

Harrisville Complete Streets Pop-up Demonstration

Saturday, July 8, 2017

Overview

The Town of Harrisville worked with Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) to install two temporary crosswalks on Main Street in Harrisville Village on Saturday, July 8th during the 2017 Old Home Days weekend. The two crosswalks were located near the Harrisville General Store and the Harrisville Children's' Center. The goal of the pop-up demonstration was to actively show how safety could be improved for pedestrians in the village center and collect feedback from the public. During the pop-up demonstration, volunteers collected written comments, which are summarized on the next two pages.



Pictured above: Volunteers help install temporary crosswalks on Main Street in Harrisville village using removable traffic tape. Volunteers pictured included Ned Hulbert, Mary Day Mordecai, Andrea Polizos, Erin Hammerstedt, and Ian Dumais.



Pictured above left: A temporary crosswalk on Main Street near the Harrisville General Store and Harrisville Designs.



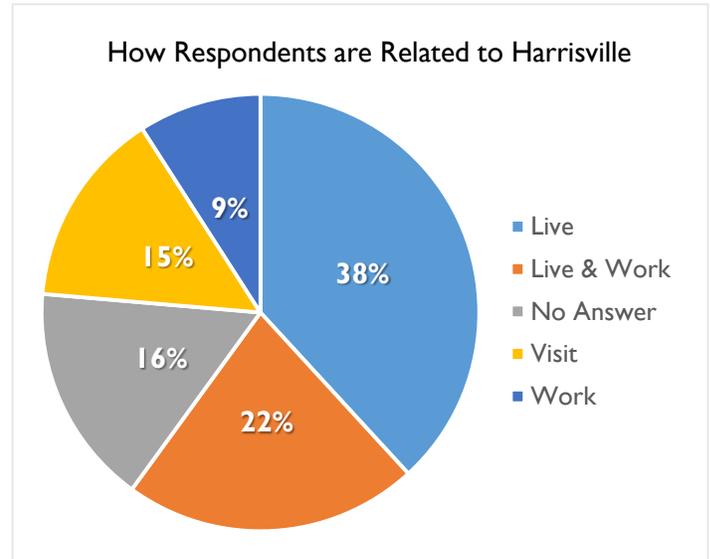
Pictured above right: A temporary crosswalk on Main Street near the Harrisville Children's Center.

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Summary of Written Comments

Comments were collected using comment cards and comment boxes during the pop-up demonstration.

A total of 55 written comments were collected during the pop-up demonstration. Of the people who filled out a comment card, 33 (54%) live in Harrisville. Of the 33 respondents who live in Harrisville, 12 indicated that they also work in Harrisville. Five respondents (9%) indicated that they work in Harrisville, but do not live there. Eight respondents (15%) visit Harrisville, and nine respondents (16%) chose not to indicate whether they live, work, or visit Harrisville.



QUESTION 1: DO YOU THINK THERE SHOULD BE ONE OR MORE CROSSWALKS ON MAIN STREET IN HARRISVILLE VILLAGE? IF SO, WHERE? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

Fifty five people (100% of respondents) responded to this question:

- Fifty four people said they support having one or more crosswalks in Harrisville;
- Thirty two people specifically mentioned the Harrisville General Store as a good location for a crosswalk;
- Ten people said they would like to see a crosswalk near the Harrisville Children's Center;
- Four people said they would like a crosswalk near the library;
- Other suggestions for crosswalk locations included near the Town Beach, at the Church St./Main St. intersection, near the school, near the blacksmith shop, on Nelson Rd., and at the Skatutakee Lake Rd./Main St. intersection; and
- One person indicated that they would support crosswalks only if they do not detract from the historic nature of Harrisville.



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Summary of Written Comments (Continued)

QUESTION 2: WHAT CHANGES, IF ANY, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE TO MAKE HARRISVILLE'S ROADS SAFER?

Forty three people (78% of respondents) answered this question. Major themes included the following:

1. **Pedestrian Infrastructure:** Twenty people said they would like to see some type of pedestrian infrastructure on Harrisville's roads.
 - Eight people mentioned crosswalks;
 - Seven people said they would like to see wider shoulders for people walking and bicycling;
 - Seven people indicated they would like to have sidewalks in town;
 - Five people said there should be more space for people to walk alongside the road;
 - One person said they would like to see a path or walkway along Harrisville Pond and Nelson Road; and
 - One person said there should be pedestrian connections between the trails and the village center.
2. **Traffic Calming:** Ten people commented on traffic speeds and traffic calming. Of these, seven expressed support for slowing down drivers and implementing traffic calming measures. Two people mentioned that people drive their cars too fast, and one person expressed support for speed bumps in Harrisville.
3. **Signage:** Eight people mentioned signs in their response to this question.
 - Five people said they would like to see signs that alert drivers to the presence of children/pedestrians and ask drivers to slow down;
 - Five people said they would support having blinking signs; and
 - One person mentioned that a wayfinding sign to help drivers coming from the east to access the General Store would be helpful.
4. **Police Enforcement:** Four people indicated support for more police enforcement in their comments.
5. **No Changes:** Two people said they do not want to see any changes to Harrisville's roads.

