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#	Opinion	Please elaborate any concerns you may have about the project
1	Neutral	All the neighbors I know in Constitution Cove value the peace and privacy of the neighborhood. We do not want our neighborhood to be a part of a recreation trail.
2	Neutral	Concern for injury or death between Duval Dr and A1A.
3	Neutral	does it have to be concrete the entire path, why not crushed gravel or packed conquia or limestone?
4	Neutral	Festivals and other events bring people from all over that don't respect the beaches community. This will be in citizens front yard. We need to be cateful
5	Neutral	Home burglary with close access to homes, trespassing, creating an urban lifestyle as in larger cities at Jax Beach which is NOT what residents prefer. Relaxed safe QUIET homes and neighborhoods has been the values for our area. Dog walkers do not respect properties leaving waste. Jax Beach must maintain roads, landscaping water quality, beaches, schools, law enforcement as basic responsibility. Complete sewer and power line projects that have been under construction too many years. This is not acceptable. Main road landscaping is horrific for our town.
6	Neutral	How much of my yard will this take up? But I can drive fast down any Jax Beach side street and police do nothing! They sit at the same traffic stops for yrs now!
7	Neutral	I guess honestly, when I hear Urban trail, I think Urban campers, which is a safety concern. I also don't necessarily want a bunch of strangers passing by my home.
8	Neutral	I just don't know enough about it at this time to have an informed decision, however, my initial concerns are primarily with private property being impacted as well as environmental/natural habitat reduction.
9	Neutral	In reviewing the FAQs, it looks like lighting the trails is not a big priority which concerns me regarding crime and safety. I also wonder how you will keep electric bikes and scooters off of these pathways. A definite concern is drainage and the impact on the current environment with more development, especially in areas of older homes that are not designed to support more development. What is the plan of crossing Seagate at the water/creek area? That's our favorite nature area and it would be sad to see it changed.
10	Neutral	It must be done right, with 90% of the effort expended in the planning phase. Think through the problems to include property encroachment, traffic impact, and sustainment to include pedestrian safety. Electric bikes? Have a plan for all contingencies.
11	Neutral	My neighbors across the street that are losing their front yards are angry at the process this project has unfolded. We feel that not enough attention was extended to homeowners in the process. A notice on the city website was not enough.
12	Neutral	Nothing has been addressed in the way of flooding, who is going to maintain it, where parking will be relocated to, and overall safety.
13	Neutral	The environmental impact is my biggest concern. More concrete means more water flooding streets with heavy rains. And construction potentially destroying habitat space needed for essential insects, birds, and other foundational species.
14	Neutral	The goal of pedestrian/cyclist safety is unimpeachable, of course, but I'm not sure citing statewide statistics is a persuasive argument. I would prefer to live in a town with lower population density. Double wide townhomes are popping up on single lots everywhere. How is this okay? This changes the character of our neighborhoods that have numerical street names. Wonderful to see forward, thoughtful vision. Think longer. Think open space/passive parks. Why are we building east of First Street? Thanks for asking1
15	Neutral	The parking situation on 9th Ave N between 1st and 3rd St N and on 2nd St N is difficult. There are many multi-family units in that area, plus businesses. Based on the last plan that I saw, many spaces, including driveway spaces, would be taken away from that area. Each block needs to be assessed individually to determine the least impact / least hardship for the residents. Also, there is some congestion during the day with delivery trucks and yard maintenance trucks/trailers that could potentially get worse if the vehicle traffic lanes were narrowed.
16	Neutral	We are already limited with roadway during summer months due to influx of traffic. If this is added to roadways, I wouldn't see the purpose.
17	Neutral	Will it infringe on your property space and privacy.

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18	Neutral	You have to work with the residents on this one, and those whose homes will be affected. I just hope it isn't poorly planned. As an outsider coming in from very commuter friendly cities, Jacksonville sucks at having developed Beaches Ave and Atlantic Beach because all they are are strip malls with wide lanes and strip malls in America are eye sores especially when they aren't kept well. Also 3rd street along the beach is a pain in the ass to cross, having a child in a stroller, cars still won't stop. I came from places where drivers acknowledged pedestrians and pedestrians always came first. Here, cars will run you over to get to wherever they are going. Not smart planning.
19	Oppose	15th Ave N has too much traffic now; it's used as a cut thru street and too much speeding on this street.
20	Oppose	A lot of people just don't want to give up of a chunk of their yard in return for more vagrants and e-bikes traffic.
21	Oppose	Add wide bike lanes to existing roads. Do not destroy natural areas around neighborhoods to create short, paved sections.
22	Oppose	Again, residents whose setbacks are potentially being taken are very opposed to this because of the above listed reasons. Please DO NOT take any additional space other than existing street area.
23	Oppose	All above are significant reasons to stop the Urban Trail plan
24	Oppose	All of the above concerns need to be thoroughly addressed by the city. Out of Town Consultants are not the answer. We need a local task force made up of residents to be involved in every step of the project. While the city says there was outreach to the public, it was woefully insufficient. The plan was hatched during the pandemic, and people who would be impacted the most were not informed.
25	Oppose	Are you putting fencing to help keep my property safe? What about trees and wildlife preservation?
26	Oppose	As for safety the e bikes etc have seen in increase in er visits across the state. Enforcement of some basic laws would make things a lot safer
27	Oppose	As stated above personal property and usage will be heavily impacted by these trails homeowners. Who once could park off street in their own yard will no longer be able to do so.
28	Oppose	As with many projects the maintenance increases without funding to support it after it is built.
29	Oppose	Bringing in people to our private areas that DO NOT care or reside here. An increade in Litter, an i crease in transient vandalism, because now homeless strangers will have "the legal right" to be in formerly private areas. How many MOMMIES pushing baby carriages are actuall going to feel "safe" on the "Urban Trails". C'mon...get real. City will have to pay for more "Security Officers" to prevent an increase in robberies and rapes. Archive this diatribe, as everything I've stated is irrefutable, and will come to pass.
30	Oppose	City does a pretty awful job at maintaining CROW and police staffing is always an issue. So adding these responsibilities on would be a terrible idea considering the current status of ROW maintenance and police staffing.
31	Oppose	City hasn't maintained the current sidewalks & roads, nor fixed the issues of where it floods each time it rains. Those should be addressed first. The medians need work also.
32	Oppose	Clearly this is not something wanted by 32250 East residents. The people who seem to want to 'stroll our streets' are not the property owners affected.
33	Oppose	Costs and unnecessary! My husband has been a resident since 1966 and me since 1987. It is NOT needed.
34	Oppose	Crimes of Opportunity Trails is what UT is proposing. This is not connecting anyone to anything other than a making criminals more efficient. Building over sized sidewalks and one way roads to accommodate nosy visitors, snotty tourists, and vicious criminals seeking crimes of opportunity. We can't handle what we have now, how do you believe adding more transients on sidewalks closer to our homes will benefit anyone that lives here? UT is a stupid plan and we are against it.
35	Oppose	Destruction of private property and neighborhoods which already have bicyclists riding throughout them
36	Oppose	Don't act like you don't know the majority of people don't want this crap shoved down their throat.
37	Oppose	Don't take away from your residents property. Add that income to the police and fire and city services.

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38	Oppose	Don't want pedestrians closer to front of houses, especially at night. Useable driveway space would be shortened (maybe people are currently using driveways in ROW), but will force families with multiple cars to overflow to the roads.
39	Oppose	Electric bikes and motorized skate boards. They are a menace. They buzz up quickly behind people. I think the trail would exacerbate the problem. Getting in and out of our already small lot lines is hard. I would have never bought in Jax Beach if I had known this was being considered at all. This project is too aggressive given the size of lots in our neighborhood.
40	Oppose	Expensive and using our tax money to attempt to benefit areas with more crime and drugs by encouraging them to bike or walk to areas that are safer, thus encouraging and spreading crime and drugs♥
41	Oppose	First concern is the cost our taxpayers a lot more needs to be done before this. We need new lighting at Jacksonville Beach on all the streets. It wouldn't be anyway to the beach because there is nowhere for anybody to park at the end of my street which is 15th Ave. north absolutely ridiculous for one thing they can't take care of what we
42	Oppose	How bout making 2nd street without mostly 4 way stops so golf cart traffic can utilize it rather than get on a1a
43	Oppose	I am concerned about how close these trails will be to our front doors. I value my safety and privacy!! I have neighbors who have so many vehicles parked in their YARDS already. Where will they be able to park? People FLY up and down my street DAILY. The refuse workers leave trash cans and recycle bins on the street ALL the time. Safety needs to come first. I worry about the extra heat that will be generated by the removal of trees along the proposed trail and by the actual asphalt surface. I am also outraged that Jax Beach calls themselves Tree City and made me hire an arborist at the cost of \$150 to certify that a huge oak tree in my front yard needed to be removed as it was a danger to my home. Yet, you feel that you can remove every tree in the way of the path. This is absurd. Prior to buying this house I have vacationed at the beaches on and off since 1982. I came here on vacation to be at the beaches. What makes you think tourists would want to bike or walk out to Penman Road on a trail?! Tourists come for the beach. Seems like y'all just want the grant money. Also, I worry about the value of my property. I think property values will go down for those of us who will have the trail in our front yards! If I could choose between a house with a simple sidewalk (or no sidewalk) or one with a trail going through I'd choose the first option. I also worry about the maintenance of said trail. I am retired and on a fixed income. Homeowner's insurance is through the roof (I've already been dropped by one company and now pay a way higher rate with the second company). I don't think it's fair that I will have to pay to maintain something that I don't even want and find room for it in my budget.
44	Oppose	I don't think the city should go ahead with this project unless a super majority of the tax paying citizens want it. I think that money should be spent upgrading and improving the parks we already have and planting trees and other greenery to make Jax Beach a more attractive place to live.
45	Oppose	I feel these are relatively self explanatory. We don't want bicycle and pedestrian traffic in our front or back yards. With overdevelopment, there's already traffic flow and environmental problems, what parking there is could definitely be affected, and we don't want even more tax dollars going towards maintenance and/or remediation of all of these issues.
46	Oppose	I had a neighbor mention this might be the final thing that makes them return to PV.
47	Oppose	I have just enough space in my driveway now to allow access to my disabled son who is in a power w/c. If you were to take away 10' he would be loading and unloading in the street!
48	Oppose	I just don't think the beach has the space to implement properly. Don't 'squeeze' it in. We don't have the room to use like the emerald trail.
49	Oppose	I think this won't be used like people think and I think the true issue is motorized scooters/bikers and dimly light streets.
50	Oppose	I understand you have federal money to pay part of the trail, but the difficulty of implementing the trail in so many geographically different neighborhoods is not being envisioned. Taxpayers could be left having to make up any shortfall.

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51	Oppose	I very much doubt the veracity of the claim that the proximity of an urban trail increases property values. Headwaters Economics reports only three instances of an urban trail affecting property values and that was in 2001-2009, two in Texas and one in Delaware (which was an equestrian trail). Additionally, 2001-2009 was an entirely different economic phase in our country. In any event, the biggest benefit of increased property values is increased tax revenue. I very much doubt that an urban trail running in front or behind my property will increase my property value. It definitely will make the size of the lot that my house sits on look smaller. Inclusion of this in the report is a blatant "sell" point of the consultant. An urban trail running in front of or around a school, especially an elementary school, and through smaller neighborhoods, invites all sorts of problems (drugs, crime, voyeurism). I live on a dead-end street that can barely handle two cars. Golf carts and bikes cut through the closed off end now. An urban trail on my street invites more strangers into what has been and is now a quiet, safe neighborhood.
52	Oppose	I've written before and attended planning meetings. Seems opinions not heard.
53	Oppose	If bike trails work for major roads like Beach Blvdon the road where driver can see them. Then keep them on major roads. Why put a secondary road... beside a road back in our neighborhood makes no sense? People will get hurt. Nobody has gotten hurt with what we have. Why add and change?
54	Oppose	If this is in my street I am worried I will no longer have a driveway. My driveway is on 9th ave north. This will really impact my side yard and driveway and then worried it will decrease my property value.
55	Oppose	I'm very concerned about the city planning. There seems to be no plan for keeping our beach natural and less urban more green spaces. Cutting the trees around the electric wires looks horrible. No other cities do this. The city also cuts all marsh growth along beach Blvd which promotes healthy water flow. Just no thought, no expertise. Just complete lack of respect for the way nature is meant to be. By the way the proposed marina is to be built on federally protected wetlands. Do you have no shame ? Greed and corruption. This isn't California or Miami!
56	Oppose	Instead of creating a new system, why don't we work on the current available outlets and enhance them in the regions that we do have and then also work on making more parking available for low speed vehicles, such as golf carts to encourage that on the road instead of vehicular traffic
57	Oppose	Is Jax Beach police going to patrol/monitor these areas? What about the areas that aren't right next to a road? Are they going to bike through those areas at midnight on a Friday and Saturday night? What's to stop people from using golf carts on these trails? If the city can't maintain roads, how are we going to maintain these pathways? Have each individual citizen take care of their 50' section? We are a beach community that we all pay way too much to live in. I value my privacy and I pay top dollar for that. Opening up more and more areas for public use will drop property values for homes on or near this path. Please not that if property values drop, you will not receive as much taxes from us to waste on other things.
58	Oppose	It is MORALLY wrong to approve variances for ppl's homes then destroy their improvements.
59	Oppose	It should have been communicated better to the people most affected by the trails. There should have been meetings with all jax beach tax payers instead city and county officials just decided this was best for all tax payers I wonder how many of these trails go thru their properties I would bet NONE of their properties are effected!
60	Oppose	It will not be utilized as intended and will be a expensive waste.
61	Oppose	It's a waste of money. And no one will use it
62	Oppose	I've mostly expressed it above. I cannot reiterate enough how strongly opposed I am. I welcome any honest discussion and neighborhood walk. Our sidewalks are awful. They were not properly graded nor are they maintained. What hope is there the trails will be better? Look at the terribly maintained ones at Jarboe Park.
63	Oppose	Jax Beach is just fine the way it is. Bikers and walkers are doing just fine. Few if any incidents with cars. as the old saying goes, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it".
64	Oppose	Let's fix the roads and sidewalks we already have first. They are in terrible shape.
65	Oppose	Look at the community meetings once this project actually went public.... Every meeting had a 99% against and 1% for turnout.

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66	Oppose	Loss of trees, parking, people in my front yard. 10th street is already busy with lots of speeders. This would make the problem worse. A one way on 10th or narrowing of lanes would be the best option
67	Oppose	Maintenance cost...the beaches hire subpar contractors which results in shoddy work. Projects are over budget, over completion time and within a yr or two already needing repairs. Perfect example is Jarboe Park.
68	Oppose	More traffic in front of people's homes. Loss of yard and driveway space (yes I know they are righter of ways). Home values will drop with a trail running through peoples front yards.
69	Oppose	Most of the city's safety and crime issues are caused by people coming in from other areas. Frequent festivals, pop-ups, and other events attract criminal elements as well behaved visitors. There is no way to filter out these elements, therefore, the city should eliminate most of these events.
70	Oppose	Most people probably won't take my opinion in consideration because they have an agenda to push forward to make city property and city government bigger and bigger what we need to safety and better roads not trials
71	Oppose	My concerns are endless as are the majority of the homeowners who's homes will be severely impacted negatively if this trail is built
72	Oppose	My main concern is 4th Ave N as I have stated before. There is nothing but residents on this road and no reason to build the trail here except that there is a light on 3rd street, from 3rd street to Penman it is residential and across Penman there is also nothing but neighborhoods as well. Furthermore, there are trash cans out 3 days a week, the road is unsafe as is, and with more maintenance comes more noise and unnecessary cost.
73	Oppose	Nobody wants this through their front yard. It will depreciate the value of my home. It will be difficult and unsafe backing in and out of my driveway. It's already difficult with current traffic.
74	Oppose	Nobody wants this. Government overreach.
75	Oppose	Not sure why you would think someone on a bike would go many blocks north or south just to take the trail - someone on 10th ave north not likely to go up to 15th ave n when going to the beach - Also section of 4th st north being one way with a trail makes no sense especially with a strip mall requiring trucks to the rear - probably less than 12 kids even walk that way to school anymore - Does anyone actually come out and look at these places or just sit at a desk & make decisions.....
76	Oppose	On top of all those concerns the period of construction will create years of dust, dirt, noise, disruption and traffic blockage. The work around 15th N and 3rd went on for years. Portions of the street were blocked or torn out, clouds of dust were in the air months at a time, there was large heavy machinery parked there for over a year. Actually closer to two. Considering all the downsides, even the act of construction becomes itself. Another downside. This isn't a sacrifice of convenience for a necessary city service, this is a sacrifice of convenience, lifestyle and property and privacy for fluff. For something that is not necessary.
77	Oppose	One way streets are nonstarter.
78	Oppose	OPPOSED- The families whose homes are directly impacted by the trail track will lose part of their ability for safety. The construction of the trail is literally inviting strangers into the front yards of our local families/tax payers! OPPOSED- Loss of privacy for homes "on the trail". Once again, the public(aka strangers) brought into the LITERAL front yards of local residents. This will restrict the comfortability to use significant portions our properties. We really do not want this in our community.
79	Oppose	Our city needs to tidy up our current public spaces!!!! Adding another burden is a poor idea. Cost of the trails, despite federal grants, both in building and maintaining them is a burden on the taxpayer without worthy return.
80	Oppose	Parking for residential property in the path of a 8 foot sidewalk they will have issues with having a large sidewalk that they cannot park vehicles
81	Oppose	Please see all of the above comments.
82	Oppose	Please see all the foregoing responses and add to that increase light pollution. I already have a front and back yard that are both lit up all night long by the city.
83	Oppose	Shouldn't be taking away from property values & usage

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84	Oppose	-Stated above. The answers given are clear. -Put it in your yards first. -Leave neighborhoods alone. -Safety for 3rd Street -Repay 1st and 2nd Street -Be transparent where this money is coming from? -Is ANYONE getting kickbacks or incentives to have the Urban Trail project here? -Is the Urban Trail tied to the UN's Agenda 2030? -Is this tied to the 15 minute cities? *I am legally requesting an oral and publicly written response to these questions. Sincerely, Michele Matisoo 757-839-3905
85	Oppose	STOP BUILDING AT THE BEACH!! We don't need more of anything let alone sidewalks through people's front yards. The cities money can be spent in a much better way, maybe fix some of the sidewalks you already have!!
86	Oppose	Stop putting them in
87	Oppose	Stop spending our money where it is Not needed or necessary.
88	Oppose	That the mayor and other city officials have a personal interest in this and are not listening to the people that live here. Not one inch of the trail is on any city official's property.
89	Oppose	The city needs to focus on issues it ALREADY HAS and can't keep up with, crime!!! Homeless breaking into peoples cars, not loosing adventure landing, terrible planning with water and sewer mains, the area in front of the pier that has been littered with pavers and fencing for ever and the city has done nothing about
90	Oppose	The current infrastructure is so poorly maintained; both existing sidewalks and side streets.
91	Oppose	The more public spaces like the boardwalk should utilized and built up instead of building into people's neighborhoods. I would not want more foot traffic around my quiet neighborhood.
92	Oppose	The negative impact on traffic, home owners, and the environment are too great for a town of the size to absorb.
93	Oppose	The number of people on the trails so close to residences at all hours is concerning. The cost or repairing and maintaining is a long term commitment for a whole lot of trails that aren't going to be used regularly because of the sheer number of unnecessary trails, the beaches are already crowded, taking away parking is only goin to force future parking garages being built to solve the parking issues, the amount of square miles being paved to accomplish this project is ridiculous and excessive, the properties directly impacted will suffer greatly. I would not want to buy a house where people, bicycles, Emile's etc could be so close to my property at all hours. I would fee safe letting my children play outside for fear of their safety. The trails has more of a negative impact for the residents at the expense for the concept of promoting a healthy lifestyle for a few. I don't like it.
94	Oppose	The plan seems like a 'build it and they will come' design. Fixing problems that don't exist for the majority of the paths instead of focusing on clear opportunity areas. The key questions for me are will local people use it and can we afford to maintain it.
95	Oppose	The proposed plan will cut through my driveway reducing my parking, it also encourages new traffic down my street. It will create a homeless highway from the mission house straight in front of my property. The side street (8th st south) which currently dead ends on 10th Ave will now be opened to through traffic, making my street busier. It will remove a large portion of my yard and plants, and based on the current condition of the neighborhood streets, I imagine this will be falling apart within 5 years.
96	Oppose	The proposed trail would be within 17 feet of my front door
97	Oppose	there would have to be a huge increased police presence on my corner, as well as lots of security cameras for me to even consider this a good idea.
98	Oppose	There's plenty of walking space for the few people who are walking. The trail will not motivate anyone to get out more to walk or bike!

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99	Oppose	They are obvious
100	Oppose	They could have elaborated enough of my concerns, cost to the public, up evil of neighborhoods due to construction, a speedway for golf carts and electric bikes, which may or may not utilize these trails. I know it's been said no motorized vehicles how you gonna police that
101	Oppose	This is being done as an after thought just where you can throw it in. Seems like it is being done because you found some grant to take advantage of. Just because there is a grant doesn't mean you have to take it or make us take it. Urban trails seem like a neat idea when they are the first thing in the community not the last. We have places with no sidewalks why can't we just make sure every neighborhood can safely walk? Taking away limited parking is another issue I have seen for those that will be stuck with it in front of their house. Where should they and their guests then park? And maintenance!! All other city projects seem to be one and done with no maintenance plan. How much are you budgeting for monthly/annual maintenance? Don't want it looking like all of our signs. Drainage also an issue sounds like a lot of surface run off added to an already strained system.
102	Oppose	This project is a waste of money. The resources are better used on improving everything between 3rd street and first street/beach.
103	Oppose	This project is unnecessary and highly suspicious in its proposal as this has not been a topic that any local constituent has wanted or proposed who did not have a previous financial motivation or incentive to do so.
104	Oppose	This will affect traffic flow, encroach on people's personal space, attract more crimes.
105	Oppose	Too much money, people ride their bikes all over the place and have for years. We don't need it waste of money.
106	Oppose	Waste of funds
107	Oppose	Water drainage is already a problem. If you take away more grass & add pavement the water will have less places to absorb into the ground. Mature trees that are growing in the proposed trail would be cut down & removed causing loss of shade & Environmental impact. Loss of existing parking space would require us to expand our current driveway & result in more loss of grass & and less drainage at our expense. Our yard is a haven for birds, turtles, etc. We have had Owls, Roseate Spoonbill, Hawks, Pileated woodpeckers, bluebirds, yellow bellied sap suckers, Baltimore Oriole, red bellied woodpeckers, and many others. Some nest in our trees. Noise is already a problem due to traffic & large trucks on 16th Ave S.
108	Oppose	We already have side walks and a very very wide street. This would take up 1/2 of my front yard and most of my parking. We already know we have to give up garages and paved parking at the beach, but we do not need to give up half of our established front yard for yet another pathway for people from bars and homeless to walk on and it will also take away reees
109	Oppose	We already have sidewalks that are more than adequate for personal use on both sides of our property that border the streets. We already have issues with pedestrian traffic dumping garbage in our yard, letting their animals urinate, and defecate, while not cleaning up after them. We don't think it is a good idea to pave over more area, and create more runoff area. Our intersection already floods in a good downpour, due to inadequate drainage system in north Jax. Bch. More paved area makes it hotter. When the city decides to replace water lines, it will have to be dug up do to where our water meter is. We already have numerous fiber drop boxes in the path way of this. And the big thing is it takes away curb appeal to my property.
110	Oppose	We have streets. Why are you paving over people's yards?
111	Oppose	We should promote nature trails not urban trails
112	Oppose	We will have strangers walking through our front yard and we will lose all of our parking so that townies can enjoy the beach where I pay property taxes. No thank you.
113	Oppose	What hours of day or night would trail be "open"? Would it be lit? We do not want a trail on 37th Ave South.
114	Oppose	Wider sidewalks will invite electric bikes and golf carts.
115	Oppose	You are being given a shiny new penny from an outside developer and you just have to have it. Please stop.

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116	Support	An urban trail has to be enjoyable and functional. Shade, wide spaces and visually pleasing are keys for repeating use as well.
117	Support	As I am not aware of the exact route of the trail it's hard for me to identify any concerns. For example, where would it impact traffic flow. Also, will it directly impact the properties of those along the route?
118	Support	As noted above
119	Support	Cars regularly speed along 1st St - stop signs should be used in a similar manner to Neptune Beach to discourage 'Cruising'. Noise ordinance needs to be enforced to maintain enjoyment of these properties.
120	Support	Converting any land to hardscapes in the area of the beaches reduces land that is permeable to rain. Maintaining the trails, providing trash receptacles along the trail and ensuring that all areas of the trail stay a positive impact on the beaches area.
121	Support	Dedicate personnel to keep these areas and medians looking good. Our city needs to keep up the roads, pathways and public spaces.
122	Support	Electric bikes and the people who ride carelessly
123	Support	Electric Bikes may be a problem if not controlled
124	Support	Ensuring spaces are well lit and safe is priority.
125	Support	Expressed my concern above about the lack of sidewalk in all directions to and from Tall Pines Park
126	Support	Golf carts and electric bikes, golf carts that are street ready should use the street. Electric bike that are moving faster than 10 mph should use the street
127	Support	Homeless and an increase in crime
128	Support	Hope this doesn't get bogged down in endless debate. There are some concerns with pathways and existing infrastructure (power poles, utility boxes, etc).
129	Support	How to keep collisions from occurring between different parties using the paths.
130	Support	I am concerned about losing trees
131	Support	I dinner live in a spot where a trail would go past my property, but if I did, I would be concerned about my safety with e-bikes going by fast. I think those have to be regulated, both in regards tit he trail and in general.
132	Support	I do wish there was clarity on if there will be a crosswalk on penman at the 8th Avenue trail, as crossing penman feels like the most dangerous part of my path towards the beach. 8th Avenue needs a cross walk for residents in the area
133	Support	I don't think the trail is necessary east of Ponte Vedra blvd or 2nd street, as people just use the street, which doesn't seem to be unsafe in my opinion. The lots east of 3rd have small front yards as it is and it seems people don't want more pavement in their yard there.
134	Support	I don't think the urban trail is a one fit layout for every block. Some areas have to have a different plan for people to have space to park their car.
135	Support	I don't want people losing their front yards to a huge sidewalk or losing privacy by having a lot of trail traffic. Our yards are small and these trails are wide. It will be like people walking on your front porch practically.
136	Support	I don't want people having the ability to walk into my backyard. The proposed route will allow this to occur. Is there a plan for building fencing along sections of the route deemed appropriate?
137	Support	I grow frustrated with the lack of openness to change by longtime beach residents. They want a community that no longer exists and is virtually impossible to return to. I trust the planners to try something bold and creative. I don't trust fellow residents who are only focused on their petty needs for there piece of property.
138	Support	I have no concerns
139	Support	I heard it would be cutting into the easement on many residential properties. That seems unfair. Are there "share road" options in the quieter parts of the trail?
140	Support	I hope that it does not increase crime or homeless within new areas.

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141	Support	I live on 5th Avenue South. I know there is a proposed bicycle trail here, however when I look at the plans it is not specific as to which side of the street the trail would run. There is a large amount of public housing on the south side of the street. If a bicycle trail were to go in, I feel that it should go on the south side of the street as the public housing has no parking lots that would be affected and they have large green spaces between the buildings and the street. The north side of the street, however are residential homes that would be drastically affected by loss of lot space in the front of homes, thereby reducing already restricted parking. Currently residents cannot park in the spacious lots of the public housing. So installation of a public parking area on the south side might help with this problem in addition to placing the bicycle trail on the south side of the street.
142	Support	I personally don't have any concerns but if I were a property owner directly impacted by the trail cutting through my property, I might worry about the impact on my home.
143	Support	I see how the city currently maintains public spaces, and maintaining the trail would be my biggest concern
144	Support	I think a minimally invasive project (with construction and environmental impacts) would be preferred.
145	Support	I think the community needs to be aware of how many reported incidents have occurred with bicycles/pedestrians and cars. Its all documented at police records. Its not just a handful.
146	Support	I think the trail may have too many trails cutting through the residences. I would prefer a trail that loops around the city with a few major arteries leading to the beach, downtown, and the parks.
147	Support	I think there should be a happy medium between the development and how it affects what little natural areas we have around.
148	Support	I want to make sure that the trail network is well maintained once completed and that adequate money for maintenance is included in the city's annual operating budget.
149	Support	I worry about paving that much of our city (increasing heat index and removing trees for project) id love to see a sustainable approach for the project
150	Support	I would be concerned if trees need to be cleared in order to make trails. I would like to know the full environmental impact
151	Support	I would be like the path to feel safe and family friendly. I am not concerned about maintenance cost per se, but more that is actually maintained
152	Support	I would be worried if cars or vehicles like golf carts and bikes get prioritized in trail design and the pedestrians/bikes are forced into dangerous conflicting spaces with the cars. The trail needs a physical buffer from car traffic to make it safe and attractive for family use.
153	Support	I wouldn't want the trail to be too close to existing homes or to encroach upon the real property of individuals who live along the trail.
154	Support	I've seen an UT go in where railroad tracks were (Sarasota). The trail is further away from personal property and residents still fought the opening of it due to noise and transient activity concerns. While I support the idea of an UT, I would not want this in my front yard. Maybe change some East/West streets to one way so the path can use the remaining half of the road rather than front or rear lot spaces. This would also allow for stop signs to be positioned to allow for continuous flow of traffic for the one way street and the UT path. Crossing driveways is asking for accidents. Think tricycle vs jacked up truck....there needs to be more space between parked cars that distracted drivers are getting into: buckling/setting directions/playing music/air vents etc and moving path users. People tune in when they reach the road...not while transversing their own driveways.
155	Support	If it is made and not maintained. Also, securing it and making sure it doesn't become a homeless camp or drug wasteland for vagrants.
156	Support	If the trail involved 6th Street South, I worry we would lose footage and worry that my paver driveway would be compromised.
157	Support	if un-maintained they will look terrible and become eye sores. It could be costly to keep them looking good.
158	Support	If you are going to go out and about with young family , you want to make sure that the family are safe from attack or intimidation
159	Support	It can slow traffic movement. Extra cycles at lights, more 4way stop intersections, etc

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160	Support	It needs to be kept weed and trash free
161	Support	It needs to be safe from crime. It needs to be properly maintained. It needs to not lower property values.
162	Support	I've heard people complaining about loss of parking spaces and impact on property values. That does not particularly concern me. Maintenance is important and I hope they won't let it fall into disrepair as that will create safety issues.
163	Support	Jacksonville Drive should really be just consider a road diet and have the bike lane within the road itself it would be much cheaper in the long run. As well once you get east of paradise key entry then you will need a pretty significant wall to be able to hold up that 10-ft sidewalk to make it actually function and be safe it just doesn't seem to make much sense. If you were going to keep the 10 foot sidewalk then why not just go to the south side of the road adjacent to the commercial. Lastly once you cross 37th Avenue South and you've crossed Ponte Vedra Boulevard it should just turn into a sharrow as there is a that duplex that really has all that's parking right where you are showing the trail.
164	Support	Just overall safety of cars speeding and not stopping on stop signs. Also bikers not stopping at stop signs, not paying attention to cars and taking up the entire car lane.
165	Support	Keep it lit up in dark spots for people
166	Support	Keep the bums and junkies away, and it will be great.
167	Support	Keeping the walkway clear of overgrowth and branches that go into the sidewalk
168	Support	Living in colonies dr, I am concerned about having a trail behind our house. Increase of people, concerned about homeless population using the area
169	Support	Making sure the trails stay maintained and safe.
170	Support	Mayor Hoffman, I support the idea of promoting healthy living. I use our sidewalks daily. My kids also use our sidewalks. And, we get to interact with our neighbors. However, all avenues should share the traffic of pedestrians. Pls walk by 15th Ave S. , staring from 5th st. The residents wer allowed to block and eventually destroyed the sidewalk. The students have to walk it the middle of the street. The houses with Urban Trail will be less desirable. Not fair
171	Support	More people that use it potentially the more trash they met bring (unintentionally) with them.
172	Support	Most opponents to this plan already live at busy intersections and roads, with many of them accustomed to using the right of way as their personal space. Sacrifices must be made to accommodate the vast majority of residents. That said ,there are a few places that may need a modified plan due to current parking and right of way usage. The general plan is good ,with a few tweaks at certain places. .
173	Support	My biggest concern is inconsiderate people not following rules. The number of times kids riding e bikes or regular bikes fast down a sidewalk full of people... moms with baby carriages etc. have nearly run into people around our neighborhood is too much. Similar to people letting their 14 year olds zoom around on golf cars.
174	Support	My biggest concern is that a few homeowners want to continue to use the right of ways and sidewalks to park their vehicles and will strongly oppose an improvement that will benefit the rest of the community.
175	Support	My concern about Penman Road is it would negatively affect traffic as well as emergency vehicle access
176	Support	My concern is that this isn't being done fast enough. The urban trail south of 16th ave S can't be built soon enough. This is should be of the highest priority.
177	Support	My experience nation-wide with paved trails is that they tend to fall into disrepair due to lack of regular maintenance. Asphalt tends to get rough and gnarly with age, and only regular sealing and repaving can resolve this issue. Any trail system HAS to have regular care to survive well.
178	Support	Naturally, the cost of maintaining such a project is a negative, but I believe once it's in place people will use it
179	Support	Need to install safety boxes such as exit on campuses
180	Support	needs to be as shaded as possible.
181	Support	Not sure if the new traffic lights on 3rd a part of the plan but they are confusing with flashing red
182	Support	Parking at the beach is challenging so this may take away parking that is already scarce

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183	Support	Please budget to maintain it. I love the new landscaping in JB and as I ready so many plants have died. Maintaining and safety are both vital
184	Support	Please do not remove trees to implement this project. And I think activating and utilizing these trails will only make these areas safer and improve property values.
185	Support	Put Bike Boxes or safe places to lock up bikes
186	Support	Shetter is dangerous the way it exists today
187	Support	Some areas of the trail will be isolated, so not sure how all areas will be safe.
188	Support	Some ideas for added safety/security are: reliable street lighting (that is maintained and constantly working), emergency call boxes, security cameras...to name a few.
189	Support	Stacey Road has no sidewalks! Very busy road that needs sidewalks and there's space to do it.
190	Support	Surf park needs improvement - fence looks terrible - magnolias grow 60 + feet add no value as planted.
191	Support	The few, but vocal, citizens who are complaining about safety have said that they 'don't want people walking past their houses". this is ridiculous
192	Support	The first concern is for any trees that will need to be removed. We should not destroy old trees as we don't have that many and their benefits are well-known. Second, is safety including the trail going through high traffic areas, cars pulling out of driveways, etc. Finally, will city workers maintain the trail? Will there be a way for trail users to report issues. How much will it cost to maintain the trails?
193	Support	The passive park and ball fields near my neighborhood on 15th st don't seem to get routine maintenance-who will be responsible for the maintenance of this project?
194	Support	The trail can create an attraction and concerns are for the same issues we are having at the pier - out of towers trashing the environment, rowdy partying, bad behavior such a shooting and crime
195	Support	too fast no rules to regulate
196	Support	Traffic on 3rd and penman is already bad, sometimes not even during peak hours
197	Support	Trails need to be well lite
198	Support	unregulated e-bikes are a hazard
199	Support	We do not need to reinvent the wheel. We should understand that there will always be squeaky wheels that will speak out against any change. We should not cater to those loud voices when there is plenty of research showing the benefits of this type of trail system for society.
200	Support	We have, which is no secret, too many vagrants around our city. They have tent cities EVERYWHERE. They are EVERYWHERE. I can't even walk out of my neighborhood without being concerned for my safety. I live off of Beach Blvd at San Pablo. They are everywhere. I am afraid to walk down parts of San Pablo that run along the undeveloped portions. They leave their trash everywhere they are. They often look high and/or drunk and are always pan handling. My husband doesn't want me walking on Dan Pablo or beach bc of concerns for my safety, specifically bc of this problem. Where do I walk???? Circles around my cul de sac? ??? This city has to do a better job.
201	Support	We need old growth trees to keep our temps down for walkers bikers and dogs. Paving over green spaces with no regard for trees is unacceptable - plz ensure a tree shade canopy as much as we can. Also - enforce e-bike rules!!!
202	Support	Where is the proposed trail? I've seen it before but I would think it would have been attached to the survey so people can actually see where it's going to be and if it will affect them.
203	Support	Will it be lighted at night? Are any parts of trial in secluded areas? Homeless people setting up camps on or near the trail.
204	Support	Will the trail be well lit, or will it become a haven for homeless people to camp at?