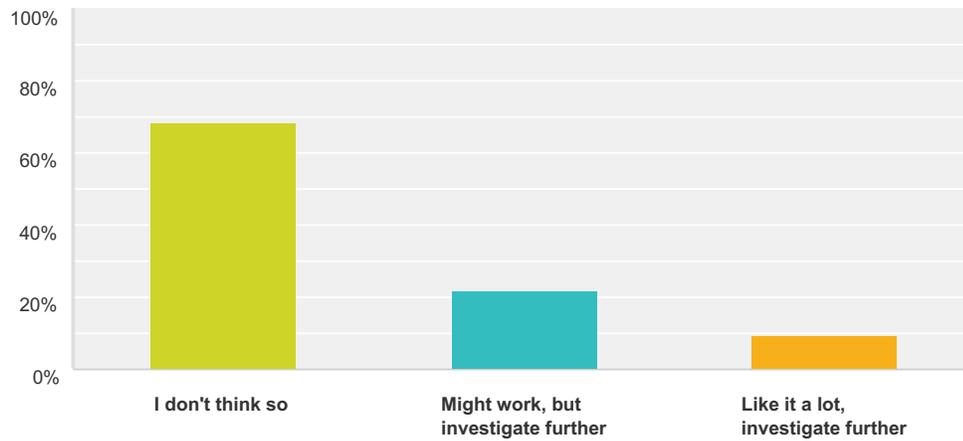


Q5 A bypass would alleviate congestion in the short term and reduce vehicle volume downtown and over the current bridge. It would substantially impact the environment. Capital investment is \$130 million (est.) with a subsidy by taxpayers of \$6.5 million annually. (See study for details.) Approvals by external agencies required. Consider expanding road capacity: construct bypass from Wolf Street across Bow River to Sulphur Mountain.

Answered: 403 Skipped: 45



Answer Choices	Responses
I don't think so	68.49% 276
Might work, but investigate further	21.84% 88
Like it a lot, investigate further	9.68% 39
Total	403

#	Please tell us why you made your choice.	Date
1	The ultimate goal is to reduce the number of personal vehicles needing to be moved through the town, while improving air quality and protecting wildlife corridors and other environmental factors...this proposal does none of those things. It would merely be a Band-Aid solution.	10/10/2016 10:44 PM
2	Building more roads/bridges ensures more traffic, which is the opposite of what we want. Why does the Transportation Study - and this survey - not offer an option of capping visitation and/or a "low growth" plan for the Town? Why does the Study and this survey not make wildlife habitat a prominent concern?	10/10/2016 10:40 PM
3	There isn't enough parking at Sulphur Mountain currently. Getting more vehicles there faster only exacerbates the parking problem and contributes to an ever poorer experience for visitors and locals.	10/10/2016 10:23 PM
4	You will have protestors chained to trees. What will that do for the towns image? Building roads through wildlife corridors. You're joking right?	10/10/2016 10:01 PM

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5	Environmental impact and capital investment are both too costly. In the words of Edward Abbey "Industrial tourism is a threat to the national parks. But the chief victims of the system are the motorized tourists. They are being robbed and robbing themselves. So long as they are unwilling to crawl out of their cars they will not discover the treasures of the national parks and will never escape the stress and turmoil of the urban-suburban complexes which they had hoped, presumably, to leave behind for a while."	10/10/2016 8:29 PM
6	Concerned about the environmental impact	10/10/2016 8:07 PM
7	It should be possible to make things work better with intercept parking and transit before this needs to be looked at.	10/10/2016 7:39 PM
8	This is NOT a choice! You would destroy the very fabric of a small, fixed boundary, town located WITHIN a Nat'l Park in the mountains.	10/10/2016 5:46 PM
9	Impacts National Park habitat	10/10/2016 5:35 PM
10	Short sighted. No long term solution.	10/10/2016 3:54 PM
11	I disagree with this option due to the high impact this option would have on the environment, along with taxpayers being on the hook for a large sum of money on an annual basis, making it harder for people to afford to reside within the town.	10/10/2016 3:50 PM
12	Completely unacceptable. Why did this even appear on this survey? Does the town management not realize this town is within a national park, which exists to preserve nature?? Where is our leadership?	10/10/2016 3:49 PM
13	Huge impact environmentally.	10/10/2016 3:37 PM
14	Absolutely not! This is in a wildlife corridor legally set aside to allow the latest phase of Middle Springs Housing development. Serious concerns about environmental impact to the various springs - home to the endemic (found nowhere else in the world), endangered (and protected under SARA) Banff Springs Snail. Take the plunge - limits on the number of visitors. The park is full!	10/10/2016 11:50 AM
15	I keep hearing about "visitor experience" in Banff, rather than "ecological integrity". I think the town has a responsibility to address ecological integrity, in cooperation with parks Canada. It's a privilege to live and do business here, and it comes with responsibilities beyond that of other municipalities, due to the location of the town within a national park. The bypass and parking lots would be located outside the existing town boundary and would compromise the intent of the development cap and legislated boundary. What are the ecological and regulatory impacts of building facilities outside the town? Your survey doesn't provide enough information. The perspective of the plan does not seem to be written with integration to other park activities, rather it is based on "destination marketing". What is wrong with a "low or no growth" option, not presented here. There has been a commercial development cap, and legislated boundary, with the full understanding there are limits to growth. Banff CANNOT have unlimited tourist industry growth, time to put the brakes on.	10/10/2016 11:36 AM
16	It should have been built 30 years ago, the need has only become even greater with the combination of increased residents on the south side of the bridge and the increase in visitation	10/10/2016 10:32 AM
17	It might alleviate some congestion and in the process cause other issues. A good transit system would be better. Also where would you park all the vehicles that get to the hot pool and or the gondola up Sulphur Mt.	10/10/2016 10:13 AM
18	All the options require building in and damaging wildlife travel opportunities around the current footprint.	10/10/2016 9:10 AM
19	This money would gona long way in maintaining a well-run shuttle service.	10/10/2016 9:08 AM
20	Why the town didn't build a road bridge, unstead of pedestrian bridge from Muskrat across Bow River??????	10/10/2016 8:57 AM
21	I don't think this would have a significant enough impact overall.	10/10/2016 8:18 AM
22	Too much taxes already. If you do that, we will increase rents, and other visitors cost creating inflation. The minimum salary raise + the carbon tax will already create inflation in Banff;;;	10/10/2016 8:03 AM
23	Again, the environmental impact would be substantial. What is it with our society, that we have the need to destroy beautiful place, by ever changing and manipulating the environment that we so admire? Pretty soon the reason for coming to the Park for a 'pristine, natural' experience, will no longer exist.	10/10/2016 7:42 AM
24	This 'option' is absurdly retro, 1950's thinking, a massive disruption of wildlife corridors without solving the traffic issue, it just moves it to the parking lot up the mountain. Examining this is a waste of time and money as there is no way this will be approved by Parks Canada, nor should it be.	10/10/2016 7:41 AM
25	I'd prefer to reduce the amount of traffic, cars and emissions where possible and this does the opposite, also comes with the greatest cost.	10/9/2016 9:29 PM
26	Helps with the volume in parts of town but isn't a total solution	10/9/2016 4:41 PM
27	Outdated approach proven to not have long term success.	10/9/2016 4:28 PM

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28	Not appropriate. Requires expansion of town boundaries and use of wildlife corridor. Only temporary fix. Limits to entry are required.	10/9/2016 4:06 PM
29	We could have made the existing vehicle bridge to handle traffic flow better, but the town did not choose to do that when they " improved" the bridge. Choose less vehicles, requires less capacity. Understand that the town has a limited capacity, don't try to fit more and more into the same space	10/9/2016 12:39 PM
30	This would impact the environment dramatically and would be just a short-term solution. This bypass would soon be congested in turn and the same problem would arise.	10/9/2016 12:15 PM
31	Not over my dead body! There are people in town and across Canada who will go to war over this cockamamie idea! It's utterly absurd that this 30 year old idea is even on the table again. If this idea gains an iota of momentum, prepare for a fight between the TOB and future of Banff National Park.	10/9/2016 11:38 AM
32	"Substantially impact the environment (negatively!!)" makes it a non-starter. This proposal would encroach upon wildlife corridors, add MORE cars and traffic and spread out the problem. It would surely never be approved by Parks Canada.	10/9/2016 11:36 AM
33	I believe that another road bridge would impact the visual character of Banff more than aerial trams.	10/9/2016 10:22 AM
34	We must reduce the number of vehicles, not increase capacity, it is ruining the attractiveness of Banff	10/9/2016 10:02 AM
35	It's still inside a National Park that is designed to protect ecological integrity for future generations, not a theme park that needs to pander to a few select businesses so that they can make higher profits.	10/9/2016 8:27 AM
36	more is not better...Banff is a unique town in canada's first national park...it's worth it to start looking at limiting and controlling not enhancing human use...visitor experience and environmental performance will be enhanced this way..	10/8/2016 10:33 PM
37	This option - while certainly more feasible than the "aerial" transportation option - does not present a long-term solution to the congestion challenges in Banff, as it assumes that private vehicles will continue to be the primary transportation option for visitors 30+ years into the future. Again, the capital investment alone does not make this a reasonable solution - as well as the	10/8/2016 8:34 PM
38	Absolutely not! Considering the infringement on ecologically important/critical land especially the Sulphur Mtn wildlife corridor this concept should not even have been studied let alone proposed at all. The Town is well aware of the issues involved here. It is shocking the Town did not behave accordingly and reject this from the beginning.	10/8/2016 4:00 PM
39	Seems there wouldn't be a need for a bridge if a transit system reduced traffic. The cost is crazy anyway.	10/8/2016 2:39 PM
40	There might not even be cars in 30 years. Shortsighted.	10/8/2016 2:03 PM
41	Bad idea. In 20 years there will a push got a bigger, better road. As mentioned before-- Limits to growth have been legislated. For many reasons. Now we have to respect that.	10/8/2016 1:43 PM
42	Should had been done long time ago	10/8/2016 1:10 PM
43	I would need to read more about this	10/8/2016 1:09 PM
44	Stop making economic growth your priority. Make ecological sustainability your focus. Please limit access to the town and park. Please inform yourself about the 6th mass extinction event, Stanford University study. Human overpopulation and encroachment into wildlife habitat is destroying our ecosystem. Banff should LEAD Canada in such awareness.	10/8/2016 11:32 AM
45	It is an issue, but capacity will be filled. I might consider an alternate solution such as RV parking on the outskirts of town and free shuttles during peak tourism times.	10/8/2016 10:33 AM
46	Building more roads to add more vehicle traffic is not a viable long term solution.	10/8/2016 9:57 AM
47	I agree that this is definitely not the way to go, for all the reasons stated in the report.	10/8/2016 7:32 AM
48	Not a good environmental choice. We want to reduce cars, not cater to them. We want to provide convenient, positive alternatives.	10/7/2016 8:53 PM
49	Don't go there, we need to learn to live within our means and existing footprint. We live in a national park for god sakes!	10/7/2016 7:47 PM
50	To expand roads is to increase GHG's and pollution.	10/7/2016 6:21 PM
51	For all of the reasons already listed -- short term solution (if at all), impact on the environment, subsidy by taxpayers needed, increased noise and congestion to a residential part of town. Scrap this idea too!	10/7/2016 5:02 PM
52	Enough road. People can walk a bit. Too expensive	10/7/2016 1:57 PM
53	See #3	10/7/2016 1:49 PM

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54	Just makes a bad problem worse	10/7/2016 1:46 PM
55	This will just make the problem worse long term, is expensive and against the town's goals. Banff should be a leader in this respect.	10/7/2016 1:08 PM
56	People don't need their vehicles to visit the gondola, hot pools, just to get there	10/7/2016 12:46 PM
57	I think this is swatting a fly with a sledgehammer. I don't think we should be expanding our network of roads, we should be encouraging car free options first. there has to be other, cheaper ways to alleviate traffic across the bridge, and the attractions that cause that traffic should pay the lion's share to implement them.	10/7/2016 12:34 PM
58	The Bridge is a solution that would affect the environment negatively. The bottleneck would now affect the residents on Cave. The real problem here is the Brewster gondola they should pay for the lions share of the costs, as they are the main reason for the problem, maybe set up parking lots in prior to town entering town, these parking lots will solve many issues.	10/7/2016 12:31 PM
59	I dont know how much this would cost or how much my taxes would go up.	10/7/2016 12:15 PM
60	Favours certain interests too much, cost is unupportable, encourages more traffic	10/7/2016 12:04 PM
61	why should taxpayers pay for new infrastructure so that an American Corporation(Brewster) to make more money ?	10/7/2016 11:58 AM
62	Not needed is a big emphasis is put on walking/biking and rapid transit.	10/7/2016 11:34 AM
63	Access off and on the bridge is really the only trouble spot -- why not fix that! With all the money & time (on study after study) spent over the last few years on this one intersection, we could have used these resources to build an additional bridge. And now we have another study!	10/7/2016 10:24 AM
64	It pollutes allot more than a gondola	10/7/2016 8:05 AM
65	The town is too small for the amount of cars already. It will only get worse. Another exit needs to happen at some point.	10/6/2016 10:01 PM
66	This option does not reduce vehicle traffic.	10/6/2016 9:50 PM
67	Absolutely horrible idea. The impact in doing this is insane. Adding a bridge from Buffalo St to Sundance Road is a good possible, but there's no need to increasing Banff's already large footprint on the park.	10/6/2016 9:34 PM
68	Environmental impact a major concern.	10/6/2016 8:24 PM
69	Buses would be better	10/6/2016 3:50 PM
70	Frankly absurd. Expansion of roads just leads to more vehicles stuck in traffic. Profoundly wrong fit for a National Park, for banff, for locals, for tourists, for nature, for environmental, for climate, for future social expectations of transportation.	10/6/2016 3:38 PM
71	Too expensive, environmental impact...	10/4/2016 5:15 PM
72	For many years I have been concerned about the possibility of an emergency requiring the evacuation of the other side of the river. I know many fire-smart measures have been put in place to help alleviate that concern, however, a car-carrying bridge would help with congestion and provide a speedier exit in an emergency. Also it too could be an "attraction" as bridges are beloved by both residents and tourists alike.	10/4/2016 10:43 AM
73	We need a other way to cross the river	10/4/2016 5:05 AM
74	What is the environmental impact of cars idling for an hour trying to get across the bridge?	10/3/2016 8:59 PM
75	what would affect the environment more... thousands of idling cars and busses waiting in traffic hour after hour day after day year after year... or construction of an alternative route.	10/3/2016 8:36 PM
76	What would this entail??	10/3/2016 7:21 PM
77	Only having one bridge for traffic is what causes most of the traffic.	10/3/2016 7:08 PM
78	maintenance seems high but anymore roads would reduce congestion	10/3/2016 6:25 PM
79	Not sure if that would change the traffic downtown much, but I am all for a second bridge	10/3/2016 6:18 PM
80	I don't think that congestion is bad enough to warrant this.	10/3/2016 6:06 PM
81	Cost is too high	10/3/2016 5:56 PM
82	It will work however there will more congestion at the intersection of Mountain avenue and Spray avenue. So meaning back to zero.	10/3/2016 5:42 PM
83	Would ease bottleneck congestion on current bridge	10/3/2016 4:50 PM

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84	Building a new bridge would be good but would have too loop the other side of parks Canada building. otherwise the lights at the t junction will be even worse	10/3/2016 4:16 PM
85	Huge cost and a major impact on a wildlife and natural area. We are a national park first and should be putting that as a priority.	10/3/2016 4:13 PM
86	We need to discourage vehicle traffic not encourage it totally backward idea	10/3/2016 4:03 PM
87	I'd be afraid that the actual amount of traffic we could alleviate would only slightly mitigate the issue - ROI. Similar to the gondola option, if we keep getting more popular as a destination, it is a solution that might help current volume but might be maxed in the near future.	10/3/2016 3:46 PM
88	I think some investigation would be required to see how much this would spread the traffic out.	10/3/2016 3:44 PM
89	A second bridge over the river would be helpful in high volume traffic, but I worry about esthetics	10/3/2016 3:42 PM
90	I get that we are in a National Park and roads & bridges are considered evil, but realistically, unless you are going to restrict non-local traffic over the current bridge this is only option that might alleviate congestion.	10/3/2016 12:46 PM
91	major construction does not alleviate traffic in town	10/3/2016 11:48 AM
92	Secondary emergency route should travel be compromised across river bridge	10/3/2016 11:11 AM
93	Too expensive	10/3/2016 8:59 AM
94	Too heavy an environmental impact for servicing only the Rimrock and Sulphur Mountain attractions.	10/2/2016 10:05 PM
95	This will be bad and ruin the environment and its path.	10/1/2016 5:16 PM
96	Only if paid for by Brewster's, Parks Canada, and the Rimrock. Not interested in subsidizing commercial interests through my property taxes.	10/1/2016 10:43 AM
97	No more cutting into the forest. The only way I would even consider this, is if all Sulphur Mtn traffic was routed this way (non-residential traffic; residents could still access neighbourhoods) and it would eliminate all that tourist congestion. If it's only a partial or optional solution, the cost/benefit analysis does not weigh in favour of this option for me. it's just not a good choice.	9/30/2016 8:01 PM
98	This is a National Park and should be protected for future generations and not exploited. Please think about the consequence to wildlife and the environment before considering such actions.	9/30/2016 3:00 PM
99	you missed chances to put bridge in on the sewer walkway and again when you cut off road by putting central park washroom right at the end of it. put a pedestrian and car bridge across at the gazebo to lie up with the road beside the Luxton and connect to Cave Avenue	9/29/2016 11:00 PM
100	This is 1970's thinking, it has ruined cities across the Americas. This concept will only help to increase the number of vehicles within town.	9/28/2016 9:27 PM
101	It's a shame to build more roads, but the one little bridge really isn't adequate.	9/28/2016 4:04 PM
102	Sounds interesting, alleviate congestion from main bridge. This actually sounds good!	9/27/2016 10:07 PM
103	Given the options of the ridiculous idea of aerial transport, well again, options are limited.	9/27/2016 5:00 PM
104	NOT A GOOD IDEA THE WHOLE TRANSPORT STRATEGY NEEDS TO HAVE AN UNDERGROUND PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM PEOPLE WILL LOVE IT	9/27/2016 6:57 AM
105	Our taxpayers simply cannot afford this.	9/26/2016 11:20 AM
106	distant 3rd - 4th choice. Environmental impact severely limiting this option. objective should be getting vehicles off the roads not tolerating increased vehicular traffic.	9/25/2016 6:13 PM
107	We have to remember we live in a national park were we should be making our foot print minimal and preserving the park we live in. Not paving more roads taking up more space	9/25/2016 3:18 PM
108	Critical wildlife corridor right there.	9/25/2016 3:10 PM
109	Poor environmental effect. Awful idea, but I think this is the one people will go for... which is bullshit. We are smack dab in the middle of the Rockies, and creating more damage the more we expand into the wilderness.	9/25/2016 9:56 AM
110	Cost and environmental impact make this an unsuitable choice.	9/25/2016 7:24 AM
111	Banff would be so amazing with less cars	9/24/2016 9:15 PM
112	Not the answer.	9/24/2016 10:39 AM

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113	This is too costly. Also, to think of a bypass road going in close proximity to my home frightens me. We need to come up with solutions to get people out of their vehicle's!	9/24/2016 8:49 AM
114	We need less cars driving round Banff period. Building another road would negatively impact the town aesthetically and would increase air and noise pollution. A BAD idea.	9/24/2016 7:59 AM
115	This idea has too great of an impact on the environment, and goes against the goals of a national park. I strongly appose this idea.	9/24/2016 7:15 AM
116	Really? This is still a thing? You should NOT be thinking of anything short term.	9/23/2016 10:19 PM
117	You can fix any traffic issue if your pockets are deep and open to creative solutions. Must think long term.	9/23/2016 8:57 PM
118	From an old paradigm. Spendy and inefficient.	9/23/2016 8:50 PM
119	Another road to where? (answer) Another parking lot. And who is the direct beneficiary? (Brewster and Parks Canada) This may reduce some of the congestion over the bridge but does not resolve the big picture.	9/23/2016 8:22 PM
120	Where are you bypassing to? I think Banff needs another bridge further west of the existing one, for travel to the south side residential areas. I think you could take the traffic from the west side. I don't really know, because I don't live in Banff, but our daughter and her family do. I know travelling across the existing bridge is a pain and I know my daughter has received lots of tickets because of the parking situation downtown.	9/23/2016 7:36 PM
121	I'd prefer less development and a smarter lower impact solution that discourages motorized vehicles rather encourages them.	9/23/2016 7:27 PM
122	It would soon be insufficient	9/23/2016 7:26 PM
123	short term. Probably really impactful on the town and it's environs.	9/23/2016 4:01 PM
124	Not in a national park.	9/23/2016 1:07 PM
125	Huge environmental impact and expanding roads has always proved to be a temporary solution -- if you build it, it'll fill up. And then, build more?	9/23/2016 10:27 AM
126	This may alleviate traffic volume and congestion. Not convinced it impacts behaviours. Think it may be a better investment to get vehicles situated - then options to move people once they are out of their cars (rather than increasing capacity so they can keep driving).	9/23/2016 9:58 AM
127	We need to encourage residents and visitors to use alternative transportation not keep fostering the status quo.	9/23/2016 9:14 AM
128	Could work but i think we would end up with problems in another 10 years.	9/23/2016 8:55 AM
129	No more abuse of national park land.	9/23/2016 8:03 AM
130	Banff is in a national park. Catering to cars over everything else is foolish and of small vision. Banff should be an example of sustainable living, not the example of money over nature that it has apparently become.	9/23/2016 7:37 AM
131	Not sustainable	9/23/2016 7:07 AM
132	Banff is a small town, it is easily walkable/bikeable. Encouraging residents and visitors to use public transit is more logical. Eg. discounts on hot springs or discounts on sulphur mountain food if they use a bus to get there. A coupon for a free bus fare for each person that checks into the campgrounds. If parking is extended, place it on the edge of town. This creates a message that the town of Banff values walking. Place info signs around town with recommended walking routes that state distance, difficulty, and places of interest (including bad weather escape spots like coffee shops/museums!) along the routes. See the St. John's Grand Concourse - they have great walking routes and signs. A pro-walking advertising campaign for visitors may be effective because many of them are travelling from very car-centric cultures. Have the parking on the edge of town and then signs around stating something like "Love the views and clean air? We do too! Lets walk together to keep it that way". With visitors there is the opportunity to change their thinking by presenting a new "norm", that is the standard in Banff. Banff tourism already runs on campaigns that focus on views, healthy living, physical activity - continue that in town but it doesn't have to be extreme physical activity - ALL physical activity is valued in the park.	9/23/2016 6:27 AM
133	environment impact - not good	9/23/2016 4:39 AM
134	More roads will only add more cars to the streets, not to mention the environmental impact. It also doesn't eliminate/help with current parking issues.	9/23/2016 12:02 AM
135	Roads are short sighted and will eventually become congested as well.	9/22/2016 10:32 PM
136	It's a short sighted solution to a problem that will only grow as our visitation increases.	9/22/2016 10:07 PM
137	National Parks should be about environmental conservation, not building additional roads	9/22/2016 8:51 PM
138	Too high of an impact on the environment.	9/22/2016 6:10 PM

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139	You would end up wrangling with Parks Canada forever over the animal corridor on Sulphur Mountain, it's the most expensive plan, it doesn't solve the parking issue on its own, the road would run through a floodplain and wetlands.	9/22/2016 4:31 PM
140	Honestly this is the only option that may solve the problem long term. Unless there is some major change in the car culture the traffic issue will only get worse. I figure fix it now or we will be right back here again in 5 or 10 years.	9/22/2016 3:49 PM
141	I see a lot of people walking and jogging along the Bow River Trail at all times throughout the day. It's a quiet and peaceful part of town in the early mornings too which I believe many people are thankful for. Having access from wolf street to the horse stables, baseball field and skatepark would be a nice addition though as it would save a lot of time for people without vehicles to get over there. I'd be interested in building a pedestrian bridge there. That wouldn't help with vehicular traffic congestion though. I think it would be too big of a disturbance having a vehicular bypass at the end of Wolf Street. I'm not sure if the pros outweigh the cons here.	9/22/2016 2:38 PM
142	Impact on the environment and potentially the wildlife. Anyways, we certainly don't need more cars on the road, not only through downtown.	9/22/2016 2:27 PM
143	The Bow River Bridge is indeed a significant bottleneck for residents who wish to travel to work during the busy hours of the day, as well as visitors seeking to visit/stay on the Sulphur Mountain side of town.	9/22/2016 12:05 PM
144	its even in your explanation - would substantially impact the environment. where is the logic in that?	9/22/2016 9:45 AM
145	Building more roads won't solve congestion, it will just increase it.	9/21/2016 9:59 AM
146	Environmental impact, doesn't actually remove congestion.	9/20/2016 2:16 PM
147	Too much impact for too little gain. That road would quickly get backed up too and construction would negatively impact the environment and wildlife habitats on Sulphur Mountain.	9/20/2016 2:39 AM
148	At some point, the bridge will have to be replaced even if personal vehicles are limited or replaced by mandated autonomous vehicles. Why not take the opportunity to upgrade this piece of essential infrastructure Unless there is a plan to depopulate the southern Banff townsite, this bridge will always be required.	9/19/2016 8:18 PM
149	People will get lost. They already do. Also this does not help with the congestion problem, it simply moves it around a bit. We should discourage visitors from using their personal vehicles.	9/19/2016 7:20 PM
150	Don't want to impact the environment, would not look nice. Potentially years of construction	9/19/2016 4:33 PM
151	Adding more road infrastructure seems like an awful way to alleviate traffic woes. Get people out of their cars.	9/19/2016 3:27 PM
152	maybe - i'd prefer if tourists acted more with leaving their cars at the hotel strips and went on buses instead though. i'm much more approving of people taking public transport.	9/19/2016 3:21 PM
153	The routes go through or near already identified sensitive areas - wetlands, wildlife corridors that previous developments have respected. This will just build another busy traffic route that eventually will be too small. We need to live/ travel within our means and footprint.	9/19/2016 1:36 PM
154	Expanding road capacity does not work. If you build it, they will come and future roads will meet their capacity.	9/19/2016 9:24 AM
155	It would alleviate the tons of vehicles (and buses with their BAWWWW) going by our place on Mtn Avenue, but it will not address the larger issue of no parking wherever the vehicles go. Building more roads does not reduce traffic - it actually encourages more traffic. It is also very expensive.	9/18/2016 10:53 AM
156	Might be a necessary evil.	9/18/2016 9:44 AM
157	to many residents don't want it in their neighborhood - how do you get the neighbors on board	9/18/2016 8:42 AM
158	I don't think Parks would ever go for this idea. I think there could be a prohibition of motor homes or vehicles over a certain size using the bridge. There is no reason for a motor home to travel to the south side of the river - no campground and no access to the highway. For sure, intercept parking for larger vehicles and motor homes need to be restricted. And what about delivery trucks? What about alleyways?	9/17/2016 8:49 PM
159	Negative environmental and resident impact.	9/17/2016 5:40 PM
160	All that would do is funnel the traffic down smaller roads, which won't solve the problem. And congestion would occur again anyways once those vehicles hit the intersection from the bridge.	9/16/2016 10:22 AM
161	We are for a new bridge or expansion of the existing one. We are not sure about the location	9/15/2016 6:20 PM
162	The park is here for the wildlife (animals and environment), not the gondola.	9/15/2016 1:36 PM
163	We definitely disagree with this option, although we would find it more appropriate than aerial transit. We disagree because of the stress this bypass would have on a fragile wildlife corridor and its inhabitants.	9/14/2016 5:17 PM
164	Just moves the problem around, at great cost.	9/14/2016 4:59 PM

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165	Bridge that steers traffic to the Cave and Basin parking (can we add more parking in that area?)	9/14/2016 11:04 AM
166	More roads/bridges would just encourage more driving. Horrible environmental impact. Would rather more pedestrian bridges.	9/14/2016 10:34 AM
167	Impacts environment too much	9/14/2016 10:34 AM
168	I do think we need another bridge over the Bow for all the traffic. Just not sure where the location should be and agree it would have a big environmental impact	9/14/2016 8:53 AM
169	Would enable one way flow	9/13/2016 8:10 PM
170	Another lane added to the Bridge, and a new Pedestrian Bridge on the West side makes more sense. Get people walking !	9/13/2016 5:12 PM
171	This is a terrible idea. Costly, environmental impact, and only inviting more cars. I don't see how this option can even be considered.	9/13/2016 4:03 PM
172	We need another exit over the bridge to get out of the town. Walking and biking are NOT an option when leaving and going to Calgary or Canmore. A major portion of our population lives in Valley View and Middle Springs and we have no exit to leave town. Traffic over the bridge is not just about people walking instead - it is our only way out, and not having another exit is extremely dangerous and negligent.	9/13/2016 1:59 PM
173	Bridge is a major source of anxiety. Remove one of the side walks and add a lane and/or manually control lights to move traffic more efficiently.	9/13/2016 12:07 PM
174	We need another road crossing the river. With only one bridge it completely bottle necks Banff Ave. Everyone is going to insist on using cars to see the surrounding areas. Considering most of the guests are staying at the 2 largest hotels (Banff Springs and Rimrock) with their cars we need more roads.	9/13/2016 12:01 PM
175	For all the reasons stated in the study. This is not a good/viable option.	9/13/2016 10:49 AM
176	Needed in many ways. Would alleviate the main cause of congestion in town. It would also provide a key evacuation route for floods, fires or any other disaster. Currently anyone living in middle springs is potentially at risk if anything happened to the existing bridge or an immediate evacuation was needed as the current bridge cannot handle the volume of vehicles.	9/13/2016 10:37 AM
177	I truly do think we need to have another bridge across the Bow River as it gets so congested.	9/13/2016 10:28 AM
178	Expensive. Visit the Mackinac Island, Michigan. No personal vehicles allow! The visitor experience is exquisite because of this. In Banff, tourist should be asked to park and use public, privately designated or hotel designated transport.	9/13/2016 9:28 AM
179	keep the cars out of town in the first place and you wont need to spend money getting them out of town	9/13/2016 7:35 AM
180	Absolutely not. Nobody wins with this option.	9/12/2016 11:55 PM
181	I think we need a second vehicle bridge to cross the Bow River to alleviate traffic on that side of the current bridge.	9/12/2016 10:35 PM
182	Don't like the idea of another road being constructed.	9/12/2016 8:54 PM
183	This would allow for a loop and increase traffic flow	9/12/2016 7:03 PM
184	I believe that it is possible to change the proposed route to effect less of the environmentally sensitive area by upgrading pre-existing roads near the proposed route to be used instead or blazing a course through the marsh.	9/12/2016 5:56 PM
185	Roads will still be busy and parking still a problem.	9/12/2016 11:22 AM
186	Adding roads does not reduce traffic congestion. Providing more options for personal vehicles will just lead to more personal vehicles, compounded by ever larger parking issues, this time at the destinations (e.g Sulphur) instead of at the edge of town, Huge expense, and much worse outcome overall for the Town, the visitors and the environment,	9/11/2016 7:16 PM
187	This sounds like a way to move the problem around without actually solving anything.	9/11/2016 6:43 PM
188	Since downtown is a major destination, this will, at best move the traffic jams around and at the same time increase traffic on currently calm streets. No one in the history of the world has ever permanently solved a traffic problem by building more roads. This is admitted to be a short-term solution and yet it has great impact - there is no reason for this to have been brought even this far.	9/11/2016 1:02 PM
189	Expanding road capacity usually just results in more congestions -- there are multiple studies on this. Also, cars are the least efficient way to move people around.	9/11/2016 12:05 PM
190	This option will not solve congestion. Due to induced demand, traffic will only increase and then have knock on effects to other roadways. This is a mid-20th century solution that has been proven to not work.	9/11/2016 11:07 AM

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191	So contrary to a model environmental community. The annual operating costs would see taxpayers on the hook for the costs.	9/10/2016 11:18 AM
192	This seems like a lot of investment and environmental damage for a temporary solution.	9/10/2016 9:21 AM
193	Too bad for environment. You need less roads for vehicular traffic, not more. A vehicle free zone in downtown Banff.	9/10/2016 6:54 AM
194	I frequently travel through Banff with gear such as canoes and bikes or to reach hotels on the other side of the river. If public transportation was improved, that may decrease congestion, but there are many other people that also need to travel through on the way to hotels, etc. Public transportation is not suitable for people in those situations.	9/9/2016 7:42 PM
195	Heavy environmental impact. Expensive.	9/9/2016 7:31 PM
196	Technology exists for us to be conservative with land use and not expand the industrial footprint of Banff town.	9/9/2016 3:10 PM
197	we will have the same amount of cars going up and down on the south side of the bridge ultimately they will all end up downtown = same problem that we have currently	9/9/2016 1:31 PM
198	I'm not a fan of adding another automotive bridge to Banff. It's quite obvious that the Banff Ave. bridge is a bottleneck and I think this can be a great challenge for emergency services that need to cross the bridge during peak hours. But that is the only reason I see to put another bridge in. I'm guessing that the Wold Street bridge would cross at the canoe docks? That is such a beautiful area and across the river is perfect tourist area. I think the downsides of this new development greatly outweigh the benefits. Walking down the bow path or taking a horseback ride along the trail on that side of the river would be ruined by this extra road. I also see lots of bears in that area of the river. I fear this may raise bear and car interactions and cause more bear jams which isn't good for traffic or bear habituation. But if we do expand traffic to Sulphur mountain, does that mean we will also need to expand parking and facilities for the extra people going up there? Where do we draw the line on expansion?	9/9/2016 12:15 PM
199	Attempting to build way out of congestion only delays the problem. As a tourist town whose major attraction is the scenery, additional roadways would seem counterproductive - to say nothing about creating a roadway that bypasses a town whose existence mostly depends on visitors. The costs of moving through Town in a private car are currently 100% subsidized by Banff taxpayers. Based on the long-term damage to infrastructure on a per-user basis, I suspect that this mode of travel also represents a greater subsidy by taxpayers than an equivalent number of people travelling by bike or bus. Banff should not be looking at ways of increasing the amount of this inefficient, costly, and fully subsidized mode of travel. Finally, a roadway that would bisect the Bow River Walkway and traverse the recreation grounds through a floodplain will significantly impact the visitor and resident experience in a negative way.	9/9/2016 12:02 PM
200	This will work, but the impact on the environment is too significant, and the cost is too high (for what you are gaining)	9/9/2016 10:56 AM
201	We need less drivers on the road	9/9/2016 9:57 AM
202	move people not cars	9/9/2016 8:02 AM
203	Same as above	9/8/2016 11:14 PM
204	council always thinks lectures are enough - snow plowing, police, etc. and infrastructure are essentials, not frills. to do nothing but lecture is not doing the job - new bridge with tolls	9/8/2016 9:09 PM
205	I'd hate to see a bridge there, but if you told me Banff Ave from Wolf-south would become a pedestrian street I'd be all over it. Otherwise, why not put a bridge just north of the Bow Falls and route traffic up to the Hot Springs from there?	9/8/2016 9:08 PM
206	I think you should focus on improving the bus system and implementing an aerial option before making such a drastic suggestion as to impact the environment like this	9/8/2016 5:02 PM
207	Too expensive and parks will tie this up for decades	9/8/2016 3:36 PM
208	Environmental impact, plus putting yet more money into what we DON'T want people to do - stay in their cars.	9/8/2016 2:28 PM
209	A second bridge at this particular location may assist with congestion by the bridge, but would create even more congestion along Wolf (which is already bad enough) I'm also not sure that people would use this route as they may be looking to go downtown, and if this by-passes the core then they may still try to use mountain or cave ave to access Banff ave - which doesn't solve anything.	9/8/2016 1:51 PM
210	We are all here to enjoy the mountain environment. This adds to the root problem of acknowledging there simply needs to be a cap on the number of people our natural and preserved environment can sustain. There is not a need to accommodate everyone. Growth of population and growth of tourism is not compulsory.	9/8/2016 1:32 PM
211	The only way this works is to build a connection that connects to the highway from the south side of the bridge. No stopping just straight through to the highway. It is nothing more than a quick way to the highway avoiding the town all together.	9/8/2016 12:16 PM
212	Too expensive and misaligned with the environmental goals of the town.	9/8/2016 11:51 AM

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213	Do not want increased visitor traffic through residential area. Do not want protected areas to become traffic route. Do not want to have taxpayers subsidize this venture.	9/8/2016 11:50 AM
214	expanding the bow river bridge to 4 lanes total and building another pedestrian bridge would be a better solution	9/8/2016 11:49 AM
215	Not willing to pay for this - this would impact the Rec Grounds and Cave Ave. We just spent or will spend millions of dollars upgrading these two areas.	9/8/2016 11:45 AM
216	Building more roads doesn't make sense.	9/8/2016 10:54 AM