

YEAR 1 OUTREACH SUMMARY

ince the February 15, 2012 kick-off event, the **Green Connections** team has led over 20 outreach events across the City. This effort has helped us to understand your preferred routes to parks as well as your vision for a Green Connection.

This board contains both a summary of the these events and an overview of community generated ideas about how a Green Connection could look and feel.

What we've done: Citywide Events

SUNDAY STREETS

We asked for your feedback on how the route to the park in your neighborhood could be improved.

MAR 11, 2012
APR 15, 2012
JUN 03, 2012
JUL 22, 2012
AUG 26, 2012
SEP 09, 2012





NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE HOURS

We held meetings in the focus neighborhoods to share ideas and hear community input.

WESTERN ADDITION	MAR 14, 2012
TENDERLOIN	MAR 21, 2012
POTRERO HILL	MAR 28, 2012
VISITACION VALLEY	APR 04, 2012
CHINATOWN	APR 11, 2012
BAYVIEW	APR 25, 2012



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improving the City's streets and routes that lead to our parks, waterfront and open spaces. This project builds on current efforts to create green neighborhood streets, and improve pedestrian and bicycle access to community amenities and recreational opportunities. The second year will build on this framework to design green connections in the following six neighborhoods: Bayview-Hunters Point, Chinatown, Potrero Hill, Tenderloin, Visitacion Valley and Western Addition. Get involved! Join us for office hours! Visit the project web site for project information and upcoming events. Follow Green Connections

Community Room 1135 Powell Street (between Washington St. and Jackson St.) **KEARSTIN DISCHINGER, Project Manage** San Francisco Planning Department

BIKE TO SCHOOL DAY

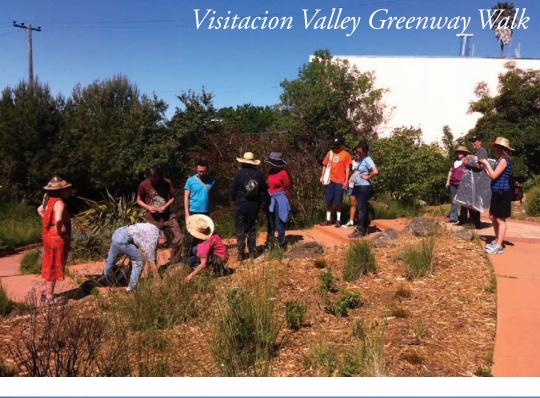
Bike to School Day took place on April 12, 2012. Postcards were distributed to over 3,000 students with information about the project and ways to participate in outreach



WALKS

A series of walks hosted by Nature and the City, San Francisco Parks Alliance, and Walk San Francisco. These walks explored what a Green Connection could look like in San Francisco. The walks highlighted projects initiated by both community members and the City. These projects are successful examples of how greening and landscaping, traffic calming, wildlife, and/or community stewardship could be incorporated into the design. Participants were invited to complete a short questionnaire summarizing observations and their vision for a green connection.

BIRDING AT HERON'S HEAD PARK (WITH JOSIAH CLARK)	AR 10, 2012
VISITACION VALLEY GREENWAY WALK	APR 21, 2012
GREEN HAIRSTREAK BUTTERFLY: A WALK THROUGH AN ECOSYSTEM CORRIDOR	MAY 20, 2012
HOLLY PARK TO ALEMANY FARM BUTTERFLY WALK	MAY 26, 2012
GREEN STREETS, MEAN STREETS: SOMA ALLEYS AND GARDENS	JUN 16, 2012
UNLIKELY HABITAT: A TENDERLOIN SWALLOWTAIL TOUR	JUL 01, 2012
POTRERO HILL TO THE BLUE GREENWAY, GREY TO GREEN TO BLUE	AUG 19, 2012





What we heard: Your vision of a Green Connection

EXAMPLES OF STREETS THAT ARE **LIKE GREEN CONNECTIONS**

SUGGESTED

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COMPONENTS

Visitacion Valley Greenway

The Wiggle

Poppyland and Penny Lane, Glen Park

Alleys in Sunnyside

Mid-block open paths in Balboa Terrace

Urban agriculture,

farmer's markets, community gardens, permaculture

Daylighted creeks

(Mission, Islais)

Separated bike lanes

Alleys, if sunny and clean

Plazas

Chicanes, bulb-outs

Benches

Storm/rainwater gardens

Native plants

Seasonal plantings

Good paths for jogging

Paths at the top of San Jose Avenue

Stairways

Presidio

Market Street (separated // bike lanes)

Valencia Street



Moraga Street Steps

Connections to transit

Bathrooms

Mosaics, public art, murals

Connections to footbridges, walking bridges

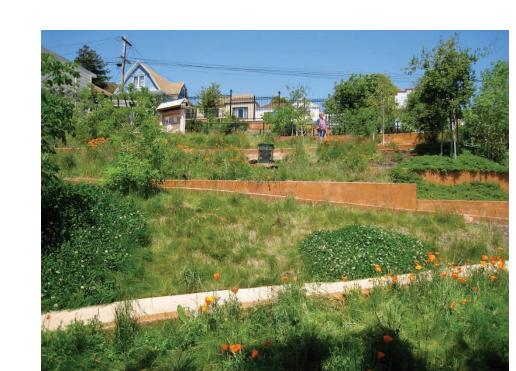
Pocket parks

Par course exercises

Interesting architecture

Shade

Trellises on (retaining) walls w/native plants, green roofs



Visitacion Valley Greenway



The Wiggle, Scott Street

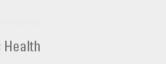


Presidio, Crissy Fields















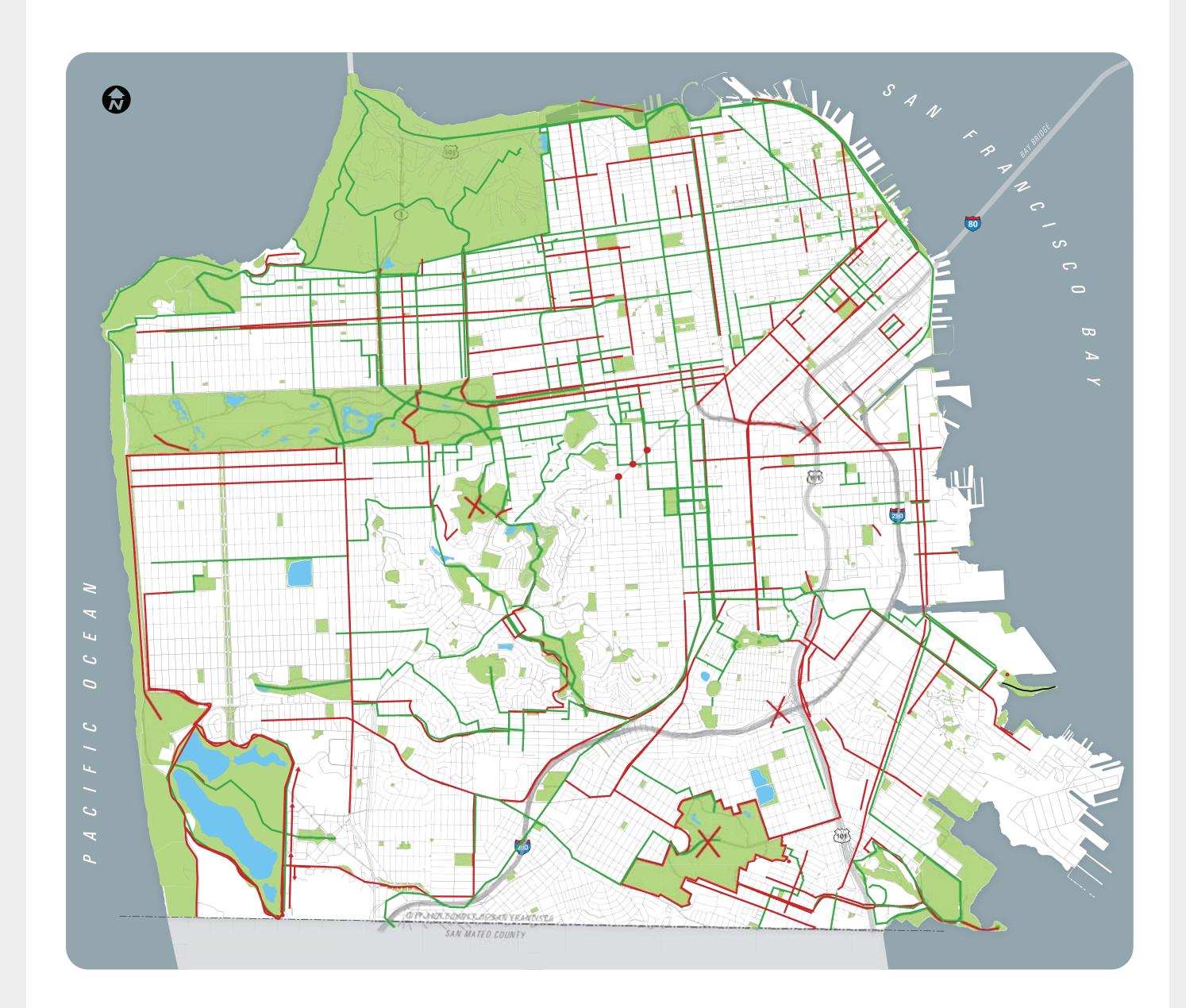




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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON PARKS & ROUTES

The map below summarizes feedback from Sunday Streets, office hours and general comments over the last year. Participants were asked to identify their favorite park and the route they take, as well as a park they would like to visit more and barriers they face in getting there.



Parks & Routes Pedestrian Charrette: July 9, 2012 Favorite Routes Least Favorite Routes

WHAT WE HEARD...

"Better and more continuous pedestrian connections to open space. Also, more signage pointing pedestrians to nearby open

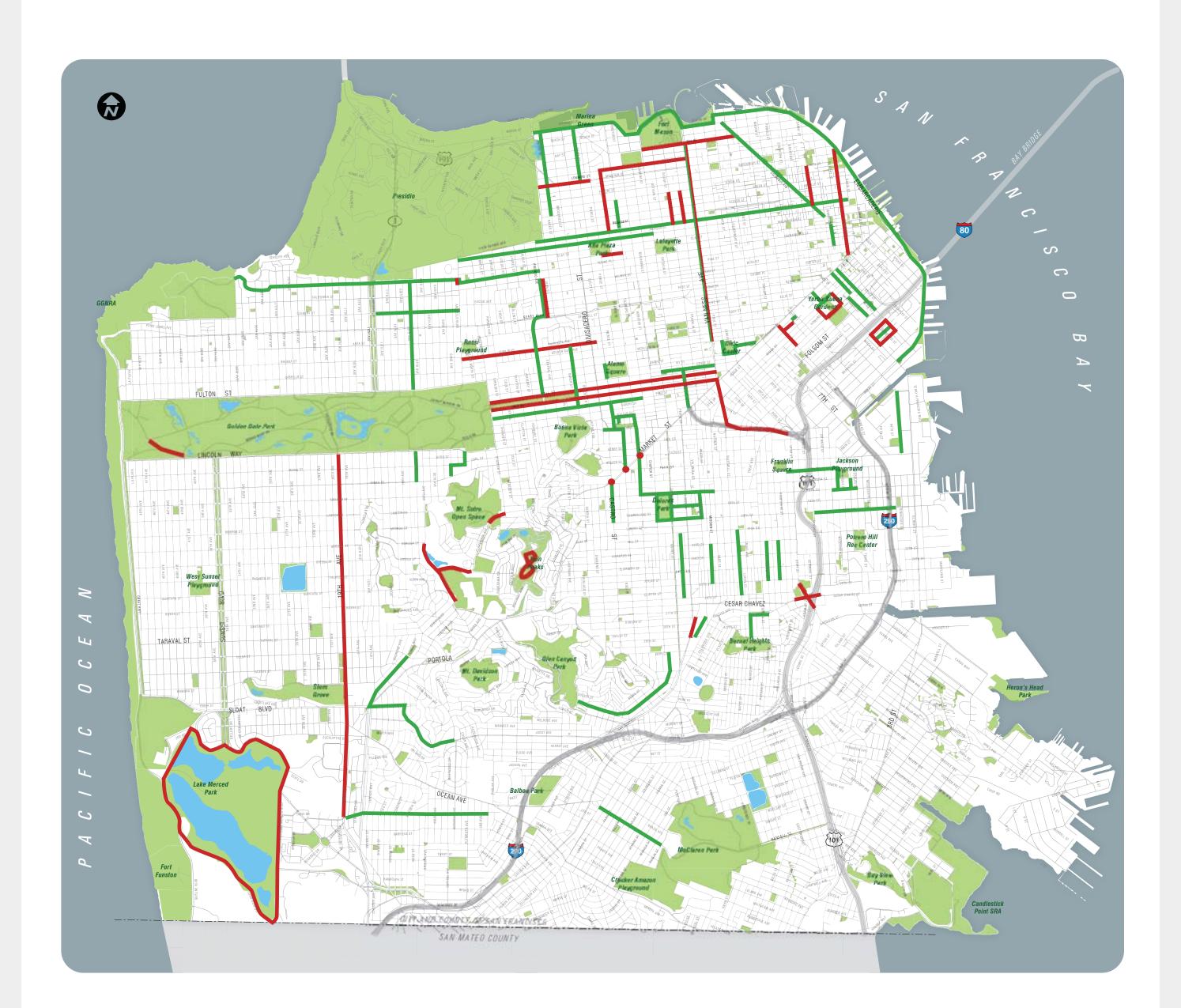
"Progress park - great example of community based greening and improvements. More opportunities for community to create public open spaces would improve neighborhoods."

"No cars, landscaping, trees, gardens, birds, butterflies and kids playing. I want to feel SAFE."

"I would envision a pedestrian corridor surrounded by really nice landscaping/sidewalk gardens. Birds, etc, optional. Should be safe enough for kids to play and people to walk at night."

PEDESTRIAN CHARRETTE

In July, Walk San Francisco hosted a pedestrian charrette. Walk SF board members, pedestrian planners and city staff were invited to provide feedback on how to could create a network of great walking connections to parks, open space and the waterfront. The map bellow summarizes the ideas and feedback from the charrette.



Parks & Routes Year 1 Outreach Summary Favorite Routes Least Favorite Routes

WHAT WE HEARD...

Qualities that make you choose a street to walk along:

- "Cozy"
- Trees
- 4-way stops ("not lights")
- Wide sidewalks
- Community shops, activity, street life, vibrancy
- View corridors, especially to monuments
- Clean, litter-free
- Quiet

Pedestrian barriers:

- Freeway ramps
- Nasty crossings
- Closed crosswalks Streets with more than 3 lanes to cross
- Proximity to freeway
- Broken sidewalks
- Timed lights
- Multiple turn lanes
- Construction
- Steep streets

ECOLOGY THINK TANKS

In April, Nature in the City convened a series of Ecology Think Tanks. Local ecologists, naturalists and city staff were invited to participate and provided feedback on potential habitat corridors, identification of target species and recommendations for plants and landscaping. Opportunities for stewardship, education and demonstration projects were also discussed. The map below summarizes feedback and ideas from these sessions.



WHAT WE HEARD...

"Stewardship is critical to success"

"Generally good design for habitat includes appropriate planting for food, breeding, habitation and protection of target species."

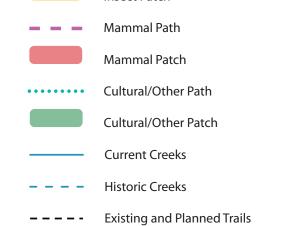
"Key considerations when locating corridors for more sensitive wildlife include: building on existing pockets of habitat (such as mission creek, heron's head, the presidio) and insuring that the corridor does not present more risks than benefits"

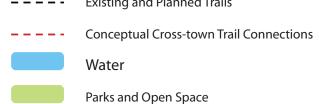
"Other interventions include sculptures and street furniture that serves a habitat function—bee hotels or planters on top of soil that create a moist home for herps and insects."







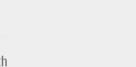


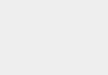












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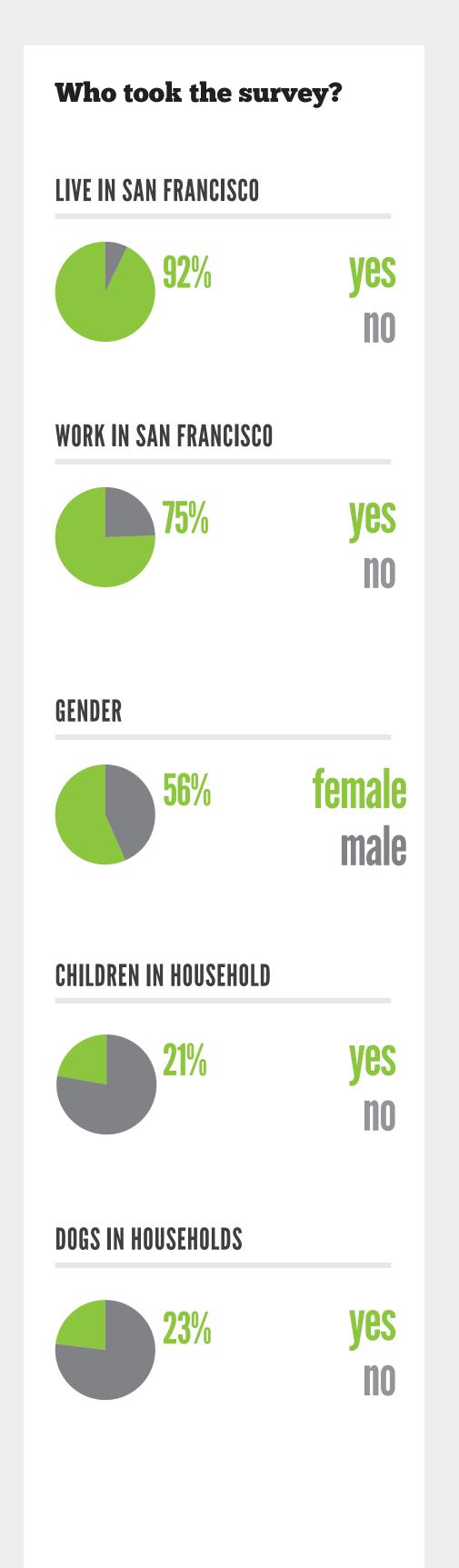






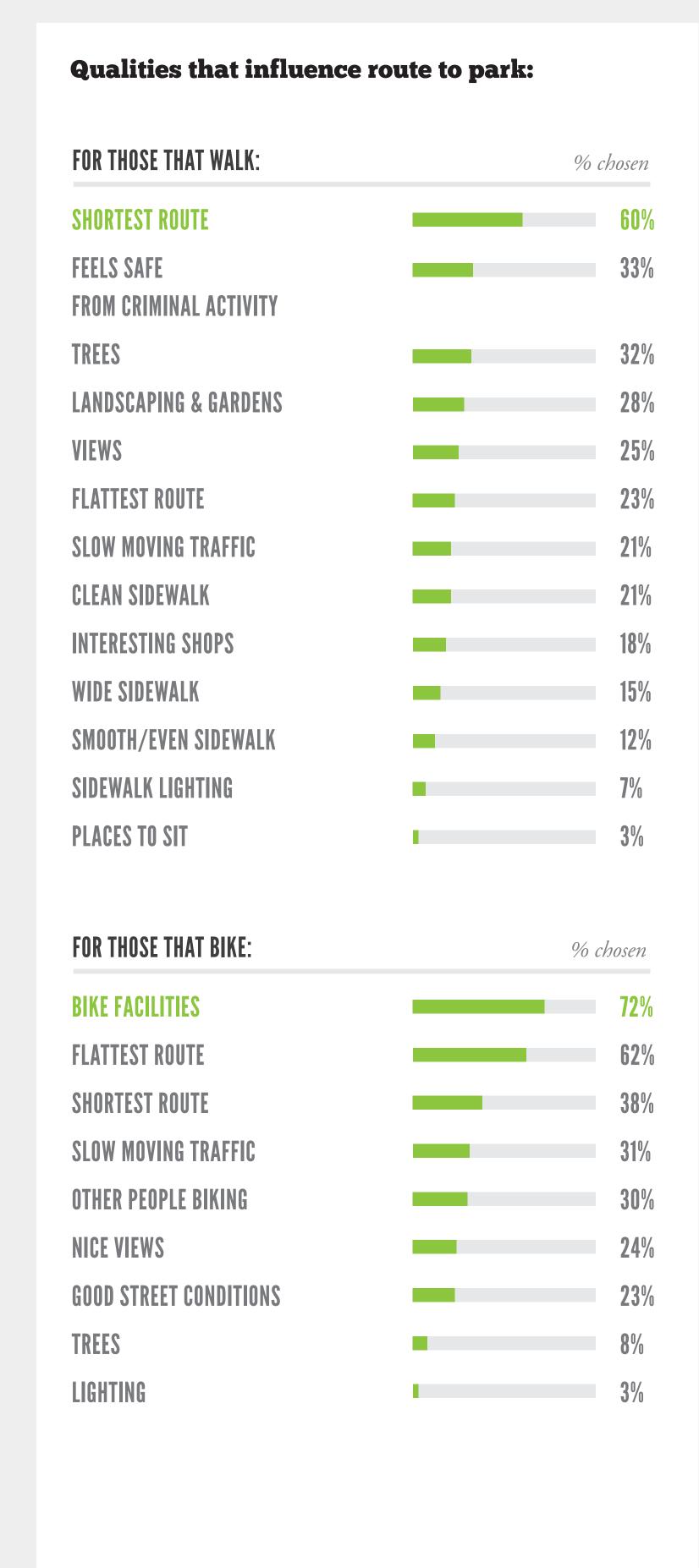
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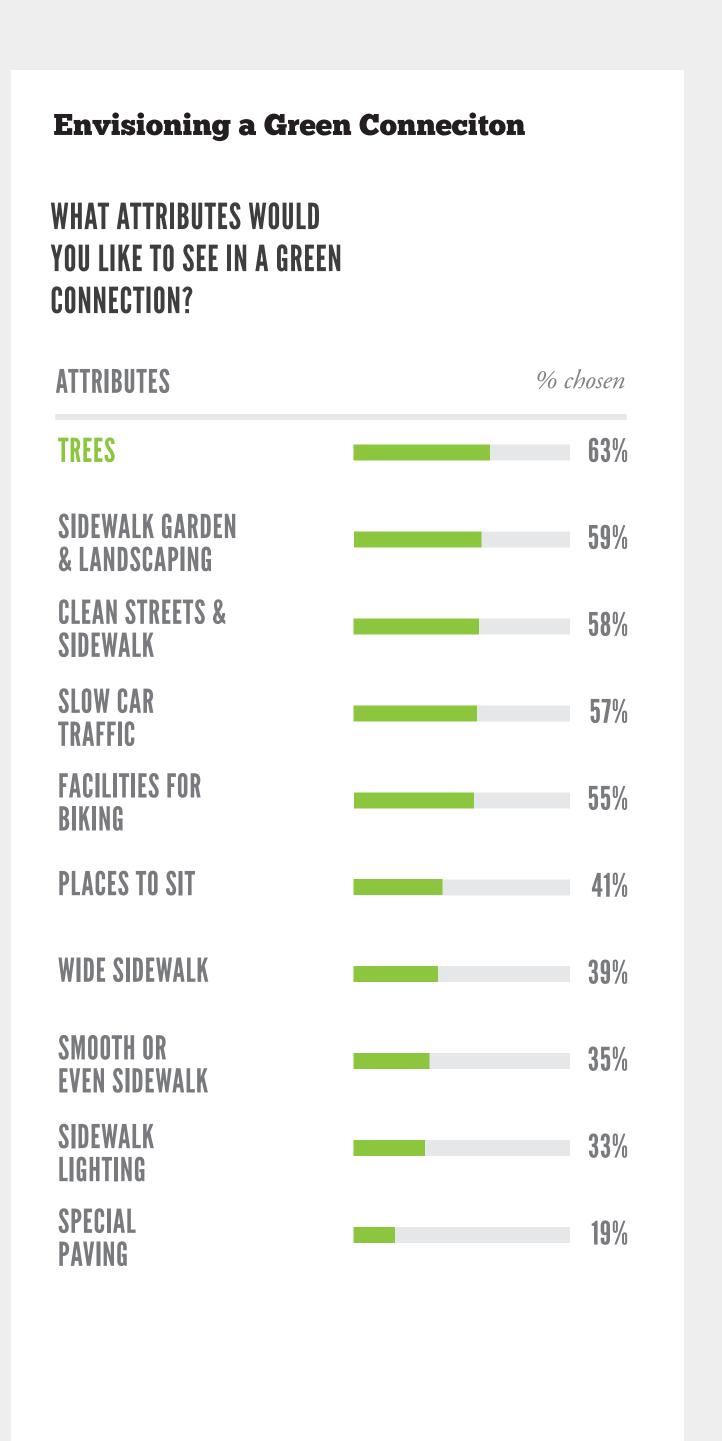
Online Survey. 450 Participants. February to June 2012.



ARK MOST VISITED (TOP 10)	% chosen
GOLDEN GATE PARK	28%
DOLORES PARK	11%
OTHER	9%
CRISSY FIELD	4%
BERNAL HEIGHTS PARK	4%
GLEN CANYON PARK	3%
YERBA BUENA GARDENS	3%
ALAMO SQUARE	2%
PATRICIA'S GREEN	2%
DUBOCE PARK	2%
OW DO YOU GET THERE?	Mode
58%	Walk
	Bike
	Transit
	Drive
HERE DO YOU START FROM?	Place
89%	Home
	Work
	Other
OW OFTEN DO YOU VISIT?	Frequency
55%	
	1-5 times per month
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PARK LIKE TO VISIT MORE (TOP 10)	% chosen	
GOLDEN GATE PARK	22%	
CRISSY FIELD	8%	
OTHER	7 %	
JOHN McLAREN PARK	6 %	
DOLORES PARK	6 %	
PRESIDIO PRESIDIO	6 %	
GLEN CANYON PARK	4%	
HERON'S HEAD PARK	3%	
ALAMO SQUARE	2%	
BUENA VISTA PARK	2%	
HOW DO YOU GET THERE?	Mode	
34%	Walk	
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3470	Transit	
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WHAT WE HEARD...

"I think the three biggest things to helping our city get greener and more enjoyable: would be better transit, less garbage everywhere and in parks, slow traffic (people are tearing around in their cars)."

"Our neighbors are creating backyard natural plant corridors for birds, bees, butterflies. City could encourage this with info. Backyards can be wildlife corridors too. Minimal city cost; builds constituency". "Plant more fruit trees in public spaces so we can snack as we explore the city!"

"Combine improvements with storm water enhancements."

"What about a Seniors Green Connection?"

"City needs a grid of bicycle boulevards and cycletracks"

"More stormwater management! The polluted runoff in our streets could be drastically reduced!"

"Connect presidio with Golden Gate along Arguelllo with a Green Connection. Day light creeks and old abandoned right of ways; transform high speed! high volume auto route like San Jose into greenways; use alley networks (reduced by implementing green stormwater management techniques such as raingardens and bioawales)."

"Would be great to have a good intuitive bike route to Balboa Park"

"Great project! I'd love to see a focus on peopleoriented streets vs car-oriented streets. I feel like cars have highest priority still, and they make many streets dirty, noisy, and less safe. I'd love to see some more neighborhood style streets like major European cities"

"More green connections in the Bayview!!!!"

"McLaren is a GREAT park, but so isolated and difficult to get there that I know decades-long SF residents who haven't been more than once or twice - if at all"

"Sunday Streets is a great program to get us out on our bikes. It's lots of fun when the streets are closed, even temporarily"



