

CLEARY SQUARE

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Reception Survey*



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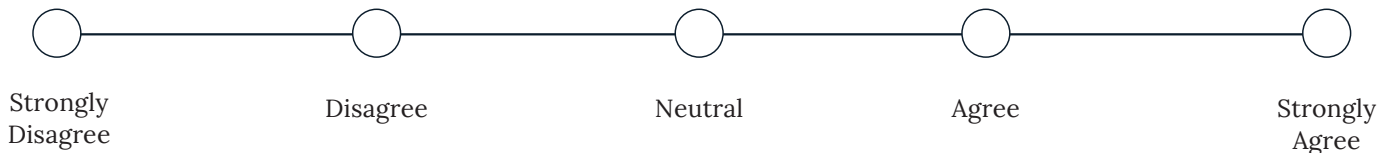
SMALL BUSINESS

STOREFRONT AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Create a more connected and unified square through storefront facade upgrades and infrastructure modernization, focusing on the area surrounding the intersection of Hyde Park Avenue and River Street. This includes funding for general maintenance and upkeep.

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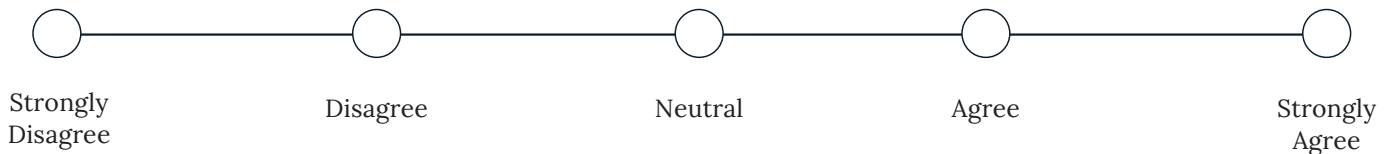
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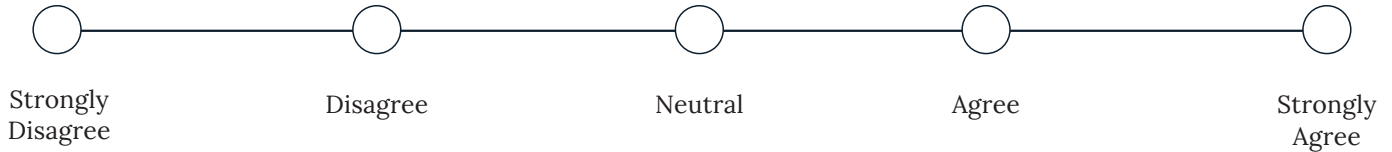
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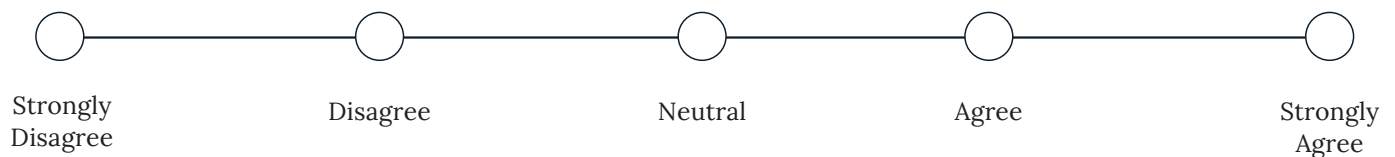
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Enable pathways for a greater diversity of businesses including affordable and healthy food retailers, cafes, sit-down restaurants, and daytime casual eateries. Businesses that provide culturally relevant and affordable goods & services to Haitian Creole, LatinX, and other immigrant communities in Cleary Square are encouraged.

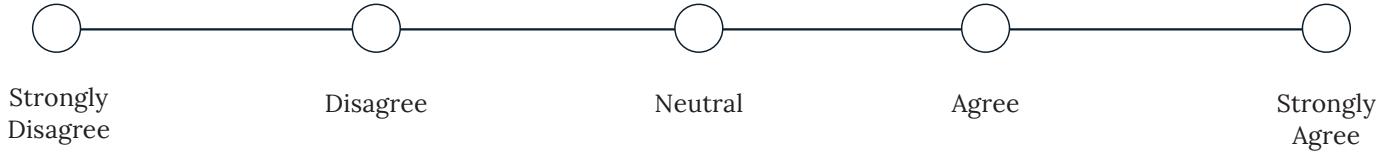
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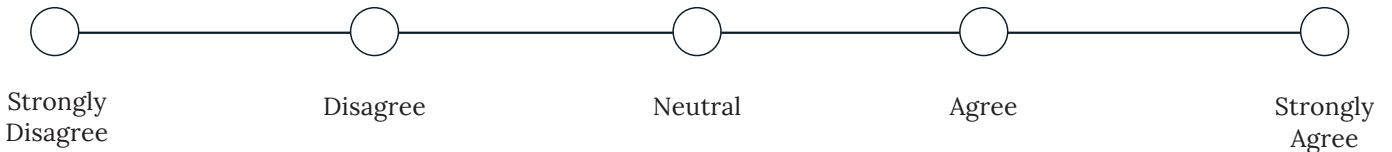
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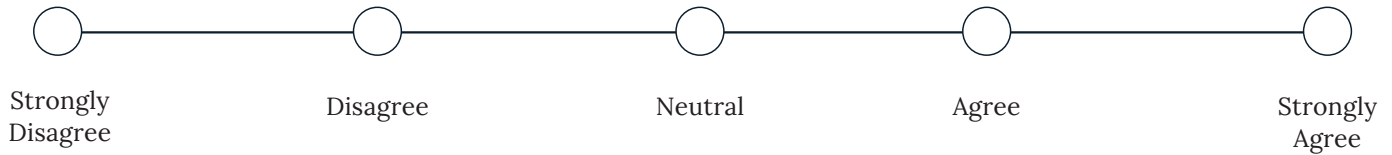
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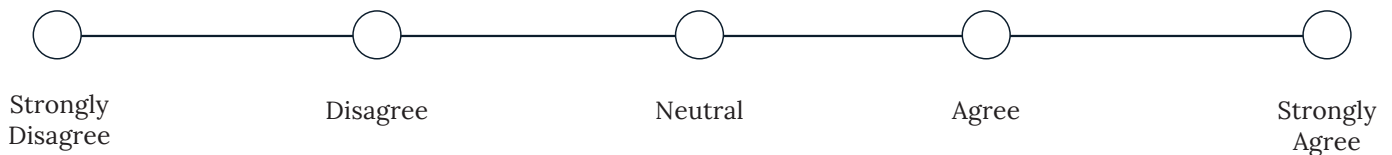
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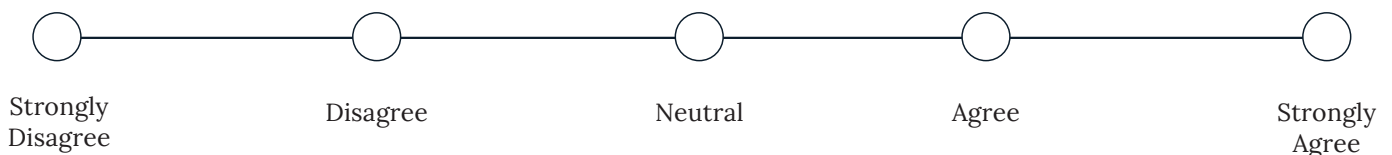
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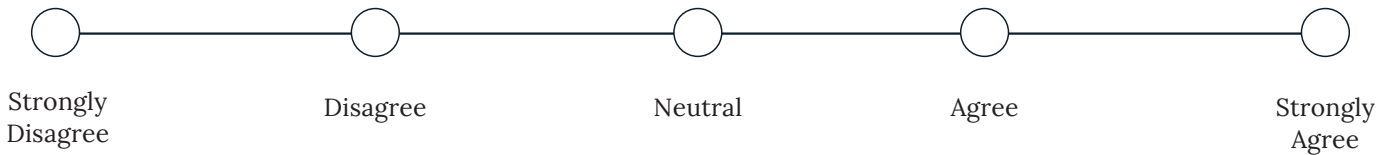
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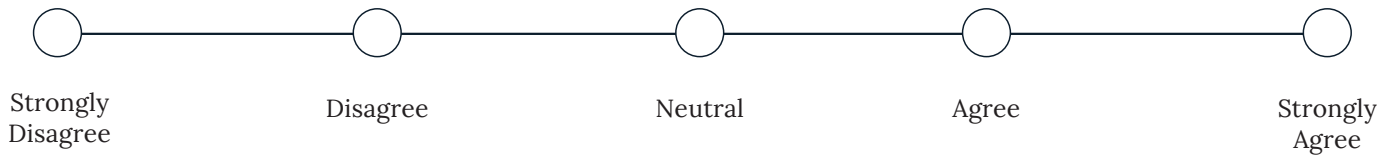
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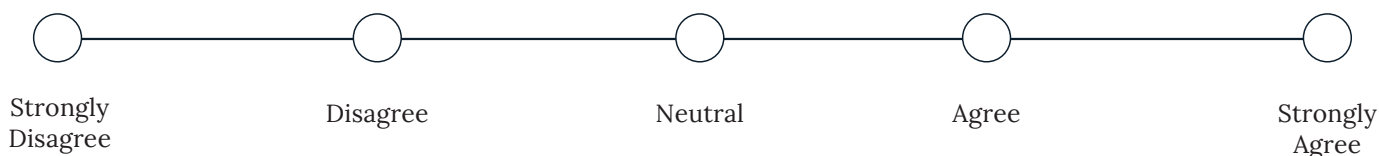
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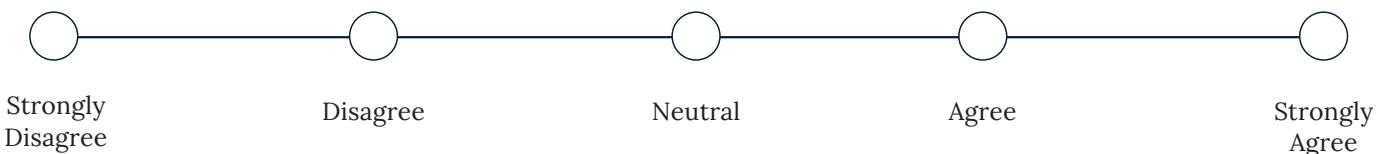
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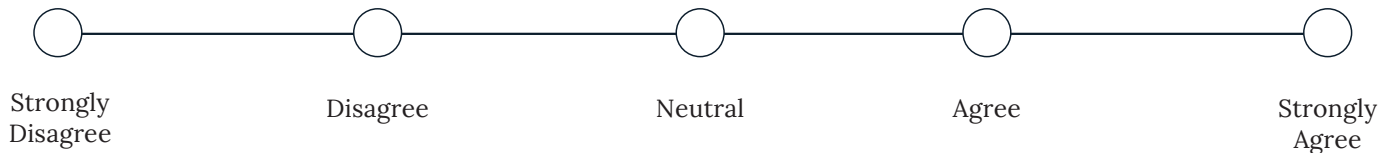
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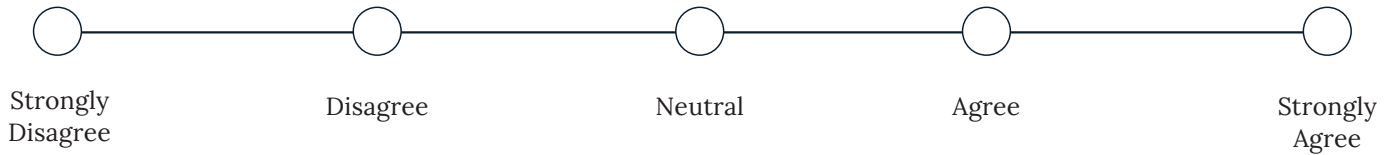
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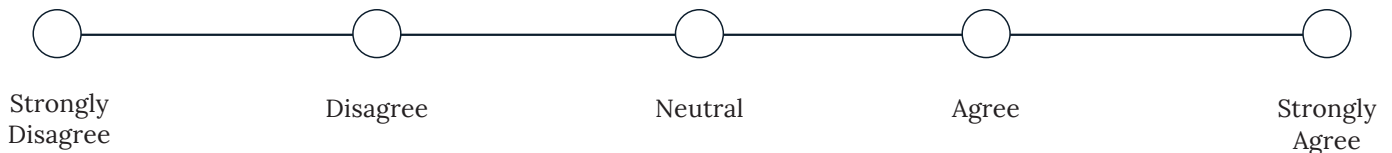


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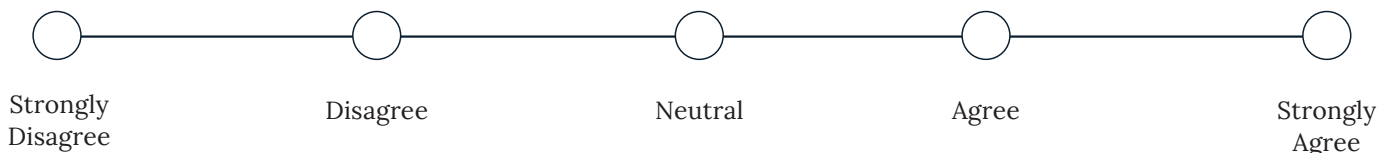
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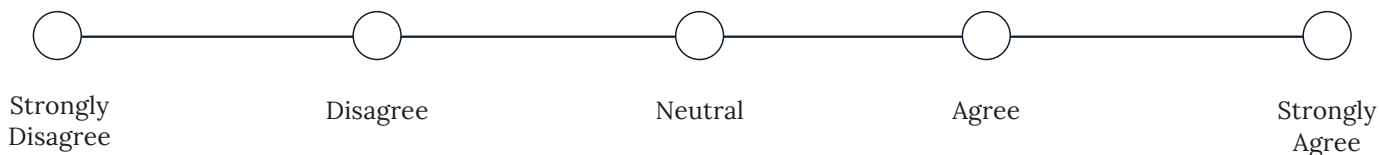
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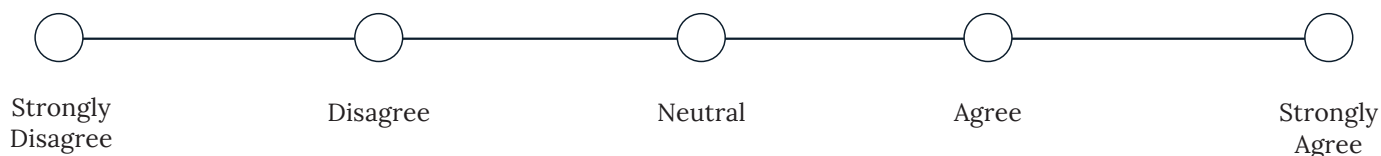
TRANSPORTATION

GORDON AVENUE

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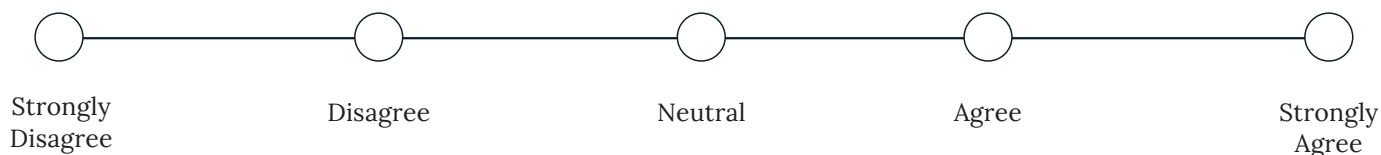
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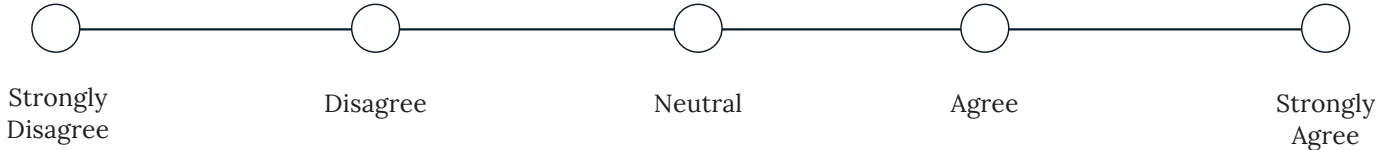
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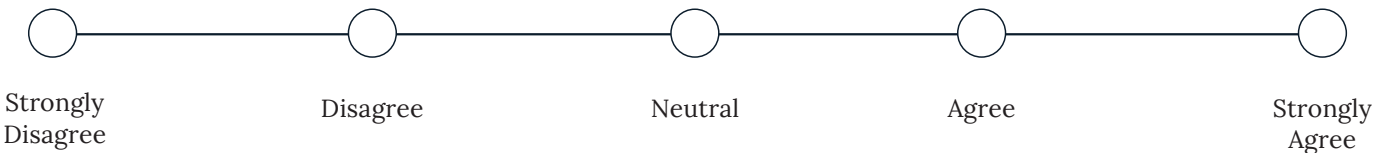
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EVALUATE INTERSECTIONS WITH A HISTORY OF CRASHES FOR NEW SAFETY MEASURES

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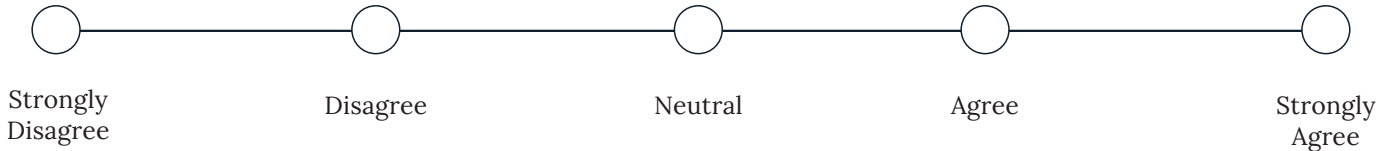
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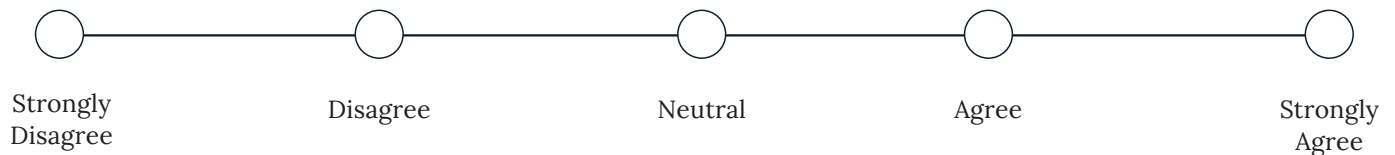
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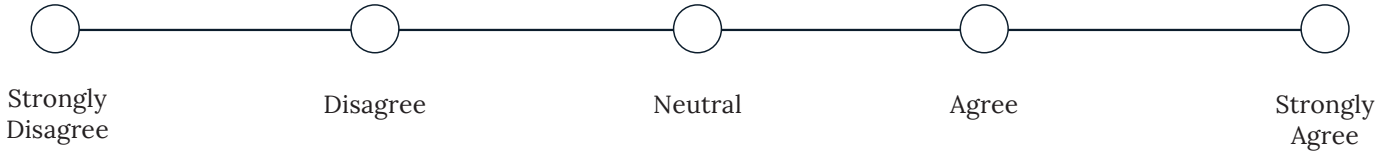
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There are two major bus hubs in Cleary Square. On Hyde Park Ave between Oak St and Dana Ave, there are two busy bus stops (one inbound, one outbound) that serve Routes 32, 33, and 50. At the intersection of Fairmount Ave and River St, Routes 24 and 33 pass through and let people on and off the bus. In both locations, the existing bus stops lack adequate space to provide high-quality passenger amenities. By reconfiguring space around these bus hubs, the streets can better serve the needs of bus passengers and operators while also addressing pedestrian safety and creating space for additional streetscape features like trees and green infrastructure.

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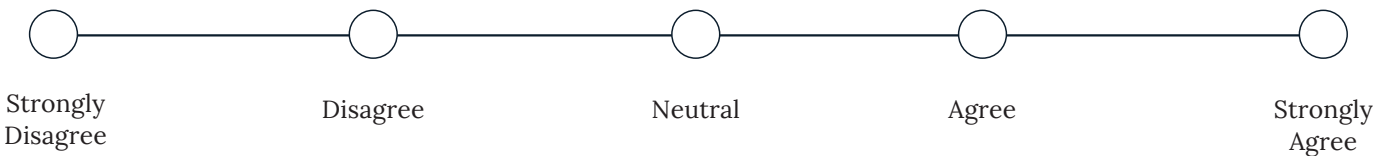
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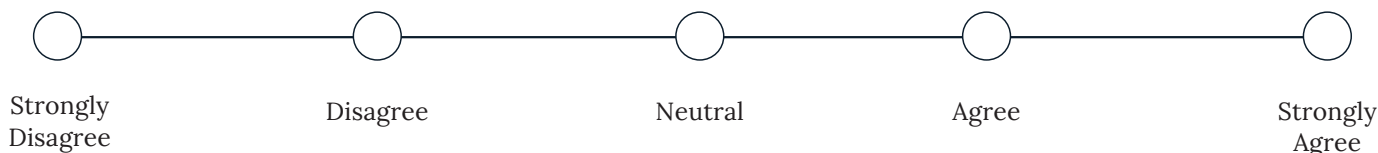
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HYDE PARK AVENUE

Hyde Park Ave carries thousands of bus riders every day, but the bus is delayed by traffic. Many bus stops lack crosswalks or amenities. The City of Boston is currently developing a plan through the Southwest Boston Transit Action Plan led by the Boston Streets Cabinet that will develop and evaluate design measures to improve bus service on Hyde Park Ave. As part of that process, the City will evaluate opportunities to install additional crosswalks on Hyde Park Ave to ensure all bus stops are served by a crosswalk.

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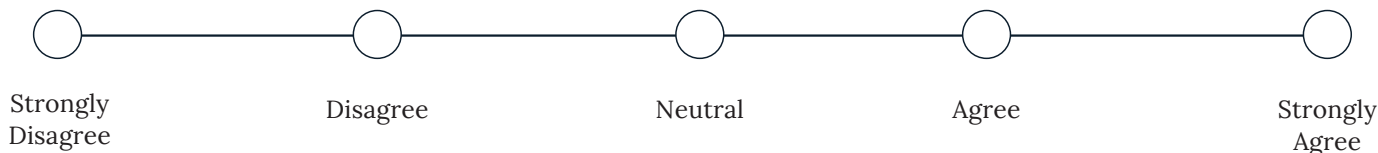
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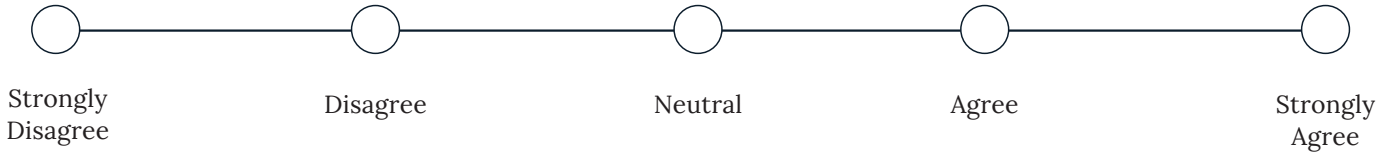
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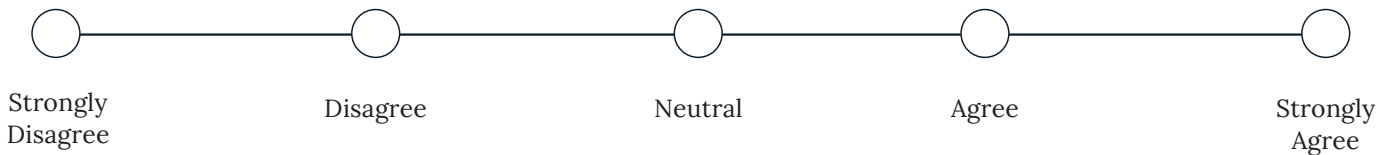
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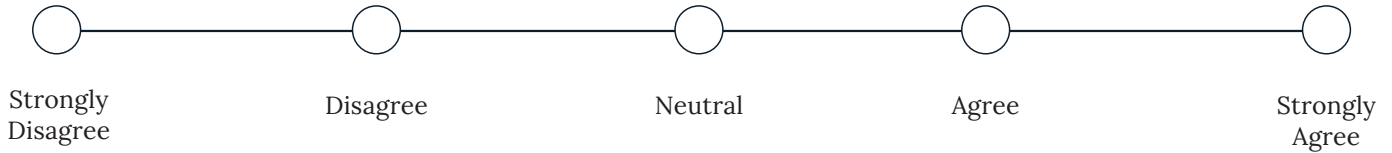
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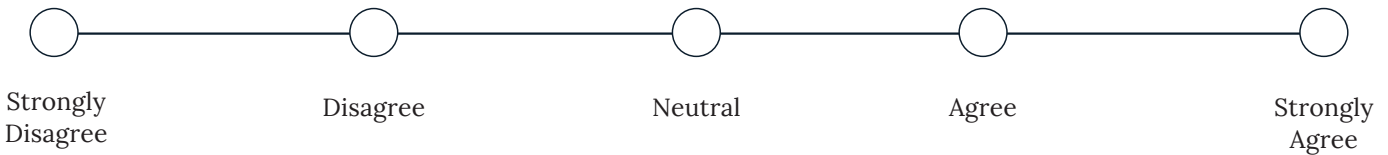
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RECOMMENDATION 2: Work with the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to extend the Neponset River Greenway from its existing terminus east of Fairmount Avenue through the Planning Area, ultimately connecting to the Blue Hills.

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RECOMMENDATION 3: Provide a Bluebikes station at Fairmount Station.

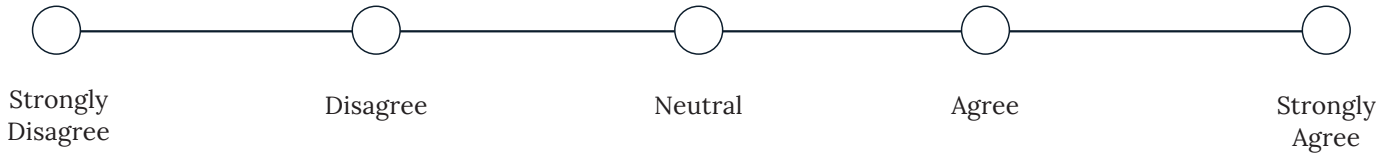
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EXPAND ACCESS TO SHARED PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION RESOURCES TO EFFICIENTLY MANAGE PARKING DEMAND

Today, there are few shared transportation resources available in Cleary Square, such as carshare. In addition, the vast majority of on-street parking in the area is unregulated, meaning anyone can park there for any amount of time. As a result, residents, developers, and businesses have few options for efficiently managing the costs and space needs of vehicle parking.

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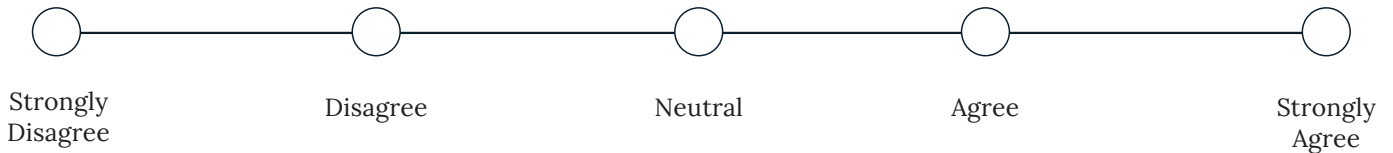
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RECOMMENDATION 2: Study how people use street parking and public parking lots to make sure parking rules fairly and efficiently meet the needs for curb space.



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HOW WOULD YOU PRIORITIZE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS?

- _____ Use traffic calming tools to improve crosswalk visibility and slow vehicle movements on Gordon Ave and surrounding streets.
- _____ Reconfigure the intersection of Gordon Ave/River St through the reconstruction of the River St Bridge to shorten crosswalks and slow turning vehicle speeds.
- _____ Reconstruct Walnut Street to provide an accessible sidewalk, traffic calming, and formalized on-street parking from Dana Ave to Fairmount Station.

Implement design features to improve crosswalk visibility and slow vehicles approaching the crosswalk at Hyde Park Ave/Winthrop St.

Evaluate pavement marking, signage, curbside uses, and signal strategies to clarify intersection operations and improve crosswalk visibility on Fairmount Avenue between Pierce St and Davison St.

Coordinate with the Department of Conservation & Recreation to identify short term strategies to simplify the intersection and reduce conflict points at the intersection of Truman Parkway and Fairmount Ave/Beacon St.

Reroute bus routes to eliminate the need for Routes 50 and short-turns of Route 32 to make a U-turn on Hyde Park Ave, including modest reconfiguration of the MBTA Hyde Park Commuter Rail Parking Lot. Use additional space no longer needed for bus U-turns on Hyde Park Ave to explore expanded public realm opportunities for additional bus stop amenities, wider sidewalks, separated bike lanes, and green infrastructure.

In coordination with the Boston Public Facilities Department, explore reconfiguration options for the intersection of River St and Fairmount Ave to establish high-quality bus stops serving all routes planned under the MBTA's Bus Network Redesign, simplify the intersection for all travelers, and create additional public space for community uses, businesses, and green infrastructure. See open space and resiliency section for a description of the public realm opportunities.

Create a safer, quicker, and more reliable bus experience on Hyde Park Ave.

Work with the MBTA to advance design for high-level platforms at both the Hyde Park and Fairmount Commuter Rail stations to improve accessibility.

Continue to advocate for lower fares (Zone 1A) for the Hyde Park station to reduce financial barriers to the Commuter Rail.

Create a network of bike routes that provide connections to key neighborhood destinations including commuter rail stations, City services in Logan Square, and the Neponset River Greenway.

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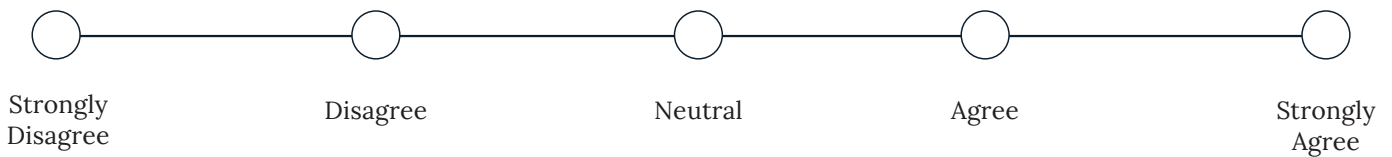
OPEN SPACE + RESILIENCY

ENHANCE THE POCKET PARK

Transfer ownership of the Pocket Park from Boston Transportation Department to Boston Parks and Recreation Department in order to facilitate improvements to and expansion of the Pocket Park, an important anchor to the community and center of the arts + cultural programming in the Square today.

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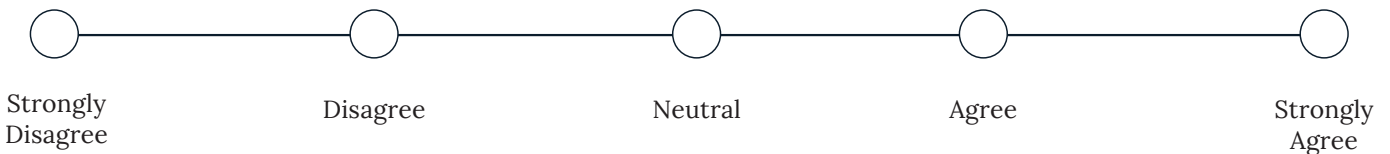


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SUPPORT THE CREATION OF A PUBLIC PARK ALONG THE RIVERFRONT

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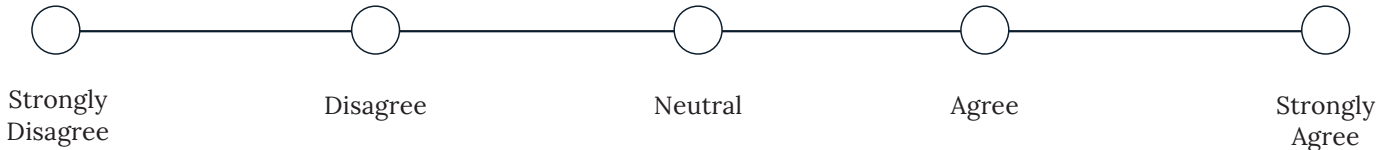


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EXPAND THE PUBLIC REALM

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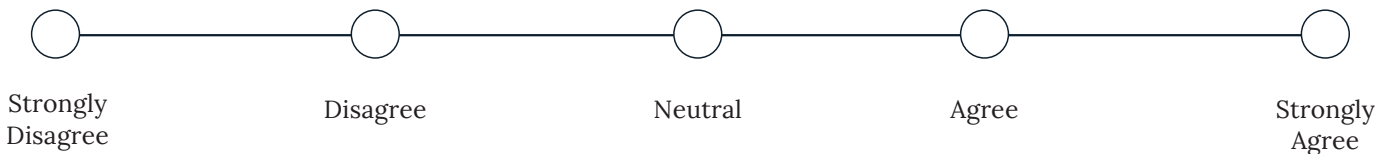


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GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

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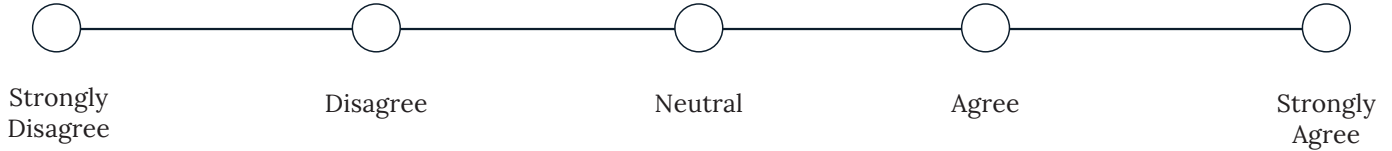


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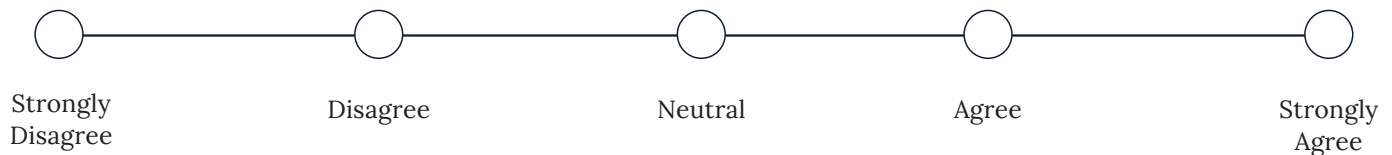
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HOUSING + REAL ESTATE

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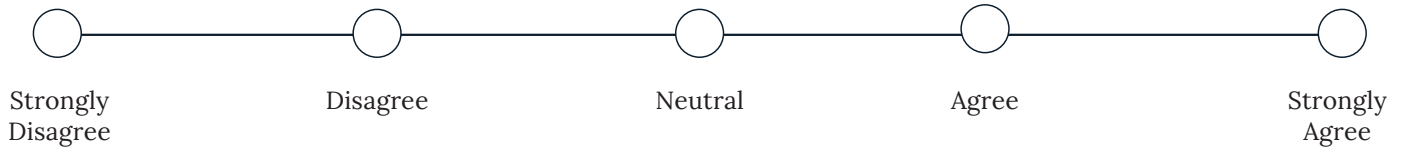
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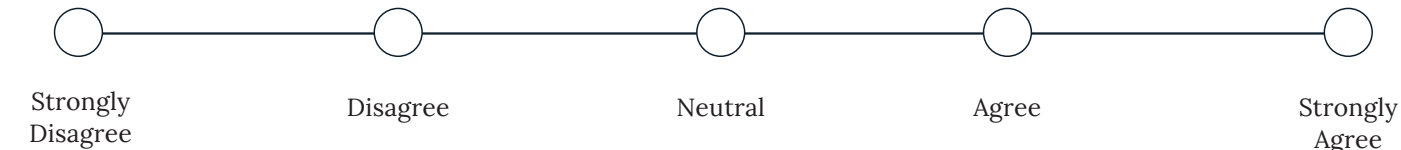


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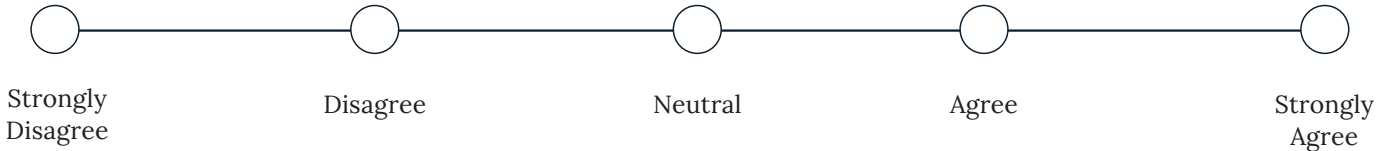
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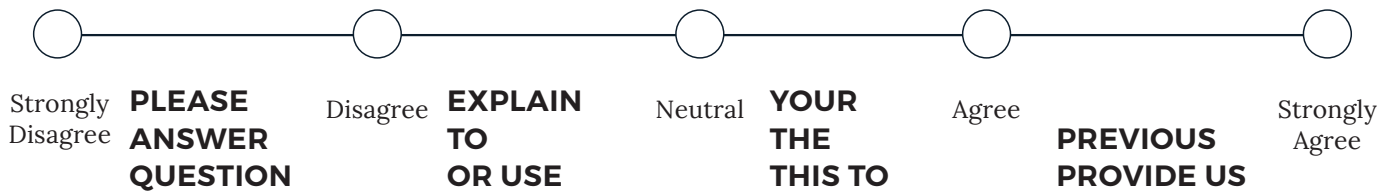
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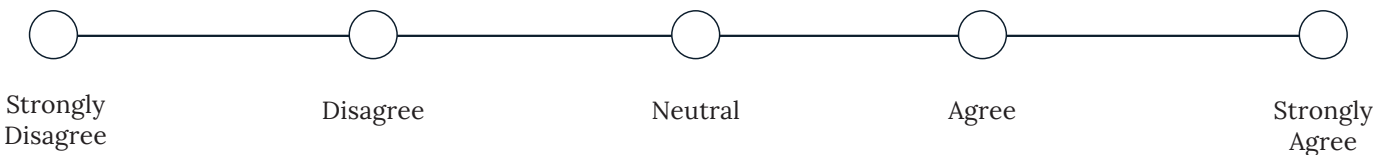


ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

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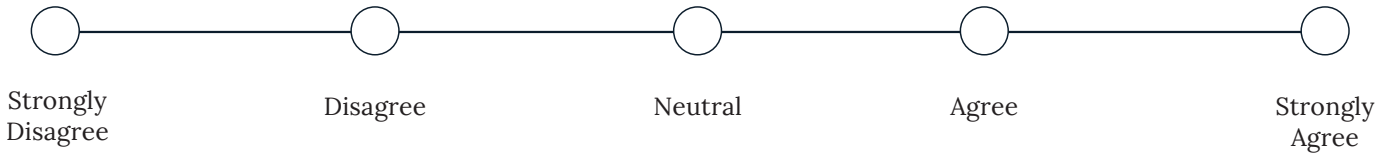
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LAND USE AND DESIGN

COMMUNITY + COMMERCIAL CORE

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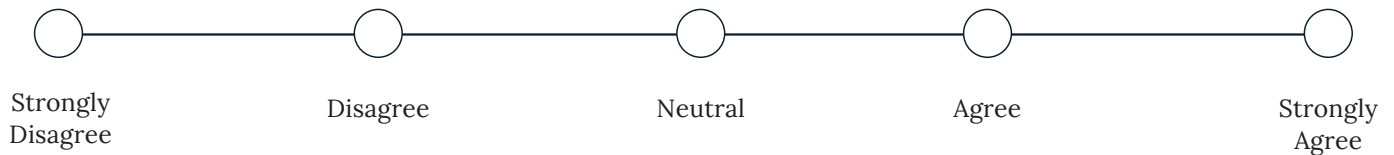
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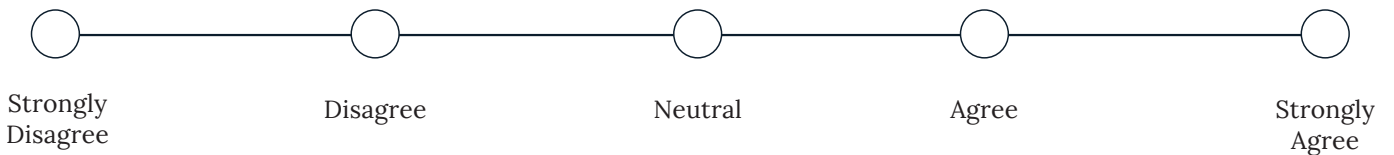
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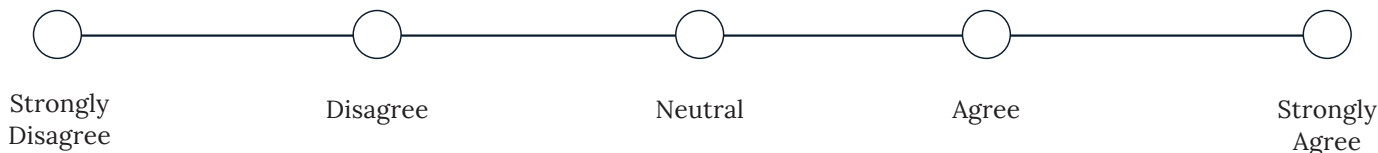
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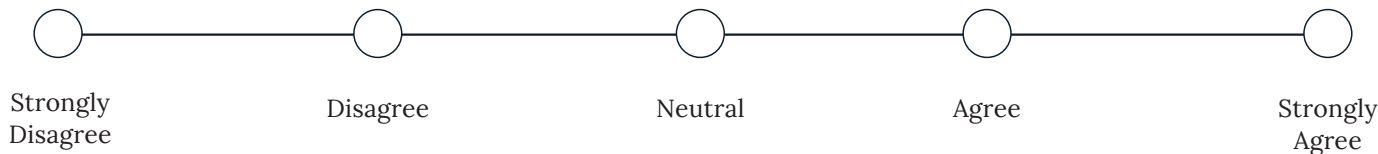
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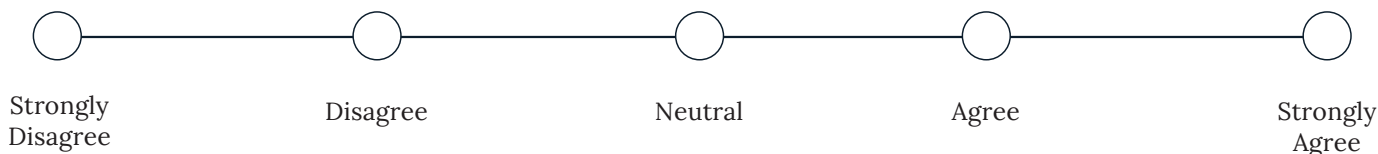
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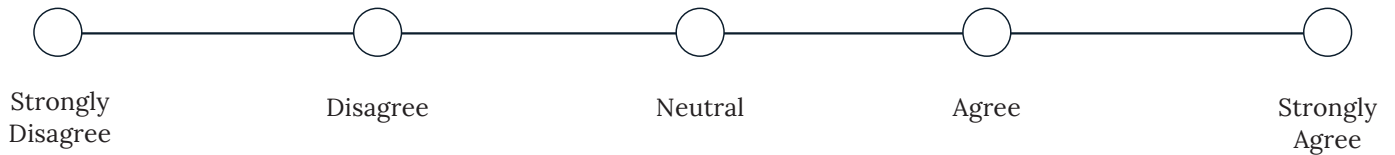
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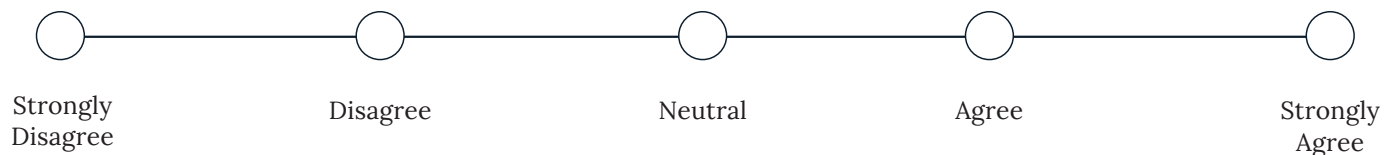


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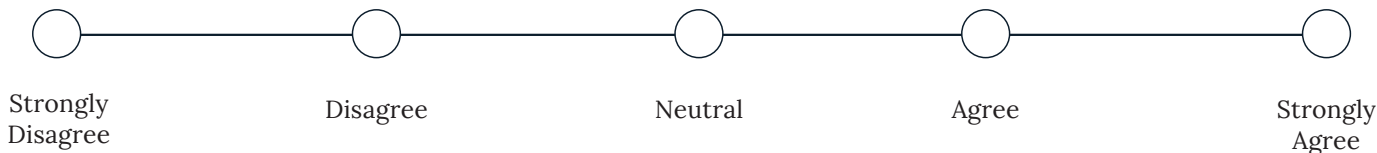
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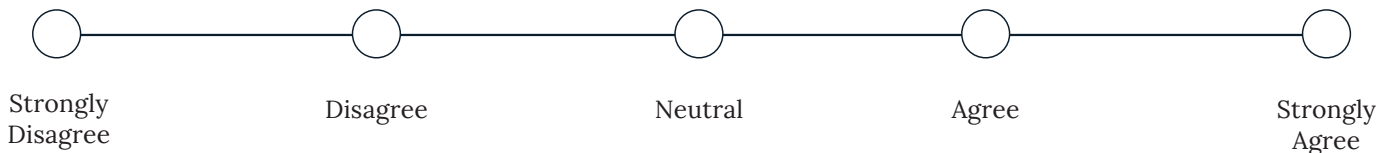
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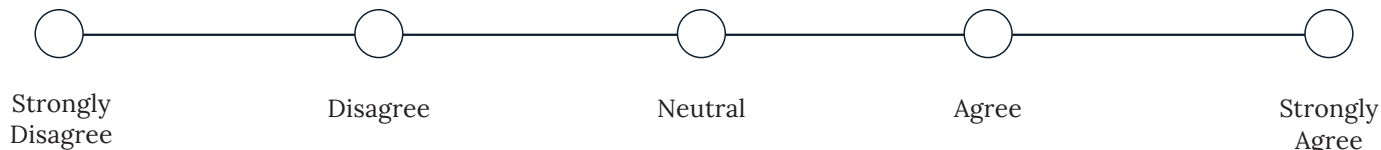


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MIXED-USE TRANSITION

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LAND USE FRAMEWORK

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