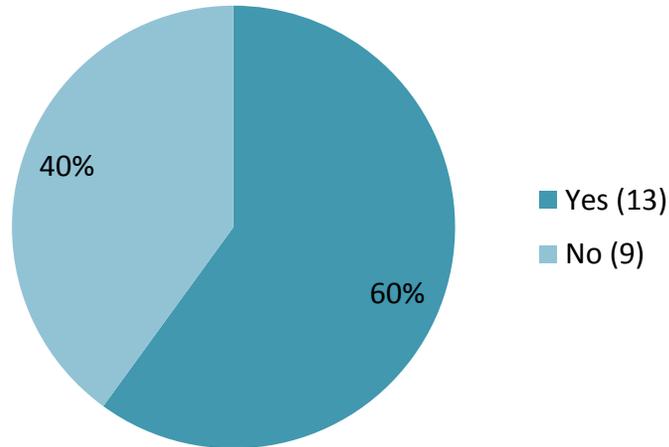




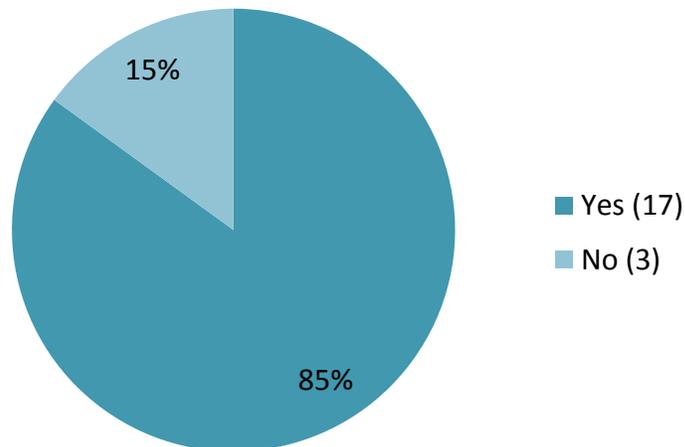
# University Park Survey Results Feb. 10 – Mar. 13, 2017

1. Do you feel dust is an issue on George Ditch/Parkway Blvd?



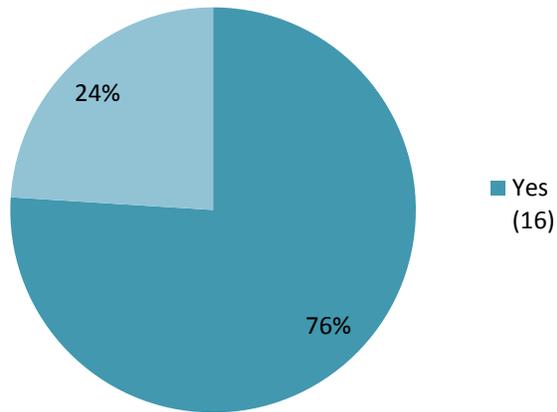
Total responses: 22

2. Do you feel speeding is an issue along George Ditch/Parkway Blvd?



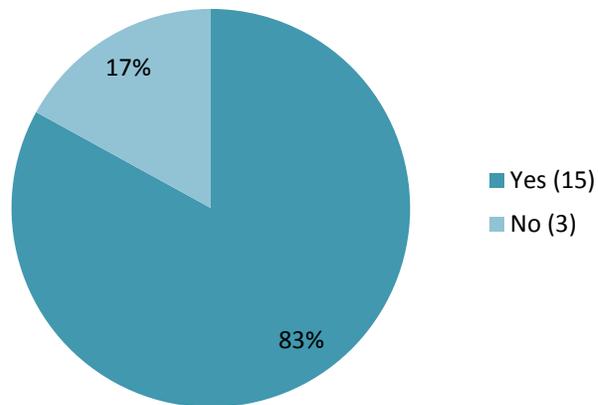
Total responses: 20

3. Do you support exploring an alternative to the current unpaved condition of George Ditch/Parkway Blvd?



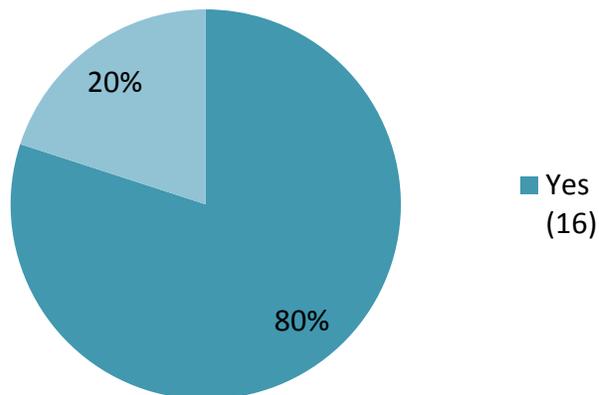
Total responses: 21

4. Do you feel cut through traffic is an issue on Normal Ave. and 14<sup>th</sup> St.?



Total responses: 18

5. Do you support "testing" traffic calming treatments on Normal Ave and 14<sup>th</sup> St?



Total responses: 20

6. Please share any concerns you have related to traffic in the University Park neighborhood.
  1. While I do believe that we get a lot of traffic on 14th, I am not a fan of speed humps and would not like to see them added to my street.
  2. I live on 14th street between College and Mill Av. I am retired so I see the traffic at most times of the day. My house backs up to George Ditch, and I am out in my back yard often in the mornings. The biggest dust problem comes from speeding heavy trucks. This includes the city garbage trucks and delivery trucks. Remembering that the south side of George Ditch is a city street with houses on that street. I think it is awful that the alley between 14th street and Apache Blvd. is paved and Park Av., a street with residential houses, is not. This situation has been pointed out to the city for at least 20 years. The garbage truck that drives my alley on Monday often seems to be in time trials because there are quick accelerations and quicker stops. Each stop throws large clouds up into the air. A cloud of dust then bellows up and over fences. Again, this has been going on for a number of years. Regarding Park Av., it is paved over once in a great while. Paving and spraying need to be done in a much shorter time frame. The traffic on 14th street is not excessive and I would hate to see traffic calming installed like the disaster that was done on College Av. where bicyclists become traffic calming humans.
  3. I don't understand the complaints about the dust on George Ditch. My home backs up to it, and it also borders my home on the north side. I love looking out my back window and seeing no pavement. I hope money is not spent on unnecessary paving that will alter the very look I love about the area surrounding my home, and cause unneeded, disruptive, "road" work to be done.
  4. I live on College Avenue and don not want bumps in the road or plants or circles in this road. If the city hadn't cut down the main streets around this area, we wouldn't be having these problems now.
  5. Drive through and speed has been a problem since the Broadway Road upgrades. We need a radar presence. If traffic calming includes speed bumps, I'm in opposition. We already took one out due to flooding. They don't work for trucks or SUVs, which are the majority of vehicles (in my opinion). Deterrence is the best option.
  6. Cars traveling along 15th St. east of College at too high a speed for a residential neighborhood with curbside parking and children.
  7. Speeding through interior of neighborhood. Have almost been hit by speeders on 15th and College multiple times. Student parking creates blind spots. Homeowners are finding it challenging to park on their own streets in some areas.
  8. 95% of traffic on Normal is cut through. I am willing to support this statement with video.
  9. At the ditch, my kids are afraid of walking as cars drive too fast and the dust is too much.
  10. I feel the dust issue on Parkway Blvd is a health hazard where not treated. Speed is a huge issue as the better the "alleys" condition the faster vehicles speed.
  11. Speed humps would help reduce traffic. Painting driveway curbs might prevent parking there.

12. Lots of U Turns (parking too close to driveways - especially during ASU events - nights in particular.) During rush hour mainly.
13. Restrict parking on Normal - students park all the way up to the corner and it blocks driver visibility when turning onto 14th. The street is too narrow to park. Also, do not allow parking on McAllister where it connects 14th and 15th - it is a hazard for drivers because a lot of cyclists and pedestrians walk along and on the street at this location. Too many people park in this neighborhood illegally: some move but still keep the sticker and visitor card; I heard those cards and stickers sell for over \$500. Also, too many cars for some houses - they have more than 3 people and each comes with a car, so they park on the street, on the grass, etc. No one is willing to enforce the limitation on number of unrelated persons - rentals to students often include too many tenants. Also, some homes are used for student groups (NE and NW corner of 15th), increasing the traffic and on street parking. There appears to be no data indicating that traffic on Parkway Blvd is the main source of dust in our neighborhood. Just by comparing the few seconds that it takes for a car to drive past a property, with the hours spent by landscaping crews using leaf blowers, it is not at all obvious that the latter is not the main issue. In addition, leaf blowers are a horrible source of noise pollution. About 3-days a week it is impossible at my place to read quietly due to those noise producing devices. I don't think the city should be making decisions based on eyeballing estimates from some affected neighbors. Still, I know that cars driving on Parkway are annoying, and it may well be that for our neighbors on the south side, west of College, paving represents a reasonable option. But I really fear paving on my side of the alley, where the road is extremely narrow and a driving car would only be a couple of feet detached from my property wall. This would represent an open invitation for people to use the road, creating a permanent annoyance, regardless of dust. On the issue of closing Normal to traffic we don't have a strong opinion. We do understand the concerns raised by some neighbors, which we also share. On the other hand, being able to exit the neighborhood via Normal is a great convenience. Our suggestion is that all changes introduced be incremental, to see what is effective and what not before forever altering peoples' lifestyles.
14. Apparently dust is an issue for houses fronting on Parkway between College and Mill. Since it was resurfaced a month ago I see no dust presently. Suggest more frequent treatment on the south side of the ditch. Careful not to get "gorilla snot" into the tree wells. Perhaps humps to slow cars. I walk "the ditch" several times a week. Have not witnessed any real problems with dust or speed. Would not like to see anything done to change the multi-use character of the roads. Regarding 14th and Normal: Suggestions: narrow at alley with signage "you are entering historic University Park neighborhood". Strict enforcement of stop sign. Require homeowners to cut back bushes to open view at corners of 14th and Normal and 14th and McAllister. I would not be in favor of closing Normal.
15. The parking signs are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on 14th Street but does the parking enforcement monitor person work to 5 p.m. Seems 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. can be a lot of cars misuse the street parking. The early AM hours on 14th St can also have many parking on the street.
16. I'm not in favor of closing Normal- will just push traffic elsewhere

17. On Parkway Blvd. dust and speed continue to be an issue as I communicate frequently with my other neighbors who live adjacent or near the "street". When the road or alley is treated it does help with the dust for a month or two but the improved surface only increases the speed of the vehicles. Dust and speed are both safety issues for the residents who live nearby and really should be addressed with a more permanent solution than a short term surface "treatment" which in the long term is neither adequate or cost effective. I do understand that for many residents of the neighborhood the "historic" and "parklike" aspects of this unpaved street is important...as it is for me as well, but the health and safety of the residence closest to the dust should be considered a priority.
18. I am one of the three homes actually on parkway Blvd. so I hope that those of us that actually live there are given a strong voice to what happens on our street. I strongly hope that paving will NOT happen as I feel the gravel surface is part of the charm of the ditch and helps keep the summer temps down. The recent dust reduction treatment was very effective and I think sufficient. I am concerned about parking. We had a survey some months back where residents declined to agree to parking restrictions on the ditch, but when enough students realize there is free 24 hour parking for many cars out front of our houses, their tune will change. So I do think this is something the city should keep an eye on. I know this next issue is SRP but it would be nice if the city interjected with SRP on this issue, and that is, the spraying of herbicide along the ditch several times per year. This is unnecessary and damaging to gardens and the trees along the ditch. It is also a public health issue.

#### 7. Additional comments

1. A larger issue seems to be the number of people that park on our street and then go to ASU or Gammage. Often times people partially block my and my neighbors drives, as well, when they are trying to squeeze in. I would like to see our street adopt the same parking restrictions that are enforced on 15th Street and more patrolling of the street for parking violations.
2. As for Normal Ave, as someone who lives on College and admittedly cuts through on Normal & 14th to get to College, I will tell you why I do so. It is because if you take Apache east to College and wait to turn left at the light, sometimes you are waiting through three or four cycles of said light because there is so much vehicle and foot traffic. I believe a left-turn arrow for Apache traffic wishing to go south on College would remedy this problem. If I want to go TOWARDS Apache from my home on College, I oftentimes get stuck behind someone at the light at College & Apache who is waiting to go straight into ASU's campus, leaving me unable to turn right (west on Apache) for quite some time. I take 14th to Normal to Apache to avoid that situation. I believe making a designated right-turn lane would take care of this problem. Maybe you could make the current left-turn lane into a left-turn lane AND also the lane for people wishing to go straight.
3. A comment on the use of "feeling" vs "thinking. Feeling is emotional. Thinking should be rational. Grammar girl
4. My 7 year old son was almost hit by someone who didn't stop coming in on Normal and they turned right. If they lived on our street, they would have stopped.
5. Speed bumps at a minimum. Something to slow people down.

6. There are a lot of unusual birds that migrate through this neighborhood, and other wildlife. Keeping the alley unpaved, or loosely topped with material that allows water to filter through the surface, is preferred. This reduces dust, and keeps the neighborhood much cooler in the summer when blacktop retains the heat and then radiates it back at night. The problem is people speeding down the alley. Put up signs that you have to obey a 5 MPH limit. No one should be in that big of a hurry on the alley. I do not support paving the alley with blacktop asphalt that is sealed with oil; I do not support concrete in the alley. I would like the surface to be as permeable and natural as possible to preserve the trees and vegetation in this historic neighborhood.
7. I would also like to point out that I had my property built in 2000. Since we knew that both of us worked at ASU and we intended to have just one car, we tried to build a one-car garage. However, the city forced us to build a two-car garage. When we suggested that we would build the second garage opening to Parkway, the city promptly dismissed the suggestion. We were concerned that building a two-car garage would disrupt the neighborhood architecture, and we had our garage built on the side, so that it can't be seen from the street. We made a serious convenience sacrifice to fit in, and it is irritating to see that many neighbors since 2000 have opened their properties to the alley and built structures that rely on Parkway Blvd. We feel cheated.
8. Cars traveling too fast on 15th Street to and from University Lutheran. Mostly students to get to parking lot. Suggest posting and enforcing 15 mph and revisiting 24 hour parking on both sides along entire block.
9. Please slow down. Monitor parking. Provide safe environment for walking children.
10. Thanks for listening to our concerns.
11. I think the dust is unhealthy.