

US 4 Corridor Plan (Hartford to Woodstock)

**Survey Findings Overview to TRORC TAC
3/9/2023**



**Corridor
Planning**

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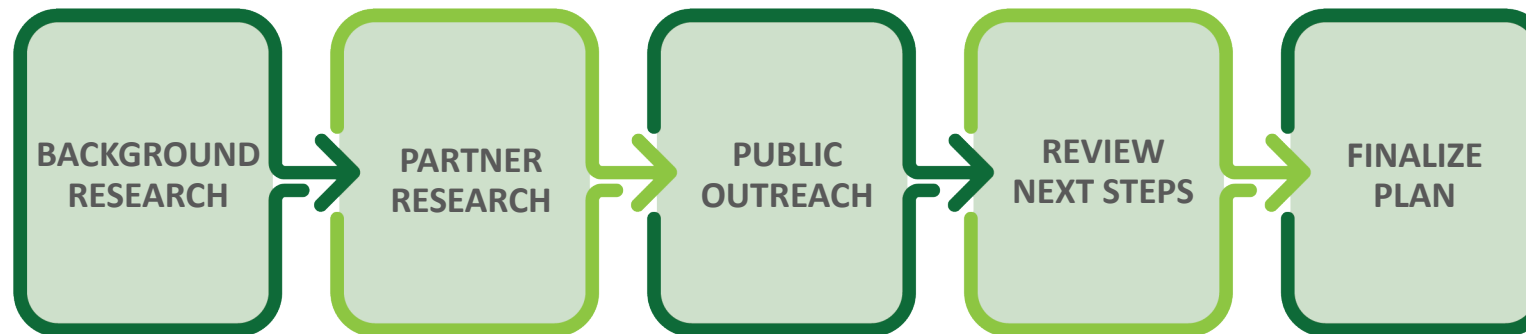
What is a Corridor Plan?

What are we doing?

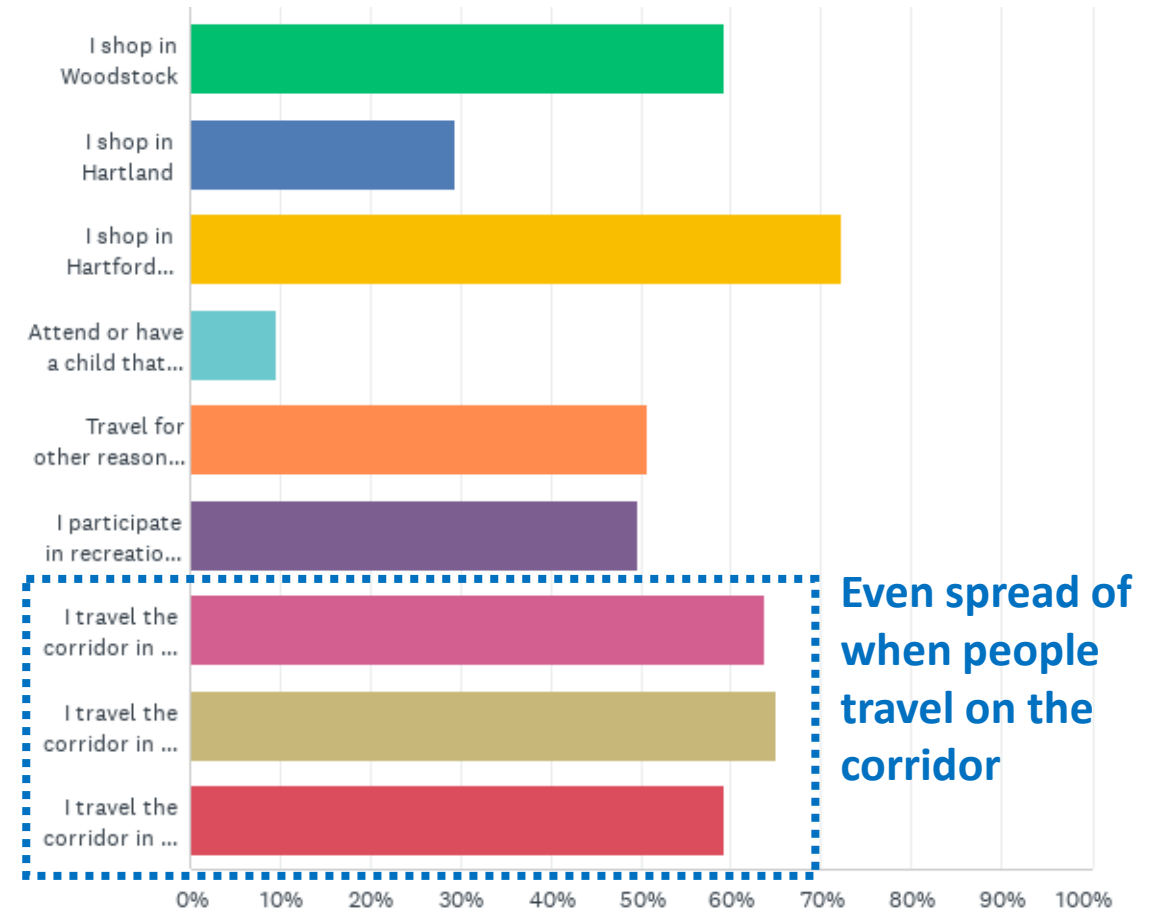
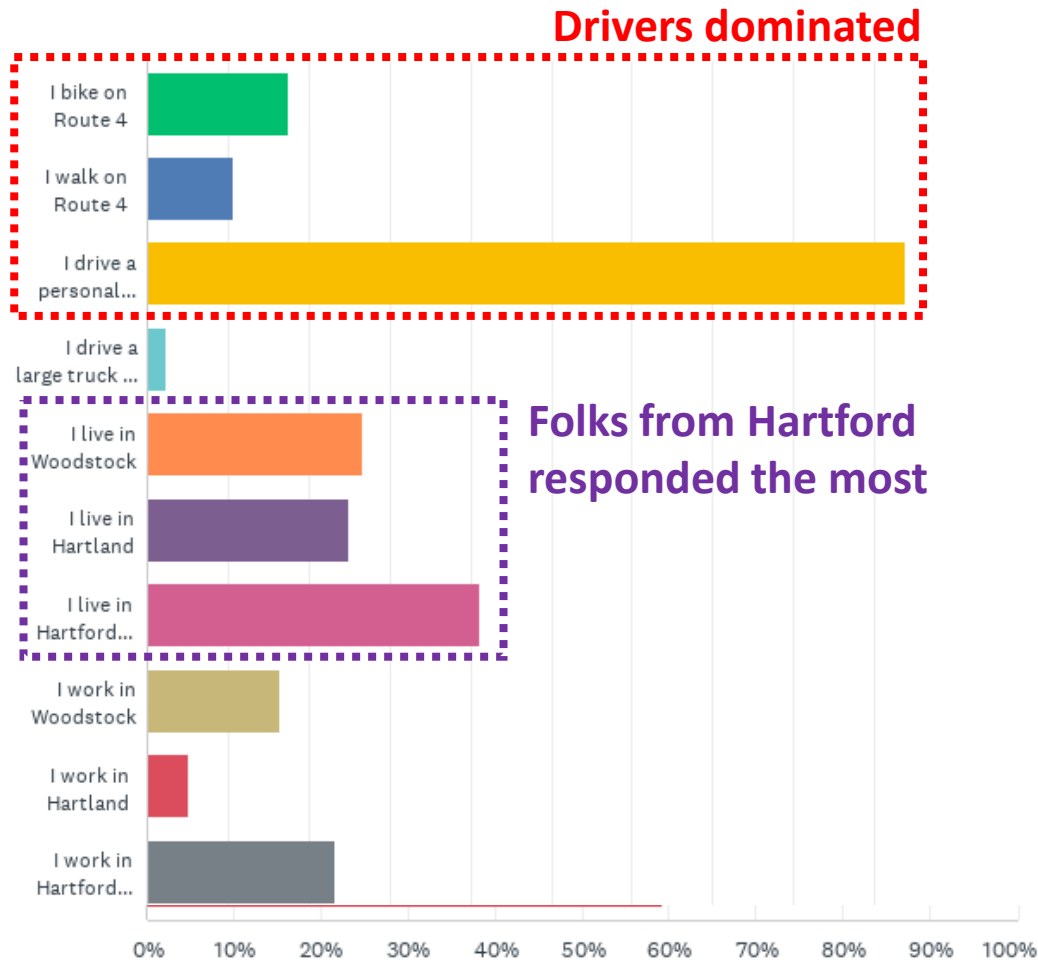
- **Identify next steps that can be implemented in the next few years** while VTrans or other partners are already doing work along the roadway– for example as part of maintenance activities or existing paving or bridge projects.
- **Identify longer-term needs where more background work is needed first** – such as a finding funding, developing partnerships, or doing more research to identify an appropriate solution.

Where do we get information?

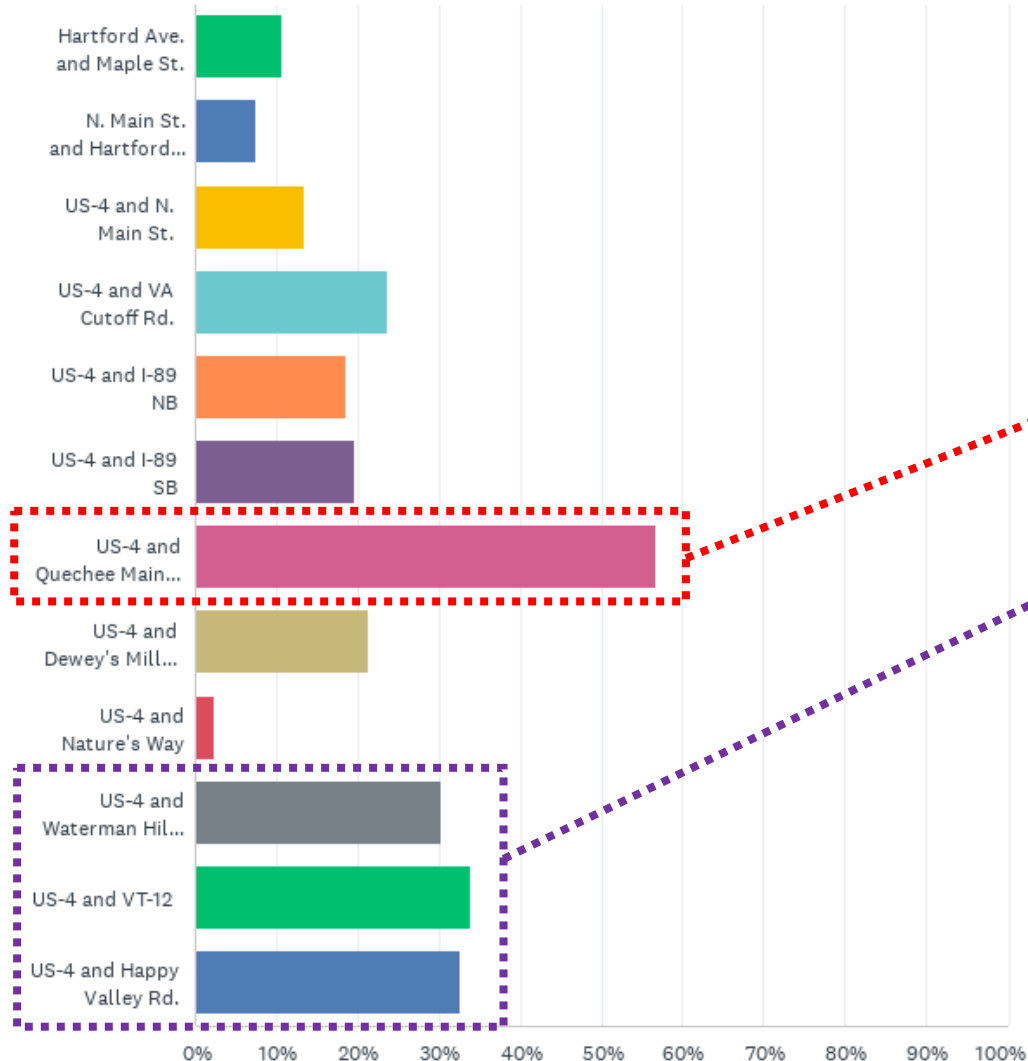
- **VTrans** data and staff
- **Partners** – staff at other state agencies, towns, Regional Planning Commissions or other similar entities who can identify issues along the corridor, and may also be a partner in helping to address some of the issues.
- **Public** – people and groups who use the corridor, including businesses, residents, and advocacy groups



Survey Results – 238 Survey Responses!



Survey Results – Intersection Safety Improvements



- Question 4 – Please select your top three intersections for safety improvements?

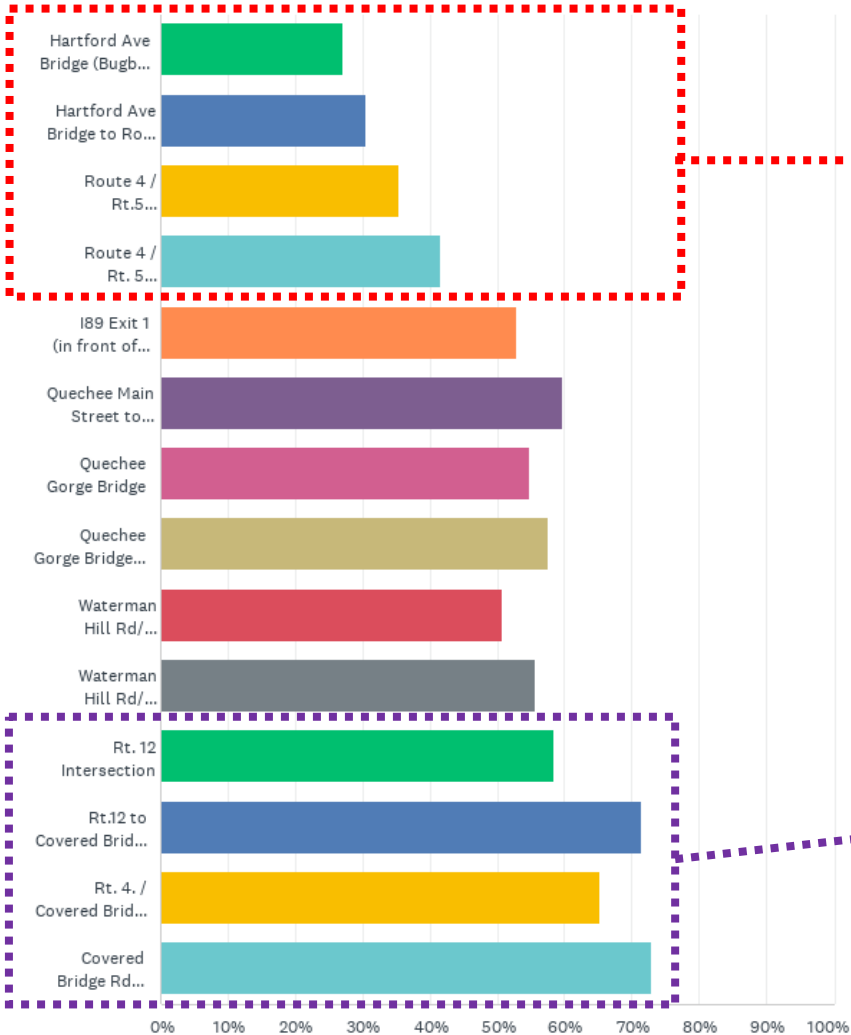
- **US-4 and Quechee Main St**

- Did folks think this meant the Bridge?

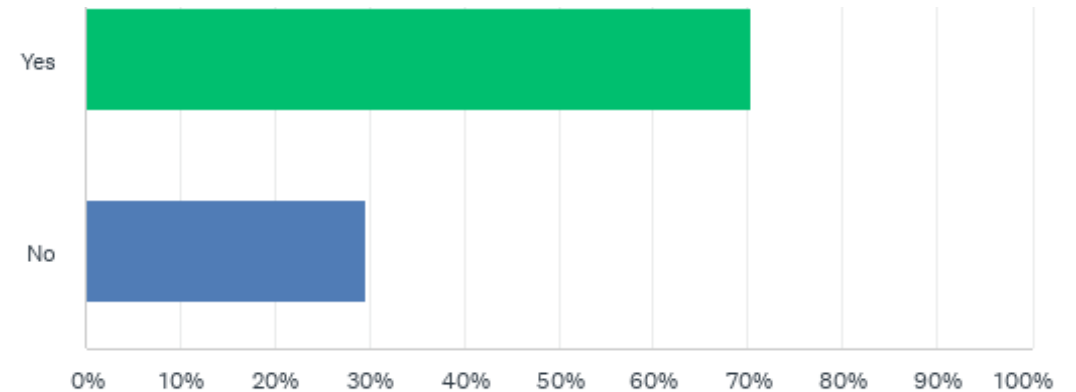
- **Close 2nd, 3rd, 4th which tracks better with crash data and previous discussions**

- US-4 and Waterman Hill Rd
 - US-4 and VT-12
 - US-4 and Happy Valley Rd

Survey Results – Cyclists



- Questions 10 – Do you see people ride their bike along Rt.4?



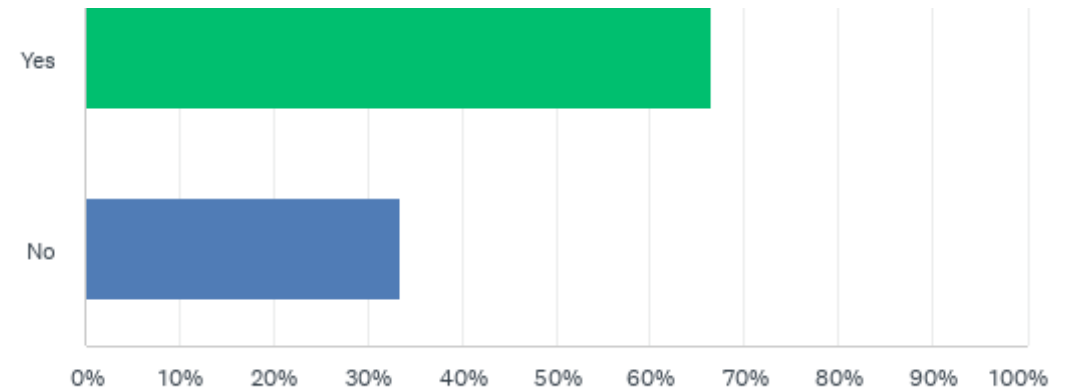
- Question 12 – If so, where?

- **Hartford to I89 relatively low.**
- **Cyclists reported primarily between Rt.12 and Woodstock**
- What happens in the middle?
 - Folks reported taking River Rd. to avoid western section of the corridor.
 - How might this be planned for?

Survey Results – Pedestrians



- Questions 19 – Do you see pedestrians along Rt.4?



- Question 21 – If so, where?
 - **Quechee Gorge Bridge is still busy**
 - **Fairly even split along the corridor otherwise**
- Does this seem right?
 - I89 Exit – something generating activity?
 - How might this be planned for?

Survey Results – Other Concerns (Raw Data)

Responses	Tags
Taftsville needs a real stop light and crosswalk. Flashing lights are not enough to make crossing safe. Also, the bridge access roads are very dangerous. The Taftsville intersection ("the triangle") and both approaches on Route 4 would benefit from a traffic light and crosswalk and signage about pedestrians. I would like more police enforcement for SAFETY reasons, not quota reasons. Speeding, texting while driving, wildly inconsistent speeds (including when Route 4 pavement worn down	
Spots of road that need improved maintenance; I don't recall precise locations.	
You need a traffic circle or light at the fat hat intersection AND rte 4/ waterman hill intersection	
Slow down the traffic	
I just wish I could bike from Taftsville to White River Junction without going way out around. I guess you covered that above.	
See above	
At the intersection of Covered Bridge Road/Butternut Lane/Happy Valley Road with Rt 4 ("the triangle") the Taftsville Store is being redeveloped, and I think putting a roundabout at Rt5/Rt4 is big permanent mistake for several reasons. Putting a roundabout on a hill in an area where it snows will create a problem.	
No	
We need a traffic light Waterman Hill/Hartland Quechee Road.	
There are places where there steep embankments on the north side of the road. The Tafts Dam intersection is dangerous for car trying to enter Route 4. Sidewalks should be on both sides of rte4/rte5 road	
TH-132 to Taftsville - lots of curves with people crossing center line.	
The junction of 4 and 12 pulling out there with no stop lights is very dangerous from either side of the road and it's not lit very well	
Extreme speed is the biggest issue. I've seen people going 70-80mph.	
The road is not wide enough to manage pedestrians, bicycles, and cars. Especially with the increase in truck traffic from Target and Walmart	
Add better bus infrastructure.	
The Center of Town Rd is often used by speeding drivers to avoid Rte 4 with the assumed thinking they'll get ahead of slow traffic. Turning onto the Center of Town Rd is dangerous due to distracted and speeding drivers on such a narrow and twisting road. It is even more dangerous when pot holes are ignored. Speed limit ignored from rt 5 to Woodstock line, especially at night	
Main concern is heavy traffic and a narrow road	
The entire road needs to be leveled and resurfaced and siderails need to be straightened.	
Road is awful	
Have lived on Costello Road for 40+ years. Can not imagine what traffic would be like if/when the property adjacent to/behind the Quechee Mobile station is developed. The road is too narrow with cars going too fast. Too many big trucks traveling on this route with pedestrians and bicyclists too. I've been in a horrible accident. Traffic should be slowed and calmed.	

• Question 34 – Other Concerns along Rt.4?

- **Notable call outs**
 - Taftsville
 - Waterman Hill Rd
- **Geography**
 - Steep, Windy
 - Narrow
- **Usage**
 - Speeding / Too Fast
 - Heavy Traffic
 - Trucks

Survey Results – Word Cloud – Corridor Now



Survey Results – Word Cloud – Corridor Hopes



Next Steps

- **Anything missing?**

- **Communication**

- Groups to speak with?

- **Planning Updates?**

- Additional projects?
 - Bicyclists / Pedestrians
 - Lack of shoulders?
 - High Priority Corridor
 - Level of Comfort?
 - Alternate Routes?
 - Development?

- **Timeline**

- **Spring 2023 (February - June)**

- Survey Results Tabulation and Summary
 - Internal VTrans Review
 - Final Review with TAC + Selectboards
 - Study Completion