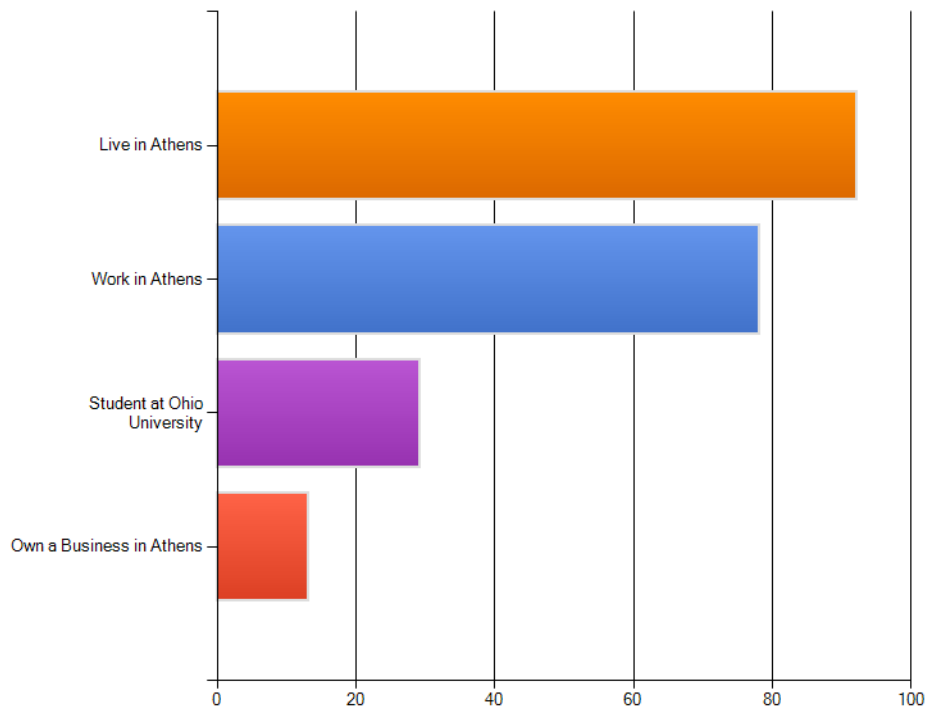


Online Survey Summary of Results

City of Athens Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
October 5, 2009

A survey was available online through the month of September in which 108 people participated. The majority of participants were residents (86%). 72.9% work in the city, 12.1% owned a business in the city and 27.1% were students.



The survey consisted of ten questions that addressed the following:

- Desired Project Outcomes
- Places of Concern
- Participant's Pedestrian Travel Patterns
- Participant's Bicycle Travel Patterns
- Bicycle Issues

The survey concluded with an optional general information questionnaire and an additional comment section.

Top Eight Specific Places of Concern

The Online Survey asked participants to identify three specific areas that they thought this project should address. Listed Below are the top eight most common responses from the survey.

Location	Issue
Richland Ave	Difficult to navigate on and across for both bicycles and pedestrians
E State Street	Not very bicycle or pedestrian friendly. Difficult to navigate for both bicyclists and pedestrians.
Stimson Ave	Difficult to navigate on and across for both bicycles and pedestrians
Court Street	Difficult to navigate by bicycle, heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic, needs bike lanes
Columbus Road	Difficult to navigate by bicycle, needs bike lanes
Union Street	Difficult to navigate by bicycle, needs bike lanes
Uptown	Difficult to navigate around the area by bicycle, crowded streets and limited bike parking
Parks and Recreation Areas	Being able to safely get to and access parks and recreational areas by bicycle.

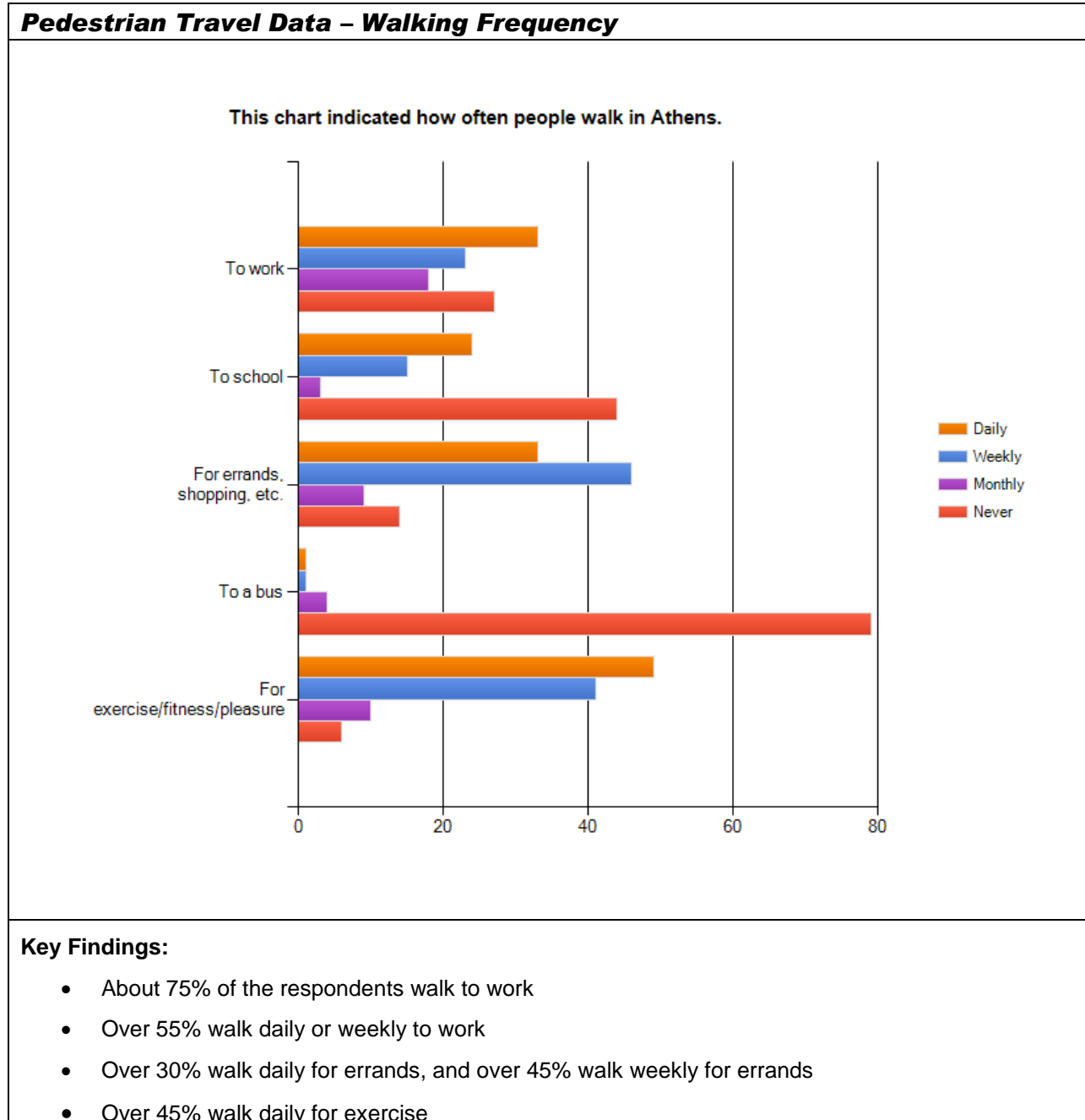
Top Ten Desired Outcomes

The Online Survey asked participants to list their top three desired outcomes of the Non-motorized Plan based on their vision of the future. Listed Below are the top ten most common responses from the survey.

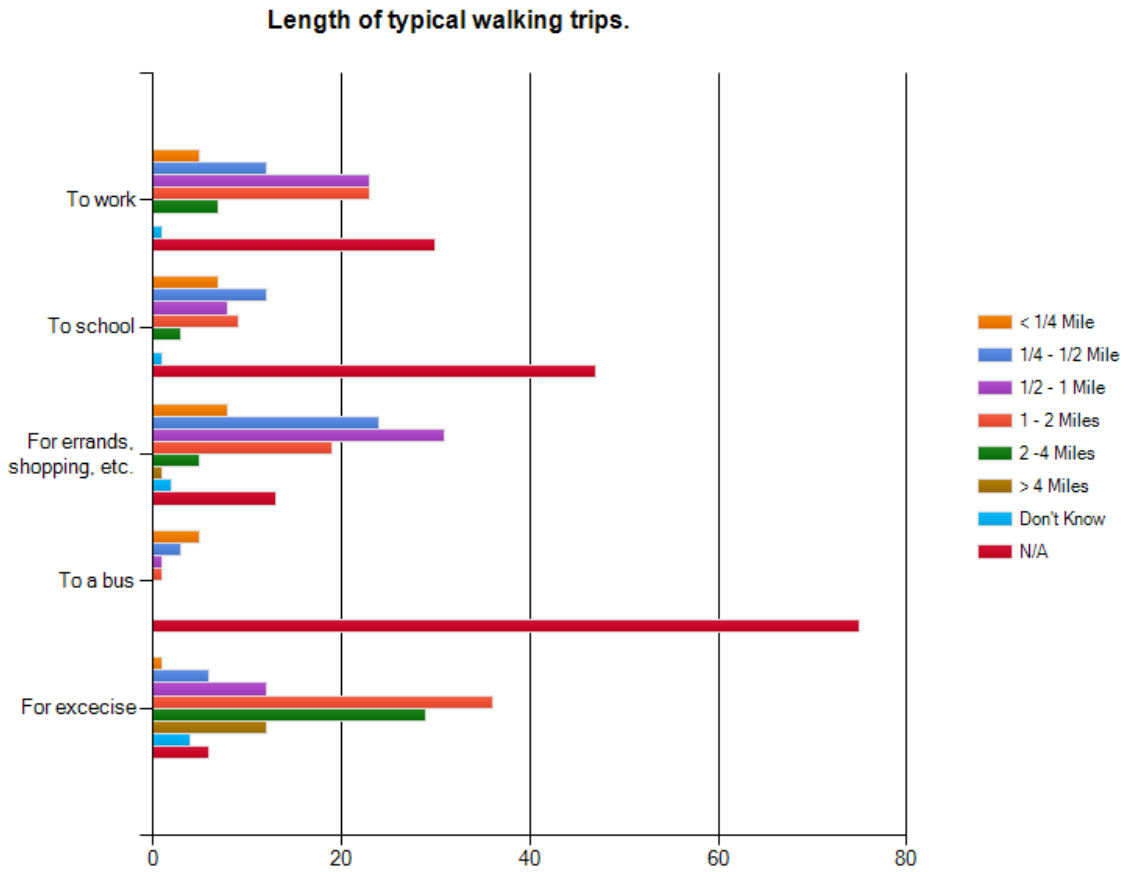
Issue
Easy, safe and useable non-motorized facilities.
More bike lanes, especially on major roads.
Better education efforts to create cooperation between drivers and bikers with consideration for both parties.
More off-road facilities for bicyclist, including mountain biking trails.
Bicycle and pedestrian connectivity throughout the city.
Increase number of people who use non-motorized transportation in the city.
More bike parking, including safe, secured and covered facilities.
Well maintained and connected sidewalk system.
Improve bicycle access throughout town, especially to bike path and commercial areas.
In general, the city becomes more bicycle and pedestrian friendly.

Travel Pattern Summary

The following data is based on the response received from the survey:



Pedestrian Travel Data – Walking Distance

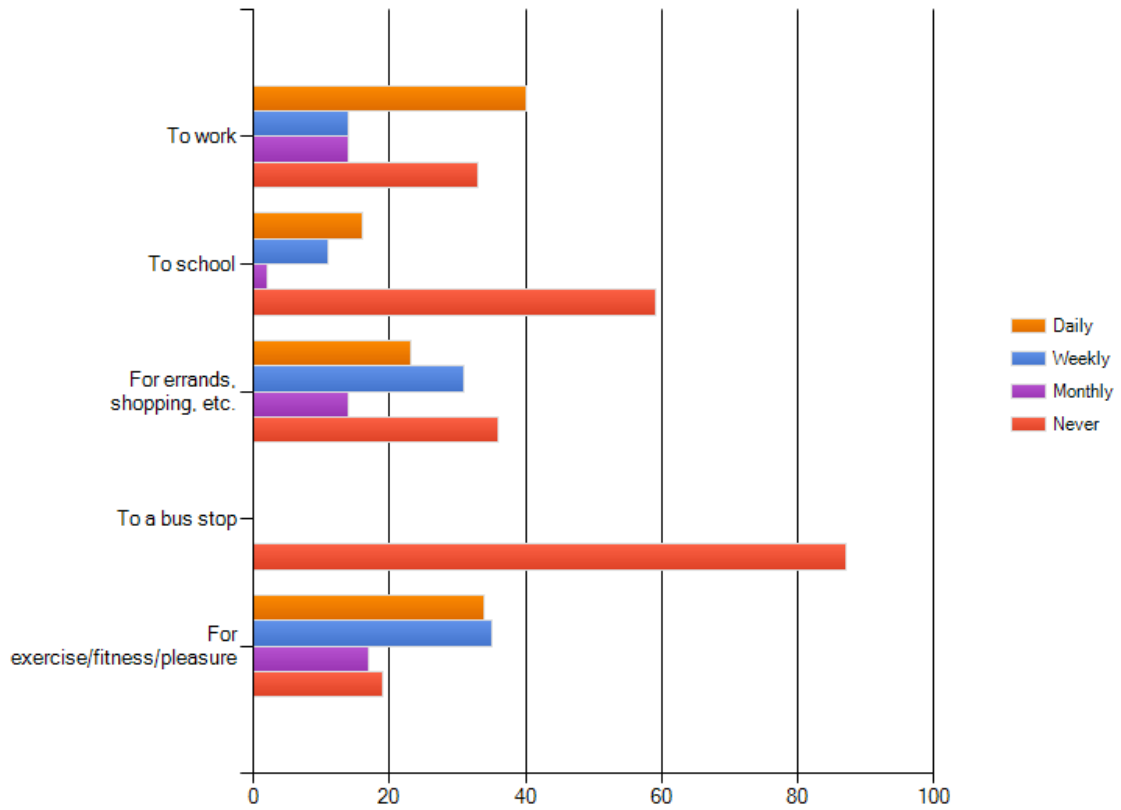


Key Findings:

- Most work trips are a little over 1 mile
- Most errand and shopping trips are ¼ to 1 mile
- Most exercise trips are 1 to 2 miles although a significant number of exercise trips are longer than 2 miles

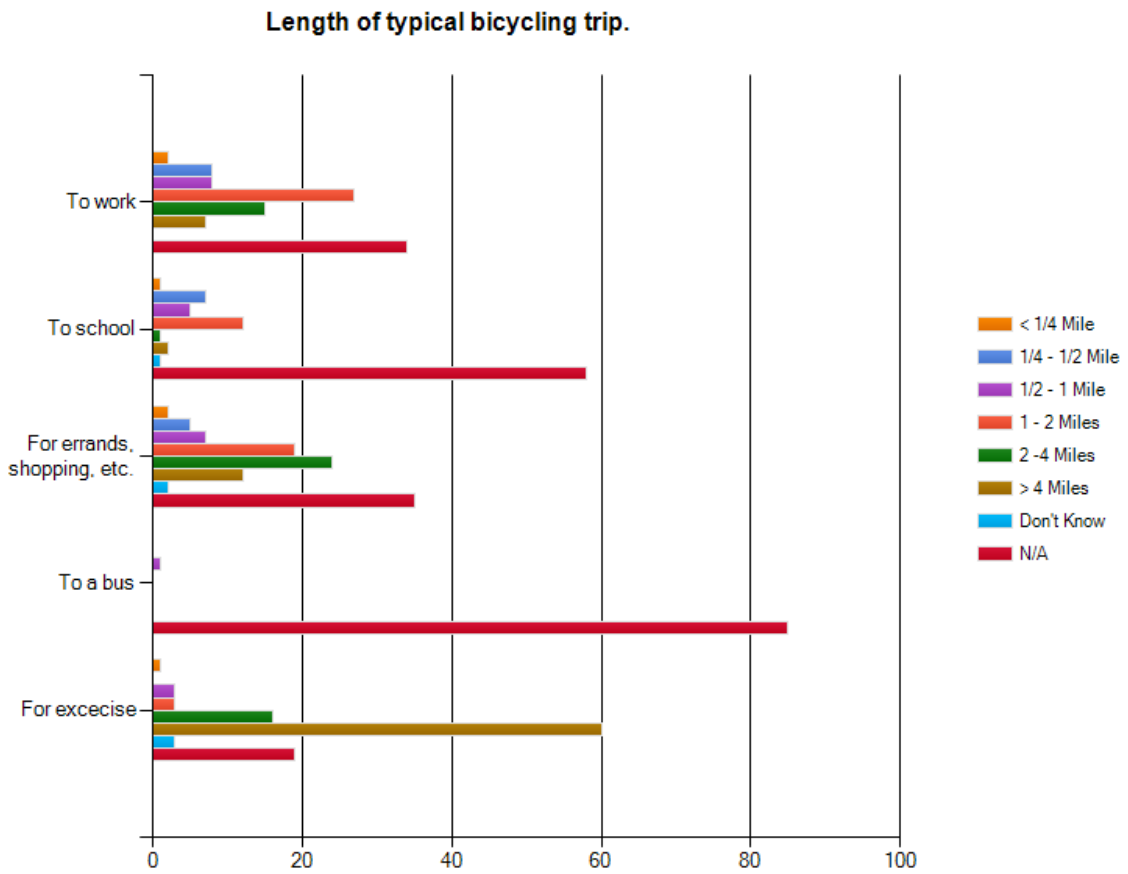
Bicycle Travel Data – Bicycling Frequency

This chart indicates how often people bicycle in Athens.



- 40% ride their bicycle to work daily, an additional 35% ride weekly
- Over 50% ride their bicycle for errands and shopping daily or weekly
- Over 60% ride their bicycle for exercise/fitness/pleasure daily or weekly

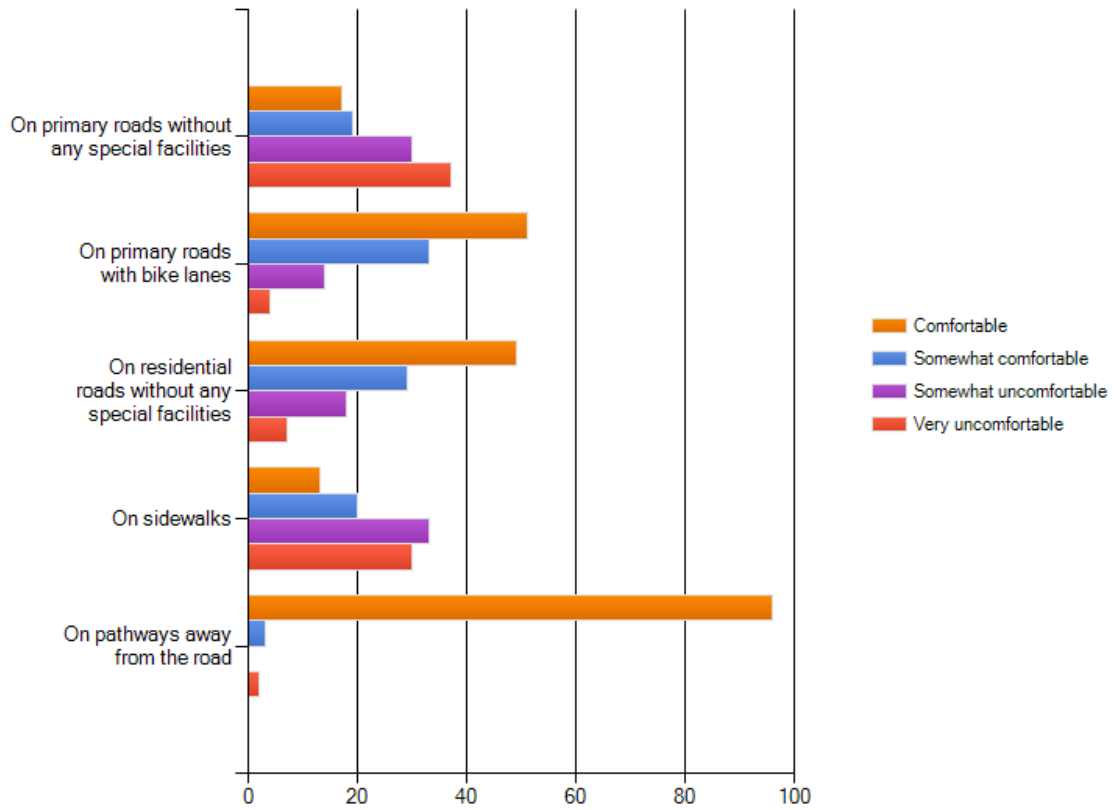
Bicycle Travel Data – Bicycling Distance



- Most common distance to work around 2 miles
- Nearly 60% travel over 4 miles for exercise
- Over 40% travel 1 to 4 Miles for errands and shopping

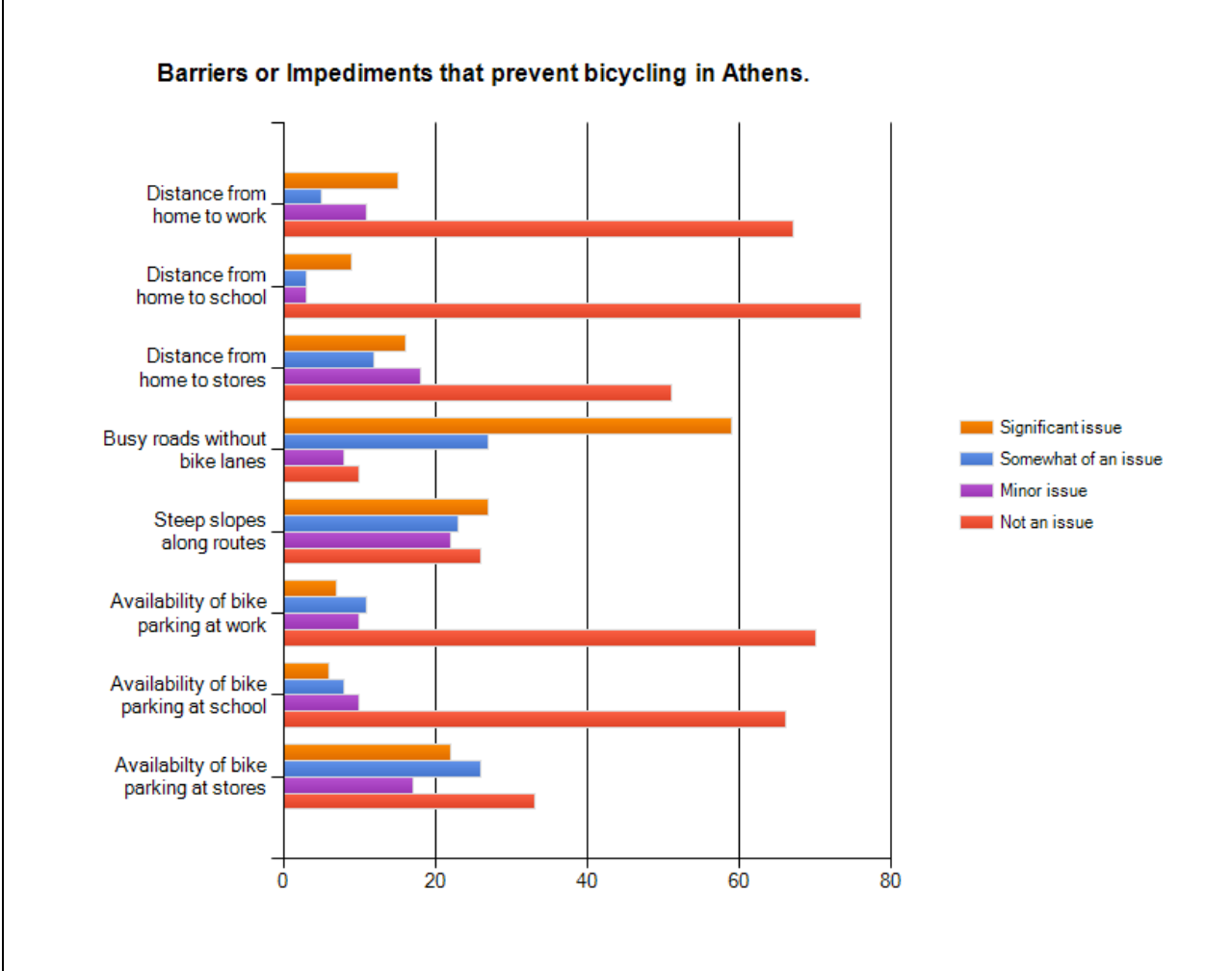
Bicycle Issues – Comfort Level

Comfort level bicycling in different conditions.



- Majority are comfortable or somewhat comfortable on primary roads with bike lanes and residential roads without any special facilities.
- Almost everyone is comfortable on a pathway away from a road
- Majority are somewhat uncomfortable or very uncomfortable on sidewalks
- Majority are somewhat uncomfortable or very uncomfortable on primary roads without any special facilities.

Bicycle Issues – Barriers or Impediments



- Busy roads without bike lanes is the biggest issue
- Steep slopes and the availability of parking are also major issues.