



# Knox Mountain Park Road Survey Results and Multi-modal Strategy

November 15, 2021

# Knox Mountain Management Plan Update – 2011 to 2021

Knox Multi-  
Modal Access  
Strategy

Ecology, trails  
& amenity  
planning

Knox Mountain  
Management  
Plan Update



# Background

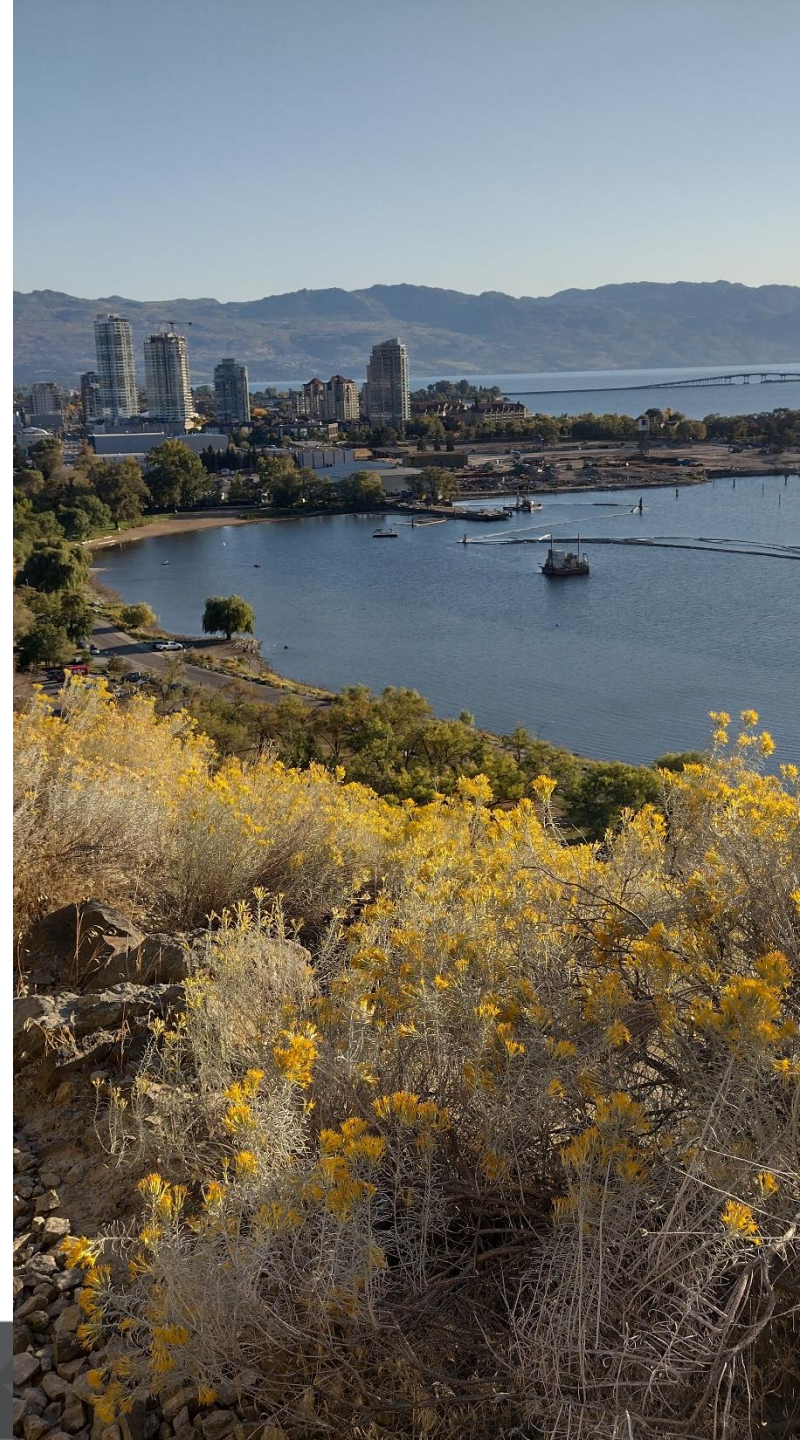
- Increased use of park

## Users

- Hike / walk / run trails / dog walking
- Enjoy the view – access by car
- Road, mountain & electric biking
- Skateboarding
- Events (Weddings +)

## Safety

- Multi-modal use
- Trail crossings
- Increased volume



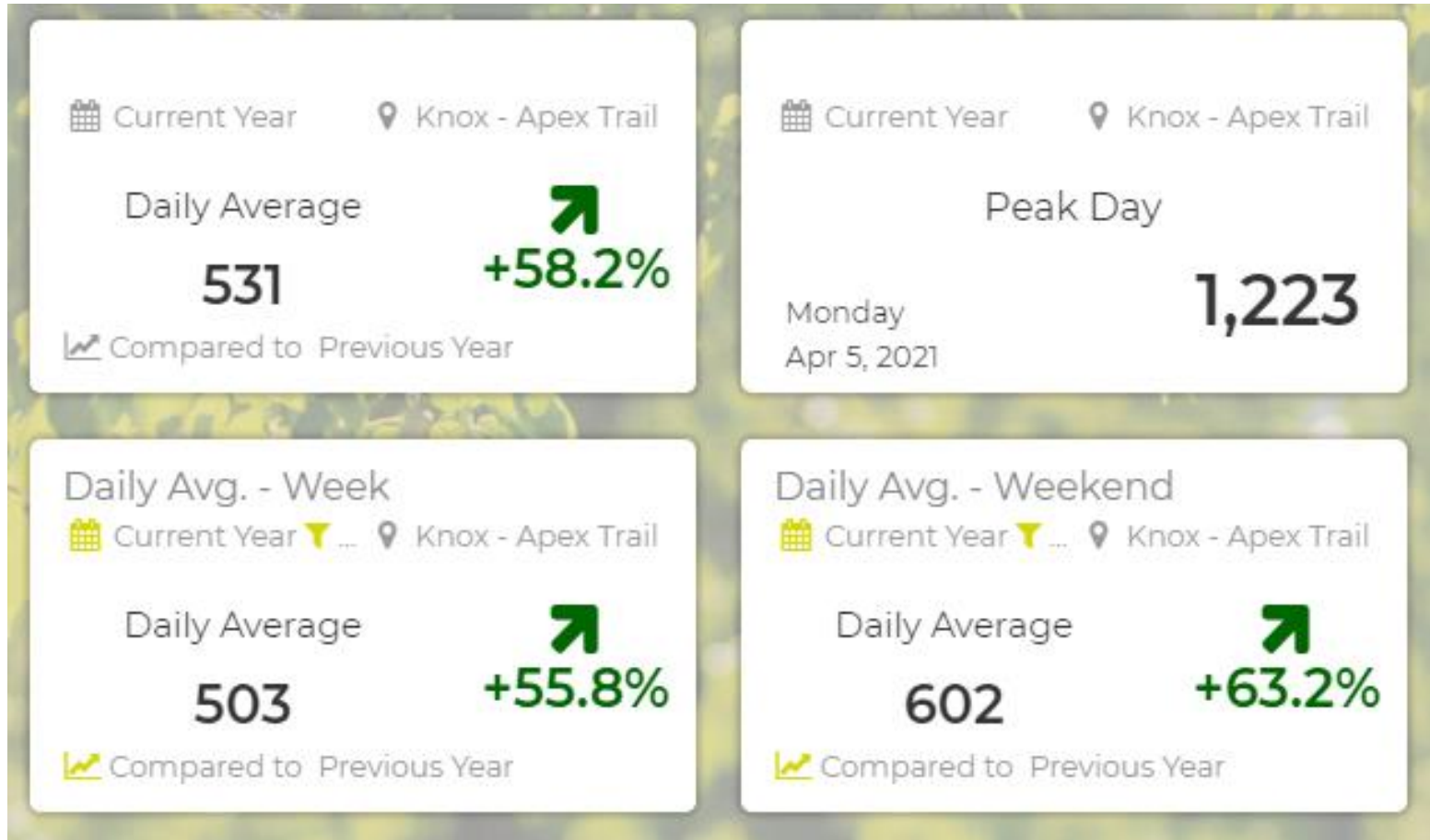


# Knox Mountain Drive - Background

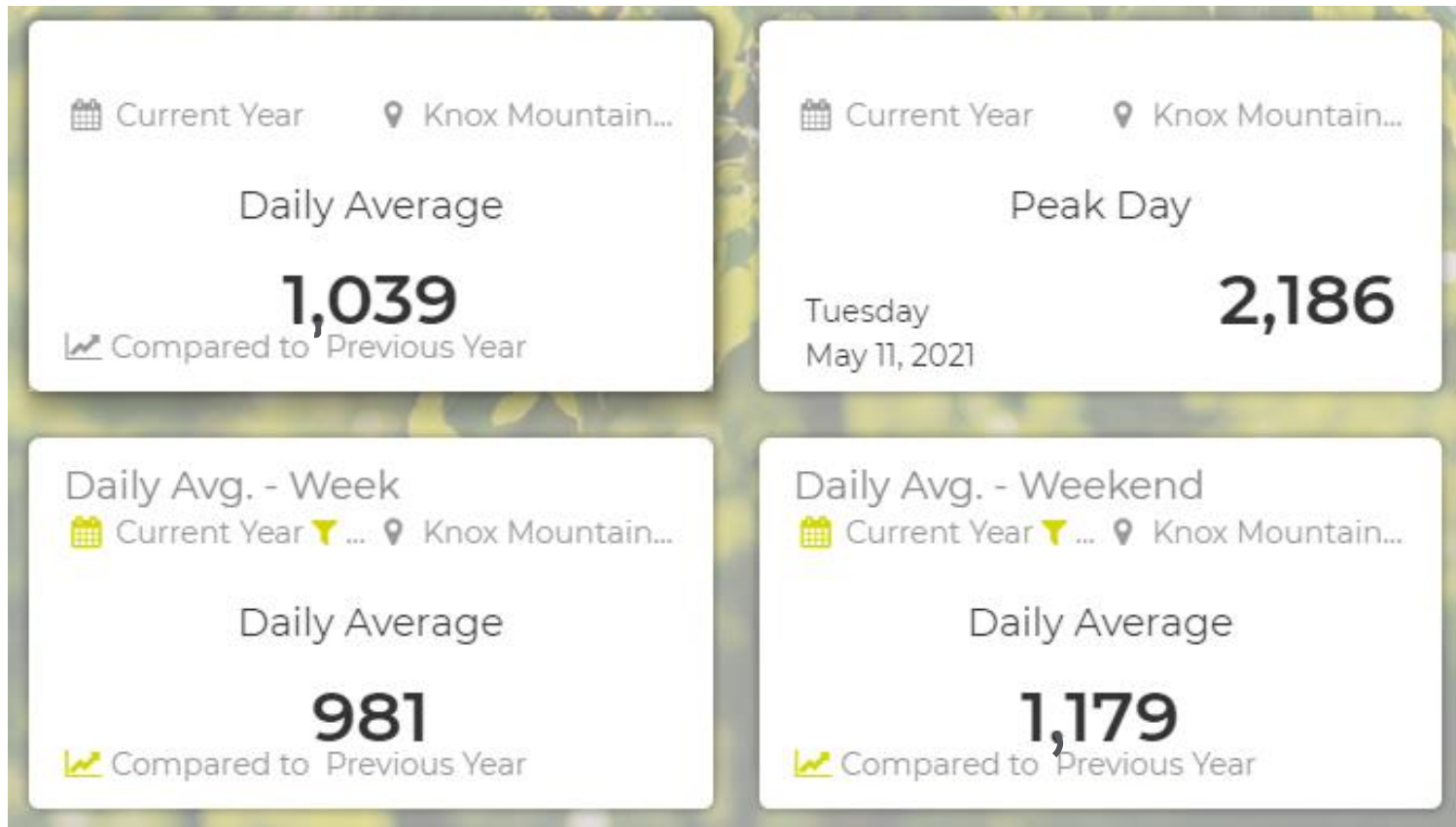


# Pedestrian Counts – Apex Trail

- Up 50%+ Year over Year



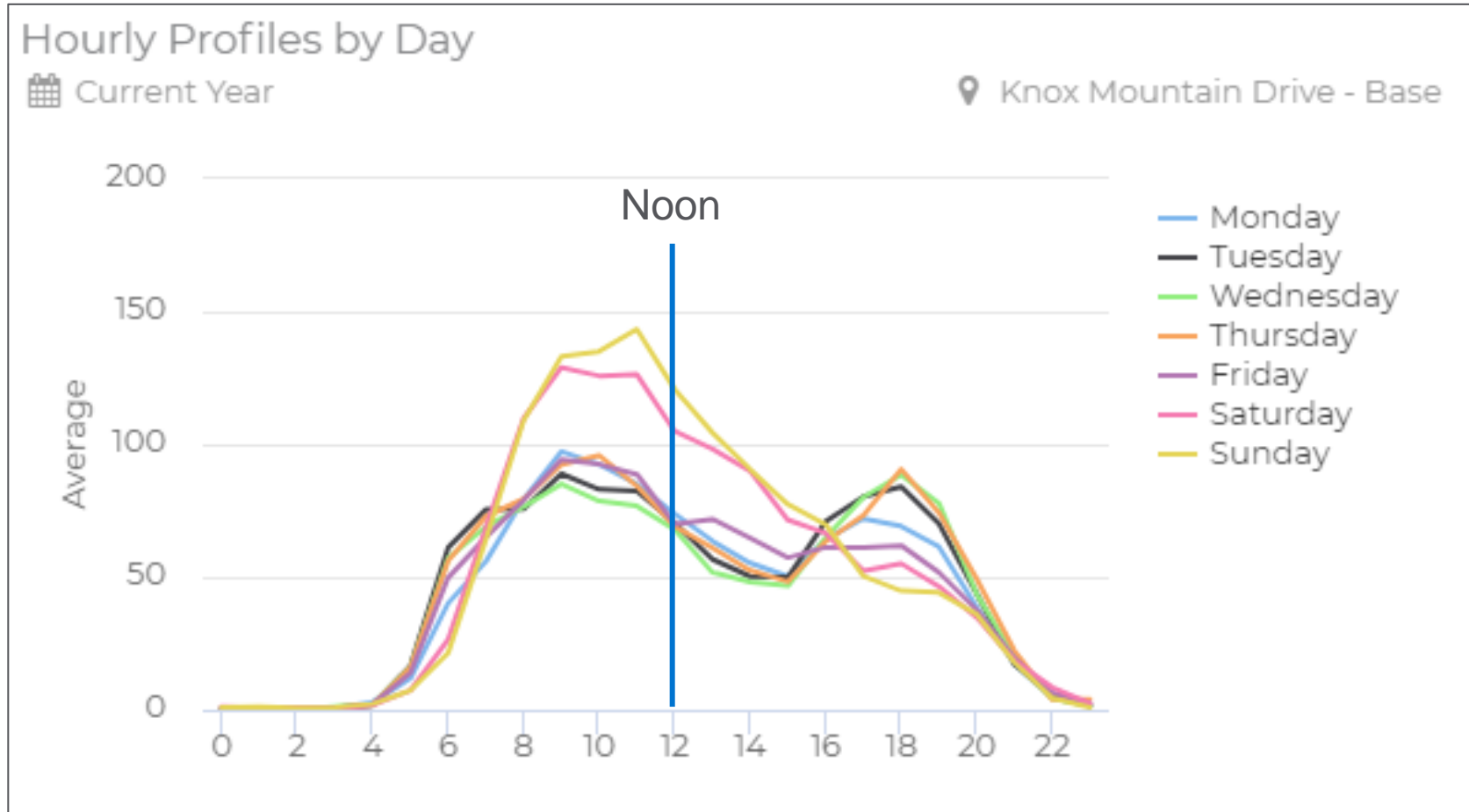
# Pedestrian Counts – Knox Mountain Drive at Base





# Pedestrian / Cyclist Counts - Base

## Knox Mountain Drive past gate



# Survey

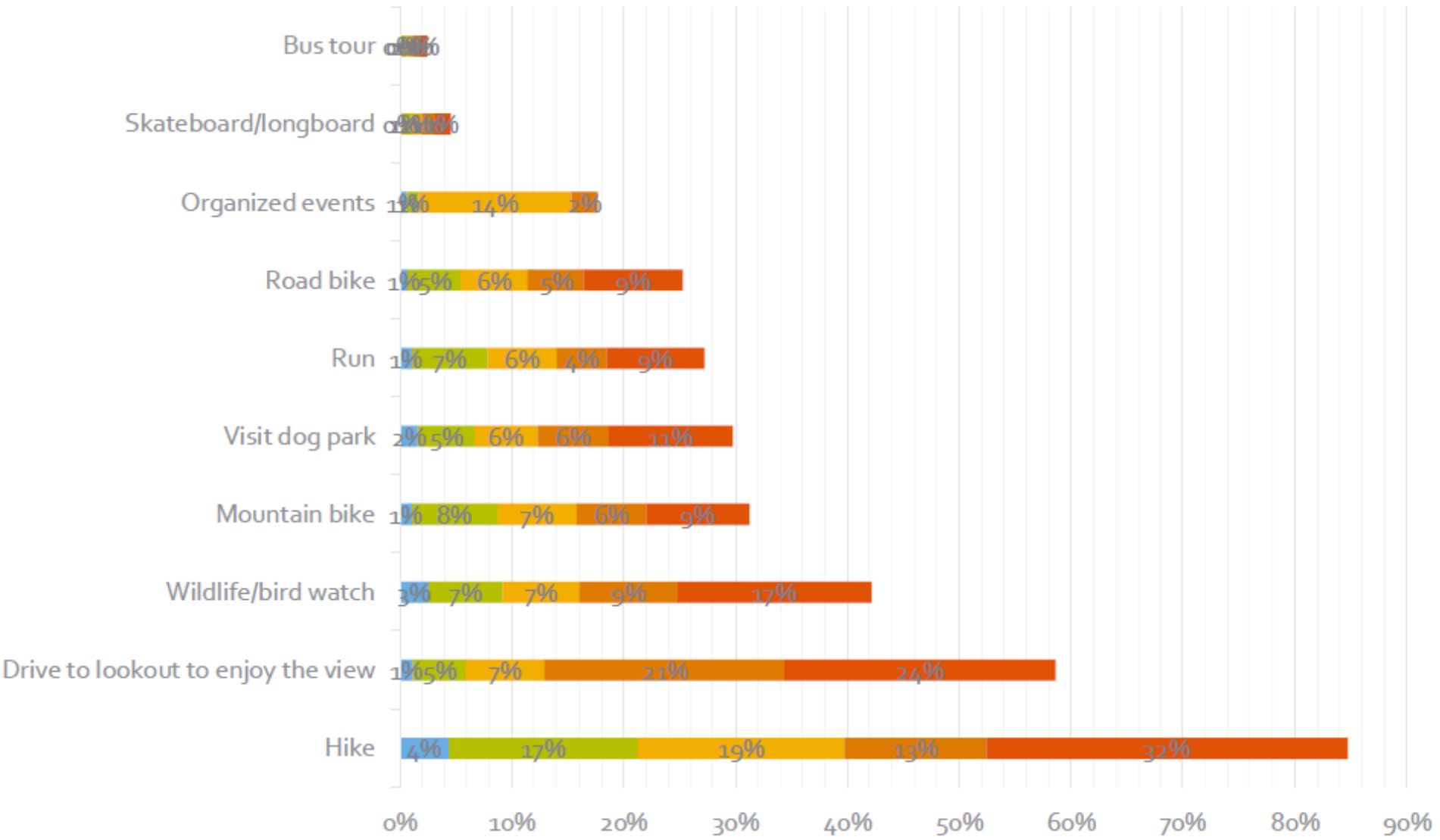
- Spring 2021
- Over 8100 responses
- Over 4000 comments
- 16 stakeholder groups
- 2 in person meetings
- Direct correspondence
- Not statistically valid – ‘Opt in’
- Data cleaned






# How often do you do the following activities at Knox Mountain Park?

■ Everyday   
 ■ Several times a week   
 ■ Once a week   
 ■ Once a year   
 ■ Once a month



# All Respondents

OPTIONS	AVG. RANK
Knox Mountain Drive is open to vehicles up to the <span style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 2px;">lower look out</span>	2.69 
Knox Mountain Drive is open to vehicles up to the upper look out	2.93
Knox Mountain Drive is closed to vehicles but a shuttle service is available	3.03
Knox Mountain Drive is open to vehicles only for permitted events	3.06
Knox Mountain Drive is closed to vehicles at all times	3.29

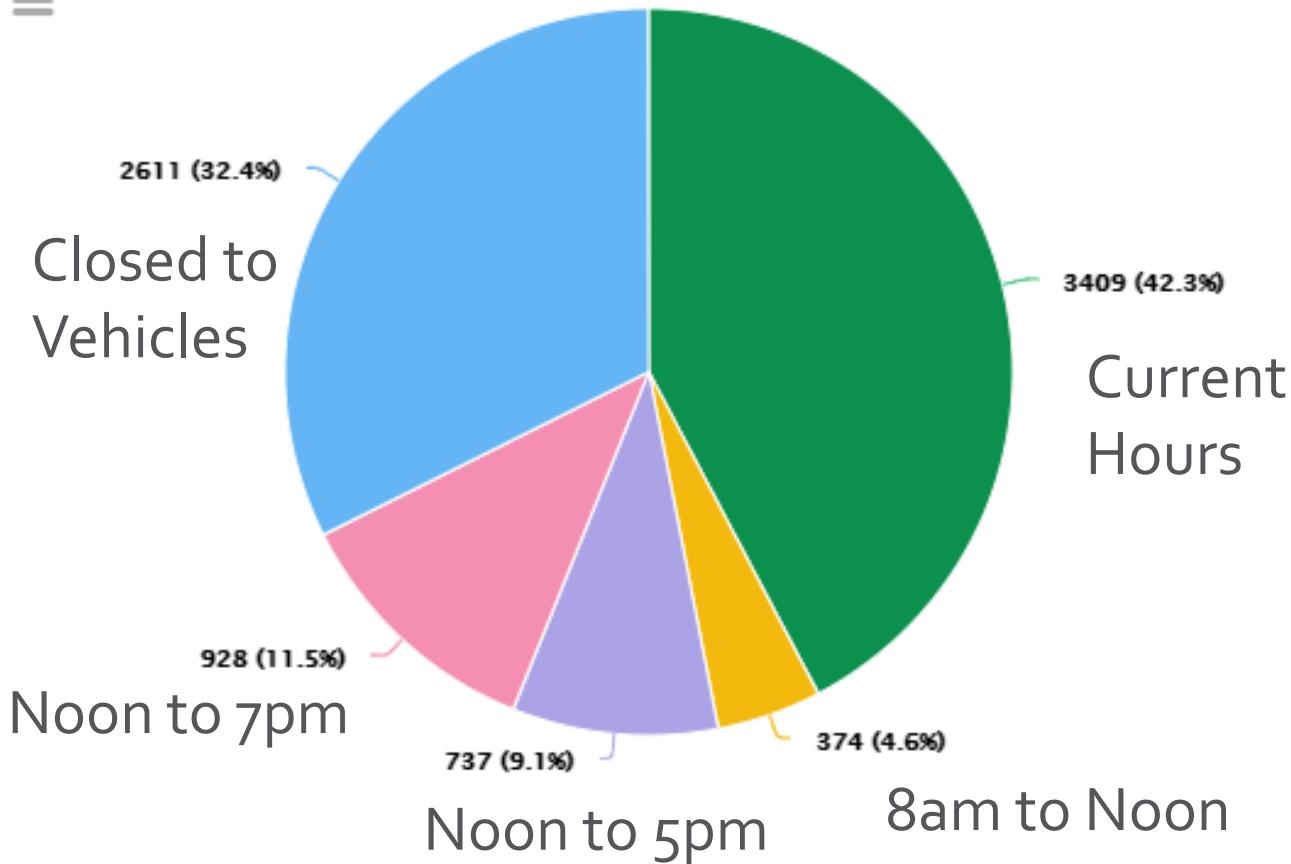


Most preferred



# All Respondents

Q10 If vehicles were permitted on Knox Mountain Drive, what hours would you prefer?



# 2021 Online Conversations

2300 Interactions

- In favour of keeping road open to vehicles 10:1 (1343 : 140)
- Compromise - reduced hours (110)



# Strategy Objectives

- Safety
- Accessibility
- Operation

## 'Share the Road'

- Park Drive Standard
- Sharing spatially and temporally



# Strategy – 2 Year Trial

- Vehicle access to First Lookout only
- Wednesday to Saturday
- Hours from noon to 8PM
- Events – pilot car (staff led)
- Signage improvements to alert all users
- Improvements to trails near First Lookout





# First Lookout

- Viewpoint with views over city – accessible path
- Parking available
- Alternate trails for biking & hiking to First Lookout
- Most favoured – public survey



First Lookout – Accessible Trail



Upper Lookout – Not accessible

# Strategy – Monitor Results

- Monitor
  - Pedestrian counters
  - Vehicle counts





# Next Steps

- Getinvolved page - Update
- Stakeholder communication – Email Notification
- Continued work on Knox Mountain Management Plan Update

# Resolution

- Receive, the report from the Parks and Buildings Planning Department dated November 15, 2021;
- Provide time restricted vehicular access to the First Lookout on Knox Mountain Drive through a two-year trial basis;
- Directs staff to report back at the conclusion of the two-year trial period.



*Questions?*

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