

# 710 Community Fellows Program



Youth Forum Summary – December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

32 students from Muir and Sequoyah High Schools

Teachers and principals from both schools

Councilmember Tyron Hampton

Wendy Macias, Office of the City Manager

Representatives of Roberts Group

Pastoral staff and volunteers of Friendship Pasadena Church

Individuals and groups speaking with students

Barbara Richardson-King, Grant family

Dr. Tim Ivison & Chris Sutton, United Caltrans Tenants

Alma Stokes, First AME Church

Charles Loveman, Executive Director, Heritage Housing Partners

Luis Rocha, Pasadena Planning & Community Development Department

Blair Miller & Liz Schiller, Pasadena Complete Streets Coalition

Jose Luis Correa, Correa family

Peter Ewing & Carlos Javelera, West Pasadena Residents Association

Tina Williams & Dr. Gilbert Walton, 710 Restorative Justice Pasadena

Deborah Membreno, Pasadena Office of Economic Development

Jenny Cristales-Cevallos, Pasadena Transportation Department

Vaughan Davies, Principal, Perkins Eastman

## Who attended?



# Format & Schedule



Emphasis on importance of asking questions

Mixed teams of Muir and Sequoyah students each spoke with six guest presenters

Teams recorded 1-2 questions *after* each conversation

After lunch, students answered these questions *individually*:

- The most powerful question to ask about the 710
- What did you learn today that surprised you
- What are you excited to learn more about
- What one thing should Pasadena talk about for the 710 project

## Schedule

9:00 – Intros, Icebreakers & Community building

10:05 – Conversations with guest presenters (60 total conversations)

11:30 – Bus tour around 710 ditch

12:30 – Lunch + History of Friendship Church

1:15 – Team and individual reflection

1:30 – Cross-team sharing and discussion

1:50 – Whole group sharing

# Executive Summary

Students appreciate the complexity of the project. Responses show that students see the project as having great potential to benefit the community and recognize the need for dialogue and debate so the community can come together around a vision plan.

Surprisingly strong interest in how to define the public good, balance competing needs, and engage the public, especially young people;

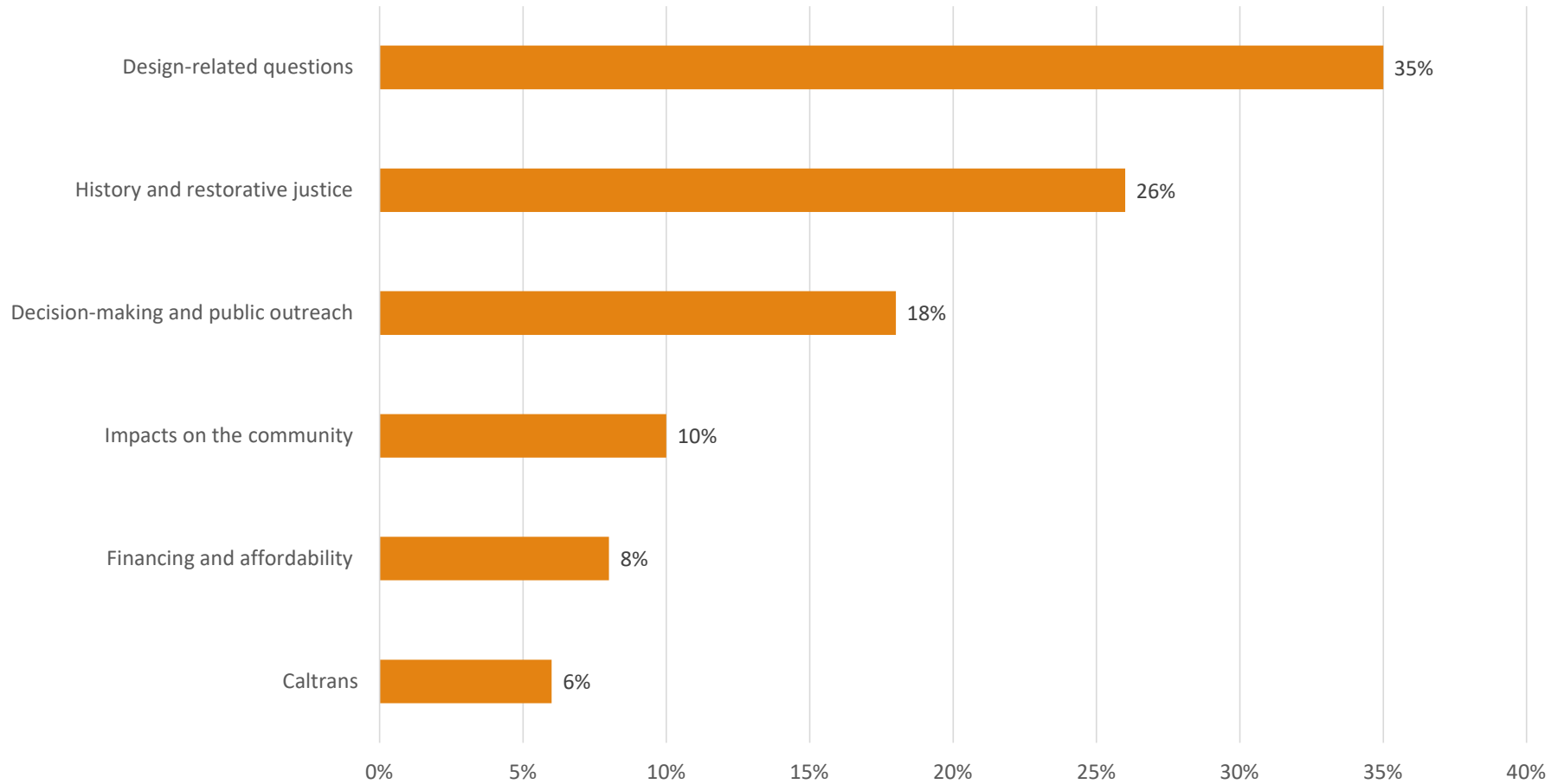
- *80% of students are excited to learn more about urban design, the development process, and local policy making*

Strong interest in understanding the past, concern for restorative justice, and desire to put the project on a strong ethical foundation;

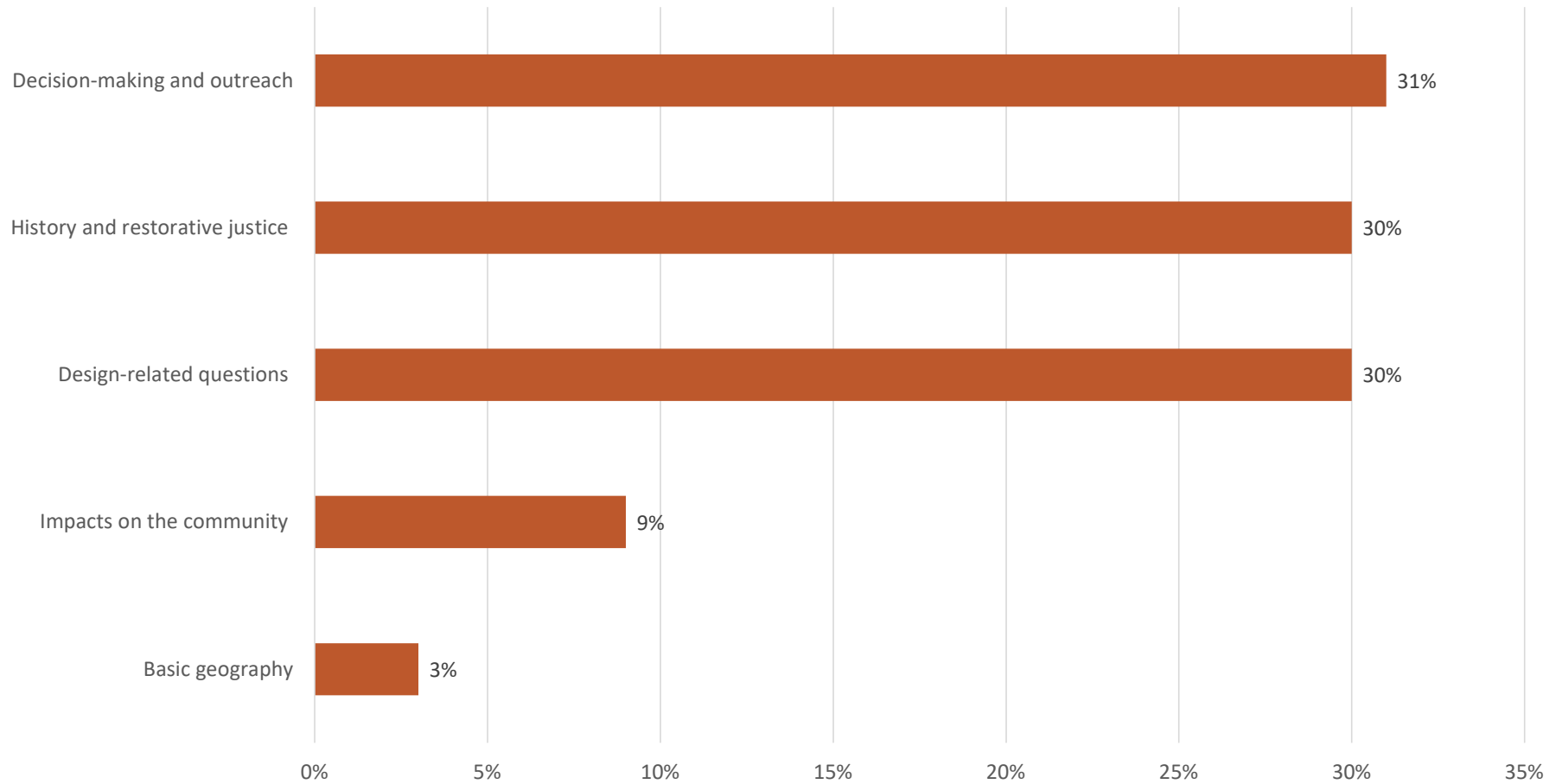
- *60% of students were surprised to learn about past displacement and lack of past concern about the impact the freeway would have.*

Specific topics that drew the most interest included mobility, specifically bike lanes, and affordable housing.

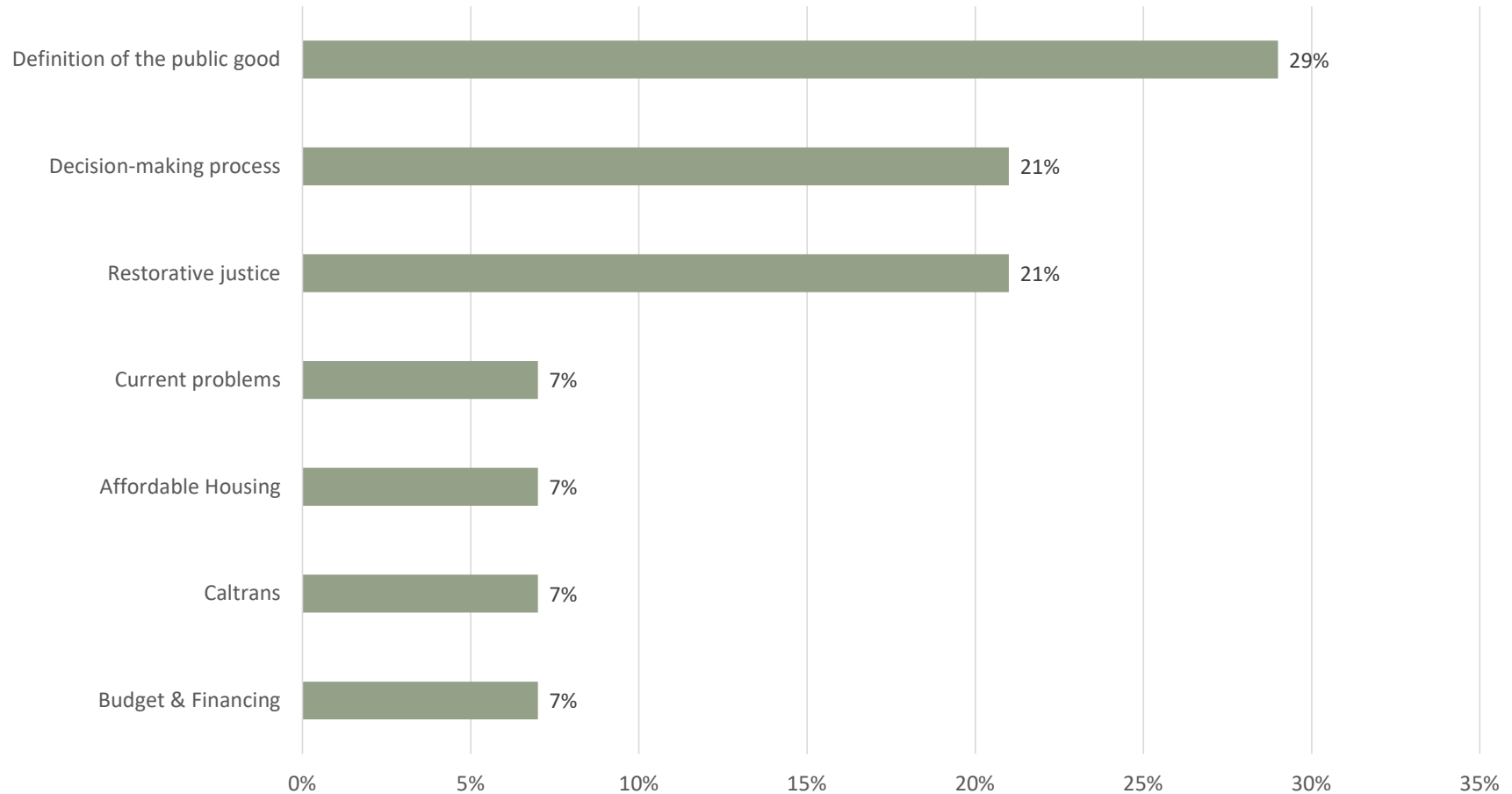
## Student teams generated 134 questions after conversations with guest presenters



## Student teams prioritized 33 of their questions



## What is the most powerful question about the 710's past or potential future? (28 answers)



# Sample Responses

How can this project impact the entire community in a positive way?

How can we evenly balance the needs of all the relevant communities?

How do we build this for the community? How do we hear as many voices as possible?

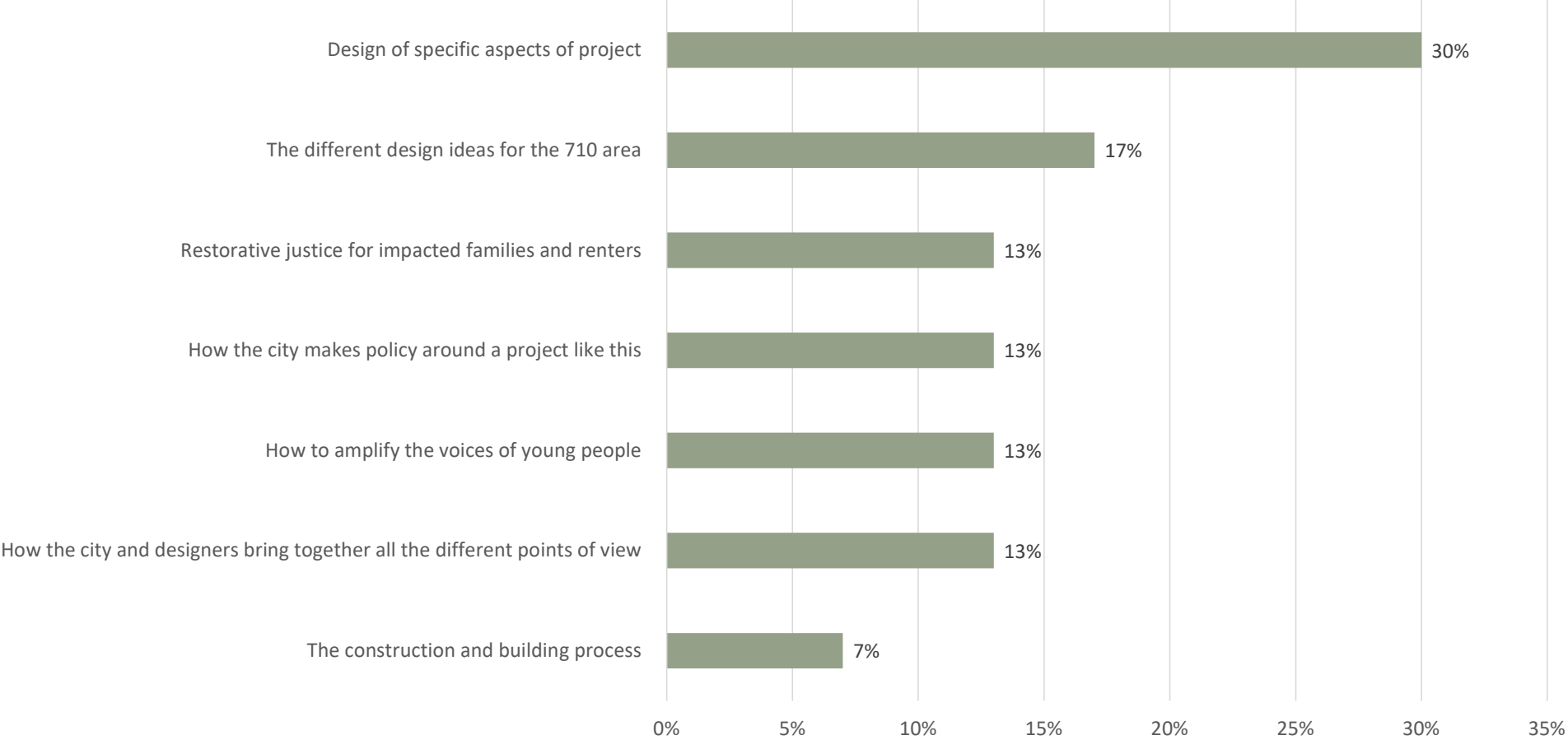
How can this project allow those who have a history here to reconnect with Pasadena and build a larger and stronger community?

How long will it take to build this new city section and where will the money come from?

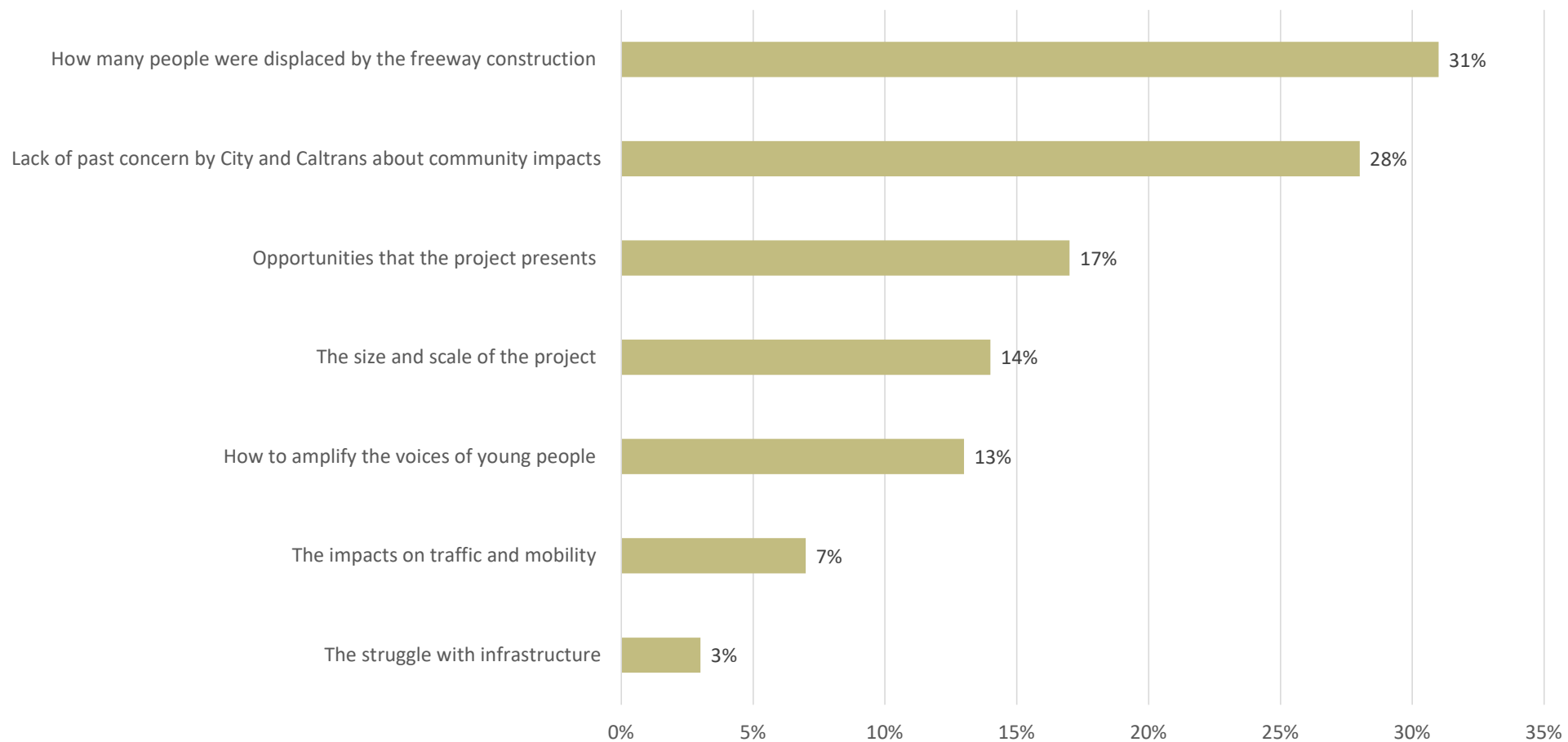
How can we keep new homes affordable?



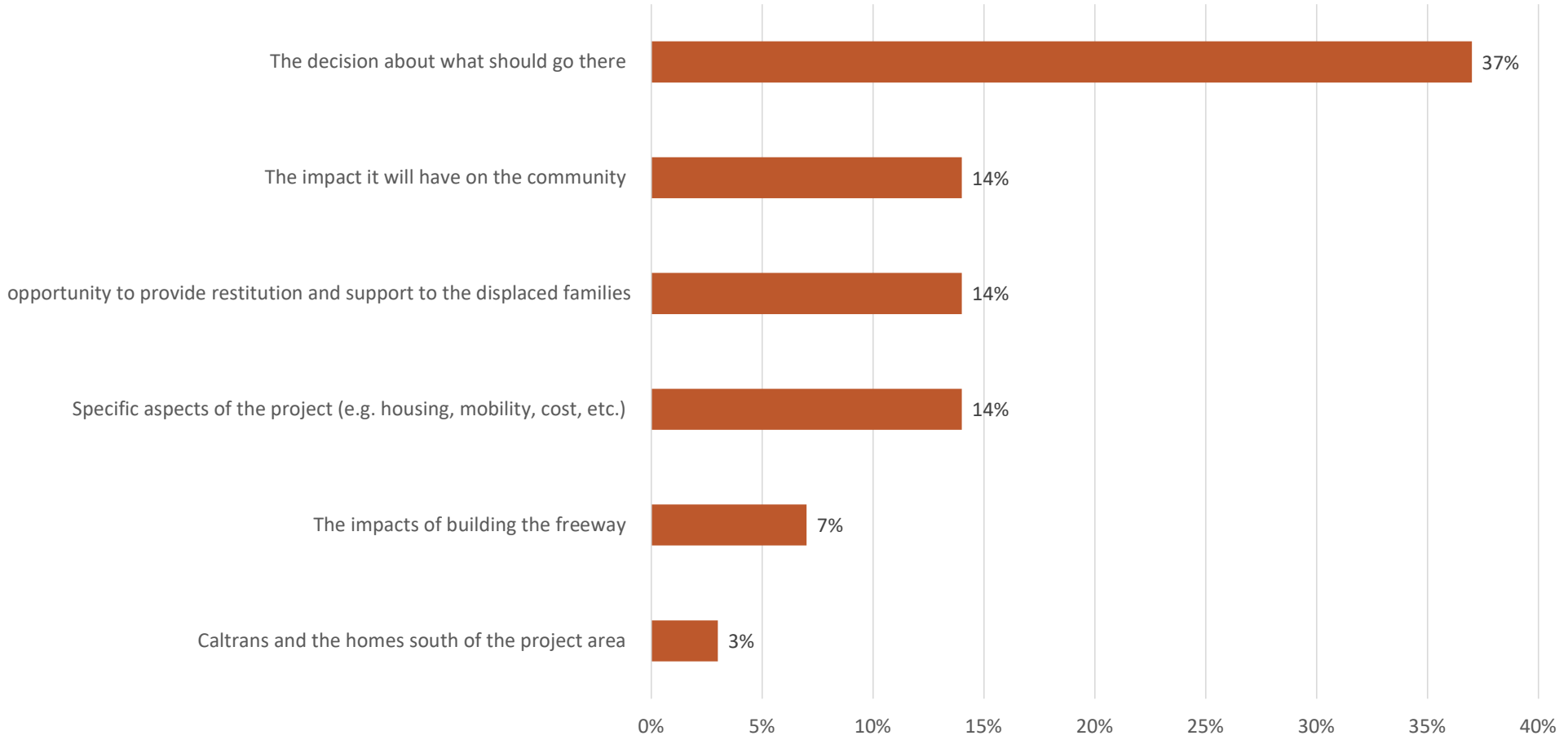
# What are you excited to learn more about? (28 answers)



## One thing you were surprised to learn about the 710's past or potential future? (29 answers)



One thing everyone in Pasadena should be talking about in terms of the 710 project (27 answers)





## Sample Responses

One thing people should start talking about is how is project 710 will bring people together and hear each other's voices

How can we make the most of the space that benefits both the community and the city

Who will be living here and how they would want it to look/feel

I think that everyone should be talking about the importance of restorative justice – especially in a community that has been wronged

People should be talking about the effects of the construction for the nearby areas

## What's next?



The 710 Community Fellows will study the technical, social, and financial design challenges for the project

They will organize and host a 710 Youth Summit this spring

They will survey other young people and do outreach to other schools and youth programs

They will keep asking questions and work to identify what the City Council should be thinking about as it considers the vision plan alternatives

**Bring** us your ideas to enhance youth engagement

**Be** available to speak with the students

**Talk** up the youth summit for the spring

**Connect** us with allies & potential donors

**Share** details about the developing alternatives for housing, mobility, sustainability, financing, etc. so the fellows can represent the choices and decisions the community needs to make about the project with depth and accuracy to other young people

**Advocate** for the development of 710 curriculum for local schools

## How you can help



# Appreciation to...

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