

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY IN JONESBORO IS UNSATISFACTORY

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“Cycling to work is an important issue for business – the more who do it, the more our communities will support it. Healthy and green, cycling is worthy of the support of every business in the land.”

Sir Digby Jones, former director general of the Confederation for British Industry, February 2006

WHAT IS PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY STREETS?

It is a type of street that provides a safe and reliable environment for all road users. It functions as a "shared space" that may be used by pedestrians, bicyclists, and low-speed motor vehicles.

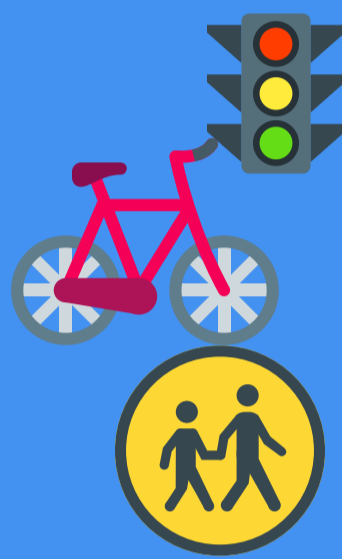


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Source: <https://hidot.hawaii.gov>

THE DEFICIENCY OF PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE STREETS

Jonesboro is growing fast in many ways including its population, economy, new buildings, etc. However, the safety on the streets seems to fall behind compared to the fast growing pace of the environment around the city. The information down below are some questions that pulled straight up from a survey. These participants are Jonesboro residents, and they have shared their opinions on the safety on streets. The full report is available at <https://forms.app/ranfaihin/Pedestrian-FriendlyStreet/report>



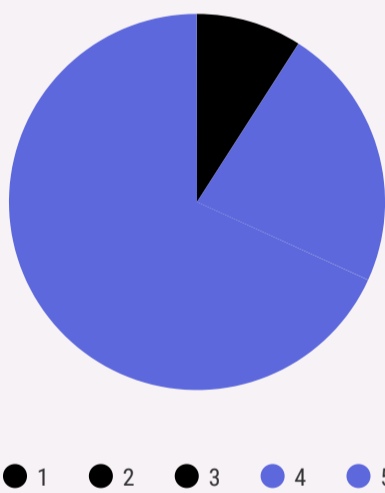
Do you think Jonesboro has a reliable pedestrian-friendly streets system ?

The system has created a scale from 1-5, in which 1 represents "no" and 5 represents "yes." The system have combined 1,2, and 3 together and 4 and 5 together. In this one, the majority said, "No" to this question.

REPORT 1



REPORT 2



Do you think Jonesboro needs to have more sidewalks?

Yes, and the participants also provide the name of the streets below:

- Race St., S Caraway Rd., Windover Rd., Highland Dr., Aggie Rd., Red Wolf Blvd., E Johnson Ave. on the campus side, around campus, Wood St., and Nettleton Ave.

Do you think Jonesboro needs to have safer crosswalks?

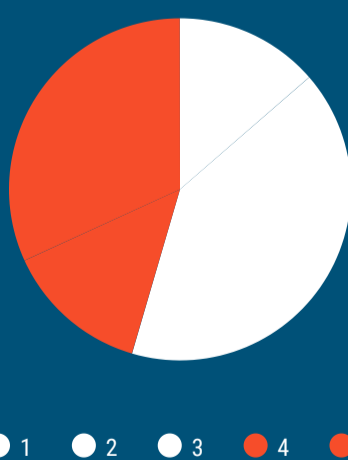
Yes, and the participants also provide the name of the streets below:

- Southwest Dr., Parker Rd., Caraway Rd., Red Wolf Blvd., Nettleton Ave., Gee St., Johnson Ave., Main St., all busy intersections, and downtown.

REPORT 3



REPORT 4



Do you think Jonesboro needs to have bicycle lanes?

This one is less than 50%, but the participants still provided the name of the streets below:

- Gee St., Johnson Ave., Nettleton Ave., Red Wolf Blvd., Caraway Rd., Main St., Highland Dr., Wood St., all of the main streets, and especially around campus.

Would you like for Jonesboro to have a safer and more reliable streets for pedestrians?

In spite of the different opinion on the safety and the installation of sidewalks, crosswalks, and bicycle lanes, 95% of the participants agreed on this question.

REPORT 5

