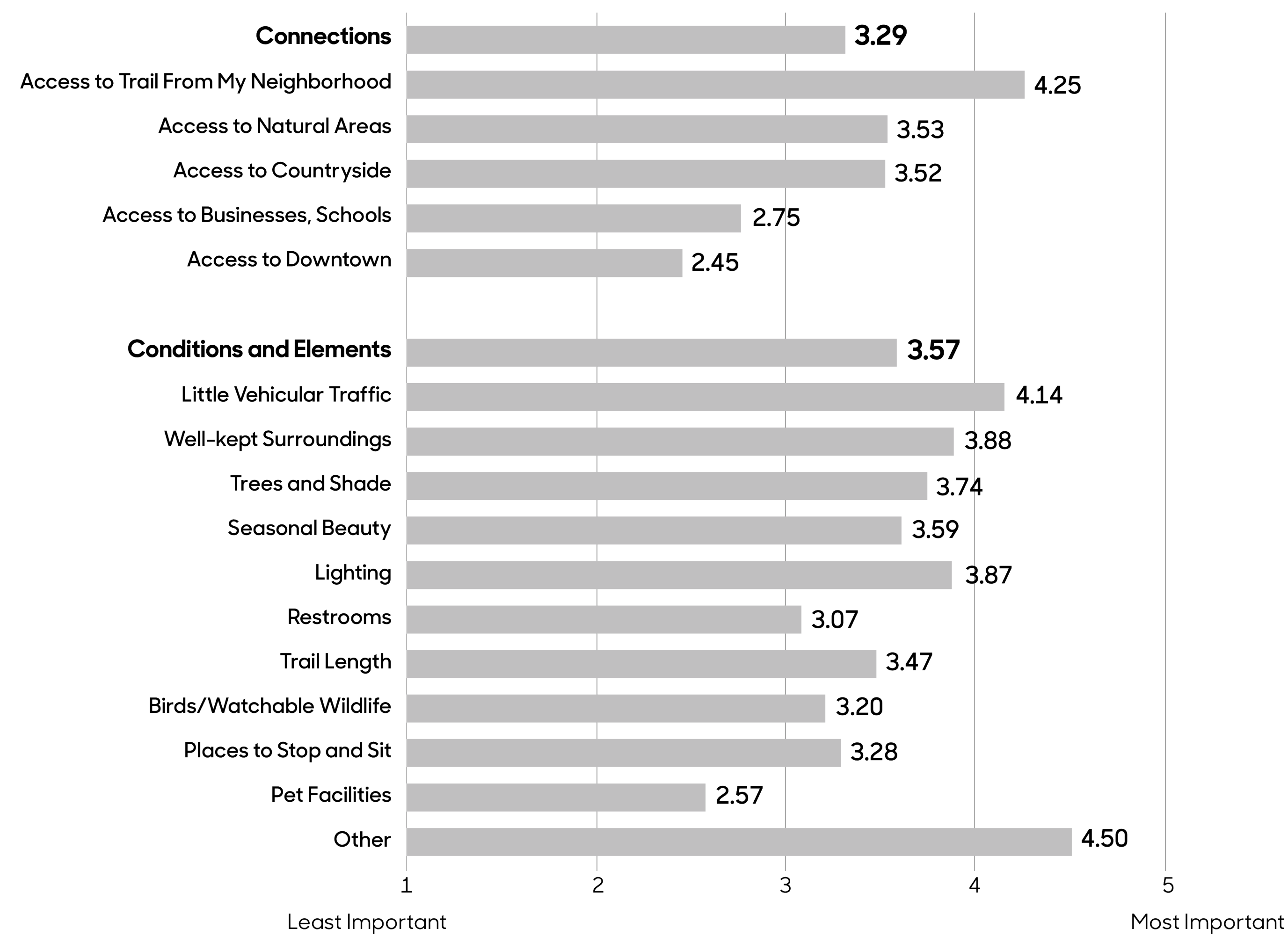


Desired Trail Features

Trails are off-street paths that are paved or unpaved and can be used by pedestrians and cyclists. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important, survey participants ranked the characteristics and features that made their trail experience better. Like the bike route features, they are categorized as either "connections" or "conditions and elements." Conditions/elements are more important to Alleman trail users than connections, with mean values of 3.57 and 3.29, respectively. In terms of conditions/elements, other features (4.50)—hard surface, width, multi-use, and trailhead and destination parking—are most important. Little vehicular traffic (4.14) is also valued, as well as well-kept surroundings (3.88) and lighting (3.87). In terms of connections, access to a trail from one's neighborhood is the most important, with a mean value of 4.25.



"We live outside of town and rarely go into Alleman unless for school or Heartland Co-op. [We] would love to have walking and biking trails in the greater Alleman area. We love the rural feel of the area."

"[We need a] walk/bike path from 'southland' to school and 'old town' [and a] walk/bike path from Alleman to other trails and south to Ankeny."

