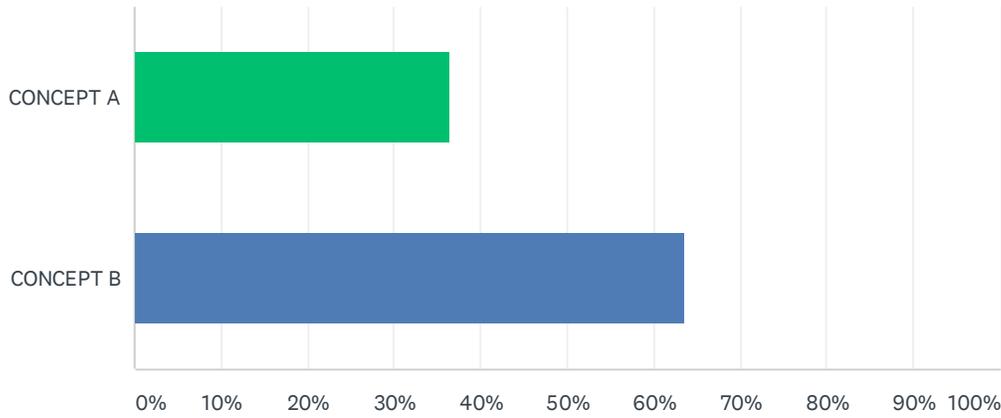


## Q1 Which Elm Street concept do you prefer?

Answered: 239 Skipped: 25



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
CONCEPT A	36.40% 87
CONCEPT B	63.60% 152
TOTAL	239

## Q2 Do you have comments on the Elm Street Redesign?

Answered: 89 Skipped: 175

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Concept B appeals to me because it is not quite so sharply angled and linear. I think it is important that our streetscape not include just straight lines and sharp corners.	3/5/2020 11:56 AM
2	I have always liked that little spot in town and I like the idea of refurbishing. I like concept A the best.	3/3/2020 7:49 PM
3	I hope you will plant native trees, and more than one type of tree.	3/1/2020 12:15 PM
4	Diagonal parking on north side better than straight in.	2/28/2020 7:34 PM
5	Concept B makes Elm street look more like a parking lot than a thoroughfare, for only three more parking spaces.	2/28/2020 6:03 PM
6	I do not think this project is necessary.	2/28/2020 5:24 PM
7	Traffic needs to be encouraged to drive beyond Elm Street to draw more attention to the North end of Front Street. Perhaps a study needs to be done to see if the traffic pattern on Summer St and Linden St be reversed. this would also draw more attention to Library Park and the Patten free Library.	2/28/2020 8:36 AM
8	I would suggest signage at the end of the street or on the building that lists the stores on the north front street section. Also include that library park and salt pine social are down this way.	2/28/2020 7:09 AM
9	Leave well enough alone	2/27/2020 6:15 PM
10	My thought would be to keep the current design but change the existing perpendicular parking spots to angle parking.	2/26/2020 5:30 PM
11	I like the idea of more parking spaces (and them not being // parking). If the current stores remain at the corner of Front and Elm, they don't have a strong vibe that suggests "come sit here and be social" which is another reason I prefer Concept B over A. It allows for some added social space but won't make it awkward for people "loitering" around businesses that don't cater to social gathering.	2/26/2020 4:46 PM
12	Angled parking makes nose out parking difficult and limits access from one direction	2/25/2020 4:10 PM
13	Great idea	2/25/2020 2:33 PM
14	Angle parking I like, but people will likely try to cross over and park on the opposite side of the street. Nevertheless, I like it better.	2/25/2020 1:24 PM
15	When it comes time to events, there is limited parking along this area. Concept B shows more availability but also a complex situation when there are a lot of people around. I can see this area getting congested easily. Concept A seems a bit more population friendly.	2/25/2020 8:51 AM
16	Wish these had overlays of the existing to clearly understand the changes visually.	2/25/2020 8:47 AM
17	I am a multi-modal transportation planner and was wondering if there was design consideration given to increasing the width of the crosswalks and potentially adding pedestrian activated signals at the crossing. I also did not see any mention of pedestrian scale lighting in the public spaces and was wondering if this is being addressed as well. Thanks and looks like a great project in a much needed area.	2/25/2020 8:46 AM
18	I like both designs but we need more parking so chose B for the added spaces. The mock up for the barrier at Brackets is not a design I would enjoy. I like the concept though. I really feel that more parking needs to open up at City Hall. There are too many reserved spots that are often empty but not available for business at City Hall.	2/25/2020 6:30 AM
19	Protect business owners or tenants signage. Think about adding a shopping / business with area layout to help walkers navigate the area.	2/24/2020 8:23 PM
20	Why? Seems like a waste of money to do street/parking modifications. More visibility aids - banners, etc. are needed to get peds down to the additional merchants. The streets are not the issue.	2/24/2020 7:52 PM
21	This is really exciting. I agree that the shops along this stretch of Front Street are somewhat cut off and these plans seem like they will help improve the pedestrian experience and the visual connection across the intersection.	2/24/2020 7:11 PM

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22	In Concept A, the wider sidewalk on the North side along with the larger pedestrian space on the corner make that side of the street more enticing, theoretically drawing pedestrians across Elm Street.	2/24/2020 5:43 PM
23	Great ideas. Concept A will provide plenty of parking. What we need is not more parking, but more greenery and pedestrian places that draw people to explore the North end of Front Street. Option A achieves this while Option B does not.	2/24/2020 4:56 PM
24	Option A. Nice idea to put the mini park on the north side so it gets south light and nicer views.	2/24/2020 4:55 PM
25	B	2/24/2020 4:46 PM
26	I really like the idea of moving the plaza to the sunny side!	2/24/2020 4:32 PM
27	This is a really good plan and should be completed as soon as possible. It connects lower Front Street the way it should have been done years ago. Thanks	2/24/2020 4:26 PM
28	Fix roads other places. Pot holes every where! Richardson st is a complete disgrace!. Leave downtown alone. We are fine!	2/24/2020 4:24 PM
29	Angle parking on both sides could lead to fender benders if drivers on both sides of the road try to maneuver backing up into traffic that's coming from two directions and these drivers try to pay attention to the cars on the other side of the road.	2/24/2020 4:24 PM
30	The intersection looks tight on both, but I prefer the extra parking space in B.	2/24/2020 4:19 PM
31	Hoping ALL tree heights will not be super tall. How hard/expensive will it be for either the city or the property owners to maintain (shovel/sand) around all these trees?	2/24/2020 4:18 PM
32	The more parking the better. There isn't a need for wide sidewalks, in my opinion.	2/24/2020 3:57 PM
33	More parking is great for tourist season when it gets busy downtown!	2/23/2020 11:53 AM
34	Who actually proposed these changes? City funds could be used for more needed projects	2/22/2020 6:17 PM
35	diagonal parking is easier for flow of traffic. walkway south to north shouldn't walk into a tree, make it a cleaner walk as in concept A	2/22/2020 12:00 PM
36	Angle parking on a relatively narrow street is bad design. Many dents result.	2/18/2020 2:57 PM
37	I fear that concept A will put six trees on the corner fighting with each other for water and nutrients. Then you will have failure to thrive in a new place. I would also hope that the last two telephone poles on Elm Street could be buried.	2/18/2020 1:59 PM
38	These designs will not help downtown businesses or the people that shop there. Shouldn't that be the objective? Try again.	2/18/2020 11:10 AM
39	I think a sidewalk on the Bracketts side is important. Foot traffic is significant there, especially in summer. Locals walking to farmers markets would use it as well as the large amounts of pedestrians during Heritage Days.	2/18/2020 10:17 AM
40	Visually I like Concept A better; however, the ease of parking in Concept B might be more appealing to an older base- which is a large population of our community now & rapidly growing. I'm also a huge fan of adding greenery of any kind. My husband & I are relocating to Bath very soon from Saco and we are super-excited for these changes. Taxes well-spent in our opinions! Keep em coming. Progress is good!	2/18/2020 7:07 AM
41	Country Farm Furniture should have a mural project to add interest to building.	2/17/2020 5:56 PM
42	With the consideration of a possible future event where the old YMCA lot (located behind the north side buildings adjacent to Elm street) is sold and development is proposed OR the lot is considered as a good place to plan for additional parking, it makes sense to plan for head in parking on that north side of Elm to accommodate an entrance off of the street into that lot. I wonder why we are not considering that plot of land now for a proposed parking lot (which could potentially connect to Front St. through the back fence of the pocket park)? This could allow for less on street parking along Elm and Front and more streetscaping. - Michelle Grover	2/17/2020 9:54 AM
43	A	2/17/2020 7:19 AM
44	How does the design concept and narrative here speak to increased active transportation and recreational biking options for locals and visitors?	2/16/2020 10:10 PM

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45	Widen and landscape the Front Street sidewalk only and omit the Elm street work.	2/15/2020 7:30 PM
46	Money could be spent in other places like fixing roads that haven't been paved in years!	2/15/2020 11:37 AM
47	I would suggest removing 1 or 2 parking spots on the north side of the streets and install bike racks in the space. I see no accommodations for cyclists navigating the street. Sharrows, bike lanes etc. The angle in parking in concept B is dangerous for cyclists.	2/14/2020 6:36 AM
48	This is a bad idea and not needed. The current area provides for a shaded area -good in summer. You looking to move the public space into the sun. The proposed vegetation will also hinder visibility. There are certainly better places to spend money. Fix the roads, fix the sidewalks, pay for the high school, address the brown tail moth problem, lower our taxes	2/13/2020 4:47 PM
49	It is unclear from the conceptual plans if there are handicap accessible parking areas. This area of downtown currently is less than idea for accessibility so expanding some spaces would be ideal to help those with special needs a safe place to park and access the north side of front street.	2/13/2020 1:20 PM
50	We are working on a project on Elm between the 2 buildings shown and will need a curb-cut in that location, which will delete 3 (?) parking spaces if they are head in, and I think 4 if they are diagonal.	2/13/2020 10:38 AM
51	Make the sign lower so drivers are warned clearly not to drive up Front Street! From our office windows we watch drivers drive up the wrong way all the time.	2/13/2020 6:19 AM
52	eliminate all front street parking/driving and turn it into a pedestrian plaza.	2/12/2020 10:02 PM
53	Make sure Front Street East sidewalk leads into Brackets lot.	2/12/2020 4:53 PM
54	The slanted parking spaces make much better sense when backing out.	2/12/2020 3:29 PM
55	It would be great if any benches that were added did not face the road or the storefronts, but instead up and down the sidewalks, maybe some facing each other, but far enough apart for comfort, a la in on the Free St. side of 2 City Center in Portland. Also, more trees and more grass to limit gray water and to improve air quality.	2/12/2020 1:39 PM
56	Awesome!	2/12/2020 10:34 AM
57	I like the design of B with diagonal parking.	2/12/2020 7:31 AM
58	This is a busy intersection and the road shouldn't be narrowed. Parking will be more difficult and the trees will obstruct visibility. Neither design represents a significant improvement. Save the money and scrap this project. It's a waste.	2/11/2020 10:23 PM
59	all that angled parking on Elm Street, you have to be kidding. It will be a constant traffic jam	2/11/2020 10:19 PM
60	Waste of taxpayer money	2/11/2020 9:38 PM
61	You need better signage to keep people from driving up Front St in the wrong direction. The intersection is too confusing and people are constantly driving up the one way of Front St. It's dangerous!!	2/11/2020 8:26 PM
62	1. No provisions have been made for safe passage by bicycles. Given the complexity of the intersection and the stated goal of improving the space for bicyclists, this is a significant omission. 2. Neither option appears to address improved traffic flow. That may not be possible due to the area configuration, and it would have been interesting to know what was considered (one way traffic on Elm Street, for example). 3. Were there other ideas proposed for improving the sense of continuity moving from the south to north end of Front Street? 4. Reconfiguration of the Elm Street parking spots is an opportunity to consider paid parking in this vicinity. 5. Possibly a bus / trolley stop could be allocated in the design of either Elm or Front Street.	2/11/2020 8:24 PM
63	B	2/11/2020 7:43 PM
64	Enlarging and making pedestrian friendly the North side of Elm Street is a good idea; however, I would not abandon the same concept on the South side. Even though the side walk will be narrower, a bench or two should I still be left against the wall. The idea is to provide a pleasant space for people to stop and rest for a few minutes in their exploration of the shops and the library, further North on Front Street.	2/11/2020 7:42 PM
65	I like concept B for Elm Street, but I'm worried it will narrow the sidewalk too much. My preference is to maintain plenty of sidewalk space to be inviting for families and pedestrians to	2/11/2020 7:24 PM

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	walk safely.	
66	Get it done!	2/11/2020 7:22 PM
67	I personally think the Bracketts parking lot is the bigger issue and trying to beautify that area would be a lot more beneficial if there were a pretty path and safer to walk through from front street/elm street to the park. Looking forward to seeing what it turns out like! Great job!	2/11/2020 6:52 PM
68	Extend the "park" area between Lisa's made in maine and whatever store is where the icecream store was into the dead zone where the old YMCA was. Turn the empty lot above that into a "terrace" idea with a garden and possibly a small fountain and a restroom. Tables, chairs, umbrellas etc.	2/11/2020 6:42 PM
69	B	2/11/2020 6:35 PM
70	Be careful of too many trees and their expected growth.	2/11/2020 6:22 PM
71	So happy to see this section of Front/Elm St being enhanced. North end of Front business deserve this improvement	2/11/2020 6:15 PM
72	Just curious; why are all the people in the picture white?	2/11/2020 5:32 PM
73	I frequently walk along Elm St. This is a great improvement! In summer the south side is nicely shaded but in Winter it is often icy and treacherous.	2/11/2020 5:25 PM
74	Overall these designs both have issues in my mind. Aesthetically both are pleasing, though I have concerns about the parking itself. Mixing and matching parallel and perpendicular parking seems like a recipe for hold-ups. Orthogonal parking aimed out of the flow of traffic works well if the flow of traffic is minded. Cross-traffic pull-ins and pull-outs could cause snares. Not sure what the better trade-off is statistically.	2/11/2020 5:15 PM
75	Really like concept A as a bigger sidewalk area across elm on the north side would make things more inviting with more area given in that side.	2/11/2020 5:10 PM
76	Love the redesign. Bath needs this!	2/11/2020 9:59 AM
77	Redevelopment of the 26 Summer St. site, which our firm is actively planning, will mean a curb cut between the 2nd and 3rd buildings on the North side of Elm St. Our site has access from the South via Elm St.	2/11/2020 9:58 AM
78	Concept B.	2/10/2020 10:20 PM
79	Would be great to connect pedestrian traffic up to the library from the bottom of Elm, or at least over to the back of the pocket park. I understand that is privately owned land, but maybe one day. Also a sitting area up by best Thai II would be so great, similar to the small tables which are now by country farm, for drinking your bubble tea to go!	2/10/2020 8:58 PM
80	More Parking! yay!	2/10/2020 2:05 PM
81	My main reason for preferring Concept A is that there are fewer parking spaces. That's a very busy intersection, especially in summer, and having people on both sides of Elm trying to back into traffic will be very challenging. Also, either concept should include a BIKE RACK for public use!	2/10/2020 2:03 PM
82	Is the traffic configuration being considered? Right now there is a yield sign as you are driving south on Front Street and making a right turn onto Elm. Noone ever actually yields and it should be a stop sign since the yield causes issue when a car is making a left turn onto Elm street and that car has the right of way but the other car doesn't allow it.	2/10/2020 12:59 PM
83	1. The BCFC & arborist should review tree species. 2. Maybe you should move the sitting area north of Elm so that visitors and pedestrians are welcomed into the area. It gets them across Elm to the other side. Leave the south side of Elm empty with just a bench. 3. Either a wall of trees or very large trees need to go in front of Brackett's so cars are less tempted to back into them OR an iron fence barrier should be behind the trees so cars in the lot won't hit them. 4. If items from stores were left inside, would the sidewalks need widening? I think store items stacked in the streets look awful, especially when they get covered with dust and/or soiled. 5. Trees on the west side of Elm should be high and cylindrical to avoid spreading against the buildings.	2/10/2020 11:24 AM
84	It would be nice to either retain or plant a new tree in the southwest corner of this proposal	2/10/2020 10:46 AM

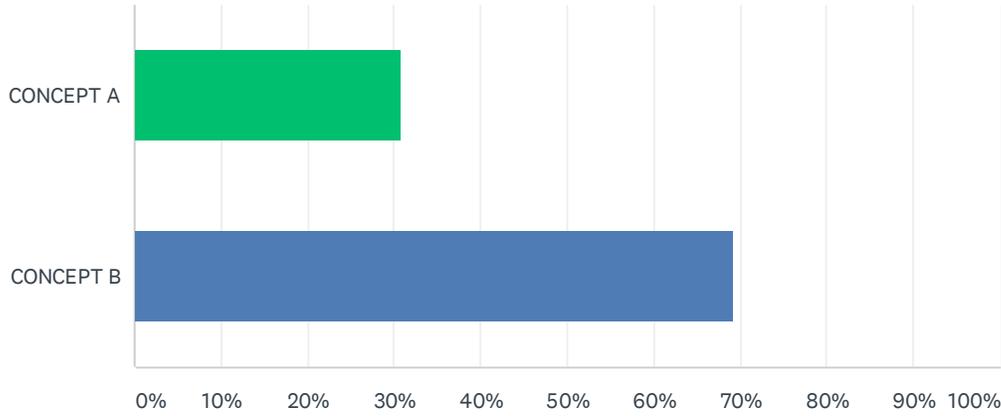
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where a tree exists now.

85	In concept Plan B looks like a big tree will get cut down on the left side of the sidewalk to the left on the bottom of the plan. Another tree should be planted there (or close-by) to eventually shade cars and the parking lot during the hot summer.	2/10/2020 9:36 AM
86	Concept A gives larger pedestrian spaces and more opportunity for interaction. Not sure why we need a left turning lane going north on Front Street, it is one-way traffic and a turning lane just allows traffic to speed through the intersection. What if the entire intersection was raised in brick instead of crosswalks? Keep traffic to a crawl and really encourage pedestrian movement to the north on Front Street.	2/8/2020 3:52 PM
87	Consider an Option C with parallel parking on each side of street to allow maximum sidewalk space and to avoid vehicle/bicycle and vehicle/vehicle collisions due to vehicles backing out of angled parking spaces. Consider removing furthest southwestern angled parking space from Option B. Check turning radius to see if a vehicle can turn right from Water street and pull into spot without riding up on curb. Include crosswalk across one-way section of Elm Street with ADA compliant landings on both options.	2/7/2020 9:01 PM
88	Both concepts are vast improvement over existing. I think diagonal parking will be safer than perpendicular and parallel	2/7/2020 4:40 PM
89	I think the angle parking is both more practical and more visually pleasing. I also like the idea of additional parking.	2/7/2020 3:38 PM

### Q3 Which option for Front Street do you prefer?

Answered: 231 Skipped: 33



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
CONCEPT A	30.74%	71
CONCEPT B	69.26%	160
TOTAL		231

## Q4 Do you have comments on the Front Street Redesign?

Answered: 86 Skipped: 178

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This is a close call; either option is ok. The current situation is deplorable - the sidewalk on the east side is unsafe and the trees keep getting hit by drivers. I hate to give up the sidewalk on the east side, but I also think street trees continuing along Front Street is an important part of inviting users to consider this a continuation of the public (business) area. On the other hand, trees on the east side could cause issues in maintaining the parking lot. On the other other hand, street trees will provide at least some shading for parked cars....	3/5/2020 12:10 PM
2	Eliminating the east sidewalk makes sense because there are no shops for casual window shopping there. An additional crosswalk aligned to the front edge of Brackett's would be a good addition to increase pedestrian safety. It's a hassle crossing at the mailbox and then dodging cars entering and exiting.	3/2/2020 7:42 AM
3	The more trees the better. They help clean the air, and reduce urban heat.	3/1/2020 12:17 PM
4	Need to maintain as much "street" parking on front as possible	2/29/2020 1:13 PM
5	Where is the mailbox?	2/29/2020 8:21 AM
6	walking on both sides is preferable to not being able to walk on Brackett's side.	2/28/2020 7:36 PM
7	I like Concept B because of the trees, but why can't you leave the sidewalk in instead of putting grass in there. When I walk downtown I like to walk on the east side just because there is less clutter and people. I enjoy daily walks downtown but in the summertime there are more people so I like to walk on the side with less people as its easier to get through	2/28/2020 6:50 PM
8	People are going to want to walk on the east side, and it will be safer to have a real sidewalk than grass which is likely to get trampled, not to mention poisoned by winter salting.	2/28/2020 6:04 PM
9	The architectural barrier is unattractive.	2/28/2020 2:18 PM
10	Do not think we need a 16 foot wide sidewalk on west side- 12 feet would suffice.	2/28/2020 7:32 AM
11	Hate the look of barriers by Bracketts. Dislike losing th parking spaces in concept a	2/27/2020 6:17 PM
12	While concept B is preferable due to the extra trees, which add an air of friendliness, concept A seems safer, as people would perhaps be more inclined to stay on the sidewalk rather than walk through the parking lot to get to Brackett's. The barricades look like broken walls, though-- not attractive.	2/27/2020 12:45 PM
13	Just wondering what affect the architectural barrier will have in regards to snow removal and how will it hold up to the elements and rock salt . I feel the barrier should be eighty sixed do to the fact that it will require up keep every spring (at a cost to taxpayers) to keep it from looking like an eyesore.	2/26/2020 5:50 PM
14	I really love the continued use of brick. Our downtown is so pretty but the brackett parking lot definitely makes it feel like that's the end of the downtown. The trees and such make that parking lot feel more inviting for people who want to cross over to go to the park by the river. Really excited about these changes !	2/26/2020 5:35 PM
15	I particularly like the removal of the sidewalk on east side. I believe that will improve safety (and add spots for people to sit during the Heritage Days Parade). Why does the traffic have to shift? If instead of expanding the West sidewalk north of the pocket to 12 feet, why not only expand it to 9 feet (like in Concept A)? I just see the traffic shift as a problem for visitors (who can't seem to understand that the Centre Street Hill has no stop sign), and worse in the Winter when the pretty yellow lines are not clear. Is the advantage of the extra three feet so that there could be more trees planted? While I love pretty trees, I also enjoy the ability to see the sky, and experience the warmth of the sun on beautiful summer days which don't last long enough.	2/26/2020 4:57 PM
16	Better to have a sidewalk on both sides of the street. I find gaps in sidewalks that force crossing to the other side of the street annoying.	2/25/2020 4:15 PM
17	I had difficulty choosing as I like having trees on both sides of Front St and I wonder just how long the "barrier" will last given our winters and plowing.	2/25/2020 9:50 AM
18	Having more trees, ie green space, makes the business district of upper Front flow more into lower Front so it is one continuous, welcoming concept. The sidewalk on one side also drives people to the shopping areas.	2/25/2020 9:45 AM

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19	I was curious if there had been consideration given incorporating bicycle facilities into the design concepts. Bike lanes, or even buffered (using parked cars) lanes could be integrated into the existing roadway by slightly reducing sidewalk width and decreasing the travel lanes from 12-feet down to 11 or even 10-feet. This would also have a natural traffic calming effect on vehicle speeds that would further increase pedestrian and bicyclist safety and make for a more inviting space for users of all ages and abilities. I also feel the architectural feature in Concept A would be aided by the additions of benches or perhaps a green stormwater features (e.g. planter rain garden) to make the space more functional. Furthermore, eliminating one of the entrances to the supermarket would make for a safer walking environment for pedestrians by decreasing potential areas of conflict.	2/25/2020 8:57 AM
20	I really like the trees in Concept B, but I think taking away the sidewalk would be a mistake and people would end up walking through the parking lot.	2/25/2020 8:51 AM
21	Again, existing overlay would help	2/25/2020 8:49 AM
22	Neither - looks like the view for cars departing Brackets will be blocked. How will snow removal be handled with the barriers? Maybe trees with no barriers?	2/24/2020 7:54 PM
23	While I'm a little bit concerned about losing a sidewalk on one side (mostly b/c I'd hate to see lots of people walking on the street just to avoid crossing), I prefer the aesthetics of the second concept, and also think it helps orient pedestrians towards the shops rather than along the parking lot side of the street.	2/24/2020 7:17 PM
24	The architectural barriers for concept A are not aesthetically pleasing to the eye. A simple granite post with chains along with trees would be more tasteful and could resonate with our boat building history and resemble a pier pillar and rope.	2/24/2020 6:50 PM
25	Please have as many trees as possible.	2/24/2020 6:20 PM
26	The primary draw to concept B is the addition of trees lining each side of the street, which provides shade and visual interest.	2/24/2020 5:45 PM
27	Trees hide the parking lot and cars to some extent and beautify the view down front street.	2/24/2020 5:06 PM
28	B but with trees. Can a few spaces be purchased Crome brackets? Sidewalk is very important for pedestrians removing it would make the parking lot appear larger.	2/24/2020 4:59 PM
29	Downtown Bath is in need of more green spaces. People visiting Maine (and those of us who live here) do not want to see a wall dividing two areas of pavement, they want to see natural things. The grass and tree design is perfect for this, the wall will rapidly begin to look outdated, junky, and urban. Option B maintains and enhances Bath's character in a way that Option A fails to do.	2/24/2020 4:58 PM
30	The fence/divider between the street and parking lot is not attractive. If the fence could be a vertical green garden space (somehow incorporate live plants) it would be much more attractive. Also, the divider will create plowing problems. Please consider snow plowing and salting of sidewalks into the final design. Salt takes a huge toll on the brickwork we have now.	2/24/2020 4:52 PM
31	B	2/24/2020 4:49 PM
32	The design of the architectural barrier along the parking lot should be carefully considered. What is pictured here leaves a lot to be desired. Could the design be "softer" looking?	2/24/2020 4:49 PM
33	Yes to trees.	2/24/2020 4:47 PM
34	I regret losing the sidewalk on the east side of the street, but the way people enter and exit the lot make it a questionable place to walk even now. And the Plan A barriers, even if designed more prettily than in the renderings, with no trees, just look bleak.	2/24/2020 4:35 PM
35	I like the addition of trees and the tiny green space on east side of Front. But do not expand the sidewalks at the expense of street width! It's too busy to be narrowed, but a bit wider sidewalks at the intersection make sense.	2/24/2020 4:32 PM
36	The barriers are going to make it harder for plow/sand trucks to do their necessary work in these privately owned lots. Are those owners being included in this planning? ALSO - about the survey - it sure would have helped if you had explained that one needs to check on the little button bars! I found out by accident .....	2/24/2020 4:21 PM
37	None	2/24/2020 4:01 PM

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38	See previous statement	2/22/2020 6:18 PM
39	Like the barriers that separate the parking lot from the street. Problem with grass and tree plantings in Concept B is that snow plows will destroy it in one season. Concept A could be softened differently with seasonal flowers.	2/22/2020 12:11 PM
40	the sidewalk focused on the storefront side would naturally promote more storefront exposure and hopefully lead to a boost in local economy.	2/19/2020 7:09 AM
41	Make the barrier better looking somehow?	2/18/2020 9:52 PM
42	There really is no need for an east sidewalk there. I love the trees.	2/18/2020 2:59 PM
43	The fencing is weird in both views. It appears to alienate Brackett's Market. If you want to continue the concept of a historic village, perhaps granite posts with swags of chain might be more suitable. Flower beds would do well along the parking lot.	2/18/2020 2:06 PM
44	Don't like the "jog" in the center yellow line of concept B. It's odd looking and everyone using their phones while driving will run head-on to oncoming cars.	2/18/2020 10:19 AM
45	Concept B, hands down! If anyplace in town needed more trees, it's here and it's over by Halcyon/Frosty's. I know you're doing one section at a time but...	2/18/2020 7:11 AM
46	I definitely prefer the design that adds trees, not one that takes them away. The parking lot is a bit of an eyesore and trees in front of it will really help.	2/17/2020 9:16 PM
47	In the Concept B scenario, would it be possible to coordinate with Brackett's to eliminate the three existing parking spaces bordering the upright dividers to create a pedestrian corridor on the interior of the parking lot with crosswalks for safe passage. This may allow for safer pedestrian traffic in the parking lot by directing people along the edge and not giving them the option to cross into the parking lot wherever they choose. - Michelle Grover	2/17/2020 10:05 AM
48	B	2/17/2020 7:19 AM
49	Concept B would be hostile to pedestrian traffic and separates the area from its context as, to the north, sidewalks remain open on both sides of the street.	2/16/2020 10:13 PM
50	I'd like to see vegetation ( if feasible)on the east side as opposed to a physical barrier. Accommodations for cyclists lacking. With the width of the road, bike lane designation is possible or at the very least sharrows. designate Front St. one way from Centre (heading north) to Summer St.	2/14/2020 6:54 AM
51	Trees and green space are critical.	2/14/2020 6:08 AM
52	Scrap it.	2/13/2020 4:48 PM
53	I like option B better because there seems to be more street trees.	2/13/2020 10:39 AM
54	A walkway should be placed to allow safe pedestrian access to Bracket's	2/13/2020 8:18 AM
55	we wouldn't need crosswalks if deadly cars weren't allowed to prowl the streets	2/12/2020 10:02 PM
56	Make sure East sidewalk from Summer St to Brackets is retained.	2/12/2020 4:57 PM
57	Bad idea to eliminate the east sidewalk.	2/12/2020 3:29 PM
58	more trees!	2/12/2020 10:36 AM
59	Retain all existing sidewalks.	2/12/2020 7:32 AM
60	Neither.	2/11/2020 10:24 PM
61	find a better and more open barrier system on the east side - it is a solution in search of a problem.	2/11/2020 10:23 PM
62	Waste of taxpayer money	2/11/2020 9:38 PM
63	Please don't get rid of the sidewalk on the Bracket's side. That side of the street provides passage for walkers with dogs who might not be comfortable walking so close to pedestrians on the other side of the street.	2/11/2020 9:38 PM
64	1. No provisions have been made for bicyclists. This seems a significant omission given the	2/11/2020 8:25 PM

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stated project goals. 2. Concept B provides no obvious pedestrian access to the entrance to Bracketts Market or another future store in the same location. This seems a particularly poor choice for folks of limited mobility. 3. Reconfiguration of the Front Street parking spots is an opportunity to consider paid parking in this vicinity. 4. Possibly a bus / trolley stop could be allocated in the design of either Elm or Front Street.

65	We need more parking!!!	2/11/2020 7:59 PM
66	If you are leaving and improving the East sidewalk by Brackets Market, you should run it all the way to the corner so that people can continue North towards the Hampton Inn and beyond; perhaps make the circle (turn right onto Commercial Street) and walk back to town and explore the waterfront. And maybe stop by Salt Pine Social on the way. If, as in Option B, you only keep the West sidewalk – it's not a bad idea – what will happen to the pedestrian traffic at Brackett's Parking lot?	2/11/2020 7:57 PM
67	A	2/11/2020 7:46 PM
68	I really don't like either, but I prefer Front Street around Brackets to not be shrouded by trees. Again, focus should be on pedestrian travel.	2/11/2020 7:26 PM
69	Neither. Removing the sidewalk takes from the safety of citizens, they will then walk in the parking lot increasing danger. Removing the trees takes away from the scenery.	2/11/2020 6:45 PM
70	Sidewalks on both side of front st desired. Barriers are not inviting. Wider west side sidewalk is a must.	2/11/2020 6:22 PM
71	One of the lovely things about Bath is that it draws families to spend time in the downtown area. In fact, I now live in CT but purchased a home in Bath because my husband loves it so much. That said, the two issues I see are the removal of trees (hence my choice of Concept B) because they offer shade in the summer and in general look more inviting overall. And the second issue is the architectural barrier. While I think it's a great idea, I strongly believe it needs to be more of a fence (visually able to see through it) because regardless of there being no sidewalk in Concept B, people WILL still walk there, or sit there to seek shade, and anyone leaving the lot will have a more difficult time seeing them.	2/11/2020 6:12 PM
72	same comment	2/11/2020 5:32 PM
73	This stretch is pretty unsightly at the moment! An unequivocally better choice to add additional trees to the east side of the road, increase our green budget in a simple stroke, and restore some small-town charm to that block of Front Street. My fear is that commercial elements would be resistant to the change. Brackett's and Bath Port both have some serious sight lines as it stands currently, though both are of debatable charm aesthetically. I suspect they may dislike trees blocking the view across Front Street.	2/11/2020 5:30 PM
74	I like having more trees and wider sidewalk on the west side. It is hard to walk on east side due to parking lot traffic now. This is good.	2/11/2020 5:27 PM
75	Excellent ideas! Make it happen.	2/11/2020 5:26 PM
76	Great work. I don't think we'd be losing much by eliminating the sidewalk on the East side of Front, but would gain a lot by making the one on the West side 12' wide.	2/11/2020 9:59 AM
77	The architectural barrier is no good, what does that do for sight lines around the sidewalk and big trucks navigating brackets? I like the wonder sidewalk along the parking lot though, and I'd flip the street parking to the brackets side, with just a simple curb similar to what is there now, and a broad, treed, park-like sidewalk along the shops there. Also what is up with the existing tree covered corner on the corner of front and summer, by brackets? It seems it could become another parking space or two and the trees could go into the brackets parking lot along the street (where the center median is shown in concept a, but stretching into those first two spaces). This would shorten the curb cuts but not limit visibility the way the "architectural barrier" would do.	2/10/2020 9:05 PM
78	I strongly prefer Concept B: the trees make the "architectural barrier" on the east side more palatable. Without them it's hideous. Why not have planters instead? That said, removing the sidewalk on that side of the street is wrong-headed: how will people get to Brackett's if they walk down the east side of Front St (or roll there in wheelchairs)? They'll end up in the street or trying to cross at the Elm St intersection: dangerous in summer. The current curb cut at 149 Front is mistakenly used by many vehicles to the detriment of the Norway Maple there, not to mention pedestrian safety. The width for that cut should be reduced so that people don't drive	2/10/2020 2:14 PM

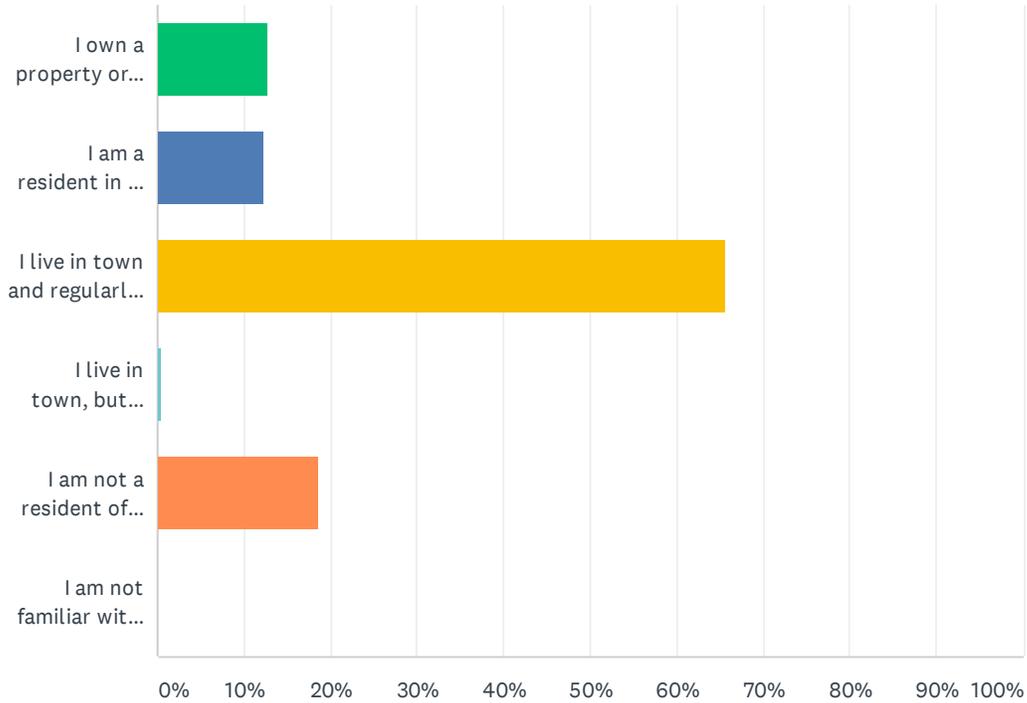
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over it. Also, brick sidewalks are pretty but dangerous -- bricks heave out, become loose, hold moisture and easily glaze over with ice. How about some kind of permeable asphalt instead on both Front and Elm?

79	Sidewalks are needed, tourists will be back soon enough!	2/10/2020 2:07 PM
80	Sidewalk along Bracketts is little, if ever used so love the concept to use that space for tree cover! Will there be any consideration for green infrastructure? Could see those tree pits as stormwater facilities.	2/10/2020 1:01 PM
81	I think all my comments are in Elm St. design.	2/10/2020 11:24 AM
82	Concept B is preferable because of the increased number of trees being planted and the shade this will create on both sides of the street. The planting areas on the bracket side of the street will need to be properly designed this time as trees planted there in the past have died due to poor underground soil preparation.	2/10/2020 10:47 AM
83	I like the combination of grass and trees along that large parking lot.	2/10/2020 9:37 AM
84	I do not like removing the east side sidewalk and forcing one to walk through the Bracket parking lot when walking to the grocery store. Reducing the entrance/exits into the parking lot is a great idea.	2/8/2020 3:57 PM
85	Concept B is vastly better than Concept A. Street scape will be much safer and more beautiful.	2/7/2020 4:41 PM
86	Wish there could be some trees by brackets to soften the parking lot	2/7/2020 4:35 PM

## Q5 How do you use Front Street and Elm Street?

Answered: 242 Skipped: 22



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I own a property or business in the neighborhood	12.81%	31
I am a resident in the neighborhood	12.40%	30
I live in town and regularly visit this neighborhood	65.70%	159
I live in town, but rarely visit this neighborhood	0.41%	1
I am not a resident of Bath, but I am familiar with this neighborhood	18.60%	45
I am not familiar with this neighborhood	0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 242		

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	I live in West Bath and frequently visit Front St/Elm St and rest of downtown.	2/28/2020 11:03 PM
2	I work at Turning Heads on Elm St. So therefore i have an invested opinion.	2/27/2020 11:15 AM
3	Bath is my downtown	2/25/2020 4:17 PM
4	I walk this street daily. I don't like the idea of eliminating the sidewalk on one side of Front Street.	2/25/2020 1:27 PM
5	I work in Bath	2/25/2020 11:01 AM
6	I work on Front street.	2/25/2020 10:55 AM
7	I manage a store on this block of Front St.	2/25/2020 10:10 AM
8	I have family that live in Bath and visit regularly	2/25/2020 8:58 AM
9	I work in town and regularly visit this neighborhood	2/25/2020 8:53 AM
10	Am Woolwich resident and in this area of town multiple times a week.	2/24/2020 7:55 PM
11	I live in Phippsburg and visit Bath 2-3x/week in the summer especially when the farmer's market is in operation. The south end of Brackett's parking lot is often used by farmer's market visitors and can be awkward to enter/exit.	2/24/2020 5:40 PM
12	Live a few blocks away and walk this way to get into town.	2/24/2020 4:47 PM
13	shop in the area often	2/24/2020 4:23 PM
14	Lice outside of town (Woolwich) own a business in Bath, frequent all businesses on Front Street. For 20 years.	2/24/2020 4:05 PM
15	I am a resident of Woolwich and visit this section often	2/24/2020 4:02 PM
16	We are a city, not a town!!	2/22/2020 6:20 PM
17	We WILL be full-time residents in a couple months!	2/18/2020 7:12 AM
18	I live and work in Bath. Our company Great Works Landscape is based in Bath and we designed and built the pocket park in the vicinity of this project. I am a standing member of Main Street Bath board of directors. I have my degree in Landscape Architecture and formerly worked with TJDA.	2/17/2020 10:10 AM
19	Live in Phippsburg, and come to town regularly	2/12/2020 9:57 PM
20	I drive this section of Front street nearly every day, and walk it at least once a week.	2/12/2020 3:30 PM
21	I am a former resident and frequent visitor	2/12/2020 10:37 AM
22	I drive through the area several times a day and walk through it regularly	2/11/2020 10:25 PM
23	I walk 5 miles in town a day.	2/11/2020 9:39 PM
24	I love walking to the many, friendly downtown stores, restaurants, farmers' market and the waterfront.	2/11/2020 8:00 PM
25	I work in downtown Bath.	2/11/2020 7:24 PM
26	I often lament that I 'forgot' to bring a broom to clean up the tree cultch on the sidewalk at northwestern Front Street.	2/11/2020 6:24 PM
27	I am a homeowner in Bath, and a Morse grad, but live in CT full time.	2/11/2020 6:14 PM
28	I live in Georgetown and visit front street daily	2/11/2020 5:04 PM
29	I have worked on Front Street for years, and until 7 years ago, lived in Bath for over 20.	2/11/2020 10:02 AM
30	Work on front St, lived on elm St for 4 years but sold our house 2 years ago and now live 0.9 miles away	2/10/2020 9:06 PM
31	I work in this neighborhood. I also serve on the Forestry Committee, but am responding to these questions on my own behalf.	2/10/2020 2:15 PM

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I am an employee of a business on front street.

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