

ATV/UTV IN PLATTEVILLE Survey Report

A. City of Platteville Residents

As of June 25, 407 surveys were taken and this report reflects 278 out of 412 taken by residents of the city.

1. Check the box that applies best:

Answered:278

Skipped: 0

City of Platteville resident **100.00 % - 278**

Township resident

UW-Platteville student/temporary resident

2. Do you own an ATV/UTV?

Answered: 272

Skipped: 3

Yes: **24.00% - 66**

No: **76.00% - 209**

3. ATV/UTV routes are being proposed within the city limits of Platteville

Answered: 277

Skipped: 1

I support the proposed routes: **49.10% - 136**

I do not support the proposed routes: **42.60% - 118**

I support some routes, but not all that are proposed: **8.30% - 23**

Other (please specify) Answered: 33

- I am particularly opposed to allowing them on Furnace St between Water and Broadway. This is a residential street that would suffer from the additional noise and traffic.

- Frankly, this is a thinly veiled attempt to circumvent drinking and driving. no one wants drunk ATVer's ripping up 2nd street, main street, and major highways through town. don't be (word omitted- inappropriate language) dostupid.
- I feel that it proposed on too many streets where there is already a lot of traffic. There are too many rules that don't apply to them but do apply to other vehicles.
- Ridge Ave already has considerable traffic including semis, agriculture vehicle, horse and buggy, and is the "short cut" across town. Including probably some of the heaviest volume of biking and walking traffic.
- One of the routes runs right by my house. We chose this area of town to live because it's quiet. It won't be quiet with UTV & ATV traffic at all hours.

- And with the new bike path, is no longer a wide street.
- I do not support the routes. I am ok with them, but that does not equate to support.
- Allow on all streets and expand to more recreational vehicles. Aka, golf carts. I want to take an electric golf cart from my house to Piggly for errands.
- I am open to look at options. And test things out for two years and make adjustments
- ATVs are designed for off road use. They have no crash protection for the occupants. No bumpers, no air bags, no anti-locking braking systems. The proposal has them in the lane at the posted speed which is of great risk to all. The noise of an ATV at the posted will be well over any level that is acceptable in a city. There is little upside to this proposal to the residents of the city but significant downside and increased risk.
- Main street being 2 ways is already bad enough. Entering Main Street from a side street can be difficult at times. Adding UTV's just add to the problem. Cars parked close to the corners are the biggest problem.
- I would love to see it expand! As well as expand to snowmobiles.
- Pick not busy streets.
- I don't believe you should be running the route on Lancaster St. it is highway and a very busy.
- I think if you are going to have routes, which we should...why are you not allowing the residents that aren't on these routes direct access to them?
- I think that the routes should try to avoid destinations that would encourage 12-16-year old to use ATV/UTVs as primary means of transportation. Specifically, the high school should be excluded if possible, as should access to Platteville's public pool.
- I feel there are areas that do not allow adequate distance to see a lower profile vehicle such as an ATV. I am concerned someone will injured.
- Nor any other routes.
- I fear for their visibility and wonder if this passes with snow mobiles be next? There's just too much traffic for these types of vehicles in town.
- I do not want this to come through the city at all. I completely oppose this.

- I would not support ATV/UTV routes that would pass thru Mound View Park, and any other trails established by the Arboretum that are meant for walk, bike, ski only.
- I support, the routes but am interested in the impact of traffic. I feel a few of these roads may be congested with ATV/car/bike and pedestrian traffic.
- Not downtown, not on ridge/Sylvia/Pitt which are residential areas and near parks due to noise and children.
- I have viewed the proposed route map and DO NOT support these vehicles nears schools, churches, recreations areas (pools) or other common areas where Platteville city residents have fought so hard over the past to secure such areas for enjoyment, relaxation and place of -worship.
- If we have to have them, these are as limited as they should be to get people out to regular out of town ATV routes.
- I do not like the idea of routes going past the schools, or the main parks and pool. Too many kids during the summer that could be hit by a ATV that they didn't see.
- All city streets and trails should be open to ATV/UTV use.
- I am unclear why we would want ATVs on the streets. It sounds like an unsafe proposal which adds more risk to travelers and little benefit.
- I live 2 blocks off the route. Would I be able to drive my UTV to the route as long as I'm going directly from my driveway to the route, or vice versa?
- Roads are too busy. It will be too dangerous. If these vehicles are on the roads are they going to pay the wheel tax!!! They should!!
- While I would like to see all routes approved, I believe a trial with routes connecting the township/county ingress and egress roads would be a good first step. Routes could be modified or added as the trial results dictate.
- It would be nice on Mitchell hollow so we could get downtown because we can't drive on business 151...
- Having ATVs and UTVs on main street next to the college and along paths that are children go to and from school and the library is not safe. They are also noisy and often times disrespectful to pedestrians.

4. If you support some routes, but not all that are proposed, specify which ones you support:

Answered: 67

Skipped: 211

From Lancaster St. North City limit to Adams St.: 80.60% - 54

Adams St. from Lancaster St. to Chestnut St.: 79.10% - 53

Chestnut St. from Adams St. to Pine St.: **74.63% - 50**
Pine St. from Chestnut St. to Water St.: **74.63% - 50**
Main St. from West City limit to Broadway St.: **71.64% - 48**
Broadway St. from West City limit to North City limit: **76.12% - 51**
Ridge Ave. from Lancaster St. to Fourth St.: **71.64% - 48**
Fourth St. from Ridge Ave. to Sylvia St.: **71.64% - 48**
Sylvia St. from Fourth St. to Second St.: **67.16% - 45**
Second St. from North City limit to Pitt St.: **70.15% - 47**
Pitt St. from Second St. to Water St.: **73.13% - 49**
Water St. from Pitt St. to Business 151: **79.10% - 53**
Madison St. from Water St. to Moundview Park: **73.13% - 49**
Furnace St. from Chestnut St. to Water St. :**68.66% - 46**
Third St. from Furnace St. to Main St.: **68.66% - 46**
Business 151 from South City Limit to Valley Road: **89.55% - 60**

5. The draft ordinance would allow ATV/UTVs to operate on the proposed routes between 6 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Answered: 277

Skipped: 1

I agree with the proposed hours of operation: 46.57% - 129

I disagree with the proposed hours of operation: 41.16% - 114

I propose other operating hours: 12.27% - 34

- 8-9pm.
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- Dawn to dusk; no later than 10pm.
- I think it should be daylight only.
- I would rather see it be 7 am and 10 pm.
- 8am-10pm.
- 6am-9pm.
- 9 am to 10 pm during the week. 6am to 11 pm during weekends.

- Only day light hours and only summer- Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- Stop at 10 pm.
- 7 am-10 pm.
- 8-10pm.
- Starting hours after 8 AM would prevent the high school issue and noise complaints.
- 6am to 8pm.
- Not a fan of regulating times before we know of problems. No hour restrictions initially.
- 6am-1am.
- 8am to 10pm.
- 8am- 11pm.
- I would prefer 7am-10pm.
- 8am-9pm.
- No limit.
- 8am-9pm due to noise.
- I would prefer that they only operate during daylight hours.
- 24 hours use.
- 8am-10pm.
- Same as Grant County.
- 6am-10pm as to follow the rule that cars must obey on t2nd street by the bars.
- 8am to 8pm depending on daylight.
- 9am-0pm.
- The operating hours should be the same at the trails.
- 7am-11pm.
- Until 9pm.
- It would be nice to have them the same as the state hours from DNR Laws.
- 7am-10pm.

6. If you own a business, how will ATV/UTV routes impact your business?

Answered: 258

Skipped: 20

I expect the impact to be very positive: 17.83% - 46

I expect the impact to be slightly positive: 3.10% - 8

I expect the impact to be slightly negative: 1.55% - 4

I expect the impact to be negative: 2.33% - 6

I do not expect an impact to my business: 8.91% - 23

I do not own a business: 66.28 % - 171

Comments/ Answered: 21

- I own the Mound View Inn hotel in town and I really think it will help bring in more visitors who will stay with us and the other 3 hotels and that will increase room night lodging tax that city gets, which in turn will help the city directly in raising more revenues.
- I don't expect a direct impact but positive impact from increased business for others.
- The business I work for would see a significant positive impact based on other communities' responses.
- Traffic is already bad, especially on business 151 and water street.
- This may impact service industries, but will likely reduce quality of life for residents. Service is just one part of the Platteville economy and, as a generalization, does not create jobs that pay well. Some businesses will benefit at the sake of the overall community as it will reduce quality of life for residents.
- My business really would not be affected, but my neighbors could benefit.
- I don't expect much impact at Walgreens. I am an assistant manager.
- well I do, I give piano lessons and it would not be safe for my students.
- Only the bar owners will like it.
- It will bring people into town, and they will spend money in our community. Win-win for all.
- I could see some persons coming in to the business with ATV/UTV not a lot.
- However, I expect the impact to be very positive.
- Does the city have economic studies to support that such routes will have positive economic gain to our community?
- But think the overall impact will be very good for the city.
- More people would have access to downtown business.
- Don't. Alleged it will help outlet business as we're not on the route, but do believe it will help many of those along the routes.
- Slow moving vehicles hinder travel times, causing lost time.
- Too early until too late at night will be far too much noise in residential areas where people are sleeping and have to go to work. Nothing to prevent them from driving up on sidewalks and driveways, resulting in homeowner liability. Madison St is already busy with school traffic, kids, walkers/runners, people with dogs., cyclist, Amish with horses, etc. it will no longer be safe for these other citizens. ATV do not belong in town.
- If we save money on gas we can purchase more things locally.
- I do not own a business but if ATV/UTVs are running downtown I am much less likely to walk down and shop at these establishments. I would feel like I am putting my life in danger.
- I think it should help the food and fuel economy a lot.

7. Overall, how would you describe your position with respect to ATV/UTV use within the city?

Answered: 274

Skipped: 4

I support broad ATV/UTV use: 41.24% - 113

I support the limited ATV/UTV routes proposed: 9.12% - 25

I do not support ATV/UTV use: 36.50% - 100

I am open to possible ATV/UTV use but believe the City should proceed cautiously with a single trail route: 13.14% - 36

Other Answered: 23

- There is no need to rush into this. Residents along the proposed routes have not even been officially notified or asked for their opinion. It is premature for the council to vote without contacting those who will be most impacted.
- Why is this necessary?
- Traffic is a nightmare in Platteville. The students walking crisscross on the streets. Rolling thru stop signs and speeding. Now you want to add ATV/UTVs to this mess. Why? So, a few businesses can benefit? Shameful
- Allow access to service stations-somewhat from North to east- EZ shop, from the South Kwik trip, from North and West Jeffs LOCO, but not routes through the city, let them go around.
- Not in town
- Very dangerous for Ridge Ave – We have several skate board, large farm equipment on street. Cars have to stop if they meet one. Farm truck equipment takes the width of street. Then we have 7 small children in one block walking, playing, bikes – too dangerous for all. Walkers, cars can't get out of driveway.
- Limit to Memorial Day through Labor Day only during daylight hours.
- I would love to see this become all roads. As well as the hours expanded. It would be great if this expanded to allow snowmobiles in town as well.
- If the city is going to think about this, they need to put a wheel tax on the vehicles and make anyone driving to pass a test to drive one and license there rides. We have a license to ride motorcycle, they should have to have one also. And they also need to have insurance coverage. You should also have an age limit on the drivers.
- I am fine with the city offering limited routes that take operators to and from off-road trail access. Caution is needed so that ATV/UTVs do not become the primary means of transportation for adolescents.

- At least not on city routes. these vehicles should remain off roads.
- You will probably hear from people who are living a block or so away from the trails who would have to trailer them to the trails to use them.
- Unless people live on the routes how will they get to them? One person per vehicle adds to congestion. Will there be a helmet law? Safety concerns are more serious than benefits.
- The more activities that draw people to the City of Platteville the better for everyone. There are limited recreational activities for people in the area and this is a growing activity.
- Please see comments below question 9.
- I would suggest that perhaps we could have a 1-year trial period of the limited routes?
- I believe Platteville police department has a hard-enough time managing and regulating normal vehicular traffic, this would only compound matters.
- Not in the city.
- I do believe that businesses along the routes have the potential to realize a positive impact and doubt there will be any negative impact to the business community.
- Yamaha states in its ATV owner's manuals " Never operate an ATV on any public street, roads or highways, even a dirt or gravel one."
- I do not understand the intended use or reason for allowing ATV/UTV use in the city. There are no ATV/UTV trails to, from or within the city of residents, or visitors to make use of. Given that, why increase traffic congestion along the already congested main thoroughfares as well as increasing noise by allowing ATV/UTVs to be used on the Streets.
- I love the idea.
- If a single route through the city can be found I may be open to that but the hours would need to be reduced. 6am is too early to hear these types of noises and 11pm is too late. They should also not be going along during rush hour traffic (i.e. not between 4:30pm and 6pm).

8. If the City of Platteville opens ATV/UTV routes, how likely is it you would use them?

Answered: 272

Skipped: 6

Very Likely: 28.68% - 78

Likely: 11.76% - 32

Neither likely nor unlikely: 5.88% - 16

Unlikely: 7.72% - 21

Very Unlikely: 45.96% - 125

9. Do you have any other comments or concerns?

Answered:138

Skipped: 140

- Ridge Ave already has a bike path that was NOT supported by residents. With the added bikers, joggers and young families an ATV/UTV route would be just downright dangerous. Looking at the map there is no reason for the route to go on Ridge Ave. There are no businesses on this route. It would only be a cut across to nowhere as it goes to Water Street then south to the businesses. Let it go directly to downtown. ATV/UTV traffic will be primarily bar traffic in my opinion. Keep it out of the residential areas.
- Since we have the University here in Platteville (which we are very fortunate to have), I do not think we need the ATV/UTV traffic/income. I have nothing against the ATV/UTVs, EXCEPT, leave our city the way it is now. Do the ATV and UTV have to be licensed?
- If recreational vehicles were allowed to use city streets, they should be subject to all the rules that apply to other motor vehicles: safety belts, insurance, turn signals. It is especially troubling that they are not required to carry insurance.
- I hope the city opens ATV/UTV routes in Platteville. I strongly believe it will bring a positive economic impact to town.
- I don't see a problem and have witnessed other communities enhance their commerce. It will bring Platteville additional revenue. The folks who are complaining won't be affected. It is imagined.
- Noise of the ATV/UTVs are very loud
- ATV/UTV's will be using the same roads that bigger, heavier & louder vehicles already use so I do not understand why some residents feel that it would be more dangerous for our community or put our city residents in any danger. I feel it will benefit our community tremendously.
- I think it's about time that Platteville allowed ATV/UTV traffic. This industry is growing exponentially every year and allowing riders to visit Platteville will increase the number of visitors to our city which directly impacts local businesses.
- My concerns are will they be required to have insurance, to be licensed and will they be required to have lights and follow traffic laws.
- Enough traffic safety problems with mopeds and bicycles. The ATVs and UTVs would go too far. Do more to make the community safer for motorists and pedestrians.
- I think this would good for Platteville. I understand there is some give and take between the 2 parties, but I think our counsel is to close minded.
- Will any of the routes connect to trail that leads to Belmont trail?

- The City of Platteville historically has accommodated all forms of transportation: vehicles, bikes, walking, etc. It would be a shame to not accommodate this form of transportation just because those who are making the decision are not familiar with it.
- I believe it is completely unnecessary to have these routes thru town. There are enough car and moped accidents. I don't believe it is smart to add more congestion to the road ways.
- I see no reason for city streets to be open to ATVs.
- I feel that the routes are the main thing I don't like as well as the fact there is no insurance needed for them. Who is responsible when there is an accident? I feel there needs more restrictions within the city limits.
- No.
- We own multiple ATV's, no UTV. I like the idea as long as it is regulated correctly. I do feel it could be helpful to businesses in the town.
- It's not always about, "The Money". How about we just strive to have a nice, pleasant, quiet town.
- I know that other areas have supported ATV routes. However, we are not the same type of city as Shullsburg or Fennimore. We have much more foot and vehicle traffic. We have a lively downtown and many sporting events around the Pool and Legion Park area. I am totally opposed to recreational vehicles driving in business areas and near recreational parks. ATVs are not regularly used for the singular purpose of transportation. These are recreational vehicles. They do not belong in a city. Neighborhood children should be able to be free from encounters with ATVs and Business traffic should not be hindered by recreational vehicles. I am also opposed to the additional noise pollution these vehicles would bring. I do not want to sit in a park and have my experience marred by additional noise. I also do not want an increase in drunk driving hazards from these vehicles. Many people have hobbies and interested that are not provided in Platteville. Travel to participate in activities is common. I am vehemently opposed to ATV routes in Platteville. Think about the aspect of students bringing ATVs with them to UWP. Campus and surrounding areas will be torn up with illegal usage of the vehicles. We already have drunk students running through our yards at night. This is a terrible idea. Please oppose this idea now!
- ATVs are unsafe and not made for use on city streets. Any violation does not go on the driver's license, so that's a loophole that ATV users will take advantage of. Ridge Avenue just got a bike lane, and now these will be on it? That's bad planning. Does the left hand know what the right hand is doing? The routes go by two schools and the university. That does not make sense. Platteville is not this type of city. It's too big and has a university.
- No.
- Bring it on.

- The corner of Ridge Ave and 4th St is ALREADY dangerous for vehicles, bikes, and those walking. Adding even more traffic will just increase this danger to all involved. The number of near accidents daily is already way too high on a corner with horrible visibility and vehicles that go WAY too fast. Moving this route one street over to Camp St turning onto 4th St would make much more sense due to increased visibility for both vehicles and those walking/riding bikes and stop signs causing slower speeds.
- Not in town.
- ATVs are not designed for road use, and are more likely to roll over on the smooth surface. I am okay with a route that came up to city limits, but think it's a disaster waiting to happen within the city limits. I think there are a lot of unknowns and misinformation out there on the topic. Is the city looking to require a "trail pass" to ride through?
- This isn't a small town like some of the other towns that have these routes. I would be very concerned about safety. Some of these routes are heavily traveled by regular traffic, bikes, joggers/walkers.
- Hours should be based on daylight hours, not specific times. Use official sunrise/sunset as the guide.
- Noise and flow traffic.
- A lot of talk. Just make the ATVs install turn signals and register with the DMV or city. Expand to all streets. ATVs can follow the same road laws as normal vehicles.
- I think ATV users have the same capacity to accidentally harm someone in a motorized vehicle, but they are not held to as high of standards. I think it is a dangerous choice and does not benefit our community. I strongly oppose this.
- Picking the streets thru the city is hard. I think that aspect needs to be looked at more closely. But I am very open to finding a way to representing all community members in this. I am by no means an avid ATV/UTV user in fact I am a cyclist/runner and all about silent sports but who am I to limit my community members in enjoying their recreation. Would I want to see them on any of the trails in town, absolutely no. The path to Belmont absolutely not. As a community I feel we need to all make an effort to help each other out. Try to make it work. This will in no way help my business. It may however help others. In two years if it has not worked so well and the authorities cannot seem to maintain safety then pull it out of the community.
- The proposed trail route is on streets used by a lot of semi-trailers. If ATVs are used on the same street, I foresee horrible complications. I also believe that it is a way that people will drink and drive as it will not count against their license. Are there not enough drinking and driving deaths already with regular automobiles in Wisconsin. What is the possible benefit of this? Making money? Is that better than public safety? Especially by Neal Wilkins Schools?
- There are numerous studies out that show that it is not appropriate to have ATV use on paved streets through towns. You are going to have children under driving age

operating ATV's that do not have the maturity and developmental cognition to be operating around cars and pedestrian traffic. For example, see www.governing.com/topics/public-justice-safety/gov-roads-atvs-fatalities.html. Once you open them up to our public roads, it will be very hard to go back, or replace lost human cost. The tourists who come now, and who are the kind we really want to attract, will be turned off by turning our town into one where ATVs are whizzing down the streets. We want a classy town. PLEASE don't allow this to pass!!!

- This is a bad idea. These vehicles should not be used within the city limits.
- What are the reasons for suggesting ATV/UTV use in Platteville? if it for revenue, my guess would be that the bus would be the business serving the ATV/UTV drivers. These same patrons. after visiting the bars, will hop back in those vehicles, plus be driving on our city streets. This is concerning, we have so many children in our community. in the area of the proposed routes that will be affected by this additional traffic. It is a worry.
- Ridge Ave – The street is not strong enough to hold all. As the last concrete in street was bad, this is breaking up, after just two years. Very dangerous for Ridge Ave.
- We already have all of the cement trucks, excavation equipment, and everyone who drives to Menard's/Aldi/Walmart, etc. driving down Broadway. There are small children walking unattended to NWilkins. It is already one of the noisiest streets in town. Let's share the love and send traffic to some of the richer parts of town.
- This will open the city to significant risk that has no upside. I do not see any reason to allow this traffic for getting fuel, ATVs hold a lot of fuel and we don't have off road trails where one would run out of gas. Promoting ATVs to get to bars is a step in the wrong direction. This will open up a huge can of worms for the city for the benefit of a few.
- I don't want the noise & traffic & DUST/MUD they create. Pitt & Sylvia Streets have a lot of traffic already in the summer...making it less safe.
- This proposal is requesting permission for lawful drivers to operate ATV/UTV vehicles which are not that dissimilar than a motorcycle. Let's get the decision made; please stop wasting taxpayer time and money. Look to the data from other successful communities.
- If the city does decide to go ahead, I would hope it would be very limited routes that will be re-evaluated after a few months. My overall opinion however is still that this will create more problems and dangers than benefits.
- Are ATVs required to have insurance? Even though the ordinance states that ATV/UTVs would be prohibited from operating on recreational trails I am concerned that this would be an issue.
- Safety around parks, schools, Legion Field, etc. should be the council's utmost importance - not economics. This is horrible. Do not vote for this.
- I live along one of the proposed routes. I do not like ATV's; they will add noise and chaos to my street and to neighborhoods that I frequent; even if there isn't a dramatic increase in ATV's on my street they will create more chaos than there currently is and I don't want that. When I visit Eagle River in northern Wisconsin in the winter there is a

constant buzz of snowmobiles and this disrupts my enjoyment of being there. ATV's similarly offer pleasure to some while taking away from the safety and peace for me and my family. Further, we all know that sunset clauses don't work. Once something has begun it is significantly more difficult to end, even if many people don't like it. ATV's are built for recreation and they are welcome to do this, just not on my street.

- I am very concerned about people being able to legally to operate ATV/ATV on city streets without proof of insurance. I am also concerned about people being allowed to legally drive an ATV/UTV on City streets after a driver's license suspension or revocation.
- Yes, I talked to someone in Potosi who as ATV route behind their house. When the ATV's go by you cannot hear the TV in the home. I talked with someone in Lancaster and the 1st word out of their mouth was "they just go to drink" (the person did not even hear what I was going to say). Drinking and motorized vehicles are very bad. I live at the corner of 4th ridge. There are LOTS of little kids going that way to the pool/park/middle school. that is NOT safe for them. I have lived in Platteville since 1982 and the city/county has done fine without an ATV route in the city.
- This will bring a lot of money to the city of Platteville.
- This proposal simply does not make sense in an urban area. When an All-Terrain Vehicle enters into a city, in particular around children at parks, I see it is a noisy, dangerous proposal that has no place in this community. Please do not approve any of these city routes.
- Nope.
- I would like to see stricter or more severe penalties for ATV/UTV use concerning alcohol violations. I also have concerns about crashes and automobiles and these ATVs/UTVs not needing insurance.
- I think parking should be eliminated on the east side of fourth street from the pool maintenance driveway to where 4th turns into Ridge Ave. Traveling north the corner is too narrow when cars are parked on 4th Street.
- Please hear that what is being discussed is ultimately a privilege and a recreational activity, not a right or necessity. With this privilege comes limitations, and unfortunately that is the reality. I'm not saying that we shouldn't have this, but we also need to smart, responsible, and respectful about it. We need to take the time to educate the community and create the strongest case possible backed by research to do this right. Just because other communities have made this work, doesn't mean it can be generalized to all other communities. We have responsibility as recreational vehicle enthusiasts to put in the work to educate the public, and not expect that everyone should just understand where we are coming from. As soon as we lose awareness of this being a privilege, it can lead to a feeling of entitlement, which then can ultimately lead to greed. The greedier we become, the more we become our own worst enemy in advocating for our sport. I'm this process let's take some time to check our own privilege and assess if it is helping or hurting. Using the argument that spending 15 - 20k

on a vehicle that is a luxury and not a necessity makes us entitled to using it however we want probably isn't the best PR approach. It's my choice to spend my money on a recreational vehicle, and it is not fair for me expect others to feel sympathy for me when I don't want to accept the limitations that come with it. The most frustrating part of being involved in the recreational vehicle community since I started many years ago is the sense of entitlement that basically leads us to shooting ourselves in the foot. It is our responsibility to work to be stronger and more respectful advocates of the sport we so truly enjoy!

- Routes should be different and not near kids/ school zones/ bike routes/ safe routes. Only allow during summer time, bad idea for college and high school kids to be drinking during academic year.
- Many.
- I mentioned comments throughout the survey.
- I see this being a very positive thing to bring to Platteville.
- Looking forward to this being allowed in Platteville.
- I am VERY glad the proposed ordinance includes the following: operator's minimum age of 16 years, valid driver's license requirement, seat belt requirement for passengers AND operators, and restrictions on open intoxicants and operating while under the influence. I would NOT be in support of this if any of them were not included.
- Main street is already difficult to navigate especially when coming from a side street like the one-way from the Mound City bank drive-through. Trying to see around parked cars and vehicles going faster than speed limit on Main makes it hard to see regular vehicles, let alone ATVs Madison St has heavy school traffic and should be considered limited to summer only if at all. The first accident involving an ATV that results in injury or death of an ATV occupant will bring liability claims against the city for unsafe routes. I understand attracting tourism, but these are recreation vehicles intended for recreational use, not street use. There has to be a way to allow the ATV community to reach recreational areas without traveling on heavy traffic streets. It is about all people's safety, including ATV users, both local and tourists.
- I do not support the idea of ATV/UTV use in the city. These vehicles are not appropriate in terms of safety for our city and while many would, I do not believe that the users of the vehicles would consistently make good choices. I envision a Friday night with school in session and people ripping off from Second Street drunk and dangerous to themselves and pedestrians. This would diminish the character of our town and make Platteville a less desirable place to live.
- Do they have turn signal? The noise they make, racing on roads, drinking and driving. they are off roads vehicles. Are you taking taxes off people who live on these routes? Do they carry insurance, are they licensed? Will they be drinking in our parks and ripping up the grass? Will they be fined if there in town after 11:00 pm driving or at the bars?

- The police dep can't or won't do anything about cars and diesel straight pipe trucks on Broadway now.
- Does it really matter?
- Who's going to patrol these areas?
- Why is the city so averse to change when it does not directly benefit the university?
- As a resident on one of the proposed routes, we already live with a continuous stream of trucks, semis, motorcycles, cars, quarry trucks, etc. 24 hours a day. The summer that we had construction in front of our house for several months was actually the quietest summer we've ever had in this house, because 7a-8p construction was quieter and more limited than our normal traffic. This is also a route with pedestrians, including school children, runners, and bicyclists. Any increase in traffic affects the safety of all.
- There are no she restrictions on the operation of vehicles within City limits. According to state law children 12 years or older can operate the vehicle. I strongly disagree with allowing young children to operate motor vehicles on city roads with normal traffic.
- Noise, drinking and driving (safety), increased traffic, stress on infrastructure, stress on law enforcement.
- This is a horrible idea. These vehicles are loud and unsafe for city streets. This is a regressive proposal. Please do not approve it.
- We should be expanding waking/booking routes, not ATV routes.
- Concerned about enforcement of routes and proximity of University to some routes. Doesn't seem like a great idea with the large university population-the age group isn't always the most respectful of property. Also have questions about entry routes into City? I also am not in favor of routes that go primarily through residential neighborhoods.
- What are benefits of doing this? do they outweigh the safety concerns? Is there another city with similar population that has done this? How many accidents? complaints?
- I'm very concerned about the following: a) ATVs are not safe to operate on roads - they are off-road vehicles. The Yamaha owner's manual for the Warrior YFM 350XS(C) specifically states that it is "unsafe to operate this vehicle on any public street, road, or highway" - I'm reasonably certain we could look at many more owner's manuals to see the same statement. They are not designed for use on paved roads. Why are we even considering this when the manufacturers state the safety concerns quite clearly? b) School route safety. There is a lot of potential for interference of ATVs/UTVs with school traffic and hazards to students walking to/from school. If this ultimately is approved, then there should be prohibitions against their use in school zones during start/dismissal times (as has been regulated in other WI cities), as well in areas where we know there are a lot of students crossing roads. c) Noise levels. Platteville has high quality of life due to its being quiet. We live one row of houses from Main Street on the west side of town; unless ATVs/UTVs are quieter than the Amish riding their buggies through town, I frankly don't care to hear them in my neighborhood at night. I could

somewhat understand proposed routes to allow people to pass through the town, but I see absolutely no need to encourage recreational driving around town in vehicles that are NOT DESIGNED FOR CITY STREETS. I admit great difficulty in understanding why there is a need for this - we don't allow snowmobiles or horses (except for the Amish) on our city streets. What benefit is there to the larger community? What is the demand underlying this proposal? Why are we disregarding the inherent safety concerns as expressed by the manufacturers themselves?

- I do not want this use to be allowed in the city.
- I think it's a dumb idea!! We have enough vandalism and theft going on now there is no since of adding more!! Plus are there going to be more police add to shifts to patrol the speeding and drinking. It's been witness the drinking and speeding in the country by many!! AND if more officers are needed is it going to reflect on our taxes! If the city wants this then THEY should be responsible for EVERYTHING not us tax payers!!!
- I am very concerned for the safety of pedestrians and motorists. I am extremely concerned for the safety of children walking and riding bikes on our city streets with ATV/UTVs on those same streets.
- Routes do NOT positively affect businesses other than taverns or gas stations. The majority of ATV riders don't use them to gain access to shops or other retail places.
- Driving in the dark and not having proper lights to be seen by anyone. They should not be allowed in the dark (there's a reason by bicyclists choose daylight hours). - Driver's under the influence of alcohol or drugs - Pedestrian safety - If anyone can have one, and they are allowed to take the most direct route the designated routes, doesn't that mean that every road can be driven on? - Driver's not following the rules of the road - Does the city get any money from ATV/UTV users for using the roads? Some roads could get extra worn from the tires. Maybe a registration fee should be created. - These are off-road vehicles not created for on-road use -- that makes them dangerous. - The Department of Transportation does not recognize these are roadworthy vehicles: Why should our city? We should choose the possibility of money for some businesses over the safety of all? - - It needs more input from everyone before this is enacted. - Are there some moving violations that don't go on a user's driver's license? - During the school year, there's too much traffic (car, bike, pedestrian) and that makes this addition to the streets unsafe for everyone.
- There have been concerns raised about other university cities having these. Platteville is unique as it is in a relatively rural community. Allow passage to and through our community will allow people to take advantage of the rural area even more. People from more urban areas may consider coming to Platteville to travel the area, stay in Platteville hotels, eat in Platteville restaurants etc. The draw with these units are not to drive around town, but to drive through or to businesses while also accessing trails in the county. I think this is very positive. I think that the Council should be mindful of over regulating at first and watch for issues that pop up and regulate only when it is apparent

that it is needed. A lot of emphasis is put on alcohol consumption and rightly so, these issues can be addressed with regulation from the start and have already been addressed by open intoxicants ordinances in Platteville.

- Don't understand a need for this in Platteville. Routes involve areas highly used by children and families (Smith Park, Aquatic center, and Legion Field) which brings safety concerns. These are off road vehicles by design, what is their purpose in the city? Also concerned about increased traffic noise by elderly residential and nursing facilities, increased work load on police department to monitor appropriate usage and adherence to laws. Especially concerned about community impact when 4000+ college students return in the fall. Are they going to bring ATV's with them, ride them in town, who is going to monitor them? Main street is high traffic and limited parking, limited parking/storage if students bring in trailers will be taking up 4 parking spaces on the streets.
- I think this would be an enforcement nightmare for the police department and the city.
- Just keep the routes away from the existing Arboretum trails and city parks.
- I have very serious concerns over the age of ATV/UTV drivers on any city streets. Legal age to drive an ATV is 12 in Wisconsin, if they are not licensed to drive a regular vehicle, how would they comprehend driving with traffic...especially with the semi traffic along Lancaster St, Chestnut, & Water Streets. Personally, I cannot envision a child under 16 handling traffic. Running around on country property and personal property trails are vastly different than being around a semi. What about wheel tax? We pay it on our vehicles, do they have to pay it as well? What about insurance & registration? Are they required to carry the same as regular vehicles? Maybe if these items were addressed, age requirements met, insurance met, etc., I would be in support, but until then, no. I cannot see this being a safe addition to our city.
- Safety concerns. With added college traffic, it's an accident waiting to happen. Hard to see ATV's, especially for semi's. Add to that the starting age for ATV drivers, we'd have 14-year old on the city street, operating motor vehicles. ATV Club is not a non-profit--so why is the city putting in the signs for them at taxpayer cost? For the limited amount of people that will benefit from this, VERY few that are tax- payers for the city, I think it is a not a necessary addition for the city.
- I feel to be inclusive to all, consideration should be given to the ATV users to access our community.
- ATV/UTV use should not be allowed in Platteville. They are a nuisance, they obstruct traffic, they bring very little business to the area except for a couple gallons of gas and a beer or two. They tend to gang up and ignore traffic rules. What's the point? We've got enough horse manure on the streets now.
- Platteville PD rarely stops loud trucks and motorcycles screaming through neighborhoods especially on north 2nd St. This is going to make our neighborhoods even louder.

- Noise, filth, obnoxious behavior, crowding, parking and traffic issues. All around bad for the city.
- THANK YOU for the broad dissemination of information on this!
- I live on Water Street, one of the proposed routes. My house went unsold for one year mainly because of the volume of noise from the high truck and auto traffic on Water Street, a state highway. This will increase the noise and the traffic. Installing a lane just for ATV/UTV would reduce the space available and necessary for safe passage of large trucks and farm equipment. I assume this would also involve "No Parking" signs will be added on the proposed lane, a big inconvenience for residents along Water Street. How will the ATV/UTV drivers access the trail from outside the city limits? Do they break the law and travel on an unmarked roadway into the city? Who will enforce this boundary? It's my understanding drivers as young as 12 years old could be operating these vehicles. This is unsafe and dangerous. Are the operators required to carry insurance and register their vehicles? This will create an additional enforcement burden on our police dept.
- I support this because of the community we live in and the proposed rules seem fair.
- No, should not pass.
- I am concerned with how this will impact the safety of roads. While I understand that if they operate on city roads they are held to the laws governing those but what happens if an officer notices a violation and then the ATV is on the private trail? Can an officer still give a citation with the same consequence? Or will we now have ATVs racing to a trail to avoid consequences? Will they ATVs be registered with license plates so you can track them down if they flee? I understand the appeal of this for businesses to make money but as a mother and frequent pedestrian I worry about how this will impact our community. I was once asked what I would like to see Platteville be...a safe community that is family friendly. I do not see ATV routes through town as either. We need to be focusing on attracting families to our community and I strongly believe this will negatively impact our ability to do that which will then have long term consequences for our community, especially businesses.
- I feel every street should be open.
- ATV/UTV are off road vehicles. They are too loud and too dangerous for city streets. They're not even licensed to drive on city streets. Next people will be wanting snowmobiles going through town. You are also proposing this next to an elementary school. I worry enough about my children on Broadway. Safety is always number 1 and this is not safe! I do not support this at all!
- No.
- Why are we proposing routes when we don't have bicycle routes/bike lanes? Bicycles are quiet and don't pollute and don't take up parking spaces especially downtown. We should encourage people to bike
- ATV/UTV usage in Wisconsin has been growing over the past 10+ years and the City of Platteville needs to decide if they are going to embrace or shun them. Other

communities have embraced them (Darlington, Monroe, Black River Falls, etc.) and the impact on their community has been positive. ATV/UTV's are not inexpensive to purchase and operate.... therefore, the stereotype of the typical rider should be compared to current "Harley-Davidson" riders. They are not "hell raisers" but instead are people of all social classes that just enjoy being outdoors.

- I am concerned for the neighborhood children as well as the many walkers who enjoy our community. Additionally, I question the regulation of noise limits, although mentioned in the code regulation unless officers will be equipped with decimeters I find this an aspect that will be difficult to enforce. I support change for the betterment but do not see this as one of those opportunities, as such I am opposed to ATV/UTV within Platteville city limits.
- No.
- If any streets are opened to ATV/UTV use ALL city streets and trails should be opened to ATV/UTV use, this includes the Rountree Branch trail so users can access Keystone Parkway.
- I think the City Council should be embarrassed by how they treated the gentleman that spoke on behalf of the ATV club at the meeting on May 22nd. Many of the questions were ridiculous and some of the council acted like they had no clue about what an ATV/UTV even was. And, as usual, they send everyone off on a wild goose chase to collect data and spend money.... Are you required to go and get information and opinions from every single person before you enact ordinances that affect them? Of course, not.... But you're requiring the ATV/UTV club to do that. (Phrase omitted-inappropriate language).ken Platteville is dying because of the "not in my backyard" mentality and because of the City Council. How many businesses come and go? We should be thriving and we're playing second fiddle to Darlington, Belmont, and other small towns. Get your act together!
- This is a horrible idea. Our city streets are already unsafe and city policy has constantly undermined the safety of pedestrians and bike riders. This is just another initiative that will further do this.
- This could only help our local economy.
- I feel that the arguments opposed to these routes are based largely on fearmongering to the public. "If you approve this plan, then ATV gangs of 10 people will drive past the pool and ruin your family outing" is not a valid point. Nearly all surrounding townships and cities have established similar routes, and many states have approved these ideas long before ours was considered. This proposal brings a hopeful impact to businesses in the area and makes our city more visitor and citizen friendly. If noise is the main concern against these ATVs/UTVs, please consider new ordinances to ban all motorcycles.
- I am a farm kid and grew up with ATVs as well as trail ride. They are engineered for earth terrain and not asphalt or cement. They don't handle the same and can be squarely. I assure you that someone will get injured riding busy streets.

- This is not good for the people who live in town. Who is this plan aimed at? Who is to benefit and at whose expense?
- I like the approach to getting the community's opinion.
- None, let get this thing going.
- I do not want them zipping by streets that have parks or the pool. Asking for trouble.
- This is a growing recreational activity in WI, with significant increases seen in SW WI. Providing thoroughfares through the city will help increase visitors to our community and is an additional form of tourism. Including our community in supporting of this activity should help those businesses along the routes. It may also foster the establishment of businesses supporting this recreational activity outside the city. (e.g. RV parks, additional off-road trails, sales and service facilities, and others catering to UTV/ATV activities).
- As with all vehicle traffic in the City, enforcement is key. My personal experience has been the self-enforcement of this group of enthusiasts. They realize access is a privilege, not a right, and as such will help to self-regulate.
- I am not in favor of opening up city streets to ATV/UTV for the following reasons: 1) The Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, a manufacturers trade group, takes the position that "ATVs are designed, manufactured and sold for off-road use only." 2) Nearly 100,000 people are hurt annually in ATV crashes, according to federal figures. Researchers have found that roadway injuries tend to be more serious than those on forest trails and other off-road locations. 3) WI state law requires ATV drivers to be at least 12 years old and UTV drivers to be at least 16 — and then only after receiving safety certification. I don't believe that 12-year-old children have the capacity to make quick decisions to avoid an accident and we should not put them in a situation where they need to make a decision to either avoid a pedestrian, child crossing the street, bicyclist or a car they didn't see coming. 4) No surface is more dangerous for ATVs than pavement, many road safety authorities say. But across the country, more local and state governments are allowing all-terrain vehicles to be driven on paved roads. 5) The ATV industry opposes driving off-road vehicles on public roadways, cautioning that paved surfaces hamper the machines' handling ability and can cause operators to lose control and crash. Several ATV manufacturers include warnings in their manuals about collisions with other vehicles on public roads. Honda goes so far as to advise riders approaching a paved road to "get off and walk your ATV across." 6) From 2003 to 2013, 13 children have been killed while riding ATVs on public roads in Minnesota. In 150 accidents reviewed by the Star Tribune, 40 percent of the riders were younger than 16 and driving on public roads. In most cases, the children were on ATVs designed for adults — a common practice that has been connected to almost 1,200 U.S. deaths over the past decade. A child riding down a road on an adult-sized ATV embodies the industry's biggest safety concerns, said Tim Buche, president of the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America, an ATV trade group. "If we could change two things, it would be

youth on adult machines and ATVs on roads.” 7) The problem, road safety officials say, is that car and truck drivers can have a hard time seeing ATVs, which usually don’t have turn signals or rearview mirrors. “Traffic isn’t used to ATVs,” said Dietrich Flesch, Wabasha County’s chief road superintendent who opposed opening the county’s road to ATVs. And the machines won’t fare well in accidents, he said. “I don’t believe they meet any crash standards a car would meet.” 8) Many of these streets, Broadway especially, are school children’s routes to and from school as they walk or bike to Neal Wilkins to catch shuttle busses to and from other schools in the city. I would be very nervous for students walking home after school, especially as the weather changes and it is darker in the afternoons, even though the ordinance calls for a restriction from December – March. Many times, we have snow in October and this will only increase the probability of accidents with ice and snow. 9) The purpose of town government is to protect public health, safety and welfare of the citizens that call Platteville home. I respectfully ask that this proposal be denied protecting the public health, safety and welfare of all city residents, ATV/UTV riders included.

<https://www.wiscontext.org/despite-hazards-wisconsin-opens-public-roads-atvs>
<http://www.startribune.com/part-five-dangerous-terrain-atvs-and-open-roads-in-minnesota/283218571/>

- All of the routes being proposed are the already congested main thoroughfares through town, adding traffic that may have unpredictable behavior will have a negative impact on traffic flow. ATVs and UTVs are much louder than regular traffic which will disturb the peaceful nature of Platteville. Additionally, there are no trails to and from town so this will not provide any positive affect on tourism to Platteville or for the businesses in Platteville.
- I thought that the bike route on Ridge was for bikes? Am I wrong?
- This would bring a lot more business to Platteville and tourist.
- ATV usage in town is a very bad and dangerous idea, resulting in liability and complains and noise.
- I see no need for an ATV route in town.
<https://www.wisconsinwatch.org/2017/08/despite-hazards-wisconsin-other-states-open-roads-atvs/>
- This is a very bad idea. Traffic is tricky enough for a town this size. Concerns for bicycle and pedestrian traffic conflicts. I see no upside to this. Strongly disagree.
- I wish there was a connection to the county roads like Mitchell hollow and county xx
- I really hope this is not allowed. Let's make the city more bicycle and pedestrian safe not more dangerous.
- Platteville is the city of progress. Allowing for ATV/UTV access inside the city will generate new business catering to the sport. Also allowing residents further access to their ATV/UTVs.
- Stop at 10pm.

- I support this proposal.
- Parking, in order for the route to benefit Platteville businesses, the ATV and UTV's will need a place to park. A growing issue for Platteville.
- Great and utmost concern needs to be taken. How will it affect residential neighborhoods, school zones, and the traffic on Main St. (which is already horrible and a constant accident waiting to happen). You must take in all propositions from residents on those streets and new laws must be enacted or updated to involve such use within city limits. People speed enough as it is, will ATV/UTVs be subjected to those same laws?
- Not at this time.
- I live on a proposed route. Semis, motorcycles and vehicles are louder on my street than an ATV or UTV. I think it's ridiculous that we are spending my taxpayer money to send out letters to people on the route to make sure it's ok. No one asked if a crotch rocket can drive past my house at 30 mph, but they do, and they are way louder than an ATV or UTV.
- This would be a very very positive business opportunity to increase exposure and bring business to this city!!!!
- No.
- Given the fact that Grant County and other cities in Southwest Wisconsin have approved ATV/UTV use with no real problems, the city's caution is excessive. It's as if the city doesn't want the business of ATV/UTV riders, which is grossly shortsighted.
- None.
- I think it would be awesome if we could drive ATVs around town because I don't have a license to drive a car but I have an ATV license so then I'd be able to drive myself around and not have to rely on others.
- I am concerned about the UW-P population and routes going past our schools. Maybe having a season only when yep is not in session. I am also concerned about the slippery slope of opening more routes or individuals getting from their homes to the route eventually. I am also concerned about the image of freely drinking and atving especially in the city. What can we do to make sure that doesn't occur?
- This is a great idea.
- It would be nice to be able to get to Walmart, McDonald's, burger king and Platteville gas
- As a parent of young kids, I still support the routes because the routes are on roads that are highly traveled and I am aware of the dangers for my kids already on these roads.