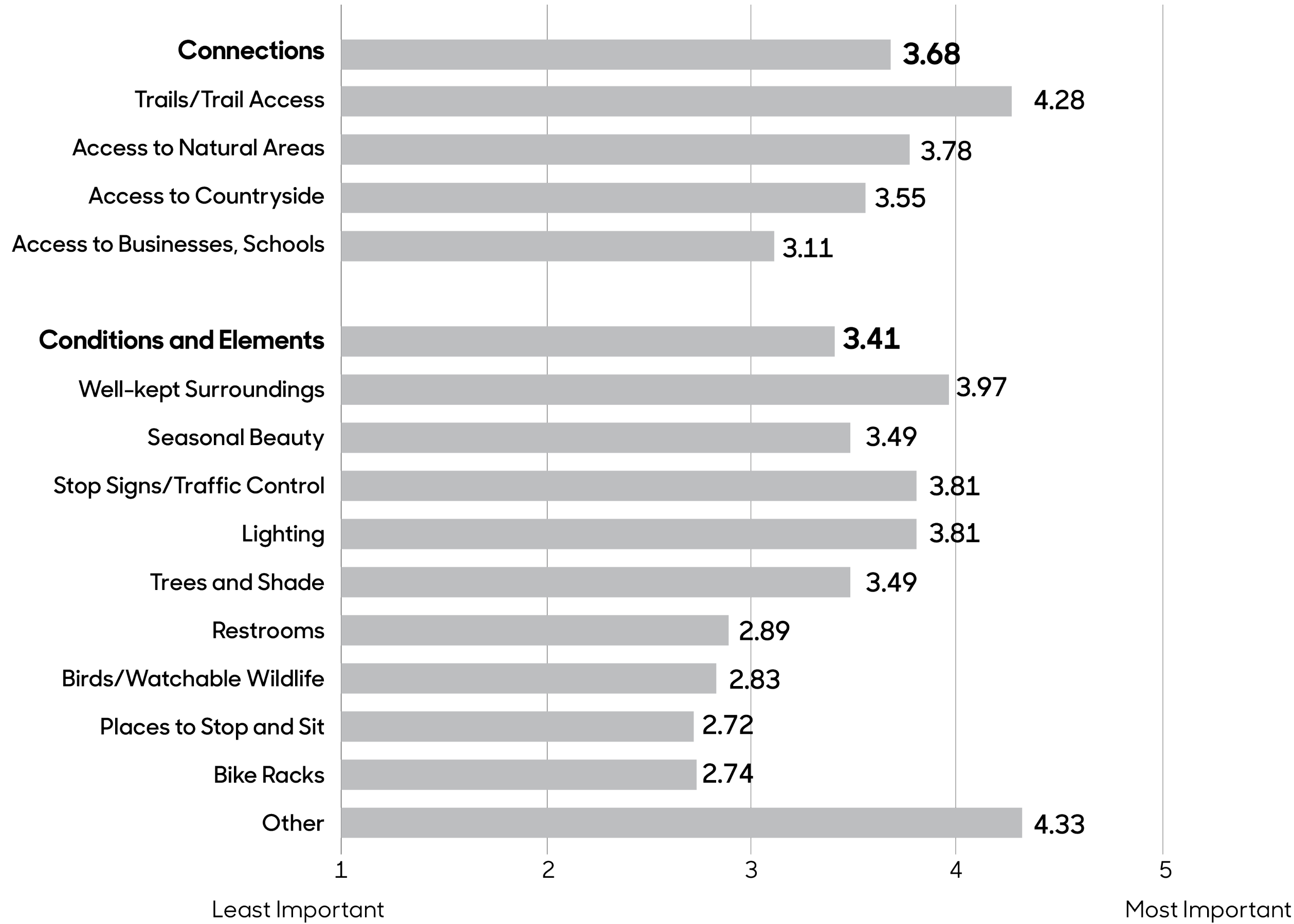


# Desired Bike Route Features

On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the most important, survey participants ranked the characteristics and features that made their biking experience better. These features are categorized as either "connections" or "conditions and elements." Among Van Meter participants, connections are of somewhat more important than conditions/elements, with mean values of 3.68 and 3.41, respectively. In terms of connections, access to trails is most important with a mean value of 4.28. Other factors, such as paved surfaces rather than gravel, are the most important element to cyclists, with a mean value of 4.33. Well-kept surroundings (3.97), stop signs and traffic control (3.81), and lighting (3.81) are also important features.



# Desired Trail Features

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 slightly more important to Van Meter trail users than connections, with mean values of 3.59 and 3.51, respectively. In terms of conditions/elements, lighting (4.20) is the most important element, followed by well-kept surroundings (4.12), and little vehicular traffic (4.09). In terms of connections, access to the trail from their neighborhoods is considered most important, with a mean value of 4.04.

