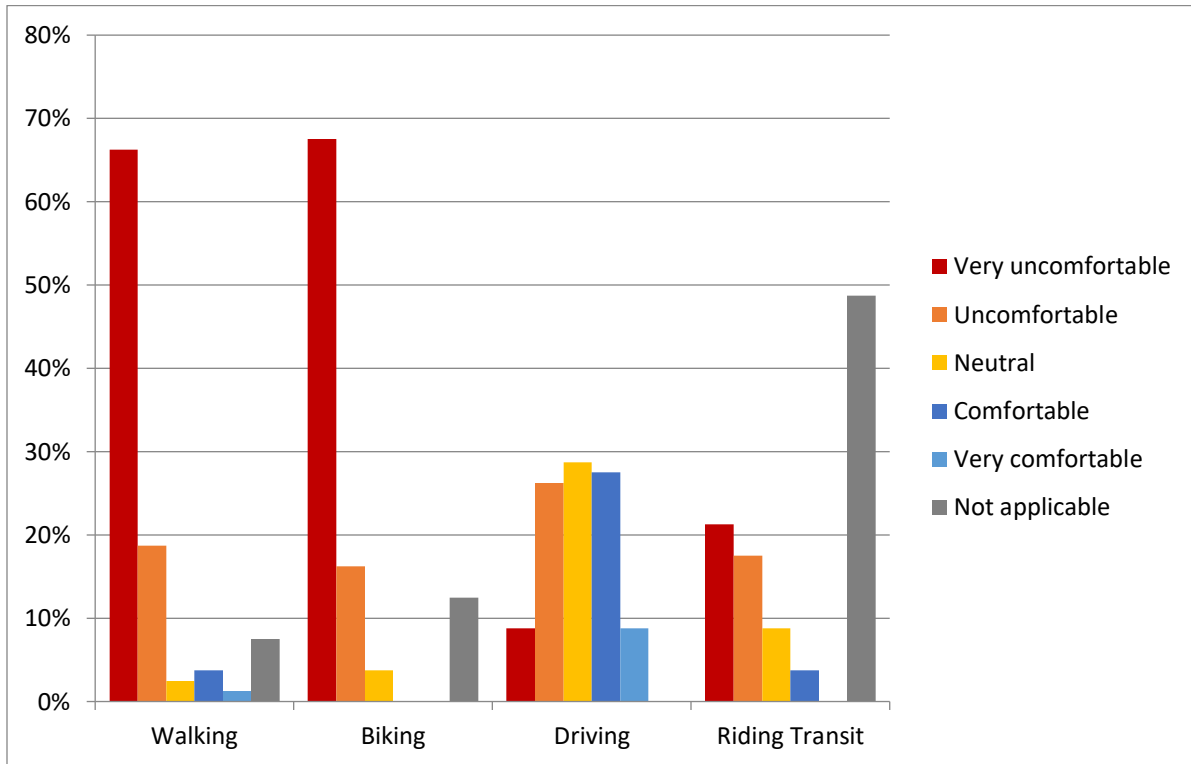


The Nashville Department of Transportation (NDOT) is planning a project to study and design walking, transit, and biking improvements on East Thompson Lane from Thompson Lane to Murfreesboro Pike to increase safety, mobility, and livability on the corridor. NDOT began engaging the community in November 2023 by holding a community meeting and canvassing the corridor. NDOT also participated in a community event at Whitsett Park in March 2024 to provide project information and request feedback through an online survey. The following survey was open for responses between February 2024 and May 2024 and was promoted through social media, stakeholders, Councilmember Ginny Welsch, and community advocates. The survey received 80 responses. Additional project information and future feedback opportunities are included on the [project website](#). A breakdown of each question and the responses are below.

Question 1: How comfortable do you feel while doing the following activities on East Thompson Lane?

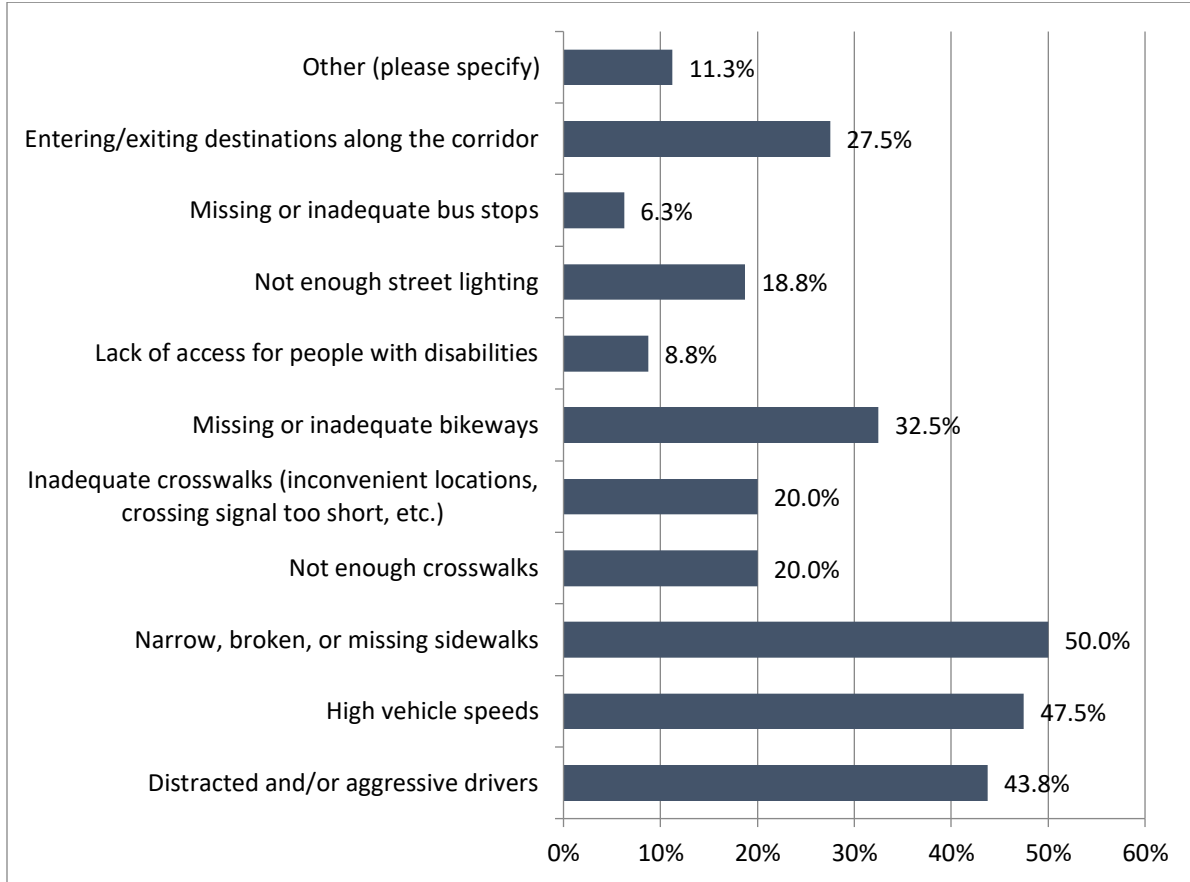
Responses: 80



The survey data reveals that the majority of respondents who walk or bike along East Thompson Lane feel very uncomfortable or uncomfortable (>75%) doing so. A smaller percentage of drivers feel very uncomfortable or uncomfortable (35%) traveling on the corridor.

Question 2: What are your top three (3) traffic safety concerns on the East Thompson Ln. corridor?

Responses: 80



The top three (3) concerns according to survey respondents are narrow, broken, or missing sidewalks; high vehicle speeds; and distracted and/or aggressive drivers. The option that was selected the least was missing or inadequate bus stops. This could be due to the low number of survey respondents who answered that they ride the bus. Other issues that were brought up through the ‘Other’ option include:

- Lack of guardrails around center drainage ditches
- Unhoused population and panhandlers
- Visibility on hills and bends in the road, especially around the curve
- Lack of connectors
- Debris in roads

Question 3: Please explain some of the concerns identified above (use specific locations/cross streets if possible).**Responses: 51***(#) indicates the number of similar comments recorded.***SOUTH LAKE DRIVE**

- The E Thompson/Briley/South Lake intersection is an absolute no go for pedestrians currently, I would love to be able to walk to the restaurants there from South Lake.
- People run the light at Thompson Lane/Southlake/Briley Pkwy intersection constantly. It's bad enough that they go through red lights, but they give it the gas in order to run the red light. I have seen many near misses and a couple of wrecks due to it.
- A sidewalk on Southlake leading to the intersection would also make it safer for thousands of people to access ETL.
- There are NO SIDEWALKS or crosswalks at Southlake and E Thompson at all and students going to Glencliff and Wright Jr High risk their lives everyday.
- I don't think four lanes are necessary for driving (except maybe close to the Southlake intersection).

THOMPSON LANE

- The corner of Thompson Lane and East Thompson Lane keeps our neighborhood from being able to access East Thompson Lane from Thompson Lane. On both roads there are bike lanes that end before the curve that has no shoulder and distracted drivers who are not looking for walkers or bike riders. Any improvements to East Thompson Lane should include a short bridge to safely allow citizens to cross over to ETL from TL.
- Thompson Lane is known for vehicles speeding, racing and failing to abide by stop signs/red lights.
- E. Thompson/Thompson Ln has no bike/pedestrian lanes and the light turning left onto Southlake takes a long time.
- Thompson isn't walkable. At all. I moved to the district a year ago and accidentally found myself on Thompson while walking my dog. It's not only unwelcoming to pedestrians, it's outright unsafe. I would love to be able to walk to my office in Wedgewood Houston via Thompson & Nolensville but it's too dangerous.

KROGER @ THOMPSON LANE

- I bike this stretch regularly and have to go far onto the shoulder. The shoulder is full of nails, screws, broken glass and trash. This is a grocery store. THE grocery store for the area. There should be sidewalks.
- There are a lot of pedestrians in this area and it is not at all pedestrian-friendly. There should be more crosswalks especially near businesses like Kroger and the parks.

- I live on Wingate and would like to be able to bike to the Kroger that's on E Thompson, but the Thompson/E Thompson intersection is not safe on a bike, nor are the "bike lanes." I bike many other places in the city, including to my work in Berry Hill.
- Exiting the Kroger on East Thompson only has one way to turn left, but three ways to turn into the parking lot. This leaves a lot of people to do a U-turn at the light.
- High speed traffic. Drivers around Kroger not observing other vehicles. Traffic backed up past Kroger.
- I live half a mile from the Kroger. I'd love to be able to walk there. Not a chance. It feels like a death wish.
- Next to the Kroger, it seems as though speeds are way too high. Coming around the corner towards Glenrose the speeds drop down a little, but still not enough.

GLENCLIFF ROAD

- I live in the neighborhood and provide clinical therapy at The Village at Glencliff. Graduated residents often ride the bus to come see me for weekly therapy. Many of these folks are older and getting around isn't exactly easy for them. The lack of sidewalks, bus stops, and crosswalks all make this area significantly more challenging and unsafe for not only TVG residents/graduates but also folks like me who live in the neighborhood and would love to be able to use accessible public transit, sidewalks to get to the grocery store, and crosswalks for safe crossing.

GLENROSE AVENUE/DRUMMOND DRIVE

- Biking from the intersection of Glenrose/Drummond/East Thompson to Murfreesboro Pike is very difficult and dangerous because drivers are not expecting cyclists in the road along that stretch. But there are no bike lanes and the curb is littered with trash and rocks.
- No sidewalks on Glenrose from East Thompson Lane to Foster.
- Some of the road is fine as far as visibility. For instance, the light at Glenrose is good. But if you turn, there is a curve and a rise that feels unsafe. If you turn left and go over the RR tracks the crest of the hill is hard to see over. Most of the road looks terrible, trashy, ugly and is crime ridden. Lighting and landscaping would be a huge improvement.
- At night I have seen vehicles without lights on traveling at high rate of speed run the light at E. Thompson and Glenrose---almost got hit.
- I can't imagine anyone would consider this a road that is safe to bike or walk on. Particularly between Glenrose and Thompson Lane. Transit stops are just signs and it is a huge challenge to be able to cross this road safely.

WHITSETT PARK/OLD GLENROSE AVENUE/RR CROSSING

- It's a shame that it's hard to get to the park if you live across East Thompson from it. The lack of sidewalks is appalling. I hate seeing my neighbors with kids and dogs having to brave this busy corridor without enough safety precautions.
- The railroad crossing at Mill Creek aggravates congestion.

- Turning left from Old Glenrose during traffic time is very dangerous- not good visibility seeing left or right.
- Whitsett park is such an asset in the area but is such a challenge for people in the neighborhood to even get to anyway other than by car.
- The stretch between Old Glenrose and Currey — especially the bridge — is extremely dark. I have almost been rear ended on my bike at night because of the lighting conditions.

CURREY ROAD/WIMPOLE DRIVE

- Light at Currey and E Thompson Ln is run a lot.
- The crosswalk at Currey/Wimpole has no sidewalks. You are more likely to end up in the retention ditch than cross safely.
- Drivers seem to drive at the posted speed limit between Currey and Glenrose where there are several intersections and the railroad tracks. I don't bike past these limits because of speeding. Truthfully, it is not safe to bike with drivers who *are* going the posted speed limit—35 or 40 mph speeds are incompatible with biking. There is no dedicated or separated space designated for biking on the corridor even though there are wide shoulders in many places. There's plenty of space to create multiuse paths for people walking and biking where there are no sidewalks currently. The only time I see traffic congestion is when a train is crossing, and I've never seen the train completely stop.

LAWNDALE DRIVE

- Lawndale exits Thompson should have crosswalks. Sidewalks badly needed. Bike lanes needed.
- The curve at Lawndale Drive has had multiple injuries and fatal accidents. People speed over the hill, and don't pay attention. I was in an accident myself where I was t-boned by a driver coming around the curve when I tried to turn left from Lawndale onto ETL. They didn't see me and I didn't see them.
- There is a dangerous section for turning from East Thompson onto Lawndale by Proclamation Church. The turn lane in that area is used by cars going two different directions. If you are turning into Dollar General Plaza and another car is turning onto Lawndale, there is not quite enough room for those two cars to do so at the same time.
- There are frequent accidents at Lawndale and East Thompson, either due to high speed or poor visibility when entering East Thompson from the north side of Lawndale.
- People have died in accidents at the top of our street (Lawndale Drive) and visibility there remains an issue despite some improvement. I see pedestrians walking in harrowing spots—where they literally can't leave the roadway to escape cars (Lawndale intersection again)— due to the terrible lack of sidewalks.
- Speeding on Lawndale Dr. I've had quite a few near misses just trying to get out of my driveway.

MURFREESBORO PIKE

- Difficulty getting in/out of store parking lots on E Thompson toward Murfreesboro pike (gas station, market, etc). The area feels unsafe at night due to loitering, drugs, etc.
- Dangerous intersection at East Thompson and Murfreesboro Road - very serious problem with large tractor-trailers parking just past the Walgreen's at the corner of Murfreesboro and East Thompson, obstructing views from the nearby parking lot and making navigation difficult for cars coming off Murfreesboro onto East Thompson.

OTHER ISSUES/CONCERNS (Not Location Specific)

- The majority of the corridor lacks sidewalks and bike lanes/space for pedestrians or cyclists. (14)
- Speeding and/or distracted driving (6)
- Lack of visibility (5)
- Unhoused population (5)
- People crossing streets outside of crosswalks, need more. (4)
- Frequent crashes (2)
- Road is too wide, no need for four lanes.
- Unsafe transit stops.
- Debris in road

Question 4: What transportation improvements would you like to see on East Thompson Lane?**Responses: 53***(#) indicates the number of similar comments recorded.***PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS**

- More, improved, and accessible sidewalks (23)
 - Specifically, uninterrupted and continuous (4)
 - On both sides of the street (2)
 - With adequate lighting (7)
 - Protected from traffic
 - Near transit stops
 - Between Wimpole and Lawndale
- Add crosswalks that are safe (13)
 - Specifically, with flashing caution lights
 - Nearby transit stops that allow crossing at a reasonable distance
 - With crossing signals
 - And well-marked
 - At all intersections
- Remove the center median and repurpose to accommodate ped/bike ways on existing pavement.

- A more bike/pedestrian safe way to cross E. Thompson Lane. This road cuts us off from accessing other parts of town because how unsafe it is.
- A walk/bike path behind a barrier would be nice. Even if only on one side of the road.
- I would like to be able to feel safe walking. (2)
- More pedestrian safety measures.

BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- Add bike lanes (7)
 - Specifically, protected bike lanes (3)
 - On both sides of the street
- I'd like to see increased safety for bikes and pedestrians. (3)
- I don't personally ride my bike in Nashville since it's such an unsafe place to do so.
- Bike boxes and leading intervals for bike signals at intersections.

TRANSIT IMPROVEMENTS

- Add and improve bus stops (4)
 - Specifically, covered areas for those (esp. kids) waiting for the bus (4)
 - And a place to sit (3)
- More bus routes along with the education to teach people how to ride them.
- Dedicated bus lane.
- Transit priority would be great but 77 currently runs at low capacity and frequency.

ENFORCEMENT & TRAFFIC CALMING

- Electronic actual speed signs.
- Station a police vehicle every 3 blocks.
- More police writing tickets for traffic violations.
- Reduce and control speed (2)
 - A posted lower speed limit, like 30 to 35. (2)
- Something to assist the traffic buildup in the afternoons that leads to aggressive driving and maybe drag racing deterrents.
- Roundabouts at Thompson Lane intersection.
- The lack of police patrol for high speeds is terrifying as a driver.
- Add speed cushions on Lawndale Dr.

SIGNAGE & SIGNALS

- Clearer lines, guardrails, trash cleanup, better signage, just some respect for the neighborhood.
- Add a traffic light at Lawndale.
- New dividing lines coming out of Kroger at the light. The lines have worn off and people turning are constantly going into the opposite turn lane.
- Add signs to alert drivers of pedestrians and cyclist.

- Traffic signal timing optimization — especially at Glenrose and Southlake during peak hours.

ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

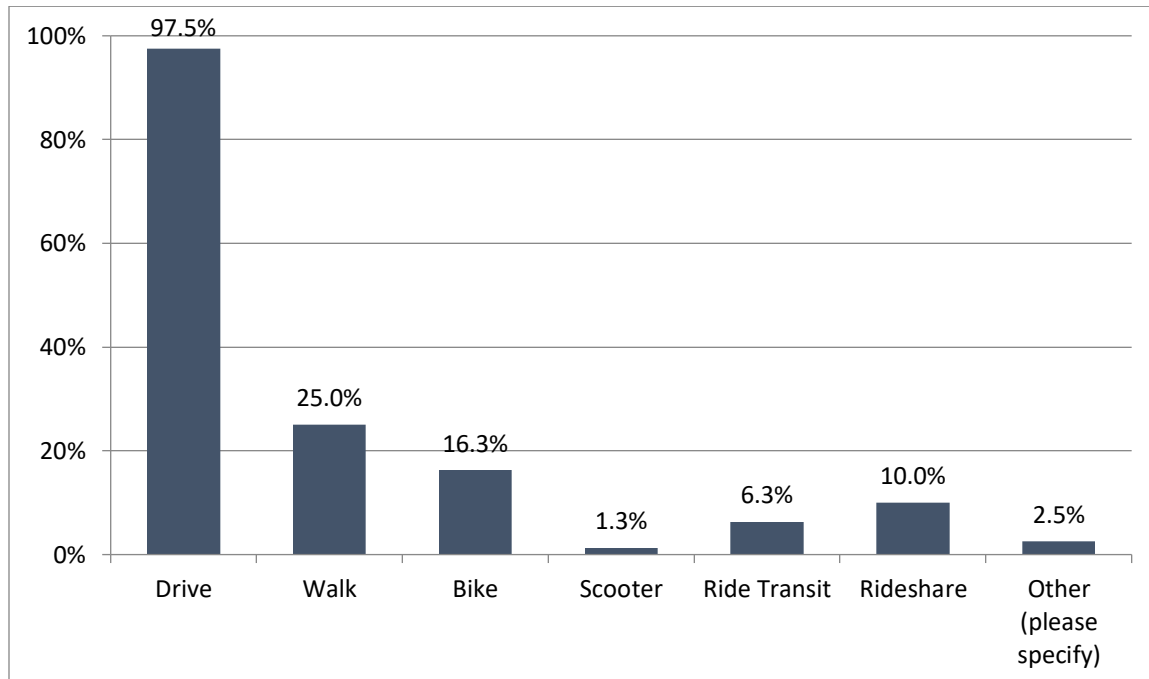
- The road doesn't seem like it needs to be two lanes with the amount of traffic on it. It'd be good to see it dropped down to one single lane in each direction with a center turn lane and spend the extra space on bike and pedestrian infrastructure.
- The median ditch, which makes accidents there even more serious, should be filled (example again, at the Lawndale crossover point).
- Improve safety and visibility through the curve. (4)
- Roads fixed, better traffic management.

OTHER

- RR crossing could be smoother, flattened out even so it's not feeling like it's on a hill, reducing visibility to oncoming traffic.
- Reference NACTO design guidelines for complete streets. You all know what to do!
- Less daytime train activity.
- Remove the train.
- The panhandlers walking into traffic is scary.
- Street trees to mitigate extreme heat (E Thompson is a hot spot on the Nashville heat map).

Question 5: How do you travel in the East Thompson Lane area? (Select all that apply)

Responses: 80



Responses in the 'Other' category that were not listed as an option include:

- It's unsafe to do anything aside from driving.
- Would love to walk but I don't feel safe.

Question 6: What is your home zip code?

The top three zip codes of respondents are shown in the table below. This question was optional, so it may not be representative of all survey respondents.

Responses: 77

Zip Code	Count	Percentage
37211	38	49%
37217	19	25%
37210	15	19%

Other zip codes included 37214, 37027, and 37206.

Question 7: If you want future project updates, please type your email below.

Responses: 29

The list of emails is [here](#).

Question 8: Do you have any additional comments/input about mobility on East Thompson Lane?

Responses: 34

(#) indicates the number of similar comments recorded.

PEDESTRIAN RELATED

- Need sidewalks (2)
- In its current state, it doesn't feel very safe to be a pedestrian or a cyclist.
- The community is changing but zoning and infrastructure don't reflect these changes. We need walkable streets and pedestrian friendly zoning.
- Even if a sidewalk/crosswalk/bike lane is put in on E. Thompson, we need one to connect to Thompson and Southlake.
- Doesn't even feel safe to walk my dog or myself down Wimpole to Whitsett park. I have seen many vehicles almost lose it on the curve near Whitsett and one did and ended up flying through a neighbor's yard and hit an abutment and passengers jumped out and ran. There are people trying to walk baby buggies and small children in this neighborhood and it is a big problem.
- I have to drive my kids to Whitsett park because it isn't safe to walk there. What kind of community is that?
- I live on Wimpole Drive and close enough to walk to Dollar General and Crescent Plaza, but I don't feel safe. We need better and complete sidewalks and better lighting.

BIKE RELATED

- If East Thompson Lane were more bicycle and pedestrian friendly, it would be a great connector between Thompson Lane and Murfreesboro Pike.
- We need real separated infrastructure. Two lanes in each direction for vehicles and then dedicated space for walking and bicycling. It would be awful to see all this time and energy and public engagement result in some floppy sticks and paint. Let's do the right thing here and physically protect people walking and bicycling.
- Stop wasting our money on bike lane fantasies that never come true.
- I worry about the car-centric businesses around Glenrose Ave parking cars in bike lanes. Please engage business owners to mitigate future conflicts. Also please consider how and where residents will leave their trash and recycling bins so they don't block bike lanes. Also a huge challenge will be the Thompson/Southlake/E Thompson intersection—some treatments here seem necessary to make this bike route accessible to Glencliff.

TRANSIT RELATED

- Though I don't currently travel by bus, I used to regularly. Catching the people mover bus on this route was such a time-consuming experience. I hope that some stops get upgraded and the route runs more frequently.

ROADWAY OR DRIVER RELATED

- Keep East Thompson Lane 4 lanes. Reducing of lanes on ETL is going to result in more cars in neighborhoods and secondary streets. Even now, traffic is backed up on Mashburn Rd and Hartford Dr every workday evening for hours.
- A needed addition would be an overpass at Thompson Lane and Nolensville Road to aid in congestion issues at the intersections.
- It doesn't feel safe. I have quit going to businesses there because I don't feel safe. The curve before Kroger seems unsafe. It's difficult to see on the hill before the area around Walgreens. I don't go to that Walgreens anymore, or any of the other stores there. I used to shop at some of the places. I still go to Ramszys Meat and Three. The area just looks more and more rundown. I appreciate this chance to share my opinion. I also appreciate what you are doing to clean up the entire area, including Nolensville Road. Thank you!
- Make median smaller and lanes wider.
- I try my best to not drive on East Thompson and go to side streets because of how unsafe the road feels to me.
- I live on Lawndale Drive. It's very scary to drive/turn onto East Thompson Lane, as the sight lines are not great and cars drive very fast!
- NO SPEED BUMPS THEY ARE NOT THE SOLUTION

GENERAL

- I appreciate the efforts to improve this area! Thank you. (4)
- Please pay attention to this corridor.
- People will reach higher expectations. We need to expect more!

- Please get us off the food desert list!

OTHER

- See many cars without a license plate. A lot of times they get off E Thompson and use Wimpole Dr which has many people speeding on it.
- People are riding with small children on 4 wheelers very fast with no protective headgear in the dark on Wimpole.
- Too many people using the area to cut through interstate traffic make it far too difficult for people who live there to get home safely.
- I'm not disabled, but those that are, struggle to navigate the area.
- Potholes!