Survey Overview
Salt Lake City conducted a City-wide survey on an initiative in response to COVID-19: Stay Safe, Stay Active Streets. The online survey asked residents to rank their most preferred streets to open for physically-distanced community recreation, like walking and biking, and asked for comments about the initiative. The survey was open from April 13th to April 20th 2020. This report summarizes the results of the survey.

Survey Snapshot
Survey Respondents: 6,215
Survey Comments: 3,794
City Council District Respondent Representation: 7 (All)

Question:
Below are some initial street candidates. We would likely only open segments of the streets shown. Select your top three choices.

Total Street Selection Responses: 6,213

Multiple factors were considered in creating the initial map and the first opened streets. These factors included: 1) Community feedback 2) Street walkability (how friendly an area is to walking) 3) Community visions for their streets 4) Ease of implementation 5) Equity for Safe, Active Streets across the City
Street Candidates Ranked from Highest to Lowest

1. 600 East: 1903
2. 800 East: 1510
3. Kensington Ave: 1028
4. 700 South: 1016
5. 4th Ave: 849
6. 900 South: 549
7. 11th Ave: 479
8. 1500 East: 392
9. 1900 East: 350
10. Stratford Ave: 282
11. Wasatch Dr: 270
12. 200 West: 255
13. 800 West: 250
14. Emery Street: 248
15. 1200 West: 212
16. N Street: 192
17. 500 North: 183
18. Garfield Ave: 109
19. Westminster Ave: 107
20. Q Street: 60

Twitter post encouraging SLC residents to take the survey

SLCgov Retweeted
SLC Mayor Erin Mendenhall 🌟 @slcmayor - Apr 13

We’ve heard from you that it’s hard to get fresh air & maintain 6 feet of separation on narrow sidewalks. We’re considering temporarily opening certain streets for 🚶‍♀️ & 🚴‍♂️ traffic as a solution. Take the survey to tell #SLC which streets you favor.

Para más información, visite www.slcl.gov/transportation/
Question: Any concerns you have with opening streets for community recreation?

Total Concerns Comments: 1,881

Comments about concerns were grouped into two categories: 1) General Support & General Oppose listed here; and listed below 2) Specific Concerns about distancing, safety, and traffic etc. This second category also included other comments not related to initiative concerns.

76% General Support
“No Concerns”

24% General Oppose
“Yes Concerns”

Reoccurring themes identified in comments by respondents who have specific concerns with this initiative — or other comments not related to initiative concerns

Specific Concerns
Most respondents expressed specific concerns about distancing/guidelines, safety/enforcement, and traffic/transit. Some were other comments not related to initiative concerns.

Selected general support & oppose comments received

I hope that this is something we can continue as a community after the pandemic! Many cities have days where only local traffic is allowed through and encourages pedestrian and bicycle modes of transportation.

I think this is a great idea. Thank you for helping us find safe and responsible ways to get outside!

This is a wonderful idea. Thank you Mayor Mendenhall.

I like the idea. It supports social distancing, safety, as well as exercise in a tough time.

Yes: I think that before we try opening streets for recreation, we need to ensure people are doing their part to maintain social distancing....

I think its a bad idea in general, regardless of any orders there is still a safety risk.

Other Comments
Traffic/Transit 21%
Distancing/Guidelines 25%
Business/Deliveries 25%
Safety/Enforcement 24%
Other Comments 4%

“Concerned about access to local businesses on the closed map that are still OPEN. Where will I park, and walk to these establishments?”

“Only that bus routes and local traffic will continue to be allowed through.”

“How to ensure safety of pedestrians and bicyclists in relation to opening up streets?”

“Rather than helping to maintain physical distance, these pop ups may attract unnecessarily large crowds.”
Question:
Are there any streets you would like considered for opening for community recreation that are not on the map?

Total Other Streets Comments: 1,913

There were over 100 other streets suggested. Below are the top 15 streets/areas with the most responses.

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Other Streets Comments

Most respondents expressed a desire for additional streets to open, while many offered no suggestion and some either generally opposed or generally supported the initiative.

- “Completely unnecessary, I walk several times a day and see no problem. People are good about social distancing and can wear a mask if they feel unsafe.”
- “The more streets you can open the better - it’s time to make our communities safer and make our air cleaner.”
- “I think 100, 200, or 300 south would be great candidates as well.”
- “It would be nice if you presented a map where the streets connected to each other. There are so many gaps, especially East to West, so, that really limits how far someone could go while safely distancing.”

Reoccurring themes identified in comments provided by respondents about other streets they want open:

- General Oppose: 6%
- General Support: 55%
- Street Suggestion: 24%
- Other Comments: 11%
- Yes/No/NA: 0%

Total Other Streets Comments: 1,913
A family biking on 500 North, the first “Safe, Active Street” to open

Pedestrians using another open Safe, Active Street

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