

**Shasta Living Streets** produced Open Street events on **Park Marina Drive**, in 2011, 2012, 2013.

Compiled here are hundreds of comments from residents and visitors collected by *Shasta Living Streets* and volunteers at the open street events - in 2011 & 2012.

Adults and children took time to stop and write their thoughtful responses to our question:

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I want to be able to bike safely to Costco, Target, etc - currently no bike lanes in shopping area.

*For my family and myself, to enjoy outdoors in our community. So I don't have to worry about my kids when they bike on their own.*

It is one of my favorite things to do with my family. More areas in Shasta Lake.

**I'm concerned about getting hit by a car**

It's essential to mental & physical health

I love nature and love feeling safe!

It is good for the community

*It can be dangerous to ride, and I want to be more environmentally conscious and ride my bike.*

**It is fun to ride, good exercise, & we use less gas. Also, you see more!**

**I have four children!**

To enjoy with my children, so they can pass on the beauty of the forest.

We need places to enjoy the outdoors.

**It is my main source of transportation**

Safety is a priority.

I live in Yuba City. We only have one bike trail. So up here in the Shasta area, we would like to have places to bike!

I enjoy the outdoors

*I am afraid of traffic*

**Walking is good for my health, as is biking and the more places I have to do these activities safely the happier and healthier I am.**

I love outdoors and spending time outside

It's healthy and fun!

I enjoy being outdoors and using the trails

*Why not - people get hit by cars and killed*

Safety is essential

I don't want to get hurt



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*Safer to ride my bike to work*

My life is important. I want to live longer, healthier.

**We need places without traffic**

My family loves exploring nature's beauty!

We have some wonderful places here. We need to keep them up.

My kids and I enjoy it.

Health and safety

*I love to take the kids out, but it's not very easy*

**The safety issue led me to stop biking to work**

**I have kids and want them to be safe.**

I like to exercise outdoors with my children

It is an important part of my health and exercise.

*Places to ride and walk and we will feel safe.*

It allows you to enjoy the great outdoors as it was meant to be.

It's cheap and healthy!

**I want to grow strong and healthy. (Age 9)**

It brings me peace and health of mind, body, and soul.

Good exercise.

**I enjoy the outdoors more than a gym.**

I have a stressful job (don't we all) and it's important to have places that are safe to recreate in – more dog friendly as well

*I want to live a long, healthy life!*

It's safe; helps sustain the environment, and good for our health.

Cars are too big.

I enjoy nature.

*I have a 7 year old.*

I love nature.

Nobody gets hurt.



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**Streets in town are too busy.**

I don't have a car – I love biking.

I love to walk and ride my bike with my 6 year old.

It is comforting in a busy world.

**Safer places to ride - encourages me to ride more.**

*It's healthy for me and greener.*

Absolutely, it's just a more pleasant experience everyday!

I walk daily.

*I enjoy being outdoors - I am director of a walking program at River Oaks Retirement Community.*

I grew up here and love it. I want to raise my children here and if it stays as beautiful as it is now – they will too.

I want to have fun without worrying about being safe.

Bad drivers

**I'm worth it (heart)**

*I like to ride my bike safely.*

My children like to hike and explore – and they need to be safe in our community.

**It is fun and will be nice to have a variety of places.**

I treasure the beauty.

*I enjoy the outdoors.*

I have grandkids.

They are also more disabled friendly - so I can ride my bike, while my husband rides with me in his wheelchair.

I need to walk more.

**I don't like cars and want to be away from them.**

*I want to be in nature.*

I have a daughter and I want to teach her to love exercise and appreciate the outdoors.

I would like to bike commute without fear of being hit by a car.



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**It would be good for the city and people who bike. Redding has a large number of people of all ages who bike and when visitors look at the city with lots of families out and about on bikes, it is good 'publicity'.**

*To explore the beauty of Redding.*

I can't ride to work.

I like to use the outdoors for exercise.

It's great exercise.

**It is fun.**

*I want to be able to ride around town and commute.*

I don't want to get killed. I want to get healthy in a safe manner.

**I have two small children that I would like to do family rides with. Thank you!**

Because it is fun, social and Healthy. (Longboards too!)

I ride my bike everywhere - I don't want to get hurt doing what I love.

*I ride my bike everyday.*

To get more people to ride.

We love to bike.

For my kids and I to enjoy.

It's healthier for us and our environment.

*It's a healthy way to get around the area.*

**When I have safer access to areas, I am more likely to get out in the community!**

Promotes health and uses less gas

**It is funner for kids.**

The outdoors are wonderful in this area.

*It's dangerous riding near to cars.*

I want safer and more inviting places for people to walk and ride for the safety of both the pedestrians as well as drivers

I love to bike!

**My family enjoys the outdoors and wants to be safer in traffic.**



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**I like to be outside – and so my kids are healthy.**

Biking is fun, and a sustainable and healthy alternative and it saves money.

It's better for the environment to bike and healthier.

*It's not cost effective to drive anymore, and with the rise in obesity, we need more exercise. Also, walking and riding feels good for the soul. :-)*

**I think this is important for families!! And a city in general. It improves life in the city.**

I want to get more exercise

It's good for my health and the environment.

I like to use other forms of transportation, and I would like to feel better about biking with my kids.

Safer places to ride my bike are becoming more few and far between.

*I walk a lot for fitness, and feel it is often unsafe due to speedy drivers.*

Yes – with a lot less traffic.

It makes it much more enjoyable and fun!

**I want to feel safe when riding.**

*I don't want to drive so much. I like to bike places with my kids.*

I would like to enjoy our city more, without the need to drive. I could ride my bike to work and enjoy the benefits of healthy exercise.

SAFETY – a car once tried to hit my bike and me.

*I think it will be good for business.*

It builds sustainable community, which maintains an inviting atmosphere for citizens and businesses.

*We live in a beautiful area and I want my family to enjoy it more.*

The streets and sidewalks of Redding are crazy!

**We have beautiful weather in Redding, beautiful landscape and they are both such fun ways to exercise.**

**I don't want to die.**



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*Riding bikes is fun!*

It's a great way to get around! Our family would like to spend less time in the car - we'd rather bike cause it feels great, is fun, and better for the environment. It needs to be safer for our kids.

*It's a great way to enjoy our beautiful world!*

Happy Easter!! :) Great Event!

Our town is in the top 10 cleanest air cities in the nation and I would like to preserve that. We have a beautiful outdoor recreational area to live in, and it should be kept that way.

**I want to ride my bike to the grocery store and do errands, and to see my friends and family and for fun and recreation. It's close and I would - but the roads are far too dangerous. I know far far too many people seriously injured or killed by cars while they were obeying the bicycle rules of the road.**

*It's better for people and the environment.*

I would love for my kids to be able to bike ride safely throughout the area! Too Dangerous from our house to get to any trails

Awesome idea!

Good for the environment and community.

*Keep the streets - make them safer*

Cool April Bikes very cool. Good start. Cool April Nites began with 200 cars.

*I like to feel safe when I ride*

Its good for Health & the environment! :)

This is great, keep on having more. Met a lot of great people.

**I'm tired of sharing the road with people in cars who don't pay attention to people riding their bicycles on the sidewalk or in the bike lanes**

Anywhere possible in the Greater Redding Area!!

**There aren't a lot of bike lanes and most of the roads are really narrow and dangerous.**

I want to teach my daughter she doesn't need a car and I want it to be as SAFE as possible

Great Event!



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We have an incredible beautiful area here but we view most of it through the windows of an automobile going in excess of 35 miles per hour. It is an entirely different experience when the wind is blowing through your hair, the air is sweet and pure, and the view is unobscured by metal and individual plants can be viewed. In addition, the exercise from walking and biking is invaluable.

I have a recumbent trike and don't like to ride in the streets, as I am hard to see

I don't like unsafe and uninviting places

**I'd like to take advantage of the mild winters and summer to bike to work!**

I enjoy the outdoors and would like to get out in a safer fashion. More trees and environment friendly place to walk/run and ride, please make this possible.

*I love to commute, shop, and exercise by bike.*

**I feel it is safer to be out doors and more fun and close to home rather than driving to a place like Whiskeytown.**

IT'S MY COMMUNITY! :)

*It's fun! I Like to bike. The End.*

This is a perfect place for it! We have so many days of great weather. There should be a network of paths so we can get around safely.

**It's healthier for everyone!**

It's a healthy way to commute and healthy for our earth.

Because most of Shasta county roads are 12 feet wide with no shoulder

*So I can get more exercise and get to where I want to go.*

**That's why we moved here. We love the outdoors and spending time with our family OUTSIDE!! This is so much fun. Keep it up!**

Fuel prices are rising. Bicycling and walking provide inexpensive modes of traveling from point A to B. Additionally, it is a healthy and fun activity :)!

**We live in a beautiful area and very convenient.**

I want a way to get places without driving a gas guzzling car or buying an expensive electric car.

**I'm a kid and I want to be able to ride a bike without traffic.**

**I LOVE TO RIDE BIKES**





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It will give children and adults the exercise they need and it will lower the risk of accidents

My husband bike-commutes from West Redding to Foothill High School and there are parts that aren't so bike-friendly. Makes me worry!

*I love to walk and bike for exercise and fun*

It is good for the environment, for my health and for exercise

This area is Beautiful and more people should get out and enjoy it then I could commute to and from work by bike.

**I want more friends and family riding their bikes. Healthy Choices improve our health, our family budgets, our community and out environment.**

*It would lead to a healthier and more active life for my family.*

It is good for me and good for our community.

**People drive too reckless, and I want to ride to school.**

**I love my bike, and better access means more people will ride with me!**

*A healthy community is a happier community!*

**I would be more apt to walk/bike if I felt safe.**

Cars (do not equal) privilege

Walking is Great.

It would be more fun, safe and less polluting. Save more gas. 12 years

*I love to walk with my son. He is 4 and loves nature.*

**We need safe places to ride. More paved trails. Tired of fighting traffic.**

*I want my daughter to be healthy*

**It would be really fun and it would be safer! (Age9)**

**I love being active and would like to feel safer when travelling with my children. Getting from one side of town to the other. Love the new Dana to Downtown Trail!.**

**I'd like to make more trips on my bike, which I would do if the streets were safer-because I'd like to take my children with me.**



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The outdoors is a place that everyone should enjoy for always! We all need to pitch-in and be good to Mother Earth

*I vote for safer streets in Redding.*

I want to have a healthy family

**So that I can ride my bike to Dutch Brothers for hot chocolate**

**I live close enough to bike to grocery stores, farmers market, library, parks, Sundial Bridge, Sac River Trail. Thanks for the bike route across 44 really helps to connect me to the "other" side of the river safely.**

**Because of the freedom it gives up to enjoy our community**

It's good for you and the environment!

We love to hike!

It will promote the community feeling and that will in turn, foster a true sense of belonging and purpose for people in the community. The true community will then be able to make positive changes toward sustainability. Safe places to walk and bike also means healthy people in our community.

*I like to walk for exercise and save gas.*

**I want safer options for my family and neighbors. I'd love to see more people making healthy choices for themselves and our environment.**

It increases awareness and improves general health and personal well-being.

**I like to ride on sidewalks so I'm safe.**

*I love to ride my bike.*

**This is one of our favorite things to do as a family. We have some great one's already, but it would be nice to have some in the Shasta Lake City area.**

Some of the places are really busy with cars and stuff.

Walking on the street with all the exhaust is unhealthy.

*My children and I need a safe place to play and explore.*

**We enjoy it and love meeting our neighbors. Keep it up!**

Help the environment and survive gas prices.



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I think it's great!

Being in nature is great for the soul and encourages people to appreciate and care, and exercise also is key to a happy life.

*It makes my community physically and mentally more healthy. It encourages everyone to walk and bike instead of driving cars.*

We all deserve the most beautiful life, wherever we are in our lives on earth.

**So I can drive less!**

**The weather is nice and it would promote better health and cleaner air. Need connectors from eastside to the west trails.**

It promotes healthy activities and living.

**I have kids that like to ride bikes.**

*It is a great way to get outside year-round.*

**Kids can walk/bike to so many schools in our city. Without safe sidewalks and bike trails, parents or kids hesitate to make it a habit.**

I want to stay in shape and enjoy nature safer.

I want safety. I think Old Alturas over Clear Creek bridge is very dangerous for pedestrians and bikes.

**I want places to take my children and be able to feel safe knowing that they are learning and developing a life long love of the outdoors. It is important that they don't have the fear.**

We need places for children to get outdoors and be in touch with nature as well as get exercise to aid in the fight against childhood obesity.

**It makes us feel safer by getting to know our neighbors and I will walk and bike more by having more areas available. Let's make Redding more green!**

Being out in nature is good for the soul and walking and biking is great for health. More trees, more public transport and less motorized individual transports.

**It is close to home and I do not have to drive more than two miles.**

*I ride everyday!*



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I really enjoy being outside. I have four children that I am raising and I moved to the downtown Redding area 1 year ago from Red Bluff because of the beauty of the downtown area. Previously, I lived in Sacramento in the suburbs but was dissatisfied with the lack of parks and beauty and people whom wanted to spend time outside due to lack of tree's (shade) and comfortable outdoor spaces. Downtown Redding has many trails, trees, yet still more would be wonderful. **Encouraging people to get out and about in their community encourages people to want to put more pride and invest more money into the community and city. This benefits the city and other community members and is a positive result for all.** Please continue to make beautiful spaces for the people and visitors to Redding to enjoy and share with each other. With community and happy people working together, we all win.

My children and grandchildren live here in Redding near us, and they love to walk on the river trail and have places to take our dogs too. We live in Quail Run subdivision, near the radio station.

That's what makes life livable and beautiful.

Great idea, close off street for riding, walking, and skating. Many bike paths on side of roads are too narrow and close to the passing cars.

*I like to ride my bike.*

**I want to use my car less and I want to be able to go places with my family on our bicycles.**

**The trails have become the new town square.**

**So my children will not get hurt.**

Thank you!

**To save energy and the environment. I need safe place to bike and walk.**

*Because I do walk and bike!*

The closer to nature we are, the closer we get to each other.

**It makes life better!**

**I would prefer to walk a block or two than drive or else I would like to bring my bike to town to cover more ground!**

*I like to ride or walk in safety.*

I enjoy the outdoors and would enjoy more safer places to enjoy and walk, bike, without the hassle of "Traffic Safety."



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It allows me and my family to enjoy the city to the fullest without having to worry about safety. I am more willing to spend time outside and more frequently if the community has inviting places. I think Redding has done a good job thus far with walking paths, I do wish the city was more bike friendly.

I feel it's necessary to have this available so people will be more encouraged to get out and exercise. There are far too many people who drive cars and hate bike riders.

To save energy and exercise!

**Bicycling is a fun way to get around, it helps me stay healthy. I like to bike to work and for errands and fun. Sometimes it's not so safe and I worry about that.**

**When I get outside in the fresh air and move and admire the beauty of nature and the earth it rejuvenates my heart and my soul and renews my sense of energy and hope. I feel ready for daily life again.**

*My family and I enjoy being outdoors and want to feel safe in our activities*

**We need to be healthy and walk, bike and run.**

It reduces the pollution and it is healthier.

**Safety and fun!**

**We like to bike!**

**It's nice to have a safer place to bring my children.**

*Would like a safe place to ride to reduce injury from cars, poor road conditions and debris on bike lanes.*

**I have young kids and want them to be able to be out and about more often.**

I believe in good health and staying active.

*I would be safer bike paths for my kids to ride on.*

**For a better place for my family to have healthy happy active lifestyle.**

It gets people out and exercising, especially for kids. It saves on gas and pollution as well.

It is very healthy fun thing to do, also it saves lots of gas. It is safer so you don't get hurt.



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**I want to feel the freedom to pedal from my front door without worry of being hit by a car. I would love to bike to work, to the market and on errands.**

It would encourage a more sustainable environment to do outdoor activities.

It is so beautiful, just the way nature intended.

**There are not enough sidewalks in town I ride a long way everyday I need more safe areas to ride.**

Than more people will exercise and because of that there street levels will go down and because of that it would be easier to communicate to people and because of that we can live a happier life and more forward inefficiency, sustainability, and green energy.

**So I don't feel like my life is in danger while trying to get out and about.**

So I can spend quality family time with my family in a healthy family.

**I want to use less gas to get around short distances in my town. And we should get out and get more exercise by walking, great for the whole family.**

*I walk my dogs everyday and need to feel safe while walking. We all want to stay alive and healthy!*

It's important to reduce car emissions and get more exercise!

**Somewhere for me and my children to be able to go without having to worry about injuries.**

Because we're worth it!

**The gas prices are high and the bus system around here isn't sufficient. It's better for the environment.**

It is healthy!

I'm trying to save the planet! How can we do that when the only safe form of transportation are motor vehicles. Having safer places to walk and bike would allow people to appreciate the earth more and realize that sustainable transportation is possible, healthy and fun.

Streetlights on the street, some streets do not have them.

**I would ride to school if it was safer to ride.**

**Riding bikes is my favorite thing to do, but the streets tend to be dangerous.**