

Part E

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This study involved the following efforts to include key stakeholders and the general public in the planning process:

The Technical Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee met once in-person for a kick-off to the study and to identify opportunities, constraints, and important destination connections. Input from this meeting is incorporated into Parts A and B of this study. Advisory Committee members included representatives from:

- Knoxville Regional TPO
- Knox County
- City of Knoxville
- Town of Farragut
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory
- Great Smoky Mountains Regional Greenway Council
- Conservation Cooperative
- Tennessee Department of Transportation
- Turkey Creek Land Partners

The Advisory Committee met via a web-conference to review and provide comment on the preliminary alignments and corridor design features. They then voted via web survey on their preferred alignments. Option A alignments were determined the most preferred by the group.

Public Survey

Immediately after the Technical Advisory Committee kick-off meeting, a public survey was posted online by the Knoxville Regional TPO. The following is a summary of the comments from the public. Information is summarized based on comment relevancy, and any comments that pertained to subjects out of the study area have been omitted.

Question 1) The goal for the greenway trail plan is to connect the planned greenway along the Pellissippi Parkway corridor with the existing greenway in Turkey Creek. What other locations would you like to see the trail connect? You can choose as many as you like.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
The Episcopal School of Knoxville	18.9%	36
The U.S. Cellular Sport Complex & Greenway	66.3%	126
Employment centers (choose "Other locations" to suggest specific ones)	26.3%	50
Neighborhoods, condo/apartment communities (choose "Other locations" to suggest specific ones)	42.1%	80
Other locations (please specify)	36.8%	70

Open-ended responses to this question include:

Note: these answers were not edited for grammar or clarity.

Common responses are summarized on Page 9, Connecting Landmark Destinations.

Green areas. I worked for the City on the Turkey creek greenway. Half of the trail is natural and green and half is an unpleasant noise corridor. We need to plant trees along the Turkey Creek/ Interstate fence along the interstate, on TDOTs side or inside, to at least make it seem more green. It won't stop the noise, but at least would not be so bare. Whether the businesses will fight this, who knows.

Oak Ridge/ORNL

Kimberly Clarke, JTV, South College

Scripps Networks (Sherrill Blvd)

I'm in favour of having these two greenways connect but mainly to extend the distance of the turkey creek greenway. i don't have any preferences on specific locations to connect

I'd like to see a greenway run through the Karns area and connect to the Pellissippi Parkway Greenway. Karns feels very much left out of the greenway plans.

cedar bluff (and all the surrounding schools)

Connect to Solway in North and Highway 95 on South, to link with Oak Ridge community of green ways and bicycle paths (e.g., Haw Ridge/Melton Lake and Melton Dam)

Avoid crossing I40 at Lovell Rd. Consider dropping straight to Parkside east of I140 and running along Parkside, which is plenty wide. Surface roads in the Dutchtown area are already adequate for cycling.

Oak Ridge National Laboratory

The Greenway at the Cedar Bluff movie Theatre

Concord Hills neighborhood, neighborhoods along Northshore out to Choto and Turkey Creek (e.g. Inverness, that area)

I routinely ride the route in question. The proposed connector swings too far north, adding miles for a bicyclist trying to go downtown.

Ashley Oaks (Crowfield Dr.)

10 mile Greenway

Montgomery Cove / Choto / The Cove area

A greenway up northshore drive from Ebenezer rd could connect the 10 mile creek greenway with the greenway out in Farragut near McFee park.

NTRC in Hardin Valley

Forest Ridge Apartments in Hardin Valley - there is currently no greenway access at all, but a lot of running use this stretch of Hardin Valley Rd. Some greenway/ running trail access exists at PSCC which is nearby, but nothing links over to it.

Walker Springs Apartments (Walker Springs Rd, already has a greenway linking to it)

Bearden to pellissippi

Fox Den / Willow Creek Area

Areas in the Karns community, especially near the high school. Karns High School cross country and track teams have very little areas around the school that are safe to run.

The business parks on Hardin Valley near D1 would be nice to have a trail connected.

west hills

Would love to see the same effort to connect the first creek greenway to downtown

Karns

Saddle Ridge/Fox Run area

Campbell Station area

Lovell Crossing Apts, Grey Stone Summit

Wind Song at 10 mile creek down North Peters , to the existing end of the Parkside trail at McDonalds and Lovell Road. The conceptual plan leaves that connection out totally . That is dead wrong and the Parkside trail must be extended and connected at WindSong. There is still room on that route to make that connection. Farragut is being left out if that connection is not made in the first wave of trail building. The Mayor should insist on that connection be made in phase one.

Turkey Creek Road greenway to Virtue Road to Harvey/ Choto Road to Northshore Drive to Concord Road

Scripps Networks

Brixworth

middlebrooke pike and cedar bluff area

Lovell Road allowing access from end of Farragut Greenway @ McDonald's to have safe connection over or under the interstate.

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PetSafe Dog Park

Scripps Networks

Forget about trying to hit lots of destinations...this is short-sided. Make the route as direct as possible so commuters can effectively commute

A Turkey Creek connection would be a great link for all of West Knox County.

Farragut neighborhoods to the cove and to the concord dog park

PetSafe dog park

Businesses on Parkside

Maryville to townsend

Scripps Networks Interactive on Sherrill Blvd and Parkwest Hospital

Mabry Hood Rd

Parkwest Hospital

I live in Corryton. Although I support the greenways, I won't be using any unless they are in NE Knox County.

Waters Edge next to Webb School of Knoxville

Connect to Parkside Dr heading E of Lovell Rd w/o having to use Lovell/Parkside existing intersection.

Utilize undeveloped natural areas to the max extent possible, although there are few in area. Greenways paralleling busy roads, i.e. wide sidewalks, are a waste of resources and will not generally be utilized by users, except for short connections to other more desirable portions of greenway.

Any chance to connect Northshore Dr to a greenway? Northshore Dr. is almost impossible to bicycle or walk.

Northshore corridor

Continue along the interstate ROW, free land one letter etc EASY

UT Arboretum

business parks along pellissippi parkway, webb school

Offices at Waters Edge (Near Webb School)

westland Drive, A.I. Lotts Elementary School

Parkwest hospital

Clark Center Community Park in Oak Ridge

Anchor park, Concord Hills neighborhood

Haw Ridge

Clark Park

Northshore Town Center

UT Arboretum, Ball Camp Park, Pellissippi State, Beaver Creek, Solway Park

Rodefer Moss

Business parks along Pellissippi Parkway

Green and water spaces

Bicycle lane on Outlet Drive in Farragut

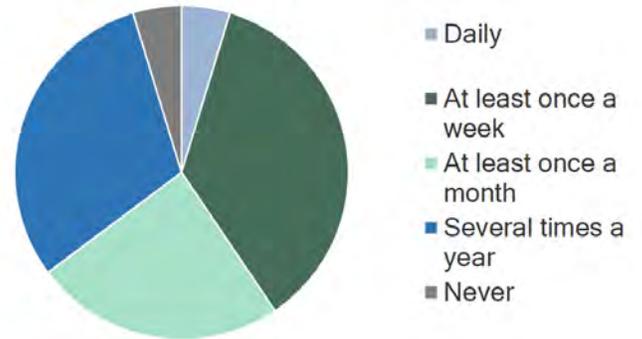
ORNL

Oak ridge

Question 2) If a trail were constructed along the Pellissippi corridor linking to Turkey Creek, assuming it was comfortable and convenient for you to use, how often would you use it?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Daily	4.7%	9
At least once a week	35.8%	68
At least once a month	24.2%	46
Several times a year	30.5%	58
Never	4.7%	9
answered question		190

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Question 3) If you were to use the trail, for what purpose do you think you would use it?

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Transportation to work, school, shopping, worship or other destination	1.1%	2
Recreation & exercise	73.2%	139
Both transportation and recreation/exercise	25.8%	49
Other (please specify)		2
answered question		190

If you were to use the trail, for what purpose do you think you would use it?

