

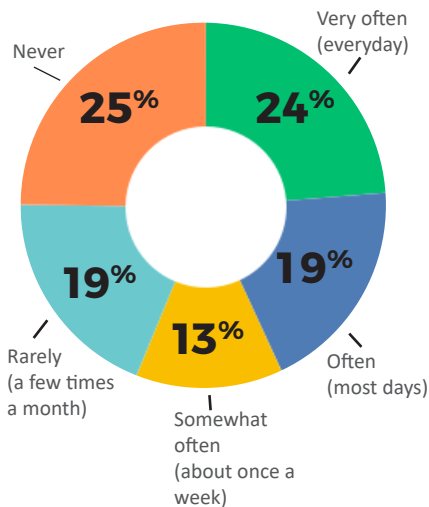
The Brandon Core Area Reconstruction Project was live online from 9/11/2019 to 10/10/2019 and paper copies were completed at the September 26th open house. A total of 482 responses were received.

Of those who provided their location, sixty-nine percent live within the core area.

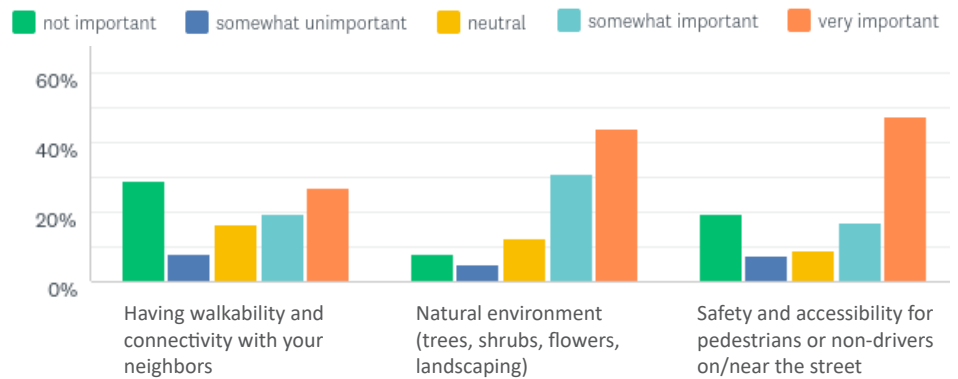
The survey results summary reflects all responses.

Thirty-five percent of respondents indicated they were unaware of the public right-of-way.

When weather allows, how often do you think you would use sidewalks in your neighborhood?

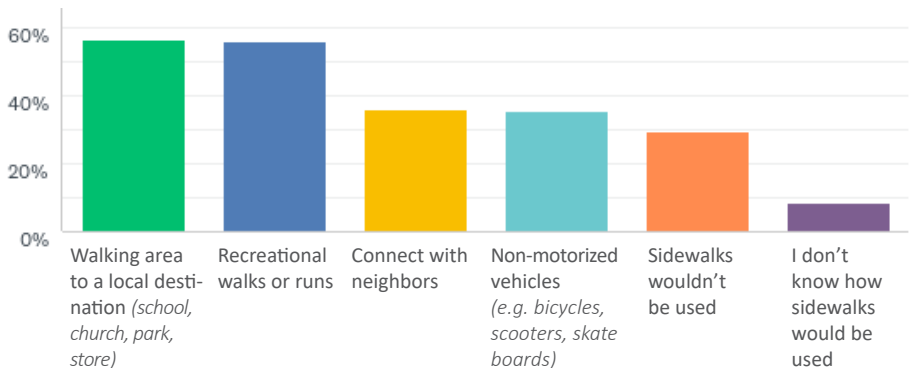


How important to you are the following community characteristics?

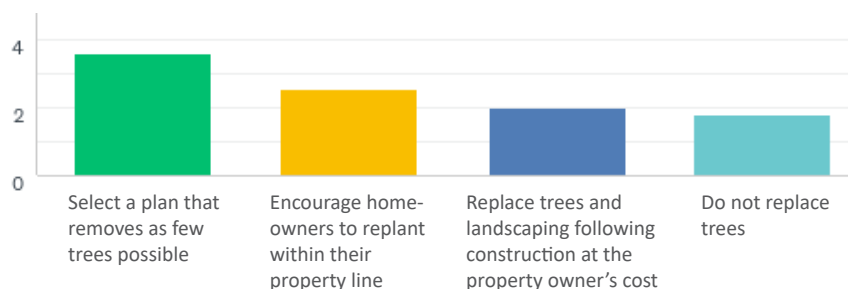


How do you think sidewalks would be used in your neighborhood?

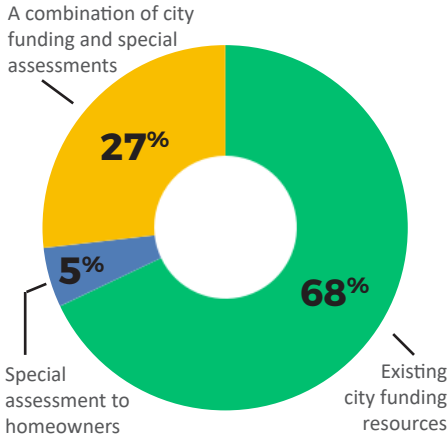
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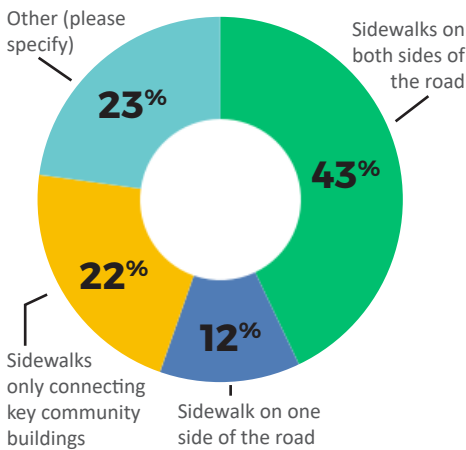
How should the city handle existing trees or landscaping, within the public right-of-way? Ranked from highest priority (1) to lowest (4)



If approved, where do you think funding for new sidewalks should come from?



In general, what type of sidewalk or path would you prefer in your neighborhood?



Sample of "Other" Responses

"I don't feel that sidewalks in my neighborhood are necessary. Both the motorized and foot traffic doesn't warrant either the financial cost or loss of trees and shrubbery."

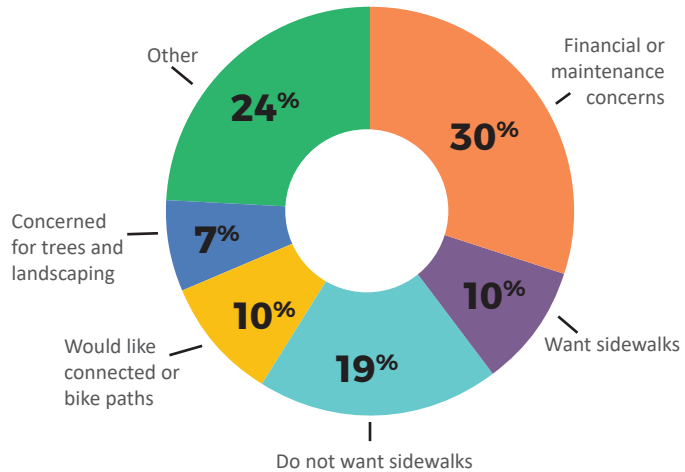
"Either plan that includes sidewalks on every street, NOT just connecting key buildings."

"NO sidewalk. Our development was not constructed with sidewalks in mind. Constructing sidewalks now would be too disruptive to existing trees / landscaping if placed at the property line, and if placed near the curb would be nearly impossible to maintain in winter due to street plowing. New sidewalks should not be installed in existing core neighborhoods."

"Combination of sidewalks on one or both sides depending on anticipated utilization."

"Prefer not to have them added"

The final question asked **"What ideas or suggestions do you have to connect the community?"** and received 189 responses. Below find a sample comment representing each of the distinct themes identified across the provided comments.



Want sidewalks

"As my wife is in a wheelchair and the road is so rough that she is afraid to drive on it, it would be nice if she could get out of the house for a little ride on a nice sidewalk or road. The way people drive on this street she is afraid to cross the street to get the mail."

Do not want sidewalks

"From the neighbors that I have talked with, we want storm sewers and new roads, but adding sidewalks would take away from what we love about our neighborhood. Also a speed drop to 15 mph, even with sidewalks would be appreciated. Thank you."

Financial or maintenance concern

"As a homeowner, I don't care to think about sidewalks being made on our streets. I like it the way it is currently, with our wide streets. Many families will be put out with the cost of the endeavor, and the upkeep in winter to sidewalks. We have many renters in our neighborhood. We also have an elderly parents, living with us with very real health issues, and the thought of not being able to take her on appointments and basic outing, during the course of possible road closures is if a great concern to me"

Concerned for trees and landscaping

"Not so sure the community isn't connected already? People live in the core neighborhood because of the mature trees and being in the "center" of the City. It would be better to put speed bumps/dips at intersections to control speeders on core streets than remove all of the mature trees in the area for sidewalks. Many homeowners in the core can't afford being assessed for new curbs, sidewalks and re-landscaping."

Would like connected or bike paths

"I like bike trails, would like to encourage the to city to establish a bike trail master plan to encompass areas within city limits and also outside city limits to access the state parks and along Splitrock Creek and Big Sioux River"

Other

"More organized physical activities, like group walks, outdoor yoga, etc. Foster a healthy community."



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In general, what type of sidewalk or path would you prefer in your neighborhood?

Comments recorded in the "Other" response option. Comments appear as written, no edits for language, grammar or spelling have been made. Responses may contain language or sentiments some may find offensive.

1. Although I appreciate sidewalks, I am not interested in having them in this part of town. We have wide streets with plenty of room for both cars and pedestrians. I walk/run on these streets regularly and never have a problem with traffic. I see kids on the streets regularly too. It's important to teach kids to be mindful of cars and for cars to be mindful of kids. If it passes, I would prefer as few sidewalks as possible. I just believe there are more pressing issues for our city dollars to be spent on.
2. Bad move, my neighbors agree with me.
3. Can we vote on this?
4. Combination of sidewalks on one or both sides depending on anticipated utilization
5. Crazy idea! Who dreamed this one up? The new mayor?
6. curb side walks
7. Do not put sidewalks onto properties that have not had them.
8. Don't need sidewalks
9. Don't need sidewalks. No one uses them. No kids in neighborhood. Would be if you mowed it like I have for the last 30+ years. Maybe rack the rocks out. Pay taxes on it.
10. Don't need them.
11. Don't want
12. Either plan that includes sidewalks on every street, NOT just connecting key buildings.
13. Financial concerns, we just can't do this!
14. Fixed income, I cannot pay for this!
15. Government stepping on the little people!
16. I cannot afford to pay for the sidewalks
17. I cannot pay for this!
18. I d not live in Brandon
19. I do not have the funds to pay for this!
20. I do not want sidewalks it would be a waste of money
21. I don't want them. My husband is dead and I am not able to shovel.
22. I don't feel that sidewalks in my neighborhood are necessary. Both the motorized and foot traffic doesn't warrant either the financial cost or loss of trees and shrubbery.
23. I like walking paths if I am going to walk for recreation. The current paths work just fine. I have never walked residential sidewalks because over time they have and become uneven.
24. I prefer NO sidewalks in my neighborhood! I have large trees that would be affected. I also live on a corner and do not want to shovel!!
25. I think our road is so rarely traveled that the road is fine and another construction project is not needed. Foot traffic is not common near us.
26. I think the neighborhood has too much growth and landscaping and sprinkler systems already existing where sidewalks would be placed. Perhaps enforcing the time vehicles are parked on the streets would be useful.
27. I used to live in the subject neighborhood and I really don't see how adding sidewalks would overall benefit when the roads need to be redone first that is essential for kids on bikes and everyone else.
28. I would vote for no sidewalks at this time
29. If it is a wide sidewalk then just one...otherwise both sides.
30. Illegal alien took my job, you pay for this shit!
31. Leave it alone
32. Leave my property alone!
33. Leave us alone!
34. Most of neighborhood on cedar that I am on there isn't enough room for sure walks and I never see any one walking by my house I have lived here for 40 years never had issues
35. My mother is sick.
36. My neighbor vandalized my property, sidewalks would make it too easy for him to do it again.
37. My wife and I are living on a fixed income.
38. Nay to Sidewalks!
39. No
40. No sidewalk
41. No sidewalk
42. No sidewalk, no money to pay for it!
43. NO sidewalk. Our development was not constructed with sidewalks in mind. Constructing sidewalks now would be too disruptive to existing trees / landscaping if placed at the property line, and if placed near the curb would be nearly impossible to maintain in winter due to street plowing. New sidewalks should not be installed in existing core neighborhoods.
44. No sidewalks
45. No sidewalks
46. No sidewalks
47. No Sidewalks
48. No sidewalks
49. No Sidewalks
50. No sidewalks
51. No sidewalks
52. No sidewalks at all
53. No sidewalks or paths are needed here.
54. NO SIDEWALKS PLEASE DUE TO NO FRONTAGE ON YARDS
55. No to sidewalks here.
56. None
57. None
58. None
59. None needed!
60. None! The runners don't utilize the sidewalks!! If the city would plow the snow at a decent time kids can walk the streets snow free. I'd recommend snowplowing before school start before implementing sidewalks.
61. None, leave our area alone
62. None.
63. None. Bought for that reason. Would sell if the city decided to change my property.
64. None. Keep it how it is. Trees, landscaping, and yards would be lost. We don't need side walks. Keep this part of town how it always has been.
65. None. Past week 2 people walked past house on way to school
66. None. We don't need or want sidewalks.
67. Not designed for sidewalks here.
68. Not enough traffic for side walks to be utilized.
69. Not needed
70. Ones I dont have to pay for or maintain
71. Our area is supposed to be grandfathered in to not have sidewalks. After being used to not having sidewalks none of the kids are going to want to use them. They are used to freedom and all of them know how to watch for cars better than any kid that does have sidewalks.
72. Please no sidewalks!
73. Prefer not to have them added
74. Sidewalk connecting upper brandon to lower brandon so our kids dont walk on the highway or gravel road
75. Sidewalks are not needed.
76. Sidewalks aren't needed, but new roads are. If sidewalks are added it will reduce yard sizes, which is the main positive in the area.
77. sidewalks not needed
78. Sidewalks on S 3rd Ave would cause an extreme amount of inconvenience to my neighbors and I. Trees would have to be removed as well as a permanent fence and cement Pillars for one driveway. I wouldnt like to see the lawsuit over who pays for that one. I'm not opposed to sidewalks, as I understand their safety benefits but where I live the streets are wide enough for everyone to use the road. I also foresee more MVCs with the narrowing of the road. Just my two cents.
79. Sidewalks that allow space for school buses

80. Sidewalks that are wide enough for two people to walk side-by-side. It would be just fine to have sidewalks on only one side of the road. Please make them permeable concrete, or in some other way allow moisture to soak in, instead of running off into the storm system. There is nowhere else for free text on this survey, so adding a bit more unrelated to sidewalks. You cannot leave replanting of landscaping up to the homeowners as it will not have a unified appeal, nor will everyone replant. In addition, I would suggest you focus on sustainable plantings that require no additional watering or maintenance. Native plantings are best. Done right, plantings can have a cooling effect on the concrete jungle.
81. Sidewalks wide enough to accommodate walkers and bicycles
82. Sidewalks will cause me to cut back on my groceries.
83. Streets have been very safe for walking all these years, school children do not use our street, drivers & walkers are aware of each other. Changing our roads in this established district would be too disruptive and destructive.
84. The winter will be a real problem as I am disabled.
85. Unnecessary
86. We do not need sidewalks in the neighborhood
87. We don't need sidewalks
88. We live in the country
89. We love not having sidewalks
90. We prefer no sidewalk.
91. We want no sidewalks please, we can't pay for it!!
92. We will be losing the our trees that have been here for more than 60 years and also all of the utility boxes are on our side of the street. We have already paid for one sidewalk on our side of the street already. WE ALSO WERE NEVER INCLUDED ON THIS ORIGINAL CORE PLAN. WE JUST NEED DOGWOOD STREET REPAIRED . ITS FULL OF POTHOLES
93. Who will pay for this?
94. Why do I need a sidewalk? Will you pay for it?
95. Would prefer not having any sidewalks
96. You have got to be kidding me! We cannot pay for this!
97. You will destroy all my hard work!
98. ZERO SIDEWALKS!

What ideas or suggestions do you have to connect the community?

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1. 6th street needs sidewalks for the kids walking to the middle school especially! The road gets so busy in the morning.
2. A network of sidewalks throughout the city to better connect to existing sidewalks/bike paths and create a safer environment for pedestrians.
3. Add garbage areas along the sidewalks
4. Already connected by walking in the street and by driving cars.
5. An aquatic center and a recreation center would probably be more useful than sidewalks we've lived without all this time.
6. Angry, I have live here for 41 years and now you pull this?? I cannot shovel snow! I am missing my left leg!!
7. As a homeowner, I don't care to think about sidewalks being made on our streets. I like it the way it is currently, with our wide streets. Many families will be put out with the cost of the endeavor, and the upkeep in winter to sidewalks. We have many renters in our neighborhood. We also have an elderly parents, living with us with very real health issues, and the thought of not being able to take her on appointments and basic outing, during the course of possible road closures is if a great concern to me
8. As long as homeowners are not charged for this cost it would be nice to have sidewalk to schools.
9. As my wife is in a wheelchair and the road is so rough that she is afraid to drive on it, it would be nice if she could get out of the house for a little ride on a nice sidewalk or road. The way people drive on this street she is afraid to cross the street to get the mail.
10. Assessment?? You mean forcing the homeowner to pay for something they do not want and cannot afford?? I want this put to a vote!
11. Bike path
12. Bike path extended through disparate parts of Brandon community outside of existing area.
13. Bike paths, community social events.
14. Bike paths, make streets one way with a lane for pedestrians. I like the neighborhood without sidewalks. I do not want an assessment on property tax as I am already being billed more on the utility bill. Please do not make Brandon an unaffordable place to live.
15. Bike trail extended around town, not just the state park
16. Bike trails and running trails. Connect to siouxnfalls
17. Block parties! Schedule for the city and provide traffic control (baracades) for areas that want to participate
18. Block parties; community social media groups
19. Build a community center. We don't need sidewalks around here
20. Community clean up day,
21. Community events, like pancake breakfasts. Bring back the car show.
22. Connect the community? My mother has shingles because she has to worry about how she is going to pay for your damn sidewalks! She an old lady, how you could you do this to her! You are going to steal her property by using right of way? You must be for Trump!
23. Connect the community? Streets are fine, sidewalks are not needed.
24. Connect? Really? My neighbor is crazy, why would I want to connect with her? Bad neighbors all around me! There is no community on my street!
25. Connection from the east and west side of town to the core. It is silly that there is not a path from the one side of town to the other. Politicians will say that it costs too much. Most other people will be likely to say that the costs of inaction are higher.
26. Do not change what is in place. You cannot replace mature trees in our lifetime. It would be the last straw for staying in brandon. There are very few things keeping us here now. To mandate such changes would put me far past the edge and solidify my feelings for the city government.
27. Do not force sidewalks on homeowners who have never had them. They are expensive to build, costly to keep clear of ice and snow and will be expensive to repair and maintain over the years.
28. Do not force sidewalks on us! Not having sidewalks has brought many of us together as neighbors. Adults & kids walk/ride bike in the street and meet others doing the same.
29. Do only the roads.
30. East Brandon (Chestnut/Sunrise Park) need a safer way to ride their bikes into the main city/pool. Right now they either have to ride on the side of E Aspen which is high speeds, large hills & narrow shoulders or down E Redwood Blvd (which is supposed to be 30mph but we have so many people going 50mph+). This should be more of priority then updated these preexisting neighborhoods because East Brandon is growing the most.
31. Encourage a neighborhood association and people to use the Next Door app. So many families could benefit from asking their neighbors in times of hardship, but are generally taught not too. I live in Riverside and visit Brandon often enough. We also don't have sidewalks in areas. The street widths must be protected, it's not all about cars.
32. Financial concerns, we just can't do this!
33. Fine as is
34. Fix the roads first in this area before discussing putting in sidewalks!! Also I live on a corner and I would lose all my front and side trees if this happens.
35. Fix the streets
36. Fix the water issues. Hire a capable city engineer and planner. Build a community center.
37. From the neighbors that I have talked with, we want storm sewers and new roads, but adding sidewalks would take away from what we love about our neighborhood. Also a speed drop to 15 mph, even with sidewalks would be appreciated. Thank you.
38. Getting out of house . Eliminate technology in the city.
39. Have a city hall meeting held every first Monday night to discuss city concerns. Have more fun city outings for the community to involve everyone not just children or people with children but young adults as well.
40. Have discussed this sidewalk issue in the past. Removing 100's of trees and putting in sidewalks that are rarely used makes little sense. The roads and the utilities need to be fixed but ripping out trees for sidewalks that don't get used much does not make sense. Plus more accidents have happened in areas where there are sidewalks than in the last 25 years in the core area.
41. Have enjoyed using the sidewalk along Splitrock. Walk often to HS events and library.
42. Have special events in the local parks to Target specific neighborhoods so they can get to know each other
43. Homes in these areas are bought with the knowledge that their is no sidewalk. As this was not a requirement when the homes were built they should be "grandfathered" in in a way. If the city desires to add sidewalks to this area the funding should come from city resources. Additionally, people who do not live in this area should not be able to advocate for property owners to foot the bill on this project.
44. How about leave the taxpayers alone? Fix the bad streets around here and forget about sidewalks!
45. I am a mom of 3 kids 5 years old and younger. We would love to have sidewalks, right now the only place I let them ride bikes is in the driveway. However, if sidewalks are an amenity that we would have to pay for, I know we cannot afford it. We are on a really tight budget; we receive assistance from Medicaid, SNAP, and WIC. Learning that sidewalks are something that we might have to pay for makes me nervous...
46. I am a single mother and cannot pay for sidewalks. I work two jobs and still struggle! This is South Dakota, no one makes good money here!

47. I am not sure what u are asking
48. I caught a stranger walking her big dog through my yard, she trespassed and defended her trespassing! Sidewalks would make it too easy for arguments and violence to happen, the husband came by and tried to goad me onto the street, I assume to fight me? You want violence, your sidewalk plan will do it! No one in this town respects private property at least not here in the core area. I called the police and they blamed me for the problem! I will defend my property!
49. I don't live in this area but walk through it all the time on the way to the Library, Aspen Park and Big Sioux State Park. Sidewalks make our community look more welcoming, in addition to adding safety. Very important to have sidewalks on both sides of the street. Thanks for doing this project.
50. i dont think sidewalks would be really beneficial, walking along the side of the street has worked just fine for me the past 20+ years
51. I dont want a sidewalk on my side of the street. No need!
52. I feel curb to sidewalks with no blvd. City pays for it because we maintain it. I need more statistics: Example Car flow or traffic flow. Incidents in safety how many accidents happen in project area. How many people have kids in area. With having two schools in project area have the school district pay for sidewalks
53. I feel sidewalks will drive people like me from my home. I can't pay for, care for or need them.
54. I feel the community is already connected.
55. I fled the communist state of California for more government oppression? I can't pay for sidewalks, driveway, new trees, or landscaping! It took everything I saved just to buy the house! I am broke.
56. I fought for freedom and now your socialist nightmare will ruin me financially!
57. I have cancer and need to pay for my chemo, I have no savings left and can't pay for sidewalks!
58. I honestly feel that I can unity is connected enough without adding additional sidewalks. Record Brandon has been fine without sidewalks for many years and I feel like this would be extremely expensive and a lot of maintenance for homeowners.
59. I left Sioux Falls for due to bad government and bad police, looks like Brandon should be called "East Sioux Falls" as we had no voice there either!
60. I like bike trails, would like to encourage the to city to establish a bike trail master plan to encompass areas within city limits and also outside city limits to access the state parks and along Splitrock Creek and Big Sioux River
61. I live on aspen, we already have a sidewalk on one side of the road. I do not want a sidewalk on my side of the road and absolutely do not want to pay for it. I am elderly and so are a lot of my neighbors. I cannot afford to pay for a sidewalk and I am physical unable to shovel or maintain it.
62. I love the idea of a median between the driving lanes especially on 5th since it connects to the elementary, middle school and church! Keep the trees! More light posts
63. I realize that my address is just barely outside of the project line. My wife and I walk these areas every day 3 times a day. Being in a wheelchair the sidewalks are very much a struggle to walk or ride. The potholes and broken cement is dangerous for walking or riding. Thankyou. It would be great to have core areas accessible. We have one question.....on Holly the signs say no motor vehicles allowed. My wheelchair is a motor one. Just a few tips.....wide width sidewalks. The access from one curb to another has to grade it better so we don't bottom out. Police has had to come and help us get free of the ramp because we got hung up where the wheelchair has hit and wheels were not hitting the ground.
64. I really do not know how I can pay for this if you stick it to the homeowner. I have called Brandon my home for close to fifty years, raised kids, but now you are forcing me to choose leaving the city or go without if you make me pay for a sidewalk and new driveway!
65. I think that sidewalks would attrach younger families to this area of Brandon. This close to a elementary school the neighborhood should be full of kids and it is not because of the lack of save connections.
66. I think until Country club can connect to splitrock there should be cones along the side of the road that pedestrians can walk between the ditch and drivers. I noticed this was helpful this summer on the bridge where that pipe is by the golf course.
67. I understand that improvements need to be made but a lot of residents in this area can't afford to pay for new sidewalks, landscaping, etc... I think city funding should be used as much as possible. Thank you.
68. I understand the idea of sidewalks. However, there haven't been sidewalks in this part of town ever. I've lived here for 31 years and haven't ever felt sidewalks were needed in this area. I don't want to see trees cut down. The established trees are one of the things that makes this part of town so great! If it was something to vote on, I'd vote no as of now. Obviously it's early in the planning, but I want to know more! I want to learn about all the options!
69. I used to be proud to live in Brandon, but I do not feel this way now. No respect for senior citizens on fixed incomes!
70. I work and have no time to "connect."
71. I would leave the area as it is. It give you the smaller town feel.
72. I would like to see statistics that having sidewalks actually helps people have better relationships with their neighbors. The best way to connect is for people to have a genuine desire to know and serve their neighbors. A sidewalk, unfortunately, will create that desire.
73. I'd love to see a park in the Dogwood, Lakota area that is accessible during the school year.
74. If the city wants this then it is appropriate they pay for this. To ask the elderly to come up with money for this is immoral.
75. If the city wants to put sidewalks in, the money should come from the general fund and should remove as few trees as possible. As a homeowner, we shouldn't be taxed any more than we are and we shouldn't have to pay to replace trees that were paid for by us or previous homeowners
76. Instead of full responsibility of city or home owner, could it be more 50/50 cost of replacing trees?
77. It is connected. Sidewalks are going to do anything in terms of collecting people.
78. It is not right to charge the home owner the taxes are high, utilities are very high alot of the people can't make it now days things are going up and the pay isn't. You can not make the people that live here pay for something they can't afford there is no communication if i didn't see this other won't either. The city let's so many people in here it horrible. When is enough the city is getting worse crime drugs i have lived here for 40 years and it's gone down hill bad STOP please why does the city want to ruin this town. The people that have been living here for every don t like it and the good people of this community will leave. Ask your self why. I moved here to get away from the big city life. Noe this town is horrible. Some people from other counties moving here making our town dirty. Throwing trash so on Please think about what i said people can't afford sidewalks do forth there is no room
79. It will be extremely unfair to require one side of the street to lose property and money and not the other. It will be extremely unfair for only 1/2 of a streets residents to have 14 feet of their property ripped up while people across the street have nothing changed. It will be extremely unfair to charge people that can only afford to live in old Brandon to pay for any of this. There is a reason we live in old anything. The train coming right behind houses is bad enough. Now this. Repair- Don't change!
80. It'll be great to have better streets but we don't need sidewalks! Please finish one section first before tearing up another.
81. Just cannot pay for this, I am having problems paying for my heart medication the way it is.

82. Just improve our street so we can drive and bike in it smoothly.
83. Keep our parks safe and clean
84. Keep streets within neighborhoods clean
85. leave it the hell alone and do nothing getting tired of the city of Brandon taking my money for stupid shit and this is stupid here's an idea fix our roads
86. Leave our area free of sidewalks. There are a lot of older couples in this area. We cannot afford to put sidewalks in, nor do we want them. This project is just going to force us to move out of Brandon. But then I doubt you care since most of the town is supposed to be very wealthy.
87. Leave the core Allan that is why we like this area!
88. Leave the roads the way they are.
89. Leave us out of this, We cannot afford health insurance and you want my family to pay for this when we cannot even see the doctor??
90. Leave. us. ALONE
91. Main walkway/bike trail throughout the town connecting the whole city. I do not have sidewalks in my area of town. If we did, I would be upset to have them put in and I have to pay for all of the landscaping and trees as an owner. The sidewalk would also be extremely close to the front of my house.
92. Many of us do not want this, cannot afford this, and are very angry with the city! This will cause problems with strangers walking their dogs and using my front yard as a bathroom! They do not respect private property.
93. More Bike paths and parks
94. More city wide events
95. More community events
96. More connected multi use trails
97. More organized physical activities, like group walks, outdoor yoga, etc. Foster a healthy community.
98. More social media
99. My Mom and Dad cannot afford this. My Dad has cancer and the drugs are very expensive, I am trying to help them out, but I do not make good money here in South Dakota, who does??
100. My street is only 4 blocks long. People only need to go that distance or less to get to a sidewalk that is 6' wide
101. My wife and I have lived here for 32 years, never dreamed Brandon would do this to us. There is no money in my budget for this.
102. No side walks in our area. When house was bought 30+ years ago was told no side walk ever.
103. No sidewalks
104. No Sidewalks
105. No sidewalks
106. No sidewalks
107. No sidewalks, it will cause problems with bad neighbors, real problems that the police will probably need to be called.
108. No sidewalks.
109. Not important to me
110. Not sure the community isn't connected already? People live in the core neighborhood because of the mature trees and being in the "center" of the City. It would be better to put speed bumps/dips at intersections to control speeders on core streets than remove all of the mature trees in the area for sidewalks. Many homeowners in the core can't afford being assessed for new curbs, sidewalks and re-landscaping.
111. Not sure what you are asking, but I do not believe putting sidewalk in the oldest part of town will "connect the community"
112. Offer more community functions..ie. celebration separate from the loyalty day..during the summer like a chisic feed or something unique to Brandon followed with a street dance in the evening .
113. One sidewalk would be satisfactory for each side of the street but I do believe it is necessary for kids to get to school or for a family walking at night with the family the streets are wide so that helps but if the funds are there I think they should be added. As for the trees I think there needs to be trees kept in the area for sure some would have to come out of the side walks are done but it's give and take If I had to take a tree out for a side walk I would
114. Our Street was not designed for sidewalk. Hasn't been an issue as far as I know. I hope that we can get by without a sidewalk.
115. overlay the streets first, in the avenue areas 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, etc south, east of main street. they are really bad shape. why spend money on new when the other areas are not being taken care of and should be done first.
116. Parks and public buildings should have as many ways to access as possible for foot and bicycle so people can avoid using cars to get to them.
117. Pedestrian crossings need buttons and lights at all 4 corners of the intersection. Sloux blvd needs to be widened in front of Robert Bennis Elementary.
118. People rarely use sidewalks anyway.. they walk/run on streets instead.
119. Perhaps create a walking "loop" around the neighborhood. Create bike lanes on the busier roads that has narrow sidewalks. If new trees/plants are planted only use strong durable plants that is low on maintenance and won't require watering once roots are established. Keep as much shade trees as possible.
120. Post and lower speed limits enforce it.
121. Put a side walk going out to the golf course and housing developments out there
122. Putting sidewalks in the area would detract from the neighborhood. The streets are drainage are an issue but lack of sidewalks is not. It creates an unnecessary additional expenses if included. Whether it were to be paid by the city or homeowners is irrelevant.
123. Redo the roads in the subject neighborhood and I meet with all my neighbors in our yards sidewalks should only be in new developments.
124. Remain professional and fair, and continue with forward thinking. It seems as though we are just doing enough to keep up with the trends, rather than paving the way for the future of Brandon.
125. Removal of the trees in these neighborhoods would greatly decrease the value of these homes and cause homeowners additional costs that they may not be able to afford.
126. Repair streets and sewer lines as needed and leave the core area without sidewalks due to present landscaping and established trees.
127. Require sidewalks in all areas when infrastructure improvements are taking place.
128. Safer pedestrian connections between neighborhoods. I live in Stone Ridge Estates and crossing Redwood Blvd to leave our neighborhood is dangerous because you have to cross a truck route at a hill and curve.
129. See above...linking our east and west with safe walking space...guardrails etc.
130. Sell the golf course, use that money for much needed improvements to the heart of Brandon. Install 20 MPH limits to any side street. Make sure any new developments have Storm drains. Clean all the roads in the winter to the asphalt to decrease freezing and thawing deteriorating to our streets. Other than that, carry on.
131. Send meeting notifications out earlier than the DAY BEFORE a meeting. (less than 24 hours before). Did you JUST decide that tomorrow (Thursday) is a good day for input? This is a great way to minimize public input. Why is there no option for NO sidewalks? NO sidewalks is an option, but it's very difficult in this survey to convey that.
132. Side walk not a option in my neighborhood
133. Sidewalk but DO NOT REMOVE my tree
134. Sidewalks are not needed in a lot of neighborhoods in town. Lack of traffic in most of these neighborhoods makes sidewalks too big of a cost for the benefit of them
135. Sidewalks are not the answer. Improving roads in the core would accomplish would have a similar effect of better connecting the community.
136. Sidewalks beyond just the core area so all city residents can connect and better access schools, parks, the pool, and library, as well as provide greater safety for our kids

137. Sidewalks encourage safety and create a friendly environment. We must consider the whole community benefit of sidewalks and not just the individual property owner. Thank you.
138. Sidewalks have never been in this area. People are used to this. I do not think they are needed now. The roads need updating more than we need sidewalks.
139. Sidewalks will cause me to cut back on my groceries. I am retired and can not do this! Please! Please! I have already put my car up for sale, I cannot pay for sidewalks.
140. Sidewalks would be a waste of money, very few walkers in our area
141. Sidewalks, smooth roads, add turning Lanes in high traffic areas
142. Sideways, I live on North Needles Dr. and we do not have them. It makes kids unsafe having to share the road with young and/or careless drivers
143. Start resurfacing the streets in this area instead of out West or other big "money" areas. Also rein in the apartment developers while we have a water shortage. Be fiscally responsible for once.
144. Stop building schools so far away, your losing the community
145. Street dance
146. Study each street separately of side of street
147. Survey traffic and pedestrian patterns. I don't believe that ALL the streets need sidewalks, just those that are leading directly to schools, businesses, etc. I think that only main pedestrian paths need sidewalks and that there are better uses of funding than for sidewalks throughout "old Brandon". If sidewalks were that important to me, I would have bought a house in a different neighborhood. I have kids that walk to and from Brandon Elementary and I'm not terribly concerned about them having sidewalk access their whole route. As a homeowner, I would not be pleased if I were not only forced to pay for sidewalks to be put in front of my house, but to also have to maintain them. One of the perks of living in this area of town is not having to shovel sidewalks.
148. The area without sidewalks are better because they don't have to shovel or maintain. Even where there are sidewalks people walk in the street. You will lose too many established trees. Wait until a tornado rips through the area then replant adding sidewalks.
149. The biggest area I would like improvement with is a way to connect east side Brandon to the main part of town. A bike/walk trail across the bridge! So much safer.
150. The city is already connected. The residential streets in my neighborhood are used regularly by walkers, runners, bicyclists etc. There is little car traffic, making sidewalks unnecessary. The city residents are not asking for this so any cost should be borne by the city alone, not the homeowners who are not asking for sidewalks. And you better not cut down my trees! We chose to live in this part of town in large part due to the mature trees, not a newer development that is bare.
151. The city isn't so crowded that owners should have extra expenses. There seems to be hardly any problems in town where bikers and pedestrians are treated unsafely or are disrespected. No sidewalks are needed in long standing communities!! Try enforcing helmet laws like 95% of the rest of America is safety is an issue.
152. The community (some) doesn't utilize sidewalks where sidewalks are present when going for their morning run. I'd recommend fixing streets before spending money on adding sidewalks. The streets received a bandaid and suck!! They are in need of repair
153. The community is connected. I have lived in my house since 1991 - Kids don't walk to school. Sidewalks are not needed in this part of town. The majority of the home owners are elderly. This would be a burden on them. The rental houses in the neighborhood sometimes have children but they aren't there for long. The younger generation don't want to live in the core area - they want bigger and better. Leave it as it is - give us driveable street without sidewalks.
154. The connection is fine, no changes are needed here. We are all busy working to pay the high property taxes and avoiding the pot holes you refuse to repair!
155. The lack of sidewalks doesn't prevent the community from connecting with each other
156. The plans look great so far,
157. The poor are always abused by government.
158. The winter will be a real problem as I am disabled. My neighbor likes to put dog poop in my yard, a sidewalk will give him another place to put it and I am unable to bend over without assistance.
159. There are other more important infrastructure needs than this. I am very against this.
160. There is no community in my neighborhood, they refuse to rake their yards! Neighbors? Community?? What planet do you people in city government live on?
161. Trails connecting all areas of Brandon - bluffs to golf course
162. Unrelated to this question - If the city decides to redo the right of way, then the city should come up with funding to do so. Brandon is already an expensive place to live. We shouldn't be adding other costs to the residents.
163. Upgrade infrastructure. Return r.o.w. to previous state. Sidewalks necessary only on roads with high traffic rates.
164. Use these funds for smarter investment
165. Walking paths are essential if we want neighborhoods to feel like neighborhoods. The pedestrian space that can be created will only improve quality of life in Brandon.
166. We are already living paycheck to paycheck, this will kill us!
167. We are both 75 years old, we just can't pay for this.
168. We are old school. We grew up with no sidewalks and our lives were just fine. Drivers in general were more courteous to slow down and avoid people on the streets. We should be enforcing slower speeds in our neighborhoods and reminding drivers people on the roads have the right of way. What happened to accountability? People walk by our home often. We meet by the curb or in the yard and have friendly conversations and still stay connected. Having sidewalks won't change that. And, when parades or other community activities go on, people seem to enjoy throwing down a blanket and chairs and congregating in the yard. We live in an older neighbor. We have distinct characteristics. Let's be happy and content with our uniqueness. We struggle with the possibility of losing so much yard in the front of our house, regardless of the city right of way. We appreciate more privacy.
169. We can drive our cars, sidewalks not needed, I hate my neighbors!
170. We cannot pay for your plans! We are trying to pay our medical bills! We need the fix the car, things are very bad for us!
171. We connect just fine with our community; we don't need sidewalks for older property, just new.
172. We do not have the funds to pay for this.
173. We do not need to do anything else to connect our community. Don't mess with what we have--this is why we moved to the Core 2 years ago. Sidewalk construction will kill at least half of the old trees in our neighborhood, including our 1970 maples.
174. We don't need sidewalks
175. We have always connected with our neighbors (20 plus years). Sidewalks do not connect a community.
176. We have existed without sidewalks for years. We do not need them.
177. We need a streetlight on Aspen by the new post office. We need it badly.
178. We need bike path connectivity to Sioux Falls
179. We need sidewalks in main part of town
180. we pay enough in taxes and water already!!! DO NOT need to add more expenses!!!!

181. We really don't want sidewalks if, this is all this meeting and survey are about. We have underground sprinklers and a sixty year old tree we don't want disturbed. Our houses are set so far apart side walks don't even make sense. I feel our community is connected already and we have walkers, runners, bicycles on the block with no issues. We need the roads fixed that have deteriorated with no attention other than pothole repair for years. What we could use is more stop and yield signs to prevent speeders going from one side of town to the other. Those who live on our block don't speed down the block. People who live on our block are mindful of pedestrians, bicycles and kids as we've never had sidewalks.
182. We simply have no money for this plan.
183. Well if it's 14ft you need to make part of my house payment cause your in it. Plus there is sidewalk already on the west side of Cardinal, these house should be grandfather in
184. Well just my opinion, the places that have sidewalks they don't use them anyway walking in groups in the street so why bother, and it's not just kids it's adults walking in the dark in the mornings. We don't need sidewalks. Plus some can not afford this or have the means for snow removal.
185. What is meant by "special" assessments? More reasonable?
186. Whatever the answer is to this painfully unanswerable question, sidewalks definitely aren't it. This was not a particularly good survey. It gave very few options other than ones that make it look like the survey writer was trying to skew answers a particular way. It also served as a not so gentle reminder that hey, we can do what we want (question #6), which may be true, but gives off bad optics.
187. Who idea was this anyway?
188. Who wrote these stupid questions? I am out of work and cannot pay for this!
189. Would be amazing to have safe walking and bike trails from east of golf course to schools. Too many young kids walking and riding bike by golf course and it's not safe. Safe routes to school grant to awesome!!