

Hell's Kitchen South Coalition

February 7, 2017

Metro Baptist Church

410 West 40th Street



Clinton Steering Committee

1973

- Proposal: New Convention Center on West Side Piers
 - Concern that Convention Center proposal caused real estate speculation with tenant harassment and demolition
- Coalition: community residents, Clinton Planning Council, community board, block associations, elected officials
- Result: Establishment of the Clinton Special District
 - Included a Preservation Area where demolition of residential buildings is prohibited (West 43rd to West 56th Streets, West of 8th Ave to West of 10th Ave)



Clinton Coalition of Concern

1984

- Proposal: Times Square Redevelopment
 - Fear of neighborhood gentrification
- Coalition: community residents, block associations, theater owners, churches
- Result: Clinton Preservation Fund, \$25 Million from New York State and New York City budgets
 - Majority of fund was used to acquire and/or renovate affordable housing and provide legal services for tenants facing landlord harassment



Clinton Special District Coalition

1990

- Proposal: Allowing Broadway Theater Development Rights (TDR) to land on the west side of 8th Avenue
 - TDR instead of Affordable Housing Bonus with an overall increase in building density and height
- Coalition: community residents, block associations, churches
- Result: Elimination of entire West side of 8th Avenue from Subdistrict
 - Exception of West 42nd and West 45th Streets, where Theater Subdistrict bonus was applied only after the affordable housing bonus



Hell's Kitchen/Hudson Yards Alliance

2003

- Proposal: West Side Stadium and Hudson Yards Rezoning
- Coalition: community residents, block associations, elected officials, churches
- Result: Defeat of West Side Stadium and execution of the Hudson Yards Points of Agreement (HY POA)
 - HY POA: Package of affordable housing, schools, and other community benefits



Hell's Kitchen South Coalition

- **Steering Committee**
 - Prepare mission statement and goals
 - Identify options for structure of coalition
- **Neighborhood Planning Committee**
 - Outline goals and prepare neighborhood plan

Committees will make recommendations to membership at Coalition meetings



Port Authority Bus Terminal Public Actions

- **March 2015** – PANYNJ (Port Authority of New York and New Jersey) release Midtown Bus Master Plan with 5 concepts for replacement bus terminal
- **Nov. 2015** – MCB4 (Manhattan Community Board 4) writes letter of objection to PANYNJ
- **Jan. 2016** – PANYNJ launches International Design + Deliverability competition for bus terminal designs
- **April 2016** – MCB4 and NY elected officials host a town hall



Port Authority Bus Terminal Public Actions

- **May –Aug. 2016** – MCB4 and NY elected officials send letters asking PANYNJ to call off competition
- **Sept. 2016** – PANYNJ agrees to restart the process
- **Oct. 2016** – PANYNJ releases comments on design competition finalists and agrees to create a working group with NY and NJ elected officials, MCB4 and MCB5
- **Dec. 2016** – MCB4 hosts a community planning session



Town Hall, April 2016



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Community Planning Session

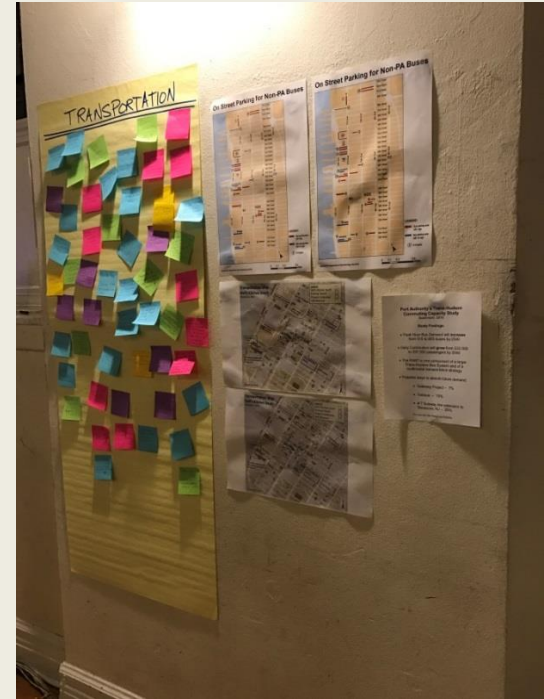
December 6, 2016

Participants: 113

Comments: 257



Photo: Eileen Stukane/Chelsea Now



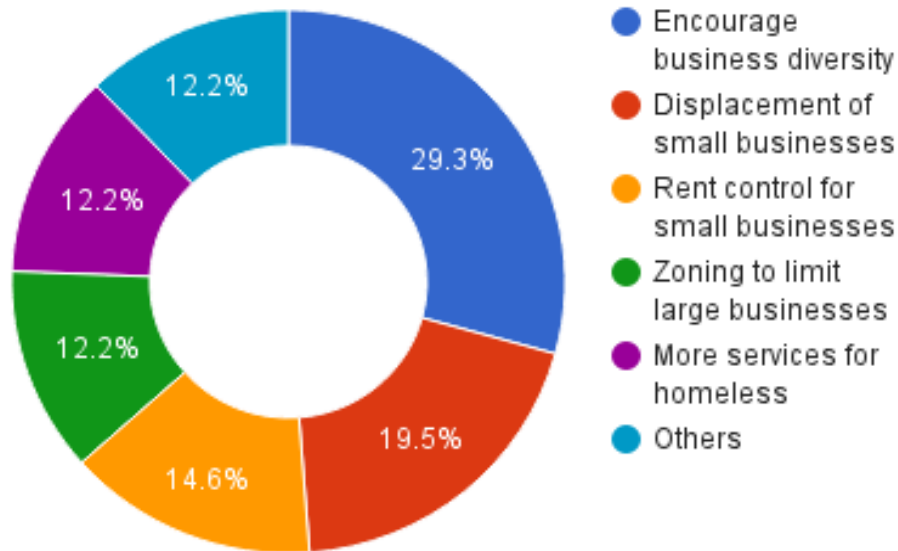
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Small Business/Community Services

**Comment Breakdown: Small Businesses/
Community Services in Hell's Kitchen South**



“One of the main reasons I moved to the neighborhood in 1998 was the charm, convenience and diversity of the small businesses in Hell’s Kitchen. We are losing that fast”

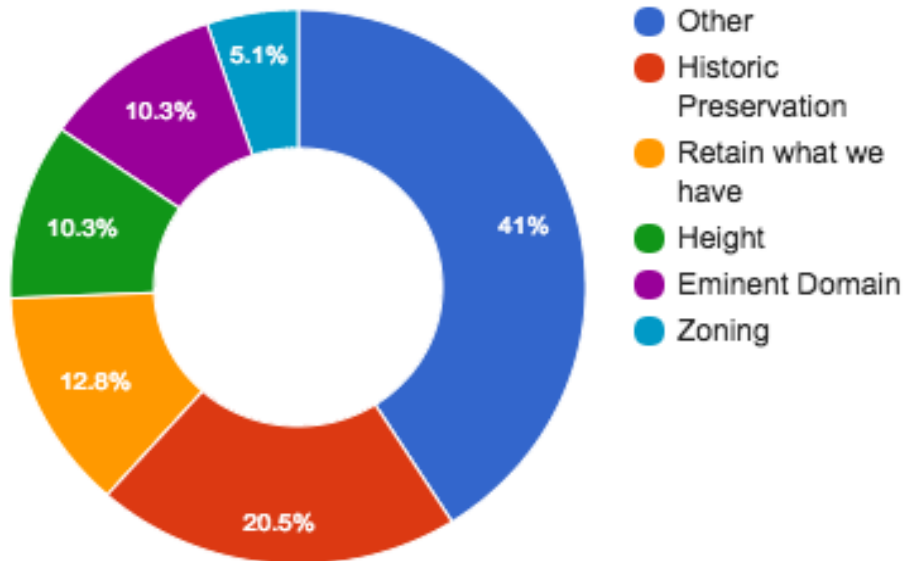
“Need to address homelessness all around the Port Authority area”



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Neighborhood Preservation

Comment Breakdown: Neighborhood Preservation in Hell's Kitchen South



“Some of the old garment buildings may not be on the historic register but are still important to retain”

“Heal the physical rift in the community brought by the PA ramps/Dyer Avenue, PABT itself. Don’t swallow more, bridge this gulf.”

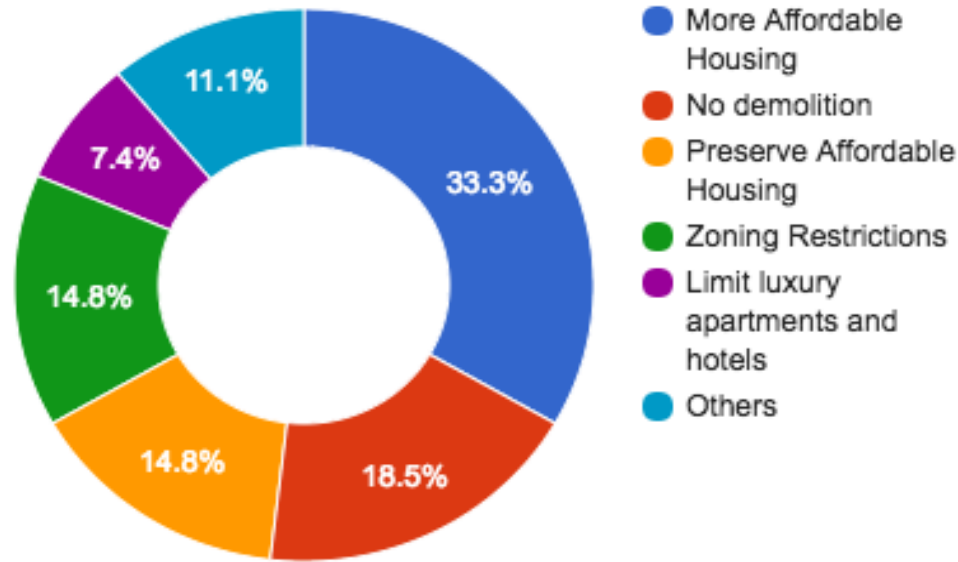
“No demolishing!”



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Housing

Comment Breakdown: Housing in Hell's Kitchen South



“Need more permanent affordable housing”

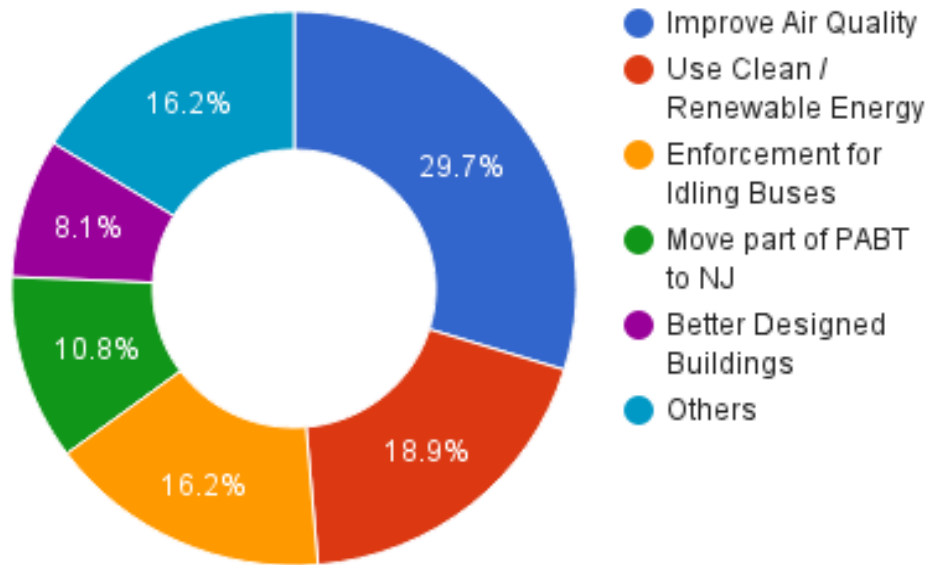
“Make more moderate + middle [income] housing more like 60-20-20 instead of 80/20’s.....no luxury, there’s enough of it”



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Air Quality

Comment Breakdown: Air Quality in Hell's Kitchen South



“[Poor] Air Quality is a hazard in this neighborhood already for all of us – especially children and elderly – this should be a priority for public health safety in NYC”

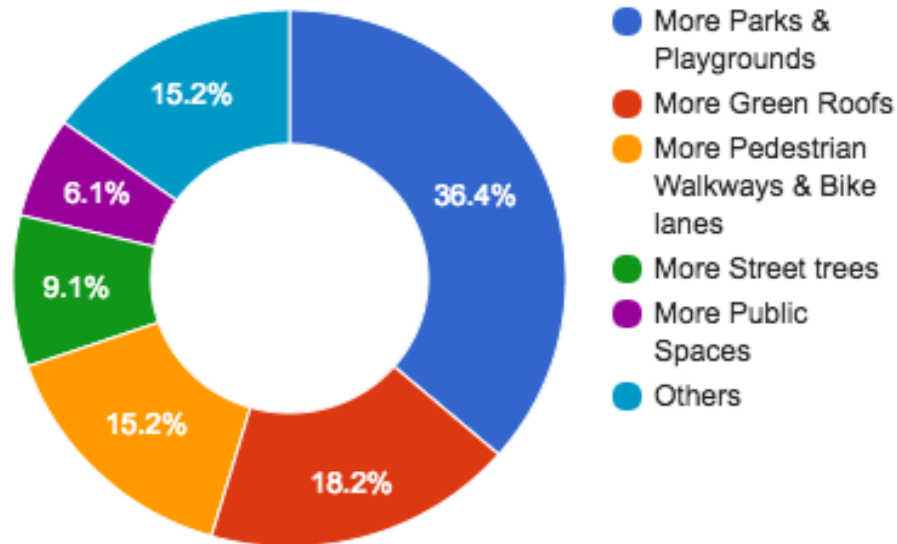
“Give preferential treatment to “clean” buses and exclude or fine obsolete energy models”



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Parks

Comment Breakdown: Parks in Hell's Kitchen



“I have young children. Without parks, playgrounds and green spaces this city could not be a place to raise children”

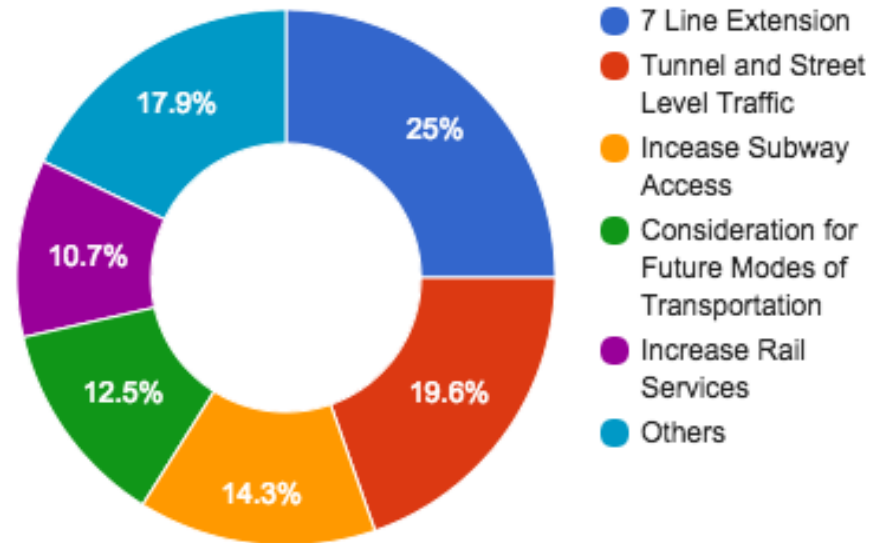
“All future developments should include parks and trees all over to cut down on pollution – widen sidewalks with trees”



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Transportation

Comment Breakdown: Transportation in Hell's Kitchen South



“Extend #7 subway to Secaucus”

“What is the advantage of increasing capacity of the terminal if the tunnel capacity is not increased? (Seems pointless)”

“What will transportation be in 10 years/20 years? What are we really planning for?”



December 6 Planning Session Summary

Feedback overall:

- Build more affordable housing and no demolition
- Protect small, diverse businesses
- Preserve historic structures
- Improve air quality
- Create more parks, playgrounds & green roofs
- Extend #7 subway line, reduce tunnel and street traffic



What's Happened Since December 6th Meeting

- PANYNJ Board of Governors discusses potential capital plan incl. bus terminal
- PANYNJ Vice Chair resigns
- New York elected officials send letters of serious opposition to PANYNJ
- Governors of NY and NJ fight over funding allocations for favorite projects
- PANYNJ Board releases a draft \$32.2 billion capital plan with \$3.5 billion for bus terminal
- PANYNJ initiates extensive public outreach in both states
- MCB4 testifies at PANYNJ hearings on January 31, 2017



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MCB4 Community Survey Results

- 254 Respondents
- Methodology
 - Started from public comments at the Dec. 2016 community planning session to create the lists of options for each question
 - Sent 3 mailings to 2500 neighbors on the community board lists
 - Some answers use ranking, some use open ended questions

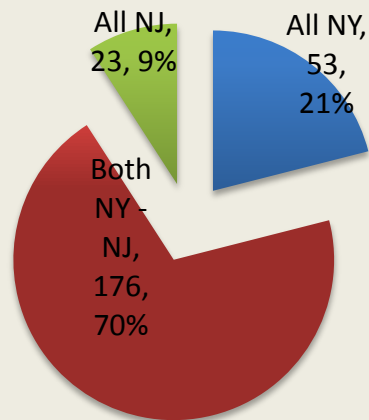


SURVEY RESULTS: 254 RESPONDENTS

Where to rebuild the terminal

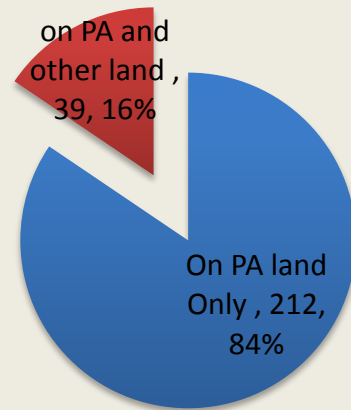
In what State?

BOTH STATES 70%



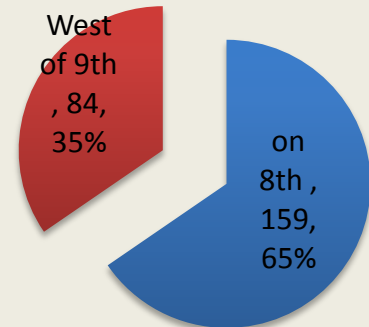
On what land?

PA LAND ONLY 84%



Where in NY?

ON 8th AVENUE 65%



SURVEY RESULTS

When thinking about the possibility of an expanded Bus Terminal
what issues concern you the most ?

PRESERVE THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AIR QUALITY, TRAFFIC

Rated 1 to 5



*Weighted average of answers and importance

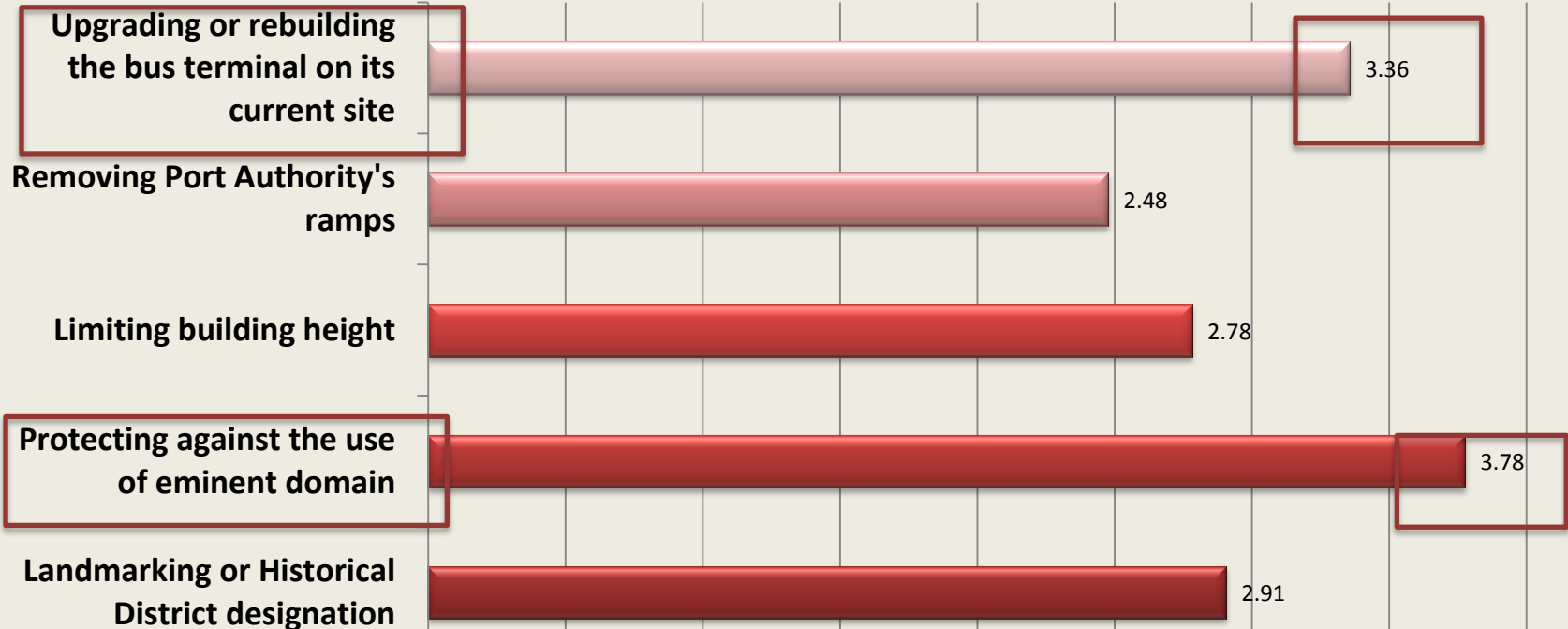
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SURVEY RESULTS

Which of these options should be pursued to preserve the character of Hell's Kitchen South?

NO EMINENT DOMAIN

Rated 1 to 5

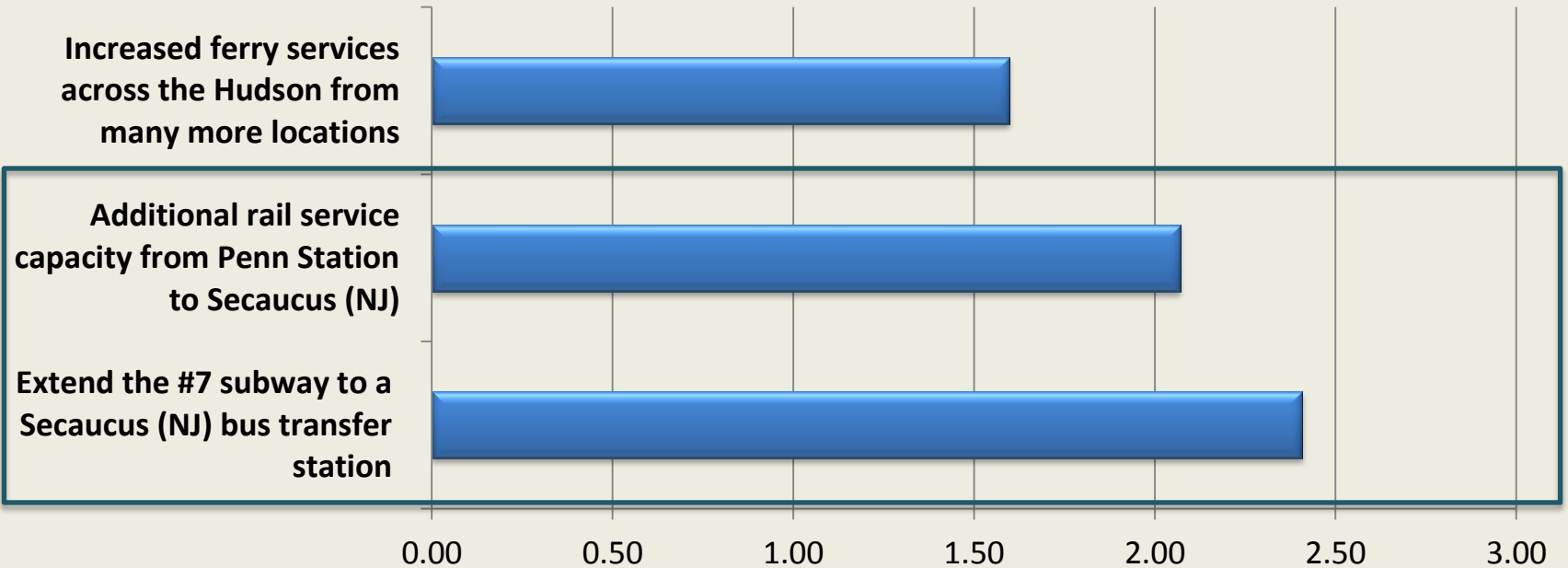


SURVEY RESULTS

Which method could be the most effective to reduce the size and impact of a bus terminal in Hell's Kitchen south?

MORE RAIL – EXTEND THE #7 LINE

Rated 1 to 5



SURVEY RESULTS

What would be the best way to accommodate the increased number of pedestrians that a larger bus terminal will bring to the neighborhood?

WIDER SIDEWALKS – UNDERGROUND WALK WAYS

Rated 1 to 5

Streets reserved for pedestrians

Elevated pathways

Underground walkways

Wider sidewalks

2.20

2.30

2.40

2.50

2.60

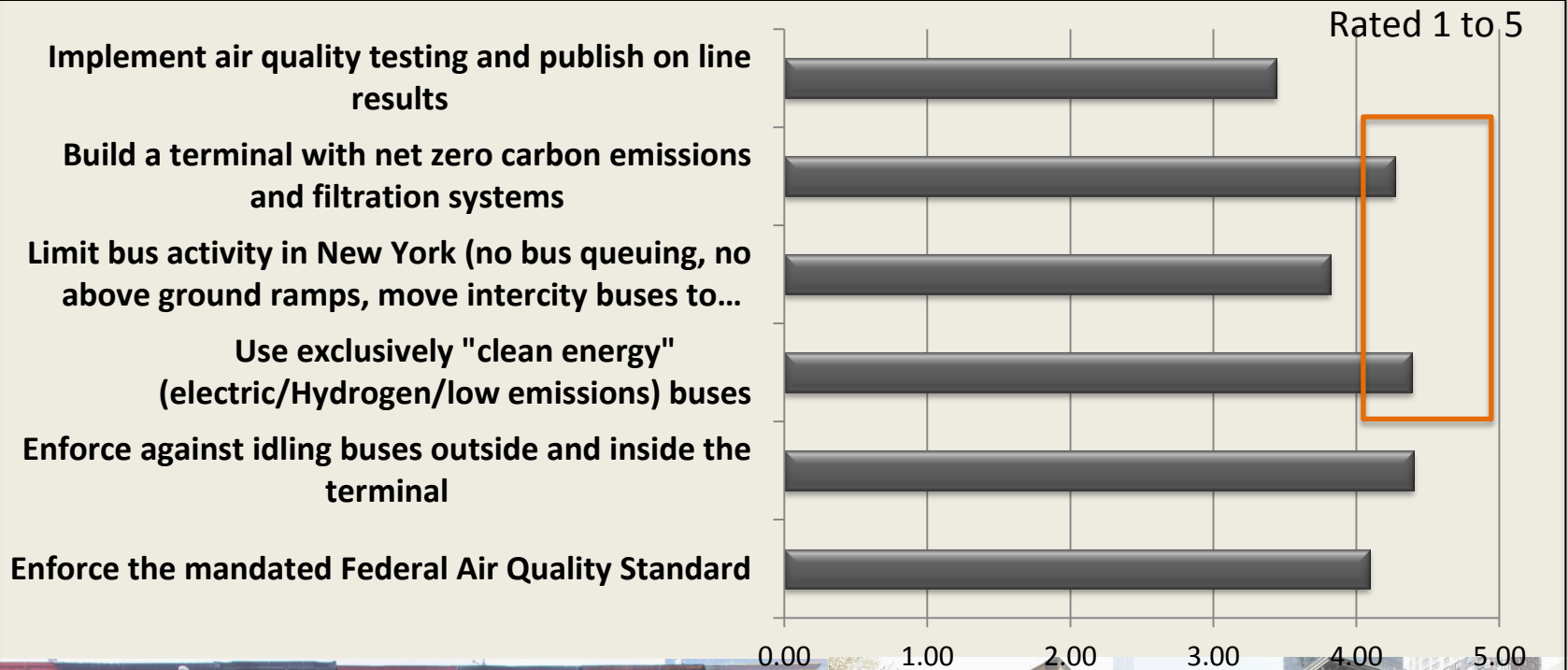
2.70



SURVEY RESULTS

In order to address air quality issues, which solution should the Port Authority adopt for the new bus terminal?

NET ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS – CLEAN ENERGY



- Move it to New Jersey
- Move it underground
- We don't want this here!

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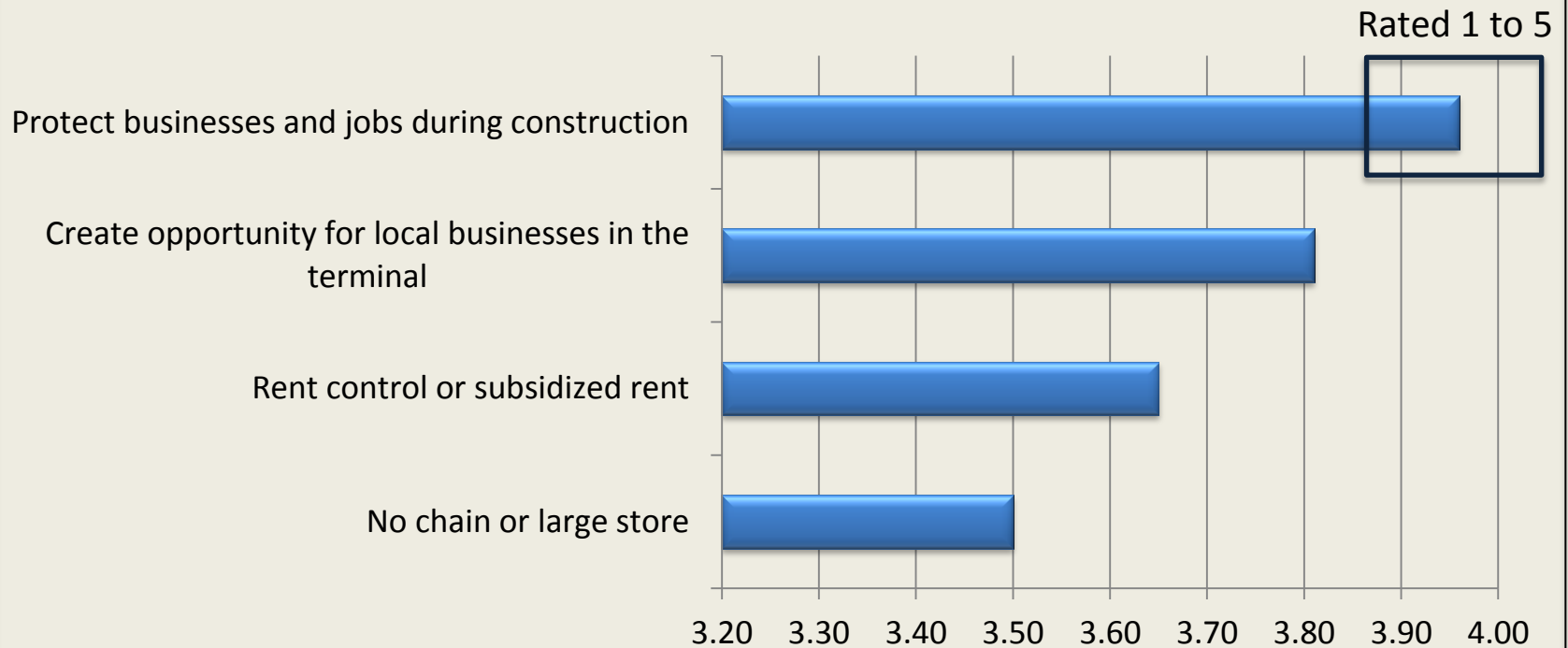


- No street pick up
- Charge buses to come to the city
- Enforce existing idling laws

SURVEY RESULTS

What would be the best strategy to preserve businesses?

PROTECT BUSINESSES DURING CONSTRUCTION

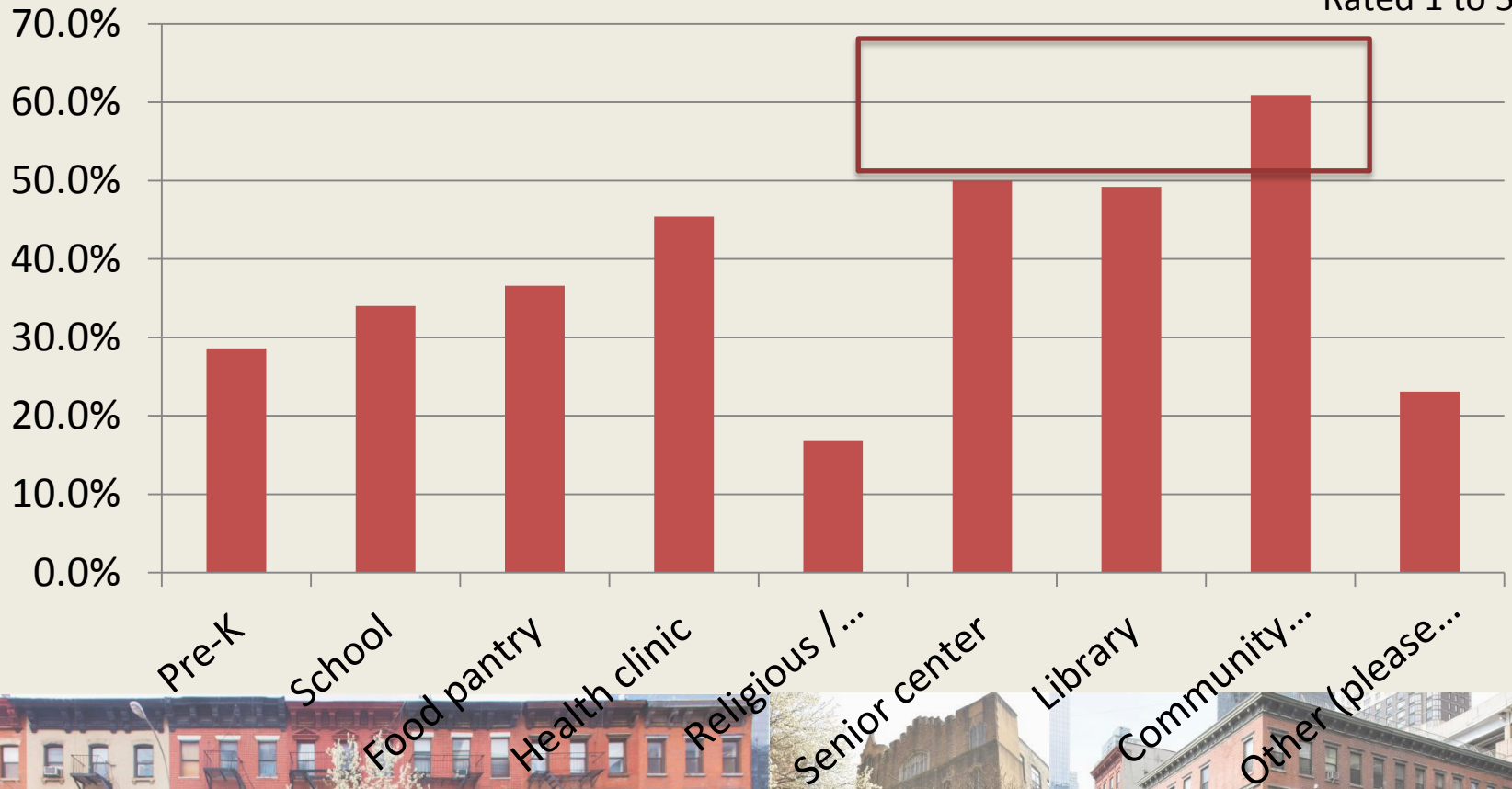


SURVEY RESULTS

Which community services are most needed in the neighborhood?

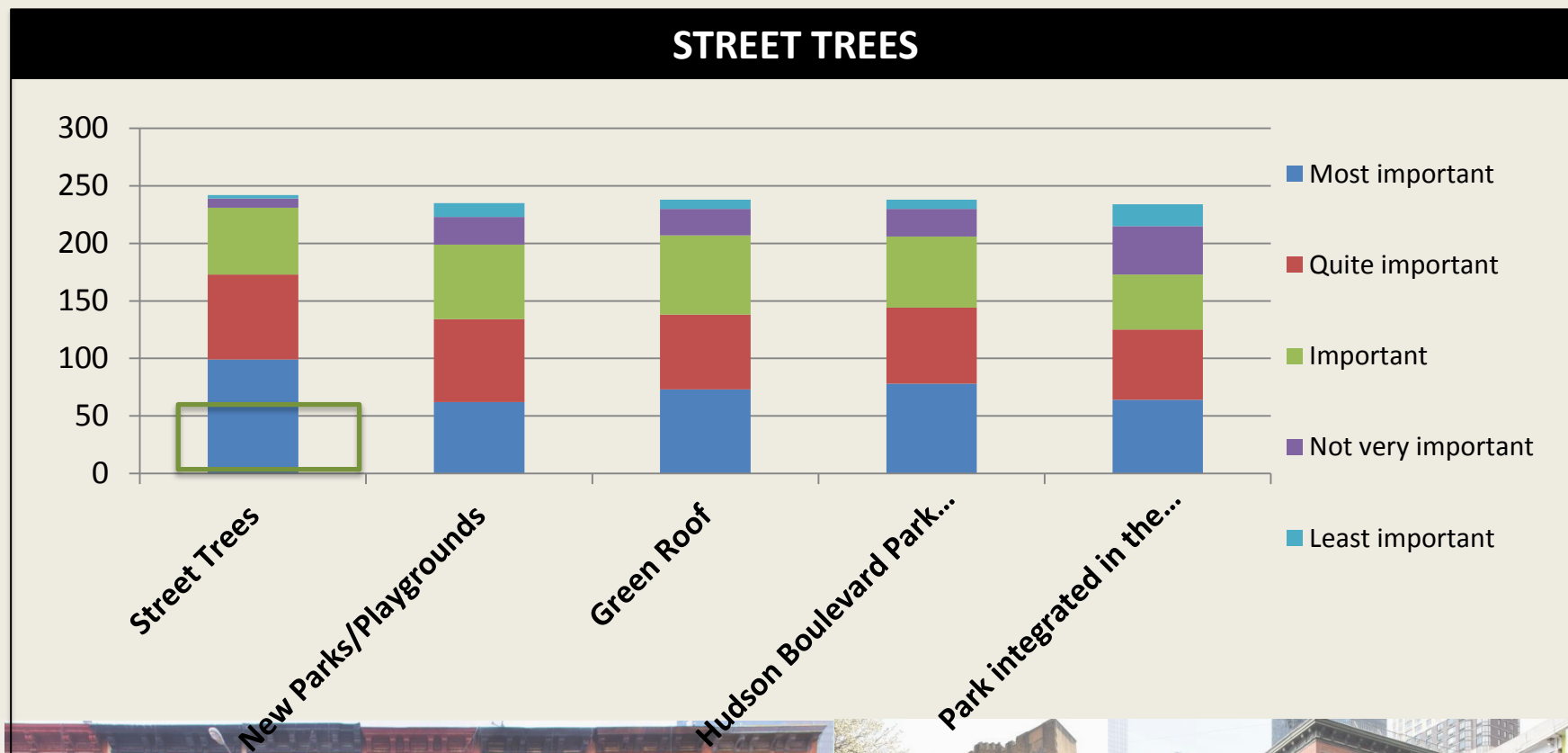
SENIOR CENTER – LIBRARY- COMMUNITY GARDEN/FARM

Rated 1 to 5



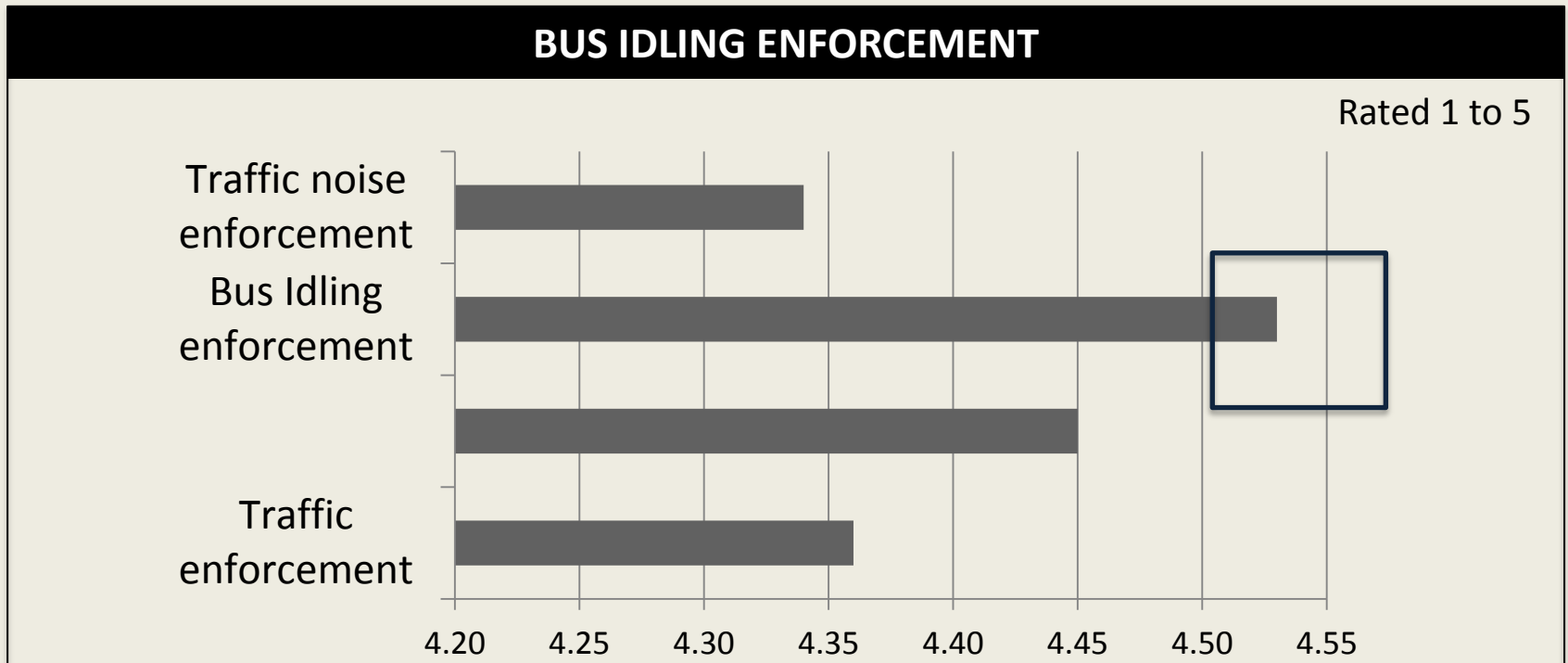
SURVEY RESULTS

Which of these park/ green spaces solutions are most important to the neighborhood?



SURVEY RESULTS

What other measures would be most beneficial to the neighborhood quality of life?



Don't forget to leave your sign in sheet in the basket on your way out

Next Coalition Meeting:

Tuesday, April 4

6:30 p.m.

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