family-friendly activities hosted by local businesses and organizations



hours of streets temporarily closed to automobile traffic

Sustainable Transportation

86% surveyed said participating in Open Streets increased their physical activity that week

Civic Pride

59% of respondents spent or planned to spend money at restaurants or businesses along the route

Open Streets initiatives open spaces normally reserved for cars to people, providing a safe environment to walk, bike, play, and socialize, promoting healthy and active living, and building community.

Open Streets are a global movement taking place in communities of all sizes. The City of Columbia saw continued success at its second Open Streets held April 22, 2018 on Devine Street. We aim to partner with community organizations, neighborhoods, and businesses to sustain and expand Open Streets Columbia in 2019 and beyond.



Physical Fitness and Wellness

40% surveyed arrived by walking or biking

Living Streets

"I enjoyed being able to walk around without cars." "It's nice to get out in the community." "Fun and interactive" 89%

Surveyed said this was their first time at Open Streets Columbia

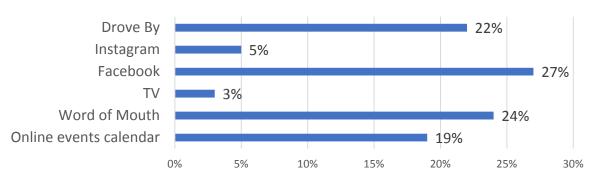
Sustainability and Expansion

Open Streets can continue reaching more residents — in new locations, more often. We can't do it alone. BPAC is seeking partners who can help the City grow this program. Is your community organization or neighborhood interested in hosting Open Streets? This year BPAC created a handbook with steps for implementing an Open Streets event in Columbia. Visit our website or Facebook page to let us know you are interested and get a copy.





How Did You Hear About Open Streets?



The City's Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee is engaged in ongoing work to make Columbia a great place to live, walk, and bike—not just during Open Streets, but every day. BPAC supports City staff in implementing Columbia's bicycle and pedestrian plans and policies and advises the Mayor and City Council on residents' interests related to walking and biking. For more information, visit:

https://www.columbiasc.net/planning-preservation/bpac