

## Appendix B: Respondents' Comments to Survey Questions

Appendix B is a complete listing of every comment that was submitted for questions that included an option for respondents to provide remarks. For each question, the comments are numbered, sorted alphabetically, and presented in their original form without modification.

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## Comments

1. Have you ever used a trail in the Thurston region, and if so, who do you typically use it with?

1. I use the trails alone and with my grandchildren.
2. 50 / 50 friends and family
3. 50/50 alone or with friends
4. A combination of alone and with others
5. About 50% alone and 50% with my wife.
6. all of the above
7. All of the three bottom choices. I bike trails alone. I used to bike to/from work when I lived in SE Olympia, but there aren't good choices now that I live SW of Tumwater. Prior to covid, I hiked trails monthly with a hiking club (often in Thurston county) and plan to do so again as soon as it's safe for us all. I also frequently hike with family.
8. All of them, all the time, in al different ways.
9. Alone and with friends
10. Alone, with friends and family
11. Alone, with friends, and with my spouse
12. Alone, with Friends, with family, evenly mixed
13. And family
14. Both alone and with family
15. Both family and friends
16. Both with a friend and alone.
17. By myself for running or with my dog
18. COVID means less group use.
19. Coworkers during breaks
20. Equally riding alone and riding with friends
21. Family and Friends
22. Family, friends, and commuting
23. Grandkids
24. Half the time I use the trails by myself the other half with family.
25. Haven't started yet. But WILL use them both alone and with someone else.
26. Haven't used the trails in years since the explosion of homeless/"tent camps."
27. Hike by myself and with family and with friends
28. Horse back riding
29. Horseback
30. HUGE homeless camp nearby! I do not feel safe at all. Need to get rid of homeless on Wheeler.
31. I also ride and walk with friends. I ride the trails to connect safely with other roads that have less traffic than the ones close in, such as riding the trail to Tenino to then ride beyond.
32. I also use the trails by myself
33. I also use them alone

34. I also use trails with friends.
35. I am generally alone with my dog but do like to invite friends when we can safely be together
36. I bike, jog, walk my dog with friends and solo between Woodard bay and Rainier and also use trails in Lacey and West Oly frequently
37. I commute alone on rails to trails but also use other trails with friends and family.
38. I do about an even mix of using the trails alone and with friends.
39. I do both: walk alone or with my spouse.
40. I go alone and with family and friends
41. I go with my dog
42. I have not used the trails in Thurston County because I can't find an easy way to locate them or their entrances. I would love the opportunity to go for walks on the trails. Could an easy way to find them (for newbies) and their entrances be created?
43. I have stopped using trails because I fear for my safety.
44. I have used the trail alone, with family and friends
45. I like to take my dog hiking, and sometimes a friend if one is available.
46. I live in Pierce Co but work in Lacey. I am interested in exploring the trails in Thurston Co with my family.
47. I most often use the Woodland Trail and the portions of the Watershed Park trails.
48. I moved here two years ago from the East Side. I don't want to go alone. Covid has not helped for finding people to go with. so I don't go at all, yet. Pretty boring being single, living alone in a new area, having no friends here, and COVID making all the above almost impossible to trail with friends.
49. I often take bike rides after work with my dog or on the weekends with friends. I use the CWT at least 2-3 times per week.
50. I often use trails alone but also often use them with Friends, many times in a organized group such as Black Hills Audubon
51. I often walk my dog on trails
52. I ride alone and we take family rides together
53. I ride and drive my horses with friends along the trail
54. I seldom use the Thurston County trails, because I live in Pierce County. However, when I do use them, it's typically with friends.
55. I stopped using bike trails due to safety concerns. Woodland and Chehalis Western to be specific
56. I train as a solo cyclist, so typically I am alone.....it is quieter that way and I can collect my thoughts. Today I covered about 36 miles on the trail.....calm weather, some sun, and not a lot of peeps.
57. I typically use the trails for the last three options mentioned above
58. I typically use the trails with my family, friends, and my dog.
59. I typically use trails alone or with my husband.
60. I typically use trails alone, with friends and with family
61. I typically use trails equally alone, with friends, and family
62. I typically use trails on horseback both with friends and without. I also bring my well trained dog.
63. I typically use trails on my own, but also sometimes with family.
64. I use a trail everyday for exercise but do take family (kids) out on them to walk, bike, etc... periodically.

65. I use both alone and with friends
66. I use multiple trails, often, with friends, family, and solo, to both run and hike on.
67. I use the Tenino-Yelm trail with my husband. It is not safe to be alone on the trail as women have been approached, confronted, attacked by men on the trail.
68. I use the trail alone and with family
69. I use the trail alone, but also walk my dog.
70. I use the trail in two equal ways. I workout via running or biking daily, and we take evening walks as a family after dinner.
71. I use the trails alone daily and frequently with family and friends
72. I use the trails alone, with friends and with family
73. I use the trails alone, with friends, and with my spouse
74. I use the trails for a combination of transportation and family recreation outings.
75. I use the trails regularly both alone and with family.
76. I use the trails very frequently on my daily walks with my husband.
77. I use the trails with my family to train for half/full marathons.
78. I use them alone and with one other person.
79. I use them both with family and alone.
80. I use trails about equally alone and with friends and family.
81. I use trails alone and with family.
82. I use trails alone and with friends.
83. I use trails alone, with family and friends.
84. I use trails alone, with friends and with family
85. I use trails by myself and with my dog.
86. I use trails for work commute, and recreationally with family
87. I use trails frequently, with a roughly equal split among alone/friends/family
88. I use trails to lead field trips for my science classes
89. I use trails with family just as often as alone
90. I use trails with friends because I don't feel safe using them alone. I've known a lot of people accosted by mentally ill or transient individuals living along the trail.
91. I used to bike the trails, but now I fear those folks who live along the trails. Even the Capitol Lake trail is now dangerous.
92. I used to use them alone & with friends. There are few I'll use alone now given the influx of illegal encampments, filth, drug use.
93. I used to use trails but don't anymore
94. I usually trail with my dog :)
95. I usually walk alone, but can no longer on stretches of the Western Chehalis trail as there are several dangerous sections now. Due to people camping, drinking, and fighting
96. I walk alone with my dog on the trails
97. I walk my dog on the trails.
98. I walk on the trail for an hour or more each day.
99. I walk the trail frequently near Panorama with friends; for many years I biked the various parts of the CW trail, either alone or with someone. If I walk alone now, I make sure there are a lot of people around on a nice day.

100. I'm a frequent solo user, sometimes in a small group of runners, and typical encounters are either 1 person alone or two together. Probably less than 5% of my encounters are larger groups or identifiable multigenerational families.
101. It's a meditative experience for me
102. Love the Chehalis Western Trail. However, am a bit hesitant to go alone.
103. Most often alone, sometimes with family and friends
104. mostly alone (almost daily) but often also with a friend or family member
105. No
106. Often walk with my dog alone.
107. Pre-COVID, I daily used the trails alone as part of my commute. Now I use the trails less-than-weekly but more-than-monthly with friends for exercise
108. primarily the woodland trail
109. prior to 1990 I used all tc trails and parks not since due to fear of humanity caused by random assault by stranger.
110. ride horses with friends or alone
111. Self 50% husband 50%
112. Sometimes alone and sometimes with family
113. Sometimes alone, sometimes with family, sometimes with friends
114. The Chehalis Western Trail abuts My Monarch Sculpture Park. Many trail users stop to rest or to visit the park from the trail.
115. The trails are not safe for women to walk alone, so I walk with another person.
116. There is not an option for all the last three. I use them alone, with friends, and with family. All of it and more, with pets, with neighbors, biking, walking, roller blading, pushing strollers. I have wheeled people in wheelchairs too. We need these trails, and we need them to be safe and clean.
117. Thurston County trails are not safe alone, these are the trails avid hikers do in groups, as they should.
118. Trails used with family AND friends.
119. Use it for walking my dog so that we both can get some exercise.
120. Use the trails with my per.
121. Use trails alone for commuting and exercising. Walking w family during Covid.
122. Use trails to walk with my dog.?
123. Use with friends and family
124. Walk 2 miles every Wednesday after work.
125. Walk the dog and on occasion with family or friends
126. Walking the dog and riding my horse
127. We use the trails to train for half/full marathons. We also use them for leisurely bike rides.
128. We use the Yelm-Tenino trail.
129. When commuting I use trails alone bit I also use them for recreation with family and friends.
130. When walking, usually with family or friends. When cycling (which is more often), I'm usually alone.
131. With a double stroller!
132. with Child and walking dogs
133. With dog
134. With friends and running group

- 135. With friends but most commonly my dog.
- 136. With my dog
- 137. With my dog 🐕 ❤️
- 138. With my dog, alone.
- 139. With my dog.
- 140. With my dogs
- 141. With Spouse
- 142. Without a car, there are very trails I can reach. Walking off trail to trailhead would be unpractical and unsafe

## 2. What are the primary reasons you now use or plan to use the region's trails?

1. Activity with 2 nieces, 8 to 11 y.o.
2. All of the above!!
3. And exercise
4. Bird watch
5. Bird watching
6. Bird watching and hopefully see other wildlife.
7. Birding
8. Clear my head, enjoy nature, bird sounds, green spaces.
9. Combo exercise and sanity
10. Connection with nature
11. Connection with others in a socially distancing environment.
12. Cultural access
13. Cycling on the trail for personal fitness is important and safer than on the roads.
14. daily half to one hour walks with my dog are exercise and
15. Discover new settings and how they change with seasons
16. Dog friendly
17. Dog walking
18. don't plan on using. they don't feel safe
19. Easy to access.
20. Enjoy seeing the trail side wetlands, birds and mushrooms.
21. Enjoyment of the experience they provide beyond physical exercise. They are safe, beautiful, and a delight to witness the many users in their diversity of age and ability.
22. Exercise and recreational.
23. Exercise dog
24. Exercise for dog
25. Exercise for my dog
26. Exercise my horse
27. Exercise the dog and give her mental stimulation
28. Exercise, but having fun and spending time outdoors applies, too.
29. Exercising my dogs and horses
30. Explore
31. Exploring my area
32. field trips
33. For several years I commuted to work on the KF Woodland trail, but now my use is mainly exercise & recreational. I do errands when I can, but with so few crossing points of I-5 or the Deschutes River, and the lack of east-west connections, the current trail system is not well suited for non-recreational use.
34. Forage and learn to identify plants and wildlife.
35. Forest bathing
36. Fresh air
37. Get our dog used to people and other dogs

38. Get out of my car, help reduce environmental emissions, especially greenhouse gas emissions, clean up trash, get inspiration for art and life in general, be a part of the community that isn't in their cars, use them so they are being used and feel safe for others, to show support for the trails.
39. give the dog exercise too
40. Go to businesses and bars. Ride home with out fear of DUI.
41. Health in body and soul.
42. Horseback riding
43. Horseback riding and cart driving
44. HUGE homeless camp nearby! I do not feel safe at all. Need to get rid of homeless on Wheeler.
45. I don't
46. I have not used the trails in Thurston County because I can't find an easy way to locate them or their entrances. I would love the opportunity to go for walks on the trails. Could an easy way to find them (for newbies) and their entrances be created?
47. I need soft trails. I think many do to care for our bodies and for arthritis. If you do a tarred trail like the new one by Tumwater falls I It would be good to have a soft part for walkers runners.
48. I no longer plan to as many are not safe anymore
49. I previously used the trail to bike or rollerblade to work on the westside but haven't felt safe due to the large amount of homeless camps
50. I use the trail for training either as a go to destination, or part of my route about 3-4 times per week.
51. I use the trails to connect to other parts of town, so it's important to know which roads the trails cross so i can orient myself
52. I would like to start, but I need people to go with for more enjoyment and inspiration.
53. I would like to use them to commute but there's no safe way to and from
54. I would love to be able to find a short cut trail from 2nd ave up to Tumwater Hill Elementary for work.
55. I would use trails if I thought they were safe -- but many of the trails are surrounded by drug users, homeless people and criminals. Until the homeless encampments and drug use/sales are removed from the surrounding greenspace -- I will not use the trails or support expanding them.
56. If my work was near the trail I would use it, but I work on the west side.
57. IMO
58. iphone photography
59. It's been my healing during this pandemic isolation.
60. It's someplace different than the street I live on
61. Jogging
62. Learn about and explore nature
63. Learning about surrounding areas
64. Learning opportunities of wildlife.
65. Let the dog get a good safe walk. It's better than along side of a travelled roadway.
66. Letting my dog donate shit to the trail
67. Mental health
68. Mental health/ no screen time/ alone time
69. Mushrooming, birdwatching, walking meditation, mental health

70. My usage is almost solely for horseback riding. I occasionally bike or walk my dogs but my vast preference is for horse-back riding.
71. My wife and I observe and learn more about the various trees, plants, birds, and animals we see along the trails.
72. Nature study, birdwatching.
73. no plans to use trails without a body guard, two or three
74. Observe wildlife, various ecosystems like prairie, forest, meadows.
75. Peace, solitude, views of Rainier.
76. photography
77. Run
78. Spiritual renewal
79. Take my dog with me.
80. The beauty of being in nature.
81. Therapy for my emotional well-being
82. There are no trails I can easily walk to from my home. There is a lot of traffic where I live and no sidewalks. When I lived in Tacoma and Bellingham, I used to walk/bike to trails all the time.
83. To facilitate other activities such as Geocaching
84. Trail running and enjoying the beauty of Olympia
85. Transportation on bikes
86. Visiting my husband's memorial bench.
87. Volunteer with WGTA
88. walk dog
89. Walk dogs
90. Walk my dog
91. Walk my dog.
92. Walk my dogs
93. Walk the dog
94. Walk the dogs
95. Walking dog.
96. walking dogs
97. Walking the dog
98. Wildlife viewing
99. Would like to ride horse but unsure if allowed

### 3. How do you typically get to and from the trail(s)?

1. Actually, equal walk and bike.
2. And car
3. Bicycle, ride to trail head
4. Bike and walk.
5. bike or drive
6. Bike or run
7. Bike or walk depending on whether it is for recreation or exercise
8. Bike to trails within about 5 miles, drive to farther trails
9. Bike, run, and car
10. Both car and and bike
11. Both car and bike
12. car, bike and walk
13. Car, but I prefer to be in walking distance
14. car, but walk if it's not too far. I would bike, but it got stolen.
15. Cycling on the road in order to get to the trail is so dangerous
16. Depends either walk, car, or bike
17. Depends how far away they are.
18. Depends on the location of the trail, we will walk, bike, or drive.
19. Depends on what I'm doing. We either walk or bike.
20. Depends on where/what I'm doing. Walk or bike to the closer trails, PU truck to farther away.  
Have thought about using bus but right now not an option.
21. Depends on which trailhead.
22. don't use. don't feel safe
23. Ebike Class 2
24. Electric bike and more trails in parks should allow this use.
25. Fast walk
26. formerly by walking, bike or car but this was prior to 1990
27. Frequently car and bike, sometimes walk.
28. Horse
29. Horse
30. Horse back riding, biking and walking
31. Horse riding or driving
32. horse trailer
33. Horse. Also walking. (Can't answer more than one option.)
34. Horseback
35. HUGE homeless camp nearby! I do not feel safe at all. Need to get rid of homeless on Wheeler.
36. I am a regular bicycle commuter so bike to get the trail, then continue to bike along the trail
37. I bike or run to and from trails
38. I can't remove check mark for "other comments"
39. I don't
40. I either use my bike to get to Chehalis trail or I drive my car depending on the time I have.

41. I feel that I do an even mix. It depends on how far the trail is from me but if I have the option, I will walk or bike, otherwise I drive to the trail.
42. I live off Cooper Point and do not feel safe biking the short distance to get on a separated trail/sidewalk on Evergreen Parkway. Cooper Point has too many high speed vehicles and a terrible shoulder - if there were safety improvements made, my family and I would use trails more frequently.
43. I reside adjacent to a trail and can access it from a nearby neighborhood. Therefore access is whatever mode of exercise I choose (walk/bike).
44. I run there.
45. I typically walk to the Woodland trail via the 1700 block of Boundary Street SE, and down the connecting path to the trail proper.
46. I walk and bike both equally
47. I walk in the winter, and bike in the summer
48. I walk to Mission Creek and Priest Point but I drive to trails that are further from my home. I hope to start my bike in the spring when it is warmer on the Chehalis Western. My husband and I walked to the entire Chehalis Western Trails, in sections, last fall. This year we hope to bike it.
49. I walk to the trail near me and drive to other trails in area.
50. I walk to the trails in the parks near my home, I bike to reach the Western Chehalis and Woodland Trails and I drive to more distant locations. In the pandemic, I am sticking pretty close to home and walking to Priest Point, Mission Creek and Springwood parks.
51. I walk, run and bike
52. I wish I could choose multiple options here because the mode of travel depends on the trail. Some trails we can walk to from our house; others we drive to access.
53. I would say we can walk or drive to and from the trails. We do either depending on the weather.
54. I would use a car to get to a trail unless I find out there are some close to where I live where I could walk to them.
55. I would walk or drive to a trail
56. I'm fortunate to live close. I would walk but the road isn't safe.
57. If I'm biking I ride my bike there. If I am walking or running I just walk or run there.
58. If the trail is close to home, I walk. Otherwise, I drive and park.
59. It depends on the trail. If it's within 2-4 miles of my home, I tend to walk. Otherwise, I usually drive.
60. Ko
61. Morse-Merryman to Wiggins to 37th.....and it is totally not safe. Someday I hope the city/county will put a bike lane for safer access to the trail. Some cars passing don't give an inch.....I look at the ditch full of water on Wiggins and think what a sour way to die if hit by a car into the ditch and you can't pull your face out of the water.
62. Most of the trails in my area are a little more remote than trails nearer to cities or towns so by necessity I cannot walk, bus, or bike to them easily.
63. Or ride our bikes
64. Passembler in a carpool
65. Ride bike to and from Chehalis Western/Woodland trails. Drive car to hiking trails.
66. Ride my horse
67. Run
68. Run

69. Run
70. Run
71. Run
72. Run
73. Run
74. Run
75. Run
76. Run
77. Run
78. Run there or occasionally drive and park.
79. Run to the trails from my house.
80. Run to them.
81. Run!
82. Running
83. Running or by car, but mainly by running.
84. Sometimes bike, sometimes drive
85. SUV with horse trailer . So I need places that will accommodate a horse trailer preferably without needing to back up.
86. Tenino trail head is 6.5 miles from my house.
87. There are no safe roads to travel on in any form other than motor vehicle
88. Trailer my horse to a trail head.
89. Truck
90. Typically we drive, but also the Chehalis Western Trail is behind our house, so we easily access that trail one more times per week.
91. Walk and bike about equally
92. Walk or bike
93. Walk or car for recreation, bike for commuting.
94. Walk or truck, depends on which trail.
95. Walk to nearby trails and drive to further ones, generally
96. Walk, bike, car.
97. Walking with a walking stick or a cane.
98. We also drive to other trailheads
99. We drive to the trail because there are no shoulders on the roads between my house south of Tenino and the Park. Many cars/trucks are not supportive of bikes or pedestrians.
100. We moved to Tenino to be closer to the trail.
101. We would prefer to bike to the trail, as we live just a few blocks from the Chehalis-Western trail where it crosses 26th Ave NE, but it's so dangerous to bike with kids on that busy street with no shoulder! We would use the trail a lot more if we could safely get to it.
102. When walking, we drive to a trailhead. When cycling (which is more often), I ride there.
103. Wifey walks, hubby rides mobility scooter - and so we very much appreciate the few handicapped entrances, and the pavement upkeep
104. Would like to walk but access to trails is difficult- adding sidewalks and crosswalks would help! Usually drive since walking there seems dangerous along roadside.

#### 4. How do you generally use or plan to use trail(s)?

1. a trikke (human-powered carving vehicle)
2. Again, wife walks and husband rides his handicap scooter
3. Also grandchildren will use their scooters/bicycles.
4. Bicycle with kids in trailer
5. Dog walking
6. Drive a horse carriage
7. Funny - the one question with multiple choices has only ONE answer for me
8. Harvest Resources
9. HUGE homeless camp nearby! I do not feel safe at all. Need to get rid of homeless on Wheeler.
10. I also just go cross country where no trail exists, not always on trails. i guess I didn't understand the p urpose of the survey..
11. I don't
12. I mountain bike in Capitol Forest a lot.
13. I think horses should be banned from the trails, because no one picks up after them!
14. I use a Rollator (walker with large wheels)
15. I use a Rollator (walker with oversized wheels)
16. I use it to run and cycle and walk my dogs
17. I use the trail, almost all of it by bike.....out to Tenino, or Yelm, and even Woodard Bay area.
18. if I felt safe from speeding bicycles and predators, and they were closer, i'd jog or walk
19. I've never seen an horses on the trails.
20. Limited walk for photography
21. Most of the trails I use are Capitol Forest, not urban trails. Take my llamas for walkabouts.
22. Perhaps the Capitol Forest is outside your purview? Because I would also sometimes use motorized trails with ATV, UTV, or 4x4, and many people use motorcycles. And then there are water trails (canoe, kayak) but I don't know if the county has any designated as such.
23. Pony and cart
24. Pony cart
25. Push a wheelchair
26. Push my baby in the stroller
27. Push others in wheelchair or assist others using motorized ones.
28. roller ski
29. ski
30. Socialize COVID safe
31. used to walk
32. Walk and bike with grandkids
33. walk dog
34. Walk dogs (any chance for poop stations to be added or trash cans)
35. walk my dog
36. walk our dog
37. Walk the dogs
38. Walk with dog
39. Walk with my dog

- 40. Walk, run and bike
- 41. Walking dogs
- 42. With dog

## 5. What "gets in your way" of using the trail closest to your home?

1. A lot of homeless people tent nearby. It is unsafe.
2. A short downhill path connects our street to the Woodland Trail. The path is frequently muddy. I would like to lay gravel on it, and possibly build install boards to retain the gravel for longer periods. Please contact me at 360-250-2619 on whether the city would allow me to do that, and what technical assistance they could give me on building gravel-filled "steps" on the trail.
3. After several attacks occurring on trails, I stopped using them. Worried about personal/family safety.
4. All the trails are good, even the muddy patches
5. All the unauthorized camping and garbage along the Olympia portion of the chehalis western trail.
6. As above, some concerns re: safety. Have had no problems but there is a bit of history of issues on the trail.
7. As noted before, Morse-Merryman to Wiggins to Herman/37th.....not safe, so I wait a lot for traffic to clear so I don't die.....
8. At night the trails are often dark and don't feel safe to be alone to bike commute home.
9. At this point in time, the issue that hinders me walking where I wish is the numerous people who do not wear masks. Nor do they make attempts to stay at least 6 feet apart from me when they are not wearing masks.
10. Bad weather and rain
11. Bathrooms and equestrian accommodations such has ties
12. Bathrooms or portapotties are needed as in some spots you can smell where people have gone to the bathroom.
13. Bikers are often rude. Wint slow down for safe passing. Wont move over
14. bridges are in horrible shape and unsafe for horses
15. Busy arterial streets separate my house from the nearest regional trail. I cross those fairly routinely, but each time can be frustrating (when gaps are few at certain times of day) and risky (cars traveling at high speed and with disregard for crossing active transportation). The Boulevard crossing of I-5 and I-5 Bicycle Trail intersection (which is also access to the Woodland Trail for eastside Olympia and also SE Olympia residents) need some improvement (narrowing of crossing distance, widening of street area devoted to active transportation modes, better marking of the crossing) much.
16. Can't find walking partners since the pandemic and not comfortable walking alone
17. Cleanliness of the trail and concerns over lack of lighting that would increase feelings of safety
18. closures due to construction
19. Compromised populations - homeless, drug users and their encampments.
20. Concern for my safety due to homeless people living there or near by, drug users and their needles or other by products there, garbage dumping there.
21. Concerned about homeless or mentally disturbed on trails - feel unsafe
22. Connections to trailheads are limited, as are safe routes. Parking at trailheads is often packed.
23. Currently live in Gull Harbor area -- traffic on east west connectors eg 36th etc and lack of shoulders make bicycle access increasingly dangerous --

24. Cyclists that use it as a race way and are rude and knock over people and get rude. My grandchild got hurt from one such person
25. Dangerous at times, especially at night.
26. Dangerous men and loose dogs.
27. Daughter has medical issues that limit her ability to be around others due to severe allergies. Cleaners used in restrooms are also a problem. But we love to get out when we can.
28. Debris on trail surface. Trail gets covered with slippery leaves, fir needles, and algae.
29. Don't feel safe walking in trails if I'm not with friends/family. Sometimes there are sketchy people and I would rather not put myself in that kind of situation with no one around if I called for help. On the streets/sidewalk, it's pretty public, but within trails, it's secluded so stranger safety is a concern.
30. During Covid, congregation of people...limited width.
31. During the pandemic - too many people on the trail, but before the pandemic, nothing kept us from the trails.
32. Ebikes banned. Get with the times.
33. Excessive dog, horse and goat poop on the trails.
34. Fear for my safety
35. Fear of attacks from homeless or others.
36. Fear of encountering drug paraphernalia or users .
37. Feel unsafe using trail because of camps.
38. Feeling unsafe unless I am farther out in the County.
39. Finding time to get outdoors.
40. Going too far from home and no available restroom on the trail
41. Have been reluctant to use Woodland Trail in the past due to reports of assaults.
42. Heavy use during the pandemic and off-leash dogs. Fones Rd is particularly dangerous to cross.
43. high population of homeless camps near trail
44. Homeless camps along the trail don't feel safe
45. Homeless camps, their uncollected garbage, illegal drug remains. I don't feel comfortable sending my wife and children on the trail by themselves.
46. Homeless create safety issues along the trails
47. Homeless drugged-out people.
48. Homeless encampments
49. homeless encampments along the trails
50. Homeless encampments make me fear using trail along Woodland trail.
51. homeless on/near the woodland trail/Boulevard trail safety concerns on the Chehalis western trail as I have been followed.
52. Homeless/vagrant population. Feels unsafe.
53. Horses have restricted areas that we can utilize
54. HUGE homeless camp nearby! I do not feel safe at all. Need to get rid of homeless on Wheeler.
55. I access the trail from various points. Some points have bike routes, like from the east side to the woodland trail, which is great. Other points have no shoulder and blind curves, like the approach from woodard bay to the north trailhead of the chehalis western trail. Other rural access points to the south have the same issue. This is a bike safety/ bike equity issue on City and County roads.

56. I am not disabled, but have friends who are - would love to see accessibility on every trail so everyone can enjoy
57. I avoid the homeless encampments. Go further to where it feels safer.
58. I avoid the Oly Woodland Trail between Boulevard and Eastside Street - it feels unsafe due to homeless people/unsafe activities. I'd use it more since it's convenient, but I'm not willing to take the risk.
59. I can only access the trail from my home using higher traffic streets. Access to the Chehalis Western would be much easier if there was a connection from a nearby neighborhood.
60. I could ride my bicycle to the trailhead but there is no bike lane on Wiggins Rd & it's a dangerous road (no bike lane, brake down lane, safety barriers...)
61. I currently don't have any trails in my area
62. I didn't even know there was the above map available to find trails. Will definitely use to discover news ones.
63. I do feel there is a lack of roadside parking at trail crossings, and a lack of identifying signage as trails come to roads and neighborhoods to let you know your progress.
64. I do worry that there are homeless people living along the trail. I'm email. This would only be an issue if I were walking by myself.
65. I don't feel safe using the Woodland Trail.
66. I don't feel deterred from using the trail nearest my home, but I would still appreciate lighted crosswalk signals on the busier streets near it.
67. I don't feel safe alone and I would really like to use them more alone. Two reasons, one is the increasing amount of homeless people who seem to be living out there, and hanging out. When people are hanging out on the trail, they are going to need to go to the bathroom, so that happens out there off the trail somewhere causing a huge personal and public health hazard. What if I want to hang out for a while out on the trail too? I can't as there is shit and trash everywhere or people are taking up the benches all day. The second reason is the incredible amount of trash and with trash comes shit, poop, pee, spit, needles, other drug paraphernalia, etc. This is not only an issue for me, but a huge issue for those without a voice, the animals, and those that struggle with voicing these opinions such as the elderly, the young families that are busy juggling kids and what-not. I would love to see more people from the community using the trails, but they don't due to the vagrants out there and the incredible amount of trash and what comes with it. PS. I used to bike along one of the bike paths that goes next to I5 between Boulevard and Eastside street and I won't do that anymore as there's a huge encampment between the bike path and the freeway. It's dangerous to be on a bike around that area, or walking, even more so. Let's not talk about the shit issue (human waste). It's so gross in Olympia anymore. I have lived here off and on for 30 years, and it used to be so nice.
68. I don't feel safe using it after dusk.
69. I don't know how much control the county has over this, but the biggest limitation to my using trails is a lack of adequate sidewalks and bike lanes between the trails and my home or destination. In general, the lack of sidewalks and bike lanes in Olympia is a serious problem.
70. I don't trust the people living in the woods on or near these trails are safe and its not worth getting assaulted for convenience.
71. I don't want to have to drive to the trail to ride my bike.
72. I get bored of the same thing so I head out farther away.
73. I have been staying home whenever I can until pandemic is over.

74. I have to say that safety is becoming a growing concern as more homeless are in the trail area(s).
75. I have two concerns that limit my use of some sections of trails. 1. Safety: in some areas there are a lot of people camping nearby, and there is a perceived risk from their erratic behavior that may be due to mental state or drug use. 2. Physical hazards: physical risks from shopping carts and garbage on or near the trails. Also some trails are very rough due to roots breaking up the pavement. This has caused crashes for me when biking on the section of the I-5 bicycle trail between College St and Martin Way.
76. I live on the west side of Oly and the extensive trails are on the east side, but I still use them and I still use all the trails, but I know if I lived on the east side I would ride the western Chehalis/Yelm Tenino more.
77. I live on Tumwater Hill, and there aren't any trails I'm aware of that offer the length or rideability of the Chehalis Western, so I usually drive there. I also use the I-5 and Karen Fraser trails for bike commuting. I'd love more options nearby that didn't have me on fast, busy streets.
78. I often avoid certain trails over safety concerns associated with unhoused population. Some of our trails have a high number of homeless camps near them and it makes me fearful to travel on the trails, especially at night. This fear is the only reason I avoid the trails sometimes.
79. I prefer to not have to drive and find parking. Having a trail system that links to a network of trails, schools, and parks and with multiple neighborhood access points would be great. I'd love to be able to avoid walking along noisy roads (Harrison and West Bay drive) to access schools, parks, and downtown Olympia.
80. I rollerskate, and the trails near me can sometimes have pavement that's way too rough so I'll avoid those stretches
81. I think I may be using the trail closest to my home, but I may be lacking in knowledge on that front.
82. I think that Olympia should create a network of "bicycle boulevards" as a way to increase safety for non-motorized forms of transportation. In case you need a definition, one can be found on wikipedia.
83. I use the LBA trails, which are not far from my home. The City of Olympia plans to put a road through these beautiful woods. Quite frankly, it's a travesty, and the loss of these trails will be a blow to this outdoor-loving community.
84. I used to ride and camp with my horse in Capitol Forest, but the horse camp and adjacent trails have been taken over by bicycles. It's dangerous to be on the green line trail, with the slick banking for bikes and how they barrel down the trail so fast without regard for horses. The campground designated for horses is now full of bicycles
85. I usually choose non-county trails close to home to minimize driving.
86. I won't hike or bike along black lake boulevard to reach the trails. I must drive. Sure be nice to improve the trails through capitol forest to McLane!
87. I worry about the safety of the trails and whether t's a good idea to go there with my family. The Western Chehalis trail is one example. I think of our (Ecology's) coworker who was murdered. I am also concerned about homeless encampments.
88. I would like to walk to my local trails, but there are almost no sidewalks and the area is not safe for pedestrians.
89. I-5 is noisy and the garbage is out of control as well as the campers.

90. If I'm alone, I walk my trail but always choose the more populated and less trees route. I seldom do the less populated and heavier treed and forested route as I know there've been people living in that section of the forest. As a woman one has to take precautions when alone.
91. If too many people are using it I'll go elsewhere and have done so since before the pandemic. I can usually tell by how many parked cars for the site.
92. I'm fortunate in that I live about a mile from the trail and can ride from home. The roads I use have bike lanes though I have to get through two roundabouts. I really wish they had dedicated bike lanes instead of having to exit onto a sidewalk and use pedestrian crossings. Cyclists should be able to get through the roundabout safely without having to use facilities intended for people on foot.
93. Increase of homeless population and encampments near or on a lot of public parks and trails.
94. Increased illicit activities and questionable safety. Complete lack of monitoring and enforcement.
95. Increased outreach efforts could address some of these barriers/impediments.
96. Increasing presence of encampments. Though most unhoused folks are simply trying to survive an extremely challenging situation, many appear unstable with threatening behavior so I avoid trails through these areas for safety reasons.
97. It is just too dangerous to use our trails: Drugs, drug selling, doped up angry/drugged out/scary people, campers living next to trail, human excrement, garbage.
98. It often feels unsafe with large amounts of homeless people living and loitering on the trail. For this reason I do not use a trail alone, only with a buddy.
99. It should be called the TRY Trail. Tenino Rainier Yelm.
100. It would be helpful to have more and clearer trail signs with a "You are here" arrow, especially in Capital Forest. On trails in Bend, OR, the trail maps have trail intersections numbered, which correspond to a simple 4x4 post at that intersection with that number on it. Simple and cheap.
101. It would be so helpful to our weekly use if there were more entrances for hubby's handicap scooter.
102. Lack of a safe horse trail
103. Lack of connections through neighborhoods and across freeways.
104. Lack of entry points on the west side of the Chehalis and Western between Yelm Highway and 14th Ave. Herman Road and Wiggins Road are high traffic roads with no shoulder, so they don't provide access from the west. A bike path through LBA woods to 37 Ave SE would help.
105. Lack of good maps that show where there is parking
106. Lack of parking
107. Lack of personal time to ride
108. lack of publications distributed around town (great example from Fort Collins, CO: <https://www.fcgov.com/bicycling/bike-maps>)
109. Lack of restroom facilities on CWT in many parts
110. Lack of restroom facilities.
111. Lack of sidewalks
112. large homeless population on Wheeler
113. Lazy.....
114. Limited restrooms.
115. Limited safe or convenient route on a bike from my neighborhood to trail that isn't on narrow roads.

116. Live close to the trailhead at Eastside/Wheeler, but don't feel that it is very safe for walking or bike riding alone on that section of the trail so I prefer to drive to a different trailhead for recreation.
117. Live near the Chehalis-Western Trail
118. Loose dogs and violent men.
119. Many streets (eg. Meridian Ave.) are unsafe for walking or bicycling. We need better sidewalks and bike lanes for ALL county roads.
120. Many vehicles are going too fast on the Chehalis Western Trail. Bicycle riders going 15 mph or more overtake without warning. Many electric bicycles and other electric vehicles and even small gas bikes going too fast. There should be speed limits and warning signs and speed bumps to prevent accidents.
121. Mixed used trails bring risk of physical conflict with fast paced cyclists. No enforcement or speed limit for them
122. More and more garbage and drug activity
123. My closest trail is Capitol Lake/Heritage Park Trail and the Deschutes trail to the Interpretative Center. I go elsewhere when I want more of a woods experience.
124. My house is less than a half-mile from a trail entrance.
125. Myself. Also variety (I prefer loops)
126. Need for permits to use Capitol forest and attitudes mostly by bicyclists.
127. Need more bathroom facilities along the trail. Monarch sculpture garden Sani-can is not sufficient. Need a good facility in that area.
128. Need toilet facilities to be more available j
129. No bathroom or not enough people
130. No break areas (benches, restrooms, trash cans)
131. No developed trail in SW Tumwater. We are interested in knowing when the Gate to Belmore trail will be developed.
132. No horse trailer parking
133. No lighted trails near so we only use in summer when it stays light longer.
134. No longer safe to ride on the trail due to the amount of bikers that refuse to yield and/or spook my horse on purpose and/or yell at me for riding my horse on "their trail"
135. No one to trail with.
136. No signs to let us know of amenities that may be available on the trail by community
137. Not developed yet - Gate - Belmore - would be GREAT!!!!
138. Not enough restrooms or benches to take a break. And having to avoid all of the "road apples" (horse droppings) all over the place.
139. Not enough room to park horse trailer. I don't ride on concrete, I would ride on a dirt path instead.
140. Not particularly difficult to get to trails, but does take about a 10-20 minute drive. If they were closer, I would use them more. Glad to hear more trails are being planned.
141. not safe for women
142. Not safe to be on the chehalis trail or any trail around Olympia with the drug use and criminal activity
143. Not safe to travel due to homeless camps!
144. Not safe to walk alone.
145. Nothing "gets in our way" but only because we must drive our car to trail which is 6 miles away.

146. Nothing gets in the way because we must always drive there from our house.
147. Nothing, but my car has been broken into twice at trailheads.
148. Occasionally, sketchy mo fos on the stretch of trail I use. Otherwise, nothing.
149. ONLY during COVID - For me and my family, there are often too many people that we would need to pass in an unsafe distance (less than 6')
150. Other trail goers who yell at people on horse back
151. Parking is the first sign, but especially during the pandemic we are specifically looking for trails with the least amount of people - bonus points for one-way traffic like Watershed Park in Olympia.
152. Parts of the trails no longer feel safe
153. Passing through or near homeless encampments has reduced how much I use trails and which trails I use.
154. Pavement sometimes 'gets in the way' - I'd like to see more unpaved places to jog/run; most urban trails seem to be paved (except for relatively short trails within parks)
155. People on trails sometimes do not follow covid-19 protection rules.
156. People walking dogs on leash with dog on one side of the trail and the owner/ human on the other. I would also add that maintenance of the trail is often lacking in the winter and spring to the point where there is damage to the bike path and/or trees and bushes growing over the trail and leaves and other plant material making the surface less safe.
157. Putting a bike rack on my car and my bike on the bike rack gets in the way of using the trails on your map.
158. Rain. Cars get broken into too often.
159. Ralph Munro Trail during CoVid- too many other users!
160. Restrooms along the routes are needed, especially at the end of the trails.
161. Rochester, Ground Mound area. I know that a study is being done. Currently for any long distance day usage, I use Tenino area or Capital forest areas.
162. Rude bicyclist who do not follow the rules.
163. Rude cyclists. Not yielding and going too fast
164. Rude men riding bikes very fast and acting like they are the only people who should be out. These fitness bikers (who go 15mph+) are a menace
165. Rules regarding horses are unclear and some areas don't allow them, making travel impossible
166. Safe parking is a big problem. Cars park within 10 feet of the crosswalks, the ability to see oncoming cars is bad.
167. Safe parking is very important. I will not use the trail or trail system unless I'm confident my car will be safe and secure.
168. SAFETY
169. safety concerns
170. safety concerns
171. safety concerns being alone on the trail due to isolation/homeless encampments
172. Safety concerns with young children and motorists not stopping at crosswalks. Need lighter crosswalks at every intersection
173. Safety due to increasing homeless camps
174. Safety issues with trash, homeless camps, etc. along routes closest to I-5.
175. Safety on the trail
176. safety related to people who appear to be having mental health crises on the trails

177. Safety, criminal activity, drugs
178. Safety. People from the homeless encampments have threatened me while running on multiple occasions.
179. Safety: homeless on trail.
180. Safety--concerns about using the trail alone as a woman. Especially the Chehalis western trail and the woodland trail.
181. Scary homeless people
182. Seating to rest is needed for those who have mobility issues and do not use wheelchairs or similar devices. Additionally, I no longer use the trails because of the homeless populations. Too much garbage and more than a few are aggressive.
183. Seen too many sketchy people especially in the less populated areas of the Chehalis trail. Afraid of using the trails alone.
184. Signs for notable destinations off or nearby would help new visitors. Historical markers and dates of early places would enhance the experience.
185. Signs to the trails and signs on the trail are well marked and easy to find and follow.
186. since I drive to them...
187. Some areas I no longer walk. Capitol Lake being one of them. Really sad as it was my favorite, but honestly I really don't shop or take friends, family to shop downtown anymore. It's just too gross with needles, feces, and a houseless problem that is out of control.
188. Some parts of the trails are too isolated and I've had interactions with individuals who scared me, followed me, or wouldn't leave me alone so I don't feel safe going alone.
189. Some trails feel unsafe due to proximity of homeless encampments
190. Sometimes I don't use the trails when there is a lot of rain because there is poor drainage, but that problem is mainly on the East side of Evergreen parkway, so that might not be the official Ralph Munro trail, but I know people use it just the same.
191. Sometimes there are concerns about homeless folks or loitering kids that make it feel unsafe.
192. Sometimes too many bicyclists who are discourteous about sharing the trail.
193. Sometimes unsavory people are loitering around
194. Take a look around at the Woodland Trail, Deschutes Parkway/Heritage, certain sections of the Chehalis and the Yelm-T90. It's unsafe. And it's a disgrace.
195. The access from Coulter to trail is often under water, 26th has no sidewalk and Martin Way is too busy.
196. The beginning of the Yelm-Tenino trail is very open and dull for the 1st mile or so. It puts a damper on the trail right at the beginning.
197. The Chehalis Western Trail was supposed to be made for horse use but then they paved it. Paving isn't safe for a horse. Also, when riding there previously, the bikes were flying on the trail. The fast bikes need to be slowed down by either speed bumps or another means. motorized bikes should not be allowed on the trails.
198. the connecting road (26th, off of southbay) has no bike lanes, and I am often harrassed by motor vehicles while riding my bike.
199. The number one reason I don't use trails much anymore is the volume of house less individuals that live along the trails and accost those walking on the trail.
200. The Rochester /Grand Mound area is on the edge (in a corner) of Thurston Co. and is overlooked.

201. The trail closest to home isn't open yet. It is the Belmore to Gate trail. The next closest one that is open is the Chehalis Western trail, which is about 13 miles away as opposed to the Belmore to Gate trail which is only about 1.5 miles from our home.
202. The trail itself is not safe due to others.
203. the trail that I could use to commute is not safe with the homeless living in the woods that the trail goes through
204. The trails don't always feel safe if I'm exercising alone.
205. The trails in my NE Olympia area all being to the city and don't interface with the Thurston trail system.
206. The trails need to connect more seamlessly
207. The trails themselves do not feel safe anymore. I live on the eastside of Olympia, near downtown. There are two large trails within about 10 minutes walk from my house, but I rarely use these trails anymore because they do not feel safe. The trails are lined with homeless camps and I just don't feel comfortable walking along those trails anymore. It is very unfortunate, I miss walking the trails.
208. There isn't a trail that goes the direction I would like to travel.
209. they are no longer safe for walking alone
210. This is a shame. This was meant to be a check all that apply, but only allowed one. No safe route to my house, no safe route from trails to destinations, work, shopping, Cooper Pt Rd & Capitol Blvd both a nightmare, lack of signage- see Seattle's, more route info, especially for through town
211. too busy with people, i like it calm
212. Too clarify I don't care about parking for cars, there is plenty of that. I mean a lack of safe, covered bike parking at my destination. People operating motor vehicles dangerously and with disrespect for folks taking the lane when there aren't appropriate bike lanes also feels like a challenge.
213. Too crowded during pandemic
214. Too many bikes with riders with no proper riding etiquette.
215. Too many homeless encampments, garbage, and threatening people
216. Too many homeless under the influence near our closest trail.
217. Too many off leash dogs, and people don't clean up after their dogs. This is a health hazard, in addition to being disgusting.
218. Too many other people using the trail (I recognize this is a good thing, I just don't like it)
219. Too many people
220. too many people to bike around, particular with covid. Just to be clear I think it is great that people are out and do not expect to have exclusive use to bike on the trail. I just make a choice to stay on the roads if the parking area is full.
221. Too many people with dogs off-leash
222. Too many rude bicyclists
223. Too noisy next to freeway.
224. Trail closest not skate friendly
225. trail conditions near I-5
226. Trail doesn't feel safe. Some individuals using the trail or just hanging out on it make me (woman walking or biking alone) uncomfortable
227. Trail is currently closed but I'm looking forward to your future work on it! (Gate-Belmore Trail)

228. Trail is not safe, overrun by house less community
229. Trail itself displays signs of potential safety issues (lots of graffiti, lots of homeless people camping in bushes immediately adjacent to the trail, poor lighting given sunrise/sunset times half the year, etc.)
230. Trail nearest my home has not been completed yet. I have had to drive to others in order to use them when the one nearest my home has been in the planning or in process stages for decades. I love the trails that are available and use them with friends, family and by myself. Some safety concerns when by myself though in less traveled areas or near homeless encampment, particularly near the woodland trail.
231. Trails are not safe with homeless living on them.
232. Trails can be too crowded for adequate social distancing.
233. Trails conducive to horses are generally not within the urban areas. Too many conflicts with other users who do not share trails appropriately
234. Trails don't feel safe
235. Trails nearest my home are not safe.
236. Trails unsafe
237. Transients sleeping on the trail, trash, broken glass, feeling unsafe I carry pepper spray and don't go alone
238. Troubling people live along the trails. Some vegetation is creeping too close to the trail.
239. Under construction
240. Unfortunately I don't feel safe using the trail by myself any more because of the homeless camps.
241. very lucky to live at Panorama bordering the C-W
242. Violent homeless encampments, garbage, and no longer safe.
243. We as a sign company can help with the cost of signs that might help people find places on the trail they would like to visit. ( Design N Signs LLC )
244. We have been waiting for West Bay Trail for a long time. How could we speed it up?
245. We need a "Chehalis-Western" type trail on the west side. The county owns a former railroad bed that goes towards Littlerock that would be perfect for that! It would provide a much safer route for bicycle commuting. Biking down Littlerock Rd can be very scary at times.
246. We need a connection to Tumwater!
247. We would prefer to bike to the trail, as we live just a few blocks from the Chehalis-Western trail where it crosses 26th Ave NE, but it's so dangerous to bike with kids on that busy street with no shoulder! We would use the trail a lot more if we could safely get to it.
248. Weather
249. Weather, lack of time
250. Well, rain, but this is Washington, right?
251. wont walk alone
252. Woodland trail feels unsafe otherwise we would cycle to the Chehalis-Western using it rather than driving
253. Would love to see the abandoned railroad turned into a paved trail from and around Littlerock. It would be so awesome to have a safe trail into Olympia from the Rochester Littlerock areas. Please!
254. Would welcome more trails in Thurston County!

6. Which of the following trail conditions have you experienced to be a cause for concern for your safety or other people's safety?

1. Bicycles going too fast when people are present. Some use the trail as a bicycle race training track. A lot of people are using electric bikes and travel too fast when others are present.
2. "Tent camps" along the trails.
3. (1) Threatening comments towards a single woman running from people in the FB homeless camps. (2) Debris, needles on Woodland trail near these camps. (3) Unmasked cyclists coming up fast behind me when I'm running without warning. I generally don't feel safe alone anymore on the trails. Most of my female running friends feel the same way.
4. 4 wheelers between Rainier and Tipsoo
5. A lot of people aren't wearing masks which is a bit disconcerting, especially closer to town trails are more heavily used. I often encounter larger groups that are on foot with young children and strollers that take up most of the trail width, not wearing masks, and not bothering to get out of the way, even when I alert them when passing from behind.
6. A number of what seem to be unhoused people on the trail near downtown/St. Pete's. Often don't feel safe by myself.
7. Again drug campers and litter
8. Again, your survey is broken. You should fix & try again. Safe street crossings lacking, cars don't stop for cyclists, debris on trails and especially streets, bike lanes get cleared last, people letting trees & shrubs grow into bike path, particularly thorny ones
9. Aggressive people and people who appear to be on drugs.
10. Always on the lookout for people who intend harm.
11. Animal Poop not being picked up by owners.
12. Areas to park when going to other places other than the one closest to my home.
13. As a female runner, I don't feel safe running alone in certain areas.
14. As a woman, sometimes worry about being alone on the trail with some of the homeless camps...
15. As a woman sometimes I have safety concerns using the trails alone.
16. As stated in question 5, rowdy kids, homeless sleeping on the trail.
17. At certain parts of the trail (near Woodard Bay trail head) I can see where the slopes have experienced landslides and the slopes are VERY close to the trail itself. That's concerning.
18. At times I am a bit concerned about some of the homeless folks that hang out on/near the trails. Though I have not had any trouble, I do worry occasionally.
19. Bicycle users speeding and do NOT alert walkers as they pass.
20. Bicycles or runners not giving walkers notice of coming up behind them.
21. Bicyclists on forest land abusing 'rights of way'.
22. Bicyclists scaring the beejebees out of us, passing like we are rocks in the road, valuing their speed over everything.
23. Bicyclists who speed by and don't use a courtesy bell or voice warning of passing.
24. Biggest concern is homeless camps along trail and human waste.
25. Bike riders passing close to walkers
26. Bikes coming downhill around blind corners as horses are going up on narrow trails
27. Bikes go fast around pedestrians and especially kids. Dark at night on bikes!

28. Bikes going to fast and ill behaved dogs are the biggest threats to horses
29. Bikes going too fast, untrained dogs
30. Bikes without notification they are behind you.
31. Bike-walker speed differences, concerns about homeless people or crimes
32. Boards that are slippery when wet, muddy conditions.
33. Bushes and blackberries growing along side of trail.
34. Camps along trail.
35. Cannot comment just yet.
36. Car break-ins in parking areas.
37. Cars frequently broken into at Woodard Bay parking area.
38. cars parked at trail intersections, blocking view. Would be easier to turn from the roadway onto the bike trail if corner was rounded, not a 90 degree angle. Then I wouldn't have to pull out into the middle of the road way to make the turn. Also, some places are too sharp, like the bike trails and intersections near the Old Sears...Chehalis Western trail, freeway trail, and connectors. Also, blind turns here. Plus too many homeless people and their garbage under bridges.
39. Cars parking on the trail at street crossings
40. Cars should have to stop at the less busy trail crossing. Lots of leaves in the fall and I appreciated the person who blew sections near Yelm Highway. Dogs are sometimes off leash or not paid attention to which can be very hazardous as a biker passing them.
41. Cars/trucks driving dangerously at trail crossings. Homeless encampments near trails. Mentally unstable people using trails. Criminal activity on trails especially
42. Certain areas don't feel safe as a female running alone.
43. Certain population living right along the trail makes me and my family and friends not want to frequent that particular trail area due to harassment and fear.
44. Chehalis Western trail some bicyclists ride too fast; homeless people sometimes menacing.
45. Children riding bikes or playing unpredictably. Groups of walkers taking up whole width of trail.
46. Concern about homeless and drug addicts living right next to trails.
47. Concern over potential criminal use of trails by transient "campers", particularly where encampments are close by, like Wheeler.
48. Concerned about isolation and vulnerability on wooded trails in urban areas.
49. Concerned about predators on the trails. A couple years ago several women were attacked and raped. Not sure how to fix that, but it keeps me off the trails when it's very early or late.
50. creepy people loitering... then following me... makes it scary even with a friend.
51. crime
52. Criminal activity, drugs
53. Criminal activity.
54. Cyclists are fast, rary slow down overtake my horse spooking it and say nothing, not even an apology
55. Damned e-bikers riding recklessly 20+ mph way too close to walkers and occasional gas-powered moped, motorcycle, or scooters on trail moving far too fast around other users.
56. Dangerous men and loose dogs
57. Dangerous people

58. Dog feces. Also, if a trail is paved, there should be a clear strip on the side that is unpaved. It's a lot easier on walkers' and runners' knees and joints to have an unpaved area. Also I find my gait is different, I get more blisters on paved areas.
59. Dog poop.
60. dogs off leash--scary people on trail - drugs hanging out bugging bikers
61. Dogs poop baggys so disgusting
62. Drainage is a problem in some areas. Bumps from tree roots are probably my biggest safety concern. Litter & debris from encampments detracts from the experience. "On-street" segments aren't very useful--make the map look good, but so what?
63. Drug addicts. If I were a female or elderly I wouldn't use some of them.
64. Drug debris, garbage, and unsafe treatment from people specifically from homeless camps
65. Drug use
66. Drug use on trail. Needles. Garbage. Transients.
67. Drug use, fires, and illegal vegetation clearing on and near trails.
68. Druggies, human excrement, garbage, filth every where. Not safe.
69. Ebike riders exceeding safe speeds
70. eBikes go too fast. They don't follow any speed limits and often just blast through without audible warning. Many are just electric motorcycles now. Roots south of new train crossing / Rainier Rd are starting to push higher.
71. Encampment and ppl living on or near trail.
72. Encampments alongside trail are a safety concern
73. Encampments in woods surrounding trails
74. encampments near trails
75. EXCEPT - I did get scared off a daily bicycle commute early in the morning before daylight when I came across a group of men hanging out in a wooded area. They did not bother me, but I wasn't comfortable riding on the trail routinely in the dark after that.
76. Far and away the biggest safety concern I have while using the trails is the threat from people who menace me. Most often, they appear to be vagrants or to have mental health issues. In the winter, I prefer to ride on surface streets and take my chances with cars, because I do not feel safe on the trails. I have had far too many scary incidents, and when I have called law enforcement for help, they have not understood where I am or even the basic geography of how the trails interface with the street system. It's terrifying. I wish law enforcement would take this seriously.
77. Feeling unsafe to walk as a single female unless I am farther away from town.
78. Feral humans I will not go along sections of the trail where those individuals are nearby.
79. Fine on C-W but concerned about Wiodland Trail because of cyclists being accosted by "campers."
80. Flooding of trails (Also tree roots under the tar, although it hasn't stopped us yet!)
81. Fones road crossing-- appreciate the improvements, but it's still a very busy and dangerous crossing. Some parts of the trail are too interrupted by busy roads, e.g. Lacey area. I've seen a jogging pedestrian get hit by a car at the college street intersection w/ woodland trail. I don't know whether she ultimately survived. Trail users need protection from vehicle traffic wherever possible. I really appreciate the bridges for crossings at Martin way, I-5 and Yelm highway bridges. Please protect people from cars. They will use the trails more!

82. For some idiotic reason, the stop signs force trail traffic to stop (which it does not), even at private road crossings and very minor roads. The trail (an arterial) should have priority over minor roads. This is true through Indian Summer, and quite ridiculous along the Yelm/Tenino trail. Just a matter of unbolting the STOP signs on metal square posts, and reinstalling them 90-degrees from the current mounting. However, at busy road crossings, additional technology is needed, particularly at 26th, South Bay, and 36th to the north, and Herman Road, Fir Tree, 89th, and Waldrick to the south. Ultimately, there should be motion sensor driven Red/Yellow/Green semaphores that stop auto traffic on these roads when trail users approach the crossing.
83. Garbage & used needles near trailhead/trails. Homeless encampments nearby. Human excrement near trails.
84. Garbage and feces on trail.
85. Garbage and homeless population make areas un-inviting,
86. Garbage including needles and containers of urine usually, near encampments on the Woodland trail.
87. General safety concerns (see response to question 5)
88. Getting to the trail
89. Growing number of homeless living in the woods along the trail.
90. Growing number of homeless on and around trails present a challenging situation. Sometimes they are smoking and doing drugs on the trail benches.
91. Have not experienced harassment on the trail, however I have avoided certain trails due to the fear of it.
92. Have not used
93. Hazardous materials/wastes sometimes on or in vicinity of the trails. Sometimes design in more urban sections is not fully accessible/safe (example - highway overhead light pillar on I-5 Bicycle Trail between Eastside and Jefferson is able to clip riders or their handlebars if they are on the edge of the trail).
94. High speed road bikers and ATVs in Rainier area on the trail are hazardous.
95. homeless
96. Homeless
97. Homeless
98. Homeless
99. Homeless & sketchy people
100. homeless and vagrants make walking the trails solo unsafe
101. Homeless and vagrants on the trail.
102. Homeless camped along trail between Rainier and Yelm. I often have to take our children or scouts the opposite direction to avoid the issue.
103. Homeless camping near trail
104. Homeless camps
105. Homeless camps
106. Homeless camps
107. Homeless camps off of the trail, homeless and/ or intoxicated people sleeping next to the trail
108. Homeless camps along some trails are a concern.
109. Homeless Camps along the trail or nearby
110. Homeless camps along the trail.
111. Homeless camps alongside the trail

112. Homeless camps and individuals are scary to meet on the trail!
113. Homeless camps and people sleeping on the trail
114. homeless camps and unsafe individuals on trails
115. Homeless camps close to trail, which represent sanitation, health and safety issues.
116. homeless camps makes the trail unsafe and I don't use trails where they are. The Cities and county need to do a better job of keeping them away from the trails and trail heads. People stop using trails for two reasons, they feel unsafe and when they are not maintained. Having to drive miles to get to a crappy parking area is also unfavorable. I have to ride a recumbent trike because of my disability, so having to use a crappy pull off the road parking area not a good option to unloading and loading my Trike.
117. Homeless camps near the trail. (Woodland park trail)
118. homeless camps near trails
119. Homeless camps near trails, unsafe people loitering in the area.
120. Homeless camps nearby have prevented me from feeling safe biking or walking alone.
121. Homeless camps set up near trails
122. Homeless camps too close to bike area to go alone
123. homeless camps with drug paraphernalia make me nervous to ride alone. I also saddened by the garbage in and around these camps.
124. Homeless camps, trash, unsafe population
125. Homeless camps, untreated mental illness, drug/alcohol intoxicated people
126. Homeless communities. People sleeping across the trails.
127. Homeless encampment along trail, men drinking and loitering, garbage
128. homeless encampment near isolated area of trail
129. Homeless encampments
130. homeless encampments
131. Homeless encampments
132. Homeless encampments adjacent to trails for example Woodland
133. homeless encampments along the trail
134. Homeless encampments and drug dealing near trails.
135. Homeless encampments and drug use in trail corridor.
136. Homeless encampments and loose dogs from adjacent property
137. Homeless encampments at the trail edge with litter and belongs strewn on the trail.
138. Homeless encampments close to the trail, makes me not want to use them.
139. Homeless encampments near trails sometimes make me a little concerned.
140. homeless encampments near trails. No security present.
141. Homeless encampments nearby.
142. Homeless encampments on Woodland Creek trail
143. Homeless encampments, drug use, littering including syringes.
144. homeless folks "living" on the trail. Especially I-5 trail (I have stopped using) as well as the woodland/CWT intersection/round spot.
145. Homeless folks, their garbage left in trail, and concern for personal safety while passing by
146. Homeless harass pedestrians and make a mess.
147. Homeless hear the woodland and Chehalis western trail
148. Homeless in tents and camping and leaving trash; people dumping trash from overpasses and graffiti

149. Homeless individuals is a MAJOR CONCERN for my safety. They come out of the woods and are very unpredictable due to drug use and mental illness.
150. Homeless living around trail
151. Homeless living next to trail.
152. homeless making me feel unsafe at night
153. Homeless on the trail
154. Homeless on woodland trail
155. Homeless people
156. homeless people & other shifty looking people
157. homeless people and mentally unstable people along trail acting unusual
158. Homeless people and other vagrants make the trail feel unsafe in places.
159. Homeless people and others loitering
160. Homeless people camping off the trail
161. Homeless people concentrated near trails in some areas, such as near junction of Woodland and Chehalis-Western Trail, and entire stretch of Woodland Trail between Eastside and Fones Road.
162. HOMELESS PEOPLE EXHIBITING UNSAFE BEHAVIOR
163. Homeless people in the bushes
164. Homeless people living along the trail.
165. homeless people living on the trail
166. Homeless people moving closer to the trails. you can see tents from the trail.
167. Homeless people sleeping on the trail make me feel unsafe
168. Homeless people using drugs on the trails
169. Homeless people who are in the woods along the trail along with their debris. Makes it feel less safe to walk by yourself.
170. Homeless people with camps along the trail
171. Homeless population camping off of the trails.
172. Homeless population camping on/near trails
173. Homeless populations are aggressive and leave garbage all over.
174. Homeless presence on trails
175. Homeless using trails
176. Homeless, drugged out people
177. Homelessness and illicit activities on/adjacent to trails.
178. Homeless individuals who live next to the trails and accost those walking on the trails.
179. HUGE homeless camp nearby! I do not feel safe at all. Need to get rid of homeless on Wheeler.
180. Human excrement and fireworks debris on trails.
181. I almost exclusively use the Chehalis-Western trail at the Lacey end. I believe it to be kept up well as far as debris and vegetation on side. When the wind comes up I do have some concerns about trees that look vulnerable. Also, the tree roots that create bumps in the trail are of concern, particularly for those not as stable on their feet. I do appreciate the roots being marked with white paint and view that as the next best option to removal.
182. I am concerned about the increased speeds of motorized bicycles and skate boards on the trails. I haven't been on C-W trail for almost a year. Have speed limit signs been added yet? I think they should be considered, if they are not yet planned.

183. I am consistently amazed and grateful for the excellent maintenance and LACK of debris on the trail, even after horrible weather.
184. I broke my elbow last spring when I swerved to miss a van that was crossing the Yelm Tenino trail and hit a concrete post. Need to make the posts safer!
185. I carry spray. For non leashed dogs primarily, but also for people misbehaving.
186. I do not like the parts of the trail where i have to use the road to meet up with the next part of the trail.
187. I do try to always walk with someone on trails, but I do sometimes walk alone. I heard of a woman getting raped on the Chehalis Western, so I am cautious. The park next to my house does have problems with drug paraphrenia which was more of a concern when my daughter was young. I reported it to Thurston County Parks.
188. I don't feel safe going alone at anytime. There is only 1 way in or out & anymore can see if a car is parked at the trail head they know there is someone there. There are lots of areas (brush) one could hide in & there is no real escape once you have committed to the trail
189. I don't use many of these trails so can't comment. I mostly use the trails along Evergreen Parkway.
190. I dont always feel safe when I am alone
191. I feel like the trails are mostly well maintained but access to them can be dangerous and trails get so worn they need chips or other organic surface material to protect exposed roots and prevent the trail from becoming a stream when it rains.
192. I generally feel safe from a trail design perspective even though there are occasional issues with trail surfacing. There is a reasonable understanding that these will occur and once found, identified, prioritized and corrected. I do have safety concerns from other uses/users occurring on or along trails such as homeless camps and the unsafe/unsanitary conditions that generally accompany them (rude or aggressive behavior, drug use/needles, environmental harm, etc.)
193. I get nervous biking on the Woodland trail at night if I am alone
194. I have been using the trails for twenty years and the trails are wonderful as is the staff who keep it clean and safe. The check marks here are singular incidents and not repeated. I cherish the opportunity to ride them versus navigating on our county roads.
195. I have encountered gas powered bikes and horses that are not comfortable when approached by a bicycle.
196. I have not heard of any concerns
197. I have seen chunks of asphalt, shopping carts, bags of garbage and used syringes on a section of the trail along I-5. It is not cleaned and maintained like other areas of the trail, which look very nice.
198. I know there's no anything that can be done but some people on the trails are kind of scary.
199. I live o the Ralph Monroe Trail. I would love if there were easier ways to cross Evergreen Parkway besides just at 17th. There are some side trails that cross it, but the traffic is very fast and dangerous to cross.
200. I only frequent 3 locations for urban trail access. Im not familiar enough with other trails yet.
201. I really enjoy having the Chehalis Trail close to our neighborhood; it's a real treasure. HOWEVER, some things are getting worse: 1)Dog owners are just letting their pets poop along the side of the trail, and leaving it. It's especially bad near park and neighborhood entrances. Our son (who cleans up) no longer walks his dog there because of all the poop piles. 2) Bikers who are clueless about "On your left" and fly right past your left hip.

202. I restrict my time on the trail to ensure safety from others; I travel with others and typically bring my dog. I avoid all areas around shopping as this is the area that homeless frequent and I feel unsafe. Therefore, as I would like to use the trail for more than exercise, shopping is not a safe practice, I prefer to stay on a main road for this purpose.
203. I ride several times a week and there are often branches and tree debris after a storm but they are quickly cleaned up. My main safety concern is congestion on the path, usually related to inattentive dog walkers. Most people are great but it's hard to predict. Areas that make it easy for folks to step off the path are nice for people to get out of the way for a conversation or to attend to their dogs. The flip side is bikers riding too fast. I sympathize with the desire to push hard sometimes but some fast riders weave in out out of lanes to avoid getting stuck behind walkers rather than waiting for oncoming traffic to safely pass.
204. I sometimes feel unsafe when I see people who appear homeless or are muttering to themselves.
205. I sometimes worry about encountering homeless/ illegal campers with unpredictable behaviors, contaminated needles and human waste.
206. I stopped using the Woodland Creek Trail years ago as soon as homeless encampments started setting up. As mentioned before in the previous comments, I do not walk the section of trail near our home that has had people camping in the woods.
207. I think there's a common, prejudiced perception that homeless people are a threat. I think that probably deters some people from using trails in the downtown Olympia area. I don't think homeless people are a threat any more than anyone else; the majority of them are not violent offenders of any kind. Addressing the stereotypes about homelessness Olympia, and actually housing homeless people, would bring some reluctant trail users back to trails in that area.
208. I understand that some women are reluctant to use many of the trails alone, so tend to use them with friends.
209. I used to run on the Chehalis Western Trail, even before it was paved and open to the public, and in the early morning. After people formed encampments along the trail (I've seen some smoking crack on the side of the trail), it didn't appear to be safe. I rarely use the Chehalis Western Trail now. I never use the bathrooms at the Chamber Creek Trailhead after finding women camping in there.
210. I worry about the homeless on Sleeter Keeney area of the trail. That area sadly has become really sketchy. I avoid it now.
211. I would like to walk or jog the trails but I normally only feel safe biking. There has been a significant increase in recent years of people who live in the wooded area around the trails and as a woman I do not feel safe walking or jogging alone.
212. I'm 74 and don't walk alone. Safety is main concern.
213. Illegal drug users and homeless camps.
214. I'm a woman and I'm not very strong. I am worried about people attacking/kidnapping me on trails. Maybe you could include emergency buttons along some of the trails (similar to college campuses)
215. In certain areas like on the Chehalis Western Trail Lacey in Lacey there is a lot of congestion. Also, I'm pretty sure that there is drug dealing going on in that general area.
216. In general, I consider it a requirement to have at least one person with me when I use trails. Not sure what can be done to make women feel safe on their own in secluded areas.

217. In general, I find the trails here to be well maintained and folks to be pretty well behaved.  
Leaves happen. The only times I've noticed safety considerations are when the wooden bridge sections on Chehalis-Western south of the Woodland/KarenFraser intersection get slick/icy, and when folks in the camps along the interstate are loitering in a somewhat threatening way.
218. In past years there were assaults on the CW trail, but not recently I believe. But that is why I walk with someone generally.
219. In the past 2-3 years the amount of trash, rubbish, waste, and homeless encampments alongside the trails have significantly impacted the ecosystem and concern for personal safety when using the trail system.
220. Insufficient lighting along the trails.
221. Isolated segments with signs of homeless presence nearby Airborne virus transmission (COVID)
222. It can get pretty slippery with accumulation of leaves on the ground
223. It would be nice to have a flashing crossing light at each of the street crossings to alert cars.
224. I've only felt unsafe when it's gotten dark/late and I'm on foot on more remote parts of the trails (even with a headlamp). It's probably just a situation I should try to avoid.
225. I've heard that the Chehalis Western trail has had people there that make others feel unsafe or bad actions have happened. That worries me.
226. Just fear of homeless encampments with drug abusers.
227. Just wanted to say it is rare that I have run into other trail users that have been unsafe.  
Occasionally the bikers are going at unsafe speeds or dog owners have unleashed or uncontrolled dogs.
228. Kids throwing large rocks off of new railroad underpass
229. Lack of access and trails for ebikes at parks.
230. Lack of connectivity for kids to use trails safely (would require use of a busy arterial to connect).
231. Lack of education on encountering horses.
232. Lack of level and cleared non paved portion makes it difficult for horseback riding
233. Lack of wayfinding signs or maps
234. Large homeless population on Wheeler
235. Leaves can be a hazard certain times of the year.
236. Lighting in general is lacking. Doesn't feel safe.
237. Living on the trail
238. many cyclists do not warn of passing..very startling many cyclists and walkers pass in groups..do not move into single file for passing..expect them to move over into brush
239. More encouragement via signage to have peds stay to the right and be aware of bicycles would be very helpful for safety
240. Mostly homeless or mentally ill people. My husband had a homeless person pull out a knife and yell at him and shake it at him from a distance, he didn't approach. But he still just turned around and went back the way he came. It was on the trail over the I-5 over pass at Martin Way.
241. Motor vehicle operators not respecting vulnerable road users. Law enforcement officers shrugging when observing me getting right hooked.
242. Motorized vehicles near Rainier on the trail, and homeless folks using the foliage
243. My concern is the other people on the trails, the one near me as turned into a place for those experiencing homeless to live

244. My only concern is that some trail users don't always seem able to control their dog's aggressive behaviors (barking and lunging at passing strangers).
245. My wife and kids have been chased and yelled at by people camping on the trail
246. N/a
247. Need to fill the muddy areas
248. Needles, garbage, unauthorized camping on trail.
249. No concerns when walking with others. Did once (over a year ago) see what appeared to be some "tagging" (spray paint, obviously not from maintenance) on Chehalis Western Trail near Martin Way.
250. No concerns. I do have to shout out to Lacey staff who cleared the trail a day after last month's storm. Awesome!
251. No safe parking; cars broken into at trailheads; property crimes; one trail several assaults from homeless persons camping
252. Non predictable passage after heavy rains. Mud deep puddles render the walk tenuous
253. Not been in trails recently
254. Not safe after dusk. Known area for predators to hang out and travel at night.
255. Occasional strange individuals
256. Of recent, the increase in homeless encampments and less aware or less respectful individuals that have come along with them.
257. Off leash dogs
258. Off leash dogs.
259. On occasion trash/litter, dog feces left by disrespectful people.
260. On the Karen Fraser Trail west of Sleater Kinney, homeless encampments along the trail are a worry to me. On the I-5 Bicycle Trail I encountered a young man lying on the ground mumbling to himself, possibly on drugs? Large amounts of trash scattered about, I no longer use that trail as I don't feel safe.
261. One dark evening biking home after work, another cyclist stopped me. He said he biked one way, and on his return home, someone had put a big log across the trail. Fortunately he had a mountain bike and did not crash, but I would have crashed with my road bike and then who knows what the bandinos would have done. This was about 1 mile from the end of the North end of the Chehalis Western Trail about 4 years ago. I have seen signs of homeless folks sleeping off the side of the trail. Makes me a bit nervous biking at night. I wish bike cops cruised up and down the trails at various hours just to show a presence.
262. Others not wearing masks on trails that are very narrow. I wish there were signs reminding folks that they need to wear a mask on narrow trails.
263. Overall, I'm impressed with the great maintenance. Several times have called to report fallen trees and they are corrected immediately!
264. Paved trails not safe for horses or riders. Allows the bikes to go way to fast.
265. Pedestrian trails have been allowed to become overgrown
266. People are inconsiderate and inattentive to others on the trail. But that's human nature. Please don't try to regulate that kind of stupidity
267. People behaving erratically and unpredictably on and adjacent to trail
268. people camping, fighting, drinking, and even throwing up
269. People getting murdered on the trail

270. People hanging around on the trails or in the woods next to the trails. People not passing at a safe distance or with masks during Covid-19 pandemic. Groups spreading out across the trail, so that it is hard to pass at a safe distance.
271. People hanging out on or near the trail--especially the intersection (round about) of the woodland and CW trails--who are there every day or for hours per day, not recreating but just using it as a place to hang out.
272. People living in tents near the trail
273. People living in the wooded areas off the trail full time.
274. people living on the trail or near it.
275. People living/hanging out just off the trail who I feel unsafe around.
276. People not cleaning up after their pets.
277. People not looking and wandering into lane with oncoming bicycles
278. People not walking on the right. Bikes without warning signals
279. People on the trail or living off the trail make it feel unsafe at times. I won't ride or walk alone on part of it
280. People riding electric bikes too fast.
281. People who seem to be living or using drugs in the close proximity to the trail.
282. People with their dogs that are not on a lease People that are threatening ie: come toward you when you go a different way, deliberately hoot or say inappropriate words.
283. Personal safety
284. Personally, I choose not to do the trails by myself...you just never know.,,
285. Please don't add lighting on the CWT. I love riding in a rural area undistrubed by excess lights. I love the current lighting situation. Adding lights would ruin my experience. I ride on the trail in the early evenings until dark at least 2 times per week.
286. Please see my comment in section 5 about the safety of the trails.
287. please see response to prior question
288. Poor visibility for motorists along the Woodland Trail, causes unsafe conditions for bicycles. Better vegetation management to enhance sight distance for motorists would improve safety, especially on the section adjacent to Pacific Avenue in Lacey.
289. Potential homelessness issues.
290. Presence of tent encampments along trails, presence of used needles and people behaving in sketchy ways.
291. Recently I've encountered motorcycles (yes, motorcycles- not scooters) and even a snowmobile on the trail. We need a way to stop unsafe motorized vehicles from trail use.
292. resting ares and water
293. Road crossing seem confusing; stop signs on trails would suggest bicyclist are to yield to on-road traffic; but pedestrians crossing have priority over on-road traffic. Result is whether road traffic stops is unpredictable -- particularly hazardous in relation to kids.
294. Rude bicycle riders Should yell out when coming up behind walkers.
295. rude people telling us horse riders we have no business on trail
296. Same as 5.
297. Same as previous comment regarding off leash dogs.
298. Scary people and sometimes people walking big dogs they can barely control, they act like they will attack me and my dogs. We used to use the trail regularly but since the homeless have taken over we don't, wish we felt safe to.

299. Secluded areas present assault concerns, especially for women and children.
300. See my previous comments about people lurking all day along the trail and what comes with that. They are pooping in the bushes, people! There needs to be some rules about hanging out there all day and throwing trash and using it for a toilet. We need bicycle cops to police the trails. Please, please, please. Maybe also instate some sort of call line where you could report the hanger-outers and then the cops would come and ask them to move on. A video system would be even better, with a private security company to monitor it, or police, or both. What about a web cam or alert system so someone could check the trail before heading out alone or with their small children or whatever, so they could feel more safe. Regarding the hazardous trees and branches, it is a problem all year round when there are fallen branches in the trail, it's a hazard especially for those on wheels. The leaves and moss are also a problem. Please clean the trail after storms year round. And moss removal annually would be great!
301. see previous comment
302. See previous comment about fast, unsafe bikes.
303. See previous comment re: encampments
304. Seemingly unstable or unpredictable individuals at trailheads on on trails
305. Serious cyclists are fast and sometimes rude around/to recreational users.
306. Since I often walk alone, I am nervous when I see someone who appears to be homeless not walking/running/skating, but loitering. It feels like they are not there to exercise or enjoy the experience, they seem like they could be menacing. I am a senior woman who could be conceived as an easy target.
307. Sketchy mo fos. Not usually a problem, but more than once I've come across people just sitting on the benches along the trail drinking and once was semi harassed by a group of men. Nothing major or cause to call police, I just make sure I am constantly paying attention to what/who is in front of me and behind me, and try not to be alone on any stretch of trail.
308. Sketchy people
309. sketchy people
310. Sketchy people hanging out on or near the trail. Also, the new part of the trail near the railroad track has a super-dangerous crossing for bikes. The trail has a sharp curve just north of the street crossing, and a poorly placed post in the middle of the trail that is a hazard to bicyclists, especially those riding northbound
311. Sketchy people hanging-out along some parts of some trails
312. Sketchy people within trails
313. Small subset of homeless off of Wheeler Ave strew garbage up and down the trail from Eastside to the overpass of Boulevard Rd, to the Chehalis trail connection. The community off of Wheeler generally are nice folks but there is a subset on the other side by I-5 that treat the trails like they treat their living area, not respectful. There was a pack of 1cc syringes with the orange caps strewn around a park bench not but a few days ago. One of our children is impacted by ASD and is hyper aware to things around him, and the dangers they may or may not pose. He instantly insisted on turning back home as he felt unsafe and refused to go on the trail for some time afterwards. I had to go back a few days later and bring back photographic evidence for him to 'feel safe enough' to get on the trail again. It will be a while before he's willing to walk as far as we had been. This stinks, as he can't go to standard school (pre-covid) due to his sensory issues, and the trail is his main source of exercise.

314. Some areas of the trails are uncomfortable due to proximity of homeless populations that sometimes attempt to interact. Dogs off leash and rude owners who get upset when you request they leash their dog
315. Some bikers are rude
316. Some of the crossings could be improved. Main issue is the pedestrian/bicycle mix.
317. Some of the homeless camps near the trail concern me
318. Some of the places do not feel safe to use alone.
319. Some trails are isolated and feel unsafe to use alone.
320. Some trails have homeless encampments on the perimeter making it uncomfortable to go alone.
321. Some trails I feel aren't safe so I don't go on those
322. Some users are not considerate of the multi-use function. Sometimes bikers traveling in groups or individually are going too fast. Some dog walkers let their dogs wander across the whole trail whether on leash or not, making a hazard for bikers. More educational signs on trail etiquette would be nice.
323. Sometimes erratic people are on the trail
324. Sometimes not busy enough
325. Sometimes see people who appear to be not safe to be around. Also some camps along trails that shouldn't be there with bikes laying around.
326. speeding cyclists coming up from behind without announcing themselves - some do, but that is still an exception. In Germany bicycles ring a bell which is an easy, pleasant way to pass safely - why not do that here?
327. Thank you for maintaining the trail near me (I live at Panorama). I also do my part and carry a small plastic bag and pick up any litter I see - not much.
328. The encampments, drug use and filth.
329. The homeless have taken over so many beautiful places in the Olympia area. Never mind the downtown area. I can no longer feel safe going to Watershed by myself which has put a huge damper on my ability to enjoy that and many of the other trails to parks or neighborhoods.
330. the homeless make it unsafe to travel on the trails
331. The maintenance crew is spot on and I email the manager when I can to compliment those caregivers of the trail. In the past month I have seen the caregivers several times cleaning up fallen trees, and clearing storm debris off the trail. They are always friendly when I wave them hi, and are always polite when in their vehicles when I pass them on my bike.
332. The only safety concern I have is the homeless and their encampments.
333. The only time I hesitate about using trail is during high winds.
334. The surface debris issue along wooded areas of the Chehalis Western Trail is almost unavoidable, but it's bad only during and after the peak of leaf-drop time in the autumn. I find the county has made a decent effort of cleaning off the slippery leaves.
335. The unsavory folk mentioned previously
336. The way I feel unsafe is when drivers at street/road crossings don't seem to be paying attention. And, when it is hard to see down the road/street to know if it is safe to cross. This is true on roads where the traffic speeds are high. Examples, South Bay Road, Stedman Rd.
337. The Woodland trail seems to attract some people who seem a bit off-putting some trail users, but given its downtown location I'm not sure much can be done about that. Capital Forest also attracts some people who race around in pickup trucks and can seem a bit threatening. It would

- help to have the Chehalis Western Trail swept more often. In particular, slippery leaves in fall can present some challenges, particularly to skaters but even bikes.
338. There are a number of homeless camps and transients that come out of the bushes along the trail. It can be alarming. Especially near the circle where the Chehalis Western and the Karen Fraser meet, there is almost always a group there all day and one in particular frequently exhibits erratic behavior due to clear alcohol and/or drug abuse. It makes me feel unsafe, like I can't use the trail alone. I never, ever use the trail in the evening because of this.
339. There are irregularities like over tree roots but it's not bad, really.
340. There are many people conducting illegal activities on the trails.
341. There are trails -- Woodland comes to mind -- that are just generally considered unsafe, especially if you are alone.
342. These trails seem unsafe, especially at night
343. Too many homeless individuals make it feel unsafe.
344. too many homeless people on or nearby trails.
345. Too many people period during Covid.
346. Too many people, need room to recreate. Can't hunt/fish with others so close.
347. trail users being unsafe is a minor concern, it's something I keep a eye out for when on the trail, it has never stopped me from using a trail.
348. trail users need to be reminded to keep dogs on a leash.
349. Trails seem quite well- maintained, safe to run even in bad weather. I never run alone on them, though, after crossing paths with some sketchy types in Lacey area, around Target parking lot. Tenino trail is much better that way.
350. Transient people bothering walkers
351. Transient populations live along the trail and I have heard from friends that they have been harassed and frightened.
352. Transients
353. Transients appearing under the influence and tent camps close. Dont feel safe
354. Trash, etc. along trails closest to I-5.
355. Tree roots under path
356. Unfinished and not maintained trail from Gate to Belmore
357. Un-homed individuals/ and or / mentally unstable individuals have threatened me, and, I have heard others Once, in a high speed chase with police chasing a man in a vehicle , I was Forces into the brambles in order of o save my life.
358. Unhoused people camping near trails have created safety situations for people I know. We route runs around and away from trails in certain areas.
359. Unofficial parking areas along the sides of streets/roads that intersect with trails. Hazardous for trail users getting in and out of their cars and for drivers passing by. These areas should be formalized and speed limits reduced for motorists passing these intersections.
360. unpredictable behaviors, needles, human waste, garbage, homeless camps feel unwelcoming and I think scare the youth of the community, and probably many adults too
361. Unsafe people and loose dogs.
362. Unsafe people living near trails and on the trails
363. Unsafe-looking people along OWT from Eastside to Fones. I bought pepper spray for the first time in my life because of this section of trail.
364. unsanitary conditions due to dog poop left by irresponsible pet owners

365. Unsavory people using drugs and being verbally aggressive
366. Used needles found on trail or in grass next to trail.
367. Usually after a storm or heavy wind, there will be a tree laying across the trail and it will stay there for at least a week or longer sometimes!
368. Vagrants and drug users on the trail make some areas unsafe.
369. Vagrants using drugs have made most of the trails unsafe. They litter and soil the trails, it's a disgrace. I don't want to hike through used needles trash and feces.
370. Violent homeless encampments with garbage, no longer safe.
371. Violent or drugged people camped out around the trails who either assault or threaten or otherwise harass people.
372. Waldrick and Stedman crossings have decreased sight distance for traffic, which often doesn't slow down. Rarely, other users exhibit concerning behavior (e.g ducking into the brush when they see other trail users).
373. Walkers four abreast not paying attention to cyclists. Cyclist not giving warning of passing. Little kids on bikes wandering all over the pathway. And, there is this one crazy dude on a bike in a yellow stripped sweater that yells at people who he thinks are in his way and rides way too fast for conditions (people).
374. We do not use the trails in town due to addicts who congregate near the trails
375. We need to make this area more pedestrian friendly
376. Wet leaves are especially bad in my area (East Olympia Woodland Trail)
377. Wet wood bridge just west of Rainier is a hazard, I've seen 3 bike wrecks on it last years.
378. When my husband had to use a wheelchair for 3 months we discovered how difficult a small crack or bump can be.
379. While some trails do have irregularities, these are natural areas and should not ever be paved as that is injurious to the natural habitat and can cause greater erosion and cascading problems.
380. Will not walk trail alone for personal safety. I only use them when someone is walking or Biking with me.
381. With the increase in homelessness in our community, the homeless use these trails to get to their "camps." I think there is a perception that the trails are not safe, but I think with increase patrols and removal of camps right off the trails this has improved.

## 8. What activities would make you feel safer using a trail?

1. #1 safety concern: I am not comfortable using trails that homeless people are living in; however, I do not know what the solution would be.
2. #2 Do not allow encampments in close proximity to trails
3. #2 Security Cameras, signs indicating security cameras and emergency pay phones along path
  - (1) something similar to blue light emergency call boxes found in parking structures
4. 1) Address the major road crossings to stop cross traffic. South Bay Road is the worst. 2) Mark areas close to trail as no-parking, and cut back vegetation near crossings, so that oncoming traffic has a clear view of trail users as they approach the crossing. It's sad: trail users park close to the trail on 26th, 36th, and 46th, but their parking obscures visibility and created a safety hazard for other trail users. This is particularly important on the side approaching the trail crossing.
5. Remove the homeless encampments surrounding these trails.
6. Monitor for speeding bikes and motorized bicycle
7. Increase cellular coverage to northern end of Chehalis Western Trail so I could use phone to call emergency services if necessary.
8. A bit safer trail for horses were bikes are not zooming past them
9. A law enforcement presence on the trails to monitor and enforce in a way that is similar to other public byways. Is law enforcement completely unaware of the activities on the trail, or are they just not doing anything?
10. Accessibility
11. Actual police bike patrols
12. Additional infrastructure/trails to increase access to trails and keep me (and my bike) off busy roads.
13. Address homelessness effectively with support services and more chemical dependency treatment beds.
14. Addressing homelessness and illicit activities.
15. Alert boxes -- used on many college campuses
16. All of these things would make me feel safer. I wouldn't argue against any of them, and none of them stand out more to me than the others.
17. All sign boards at parking lots should have maps
18. At my end of the trail in Rainier and Yel and Tenino, we don't have homeless camping and less people use the trail. I think that might be why I feel safer out here.
19. bathrooms and a place to put horse poop so others don't complain
20. Bathrooms and benches
21. BETTER LIGHTING
22. Better lighting and clearing away the bushes closest to the trail
23. Better marked trail crossings and leaf removal. At some trail intersections with other trails there are some open air drug dealing happening.
24. Bike police regularly monitoring trails.
25. Blow off leaves
26. Can't think of third item.
27. clear brush away from trail-open up view; more access points for police

28. Clear out the homeless that seem to be over running the areas around these trails. I won't let my wife and kids use these trails w/o me. They do not feel safe at all around town. The further away from town you get the better
29. Clearing debris off trail for safe skating.
30. Clear-out encampments and their messes
31. Continue to remove surface debris (regulatory) and irregularities (tree roots) yearly.
32. Dealing with the homeless and drug problem.
33. Disallow homeless camps alongside the trail.
34. Discourage homeless encampments along the trail. Woodland trail is/was a good example.
35. Discourage homeless people from camping in close proximity to the trails
36. Dispersal of homeless encampments in wooded areas near Woodland Trail close to downtown Oly (not sure whether they are currently occupied as I have not been down that trail in a few months).
37. Dog shit. What is in people's minds that they put their dog shit into a bag and leave the bag there by the trail. Are these really stupid people? It's not that they are on their way out on a walk with their dog and come back and pick up their bag, I see the same bag days later. I hate stupid people.....or is it arrogant people!
38. Don't let the homeless take over the area.
39. Educate cyclists that the same way it's scary to be edged off the road when cycling, when they barrel through walkers it's unsafe. Cyclists need to use their brakes when coming up on pedestrians. Eventually we will need separate cycling and walking lanes.
40. Eliminate unleashed dogs. Some areas prone to homeless campers.
41. Emergency buttons along the way and the removal of adjacent homeless camps and trash PITS!
42. Emergency responders need training more than they need improved access to the trails. OPD officers don't even seem to know where the Woodland Trail is in relation to the rest of the system; they're clearly not patrolling it and seem to have abdicated all responsibility for law enforcement along it. It's very frustrating.
43. Emergency response stations (like they have on college campuses) would be great.
44. Emergency stations that can be activated on the more remote areas of the trail
45. Enforce no camping/loitering laws
46. Enforcement of existing laws to remove people living on the trail or using drugs on the trail.
47. Enforcement of rules against camping along trail and sleeping on trails.
48. Enforcement of the no camping policy so that people aren't sleeping on the trail
49. Firmly establish a 15mph limit and have occasional enforcement. Clean up the homeless camps. Is that what you mean by "impacted areas"?
50. Fix the bumps that block wheelchairs. If you're not wheelchair bound as a parks trail manager, well, go rent one and try out the bridges like at McLane Park and paved trails adjoining east side Evergreen parkway.
51. for longer trails some guide signs (like highways) giving users information how far to the next junction, town, city, etc...
52. Frequent flushing of homeless people who camp or hang out along the trails.
53. Friction surfaces (like tar paper) installed on wooden bridges and ramps in parks--which get very slippery when rainy/wet. Also, diligent identification of potential falling trees over trail, before it happens.

54. general vegetation management. Clear away from edges of trail. Open up views and consider CPTED
55. Get rid of homeless encampments!
56. Get rid of the homeless camps. They are a threat to health and safety.
57. Get the encampments and filth out.
58. Get the homeless off the trail!
59. Good Cell phone coverage. My issues are more societal than trail
60. Have porta potties every few miles along CW trail, and keep them clean and maintained. Thanks.
61. Hazard tree removal
62. help the homeless that are forced to live off the trails
63. homeless encampments - garbage biggest detriment, needles
64. Homeless encampments, but that's a separate issue
65. HUGE homeless camp nearby! I do not feel safe at all. Need to get rid of homeless on Wheeler.
66. I actually feel pretty safe on trails except at dusk and sunrise due to lighting. I think the increased use actually makes our trails feel safer.
67. I am a 6' 3" tall male, so safety is less of a concern for me than for more vulnerable users.
68. I am not concerned about any of those things
69. I do use the signs, like the maps at Priest Point, and was thankful the Parks Dept. reminded citizens they have to wear masks during COVID. I don't like when people trash the parks. They should pick up their trash. I love it when new gravel is placed on the trails especially in muddy areas.
70. I don't currently live and travel the trails near Homeless encampments, but that would make me feel less safe. NOTE: I feel safer alone on a bicycle than I do walking.
71. I don't know
72. I don't there is an issue with any of these items
73. I don't want to take away from the nature of it but maybe some solar powered lights or similar.
74. I feel safe using the trails. There are a few bumpy spots that could use improvements, but it's not a safety issue - it's convenience and I think the trails are fine. I know some folks may be uncomfortable with homeless folks but they don't bother me.
75. I feel that both the DNR portion and the TCP&R portion of the CWT as well as the Y2T trail systems are consistently in good shape.
76. I like trail monitors, but I think in the age of phones and social media, the county could get plentiful condition info from a tip line or "send pics to".
77. I never feel at risk of being attacked or harassed
78. I think it's fine now.
79. I was impressed by how quickly trail maintenance staff cleared a 90-year-old Doug fir that recently fell across the trail not 100 yards from our house (we felt the "WHOMP!" of impact while lying in bed that morning) It fell sometime just before the most recent snowfall, and I believe its 20-plus inch trunk had been cut and cleared within a day or two of its fall. Well done; I'm impressed that the trail staff had the equipment and expertise to clear it quickly and safely.
80. I won't go on a trail if I have heard that there are homeless people camping nearby.
81. I wouldn't support solutions that encourage police intervention where alternatives exist; however, I do think that 911 locator signs, like King County has installed on some of its trails, would be very helpful for all kinds of emergencies.

82. If signage hasn't been installed regarding mask wearing and maintaining distance from other trail users, it should be, at least until the pandemic is over.
83. I'm a 240 pound, 6-foot-2 white guy who travels with an 80-pound dog. While I never fear for my safety, please take seriously the safety concerns of those who use the trail solo. The traffic circle in Lacey, the Woodland Trail, and the I-5 trail present very real safety concerns lately
84. I'm a woman, I will never feel fully safe walking anywhere alone. Emergency call boxes located along trails could aid in both security and response time in case of emergency.
85. I'm a woman, so being alone anywhere is never without risk.
86. I'm mostly concerned about using the trails after dark, so I don't think there is anything to be done to make them safer.
87. I'm not really sure any of this would make me feel safer, as I already feel pretty safe overall. I wouldn't object to more lighting on trails since we are in the dark so much of the year...
88. Improve monitoring near I5 corridor and areas frequented by homeless and troubled individuals.
89. Improved access via county roads. For example, accessing the Chehalis Western trail via 26th avenue NE. There is no shoulder or bike lane.
90. In force public codes for sanitation and waste at homeless camps.
91. Is 1 the top rating or 3? Poor survey.
92. Is 1 top or is 3 top. It is not clear on this question. I answered as if 1 was top. My other here is Lighting which would be 1 if I could rate it
93. It depends on the trail. Some trails I would not travel alone or near dusk and with the encampments scattered throughout the area, I sometimes don't even feel safe during the day with family.
94. I've seen police on bicycles downtown. Can they also patrol the trails? Or have a team of social workers/mental health responders who can patrol?
95. Just encourage more people to use the trails 😊
96. Knowing there are no homeless camps within 0.1 mile of the trail. Some of the people who live there have erratic behavior, and can cause accidents.
97. Less homeless people
98. Lighted crosswalks at every intersection
99. Lighting and CPTED.
100. Lighting, emergency call box
101. lighting, removal of homeless camps
102. lights
103. Limb trees for safety and visibility.
104. Maintain trail asphalt surface. Regular autumn removal of slippery fallen leaves.
105. Make. Ysvlists actually stop at an intersection instead of blowing through it when traffic is on the road and cant see who is coming.
106. Marking & repair of damaged pavement. More frequent cleanup after storms.
107. Maybe lights? Or emergency buttons
108. Monitoring of branches and trees that go over the trail. I've been too close to trees as they fall on the CWT (primarily around miles 7-9)
109. More access points.
110. More benches, like maybe every mile.
111. More frequent clean-up of the trail areas would make the experience more enjoyable, but not safer.

112. More frequent patrols would be nice!
113. More frequent restroom access
114. More frequent sweeping or cleaning of trail surfaces; marking of bumps created by tree roots
115. More lights along the trails like from 22nd up to CWT.
116. More people on the trail would be great to be safe in numbers
117. More people on the trails. Safety in numbers.
118. More room, less people
119. More toilets
120. More users on the trail makes it safer. Better access and more trails, results in more people using them. Safety in numbers.
121. Mounted patrol or really any patrol
122. much better signage re: passing alerts, reminders to go single file poop trash baskets .at trailhead..too many bags not being picked poor throw into the side bushes
123. My number one concern as a cyclist is the parts of the trails that need to be repaved because of tree roots. You cannot see the places where the pavement is raised so it is dangerous when you are all of a sudden encountering a series of bumps. One way to remedy this in the short term, would be to spray paint the bumps with bright yellow paint, so it is easier to avoid them.
124. My only safety concern listed above was the an increase in homeless camps/unaware individuals on trails. I know govt is bound by some tough regulations. Increased sweeps of the area within the timeframe in which residency can be claimed may be a good start, possibly begin a reporting mechanism for the location of new camps for the public to use to assist. I know you're in a tough spot with this!
125. My selections above are based the trails within city limits due to the homeless population overtaking the trails and right-of-ways.
126. NA
127. No homeless camps nearby.
128. No suggestions
129. none
130. None needed
131. None of the above
132. none of the above and those options would be crazy pricey and the results minimal except maybe improving access for emergency response
133. None of the listed items would make me feel safer when I am commuting home after work on the Woodland Trail on a rainy winter evening. Short days during the winter months make commuting by bike challenging, but it is my choice to ride on a trail when it is dark.
134. None of these are that important
135. None of these would improve my feelings of safety.
136. None of these would make me feel safer. I don't go on trails the homeless frequent.
137. Non-paved side for horse users. When I was on TCSO Mounted Patrol, we attempted to patrol the CWT but the bikes speeding by without a sound even startled our trained patrol horses. Horse shoes on pavement is like an ice rink. I know folks who would help patrol if that were changed.
138. Not having people camping and sleeping along the trails
139. Not having strung-out people sitting around the trail and begging.

140. NOT removal of tagging. Tags, graffiti, and public art make the trail a better and more inclusive space for everyone.
141. Not sure distribution of information will work with trail guidelines. People seem to ignore this.
142. Not sure where this fits, but my biggest fear on cycling on the trail comes from potentially crashing and nobody finding me for a while to render aid/assistance, especially in the lesser used/far away areas of the trail.
143. Not unless there are no potential threats to my personal safety
144. Nothing, really. In the modern world there is always a possibility, usually remote, of meeting someone who could do you harm.
145. Off leash dogs owners getting fined
146. Organize groups for exercise safety
147. Our communities need to figure out how to address the homelessness issue. So awful for the people living in the woods, and it's having a horrible impact on everyone in our community
148. Overall safety for isolated trails
149. Parking areas need to be more defined. In many rural areas people just park along side the road. Not safe and a lot of littering.
150. Patrol of parking areas.
151. Patrols at trailheads.
152. Patrols by law enforcement. Homeless population increase has corresponded to increase in property crime; bike thefts
153. Patrols for speed
154. Periodic repairs to cracks and bumps; removal of trees downed by windstorms
155. Periodic signs that state that horseback riders ARE allowed on the trail, and that horses have the right away, and that bikers MUST yield.
156. Periodic staff or volunteer sounds good, but the trail system is so vast that it may not be helpful in specific situations.
157. Please improve pedestrian access to the trails.
158. Please keep electric bikes off of trails
159. Please keep the trail unmolested, I personally do not want any dramatic changes that affect the natural feel and atmosphere of the trail.
160. police bike patrols
161. Police presence on trails and intersecting roads. Solutions to the homeless problem in our community.
162. Police removing homeless camps and loitering. Visible police presence in friendly way.
163. Post information (if it's not already there) about who to contact when signs are damaged, garbage is excessive, or other hazards are evident.
164. Post speed limits and rules of polite biking - require use of bell when overtaking. Put in speed bumps for bikes to stop them from going more than 15 mph.
165. Posting on where to contact someone about inappropriate behavior of users: not cleaning up after dogs, ATVs on trails, not using masks when encountering others.
166. Probably not practical here -- but some communities post trail location markers/numbers for ease of describing location when calling 911.
167. Prompt cleanup of hazards, specifically tree branches after wind storms. (I broke a hip on one.)
168. Provide affordable housing for low income citizens.

169. Reduce perceived risk from transient people and garbage from homeless camps along woodland trail and particularly around the Eastside street restroom/shelter area.
170. Regular police patrol and allowing them to do their job.
171. Removal of encampments. Improved lighting
172. Removal of homeless
173. removal of homeless camps and clearing of the brush to discourage hidey-holes
174. Removal of Homeless encampments , More lighting among crossings,
175. Removal of homeless encampments along the trail. Only a concern for me in the dark, which is a problem for commuting.
176. removal of homeless encampments close to trail system
177. Removal of human waste, garbage, and illegal camping from these parks.
178. Removal of illegal activity along trail.
179. Removal of people camping along the trails
180. removal of roots on trails
181. Remove homeless
182. Remove homeless camps
183. remove homeless camps along trails. Especially the woodland trail and central parts of western chehalis
184. remove homeless camps that border the trails and are nearby
185. Remove illegal campers as soon as they are discovered. Install video cameras in problem areas. Make offenders / vandals clean up their mess and pay for damages.
186. Remove the home less people,4 guys tried to rob me on the trail. By homeless camp.
187. Restroom cleaning, maintenance and surveillance and parking lot patrolling at trailheads. Or at least maybe cameras.
188. Restrooms need more attention on CW at north end. Once a week is not adequate.
189. safer parking lots
190. Safety boxes along the trail (like on college campuses)
191. Safety Communication boxes (like on college campuses)
192. See previous comments. What about a web cam system and someone to monitor it? This would be especially helpful in areas that are typical trash dumps or homeless camps.
193. Solve homeless problem.
194. Some trail systems have porta potties every 5 miles or so. They could be spaced at road crossings so they could be more easily maintained.
195. sometimes the "safety" of the trail is directly related to it going by or through homeless camps which feel unsafe
196. Speed limits for bikes during portions of the day.
197. Staff patrols are only needed in areas of known activities that threaten safety and property. I would not expect this to be done by volunteers.
198. Staff patrols of parking lots
199. Stopping people from parking on the trail at road crossins
200. surveillance camera
201. Sweep Chehalis Western Trail and have signs around Capital Forest with a phone number to call if trail users encounter concerning people, although any response is expensive and it's unclear what can be done unless a crime has been committed.
202. Sweeping dead leaves Police patrol where encampments exist

203. Take better care of our homeless/poor/mentally ill/drug addicted people.
204. Teams from Panorama frequently go out and clean up the trail nearest to our campus, they pick up garbage and have even cleaned out the trash in the water near the overlook area.
205. The county and cities need to deal with the homeless encampments and the drug use and other criminal activity near the trails. Otherwise they are not accessible to the community.
206. The homeless are a HIGE CONCERN FOR MY SAFETY!!!!!!!!!!!!
207. the more the trails are used, the safer they are and feel -- a happy positive feedback look
208. The only one I use is Tenino. Upkeep is great. Oly ones are too far and often crowded. As gas prices climb, I chose close to home. I'm thankful for Rochesters Independence park, funded by Businesses and clubs I believe. School District helps too.
209. The section of the CW trail that I use (around mile marker 12.5-15) is generally pretty well maintained and feels safe.
210. The survey will only allow one option, can't select 3 as stated.
211. There are a few places where cross streets are not named--the names help locate yourself and are necessary if you call for help.
212. There are two, very different safety issues: (1) people not being aware of other users and doing things that may cause accidents (e.g. people with noise-cancelling headphones crossing the trail not looking for on-coming bicycles) - addressed through education and outreach, and (2) issues with safety when using the trails in the dark (this is more of a concern in some areas than others) -- addressed through police/safety patrols.
213. Thin vegetation so there are sight lines to safety
214. This is different at different parts of the trail. My sense of safety would be improved if I knew that more people were educated to follow the rules of the trail. I would also feel safer in some areas with perhaps a sense of more people on the trail and more people able to see activity on the trail.
215. To be clear, I mean staff of the relevant jurisdictions parks and recreation department. Not police officers. Seeing people carrying guns on the trail, regardless of whether or not they represent a "legitimate" monopoly on violence. I would prefer LESS state and traffic violence while using our trail system.
216. Too far between facilities.
217. Top 2: 1. Weekly sweeping of wet leaves / branches during fall 2. Automatic motion detectors that activate road flashers at dangerous crossings (e.g. S. Bay Rd., 26th, 37th)
218. Trails in my area are generally kept clean and free of debris. I suspect users keep much of the trail clear, especially after a heavy wind/ice storm
219. Trails need a better location system for users wanting to report unsafe conditions or call for emergency response. And location reporting system should be tied in to 911 system, so responders know fastest way to approach locations with stretchers, vehicles, etc.
220. Trim tree roots to avoid cracks in the asphalt.
221. Volunteer patrols wearing vest or hat might be a low cost method to deter crime and vandalism
222. Well lit trail with frequent lamp posts.
223. Woodland trail has a lot of homeless population. Not really sure if there is anything that can be done about this, but it sometimes feels unsafe.

## 9. How welcoming are the region's trails to people who experience barriers and discrimination?

1. "Hostile" is not the word I would use to describe trails for people with disabilities. A lot of trails are accessible for my legally blind and mobility impaired husband, but there is room for improvement. Lighting can be important for someone who is visually impaired.
2. (Once the pandemic is done) it would be nice to have a couple more (upkept) restroom points on the southern Chehalis Western and Yelm-Tenino trails. Tenino closed its bathroom even before the pandemic. And when it was open it was unsanitary (no soap, no TP, unclean). Men can pee on a tree. Women have to find a forested area to hide.
3. A problem would be homeless people along the trail. Ex: Puyallup River Walk Trail. Ppl dumping carts/trash/living on the trail. Setting tents right up in the nice sandy areas. I hope there would be signs added saying no camping or something along the lines like that.
4. Again, within city limits. Outside of city limits, the trails are more welcoming.
5. All should be welcome to use the trails, but not live on the trails. I have been chased and yelled at by homeless men sleeping on the trail.
6. As a woman of color because it is easy to end up alone on the trail when the trail is not busy I definitely find my self cautious as I approach lone males. I'm new to the area so don't have any running partners (plus COVID concerns) and don't have a sense for the safety of different areas yet.
7. As I am not a member of these historically marginalized I'll abstain from sharing my opinion so that they can speak for themselves.
8. As long as homeless obey health and sanitation codes like everyone else have no issue.
9. As stated previously, in the past 2-3 years, the quality of life along the trail system has declined significantly. There are no physical barriers to access the trails, but SAFETY has become a significant concern.
10. badly worded question
11. Bike riders should stop using bright headlights, they blind me.
12. By welcoming homeless do you mean allowing camping?
13. clean up the homeless and criminal elements along trail, to where they are easily seen at as safe by all and I'm sure many more citizens will enjoy these trails. Get rid of needles, that doesn't mean disposal boxes but those who are using them recreationally. These trails should be family friendly but just aren't.
14. Didn't want to go so far as to say "hostile" but it's certainly not a place I want to be alone, especially with all the encampments popping up all over town. I don't have a lot of faith that I'll be safe out there alone.
15. Drugs are dealt near countrywide trailhead
16. Elderly probably ok as most trails flat, but if they're in a hwheelchair, well they have difficulty. I only say trails are hostile to unhoused because of the perception that unhoused litter and make a disaster where they live. I don't see RVs near the trailheads. Maybe they're too far from food banks.
17. fast bicyclists can be frightening sometimes
18. For elderly or people with disabilities i could see how it might be intimidating because of all the people going fast on bikes. Have not experienced that myself.

19. General safety is an issue for all. Much of the trail system is isolated with only 1 way in/out. If your being threatened There is nowhere to go & no access to help. The system leaves all people vulnerable.
20. Hard for me to answer since I do not fall into any category above.
21. Have not seen any discrimination or barriers.
22. Have seen users from almost all of these groups and not noticed any particular discrimination. Naturally, outdoor trails can be more challenging for folks with disabilities, but most parts of the trails seem to accommodate both walkers and wheelchairs (had a friend who was in a wheelchair and used the trail).
23. Homeless are a problem due to human waste and potential for fires.
24. Horse riders on the paved trail don't have good traction for their horses and leave horse poop in the trail that doesn't get cleaned up. Some trail systems have the shoulder of the trail cleared so horses can ride there.
25. Hostile to women when they are harassed by people camping on the trail
26. Hostile to youth and children because it is not safe when homeless people chase and yell at us
27. HUGE homeless camp nearby! I do not feel safe at all. Need to get rid of homeless on Wheeler.
28. I am a white female and I don't feel comfortable at times on sections of the trails because of the isolation. I cannot speak on behalf of identities that I don't identify with.
29. I am a woman, but don't have an overall sense of friendly vs hostile. Depends on the segment of trail. I cannot know what the other listed people might experience so I cannot judge what they feel about the trail system.
30. I am glad that our trails are friendly for everyone; however depris and drug activity on the trails especially 1-5 trail prohibit safe use. I have had to turn around and discontinue my ride due to homeless tents, intoxicated individuals and drug paraphernalia on the trail.
31. I am glad you covered all these categories, but I just can't speak for a group of people.
32. I am in the privileged class (straight white male) so am not sure I am competent to opine about the experiences of others. I can say that my spouse is not comfortable using the Chehalis trail by herself due to safety concerns.
33. I am none of the above and now feel discriminated against.
34. I am not sure how the parks have anything to do with being welcoming. Its the people who are unwelcoming. This question doesn't make sense.
35. I am personally unable to answer this.
36. I can say that I personally welcome the presence of most of the groups listed, but am unqualified to speak for their experience. Using the trail for access to an adjacent encampment for unhoused or unsheltered individuals would not be welcome by me.
37. I can't speak to anyone's experience except my own. I am a straight, cisgendered, white female with no physical disabilities. Unless you ask people to identify what groups they belong to, you cannot rely on the data gathered by these particular questions.
38. I can't answer for groups that I don't identify with. I assume that white settler colonialism has impacted the ease of access and availability for most groups. As for the groups I do identify with, I pass as a "normal" person so I can't really speak to how it has affected how welcome I feel. My variable attention has helped me miss a turn or two I suppose.
39. I can't speak for some of these groups of people
40. I can't speak to how the trails are for elders, POC, the underhoused, or LGBTQ because I am not a member of any of those factions.

41. I chose neutral, but I am a tall Caucasian male. I have no doubt that people of color, LGBTQ, and others may feel unsafe or unwanted, a very sad fact of our society these days.
42. I could see how being a woman walking or running on the trail alone in some of the more rural parts could be a bit awkward. But generally the trails seem well-trafficked.
43. I didn't want to answer for groups that I am not associated with.
44. I don't know
45. I don't know how groups I am not part of feel about the trails
46. I don't see how the above categories would be discriminated against. I didn't want to mark not sure, as it would be considered a chance of discrimination. The trails are for every race, creed, religion, and the likes there of... including dogs!
47. I don't think I can speak for how folks whose identity I don't share feel on our trails. Some of our trails are more difficult to access or aren't really designed for wheelchairs, but I don't think I would feel comfortable saying that the trails in general are hostile to people with disabilities - only they can say that. I do notice in my pretty white neighborhood that there aren't a lot of neighbors of color out walking, and I could guess that it might be a little nerve-wracking to walk/hike alone if you were BIPOC (especially considering the nonsense on sites like Nextdoor about "suspicious people"), but I think there is a lot of nuance to how different groups feel using trails and a lot of it probably depends on how close you are to your neighborhood or a place you do feel safe. As a woman, the greatest concern I have is lighting.
48. I have never personally experienced hostility or discrimination nor observed any toward others on the trail.
49. I have no idea what it is like to be in any of the shoes listed above so I'm not going to pretend. I like to think the trails are open to everyone and a place where people can be free from labels and judgments, but that doesn't mean it's true.
50. I have no idea whether people I pass fit any of those categories, so I don't think my answers have much value here.
51. I have not personally observed hostile environments, though I know some people won't use the trail alone.
52. I have seen all types of people using the trail.
53. I haven't spoken with many of these groups in depth about this so don't know how they feel about the trails' design.
54. I only fit into two of these groups -- women and disability -- and my disability isn't impacted by trail access. I can imagine that people who use mobility devices are going to find it incredibly variable -- some trailheads are great for that, others not. I won't speak to groups I don't belong to.
55. I see a variety of persons on the trail. I don't feel that the management of the trail has any control over these matters.
56. I think the homeless have taken over too many trails and parks. I have not used many in the last few years because of this
57. I think the issue with homeless persons is they are not deemed welcome by users and themselves are not welcome by users.
58. I think there are a wide variety of trails that meet the needs of all who are using them properly. Drug users who are getting high on the trails, drug deals happening along the trails, and people living on the public space areas are abusing the trails and ruining the experience for those who are using them safely and properly.

59. I think you have to bear in mind that trails have a connotation with nature ie woods, prairies, natural environments. They are usually dirt paths. They are Human and animal biways. By addressing all the political and demographic issues above regarding trails, you're moving away from the point of nature trails. If there's is a problem with thr above it's a community problem. Mobility access is another issue entirely: I may require disability access one day, but I don't know how much I would welcome the limited access for wheelchair or walker.
60. I usually ride my bike to the trails, bit i can see there's a need for more parking adjacent to the trail. Especially on the C-W trail where it crosses i think south bay rd
61. I would guess that people who are unhoused or unsheltered could feel not welcome with a lot of use of the trail and people's general discomfort of people who are in that situation.
62. I'm elderly, and don't feel comfortable walking by or through a homeless camp by myself - not really a trail issue, but a societal issue.
63. I'm sick of the victim mentality, reasonable accommodations should be made for the physically handicapped but I can't really see what bein\* female, gay o4 hom3less has to do with this trail system
64. If there were an option between 'neutral' and 'hostile' ('proceed with caution?') all demographics would fall into this category
65. I'm not in any of these groups. I'm not going to speak for them.
66. I'm not sure how the trails wouldn't be welcoming, except maybe the trail conditions being in poor shape for elderly or those with disabilities being able to use the trail easily when there's a lot of tree root bulges in the asphalt. This is especially true on the East side of Evergreen parkway of Ralph Munro trail
67. In recent years, the loitering of individuals has given an increase in safety concerns for the women and children in my household.
68. interesting
69. It depends on who is there. It's not the trail that's hostile it's people. As a woman, I don't feel safe. That's not the trails fault. Taking graffiti away and adding a street light doesn't make me any safer. The only way to keep people from hurting other people is to have security on duty. Cleaning up graffiti just makes certain people feel safer. Doesn't actually make it safer. If an area of town is in fact, dangerous, and you take all the graffiti away... someone from out of town might think, oh nice lovely spot for a pic nic, and get mugged. Graffiti and other such tells can keep people aware of their surroundings
70. It is too friendly to small groups who ruin the resource for the vast majority of users.
71. It seems as though the trails are ONLY for the unhoused!!
72. It's hard for me to speculate the answers to these questions for groups that I am not a part of. I hope the trails are friendly to all of these people, but I do not know.
73. It's unclear what you're looking for with this question and the way it's structured could give you biased results. I can only speak for myself, not for others, but in general, I haven't witnessed poor treatment of the groups listed above. I know a number of people who avoid the Woodland Trail between Fones Road and Eastside Street because of the homeless encampments.
74. It's winter. LBGTOA are all bundled up like everyone else. It's the safest time of year for us!
75. I've never seen anything to represent NOT welcoming people on the trail.
76. just rudeness towards horse riders in general. bikers think its just for them only
77. Likely needs evaluation for mobility or other disabilities access

78. More trail maps, bathrooms, available parking at crossings would provide better access for people who are elderly or have a disability. For unsheltered people, access to clean bathrooms would be beneficial.
79. My answer as "FRIENDLY" for youth (which I consider under 12) ONLY applies if the youth are with parents or are supervised by an adult. My answer as "FRIENDLY" for unhoused/unsheltered people is due to a concern that their possible intentions are to remain hidden for sheltered along and near trails. My answer as "HOSTILE" for the elderly comes from a concern for their safety for uneven and unkempt trails.
80. not sure how race and sexuality status apply to a trail
81. Not sure the driver behind this question. I think the speed of some bicycle riders may discourage some trail users.
82. Not sure the intent of this question. We certainly don't need more homeless folks on the trail. It causes more garbage and safety is a concern.
83. Not sure what you are looking for with this question.
84. Nowhere in the Olympia metro area is it safe for LGBT people to show affection in public. Trails are no exception. Primitive trails are inherently going to be inaccessible for elderly people and people with physical disabilities; I don't know a way around that. As long as police and unhoused people are kept in an antagonistic relationship by ordinances that forbid camping, sitting, or lying on public property, and by city or county management that encourages periodic encampment removals, our trails and parks are going to be unwelcoming to unhoused people.
85. People are people. Everyone is equal. Stupid and divisive question
86. People of all walks of life use this trail, I have personally never seen an issue. Most people have a purpose when using this trail and they stay focused on that purpose. Example- exercise, water access, horse riding, nature walking, family/friend bonding ETC.
87. Put Hostile for Homeless because I feel that the trails are actually too friendly for them in terms of them living close to them. I don't think the survey accurately communicates what I feel.
88. Question is a little unclear. Do you mean how welcoming are the people on the trail towards these groups or the trails themselves (via access, etc.)
89. Question stupid liberals question!!! Doesn't belong in survey overreaching bs
90. Really? Is this survey about racism and discrimination? I have never experienced or witnessed any of this type of behavior on a trail. I can't believe that people intentionally go there to bully people. Unless criminals are hanging out there for that purpose only.
91. Seems like an irrelevant question
92. Since I am a white 67 year old woman with no disabilities I am not able to speak for others.
93. Some of the trails (Karen Frasier Woodland Trail especially) seem to have been taken over by homeless camps and feel unsafe for others
94. Some of the trails are great and others have impacts that would prevent those who have disability due to conditions. Some trails are impacted by the unhoused and may make it uncomfortable to be on those trails. Mostly I can not answer the questions above as I don't have experience.
95. Some trail areas may be scary.
96. Somewhere between hostile and neutral for people with disabilities- it ranges wildly. But for someone who lives in a neighborhood without direct access to the trails (like if they can't drive), it's not an option. Connections between major neighborhoods (lower income preferred) would be welcome.

97. Somewhere in between hostile and neutral, slightly uncomfortable for "women" Can't speak to other groups.
98. Speaking only for the group I am part of...
99. The choice of those adjectives is not optimal. Giving examples of what they might mean in each user group might help better address your inquiry
100. The homeless have taken over most of the trails I once got to use regularly throughout Thurston County.
101. The homeless population is my chief concern in the tenino area. My kids run long distance on the trail by themselves mostly.
102. The problems aren't the trails themselves, but mainly the perception that they are dangerous from crime. Just like the buses.
103. The trail is a trail. It does not show preferential treatment to any one group. The biggest problem is the safety of people due to homeless people camping out on/near the trail.
104. The trails and surrounding areas especially in the less populated part of the trails are TOO friendly to sketchy people. Makes me feel uneasy to be on the trails alone.
105. the trails are becoming hostile to every population with the exception of the unhoused and unsheltered. I do not feel safe on the trails when I am alone.
106. The unhoused and unsheltered people make everyone else feel unsafe
107. There are increasing numbers of homeless people congregating on the trail/trailheads making me feel unsafe at times. I've even been verbally threatened by a homeless person , prompting me to call 911
108. There is a strong settler colonial narrative throughout the parks and trail system here, that history did not begin until settlement. Part of feeling safe and welcome in the system is to see your cultural and historical identity reflected equally with that story. Youth programs, BIPOC programs, alter-abled and senior programs for increasing awareness, sense of safety and inclusion in the trail system would be of value. These programs should be led by the diversity of people they would represent.
109. There is not really a trail for the elderly to use in the Grand Mound /Rochester area. Most elderly walk the Grand Mound cemetery roads.
110. There might be something between neutral and hostile. That is a pretty big leap.
111. They're a little too friendly for unsheltered people. Seeing tents etc within view from the trail makes me feel less safe
112. This is a challenging question to answer as someone who is not any of these groups. For the elderly, I would expect that the speed of some users (bicyclists) may be intimidating. For other groups, if the trails do not go where they need them, there may not be much attraction.
113. This is really dependent on too many factors. Which trail, which section, what time of day, are they alone?
114. This question is not valid. The trail system was created to provide an alternate means of commuting and recreation away from busy roads. This is not what the trail system provide any longer! The trail system has turned into a homeless encampment throughout the Olympia-Lacey area because we have not provided homeless people with resources to meet their basic needs. We need both: safe places to recreate and resources for homeless people. I used to live in the Indian Creek neighborhood- the trail system was considered an amenity to us when we moved in but soon became a problem: a woman was assaulted, homelessness and drug sored along the trail and I had some interactions where I felt VERY un safe. I stopped using the trail because of

- this and it was a major reason we moved out of the neighborhood. I now walk mostly on roads which seems more safe than the trails when I'm by myself.
115. This question is personifying a trail. Welcoming is a behavior; a trail cannot actually welcome anyone. Public trails that are barrier-free and are open dawn to dusk to anyone that can physically reach and are able to use a trail are not discriminatory. Community planning, zoning and political-will will determine how communities grow and where trails will be located.
116. Too friendly to those unhoused and I sheltered! There is NO ISSUE with people of color , disabled or Women. The homeless are the issue.
117. Trail corridors need to be more "hostile" to people who are unhoused or unsheltered in order to be safe and welcoming for all other groups. The County needs to provide substantial areas away from trails for encampments. Open the fairgrounds, for example.
118. Trails are non-discriminatory as far as I can tell.
119. Trails should be friendly for legitimate use by all people, but illegitimate and unlawful uses should be discouraged and not tolerated.
120. Unhoused people can cause problems due to littering, drug use and mental health problems .
121. Unhoused/unsheltered is the same as homeless. Just use the word that everyone is familiar with.
122. Unsure
123. Unsure because I currently don't have any barriers listed above.
124. Until the danger issue is resolved i feel they are hostile for all. a dead body was found on one and several assaults' have occurred on others
125. WHAT A DUMB QUESTION
126. What does discrimination have to do with using the trail system. It is open and available to everyone.
127. What men are excluded? Pretty sexist of you.
128. When I hear discussions about the trail, the most common blame/hostility falls on unhoused individuals
129. While I can't answer for some groups, I have seen plenty of people who appear homeless just hanging out on the trails. It appears to me that they think it's a friendly place to sit around all day, camp, and possibly throw their trash. I can't say for sure they are the ones throwing the trash, but it sure looks like it when the homeless camps have trash piled up and blowing everywhere, getting into the waterways, etc.
130. Why would you ask about perceptions of barriers unless you match responses with demographic information? Men can't answer for women. White people can't answer for BIPOC people.
131. Wtf are those questions.

## 10. What types of trail investments should communities prioritize to make the trail system work better for you?

1. A trail from Tenino to Centralia (The Bucoda area roads are very, very unsafe), would be nice. It would be possible to ride from Woodard Bay, on Puget Sound, all the way to the ocean at Raymond (via Willapa trail). This is something I'm working on riding, a chunk at a time, but Bucoda scares me.
2. Adding garbage cans periodically along heavily used trails would be a high priority. Too many dog poop bags and other litter starting to show up with heavy usage
3. Additional safe (lighted) places to lock bicycle up to.
4. Address the homeless issues in Thurston County ASAP! They are the threat to our safety!!!!!! Please listen to the us! I'm a new resident to Thurston County and I am very concerned.
5. again if the danger level is not addressed first, none of the above matter
6. Again, if I can volunteer my efforts (and some money for materials), I would like to upgrade the now-muddy downhill path (about 80 feet long) connecting my home street (1700 block of Boundary Street SE) to the Woodland Trail. All it needs, I think, is some gravel and upright retaining boards to retain the gravel and create gravel-filled "steps" that won't wash out.
7. Allow for multi day trips such as wagon trains and travellers such as what is allowed in the UK. Make them a valid commute option.
8. Anything to improve the safety of people should be a priority. Thank you for doing this survey.
9. As an artist, I would like to have a program that hires artists to create benches, sculptures and other forms of artwork to be placed along the trails. I have created pieces along the Chehalis Western Trail at Monarch Sculpture Park and for the town of Rainier.
10. As far as maintaining the existing trail infrastructure, I don't care about the damaged pavement, signs, trailheads, lighting, graffiti much at all. I care a great deal about the litter, sewage, and other unseen hazards such as downed tree limbs and leaves that hide hazards. Most people that start out on a trail come back the way they came, or they have a phone to navigate, so I don't think signs are needed at all, in my opinion. Lighting? What lighting? I haven't seen any, and wouldn't use the trail at night for these other reasons I have reiterated in many of the questions anyway. I don't think lighting should be a concern, except for key places. We have too much light pollution. Night patrol would be nice maybe. A light is asking to be broken by someone who wants to sleep there anyway. Rather pay for a video camera to monitor the location than lights.
11. As mentioned previously, having an unpaved strip next to paved trails, and also more benches - approximately every mile. I tend to walk long distances, and a lot of the rail to trail trails have no, or very few, benches for someone to stop and take a break, or sit to adjust one's footgear without sitting on wet ground.
12. bathrooms/ places to sit a map or directions to get where you are and going
13. Better connect the different trails
14. Better website that shows the trails where to park how long a ride would take where to access trails by foot
15. Buy more land
16. Civil people will be civil and rude people will be rude. Tax dollars should be spent on real improvements, not nanny state virtue signaling

17. Cleaning the trail more frequently, put up waste baskets with doggie bags so people can pick up after their pet. Ban horses altogether! Put up more benches for the elderly and put street lights up for the nighttime!
18. Complete the Gate-Bellmore trail. Teach walkers to know how to use trails that are designed primarily for cycling. Tell the Olympia Bicycle Club that their group rides need to be respectful of others that are using the trail e.g. give warning when passing, group ride single file, use caution at curves, etc.
19. Connections between trails and neighborhoods and business areas would make the trails more useable for non-motorized transportation instead of purely for recreation.
20. Coordinate with local Back Country Horseman groups to ensure trails are safe for horses.
21. Create a cross country event track at Greg Couio Park in Lacey off Carpenter RD
22. During the pandemic people learned that what they want most is to get outside and go for a walk or bike ride. Trails should be a huge priority moving forward to meet this demand and to increase the health of our population.
23. Encourage a few small businesses to sell refreshments at a few locations along the trails
24. Equestrian access is vital as almost everything is private, paved, unsafe due to fast traffic
25. Every trail head could be next to an area zoned for business
26. Expand and develop virtual trail tours on the web. This will both facilitate access for persons with disabilities and will promote use and ownership of parks by citizens. During Covid, many of us would like to take virtual tours even if we're not inclined to visit a particular trail (or park).
27. Expanding the trail system is more important to me than anything else. Outside of that, crumbling or bubbling pavement could be improved, and among the list also I do think it's important for businesses to recognize the economic potential of more trails. I ride a bike, get hungry/thirsty, and food and especially water are really heavy, so once pandemic is over I will buy food / beverages out again, near trails.
28. Expanding the trail system would be great if there were resources to maintain and monitor trail activity.
29. Expanding the trails is my top priority. Biking/ walking should be promoted and protected from vehicle dominated infrastructure, not relegated to the back burner. The only way to protect bikes and people is to give them their own transit routes--the trails! People do need education about moving to the right and controlling pets when bicyclists call out. The maintenance folks are doing a great job. Thank you for keeping the trail clear! Also I love the new tunnel that keeps us out of Rainier Road traffic! I was so excited, thank you!!
30. Finish the Gate to Bellmore trail and connect to other trails.
31. Flare ups happen when people feel threatened such as bicycles riding by within a foot. Bicycles aiming at dogs (which I have witnessed). Bicyclists being aggressive towards pedestrians and other bicyclists. The issue usually is speed and the resentment of being slowed down. But the majority of trail users are courteous and friendly.
32. For enhancements, restrooms or port a potties are highest priorities. Not only at trail heads but also on long stretches without bathrooms.
33. For the most part people using the trail are polite. I always yell ahead that I am passing them on the left. I often get a wave back or a thank you for letting them know. What irritates me are people who walk on the left side (are they from England?), or a group of 4 people spreading across the entire path who get irritated that I am coming thru.....like, hey, can you guys be aware? This is not a problem, but I wonder if those who are buying those battery bikes will

- they be speeding along the trail, or being discourteous? We'll know sometime, as so far a non-issue.
34. Get the illegal camping stopped and gone. Get the filth cleaned up. Restore & repair.
  35. HUGE homeless camp nearby! I do not feel safe at all. Need to get rid of homeless on Wheeler.
  36. I am so thankful for our trails. I use a pedal assist bike and worry about it being outlawed due to other bad actors that behave badly. For me it is an accommodation that allows an older rider to stay active and enjoy the outdoors. The roads are scary to ride on and the trails are safe and wonderful.
  37. I definitely think more could be done to support trail-related businesses near major thoroughfares, for example bike rental, bike repair, cafe, coffee shop, bakery...
  38. I dont know what is meant by trail civility. Need better examples
  39. I favor improving in-city and regional connectivity first.
  40. I know that's not a great ranking, but it all feels super valuable and important to me!
  41. I know you have limited sources of money, so I first believe in maintaining what you have, but once green areas are gone, they are gone. So please plan for more. Just having green parks and places to go keeps people sane and kinder to each other. I love when green ways connect from one place to another, like the CW Trail. I drive but I like the fact that you can take buses to trails outside the city, like I believe I heard you can take a bus to Lena Lake. I like that idea. Less green house gases.
  42. I support the development of a waterfront trail and park along the west side of Budd Inlet, recognizing that some of that land will likely need to be developed for residential condos to recover the cost of developing public access in the area.
  43. I tried to split my responses evenly across the categories of importance.
  44. I use the trails a LOT, so what makes them better for me is MORE TRAILS. I expect the order might be reversed if the goal is just 'more folks on the trails.'
  45. I would love to be able to use the trails even more to get around the county to run errands and have fun. I feel way safer on the trails than on the roads. Connecting trails to roadways with good pedestrian/bike/bus infrastructure would be really helpful.
  46. Improve connectivity between existing and planned trails.
  47. Improving trail users awareness of other trail users would be helpful. Cyclist riding at high speed can be a hazard for pedestrians and inattentive pedestrians can be a hazard for cyclists. Some [people need to be reminded to control and clean up after their dogs
  48. Increase opportunities for communities to perform stewardship of trails. Prioritize habitat restoration and improvement with all works. Create community determined access to things like plant materials for food, medicine and ceremony, not just recreational access.
  49. Increase outreach/awareness across the county. My family and I are active so we inquired, got maps, went on-line etc. I live in the county (Lacey UGA) and heard about this survey from attending a Lacey Parks Commissioner Meeting. Increased outreach could enable more usage and volunteers.
  50. Invest in measures that make users feel safe.-increase visibility, access points,
  51. It would be nice to see trail interconnectivity (e.g., Ralph Monroe trail to the Chehalis Western; Tenino to Rochester to Tumwater) and all the counties towns/communities connected. That would be a great goal.
  52. It's a multi use trail but some people I've horse riders a hard time. Bike riders need to learn trail etiquette.

53. Its wonderful the way it is, bigger is not always better. I LOVE the rural feel that the majority of the trail posses. I do not care to see the natural integrity of this trail compromised in any manner.
54. Just a final note to reiterate what I have already stated. I find off-leash dogs, and dog waste that is not cleaned up to be the most immediate dangers on the trail system.
55. Keep homeless camps out of sight of the trails
56. Keep it simple. We can't please everyone. No one should be abusive on trails! I got my spray! Thurston County Parks can't control people! Tenino is often monitored by Town Police, a good thing! Their trails are well maintained. Leaves blown regularly. Limbs cleaned up. I no longer to north. Olympia scares me.
57. Keep this free. More benches or rest areas. More parking.
58. Keeping the brush cleared in the summer is helpful. Frequently blackberries grow onto the trail and can give a bike a flat.
59. Let's connect up to the Illwaco and Raymond trail areas! now!
60. Make the trail system safe for the common user.
61. Make trails accessible and appropriate for horse riders.
62. Make trails safe!
63. Maybe somehow reminders about trail protocol. I've been walking & have had a person on a really quiet bicycle zip past me & I didn't know he was there - he said nothing and I just missed stepping out in front of him. Scared me. Also a jogger who was dressed in an "alien gear" jogging outfit, including face mask. But most everyone else is very considerate and yell out - passing (on left), which is helpful as we tend to walk together or on each side according to puddle placement. 1/2 & 1/2 on mask wearing.
64. More accessible for disabilities is very high priority for me
65. More trail heads would expand useage of some of the more remote areas that feel a little less safe. Might also spread out usage for more balanced use of trails, rather than clumping access as much.
66. More trails! So great to see people of all ages out enjoying them.
67. Most everyone on the trails are very kind.
68. My highest priority is keeping the trails we have in the best condition before expanding to other areas. I'd prefer we keep any economic development goals to other county services and leave the trails as safe and nature-friendly as possible.
69. Need to provide parking at trail heads, especially in the more rural part of the county. Cars are parking where they can find space and that at times blocks private roads, driveways etc. Not to mention cause mud holes and litter in the areas they are parking
70. Neighborhood access points seem to be easy wins. They should be made ADA accessible and there should be signage nearby to make sure people know this is how to access a public trail. Some of the existing access points have no signage to indicate it is a public trail. Signs on the trail should indicate that it is a public pathway and what street/area it goes to.
71. Parking is a big concern- especially by 507 and Manke road. It's a big mess with holes and mud. I had put in a request for a load of gravel to be put there but haven't heard anything from the DOT.
72. Planning for trails throughout the county AND that connect to neighboring counties should always be going on so that trails are not an afterthought when growth occurs.

73. Please develop the trail to connect the waterfront in Olympia from Tugboat Annie through Olympia and on into Pioneer Park. This could be such a great system and connect so many parks together! and part of it is completed around the lake already
74. Please emphasize trail connections with other paved and unpaved trails.
75. Please keep trails as unimproved as possible while maintaining clear pathway. Kaiser woods near my home was a lovely walking trail prior to the Parks and Rec dept widening trails and clearing along the trail. It's great to have trees cut when they fall across the trail, but it's frustrating to have the trail itself urbanized. The pending bike park plan for the space is another urbanization of a rare green space that will destroy the beauty of this peaceful, quiet, nonhuman space. Trying to maintain as much of the original environment should be the goal rather than gradually manicuring it into a neat, tidy, park.
76. Protect LBA Park - Remove road for possible future use.
77. REDUCE THE HOMELESS POPULATION. SOME SLEEP RIGHT OFF THE TRAILS. PROPERTY CRIME IS RAMPANT WHERE CARS PARK NEAR TRAILS.
78. remove homeless encampments
79. Remove stairs for wheelchair accessibility and bicycle access. I.e. priest point park many trails are not bike or ebike friendly. Redesign them.
80. REMOVE the trash and the adjacent homeless camps!!
81. Restrooms!
82. Rochester/Grand Mound needs some trails. Possible connections could be to Centralia, Oakville, Capital Forest (Mima Mounds), and Tenino.
83. Safety and a welcoming environment that connects communities.
84. Safety is the most important thing.
85. Separate bike lanes from traffic.
86. Short term- Provide garbage collection, security and toilets at homeless camps. Long term - provide housing for the poor, mentally ill and drug addicted.
87. Small, tactful signs to encourage people walking dogs to please collect dog feces!
88. Stop off-leash dogs. Reduce abandoned bags of dog waste.
89. Take advantage of opportunities to develop more rails-to-trails, both paved and gravel/dirt. Increase sweeping of debris on Chehalis Western Trail. Improve signage in Capital Forest.
90. Take space from roads that is currently over-allocated to cars so that people have more space.
91. The better the system of trails the easier it is for people to move about and not have a car. This would work towards the county's goal to reduce carbon emissions.
92. The county needs to deal with the homeless encampments, drug use/dealing and other illegal activities so that the trails become accessible to the community. Many people I know will not use them due to the criminal activity particularly in the Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater areas.
93. These are all great ideas. Improving connections and expanding the trail system would reduce reliance on cars.
94. Trails that link up are desirable in my opinion.
95. We need a trail in West Thurston County NOW
96. We need some kind of connector from the west side to the CWT.
97. When I use to run on the trails I stayed to the side and yet a couple of times I had bicycles come at me. As I now use it as a ebike person I slow as I approach people, ring my bell as I come up to them from behind and always give a friendly wave.

98. Work with nearby local businesses to have them allow trail parking - example, South Bay Vet used to allow trail parking and now they don't. Yet, their parking lot is usually mostly empty.
99. Would especially like to see bike lanes added to streets to connect neighborhoods to the trail system so people can bike to the trails instead of driving.

## 11. How do you rate the importance of each of the following types of trail related infrastructure?

1. A horse mounting block would be wonderful as well as places to tie horses.
2. Absolutely need toilets and a well paid staff to maintain them.
3. Access to trash bins so that more people are encouraged to properly dispose of trash instead of littering
4. All benches and overlooks can be commemorative. Just wait and users fund what is needed.
5. All nice stuff, but please don't raise taxes for this. Our property tax bill is killing us.
6. Although it seems most folks now have cell phones, it might be worth having 911 only phones strategically placed. Perhaps at road crossings?
7. As I have already said, I love it the way it is and do not care to see a bunch of modern infrastructure put in that makes this trail feel unnatural, ESPECIALLY in the rural portion of this trail.
8. At intersections need vehicles to have clear view of trail so they can see us well in advance, better chance for everyone to be happy.
9. Be nice if towns with historical groups to put up some history of the railroad past happenings or interesting points of interest
10. Better drainage system for the rainy season! Cement drainage system.
11. Bike racks are only necessary near restrooms. Otherwise trail cyclists do not leave bikes unattended
12. Branding/Naming the trail system with signs: Bring diversity and representation of indigenous place names, tell the stories of place that are inclusive. Hire consultants directly from the communities telling the story and create advisory boards that increase equity and diversity in this work.
13. Can't remember if Tenino parking has lights. I don't miss them, I use trails in daylight.
14. Clear the side of the trail so horses can walk easily on the dirt and not pavement.
15. Connections to nearby attractions (parks, stores, towns and neighborhoods) would attract more people to the trails.
16. Consider special amenities during the best weather months that are only accessible by trail, but not too far so it's accessible for a wide range of people. Like a food truck rodeo, live music in the park, sophie's scoops mobile stand, fresh smoothie bike (pedaling makes your drink), dog meet-ups (corgi day, or local rescues, dress dogs up for arts walk and have a group trail walk from Tumwater to Downtown Oly)
17. Crossing CW Trail at 37th SE, 26th NE and 36th NE really need better signage to slow drivers
18. Dog cleanup bags And garbage containers -- if they're available, people don't always use them. (Have frequently seen the baggies on side of trail. ugh)
19. Downloadable maps on the web are more important than maps on signs. The downloadable maps can go with the user on the trail. Sign maps become outdated or get vandalized.
20. Encourage the use of bells on bikes. Too many people are frightened or nearly hit by bikes
21. Ensure safety until homeless campers are housed or moved elsewhere.
22. For an elderly man walking the Chehalis-Western, a restroom would be welcome, and enable me to walk further.
23. Garbage cans

24. garbages, recycling
25. Having the trail system have a rural feel a country feel is very important once it becomes cityfied it will loose it's great country charm. please minimize signs ( Political signs are the worst)
26. Historical info stops along routes with resting benches would be great.
27. Hitch posts and rest sites with water
28. Hitch rails near restrooms and viewpoints or perhaps picnic areas
29. Horse people need to pick up their poop!
30. Horse trailer parking
31. HUGE homeless camp nearby! I do not feel safe at all. Need to get rid of homeless on Wheeler.
32. I consider restrooms essential in heavily trafficked areas but optional elsewhere. Trails that are meant for daytime use probably just need lighting at trailheads, mostly for safety as dusk approaches, and especially for women. Parking probably isn't as needed in areas near the urban centers.
33. I don't know what "branding" means here. It is confusing to have segments of the same trail have different names. I found a person lying on the trail in freezing weather. I called 911 and had great difficulty explaining where the person was. "Between Fones and Sleater-Kinney" apparently meant nothing to the dispatcher, tho. I had to say the segment's name I guess.
34. I don't think drinking water is worth cost or risk. It sounds nice but who in their right mind would use a public drinking fountain due to the risk of any number of communicable diseases. If done right, private business will develop around the trail and provide services to trail users. Government doesnt need to steer that. Let private business do what they are meant to do.
35. I don't think the trail head maps are all that good. In my opinion maps that show the entire trail system are not very effective. They should be enlarged to show a small area of the trail you will be riding/walking on Instead of the whole county. Maybe a smaller map of the full trail next to it would work. For instance say I want to ride to a park, retail area, or office buildings. IU can't look at the map shown in the picture to find these regional items. Maybe even use the scan symbols on the signs/mile markers to get a more scaled map I can use on my phone.
36. I hate to say this, but I love love the trail and I don't want to share it so much.....selfish.....I want everyone to enjoy it, but on a bike, too many people take away the joy. Fortunately I am retired and I can ride during the week when fewer peeps are on the trail. I have lately begun to not ride on the weekends, so weekdays in the mornings are my best bet. I can hardly wait for the trail to be complete that parallels Littlerock Road. That will help relieve some of the crowding on the current trail system.....until it too becomes so popular.....hurry up you guys, build it before I die.....I am pushing 71 at this date.....
37. I really like the Thurston Bicycle Map and carry extra copies with me to share with people on the trail who are not familiar with the area.
38. I recently arrived at the Chambers Lake trailhead in very urgent need of a rest room, only to find that they were locked with a "closed for maintenance" sign. When this occurs, it is essential to provide portapotties during the maintenance closure. The alternative is unsanitary conditions in the adjacent lands. I came back later with a shovel and a trash bag. Not everyone is as conscientious.
39. I think many of these things are natural accompaniments to where trails go (i.e. scenic viewpoints)... hopefully parks along the trail can provide vehicle parking... I don't think parking should be provided at all trail access points but better info. about where parking is provided

- should be done)... lighting is most important in already urbanized areas or places that connect these urban areas (i.e. Woodland Trail from Boulevard east to Lacey Community Center).
40. Infrastructure investments should prioritize the existing trail itself - make sure surfaces are kept clear of debris, free of major bumps/cracks etc. Any other available funding should go to making the areas safer and reducing the number of unhoused people, including patrolling and moving people to shelters (that need to be built).
  41. Interpretive signs with topo or vegetation maps would give trail users a better sense of the surrounding landscape's natural history, and it's pre-white and post-white settlement.
  42. It'd be nice if you can provide a mobile map of the trails. It'll give me more motivation to use trails that I haven't used before.
  43. It's all scenic (have you seen other, more urban counties?). Let's keep it that way!!!!!!! Please address the trash and the trash and the people who are throwing it and pooping out there on the trail. Pack it in, pack it out, including dog poop and people poop (or use a restroom).
  44. lane markings?
  45. Lighting in key areas. Lighting the whole trail system seems a little unrealistic. I think making more features along the trail would be nice - viewpoints, etc.
  46. Lighting is necessary for use outside of daylight hours; however, encouraging use at night could attract predators who want to jump out from the darkness.
  47. Lighting is vitally important if you want people to use the trail when it is dark. Encouraging night use probably increases the likelihood that criminals will expect nighttime users and will themselves use the trail system as a trap for the unsuspecting.
  48. lighting only needed at crossings and parking lots but not the entire trail
  49. Maintaining vegetation at road crossings to improve sightlines.
  50. Make crossings safer by making them inconvenient for people driving. More vulnerable users who are using more of their bodies' energy should always be allowed right of way to maintain their momentum.
  51. Maps need to be located where trails intersect to help prevent people from getting lost. It would be helpful at road crossings to have signs that identify the name of the road.
  52. Mile markers either on the trail itself or on a sign
  53. Minimize improvements that attract homeless to camp at the trail. I won't use the Woodland trail anymore - too dangerous.
  54. More benches and picnic tables along the trails so people can stop to rest and/or have a snack along the way. Also, really need more restroom facilities. Make the trail system somewhere families can spend the whole day.
  55. More benches for elderly and frail. Rain shelters for picnics and to dry off and adjust clothing. Bike maintenance stands. More frequent restrooms with water.
  56. More lighting around areas not as populated. Places to sit that won't give you splinters.
  57. More recognition of indigenous history.
  58. More trash cans
  59. Most important is safety.
  60. Most important to me: smoother pavement and debris cleanup
  61. Most people can access the internet to get information about trails.
  62. Mounting blocks for horse back riders at trail heads and parking lots!
  63. Names and maps help callers tell law enforcement or medics where to go to help someone.
  64. Natural items such as a retaining wall would suffice as a place to sit.

65. not just elderly or disabled people need to sit down to rest, please remember we all need a break or at least would like to sit and enjoy the environment
66. On days when it's raining on and off, covered benches/shelters are really nice.
67. online maps are essential.
68. Only need bike racks if there are parts of the trail not open to bikes, like at Woodard Bay.
69. oxygen bars & food/drink vendors would be the icing on the cake!
70. Places to sit will increase access for those with disabilities who may need to rest periodically.
71. poop disposal baskets.. I dont have dogs..but see many bags
72. Regarding lighting, my wish is that we had a dark-sky ordinance in Thurston County. Even though we often have cloudy or hazy skies, when it is clear, we have far too much light pollution and cannot see the stars and planets all that well.
73. Restrooms are high priority. I hate to have to walk into the weeds because the closest restroom is more than 5 miles away. The waste I find in the weeds shows that others have the same problem. Horse shit on paved areas is disgusting for strollers, trikes, children, etc. Dog owners are pretty good about picking up poo, but horse shit is all over and can barely be avoided.
74. Restrooms with in reason. The outhouse by the old Monarch Butterfly Sculpture park  
Awesome!
75. Restrooms!
76. Safety is most important
77. Secured trash containers at trailheads.
78. see previous response
79. Signs near the trails so that drivers learn that there are trails there to use.
80. Sitting? Just a fat log?
81. Some information needed to make informed decisions above. For example, what are the stats for people having health issues and needing assistance and transport from the trails? I know it's use at own risk, but whatever can be done to provide access to emergency aid needs to be reviewed regularly.
82. Sometimes the simplicity of the trails is nice. If you improve them too much there are things that increase cost to maintain and keep up. Things can be vandlized and may invite homeless if restrooms and things are provided, especially in urban areas. I did mark that restrooms would be nice but maybe just sanicans.
83. The challenge with adding amenities is they can be subject of vandalism. It is hard to have some things in remote areas because people do not realize the "cost" of vandalism and cleaning it up. Maybe a good PSA campaign to educate parents and others on the real cost of vandalism to trails and parks.
84. The desire to have bike racks, lighting and places to sit is really dependent on the area. If the idea is a more forested walking trail, then you don't need that, but the bike trails or more manicured parks that should be a priority.
85. The elderly need places to sit/rest.
86. The trails I use are around the Ralph Monroe - not long enough to need much. There always seems to be enough parking, etc. there. Nice benches. They may not require the extras you refer to.
87. These days it is hard to imagine a kiosk being maintained with much more than basic trail information. Kiosks make sense at major trailheads but the structure should not be expensive. Keep them simple and spend the money on signage along the trails.

88. This is completely dependent on location. Vehicle parking would be vital at certain places, yet not so much at others. Toilets are more important at some places than others. Same for signs and maps.....If trails are poorly marked, getting lost on them is NOT an option!!
89. those that are brave enough to venture a trail walk in the dark would be smart enough to take lighting, i think lighting would take away the natural scene and make it to industrial. just my opinion
90. Toilet and drinking water only every 5 miles, or so
91. Too many amenities and signs tend to interfere with natural environment. Users of a trail are to bring own water as a common sense rule. Lkioks help first timers, if they cannot navigate a trail e site. But not the majority of the visitors
92. Trails are great as they are - more would be better! Thank you so much for the great trails
93. Trails businesses areas.
94. Trash and hazardous waste cleanup need to be a bigger priority. Enforcing policies regarding 'No Camping' need to be a bigger priority — the posted signs are not a deterrent.
95. Trash cans!
96. TRY Trail. Tenino Rainier Yelm!!!
97. Would love to see some of those bike repair stations that other places have. But I'd say the most important thing you're missing here is garbage cans and doggy bags!

## 12. What is the one thing you value most about trails in the Thurston region?

1. Being able to travel nice distances without a car
2. maintaining the high quality system we have for continued enjoyment by walkers and bikers of future generations.
3. safety and cleanness
4. A place I can find a peace of mind with nature - the birds, trees, Chambers Lake, ... I think of it as my heaven.
5. 1. Safe biking for good distances and all ages. 2. Good place to walk
6. A ability to stay out of traffic.
7. A beautiful place to walk without traffic and to enjoy the outdoors.
8. A beautiful, natural setting for exercise and fresh air, that is accessible to handicapped users
9. A chance to be in a natural environment and feel safe.
10. a chance to get outside and walk on a trail because it is hard for me to get to state/national parks
11. A fun, safe place to walk and ride my bike away from traffic. The dream is a completed loop via Capitol Lake/Tumwater Brewery Park/CWT/OWT!!!
12. A good place to go on a family bike ride, get some fresh air and exercise.
13. A great place to combine exercise, socializing & being out in nature. Calming to be away from car traffic.
14. A great place to walk and bicycle without car traffic.
15. A healthy place be out and enjoy the beauty of the Pacific Northwest.
16. A large network of connected trails to area communities, to and through other counties.
17. A nearby place to get out and get exercise
18. A nearby place to get out in the woods with my dog.
19. A paved level place that handicap people can access in a natural setting.
20. A people-friendly area where you don't have to worry about getting run over while on the trail. A "slow lane" to better enjoy the area.
21. A place away from cars and traffic
22. A place away from roads to be able to run, walk and ride bikes.
23. a place for birds since every other scrap of land is being stripped of nature
24. A place for families and animals to walk on
25. a place to enjoy the outdoors
26. A place to exercise away from cars and noise.
27. A place to exercise without competing for space with vehicles.
28. A place to find peace
29. A place to get outdoor exercise that doesn't cost money and isn't crowded.
30. A place to get the family outside to exercise
31. A place to meet with folks for exercise.
32. A place to ride free of traffic.
33. a place to ride horses as the timber companies are closing so much land
34. A place to run with measured distances, no vehicles, and mostly uninterrupted (rarely need to wait to cross a street)
35. A place to walk or bicycle and enjoy the outdoors without traffic, exhaust and commotion.

36. A place to walk, run and ride my bike without worry of getting run over by cars.
37. A recreational opportunity.
38. A safe for exercise and viewing wildlife.
39. A safe outdoor space close to nature where we can exercise (walking, running, biking, scootering, rollerblading) and enjoy the peaceful surroundings. My expectation is that it is not overcrowded nor noisy.
40. A safe place to go biking away from cars.
41. A safe place to ride my bike and feel like I'm a bit away from civilization
42. A safe place to walk and bike without traffic concerns (except at road crossings). An opportunity to get exercise outdoors safely
43. A safe place to walk and long enough to walk different sections.
44. A safe space, generally away from vehicles, to enjoy time outside and get some exercise.
45. A safe, clean place to walk/bike and enjoy and interact in my community.
46. A safer place to ride a bike than on roads.
47. A scenic venue where I can ride my bicycle safely
48. A way to exercise away from traffic. The beauty of our region.
49. A way to get around safely with my family.
50. A way to get outside in my community.
51. A way to move around without cars
52. Ability to bike and walk without vehicle traffic.
53. Ability to bike, run, and walk in a green space free of cars. Way safer to bike on trails without cars!
54. ability to easily get to a trail to exercise, be out in nature
55. Ability to enjoy nature and get exercise outside of a gym.
56. Ability to enjoy nature without going far
57. Ability to enjoy the beauty of rural Thurston County along with getting exercise.
58. Ability to exercise (bike or walk) in nice environment
59. Ability to exercise and explore nature close to home
60. Ability to exercise outside in the fresh air, especially in these Covid times
61. Ability to get around Thurston County and not have to run on main roads.
62. ability to get on a trail from my house and get exercise, experience nature, commute safely and spend time exploring the county with friends/family.
63. Ability to get out and walk in what little is left of nature.
64. Ability to get out in nature and exercise and learn about the area history
65. Ability to get out in nature.
66. Ability to get out, be active, and enjoy nature.
67. Ability to get outdoors and enjoy nature while safely take a long walk without worrying about traffic
68. Ability to get outside and get moving - especially during pandemic. Also, should be more accessible so that those who can't venture . I live in WA State because of the natural beauty!
69. Ability to get places car-free.
70. Ability to go for miles and miles with minimum car-crossings. Reliable surface and gentle grades are nice for commuting and errands, as long as SOMEWHERE the trail system (or the nearby surroundings) also supply public access to hills.

71. ability to really get somewhere, on foot or by bike, without being in traffic. The impact of cars on our ability to be in our community (physical places and in relation to other people) is huge and negative. It's so relaxing to be able to not constantly have to navigate around cars/trucks and smell and hear them. People love riding bikes but are afraid of the dangers created by cars. we're surprised how far and fast we can walk but the smells/sounds of cars, constant stopping at intersections and vigilance about turning cars makes walking as a form of transportation slower and much less pleasant. I'd love to have a truly functional network of pathways throughout the county.
72. Ability to ride for distances on good surfaces.
73. Ability to ride longer distances without worrying about car traffic.
74. Ability to ride or walk without worrying about cars.
75. Ability to run/bike with my family off the busy roads and sidewalks
76. Ability to safely see parts of the county unavailable any other way.
77. Ability to spend time outside being active
78. Ability to use them
79. Ability to walk and ride my bike
80. ability to walk in different settings and see different things
81. Ability to walk or bicycle several miles with minimal interaction with motor vehicles.
82. Able to get exercise during Covid.
83. Access and exploration of areas you can't access by road.
84. Access and extensive system
85. Access for bicycle commuting in nature's beauty!!!
86. Access to areas that are normally hard to access such as wetlands or water features.
87. Access to beautiful areas
88. Access to bicycle riding safe from cars.
89. Access to birds. I enjoy walking along and identifying birds by both sight and song. I pass the pond at Indian Summer and in the winter am able to see a variety of ducks and other water birds.
90. Access to enjoying the outside in the Pacific NW.
91. Access to green spaces and commuter routes separate from vehicle traffic.
92. Access to native habitats
93. access to nature and exercise that is free
94. Access to nature, safe walking in town
95. Access to outdoor self led recreation.
96. Access to outdoors for walking and biking
97. Access to scenic areas, health, connection and sense of place.
98. Access to the outdoors and wild spaces
99. Access to use non-motorized means of travel to recreate and commute through the county.  
Gives a dedicated space away from busy roads.
100. accessibility
101. Accessibility
102. Accessibility
103. Accessibility
104. Accessibility in a city...I can walk out my door and ride/walk/run without too much worry about vehicle traffic.

105. Accessibility safety
106. Accessibility- though some areas are still difficult due to slopes for people with disabilities.
107. Accessibility to outdoor, moderate exercise places within the County that link to some sense of history.
108. Accessibility. I used to use the trails to get groceries or go to friend's houses. I love the Thurston County trails system. Also, I think the trails help highlight the importance of farmland in Thurston.
109. Accessibility. Making sure trails are available for everyone to use. Also, as a distance runner and biker, I appreciate being able to connect different trail systems to avoid being on roads as much as possible on bug mileage days.
110. Accessible
111. Accessible nature
112. accessible parking
113. Accessible to everyone
114. ADA accessibility
115. Additional areas to get outside and enjoy nature that isn't too far from home.
116. Allows access to open space and exercise.
117. Allows me to enjoy nature and get exercise.
118. Allows me to get outside! Fantastic for running.
119. Allows me to safely commute to work on my bike.
120. An opportunity to exercise and connect with nature.
121. An opportunity to get out of our cars and move in nature.
122. An opportunity to walk/bike through a well-kept trail, separated from traffic and noise. A great way to spend time with friends and family member or walk the dog.
123. As a cyclist I like the fact that the trails are free of traffic.
124. As a regular bike commuter, I use the Chehalis-Western trail between Yelm Highway and Martin Way. The trail is a few minutes away from my home and drops me off right at my work. Because of this, I can bike 3+ days a week consistently year-round. It is something I do not take for granted.
125. As the human world gets more hectic and we face stressful human events and global warming, entering the woods;prairie; stream; saltwater nature area is the surest, healthiest and most spiritual way to reset mind, body and spirits oppressed by the pace and content of our human lives. I've found this the only antidote to my stressful worklife as a hospital RN: no walls, no ceiling, no flurscent lights, no Phones, devices, alarms, beeps, no media. Just air, sun, rain, mud, dust, dirt, plants, trees, roots, fungi, bird and animal life. A few people. Quiet. Connection to the natural world to reset our minds and spirits and rethink how we live in the human world.
126. Availability
127. Availability
128. Availability
129. Availability and accessibility. Nearness to home is vital to my using the trail system as frequently as I do.
130. Availability of safe riding with out the worry of traffic.
131. availability, interconnectedness, usage by community
132. Availability.
133. Beautiful and accessible.

134. Beautiful scenery and not too crowded
135. Beautiful scenery and we'll paved!
136. Beautiful scenery around the Chehalis Western trail on the north end.
137. Beautiful scenery!
138. Beautiful surrounding areas
139. Beautiful, relatively safe place to run without having to deal with much road traffic
140. Beauty of our nature
141. Beauty.
142. Being able to walk in nature without having to leave Rainier.
143. Being able to bike and not have to worry about traffic.
144. Being able to bike to places without the danger of sharing the road with cars.
145. Being able to choose a trail to take; would appreciate and enjoy more options!
146. Being able to commute and recreate safely away from traffic.
147. Being able to commute to work on the trails - away from traffic - has quite seriously saved my life. It has done wonders for my anxiety and lifts me up when I'm depressed and is one of the best parts of my life. I love that I get to have a path through nature to get where I'm going. If I had to distill it to a tangible thing that I value most, it's that they are within nature and provide a buffer from traffic and crowded areas.
148. Being able to do one of the few things that the governor allows where we can get fresh air.
149. Being able to enjoy the outdoors and get around the community without using a car!
150. Being able to enjoy the outdoors peace and quiet
151. Being able to exercise safely away from car traffic while enjoying natural surroundings.
152. Being able to get around on bicycle without having to ride in the streets.
153. Being able to get around town without getting in the car on a safe well maintained trail system. Also having longer trails that connect communities without having to deal with car traffic.
154. Being able to get away from cars.
155. Being able to get into nature close to home
156. Being able to get into nature, walk the dog, and not be surrounded by people. Solitude and nature.
157. Being able to get out and safely enjoy nature in the midst of the city.
158. Being able to get out for extended walk or bike ride with minimal interaction with vehicular traffic.
159. Being able to get out in a natural setting, peace and quiet, go a distance on good surface for biking or walking.
160. Being able to get outdoors easily for a daily dose of fresh air!
161. being able to get outside and walk away from traffic while enjoying nature-especially with a wide variety of scenery.
162. Being able to get outside with my dog, get some exercise and enjoy the weather when it is nice out.
163. Being able to get outside with my family and enjoy nature
164. Being able to get some exercise outside
165. Being able to go for miles, whether walking or biking, without having to go on roads m
166. Being able to go to work and access places in my community as a bike commuter. In Lacey and Olympia the infrastructure is pretty great, but I moved to Tumwater and I don't feel as safe on

- the roads. There should be more dedicated bike lanes in Tumwater as well as trails connecting to downtown Oly or the other trails.
167. Being able to ride to work
  168. Being able to run off-road.
  169. Being able to run or cycle for long distances without worrying about motor vehicles.
  170. Being able to safely cycle places.
  171. Being able to safely recreate outside in the beauty of nature
  172. Being able to see the beauty in our county in safety
  173. Being able to take dogs for walk on a leash.
  174. Being able to travel long distances substantially uninterrupted by starting/stopping and vehicles traffic.
  175. Being able to walk around in nature with friends and enjoy both.
  176. Being able to walk being off of the road.
  177. Being able to walk in the woods with my feet on the earth. The quiet, the refreshing air, the vegetation, the lack of crowds.
  178. Being able to walk or bike extended distances in relative solitude experiencing different ecosystems and microclimates throughout the region.
  179. Being able to walk safely.
  180. Being close to nature, as well as having a connection to local businesses.
  181. Being in nature
  182. Being in nature, observing nature,spiritual experiences,exercise
  183. Being in the outdoors and with nature without having to travel far to enjoy it. I love to run, walk, and hike our urban trails!
  184. Being out in nature and being with family.
  185. Being out in nature is refreshing.
  186. Being out in nature.
  187. Being out in nature.
  188. BEING OUTDOORS
  189. Being outdoors
  190. Being outdoors.
  191. Being outside with family; more trails that lead to playgrounds would be awesome! An incentive for kids to come along.
  192. Biking for transportation, commuting.
  193. biking on the Chehalis Western Trail
  194. Biking options
  195. Brings out bicyclists who don't feel safe on roadways
  196. bucolic surroundings, vistas, nature
  197. Can bike or walk without competing with cars.
  198. Car-free biking
  199. Chehalis Western Trail is close to my home.
  200. Choices in getting my exercise and spending time with friends
  201. Civility amongst users of the trail system.
  202. Clean and accessible
  203. Clean and Accessible. Needs to be monitored for safety and security
  204. Clean and paved

205. Clean and safe
206. Clean,
207. Close access to a trail system that in a natural setting (along Deschutes river, through woods).  
The trails are very well maintained by county staff.
208. Close and easy to access
209. Close to home.
210. Close to work and home
211. Community and connectivity
212. Community and exercise
213. Complexity - lots of ways to avoid walking the same trail every time I visit
214. Connecting communities and different parts of the County.
215. Connecting places with alternative modes of transportation.
216. Connecting residential neighborhoods with commercial areas, e.g. for shopping and errands, also recreation and exercise opportunity and nature.
217. Connecting the Cities to each other in a safe, non-car way. Pre-pandemic, I would visit Yelm & Tenino, and stop by their cafes, restaurants, and street market. I love the scenery on the way and feeling safe from vehicles while I exercise. Please expand non-car infrastructure (trails!!).  
Thank you for the tunnel under the train tracks at Rainier road! Looking forward to seeing expansion south of Tenino!!
218. Connecting with nature, calm, quiet, and exercise.
219. Connection to community
220. Connection with nature
221. Connections between trails
222. Connectivity
223. connectivity
224. Connectivity and ease of access as well as an alternative method of transportation that is a separated experience the noise of motor vehicles. They are versatile in that they can be used for commuting and for recreation.
225. Connectivity of Lacey, Tumwater and Olympia with minimal vehicle conflicts.
226. Connectivity!!
227. Convenience
228. Convenient and clean
229. Convenient exercise and recreation opportunities.
230. Convenient places that provide safe and low cost opportunity for exercise and experiencing the outdoors
231. Covers a big area to ride/recreate. Nice to have trail heads near public transportation (InterCity, RT, Mason) and nearby park (chamber lake) to not need huge pkg lots.
232. Dedicated non-motorized facilities.
233. Differences in scenery from waterfalls, to forest, to rivers, to beaches, etc.
234. Diversity in intended user-groups and management for cross-use.
235. Diversity of types. Chehalis-Western trail is a gem.
236. Dog friendly
237. During the stay home order I was super grateful for the trail system as my spouse and I used it daily to walk our dogs and get house the house for a brief period of time. We also purchase a house near the bike trail and parks so that we can access these outdoor spaces daily.

238. Ease of access
239. Ease of access, use and ability to get off roads.
240. Ease of use for all.
241. Ease of use for me. I can walk to the trail
242. Easily accessible
243. Easy access and parking
244. Easy access and safe
245. Easy access close to home - walking distance.
246. Easy access points.
247. Easy access to a safe place to run, walk, and exercise my animals
248. Easy access to a safe trail. Safe for the user and individuals that own property immediately adjacent to county trail property. Including other users and hazard from trees growing on trail property that pose a risk to homes as the trees age and become hazardous.
249. Easy access to a variety of areas (farmland, residential, forests etc.) Interconnectedness of trails.
250. Easy access to activity in nature!
251. Easy access to the outdoors
252. Easy and free to use.
253. Easy biking routes.
254. Easy escapes to nature, safe recreation
255. Easy paths to walk in nature
256. Easy to access and well maintained
257. Easy to get to and beautiful to peddle along.
258. Easy to get to and use; can make it as long or short as you want to/have time for.
259. Easy walking
260. Easy/quick access to trail system. Ability to use the trail uninterrupted/continuously (rarely having to return to surface streets or other roadways). Interconnected nature of separate trails.
261. Efforts to preserve/showcase our native plants, wildlife, and ecosystems.
262. Electric bike and kick scooter access
263. Enables me to get outside, enjoy nature, socialize with others
264. Encourage us to be outside and enjoy the nature. My husband and I love to hike.
265. Environmental stewardship, connection to plants/trees/wildlife/nature.
266. Everyone benefits from trails.
267. Everyone can use it safely away from cars. Really nice alternative to driving. Love to get outside and enjoy the outdoors.
268. Everything that's awful in life, you can escape by going into the woods. Turn your ringer off and go. The healthiest way for your body and the environment, to blow off steam or center yourself. If I didn't have trails I'd have to go on long night drives as a way of centering myself and that wastes gas and hurts environment. Plus it reminds you that there's more to life than white walls, laundry, and deadlines. Reminds you that there are so many things to be curious about and find wonder in.
269. Everything! It's been our lifeline during pandemic with walking, running, biking and today skiing. We appreciate these trails being available. Very close proximity to our home and connections to services.
270. Exercise in nature

271. Exercise
272. Exercise
273. Exercise
274. Exercise for my family.
275. Exercise in the open surrounded by nature
276. Experiencing nature while getting around
277. extensive network
278. Extent of trails
279. fabulous resource. As traffic gets worse our trails are an essential commuting opportunity and recreational opportunity. They add to the quality of life. My Mom has spent Covid 2020 hikeing every mile of chehalis westrn and now Willipa hills as a way to mange 2020. Thye provide essential mental health brakes too--thank you and keep up the good work.
280. Family friendly
281. Family friendly outside recreation
282. Far ranging across the county
283. Farmers naturals animals yeah birdies show
284. First and foremost, the trail system is a fabulous resource that I hope we do not take for granted (encouraged by this survey) and an important reason that I love living in Thurston county. Second, the trails are easy to get around on and I enjoy their interconnectivity. Finally, they are pretty safe, but I have heard where others have been mugged by homeless. Need to keep it safe for all to use.
285. flat and easy to use
286. FLEXIBILITY OF ROUTES AND DESTINATIONS
287. For me personally it is the accessibility as I live near a few of the trails
288. For me, personally, the short trail section of my ride is the only place that I can relax and enjoy myself without worrying about getting killed by a careless motorist. I wish the system were extensive enough for me to do all my bike travel by trail or protected, safe bike lanes (with physical barriers & safe crossings). I enjoy building community by interacting hospitably with other trail users, and I love getting to enjoy natural sights and sounds, birds, & other wildlife (except gray squirrels that run in front of you). Trails are precious as safe havens for children to learn to be competent riders, so we need more trails in & near all neighborhoods, especially those with high percentage marginalized populations.
289. For me, they are easy to get to a provide a great way to exercise my dogs.
290. free
291. Free exercise that easily accessible from my home.
292. Free walk outside. Anyone can use it.
293. Freedom from vehicular traffic. Vehicles don't see bikers or yield to them and most roads don't have uninterrupted bike lanes.
294. Fresh air, a safe place to exercise and enjoy the weather and scenery. The rude cyclists who race on the trail should have a bell on their bike and use it when coming up behind a walker. And be polite, dogs horses, elderly in wheelchairs and kids also use the trail and they should respect that.
295. Generally safe (especially free from traffic) place to recreate for as long a distance as you want.
296. Generally safe, solitude, nature.
297. Get away from automobile traffic. Quiet.

298. Get from place to place
299. gets me active and provides alternative to using a car
300. Gets me outside and enjoying the area. Makes me feel more in touch with my environment and community.
301. Getting into nature and exercise!
302. Getting into the woods
303. Getting out in nature
304. Getting out in nature and being able to rest from our weary world.
305. Getting out in nature.
306. Getting out to exercise, commuting and spending sometime with my family
307. Getting outdoors and away from people! The greenery and views
308. Getting outside
309. Getting outside and enjoying the fresh air while getting some exercise. We have a beautiful state and we should experience it as much as we can.
310. Getting outside for a safe and easy walk or bike ride
311. Getting outside with the kids and dog.
312. Getting outside, being in nature, and getting exercise to boot! Would be nice if I could use trails more for transportation but where I am north of Olympia I have to bike on the roads.
313. Gives pedestrians a safe place to walk away from traffic and to be in nature
314. Gives people a chance to be in nature. Getting outside is the first step to appreciating & caring for our world.
315. Good place to walk and bike that is out of traffic.
316. Good trails and long ones.
317. Good trails that are safe and scenic.
318. Good use of old railways.
319. Great for riding a bicycle
320. Great opportunity for exercise
321. Great place for exercise. Very happy it is close to my house.
322. Great place to be able to walk outdoors a long distance without traffic and surrounded by (relatively) natural vegetation.
323. Great place to bicycle out of traffic
324. Great place to get out and get some exercise. Able to walk the dog and to see some beautiful scenery.
325. Great place to get out side
326. Great place to jog with a variety of topography
327. Great place to walk the dogs.
328. Great place to walk. No mud, etc.
329. Great rails-to-trails trails!
330. Great to have a place to run with minimal road traffic issues. Running mostly from Tenino city park toward Rainier, the only major road crossing is at Hwy 507. The trails that feel safest to me are Millersylvania and Mima Falls area, but those are not County . . . In Oly-Lacey area, I stick to well-traveled roads and neighborhoods and away from downtown, sadly.
331. Great to have choices for exercise that are safe from autos

332. Great trail system with Chehalis Western and Yelm Tenino - plus it is a great flatish area for bikers that are nervous on hills or just want to get a nice flat ride in without having to hassle with hills and traffic.
333. Great use of old railroad beds, easy to access
334. Great way for people to explore Thurston County and get exercise/enjoy nature.
335. Great way to get about the county safely on a bike. Trailheads with security make good places for friends from different parts of the county to meet and recreate.
336. Great way to walk my dogs and also get a little exercise. I also enjoy the natural surroundings.
337. Having a car-free alternative way to travel through the region on bike!
338. Having a dedicated place to walk, run, or ride my bike without worrying about vehicle traffic and safety.
339. Having a nice place to walk my dog and experience nature.
340. Having a place to ride a bike off the road system.
341. Having a safe place to get outside and explore with my family.
342. Having a safe place to recreate, enjoy the outdoors and exercise.
343. Having a safe place to walk my dog and get great views of Rainier along the way. Also having a non-road option to bike to downtown Oly from Lacey is awesome.
344. Having a safe place to walk where I don't have to worry about inattentive drivers or road noise.
345. Having a trail close to my house (we can walk there) that is long enough to get in a good walk/bike ride.
346. Having access to a safe and public route to recreate, exercise, and see different areas of the county.
347. Having good exercise options to do with my children, especially our bikes.
348. Having places in nature to walk, hike, or ride my bike.
349. Having safe and scenic places to recreate outside (I live on a busy road, not in a walkable neighborhood, so it's nice to have nearby trails to go to).
350. Having somewhere to safely walk my dog away from traffic is fantastic. We live near the woodland trail and use it every day. When we first moved here in 2017 we road our bikes on the trail for the first time and were immediately harassed by some less fortunate houseless people in an encampment along the trail. But they have since been relocated. And now, for the most part we feel safe. I truly appreciate somewhere to go for exercise and my dog loves the trails. I do feel safer when my husband can come with us, but even as a women walking by myself, I usually feel pretty comfortable going on my own and appreciate all that is done to keep the trails safe, clean, and usable to the public. Thank you.
351. Having the ability to get outside is very important, trails provide that opportunity.
352. Having the ability to recreate away from motor vehicles.
353. Having them!! We should prioritize all trails we can fit in everywhere....even if they are connections through neighborhoods, to get to larger trails. Having access to trees, outdoors, green spaces, trails, water, views....this is all so important to quality of life, physical fitness, mental health.
354. Helps cyclists and joggers avoid conflicts with vehicles.
355. Helps my physical and mental health.
356. How beautiful they are to use (our family usually bikes on them together) but some areas we just don't use because of how unsafe they feel due to homeless encampments.
357. How bike-friendly they are.

358. How close they are- can hop on one after work. Also, how trails are actually around. I love being able to exercise on a trail instead of a road!
359. How easily accessing they are
360. How easy they are to use, pretty flat, scenic, most are safe, long distances to be able to walk/bike
361. How it connects to the city for commuting and exercise. Love all the options.
362. How many there are, how there are many access points, and how long they are! You can go forever.
363. How much of the area is accessible by trails
364. How serene they are and how clean and kept up they are in Thurston county.
365. HUGE homeless camp nearby! I do not feel safe at all. Need to get rid of homeless on Wheeler.
366. I absolutely love that my son and I can spend the day on our bikes and ride through beautiful forests, rivers and towns. I would love to have the trails expanded so we can continue to explore. Talk of rails to trails that extend from WA state to WA DC is very exciting, looking forward to a cross country ride when completed!
367. I am able to use them for a variety of activities. Biking /waking and they're positioned on staff that get me To places.
368. I am conservative but still, I'm glad the trail system exists and am pretty well pleased with it and the way it's run. Some of the construction has me questioning the expense. OTOH, the use of the rail rights of way seem ready made and as long as there is minimal impact on neighbors and safe usage for those using them, it is a good opportunity not to have been missed to provide community recreation. I'd like to have seen some chunks of the rails left intact for railbikers but understand the reasons for reluctance to do so.
369. I appreciate how extensive the trail system is in the Thurston region. Having a safe place to run/walk close to where I live has been invaluable.
370. I appreciate how extensive they are
371. I appreciate that I can use them to commute to work (when I'm going in to the office) and I enjoy using them for recreational bike riding/exercise.
372. I appreciate the ability to have safe access to places to exercise.
373. I appreciate they are there but don't use them much do to safety concerns.
374. I can easily walk as far as I care to and can use the trail for errands as well as fun!
375. I can exercise by walking or biking while socializing with friends and/or family.
376. I can ride my bike for miles without worrying about traffic. I also like that it is relatively flat.
377. I can ride my bike for recreation and exercise safely away from traffic.
378. I do like our trails. We are fairly new to the area. Nice to get out and walk where you don't have to worry about traffic. I do wish we had a nice restroom/water fountains along the way.
379. I enjoy a nice safe, well maintained place to run with my dog. I appreciate the availability of bags to clean up after her but there is little motivation to clean up after her when I then have to carry a bag of poop for literally miles before coming upon a trash can. I ran 4 miles, passed 5 benches, and no garbage can.
380. I enjoy Nature and quiet so I really enjoy the trail! I'd love for it to be lighted but being safe would be best.
381. I enjoy that there are lots of trails.

382. I enjoy that they take you to and through places you would never see otherwise. The trails also provide a connection to our regions logging tradition, like the Chehalis Western trail!
383. I enjoy the ability to connect to nature without having to drive very far.
384. I enjoy using them for exercise and recreation, and they provide my family and friends with common activities (bike riding, etc.)
385. I feel safe and comfortable using the trails near me any time of the day, and in summer, into the evening.
386. I feel safer on the trails as a commuting cyclist than I do biking with cars on the road.
387. I find the trail system to be amazing. Being from out of the area, i was amazed and overwhelmed with how accessible and extensive the trail system is. it is for this reason, I have been more active and get more exercise since moving here.
388. I have lost my sense of value for our trail system. They are homeless highways.
389. I have several priorities because I mainly use them for recreational purposes. I do not use them unless they provide a way to exercise or socialize in the outdoors. The more beautiful, the better.
390. I have to drive to the nearest trails, and I value those experiences for my hikes and contact with nature (so I often go to Millersylvania instead, since it's closer. I haven't visited one of your trails in over two years, but I would like to). If I lived closer to a trail/had easy access from home, I would value them also as a bike commuting option to work.
391. I highly value the number of trail segments that are so well maintained and easy for me to access.
392. I I use the Chehalis Western and the Yelm to Tenino. They provide a long stretch that is safe to cycle on because it was meant for cycling. These trails are a great community asset that are highly valued. That said, I live in the Delphi Valley and drive to the trails heads in Lacey. It would be so GREAT if the Gate Bellmore trail was completed. It would make access so much easier. It would also be great if three trails connected. Most run North South, it would be great to have an East West connector that didn't rely on roadways shared with cars.
393. I like paved trails where litter is picked up.
394. I like that it is possible to think about using the trails to get from place A to B as a commute or for enjoyment. It would be great if they were further integrated into plans for transportation.
395. I like that many of them have wooded and natural areas. Many of the trails have few road crossings, this is nice.
396. I like that the trails are a free and convenient way for my dog and I to enjoy nature and get exercise.
397. I like the Rail to Trails trails we have. Very little elevation change, makes for a nice pleasant hike.
398. I like the scenery and the challenge of getting to the end and back.
399. I like to be out of doors and that I can ride to a destination where I and a friend can have a snack or coffee. Rainier used to have restrooms open or at least had a portable toilet and now the only place to go to the bathroom is in the grocery store. Even during the farmer's market they had no portable toilet. This is becoming a health hazard.
400. I like to run and bike so I use the trails for exercise and it's very nice to get away from roads and sidewalks to enjoy nature and be around others who are enjoying the outdoors.
401. I like when the trails connect to each other so that my family can go on long bike rides. I also appreciate the horse trails.

402. I live between Tumwater and Tenino and the trails provide the ONLY safe environment to ride my bicycle (no shoulders on most local roads). I'm so thankful to have them!! The trails are well maintained and beautiful. Thank you!!
403. I love being able to get from one end of the county to another and witness the variety of ecosystems along the way.
404. I love having a car free alternative for my commute.
405. I love having a place where my family and I can walk safely
406. I love having somewhere nice to get out and move, away from cars, right where I live!
407. I love having the pretty and peaceful trails for walking.
408. I love how accessible they are for families.
409. I love how easy it is to feel like you can be in nature even though it's really right in town. It's also amazing to have such great running and biking in the area.
410. I love how long the western c and woodland park trails are. I wish there were more trails to more locals. The less I can ride on the road the better.
411. I love how the trails go past some of the most scenic and iconic places in our part of Puget Sound. Nature restores the soul.
412. I love that I can get a long ride in without having to worry about traffic, and enjoy nature at the same time. I also use the trails to commute whenever possible -- again, it's the freedom of riding without the constant traffic stress.
413. I love that I can ride my horses on some of the trails
414. I love that they are long and wind through the area. but it would be nice to have more arteries that connect to the longer trails.
415. I love that we have so many that connect to each other and go through beautiful areas.
416. I love the number of trails and parks in this region. I was pleasantly surprised when I moved here to find how devoted the County was to encouraging, maintaining and creating trails.
417. I love the trails along the Puget Sound, especially ones that connect to City Streets so I can seamlessly move from a trail to a city experience. It brings the best of both worlds together because it makes them one world and a stronger community! For example (pre and hopefully post Covid), one can watch the sunrise at the Westside Rotary Park, then get some breakfast at Bayview or Traditions, then walk on Percival Landing or Heritage Park, then shop on 4th and 5th avenues, then walk some more on Percival Landing to enjoy the beauty of Olympia's waterfront, then lunch at the Farmers Market, then walk the port trails at East Bay, then head home to make dinner on the Eastside, and then walk up afterwards to take in the sunset at Madison Scenic Park. How lucky we are to have such amenities!
418. I love them and would like more
419. I love to commute to work and recreate using the trail system. It is important to me that the trails are safe.
420. I love to ride my bike and love that the trails offer a safer alternative than riding on public roadways. I would love to have more bike lanes and access points to the trails.
421. I love trail running so safe and groomed trails are what I love most
422. I LOVE using the Ralph Monroe Trail; it is easy to access, safe, and enjoyable. I enjoy walking it with friends and alone both. Thanks for all you do for our trail system.
423. I love using them, but the crime has increased so much that I don't feel safe anymore.
424. I love walking or jogging the trails and walking my dogs. However, they are no longer safe for a single woman or children to enjoy alone. There are many homeless people living in the woods.

425. I most value the ability to get outside and exercise via bicycle because that's easy on the joints and I feel safer biking alone than I do walking alone. We don't have enough safe bicycle routes in Thurston county, especially on the south and west sides.
426. I really appreciate how they provide safe routes to move around the county by bicycle.
427. I really enjoy walking and biking without having to constantly contend with motor vehicle traffic.
428. I really value the multiple options/locations.
429. I really value the trees along the trails. Without them it gets very hot in warm weather.
430. I that I can hop on at different points. That I can use them with people of all ages. That they are not too difficult that they prevent use of many different kinds of recreation and people.
431. I think the trails have been maintained pretty well, but I just LOVE that one can now ride under the new tunnel instead of having to jump on the dangerous Rainier road to connect back to the trail. Well done and look forward to more trail expansions.
432. I think they provide an important connection to nature and wellness which is especially important right now. I hope people keep up the increased trail use after COVID!
433. I truly like the woodland / chehalis trails. I can bike from olympia to lacey and down to gosh now where up to north olympia. The connectedness and length of these trails is great
434. I use the trails for biking - for exercise and to get around as i run errands. But what i value most is that the trails help people of all ages and abilities to get outdoors, get exercise, and connect to local roads so they also can commute or run errands
435. I use the trails regularly for fun and exercise. I value the variety of trails available and that they are scenic and well maintained.
436. I used to appreciate how clean and safe they were, now they are filthy and dangerous.
437. I used to value the connected trails for biking and walking with my son. I will not take my grandchildren on them given their current condition and unsafe environment.
438. i used to value the freedom i felt and the comfort of nature
439. I value a walk in the woods away from traffic. I know it is not always safe, but the smell is worth it.
440. I value being able to connect with nature. I really like the trail system around LBA, Watershed, Priest Point, Burfoot, Millersylvania, are just a few of the places I love to walk.
441. I value being able to ride my bike long distances traveling through remote areas of the county.
442. I value having a safe place to spend time outdoors and appreciate the beauty around us.
443. I value having an extensive trail system. I go walking nearly every day for fun, exercise, and social activities. The trail system is vital to my health and well being.
444. I value having trails that are safe, well maintained, and allow the user to enjoy the beautiful outdoors of the PNW. I value having a variety of types of trails so you have opportunities for walking, running, biking, skating, horse riding, wheelchair use, etc, depending on what you enjoy doing.
445. I value spacious pathways that can accommodate all sorts of users. I especially love trails in Northern parts of Thurston County.
446. I value that the trails are paved and dry even during the rainy season.
447. I value that the trails provide physical separation from automobile traffic. Cars dominate the human environment and are inherently dangerous. They should be kept separate from non motorized forms of transportation/recreation as much as possible. Separation is safer and more enjoyable. Mo' trails, Mo' bettuh.

448. I value that they can become an integral part of the community.
449. I value that they exist. While I appreciate trails that are virtual sidewalks, especially for other people, I most value trails that are safe but natural. I'm too old to enjoy my past hikes in the Olympics or on Rainier. I value the extent that my urban trail experiences can be reminiscent of that. While we can all bring water with us, rest rooms facilities are very important; also trash receptacles. I know all the people in this photo. Scary.
450. I value the ability to ride without motor vehicle presence. I enjoy riding to places to relax or recreate (Chambers Lake & Woodard Bay). There is a whole different aesthetic when viewing our community from the trails.
451. I value the ability to run or ride my bike long distances and not have to be on public streets.
452. I value the accessibility to the trails we have and would love to have more options.
453. I value the convenience and nature in all it's beauty in our area; close by and accessible.
454. I value the experience of being able to enjoy nature while also exercising or even taking a quick walk. It's definitely nice to have them available to us.
455. I value the fact that we are privileged to have them, I love them, we need more espresso on the way. But I have met a lot of nice people of all physical ability's on the trails.. Thank you. Trails to walk , ride, horse back riding, and trails for Mountain biking, 4 wheeling, motorcycling, hiking make life worth living. Keeping them as close to natural is also good for our animals that live in the wooded areas.
456. I value the natural beauty of nature on the trails.
457. I value the opportunity to be outdoors, enjoy the environment and be able to exercise at the same time.
458. I value the opportunity to get around (walking/biking/running) away from vehicle traffic. I appreciate the ability to travel through a corridor surrounded by nature instead of traffic and development.
459. I value the opportunity to walk in nature with friends. To appreciate the natural beauty and walk on a trail rather than a sidewalk. To see giant trees, hear the birds sing, see water views, learn new things.
460. I value the wooded areas to get away from the city hustle and bustle.
461. I value them as a community resource, a public space for everybody to use. They let everybody spend pleasant time outdoors, in a way that just can't happen on sidewalks & busy roads.
462. I value this important infrastructure as an option for commuting and recreation.
463. I value trails in wooded areas most. Getting out into nature is most important to me.
464. I value trails that are available for horses the most.
465. I would like to be able to get out in nature in my own community. Wish there were nice trails in Rochester/Grand Mound.
466. I'm near Jubilee. I value the community welcome and safety I feel when walking alone.
467. If the trail system is well maintained, then the community members turn out and use them. Keeping branches, fallen trees, leaves, garbage to a minimum during the various seasons allows regular use by everyone.
468. In such a rainy area, it is nice to have paved places to walk where cars are not allowed.
469. It being a paved trail that goes through different neighborhoods where I would be able to go to walk to the store or different parts of town.
470. It brings together a biking community and decreases our reliance on fossil fuels as a great bike commuter pathway

471. It is a place to walk/cycle away from street traffic.
472. It is a way to easily access the incredibly nature we live in AND is so important for reducing our need to drive and curbing climate emissions.
473. It is a wonderful asset available free and 24/7 to everyone in the community.
474. It is a wonderful place for family time without expense.. Pack a picnic and go with bikes, scooters, walking, skate boards, etc.
475. It is an absolutely fantastic outing and way to see the outdoors to bicycle on the Western Chehalis trail!
476. It is an opportunity to be out in nature at the same time as exercising and enjoying the company I am with.
477. It is great to have a system for bicycles that is separate from the roads. I know someone who died biking on a street in Olympia, and others who have been hit by cars with varying amounts of damage to their bodies. The separation is essential.
478. It is great we have them but I wish we could have a formal regional trails program that not only took care of what we have but also expand, connect our community with them. I suspect a regional connected system should help economic activity especially in our smaller communities.
479. It is near where I Live.
480. It is nice that the trails are pretty extensive in the main part of town.
481. It is nice to meet friends and walk instead of always meeting for food. It benefit health and community and is accessible to all economic classes when there is no charge.
482. It is so great to have a trail system so that pedestrians and cyclists can get around the area without having to "share" the road with cars (cars aren't so great a sharing. It's stressful to have motorists passing at high speed even if there is a decent shoulder or bike lane).
483. It is wonderful to have a safe outside place to explore
484. It makes it easier to spend time outdoors
485. It provides a great way to exercise outside and close to many locations. I hope there will be expansion to the trail system
486. It provides an easy connection to nature that those who live in more developed areas wouldn't otherwise have.
487. It provides an open, accessible, public trail for all users and is handicap accessible most of the time.
488. It provides an opportunity to safely be out in nature (to an extent)
489. It was one of the many features we loved about the area, but are very frustrated that it is no longer safe to use them due to the numerous violent homeless encampments throughout the entire region.
490. It's a decent place to hang out with friends and walk dogs during the day. At night it is not safe whatsoever
491. It's a great place to ride my bike safely.
492. it's a great way to get around without being in traffic. I love our trails. I love that more and more of them are being connected-- but I need more info to figure out where they all go and where they all connect and that has not been easy for me to find.
493. It's a nice walk in the outside.
494. It's a quick way for me to get in nature. I don't have to drive the 2 hours to mount rainier to get outside, I'm able to take a walk on a beautiful trail near my neighborhood.

495. It's a way to travel long distances with minimal interaction with cars. It's relatively care-free outdoor activity that is close to many people. Trails are the gold standard for people walking and biking.
496. It's an easy and accessible way to exercise, get out in nature, meet friends and travel point to point.
497. It's free and it's gets me outside in nature. The trails go through beautiful portions of the county (near the Deschutes River) that we wouldn't otherwise be able to access. Thank you.
498. It's great to have trails that are not along roadways, and don't require frequent street crossing. Chehalis Western and Ralph Munro trails are excellent.
499. Just being outdoors
500. Just having a dedicated trail for biking and walking without having to worry about motorized vehicles (except at crossings) is the heart of the trail system.
501. Just having the option for a safe walk or bike ride with my kids.
502. Just having trails available to the public.
503. keeping Thurston County green
504. Keeps me healthy
505. Keeps you off the roads & highways!
506. Length - These trails are unique because they go for such long stretches
507. Length and connectivity
508. Length and variety
509. length and variety of landscape
510. Length of trails
511. Long distance trails to ride
512. Long distance, paved trails. The nearest trailhead to me is 12 miles but the length of the trail is the only reason I visit.
513. Long length and lots of trees
514. Lots of them
515. Lots of them. Usually a pretty chill experience.
516. Love being able to access trails from our house for running and biking.
517. Love biking on the Chehalis Western Trail with my husband. Long trails in the countryside are a wonderful asset.
518. Love the accessibility to nature and appreciate the trail system
519. love the safe area to walk and enjoy our surroundings.
520. Low impact on the streams surrounding the trails.
521. Maintained
522. Makes commuting by bicycle more pleasant than using city streets.
523. Many directions to go.
524. Many miles to ride
525. Many opportunities. Dog walking.
526. Many to choose from.
527. Mileage for bike riding
528. More lighting
529. Mostly flat so they are very easy to take both children and elderly family members on. Great for all weather conditions (no deep mud like forest trails). Nice place to see other community members. Easy meet up spot with friends and family.

- 530. Multi user
- 531. my children can bike for miles and it is fun to follow them
- 532. NA
- 533. Natural beauty
- 534. Natural beauty,
- 535. Nature
- 536. Nature
- 537. Nature
- 538. nature
- 539. Nature Slow pace
- 540. Nature and off-road exercise
- 541. Nature and safe surface
- 542. Nature and taking in the view
- 543. Nature experience
- 544. Nature near the city. We all need them.
- 545. Nature within the city.
- 546. Nature. Fresh air. Not a lot of traffic.
- 547. Near my home
- 548. Near my house and accessibility.
- 549. nearby access to trails for recreation/exercise.
- 550. Nice place to recreate and get some exercise. Also facilitates part of my commute to JBLM via bike from Olympia.
- 551. Nice place to walk
- 552. Nice place to walk my dog and meet up with neighbors.
- 553. Nice place to walk with no cars
- 554. Nice traffic free place to ride a bicycle. Love being able to access rural towns by bike.
- 555. Nice walk areas in peaceful settings.
- 556. Nice way to get around. Enjoyable for commute or exercise. Much better than walking on roads.
- 557. nice way to get out and take the dog for a walk and get some fresh air
- 558. No barriers and ebike friendly. Ebike sales are estimated to reach 40 million by 2023! They are here to stay. Trails need to be ebike legal and accessible to allow efficient travel for both commuting and recreating. Allow drone recreation too. No bans on drones that follow FAA guidelines already well defined.
- 559. No cars! It's so peaceful to ride without the noise, high speed, and smell of gas and diesel vehicles.
- 560. No mud. Makes it easier to get out when the weather is bad.
- 561. No user fees.
- 562. No vehicle traffic
- 563. No vehicles allows for greater safety and superior experience while biking or hiking.
- 564. No worries about getting hit by a car! I can walk or ride and have my thoughts or conversations without constant monitoring of traffic.0
- 565. Not being on the road
- 566. Not have to deal with traffic when riding my bike.

567. Not having to share the route with cars! Walking and bike riding are safer when not having to constantly be on the lookout for cars; and it's much more pleasant to have the quiet and no fumes.
568. Not having to walk on the street.
569. Not just paved trails. Trails for hiking are also important.
570. Off-road place to exercise and walk my dog.
571. Open air area to exercise, nature experiences.
572. Opportunities to be outside with family is great.
573. Opportunities to get outdoors and exercise
574. opportunity for outdoor recreation
575. Opportunity for physical activity and connection with nature in a beautiful setting.
576. Opportunity for recreation and appreciation of nature that's relatively close to home and (with a lot of exceptions) relatively accessible from home via bike or walking.
577. Opportunity for safe exercise
578. Opportunity to access natural areas.
579. Opportunity to be in nature
580. Opportunity to be out in Nature.
581. Opportunity to cycle and walk away from motor vehicles
582. opportunity to exercise
583. Opportunity to experience in a relaxing environment that is closeto home.
584. Opportunity to experience the beauty of nature while safely (away from cars) riding my bike.
585. Opportunity to get out and spend time with Jaxon (my dog), enjoy the scenery, all in a safe environment.
586. Our diverse and beautiful landscape.
587. Outdoor education opportunities, connection to nature.
588. outdoor opportunity
589. Outdoor recreation and equitable access
590. Outdoor recreation opportunities
591. Path to take by foot or pedal outside of motorized vehicle traffic
592. Peaceful calming experience with nature to relax and enjoy outdoors
593. Pedestrian-safe means to exercise while enjoying natural beauty and meeting other people.
594. People need to get off the beaten path and into nature. Keeping this little piece of wilderness clean and pristine as possible is essential or we aren't going to have this privilege (inside of one generation).
595. Personally I utilize DNR trails or local timber lands that are more inviting to a horse. I would love to be able to ride the CWT especially between the cities. I think Lewis County has done a great job on the Willapa Trail and it's a good example.
596. Person-powered movement is a foundation for well-being. We've given over so much of our lived environment to motor vehicles, and although I own and appreciate them for traveling long distances, the costs to our individual and social health have been substantial. Trails are perhaps the most fundamental piece of human infrastructure - preceding even fixed homes - and when we connect places with trails we connect with our better selves. That sounds a bit lofty, but I really feel and mean that.
597. Pet friendly
598. Place to get away from all the chaos, to relax and enjoy nature.

599. Place to walk/bike away from cars
600. Places to run a lot of miles that are beautiful and lots of places to go birding!
601. Plentiful trails to use around the county have been especially good to have this past year during the pandemic. I often just need a place to get outside, safely.
602. Potential to reduce use of a fossil fuel vehicles. Car-free way to do errands and see neighbors in the community.
603. Preserving native habitat and recreational opportunities in nature.
604. Pretty views and a convenient way to get biking in
605. Promotes activity - good to see people of all ages utilizing trails.
606. Provides a peaceful escape from the world, particularly in the time of Covid-19. This is the PNW, and any way that folks of all ages can enjoy the outside is a plus for the community.
607. Provides an easy avenue for kiddos and adults to see amazing natural places in Thurston County.
608. Proximity
609. Purpose-built and volunteer-maintained mountain bike trails
610. quality
611. Quantity (miles worth) of trails
612. Quiet and solitude.
613. Quiet, car free, access to nature by human powered means. Some of the trails are practical for transportation, but I use them mostly for recreation.
614. Quiet, no traffic, greenery, trees, camas lilies in bloom in May (by the railroad spikes spot), well kept, safe.....
615. Re-earthing, connecting to the flora and fauna and peacefulness of woods and streams.
616. Relaxation by walking trails. Place to get together with friends.
617. Riding my bicycle without the fear of being hit by a car or constantly breathing the fumes from car exhaust.
618. Riding my bike without traffic
619. Running/walking around Capitol Lake in Olympia on the gold colored crushed rock.
620. safe
621. safe
622. Safe access for recreation away from cars or other hazards, especially to appreciate the natural areas
623. Safe access, lighting, use all year round
624. Safe accessibility for alternative transportation.
625. Safe alternative to biking on roadways, safer for cars and bikes
626. Safe and beautiful place to exercise and escape.
627. Safe and free scenic outdoor exercise away from roads.
628. Safe areas to walk or bicycle apart from motor vehicle traffic. This especially important given my age and inability to safely share walking or bicycling routes with automobiles.
629. Safe bike routes where you can cycle without risking riding with traffic
630. Safe for bicycles
631. Safe opportunity for recreation and exercise.
632. Safe place for kids to ride bikes with no cars
633. Safe place to bicycle, get to see areas that I wouldn't notice by car
634. Safe place to enjoy natural surroundings

635. Safe place to exercise
636. Safe place to exercise away from vehicles
637. Safe place to exercise outside.
638. Safe place to ride a bike without worrying about vehicle traffic.
639. Safe place to ride my bike
640. safe place to ride or walk away from cars
641. Safe place to run and bike close to my house and allows for bike commuting.
642. Safe place to walk and bike
643. Safe place to walk and bike with friends, family and dogs
644. Safe place to walk for exercise for multi generational family.
645. Safe place to walk/bike away from traffic.
646. Safe places to engage in exercise with the family
647. Safe running g trails. Natural, peaceful surroundings, not feeling like inner city.
648. Safe trails to get exercise
649. Safe way to bike to errands and work. Less driving needed with safer biking alternatives.
650. Safe, fairly flat walking.
651. Safe, friendly place to exercise and commute.
652. Safe, non-traffic recreation
653. Safe, open space for recreation away from traffic.
654. Safe, scenic place to walk near my home.
655. safe, traffic free riding
656. Safely
657. Safer bike paths for travel to businesses
658. Safety
659. Safety
660. Safety
661. Safety
662. Safety
663. Safety
664. Safety above all. Both in physically using the trail and feeling safe mentally while on the trail.
665. Safety and witness to our beautiful environment without car traffic
666. Safety of getting around the cities without traveling on city streets. Would like to see better off-street access to the Tumwater area. Having the trail system is why I commute to work on a bicycle during the winter and comfortable riding during low visibility conditions.
667. Safety of getting away from cars on commute to work.
668. Safety on the trails. While walking on the trails I'm always concerned about my safety. I enjoy exercising by myself or with my grandchildren. So safety is a must
669. Safety.
670. save availability to citizens of the area
671. Scenery
672. Scenery, being in the natural environment and away from sources of pollution when walking or biking. This is a segue into my comment below.
673. scenic trails -provide for free family excursions
674. Seeing nature in its natural habitat.
675. Sense of community, that people want to be out on the trails

676. Separate from car traffic.
677. Simply that they are accessible and extensive.
678. So many areas in Thurston are not very bike/pedestrian friendly. It is great to have these nice long trail systems to use for recreation and exercise (and commuting if I lived/worked in a different location).
679. So much green space. Thank you for providing access to the outdoors close to home.
680. Some trails provide commuting corridors and places to ride without being in traffic.
681. somewhere to ride away from busy roads!
682. Space
683. Speaking for myself only, I love the convenience, and how extensive the trail system is.
684. Staying off the roads is the main reason I rode my bike on the trails
685. such a wonderful community resource! I love that trails are freely available to everyone to get outside, get exercise, and not have to deal with cars. No money needed, no sign up, no barriers, no excuses!
686. Supports active, social, low-impact lifestyle connected to nature.
687. Sustaining and preserving natural spaces for recreation and leisure.
688. Tend to be maintained, are lovely, and free/accessible to the public. Offer numerous, ecologically diverse opportunities to get outside and explore.
689. Th ability to connect with our neighbors in a friendly and inviting atmosphere.
690. That I can run for so many miles on connecting trails.
691. That I can walk, run, bike or walk my dog on a flat path. I also enjoy the other trails and state parks so I can exercise and hike and enjoy nature.
692. That I feel safe using the trail. That the trail is extensive and I can go many places using the trail system.
693. That i like that its there to work out
694. That many parts are forested and that they provide an extensive network of trails across the Olympia area and into smaller communities. This offers the opportunity for people in the area to spend the day exploring the region and to spend time in somewhat intact natural areas. The mostly paved trails are accessible for many people as well, so that is wonderful.
695. That most are paved
696. That most of the county's communities are linked by trail so that recreation and regional mobility is possible for people of all ages and abilities.
697. That the trail system is extensive enough that it is currently not crowded.
698. That there are so many to choose from.
699. That there are some that are accessible to everyone. One of the things that I would CHANGE is do NOT let those electric bikes on the Chehalis Western Trail. I will be walking or riding along at a fast clip, knowing not many people can go faster than me and all of a sudden an E-bike will scoot past me and scare the bejesus out of me and they don't have time to say "On your left". They are just all of a sudden there and it is dangerous. They can use the streets. Or ride a real bike.
700. That they allow horses when so many other trails have banned them
701. That they are easily accessible and close to home.
702. That they are flat
703. That they are paid for Bicycle use!
704. That they are quiet and scenic.

- 705. That they are there
- 706. That they are there
- 707. That they are there and enough away for noise to let you feel you are in the wilderness.
- 708. that they can take me far and wide through some nice country. They provide a great outdoor experience and enhance my exercise experience.
- 709. That they connect to a larger trail system and allow opportunities for my family to get outside.
- 710. That they exist and are available...THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR WORK AND EFFORT!!!
- 711. That they exist and are extensive and fairly easily accessible.
- 712. That they exist and are usable.
- 713. That they exist and connect. I've lived and traveled all over the US - the county trail network is great.
- 714. That they exist and continue to expand. I like that they are accessible to all and free.
- 715. That they exist and we need more of them!
- 716. That they exist!
- 717. That they exist! The trails make it easy and fun to enjoy our gorgeous county.
- 718. That they exist. I don't use all of them, but I like to know I can if i wanted to.
- 719. That they have lots of wild life
- 720. That they promote healthy lifestyles, physical and mental, and are cohesive for the community.
- 721. That we have them! Safe, wide trails through mostly pretty "wildlands."
- 722. That we have them!!!! Opportunities to get out in nature!
- 723. That we have them, are reasonably accessible. Need more promotion or easier way to find on internet. Very confusing when I first moved here
- 724. That we have them.
- 725. That we have them. There aren't enough sidewalks in Tumwater, so I often have to seek trails for getting out.
- 726. The ability to be moving on foot or bike safe from vehicle traffic. I need to be able To Cycle and walk long distances. We need way more trails.
- 727. The ability to be out and a part of nature
- 728. The ability to be outdoors and exercise alone or with friends
- 729. The ability to bicycle safely
- 730. The ability to bicycle separate from traffic.
- 731. The ability to commute to work and enjoy a safe bike ride with my family without worrying about interactions with traffic.
- 732. The ability to exercise off the vehicular right-of-way, and in very close second place, access to nature.
- 733. The ability to exercise outdoors. The camaraderie and socialness in this weird world is wonderful.
- 734. The ability to experience nature and exercise not too far from my home, with my family and friends.
- 735. The ability to experience nature close to home.
- 736. The ability to get around town on a bike safely.
- 737. The ability to get around without a car and have a safe place to walk/run or enjoy being outside, away from urban distractions/noise.
- 738. The ability to get away from the built environment and into the natural world.
- 739. The ability to get into nature close to home.

740. The ability to get on my bike and ride with limited cares of passing vehicles. It's just nice to relax away from cars and trucks
741. The ability to get out and enjoy nature
742. The ability to get out in nature and away from crowds of humans. I walk these trails for my physical and mental health.
743. The ability to get out in nature is essential to my well-being.
744. The ability to get out into nature within a close distance of town
745. The ability to get outside and exercise.
746. The ability to get places without a car and without being alongside the road. The ability to take long bike rides or walks. I would really appreciate the Deschutes Valley Trail when it is complete. I would then have the ability to get to downtown Olympia safely on a bike or walking.
747. The ability to get to far places by bike.
748. The ability to go out and not compete with vehicle to walk and bike, while enjoying nature.
749. The ability to have long stretches of paved walkway for kiddos learning how to ride bikes or people with other mobility issues that can't manage gravel, dirt, or other uneven trails.
750. The ability to ride a bicycle off of roads used by motorized vehicles.
751. The ability to ride as far and safely as my seventy-two year old body allows, to visit with other riders, to get in a great session of physical activity, and to see wildlife and Vistas along the way. It beats commuting to work, but I retired ten years ago, so it a pleasure versus a task now. 😊
752. The ability to ride bikes without worrying about cars.
753. The ability to ride my bike away from car traffic.
754. The ability to safely exercise and experience the communities nearby via trail
755. The ability to safely get around on my bike. When there's not a pandemic the trails are a key part of biking commuting for me.
756. The ability to Safely ride bikes without car traffic in a beautiful environment!!
757. The ability to use these trails without excess lighting and in rural areas. I live in south Tumwater close to Tenino and it is amazing to be able to bike after work and on the weekends close to home. The nearest trailhead is a 7 min drive from my house. I love love love being able to bike in rural areas. Miles 15-20 on the CWT are my absolute favorite. My next favorite trail system is the Willapa Hills Trail. It'd be amazing to be able to connect this trail to another trail system for better access.
758. The ability to walk or bike almost anywhere without having to deal with traffic/cars
759. The ability to walk out my door and be steps away from one of the greenest canopies of life and energy. Getting on to the trail is an instantaneous 'unplugging' from the outside world and a great aid in resetting ones energy and balance.
760. The ability to walk without adjacent auto traffic.
761. The ability to walk/bike/run long distances away from vehicular traffic.
762. The accessibility.
763. The amount of trails - there are a lot! Love that we can bus to Yelm and bike home to Olympia. We used to live in Seattle and absolutely loved the Burke Gilman trail because it connected to so many amenities. It was way easier to bike to bakeries in Fremont and parks in downtown from our NE neighborhood than to drive. And much more enjoyable. I love the beautiful scenery that Thurston trails provide but would also like to see more trail access to amenities and attractions (parks mostly).
764. The amount. More trails!

- 765. The asphalt and distances each trail provides!
- 766. the availability and easy access to capitol forest
- 767. The availability of areas to get some outdoor exercise and enjoy our region.
- 768. The beautiful stretches of nature while running and not having to deal with traffic.
- 769. The beauty of our county.
- 770. The beauty of the surrounding flora and fauna.
- 771. The clean paved trail. Keeping the natural appearance along the way, but trimming trees and bushes as they encroach the trail. Keeping it natural.
- 772. The connection between downtown Olympia and both suburban communities and protected natural areas.
- 773. The convenient ability to walk and ride in the beautiful outdoors and not on city streets.
- 774. The distance. There are many long trails.
- 775. The diversity of scenery
- 776. The diversity of the forest and other life.
- 777. The diversity of the trails. Each section of trail has different views, flora, and fauna, meaning they never get boring.
- 778. The ease and availability to get to the different trails is great. I absolutely love this about Olympia.
- 779. The ease of finding one and they connect to each other.
- 780. The ease of use
- 781. The effort that TRPC puts into accessibility of these trails. You all are doing a great job!
- 782. The existence of a bikeable/walkable trail system that allows me to opportunities for recreation/work commute.
- 783. The extended distance for longer routes with the Chehalis Trail. I would love to see some longer options, or being able to connect safely without being on roads for more longer routes.
- 784. The extensive network and availability for biking, walking, and running
- 785. the fact that my friends and I can go on a bike ride or walk in an area that we are not navigating around cars all the time. the fact that there are green areas to spend time in close to home
- 786. The fact that they are important to the county government enough to warrant a survey on needs. We find the trails well cared for and it is nice to have a variety from which to choose.
- 787. The fact that they use already available and abandoned infrastructure in our region. It is a great use of space and the railroads already connect our communities.
- 788. The fact that we have so many with a lot of variety.
- 789. the fact that we have them
- 790. The feeling of safety in order to enjoy the beauty of the region.
- 791. The freedom to get into nature, at age 65 this is very important to me.
- 792. The freedom to use the trails without fees and walk with my friends
- 793. The greater the distance from vehicle traffic the more I like the trail.
- 794. The importance of having options for people to recreate and commute in a safe manner (away from high vehicle traffic areas).
- 795. The length and accessibility.
- 796. The length of (mostly) uninterrupted trail makes for a much nicer biking experience on the trails.
- 797. The length, scenic beauty and variety of the trails so lots of nice options.
- 798. the multi-functionality. Being able to ride a bike, walk, run, and use roller skate/blades

799. The natural home feel of this trail. I have used it most of my life and love it the way it is now. There is lots of wildlife, and native plants and animals that also share this trail with us, and I want it to stay that way.
800. The nature!
801. The one thing I value most about the existing trail system is access to nature. Aspirationally, it would be nice to have more trails to get from one place to another. (The more urban parts of Thurston County are very car-centric.)
802. The opportunities to experience the trees and the fresh air
803. the opportunity for a healthy outdoors activity
804. The opportunity to enjoy Thurston County's beautiful landscapes, fresh air, and time outdoors with family. We live in such a beautiful area, our extensive trails system gives us an opportunity to appreciate it.
805. The opportunity to exercise cycle in a traffic-free environment close to home.
806. the opportunity to exercise in nature
807. The opportunity to get out and exercise with my family away from the roads, have a space for my young (5 & 3) kids to be able to run
808. The opportunity to get out in nature with running, biking. walking and birding.
809. The opportunity to use alternative means to get from one place to another rather than using a motor vehicle.
810. The option to get outside and walk in a safe environment that is also still close to or in the city. Connecting areas of the city with a means of non vehicle transportation. Experiencing fun outdoors with easy access.
811. The paved Chehalis-Western Trail that I access from my home for daily walks.
812. The peace and renewal to myself personally, especially during these pandemic times. Since we need to socially distance because of the current mandated protocols. I can also have some interaction without violating the guidelines.
813. The quality of the entire system and it's interconnectedness
814. The regional trails here are my main means of accessing the outdoors. I am so grateful for them! I have walked thousands of miles on them in the last five years. I value them for their open, easily-accessed outdoor space to exercise and appreciate nature that is free of charge, available to all and free of cars. The Chehalis-Western trail is a treasure.
815. The safe and long distances that I can run/walk on the trail for training/exercise.
816. The safe, low-stress active transportation (and recreation) opportunity it provides to a great many Thurston County residents. We need to continue to see these as important public health as well as transportation infrastructure.
817. The safety compared to road biking.
818. The scenery, generally the peace and being in nature. They are lovely & we get exercise, too! Lots of people with dogs which are nice to see, and generally friendly people. I can get some serious walking/exercising in too!
819. The sections are nice and long, so I can get a good workout in without having to stop frequently for traffic.
820. The social and recreational opportunities for the community are excellent -- however unless the urban access points that are surrounded by homeless encampments are cleaned up - support for trails will be limited.
821. The trail is so rural for miles.

822. The trails are a fabulous way to "get out" and enjoy Thurston Co. without fear of autos. Most of the trails are pretty scenic.
823. The trails are a great way to get from one area of town to another quickly without the use of a vehicle, while also designed to be a respite from the hustle/bustle of daily life.
824. The trails are a vital resource for people to maintain physical and mental health. I value the ability to walk among the greenery and observe wildlife without having to travel much farther from home than a short walk.
825. The trails are a wonderful resource that provide opportunities to explore the county via biking, walking, etc without worrying about vehicle traffic.
826. The trails are long and well maintained whether I want to go for a miles long bike ride or a jog. There are several access points and the ability to get to multiple cities within the county if I wanted to.
827. The trails are never too busy, people tend to be super respectful of staying in their lane (in a cyclist so it gets extremely unsafe if people are going from side to side)
828. The trails offer the community a place to escape from the stress of day to day life an ability to get out and enjoy the out doors with friends family and to make new friends.
829. The trails provide a relatively safe system for exercising and being outdoors.
830. The trails provide a safer place to cycle (walk, run, etc.) besides being on the streets and having to deal with vehicle traffic.
831. The trails system is a place to enjoy the outdoors and connect with nature. It is also a place to connect with other people.
832. The trees. Access to water.
833. The variety and the ability to ride a bike and avoid sharing trails with cars
834. The variety of trails in Olympia and the comprehensive planning for the future trail system.
835. The view of the river north of Stedman Rd.
836. The Woodland and the Chehalis-Western Trail are beautiful and traverse the heart of Olympia/Lacey. It would be nice if the woodland trail extends west along Capitol Lake and the west side.
837. The world needs to be active in nature
838. Their availability and ease of use.
839. Their quiet beauty.
840. Their safety and an option to not be on roads for cycling.
841. Their value for safe, traffic-free recreation
842. Their widespread reach is nice.
843. There are a lot of trails to use! And excited about the potential for more. I value they are fairly well maintained and generally feel very safe. I value that they are used by a lot of people (helps me feel safe). Most of all I value being able to ride my bike and not be on a street with cars.
844. There are enough long distance trails that allow me to get in a good long bike ride.
845. There are so trail options!
846. There aren't "scary" things along the trail. I answered that maintenance wasn't something to focus on - in a previous question, but that's because there aren't a lot of homeless/disadvantaged people making it scary/ugly. I really appreciate that..
847. There mostly well kept
848. There was a time when being in Capitol Forest meant having the opportunity to be alone. Not so much.

849. They allow me to bike or walk to places rather than taking my car. This save me money, gets me valuable exercise, benefits the environment, and reduces traffic on the roads.
850. They are a safer alternative to walking/biking on sidewalks or along roads. As a mom I feel safer letting my child and pets move and explore at their own pace and in their own way along the trail without the worry of car traffic.
851. They are away from traffic and go thru some nice wooded and/or watery areas.
852. They are becoming an integrated system, and crossing Yelm, Pacific, and Martin Way are now safe!!! Thank you!
853. They are close buy and I don't have to go a long distance to get there and there is information on the trails.
854. They are currently great, and they continue to improve.
855. They are generally well maintained
856. They are long and full of natural beauty. Very few encroaching urbanization spots.
857. They are places to jog or to walk my dog that are separated from vehicular traffic. I don't have to breathe exhaust fumes when I walk or jog, or worry about the jackass drivers in Thurston county that don't watch for pedestrians on the shoulder and don't know to look both ways before pulling out of a driveway.
858. They are plentiful
859. They are relatively close to the city so it doesn't take long to get there.
860. They are relatively safe to use year round even in the dark. It's lovely to have non-motorized long distance trails.
861. They are remarkably accessible.
862. They are separated from automobile traffic.
863. They are so close to our communities
864. They are so integrated within neighborhoods.
865. They are there for everyone and are natural, serene, beautiful, peaceful and appreciated.
866. They are used by lots of people every day
867. They are well developed - meaning nice wide paved surfaces. They are like the highways of trails.
868. They are well maintained and nice to have so close to neighborhoods.
869. They are well maintained.
870. They are wide and very long. You can get almost anywhere on them. They're beautiful and run through beautiful parts of town.
871. They are wonderful to have.
872. They connect some very nice parks and are a great way to get exercise.
873. They exist and are accessible
874. They exist for commuter access and recreation. It would be nice to expand the system as, for example, there Black Lake Belmore area.
875. they fun for hiking
876. They give me a safe way to enjoy being outside and exercising.
877. They promote healthful exercise and connection to / appreciation of nature, all of which are lacking for too many of us in this increasingly indoor / digital world. Nice shot of Karen, Jim, Larry, and Chris--great community activists all.
878. They provide a convenient place to ride bikes.
879. They provide a safe alternative to riding my bike on major roadways.

880. They provide an enjoyable space to bike with family members and friends away from car traffic.
881. They provide safe, scenic places to take long rides without motorized traffic.
882. They support alternate modes of transportation that are less damaging to the environment.
883. They take advantage of the beauty and history of the region and are economical leisure time and work out offerings.
884. They're a safe place to get out and ride without having to worry about riding next to traffic.
885. They're accessible, enjoyable, and fun for everyone. This is a real jewel in our county, and we're lucky to have it!
886. They're here when I can use them.
887. They're long, and they're connected. I also appreciated that they're not super crowded.
888. They're paved so not a lot of mud to deal with. Makes it easier to get out in crummy weather.
889. This trail system takes me to more places I want to go than any trail system in any place I have lived before. Also it is much harder for a person driving to accidentally murder me while I use the trails. Also its like REALLY pretty.
890. To be out walking in nature safely without having to go to a State Park
891. To me, they are undervalued. Biking to work is a huge part of staying healthy since I work a desk job.
892. Too many to pick just one! The range, the access, the maintenance, the general congeniality of most users.
893. Traffic free places to safely ride/walk/run.
894. Trail maintenance
895. Trails are long enough for sustained use
896. Trails are the interstate systems for pedestrians and cyclists. Trails provide long-distance mobility for pedestrians and cyclists without needing to interact with car traffic. Whenever possible, it's good to keep cars and people/bikes segregated. People/bikes should not be used as traffic furniture to slow cars down. That just endangers people and frustrates motorists. Trails are a great way to minimize such interactions.
897. Trails encourage people to connect with each other and with nature and to disconnect from their devices. They encourage people to move and to stop couch surfing.
898. travel corridors to work that are not on roads.
899. Trees, quiet, solitude
900. Two things I value most. The promotion of native plants in the ecosystem of the trail. I very much appreciate the dedication to have more native plants than invasive and to preserve the integrity of the natural environment. Second thing is the fact that police officers don't use the trails very much. With respect, police are a destructive force of fear & power for the community at large, and a greater police presence on the trail would be a destructive force of fear & power for the trail community, in a negative way for the trails themselves and for those that use them.
901. Two way trails w room for both ways
902. Uninterrupted paths
903. Unwinding while getting clean fresh air & exercise in the great wide-open with loved ones.
904. Upkeep
905. Used to love getting out on the trails, especially in the Olympia-Lacey area. Have missed walking out there since i have no walking buddy currently and prefer not to walk alone.
906. Usefulness year round

907. utilizing old rail roads for community use
908. Variety of trails.
909. Walk through quiet, wooded areas.
910. Walking or biking through forested/natural areas without having to interface with cars.
911. We are blessed with lovely trails that are accessible year round.
912. We can exercise with no cost. I love seeing nature
913. We have a great deal of natural beauty and the trails are great ways to experience. They are also really long so good for exercise. They end or go past interesting places. You can go all the way to Yelm
914. We have beautiful trails. I love the scenery and the variety of trail distances.
915. We have them and people care enough to maintain!
916. We have them!! Before the pandemic, I commuted everyday on them. Not it's my running path. I feel fortunate living in the Eastside and have easy access to this great resource.
917. We love outdoors and trails offer family outing.
918. We mostly try to go everyday to exercise. We love the Yelm-Tenino trail and starting sometimes at Yelm, then sometimes we go to Manke Rd and other times we drive to Tipsoo and walk to Rainer. It's all enjoyable.
919. Well kept and numerous connections.
920. Well maintained and easy to get to. I do wish they were longer.
921. Well maintained trail system for bikes and walking.
922. What I value most about the trail system, is the option for safer routes for none vehicle traffic. The trails are also a wonderful community point for families and all persons.
923. When it is kept safe it is an amazing resource for the residents of Thurston county and the surrounding areas to have a place that one can go that has a nice surface and is free from danger to recreate and improve their health and enjoy nature. It is a highlight of region and an example to other counties.
924. When the trails are safe to use, clean of debris and garbage, and no illegal activity.
925. When they are maintained and stay active
926. Wide paths and feels safe
927. Wide trails that connect downtown with more rural areas. Seeing people of all ages enjoy the trails safely.
928. Wide variety
929. Width to accommodate different modes of travel in both directions. And, ensuring campers are not encroaching onto the path.
930. Wonderful use of abandoned rail system. So we can exercise safely.
931. Wonderful way to exercise and get fresh air for all ages and walks of life. Nice to have various trails that have scenic waterfront views.
932. Wonderful way to see the beauty of our county in a relaxing setting doing what I love to do most - WALK!
933. Wooded trails
934. Woods, air, plants, birds, quieter, SOFT walking surfaces!!!

### 13. How do you want to be involved in the planning of our regional trails system?

1. am not sure at this point.
2. As time allows.
3. Because my wife and I ride other trail systems for fun we can compare features and make suggestions for our trail. This is a tremendous resource that needs care and expansion.
4. Cool survey. Maybe ask the folks at the Olympian to do an article.
5. Happy to volunteer for trail stewardship and cleanup projects.
6. Happy to volunteer!!
7. Have a website with updated info that I can go to when I have the time.
8. Help promote, I'd be willing to help with some maintenance
9. HUGE homeless camp nearby! I do not feel safe at all. Need to get rid of homeless on Wheeler.
10. I am a WA professional engineer, a trail user, and I have no conflicts of interest since I do not work for any governmental agencies or engineering firms. I can give critical feedback that is unbiased.
11. I am happy to involved in the capacity needed.
12. I am potentially interested in providing input. I wish I had payed attention when the City of Olympia was approving the plans for the subdivision on the southeast corner of Lilly Road and 26th Street that abuts a portion of the Chehalis Western Trail near MP 4. The City permitted development nearly to the edge of the county property along the trail with little natural buffer. What an eyesore for walkers along the trail!
13. I can make maps
14. I didn't see anything about planting trees alongside barren areas of the trail. Some baby trees struggle and die after their initial planting, and it would be nice to see whatever group who volunteered to return and oversee that the trees are healthy and growing. I've seen some success stories with trees as well, so I know it's possible.
15. I do enjoy planning, but the #1 way I'd like to interact with Thurston County trails is the easy ability to send a text or email to alert you of maintenance or other concerns.
16. I haven't thought about this. I might be interested in participating.
17. I just want to know when the Littlerock Road parallel trail is complete.....
18. I know I have lots of opinions about it, but I don't have time to get involved. It doesn't mean I'm not interested. Information overload. I will keep using the trails and following it as I am able in the news and through friends. Old-fashioned way!
19. I lead Thurston Climate Action Team's Transportation Action Group. I'm sure some of us would be interested in participating in a number of ways, from being informed via email to participating as a stakeholder.
20. I might be interested in participating in virtual meetings but can't commit to that due to scheduling uncertainty.
21. I provide mobile software for hikers worldwide for reasons of public safety glad to help in that way.
22. I really appreciate being connected to opportunities for input through my workplace's CTR program.
23. I receive information through my commute trip reduction program at work, and our agency bike commuter group.

24. I would appreciate chances to submit formal comments on planning matters. I am experienced in local planning and am a heavy trail user, and I know how to submit useful comments.
25. I would be interested in finding out how to support fundraisers for building more paved trails.
26. I would participate in any and all planning and strategy workshops.
27. I would volunteer for trail clean-up or other duties. :)
28. I would volunteer my labor, but I'm not very organized.
29. I'd be happy to be informed about volunteer opportunities relating to local trails.
30. I'll keep tabs on the project
31. I'm interested in supporting the development of a trail and waterfront park along the west side of Budd Inlet.
32. Increase of employment opportunities.
33. Invite horse groups to be involved in the stakeholder meetings as DNR does with Capitol Forest Groups adopt and maintain parts of the trail systems.
34. Is there a way to help get more trails?
35. Like to be informed of volunteer opportunities.
36. Meetings are ok if well managed and kept on track.
37. No newz
38. not sure
39. Notice when there are opportunities to help with trail building or maintenance.
40. Organized bike rides
41. Participate as a trailside volunteer, setting up a table with cookies, lemonade, trails plan information, and opportunities for trail user feedback. We should make this happen starting in May, on days when the weather is nice enough to sit out there for a couple hours. Best to set up adjacent to trail at the major trailheads, where there is room for parking, but the volunteer can be readily visible along the trail. 41st, Chambers, 45th or 65th, and Fir Tree are good locations. Funding is confirmed for the refreshments from private donations; TRPC needs to provide the paperwork.
42. Possibly be involved with meetings and as stakeholder.
43. Post updates on a website so I can access it when I'm interested.
44. Put a sign up on the trail.
45. See my previous offer to improve the connecting path between the Woodland Trail and Boundary Street SE. You can reach me at 360-250-2619 or jcarmbruster@earthlink.net.
46. see previous response
47. Signs
48. signs, maps and info available online and at the trails would be great.
49. sunnywoshi797@gmail.com
50. Text info of what is going on or needed.
51. There needs to be a funding element of the plan in order to make sure that trails are completed as soon as possible. Though I am not a skilled fundraiser, there needs to be a strategic funding workgroup lead by community leaders committed to the projects.
52. Timberland Library newsletter might be a good place to share news. Not sure if there is a Facebook page specifically for the trails or where else people go to find info on trails.
53. Veronica keeps our team informed
54. Volunteer trail sweeper, just provide the equipment and gas and I'll sweep all the way from Tenino-Yelm, free of charge!

55. volunteer work parties?

56. Will continue to coordinate public health engagement with trails planning in my work, and otherwise be an advocate for expanding and improving the trails system to allow increasing access to the important opportunities for physical activity, recreation and equitable transportation it provides.