



SEPTIC TO SEWER
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

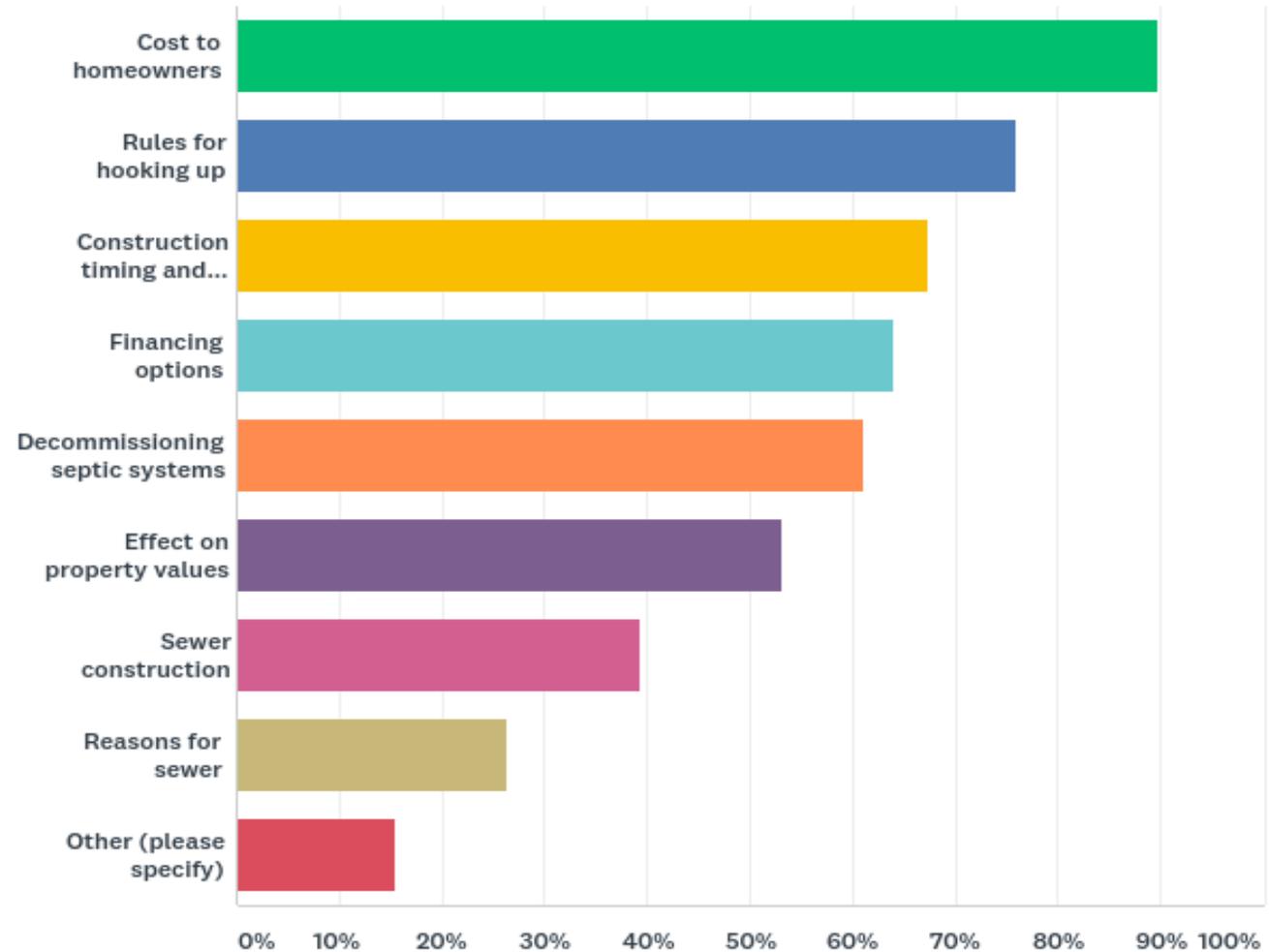


- Summarize public input received
- Possible tools to address concerns
- Overall workplan moving forward
- What information does Council need for decisions?
- Next steps/ wrap up

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & LISTENING SESSION INPUT



- Public Listening Sessions
- Summer 2017
- Door to door outreach- 168 responses (33%)
- In person, mailer, and online survey
- Additional door to door outreach in summer 2018, focused more on property specific issues





Suggested solutions-

- Safety net
- More flexibility to connect for those with functioning septic systems
- GO Bond (Transportation & Sewer)
- Lottery
- Tax increment financing

AUGUST 2017 FOCUS GROUP SUMMARY



- **Two groups:** Project Area property owners, and Citywide sewer customers
- **Highlights:**
 1. There is a general understanding and **reluctant acceptance the area will be sewerred.** *“I understand it's coming, so somehow we need to find a solution.”*
 2. The shared conclusion is **the price tag will be unaffordable** (\$40k-\$90k).
 3. Participants **acknowledge there are issues.** *“When septic systems fail, they don't fail over time – it's all at once.”*
 4. A deeply held **suspicion: the City has a plan** but hasn't announced it.
 5. All agree **the City and homeowners should share the costs** of installing sewers. *“All the people in Bend should help pay.”*

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7. Citywide sewer customers are willing to contribute to solving this community-wide problem.

8. Giving homeowners a way to pay their share over time is much more acceptable

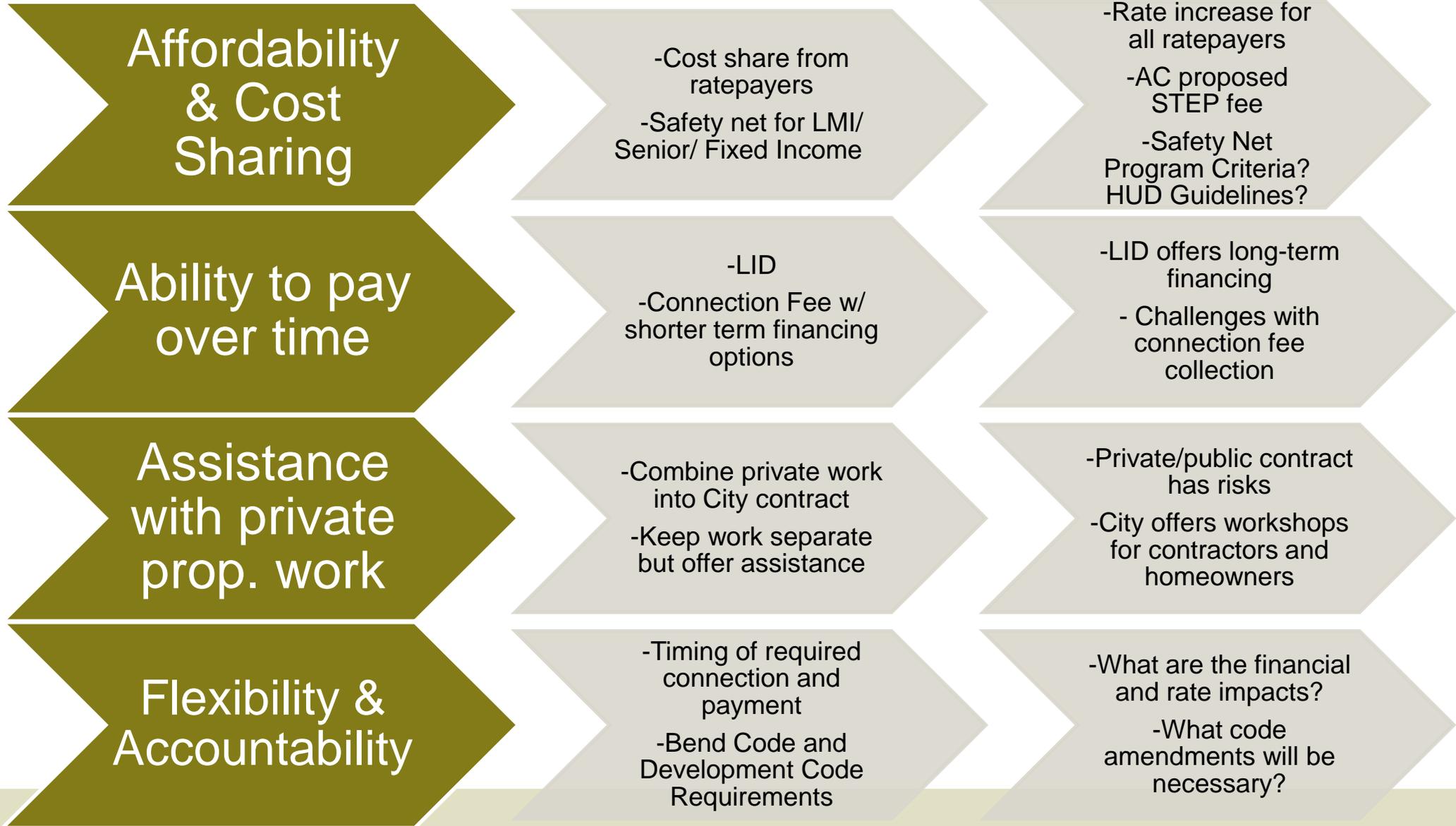
9. Homeowners prefer options that give them choice: on financing methods, timing to hook-up, homeowner contractor selection, and where the connection to their property is situated.

10. Concerns about construction impacts are limited to the loss of shrubs and trees.

11. An unanticipated benefit for hooking up to sewer is gaining the full use of their property.



EXAMPLES: TOOLS STAFF WILL EVALUATE



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETING TOPICS



Sept. 19: Affordability & Cost Sharing

- Rate model and cost sharing scenarios
- Legality of STEP fee
- Are there other rate scenarios we should model?
- Also: Moving to 100% design (regular meeting)

October 3: Flexibility & Accountability

- Summary from other cities and ideas from these peer cities
- Examples of criteria for safety net program

October 19: Ability to Pay Over Time

- Mechanics of LID
- Connection fees and considerations

November 7th: Assistance with Private Property Work

- Bundling private work in our public contract- risks and opportunities
- SEI Stub Out lots

QUESTIONS?

