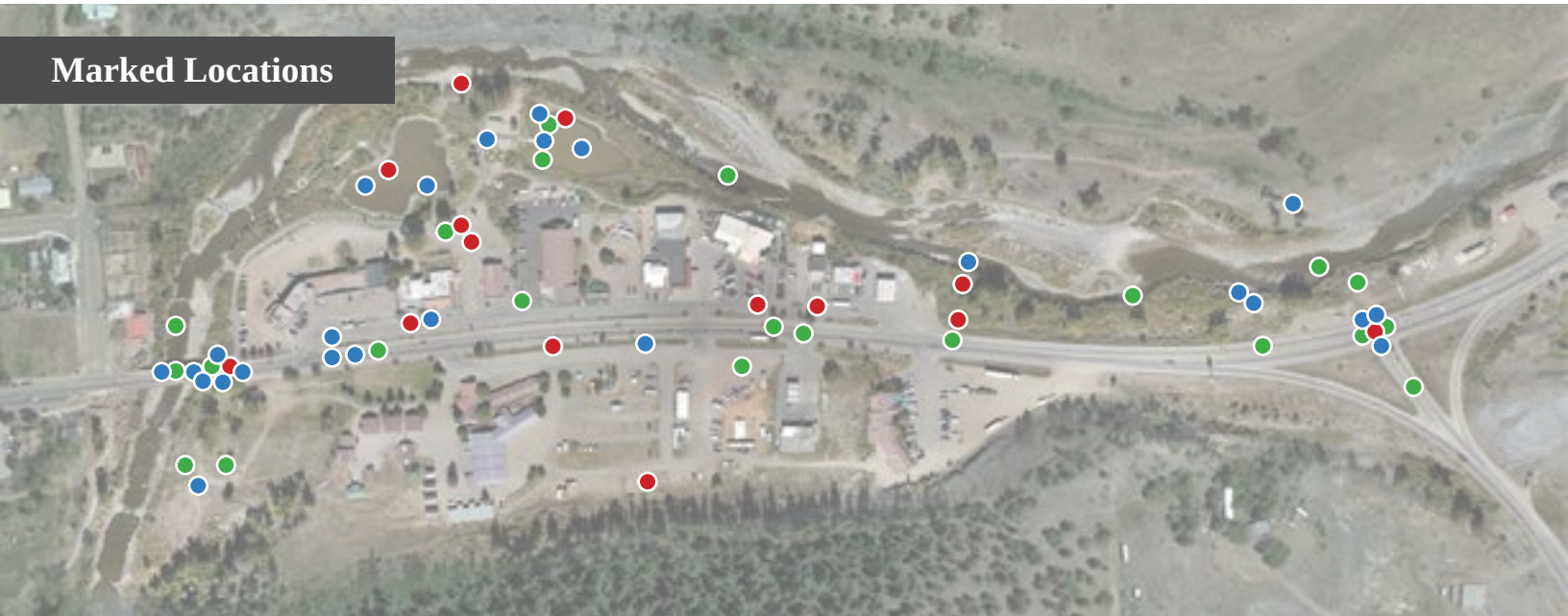
Pagosa Springs East End Multimodal Plan

1/31-2/14 Virtual Open House Webmap Outcomes Summary

60 Webmap
Comments

The following map shows where respondents placed comments related to opportunities, constraints, and big visions.

Marked Locations



● Opportunity (22 comments) ● Challenge (14 comments) ● Big Vision (24 comments)

Overarching Themes

Opportunities

Keep/add green space,
maintain wildlife habitats

Separate bike/
pedestrian bridge

Enhanced bus stops

Better river access

Safe pedestrian
crossings on Hwy 160

Interest in exploring
roundabouts

Constraints

Crossing Hwy 160 is
challenging as a pedestrian

Traffic speeds and
volumes along Hwy
160 are an issue

Better lighting, landscaping
and maintenance

Parking is disorganized/
challenging

Big Visions

Interest/curiosity about
roundabouts

Concern about parking
lots instead of parks/
open space

Desire for bike/
pedestrian bridge over
river and Hwy 160

Opportunities



The following comments were made regarding project opportunities. Bolded comments received the most likes, green words illustrate common themes.

1. **Seems very strange to put parking this close to the beautiful river. A green space or more walking paths with parking further east makes a lot more sense. (14 likes)**
2. I would love this as additional park space! Cotton's Hole has been getting awfully crowded in the summer (6 likes, 1 dislike)
3. I think a pedestrian/bike bridge is a great idea! The current bridge is too narrow and is dangerous for non-vehicle travel, especially when there's snow or ice. The rest of the time it's just very unpleasant! (12 likes)
4. I think a roundabout is a great idea as long as it is designed properly. Effective roundabout design, like you see in places like Vail and unlike the roundabout in the Country Center uptown, facilitates a continuous flow of traffic as opposed to stopping the flow. (2 likes, 5 dislikes)
5. **A separate footbridge would be a fantastic addition and make peds feel safer when the big trucks roll through. (27 likes, 1 dislike)**
6. **Restripe with a middle turn lane (as was done just west of this section of 160) so that left running traffic does not stop the traffic. (14 likes, 1 dislike)**
7. Can we add more public art along the riverwalk? It would be amazing to have art all the way from Yamaguchi South to the East End! (9 likes, 1 dislike)
8. Work with the MET to find a better, truer bus stop, with shelters and wayfinding to make it easier to understand. (8 likes)
9. Can one of the ponds be filled in to provide river access/boat parking? (1 like, 7 dislikes)
10. A parking lot and boat dock should never trump migratory bird and wildlife habitat. (3 likes)
11. It would be great to get some more river 'structures' built to make new play waves like the ones downstream. Not necessarily transportation or access related, but would encourage an extended use of more of the river. (7 likes, 5 dislikes)
12. Perhaps a bus stop on the market side during the summer months, so people don't cross the street. (10 likes)
13. What about a ped crossing here? The one further to the east won't get that higher ped traffic. People tend to cross where it's convenient and closer to their activities (farmers market parking area crossing to the restaurants) (10 likes)
14. Great area for a safe crosswalk (12 likes)
15. **The pedestrian crossing should be between most of the businesses, like between farmers market and the businesses. Pens will not walk all the way down past junction restaurant to cross. (17 likes)**
16. **Easy river access here would be welcomed as long as safe crossing across 160 and parking on the south side of 160 is available. (15 likes)**
17. Can the speed limit be lowered here to accommodate all the pedestrian traffic? (11 likes)
18. **The river provides so many opportunities for Pagosa Springs to be a real Colorado destination for all ages. River access and parking is a must and creating a more inviting opportunity for businesses to thrive by having an attractive walking experience for people to enjoy the river , retail, and restaurants (17 likes)**
19. With a potential river access, it will mean more traffic and pedestrians getting in and around the river, which will mean the intersection at 160 and 84 will be higher in traffic. The intersection might do well with a roundabout, depending on the ROW widths. (5 likes, 6 dislikes)
20. Can a roundabout be incorporated here to slow traffic down as they enter into town? It would still keep traffic moving and allow folks to turn around and get back into town or turn from 84. (2 likes, 4 dislikes)
21. From a local friend with 15 yrs. experience with our Roads Dept. and now clearing snow at Wolf Creek Pass: "a roundabout is a bad idea with the large number of tractor-trailers and large RVs passing through. They create congestion & accidents as many drivers are unable to negotiate tight turns. Curbs on the outer-ring are damaged. Snow plows have difficulty plowing this configuration. The best solution to slow traffic here is a BIG traffic light. Use big warning signs before to alert drivers. (2 likes)
22. **Would be great if someone could add a very bright street light in this area so you can see the turn clearly in the night. (19 likes)**

Challenges



The following comments were made regarding project challenges. Bolded comments received the most likes, red words illustrate common themes.

1. A flashing **ped crossing** here would be awesome. It is hard to get **traffic** to slow down and stop here. (7 Likes)
2. **Please please get ownership of frontage from CDot and re-do/ beautify the hideous strip w/some **landscaping** and proper electric and non-prison-aesthetic **light poles** which are weight bearing and move it all 'over' so the banners can face the right way! (13 likes)**
3. A **red light** would be good as 160 **traffic** is sometimes bumper to bumper traffic. Note, the red light would also allows vehicles to get on to 160 west of the river west bound. (2 likes)
4. **A proper bathroom like the ones in both South Pagosa parks to replace the vault toilet and better picnic and seating and fire pit for ice skating and Summer evenings please+thank you. (13 likes)**
5. I had no idea these were for public use. Signage? Sitting in the restaurants and seeing the signs would be great. (I apologize if there are some and I just missed them.) (6 likes, 2 dislikes)
6. I didn't know this was here. So that means lots of people don't know it is there. (6 likes)
7. I would love to see even more **maintenance** of the ponds for ice skating in the winter. It seems that this could be a popular and fun attraction for tourists and locals alike. (6 likes, 1 dislike)
8. **Crossing Hwy 160 at any point between the river and US 84 intersection is dangerous. Any **ped crossing** would be welcome. (17 likes)**
9. Combining more parking and trailhead access to Res hill's north entrance. (4 likes)
10. Public parking is an issue! Very concerned about public parking becoming private parking. What are the guarantees that these potential "private partnership" give-aways of public space into private hands will be fair to the public vs. private interests??? (1 like)
11. Turning into the parking lot of a gas station to get to the frontage road doesn't work. If you create an access to the frontage road a little further west, then turn the area in front of Riff Raff and Meander into a closed parking lot, you would get more individual spaces. (5 likes)
12. I noticed the sad Christmas lighting on the 2 entrance-to-town/ East-side trees—lol everytime I drive by, as they look like someone just threw a skimpy string of lights on each—compared to the downtown area Cmas trees. (9 likes)
13. Seems to me you may have a simpler and more effective solution by placing a couple of **traffic lights**. I'm not so sure trucks are going to handle roundabouts. (7 likes)
14. **I would like **lighting** for this entire intersection. Street lamps. I haven't come across the congestion myself, but a stoplight would be a good fix. (13 likes)**



The following comments were made regarding big visions for the project. Bolded comments received the most likes, blue words illustrate common themes.

1. **Not so sure about riverfront parking...** Would make a **nice park** for sure as well alleviate some of the pressure on the cotton hole. With it's new access there is sure to be an increase there. (0 Likes)
2. This bridge is in much need of some love. Either an expansion or **alternate foot/bike bridge** would nice. (7 likes)
3. Please explain further how you can put a **roundabout** in at this location. (3 likes)
4. **A roundabout would be a great way to slow the traffic but not create traffic issues associated with stop lights.** (10 likes, 9 dislikes)
5. As mentioned before, I like **roundabouts**. Logistically, is it viable, or would it confuse some? Can all the semi traffic make it through the area? (1 like)
6. This will be hard-pressed to find the space for a proper **roundabout**. There is really only a T problem from coming out of the Rivercenter area. I would suggest a stop light over a roundabout. (5 likes)
7. A **roundabout** would just clog 160. Those are confusing and a nightmare to navigate for a lot of people. A 4 way or 2 way stop is better. Any improvements should come with natural landscaping. Also it's not in the east end but I want to put my 2 cents in for a substantial ice skating rink. Like the ones in crested butte and winter park. Our town would greatly benefit. (1 like)
8. **Wondering if there could be pedestrian crossing bridges over the highway so it is safer to cross and so traffic doesn't have to stop?** (12 likes)
9. The **crossing stops** downtown work 80% of the time and is better than nothing. I believe this would be a great addition to the area. (4 likes)
10. **Pedestrian crossings** do require vehicles to stop but not all of our visitors know it's the law here in CO. It is definitely needed especially if want to improve parking. Has anyone thought of an overpass for pedestrians? (4 likes)
11. What about adding the frontage road to 160 so that there is room for a center turn lane so turning left doesn't back up all the traffic? (7 likes)
12. The ponds are definitely underutilized. I realize parking is an issue but I would encourage a healthy balance between parking and **parks/recreation...**
13. Do not fill in the pond to make a parking space. **Keep the pond** and find alternative area for parking and for the access point to the river. Put the access point to the river to the east behind the gas station. Where most tubers go now to get to the river. (3 likes)
14. This entire area seems underutilized. Maybe not even known to many folks. It has limited access and parking. These ponds were fun to skate on before the skating rink went in. There needs to be something done here...just not sure what. (2 likes)
15. Would like to see renderings of this idea. Looking at cars instead of **nature** is not welcome, yet if this is the only place parking can go in, please show us the idea. (7 likes, 1 dislike)
16. I would not be opposed to a boat ramp, but this area of town is a nightmare already. We do not need more traffic and trailers and shuttle busses full of rafters driving into this area. Also **don't want parking lots on the river banks.** (2 likes)
17. How about planting the willows which grow like weeds to screen the parking--? (3 likes, 5 dislikes)
18. **Yes, landscaping on both sides of Hwy 160 b/w the frontage roads would be nice.** (16 likes)
19. **Limit river access/put-in site to farthest east possible. Maintain the balance as park-like natural riparian vegetation to protect wildlife habitat.** (11 likes)
20. The River Center Park is a **quiet natural treasure** that should not be disturbed. To end or begin a Riverwalk stroll offers kudos for the Town with walking access to a delightful place to share with families, friends, birds, and wildlife. Thus, there is great value to the Town to not disturb this area. Filling in the west pond for parking will be an inescapable eyesore from anywhere. There are parking options without filling in the pond. River access options needs discussion. (1 like)
21. This would improve some fishing access for sure! However, it might get underutilized as there is no destination...cost vs. function? (3 likes, 1 dislike)
22. **Roundabout** - Brilliant...there's room. (7 likes, 9 dislikes)
23. I like the idea of **roundabout** here as well as a few other spots on the corridor. I hope folks around here can adopt the idea. (4 likes, 2 dislikes)
24. Absolutely on the **roundabout**. Is it a Town ROW, or County? With all of the heavy traffic coming from out of state off 84, this would be ideal! (2 likes, 4 dislikes)