



## Parking Survey Results

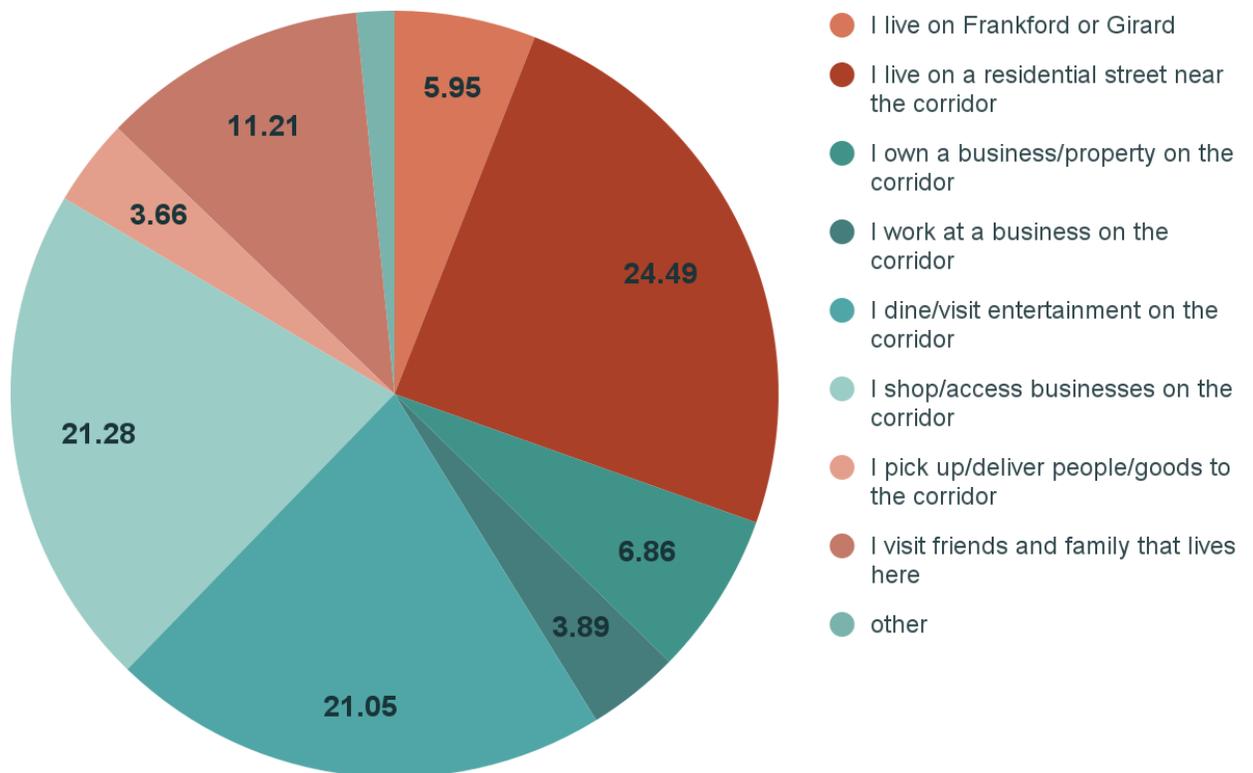
**SUMMARY:** This parking survey was conducted as a way to gather constructive feedback about parking in the Fishtown District, especially on Frankford Avenue (Delaware Avenue to Jefferson Street) and Girard Avenue (I95 to Front Street), in conjunction with a larger transportation meeting that was held on December 14, 2021, with members of the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA), Philadelphia Streets Department, the Office of Transportation, infrastructure, and Sustainability (OTIS), PennDOT, SEPTA, the Philadelphia Planning Commission, and the Philadelphia Bicycle Coalition, respectively. We were also joined by Council President, Darrell Clarke, and District Council Member, Mark Squilla. The survey was distributed to all call attendees and posted publicly on the Fishtown District website (<https://fishtowndistrict.com/>), as well as shared through social media platforms, the Fishtown District weekly email newsletter and the Fishtown Neighbors Association newsletter. The survey was open for a period until December 28, 2021 and received 167 unique responses.

The respondents to the subject study represented a cross section of residents, visitors, business and property owners, and workers who frequent our commercial corridor and require on-street parking. The data from the same show that 80% of the study respondents lived in 19125. From the obtained information, we saw that a majority of respondents parked on the corridor streets for two (2) to three (3) hour increments or left their motor vehicles overnight. Alarmingly, approximately half of our survey respondents admitted to changing plans to visit the Fishtown District directly due to lack of parking. This disturbing trend must be addressed as it directly affects the health and vitality of our entire business, restaurant and hospitality communities. Moreover, this fact warns us that patrons and residents will leave our District to eat and shop elsewhere simply due to the inability to park. Finally, the respondents reinforced this conclusion, with only 7.45% of respondents said they do not have a hard time parking on the streets of our commercial corridors, and they further illuminated that the majority of these parking issues occurred from 5:00 PM into the overnight hours.

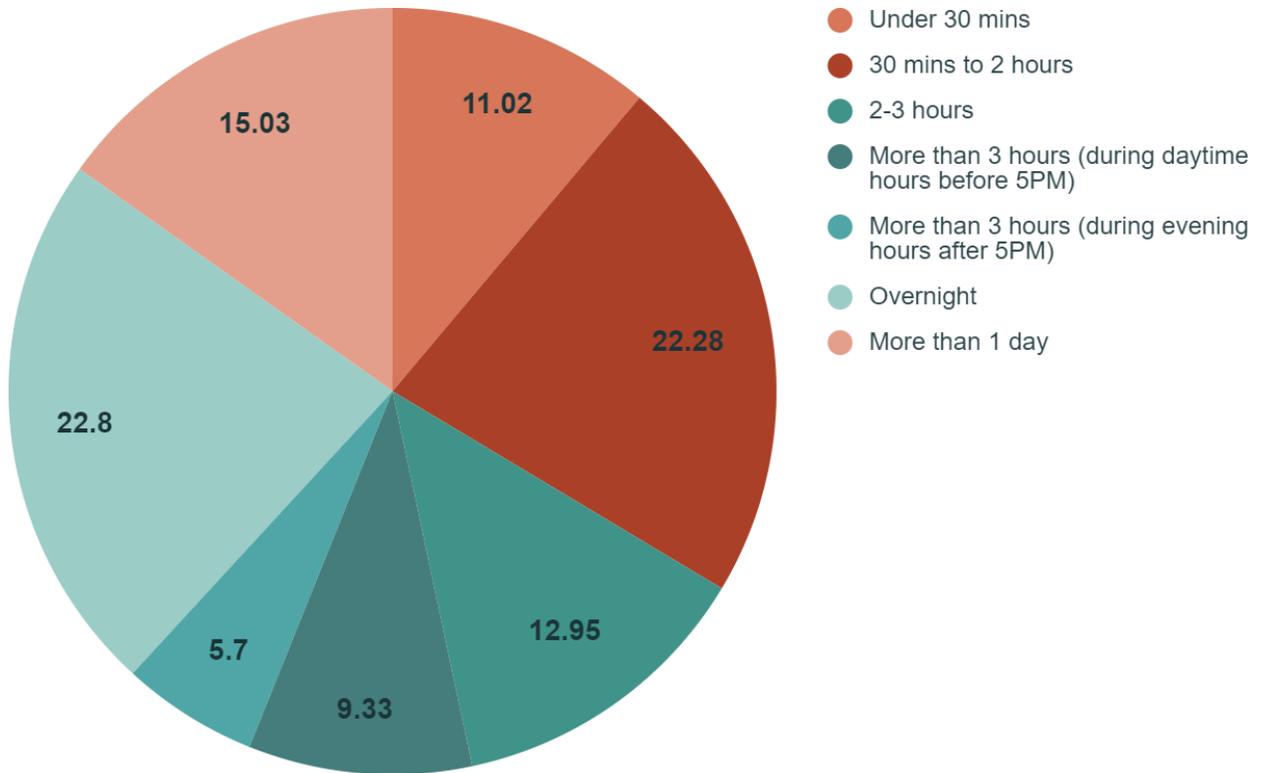
The areas of Frankford Avenue, from Girard to Palmer, and East Girard Avenue, from Front to Marlborough were identified as the areas that folks have the most problems finding a parking spot. 65% of residents do not live on a street with residential parking permits and about the same percentage of respondents do not have a residential parking permit. Therefore, the survey showed a demand for off-street parking spot rental for residents, which can be explored as locations can be cultivated and developed for this use.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Respondents overwhelmingly preferred the second PPA recommendation/option from the April/May 2021 Parking Survey, which allowed for three hour parking on the previously mentioned areas of Frankford and Girard Avenues from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m, with the understanding that having a residential parking permit would override any regulations and negate the need to pay at a meter or kiosk. This option also includes adding additional thirty (30) minute loading zones throughout the commercial corridor. The respondents favored implementation of these guidelines without meters or kiosks. We received additional respondent comments that expressed a need for more parking lots in the neighborhood, as well as a desire for parking control without meters. Finally, our study respondents expressed the need for additional, enhanced biking infrastructure, and encouraged property developers to include more parking lots/areas in their designs for new construction.

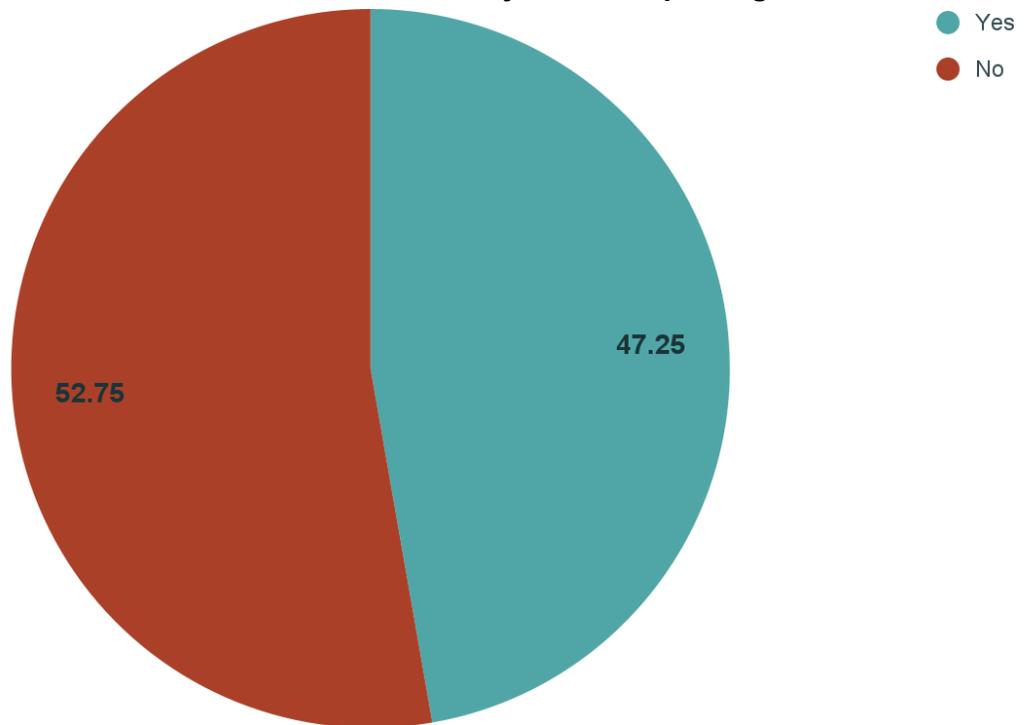
**1. Which best describes your reason for seeking parking on Frankford and/or Girard Ave?**



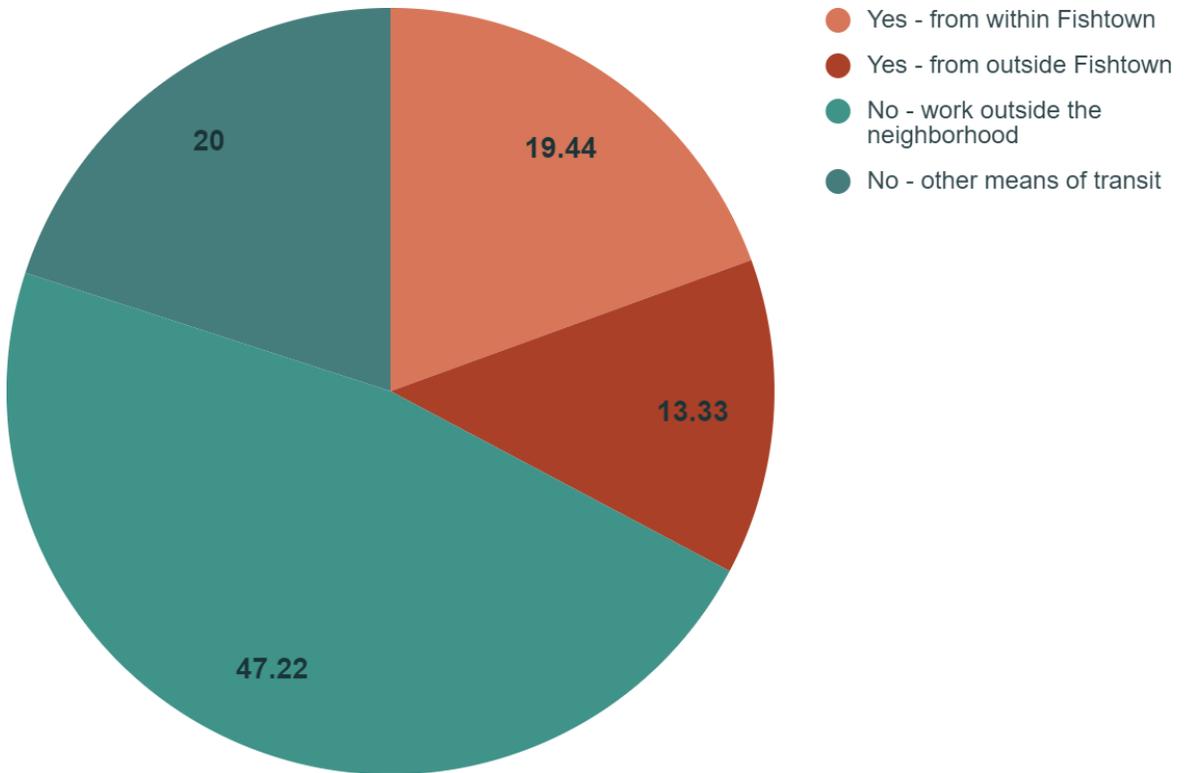
**2. On average how long do you park your vehicle on Frankford or Girard (single duration)?**



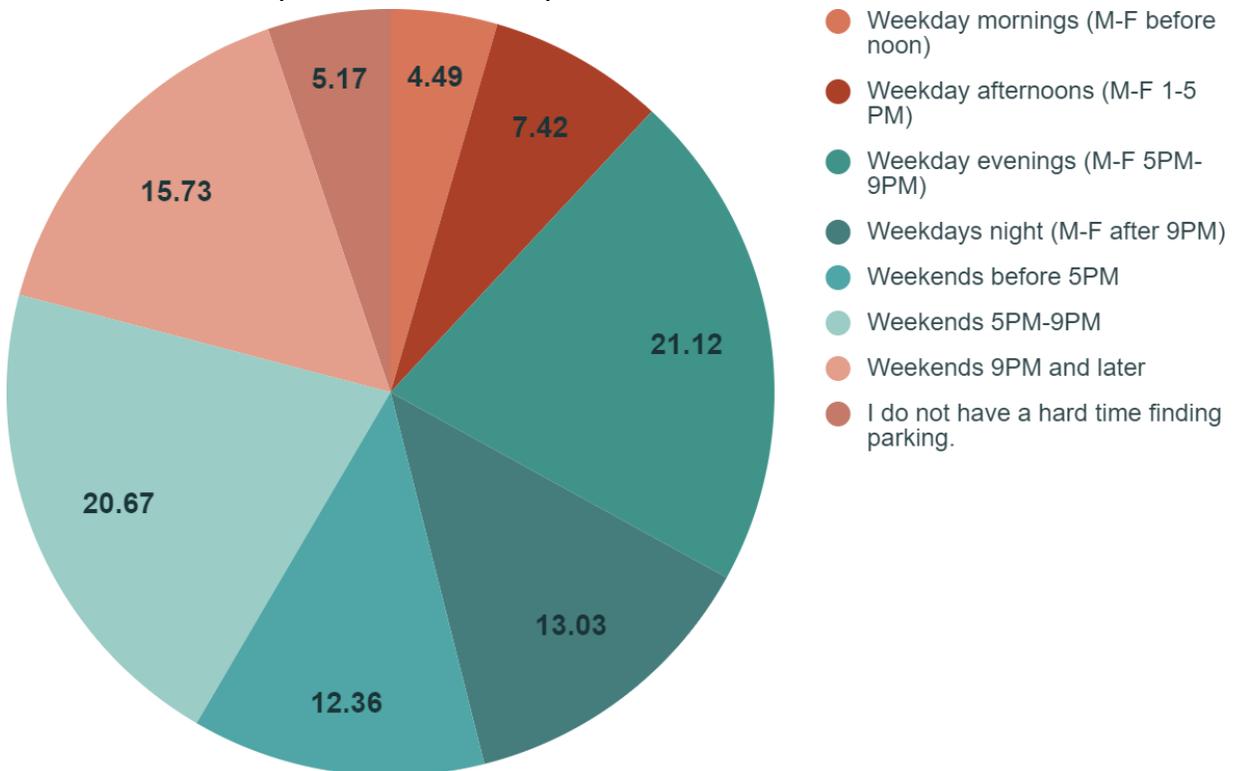
3. Within the last six months have you changed your plans to visit/shop/eat on Frankford or Girard Ave in Fishtown due directly to lack of parking?



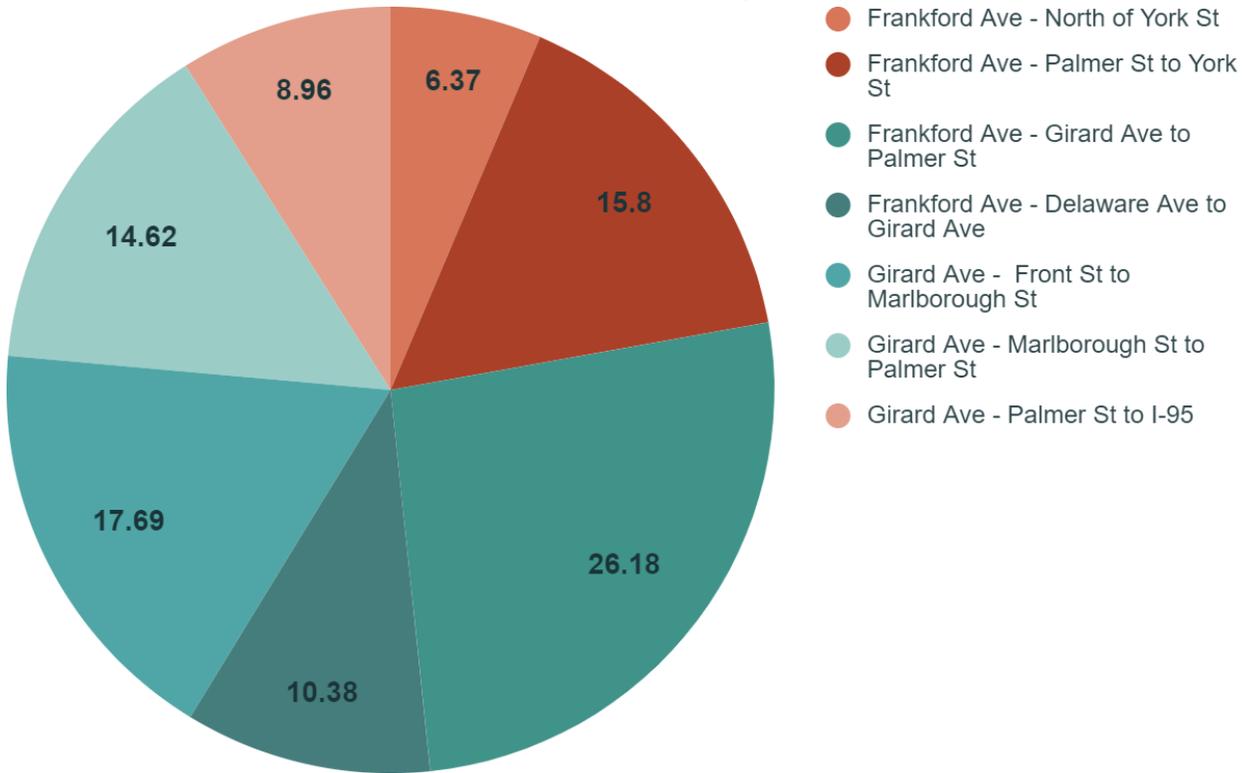
4. Do you commute to work in Fishtown using a privately owned vehicle?



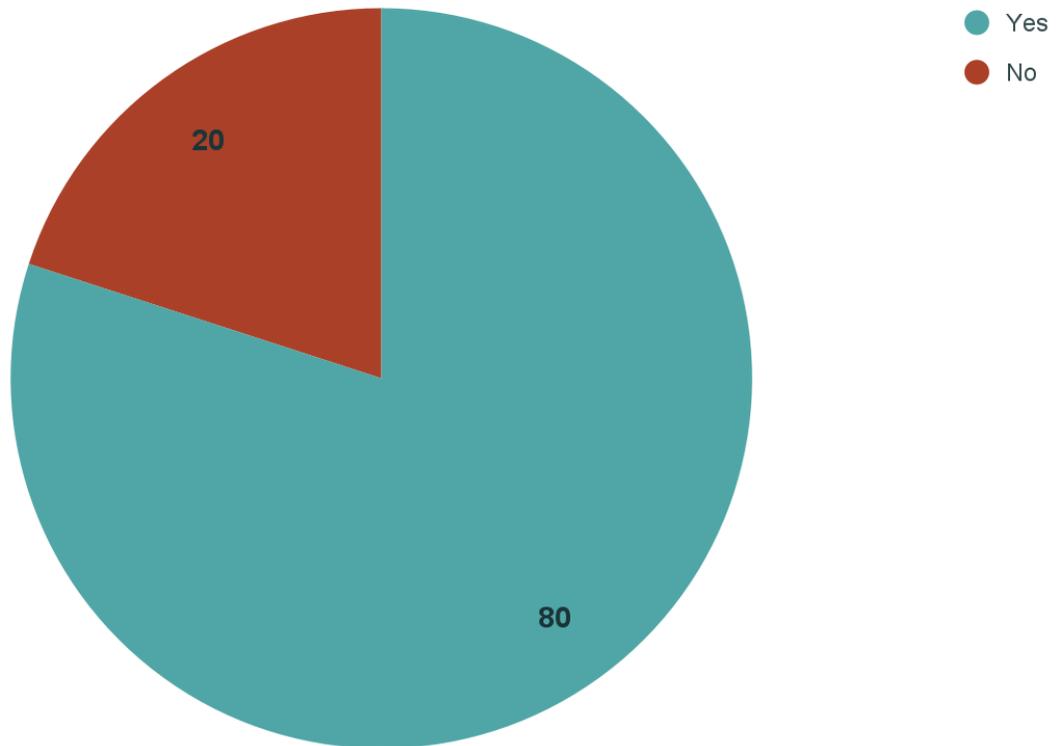
**5. What days of the week and time of day do you have the hardest time parking on Fishtown corridors (Frankford & Girard)?**



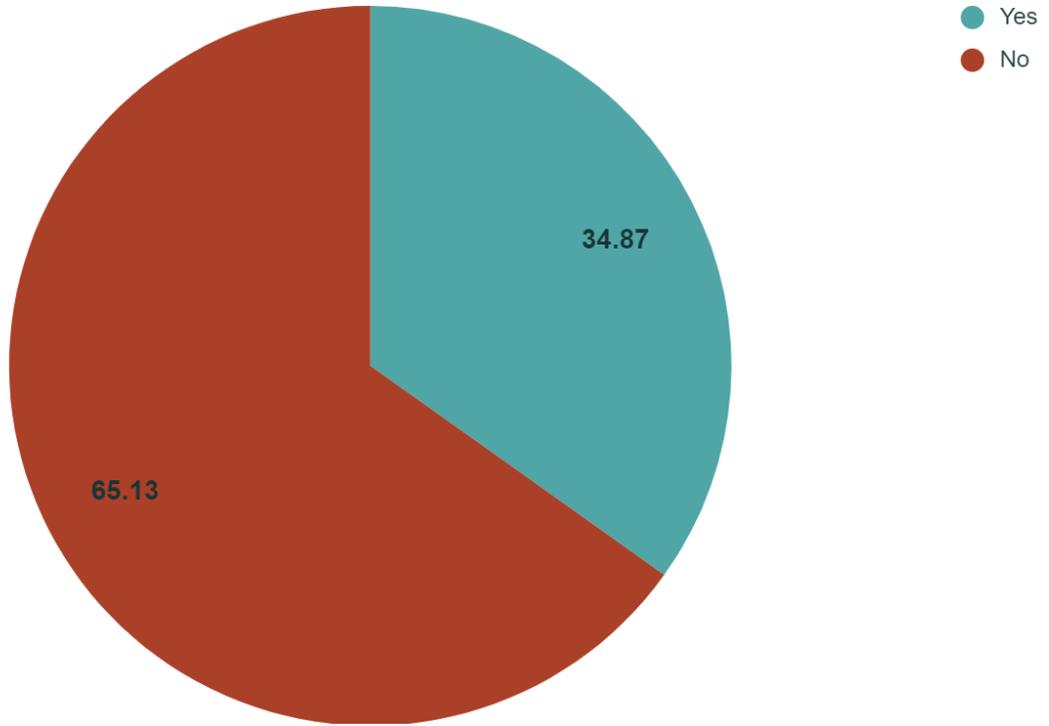
6. What section of the corridor do you have a hard time parking?



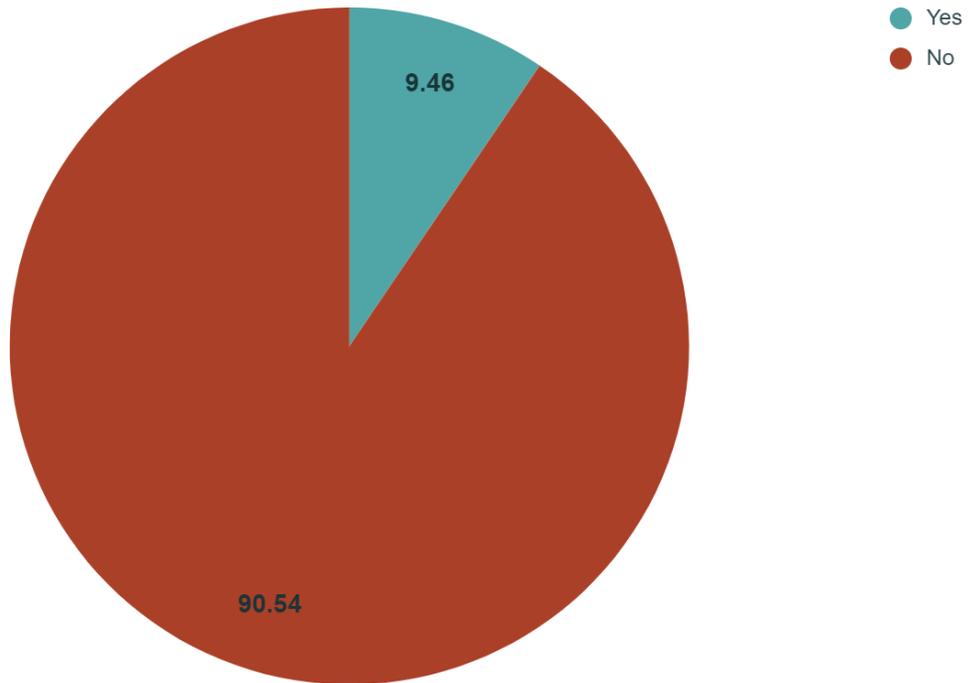
7. Are you a resident of 19125?



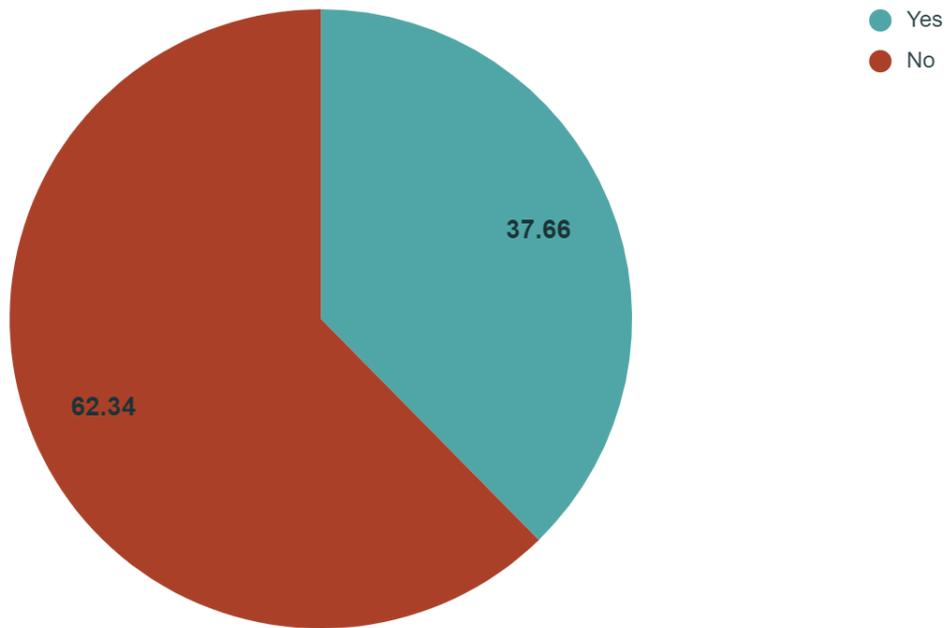
8. RESIDENTS ONLY: Does your street have residential permit parking?



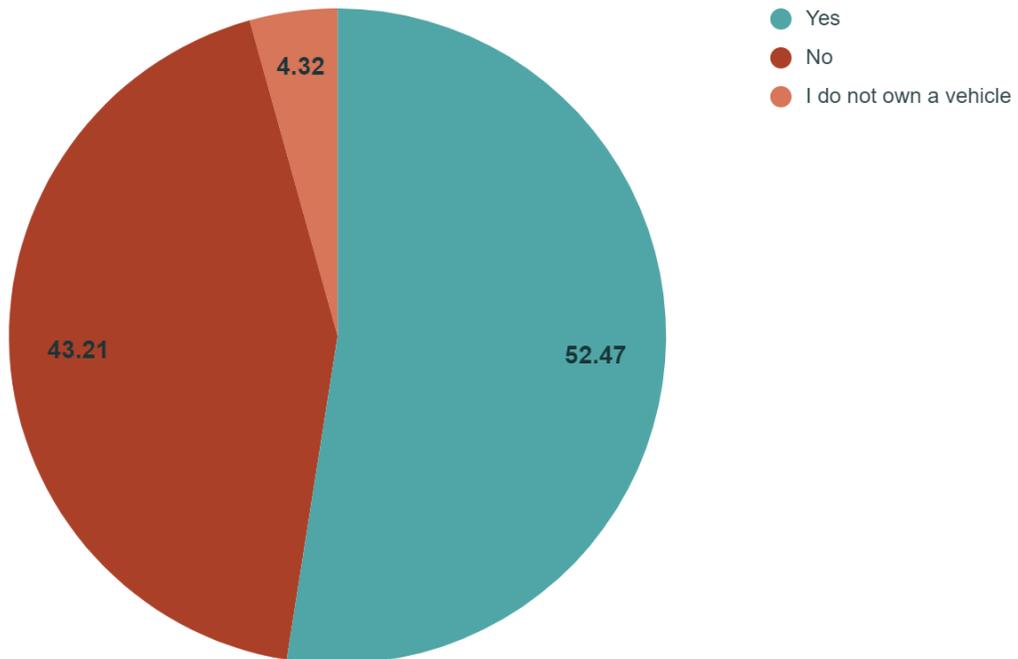
**9. RESIDENTS ONLY: Do you own a car that is registered out of state?**



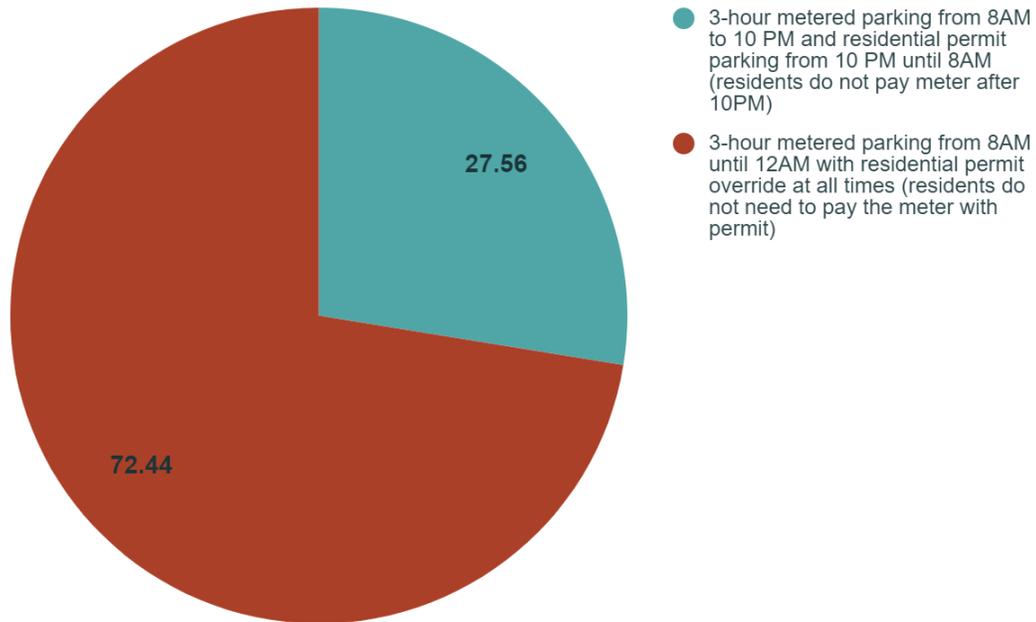
**10. RESIDENTS ONLY: Do you have a residential permit to park here in Fishtown?**



**11. RESIDENTS ONLY: Would you pay a rental fee for off-street parking for your vehicle?**



**12. Which PPA parking recommendation for Frankford Ave and Girard Ave would you prefer?**



**13. Additional Comments:**

Would have 3 hour parking with resident over ride and no meters. None of that money will go back into the schools or Fishtown so why have people pay. Meters will also make people seek free parking on residential streets. 3hr parking with no meter will still enable turnover will still enable ppa to enforce safety issues on corridors but will not increase parking pressure on residential streets.

You can do no fee metered parking for up to 2 hours tfeom 8am-10pm as well as loading ziones. Do not charge for any parking- it's detrimental to the neighborhood

"I am concerned that 3 hour metered parking will make it impossible for family members who are visiting for more than 3 hours to find parking

I would prefer neither of the above. Get rid of permit parking throughout the neighborhood. Permit parking is part of the problem

The construction workers and their vehicles are the biggest issue. They should not be able to park on residential streets. Additionally - this will be more burdensome for the smaller streets off of frankford ave. FNA should not only care about Frankford Ave

The metered parking if implemented needs to be the surrounding area as well. If people see meters they will just go onto residential streets making it even harder for people to access parking close to their homes

Parking is a privilege not a right. Pay for parking anywhere on the street in the neighborhood.

The district needs to evaluate all of the cutouts in the neighborhood. Many were added over the years illegally

We need to spend more energy reducing our reliance on cars and less energy on parking more loading zones!

A parking permit for business owners not just residents. If you can prove to the city that you own a business in a neighborhood you should qualify for a parking permit.

Parking and driving on both corridors has become impossible and we have to do something about it. Driving on either street when there are so many Ubers and delivery vans double-parking is a nightmare. We need to have loading zones for deliveries and Ubers and free up some more parking for these short-term needs. Pedestrian safety also has to be top priority. The unregulated parking situation means delivery vehicles Uber drivers and others are using crosswalks and sidewalks for short-term parking instead Uber drivers and others are using crosswalks and sidewalks for short-term parking instead biking and rolling on these streets

I usually walk to this area because I live close by (but outside of Fishtown). I'd like to see more enforcement for parking because illegal parking blocks pedestrian access along the corridor very frequently.

I do not recommend PPA time limits on Girard Ave. Give Business Owners a permit to park

Please build a public parking lot somewhere in the neighborhood so that folks can have a place to put their car when they get home late from work

I don't think metered parking is necessary but just a time limit like there is on Thompson would be beneficial for the businesses.

I do not support metered parking

Honestly neither. F#%\* the PPA. They are a corrupt private organization. Couldn't we do something more innovative in this neighborhood to accommodate patrons and residents? Affordable lots perhaps? The PPA isn't the answer. No neighborhood in Philly is happier when paid parking is instituted.

New apartment buildings must have a garage. I cannot find a place to park on weekend nights

Can you talk about reducing theft. Had my catalytic converter stolen

can't we figure out a way to open the lot across from Elwood Restaurant that is owned by the Fillmore to be parking for people coming in to Fishtown

I think many people visiting Fishtown end up parking in the lot at the casino. If this could be encouraged/promoted and expanded I think it would take some pressure off the parking on the main business corridors. It may also be good to have a few short term parking/loading spots on each block for quick business transactions to avoid need for doubleparking. Parking tends to be more difficult in the residential areas of the neighborhood than in the business corridor. I can usually find parking on Front Street on weekends and weekday nights as needed for my job located on Front street. However the deeper into Fishtown you go the more impossible and contentious parking can be. I would love to see residential parking permits throughout the neighborhood and have them limited to one car per household and charge a large fee for 2nd or third vehicles or for cars for homes that already have a garage on their property.

What would business owners do about parking?? Would they have to pay a meter?

It isn't until the second to last question that it is asked if I own a car. No I do not. Hopefully not many other non-car owners weren't confused into not filling out the survey. This city and neighborhood especially is overflowing with cars taking space from so many other beautiful things. We need less in the city.

Meters on Frankford and Girard are going to make it even harder for the people on residential streets off of those to park because people will avoid the meters. I'm already sick of driving

around for 1/2 an hour looking for parking that I pay \$80 to have the right to do. There needs to be a solution for the residents first.

i feel strongly that i should not need a permit to park in my neighborhood. i dont often park on girard but i part on frankford often and i do not experience problems at any time of day or night

Residents WHO own their home who pay taxes should come we are the ones who have lives here before the gentrification and we are the ones affected the most with no parking.

Why not Front St too? Would prefer just 2 or 3 HR parking no meters. Happily welcome PPA for parking violations like sidewalk and crosswalk blocking. Under no circumstances should Frankford and Girard be metered without residential exemption.

I do not think we should move to metered parking at all. The lot on Front Street is more than sufficient for visitors from outside of the neighborhood to park in to visit restaurants and/or other businesses in the neighborhood.

Frankford Avenue is the closest street allowing parking to my home. My wife and I both commute to work outside the city and rely on Frankford Avenue for parking daily. I am against a change to the parking situation on Frankford Ave and am strongly against any change to the parking situation forcing residents to pay metered parking.

Stop development of multi unit projects

This is a stupid idea! PPA ignores illegally parked cars in Fishtown the ones that park in the crosswalk sidewalk and double-park. Have PPA do their job first before bringing them in to our neighborhood

Allowing residents to have an override 24 hours a day does NOT allow for the turnover needed

Get rid of all permit parking

I might pay to rent a parking space but it depends on how much it is. Also perhaps there can be parking somewhere with a shuttle that runs through the district; lastly in the long run more money needs to be invested in public transportation and it should cost more and be more difficult to drive for most people. This would help with the parking issues and be better for the environment

I do not recommend PPA parking on Girard Ave we need to keep free parking open for workers who drive here

We need to build a couple parking garages! I would also like to see us approve more single family homes with front-facing garages

People who need to store a car near their home to get to work etc should not lose spaces to people who drive to a commercial district well served by public transit

I appreciate you looking into this proposal. I believe increasing the amount of permit parking will help to identify abandoned vehicles and encourage residents to register their vehicles in PA.

I live in Fishtown work from home and have residential off street parking- your survey doesn't accommodate replies for this scenario for all of the questions/options provided

Please make new construction homes require parking. ESP large multi unit ones should have at least one parking spot per unit if not 2

more bike parking should be installed along the corridor to make it easier to lock up and patronize businesses

I live close to public transportation and ride my bike. I am tired of all the focus on parking when we live in a neighborhood with an abundance of parking and public transportation.

Last question unfairly assumes the surveyor prefers one of the only two options provided

Some action needs to be taken