

City of Santa Cruz 50-Year Community Vision Workshop

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West Cliff Elements



Habitat
Enhancement



Recreation



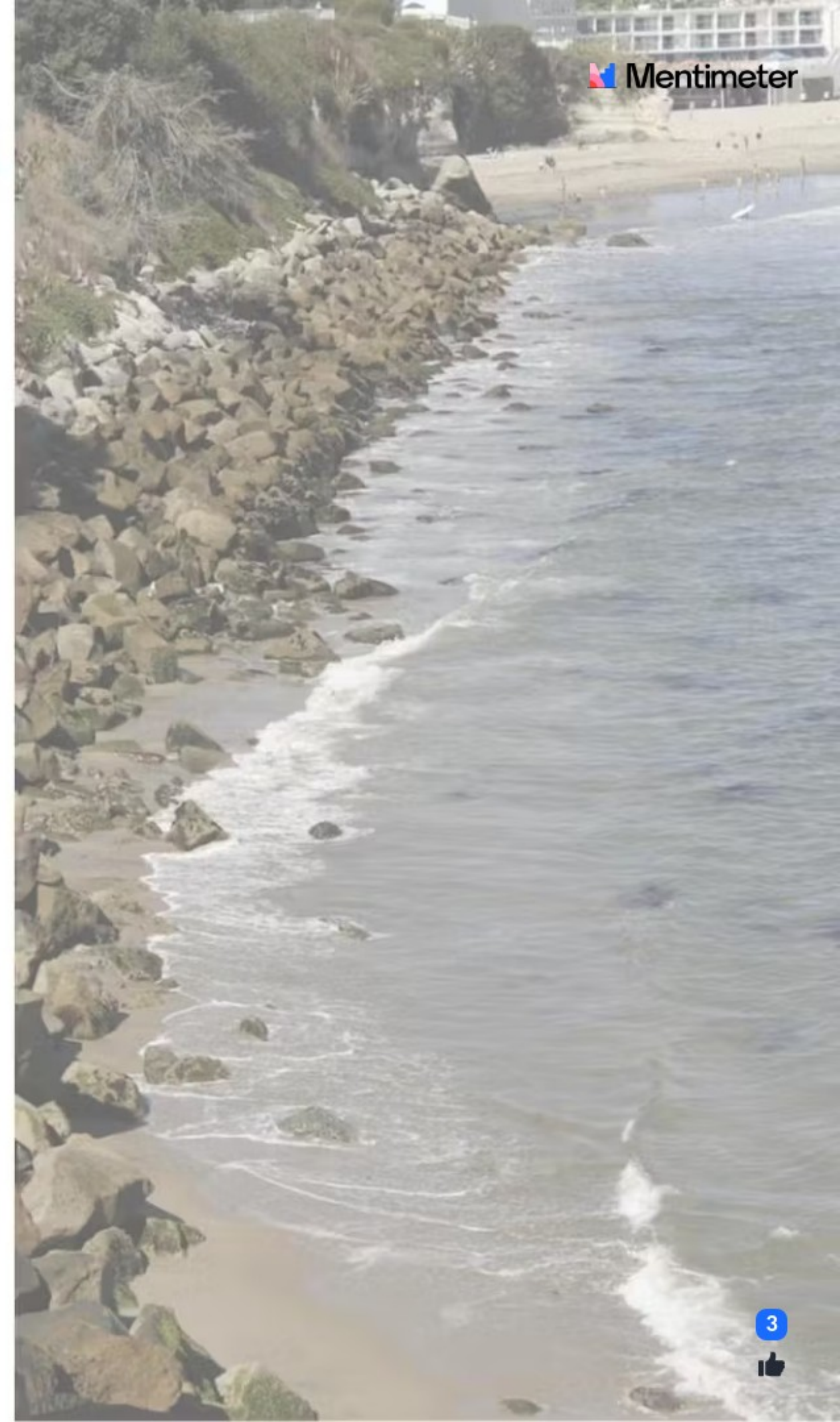
Mobility and
Transportation



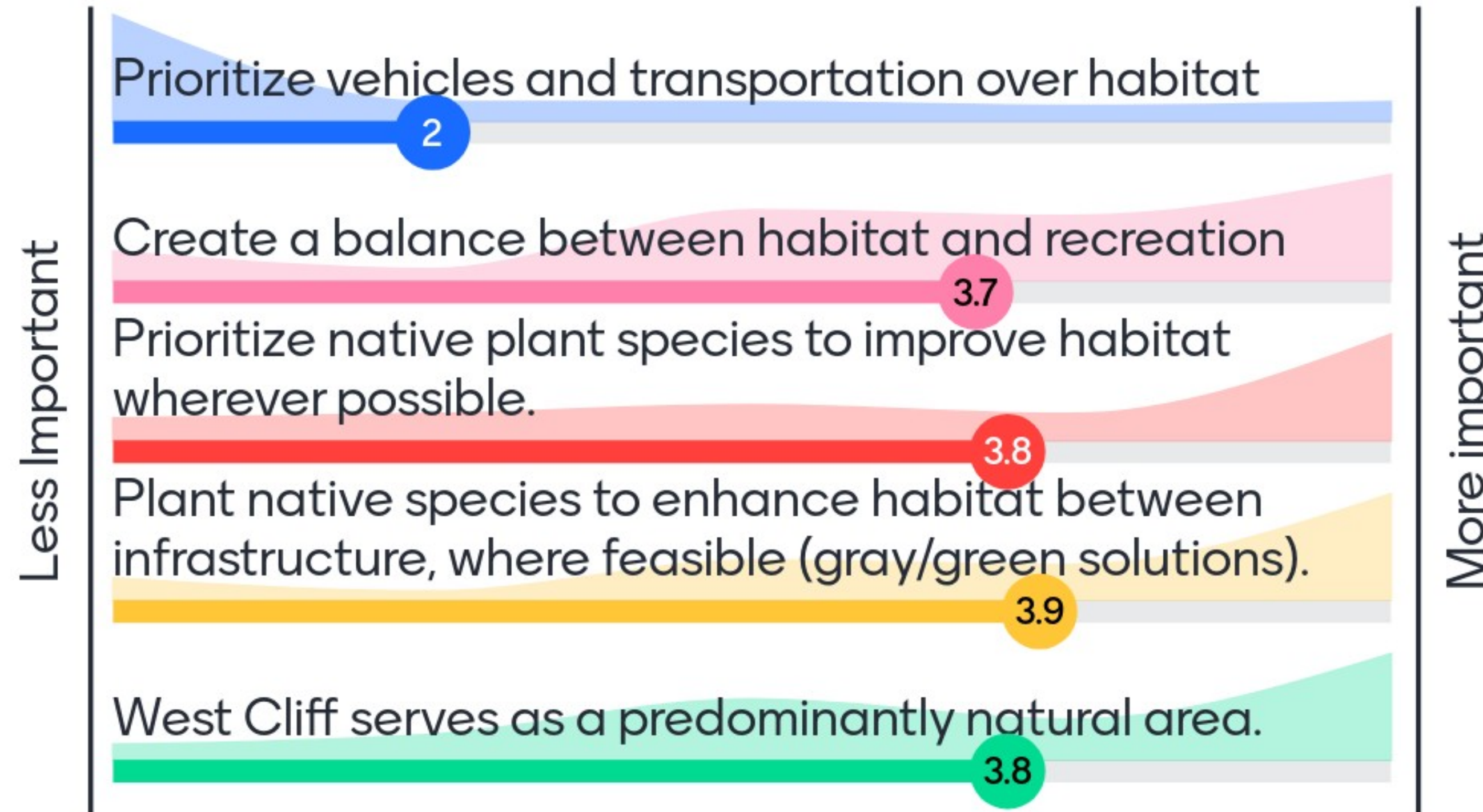
Beaches

Habitat Enhancement in 50 Years

- Prioritize transportation over habitat.
- Create a balance between habitat and recreation.
- Prioritize native plant species to improve habitat wherever possible.
- Plant native species to enhance habitat between infrastructure, where feasible (gray/green solutions).
- West Cliff serves as a predominantly natural area.



For habitat enhancement, which features are more important to YOU to preserve?

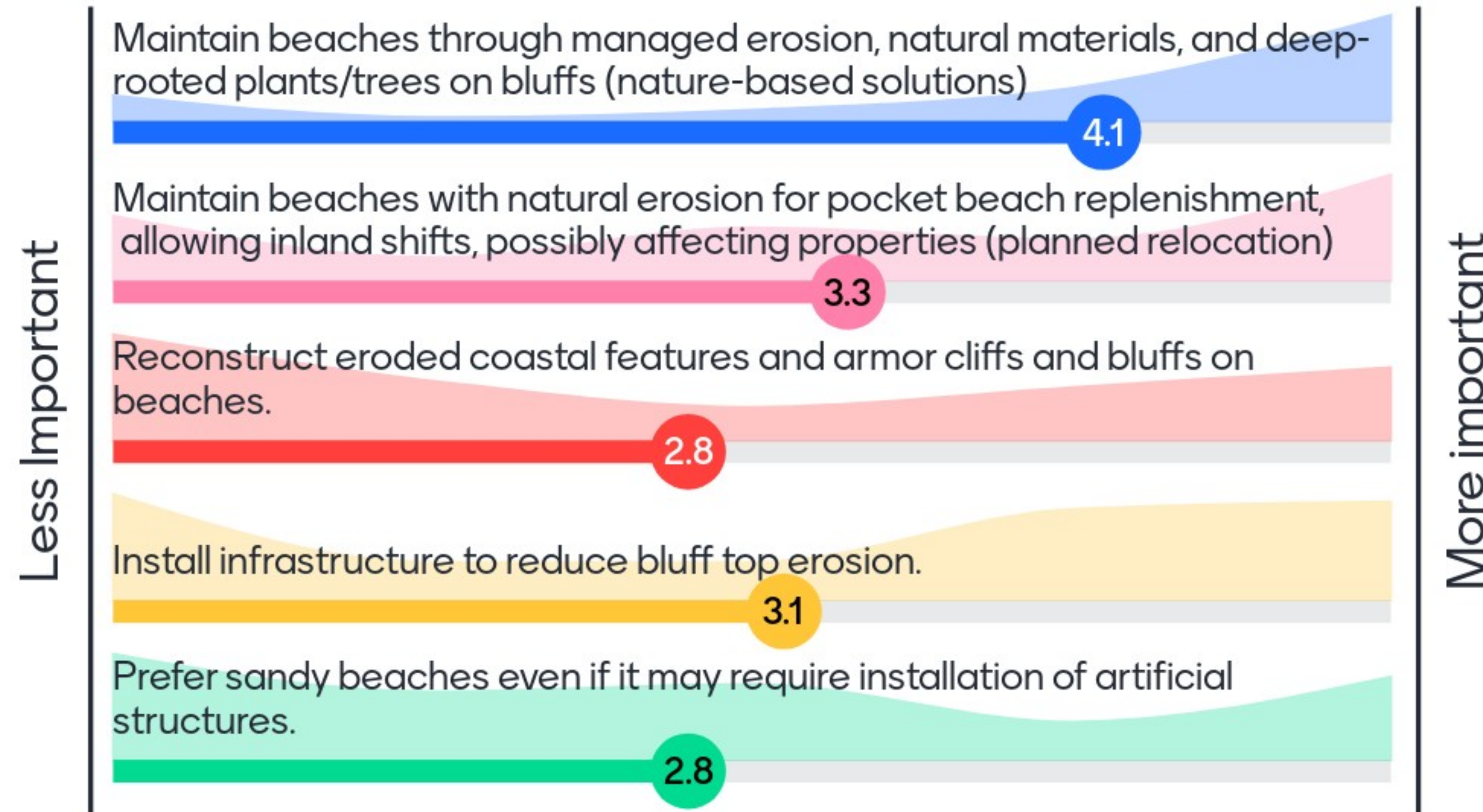


Beaches in 50 Years

- Maintain beaches through managed erosion that feeds the beaches, placement of natural materials such as boulders and tree trunks on beaches, and planting of deep rooted plants and trees on the bluffs where possible (nature based solutions).
- Maintain beaches through natural erosion to replenish pocket beaches and allow beaches and beach access points to shift inland with some loss of public, and in some cases, private property (planned relocation).
- Reconstruct eroded coastal features and armor cliffs and bluffs on beaches.
- Install infrastructure to reduce bluff top erosion.
- Prefer sandy beaches even if it may require installation of artificial structures.



For beaches, which features are more important to YOU to preserve?

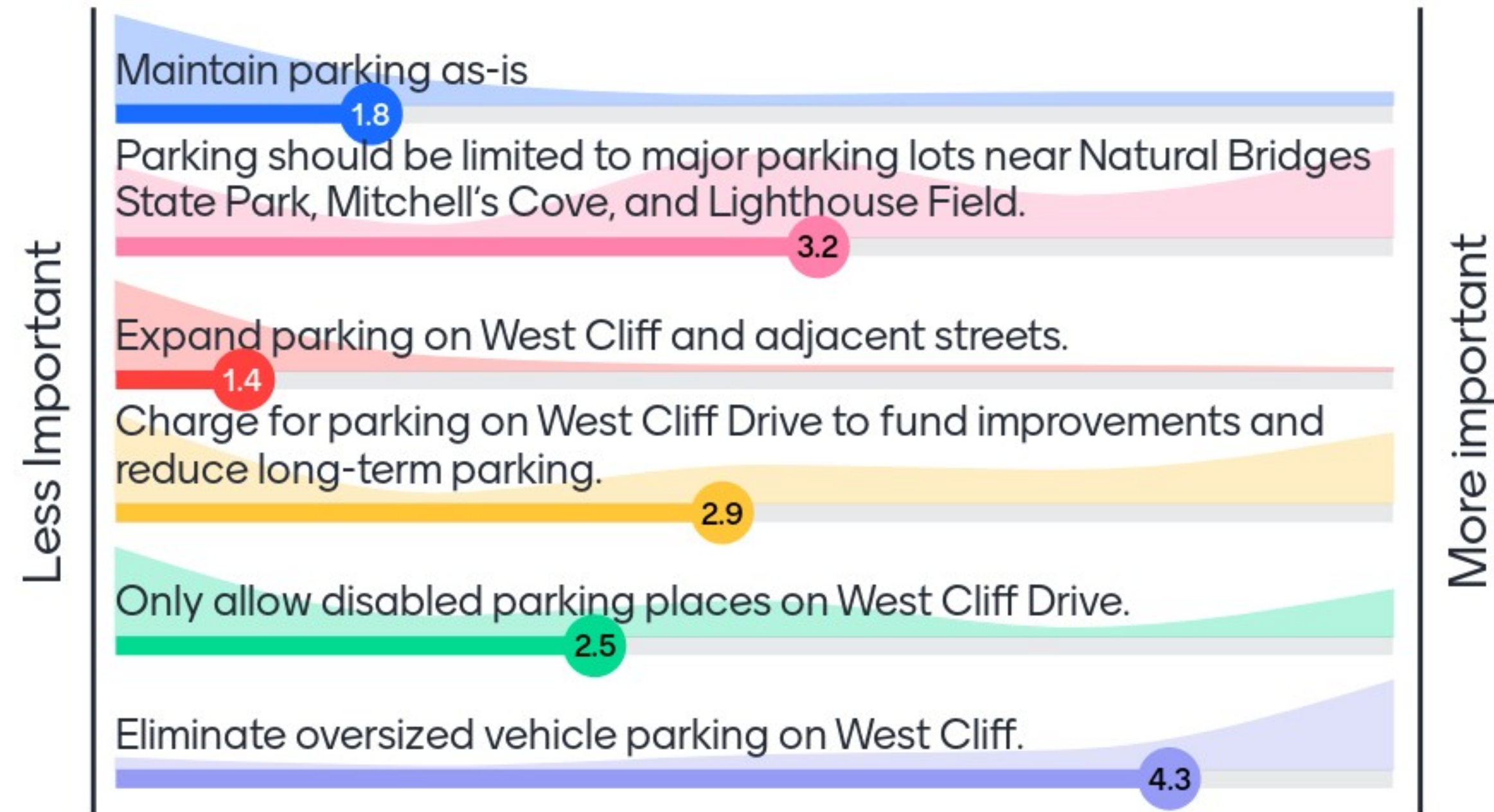


Parking in 50 Years

- Maintain parking as-is.
- Parking should be limited to major parking lots near Natural Bridges State Park, Mitchell's Cove, and Lighthouse Field.
- Expand parking on West Cliff and adjacent streets.
- Charge for parking on West Cliff Drive to fund improvements and reduce long-term parking.
- Only allow disabled parking places on West Cliff Drive.
- Eliminate oversized vehicle parking on West Cliff.



For mobility and transportation regarding parking, which features are more important to YOU to preserve?

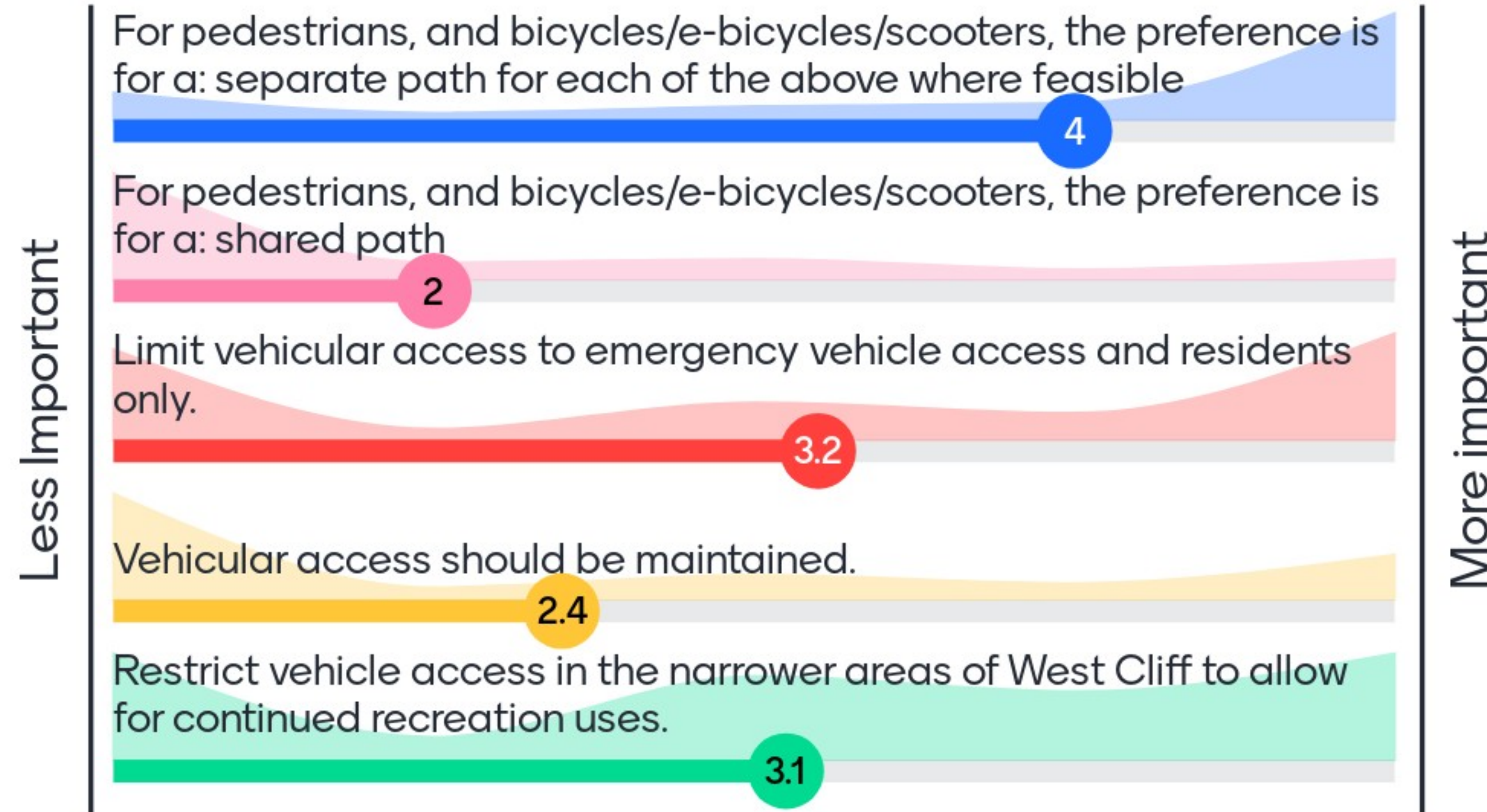


Mobility in 50 Years

- For pedestrians, and bicycles/e-bicycles/scooters, the preference is for a:
 - Separate paths for each of the above where feasible;
 - Shared path.
- Limit vehicular access to emergency vehicle access and residents only.
- Vehicular access should be maintained.
- Restrict vehicle access in the narrower areas of West Cliff to allow for continued recreation uses.



For mobility, which features are more important to YOU to preserve?



Recreation in 50 Years

- Improve accessibility for mobility impaired users.
- Prioritize cliff-top recreation spaces (benches, informal gathering spaces, etc.).
- Balance ocean and land based recreation opportunities.
- Separate paths for bicycles, pedestrians, and electric bicycles/scooters on West Cliff.
- Coastal access points shift with changing coastal features (unpaved trails, removable stairs, etc).
- Armor existing coastal access points.
- Purchase private property from willing sellers to support additional recreation and access.
- Prioritize improvements to highest risk coastal access points.



For recreation, which features are more important to YOU to preserve?

